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Hermon Little League

Article & Photo Submitted By: Jody Theberge

Congratulations to the Hermon Girls 11-12 Little League for winning their District 3 Championship. They went on to finish as State Runners-up after losing to Windham in the State Championship game.

Pictured below are players: Ava Dean, Lauren Harnish, Hope Curry, Lindsey Lancaster, Addison Waning, Jadyn Krueger, Norra Idano, Braelynn Wilcox, Katie Fowler, Lexi Johnston (absent from photo), Olivia Johnston, Delaney Carr, Taylor Sherrard, Coach Dan Fowler, Coach Ryan Waning, and Manager Jody Theberge.



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If you have a news story or article for publication in the next edition of
The Hermon Connection,
please send it to: scottwl@hermon.net
Deadline for submissions: December 30, 2019

From the Town Manager

LUCAS MAHAR EARNS EAGLE SCOUT –

On Thursday, October 10, 2019, The Hermon Town Council recognized Lucas Mahar of Hermon on earning his Eagle Scout. Lucas is a member of Boy Scout Troop 25. His community project at Camp Pierce Webber in Hampden consisted of many hours of his time repairing drainage, roads and landscape. In addition he raised over \$300 toward the project. Lucas' efforts made a huge impact on the quality of this facility. Lucas is the son of Michele and Eugene Mahar and is a student at Hermon High School. On behalf of the Town Council and citizens of Hermon I want to personally congratulate Lucas on his lifetime achievement. Lucas has a great future ahead of him. Job Well Done!



Left to Right- Howard Kroll, Town Manager, Charles Lever IV- Town Councilor, John Snyder III- Town Councilor, Tim McCluskey- Town Council Chair, Lucas Mahar- Eagle Scout, Donna Ellis- Town Councilor, Tony Reynolds- Town Councilor Vice Chair, Steve Thomas- Town Councilor and Doug Sinclair- Town Councilor.

PUBLIC WORKS WORK REQUEST: On the Town of Hermon Website, WWW.HERMON.NET, residents can now request work on infrastructure within the Town's right of way by simply going to the top of the home page and clicking on "Public Works Request" and filling in the requested information. The request will go directly to the Town Manager who will determine the work priority of the request.

WINTER IS COMING: Winter weather is unpredictable and at times dangerous. Driving this time of year requires extra caution and attention. Be safe and enjoy the season.

VETERANS DAY!- On behalf of the Town Council I want to thank our veterans for their sacrifice and service to our country. The Town will be observing Veterans Day on Monday, November 11, 2019.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING! I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

On behalf of the Town of Hermon Town Council and Staff we wish you all a great Fall!
Good luck to our sports teams!

Get Ready for Winter!



When we turn our attention to fall and the associated duties ahead, winter isn't far behind! That means maintaining the roads so that our residents can be safe as they travel. A few tips and reminders for all of us to be aware of concerning snow removal and right of way issues, along with some safety suggestions are listed below:

- Never plow snow into the road or right of way - the snow that falls on your property needs to be placed or stored on your property.
- Park cars and vehicles off the street before and also during any storm - even with small amounts of snow, our trucks work to clear the roads for safety. Please help by keeping your vehicles on your own property during each snow event.
- If you have a question about plowing, contact the Town office at 848-1010. NEVER stop a plow driver during his route to discuss plowing issues on the road during a storm.

Another hardship brought by winter storms to our residents is when their mailboxes are damaged inadvertently during snow removal. Some mailboxes seem to live for years without being touched, while others are hit more often. There are a lot of factors that go into the reasons why some mailboxes have a better survival rate, but one of those is design. Suggested mailbox designs that are more likely to survive frozen banks being pushed back, a small nudge during low visibility and direct hits when the plows are crowded to the roadside by oncoming traffic can be found at: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/winterdriving/mailboxpolicy/>

Remember that anything placed in the right of way, is placed at your own risk. This includes mailboxes that are not considered "break away" support posts. Never place anything in the right of way that is categorized as a "deadly fixed object" as described in the MDOT M.R.S.A 1401-A mailbox policy.

The Town of Hermon and its snow plow contractor work hard to provide safe roadways in the cold winter months. Give us a call if you have questions or suggestions to improve service.

Tax Assessing & Code Enforcement Department

Assessing Department

Rylee Cushman – Residential Lister



Congratulations are in order! Rylee Cushman has been working for the Town of Hermon, in a part time roll, for the past year and a half. Rylee performs the majority of our field work for both Code and Assessing Departments and chances are you've seen him around town. During the first week of August Rylee sat for the Maine Revenue Service's Certified Maine Assessor exam and just recently received word he passed all 5 parts of the exam! This is a big accomplishment for Rylee and we look forward to seeing his continued success with the town.

Quarterly Reviews

With the revaluation behind us, the Assessing Department is committed to keeping its real estate information as up to date and accurate as possible. In order to do so, we will be conducting reviews on 25% of the town each summer to verify that our assessing information is still accurate and up to date. This will not require anything from home or business owners and we appreciate your cooperation in keeping accurate information.

Planning Board Meetings

Meeting Times: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month at 6:30 PM

The Planning Board meetings air live on the public access channel. If you are unable to make it to the regularly scheduled meetings I encourage you to tune in on the Tuesday nights we hold our meetings. Check the Town Calendar (top left) on the www.hermon.net website to see when we will be meeting. We only hold meetings when we have agenda items to discuss.

The Planning Board plays a vital role in the development of the town, ensuring all new uses and developments are complying with the town's Land Use Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan. Board members Edward Marsh (Chair), Shannon Giles (Vice Chair), Sherry Andrie, Josh Pelletier, Jaylyn McCue, Marylyn White, and Brett Danforth deserve a round of applause for the time they have put in to serving this very important board.

**If you have any questions or concerns regarding these departments please give
Josh Berry a call at 848-1042 or email him at josh.berry@hermon.net**

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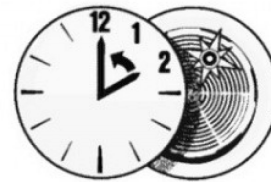
Transfer Station Update

November 23 will be the last Saturday the transfer station will be open this year. The spring opening is usually the third Saturday of April.

A complete schedule of items that are accepted, prices, and hours of operation can all be found on www.hermon.net.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Office at 848-1010.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

Just a reminder to *PLEASE* change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change the time on your clocks.

Roadway Parking



It is illegal to park in or on roadways during a storm in the State of Maine, per Title 29A, 2069.

The Town of Hermon follows the state law in regards to parking on the roadways during storms.

Parked in violation. A law enforcement officer or the Department of Transportation may cause the removal of a vehicle or require the operator to move the vehicle from a location in violation of section 2068, subsection 1 to a location where parking is permitted.

Interfering with snow removal, normal traffic movement. A law enforcement officer may cause the removal to a suitable parking place, at the expense of the registered owner, of a vehicle interfering with snow removal or the normal movement of traffic or parked within the limits of a right-of-way. The Department of Transportation may take the same action for a vehicle standing on property under its jurisdiction.

Liability for damages; charges. The State, a political subdivision of the State or a law enforcement officer is not liable for damage that may be caused by removal of a vehicle or for any towing or storage charges.

The fine for the summons of the above law is \$152.00.



Morgan Hill Event Center is under new ownership!

Ryan Conley has been an integral member of the Morgan Hill administrative team for the last ten years and knows the event business. This year, *Conley Events, LLC* will take over the business from the prior owners and continue to provide excellence in event planning and management. *“This is an opportunity for us to be part of something special and unlike anything in the area...we enjoy being part of the Hermon community!”* says Conley.

While Morgan Hill will continue to promote its location as a premiere site for weddings and special events, Ryan has new ideas to bring in a wide and varied group of people seeking entertainment. *“We really want to start providing quality public events through concerts and other forms of entertainment by offering locals an opportunity to come and enjoy an affordable night out”*, says Ryan.

Check out this list of upcoming events:

Upcoming Concerts: (all tickets available on Eventbrite.com)

- Eve 6—November 2nd at 6PM
- Merkules—November 22nd at 6PM
- Wade Hayes—November 23rd at 8PM
- Saving Abel—December 4th at 7PM
- Art Alexakis (of Everclear)—January 11th at 8PM
- Nick DiPaolo—April 3rd at 8PM



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News From the Hermon Recreation Department

Hermon Recreation has experienced our largest growth to date in youth sports and our Before & After School programs. For the second straight season we added an additional tackle football team. We currently have 5 tackle football teams and 2 flag football teams with over 170 participants. With our growing numbers there was a need for new equipment which was made possible from generous donations from Gardner Construction and Shaw's Supermarket along with our participants fundraising efforts. The program raised over \$10,000. These programs have dedicated and talented coaches with the Hermon High School Varsity Football coach overseeing the program.

Our soccer program also saw growth with over 225 participants from PreK-6th grade. We were very appreciative for the Hermon High School girls and boys soccer programs, Hermon Middle School Girl soccer program, and Coldbrook Travel Soccer Club for instructing our PreK program. We would like to also thank our following sponsors:

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The Before & After School program has expanded with close to 200 enrolled and a daily average of 90-100 participants servicing PreK-6th grade. Our Director, Lindsey Ouellette, and employee Brittany Duell

designed a program that is both educational and fun with the highest of standards on safety.

We offer our senior citizens a variety of weekly activities from bowling to board games and crafts to luncheons. We focus on the importance of community and socialization. We continue to look for new and fun activities for our seniors.

The Hermon recreation trail is now open after a complete reconstruction. It is a beautiful time of year to walk this 1 mile trail between the Hermon High School and Hermon Elementary School.

The future continues to look bright for our programs and we look forward to continued growth.

Mary Cameron, Recreation Director



The flyer is a vertical rectangle with a blue border. At the top, it features the Hermon Recreation logo, which includes the word "HERMON" in large, bold, blue letters with a yellow outline, and "RECREATION" in smaller, blue letters below it. Above the text are four stylized black silhouettes of people in various active poses. Below the logo, the text "YOUTH PROGRAMMING" is written in large, bold, black letters, followed by "GO TO HERMONREC.COM" in smaller, bold, black letters. A horizontal blue line separates this from the next section, which reads "SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMMING" in large, bold, black letters, followed by "GO TO HERMON.NET" in smaller, bold, black letters. Another horizontal blue line separates this from the final section, which reads "INQUIRIES CALL HERMON RECREATION" in large, bold, black letters, followed by "207-848-4075" in smaller, bold, black letters. The flyer is decorated with blue curved lines on the left and right sides.

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Hermon Teachers Engage in Professional Development

*Melissa Davis
Director of Curriculum*

On Friday, October 11, the students of the Hermon School Department had a day off from school as teachers engaged in meaningful professional development opportunities across the district.

At the Patricia A. Duran School, teachers received training in the new Bridges Math Program. This training gave teachers an opportunity to gain more information about best instructional and assessment practices aligned with the math program. The day also provided teachers with time to collaborate with colleagues to ensure that students are getting high quality, aligned and engaging math experiences throughout elementary school.

The Hermon Middle School and Hermon High School teachers teamed up for the day to attend workshops. Teachers learned about differentiating instruction to meet the needs of all learners, discussion techniques to encourage deep thinking, and how to create and utilize google classroom. In addition to workshops, teachers also met in content area teams to work on vertical alignment of standard and content.

Our district's special education teachers and educational technicians were able to complete the state's required Safety Care training. This training prepares teachers in this field with best practices to use during emergency situations.

We wrapped up the afternoon with a variety of workshops created in collaboration with the Hermon Teachers Association. The workshops allowed for teachers to gain valuable information about retirement, insurance, and grant programs to sponsor classroom projects, etc. Overall, the day provided our teachers with quality learning experiences and collaborations that they can take back to the classroom.

Hermon JROTC Cadets Mountain Bike in Medway

Article & Photo by Cadet 2LT Mollie Smith

On September 25th and 26th, The Hermon JROTC Battalion went up to Medway to enjoy the beautiful Penobscot bike trails. The program was run by MOEP, Maine Outdoor Education Program, and they gave all cadets the opportunity to bike and explore the breathtaking nature trails.

In previous years, the Battalion would go on a canoe trip and then alternate to a kayak trip. "This new experience allows new and returning cadets to get out of their comfort zone and provides leadership opportunities to all cadets," said the Battalion Commander, Emily Morgan.

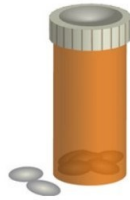
Many of the cadets said that they had fun while enjoying the scenery while also getting the opportunity of seeing a great view of Mount Katahdin. Morgan Doten-Bagley said "I would do it again" also speaking for many other cadets who enjoyed the trip.

The whole Battalion would like to extend our gratitude to MOEP for hosting us.



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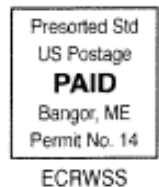
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