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Legislature Recognizes Hermon H.S. Girl's Teams

The Maine Legislature recognized two Hermon High School teams on Thursday, April 14. I was pleased to join my colleagues in celebrating the achievements of the Hermon High School Cheerleading and Girls Basketball Teams. Both are Class B North Champions.



The Hermon High School Cheerleading Team, which won the Class B North Championship. Members of the team include Alanna Berube, Madison Despault, Madison Higgins, Alexis Raymond, Madison Smith, Megan Dorr, Lyndsee Reed, Abigail Sinclair, Samara Harris, Saige Lang, Nevaeh Kenney, Eden Clark, Danielle Holland and Ashlynn Stitham; assistant coach Kaitlin Lapointe; and coach Kristie Reed.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 757)

Presented by Representative THORNE of Carmel.
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot,
Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer.



The Hermon High School Girls Basketball Team, which won the Class B North Championship. Members of the team include Faith Coombs, Maddie Lebel, Sydney Gallop, Charlotte Caron, Megan Tracy, Elizabeth Wyman, Allie Cameron, Ashley Cote, Veronica Chichetto, Jade Leeman, Rachel Wickett, Izzy Byram, Bella Bowden and Brooke Gallop; assistant coaches Shawn Good, Liza Muth, Christy Leeman and Ryan Wanning; and coach Chris Cameron.

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Deadline for submissions: June 21, 2022



Annual Town Meeting
Budget Approval
Thursday, June 16, 2022

To: Courtney Brown a Resident of the Town of Hermon, in the County of Penobscot, State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hermon in Penobscot County, Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the **Public Safety, 333 Billings Road in Hermon on Thursday the 16th day of June, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**, then and there to act upon Articles 3 through 32 as set out below. Articles 1 and 2 will be acted upon at the Election on 6/14/2022.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect all municipal officers and school committee members as are required to be elected.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the revenues received for the following accounts to offset the associated expense accounts, for fiscal year 2023 with approval of the Town Council?

Revenues		Expenses	
10-130	Hermon Connection Revenue	10-13-04-05	Hermon Connection Expenses
10-121	Local Plumbing Fees	10-13-05-04	Local Plumbing Expenses
14-140	Transfer Station Fees	14-01	Landfill Expenses
14-150	Tipping Fee Revenue (PERC)	14-02	Household Waste Expenses
12-185	Fire Dept Revenue	12-02	Fire Dept Expenses
35	Recreation Enterprise Revenues	35	Recreation Enterprise Expenses

*(Explanation: The listed revenue accounts are special funds received by the Town for specific purposes. Approval by the citizens will allow the Town Council to expend these revenues for the expense accounts listed above. **Recommended by the Town Council***

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the following sums of money for each of the listed reserves?

HERM02	Unemployment Reserve	\$ 5,000
HERM05	Fire Equipment Reserve	\$ 50,000
HERM08	Public works Facility/Equip Reserve	\$ 75,000
HERM09	Recreation Equip/Facility Reserve	\$ 10,000
HERM11	Municipal Office Reserve	\$ 25,000
HERM12	Sewer Maintenance Reserve	\$ 20,000
HERM17	Public Safety Building Reserve	\$ 10,000
HERM19	Town Office Equip & Tech Reserve	\$ 40,000
HERM32	Veterans Memorial Park Reserve	\$ 5,000
Total Appropriation to Reserves		\$240,000

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$85,000 from the Fire Department Reserve Account (HERM05) to purchase hose, tools, radios, and equipment to outfit the new 1871W 4-door custom pumper truck? **Recommended by the Town Council**

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$24,000 from the Cemetery Reserve (HERM04) for the purchase of a stone repair/cleaning, road repair and tree removal at each cemetery? **Recommended by the Town Council**

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$30,000 from the Recreation Reserve (HERM09) for repairing and making improvements to LL field 1, 2 & 3 project awarded to Sports Fields? **Recommended by the Town Council**

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to authorize the transfer of up to \$100,000 from the undesignated fund balance to the Fire Department Reserve Account (HERM05)? **Recommended by Town Council**

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to authorize the transfer of up to \$25,000 from the undesignated fund balance to the Planning and Ordinance Reserve Account (HERM14)? **Recommended by Town Council**

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$35,000 from the Planning and Ordinance Reserve Account (HERM14) for reviewing and updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan project awarded to Rudman & Winchell? **Recommended by Town Council**

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$400,000 from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: **Hermon Track Project?** **Recommended by Town Council**

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to authorize the transfer of funds from Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) Revenue in the amount up to \$900,862, to off-set authorized expenditures for Economic Development general accounts #11-01-01-01 to 11-01-20-06 in the amount of \$790,862 including the reconstruction of Logistics Lane, industrial park upgrades, GIS mapping, and Ryder incentive program and account # 19-02-25-03 TIF Credit Enhancement Agreements (\$110,000)? **Recommended by Town Council**

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to authorize and transfer to the Hermon School Department the expenditures of up to \$634,700 from the School Repair Reserve Account (HERM07) for the expenditures at Hermon High School for Boiler replacement (\$98,000), the repair to the Hermon High School Auditorium roof (\$176,700), the repair to the Hermon Elementary School well (\$40,000), Hermon Middle School for Boiler Repair (\$30,000) and Hermon Middle School fuel tank replacement (\$290,000)? **Recommended by the Town Council**

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to authorize an expenditure of up to \$22,700 from Municipal Office Reserve (HERM11) to repair the front entrance door for ADA compliance and other repairs inside the town office? **Recommended by Town Council**

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$240,000 from the TIF account for the following project: **Sewer project on Hammond Street lift station and extend public sewer entire length of Logistics Lane?** **Recommended by Town Council**

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town vote to authorize an expenditure of up to \$190,000 from Sewer Reserve (HERM12) to install new generators for sewer lift stations at Cedarbrook Drive and North Street extension (\$40,000)? Install new SCADA system at Autocar Lane and Mack Lane (\$15,000) and pump station and sewer line repair at Autocar Lane awarded to Gardner Construction (135,000)? **Recommended by Town Council**

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town vote to authorize an expenditure of up to \$25,000 from School Repair Reserve (HERM07) to repair and restore the school house property on Billings Road awarded to Jeff Byers Construction? **Recommended by Town Council**

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town vote to authorize an expenditure of up to \$15,500 from Veterans Memorial Park Reserve (HERM32) to pave parking lot project awarded to Witham's Paving? **Recommended by Town Council**

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for municipal purposes for Fiscal Year 2023 for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 the following sums of money? Appropriation by category:

General Government Administration	\$ 1,363,725
Economic Development/Technology	\$ 790,862
Public Safety	\$ 1,113,618
Public Works	\$ 1,445,706
Solid Waste	\$ 446,056
Recreation/Social Service/HVRS	\$ 429,391
Debt Service	\$ 0
Reserves	\$ 240,000
Special Assessments (includes County)	\$ 1,074,000
General Assistance	\$ 5,000
Total Municipal & County Appropriation	\$ 6,908,358

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town appropriate from Overlay Account an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for tax abatements? **Recommended by the Town Council**

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for educational (School Department) purposes for Fiscal Year 2023 for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 the following sums of money?

Appropriation by category:

Regular Instruction	\$ 7,104,213.81
Special Education	\$ 2,549,706.48
Other Instruction (summer School/extra Act)	\$ 570,186.74
Student/Staff Support	\$ 1,846,263.30
System Administration	\$ 526,692.22
School Administration	\$ 970,051.75
Transportation/Buses	\$ 751,521.37
Facilities/Maintenance	\$ 2,656,828.40
Debt/other commitments	\$ 591,523.50
All Others including Food Service	\$ 50,000.00
Total DOE Cost Centers	\$17,616,987.57

Town Council Recommends \$17,516,987.57
School Committee Recommends 17,616,987.57

ARTICLE 22: To see what sum the Town of Hermon will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act.

Recommends \$11,359,412.04 and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688. **School Committee & Town Council Recommends** \$4,005,465.00

The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 23: To see what sum the Town of Hermon will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the town voters for non-state funded school construction projects, or non-state funded portions of school construction projects in addition to funds appropriated as local share of the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12. **School Committee & Town Council Recommends** \$591,523.50

Non-state funded debt service is the amount of money needed for annual payments on Hermon's long-term debt service for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters.

ARTICLE 24 To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Act, non-state funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for support of schools.

Town Council Recommends \$17,516,987.57
School Committee Recommends 17,616,987.57

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will authorize the school committee to expend in addition to Article 23, any sums as may be received from state and federal grants, aid, and receipts during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 for school purposes provided that such grants, aid and receipts do not require expenditure of local funds not previously appropriated? **School Committee & Town Council Recommends YES**

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Region Four Vocational Budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for the year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 be approved in the amount of \$3,682,608.18?

Cooperative Board for Regional Vocational Budget is not subject to amendment from the floor. It may be accepted or rejected by the voters. Hermon's share of the Region Four budget is \$0.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends YES

ARTICLE 27: In the event that the Hermon School Department receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Committee be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase the allocation of finances to reserve funds approved by the School Committee? **School Committee & Town Council Recommends YES**

ARTICLE 28: Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$30,000 from the School Bus Purchase Reserve (HERM33) to offset a portion of the lease/purchase payment for a school bus in addition to the local appropriation for education? **School Committee & Town Council Recommends YES**

ARTICLE 29: Shall the Region Four Vocational Budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for **adult education** for the year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 be approved in the amount of \$318,528.80?

The Region Four Vocational Budget for Adult Education supports adult education classes held at United Technologies Center in Bangor for communities that belong to the Region Four consortium. Hermon's share of the regional adult education budget is \$3,410.77.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends YES

ARTICLE 30: Shall the Town of Hermon raise and appropriate \$1,600,778.67 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,600,778.67 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

Town Council Recommends \$1,113,865.67
School Committee Recommends \$1,600,778.67

The Town Council Recommends \$1,113,865.67 for additional local raised funds, \$386,913.00 from the School’s surplus and a decrease of \$100,000.00 in the School’s expense account(s).

The School Committee recommends \$1,600,778.67 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model. Additional funds needed for increases in salaries, enrichment programs and field trips, guidance and mental health services, professional development activities and costs of co-curricular and athletic programs not fully funded by the State EPS formula.

The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town of Hermon’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help the Town of Hermon budget for educational programs.

REQUIRES SECRET BALLOT

ARTICLE 31: To see what sum the Town of Hermon will raise and appropriate in additional local dollars in support of the food service program.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends \$50,000.00

ARTICLE	Municipal Expenses:	\$ 5,944,358.00
Town set the	County Assessment	\$ 964,000.00
2023 Tax	Local contribution to Schools:	<u>\$ 6,247,767.17</u>
excluding	Total Expenses	\$13,156,125.17
Account as	Less Municipal Revenues	<u>\$ 5,074,372.00-</u>
	Total Commitment less Overlay	\$ 8,081,753.17

32: Shall the Fiscal Year Commitment the Overlay follows:

Town Council Recommends	\$ 7,594,840.17
School Committee Recommends	\$ 8,081,753.17

ALL ARTICLES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Municipal Election

~ June 14 2022 ~

June 14 – Election Day

Tuesday – Polls open 7:00am to 8:00pm, Patricia A. Duran School Gym

June 16 – Annual Town Meeting

Thursday – 7:00pm at the Public Safety Building

The Town Council has three vacant seats. Richard Cyr, Eric Russell, John Snyder III and Derek Wood have submitted papers for the seats.

The School Board has two vacant seats. Rachel Deabay, Tanya Fox, Haily Keezer, Samantha Lang, Deborah Langille, Christopher McLaughlin, Anthony Reynolds and Kim Shaffer have submitted papers for the seats.

Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of our community's election process. If you would like to participate as a write-in candidate for either the Town Council or School Committee a letter of intent to run as a write-in candidate must be filed with the Town Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the opening of the polls. The letter of intent must include the name, legal address and telephone number, and signature of the person intending to run. Votes for any person not filed as a declared write-in candidate shall not be counted. (*Town of Hermon Charter Section 9.09*)

Kristen Cushman, Town Clerk

Reminder: Hermon Consumer Fireworks Ordinance

The Fourth of July will soon be among us all. We would like to remind the people of Hermon, that Hermon does in fact have a written ordinance banning the usage of consumer fireworks within town limits.

Prohibition:

The ordinance states no person shall use, possess with the intent to use in the Town of Hermon, sell, possess with the intent to sell in the Town of Hermon, or offer for sale consumer fireworks.

Exception:

This section does not apply to a person issued a fireworks display permit by the State of Maine pursuant to 8 M.R.S.A. 227-A.

Seizure and Disposal of Fireworks:

The Town may seize consumer fireworks that the Town has probable cause to believe are used, possessed or sold in violation of this section and shall forfeit seized consumer fireworks to the State for disposal.

Penalty:

Whoever violates any of the forgoing sections of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1000.00 for each offense. In the event of legal action by the Town of Hermon is required to enforce this ordinance and the town is the prevailing party, it must be awarded reasonable attorney fees, expert witness fees and costs.

We hope everyone has a pleasant and safe Independence Day!

Legislative Update

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

Over-Collected Money Being Returned

The Legislature has concluded almost all of its work for 2022. To help families struggling with the rising cost of living, most of the \$1.2 billion it over-collected from Maine taxpayers is being returned. You are likely to be eligible for a refund of \$850 provided that you file a 2021 Maine Individual Income Tax return before October 31, 2022.

As soon as June, eligible citizens will receive \$850 relief checks. Roughly 858,000 Mainers will receive these payments. Income eligibility is capped at \$100,000 per individual, \$200,000 per couple, and \$150,000 for a Head of Household filers. I am pleased that this money is being returned to people who need it, not used to grow government.

If you are not required to file a 2021 tax return, I encourage you to do so before October 31 in order to receive a tax relief check, and to see what other tax benefits you may qualify for.

Republican budget negotiators also achieved structural tax reform for pensioners and retirees. In 2022, the existing state pension deduction amount is increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000. It then increases to \$30,000 in 2023, and to \$35,000 in 2024 and beyond. This change will provide substantial ongoing tax relief to 80,000 retirees, encouraging them to keep their Maine resident status instead of moving to a state with lower taxes.

There are many other important priorities that received support in this budget. These include funding for: transportation, Direct and Long-term Care facilities, nursing homes, and their employees, for PFAS, for elder care (in-home and community services), and child protections services.

Government should not grow bigger as family budgets get smaller due to inflation and higher heating, gasoline, electric, food and other items necessary for daily life. I supported returning money back to you.

I appreciate the support I have received from constituents and the opportunity to continue serving you. If there is anything I can do to assist you, or if you have questions regarding eligibility for the tax refund, please contact me at Jim.Thorne@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely, Rep. Jim Thorne



Hermon Business News...

Department of Economic and Community Development



Joseph Rollins isn't a new face in the construction industry. After graduating high school he went to work for Lane Construction while attending the University of Maine. After completing his course of study at the university, he was offered a position as an estimator at the Hancock Operation, eventually working his way up to Area Manager. After Lane Construction sold to Eurovia USA and became Eurovia Atlantic Coast, LLC dba Northeast Paving, he became the Operations Manager until the end of 2021 at which time he accepted the position of Senior Sales Manager. The job encompassed working for Dirigo Materials and Northeast Paving. Dirigo Materials is also a dba of Eurovia Atlantic Coast.

Dirigo Materials is ramping up its aggregate business by providing professional service for customers while utilizing well-managed resources in the several quarry locations they own.

“Every decision we make is driven by our mission for excellence in the construction industry”, says Rollins.

Eurovia Atlantic Coast, LLC under the names of Northeast Paving and Dirigo Materials is one of Maine's premier contractors that has served local communities for over 100 years. They are a full service contractor offering expertise in the construction industry and for setting the highest standards only top quality materials and their installation can provide. The organization's strengths are widely known by their ability to provide services for their clients ranging from earthwork to paving projects of all sizes and complexities.

Northeast Paving remains the earth and paving division while Dirigo Materials can take care of all consumer aggregate needs at several convenient locations in the Bangor and Hermon area. Joseph Rollins has over 38 years of experience in the construction industry providing great service for the customers of Eurovia as the business continues to grow.

“We are committed to delivering professionally executed projects on time, on budget and engineered to provide maximum value to our clients”, says Rollins.

The Town of Hermon wishes to congratulate Northeast Paving and Dirigo Materials for their positive growth in central and eastern Maine and we look forward to their continued success.

To contact Joe Rollins please call his business number at (207) 945-0873 .



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PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

The assessing office has mailed the annual Business Personal Property Declaration Forms (706-A Requests)

Maine Business Equipment Property Tax Relief Programs

The State of Maine has two business equipment property tax relief programs designed to reduce the burden of personal property taxes that businesses pay. The programs vary based on the date the property was placed in service in the state.

Business Equipment Tax Exemption Program (BETE)

For property placed in service after April 1, 2007, the Business Equipment Property Tax Exemption (BETE) program applies; commonly referred to as the “BETE” program. The exemption applies to most depreciable business equipment, however, certain items are excluded, such, vehicles subject to excise tax, office furniture, lighting, gambling equipment, and property located at a retail sales facility and used primarily in a retail sales activity. Retail equipment will continue to be covered under Maine’s Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement program, (BETR) as discussed further below.

A BETE application **MUST be filed ANNUALLY** with the tax assessor by April 1 of each year, but an extension to May 1 is automatically granted. Further extensions beyond May 1 may be requested in writing to the local assessor. Filing the BETE application on time is critical, as property will be disqualified from the exemption for any year the report is not considered to be timely filed. The exemption application **MUST LIST ON THE APPLICATION** all eligible exempt property purchased after April 1, 2007 *each year*, not only in the year of purchase. There is no time limit on the number of years the exemption may be claimed, but the business or business owner must apply annually with a completed application and itemized list of personal property requesting exemption on.

The BETE Applications can be found on Hermon’s website at:
www.hermonmaine.gov/assessing

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Hermon Animal Control

Katie Rogers, ACO

As the Hermon animal control officer, I would like to remind all residents that they are responsible for their animals. Owners can be civilly summoned for an animal at large, Maine Title 7 Subsection 3911, if an animal goes onto another person's property causing damage to property or injury to another animal or person. Please, if your pet does not stay on your property, fence them in, put them on a runner or tie them. There are many ways to make sure your beloved pet stays safe on your property. If you live in an apartment, please tie your pet so they can not wander all through the complex grounds.

Warm weather is approaching so please remember your beloved 4-legged family members. Heatstroke, also known as overheating or heat exhaustion, occurs when your pet's body temperature rises above the normal range of 100 to 102.2 degrees. Dogs and cats have few sweat glands and cannot cool off by sweating like humans, so they overheat more easily. Pets mainly cool off by panting, as moisture evaporation from the oral cavity helps lower body temperature. Heatstroke most commonly occurs when pets are left outside on hot days, but also can develop if:

There is high humidity, even if the temperature is lower

Your pet doesn't take breaks from playing to cool off

Your pet doesn't have adequate access to water in warm temperatures

Your pet is left in a closed-up house on a hot day with no ventilation or air conditioning

Your pet is left inside a car, even if it does not seem hot outside

Heatstroke is a dangerous health condition that can cause death if warning signs are not recognized immediately.

As you enjoy a game of fetch or frisbee with your pooch, keep a close eye on for overheating signs, such as:

Excessive panting

Excessive drooling

Difficulty breathing

Vomiting

Diarrhea, with or without blood

Weakness

Incoordination or stumbling

Sudden collapse

Seizures

Act immediately if your pet displays any of these signs. Once your pet begins to overheat, heatstroke progresses quickly.

Patricia A. Duran School Students Celebrate Reading

by Melissa Davis

The month of March is “Celebrate Reading” month, and students at the Patricia A. Duran School took the opportunity to celebrate all things reading! We kicked off the celebration by creating March Madness-style reading brackets. The entire student body read the selected books and voted weekly during the month to determine their favorite book. The school-wide winner was Ryan T. Higgin’s *This Book Does Not Have Words*. This book is a funny tale of a little mouse who tries to write a sophisticated book without words, but his friends sabotage his plans.

In addition to our reading brackets, we spent a virtual day learning from Natascha Biebow, Author of *The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons*. She read the book aloud to students, discussed her process as a writer, and did a fun art activity with our students. Students learned a lot about how books are created. Ms. Biebow was not the only guest reader we had during our reading celebration. We were very fortunate to be able to open the school back up to the community and bring in community readers to read to our classes. Students loved seeing familiar faces and sharing a love of reading.

Finally, all students engaged in a reading challenge where for every book they read their name was entered into a drawing for a new bike. This project was done in collaboration with the Lynde Lodge’s Bikes for Books campaign. Our goal as a school was to read 1000 books. Our students read a total of 2600 books in one month’s time! Through the support of the Lynde Lodge, we were able to provide 26 students with bikes and helmets. Congratulations to our student winners and a huge thank you to the Lynde Lodge for their support!



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The advertisement features a green and white color scheme. It includes a graphic of a mosquito and a map of Maine. The text is bold and clear, providing contact information and a service description.



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