

Hermon residents no longer need to leave town to get their prescriptions filled. Community Pharmacies, a chain of 12 drugstores owned by pharmacists who live in Maine, opened its latest location Monday inside of Danforth's Down Home Supermarket on Route 2. Community Pharmacy of Hermon is open 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Brett Danforth, the supermarket's owner and general manager, said that a pharmacy was always part of the plan for the Hermon store, according to an article published in the November issue of Hermon Connections, the town's newsletter.

Amelia Arnold, retail pharmacy operations manager for Community Pharmacies, had this to say: "We think Hermon is ready for a pharmacy because it is experiencing amazing growth," she said. "We are excited to be expanding here with this location and think

Hermon is a community that will embrace a small-town pharmacy providing personalized customer service." Carmel resident Mike Williams is the pharmacist. A graduate of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Williams has 18 years of experience, the most recent as pharmacy manager at Osco Pharmacy at Shaw's Supermarket on Main Street in Bangor. For information, call Community Pharmacy of Hermon at 848-5020, email hermonrx@communityrx.com or visit www.communityrx.com.

Great Pond Mountain Trust to offer weekend of holiday activities

Great Pond Mountain Trust in Orland will offer two days of holiday fun over the weekend of Nov. 28-29. From 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28, Connie Tuller will lead a free wreath-making workshop at Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery in East Orland for ages 8 and up. Wreath rings, wire and fir branches will be supplied; bring your own snips.

Space is limited. Pre-registration required by contacting either 469-6929 or info@greatpondtrust.org. Then, from noon until 3 p.m. on Sunday Nov. 29 at the Great Pond Mountain Wildlands, Great Pond Trust will offer cut your own Christmas trees, pre-cut trees and greens, and a hayride, hot cocoa, goodies and a bonfire. The cost to cut your own tree is \$25; help cutting your own trees and handsaws will be available, no chainsaws allowed. The rain or snow date is Dec. 6. Access the Wildlands from South Gate on Route 1, near Route 176 junction in East Orland. For more information, visit greatpondtrust.org.

Hilton Humanitarian Prize goes to local chapter of Fountain House

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation awarded its prestigious Hilton Humanitarian Prize to Fountain House-Clubhouse International, of which Unlimited Solutions Clubhouse in Bangor is a member.

Each year, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation presents the award, the world's largest humanitarian prize, to an organization doing extraordinary work to alleviate human suffering. Unlimited Solutions Clubhouse, a Clubhouse International accredited program, owned by Penobscot Community Health Care, successfully addresses the devastating impact of serious mental illness. It opened in Bangor in 2012 with the belief that people living with mental illness can be active participants in their own and each other's recovery. Each year, more than 200 members come to Unlimited Solutions Clubhouse to contribute their talents, learn new skills, access opportunities and forge new friendships. There are more than more than 100,000 people who participate in 340 clubhouses in 32 countries. Lack of preventive care is an epidemic among people with serious mental illness, resulting in a life expectancy in the United States that is 25 years shorter than the national aver-

age. In 2016, Unlimited Solutions Clubhouse will expand to include a Wellness Center in order to promote healthy diets and exercise and to reduce obesity, smoking and diabetes rates. The expansion also will include increased space focusing on employment and education and increase its capabilities to serve the Bangor population.

Maine EPSCoR, Discovery Museum collaborate on project

Maine EPSCoR at the University of Maine announced last week a new collaboration with the Maine Discovery Museum in Bangor. As part of its new Sustainable Ecological Aquaculture Network (SEANET) project, a saltwater touch tank was installed at the museum to promote learning in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields. This partnership benefits the community at large and offers visitors the opportunity to get up close

and personal with a variety of sea creatures, encouraging interactive learning. "The Maine Discovery Museum is extremely excited to be working with the University of Maine and the EPSCoR program," says Niles Parker, executive director of the Maine Discovery Museum. "The saltwater touch tank, which was recently installed, is already a huge hit. It captures the attention of our young visitors the minute they walk in the door... We know that it is important to reach children at an early age when it comes to communicating scientific information and cultivating a love of learning." Molly Joyce is a student outreach assistant with Maine EPSCoR. She facilitates the touch tank Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and every first and third Saturday. EPSCoR stands for the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. It is a federal program directed at states that have historically received smaller portions of federal research and development funding.

PASSING THE TORCH



BDN PHOTO BY LINDA COEN O'KRESIK
Retired Army Master Sgt. Kurt Thompson (right) gives a Master Jump Wings coin to 5-year-old Brayden DeWitt during the Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11 in Bangor.

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