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Despite losing the little league season due to covid-19, this group of 12U softball players and coaches formed a successful travel team. These girls played a lot of softball including 18 tournament games in 3 tournaments in the Waterville area. They ended the summer season as "summer slam" champions defeating the Thunder Gold team from Portland 5 - 4 in the championship game. This community team ended with a record of 14 - 4 while competing against the best travel teams in the state. We have some very talented future hawks!

Pictured in the photo are:

Front row: Brynn Susee, Molly Simcox, Addison Tucker

Back row: Coach Dan Fowler, Norra Idano, Olivia Johnston, Braelynn Wilcox, Rebecca Balmas, Katie Fowler, Kenzie Gallant, Sophie Peterson, Mikelle Lane, Coach 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: October 20, 2020

From the Town Manager

TOWN OFFICE STATUS –



The Town office has been open to the public since May. As directed by Governor Mills we have implemented several social distancing measures to protect both public from the staff and vice versa. We greatly appreciate the positive feedback we have received from the public on having the building accessible. Many communities across the state have not implemented similar efforts and it is unfortunate. Keep being safe and proactive- we'll get through this together.

HERMON HIGH SCHOOL WINDOW PROJECT

Prior to his retirement, former School Department Superintendent Gary Gonyar moved forward on replacing all the windows at Hermon High School while the school was vacant. The project was conducted during the spring by D.P. Porter of Hermon and will prove to be a welcome addition to our facilities upkeep.



PATRICIA A. DURAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPRINKLER PROJECT

Another vital repair to our schools also took place this past spring. The installation of sprinkler system was conducted and will provide safety measures not previously in place. This project was under the direction of the State of Maine Fire Marshall's office as part of the expansion project.

ROUTE 2/MILLER HILL/ANNIS ROAD INTERSECTION PROJECT

Maine Department of Transportation is tentatively scheduled to start a safety project at the intersection of Route 2 and Annis Road. This project includes the removal of the Ecotat home and a committed right hand turn lane onto Annis Road. Hopefully there is no delay in this project due to state budget shortfalls- it is long overdue and should help improve traffic safety for all who travel along that corridor.

BILLINGS ROAD PHASE I PROJECT

Maine Department of Transportation is also scheduled to begin the repair of the Billings Road from the intersection of Fuller Road to Union Street (state route 222) in late summer/early fall 2020. Gardner Construction of Hermon is the contractor and I have full faith they will do a superior job on this project. Phase II is scheduled to be put out to bid this fall for construction in summer of 2021. This phase will include paving Billings Road from Fuller Road to Route 2. Once we obtain more accurate information we will let you know.



PELLETIER BROTHERS MOVING TO HERMON!

Across from the Hermon EZ Mart on Route 2 is a recently purchased parcel by Pelletier Brothers of Millinocket. They are expanding their business to Hermon and will provide additional manufacturing jobs in the near future! Congratulations to their business!

HERMON SCHOOL REOPENING

Residents were recently informed of the Hermon School Department's plan to reopen schools this fall. While the plan is being implemented I strongly encourage each of you to reach out to the Superintendent of Schools, Jim Chasse, on any questions you might have regarding this very important endeavor. Mr. Chasse, school committee members, and staff have worked hard on this plan- the safety of our children, family and staff is very important to us all.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS CHANGED

Residents can now utilize the Town's transfer station on the New Boston Road on Wednesdays 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please remember the material accepted is limited to white goods & construction debris. We do not accept brush.



NEW! INTERSECTION AT FULLER ROAD, ANNIS ROAD AND WING ROAD WILL BECOME A 4 WAY STOP IN THE NEAR FUTURE

Maine Department of Transportation is going to install a 4 way stop at the intersection of Fuller Road, Annis Road and Wing Road in the next year. Once more confirmed details are available we will notify the public.

I would like to wish each of you a safe, healthy and positive fall. Stay safe

Tax Assessing & Code Enforcement Department

Quarterly Reviews

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 field reviews on 25% of the town, each summer/fall, 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

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

From the Hermon Fire Department

It is back to school time! But, what back to school will look like in 2020 will be unlike anything in the past. As we face the challenges of Covid-19 and the changes this means for our children and school officials, know that the safety of your children remains paramount to us at the Hermon Fire Department as well. We support the Hermon School Department in its efforts to create a safe environment for students, teachers and staff, and we appreciate them including the HFD in that process as it relates to COVID-19 planning.

We will conduct fire drills in conformance with the various student schedules at all the schools in the coming months as the risk of fires and other emergencies has not disappeared in the midst of the pandemic. It is imperative that measures remain in place to adequately protect students, faculty and staff from these potential threats, even at a time when they're not necessarily at the forefront of many people's minds.

Additionally, we will be looking at how we may provide non-traditional fire and life safety training and education in our community as well. We remain committed to the safety of our community and will continue to serve as a resource to our citizens and businesses in helping them to enjoy the quality of life that the Town of Hermon has to offer!

Please visit the Town of Hermon Fire Department Facebook page for updates on community events, fire and life safety learning opportunities, fire department activities and other information!

If you would like to advertise in the Connection, please contact Wendy Wiles-Scott at 207-848-1045. To advertise, you must be a business in Hermon. The prices are \$50.00 for 1/4 page and \$25.00 for 1/8 page per edition. Submissions must be print ready.

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Hermon is very fortunate to have a large home based and owner operated business list. Of the 330 businesses in our register, 104 operate in this category which provides the Town and region a large diversified business group able to provide wide and varied skill sets accessed locally.

The first time I worked with Jeff Byers on a job site was at a fire restoration project for an admiral in the Navy over 30 years ago. The family had experienced a fire at their historical ocean front property in Booth Bay Harbor. Jeff's father Richard "Dick" Byers was part owner of CW Perry Company on the York Road in Hermon. They were known for high quality finishes by craftsman dedicated to their trade. I marveled at the quality of the work completed by that crew who used special techniques to restore the fire damaged building for the family. Today, Jeff credits his father and the highly skilled craftsmen who love the building trades that he worked with during the course of his career as the reason he is still in the game.



"The reason we are still in the business is that we take pride in our quality of work learned over many years from some of the best in the trade. We are Maine builders and proud of it," said Byers.

Fast forward to today and you will find Jeff and Brenda still living in Hermon. While dedicating time and energy to the community by volunteering at the building projects at school and recreational areas, they graduated two children from the Hermon School system.



Byers Contracting is able to offer complete remodeling packages for exterior and interior applications to include window installations, custom seamless gutters, bathroom and kitchen upgrades, decks, railings and siding projects to name just a few of their services.

"We enjoy the relationships we make and experience a lot of repeat business because of it...every job is important and we respect our customers by providing high quality outcomes", said Jeff during a recent interview.

The Town of Hermon wishes Byers Contracting, "Mr. Windows & Gutters"



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Back To School - Driving Safety Tips



As summer draws to an end, back to school season is in full effect. School days bring congestion on the roadways particularly in the morning hours when commuter traffic is the heaviest. Yellow school buses will be busy picking up children. Kids will be walking and riding their bicycles to school. Parents will be in a hurry to drop their kids off at school to make it to work on time. All in all, the number one safety concern is the safety of our children. Here are a few tips to exercise to make sure everyone is safe:

1. Please exercise caution and patience while the buses are stopped picking up or dropping off children on the roads or in school parking lots. More children are hit by vehicles near schools than any other location. Remember that it is illegal to pass school buses when the flashing red lights are activated. This is the law on the public way and in school parking lots when they are unloading and loading children. Please do not try to beat the red lights while the yellow lights are flashing. Instead be prepared to stop. Adjust your morning schedules and leave for work earlier if you find that school buses are hindering the amount of time you have to travel to work in the mornings.
2. Share the roadway with young pedestrians walking on foot or riding on bicycles. Watch for children walking along the roadways and on sidewalks. Watch for children crossing the roads and crossing in crosswalks. Please take extra care to look out for children in school zones and in residential areas.
3. Obey the rules of the roadway. Stay off the phones and no texting while driving. Whether children walk, ride their bicycles or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they and the motorists around them take the proper safety precautions.

NOTICE: MDOT road construction is scheduled to start this fall with the four-way intersection of Route 2, Klatte Rd and Annis Rd. Morning commuter traffic on Route 2 is very heavy in the mornings and early evenings. Please be patient with traffic issues as the construction, heavy commuter traffic and school traffic will be busy during these times. Please keep in mind that traffic may be delayed (especially in the mornings) and you may have to adjust your schedule to arrive at your destination in a timely manner.

PLEASE BE PATIENT.

**On behalf of the Town of Hermon and the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office,
please make this a safe school year for everyone!**

The children are our future!



Giving Business the Edge!

Community Projects & Infrastructure Update– Hermon DECD

Hermon's Department of Economic & Community Development coordinates infrastructure improvements, upgrades to utilities for business growth and safety related projects for the community. The entire staff, manager and Town Council at the Town of Hermon contributes to this effort adding value at different intervals during the process. Our collective efforts maintain a strong competitive advantage regionally for new residential and business growth using cost effective and efficient best practices for project completion. The list below describes some of the current projects underway. For more information on any item, please call the Hermon DECD office at 848-1010 or email SPerkins@Hermon.net.

Annis Road and Route 2 Traffic Safety Project

Hermon was awarded a safety grant by MDOT and Federal Highway Authority for traffic safety improvements to the Route 2 and Annis road intersection near ECOTAT Gardens. This project will be awarded this fall to the successful bid award winner after contract documents are finalized. The project will remove the house on ECOTAT property and create a dedicated, full width right hand turning lane onto Annis Road and install islands for traffic queuing that will improve sight distance. The project also features a flashing two-way beacon across the intersection to warn approaching motorists to exercise caution.

Cianbro Solar Project-Hammond Street

Cianbro will partner with the Sport's Arena to install a 4.9 megawatt solar array behind the existing business located at 1640 Hammond Street. DEP permitting and the Hermon Planning board reviews have been completed for a fall 2020 project start. A similar project has been accepted by power grid operators who determine capacity at another location in Hermon. Look for more on these future projects soon!

Natural Gas Extension– Coldbrook Business Park

The Hermon DECD office facilitated and Bangor Natural Gas installed a main natural gas line from Coldbrook-Emerson Mill road intersection near Dysart's to Logistics Lane at no cost to the tax payer. Next steps include a business survey, design and installation into Coldbrook Park by coordinating with CP Rail, Bangor Natural Gas and Hermon businesses interested in accessing natural gas in FY 2021.

Billings Road MPI 2020 (Fuller Road Intersection - Union Street)

The Town of Hermon has entered into a municipal partnership initiative to share the cost of a pavement rehabilitation at Billings road for fall 2020 construction. The project will include tree removal and drainage improvements, right of way clearing for sight distance and cross culvert replacement before a shim and overlay for this section of roadway. Hermon DECD has been awarded a grant for the remaining section of Billings road to be accepted by vote during the 2021 budget process if the community approves. The cost share is a 50%-50% match with MDOT for a 10 year useful life project certified by design engineers.

BACTS Signal Upgrade– Coldbrook/Odlin/ Emerson Mill Road

A Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System grant was awarded to Hermon after DECD application for a signal upgrade at the "Dysart's" intersection at Coldbrook-Emerson Mill-Odlin Road. New signals will

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HERMON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Special Education Child Find Notice

The Hermon School Department is in compliance with federal and state regulations regarding the delivery of services to all children with special needs.

Federal statutes (I.D.E.A.) requires that the School Department identifies, locates and evaluates all children with disabilities, ages 3-20, residing within the school district. Residents who believe that their child is in need of special education services, whether attending public or private school, should contact Cindy Badger, Director of Student Services, 31 Billings Road, Hermon, ME 04402, Tel. 848-4000, X 6004.

Annual Notice of Student Education Records and Information Rights

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") provides certain rights to parents and eligible students (18 years of age or older) with respect to the student's education records. A copy of the Hermon School Department's policy statement and administrative procedure is available in each school.

Inspection of Records

Parents/ eligible students may inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of making a request. Such requests must be submitted to the Superintendent or building administrator in writing and must identify the record(s) to be inspected. The superintendent or building administrator will notify the parent/eligible student of the time and place where the record(s) may be inspected. Parents/eligible students may obtain copies of education records at a cost of ten cents (\$0.10) per page copied.

Amendment of Records

Parents/eligible students may ask the Hermon School Department to amend education records they believe are inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the student's right to privacy. Such requests must be submitted to the Superintendent or building administrator in writing, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the superintendent or building administrator decides not to amend the record as requested, the parent/eligible student will be notified of the decision, their right to request a hearing and information about the hearing procedure.

Disclosure of Records

The Hermon School Department must obtain a parent/eligible student's written consent prior to disclosure of personally identifiable information in education records except in circumstances permitted by law.

Directory Information

The Hermon School Department designates the following student information as directory information that may be made public at its discretion: name, participation and grade level of students in officially recognized activities and sports, height and weight of student athletes, dates of attendance in the Hermon School Department, and honors and awards received, and photographs and videos of student participation in school activities open to the public (except photographs and videos on the Internet). Parents/eligible students who do not want the Hermon School Department to disclose directory information must notify the Superintendent in writing by September 15th or within thirty (30) days of enrollment, whichever is later.

Military Recruiters / Institutions of Higher Learning

Military recruiters and institutions of higher education are entitled to receive the names, addresses and telephone numbers of secondary students, and the Hermon School Department must comply with any such request, provided that parents have been notified of their right to request that this information not be released without prior written consent. Parents/eligible students who do not want the Hermon School Department to disclose this information must notify the Superintendent in writing by September 15th or within thirty (30) days of enrollment, whichever is later.

School Officials with Legitimate Educational Interests

Education records may be disclosed to school officials with a "legitimate educational interest." A school official has a legitimate educational interest if he/she needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his/her professional responsibility. School officials include persons employed by the Hermon School Department as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel);

members of the Hermon School Committee; persons or companies with whom the Hermon School Department has contracted to provide specific services (such as attorneys, auditors, medical consultants, evaluators or therapists); and parents, students and volunteers serving on an official committee (such as a disciplinary or grievance committee) or assisting a school official in performing his/her professional responsibilities.

Health or Safety Emergencies

In accordance with federal regulations, the Hermon School Department may disclose education records without prior written consent in a health and safety emergency to any person whose knowledge or the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals.

Other School Units

As required by Maine law, the Hermon School Department sends student education records to a school unit to which a student applies for transfer, including disciplinary records, attendance records, special education records and health records (except for confidential health records for which consent for dissemination has not been obtained).

Other Entities / Individuals

Education records may be disclosed to other entities and individuals as specifically permitted by law. Parents/eligible students may obtain information about other exceptions to the written consent requirements by request to the Superintendent or building administrator.

Complaints Regarding School Department Compliance with FERPA

Parents/eligible students who believe that the Hermon School Department has not complied with the requirements of FERPA have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education. The office that administers FERPA is:

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Town Office Happenings

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October	2	Absentee ballots available
October	12	Town Office Closed - Columbus Day
October	15	2021 Dog tags available Your dog must be licensed for 2021 by 12/31/20 to avoid paying the \$25.00 late fee on 2/1/2021
October	15	Snowmobile Registrations will be available
November	3	State of Maine Election at the Patricia A Duran Elementary School Gym Polls open from 7AM - 8PM
November	26 & 27	Town Office Closed - Thanksgiving
December	24	Town Office Closes at Noon
December	25	Town Office Closed - Christmas
January	1	Town Office Closed - New Year's Day