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Hermon Scout builds outdoor classroom

story and photo by Kendra Raymond



An Eagle Scout candidate from Hermon's Troop 25 recognized a need for outdoor learning space at Hermon Middle School, and developed a plan to make it happen.

Nolan Raymond, an 11th grade student at Hermon High School planned, designed, fund-raised, and managed work crews through the recent implementation of the project. Project planning took just over a year, work was recently completed, and the new Hermon Middle School Outdoor Classroom is ready for use.

Northeast Paving of Bangor generously donated a day of equipment and operators to establish the project site. The area was excavated, filled with crushed stone, and compacted, creating a stable and lasting surface. Dirigo Materials of Bangor donated supplies to the project and assisted with planning and layout. Volunteers constructed four 8 foot pressure treated picnic tables and delivered them recently.

Nolan's project arrived at an ideal time, where fresh air and social distancing are at the forefront. Students and staff will be able to use the classroom year round, and reconfigure the tables to fit various learning needs.

The idea began as a Gifted and Talented self-directed project when Nolan was a 7th grader at HMS. Nolan and his classmates distributed surveys, educated students and staff of the benefits of outdoor learning, and created "contracts" for teachers to spend class time outdoors.

HMS students and staff are anxious to share some outdoor learning and Nolan hopes to see outdoor opportunities increase as a result of the classroom.

The project in its totality represents over \$3,500 in donations and included 154 hours of community service.

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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@hermonmaine.gov
Deadline for submissions: February 21, 2022

From the Town Manager



RECYCLING CHANGES- Recently the Town has added a large recycling canister at the Public Safety Complex. The materials that you can place in it for recycling include metal, cardboard, paper, and other items considered recyclable. In the past individuals have placed televisions, propane tanks, horse saddles, lawn furniture, kitchen knives, soiled diapers, household trash, food waste, filled oil containers, animal carcasses, couches, construction debris, recliners, and many other non-recycling items into clearly marked recycling dumpsters. This will spoil the recycling material and make it solid waste. Please follow the rules and keep doing the right thing.

SNOW REMOVAL- During the winter season you can count on snow and ice being present. To keep the roads safe Gardner Construction is under contract to remove snow and ice. In addition, you might not know the Town of Hermon has a mailbox policy that states the Town is not responsible for damage to your mailbox. A mailbox is in the municipal right of way and it is required to be installed to USPS standards- which is 40 inches above the ground. Please call Public Works if you have questions at 570-6494.

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS- Do you need help getting to the doctor? What about the grocery store? Penquis Transportation Services is here to help! They offer transportation to a wide variety of places and are happy to help you get there. Penquis Transportation Brokerage coordinates all rides for Maine Care appointments in the Penobscot, Piscataquis, Kennebec, and Somerset counties. Penquis Transportation utilizes the Lynx Mobility Services, volunteer drivers, taxi services, the Community Connector, and offer reimbursement for friends and family. For general questions regarding Maine Care Covered transportation, such as scheduling, cancellations, and reimbursements, in Penobscot and Piscataquis County call [207-974-2420](tel:207-974-2420) or [1-855-437-5883](tel:1-855-437-5883).

For those who cannot drive or do not have a reliable vehicle, everyday life needs such as going to the doctor, grocery shopping, banking, or visiting friends can be a significant challenge, particularly in rural areas. However, Penquis Transportation Services can help, offering transportation to Maine Care covered trips and transportation for those without Maine Care, we can help get you there.

General public transportation is available at least one day a week to every town in the Penobscot and Piscataquis counties. Fees, hours, and days of service depend on where an individual resides and the town to which they are traveling. Two full business days' notice is also required.

Penquis Lynx provides a variety of transportation throughout the Penobscot and Piscataquis counties. Penquis Lynx provides transportation for the general public and have funding sources that allow them to provide transportation at no cost or for a small fee.

For more information, please call 973-3695 or email lynx@penquis.org.

Code Enforcement and Tax Assessing Dept.

Fuel Gas Detectors

This law becomes effective January 1, 2022.

Fuel gas detector required. The building owner shall install, or cause to be installed, in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements at least one approved fuel gas detector in every room containing an appliance fueled by propane, natural gas or any liquified petroleum gas in:

- A. Each unit in any building of multifamily occupancy
- B. A fraternity house, sorority house or dormitory that is affiliated with an educational facility
- C. A children's home, emergency children's shelter, children's residential care facility, shelter for homeless children or specialized children's home.
- D. A hotel, motel or inn
- E. A mixed use occupancy that contains a dwelling unit
- F. A business occupancy
- G. A mercantile occupancy
- H. An assembly occupancy

**** Required detectors may be battery operated, plugged into an electrical outlet or hardwired.**

Residential rental units

In a unit listed above, under the terms of a rental agreement or under a month to month tenancy, at the time of each occupancy the landlord shall provide fuel gas detectors if they aren't already present, and they must be in working condition. After notification of deficiencies, in writing, by the tenant, the landlord shall repair or replace the fuel gas detector.

Tenants shall keep the fuel gas detectors in working condition, test them periodically to make sure they work, and refrain from disabling them.

Transfer (sale or exchange)

A person who, after January 1, 2022, acquires by sale or exchange a building listed above shall install fuel gas detectors within 30 days of acquisition or occupancy of the building, whichever is later, if fuel gas detectors are not already present, and shall certify at the closing of the transaction that fuel gas detectors will be installed. This certification must be signed and dated by the person acquiring the building. A fuel gas detector must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements at the time of installation in each area containing an appliance fueled by propane, natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas. A person may not have a claim for relief against a property owner, a property purchaser, an authorized agent of a property owner or purchaser, a person in possession of real property, a closing agent or a lender for any damages resulting from the operation, maintenance or effectiveness of a fuel gasdetector. Violation of this subsection does not create a defect in title.

Please give us a call if you have any questions – 848-1044

Black Bear North Basketball Club

Fritz Marseille understands what it means to “*Dream BIG*”. When you are involved in the *Black Bear North* program, Fritz and his coaching team dedicate themselves to setting a standard of excellence for the families they support. Teaching his students about life is as important as sinking the game winning shot...

“Basketball is something I am passionate about, watching the players grow is a great feeling...it can be a life altering positive part of a young person’s development”, says Marseille.

Black Bear North was founded in 2009 to promote the total development of student-athletes interested in basketball “on and off” the court by helping players reach their full potential.

Fritz lived a life of basketball and absorbed the lessons of hard work, paying attention to detail, grabbing every opportunity, determination and the realization that teamwork can overcome many challenges. His coaching model has lead to success for his players on the court, in the community and in their personal lives.

After moving from Chicago to Maine, Fritz attended UMO studying physical education and health from 1991-1994. After marrying Lori in 1994, the couple raised a family of three boys all attending Hermon High School. The boys have all learned giving back is important...

Fritz assisted in creating a high quality Recreation Program in Hermon. His contributions to the Hermon community and the region’s athletic and travel basketball programs has been steadfast with leadership examples for young student athletes to follow.

“Black Bear North is an organization that is committed to providing a comprehensive basketball program. We strive to promote the total development of our student-athletes. We encourage healthy competition, sportsmanship and teamwork in an environment that is enjoyable, fair and diverse. On average, 25 BBN teams participate in the spring, 10 girls teams and 15 boys teams. 17 BBN teams participate in the fall. With our training program, BBN Basketball School and BBN Camps, we are a year round program,” says Marseille.

The Town of Hermon wants to congratulate the *Black Bear North Basketball Club* for “*Dreaming BIG*” and becoming one of the premiere basketball training programs in the northeast region!



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## Legislature Reconvenes in January

The Second Regular Session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature begins in January of 2022, extending to until mid-April. We will be considering more than 550 bills and how to allocate the \$822 million budget surplus forecasted by Maine's Revenue Forecasting Committee.

I strongly believe that state government takes in too much of our money, especially at a time when many families are struggling with higher gasoline, heating fuel, electricity, food, and other items essential to daily living. To assist Mainers at this difficult time, I will be looking for ways to return as much of the \$822 million to the people as possible. It is their money. I am also mindful of the possibility that the economy and budget outlook could get worse after all the federal money runs out.

Initially, the Legislature will only meet twice in January, convening on January 5 and again on January 26. Committee work will be conducted remotely at least through January. This year's session is limited to consideration of emergency matters, but that can be a subjective standard.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your State Representative, and welcome your thoughts, suggestions and advice. If I can be of assistance to you, feel free to contact me at [Jim.Thorne@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Jim.Thorne@legislature.maine.gov).

*Sincerely, Rep. Jim Thorne*



### Legislative Update

*2022 Legislative Session Update  
With Rep. Jim Thorne  
House District 103 -  
Carmel, Etna (part), and Hermon*

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The poster has a light blue background with a white rectangular area in the center containing text and the ECOTAT logo. The background image shows snow-covered evergreen trees.



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