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Raymond's Food Pantry Ready to Help People

By: Diane Goosetrey

The Raymond Food Pantry is now well stalked because of so many donations by Raymond residents. Bright Beginnings Daycare on Roosevelt Trail, Jordan Small School students and teachers, as well as Chris Lum have been so generous with their food donations. Also Joyce and Norman Heald have donated their time and effort in sorting and storing the food in the Pantry.

If you know anyone who needs assistance, please let them know that this Pantry is available. Food can be received during regular office hours at the Town Office. Anyone can also meet with the Pantry manager by appointment who will pack bags of food to their choosing, which can include meat, bread, fruit and fresh items when available. Recipients of Pantry food will be held in confidence and they can get their food at a time

convenient for the recipient and the Pantry manager.

Coats for Kids has given a bag of cleaned children's winter coats to keep them warm during the cold weather. These coats are available to any child who needs one. The food and coats are available by calling 428-3206, or the Town Office at 655-4742.

Principal's Corner

By: Norma Richard

Safety is becoming an increasing concern for students, parents, and our school faculty. We would like to remind all parents, community members, and visitors that they are required to check in at the office before going to a child's classroom or to any other area in the school. We will also be locking the exit doors into the cafeteria/gym during the school day as a way to better monitor public traffic in the school, and ask that all visitors enter the school through the side doors near the main parking lot and check in immediately at the office.

We are anticipating that the Department of Education will be releasing the results of last year's Maine Educational Assessment on January 7, 2000. These scores will show major differences over previous years. The most significant is that the MEA has been rewritten to align to the new standards outlined in Maine's *Learning Results*. Scores will also be reported on a band of 501 - 580. This is to eliminate comparisons to previous MEA's which were scored on a scale of 100 - 400. We will be viewing these results as a baseline for future study as we continue planning for our elementary and middle level programs. Over the next few years we will be analyzing MEA data to look for any patterns or trends that will further improve our academic program.

Parents will now receive detailed information about specific areas of strengths and weakness for their child in Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Health. The student reports will outline performance levels in each of these subject areas. Previously, a child's results were scored as Distinguished, Advanced, Basic or Novice. The performance levels will now include Exceeds the Standards, Meets the Standards, Partially Meets the Standards, or Does Not Meet the Standards. The Maine Educational Assessment is one

part of an assessment program that also includes standardized testing, classroom testing, school-wide writing prompt data, projects, portfolios, and exhibitions. I will be sharing information about our school results in future editions of the Roadrunner.

In closing, I would like to wish all Raymond families only the very best in the New Year. Thank you for your continuing support of education in our community. It is always much appreciated and valued.



The new Raymond Elementary School gets its brick facing.

Nomination Papers Available For Town Elections

Nomination papers are now available for anyone interested in running for the offices of Selectman, School Committee, and Budget Finance Committee. The papers must have between 25 and 100 signatures and be returned to the Town Office no later than February 1, 2000.

The offices for election will be 1 Selectman (Betty McDermott incumbent), 2 School Committee (Thomas Conger and Jeri Keene who replaced Karl Geib incumbents), and 3 Budget Finance Committee (Louise Murray, Howard Williams and Robert Jones who replaced Royce Moore incumbents).

Rabies Clinic January 22nd

The Rabies Clinic will be held Saturday, January 22nd from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the District 2 Fire Station located on Webbs Mills Road. Dr. Jim Stephenson and his wife Judy, from Jordan Bay Veterinary Hospital will administer the vaccinations. Nancy Yates and Louise Lester will be there to register dogs. Vaccinations will cost \$8.00 per animal. Licensing will be \$5.00 for neutered dogs and non-neutered dogs will cost \$8.50.

We will be vaccinating cats as well as dogs. Please be sure that all dogs and cats are restrained by leashes or pet carriers. There is no limit to the number of animals you can have vaccinated. All dogs in Raymond must be licensed by January 30 without incurring an addi-

tional charge of \$3.00.

This year, Blue Seal Feeds will be participating in the clinic by providing some free products to those who attend the clinic.

Drop Off Mail Box For Town Hall?

The Town Office is looking into having the U.S. Postal Service locate a drop off mailbox at the Town Hall. The distance people in the North and East Raymond areas have to travel to mail a letter is considerable, and it would seem helpful to have a box in East Raymond. If you feel this would be an advantageous addition to the Town, please let the Town Office know by phone (655-4742), in person, or by mail (401 Webbs Mills Road).

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<http://www.raymondmaine.org>

Look under Events & News

Raymond, Me.

News from the Raymond Village Library

Storytime

Over the past year, Storytime was made possible by a number of dedicated volunteer readers. Thank you to the following for your contributions to this important children's program: Elizabeth Algeo, Veronica Haskell, Irene Morris, Stephanie Odum, Sandy Wilkas, Jeff Hoffman and Ron Laprise. Jordan-Small School principal, Norma Richard, also shared some of her favorite books and holiday stories with us in December.

Storytime will continue on Thursday mornings at 9:30; however, if there is no school due to vacations or weather, there will be no Storytime as well.

If you are interested in reading for Storytime or helping to develop a program for babies and toddlers, please contact Lori Rand at 655-4277.

Writing/Bookmaking Workshop For Children

The library would like to offer a writing/bookmaking workshop for young school-aged children during February vacation. Elizabeth Roundy, a published author, will lead the groups in a one-hour bookmaking project tailored to age and ability level. Children will brainstorm, write, edit, draw and bind the book, according to their ability. The age groups targeted for this workshop are Kindergarten and grade 1, and grades 2 and 3. If there is sufficient interest, other age groups are possible. Tentative dates are February 23 or 24. Please call or sign up at the library if your child is interested in attending. There is no fee, but donations are welcome.

Bridge Lessons

Beginning January 24 and continuing for 10 weeks, bridge lessons will be offered, at the library, to all those interested. These will be taught by Paul Barber and will be held once a week, on Mondays from 1-3 pm. These lessons are for beginners and intermediate players. The cost is only the purchase of a lesson book, approximately \$5. For more information inquire at the library or call 655-5354.

Reading Group

The reading group will meet on January 27 at 7:00 pm

at the library. There will be two books discussed: "The Country of the Pointed Firs", by Sarah Orne Jewett and "As the Earth Turns", by Gladys Hasty Carroll. Books are on reserve at the desk. FMI please call 655-5354. All are invited to read and take part in this discussion.

Babies Welcome

Libraries are for Babies Too, will be having a finger play/sing-song day at the Raymond Village Library, on January 29, at 10 am. All are invited to come and bring your baby to have fun learning new songs to sing together and meet other parents and children. For those wondering about the Libraries Are For Babies Too Program, please call Sue-Ellen Gendron at 655-4463.

Other Items Of Interest

On November 28, the drawing for the Josephina doll was drawn and the happy winner was Haley Acker.

The Library will be closed January 1 and January 17. The library will close at 7 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays during the months of January and February.

Weather questionable? Wonder if the library is open? Please feel free to call ahead to check at 655-4283.

Reminder: As you are making room on your shelves for new holiday additions, please think of your library. We would appreciate having your excess books, video and audio tapes.

Happy New Year, Happy New Century and Happy New Millennium from the Raymond Village Library!

New Lifetime Hunting/ Fishing Licenses Available

Lifetime licenses for hunting, fishing, or combination licenses are available from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. These licenses are for children under the age of 5 years or adults over the age of 65. The applicant must be a resident at the time of application but the license will be valid from then on where ever the applicant lives. A child will not be able to hunt until he/she is 10 years old with an adult and after he/she is 16 upon completing a Hunter Safety Course.

The license applications are available at the Town Office but must be processed through the Maine State Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Student's Poem Is Published

Jennifer Curtis, daughter of Shelly and Andrew Curtis, has her poem, "Rattle Snake Mountain", published in the 1999 edition of The International Library of Poetry - Gifts of the Soul. Jennifer is a student at the Jordan-Small School and wrote this poem last year when she was a student in Mrs. Blanchard's class. We would like to congratulate Jennifer and her parents on her literary accomplishment.

*I remember the beautiful mountain,
Wishing there was a fountain,
And the sound of every footstep fading away with a
crunch, crunch, crunch.
With the slight wind chill,
But there was warmth, still,
Then I jumped when I heard someone crunch down hard,
I turned around, but no one was there.
The crunch still goes on in my mind,
crunch, crunch, crunch,
With the pleasant sun shine,
And colors that I wish were mine,
With such a dream it was shattered by a sound,
A sound that was quite known,
A sound that was the gentle sound of foot steps that never stop
crunch, crunch, crunch.
I wish I could go back to see the mountain,
To see the beautiful view once more.
I can still hear the soft crunching of sticks that never stop,
crunch, crunch, crunch.*

Thank You

To all of the friends and thoughtful people in Raymond who were thinking of us last month when Peter lost his dad. Especially to all the kids at Jordan-Small who were so supportive to Peter. We appreciated your cards and wish for better days.

Time heals all;
God bless you all.

Sincerely, Peter and Paula Curtis

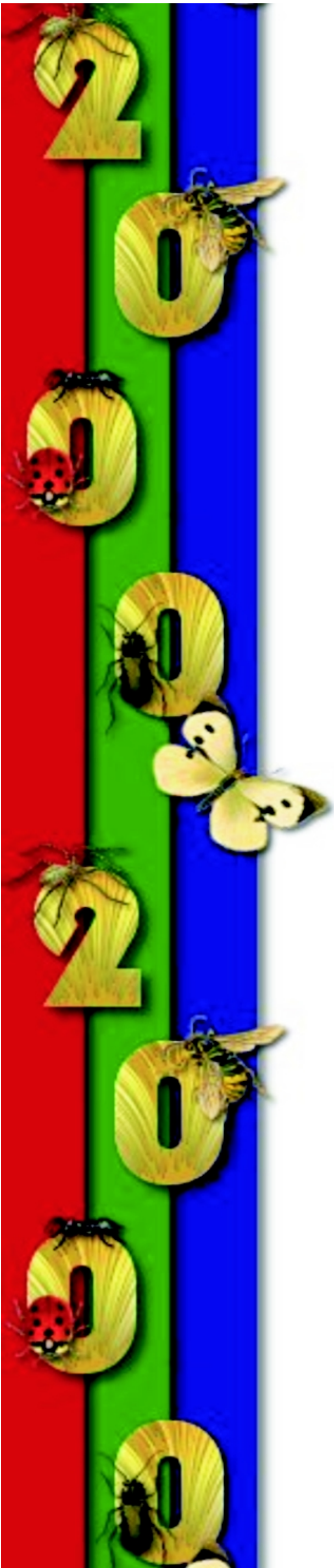
Coyote Night Hunting Permit Applications Here

If you want to hunt coyotes in Maine, the 2000 Coyote Night Hunting Permits are available at the Town Office. You must have a current hunting license and pay the application fee of \$2.00.

January 2000

Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TH=Town Hall JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd TG=Town Garage RT85 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
2	3	4 6:30-7:30AM JS Walk for Health 7:00PM TH Selectmen	5 7:00PM JS School Committee	6 6:30-7:30AM JS Walk for Health 9:30AM VL Story Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	7	8
9	10 7:00PM TH Budget/Finance Committee 7:00PM VL Historical Society	11 <i>Recycling Pickup</i> 6:30-7:30AM JS Walk for Health	12 <i>Recycling Pickup</i> 7:00PM TH Planning Board Business Meeting	13 6:30-7:30AM JS Walk for Health 9:30AM VL Story Time 7:00PM JS PTA Meeting	14	15
16	17 Martin-Luther King Day No School	18 6:30-7:30AM JS Walk for Health 7:00PM TH Selectmen	19 5:30PM JS Senior Citizens Supper 7:00PM JS School Committee 7:30PM FB Ladies Auxiliary	20 6:30-7:30AM JS Walk for Health 9:30AM VL Story Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	21 JSS Second Quarter Ends	22 1:00-3:00PM TG Rabies Clinic
23 10:00AM TH Appeals Board Site Walk	24	25 <i>Recycling Pickup</i> 6:30-7:30AM JS Walk for Health 7:00PM VL Library Board Meeting 7:00PM JS Conservation Commission	26 <i>Recycling Pickup</i>	27 6:30-7:30AM JS Walk for Health 9:30AM VL Story Time 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee 7:00PM VL Library/Reading Group	28 8:45AM JS Good News Appeals Board Deadline for December Meeting	29 10:00AM VL Baby Finger Play/ Sing-Song Day
30	31 7:00PM TH Appeals Board					



Wishful Thinking Or Good Fortune?

MTSC Safety Notes

Addressing the Roadway, the Vehicle and the Driver

ROADWAY SAFETY: Roads Can Be Treacherous!
 Winter road conditions can present unique challenges. Maintenance crews are out in the worst possible conditions to make our roads passable. Remember that snow plows try to maintain highway speeds so as not to obstruct the flow of traffic. In doing so they can create whiteout conditions, so please maintain a safe distance behind the plows. It is much safer to follow them at a reduced speed than it is to try to pass them - you may not see oncoming traffic due to the snow wash effect, or you could go into a dangerous skid. The plow is out there for a reason so please let these dedicated people do their jobs. Reduce your speed at bridges and in shaded areas, as these will tend to freeze first. Slow down and enjoy the winter wonderland - remember that this is one of the reasons why most of us choose to live in Maine.

VEHICLE SAFETY: Is Your Vehicle Ready for Winter?
 Before driving, make certain to:

- Totally clear all windows, the hood, the trunk, and the roof of the car of snow and ice before driving.
 - Besides limiting visibility for you the driver, you also present a hazard to those driving around you as snow and chunks of ice blow from your car into their field of travel.
- Warm up the engine.
 - Let the car idle for a few minutes to prevent stalling, and be sure to open your window a crack in case of any exhaust fumes.
- Prevent fogging.
 - Turn on the heater and defroster to prevent fogging. Do not drive until your windows are clear of fog.
- Keep headlights and taillights clean, and use the headlights to increase visibility of your vehicle when you are on the road
- Keep a cold weather emergency kit in your vehicle:
 - Flashlights with extra batteries
 - Brush or broom for snow removal; ice scraper
 - Extra fuses

- Rag for cleaning headlights/windshields
- Panty hose (use as an emergency fan belt)
- Extra washer fluid
- Work gloves
- A small snow shovel
- A small bag of kitty litter for traction
- A blanket and extra heavy clothing
- Booster cables (high quality)
- Non-perishable food for emergencies
- First aid supplies
- Cell phone/CB radio
- Warning devices - flares or reflective triangles, emergency lights

For more information on winter driving, contact the Bureau of Highway Safety at (207) 624-8756 for the pamphlet "What's So Different About Winter Driving?"

DRIVER SAFETY: Do You Know Where The Children Are? As a driver, it is important to remember that icy roads, heavy snow fall, whiteouts, and shorter daylight hours increase the potential for an incident. Add the impetuosity and inexperience of youth, and it can spell disaster. MTSC suggests:

- Be aware where the children may be playing, walking, or sledding. A slip, fall, or an out of control sled, combined with the inability to stop suddenly due to poor road or vehicle conditions, may lead to a collision.
- Remember to decrease your speed and make certain your vehicle is well maintained for winter weather.
- Watch closely when approaching school yards, suburban areas, playgrounds, and crosswalks, and always be on the lookout for children, sleds and snowmobiles to suddenly enter the roadway from behind snowbanks.
- Speak to your children about proper safety for all seasons, but most especially, winter.

NOTICE

As of January 31, 2000 all dogs must be licensed to avoid incurring a late fee.

Ring Found

A ring was found at the Mill Street Field during the soccer season. To identify and claim, please call 655-2013.

Communities for Children Raymond Youth Web Site Is On The Way

Helping the people of Raymond become better connected with each other and the town's resources is a main goal of Communities for Children. One way we've tried to meet that goal by is sponsoring a "Welcome to Raymond" brochure that lists town information and organizations, locations for gathering to meet or recreate, preschools and daycares. We hope to provide a copy of this brochure to all Raymond residents in a future edition of the RoadRunner. Meanwhile, you can find a copy of this brochure at the Raymond Village Library, the town office, Jordan-Small School and the Raymond Village Church. Thank you to Pam Hartig, Candi Scripture and Laurie Wallace for helping to make this brochure a reality.

A future Raymond Youth Web site is being developed to connect Raymond's young people to information about events for them. In the next few months we hope to engage a team of young people in naming, developing and updating their own town web site. This web site could provide a calendar of events for children and teens that would eventually run several months into the future. Depending on youth input, the web site could offer other possibilities for helping kids stay connected. Any youth or adults interesting in working on this opportunity can contact Mike Reynolds at mikerem@ime.net or 655-2884.

Developing community service opportunities for youth here in Raymond is another Communities for Children goal. As young people become involved in service, they will develop greater connections with other organizations and community members while "making a difference" in their town. For example, the Raymond Conservation Commission will be involving youth in a Crescent Lake Beach erosion control and restoration project scheduled for late spring.

For more information about becoming involved with Communities for Children, please call Lori Rand at 655-4277 (e-mail: lrand@ime.net) or Laurie Wallace at 655-2222. The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 7:00pm at the JSS library.

Parents of Children Entering Kindergarten in 2000

By: Eileen Stiles

As many of you may know the Raymond School Department has supported preschool children for the last 12 years. Part of this program is an in-home visit. This occurs the year your child starts school, or before if you have concerns and desire an in-home screening. These home visits start in earnest in January and continue through March when the second part of the screening occurs at the school itself. I will be calling you over the holidays and in January to set up a time convenient to the family. If your child is not currently receiving the Preschool Newsletter please call the school with your child's name, date of birth, mailing address, phone number and parents' name.

If you need to talk to me before, I can be reached at the school 655-4743, or at home 655-4193 evenings.

A Jordan-Small School Thank You

Mr. Stevens and his students would like to extend a heartfelt 'Thank You' to students, parents, community members, and faculty for their support of their annual food and present drive in December. The students collected an amazing amount of food and gift items. These items were distributed to Raymond families for the Christmas holidays. Your generosity was much appreciated.

Teen Alert!

January continues to be busy for Teens in Raymond. Hope to see many of you at scheduled events. Please tell your friends!

Date	Activity	Place
Jan., 9, 2000	Raymond Village Church Youth Group	Church, 6pm
Jan., 21, 2000	Teen Night at the Church BONCO Party...We need 16 people to play.	Church, 7pm
Jan., 24, 2000	Sunday School	Church, 10 am

All activities are open to teens in Raymond, (7th grade and above). Contact Mike McClellan for details at 655-4438. Possible plans for a Superbowl party are being developed.

RYC-2004 Peer Leader Profile

Name: Andrew Hartig
Community Hours Served to Date: 10 ½ hours
Hobbies/Sports: skiing, biking, fishing and swimming
Honors/Awards: 7th grade Honor Roll, Won Geography Bee and Spelling Bee, Camp Kieve Leadership Training, Delegate to Colin Powell's Youth Conference in Waterville.
Favorite RYC Events: bowling, dances, meetings
Future Goals: I would like to go into the Air Force, to become a pilot, and then get a scholarship for college.
Comments/Advice: "I hope that someday we can get an area for all kids to have fun. Yes, bowling is nice, but teens in Raymond have nothing to do besides that. We could really use a youth center with "fun and games" attitude in this Town. It would also make parent's lives easier, instead of having to go to Portland, they could stay in Raymond. This would be nice, too, because maybe kids from Casco or Windham would

come, help generate a little cash flow by coming to Raymond more often and paying to get their kids into a youth center."

Advisor Comment: Andrew is our spark of energy and can always be counted on for ideas, especially about finances! He has outstanding "people skills" and communicates on an exceptional level with adults. He does not shy away from "boring" events such meetings. He has been a wonderful "voice" for our group at many committee meetings: Community for Children, Raymond Recreational Association, Camp Kieve Group. He is a "doer" vs. "sayer"...a rarity for today's times. When there's a task to be done, whether it be advocating, researching, manual labor...Andrew is always focused and contributes 100%. I'd rake an insurmountable pile of sand, to find a green lawn beneath, as long as Andrew was there, too!

A Winter Poem

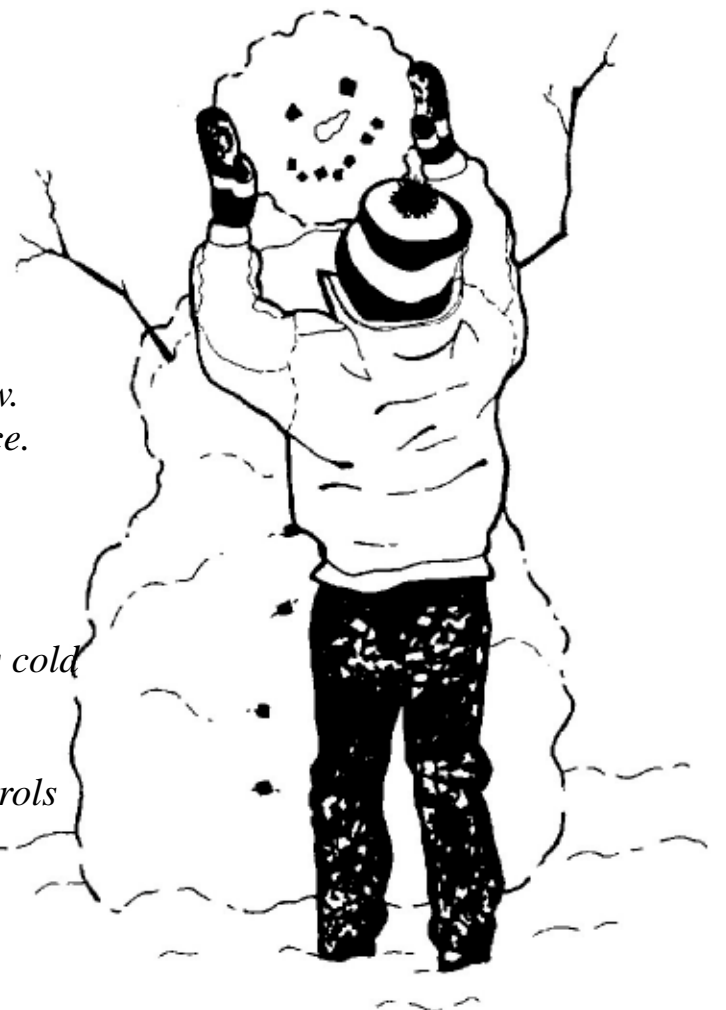
By: Everett Joe Reichert, Grade 6
Jordan-Small School

Winter is Like.....

*It is snowing outside!
The trees are all covered with snow.
The driveway is all covered with ice.
The lakes are all frozen.*

*The way people open presents
on Christmas morning.
The heat is on because everyone is cold
and celebrating Christmas.*

*The way people sing Christmas carols
and are eating all day long.
People playing games together
and watching Christmas shows.*



Elementary Playground Fund Raising

It is so exciting to see the new Raymond Elementary School take shape and form across the street. We are on schedule to open for the 2000-2001 school year. One part of the elementary school that is not covered by construction funds is the playground. We will be fund raising for the \$25,000 needed to install it for the start of next school year. We are on track with the design for the playground. Students at all grade levels provided input in the equipment that they would like to see installed, and we have just received the drawings

incorporating the children's ideas. We will be asking for community help and input for the fund raising. This is an ambitious endeavor for us, and it is our greatest hope that the bulk of the playground will be purchased and installed for the start of school next September. A wide variety of fund raising projects are being planned to involve all members of the Raymond community. If you are looking to make a tax-deductible donation for the end of 1999, consider a donation to the playground fund. All contributions will be much appreciated.

Parent Education Program

The Raymond PTA Parent Education Committee will hold an interactive forum on Monday, January 31st (with a snow date on Tuesday, February 1st) from 7:00 - 8:00 PM at the Jordan-Small School. The topic for discussion will be RAISING A RESPONSIBLE CHILD. Come and share your ideas with us. Refreshments will be served and childcare will be provided. For more information, contact Deb Hutchinson at the school at 655-4743.

PTA January Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 13th
Time: 7:00 PM
Where: Jordan-Small School Library

In order to best facilitate working parents, the January PTA meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 13. All parents of school-aged and preschool children are encouraged to attend. Child care will be available for this evening meeting.

Reading For The Millennium

On Friday, December 17, all students, faculty and staff at the Jordan-Small School participated in a CELEBRATION FOR THE MILLENNIUM. Everyone in the school, including teachers, students, secretaries, specialists, administrators, cooks, custodians, bus drivers, volunteers and visitors, read for 2000 seconds (or for approximately 33.5 minutes). This reading celebration was a way to highlight the importance of reading as we enter the new millennium. We encourage Raymond families to continue this celebration on a frequent basis and read for pleasure each and every day. Reading is the ultimate learning tool for children and adults alike, and a love for reading can last you a lifetime.

A Time For Sharing And Caring

Mrs. Hawke's, Mrs. Mirone's and Mrs. Smith's First Grade classes celebrated the holiday season with sharing and caring. On December 15, their classes visited the Casco Residential home. They sang songs and recited poetry for the residents. The children presented a 'FRIENDSHIP QUILT' to the nursing home made from squares put together during recent art classes. They filled a large basket with 'small, inexpensive and useful gifts' for the residents.

Holiday Wreath At The Jordan-Small School

If you have driven by the Jordan-Small School during the holiday season, you most likely noticed the beautiful balsam wreath that graced the front entry. We would like to thank the Lloy family of Balsam Ridge Farm for donating the beautiful wreath to the school.

A Thank You

Lester and Rowena Hawkes would like to thank all of the people for their prayers and support. They couldn't have gotten through the past few months without your help.

Local Bussineses Donate To The R.E.D. Program Auction

The Raymond Extended Day Program would like to send out a sincere thank you to the following businesses that donated to our 5th annual Halloween Lottery/Auction. Nearly \$2000.00 was raised to help families offset childcare costs. Special thanks also to Judy Stephenson and her ghoulish friends who kept the children enchanted with spooky stories. Thanks also to each of you who attended and were willing to open your pockets and donate to our program. RED's purpose is to create a safe, healthy, affordable childcare setting for children and because of your involvement, we are able to continue to do just that. Our auction is held on the Friday before Halloween weekend, so mark your calendars and plan to come in the next millennium.

Thank you to the following businesses that donated to our 1999 Halloween Lottery/Auction:

All Star Trophy
Astro Arcade
Barney's Seafood
Beacon Lanes
Blockbuster Video
Bodies by Beau
Brake & Exhaust Center
Bright Beginnings
Cabin Candlery
Cafe Sebago
Casablanca Comics
Casco Bay Lines
Charlie Beiggs
Children's Museum of Maine
Chipco
Chips Sure Fine
Chunky's Movies
CMP
Cole Farms
Common Scents Candles
Conant Construction
Creative Hair Designs
Cricket's Corner
Creative Hair Designs
Curren's
D'Angelo's
DKJ Enterprises
Downeast Sharpening
E.R. Clough
Eileen/Howard Stiles
First Title of Maine
Fisherman's Net
Fitch's Pies
Fonda's Hair Fashions
Foster Family Connections
Funtown/Splashtown
Gagnon Oil
Glen & Judy Gisel
Gorham Savings Bank
Gulf of Maine Gunsmithing
Happy Wheels
Hawkes Construction
Hole in the Wall Studio
Home Vision Video
Hudson's Floor Coverings
Ida Brown Hair Salon
Joker's Fun & Games
Jordan Bay Animal Hospital
Julie's Laundry

K & K Video
Kay's Decorating Center
Kettle Cove Marina
Key Bank
Kokatosi Campground
LeBistro Du Lac
Lee's Family Trailer
Lifestyle Fitness Center
Lisa Friedlander
Maingas
McDonald's
Meadow Brook Farms
Mr. Bagel
Murley Greenhouse
Northern Pines
Norway Savings Bank
Maine Banner
Miller's Diner
Pat's Pizza
People's Heritage Bank
Photo Barn
Pizza Hut
Portland Glass
Portland Pirates Hockey
Portland Sea Dogs
Pot Shed
Quest Travel
Ray's Barber Shop
Raymond Service Center
Red Sand's Restaurant
RF Blake Millwork
Robbins Nest
Sable Oaks Golf Club
Sears
Shaw's Supermarkets
Silver Ridge Custom Homes
Skillings Pies
Solutions
Songo River Queen
Speedy Gas Stop/Raymond
Sunset Variety
Tent T-Shirt
Thomas Kinnelly, Esq.
Time Warner Cable
Town of Raymond
True Value
Village Tennis
Williams Pies

RED is currently has openings for part time help. If you love children, are reliable, and would like to be involved in an exciting job, please call Joni at 655-3203. Help is needed on Wednesday afternoons (noon till 5 PM) and a couple of mornings (7:00 - 8:30). This is a great opportunity for a college student.

Sincerely, Joni Merrill Executive Director



Stewardship Is Alive At Morgan Meadow

By: Elizabeth Algeo

The Morgan Meadow Wildlife Management Area recently received an enthusiastic dose of volunteer stewardship. Over 40 volunteers gathered at the main gate on October 31 to apply their brawn and other common caretaker tools to the trails, woods, debris piles and parking area of this 1,072 acre tract of public land in Raymond. Teams of volunteers, including many local adults, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, cleared trails, improved visibility between the parking area and Egypt Road, improved the sightline at the main entrance, posted the parking area against illegal dumping, and removed a truck-load of asphalt roof shingles from the

property.

We are grateful to the organizers of the Halloween clean-up event: Collin Therrien of the Land for Maine's Future Program at the State Planning Office; and, Phil Bozenhard of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, for coaxing us to devote our Sunday afternoon to the care of this beautiful tract.

Thanks go also to Boy Scout Troop 805 of Windham, led by Cathy Gosselin and Judy Stephenson, which has spent several Sundays in the Meadow re-establishing overgrown trails, clearing trash (they removed three truck loads of landscaping, greenhouse and demolition materials from the main entrance parking lot), and placing identification plaques on significant natural features.

The Morgan Meadow parcel, which was purchased in 1990 by the Land for Maine's Future Board, is managed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W). Wildlife management focuses on waterfowl, furbearers and deer habitats. Forestry management is directed toward enhancing wildlife populations, protecting water quality and preserving special natural resource values. The Area is peaceful and undeveloped; travel is limited to non-motorized locomotion on old logging roads and rugged foot-trails.

For more information on the Morgan Meadow Wildlife Management Area, call IF&W in Gray (657-2345), find the Area on the IF&W website (www.janus.state.me.us/ifw/wma) or, contact the Raymond Conservation Commission (Priscilla Rand @ 655-4894; Elizabeth Algeo @ 655-6965)



Elan Basketball At JSS

For the second year, the Elan School from Poland will be playing several of their home games in the Jordan-Small School gym. Their girls and boys teams invite Raymond community members to join them for these games on Wednesday, January 12th (5:30 PM start), Saturday, January 22nd (5:30 PM start), and Saturday, January 29th (6:30 PM start).

Local Gymnast Earns 5th Place Medal

Angela Scripture, JSS 6th grader, enjoyed a tremendous start as a Level 5 USA Junior Olympic Gymnast at the Annual Turkey Tumble in Beverly, Massachusetts, in November, her first competitive meet. In spite of tough competition from 70 gymnasts and a very long 8 hours, she placed in all events: bars-5th, vault-3rd, floor-10th, beam-7th. Angela's individual, all-around score of 32.85 took the 5th place medal. Her high scores helped her team from Cumberland County Gym to bring home a 3rd place trophy! Angela has been training for level 5 for the past year. She recently performed with her sister, Amanda (level 9), on Founder's Day. In spite of training 3 nights a week, she has maintained high honors for a year and her first semester! Her next local meet is scheduled for January 23rd, in South Portland. She hopes to qualify for States, scheduled in May.

Wellness Classes Available Through St. Joseph's College

The following courses will be offered in January at the Alford Center at St. Joseph's College in Windham and are open to Raymond residents for a modest registration fee. Call 892-6766 for more information and to register.

Courses include: Step Aerobics
Yoga
Cardio-Kickboxing

Open Swim Hours continue:

Monday - Friday	Lap Swims	6:30 - 8:00 AM
		Noon - 1:00 PM
		5:00 - 6:00 PM
	Open Swims	1:00 - 2:00 PM
		6:00 - 7:00 PM

Saturday and Sunday	Open and Lap Swims	1:00 - 4:00
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(Cost is \$3.00 per visit or book of 10 for \$25)

Water Safety Instructor Course

An American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Course will be held at St. Joseph's College beginning January 24, running on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:00 - 10:00 PM. The course will run through the first week of March. Cost is \$125.00. Register in person at the Reception Desk at St. Joe's Alford Center. Payment must be made at time of registration. Participants must be at least 17 years of age.

Lifeguard Course

An American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course will be held at St. Joseph's beginning January 20, running on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 10:00 PM. Cost is \$90.00 and participants must be 15 years of age.



Raymond Recreation Association Calendar

Monday 1/3/00

Basketball Practice
 Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
 Location: Jordan-Small Gym
 10 - 12 year old practice

Tuesday 1/4/00

Basketball Practice
 Location: Jordan-Small Gym
 7 to 9 year olds 6 to 7 PM or 7 to 8 PM

Wednesday 1/5/00

Karate
 Wednesday Ski Program

Friday 1/7/00

Basketball Game
 Games begin at 6 PM, 7 PM or 8 PM
 and last for approximately one hour
 Friday Night Skiing
 Junior & Senior High School Ski Program
 Contact Peter Walgreen at 627-4504

Sunday 1/9/00

Sunday River Skiing
 Location: Sunday River - Bethel
 Three or Five Week Programs Available
 Lift Only - Three Week Program -
 Jr. \$80 / Adult \$99
 Lift Only - Five Week Program -
 Jr. \$125 / Adult \$161

Monday 1/10/00

Basketball Practice
 Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
 Location: Jordan-Small Gym
 10 - 12 year old practice

Tuesday 1/11/00

Basketball Practice
 7 to 9 year olds 6 to 7 PM or 7 to 8 PM

Wednesday 1/12/00

Karate
 Wednesday Ski Program

Friday 1/14/00

Basketball Game
 Games begin at 6 PM, 7 PM or 8 PM and
 last for approximately one hour
 Friday Night Skiing
 Junior and Senior High School Ski Program
 Contact Peter Walgreen at 627-4504

Sunday 1/16/00

Sunday River Skiing
 Location: Sunday River - Bethel

Tuesday 1/18/00

Basketball Practice
 7 to 9 year olds 6 to 7 PM or 7 to 8 PM

Wednesday 1/19/00

Karate
 Wednesday Ski Program

Thursday 1/20/00

Basketball Practice
 Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
 Location: Jordan-Small Gym
 10 - 12 year old practice

RAYMOND RECREATION ASSOCIATION SURVEY FOR SWIMMING PROGRAM

Please take a few moments and complete the following questions to help us make plans for an Indoor Swim Program proposed for the 2000-2001 school year at St. Joseph's College Pool in Windham. Your response is important!!!

Your Name _____ Address _____

Current age/s of children _____

Check any/all of the following sessions for which you would register your child. All would be learn to Swim Programs based on the American Red Cross Program. PROPOSED COST OF \$25.00 PER SESSION BASED ON 30 CHILDREN ENROLLED for 6 week session.

Wednesday After School Program (Approx. 2:00 - 3:00) Buses may be provided.
 ___ Sept - Oct (6 weeks)

___ Nov - Dec (6 weeks)

___ Jan - Feb (6 weeks)

___ March- April (6 weeks)

___ May - June (6 weeks)

___ Late Afternoon Program 1 day per week offered in 6 week blocks for the entire school year.

___ Early Evening Program 1 day per week offered in 6 week blocks for the entire school year

___ Saturday Morning Program offered in 10 week blocks for entire school year

___ Infant and Preschool Program offered on Saturday mornings 10 week blocks. Parent accompanies each child in the pool.

___ I would be willing to help with the program. Comments or suggestions welcome: (continue on back if necessary)

Mail to: Swim Survey
 766 Webbs Mill Rd, Raymond, Me 04071

Friday 1/21/00

Basketball Game
 Games begin at 6 PM, 7 PM or 8 PM and
 last for approximately one hour

Friday Night Skiing

Junior and Senior High School Ski Program
 Contact Peter Walgreen at 627-4504

Tuesday 1/25/00

Basketball Practice
 7 to 9 year olds 6 to 7 PM or 7 to 8 PM

Wednesday 1/26/00

Karate
 Wednesday Ski Program

Thursday 1/27/00

Basketball Practice
 Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
 Location: Jordan-Small Gym
 10 - 12 year old practice

Friday 1/28/00

Basketball Game
 Games begin at 6 PM, 7 PM or 8 PM and
 last for approximately one hour
 Friday Night Skiing
 Junior and Senior High School Ski Program
 Contact Peter Walgreen at 627-4504

Sunday 1/30/00

Sunday River Skiing
 Location: Sunday River - Bethel

Skiing

Skiing offers two programs. Skiing is available to children in grades 4-6 on Wednesday afternoon. The children are assigned to an instructor and ski within that group for the 10 weeks of lessons. The children are bused to Shawnee Peak. The program begins the first week of January and runs until mid March. The Wednesday Ski program is directed by Kathy Anaka at 655-2127.

For grades 7-12 skiing is available on Friday nights at Shawnee Peak. The students are bused from the Jordan-Small school. Lessons are available. Students ski with other students. This program is chaperoned by several adults. For more information contact Peter Walgreen at 627-4504.





Bricks and windows are the finishing touches on the exterior of the Kindergarten wing.

Poland Middle School Development Committee

By: Mike McClellan

I have joined the Middle School Development Committee with the new Poland school district. I attended the first meeting on 12/13 which included all 7th and 8th grade teachers (some were unavailable to attend or came late), two administrators and 4/5 parents. This committee will meet every two weeks and clearly values the parental involvement. Group discussed adding students as well. Meetings begin at 2:20 and end at 3:50. The first agenda included: Role of parents, group norms, the standards for assessing social behavior of middle school students and finally, academic assessment and report card tool improvements.

The role of the parents include:

- * adding perspective.
- * communication to other parents.
- * modeling partnerships (parent and teacher) to students.
- * support for middle school activities.
- * Help with further understanding / communication of growth and changes.

Group Norms were discussed and agreed upon by the group. Next we discussed the issues of creating and improving the assessment tools that are now in place. The group struggled with the concept of ensuring that students are involved in the process but do not lose perspective as to the roles and responsibilities of students, parents, teachers and the administration (in other words, students believing they have total control on creating school rules). After inclusive discussion it was decided by this group to create a committee to write a statement of intent that would define the roles of all participants in terms of creating assessment tools and all culture change at Poland. The committee will have two students and two parents (one from each class) as well as a teacher and an administrator. They will meet in late December and the committee will report back to the Middle School Development Committee on January 3, 2000. When completed the statement of intent will be shared to the student body to guide them in their roles in creating their school culture.

Some parents were concerned that there were no school rules or that students were gaining too much authority in creating policy and rules. This led to much discussion. There are rules and the staff are intent on ensuring the students are involved in decision making in a safe way. The meeting ended too quick as I personally enjoyed this group discussion and being accepted so easily by the educators. I was heartened to see again

how much Poland values parental and student input on a continual basis. I am the only Raymond resident at this time. If you have thoughts to share with the group please feel free to contact me!



Metal studs, plumbing, and wiring on the first floor at the new school.

