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Board Of Selectmen Agree To A Special Municipal Election

The Board of Selectmen have agreed to hold a special municipal election in conjunction with the November 2, 1999 State wide election. The municipal election will be held to fill a Board of Selectmen

position left vacant by Stephanie Bubier this summer. Anyone wishing to take out nomination papers for this position should contact the Town Office. Only 25 (but not more than 100) valid signatures are

required for candidates to be on the ballot. The deadline for submitting nomination papers is October 7, 1999 at 4:00 PM.

Principal's Corner

By: Norma Richard

In spite of the fact that summer seemed to hold us in its hot and humid grip during our first week of school, we had a wonderful start to the school year. Students have quickly gotten back into the rhythm and routine of school, and Jordan-Small is filled each day with the sound of students busily at work. We have quite a large number of students who have transferred in this year, and we welcome them and their families to Raymond and to Jordan-Small.

Dennis Dorey, technology teacher, has been very busy getting our new computer lab up and running to start his computer classes. Thanks to the generosity of the Raymond community in supporting this year's school budget, the new lab of iMacs is now in place. The 23 Macintosh computers previously in the lab are now housed in classrooms to provide additional technology opportunities for children and faculty. I invite members of the community to visit at any time to see the new and improved lab.

to focus on improvements to our elementary program, as well as plan for equipment needs for the new facility. One area of focus is the elementary playground. Children and teachers have been researching playground equipment as we begin planning for the new playground, and their input has been very much appreciated. We are researching ways to involve the Raymond community in funding this playground, and will share our ideas and plans with you in the very near future.

As we watch the new school construction evolve across the street, we have started

Sheri Gagnon Park Gets New Trees In Playground

By: Louise Lester, Deputy Town Clerk

On Saturday, August 21st volunteers from the Town, the Fire Department, and the Sheri Gagnon Memorial Playground Committee planted eight trees of various kinds in the playground located at Sheri Gagnon Park on Mill Street. Since that time the Fire Department and the Playground Committee have diligently watered and cared for the trees so that they will survive and be a source of shade in the years to come.



Tree Planters from L to R: Nathan Poore, Josh Simpson, Nathan White, Tim Alexander, Howard Stiles

The trees were paid for with \$1,100 primarily received from the donated beverage bottles and cans people have left in the designated containers at the Town Office and the Route 302 location near the veterinary hospital.

Remember To Vote On November 2, 1999

By: Louise Lester, Deputy Town Clerk

November 2nd will be the State Election/Referendum date and also our Town Election for one seat on the Board of Selectmen vacated by Stephanie Bubier. The polls will be at Jordan-Small School from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm that Tuesday.

Absentee Ballots for the State Election/Referendum are available now and the Town Election Absentee Ballots will be available October 12th. If you need to vote absentee by mail you can request your ballot by phone, mail, or third person. You can also come into the Town

Office and vote absentee if you will not be in Raymond on November 2nd, however, the Town Ballot will not be available until October 12th. If you are voting by mail, in order to save on postage, you can get both ballots in the same mailing after October 12th.

When The Assessor Knocks And No One Is Home

The Raymond Board of Selectmen serves as the Board of Assessors. The Board has a number of duties, most importantly, assessing property values throughout town. The Board employs O'Donnell and Associates, a private company, to assist with this effort. Employees from O'Donnell and Associates visit hundreds of properties each year to update values.

On many occasions, visits to residential properties occur when no one is home. The standard practice for assessing properties when no one answers the door or is not at home includes measuring the buildings, determining the quality and condition of the buildings (with the interior estimated through window views), and taking a picture.



Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on Sunday morning, October 31

October Is Healthy Baby Month

Raymond Village Library encourages prospective parents to come and borrow the nationally recognized "Babies & You" video series. The four volume set was made available thanks to a March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation grant awarded to the Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook to purchase and distribute to public libraries throughout the State.

Popular New York news anchor, Kaity Tong, interviews doctors, nurses, midwives and other experts in prenatal care for answers to the most commonly asked questions about pregnancy. Highlights include a supermarket tour focusing on nutritious foods rich in folic acid, tips on reducing stress at home and at work, and guidelines for safe exercise during pregnancy.

The March of Dimes mission is to improve the health of babies by reducing birth defects and infant mortality. They do that through education, community services, advocacy and research.

Library Book Sale A Success

The Raymond Village Library thanks all who donated and/or purchased books for our annual summer book sale. It was our most successful sale ever! Not only did we raise money for new books but also acquired a number of books for our collection from your donations. Please remember to offer the Library your used books, videos or audio tapes for use in the collection or annual sale. Donations may be left at the Library or call 655-4283 to arrange a pickup.

Red Cross Blood Drive

By: Phyllis Hawkes

On October 13th the Raymond Lions Club will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive at Jordan-Small School from 1:30 pm to 7:30 pm. For an appointment, please call Phyllis Hawkes at 655-4070.

Please remember that your donation helps people, like no other donation you can make and your only expense is the time you spend giving it.

Raymond Village Library Receives Grant From Maine Community Foundation

The Raymond Village Library has received a \$2,000 grant from the Maine Community Foundation to update the children's non-fiction collection.

The grant enables the Library to expand and update, especially in the nature and science areas, its junior non-fiction areas. Purchases are also being made in support of the curriculum at the Jordan-Small School so that students may find needed resources at their local library.

The Maine Community Foundation's mission is the strengthen Maine communities by building endowments, maximizing benefits to donors, making effective grants, and providing leadership to address community needs.

Library's American Girl Doll Raffle

The Raymond Village Library is still selling raffle tickets on an American Girl Doll, Josefina. These are available at the Library. The winning ticket will be drawn later this Fall in plenty of time for Christmas giving.

Village Library Story Time Continues

Storytime continues to be held every Thursday morning at the Library beginning at 9:30 a.m. All children and parents are welcome to attend. October's theme will be Fall and Halloween with stories and activities appropriate for the season.

Lion's White Cane Day Saturday, October 16th



During the month of October, Lions Clubs throughout the State of Maine will be celebrating White Cane Day. On October 16th, Raymond Lions will be in front of Chip's ShurFine and Raymond True Value stores, giving away miniature white canes and accepting donations in their large, hollow "white canes". Every cent donated will be turned over to Maine Sight & Hearing, a Lions sponsored organization here in Maine.

The purpose of White Cane Day is two-fold. First, it is to make the general public more aware of White Canes and those people using them to be independently mobile. The second is to raise funds for Maine Sight & Hearing which funds projects throughout Maine dealing with sight and hearing conservation, assisting those individuals that are sight and/or hearing impaired and education of the public as to how able many of these people are in performing a variety of jobs in the private sector.

The Raymond Lions urge you to stop by, pick up and wear a cane, and donate to a very worthy cause.

Visit The Raymond Web Site

Be sure to visit the Raymond Web Site! Updates are made every week. The site contains over 1,100 pages of useful and interesting information. The address is: <http://www.raymondmaine.org> Please be sure to e-mail us with any suggestions or corrections. The e-mail addresses are: kevin.woodbrey@raymondmaine.org duce.lester@raymondmaine.org



Senior Citizens Dinner

Wednesday, October 20, 1999

Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Yeast Rolls
Apple Crisp



Please call the JSS office at 655-4743 to reserve a seat.

October 1999

Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TH=Town Hall JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campg'nd TG=Town Garage FB=Fire Barn VL=Village Library	To Be Announced 7:00PM TH Diabetes Meeting 6:30PM JS Middle School Dev. Com. 7:00PM TH Recycling Committee				1 Innisbrook Fund Raiser Ends	2
3	4	5 7:00PM TH Selectmen Recycling Pickup	6 7:00PM JS School Committee Recycling Pickup	7 6:30PM KC Lions Club 7:00PM VL Library Club	8 JSS Mid-Term Progress Reports	9
10	11 COLUMBUS DAY NO SCHOOL	12	13 7:00PM TH Planning Board Business Meeting	14	15 10:00AM TH Tax Acquired Property Sale	16
17 10:00AM TH Appeals Board Site Walk	18 7:00PM VL Historical Society 7:00PM TH Budget/Finance Committee	19 7:00PM TH Selectmen Recycling Pickup	20 7:00PM JS School Committee 7:30PM FB Ladies Auxiliary Senior Citizens Supper Recycling Pickup	21 6:30PM KC Lions Club	22	23
24/31 FIRST HALF OF THE 1999-2000 TAXES ARE DUE OCTOBER 31	25 7:00PM TH Appeals Board	26 7:00PM TH Tassel Top Committee 7:00PM JS Conservation Commission	27	28 7:00PM VL Reading Group 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	29 Appeals Board Deadline for November Meeting	30 STANDARD TIME SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR

OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE**TOWN OF RAYMOND**

RAYMOND, MAINE

PUBLIC SALE OF TAX ACQUIR.E.D. PROPERTY

The Town of Raymond has nineteen (19) lots/parcels of land/or properties that have been acquired through the tax lien process (36 MRSA 942 et seq.) which it proposes to sell at a public sale. The Public Sale will be by auction on Friday, October 15th, 1999 at 10:00 am. The Auction will be conducted at the Fire Station, Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Maine.

<u>Tax Map and Lot No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Min. Bid</u>
Map 30, Lot 24	vacant lot with water access on approx. .21 acre at 106 Haskell Ave.	\$ 2,981.88
Map 30, Lot 32	seasonal camp on Crescent approx. .13 acre at 107 Haskell Ave.	14,408.57
Map 50, Lot 18	residential home on approx. .20 acre at 46 Main St. (currently occupied)	12,555.21
Map 12, Lot 20	mobile on approx. 1.38 acre at 688R Webbs Mills Rd. (c.o.)	4,813.59
Map 48, Lot 07	residential home on approx. .90 acre 88 Webbs Mills Rd. (c.o)	7,090.58
Map 76, Lot 75	vacant lot with water access on approx. .14 acre at 59 Thomas Pd. Terrace Rd.	1,623.06
Map 12, Lot 21	residential home on approx. 4.13 acre at 692 Webbs Mills Rd. (c.o.)	6,535.58
Map 12, Lot 05	vacant wooded lot on approx. .20 acre at 632 Webbs Mills Rd.	681.21
Map 67, Lot 33	seasonal camp on Sebago on approx. .35 acre at 75 Quarry Cove	20,399.64
Map 55, Lot 26	residential home on approx. .69 acre at 6 Elizabeth Ave. (c.o.)	8,873.90
Map 40, Lot 06	seasonal camp on Panther Pd. on approx. .19 acre at 87 Meadow Rd.	5,850.10
Map 17, Lot 27	residential home on approx. 1.5 acre at 27 Pond Rd. (c.o.)	5,999.91
Map 23, Lot 21	vacant lot of land approx. 1.5 acre at 8 Peppercorn Way	1,785.96
Map 27, Lot 22	vacant lot on Raymond Pond approx. .11 acre at 11 Baxter Rd.	2,799.40
Map 53, Lot 36	residential home on approx. .30 acre at 5 Harmon Rd (c.o.)	18,719.94
Map 19, Lot 22	vacant lot of land approx. 40 acres at 350R N. Raymond Rd.	2,152.57
Map 46, Lot 27,ono	mobile home only at 18R Meadow Rd.	4,650.61
Map 18, Lot 19	residential home on approx. 5.07 acre at 3 Hale Rd.	8,742.12
Map 13, Lot 38	vacant lot of land approx. 48 acres at 52R Valley Rd.	3,869.33

The Town reserves the right to set minimum acceptable bids with respect to any of the above parcels which will be approximately equal to current taxes, past due taxes, interest, lien charges, legal fees, administrative costs and deed charges. Any bid below such minimum will not be considered.

At the time of bidding each successful bidder must be prepared to make a deposit equal to 20% of the bid price or \$200, whichever is greater, by certified check, bank check or postal money order. Personal checks will not be accepted. The Town of Raymond reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Each successful bidder shall be required to execute a purchase and sale agreement and to complete the purchase within thirty (30) days of the date of public sale. If a successful bidder fails to complete the purchase, that bidder's deposit shall be forfeited to the Town and the Town may then negotiate directly with any unsuccessful bidders on that parcel, or at its option conduct another sale.

Upon payment of the balance of the bid price, each successful bidder and purchaser will be issued a statutory short form municipal quitclaim deed by the Town of Raymond, and conveyance will be subject to such other liens or encumbrances as may appear of record, if any, tenancies or occupants, if any, and all applicable land use ordinances and regulations. Prospective bidders are encouraged to seek legal advice and examine matters of title and other matters as would be considered by an ordinarily prudent buyer.

For further information, including bid minimums if any, contact Nathan Poore, Tax Collector at 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Maine 04071.

Additional terms of sale: The property is being sold on an "as is" basis, and no warranties whatsoever with respect to title, acreage, condition, suitability or fitness for any purpose are made or implied. Conveyance will be by statutory short form municipal quit claim deed. This notice is subject to the possibility of a prior private sale to the former owner of each property or his or her successor in interest. The Town of Raymond reserves the right to alter or amend the terms of the sale, or to postpone, recess, reschedule or cancel the sale in its entirety, or as to any specific parcel, by announcement made at the time and place designated above.

Dated Sept. 21, 1999

Raymond Board of Selectmen



The Media Center at the Raymond Elementary School takes shape.

RAYMOND EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM (R.E.D.)



5th ANNUAL HALLOWEEN LOTTERY-AUCTION



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, 6:00 TO 10:00 PM

**AT THE JORDAN-SMALL SCHOOL, ROUTE 85, RAYMOND
JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN, WINNING, AND WITCH'S BREW**

Bid on items donated by area businesses and residents by putting your 25 cent tickets into the containers for each item.

Almost 200 items available for bid, including gift certificates, savings bonds, crafts, and much more from area businesses.



*****STORYTELLING*****

WITH JUDY STEPHENSON

**Feature length film during auction
(child care available for school-age children only)**



**Come and enjoy free apples, candy, cider, juice and coffee during the evening.
Judy's famous pizza slices will be available for purchase.
Costumes appreciated but are optional!**

The Raymond Extended Day (R.E.D.) Program is a not-for-profit before and after school child care program



The Computer Lab At Jordan-Small was equipped with iMacs at the beginning of the school year.

List of Hunter Safety Courses for 1999

By: Louise Lester, Deputy Town Clerk

Hunter Safety courses are available so that anyone who wants to obtain a Maine Hunting License who hasn't had one before can be certified. These courses are of interest to anyone who likes to hike or ride in the woods because they cover much more than just firearms. The compass/map reading part of the course is especially informative. There is also a portion dealing with survival in the wilderness. You do not have to be interested in buying a hunting license to attend the courses. The cost of the courses is minimal. Please call the noted people to get more information on a particular course.

Freeport at L.L. Bean: September 2nd, 9th, and 16th from 6 pm to 10 pm. Call 1-888-552-3261.

Naples at Lake Region High School: September 13th, 15th, 20th, 22nd, 27th, and 29th from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Call Nancy Hitchcock at 627-4578.

Portland at Woodfords VFW: September 16th and 17th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Call 772-7949.

South Portland at the VFW: September 17th and 24th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Call 854-4766.

Oxford at the Paris Fish & Game Club, Perry Edwards: September 19th from 6 pm to 8 pm, and 21st and 22nd from 9 am to 4 pm. Call 1-207-743-6290.

Riverton Community Center: September 25th from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and 26th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Call Richard Lowe at 856-3771.

Yarmouth at Yarmouth High School, George Fogg: September 28th, October 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th from 6 pm to 9 pm. Call 1-207-846-6333.

Bonnie Eagle High School: October 4th for five nights from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Call Richard Lowe 856-3771.

Gorham site to be selected: November 27th for five nights from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Call 839-5035.

For more information on other possible classes, please call Red Boothby at 1-207-854-4766.

Food Pantry Hours

PROP Food Distribution by Raymond Food Pantry at Raymond Town Hall will be Tuesdays from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Fridays from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

New Resident Fishing License Available

The Department of Inland Fisheries has issued a new Fall fishing license which allows a Maine resident to wet a line until the end of December, 1999. This license costs \$9.00 and is available at the Town Office.

Vehicle Registration Fees To Increase

By: Nancy Yates, Deputy Town Clerk

All Bureau of Motor Vehicle registrations that are effective October 1, 1999 or are processed on or after that date will reflect a \$2.00 increase in registration fees. This will include registrations with an earlier date but not processed until October 1st or later, as well as any registrations effective October 1st but registered in September.

Raymond Founders Day Committee 1999 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 20th, the Founders Day Committee, which includes everyone in Raymond who has an interest in continuing this celebration, will meet at 7 PM at the Town Office on Rte 85. The agenda will include a Treasurer's report, a review the successes and failures of Founders Day 1999, election of officers for the coming year and some initial planning for 2000.

The Committee has consisted of the same several people for the last 5 years. They are getting burnt out and really need some additional people to get involved now if this celebration is to continue. The Lions Club lent some valuable assistance the past two years hoping that others in the community would step forward. We have had valuable input and assistance from a few new people this past year but we still need some people to take over a couple of the leadership roles. The current active members will continue to work on it but they need a break.

Please attend and make your suggestions. If you have any questions ahead of time, please call Frank or Betty McDermott at 655-4646 or Bob or Elaine Jones at 655-7163.

From The Office Of The Tax Collector

By: Donna Lovely

On September 21st the Board of Selectmen set the 1999-2000 year mil rate at 14.20. The tax bills will be going out the end of September, due the end of October. If you do not receive your tax bill, you may call 655-4742 to be sure it was mailed to the correct address.

There are currently two primary programs offered for tax relief:

The Circuit Breaker Program for tax or rent relief refund is for taxpayers who have an individual income of \$27,000 without dependents or \$42,100 with dependents. For the elderly, the maximum income to qualify is \$10,800 without dependents or \$13,400 with dependents. Forms are available at the Town Office. There is also an elderly, low-cost drug program for those who qualify. The forms can be filed anytime until March 1, 2000. You will need to know what you paid in property taxes for the 98/99 Tax Year.

The Homestead Program is also available if Raymond is your primary residence and you don't claim the Homestead Exemption elsewhere. This Program is an amount deducted from your assessed value and you are then taxed on the remaining valuation. You must apply for this program by April 1st to be reflected on the upcoming year's taxes. If you have applied for this program in prior years, you do not have to reapply for future years. In the 1998-1999 tax year the average tax bill, using a Homestead Exemption was approximately \$100 less.

If you have questions about either of these programs, feel free to stop by or give us a call.

Change In Title Law

By: Nancy Yates, Deputy Town Clerk

Effective June 10, 1999 Maine became a 15 year title state which means Maine will no longer title vehicles more than 15 years old. In 1999, 1984 vehicles are 15 years old and still require the title for registration purposes. As of January 1, 2000 they will be 16 years old and will be exempt from titling. In the year 2000, vehicles 1985 and newer will have to be titled.

Recycling Drop-off Bins: Are You Really Recycling? Contamination at Drop-offs Spoils Recycling Efforts

By: Philip Hammett

Mixing the wrong materials in drop-off bins continues to be a problem at Raymond's drop-off locations at the Fire Station, and at Sherry Gagnon Park. Many entire loads have been rejected because of mixed materials, or unwanted materials- even trash!

It's Expensive! Contamination costs everyone in Raymond wasted tax dollars. Instead of saving money on trash disposal fees, we pay for the fee, and the hauling costs, and possibly extra transport fees in the future. Not only that, but contamination spoils the recycling efforts of others.

The Good News- Curbside recycling loads are coming in clean! Raymond has been complemented on the quality of its curbside loads. Until we can resolve the drop-off problem, this is the safest way to dispose of your recycled goods.

Please follow the Guidelines!- All of the drop-off bins are now equipped with signs to give users a better idea of what to put in each bin, as well as materials to avoid. Please follow these closely, and spread the word. Brochures are also available at the Town Office. If you don't follow the guidelines, you would be better off putting your recyclables in the trash!

Recycle	DO Include	DON'T Include	Curb side?	Drop off ?
Newspapers and Magazines	Newsprint and Inserts Phonebooks with Covers Removed Magazines Catalogs	Office Paper and Mixed Paper Wire or Plastic Packaging Paper Paper Bags	Yes	Yes
Clear Glass Only	Clear Glass Bottles and Jars Empty-Unbroken	Colored/Tinted Glass Light Bulbs Window Glass Ceramics Pyrex and Drinking Glasses	Yes	Yes
Metal cans	Jar Tops and Metal Rings Clean Paint Cans Aluminum Foil and Trays Tin and Aluminum Cans Aerosol Cans	Food Residue Labels Paper Bags	Yes	Yes
#2 Plastic (HDPE) Only (Clear and Colored)	Milk Jugs Laundry Detergent Bottles Dishwashing Liquid Bottles Clorox Bottles Shampoo Bottles	Plastic Bags Rings or Caps Motor Oil Containers Margarine Tubs Yogurt Containers Paper Bags	Yes	Yes
Paperboard and Mixed Paper	Cereal & Pasta Boxes, & Similar Paperboard Boxes Office Paper and Manila Folders Flyers, Brochures, and Junk Mail Envelopes Cards, Post Cards and Calendars Asian Cardboard Wrapping paper (No Foil) Milk Cartons and Drink Boxes Paper Towel Tubes Egg Cartons	Plastic Windows Corrugated Cardboard Plastic Bags Napkins or Plates Soiled Paper Towels Paper Bags	Yes	Yes
Corrugated Cardboard	Cardboard Boxes Brown Paper Bags Clean Pizza Boxes	Paperboard Asian Cardboard Mixed Paper	No	Yes

What is Contamination?

Contamination is the placement of unacceptable materials in recycling drop-offs, or the mixing of different materials.

Well meaning citizens are causing problems by putting unwanted materials in the drop-off recycling bins. This so-called "contamination" may be as "harmless" as a brown paper bag that doesn't belong with newspaper. This can cause the rejection of an entire bin of material if it is serious enough. When materials are rejected they are burnt with other trash. Not only is this tragic from an environmental perspective, but Raymond also pays a tipping fee for all trash that is burnt.

Part of the problem is that people view recyclables as trash. In fact, recyclables are valuable resources, and must be purely one material to be worth anything in the recycling market. For example, any amount of metal in a load of glass (such as a light bulb) will render it worthless. Also, office paper may not seem that different from newspaper, but if mixed with a load of newspaper it can ruin the load.

Remember, recyclables are not trash, they are marketable resources if they are relatively clean and pure. We all have to do our part to assure that Raymond's recycled materials are marketable.

The Raymond Fire Department Wants You!

Raymond's Fire Department wants you! We have jobs for almost all interests. You name it: drivers, traffic control, inspectors, pump operators, hose operators, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, or administration. We have a junior fire fighter program and welcome all ages 18 and above for regular positions on the department. We are a diversified group from retirees to those wishing to pursue a career in public safety.

We have an excellent training program so don't be worried if you think you are not qualified for a position. Past experience is nice, but current members will provide reassurance and hands on training. Most positions do require members to be in generally good health.

Applications are available in the Dispatch Center at Town Hall. For more information call 655-7851.

Raymond Extended Day Program

The Raymond Extended Day Program is a not-for-profit before and after school program for children attending the Jordan-Small School. The aim of our program is to create an environment of caring and safe play for the children of Raymond before and after school. Our purpose is to provide quality, affordable care for children who might otherwise be home alone. R.E.D. plans to keep the program affordable which will enable parents the opportunity to work or attend classes, which in turn helps to provide quality life for you and your family. A nutritious breakfast and afternoon snack is served daily. Children must be between the ages of 5 through 12 to enroll.

The R.E.D. program completed its 5th successful summer last month. It was a dry and hot few weeks but the children and staff had a wonderful time of swimming, field trips, arts and crafts, and special activities. We were privileged to service 74 children (representing 56 families) from Raymond and the surrounding towns. Sixteen children enrolled in R.E.D. attended summer school at JSS and 32 "R.E.D." children were car-pooled to swim lessons. Thanks to all the parents who allowed us to care for your children. A special thanks to Dave & Lisa Blanchard for donating squirt guns; Tim & Tina Pomerleau for the sidewalk chalk; Gary & Carlene Stevens (and Kainani) for donating roller blades and a helmet; Sarah Kenney donated Reeses sticks; the Whipkey family donated paper; and Shop'n Save donated 30 Frisbees to our summer program. We had a great summer staff again. Thanks to Joni Merrill (Executive Director, bus driver, custodian), Jeanine Martin (Assistant Director); Judy Gisel (wonderful cooking lady); Kellie Ouellette (arts & crafts); Tammy Chappius, Kevin Ouellette (Good luck in college); Joel Jerome (Good luck to you, also, in college); Josh Robbins (Senior at Lake Region High School); and Kayla Robbins for your hard work and dedication to children.

The Raymond Extended Day Program would like to welcome Beth Guerrette onto its Board of Directors. A wonderful thank you to Pattie Fasold and Gary Conant for their time and effort as they leave the board and head in new directions. Thank you for the time you have invested in the program and the lives of the children of Raymond. Members of the 1999-2000 Board of Directors are: President - Vicki Woodbrey; Vice President - Laurie Burns; Secretary/Treasurer - Cheryl Laz; Members - Meg Waters, Jeri Keane, and Beth Guerrette. Joni Merrill will continue as the Executive Director.

R.E.D.'s annual Halloween Lottery/Auction is coming Friday October 22, 1999. This is our yearly (and only) fund-raiser and a wonderful time is had by all. Most of the money raised is used to help subsidize the cost of child-care with a small percentage going toward the purchase of supplies/equipment. Local business and individuals donate products/money which are

auctioned off. It is held in the Jordan-Small Gym. Supper will also be available at a minimum cost. Children and costumes are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. So make your plans to attend.

Wanted! Students In Grades 4 - 8

Become a junior literary agent for the Maine Student Book Award Program. The books are ready and waiting. Which book will win this year? It's up to you. Come in to the Jordan-Small School Library and select a title from the special selection of books available. Read as many as you want. The list is very diverse, having something for everyone. Before the end of the school year you must decide which book was your favorite and cast a vote. The book voted #1 by the most Maine students will receive the Maine Student Book Award for 1999. In the years since the award was established, top student votes have gone to the following titles: Falling Up, Math Curse, Pink and Say, and The Giver. This year's list holds many title that have already earned great reviews. Come and participate in this exciting, rewarding program designed to expand the literary horizons of young readers across our state. Discover the lifelong pleasures of reading, starting NOW!

Maine School Of Science And Mathematics Welcomes Students

As the Maine School of Science and Mathematics (MSSM) in Limestone starts its fifth academic year, welcoming 149 residential, high school students from 15 counties across Maine, the school and surrounding communities wish to extend their famous Aroostook hospitality. Gordon Curtis, age 16, son of Greg and Mariella Curtis of Raymond, is attending MSSM as a returning junior. His classes will include AP Calculus, Honors Chemistry, AP Computer Science, Creative Writing, Novel to Film, and Latin. His interests are computer, writing science fiction stories, bicycling, and cross country skiing.

For more information about the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, a public, residential charter school serving talented students throughout the state in their sophomore, junior, and senior years of high school, call 1-800-325-4484, e-mail Admission Counselor Priscilla Bradway at prilla@mssm.org, or visit the MSSM web site at <http://www.mssm.org>.

The MSSM was created by the 116th Maine Legislature in 1995 as the state's first charter school, and is a member of the National Consortium of Specialized Secondary Schools of Science, Mathematics and Technology.

Student Teachers Join Jordan-Small Staff

The Jordan-Small School and Saint Joseph's College are pleased to have the following student teachers assigned to Jordan-Small for the fall semester. Each of these students also completed a reading and/or math internship in Raymond during their junior year.

They are:

- Kristi Fuller, working with Mrs. Bottoms in All-Day Kindergarten.
- Jessica Charland, working with Mrs. Gorham in Grade 3.
- Kristine Wyer, working with Mrs. Malnati in Grade 3
- Andrea Parah, working with Mrs. Tounge in Grade 3.
- Molly Mitton, working with Mrs. Spencer in Grade 4.

Molly Mitton and Kristi Fuller have been selected by the head of the education department at Saint Joseph's College to participate in the Maine Campus Compact Leaders Education Award Only Program. The MCCLEAOP is a part of the nationally recognized AmeriCorps program dedicated to community service programs created and carried out by student leaders. Membership criteria includes completing 450 hours of community service, participation in a national leadership conference, and the completion of a leadership development plan to be used in the students' college setting and local community. As members, the students will work with a committee to determine how to help the community in the widest range possible. After a full year of service, participants receive a scholarship of \$1,200. Students chosen to be in this program are dedicated to their college community and local community but also possess outstanding leadership qualities while maintaining high academic standards.

Walk For Health At JSS

Beau Boyle, physical education teacher at the Jordan-Small School, would like to invite Raymond residents and school and town employees to an early morning walking class. This will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30 AM in the JSS gym. The first session will run from Tuesday, November 2 to Thursday, December 16 (with no classes on November 11 and November 25). The class will be a combination of walking in a variety of fashions and stretching. For more information, call Mr. Boyle at 655-4743. He hopes to see you on November 2 for the first class.

Foster Growth, Foster Parent

Did you know that last year 2,998 Maine children were in need of a foster home? Did you know that there is not nearly enough foster homes to provide care for these children? This is an awakening statement. If you have ever thought about being a foster parent in the past, NOW IS THE TIME!!!

Children need foster care for a wide range of reasons; ultimately for their safety and well being. Foster families are needed to provide caring and loving environments for children while they have to be away from their homes and families. If you would like more information or a speaker to talk to your organization about how you can help Maine's children, call the Maine Foster Parent Association at our toll free number 1-800-734-3909 today.

AT&T Learning Points

Did you know that your long distance phone calls can earn credits for Jordan-Small School? The Raymond PTA sponsors the AT&T Learning Points program, and last year these credits purchased a new digital camera for the school. How can you participate in this program to benefit your school? AT&T customers can enroll in the program by calling 1-800-354-8800, ext. 61985. You can also visit their web site at: www.att.com/learningpoints/. The Raymond School Account Code is 00569065.



The Raymond Elementary School evolves as structural steel is put in place.

African Drumming With Annegret Baier

Jordan-Small School is very pleased to have Annegret Baier, hand drummer and percussionist, join our students on Friday, October 8. Annegret plays and sings traditional West African rhythms and songs on original African-made drums such as the djembe, kpanlogo and doundounba. A classically trained musician from the University of Music in Stuttgart, Germany who moved to America in 1994, Annegret leads interactive workshops and presents a stunning solo performance to schoolchildren of all ages.

Annegret is a knowledgeable teacher not only of percussion but of the role of drumming to the African music culture. Her workshops invite the direct participation of the listeners in rhythmic training exercises including body percussion, movement and drumming.

In a typical class Annegret demonstrates a rhythm, then teaches the various parts to each student or group of students on a drum or small percussion instrument. Both children and adults enjoy the experience of creating music and playing it with others. In this way, they quickly learn the value and reward of listening and working together.

Annegret often incorporates African dance into her performances and instruction. She will be joined at Jordan-Small by Erma Colzin, dancer, treating our school audience to a fast-paced, exciting display. Our students will be able to witness the dynamic communication between the drummer and dancer, and then experience it firsthand through their participation.

Annegret and Erma will be our guests at a whole-school assembly at 2 PM in the gym. We invite parents and friends to join us for this wonderful performance, which will be funded through the proceeds of our Innisbrook fundraiser.

Title I News

Mrs. Milton and I have already started tutoring students at all grade levels. We have not hired our third Title I tutor yet, but I am trying to monitor the students who are scheduled to work with the new person and will make sure the academic needs of these students are being met.

Concerning the W.E.B. program, we are still looking for volunteers who might be willing to sort books, count pages and help to keep the books organized. Please be aware that your child does not necessarily need to be reading one of the books from our W.E.B. collection to receive credit in our program! Any books read 'at home' (library books, trade books or books from the child's personal/family collection) can be counted. Furthermore, beginning readers develop language more effectively if someone reads to them daily. Whatever is read aloud to the child at this beginning stage of reading may be counted in our program. We certainly don't expect First Graders to be reading these books on their own (unless they choose to) and do not want pressure put on them to do so. The GOAL of this program is to encourage FAMILY READING TIME! Please encourage reading for pleasure, not punishment!

Enjoy the colorful fall season and don't forget to read with your child every day!

Sincerely,
Margaret A. Mains
Literacy Specialist (Title I)

Women's Indoor Soccer

Women's indoor soccer will be starting Monday, September 25 at 8:00 PM. No experience necessary, just a good sense of humor. A great workout!! Call Sue at 655-7761 or just show up on Monday at 8:00.

Communities For Children

General Colin Powell, the chairman of America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth, is coming to Waterville on October 18 to help recognize the work Communities For Children groups across Maine have been doing. A delegation of adult and youth CFC members from Raymond will be attending this event. America's Promise is a national organization whose goals to promote five fundamental resources for youth are the same as our local group's: a healthy start, an ongoing relationship with a caring adult/mentor, safe places and activities, marketable skills through effective education, and the opportunity to give back through community service.

In the next few weeks you should be seeing a new "Welcome to Raymond" brochure around town. We have sponsored this brochure to help Raymond citizens become better informed about town organizations and services that contribute to the well-being of our community. We hope the information, contact names and phone numbers will increase accessibility and connections to our town's many resources for families.

For more information about this group, contact Lori Rand at 655-4277 or Laurie Wallace at 655-2222.

Wanted: People Excited About Baseball

Are you willing to roll up your sleeves and get to work? Do you care about our town and children? Do you want to face the fun and exciting challenges ahead?

The Raymond Baseball/Softball program continues to grow. Elections for new Board members are on the way. We need people that are committed and possess a "can do, will do" attitude. There are some huge upcoming projects and decisions that will impact the children of the community and the way program is run. It takes a Herculean effort to run the program we have. Step up to the plate and help us. Elections for Board members and officers will be held on Thursday October 14th, 1999 at JSS 7 pm.

Come on out and hit a homerun for the home team. Hope to see you there. WE NEED YOU!



View from the rear of the new Raymond Elementary School

PTA News

The Raymond PTA held its first meeting of this school year on September 13. Officers were introduced and committee chairs reported on their goals for the upcoming year. Highlights include increasing membership, continuing the Snack Box, sponsoring Jump Rope for Heart to benefit the American Heart Association, offering a Holiday Workshop on November 20, and implementing the Reflections Program through the National PTA.

The PTA welcomes parent and community support in any of the following areas.

Hospitality: Helene Gagnon and Lisa Schadler, Chairs
Membership: Jerilyn Ward, Chair
Fund-raising: Sheri Reed and Lisa Levinsky, Chairs
Program: Julie Orsini, Chair
Parent Education: Deb Hutchinson, Chair

The next monthly meeting of the Raymond PTA will be held on Monday, October 4 at 3:30 PM in the Jordan-Small School library. Baby-sitting services will be offered through the Caring Kids Club.

Kindermusik And Gymboree Programs Beginning Soon In Raymond!

Gymboree is a parent/child interactive play program. It is designed to engage toddlers and preschoolers with an exciting blend of activities – from touch, language experiences, and motor skills to emotive expression, socialization, and real intellectual challenges. Classes will be offered for children ages 2-4 accompanied by a parent.

Kindermusik is a popular introductory music program for children ages newborn to 7 years old. It incorporates the fun and excitement of music and movement while helping children develop a love of music, self-expression, and a desire to learn.

Please contact Jane Hoffman at 655-5486 or e-mail jane@symsoft.com for more information.

Raymond Youth Club RYC-2004

We are proud and excited that this October will mark our 2 year anniversary of existence! Plans are in the making for a celebration in November. Our Peer Leaders have exerted much effort, keeping classmates informed and connected to our activities. During the past year, we have maintained a core group of 18 (frequent, active participants) that has swelled to 42 for special events! We have achieved this by newsletters, creating an e-mail list and a "team" phone directory. Peer Leaders have assumed more of the planning and administrative tasks and actively participate in our activities, despite their busy schedules. Matt Waisenen, Chelsey Conant and Andrew Hartig attended Camp Kieve, spear-headed by Michelle and Mike McClellan, in August. Their experience and training will be a welcome benefit to our group and this community.

During the summer we enjoyed bowling, beach parties and a dance. Since April, 11 Peer Leaders have been volunteering their time and effort on several community projects: manning tables at 2 PTA events, yard work for seniors, and are in the process of completing a memorial garden at the Sherri Gagnon Memorial Park. To date, they've collectively put in over 90 hours of community work! We were also able to represent our sponsor, Raymond Rec., in the Founder's Day parade. We've asked our Peer Leaders to complete profile sheets. It is our hope to profile two teens per month, in order to praise their contributions and give them the recognition they deserve.

Special thanks to: Mike and Michelle McClellan, for all their efforts on behalf of Raymond teens; Charlie Leavitt of Riverside Hall, for his trust in us; Linda Afthim of Beacon Lanes, for continued support; Gail Waisanen, for being our undisputed "Gal Friday".

Also, we need to acknowledge Pam Hartig, owner of Bright Beginnings Daycare, who has been actively involved with our group and has allowed the use of her facility for fund-raising and events. Our group recently received a donation to add to our "hope chest" from Bright Beginnings, which will help us achieve our upcoming plans.

RYC-2004 Peer Leader Profile

Name: Rosa Dodge

Community Hours Served to Date: 2.5

Favorite Hobbies/sports: RYC, Softball, Soccer, Field Hockey and Swimming

Honors/Awards: August 1998; All-Star Softball Team won States and New England Regionals, made Honor Roll

Favorite RYC Events: Beach parties, movies, bowling

Future Goals: "I want to be a lawyer or teacher and play softball in college."

Comments/Advice: "I want more kids from RYC to come to events a little more. Who cares that much about who's going to be there as long as everyone has fun. And I hope that Raymond can get a place where kids can hang out together with pool tables, air hockey, and more. It would be great to have a place like that!"

Advisor Comment: Because Rosa spends most of her time out of town, she makes an extra effort to stay connected and participate. She gets along with everyone and is one of the 4 originators of this group. She takes her friendships and roots to Raymond very seriously. She is one of the most loyal, unselfish people I know.

Raymond Community Quilt News

By: Katie Hall and Jani Cummings

This year the quilts made by the students and staff of Jordan-Small School will be a departure from the History Trail Project model. This quilt, 4th in the series which began in 1996, is unlike the other quilts which represented the geographical and historical areas of the Town of Raymond. It is to be the Raymond Community Quilt, a present day documentation of Raymond. Our objective with this quilt is to represent the Raymond community as it exists today, seen through the many eyes of its residents.

It is our hope that this quilt will become truly a community quilt illustrating the community of Raymond which will, by the very nature of its creation, document the many people, activities, civic groups, volunteer organizations, and businesses of our town.

Here's how: we are thinking to make five quilts. (Yes, five!) Each class will make an applique mural reflecting on their life in Raymond. This will be a group project. Each of the five quilts will have a class applique from K-6 on it, so that each quilt reflects the age span of the whole school. The rest of the space on the quilt is where we will need your community efforts. We would like you to share photos of your life in Raymond today with us. These could include a favorite spot, people of the town, your house, businesses...anything that says Raymond to you.

These pictures can be sent to Mrs. Hall over the Internet (in a jpeg file) at the web address: quilt@raymondmaine.org. It is not really difficult to do this. When you develop any roll of film, photo processors now give you the option of printing on computer disc, and those pictures may easily be sent as attachments. Please include a title of the picture and your name. Our plan is to use the heat transfer technology which we used in last year's quilt to put your picture on this year's. Don't worry about the size, we can enlarge it to suit the space. Mrs. Hall and some staff people will make the decisions about which pictures to use. (We expect a LOT!)

Another opportunity for Raymond residents to participate in the quilt will be to send in a written piece. This could be a poem, a person's name, a place. There will be fabric available at the library along with a template and fabric markers. The finished size of these squares will be 7x7. Ms. Cummings will select the final pieces.

We will need so much help to accomplish this project! We'll need people to cut fabric squares, people to help retrieve and print the computer images, quilters to lovingly stitch, ironers to oversee the photo transfer process, and - as always- people to tie!

Please become involved with this great community effort. Reach Katie Hall and Jani Cummings at school, 655-4743, and let us know how you would like to help. We will also be more than willing to help you with the intricacies of the jpeg/Internet process. We want this to be a quilt that astonishes us all with its reflection of a dynamic, creative, involved, and beautiful community. Come help us!

Box Tops For Education

The Caring Kids Club is getting our school involved in the General Mills Box Tops for Education program. Please help by saving Box Tops for Education logos from participating General Mills cereals, Go-gurts, Betty Crocker Fruit Snacks, and other General Mills products. For each Box Top saved our school earns cash. We will use the proceeds to purchase new library books for the K-4 and 5-8 schools. Send in Box Tops for Education to school, or drop them into the envelope at the Town Office. Let's see how many Box Tops we can collect. Thank you for your support!

Caring Kids At JSS

The Caring Kids Club is a club for students in grades 4 - 6 who perform "caring" acts for the school and community. At their first meeting Bobby Murphy, Hannah Whitcher, Nikki Haycock, Amanda Evans, Samantha Taisey, Ashley MacMullen, and Lauren Trepanier participated in setting up activities for the school year and brainstorming new ways to help out the school and community. The students meet on a bimonthly basis. Their next meeting is October 4, where they will provide baby-sitting services during the PTA meeting. Caring Kids is organized by Mrs. Thornton and Mrs. Weeks.

Jordan-Small School Values Program

Each month the faculty at the Jordan-Small School focuses on a specific value, and integrates this value throughout the curriculum. We would like to share with parents and our community this year's monthly value themes.

September	Friendship
October	Respect
November	Responsibility
December	Perseverance
January	Courage
February	Honesty
March	Tolerance
April	Cooperation
May	Kindness
June	Wisdom

Flag Football At JSS

Last year over 40 students in grades 5 and 6 joined teachers Tom Taylor and Jack Fitch for the first year of flag football at the Jordan-Small School. This activity is open to anyone, girls and boys, in fifth and sixth grades and runs from the end of September through October. Students meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons directly after school. The goal of flag football is for students to develop the ability to work in collaboration with their peers in a team situation. This year's coaches, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Fitch, and Mr. Boyle (our new physical education teacher) provide a fun and engaging learning environment which fosters pride, not only in themselves, but in their teammates and school.

The benefits of the flag football program include providing students with an additional after school program which will increase their overall health, give them an opportunity to make new friends, develop their ability to work in a team environment, and learn an exciting game.

RYC-2004 Peer Leader Profile

Name: Frank Palmer

Community Hours Served To Date: 6

Hobbies/Sports: Baseball, basketball, pool, band

Honors/Awards: National Junior Honor Society, Chapter Marshall for DeMolay, First Class Scout, Citizenship Award in Baseball, School: President's Award, Attendance Award, Honor Roll all year

Favorite RYC Events: Bowling, swimming, annoying Candi and Amanda!

Future Goals: Make money, own a business, have fun

Comments/Advice: "Go for it, man! Just go for it!"

Advisor Comments: Ah, yes, Frank likes to needle Candi and Amanda, he is a great person, so it's worth it! Even though he may protest (weakly), he can always be counted on to chip in and help. He has recently shown a promising talent in gardening. Check out Frank's tiger lilies at the Park...they're flourishing!