

The Hermon CONNECTION

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Danforth Family, Owners of Danforth's Supermarket, Invest in Hermon High School Athletic Complex with Generous Donation

The Danforth family, proud owners of Danforth's Supermarket in Hermon, are delighted to announce their commitment to the local community through a significant donation and sponsorship of the Hermon High School Athletic Complex. This transformative contribution reflects the Danforths' dedication to fostering community well-being and supporting the very community that has stood by their side since the inception of Danforth's Supermarket.



The Danforth family believes that this addition will not only benefit the students but will also serve as a valuable resource for residents of all ages. A track provides a wonderful opportunity for kids to engage in physical activities, promoting an active and healthy lifestyle from an early age.

The Danforth family has a longstanding commitment to supporting youth sports and activities in Hermon. Their passion for community engagement has led them to be longstanding supporters

of the Recreation Department, and they view this contribution to the Hermon High School Athletic Complex as a natural extension of their dedication to the town's well-being.

This donation reflects the Danforths' belief in the power of community and the positive impact that sports and recreational facilities can have on the lives of individuals. The family looks forward to witnessing the Hermon High School Athletic Complex thrive as a hub for community gatherings, athletic events, and a source of inspiration for generations to come.

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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:
ouellettel@hermonmaine.gov
Deadline for submissions: February 23, 2024



DRIVEWAY SAND FOR RESIDENTS

Driveway sand mixed with road-salt is now available at the Hermon Town Office parking lot near the bins. Please note this supply is exclusively for Hermon Residents.



DOG LICENSES: 2024 DOG TAGS ARE AVAILABLE

Residents who need vet care or rabies for their animals should make their appointments NOW for 2024 licensing. Information has been communicated by the State Vet Association that they are experiencing a vet shortage / lack of remote clinics and resources.

Please license your dog before January 31. The State of Maine demands a \$25.00 late fee for any dog renewal license after 1/31/2024.

Go to https://apps1.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl to license a previously registered dog or a new dog online.

If you no longer have a dog to license, please let us know here at the Town Office at 848-1010 #3.

**\$25 LATE FEE, PER DOG, WILL BE IN FULL EFFECT
IN 2024 FOR DOG TAGS AFTER 1/31/2024!**

2024 Upcoming Elections/Primary/Referendum Election

February 6 - Absentee Ballots are available for voters - Presidential Primary

March 4 - Nomination papers available for Town Council and School Board

March 5 - Election Day - Presidential Primary

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

April 2 - Nomination papers are due no later than today for Town Council and School Board

May 13 - Absentee Ballots are available for voters - Municipal and State Primary Election

June 11 - Election Day - Municipal and State Primary Election

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

June 13 - Annual Town Meeting

Thursday - 6:00pm at the Hermon High School Auditorium

October 7 - Absentee Ballots are available for voters - State and potentially Municipal.

November 5 - Election Day - State and potentially Municipal

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

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Beyond Strikes, Spares and Gutter Balls

Youth bowler from Hermon gives back to those affected by the Lewiston mass shooting

Article by: Jodi Hersey,

Photos by: Katie Hariegle



Lewiston may be close to 100 miles away from Hermon but the October 25 mass shooting at Schemengees Bar and Grille and Just-In-Time Recreation affected many across the state, including Hermon 7th grader Colby Hariegle. The 12-year-old is involved in the youth bowling league at Family Fun Lanes on Hildreth Street in Bangor. Knowing how tight knit the youth bowling league community can be, Colby wanted to do something to support fellow bowlers in Lewiston, as well as the 18 shooting victims and their families. So he and his mother, Katie Hariegle, created a bowling

pin Christmas ornament with 207 Strong written on it to sell for \$5 each at the Bangor bowling alley. Katie said the goal was to sell 100 of the ornaments to benefit those affected by the shootings.

"The first night we brought in just 44 ornaments and sold out in just over an hour and brought in a lot more than the 44 were worth," explained Katie. "So we went home and started making more."

The Hariegles, along with the help of Family Fun Lanes co-owner Angelina Meucci, sold close to 400 ornaments in two weekends.

"Mom helped with the engraving and cutting them out and I did all the painting of them," explained Colby. "It makes me happy to know our work has been acknowledged."

It wasn't just local bowlers either who chipped in for an ornament.

"We had ornaments going out of state to Pennsylvania, Texas and Arizona because people there wanted to help too," said Katie. "It's very heartwarming."

In total the Hariegles raised \$2,068, far more than they expected. The family said it was worth all the effort.

"I go home to my family every night. My family is intact," said Katie. "It was worth missing sleep and all the hard work to help those families that are no longer intact."



Hawk Battalion Organizes Gift Baskets For Veterans

Article and photos by: Aubrey Searway



Every year, our Hawk Battalion completes a service learning project. That is when you come up with a need and work to try to fix or help it. This process involves brainstorming what the community needs, the logistics of the project, all the details of how the project will work, then finally executing the project. This process normally starts around the beginning of the year, and our Battalion tries to have it finished by Christmas time. In previous years, we have put together gift boxes for combat veterans, holiday gift baskets for young children in five surrounding towns, cleaned, organized and painted the top floor of the superintendent's building, and so much more.

This year, our Command and Staff cadet officers decided upon three possible options for our service learning project, but after careful consideration, we decided to gather much needed personal items and stocking stuffers for veterans at the Maine Veterans Home in Bangor.

On December 15, 2023, our command and staff delivered all of the stocking stuffers to the veterans home. There will be a group of volunteers to assemble the stockings for the 150 residents at the home in preparation for the Christmas holiday. Editha Young, the home's activities director was very appreciative of the work the Hermon JROTC Cadets had done to gather all the items needed for the veterans home. Many of the cadets who delivered the item, got to spend time meeting and talking with many of the veteran residents at the activities center.

The cadets of the Hawk Battalion have been honored to take part in this project to serve our local veterans and wish them a very happy holiday season and a happy new year.



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Hermon Enhance Fitness Exercise Class for Seniors



Healthy Living for ME and Spectrum Generations is offering an exercise class for seniors at the **Hermon Volunteer Rescue and First Aid Squad event room**. The one hour class program (three times a week) will be conducted by trained and certified Enhance Fitness instructor and Hermon resident, Jane Pinette. Enhance Fitness is an evidence-based group exercise program that helps older adults at all levels of fitness become more active, energized and empowered to sustain independent lives. It is an hour of fun, focusing on dynamic cardiovascular exercise, strength training, balance, and flexibility. Weights will be provided.

When: **Starting Wednesday, January 3, 2024.** This class will be every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with exceptions of holidays, weather, or illness. The class will start each MWF at 10:00 a.m. for approximately one hour. This class will run until June 7, 2024.

Where: **Hermon Volunteer Rescue and First Aid Squad event room.**

Please enter at the left side door.

****Exercise Class Registration (before you attend first class):**

Contact Monica Hawk at (207)-620-1642 or mhawk@spectrumgenerations.org

Please wear supportive shoes and comfortable, non-restrictive clothing. It is suggested to bring water to hydrate throughout the class. Donations will be appreciated.

Want to contribute to the *Hermon Connection*?

Have something you want to share with the community? If you have an item of interest pertaining to the Town of Hermon we want to hear about it! Submitting an article in the Hermon Connection is a good way for residents and organizations to share stories of interest with the community. If you would like to submit an article, please email it to Lindsey Ouellette at ouellettel@hermonmaine.gov. In order for Hermon residents and/or organizations to submit articles to be published in the Connection, the following criteria must be met:

1. The person submitting the article must be a resident of the Town of Hermon.
2. The organization submitting the article must be location within Hermon's geographic boundaries.
3. The organization has a lawful purpose which does not pose a threat to public order, to the safety of the public, or to the safety of any individual.
4. The organization does not have as its primary purpose marketing products or services or making a profit.

Please be aware that any articles and notices submitted by community members and community organizations may not contain offensive language, slander, advocate violence or unlawful activity, or pose a threat to public order or to persons or their reputation. When determining whether or not to submit an article, please be aware the deadlines for submission are approximately the 20th of February, April, June, August, October and December.

Once you have submitted your article, Town staff will be in contact with you to let you know if the article you submitted will be published. We look forward to hearing from you!



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The Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature reconvened January 3, 2024. I look forward to 2024 with hope and optimism. I cannot let 2023 go without recognizing one of the many community events that took place this past year on December 16.

There was a great turnout for the 'Wreaths Across America' ceremonies in Hermon and Carmel to remember the fallen and honor those who serve. I had the honor of sponsoring those two events and participating alongside several distinguished citizens and veterans. The Hermon JROTC was also on hand to present the wreaths. The ceremonies are part of a larger effort to teach future generations the value of freedom.

For more information on Wreaths Across America: <https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/>

I am interested in your thoughts on these and any other topics of concern to you. Please feel free to contact me at Jim.Thorne@legislature.maine.gov or call 207 287-1440 to share them, or if I can be of assistance with state matters.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Maine House. I love hearing your thoughts and concerns, and appreciate your input!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Thorne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rep. Jim Thorne



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

10-2-23

MARIA COX JOINS BROGUE INSURANCE & FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bangor, Maine – BroGue Insurance & Financial Services is pleased to announce that Maria Cox has joined their team of insurance professionals as a sales agent at 328 Harlow Street in Bangor.

A native of Hermon and a Husson University graduate, Maria worked in her family's insurance agency, Russell D. Patten Insurance Agency in Hermon, for the past 36 years. Over the years, she managed both the personal and commercial lines departments, along with serving as office manager. She is also licensed to write life, health, and disability insurance. She looks forward to working with both new clients and her former clients and is excited to be a part of the BroGue team.

Maria continues to reside in Hermon with her husband and two children. She is an active member of the Bangor YMCA and enjoys camping and traveling. She can be reached at 207-942-3526 or email: maria@brogueinsurance.com.

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