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Several Issues To Appear On Special Town Meeting

By Don Willard, Town Manager
Since becoming Raymond's Town Manager on December 12, 2000 I have had the opportunity to meet many Raymond citizens and become acquainted with the town's dedicated community volunteers. I am enjoying my new position and living in Raymond. This is an exciting time for the town and I thought it would be appropriate to provide a brief outline of the issues to be considered at the upcoming Special Town Meeting to be scheduled for the latter part of May or early June.

For the past two years the Fire Station Building Committee has been studying the possibility of building a new fire station on the corner of Main Street and Route 302. This new facility would replace the existing District 1 station and is made possible by the generous gift of an 8.5 acre parcel from Mary Jane Karpoe. Detailed project budget estimates are now being developed. The project has been refined over the winter and is proposed to be a five bay station. The building will be of wood frame construction with an asphalt-shingled roof. Plans include space for existing and future apparatus, adequate offices for departmental officers, sleeping quarters, a decontamination area, handicapped accessible bathrooms, and a meeting room for fire department training activities. The meeting room will include an adjacent kitchen, which could also be used as an emergency shelter and for future community events including public suppers. The Fire Station Building Committee will be putting the final touches on the design in the near future and will be scheduling public meetings to

discuss project costs and building design features prior to the Special Town Meeting.

Another article will address a small piece of land abutting the 8.5 acres to be given to the town by Mrs. Karpoe. This land is now owned by the Maine Department of Transportation and was a part of the original Route 302 roadway. It is no longer needed by the State, so the Town can vote to discontinue it and increase the size of the parcel on which the new fire station will be built.

The possibility of extending the public waterline located on Route 302 at the Windham Industrial Park to the Town of Raymond will also be considered. Raymond recently applied for and received approval of a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant through the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development to facilitate this construction project. This block grant will be utilized to fund a portion of the construction cost

of the extension along with additional funds raised by the town in the form of long-term bonds. At this writing it is anticipated that an additional \$400,000 will be necessary to complete the project. This obligation will be retired through the proceeds of new development planned at Embedtech located at the CHIPCO manufacturing facility on Route 302 and within the Tax Increment Financing District. Approximately 3.1 million dollars in new property and machinery valuation will generate sufficient capital through taxation to offset the waterline debt. In addition a minimum of 40 new jobs will be created, with wages ranging from \$15 to \$20 per hour plus benefits, in the field of advanced manufacturing. All businesses and homes along the project route will be able to pay for connection in order to have public water. Another major benefit of the waterline project is improved fire protection by providing a reliable source of water for our fire trucks. The addition of public water

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Road Runner Articles Due

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

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Raymond Elementary Principal's Report

By: Norma Richard

I am always so proud of the many ways our students and families are involved in community service. This was readily apparent when, just a few days before April vacation, we asked for packaged food donations for Easter food baskets. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and a number of Raymond families had a very Happy Easter due to your caring and generosity. On behalf of our students and faculty, I want to thank you for your help and support of our many community service projects.

We have completed kindergarten screening for children entering in the fall of 2001. We are now planning activities to help these children make a smooth transition into the Raymond Elementary School in August. The first of these is a special GOOD NEWS

on Friday, May 4, from 2:00 - 3:00pm. Children from our four kindergarten classes will perform in a special GOOD NEWS assembly for incoming kindergarten children and their parents. The assembly will be held from 2:00 - 2:30pm in the gym. After the assembly, the children will be treated to snacks and a visit with the kindergarten children and teachers, and the current and incoming kindergarten parents will meet in the library for a special parent reception. This is a great opportunity for parents to share their own experiences with their children entering kindergarten. I hope that all children and parents are able to attend this very important and fun afternoon. Please do not hesitate to call me at 655-8672 extension 400 if you have any questions about the May 4 activities or other issues regarding kindergarten.

In closing, I want to encourage all of our students to wear a properly fitted bike helmet whenever they are riding their bikes or scooters. This is now required under Maine law. It is also a personal issue for me as I have lost two friends in bike accidents due to head injuries caused by not wearing a helmet. Please feel free to contact me directly if you would like information on purchasing bike helmets and other safety equipment. Maine Coalition for Safe Kids is a wonderful resource for schools and community groups when it comes to preventing childhood injuries. They provide training programs and are a great source for low cost safety devices for your homes. For more information on programs or equipment, contact them at 973-5788.

Legislative Update

By: Representative Joe Bruno

I am pleased to be able to announce that there will soon be a new prescription program in place as a result of the state receiving a special waiver from the Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA). With this waiver the state can begin a pilot program for prescription medications that will allow for coverage of prescriptions up to 300% of the federal poverty level (FPL), thus, assisting those who struggle with paying the full cost of prescription medicines but who do not qualify for Medicaid benefits. For example, 300% of the federal poverty level for a family of four would be \$4,413 a month or \$52,956 a year. The Department of Human Services (DHS) is currently writing the final rules and guidelines.

Maine citizens should be able to apply for this program hopefully beginning in May. Eligibility will be determined by both the Bureau of Family Independence within the



Cub Scouts from Raymond Pack 800 surround State Representative Joe Bruno in his Augusta State House Office

DHS and the Maine Revenue Services. Once a person receives an eligibility card, a discount of up to 25% off the wholesale

price will be granted. Under this new waiver program, if you are currently en-

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Raymond Village Library News

Can Due Month

In May, you can help the Raymond Food Pantry and the library at the same time. You can do this by returning any overdue library materials, such as books, videos or tapes, free of charge, with a donation of canned or dried goods that will be given to the Food Pantry. It makes no difference how long overdue the material is. We hope this will encourage the return of some books that have been missing for several years.

Reading Group

The book discussion group will read and discuss one or both of Stephen King's, "Dolores Claiborne" and "On Writing". The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 31, at 7pm at the library. New members are always welcomed and appreciated.

Memorial Day

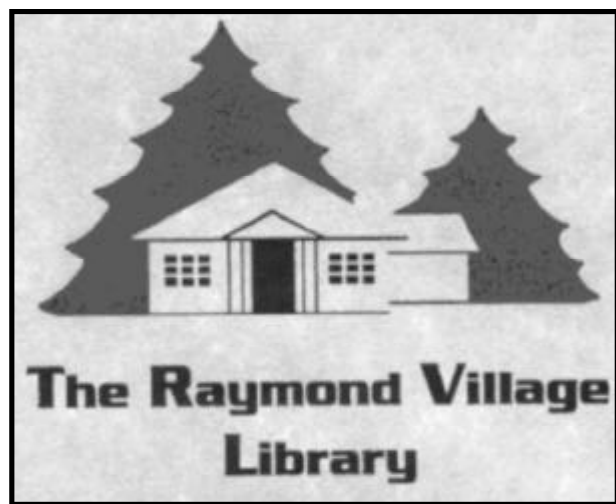
The Raymond Village Library will be closed on Memorial Day, May 28.

Annual Banquet

The annual banquet and meeting of the Raymond Village Library Club will be held at the library on June 7, at 6:30pm. These meetings are open to new members. For more information, please call 655-4283.

Annual Fair

As the snow continues to melt and the spring days grow longer, we start planning for the library fair. This year it will be held in the new Raymond Elementary School on July 14. While doing your spring-cleaning, please remember the fair and put paperback books and items aside for us. Due to lack of space, we will only be able to have books brought to the library. All other items may be brought to the school the night before the fair from 4-7 pm. Also, we ask that only usable, working, clean articles be donated for the attic table. We cannot accept large, heavy items or electronic devices. If you have a question as to the articles you wish to donate, please call the library.



Hardcover Book Sale

This sale will begin on July 21 for the children's selections and on July 22 for adult books. Again we depend on the generous donations of the library patrons, as they clean out their books, videotapes, audiotapes and CD's. These can be brought to the library at any time.

Food Pantry News

By: Diane Goosetrey, Pantry Manager

The Raymond Food Pantry is fully stocked and our shelves are once again full thanks to all the generous people who responded to our plea for help. Local churches and organizations donated bag after bag of everything we requested, as did individual people from Raymond and the surrounding areas.

I have tried to personally thank everyone whose address I could find but for those whom I have missed, please know I am most grateful for your help.

Direct Care Position

Progressive people wanted to work part time or per diem with a 21-year-old woman with Autism here in Raymond. Idyllic setting with a holistic approach for care. Looking for people who believe we all have a right to choose and that we all have gifts to offer one another. Come join us as we assist this young woman to reach her potential. If interested please contact Lisa or Jane at 655-3196.

Pot Roast Supper

Saturday, May 19, from 4:30 to 6:00pm

Raymond Village Community Church UCC

Main St. (Rt. 121) Raymond

Menu:

Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, String Beans,
Carrots, Rolls, Beverages & Dessert

Adults \$6:50 Children (under 12) \$3.00

Children 5 and under FREE

Handicap Entrance

Take out available

May 2001

Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7:00PM TH Selectmen	2 7:00PM RE School Committee Drama - Grades 2-4	3 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	4 2:00PM RE Good News Drama - Grades 4-6	5
6	7	8	9 7:00PM TH Planning Board Drama - Grades 2-4	10 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time	11 Drama - Grades 4-6	12
13 10:00AM Appeals Board Site Walk	14	15 7:00PM TH Selectmen	16 5:30PM RE Senior Citizen Dinner 7:00PM RE School Committee	17 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club 7:00PM RE Drama Classes Performance	18 Grandparents Day At Raymond Elementary	19
20	21 10:00AM TH Appeals Board	22	23 9:00AM VL Library Board Meeting	24 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 7:00PM JS Spring Concert	25	26 8:30AM-12:00PM Town Office Open
27	28 7:00PM TH Appeals Board MEMORIAL DAY Library Closed No School	29 7:00PM JS Conservation Commission	30	31 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee		FB=Fire Barn JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd RE=Raymond Elementary TG=Town Garage RT85 TH=Town Hall VL=Village Library

Special Town Meeting

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on Route 302 in Raymond will also result in lower insurance premiums for nearby homeowners and businesses. Consideration has also been given to the possibility of extending the waterline further along Route 302 to the junction of Route 121 onto Main Street to the new fire station. The Board of Selectmen will study the viability of this extension in the near future.

A vote will be taken to fund an unanticipated shortfall in the Jordan-Small Middle School renovation project. The low bid received was \$79,600 over the project budget. Raising funds to cover this shortfall will enable the original scope of work first established by a Town vote on November 2, 1997, to be completed.

There will be a warrant article to rezone a portion of Map 4, Lot 18 in the Industrial Zone belonging to Richard and Cynthia Martin by extending the zone line back from the present 700 feet from Route 302 to 1000 feet. This change if approved would make the Industrial Zone at Martin Machine consistent with the zone in existence at Sabre Yachts.

The final article will be a change in the Annual Town Meeting date from the third Saturday in March to the third Saturday in May effective in 2002. This change is being proposed in order to enable the town and school to have more accurate financial estimates based on actual expenditure and expected revenue data prior to developing budgets for future town meetings.

I hope this information is helpful and would like to encourage interested citizens to call me at the Raymond Town Office at 655-4742 if I can provide any additional information.

Calendars, Calendars, And More Calendars

By: Kevin Woodbrey, Webmaster

Need a facility to hold an event in Raymond? Look on the Internet.

Want to see what is happening in Raymond? Look on the Internet.

Want to know what your child's homework is for tomorrow? Look on the Internet.

The Raymond website has started a collection of calendars to allow scheduling of facilities in the Town of Raymond. Over time it is our intent to have calendars available for all Raymond facilities. The web page will include descriptions of the facility, contact information and a link to the calendar showing the current bookings of the facility. Browse to <http://www.raymondmaine.org>, and then select Events & News from the drop down menu. After that select Facilities Calendars from the menu. If you know of a facility that may be booked by the public in the Town of Raymond, please send an e-mail to the webmaster with contact information.

In addition to facilities schedules on the website, there are calendars for most of the events that take place in Raymond. Please browse to the Events Calendar page to view the individual events calendars. The Events & News page has a Master Calendar with most events from all other calendars. This is a good starting point for a look at what is happening on a daily basis.

The teachers at the Jordan-Small Middle School and the Raymond Elementary School are starting to post homework in individual classroom calendars. Please contact your child's teacher and encourage them to use their calendar. The lunch schedule for the school department is also included.

Most of these calendars are also available from other locations on the website. For instance, there are links to the school calendars from the Schools and Daycare pages. Please send us an e-mail whenever you have questions or notice an error and we will attempt to respond within a day.

Legislative Update

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rolled in Maine's Low Cost Drugs for the Elderly or Disabled Program (DEL), you will automatically receive coverage for all supplemental medications, entitling you to an even larger discount. Under the current DEL, a cap of \$1,000 for out-of-pocket expenses will continue to be in effect for those eligible, up to 185% of the federal poverty level. After the \$1,000 has been expended by an individual in a given year (August 1 through July 31), a recipient would then only be responsible for 20% of the cost of a prescription. Maine is only the second state to receive this waiver. (Vermont was the first.) Additionally, Maine was the first state to implement a program for seniors back in 1975 and has always been a leader in the effort to obtain affordable prescription drugs.

You can rest assured that I will keep you informed about all developments with this new program – when enrollment will begin, how to acquire an application, important telephone numbers, etc. This program is dependent upon passage of the state budget so the implementation date is in flux.

As an aside to update you on the budget discussions, you are probably already aware of the disagreements that have arisen during the past several days. Late last week the Senate produced and passed their own budget proposal, largely different from the one unanimously voted on by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs – a bipartisan compromise with spending cuts of over \$100 million. There has no doubt been and will continue to be some very healthy debate going on at the Capitol, and as a leader in the House I will be very involved in the negotiations. By the time you read this, I hope that we will have arrived at a compromise.

Again, I want to thank the citizens of Raymond and Windham for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your State Representative. I encourage you to contact me if you have questions or suggestions you wish to share concerning what I've covered in this column or any other state-related issue. You can reach me at home (655-7443) or at the State House in Augusta (287-1440). Additionally, my e-mail address is jbruno1@maine.rr.com.

The Recycling Bin: Good News!

In case you haven't heard, recycling pick up is now every week! Our contractor, BBI, has decided that this would work out best for everyone. No more worrying about which week it is. You can put your bin out the same day as your trash each week.

Just a note for those who were discouraged by pick up during March: the truck ran out of room for mixed paper and newspaper because of the snow-induced pick up troubles. Don't be discouraged- they will pick up all mixed paper now that there is weekly pick up.

Each month, we will focus on certain materials to help people be aware of how to prepare them:

Paper: Paper is roughly 70% of what we recycle!

Newspaper and Magazines: Just put these together in a separate paper bag. Inserts are OK. Catalogs are OK. Telephone books without covers. They will leave your paper bag because that is not recyclable with the paper. Paper bags are recyclable with cardboard.

Mixed Paper: This is the biggy! All types of paperboard boxes (like cereal boxes) without plastic or windows, junk mail, cards, postcards, manila folders, flyers, brochures, calendars, envelopes, wrapping paper including tubes (no foil), milk cartons, office paper, egg cartons, Asian cardboard (greenish or gray corrugated), drink boxes (aseptic containers). (NO brown paper bags or brown corrugated which go with the cardboard recycling.)

This will take a bite out of your trash and Raymond's tipping fee at the incinerator!

Additional Legislative Update

By: Representative Joe Bruno

I have good news to report from Augusta – the Town of Raymond has been granted a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to assist CHIPCO, Inc., a manufacturer of gaming chips with a new technology they developed through an affiliate called Embedtech. The CDBG would be used to expand the water line of the Portland Water District to Raymond for use by Embedtech. The ultimate result is an expansion of new jobs for our area. I want to congratulate John Kendall, President of Embedtech, and wish him well in this endeavor.

I am very pleased to be able to report this positive result from the hard work of all the parties involved. The grant application was the result of many people working together with Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, Steve Levesque, for several months. I truly enjoyed working with the Raymond Selectmen, the Greater Portland Council of Governments, and Don Willard, our Town Manager, on this issue; and I was pleased to sponsor the Water District bill for the town. Also, Fire Chief Denis Morse and I are exploring expanding the service to the new fire station. It is always gratifying to have state and local lawmakers cooperating to improve the services of the communities and the lives of the constituents we represent.

A corresponding piece of good news - the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy has unanimously voted in favor of allowing Raymond to join the Portland Water District. Final passage of this bill will be delayed until the third week in May to follow a special town meeting where the town has the final say on approval of this project.

Here is an update on the rest of the bills of which I am the prime sponsor. LD 687, An Act to Maintain a Centralized Database for Schedule II Prescriptions Dispensed by Pharmacies in the State, would require pharmacies to provide quarterly reports recording all schedule II drug transactions. My hope is to stem the tide of forged prescriptions and the drug abuse problem of Oxycontin in Maine. This bill should be voted out of committee on April 25th.

LD 686, Resolve Directing the Bureau of Health to Develop a Comprehensive Plan for the Detection and Treatment of hepatitis C, directs the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, to develop a comprehensive plan for detection and treatment of hepatitis C. The plan must include a program for education, statewide testing and counseling and recording of all confirmed cases of hepatitis C. Hepatitis C is becoming a pervasive infectious disease and will surpass HIV in terms of health care dollars that will be needed to treat it. This bill was voted "Ought to Pass" by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

LD 536, An Act to Define and Revise Non-compete Employment Contracts, proposes to enact standards for non-compete employment contracts, i.e., contracts that limit the ability of an employee to leave a business and begin work with another business in the same field within a certain geographical area and time frame. The bill would define non-compete employment contracts and provide reasonable standards for their use. LD 536 has been "carried over" to the next session, the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature that will begin January 2, 2002.

As always, if you have any questions or comments concerning state government, please do not hesitate to contact me at 168 Egypt Road, Raymond, ME 04071, 655-7443 (home), 287-1440 (Legislature) or jbruno1@maine.rr.com.

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.



Joining Boy Scout Troop 800 from Cub Scout Pack 800 are (L-R) Kyle Woodbrey, Josiah Knights, Cody Winde, Ian Levinsky and Patrick Lockwood. Also joining but not pictured is Jordan Burns. The Troop now boasts a roster of 34 scouts in four patrols.



On Tuesday March 27th Order of the Arrow elections were held. Elected this year are (L-R) Matt Peterson, Ian Hanley, Jake Levinsky and Sam Lobel.

The Order of the Arrow is a brotherhood of Scout honor campers that originated in 1915 to strengthen troops and encourage outdoor experiences. Troop members are nominated and elected to membership by fellow scouts in their own troops. They must meet certain qualifications that are established by the Order of the Arrow. Each troop may hold an election once a year under the supervision of the local BSA Council's lodge. The Order of the Arrow provides broad-based leadership opportunities that strengthen personal development for individual scouts and maintain interest in the Scouting Program

Boy Scout Troop 800 Awards

Ranks, merit Badges (MB) and Awards earned since January 17, 2001

Star Rank: Sam Lobel

Art MB: Josiah Webber

Citizenship in the Nation MB: Andrew Jordan, Sam Lobel, Matt Peterson

Computers MB: Sam Lobel

Communications MB: Matt Peterson

Family Life MB: Zeb Swick

Fire Safety MB: Steve Clark, Andrew Jordan, Steve Odum, John Shively, James Wiley

Lifesaving MB: Sam Levinsky, Sam Lobel

Rifle Shooting MB: Andrew Jordan

Safety MB: Steve Clark, Andrew Jordan, Steve Odum, John Shively, James Wiley

Scholarship MB: Don McKay

Sculpture MB: Andrew Jordan, Don McKay, Matt Peterson, Josiah Webber

Snow Sports MB: Andrew Jordan, Don McKay

World Conservation Award: Jake Levinsky, Don McKay, Joe Stevens



**BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA**

Raymond Boy Scout Troop 800 News

By Christian Gordan, Second Class Scout

On March 31st Troop 800 took a trip to the Bangor Air National Guard Station to learn about the different aircraft and skills needed and used to perform certain missions. After the 2.5 hour long and non-enjoyable car trip, the troop woke up and lined up for an inspection drill. When we were taken into the hangar, we were introduced to a KC-135, which is a refueling tanker. This aircraft's primary use is to refuel all kinds of aircraft. Another use for this aircraft is carrying soldiers or a variety of cargo.

As we went along the left side of the aircraft we noticed a hatch near the bottom of the front. This hatch had a ladder coming out of it that led straight to the cockpit. As we learned, this was the crew entry hatch. Going under the KC-135, we saw two rails that had letters that lit up. These letters were F, A, L, R. The rails help guide an aircraft in the process of being refueled. These lights are controlled by the boom operator. The boom operator lies in the lower rear of the aircraft. The "F" stands for forward. This tells the pilot of the aircraft being refueled that the boom operator wants him to go forward. "A" stands for aft or to back up. "L" stands for go left and "R", of course, stands for go right. The boom operator also controls the arm in the back which attaches to the other plane and refuels it. The arm, or boom, is controlled by a joystick. Once the other plane has closed the distance a little bit, the boom operator will extend the inner boom. It is very important for both the boom operator and the pilot in the other aircraft to be very precise. The inner boom has to go into a cup, either in the nose, or behind the cockpit. Once the

inner boom is secure, the pilot in the other aircraft has to fly as straight as possible.

There were different rooms located around the hangar. The first room we went to was the corrosion identification room in which posters, showing all the different types of corrosion on aircraft received for maintenance, were displayed. It is also called the "Coffee Room" because it contains all the coffee and snack machines. The second room was the small tool sign-out room. The third room was the large tool sign-out room. The fourth room was the paint storage room. Many of the Scouts said the paint room smelled like bananas. We found out that it was the paint thinner. We skipped the next two rooms and went to the room after that, which was the metal working room. In this room they had the machine that cut the pieces of metal in the size that they wanted. After we were finished touring the rooms, we had a treat. We were able to watch two F-16 Falcons from South Carolina leave for a night mission.

This concluded our tour of the Bangor Air National Guard Station. It was a wonderful learning experience for the Scouts and a fun trip.

To keep up to date on upcoming Troop 800 activities and events check out the Troop's web pages on the town website at <http://www.raymondmaine.org> which includes contact information and other things that the Scouts have been up to.



Representative Joe Bruno with Pack 800 Cub Scouts in the Augusta State House

Executive Director Position Available For The Raymond Extended Day Program

The Raymond Extended Day Care (R.E.D.) program is a non-profit organization committed to providing quality before and after school care and full time summer day care for the children of Raymond. R.E.D. has an immediate opening for an Executive Director. The successful candidate will provide supervision of staff, provide direct care and supervision of children, oversee program planning and the quality of child care services offered, manage weekly payroll, ensure all licensing requirements are met and insurance policies are current, meet DHS contract obligations, and other day-to-day activities as needed.

Qualified applicants must have completed a minimum of two years of college education; have six month's experience in a related program for school-aged children; have at least six college level credits in child development, child psychology or recreation skills; be experienced in book keeping skills for general ledger; be certified in first-aid and CPR; and hold a valid Maine drivers license.

Interested individuals may send a resume and letter of application to:

R.E.D. Board of Directors
434 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071

Review of resumes will begin May 1st.

Bushido Karate Dojo Children's Tournament

Casco, ME – Everyone was a winner at the Bushido Karate Dojo Children's Tournament and Katie Simpson Kick-a-thon held Saturday morning, March 24. All of the 22 karate students participated in three events, Kick-a-thon, Kata and Point Sparring. They ranged in age from six to twelve years old, and attend BKD classes in Casco, Harrison, Otisfield, New Gloucester and Raymond.

The morning began with a two minute kick-a-thon. Yellow belt Megan Stevenson had the highest total number with 203 kicks. Pledges are now being collected for the Katie Simpson Fund, a non-profit organization whose mission is to help prevent teenage suicide and to educate young people about positive alternatives in life. Katie's mother, Barbara Simpson, graciously thanked everyone for keeping the memory and spirit of her daughter alive.

Next came the Kata competition. Each child performed their preferred kata (a memorized series of techniques) in



Jordan-Small Students Help Food Pantry Drive

The students and staff of Jordan-Small Middle School collected food item donations the first two weeks of April. This was done to help support the Raymond Food Pantry

as it was running low on supplies. 831 items were collected along with \$10.00 in cash. Special thanks to all who participated and were able to give!



Third Grade Birdhouse Project

By: Ian Dufour

Mrs. Gorham's third grade class made birdhouses this week. They would like to thank Mrs. Leslie and her husband for the supplies. The birdhouses are made out of

hemlock. They are especially made for the Chickadee, the State of Maine bird. The students worked in pairs. The houses will be full pretty soon.

front of 4 judges and approximately 50-75 spectators. Competing in this event was a victory for each participant regardless of age or skill level. The following results are the top three winners from each age group: Junior white belt: 1. Abigail Hancock, 2. Alysa Austin, 3. Sydney Hancock; White belt: 1. Joshua Knights, 2. Zachary Surette, 3. Jacob Fruzzetti and Josiah Knights; Yellow belt: 1. Megan Stevenson, 2. Nadine Thomas, 3. Liz Stevenson; Blue belt: 1. Sibyl Cunningham, 2. Andrew Powers, and 3. Brandi Mitchell.

The final event of the day was Point Sparring. Three points consisting of clean, unblocked strikes to the upper front

torso or head determined who would move on in this round-robin style of scoring. Some of the most exciting matches came from the youngest of students. The results: Junior white belt: 1. Abigail Hancock, 2. Alysa Austin, 3. Sarah Baker; White belt: 1. Joshua Knights, 2. Josiah Knights, 3. Zachary Surette; Yellow belt: 1. Kees van Haasteren, 2. Elizabeth Stevensen, 3. Olivia Hurd; Blue belt: 1. Brandi Mitchell, 2. Andrew Powers, and 3. Sibyl Cunningham. Finally, each of the first place winners sparred against one another to determine the Grand Champion. In a sudden win situation, Brandi Mitchell overcame a two-two tie with Joshua Knights to claim this victory.

Raymond Community Council Holds March Meeting

The third meeting of the Raymond Community Council, a group of representatives from town volunteer and service organizations, schools and town government, continued a community discussion about facility/space needs and allowed groups to inform each other about their work. By holding meetings twice a year, the Council's purpose is to encourage community connections and awareness so organizations may support and complement each other's work. The meeting was sponsored by Communities for Children and organized by Lori Rand, CFC Coordinator, and Pat Smith of Raymond Recreation.

The meeting goals included learning about other organizations' projects, successes and concerns, defining the next steps for the facility/space issue and laying a foundation for future partnerships.

Seventeen different organizations were represented at the meeting: Town government, Raymond Recreation, Drama, the Lion's Club, Founders Day, the Technology Committee, the Conservation Commission, the Boy Scouts, Raymond Baseball and Softball, the Historical Society, the Raymond-Casco Business Alliance, the Route 302 Committee, the PTA, the Raymond Village Church, Riverside Hall and Communities for Children. Groups reported on

current projects, then moved to a discussion about concrete steps to take so scheduling and accessing school spaces can happen smoothly. The Council determined greater use of the website calendars, publicizing other facilities/spaces in town, and having the town and schools engage in discussions regarding insurance and custodial issues would be good places to begin. Groups completed a Facility Use Questionnaire, and the results will help frame continued discussions. A small group expressed interest in pursuing the question of the need for more playing fields.

The representatives formed small groups and discussed successes, concerns and ideas for a Council meeting focus for next year. The number of reported successes in programming and projects clearly illustrated the dedicated volunteerism in this town, although concerns about needing to engage new volunteer participation were also evident. The Council organizers and other volunteers will follow up on the next steps cited for the facility/space issue and will continue to promote networking, communication and collaboration among town groups.

The next Raymond Community Council meeting will be scheduled in the fall.

2001 Raymond Recreation Association Summer Programs



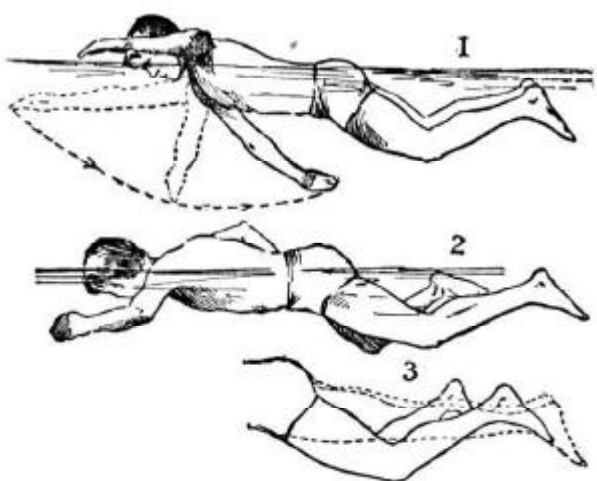
Red Cross CPR- First Aid

Raymond Rec. Association is offering a recertification course in CPR and First Aid on May 12th at Debi Duchaine's home, at 8:30am. Cost \$35.00 per person. Call Debi Duchaine by May 10th at 655-5222 to reserve a spot. Only 10 places are available; first come first served.

Sign-up for the following summer programs will be Wednesday, May 16th at Jordan-Small Middle School cafeteria from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

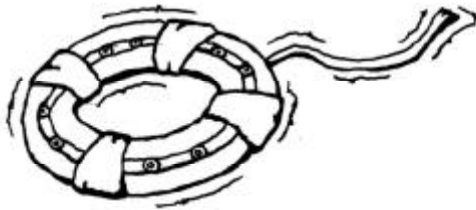
Red Cross Swim Program

Cost \$15 per child and \$10 for each additional sibling. Child must be entering kindergarten in the Fall of 2001 to be in lessons. There will be a \$10.00 late fee for registering after May 31. Parents need to be at sign up to sign permission slips. Swimming lessons begin June 25 for 4 weeks at Crescent Lake, Route 85. For more information call Debi Duchaine, WSI, at 655-5222.



Red Cross Lifeguard Recertification Course

Raymond Rec. Association is offering a recertification in Lifeguarding on June 23rd at Crescent Lake, Route 85. Cost \$20 per person, sign-ups will be on May 16th at JSS in the cafeteria from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.



Red Cross Lifeguard Course

Cost \$100.00 per child. Children must be 15 years old at the start of class. Lifeguard course runs August 13-17 from 8:30am to 3pm. Parents must be at sign up to sign permission slips.

Sign up for this course will be May 16th at JSS cafeteria from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. For more information Call Debi Duchaine 655-5222.

Trail Use Meeting Well Attended

On Thursday, April 24th a group of Raymond's trail users met to discuss the future use of Morgan Meadows and the other trails in Raymond. Phil Bozenhard, IF&W biologist, talked about the use of Morgan Meadows which is approximately 1000 acres between the Egypt Road and Valley Road that was purchased by the Land for Maine's Future Board in 1989. He discussed the problems they have had in keeping the area's use to that which does not hurt the Meadow's fragile ecosystem and not as a trash dumping area. At this time only non-motorized use is allowed. However the snowmobilers present at the meeting asked about using the Meadow as a way to get from one side of Raymond to another, and Mr. Bozenhard said that he would work with them if they wanted to have such a trail established. If anyone would like to talk with Mr. Bozenhard, he can be reached at the Gray Warden's Office, 657-2345 extension 110.

The trail users present along with the snowmobilers were hikers, mountain bikers, and horseback riders. The discussion was extensive as to the courtesy which should be given private landowners while using their property for our recreational uses. Anyone using a trail should make

To The People of Raymond

I want to start by saying hello to all of the wonderful people in the Town. Over the past three years it has been my pleasure to serve you as a member of the Raymond Fire & Rescue Department. In the town meeting of 1998 the people of Raymond voted to hire a full-time paramedic firefighter for the Department. In June of that year I was hired. As a recent transplant to Maine, I was welcomed by the Town in this position. Over that summer I learned my way around, met many people from the Town, and began to feel as I had a home here.

The Raymond Fire & Rescue Department went through some growing pains as we said good-bye to one chief and hello to another. During this time my position began to grow as well. I became more involved with some of the local businesses and community activities.

I met many wonderful people throughout the Town, and unfortunately got to see some of them in some of their worst times. Through this I've shown many people that the staff of the Raymond Fire & Rescue Department really care about the Town and its people.

Now a change has come to my life and I must say good-bye. For almost the past three years, I have served you in all types of conditions. Now I must pass that torch on to someone else. I am going to miss all of the people in the Town, as they have become part of my extended family. So saying good-bye is never easy.

I just want to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous life and hope that you can succeed in all of your dreams. It is with a heavy heart that I do this but I must move on.

Best of luck, and good wishes to all. I will miss you.

Dave Sheppard
Full-time Paramedic Firefighter
Raymond Fire & Rescue Department

Indoor Swimming

We had another full session of indoor swimming, with a lot of learning and fun. Thanks to all the students for their good behavior and hard work. We apologize for the schedule changes and will be reviewing how we offer the program next year. Watch this space for details.

Meanwhile we hope everyone will join Debbie in the summer swim program.

Thanks to Deb, Pat and Alex for their hard work and dedication.

sure that they are welcomed by the landowner, and to this end instruction was given as to how to use the Town's tax maps to identify landowners and how to obtain their mailing addresses if needed. The problem with trail degradation due to overuse or misuse was also discussed. The group felt that only self-discipline and policing by trail users would keep our trails in good shape. Mr. Bozenhard said that the way to keep our trails was not to go around trouble spots but to repair them.

The Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club had members present who said that they were in the process of evaluating and planning their trail system. Elizabeth Algeo of the Raymond Conservation Commission thought that Raymond's GPS instrument might be used in cooperation with our GIS tech, Kevin Woodbrey, to plot the trails with great accuracy and thereby know exactly where the trails go and who the property owners are.

Overall the group agreed that Raymond was very fortunate in having Morgan Meadows and private landowners who are so agreeable to having their land used for recreation by others.

Raymond PTA Reflections A Success

Just imagine how much fun it would be to respond to this prompt, "It would be really strange if...?" Over 50 children at the Raymond Elementary and Jordan-Small Schools did just that as they showed their creativity in visual arts, literature, music and photography in the Raymond PTA's Reflections Program. This year's program was a grand success, and we are looking forward to next year when children are asked to imagine "I hold in my hands." A warm "Thank You" is extended to judges Don Willard, Charlotte Hewson, Rev. Richard Tulip, Suzanne Bruno, Scott Gordan, Pat Smith and Barbara Thorpe for selecting the following winners at the elementary level.

Visual Arts Grades K - 2:

1st Place	Kevin Sutton
2nd Place	Robert Cave
3rd Place	Isobel Cunningham
Honorable	Hunter Perkins

Visual Arts Grades 3 - 4:

1st Place	Emily Dodge
2nd Place	Chantelle Lydick
3rd Place	Courtney Bruno
Honorable	Lauren Weeks

Visual Arts Grade 5 - 6:

1st Place	Kyle Woodbrey
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Photography Grade K - 2:

1st Place	Tyler Remalia
2nd Place	Drew Diakos

Photography Grades 3 - 4:

1st Place	Taylor Duncanson
2nd Place	Zachary Knights

Photography Grades 5 - 6:

1st Place	Cody Winde
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Music Grades K - 2:

1st Place	Georgia Noonan
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Music Grades 3 - 4:

1st Place	Elijah Hughes
2nd Place	Patrick Martin

Literature Grades K - 2:

1st Place	Cassie Gordan
2nd Place	Abbie Gillis
3rd Place	Sam Brockelbank

Literature Grades 3 - 4:

1st Place	Abby Brockelbank
2nd Place	James Fisher

Literature Grades 5 - 6:

1st Place	Ali Gordan
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Awards for Participation were also presented to:

Kaylee Ayers	Erik Woodbrey
Mia Benedetto	Brianna Bisesti
Amber Collins	Kaitlyn Chandler
Zachary Compton	Sibyl Cunningham
Kris Darien	Dean Darien
Jacob Desjardins	Haley Desjardins
Cassidy Gaudet	Ian Dufour
Lindsey Hughes	Shana Jones
Sarah Knight	Abigail McIvor
Marybeth Noonan	Jacob Perry
Madison Ranking	Audrey Saremi
Ryan Remalia	Tim Tapley
Spencer Reynolds	Justin Terry
Jenna Richardson	Zachary VanBaars
Whitney Walton	Caitlin Vincent

NYA Honors

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

Highest Honors:

Renee Fortin, Bridget Gagne, Shawn Gagne, Ben White, Bill Yates

High Honors:

Elizabeth Crockett, Amanda Dodson, Matt Fortin, Ben Hutchinson

Honors:

Abby Hutchinson

Destination Imagination Challenges 7th Grade Graduates

By: Kayla Harding and Adam Wallace

Six months of hard work netted two 7th grade Raymond residents the opportunity to compete at the state level for Destination Imagination (DI). Each year, the after-school program offers a series of problem-solving challenges, encouraging critical and creative thinking, application of knowledge, and teamwork. Kayla Harding and Adam Wallace participated in two separate teams representing Gray-New Gloucester Middle School. Following are the stories they tell.

Kayla Harding of Raymond has been a member of a DI team at GNGMS. The team is given a problem to solve and they perform a skit that is written by the team, using costumes and props designed by the team. The team's problem was "Anonymously Yours", which researched a piece of anonymous artwork and created the skit around it. Another part of this competition included the Instant Challenge where the judges give you a problem and you have to come up with a solution on the spot. The team won second place on the regional level and went on to compete at the University of Maine, Orono campus, on the state level. This competition takes a lot of teamwork and thinking on your feet. It is a fun way to show your creative and thinking skills in an educational way. You learn a lot and have a great time.

On March 10, teams from many Maine schools in the Western region of DI competed in a tournament. There were five challenges that the teams competed in. They were called "Mystery Loves Company", "Incredible Tech Effects", "Anonymously Yours", "Triplcity", and "Dynamic Improv". In the "Triplcity" challenge, the team was asked to build a three-part structure with parts made of paper and glue, balsa wood and glue, and balsa wood, paper, and glue. The structure was given a rating that compared how much it weighed (which could be no more than 3.5 ounces), and how much it held (up to 300 lbs.). This challenge was accepted by Adam Wallace, a Raymond student at GNGMS, along with six students from 6th to 8th grade from GNGMS. Their first structure held 335 pounds, which earned them 1st place at the regionals, and allowed them to continue to the statewide competition in April. The structure they built for the state competition weighed almost half of the original structure and held 385 pounds without breaking. Though the structure was the best in the state, they came in 2nd in the competition. Their skit featured a '60's VW bug, tie-dyed shirts, and percussion.

Congratulations, Adam and Kayla!

Boxtops For Education

It is amazing that in a few short months we have been able to raise over \$340 for our school libraries due to the Boxtops For Education Program. This year the program has been coordinated by Kim Weeks, special education teacher at the Raymond Elementary School. Mrs. Weeks wants to encourage parents and community friends to continue saving the Boxtops for Education throughout the summer. We receive 10¢ for each boxtop collected and know that we can possibly double that amount next year. For all of you who send in your boxtops, thank you for your contributions to this year's program and to our school libraries.

PTA News

The students of Raymond Elementary School will be participating in a "Jump Rope for Hearts" event the week of May 21st. They will be jump roping to help support the American Heart Association. Students will be asking for pledges from friends and family and all funds raised will go to help support cardiovascular research and educational programs. These programs teach adults and children the importance of regular physical activity, proper nutrition, and living tobacco-free. We would like to thank parents and community members in advance for your support with this worthwhile program.

Third Quarter Honors At The Raymond Elementary School

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

3rd Grade Honors:

Jordan Baker
Adam Giroux
Chantelle Lydick
Nathaniel Ohman
Stephanie Spaulding
Kelsie Taylor
Justin Terry
Chelsea Tevanian
Katie Allen
Abigail Brockelbank
Dean Darien
Anthony Dighello
Avalinda Haycock
Morgan Larrabee
Dustin Libby
James Plummer
Samantha Spaulding
Julia Trepanier
Ian Dufour
Jordan Flynn
Amber Gillis
Tyler Parisi
Audrey Saremi
John Scripture
Megan Stevenson
Caroline Blake
Haley Desjardins
Anna Klinkerch
Mackenzie Leland
Abigail McIvor
Mary Beth Wiley

3rd Grade High Honors:

Kaitlyn Chandler
Emily Dodge
Jenna Eastman
Samuel Hutchinson
Samuel Harvey
Devin Mackenzie
Ethan Ward
Joshua LeViness
Hannah Lachance
Zachary Knights
Benjamin Algeo

4th Grade Honors:

Nicholas Gredin
Jacob Trickey
Danielle Walton
Brett Bisesti
Tom Cave
Logan Cline
Katie Cook
Taylor Duncanson
Megan Harding
Elijah Hughes
Ali Knight
Cory Leslie
Rusty Libby
Patrick Martin
Kelsey Nadeau
Lauren Weeks
Erik Wisutskie
Nina McNally
Brenda Wood
Brittany Reed
Rebecca Morris
Brandi Mitchell
Trinity Macomber
Zachary Juneau
Rebekah Gagne
Erin Durkin
Chelsea Bissonnette
Brianna Bisesti
Sibyl Cunningham
Andrew O'Neill
Lindsay Ryan
Kees VanHaasteren
Ashley Waldron

4th High Honors:

Hannah Huber
Alyson Schadler
Laura Sanborn

Hebron Academy Posts Middle School Honor Roll

High Honors (B+ or higher)

Eighth Grade
Katrina C. Draper of Raymond

Honors (B or higher)

Seventh Grade
Alison M. White of Raymond

Hebron Academy Upper School Honor Roll

Highest Honors (A- or higher)

Eleventh Grade
Jamie M. Fey of Raymond

Tenth Grade
Timothy B. Curtis of Raymond

Honors (B or higher)

Tenth Grade
Kevin P. DeSorbo of Raymond
Tristram V. Draper of Raymond

Maine Coon Cats

The Maine Coon is North America's only native longhaired breed. While the origin of the breed is uncertain, the cats were hard workers (mousers) long before they became popular competitors in cat shows during the late 1800s in New York and Boston. In the early 1900s the arrival on the scene of exotic breeds such as Persians caused the popularity of the Maine Coon to decline. This trend began to reverse by the 1950s, and the breed enjoys worldwide popularity today, both in competition and as pets.

The Maine Coon is rugged and hardy, adapted to survive a harsh, cold climate. The coat is dense and waterproof, smooth and short on the top and front, and long and fluffy, but non-matting, around the stomach and back legs. The ears are large and have longer hair both inside and outside than most breeds. Its bushy tail can serve as a warm wrap when the animal curls up to sleep, and the "snowshoe" feet are big and round with long hair between the toes. These large cats have been called "Gentle Giants". They are tall and big-boned, with the males averaging about 15 pounds and the females around 10.

Maine Coons grow slowly, not reaching maturity for up



to five years, but they remain playful and "kittenish." Owners report that they enjoy "helping" with activities and also fetching and retrieving thrown toys. They do not often "meow," but they frequently make a chirping, trilling sound. They get along well with other pets, and owners love them for their affectionate nature, their playfulness and the beauty and ease of care of their coats – a weekly combing is all it takes.



Special Thanks

To: Raymond Road Commissioner and Crew
From: Raymond Elementary and Jordan-Small School Custodial Staff

If it wasn't for the long hours and hard work of Nathan White, Terry Thorpe and John Litchfield, it would have been impossible to keep both schools accessible through this long, hard winter. They worked around the clock,

during and after these major snowstorms, to make snow removal easier for all of us. They did extra work with the backhoe, clearing six-foot snow drifts from the loading dock, and saving us from shoveling it by hand. They also cleaned pathways around the back of the gym at Jordan-Small because the snow was too deep and heavy for our machines. When immediate plowing or sanding was requested, they responded within minutes of our call.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

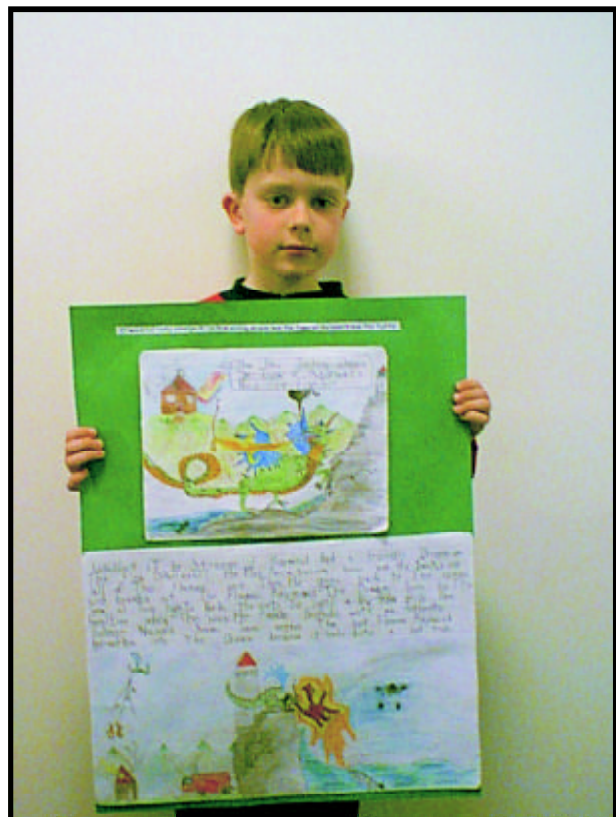
Real Road Runners

Lindsey Hughes (7) and her dad, Michael Hughes, recently participated in the Portland Boys and Girls club races on Patriots Day in Portland. Lindsey received the First place trophy for the 7 and 8 year old Female Division by finishing the one mile event in 9:30. Her dad finished the 5-mile event in a modest 40:13. Both Michael and Lindsey will be participating in the Raymond Recreation Department's Running Club this spring.

It Would Be Really Strange If A Fire-Eating Dragon Was The Town Of Raymond's New Fire Fighter

By: Kevin Sutton, 1st Grade Student at the Raymond Elementary School

Wouldn't it be strange if Raymond had a Friendly Dragon on the Fire Department? He flies to a burning house and he sucks up all of the flames and then he goes back to the ocean and breathes out the flames. Raymond the Dragon lives by the sea at Two Lights Park. He gets to light a few BBQ grills for families along the way. He made friends with an Atlantic salmon named Sam. Sam enjoys the hot flames Raymond breathes into the ocean because it feels like a hot tub.



Shapley on the Sentry February 2001

E-Mail Pen Pals

Mrs. Blanchard's fourth graders are corresponding with students from Moretonhampstead, Devon, England. They have exchanged biographies and are currently working on local history projects. Sites which will be used for

Raymond's "Letterbox Trail" are in the process of being developed for the debut of this year's trail. Our pen pals have shared sad news about the serious impact of foot-and-mouth disease on their local economy. Look for more details about the Letterbox Trail in June's Road Runner.