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A Short History of the Raymond School System

By: Frank McDermott

Like all of the small, rural towns that surround Raymond, the history of its schools is one that began with its founding. When a town was established and incorporated, one of the first official acts was to set up and support a school. Because of the rural nature of Raymond and lack of transportation, a town like Raymond would have a number of schools that were set up wherever a population center existed. At one time Raymond had as many as fourteen. A school would hold two terms a year as long

as there were students and money enough to support a teacher. The district or section of town would elect or appoint an agent to oversee the running of the school within that district. These district schools continued until the late 1800's when the town took control of all of the schools within the town. At that time the town began a consolidation of schools as the population of the town declined greatly in the early 1900's. Anyone interested in reading the particulars on day-to-day life of these schools should pick up a copy of Ernest Knight's book, *HISTORICAL GEMS of*

RAYMOND AND CASCO, at the Raymond Village Library. Even better, get hold of some old Raymond Town Reports as they make very interesting reading.

Raymond never had a formal secondary school of its own but relied on other towns as well as private academies to educate its secondary students. Schools that our students attended varied from year to year, not much different than what is happening with our students today. In 1944 we had students at Gorham, Fryeburg Academy, Portland, Poland, Casco, Windham, No. Yarmouth

Academy, New Gloucester and Gray. Sound familiar? That year seemed to mark a different way of administering the elementary school. Fred Akins was appointed Superintendent of Schools in July of 1944. He was also the Windham Superintendent at the time, and it looks as if this might have been the beginning of School Union #15. Raymond was a member of this union until it was dissolved by Windham in 1975.

During the time that Raymond belonged to the Union, it still maintained a choice

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

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or drop at Town Hall

Special Town Meeting

June 5th, 7:00 PM

At The Raymond Elementary School Gymnasium

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Jordan-Small Middle School Moving Ahead!

By: Christian Elkington, Principal
Spring is always a very busy time of the year in schools. It is no different here at Jordan-Small Middle School as students and staff alike are working hard to complete many differing projects and assignments before our school year ends. As I complete my first year as principal, I want to tell you how great it is to see and how impressed I am with the very positive work ethic of both students and staff as we head to the wire. The citizens of Raymond certainly have much to be proud of in their students and schools!

Building and grounds projects are busily being completed and started as we move from May to June. The final pieces to the Drainage Pond at JSMS are now being completed. The site work and new fencing have been finished with only grass seeding to be completed. Inside our school renovation work has been started in two of our wings. These are the first steps in a project that will last through the summer and be completed this coming fall. During the next 5 months several areas throughout JSMS will have work completed in them. This work will include but

not be limited to 2 new science labs, new lockers and bathrooms, along with many electrical upgrades. At the Special Town Meeting on June 5th the town will decide whether or not to appropriate another \$79,000.00 to fully complete our project. On behalf of the students and staff I urge all voters to attend and let their feelings be known.

Middle school planning also continues to move forward at JSMS. Our teaching staff continues to put the finishing touches on

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Founders Day

June 23rd, 7:30 AM Start

Road Races, Pancake Breakfast, Parade, Activities

Find out about the day on pages 6 & 7

Raymond Elementary School Report

By: Norma Richard, Principal
What difference a year makes! Last year at this time we were right in the middle of our move into the Raymond Elementary School. That meant sorting through, organizing, and boxing years and years of teaching materials, resources, books and files. It is hard to believe that we are now finishing our first year in the beautiful Raymond Elementary School. All of the years of planning and hard work by the many town committees have been well worth the effort. Our children and the faculty are finishing an outstanding first year, and it already feels like we have been here for a much longer time. It is such a treat to come to work each morning in a facility that supports the learning of our students. I was especially pleased during grade 4

MEA testing this year to have enough spaces for all of our testing needs, as in past years we were testing in hallways, locker rooms, and back offices. On behalf of our students, teaching faculty, and support staff, I want to thank the Raymond community for their continuing support of our elementary program.

After a very, very long winter our students are looking forward to a well-deserved summer vacation with their families. I would like to encourage each of them to make learning a family affair during the next few months. This will extend the children's skills and help them to be prepared for school when they return in late August. I know that in my own family the library played an important role during the summer months. Each week my mother

would provide each of us (there were seven children in my family) with a box, and we would fill it with books from the Mexico Public Library. Reading is one of the most important ways to assure a child's success in school, and the Raymond Village Library should be part of each family's summer routine. Children can enhance writing skills by keeping a journal, writing letters or e-mails to friends, and sending postcards from family trips and vacations. Math skills can be practiced each time you go shopping or to the grocery store. Your children will benefit from these and other activities.

Have a safe and happy summer vacation. I look forward to welcoming our students back to the Raymond Elementary School on Wednesday, August 29.

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News From The Raymond Village Library

June and July are very busy months at the library. The annual banquet meeting will be held at the library on June 7, at 6:30pm. This is one of the four yearly meetings for members. These meetings are open to new members; if interested call 655-4283.

The Fair

July 14 is the date for the Raymond Village Library Fair. This year it will be held in the new Raymond Elementary School from 8am to 1pm.

There will be an attic table with useful recycled items; plants to add to your gardens and home; baked goods for meals and dessert; paperback books for your summer reading enjoyment and a cookie walk where you can choose from many different kinds of cookies.

Due to the very positive response last year, the Silent Auction will feature art works, generously donated by local artists.

Patrons will be contacted by library club members and asked to donate articles or food for the fair. If you are not contacted and wish to donate, please call the library at 655-4283.

Breakfast and luncheon food will be available, so bring the family and plan to have a great time.

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. 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.

If you would like to help out, volunteers are needed to help set up on Friday night, July 13, from 4-7 at the Raymond Elementary School. No need to call ahead, just come and your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Art Exhibit

The artwork that will be featured in the Silent Art Auction will be on exhibit at the library from May 19 until the Fair on July 14. This will give everyone an opportunity to see what is available and choose the pieces on which to bid.

There will be a reception at the library in June for the artists, so please check at the library for the date and time and come in to meet the artists.

Hardcover Book Sale

The hardcover book sale at the library 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, audio tapes and CD's. These can be brought to the library at any time.

Book Discussion Group

The reading group will be discussing "The Weight of Water", by Anita Shreve. This group meets on June 28 at 7pm at the library. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Holiday Closing

The library will be closed on Wednesday, July 4. We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Eileen Stiles Honored By Community

School parents, friends, and community members are invited to a special reception for Eileen Stiles on Friday, June 8, at 3:30pm at the Raymond Elementary School. Eileen is retiring from her position as home-school coordinator for the Raymond Schools. Many, many families in our community have benefited from Eileen's services through the years. These have ranged from preschool screenings, home visits, kindergarten screenings, parenting classes, food drives, and Christmas baskets, to other community service projects. Her work with the children of Raymond has been outstanding, and her contributions to this community are too numerous to mention. Please join us on June 8 to honor her work and to wish her the very best in the coming years. You can also mail a card or message of thanks to Eileen in care of the Raymond Elementary School, 434 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071.

Fund Raiser Yard Sale For Church Teen Youth To Attend Christian Summer Camp

Saturday June 9th, 9am to 4pm at the Windham 1st Church of the Nazarene, on the hill at the intersection of 115 and 202. Many families have donated items for this yard sale. Come and help some local youths attend camp this summer.

POT ROAST SUPPER

Saturday, June 16th, from 4:30 to 6:00pm
Raymond Village Community Church UCC
Main St. (Rt. 121) Raymond

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

When The Assessor Knocks And No One Is Home

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

update values. On many occasions, visits to residential properties occur when no one is home. The standard practice for assessing properties when no one is home includes measuring the buildings, determining the quality and condition of the buildings (with the interior estimated through window views), and taking a picture.

June 2001

Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FB=Fire Barn JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd RE=Raymond Elementary TG=Town Garage RT85 TH=Town Hall VL=Village Library					1	2 7:00AM-9:00PM FB Open House
3	4	5 7:00PM RE Special Town Meeting	6 7:00PM RE School Committee	7 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	8	9
10	11	12	13 7:00PM TH Planning Board Jordan-Small Middle School Field Day	14 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time Raymond Elementary Flag Day	15	16
17 10:00AM Appeals Board Site Walk	18	19 7:00PM TH Selectmen	20 7:00PM RE School Committee	21 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	22	23 7:30AM Founders Day
24	25 7:00PM TH Appeals Board	26	27 9:00AM VL Library Board Meeting	28 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	29	30

Special Town Meeting, Tuesday, June 5th, 7:00pm, At The Raymond Elementary School Gym

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

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. Detail 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

From the Garden Shelf Raymond Village Library

By: Penny Murley

I'm sure many of you have read or heard about Maine's gardening magazine, *People, Places and Plants*, published by Paul Tukey in Falmouth. The magazine's theme, "If you can garden in Maine, you can garden anywhere", strikes a chord with any of us who till the soil, and promises to ring even more true this year. Never has spring been more eagerly awaited nor more thoroughly appreciated than here in the Lakes Region (a.k.a. the snowbelt). Though it may have been delayed by a few weeks, it has come, and with it a frenzy of garden clearing, soil preparation, planting and seed sowing as we try to catch up on the missed hours of daylight and warm weather we should have been enjoying. I cannot tell you how many dispirited people have asked me "Will we have flowers this spring?" or, "Have you ever seen a year like this one?" In twenty-eight years in the greenhouse and a lifetime of gardening, I honestly can't remember a winter/spring quite like this one.

By now, you have all been deluged with seed catalogs, gardening magazines and ads for lawn fertilizer and weed killer on TV. If that's not enough to get you thinking about the season ahead, there are a number of television programs as well as Internet sites to visit and generate some dream landscapes of your own. By far, the best source of ideas, plans, and great garden suggestions as well as answers to gardening questions or problems you might have experienced, is your local library. The Raymond Village Library has a great collection of books and periodicals to get you started. Included are the Time-Life series on the culture of a number of different plants, Jim Crockett's volumes on gardening indoors and out, some of Taylor's guides, books on just about anything a gardener would be interested in including perennials, vegetables, houseplants, roses, orchids, azaleas, trees, shrubs, books by Maine gardener Elliot Coleman, Rodale Press' Illustrated Guide as well as many others. Unlike the hot and dry summer of '99, last summer's cool and wet weather provided trees, shrubs and perennials with plenty of moisture for a great root growing season. Also, the abundant snow has provided one great advantage to perennial gardeners: no January thawing and heaving of our precious bulbs and perennials to worry about.

I'm not the meteorologist in the family, but I'm predicting a beautiful spring and summer. In the meantime, check out the library and start dreaming!

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. The debt retirement on 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 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

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TOWN OF RAYMOND OPEN HOUSE

PROPOSED NEW PUBLIC SAFETY/FIRE STATION BUILDING AT
DISTRICT ONE FIRE STATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2001
7:00 AM TO 9:00 PM

Interested citizens are invited to attend an Open House at the District One Fire Station to obtain additional information about the proposed new Public Safety/Fire Station building. Handouts will be provided and questions answered regarding the new building. Tours of the existing building will be provided.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to obtain more information on the proposed new building before the vote scheduled for the Special Town Meeting on June 5, 2001, at 7:00pm at the Raymond Elementary School.

2001 SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT THE RAYMOND VILLAGE LIBRARY

Readers of all ages, join us at the Raymond Village Library this summer for six weeks of summer reading fun!

July 7th through August 18th

Join us for a summer of fun and fantasy as we explore exciting tales of knights and dragons, folk tales, fairy tales and other fantasies! Create a shield with your own coat of arms, make fire breathing dragons, learn about the origins of folk tales and take part in other fun activities and projects. We'll enjoy an evening of story telling with Susan Dries, local story teller extraordinaire, and end with a medieval festival featuring great food, games, certificates and other fun and prizes.

"Catch a Book by the Tale!"

Joining is easy! Send in the attached enrollment form, and during the week of July 7th through 13th stop by the library for your start up package. Each week, when you bring back the books you've read and had them recorded in your reading log, there will be activities or projects available for you to pick up and complete at home. You can stop by the library at your convenience anytime during the week to participate.

Call Lisa at 655-5076 or stop by the library with questions or for more information. There will be a limit of 75 readers in the program, so don't wait until the last minute to sign up!

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Return this enrollment form to your teacher or drop it off at the Raymond Village Library.

I would like to participate in the Summer Reading Program!

READER'S NAME: _____ **AGE:** _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____
PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

Boy Scout Troop 800 Holds Spring Court Of Honor

This spring's Court of Honor was held Saturday, April 28th at the Raymond Village Community Church. The event began with a potluck supper in the vestry, followed by the Court of Honor itself, which took place in the sanctuary as recent merit badges and rank advancements were acknowledged in a formal setting. Brief skits by various



patrols were performed, and Sam Lobel gave a verbal essay about the recent field trip to the Bangor Air National Guard Base. The program was planned and presented by Assistant Patrol Leader Clint Randall and Second Class Scout Andrew Jordan as part of the Communications Merit Badge requirements.

Jordan-Small Math Teams Shine!

By: Christian Elkington, Principal

On Tuesday, May 22, our 5th and 6th grade math teams competed at the Portland Expo in the final Southern Maine Middle School Math Meet of the year. Team competitions had our 5th graders finishing 7th out of 31 teams! In the 6th grade team competition, our students finished 2nd out of the 22 teams entered. What great results! We are also very happy to report that in the 6th grade individual competition, Kainani Stevens placed 5th and Ian Acker placed 3rd out of over 140 student participants!

Raymond Mentoring Partnership

The Raymond School System will be welcoming an exciting new mentoring partnership this fall. The Raymond Mentoring Partnership is looking for adults who are interested in working with us to develop a supportive, caring relationship with a child or youth during the next school year. We are also collecting referrals of primary school children and middle school youth who would benefit from such a relationship.

The Mentoring Partnership became possible through a grant from the Maine State Office of Substance Abuse. Communities for Children members Lori Rand and Eileen Stiles initiated and wrote the request for funding, assisted by MaryAnn Amrich. The one-year grant will fund start-up costs, program administration, program activities, training and community education. Our goal is to match ten young people in each school with an adult mentor to meet weekly for at least an hour after school. We envision stronger partnerships growing in Raymond as adults, youth, schools and community connect in new ways.

While several volunteers have already expressed an interest in becoming mentors, we still need more adults who want to make a difference in a Raymond child's life. Mentors are people who can provide friendship, support and constructive examples of behavior. They are good listen-

Raymond Scouts Pitch In At Church's Spring Clean Up

Cub Scout Pack 800 and Boy Scout Troop 800, with adult leaders and parents, showed up in force at the Raymond



Village Community Church's spring clean up on Saturday, May 5th. With rakes, shovels, brooms and wheelbarrows the winter's sand and leftover fall leaves were gathered up and removed by several pickup trucks. The work was accomplished with a lot of enthusiasm, and everyone was enjoying working together on what turned out to be a great day to do such a job: mild temps and a bit cloudy. The RVCC is the charter organization to both the Pack and the Troop.

5th Grade Team Members were: John Atwood, Harmony Brown, April Cox, Doug Remick, Lyzz Stevenson, and Kyle Woodbrey.

6th Grade Team Members were: Ian Acker, Andy Bissonnette, Brett Coggan, T.J. Cook, Amanda Hammett, Wyndham Juneau, Kainani Stevens, James Wiley, and Steve Wisutskie.

Once again the students of Raymond, with the support of the staff of Jordan-Small Middle School, have represented our school and community with distinction! Congratulations to all of these students for a great math meet!

ers and can help youth develop their strengths along with families, schools and the community. We ask for a commitment to meet weekly with a child during the school calendar year, attend training workshops, and participate in occasional group program activities. To address safety issues, we also ask that all mentoring volunteers consent to a background check.

If you would like to refer a student from Raymond Elementary School or Jordan-Small School, you may obtain a referral form from the school or by contacting the program coordinators below. The grant proposal is focused on helping those children who could use additional support in their lives due to limited resources. We may not be able to match every referral. Youth participants will be selected according to available mentors who can meet particular needs and the willingness of their families to be involved with the partnership. Families will be asked to participate in a meeting to understand the mentoring relationship expectations and attend at least two program events during the school year.

Please consider participating in the Raymond Mentoring Partnership. You may contact Eileen Stiles at 655-4193 or Lori Rand at 655-4277 for referral forms and for more information.



Boy Scout Troop 800 Merit Badge activities held recently at the Raymond Village Community Church included the Cycling and Canoeing Merit Badge.



Nurse's Notes

By: Jerilyn Ward, R.N.

Okay.... okay.... I have already been caught!! You all remember that beautiful, unexpected, record breaking, sunny day a week or so back that caught us all off guard. Well, my boys all came home that evening with sunburns. I was so upset to see their perfect white skin pink and hot. I realize the damage that can come with sun exposure. How could I have been so careless?

Why did this bother me so much? Well, because skin cancer is directly related to the amount of sun we are exposed to. Burning the skin where blisters can result actually doubles the likelihood of developing malignant melanoma, a terminal form of skin cancer. Chronic sun exposure causes premature aging in the form of wrinkles and age spots (protect your children, they will thank you later). Also, the development of cataracts has been linked to the amount of sun and UV damage that our eyes absorb. Remember 80% percent of the average person's exposure to the sun occurs before the age of 18.

What is a parent to do? Protect your child's skin, and don't expect them to always be responsible for applying the lotion themselves. After all, how responsible are adults? So many of us have placed our skin in danger time and time again. We hope for that healthy brown glow, only to burn our cheeks, peel our nose and have the appearance of wearing chronic white glasses. How attractive is that! Let's set an example for our children. I am amazed at how many adults I have come across that have had the experience of skin cancer and the emotional whirlwind that goes along with its removal and treatment.

Protection comes with the use of sunscreen, protective clothing, and UV protective sunglasses, even on cloudy days when those UV rays still can do their damage. Wearing a sunscreen with high sun protection factor (SPF) is recommended. The higher SPF numbers indicate greater protection. Sunscreen should be generously applied.

So what do we do when our children appear with sunburn on their delicate skin? Cool showers and applying wet, cool cloths are comforting. My mom used to use the home remedy of cool water mixed with white vinegar to lessen the sting. Tylenol and Ibuprofen may be used for discomfort as well. Use moisturizing creams or aloe based gels to soothe, but avoid Vaseline and creams with benzocaine that may cause allergic reactions. Most importantly call your health care provider if your child develops a fever, fluid filled blisters, dizziness or visual problems, which may indicate sun poisoning.

My goal.... NO MORE BURNED SKIN!! Let's all enjoy the summer sun smart and safe.

Short History

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plan for its secondary students. Students were allowed to go to any school of their choosing, and the town would pay the State-set tuition rate. As time went by, more and more students began to go to school in Windham, as it was the biggest school in the union.



Walking onto the school roof in 1969.

As more and more demands were placed on high schools to provide more varied educational opportunities to their students, the State offered inducements for towns to consolidate their high schools through the Sinclair Act. This act established the present School Administrative Districts that are pervasive throughout the state today. During the late sixties the town of Casco left School Union #15 to



Part of the school burns in 1969.

become part of SAD #61, the Lake Region District. Raymond explored the possibility of also joining this district, but in the end opted to continue the status quo. The biggest hang-up seemed to be the perception that Raymond would pay the lion's share of the costs of the district even though it would have the fewest number of students. At about the same time a committee explored the possibility of forming a system between Windham and Raymond, but nothing came from it as the cost to Raymond was deemed to be too high. Another factor, in both cases, was that many people felt that having the ability to keep choice was very important.



Classes in a supply closet in 1975.

During the 70's both Windham and Raymond grew quickly in population, and the educational needs of both towns grew as well. During this time the original school burnt to the ground. Classes were held at camp Hinds and Town Hall as well as in what remained of the school. Keeping school running while planning for a new addition to the school was a major task. Much time and effort was spent by the administration in this endeavor. In 1974 the Windham School Committee felt that the needs of Windham had outgrown its ability to share a school administrator with Raymond. To that end it voted to dissolve the school union that had well served both towns for many years. Beginning in July of 1975, Raymond was once again responsible for all its educational activities.

During the late 70's and early 80's, Raymond's school population grew exponentially. Jordan-Small School was hopelessly overcrowded. What is now the library and stage, held 6 classes. To alleviate this overcrowding the town explored and eventually tuitioned out the 7th and 8th grades, along with its secondary students. The elementary school finally had breathing room. During the early 80's, Windham began putting on the pressure to have Raymond send all of its students to its Middle and High Schools. Raymond, not wanting to give up choice, signed a non-exclusive contract with Westbrook. As a result of this, Windham dropped its demand to have all Raymond students attend its schools.

These times were the heyday for choice in Raymond. The majority of students were attending Westbrook. Many students were going to Cheverus and Catherine McAuley in Portland, (this ended when the Attorney General ruled that it was unconstitutional), as well as many other schools in the area.

During the 80's, on two different occasions, the Raymond School Committee held talks with Mechanic Falls, Poland and Minot, exploring the possibility of forming a School Administrative District or Community School District. Nothing came of those discussions. More discussions were held when Poland developed plans for its new high school, but we did not get involved.

Presently Raymond is in the process of bringing the 7th and 8th grades to its new middle school beginning this



Building the gym in 1988.

fall. The board is keeping a close eye on the concerns that face us, as some parents feel that we may be limited in the number of schools that may offer to take our students. The board continues to look at all the options that are available to us at this time.

Jordan-Small School 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

By: Christian Elkington, Principal

On behalf of the students and staff of JSS it is our pleasure to recognize the following 5th and 6th grade students who have earned recognition for their high levels of academic achievement during the 3rd Quarter!

5th Grade High Honors

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| Harmony Brown | Ali Gordan |
| Bridget Byrne | Ian Levinsky |
| Sarah Crockett | Amy McIntire |
| Alison Gagnon | Robyn Stillings |

5th Grade Honors

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|------------------|---------------------|
| John Atwood | Danielle Holman |
| Kris Burgess | Nicole Lloy |
| JJ Burns | Andrew Miranda |
| Jordan Burns | Mike Orsini |
| Tasha Carson | Taylor Parker |
| Victoria Christy | Alison Remalia |
| Amy Cobb | Doug Remick |
| April Cox | Patrick Ross |
| Kurt Crockett | Trevor Saremi |
| Ashlee Daggett | Elizabeth Stevenson |
| Grant Dodge | Travis Ward |
| Khris Fenton | Dan Williams |
| Travis Guerrette | Cody Winde |
| Julia Hartig | Justin Woodbrey |
| | Kyle Woodbrey |

6th Grade High Honors

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| Keegan Brown | Amanda Hammett |
| Julia Comeau | Andrew Reed |
| Jennifer Curtis | Samantha Richards |
| Skylar Duncanson | Kayla Taylor |

6th Grade Honors

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| Ian Acker | Troy Knight |
| Alyse Bartholomew | Elliot Lamarre |
| Andrew Bissonnette | Ashley Leavitt |
| Ashley Blanchard | Molly Niziol |
| Amanda Bruno | Rebecca Randall |
| Steve Clark | Erika Richardson |
| Brett Coggan | Justin Robinson |
| Brittany Cogswell | Jeremy Salamone |
| Kayleigh Collins | John Shively |
| T.J. Cook | Kainani Stevens |
| Katie Eastman | Dan Tracy |
| Kelli Emery | Hannah Whitcher |
| Amanda Evans | Emjay Williams |
| Taylor Fey | Stefan Winslow |
| Nicole Gagne | Stephen Wisutskie |
| Cameron Gosney | |
| Roman Gosney | |
| Wyndham Juneau | |

All of us at JSS join with your parents and guardians in commending each of you for your hard work and dedication to academic excellence! Well done!

7th Grade Raymond Student Excels In SAT's

Erin Dodge has completed, with distinction, the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth Talent Search by taking the SAT I: Reasoning Test. To be eligible to take the test as a seventh grader is a noteworthy accomplishment. Erin's qualification means that she is in the top 3% of students nationwide. Erin scored a 510 in the verbal portion of the SAT. The average verbal score for college-bound seniors in the class of 2000 was 505. Erin did better than 51% of the national group of college-bound seniors. Erin is the daughter of Gary and Cathy Dodge of Raymond. She is in seventh grade at Gray-New Gloucester Middle School. Great job, Erin!

Attention Parents Of Children Entering Kindergarten Fall Of 2002

If you have a preschooler who will be starting Kindergarten 2002 and are not currently receiving the Raymond Preschool Newsletter, please call 655-8672 Ex 108 to register your child. Please leave name, address, phone number, and birthday. Your child must be 5 years old by October 15, 2002. Please leave parent's or guardian's name and whether your child is at home or what daycare/preschool they attend. For other info call Eileen Stiles at above number.

On Your Mark! Get Set! Go To Raymond Founders Day!!

Saturday, June 23rd

Schedule of Events

7:30 AM: Raymond Founders Day will get kicked off with not 1 but 2 road races. Both a 5K and a 10K will start at 7:30 AM at Sheri Gagnon Park. The initial route for both will be Mill St. to Main St., left to Rte 302, right to Rte 85 and then left to Mill St. The 5K will end there. The 10K will repeat the route except when they get to Main St. the 2nd time, they will turn left to Rte 302, to Rte 85, to the Park. The race committee anticipates a large number of runners for both races. In the past we have had several runners from Raymond. We hope to see more this year.

8:00 AM: A Pancake Breakfast will be held at Raymond Village Church from 8 to 10 AM. The perfect opportunity to get your carbs for energy for the rest of the morning. It is also a good place to watch part of the road race and the parade.

8:30 AM: Kids' one-mile race around the Park itself. All participants signing up ahead of time will get a race T-shirt.

10:00 AM: Parade, featuring Ruth Shadbolt's clowns, live music, floats, Legend Racing cars, and other service groups and youth groups, will march from Old Canal Rd next to Mosquito, onto Main St., up Mill St. to the Park.

11:00 AM: Activities on the field at the Park. At this point in the planning, the timing of everything is not fully in place. However, there will be a decorated bicycle parade. Registration will be at 11 AM at the Raymond Rattlers booth. The parade will begin at 11:30. There will be judges and prizes.

Other activities and entertainment will include "folk" singer Carol Wise, who performed for us two years ago, dance and gymnastic demonstrations, a demonstration of Karate and other martial arts and Tai'Chi by Bushido Dojo. There will also be a demonstration by one of Cumberland County Sheriff Dept's K-9 units.

We still anticipate that some of the bearded, longhaired Cub Scout leaders will be shorn of most of their hair. The Cubs were given a challenge by the leaders and that challenge was met. The leaders must pay.

We are working on an art display of the works of local artists.

A balloon lady will be strolling the premises making hats, helmets and animals for the younger set. There will be game booths staffed in part by Girl Scouts and an apple

Raymond Founders Day

5K, 10K, Kids 1K Run

Saturday, June 23, 2001, at 7:30am
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 6:30am
Start at Sheri Gagnon Park on Mill Street
Raymond, Maine



Sponsored by: Maine Telephone Company and Hannaford Bros Co.
Benefit: Founders Day 2003 Raymond's Bicentennial

T-shirts for first 100 registered in 5K or 10K Run.

Pre-registration: 18 and under \$6.00; Adults \$9.00
Families (parents and children) not to exceed \$26.00
FREE Kids 1K on Sheri Gagnon Park after completion of the 10K Run.

Race Day Registrations: 18 & under \$6.00; Adults 10.00
Families (over three members) \$26.00

Awards: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place for male and female overall and 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place male and female in the following age divisions: 13 & under, 14-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70 and over.

Information:

Louise Lester 655-4224 or 655-4742 e-mail louise.lester@raymondmaine.org

or

Bob Payne 655-2165/534-8814 or e-mail blueridgeguide@bigfoot.com

bobbing tub for the kids. We anticipate a Moon-bounce type structure to arise on the premises. Businesses based in Raymond have been invited to set up displays of who they are and what they do. We understand that several non-profit groups will be selling all kinds of great food and beverages.

There will be a Flea Market under the tent at Sunset Variety at some point during the day. Table rental will be \$25 and all proceeds will go the Founders Day Committee. Please call Chris McClellan at 655-3131 during the day or leave a message at 655-7207 in the evening, if you are interested. Time will be established after interest is determined. Call Chris.



Send In The Clowns!

Clowns wanted for Founders Day Parade, June 23rd. I have costumes but need people to fill them — Mother, Daughter, Father, Son or even entire families. Guaranteed to be fun for everyone. If interested, phone Ruth Shadbolt at 655-4044.

Growing up is mandatory, growing old is optional.
BE A CLOWN.

Raymond Recreation Fall Soccer Sign-Up

Date: Thursday, June 7th, 2001

Time: 5:30 - 7:30PM

At: Jordan-Small Middle School Cafeteria

Fall soccer season will start the week of August 27, 2001, and run for eight weeks through October 15, 2001.
Open to students K-6th grade

Cost \$20.00 per student, \$15 for additional siblings. For more information or to volunteer to help with program, call Barry Keck at 627-4748.



Letterboxing – Grand Opening!

The first Lakes Region Letterbox Trail will make its debut on Saturday, June 23rd, during Founders Day. Trail Guides will be available at the Town Hall in Raymond, Raymond Village Library, and at local businesses (Cry of the Loon, Sunset Variety, Mains' Pizza). The letterbox trail will include many historical sites as well as local businesses. Sites selected for this trail highlight the impact that waterways have had on local development. You'll want

to have your own stamp pad and rubber stamp to take along on this scavenger hunt. Clues on the Trail Guides will lead you to each site! Other trails under development include one in Bridgton near Bald Pate Mountain and Portland Water District's "Ecoquest", designed to familiarize people with the greater Sebago Lake region. Look for more details in July's Road Runner!

Founder's Day PANCAKE BREAKFAST



WHERE: Raymond Village Community Church, Main Street, Raymond

WHEN: Saturday, June 23, 2001
8:00-9:30 A.M.

MENU: Pancakes, Sausage or Bacon
Coffee, Juice

COST: Adults \$3.50, Children \$2.50

Local Gymnast Scores Big At State Championships

On Saturday, May 6, 7th grader Angela Scripture became the USGA Junior Olympic Level 7 State Champion for floor and parallel bars, taking 1st on these events. Combined with her 4th place on balance beam and 3rd on vault, Angie received a silver medal (2nd place) for her All-Around score of 35.075.

While most gymnasts remain at the same level for the entire competitive season in order to ensure their success at the States, Angie chose to move to level 7 mid-season and had to create and master new routines in a very short time. Her hard work and determination saw her through some tough competition, and she will be working through the summer training as a level 8 gymnast. She hopes to qualify for States and Eastern Regionals! Congratulations to Angie, her coaches Rod and Mary, and all her teammates from Andy Valley Gym!

Jordan-Small School Intramural Basketball

By: Beau Boyle, Tom Taylor, Jack Fitch

Basketball brings to an end the intramural season at Jordan-Small Middle School. Nearly forty students participated twice a week for six weeks in this activity. The first three weeks concentrated on skills and drills, teaching our students the basic fundamentals needed to be successful in the game of basketball. The last three weeks gave our students the opportunity to put their newly learned skills to work in both half court and full court games.

Both boys and girls participated equally throughout the 6 weeks! We are very happy to report that all participants displayed excellent sportsmanship. Although individual skills were taught during this intramural season, the game of basketball was presented as a team sport with all players working together.

Until next year, we hope all the students of Jordan-Small Middle School have a happy and healthy summer vacation.

Hawthorne Community Association

Members of the Hawthorne Community Association would like to extend a special thank you to William and Donna Toth of Raymond for the donation of a furnace to the Hawthorne House and also to Alyssa Rose Co., Inc. of South Casco for the installation of the furnace.

The Association maintains and preserves Nathaniel Hawthorne's Boyhood Home for the use of the community. The House is available for weddings, receptions, movies, meetings, teas, children's parties and other gatherings for a modest charge.

The Association sponsors various events during the year, including a Strawberry Festival in June, a Chicken Barbecue in August, a Halloween Party for Children in October and a Christmas Party in December. Members of the Hawthorne Community Association invite interested members of the community to join.

For more information call: Bob Wallace — 655-3357

Hawthorne Community Association

RAYMOND CAPE ROAD
SOUTH CASCO, MAINE 04077



NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE'S BOYHOOD HOME

Annual Strawberry Festival

Saturday, June 23, 2001

At the Hawthorne House

7:30-9:00pm (please note new time)

\$5.00 per adult, \$3.00 per child

Dear Members,

We hope you will be able to attend the first Hawthorne event of the summer on June 23rd. Norm has promised us his famous shortcake biscuits, and we know the strawberries and whipped cream will be in abundance. Hopefully we can welcome many summer visitors as well as our loyal year round residents.

Come and bring the family. Reservations should be made before June 20th by calling Bob or Glenda Wallace at 655-3357.

And don't forget to mark the date of Sunday, August 19th, on your calendar for the Chicken Barbecue at Little Wohelo. The Van Winkles are kind enough to host this event, and they have promised good weather! We will send another notice in August to remind you.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Strawberry Festival.

Bob Wallace, President

JSMS Moving Ahead!

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aligning our 7th grade learning standards with our state's Learning Results. The hiring of staff is also in full swing, as 5 classroom teachers along with teachers in Art, Spanish and a Guidance Counselor are in the process of being interviewed. We have been very fortunate to have so many fine educators applying for positions with us! Our 7th graders along with all students at JSMS will certainly benefit from the new staff we bring on board! The development of Interscholastic Activities is also moving ahead as we join the Pine Tree League this fall.

Throughout June and over the summer many of the details and final pieces will be refined and put into place. This will secure a great beginning to the upcoming 2001 – 2002 school year! You have my word that we will continue to do our best to make our new school, Jordan-Small Middle School, one our students and community will continue to be proud of!

Thanks for your continued support!

Greetings from Title I (Literacy/Math)

**By: Margaret A. Mains, Title I Contact/
Literacy Specialist**

Kindergarten assessments are being completed with impressive results. More than 20 kindergarten students were able to read at least the first three books in the DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment), a literature-based assessment for Grades K-5. Many of them were able to go far beyond this level, putting them at the first, second and third grade level of reading achievement. We are all very excited about these positive and unexpected results.

First, second, and third grade assessments for Reading, Writing, and Math have also been completed by Mrs. Beers, Ms. Griffin, and myself. Mrs. Beers (Title I Ed Tech) and I will be looking at these assessments and other teacher generated data to determine our schedule for the year 2001-2002. We are also previewing samples from a program for comprehension development for the upper grades (Grades 3-7). The program series is called, "Soar to Success," and includes many colorful, interesting, and motivational short books with accompanying writing assignments and consistently taught lessons to encourage better strategy use at these higher-grade levels. The Maine Department of Education supports this series, and teachers all over the state have found this program to be an effective tool for addressing the needs of older students.

Our W.E.B. (Wonderfully Exciting Web) count is fast approaching the 300,000 page goal. One of the kindergarten students has read (or had read to him by someone at home) over 15,000 pages this year. Moving the W.E.B. program to the library has been an exciting change. The students enjoy spending that time selecting books from the wide variety in the library, and the atmosphere there certainly makes you want to read books! I have even made time in my schedule to help Mrs. Keef put books on the shelves one day a week because I love being in the library, surrounded by all the wonderful books!

Since we will not be having "Summer School" this year, we encourage you all to continue reading with your children as you travel and enjoy summer activities. We will be looking forward to hearing all about the summer adventures when the students return to school in August.

Have a safe and fulfilling summer.

Special Town Meeting

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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.

Raymond Lions Get Ready For Donations

On a recent evening several Raymond Lions cleaned out the redeemable can and bottle collection containers at the Town Office on Webbs Mills Rd and next to Jordan Bay Animal Hospital, across from the Post Office on Rte 302. Summer being the busiest season for beverages of all types, we wanted to be sure the sites were clean and neat to entice more residents and visitors to donate.

The Lions, over the past couple of years, have donated approximately \$5,150 to the Town to rebuild the principal of the several Town scholarships. This amounts to 50% of the net income from these collection points. The balance of the funds has been donated to the library, used to cover expenses for vision screening of pre-schoolers, helped those who need help in paying for prescription eyeglasses, sponsored a poster contest in the Middle School, paid for bicycle helmets, helped with Project Graduation expenses, helped to fund holiday parties for the developmentally challenged and generally has tried to make Raymond a better place to live for everyone.

The Lions would like to thank everyone for their support and donations, especially Signs in Seconds for the signage and Dr. Stephenson of Jordan Bay Animal Hospital for the use of his property.



Pictured are Lions Kathi Jones and President-elect Dale Gilman and Kathi's son Chris cleaning out the receptacle on the Jordan Bay Animal Hospital property.

Raymond Elementary School Grandparents Day

How do you double the size of the Raymond Elementary School? Just invite grandparents to visit for Grandparents Day. Friday, May 18, was a very special day for the students and their grandparents as nearly 300 guests joined us for the morning. They attended a Good News assembly and classes with the children, and had the opportunity to enjoy our beautiful new school. Mrs. Kathy Gorham did an outstanding job again this year. We already are looking forward to next year and sharing our school again with grandparents.



Stephanie Spaulding demonstrates her computer skills for her grandparents, Guy and Ruth Spaulding, and Lena Duchesneau at Raymond Elementary School's Grandparents Day.

Raymond Recreation Youth Group-2004

Our most recent community service project was preparing lasagna for participants of a scrap-a-thon, coordinated by Chris Sutton, to benefit Camp Sunshine. In spite of running out of gas mid-way through our crucial assembly time, Teddy Greeley, Matt and Gail Waisanen, and Amanda and Angie Scripture proved to be quite accomplished "chefs", and we received excellent reviews on our final product! Not only did we prove that "things are never dull" in Candi's kitchen, we were able to complete our mission and deliver two trays of piping hot "cuisine" on time, thanks to Jerry Scripture and his magic wrench!

Our next service project will be manning a table for the PTA on Founders Day. We will also be at the Communities for Children table, offering raffle items as a fundraiser for our group of "terrific teens". We hope to receive your support! I'd like to thank Cathy Dodge, of the Raymond PTA, for offering us an opportunity to increase our service hours *locally*. Our teens gain job skills or are able to apply these hours toward school requirements, awards and scholarships, as well as maintain a connection to their Raymond community.

Speaking of awards, we have a celebrity in our group, Matt Waisanen. Matt received the Red Cross Hero Award for saving his mom from choking. He enjoyed some stardom and was featured in local papers, on Channel 13 News and WBLM! I've known Matt for several years and if there's anyone who deserves an award, it is surely him. He has proven his heroism, responsibility and generosity consistently, helping to keep this group going!

We have some extensions from our 1st Annual Youth Day, opened to students grades 7 and up. Gail Waisanen and Sue Carr are willing to provide craft workshops for those who are not interested in yard work or babysitting jobs, yet want to earn some spending money. We hope to meet weekly and sponsor a craft fair before summer's end. Right now our biggest challenge is locating affordable summer space with access to a room with outlets and tables. If you can help us out, please call! We will also be offering a CPR/babysitting course in July for those teens interested. We'll coordinate a "Meet the Teen Day" to promote your services in late summer! Space is limited; sign-up early! We have some bowling dates, just for fun; chaperones needed are for these dates!

To our RYC-2004 kiddos: we've met our 4th year anniversary! Share your ideas for our own summer celebration!

Upcoming RYC-2004 Dates/Events:

- Service:** *Looking for teens to help with tables at Founders Day, 9:00-3:00
*Like computers? Looking for teens to help update/improve local teen web site!
- Job Skills:** *CPR: July 28, 10:30-12:00 @ Candiland Nursery School for teens/adults. Participants receive 2 year certification. Babysitting workshop (for those interested) immediately following, until 1:00. Space limited, call early to sign-up!
- "Fun":** *Bowling: open to grades 7-9 @ Beacon Lanes, cost: \$ 4.50 includes shoes, 2 strings and door prizes. 1-2 Chaperones per grade level/parent confirmation/RSVP required!
**Sun., 6/10, 1:00-3:30, RSVP BY: 6/8
**Tue., 7/24, 5:30-7:00, RSVP BY: 7/21

For more information: Teens, adults or any potential helpers, please call: Candi Scripture @ 655-5368 or e-mail: scandiusa@netscape.net. Thank You!

Parent Support Group

There will be no Parent Support Group Meeting the second Tuesday in June at Jordan-Small Middle School due to lack of participation. For any help needed call Eileen Stiles at the Raymond Elementary School 655-8672 x108.

From Raymond Recreation, Thank You

It seems that in every issue of the Road Runner there is at least one article of appreciation for the efforts of volunteers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in making a project possible. Volunteers are part of what makes our town a healthy community.

It is time to say a special "Thank You" to the hundreds of volunteers who have worked in our Raymond Recreation Programs over the past year. A fitting tribute to your effort is in the smiles we have seen on the faces of the children having fun, learning new skills, and tackling new challenges, whether on the ski slopes, karate floor, drama stage, or soccer field.



The photo of these children in our swim program at St. Joseph's says it all. Thank you for providing activities that are safe, sound and FUN!

14th Annual Public Speaking Contest Held At Jordan-Small!

By: Christian Elkington, Principal

On Friday, April 27th, 21 students from Jordan-Small School participated in the finals of our Public Speaking Contest. This was the culmination of over a month's worth of work by the students of our school. Every student was given the opportunity to participate in this activity with the support of his or her classroom teacher. Classroom contests were held to determine 3 finalists from each room. Each student was judged on Clarity, Volume, Memory, Vocal and Dramatic Expression.

Congratulations go to Katie Eastman (1st), Amanda Hammett (2nd), Jacob Markowski (3rd), and Harmony Brown (4th) for being selected as the top finishers! Congratulations also go to the following students for earning their way to the finals!

John Shively
Julia Comeau
Kayleigh Flynn
Taylor Fey
Casey Crouse
Becky Randall
Ali Gordan
Raven Casler
Amy Cobb

Harmony Fontes
Alyse Bartholomew
Brittany Cogswell
Ian Levinsky
Doug Remick
Alison Remalia
Danielle Holman
Bridget Byrne

Way to go!

