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Raymond Veterans Memorial Committee Planning an Honorable Project

By: Raymond Veterans Memorial Committee

A committee has been formed to design, develop and put into place a proper veterans memorial for the Town of Raymond. The committee plans to have the project completed before 2003 so that it may be dedicated by and incorporated into the Town's Bicentennial Celebration. The committee envisions a marble memorial stone with an appropriate inscription, a flagpole, landscaping, benches and possibly dedication markers or pavers (brick shaped stones).

Possible locations for the memorial have been researched. One location is the State rest area or picnic area at the

intersection of Webbs Mills Road and Roosevelt Trail. Another possibility includes the front portion of the new school property. The committee would like to hear from residents regarding their thoughts about these possible locations and others.

The committee has also been considering fund raising strategies. One thought is to provide people with the opportunity to honor friends and relatives who fought for this great country by purchasing individual stones or markers. Funds received for the individual stones would help fund the overall project. On the stones, it would be possible to

engrave the person's name being remembered and maybe a short message. Other dedications could be used for the purchase of trees or park benches. Again, the committee has not made any decisions and they are looking for resident input.

If the memorial is placed on Roosevelt Trail, aka Route 302, the committee plans to incorporate the location and design with the Route 302 Redevelopment Project, which is also scheduled to be well under way by 2003. Design of the redevelopment effort and the possible design renderings for the memorial may be completed this fall. At that time, the committee will provide a report in the Road Runner and possibly

at a public hearing. The committee should also have a better idea about cost of the project and how it plans to proceed with fund raising efforts.

If you have any interest with regard to this project please call any member of the committee listed below. Also, it's not too early to submit general donations that are not dedicated to a specific person. When sending a donation, please submit it to the Town Office, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Maine 04071, c/o Raymond Veterans Memorial Fund.

Don Ferry	655-2256
Dana Cobb	655-7780
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Road Runner Articles Due
Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by August 15th. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

E-Mail; Diskette; Paper
Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF)

Send School Related Articles To:
norma.richard@raymondmaine.org
christian.elkington@raymondmaine.org
or drop at Principal's Office

Send Town related articles To:
nathan.poore@raymondmaine.org
or drop at Town Hall

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Superintendent's Desk

By: David Bois

"Change and Challenge"

The completion of the Raymond Elementary School and the ongoing planning for the middle school signals that the system is embarking on a period of significant change. With this change comes the challenge to build on a successful past with a look to an exciting future.

The community can take a great deal of pride in the elementary school project. The facility is attractive and well constructed and will offer our students an outstanding educational setting for years to come. Under the enthusiastic leadership of Principal Norma Richard, we have achieved our goal of completing our playground project totally through individual and group donations. The success of this project represents one more example of the community's commitment to its children.

As we prepare for the dedication of

the elementary school in late September, we begin to shift our thoughts to the renovation and program planning of the middle school. The current schedule calls for the final plans to be completed in late fall, bidding in January and renovations to begin in the spring of 2001. With the addition of Chris Elkington, the new middle school principal, and a few staff changes, we are now in a position to devote a concerted effort to the planning and implementation of a unique middle school program.

With all of the activity that is centered around the two local projects, I want to assure you that we will continue to explore ways to increase opportunities for our students who are tutored out of the district. The School Committee will be embarking upon a study to help determine what are and will be the best options for our students in the future. As always, we will maintain close working relationships with our surrounding districts to monitor the progress of our

students.

Although circumstances can change quickly, every effort will be made to keep parents and students apprised of any changes in tuition options. If at any time, we can be of assistance to parents and students who are out of the district, please do not hesitate to call.

One of the strengths of our school system has been to encourage open lines of communication with parents and the community. As we continue to plan for the future during this period of dramatic change it will be even more critical that we receive input from a wide segment of the community. We plan to have a number of community forums to facilitate that process. It is my hope that you will participate actively in these meetings, however, always feel free to contact me or the appropriate administrator with your ideas, suggestions and concerns.

With the efforts of students, parents, and staff, I am confident that we can look forward to a successful school year.

Hazardous Waste Day August 5, 2000

By: Louise Lester

On Saturday, August 5, 2000 from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Raymond will hold a Hazardous Waste Day in conjunction with Casco, Naples and Frye Island at Jordan Small School. This will be our annual chance for Raymond residents to dispose of any hazardous materials which they have accumulated. No Bulky Waste Stickers will be required, but proof of Raymond residency will be, such as a driver's license or vehicle registration.

This year Raymond will totally subsidize each family for 2 1/2 gallons/pounds of materials, which will be quantified by CleanHarbors. Residents delivering quantities over 2.5 gallons/pounds will be charged 50% of the cost to the Town. Gallons will be used for wet substances and pounds for dry substances. People who wish to bring in more than 2 1/2 gal/lbs can pay \$10.00 for 2.5 to 5 gal/lbs, \$15.00 for 5 to 7.5 gal/lbs, and \$20.00 for 7.5 gal/lbs to 10 gal/lbs. Anyone with more than 10 gal/lbs can pay \$12.00 for each additional 2.5 gal/lbs. Florescent light bulbs will cost \$.50 each.

Items which will not be accepted include, but are not limited to: commercial waste, unknown materials, medical

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Town of Raymond Launches GIS Project

By: Kevin Woodbrey

With the launch of the Geographical Information System (GIS) Project, the Town of Raymond is embarking on an exciting new phase of information management. With money from the TIF that was approved at last years Town Meeting, we have funded the initial phase of the project. The project schedule is outlined later in the article, but first a quick introduction to GIS.

Geographical Information Systems (GIS) are becoming a common way to organize, analyze, and display information that can be related to geographic features. These features can be points, lines, or areas. Point features are things like streetlights, signs, and trees. Lines can represent streets, streams, drains, or any other linear object. Area features are objects like property parcels, lakes, municipal zones, and land use. These are just a few examples of the various objects that are geographic features. Our Town contains hundreds of thousands of these objects. To give you an idea, the 78 property tax maps contain over 2,000 parcels of land.

Now that we know we have hundreds of thousands of objects that we have to manage, how do we do it? That is where a GIS steps in. Geographical Information Systems relate information

about objects to geographical features. The information about geographical features are called its attributes. Getting back to our 78 property tax maps with the 2,000 parcels of land, we find many attributes associated with each parcel of land. For instance, each parcel has an owner, a deed, street address, a parcel number, a zoning code, and numerous other attributes. In fact, there can be well over one hundred attributes associated with a single property parcel. If you have 2,000 parcels with over 100 attributes, that comes out to 200,000 attributes just to keep track of our property parcels! Some objects may only have a few attributes, such as road signs, which may only have location, type, and condition, but overall, there are hundreds of thousands of objects with millions of attributes in the Town of Raymond.

Once the attributes are assigned to the geographical objects in the GIS, the power of the GIS really starts to shine. Now instead of writing a program to extract data from a database about an object such a property parcel, you only have to point to that object on a computerized map and all attributes of that object appear. These maps will be made available to the residents of Raymond over the

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Raymond Boy Scout Troop 800 News

By: Steve Clark, Troop 800 Scribe

Scout Camp - Camp Hinds 2000

During the week of July 9 - July 14, 2000, members of Troop 800 spent a week at Camp Hinds for Boy Scout Camp. The boys who came are: Steve Clark, Keegan Brown, Jamie Wiley, Cody Stults, Troy Knight, John Shively, Denny Cobb, Christian Gordan, Ian Hanley, Matt Peterson, Mark Gagnon, Josiah Webber, Sam Levinsky, Clint Randall, Teddy Greeley, Zeb Swick, Zane Witcher, Billy Yates, Danny Tracey and Andrew Jordan. This Troop would not have been able to attend camp without the leadership of Tom Wiley, Greg Curtis, and the assistance of Denise McKay.

Some of the activities that the Scouts participated in were: Crafts, Rifle Range, Swimming, Archery, Cope, Nature, Computer, First Aide, Swamp Romp, P. B. & J. Relay, Fire Building Competition, Pudding eating Contests, Canoe Racing, and much more!!!

Even though we had some unexpected "Rain

Showers" during the week, a lot of fun was had by all. Many boys were able to leave camp with 3 or more Merit Badges and fond memories of "The 12 Days of Scout Camp", latrine duty, falling tents and dining hall duty!!!

August activities: Saturday the 12th, the second preparatory hike for the Appalachian Trail Adventure Hike which the Troop will leave for on Thursday the 31st.

In next month's Road Runner we will update Merit Badges and rank advancements.

To keep up to date on upcoming Troop 800 activities and events check out the Troop's webpages on the town website at www.raymondmaine.org which includes contact information and other things that the Scouts have been up to. To contact by phone Jay Peterson, Scoutmaster, 655-2160 or Denise McKay, Troop Committee Chair, 655-3954.

Daren Hebold Earns Bachelor Degree

Daren Hebold of Raymond, Maine, has just earned his degree, a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Northeastern University. Daren will be moving to California's Silicon Valley in September. He will be employed by a company in Palo Alto called Lunar Design as a design engineer. Daren is the son of Walter Hebold of Raymond and Ann Hall of Casco.

NYA Spring Honor Roll

The following Raymond students were recognized at the recent Honors Assembly for their academic achievement in the Third Trimester at North Yarmouth Academy.

Highest Honors (3.70 average): Amanda Dodson, Renee Fortin, Shawn Gagne

High Honors (3.30 average): Lizzie Crockett, Bridget Gagne, Matt Fortin, Ben White, William Yates.

Honors (3.00): Colin Bumby, Ben Hutchinson, Amy Stone

NYA Sports Recognition

Three Raymond students were recently recognized for their contributions to their various sports teams in the third trimester at North Yarmouth Academy.

Shawn Gagne, the son of Brian and Fran Gagne, received the Middle School Athletic Council Award. The Athletic Council Award is given to a male and female athlete in both the middle and upper schools in each season who exhibits sportsmanship, spirit dedication, enthusiasm, leadership and contributes the most to his or her team and the Academy athletic program.

Amy Stone, the daughter of Alan and Jane Stone,

Hazardous Waste Day

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waste, prescription medicines or syringes, infectious and biological waste, radioactive waste, propane and other compressed gas cylinders, pressurized fire extinguishers, asbestos, smoke detectors, electrical equipment and ammunition, fireworks and explosives.

CleanHarbors strongly recommends that all containers have tight caps and lids and that they are in their original containers. Containers should be packed tightly upright in boxes with newspaper padding them. Paint, pesticides and household cleaners should be sorted and separate. Mixed chemicals will not be accepted. Smoking should not be allowed around these materials and children should not be allowed to handle any of these products. For more information, please call the Town Office.

What is Household Hazardous Waste? Household Hazardous Waste is any product that is classified as toxic (poisonous), corrosive, flammable, or reactive (explosive). Such products can be found in homes, garages, or workshops. When improperly disposed of, it can poison people, animals and can pollute homes and the natural environment. Many of these can be identified by reading labels. Look for the words: poison, corrosive, caution, flammable, danger, or warning.

was named a Western Maine Conference All Star for her accomplishments on the varsity girls lacrosse team.

Bridget Gagne, the daughter of Brian and Fran Gagne, was named a WMC First Team All Star. Bridget is also the Individual State Champion in the 400m and the 800m.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Date: August 5, 2000

Location: Jordan Small School

423 Webbs Mills Road

Time: 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Residents of: Raymond Casco Naples and Frye Island Households Only. Not for Commercial or Industrial Waste.

COSTS

2.5 gallons/pounds	Free
2.5 gal/lbs to 5 gal/lbs	\$10.00
5 gal/lbs to 7.5 gal/lbs	\$15.00
7.5 gal/lbs to 10 gal/lbs	\$20.00
Over 10 gal/lbs	\$12.00 per each 2.5 gal/lbs

Items may be rejected if these guidelines are not followed.

WHAT DO I BRING??	<i>From the yard:</i>
<i>From the work bench:</i>	<i>From the house:</i>
* Oil based paints	* Insecticides & chemical fertilizer
* Stains and varnishes	* Weed Killers
* Wood Preservatives	* Mothballs
* Paints/ strippers/ thinners	* Flea control products
* Aerosol cans containing pesticides, disinfectants, adhesives, paints	* Rubber cement
* Adhesives	* Fiberglass resins
* Florescent light bulbs	* Photo chemicals
* Fuels/gasoline/ kerosene	* Chemistry sets
* Antifreeze	* Furniture, floor, and metal polish
* Engine Degreaser	* Oven, drain, and toilet cleaner
* Brake Fluid	* Rug and upholstery cleaner
* Car wax, polishes with a petroleum base	* Household batteries
* Driveway sealer	
* Roofing tar	
* Swimming pool chemicals	

WHAT NOT TO BRING??	* Prescription medication / syringes
* Tires	* Compressed gas cylinders
* Latex paint	* Flares
* Non-household generated waste	* Fire Extinguishers
* Radioactive waste	* Asbestos
* Smoke Detectors	* Clean or used motor oil (can dispose at Casco / Naples Bulky Waste Facility)
* Biological waste	
* Explosive / ammunition	
* Automobile batteries	

August 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	7:00PM VL Library Club Meeting	1 7:00PM TH Selectmen	2	3 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	4	5 9:00AM-1:00PM Hazardous Waste Day
6	7	8 <i>Recycling Pickup</i>	9 <i>Recycling Pickup</i> 7:00PM TH Planning Board	10 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time	11	12 Raymond Elementary School Playgrond Installation
13	14	15 7:00PM TH Selectmen	16 7:00PM JS School Committee	17 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	18	19
20 10:00AM TH Appeals Board Site Walk	21 School Offices Open For New Student Registration 7:00PM VL Historical Society	22 <i>Recycling Pickup</i>	23 <i>Recycling Pickup</i> 7:00PM VL Audabon Loon Lecture 7:00PM VL Library Board Meeting 7:30PM FB Ladies Auxiliary	24 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	25 Appeals Board Deadline for September Meeting	26
27	28 5:00PM-6:30PM Kindergarten Family Picnic 7:00PM TH Appeals Board	29 Teacher Inservice Day	30 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	31 9:00AM Kindergarten Visit Day 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time	1 NO SCHOOL	

Raymond GIS Project

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Internet, at the Town Hall, Library, and Schools.

Let's get back to our property parcel example again. Let's say I wanted to get a map of my parcel and the surrounding parcels. I also want to get all the information about those parcels. Before GIS I would go to the Town Office and request it. Jack would have to look up the parcel number, find the map and copy it. Next I would have to identify all the adjacent properties and request the pertinent information about each parcel. Then I would have to copy all of that information. All of that would take at least 30 minutes. With GIS you would log on to an Internet connected computer and select the adjacent property parcel module, fill in your name, verify your parcel on the map, and click on enter. Within 30 seconds you would have all of the information that formerly took more than 30 minutes. Not only did I save time, but the Town increased the productivity of its employees.

In the previous example not only did we see the power of GIS to relate attributes to geographical objects, we also saw the ability to query or submit questions about how those geographical objects relate to each other. In our example we queried the relationship of adjacency or what property parcels touched the one that we were interested in. In our current environment we have no way to do this other than to manually gather and analyze the data.

Geographical Information Systems can perform extremely complex queries, which would take days of manual effort, in minutes. An example would be a query that would ask for all of the property tax parcels that were in Shoreland zoning and had leach fields constructed before 1980.

As you can see, Geographical Information Systems are an extraordinary way for us to manage our resources. As you can probably guess from our example, the first phase of the project will be to implement a Property Parcel Management System. In order for us to implement this or any other application we have to build a "base" map, on which we can overlay all other maps. Since this map is the foundation for all others, it must be the most accurate and will become our reference map. This map will consist of all roads and waterways in the Town of Raymond. To accurately locate these roads and waterways we will import existing GIS data and gather any missing data with the new Trimble Asset Surveyor.

A large amount of GIS data already exists. We are

currently in process of importing data from the United States Geological Survey (USGS), Portland Water District (PWD), Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (IF&W), State of Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT), Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG), Portland Pipeline, Central Maine Power (CMP), Census Bureau, Maine Telephone, and many others. This data will be analyzed for accuracy and then used to create the base map. We are striving to create a base map that has sub-meter accuracy. For those roads and waterways that do not meet that accuracy or are missing altogether, the Asset Surveyor will be employed.

The Trimble Asset Surveyor was purchased as an integral part of the GIS project. It consists of a differential GPS (Global Positioning System) receiver and data collection unit. This unit has the ability to collect surface location data from satellites that is accurate to within a centimeter. While it is collecting that location data on geographical objects, it also allows the operator to enter attribute data simultaneously. For example, as we correct our road data, we can enter the name of the road, the type of road, the condition, and any other attributes that we choose to associate with roads. Once the unit is returned to the Town Hall, the data is uploaded to the GIS workstation, where it is imported into the base map.

At the same time that the base map is being created, we have begun the process of transforming the 78 paper property parcel maps into digital computer maps. Since these maps have been drafted by hand they do not meet the accuracy standard for the project. In order to correct this, each map has been scanned and converted to vector format. Each map will now be corrected with a product called AutoCAD Map, a Computer Aided Design (CAD) program. Each of the 2000 property parcels will be reviewed and corrected by volunteers from the Web & Technology Committee, and Town employees.

Once all of the parcels (area features) have been corrected, they can be imported into the GIS. Once in the GIS, all of the attributes can be imported and applied to each parcel. The attribute information will be drawn from many sources, such as the records from the Assessors Office and Code Enforcement Office. Some of these records are on the Town's business computer system and some exists in paper form. After the data is complete we also will write a program that will automatically update the GIS system with any new data entered into the Town's

business computer.

If all this sounds like a lot of work, you're absolutely right, which is why the first phase of our GIS project is the hardest and the most time consuming. We estimate that this first phase will result in a usable system in 8 to 10 months. Subsequent applications that will be built on this base should see a much more rapid implementation.

The Property Parcel module will benefit both the residents of Raymond and the Town Office staff. As mentioned earlier, both the staff and residents will be able to access tax and property information more quickly, accurately, and thoroughly. They will also be able to run queries and see the result displayed graphically in the form of maps, charts and tables. A good example would be the need to mail a notice to everyone on Webbs Mills Road, notifying them of the road construction. With the current system this would be difficult, but with the GIS, a simple click on the road and then selecting the adjacent properties query would highlight all properties adjacent to Webbs Mills Road and create a list that could be used to print the envelopes for mailing the notice.

The estimated schedule for the project is shown below. A more detailed plan will be posted to the Raymond website within the next month. All other documentation for the GIS project will also be posted on the Town web site.

Once the Property Parcel Module is finished, we will begin to implement the more than 40 other applications, which will benefit municipal departments, the school, and the residents of Raymond. Below is a partial list of applications and the groups that would use them.

These and many other applications will be possible with the hard work of many volunteers that have already committed to help with this project. The Raymond Web & Technology Committee is always looking for volunteers with skills relating to this project or any other projects that we are actively involved in supporting.

Our current projects are the Raymond GIS, the Raymond Web Site, the Town Educational and Government Public Cable Access Channels, and the Town of Raymond network and computing infrastructure. Anyone with AutoCAD, GPS data collection, networking, web authoring, or digital broadcasting skills, who is interested in public service is urged to participate and their expertise will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me at kevin.woodbrey@raymondmaine.org or call me at 655-3146 if you are interested.

GIS Project Schedule

June 2000

- o Project starts
- o Project team assembled

July 2000

- o Determine computer hardware and software resource requirements
- o Acquire computer hardware and software resources
- o Research existing GIS data covering the Town of Raymond
- o Scan and vectorize Property Parcel maps

August 2000

- o Gather existing GIS data
- o Start training on GIS, CAD, and GPS software
- o Install computer hardware and software
- o Start correction of Property Parcel maps

September 2000

- o Create the base road map
- o Continue correction of Property Parcel maps
- o Gather attribute requirements for Property Parcel module

October 2000

- o Correct and add missing road map data with Asset Surveyor
- o Continue correction of Property Parcel maps
- o Start gathering property parcel attributes

November 2000

- o Create the base waterways map
- o Continue correction of Property Parcel maps
- o Create import procedures for property parcel attributes

December 2000

- o Correct and add missing waterways data with Asset Surveyor
- o Finish correction of Property Parcel maps
- o Start import of property parcel attributes

January 2001

- o Finish property parcel attribute imports
- o Start setup of Property Parcel Module for use over the Internet and intranet.

February 2001

- o Finish Property Parcel Module

Future GIS Applications

The Assessors Office

- o Property parcels
- o Zoning
- o Market property analysis

Code Enforcement

- o Property parcels
- o Locations of buildings, water supplies, sewage systems, driveways, right of ways, etc.
- o Zoning
- o Code violations
- o Permit tracking & Online Permits

Planning Board / Appeals Board

- o Zoning
- o Locations of buildings, water supplies, sewage systems, driveways, easements, etc.
- o Existing land use
- o Flood Plain
- o Subdivision planning

Conservation Commission

- o Waterways
- o Tree growth
- o Forest Management
- o Conservation areas
- o Wetlands
- o Vegetation
- o Recycling analysis

Comprehensive Plan

- o Public land inventory and use
- o Zoning
- o Locations of buildings, water supplies, sewage systems, driveways, rights of way, etc.
- o Existing land use
- o Waterways
- o Wetlands
- o Vegetation
- o Drainage / flood plains
- o Soils

Public Works

- o Roads
- o Facilities management
- o Culverts
- o Drainage
- o Street Lights
- o Garbage removal/recycling routing

Public Safety

- o Code violations
- o Accident location analysis
- o Response time analysis
- o Flood plains
- o Emergency equipment location and response areas
- o Fire department inspections

School Department

- o Student distribution for bus routing
- o History trails
- o General mapping

Recreation

- o Map creation
- o Facilities management
- o Snowmobile trails
- o Horse trails
- o Hiking trails

Business

- o Area business locations
- o Tourist maps

**Raymond Beach Is Not Open Until
Further Notice - The Boat Ramp May
Be Open Labor Day**

Direct Care Position

Progressive people wanted to work part time or per diem with a 19-year-old woman with autism and mental retardation.

An idyllic setting in Raymond on a 200 year old, 3 acre farm with gardening, animal care, baking, recycling, and arts and crafts as some of the highlights.

We are looking for people who believe we all have a right to choices and that every one of us has a gift within ourselves to offer others.

Come join us as we assist this young woman and others like her to reach her full potential in a natural home-like setting and with an educated holistic approach to their well being.

When interested, please call 655-3196 any day 6A.M.-10P.M. for an interview. Please ask for Donna Thibodeau or Jane Gagnier.

Latest History Trail A Huge Success!

Raymond's newest history trail, "Significant Citizens of Raymond," opened on Sat. June 25. Tour Guides Elizabeth Stevenson, Robyn Stillings, Alison Remalia, John Atwood, Joey King and April Cox led a bus load of people from North Raymond all the way down to Raymond Cape. Sites this year were selected to represent the accomplishments of a variety of individuals who have helped to shape the history of our community. Featured highlights included a visit with Mrs. Frances Small, a trek out to view the last remains of Princess Goldenrod's "Tepee Gift Shop" on Rt. 121 and a tour through a museum at Camp Wohelo. All of the

tour guides were congratulated by our guests for doing such an outstanding job!

We'd like to thank those who helped make this year's trail such a successful venture- Faith Vance who helped us out with boxed lunches and bags of penny candy from "Clough's General Store;" Phil Cole for his help with historical background on our visit to the Raymond-Casco Historical Society in Casco; Louise and Mark VanWinkle for the time they spent with us at Camp Wohelo; Abel Bates and the Hawthorne Society for the use of the Hawthorne House; and last but not least, our bus driver Paul Godwin, who saved the day when our first bus was about to break down.

Copies of all of the trail maps will be available in the town hall and the Village Library. We're hoping to have all trails on the Raymond website by fall. Stay tuned for our latest version of these trails as we pilot "Letterboxes"- a community treasure hunt, next

summer! For more information about the trails- feel free to contact Debbie Blanchard at the new Raymond Elementary School.



Mrs. Frances Small greets History Trail tour participants

Principal's Corner

By: Norma Richard

The next few weeks are going to be very exciting and very busy as we finalize plans for the move to the Raymond Elementary School. I know that students, parents, and community members are anxious to see the new school. It is a beautiful facility and has outstanding spaces for our elementary educational program. It will still take us several weeks for all of the new furniture to be delivered and installed, and for teachers and staff to unpack and get ready for the start of the new school year. I would like to invite you to visit during the week of August 21. Students and their parents can locate the office and classrooms and get a general feeling of the layout of the building. I do ask that students come for a visit accompanied by a parent or adult as there still is a lot of work going on in the school.

WE MADE OUR PLAYGROUND GOAL!!!!!!
Thanks to a generous donation, and the support and contributions from families, businesses, friends and staff, we have reached our goal of \$25,000 for the new playground at the Raymond Elementary School. This has been an amazing campaign, and my heartfelt thanks go to each of you who contributed to this effort. Our next phase is the installation on Saturday, August 12. Plan on meeting at the new playground site (behind the elementary school) at 8:00 for coffee and donuts and a fun time at our community playground raising. Please call the office at 655-4743 for a list of tools and supplies needed for the 12th. We hope that you will join us.

New Student Registration For The Raymond School District

The Raymond Elementary School (kindergarten - grade 4) and the Jordan-Small School (grades 5 and 6) offices will be open starting Monday, August 21 to enroll new students. Proof of residency is required to register new students.

You may also register new students prior to the 21st at the Superintendent of Schools office. This office will be moving in August to the new Raymond Elementary School. Please call 655-3002 or 655-8666. We would like to remind parents that prior approval from Superintendent Bois is required to register students in grades 7 - 12 or to transfer a student to a new middle or high school.

Questions About K - 12 Transportation

Paul Godwin, transportation director for the Raymond School Department, invites parents to contact him at 655-5372 if they have questions about bussing for Raymond students in grades K - 12. This is especially important for new students so that Paul can determine any adjustments to last year's bus runs. He can also help to clarify pick-up and drop-off times for both the 7 - 12 and K - 6 bus runs. Currently there are no major changes to the bus schedule for next year. We will still pick up students in grades K - 6 on the same runs. There may need to be adjustments during the first few weeks of school as day care and other student issues get settled, and we ask for your patience during this time.

We also want to remind parents that any changes in a child's bus run during the school year must be given in writing to the school office. As our buses have been nearing capacity in the past few years, inviting children to your home for parties or other events must be approved in advance.

Kindergarten Summer Picnic And Visit Day

Incoming kindergarten students and their families are invited to a potluck picnic on Monday, August 28 from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. This is an opportunity for kindergarten teachers and families to meet each other, and for our youngest students to tour the new Raymond Elementary School as part of their transition to school. Please bring a picnic supper for your family. Drinks and dessert will be provided by the school.

Also, Kindergarten Visit Day will be held on Thursday, August 31 from 9:00 - 10:30 AM. Kindergarten parents are asked to bring their child to school on this day. The children will have the chance to meet their teacher and classmates and participate in several activities. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with Ms. Richard and other school staff in the library. The visit will conclude with a bus ride. Regular kindergarten sessions will then start on Tuesday, September 5. There is no school on Friday, September 1. We look forward to seeing kindergarten children at the picnic and on Visit Day.

Mark Your Calendars!
Dedication of the new
Raymond Elementary School
Sunday, September 24, 2000
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Detailed information to follow in the
September edition of Roadrunner.

Contacting The Raymond School Department

The office of the Superintendent of Schools and the K - 4 elementary program will be transitioning to the new Raymond Elementary School in August. The following phone numbers have been assigned to these new offices. If you cannot reach the Superintendent's office at 655-3002 or 655-4743 (Jordan-Small School), please contact them at their new numbers. We expect the offices in the Raymond Elementary School to be fully occupied and functional by August 15, 2000.

Superintendent of Schools David Bois and Special Education Director Meg Waters:

655-8666 (main office phone)
655-8661
655-8662
655-8663 (fax)

Raymond Elementary School, Norma Richard, Principal:

655-8672 (main office phone)
655-8673
655-8674
655-8664 (fax)

Jordan-Small School, Chris Elkington, Principal:

655-4743 (main office phone)
655-7113
892-3758
655-6952 (fax)

Pot Roast Supper
Raymond Village Community Church
3rd Saturday each month (March thru
October)
4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Pot Roast, Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans,
Gravy
Biscuits, Beverages and Dessert
Handicap Accessible - Take Outs Available

New Employees For The Raymond School District

Superintendent David Bois would like to welcome the following personnel to the Raymond School District:

Christian Elkington - Principal at the Jordan-Small School
Kerry Glew - Receptionist/secretary at the Jordan-Small School
Richard Dwinell - Head Custodian
Kathy Gillis - Kindergarten teacher
Jennifer Potter - Grade 4 teacher
Randi Preis - First semester grade 4 teacher for Mrs. Blanchard
Sasha Thomas - Day Treatment teacher at the Jordan-Small School
John Dionne - COTA (Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant)
Pat Hutchinson - Health Aide at the Raymond Elementary School
Deborah Murray - Technology Aide
Angela Freitas - Educational Technician III
Rowena Hawkes - Educational Technician I
Mary McIntire - Educational Technician III
Jaine Stevenson - Food Service worker

Raymond Village Community Church
United Church of Christ
Main Street, Raymond
207-655-7749
Rev. Dr. Richard Tulip
Worship 10:00 am - Handicap Accessible

Century Campaign Contributors

By: Norma Richard

On behalf of students and staff, I would like to thank the following contributors to the Raymond Elementary School Playground CENTURY CAMPAIGN. We are so very excited as we have reached our initial goal of \$25,000. This has been a tremendous campaign, and I would like to extend a heart felt "Thank You" to everyone who has contributed to this project. The next phase begins on August 12 with the playground installation. We can all take pride in the community efforts in seeing this playground built at the Raymond Elementary School.

Maine Power Company
Leslie and Bruce Male
Smith and Associates, CPAs
Meg Waters
HCI/Craftsman
Robert and Katherine Lawrence