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Raymond Founders Day Committee

June 23rd is the date. Please mark it on your calendar and plan to spend the day in and around Raymond Village.

The Committee met in March and fleshed out its plans for this year's celebration. Still in the planning stage are the earliest events; the 5 & 10 K road race & children's fun run and the parade. One entry in the parade is a certainty and that is Ruth Shadbolt's clowns. Ruth has acquired more costumes and promises a lot of fun for those participating.

Entertainment is coming together with karate and tai chi exhibitions, folk singer Carole Wise, weight lifting, dance, a folk singing group to be announced & a drama group. More is coming. There will be something for everyone. Watch this space next month.

We will be contacting Raymond businesses and offering them an opportunity to set up a display both to let everyone know what they do and also offer limited sales opportunities. This is designed for permanent, established Raymond busi-

nesses.

Under consideration is an art exhibit. We are making contact with those in that field and hope to have more information by late April.

All nonprofit organizations in Raymond are urged to participate in the parade and on the field on Mill Street with a display, exhibition or fund & fun raising activities. Please let us know before June 1st if your group would like to be involved.

The next committee meeting will be 7:00 PM, Tuesday, April 24, at the Town Office. We want your input. Please contact the following people for information and offers of help:

- Melanie & Basil Champniss Entertainment 655-7929
- Louise Lester Road Race 655-4742
- Chris McClellan Parade 655-3131
- Bob Jones Food booths, display tables, exhibits, etc 655-5151

Road Runner Articles Due
Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by April 15th. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

E-Mail; Diskette; Paper
Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF) on diskette or as e-mail attachments.

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

Send Town related articles To:
elizabeth.cummings@raymondmaine.org
or drop at Town Hall

Comprehensive Planning and Conservation in Raymond

By: Priscilla Rand

It has already been 12 years since the Town's current Comprehensive Plan was created. During those years it has served as a valuable reference for Raymond's growth management. The Plan now needs revision and updating. Before he left Raymond, Nathan Poore appointed a new Comprehensive Planning Committee to start this process. On February 27, the Raymond Conservation Commission met with four

members of the new Committee to establish a road map for a new plan whereby both Committees might interact - such as on open space planning; reaffirming Raymond's favorite places; making specific areas more accessible for hiking, snowmobiling and hunting such as Morgan Meadow; and researching Community Facilities and Services, Transportation etc.. Copies of the existing plan are available at

the Town Office for townspeople to review. The Comprehensive Plan Committee needs more volunteers. Those citizens interested in serving on the Committee should contact the Town Office.

The Conservation Commission meets on the last Tuesday of every month, September - June, at the Jordan Small School, 7:00 P.M. The public is always invited.

A Vision For Raymond

By: Christine O. McClellan

Chairperson, Route 302 Corridor Committee

Traveling along the stretch of Route 302 day in and day out, on our way to work and back, conducting our daily business, is an experience most of us endure with ambivalence. July and August make us pay more attention; the prospect is more chal-

lenging, fraught with frustration and teeth clenching as we attempt these chores with the hope of coming out unscathed.

Wouldn't it be nice, we imagine, if it were easier (and thus safer), to buy our milk, gas up the car, pick up the dry cleaning, go out to eat, whatever; basically to enjoy the goods and services that the Raymond businesses have to offer us all. And imagine that perhaps we didn't have to use the car, but that we could walk or ride a bike safely

to get what we need or want (which might even be a little exercise!).

This is the vision that the Route 302 Corridor Committee has been working on. Best of all, the vision has the chance of becoming a reality!

Please join us on April 10th at the Jordan Small School at 7:00 P.M. for the opportunity to help shape the future of our Town's major transportation corridor.

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Raymond Elementary School kindergarten children presented Scott Nash, Emmy award winning artist, illustrator and animator, with their own larger-than-life version of Tucker from the book Oh, Tucker!. Scott Nash Day was held at the Raymond Elementary School on Friday, March 2.

Raymond Elementary School Update

By: Norma Richard

Scott Nash, Emmy award winning artist, illustrator and animator, was our guest at the Raymond Elementary School on March 2. Scott and his wife, Nancy, were overwhelmed with the depth and quality of our students' work that was proudly and prominently displayed for Scott Nash Day. Each grade "adopted" one of his books prior to the visit. Under the direction of Katie Hall, our art teacher, the children created artwork based on Mr. Nash's illustrations. Our hallways have been graced by six rather large hogs (on a scooter), Martian rocks, dinosaurs headed for a stomp, and a larger than life-size Tucker, a very lovable and rather rambunctious dog. It was absolutely wonderful to watch our children and their enthusiasm throughout the day as Scott read from his books and shared his drawing talents with students in each grade level. The entire school ended this very special day

with the fourth grade play, *Over the Moon*, based on a story illustrated by Scott. Scott Nash Day was a highlight of a very special first year in our new school. On behalf of students and faculty, I would also like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to Jeanine Lauber of Channel 8 News for enabling us to share this day with family and friends through her delightful news coverage of the day.

We have (hopefully) made it through the worst of the winter weather. In spite of the many interruptions due to early dismissals and storm days, the children continued to do outstanding work. I want to take this opportunity to thank our custodial staff, especially Rick Dwinell, Donna Larrabee, Dale Burnell and Trish Cole, for their hard work in keeping the building plowed, shoveled, and sanded during this long and difficult winter. In light of all the snow we have had, I anticipate that we are going to have a very muddy spring on our playground. Please be sure that your children are properly dressed for recess and that they continue to wear boots until we

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News From The Raymond Village Library

The library will be closed on Easter, April 15. The next Sunday, April 22, it will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Reading Group will meet on April 26 at 7 p.m. *Stones from the River*, by Ursula Hegi will be discussed. This is a very informal, enjoyable way to discover new authors and new books. If you are able to attend just one or two meetings a year, you will be welcomed. FMI please call 655-4283.

The Raymond Library Club will meet on Thursday, April 5, at 7 p.m. Members are asked to help increase our Club membership by bringing a friend, neighbor or spouse to this meeting in the hope of demonstrating the many ways members can contribute to their library. After the business meeting, those attending will be treated to a fascinating program conducted by Connie Cross, President of the Loon Echo Land Trust. She will show slides and speak on issues of land preservations. Connie has been involved in the organization since 1987, when it was started by a small group of people deeply concerned about the increasingly rapid shrinkage in the amount of land available for public use and wildlife habitat maintenance.

Art works of Carol Griggs and Cathy Dodge are now exhibited at the library through April for your enjoyment. Carol discovered her love for painting about eight years ago after retiring from her work in accounting. She prefers watercolors as a medium and is a student of Charlene Lee. She has exhibited at various shows in the area. Cathy Dodge, a Realtor by profession, is married with three children and still finds time to paint. She enjoys using acrylics and oils, but says she uses paint "lightly". Her themes are mostly still life, centering on flowers, fruits and her unique fish.

The Maine Audubon Society, thanks to a grant from the Loon Echo Land Trust, is presenting a program for children on April 25, at the library. "Springtime Sciences" for grades K-3 will be presented from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Discover what all the commotion is about during this active time of year. Puppets and sensory challenges help participants understand springtime and all its changes. "Teeth, Tracks and Sign" will be held for grades 2 - 6 will be presented from 3:30 to 4:30. Become an animal detective and learn to identify some of Maine's mammals by the tracks and sign they leave behind. Learn to record tooth formulas, draw and identify animal tracks and how to pour plaster track casts. To sign up for either program, please call the library

at 655-4283.

When you come into the library be sure to look for the beautifully decorated eggs, by APRIL. She is a local crafter, who has utilized her many talents and different types of crafts, such as quilting, to decorate these exquisite eggs. They can be seen in the display case in the library.

Lessons for Intermediate Bridge will be available beginning April 30 from 10 am to noon. This will run for 10 weeks at a cost of \$20. There is a two table minimum. The instructor is Paul Barber. If interested please sign up or call the library at 655-4283.

The Children Story Hour needs volunteer readers for Thursday mornings. If you love to read and have this time available, please consider sharing your love of books with pre-school children. Call Sandy Wilkas at 655-2742.

Raymond Looking For Committee Members

The Town of Raymond is asking for volunteers who would be willing to devote a few hours a month to a Board or Committee. Currently one position is vacant on the Planning Board. The Comprehensive Plan Committee will be organizing to develop an update to Raymond's 1991 Comprehensive Plan. The Founders Day Committee is working toward Founders' Day, June 23, 2001, and for the long-range plan, our Bicentennial Celebration in 2003. The Clerk's Office is always looking for people who would be willing to work as Ballot Clerks at our elections. There are numerous groups also who would like to welcome anyone interested in joining their work. For more information about any of these boards or committees, please call Louise Lester at the Town Office 655-4742.

Unclaimed Property

A Message from State Rep. Joe Bruno District 38

Raymond and part of Windham

In an effort to reconnect people with unclaimed property that the State of Maine has possession I am trying to locate the following people. They may call me at home at 655-7443 or look at the web site www.state.me.us/treasurer/ and find the amount of their claim. The values range from \$12 to 1500.00. By calling me I will give them their claim number or it can be located on the website. They may also call the State Treasurer's office directly at 1-888-283-2808. Thanks for your help.

David Anderson
Diane Blanchard
Ronald Brown
Richard Buzzell
Randall Cail
Casco Northern Bank
Lisa Chase
George Chevarie
Felicia Connellan
James Crow
Joseph and Beatrice Davio
Dielectric
George Dolimont
Debra Duchaine

Phyllis Hammar
Doris Hammond
Elizabeth Harvey
Annie Hashey
Joy Hayes
Beth Hurd
Tim & Denise Johnson
Joseph Joyce
John Karofsky
Temo Luc Keilt
Ernest & Louise Knight
Kenneth Landry
Krista Laughlin
Santa Liucci

Dawn Dumond
Frank Farwell
Grace Farwel
Mary Feltovi
Joanna & Logan Fisher
Virginia Flynn
General Parts Inc.
Catherine & Kathleen Gosselin
Paterson
Amanda & Maureen Niles
Robert & Barbara Payne
Barbara Sawyer
Clifford Small
Adma Willis
Kim & Stefan Winslow

Amber & Tina Loring
Stanley Malinowski
Hank McCarvel
Michael McClellan
Alan McGlory
Dale Meade
Gerald Miranda
Daniel Morrill
Joanne O'Brien
Earl Webster
RD Nichols
Shooters Billiards
Garrett Taylor
Joseph Witt

Raymond Food Pantry

The Raymond Food Pantry is open at the Town Office during business hours for receiving dry goods. If you need perishable foods like frozen meats, please make an appointment so that a Pantry volunteer can meet you. This service is to give families a little extra help when they need it. All requests are kept confidential.

Please call the Town Office at 655-4742 or the Pantry coordinator at 428-3206 for an appointment or come in during business hours for bagged foods.

April 2001

Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Set Your Clocks Ahead One Hour Start Daylight Savings Time	2	3 Recycling Pickup 7:00PM TH Selectmen	4 Recycling Pickup 7:00PM RE School Committee	5 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	6	7
8	9	10 7:00PM JS A Vision For Raymond	11 7:00PM TH Planning Board	12 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time	13	14
15	16 No School April Vacation	17 Recycling Pickup 7:00PM TH Selectmen No School April Vacation	18 Recycling Pickup 5:30PM RE Senior Citizen Dinner 7:00PM RE School Committee No School April Vacation	19 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club No School April Vacation	20 No School April Vacation	21
22 10:00AM TH Appeals Board Site Walk	23	24 7:00PM JS Conservation Commission	25 7:00PM VL Library Board Meeting	26 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	27	28
29	30 7:00PM TH Appeals Board					FB=Fire Barn JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd RE=Raymond Elementary TG=Town Garage RT85 TH=Town Hall VL=Village Library

Volunteers Wanted And Needed

Volunteers are needed to help some of Raymond's elderly and disabled residents through the rough times of winter. Many are alone and have no family to lend a hand with basic chores. If you are interested in offering your time to help one of your neighbors either on a onetime or regular basis, please contact Mary Winters of the People's Regional Opportunity Program. She is available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 892-1288 and in the Raymond Town office on Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. (655-4742).

Raymond Food Pantry Running Low

The Raymond Food Pantry has been particularly hard hit this winter and desperately needs to replenish the following:

Fruit, canned
Soups
Cereal
Macaroni and cheese
Cooking oils/vegetable oil
Jell-O/puddings
Jellies/jams
Marshmallow Fluff
Milk, canned
Carrots, canned
Green Beans, canned
Peas, canned
Mixed vegetables, canned
Tomatoes, canned all kinds
Baked Beans, canned
Potatoes, canned
Spaghetti O's/all canned pastas
Spaghetti sauce
Meat, canned but not salmon
Crackers
Pancake mixes
Syrup, pancake
Biscuit mixes
Condiments, all kinds
Laundry detergent
Dish detergent
Cleaners
Baggies, foil, Saran Wrap
Toilet paper
Paper towels
Napkins
Kleenex

Donations can be delivered to the Town Office, 401 Webbs Mills Road. We appreciate any gifts which we receive.

From the Tax Collectors Office

Tax bills for the 2nd half of the 2000/01 tax year were mailed out the middle of March and are due April 30th. Interest will start accruing daily as of May 1st. If you did not receive your tax bill you may call 655-4742. If we are unaware of an address or Post Office Box Change, your mail could be returned to us as undeliverable.

If you are now paying last October's payment along with your April payment, interest will be charged leaving a tax balance on the 2nd half.

If your taxes are not paid in full **PRIOR TO JUNE 30th**, your name will appear in the next Town Report.

All properties are assessed as of April 1st. Tax bills are mailed to whoever owned it as of that date. If purchase was made after that date and the prior owner does not forward on the tax bill, you may call the Town Office at the number above and we will be happy to mail you a copy.

If you need to contact the Assessor, he is in on Thursdays – 8:30 to 4:00 or you may reach Donna, the Deputy Tax Collector, Tuesday through Saturday at regular Town Office hours.

Legislative Report

By: Joe Bruno

State Representative, District 38
Raymond & Part of Windham

It is the middle of March and serious budget negotiations are beginning so that we can get the budget passed by the end of the month. The legislature does this so that towns will have some idea of what they can expect from the state in terms of general-purpose aid for education, the largest piece of municipal budgets. The legislature received the latest report from the Revenue Forecasting Commission that increases our revenue shortfall to over \$300 million. The legislature and the governor must now come up with a balanced budget as directed by our state constitution. Let's look at the proposals put forth by the governor.

The governor has proposed increasing the meals and lodging tax for non-class A restaurants from 5 to 7 percent. A class A restaurant is one that serves liquor on the premises. Currently, if you eat at a chain restaurant that doesn't serve alcohol (McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's) the sales tax is 5%. If the legislature accepts the governor's proposal you would pay a 7% tax.

Another tax increase that is being proposed is to increase the cigarette excise tax from 74 cents to 1 dollar per pack, a 35 percent increase. This increase would be used for the shortfall, not for expanding programs. There are other bills submitted that would increase the tax even more to fund expansion of programs.

Many people who are in the state retirement system are

Why Recycle?

By: Philip Hammett

Outside of a few weather glitches this winter (and who hasn't had these), Raymond's curbside recycling program is now better off than it has been in the past. The new pick-up contractor is taking our materials back to Lewiston, where we can monitor their volume, and share in the revenues from their sale. With the program on a more even footing, it's time to take a look at how we're doing in terms of recycling amounts.

Our current recycling rate of about 10% (curbside recyclables compared to curbside trash), is slightly under towns such as Casco (12.5%), but quite low when compared to others. Falmouth, for example, has a rate of over double ours (24.5%), and Portland has a rate over three times ours (36.6%)! To achieve rates such as these, we need to change our habits, and to do that we need to change our way of thinking. In essence, we need to ask ourselves, "Why Recycle?"

Economic Reasons:

Certainly, rates as high as Portland's would be desirable in many respects: not only would it help our environment, but we could save money on our overall waste budget. While our pick-up costs are not dependent on tonnage, our drop-off charges are. Every ton we put into the trash costs us \$31.50 to dump at the MMWAC plant, yet every ton we recycle earns us about \$33, depending on market prices. Since every ton recycled takes a ton out of the waste stream, we have a net gain of about \$64 for every extra ton we recycle! If we double our recycling rate, this will save us about \$10,000 per year! A rate such as Portland's would save us \$27,000 per year!

Saving Resources:

We can do something about the world's rapidly dwindling natural resources. Everyone has heard of forest depletion, the disasters of strip mining, and the limits of oil reserves. Add to this the fact that, as a country, we use five to six times the resources of the average world citizen, and we can foresee a mushrooming effect. If the developing world starts using resources at the same rate we do, then suddenly there won't be enough to go around. We can reduce our dependence on "virgin" (newly cut or mined) resources, by recycling more. Every ton of paper recycled saves about seventeen trees. This means that our recycling efforts in Raymond saved 1,700 trees last year, and we could triple that!

Reducing Pollution:

Each ton of paper recycled saves thousands of gallons of

concerned about the re-amortization schedule increase. The proposal is similar to re-mortgaging your home and extending the payments a few more years to pay a lower rate. Under current state law the unfunded liability must be paid off by the year 2028. If we re-amortize it still allows us to pay off the unfunded portion by 2024, still ahead of the statutory date but with a price tag of 778 million dollars in increased interest paid.

General-purpose aid is scheduled to increase by 5% the first year and 3% the second year of the budget. Under discussion is also adding 5 million dollars in what is known as a cushion, so that schools would not receive any less than they did last year. I strongly support this because the schools in southern Maine have seen rising property values which leads to less aid from the state. Adding a cushion would help the towns that I represent. The state's commitment to K-12 education would amount to over 1.4 billion (with a b) dollars in this budget.

Other discussions in the budget involve the technology endowment, taking money from the Rainy Day fund, higher education, the use of tobacco money to plug the hole due to Medicaid expenditures, restraining growth in Medicaid using various techniques such as prior authorization and not beginning programs authorized by the last legislature. Next November you will also be asked to vote for bonds totaling over \$100 million.

I seek your input on all these proposals. If you need more information on any of these issues please contact me via e-mail at jbruno1@maine.rr.com, phone 655-7443(home), 287-1440(state house), or write to 168 Egypt Rd, Raymond, ME 04071. Your comments allow me to represent you better.

water from the pollution of regular paper processing, plus a 75% reduction in air pollution from paper processing.

Energy Savings:

Worried about energy shortages or the rising cost of energy? Think about this: each year the U.S. throws away 28 billion glass bottles and jars. If these were recycled, they would save the equivalent of 280 million gallons of gasoline! Recycling aluminum saves so much energy that throwing away an aluminum can is like throwing away half its volume in gasoline. If the U.S. recycled all of its aluminum cans that would save enough oil to fill 150 oil tankers!

Think we'd be crazy not to recycle? You're right! Let's take that extra couple of minutes each day to set aside all the materials that we can recycle in Raymond. You'll be surprised how much you can shrink your trash! You can get more information at the town office, or look here- each month we will focus on a different material or recycling issue.

Overdue Dog Licensing Rates

As of April 1st an added \$10.00 will be charged over the regular fees of \$7.50 for non-neutered dogs and \$4.00 for neutered dogs. This was instituted after the Dog Warrant was signed by the Selectmen on March 20th.

Trail Use Meeting

On Thursday, April 12, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office, horsemen, ATV'rs, snowmobilers, and other trail users are invited to a gathering to discuss trail uses and abuses in Raymond. There will be a discussion of how to use the Town's maps and information to contact landowners for permission to use their land. General discussion on problems in Raymond and how we can deal with them will also be held.

Help Available

If you are having a hard time keeping up with chores, please call Mary Winters of the People's Regional Opportunity Program. Mary is connecting people who need help with volunteers who want to be of service to their friends and neighbors. Mary is available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 892-1288 and in the Raymond Town Office on Thursdays from 1 to 2 PM (655-4742)

Troop 800 News

By Tim Curtis, Life Scout

On February 24, we went to Mrs. Jane Jordan's house on Raymond Pond for some fun and gathering. Many of the Boy Scouts and their families showed up to the event. First, we made 30 ice-fishing holes in the pond and began to bait them. Unfortunately, my superb fishing luck was there and no fish were caught (I have yet to catch any). So, while we waited around, we ate a wonderful lunch.

In the afternoon, we were still waiting for some fish to be caught, so we skated, skied, or walked around for a while. Then we did the highlight of the day...launching rockets. Donny McKay had most of the rocketry equipment, but just like NASA, it took a while before we had the launching equipment ready. The best part was not the launching of the rockets, but the attempts to get to the rocket first when it lands. This caused a problem when one of the scouts went out on his snowmobile. He and I were chasing the rocket, but I failed to get to it first. His snowmobile had some technical difficulties and we were forced to send a group out to help him. That is one of the rockets we will remember, but another rocket almost went across the pond. This was an event that will make us smile when we remember the cold, the rockets, the slick ice, and no fish.

The next big event happened on March 4 at Mt. Abrams. We met at Mill Street at 7:30 in the morning, but both our Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader had the old schedule of 8:00. After that bumpy start, we made our way to the mountain. After we got tickets and skis (or snowboards) we went out onto the slopes. We went down the mountain twice before we had our educational lesson...a Ski Patrol Demo of having Mr. Curtis be a victim with major problems. It looked so real that another Ski Patroller thought it was real. A few more runs and then it was lunch.

After lunch there was a race in which Jay Peterson, Joe Stevens, and Zeb Swick took part. Joe got 4th, Zeb got 6th, and Mr. Peterson got 8th. While they were racing, I got the "great idea" of taking the T-bar. After a long while, my buddy and I decided that the T-bar wasn't for us. Next, we learned about Snowboarding and Telemarking. One more run down the mountain and we had to leave. Overall, it was a great day.

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, call Jay Peterson, Scoutmaster, 655-2160 or Denise McKay, Troop Committee Chair, 655-3954.



Troop 800 and launching rockets on Raymond Pond at Jane Jordan's



Members of Troop 800 being instructed by the Mt. Abram Ski Patrol on stabilizing and preparing to move "accident victim" Asst. Scoutmaster Greg Curtis.



Here the immobilized Mr. Curtis, sporting a blanket, head restraint, and a full neck brace, is strapped to a sled to be transported to the base lodge surrounded by attending scouts Christian, Zeb, Josiah, Joe, Zane, Andrew and Tim. Mr. Curtis experienced a miraculous recovery to make several more runs down the mountain.



Scout Donny McKay makes the final connection as Josh Knights looks on.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Pack 800 News

Pack 800, Den Five, Raymond, Maine, recently toured the construction site of the new residence hall at Saint Joseph's College. This helps them earn their Engineer Activity Pin.



From L to R: Travis Fisher, James Fisher, Ryan Loreng, Robbie Cave, Tom Cave, Elijah Hughes. After being given the tour by Kemp Carey, the Superintendent for Pizzagalli Construction, they enjoyed milk and cookies at the cafeteria.

First year Webelos are put through their paces by June Keniston, cardiokickboxing instructor at Solutions gym in Raymond. They were working towards their Physical Fitness pin and seemed to get quite a kick out of doing it!



From left to right; Kyle Robbins, Tayla Robbins, Chris Meyers, Zachary Vanbaars, Nathaniel Dixon, Brian Larocque, Jeffery Larocque, June Keniston



Nathaniel Dixon tests his hamstring and gluteal muscle strength by doing leg curls under the supervision of Sam Riley, Solutions owner and personal fitness trainer.



Second year Webelos Cub Scouts during the crossover ceremony in which they became Boy Scouts.



After the crossing-over ceremony all the old and new Scouts from Troop 800 stand together.

Jordan-Small Middle School Winter Carnival A Big Success!

By: Mr. Boyle, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Keller
Winter Carnival Committee

Wednesday, February 14, 2001

Over 200 students, staff, parents, and volunteers gathered under partly sunny skies for a day of fun at the Raymond Elementary School ball field.

The winter activities actually began a week earlier with each homeroom working as a team to build a snow sculpture pertaining to a Maine-based theme. The students worked very hard together creating their sculptures with support from our staff.

On the day of the carnival, the students enjoyed team competitions in toboggan racing, cross-country skiing, snowshoe racing, and Tug-O-War. Thanks to the Raymond P.T.A., everyone enjoyed hot cocoa, cold drinks, and a tasty snack bar containing fruit and baked goods. P.T.A. volunteers also assisted the kitchen staff in providing a cookout of delicious grilled hot dogs for hot lunch students, teachers, and volunteers.

The success of the winter carnival would not have been possible without the assistance of the following people:

Winter Carnival Committee: Beau Boyle Jack Fitch, John Keller

Race Director: Beau Boyle

Race Officials: Christian Elkington, Jo Martyn-Fisher, Jack Fitch, John Keller

Snow Sculpture Judges: Katie Hall, Faye Reynard, Kathy Woodbrey

Video: Linda Hoffman

Photographers: Cindy Terry, Mary Thornton

Snow Groomers: Mr. Dale, Patrick Woodbrey, Raymond Public Works Dept.

All-around helpers: Randy Crockett, Ron Gagnon, Kim Winslow

Cookout: Kitchen Staff, Helene and Ron Gagnon, Brenda Stevenson, Carrie Daggett, Betty Remalia

Banner: Kyle Gagnon, Mr. Dorey

Snack: Sherri Reed, Helene Gagnon, Jo Martyn-Fisher, Vicki Gordan, Tracy Morris, Karyn Knight, Lisa Schadler, Julie Orsini, Windham McDonalds/Shaws

All parents and staff who contributed skis, snowshoes, and toboggans.



Snow Sculpture Awards:

Mr. Hjort's Class – Maine's best product Award - L.L. Bean Boot
Mrs. Taiani's Class- Maine's Favorite Product Award – 'Taste of Maine' Lobster
Mr. Cyr's Class – Maine's Historical Guiding Light - Maine Lighthouse
Mrs. Estey's Class - The Blueberries for Sal Literary Award - Black Bear with Cub
Mrs. Thomas' Class - Maine Coastal Waters Award - Lobster Boat

Mr. Taylor's Class – Maine's Purrrfect Pet Award - Maine Coon Cat
Ms. Feeney's Class – Maine's Inland Fisheries Award - Snowman Fishing
Mr. Fitch's Class – Audubon's Naturalist Award - Porcupine

We're looking forward to another great Winter Carnival in 2002!



Jordan-Small Middle School Planning Moving Forward!

**By: Christian Elkington, Principal
Jordan-Small Middle School**

February and March were very busy months at JSS as our new middle school program continued to take shape. Another round of parent and community forums was first completed in February. A large majority of the feedback about the presentation specifics from those in attendance at the forums was highly positive. Both state and national data was shared supporting Integrated Curriculums (combining more than one subject area in a class period/block), Looping (having students work and learn with the same teacher for 2 years) and learning Spanish (giving a greater depth in 1 language over 4 years). Data was also shared supporting Interscholastic Activities (clubs/sports) and for increased planning time for team teaching. We have since been informed that we have been accepted into the Pine Tree Conference for middle school activities.

Our school committee made several decisions at its last meeting in February and its first meeting in March, setting the direction for our school during the 2001-2002 school year and beyond. The school committee agreed (voting 5-0) to add the word "Middle" to Jordan-Small School. Jordan-Small "Middle" School will open this August. The selection of Spanish as the Foreign Language that all students will receive for grades 5-8 was also agreed upon (5-0

vote). Spanish is the 2nd most common language used both in New England and in the United States and is in the top three languages being taught worldwide. Teaching one language allows for Spanish to be shared and supported by all staff across all subject areas. This approach will give all of our students greater opportunities for understanding and success.

Also supported and agreed to by our school committee (voting 5-0) is to make Jordan-Small "Middle" School a Looping school. As mentioned above, Looping is the term used for teachers staying with their students for 2 years. This concept is not new but is as old as formal education. Instead of students staying with one teacher for two years, we will be having students stay with a team of teachers for 2 years. Our loops will occur in grades 5 to 6 and then in grades 7 to 8. Having a greater understanding of a student's abilities and needs, along with building a greater communication bond with both students and parents, are just two of the strengths of Looping.

Our school committee also had several discussions about a daily schedule for our new middle school program. After weeks of looking at options, along with information collected at our middle school forums, our Superintendent, David Bois, proposed a 7:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. schedule. This schedule is similar to almost all other middle

school schedules in our state. It will reduce crowding on our busses and allow our students to participate in Interscholastic Activities with minimal interruptions to learning. Several other ideas were discussed which would require spending more money on transportation costs and thus take resources away from other programming needs in grades K-7. The school committee voted 3-1-1 to support the above schedule for a one-year trial.

The teaching staff of Jordan-Small "Middle" School continues to align our local curriculum with our state standards, the Learning Results. We are presently working on both 7th and 8th grade alignments in all subject areas. As we are working on our alignment, we are also looking at curriculum materials and textbooks that have the greatest potential to support student learning. Teaching staff also continues to visit successful middle schools in both Maine and New Hampshire looking for "best practices" which will support all of our kids! In our visits, we are looking at the materials other schools are using to support student learning and success!

The steps we are taking and have taken continue to build the foundation for our middle school program. This work will give us a strong base for the continued development of our program over the next 2 to 4 years.

Raymond Lions Club

During March, the Raymond Lions Club worked with Eileen Stiles and the wonderful people at the Raymond Elementary School in a part of the screening of children entering Kindergarten next fall. The Lions Club used a sophisticated Polaroid type camera with extremely high speed film to take 2 photos of the child's eyes. The photos were then delivered to Dr. Colin Robinson's office in Windham for interpretation.

Photos were taken of 53 children in all. In the first half, done mid-month, it was recommended that 2 children be seen by an eye care professional due to the possibility of conditions that could lead to *amblyopia*. Amblyopia, or lazy eye, can affect a child's performance in school and for

life. Early diagnosis can lead to very effective treatment and possible correction,

The camera, a MTI Photoscreener, was purchased for over \$3,000 by the Lions Clubs in Raymond, Windham, Sebago, Standish and Hollis. It is being used throughout the area by all of the clubs to screen children from the age of 18 months to 5 years.

The Raymond Lions anticipate having a clinic on a Saturday in May or June so parents of children younger than 5 can have the free screening now. Remember, early diagnosis can lead to very effective treatment. If you have any questions about the screening or the Raymond Lions Club, please call Dale Gilman at 655-4114, Bob Jones at 655-7163 or Betty McDermott at 655-4646.

Raymond Recreation Spring Running Program

By: Elizabeth Algeo

The 2001 Raymond Recreation Spring Running Program is gearing up for another fun season of relays, races, jogs through the woods and lots of stretching and learning. Last year's program was a great success; we had 35 students and 6 adult volunteers running through the fields and woods of the Jordan-Small Campus.

This year's program, which is provided free of charge, will begin the first Tuesday after April vacation (April 24) and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, from 3:30 to 5:00 through June 7. We'll be meeting at the Raymond Elementary School and will have access to the athletic fields and gymnasium (in case of rain!). Transportation to the Elementary school will be provided to Jordan-Small School students.

More information on equipment needs (comfortable sneakers and sweats are about all you'll need), registration details and the agenda will be handed out to students the week before April vacation. Volunteer parents are needed to help us keep the program 'running' smoothly. No previous experience necessary! Call Bob Payne (655-2165) or Elizabeth Algeo (655-6965) with any questions or to volunteer.

Summer Swim Program

There is a position available for a Red Cross Water Safety Instructor or Instructor Aide to assist in the summer swim program sponsored by Raymond Rec at Crescent Beach. Program runs from June 25 to July 20 and lessons are held 5 days per week.

Phone Pat at 655- 4657 for an application. Applications will be accepted through April 30.

Raymond Recreation Association Tennis

The Raymond Recreation Association will offer a tennis program to children in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Sessions will begin on Wednesday, May 2, and continue for 5 Wednesdays through May 30th. Cost of the program is \$2.00 per student for the entire program.

Lessons will be held at Village Tennis on Mill Street in Raymond and will begin at 12:45 and run until 1:45 p.m. The school bus will deliver students to the tennis courts and parents should arrange to meet children after class. Participants must wear tennis or other court-type shoes and bring a tennis racket and comfortable clothes. To arrange for a racket loan, call the number below.

Registration forms are being distributed at school the week of April 2 to be returned by April 11. If you have not registered by that date, phone Pat at 655-4657.

If you are able to help with the program, or for more information, please call Pat at the number above.

2001 Soap Box Derby Will Be Saturday, June 30th

The 2001 Southern Maine Soap Box Derby will be held Saturday, June 30th at Southern Maine Technical College in South Portland. For more information please write Southern Maine Soap Box Derby, 80 Jordan Avenue, Brunswick, ME 04011 or davemccubrey@hotmail.com, phone number 207-727-5932. For more information go to www.mainetoday.koz.com/maine/spderby or www.aasbd.org.

Jordan-Small Middle School Students Participating In The District II Elementary Music Festival

By: Christian Elkington, Principal

Congratulations go to eleven of our students who have earned the privilege of representing our school at the District 2 Honors Band and Honors Chorus Elementary Festival. These students have been chosen as outstanding members of their respective ensembles. A dozen schools will be involved in this festival, giving our kids the opportunity to work with several hundred other students. Chorus, band, and orchestra conductors are hired to choose the program, rehearse the groups, and conduct the concert.

The date of the District II festival is Wed. April 4th. We'll be leaving school at 11:45. They practice all afternoon and present the concert in the evening. It's at Leavitt High School at 6:30 if you want to come.

A well done goes to:

Chorus	Band
Kayla Taylor	Kameron Purinton
Nicole Gagne	Jennifer Curtis
Harmony Brown	Taylor Fey
Katie Eastman	Stephen Odum
Amanda Hammett	John Shively
Jenna Morse	

We are all impressed with your Musical Intelligence. Three cheers for representing yourselves, your family, and our school with distinction!

SUBSTITUTE JANITORS

**Applications are now being taken for
Substitute Custodians
at the Raymond Elementary and Jordan-
Small Schools.**

**Please call the district office at 655-8666
to request an application.
For more information, contact Rick
Dwinnell, head custodian
at 655-8672 after 2:00 PM.**

Jordan-Small Honor Roll

By: Christian Elkington, Principal

It is with great pleasure that the staff of JSS announces our 2nd Quarter Honor Roll! The following students were able to meet high standards, demonstrating academic success across all subject areas by being determined and dedicated. These students have earned this academic recognition for their efforts!

5th Grade High Honors

Alison Gagnon Ian Levinsky

Amy Mcintire

5th Grade Honors

John Atwood

Jordan Burns

Harmony Brown

Bridget Byrne

Amy Cobb

April Cox

Ashlee Daggett

Markie Desorbo

Grant Dodge

Khrist Fenton

Ali Gordan

Travis Guerrette

Julia Hartig

Danielle Holman

6th Grade High Honors

Ian Acker

Keegan Brown

Jennifer Curtis

Skylar Duncanson

Katie Eastman

Amanda Hammett

6th Grade Honors

Jessica Barry

Alyse Bartholomew

Andrew Bissonnette

Amanda Bruno

Brett Coggan

Brittany Cogswell

Julia Comeau

T.J. Cook

Casey Crouse

Amanda Evans

Taylor Fey

Nicole Gagne

Roman Gosney

Andrew Jordan

Ashley Leavitt

Logan Martyn-Fisher

Molly Niziol

Nicole Lloy

Andrew Miranda

Mike Orsini

Taylor Parker

Alison Remalia

Doug Remick

Elizabeth Stevenson

Robyn Stillings

Travis Ward

Dan Williams

Cody Winde

Justin Woodbrey

Kyle Woodbrey

Wyndham Juneau

John Shively

Kainani Stevens

Kayla Taylor

Stephen Wisutskie

Laken Perry

Kameron Purinton

Rebecca Randall

Andrew Reed

Erika Richardson

Justin Robinson

Jeremy Salamone

Travis Stevenson

James Wiley

Stefan Winslow

Kayleigh Flynn

Cameron Gosney

Sam Grieve

Elliot Lamarre

Jacob Markowski

Samantha Murphy

Congratulations go to each one of you from the staff at Jordan-Small School!

Nurse's Notes

By: Jerilyn Ward RN

Being back at school has brought back so many memories of what being a child and adolescent consists of. So many things have changed but one thing has not. Children want to spend time with their parents. When they are sick or confused, embarrassed or excited, nothing quite takes the place of family.

Take time to talk with your children each day. They want to tell you so much and need not only quality time but quantity time. For some children it takes a while to warm up, to open up. So spend time with them. Lots of time. Play games, take walks, cook together, clean together, become a team. Share your experiences, share your dreams and listen to theirs. Dance and read, talk and laugh but most important - listen.

We may not have the ability to relive yesterday, nor do we know what tomorrow may bring. So enjoy your child today, it is a gift and that is why we call it the present.

State Geography Bee Finalist!

By: Christian Elkington, Principal

Congratulations go to Jordan-Small School 6th grader, Danny Tracy for earning a spot in the National Geographic Geography Bee, Maine final! In order to qualify for the final Danny had to take a national test and score in the top 10%. This event is being held on Friday, April 6th, at 10:45 AM in Bailey Hall at the University of Southern Maine, Gorham Campus. All of us at Jordan-Small School are proud of your efforts and wish you well!

Well done, Danny!

Caring Kids Club

The Caring Kids Club has reestablished itself at Raymond Elementary School. The initial meetings had a huge turnout with 27 third and fourth graders showing up to learn how they can help out in the community, at school, in the world and to care about each other. There were many ideas shared about projects to do both in the community and at school. For instance some of the children wrote a huge thank you card to the town for taking care of our roads during all this snow. They made flyers encouraging people to come to town meeting, they plan to help the janitors at school on an afternoon and they have a day scheduled to "catch children doing kind things for others" while at school.

We are very open to ideas that community members or parents have that might be good projects to help others. If there are some local shut-ins who might need some assistance, or extra hands needed to complete a project please contact us and let us know. The energetic children that have joined this effort are Amber Gillis, Nathaniel Dixon, Haley Desjardins, Alyson Feltovic, Kees VanHaasteren, Tyler Parisi, Lauren Weeks, Abigail McIvor, Adam Giroux, MacKenzie Rampino, Nick Gredin, Brittany Reed, Dean Darien, Morgan Larrabee, Tim Tapley, Ashley Cox, Ben Algeo, Emily Allen, Lindsey Ryan, Ali Knight, Logan Cline, Megan Harding, Phoebe Crockett, Laura Sanborn, Caroline Blake, John Scripture. If you have any ideas to share, you can contact Barbara Harding Loux, social worker, or Debbie Alonso, social work intern at 655-8672.

Jordan-Small Middle School, 14th Annual Public Speaking Contest

By: Christian Elkington, Principal

Fifth and Sixth grade students from JSMS will once again have the opportunity to participate in this school-sponsored tradition! Students must choose, and then memorize, short prose or poetry selections totaling at least 120 words for presentation before an audience. Combinations of short selections, connected by theme or author, may be substituted for one piece. Each presentation requires a clear and expressive voice, with volume enough to reach all members of the audience. Dramatic expression and body movement are also very important to each speaker. Please mark the date and join us in celebrating our students' public speaking abilities. Our school-wide contest will take place on Friday, April 27th at 10:00 AM in the Jordan-Small Middle School gym. We look forward to your attendance and support of our students!

Raymond Elementary School Participates in the 7th Annual National TV-Turnoff Week, Mon., April 23 to Sun., April 29, 2001.

A time to turn ON reading and turn OFF the television!

The Raymond community has participated in TV-Turnoff Week since it began in 1995. It is a time to reflect on what we watch on TV and on the amount of time our families spend in front of the television. In order to accommodate the spring school vacation, our dates will be different than the national program.

National TV-Turnoff Week is coordinated by TV-Free America, a national nonprofit organization that encourages Americans to reduce, voluntarily and dramatically, the amount of television that they watch in order to promote richer and more connected lives, families and communities.

We encourage everyone to participate and set some realistic goals relating to television viewing. Please join us in the week-long celebration. We will be sending home more information as the dates draw near.



Second Quarter Honors At The Raymond Elementary School

The Raymond Elementary School faculty would like to congratulate the following students and their parents for achieving second quarter honor and high honor roll status for the 2000-2001 school year.

3rd Grade Honors:

Cory Parker

Samuel Harvey

Ben Algeo

Caroline Blake

Haley Desjardins

Anna Klinkerch

Mackenzie Leland

Marybeth Wiley

Abbie McIvor

A.J.Olsen

Jordan Flynn

Amber Gillis

Patricia Haycock

Timothy Pomerleau

Audrey Saremi

John Scripture

Megan Stevenson

Katie Allen

Abby Brockelbank

Dean Darien

Anthony Dighello

Lindy Haycock

Morgan Larrabee

Dustin Libby

Samantha Spaulding

Julia Trepanier

Jordan Baker

James Fisher

Zachary Knights

Chantelle Lydick

Nathaniel Ohman

Kelsie Taylor

Justin Terry

3rd Grade High Honors:

Kaitlyn Chandler

Emily Dodge

Jenna Eastman

Samuel Hutchinson

Devin Mackenzie

Ethan Ward

Nick Gredin

Joshua LeViness

Hannah Lachance

4th Grade Honors:

Phoebe Crockett

Adam Coro

Hannah Huber

Brenda Wood

Rebecca Morris

Brianna Bisesti

Brandi Mitchell

Brittany Reed

Trinity Macomber

Jake Whitcher

Tyler Jamison

Nina McNally

Rebekah Gagne

Rusty Libby

Cory Leslie

Brandon Guerrette

Kelsey Nadeau

Taylor Duncanson

Ali Knight

Chris Myers

Patrick Martin

Erik Wisutskie

Logan Cline

Elijah Hughes

Megan Harding

Brittany Plummer

Brett Bisesti

Katie Cook

Christian Andersen

Lindsay Ryan

Zachary VanBaars

Alyson Feltovic

Lyndsay Davala

Ashley Waldron

Evan Flynn

Chad Zawistowski

Sibyl Cunningham

Kees VanHaasteren

Jacob Perry

Andrew O'Neill

4th High Honors:

Laura Sanborn

Lauren Weeks

Alyson Schadler

Volleyball At Jordan-Small School

By: Jordan-Small Intramural Coaches

Volleyball at Jordan-Small School was a huge success. In the 3rd installment of our 4 Intramural programs at JSS, over thirty students participated twice a week for six weeks (Jan.-Feb.). Coaches involved were: Jack Fitch, Tom Taylor, and Beau Boyle. Students were introduced to the basic fundamentals involved in the game, such as serving, digging and setting. Furthermore, they walked away with an understanding of proper scoring, rotating, and rules of the game. In addition to traditional volleyball, children were also given the opportunity to learn to play the game 'nucum', an offshoot of volleyball without as many demanding rules. In this game, students catch and throw as well as use the skills they learned in volleyball. Regardless of skill level, like all of our intramural sports, this season provided a chance for all students to participate equally.

Up next? Basketball. If your child is already involved in our intramural program, we look forward to seeing him or her. If you have a child in our school who's not involved, we hope you encourage them to come out and have some fun with their classmates. In doing so, they will get plenty of exercise and learn some lifelong cooperative skills.

\$600.00 Scholarship Offered

Applications are available for the Raymond Women's Semi-Circle annual scholarship, which will be awarded to a Raymond graduating high school senior who seeks to further his/her education.

Selection is based on academic accomplishment, character & leadership and financial need.

Applications may be obtained at Jordan-Small School and Raymond Town Office and must be postmarked by April 30th of this year. The winner will be notified in June before graduation.

Broadway Musical At Windham High School

The Spotlight Players of Windham High School are presenting the Broadway Musical GREASE on the following days:

Friday, April 27th at 7:30PM
Saturday, April 28th 2:00 & 7:30PM

Friday, May 3rd at 7:30PM
Saturday, May 4th at 2:00 & 7:30PM

All performances are at Windham High School. The production is a collaboration between the music, drama and art departments. Tickets are available at the door for what promises to be a fabulous production. The cast is made up of many talented students at WHS and include many familiar names from Raymond. The cast includes: Tom Barr, Jaspen Bishop, Adrienne Bruno, Julia Bruno, Vickie Chase, David Clark, Tim Clark, Kimberley Clement, Scott Collard, Ali Conroy, Dimitra Corsetti, Alicia Cote, Nicole Dalpee, Chris deBree, Cinthia Figueroa, Jane Frederick, Ben Goodwin, Mike Gosselin, Nick Greene, Chrissy Hall, Danielle Hanson, Ushie Henderson, Meredith Hillman, Amy Jack, Kristen Jaques, Kate Law, Charles Leavitt, Janelle Losciuto, Thomas Miranda, Jess Maynard, Jessica McHugh, Scott McKay, Candis Monaghan, Molly Olsen, Erik Osmond, Sandy Parker, Mia Perron, David Pride, Ellen Promise, Steven Pierce, Bree Rainey, Brett Reina, Mike Robinson, Brad Rousse, Michelle Sawyer, Shea Shattuck, Melissa Shaw, Andrea Shute, Erin Sprinkle, Caitlin St. Laurent, Nate St. Laurent, Dan Strange, Tony Taiani, Melissa Tapley, Teddi Terrano, Angela Thompson, David Thompson, Jessica Thompson, Jean Thornton, Maggie Thornton, Peter Vasapoli, Emily Wessel, Erin Whitworth.

Hockey Champion

Brett Bisesti, along with his teammates on the Squirrels-Bears hockey team for the Lewiston Area Youth Hockey Associates, won the State Championships held at Bowdoin College March 3 - 5. After winning in their division during the Lions Tournament held over February vacation in Lewiston, the team advanced to the state competition.



Brett, the son of Nancy and James Bisesti, is a fourth grade student at the Raymond Elementary School.

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make it through mud season. Our custodial staff will also thank you as this will help to control mud and dirt being brought into classrooms.

We are now working on transition plans for next school year. This means that we are already looking at schedules, teaching assignments, and class assignments for children. The elementary school hours will continue to be 8:30 - 3:15 next year, with early release on Wednesday at the Raymond Elementary School. As the Jordan-Small schedule will run from 7:30 - 2:00, our elementary students in grades K - 4 will be bused separately from the middle school students. This will help to alleviate overcrowding on the bus and make for an easier ride for all students.

1st Annual Raymond Youth Day

On February 24, a small but mighty group of 7th, 8th and 9th graders participated in this attempt to create a special day for Raymond's teens. Our day began with a motivational address by Reverend Tulip and all students received folders to collect various information collated by volunteers including: State labor laws for minors, community service projects, obtaining driver's licenses, local job opportunities and locating affordable craft supplies. Everyone received a welcome gift and left with a door prize, thanks to the efforts of Gail Waisanen.

Gail Waisanen and Sue Carr kept everyone busy with macrame bracelets and "cool" art deco pens. Jo Martyn-Fisher coordinated the community service quilt project (to be donated to a teen at a local Ronald McDonald House), everyone was able to leave their "mark" and it was amazing to see the creation of a work in progress! The quilt has a whimsical theme of winter and boasts scenic mountains, skiers and snowboarders. Though not yet complete, all signed up to meet again to finish and present this gift...stay tuned!

A few brave souls tackled the job skills and food service projects...we all learned a lot! One of our discoveries: avoid using ground chuck in tomato sauce, it tends to have a distinct aroma and taste that only those with a "mighty" appetite prefer! Of course, it also helps not to scorch the bottom of the container...Candi definitely did *not* receive a Food Service Certificate this day! These kids did an awesome job preparing salads, garlic bread, setting up and cleaning up...applause is due! They also worked through a packet of info to help them recognize their interests, skills and the realities of taking on a "real job".

A surprise was in store for two RYC-2004 participants, Matt Waisanen and Amanda Scripture, who were awarded a \$50.00 Savings Bond for donating over 35 hours of community service here in Raymond, as documented by RYC-2004. The efforts of fellow RYC-2004 members were also praised: Andrew Hartig, Teddy Greeley, Sam Lobel, Clint Randall and Chelsey Conant for community service in-

cluding but not limited to: PTA'S Irish Festival & Spring Craft Fair, Crescent Beach Clean-Up, yard work for seniors, Raymond Baseball, Founder's Day 1999.

At the risk of leaving anyone out, I'd like to thank those of you who volunteered and took part in such a "small but mighty" project. Reverend Tulip was a great source of support and provided us with a wonderful location for our first attempt, what a welcome! Special thanks to: Sue & Gail for taking on the responsibility of closing up, so that I could make it to my baby brother's wedding. And to each teen participant, for assuring the value of the efforts of those who undertook this project, *we* felt truly special this day!

For those teens who weren't able to attend, we have several extensions of this day and you are encouraged to express your interests so we may contact you with specifics!

*Upcoming Community Service Projects:

Completion/Delivery of Quilt to the Ronald McDonald Home

Spring Project for Camp Sunshine
Possible Help for Raymond Founders Day
Work on Teen/Youth Web Page

*Potential Classes/Mini-Workshops:

Craft classes for those interested in crafts and getting support to sell these crafts at local fairs (all ages) from adult mentors
CPR/First Aid for those looking to move into babysitting, getting support from adult mentors

We hope to make this a yearly event and encourage all local groups to take part in supporting current/future efforts in Raymond's teen population!

Candi Scripture 655-5368

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scandiusa@netscape.net

Bridgton Woman And Raymond Youth To Receive Prestigious Red Cross Real Hero Awards

Portland, Maine, March 13, 2001- Joan Bosworth, a retired Bridgton elementary school teacher, is the recipient of this year's Red Cross Educator Real Hero. Brittany Petersen, a fourth grader at Stevens Brook Elementary School, nominated Mrs. Bosworth for all of her efforts in tutoring Brittany as she recovered from serious illness. "The lengths that Mrs. Bosworth went to, to make sure Brittany was able to keep up with her studies, and enjoy learning, while enduring the excruciating pain of her illness, are remarkable," said Tracey Geary, Portland Red Cross Development Director and organizer of this year's Real Heroes Breakfast. "Mrs. Bosworth has touched the life of this young girl and her family in a way they will never forget, she truly is Brittany's Real Hero," added Geary.

Matthew Waisanen of Raymond, an eighth grade student at Wescott Junior High School in Westbrook, will receive one of the Red Cross Youth Life-Saving Real Hero awards presented at the Real Heroes Breakfast on Wednesday, March 28, 2001 at 7:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn by the Bay. Waisanen won this award administering abdominal thrusts to his mother, who was choking and nearly unconscious in March 2000. Waisanen, who had just learned this lifesaving skill the previous week at school, knew exactly what to do when he saw his mother in distress.

Anyone wishing to attend this breakfast and salute these and other local REAL HEROES can purchase a ticket by calling The Portland Chapter, American Red Cross at 874-1192, ext. 106.

Raymond Resident Hosts A Fund Raiser For Camp Sunshine

By: Chris Sutton

I would like to invite community members to participate in a special fund-raising event for Camp Sunshine, which is a retreat for critically ill children and their families. The camp is the only one in the nation to address the impact of a critical illness on every member of the immediate family. Families are given the chance to have fun together and to meet other families facing similar challenges.

Camp Sunshine is unable to meet the demands for its services. About half the families who apply to Camp Sunshine have to be turned away. Camp Sunshine is currently in the midst of a campaign to raise \$5,000,000 for the endowment fund to operate a year-round facility. When the facility is complete, Camp Sunshine will be able to start serving 1,200 families a year.

As a co-owner of the Sentimental Playground, I am hosting the second annual Scrap-a-thon for Camp Sunshine on April 28, 2001. Participants will raise money for Camp Sunshine while they create keepsake albums to preserve their photographs and record their family stories. We will be offering a free "Getting Started" workshop, and we invite scrapbookers of all experience levels to join us.

Last year's Scrap-a-thon was a huge success. With the help of 40 scrapbookers and many generous donors, we were able to raise \$3,900 for Camp Sunshine, which was more than enough to send two families to the camp for one week.

If you would like to participate in the event or you'd like to make a donation, then please contact Chris Sutton at The Sentimental Playground, 19 Carriage Hill Road, Raymond, ME 04071 (phone: 655-7109), e-mail: SentimentalPlay@aol.com