

# The Hermon Connection

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## Hermon Boy Scout Joins with Modern Woodmen to Improve HHS Gardens

photo and article by Kendra Raymond

Nolan Raymond, Star Scout with Boy Scout Troop 25 of Hermon has joined forces with Modern Woodmen of America to lend a helping hand at Hermon High School. After noticing the need for garden maintenance and receiving approval from Principal Brian Walsh, Raymond reached out to Modern Woodmen Chapter #10681 representative Heidi Fairbrother of Hermon. Within a matter of days, Modern Woodmen provided the funds needed to overhaul the two gardens framing the front entrance of Hermon High School.

Nolan removed weeds and dead plant material, pruned, added new loam, planted three new shrubs, and mulched the gardens. In addition, he reset the landscape stones, and added a few to open up the garden space. Raymond dedicated an entire weekend to the project, and the new gardens were ready to enjoy just in time for graduation week.

Modern Woodmen chapters across America provide opportunities for members of all ages to volunteer, socialize, and learn. Chapters also raise funds for local causes, in an effort to give back to the community.



Heidi Fairbrother, Modern Woodman representative; Nolan Raymond,

### Town Office Phones

The Town Office phone lines are scheduled to be down July 23rd and July 24th for an upgrade to the system.

### PLEASE

Watch for more information on the website for any changes that may happen. We will keep the public informed on the hermon.net website later in July.

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## From the Town Manager

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS** - The Town of Hermon has a menu of great options for both young and old to get outside and become active. We have a walking trail that connects the Elementary School with the other schools as well as the downtown. I encourage visitors and residents alike to use this treasure.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT** - Dunbar and Brawn of Bangor have been working diligently on the new addition at the Patricia A. Duran Elementary School. Hermon Voters authorized spending up to \$6.9 million toward this project. Dunbar and Brawn have estimated that the project will be closer to \$6 million including the repair of the roof for the entire school. We are nearing the end of the project and hope to have it ready for the start of the school year in September.

**ROAD PROJECTS** - MDOT is paving Route 221 (Union Street) including the Hermon section as well as the Coldbrook Road from the Hampden Town line to the intersection of Auto Car Lane. In addition a number of local roads including the Smith Road, Copper Ridge, Skyway Drive, Stoneybrook Way, Bond Road, and McDougal Drive will be paved as well and repaired if required.

**LOCAL ELECTION** - Douglas Sinclair, Jr. and Steven Thomas were both re-elected to the Town Council. Teddy Harris and Deb Farnham were re-elected to the School Committee.

***On behalf of the Hermon Town Council and Staff we wish you all a great summer!***

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### The Senator's Corner:

I serve on the Legislature's Government Oversight Committee which is charged with reviewing how well government departments are doing their job. In late May we received an initial briefing on our investigation into Maine's child protection system, following the tragic deaths of two children, Kendall Chick and Marissa Kennedy, after alleged child abuse.

The briefing was provided by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA), the Legislature's nonpartisan watchdog agency, which reports directly to us. We learned that in at least one case there had been a major failure on the part of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

This initial report covered the first phase or the "fact finding" portion of the investigation. A more comprehensive report will be forthcoming once OPEGA and the legal system have completed their work. OPEGA also identified eleven potential areas of more general concern in Maine's child protection system.

The deaths of two children are heartbreaking and completely unacceptable. All Maine children deserve to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment, free of violence. It is important to know whether these were isolated failures or the tip of an iceberg. I want to make sure the safeguards we have in place to protect our children are effective. Furthermore, I am not willing to cast blame on an individual case worker if those in charge have been tolerating a dangerous system over time. It is imperative that DHHS have adequate funding, staffing and training to keep Maine children safe. We will look in depth at decisions made by both the Executive branch and Legislature.

If you wish to provide further information but cannot attend our hearings in person please write to me. I will pass on your material to the full committee.

As always I am interested in your opinion. You can get in touch with me at home 947-0637, in Augusta at 287-1515, or by email at [geoff.gratwick@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:geoff.gratwick@legislature.maine.gov).

Thanks! Geoff

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Have you ever come upon the scene of an accident and wondered what actions to take? If you had to call 9-1-1 would you know what to expect or what information to have on hand? Do you know how to stop major bleeding or if you are not CPR certified, what you might be able to do in the event of a cardiac arrest? Well on July 11th from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., the Hermon Fire Department will be hosting a FEMA training program entitled "You are the Help" which will provide you with answers and hands on experience to these situations and more! The Penobscot County Emergency Management Agency, Hermon Fire Department, and the Penobscot County Regional Communications Center will be providing instructors for this class. Register through email at [mtanguay@penobscot-county.net](mailto:mtanguay@penobscot-county.net) or call Penobscot County EMA at 945-4750. Seating is limited!! We hope to see you on the 11th!

### Course Topics

- 1 You Make a Difference
- 2 Call 9-1-1
- 3 Stay Safe
- 4 Stop the Bleeding
- 5 Position the Injured
- 6 Provide Comfort

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Scot Walker  
Owner/Broker



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## WARNING: Police Fundraising Phone Scams



Over the past couple of months, Maine residents (including myself) have received telephone calls from scammers seeking donations in support of a fraudulent police fund. The callers claim to be from the "Policeman's Fund" or "Maine Police Alliance" or another similarly named groups. The scammers then request donations to be paid through a wire transfer, gift card or other untraceable methods. Please **DO NOT** fall for this scam nor send any money. The caller usually "spoofs" the phone number they are calling from and make it look like it's an in-state call. Usually the call will be spoofed with an area code 207 number to make it appear local on your caller ID.

Republican U.S. Senator Susan Collins says the Senate Aging Committee has received "several" such complaints. Senator Collins advises residents who believe they are receiving such a phone call to hang up and contact the Aging Committee's fraud line at 855-303-9470. You can also contact the Sheriff's Office at 945-4636 if you have any questions.

For information on other recent scams, please visit the Town's website at Hermon.net. You can find information on other scams listed under Police Department Frauds and Scams. Enjoy your summer!

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