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Raymond Elementary School Principal's Report

By: Norma Richard, Principal

Winter is right around the corner, and at the Raymond Elementary School that means dealing with snowsuits, jackets, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens. I would like to remind parents to label all items of winter clothing. Students should dress appropriately for the winter weather and we want to make sure that all items are returned to their rightful owners. Our lost and found grows by leaps and bounds at this time of year, so please check with the office if your child has lost any items of clothing.

the cold temperatures and need to stay out of the cold weather. With a doctor's note, we are happy to provide an alternative inside recess for these children. All other children will go outside, so please make sure your children are warmly dressed and prepared for recess.

We would also like to remind parents that children who are sick should remain home until they are well enough to tackle the demands of the school day without exposing other children to colds or flu. We also require that children are fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

The school cancellation procedures are published in the school handbook. To review, in the event of no school due to weather or other emergency conditions, the cancellation announcements will be broadcast on the local television stations (chan-

nels 6, 8 and 13) and radio stations (WPOR, WMGX, & WGAN) as soon as possible. School delays are coordinated with the receiving school systems, Westbrook, Windham, Poland and Gray, so weather in these districts may affect bus-ing our elementary students. Safety is always our first consideration in canceling or delaying the start of school.

We also want to remind parents that they should have notified the school in writing of alternate plans for early dismissal due to weather or other emergencies. We are unable to call parents at the time of dismissal to discuss alternate plans. Please be sure that your child knows in advance where he/she will be dropped on these days. Hopefully we will have an easier winter and stick to our regular schedule and school calendar.

We do have recess each day during the winter months unless the weather is so severe that all children remain inside. If children are too sick to go out for recess, then they would benefit from staying home. We do have some children with respiratory or other medical alerts who cannot tolerate



Road Runner Articles Due

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

E-Mail; Diskette; Paper

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

Send School Related Articles To:

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or drop at a Principal's Office

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or drop at Town Hall

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Attention Raymond Property Owners

In 1998 the 118th Session of the Maine State Legislature enacted significant property tax relief in the form of the Homestead Exemption. A qualified homeowner is entitled to a \$7,140 reduction in valuation. Last year a substantial number of Raymond property owners took advantage of this program and had their property taxes reduced by \$106.74.

This notice is intended for permanent Maine residents who may be eligible for this program and do not claim the Home-

stead Exemption elsewhere. If you have previously applied for this exemption, you do not need to reapply.

Please contact the Assessing Office to receive an application. Applications must be submitted no later than April 1, 2002, to receive this exemption for the 2002 tax year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Raymond Assessing Office at 655-4712.

Raymond PTA Reflections Program

The Reflections Program is off to a great start. We are very excited about the level of participation, as over 60 students have signed up for the program. The students have been busy working on their art projects at the workshops and at home. We look forward to displaying the artwork at the school for all to enjoy. Please remember that November 30th is the deadline for submissions. Students should write their name, grade and title of artwork (if any) on the back of the entry. Artwork can be submitted to either school office.



Boy Scout Troop 800 and 2nd year Webelos Cub Scouts from Pack 800 prepare to embark on a challenging hike up Old Speck Mountain in Grafton Notch on November 18th. Read more about it on page 4.

Food Pantry Thank-You

By: Diane Goosetrey, Pantry Manager

The Raymond Food Pantry wishes to thank Boy Scout Troop 800 for their successful town wide food drive plus their monetary donation with which we can purchase items not on our shelves. The troop leaders should be certainly proud of their scouts and the parents who are raising them.

I also want to thank the residents of the Town of Frye Island who graciously donated their unused food items to our food pantry instead of taking them to their winter quarters. We greatly appreciate our neighboring town's commitment to our community.

Our pantry shelves are full of food items but we are still lacking personnel hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, tooth paste, deodorant, etc; all paper goods such as toilet paper, napkins, tissues, food wraps & bags; all cleaning products and laundry supplies.

If any Raymond resident is in need of the pantry's assistance due to the temporary loss of job, illness and unable to work or meet your medical bills, choosing to buy medicine, fuel or food, feed your family, we are here to help you out. Please be assured all information will be kept in strictest confidence because you will be dealing only with me. I can be reached by calling 428-3206 and leaving your number or call Raymond Town Hall and ask them to contact me.

Two Local Runners Raise Donations For Charities

The 2001 Army Ten Miler was scheduled for October 15 in Washington, D.C. It is the largest ten mile road race in the country. This year's race had 18,000 registrants.

One local runner resolved to run in the race and planned to use it as a means of raising money for the Arlington, Virginia, Chapter of the American Red Cross. The race, however, was canceled less than a week before. First Sergeant Michael Hughes of the Army Reserve's 98th Division in Lewiston raised pledges from local citizens. Despite the fact that the race was canceled, Michael and his family went to D.C. and ran in two unofficial ten mile events over that weekend.

Upon returning to Raymond, Michael informed all his sponsors that the race had been canceled. All of the sponsors graciously instructed him to accept their donation anyway. He recently delivered it to the charity with instructions to earmark the proceeds to benefit the children of victims in the September 11 tragedy at the Pentagon. He also wishes to thank the following sponsors:

- Darcy and Bryan Connor
- Joanne Varney
- Rod and Karyn Knights
- John L. Legere
- Sister Sylvia Comer
- Sister Michele Aronica
- Beth Clark
- Joe Hanslip

- Jay Coyne
- Dawn Dean
- Russ and Betty Remalia
- Renee Robbins
- Elijah's Blueberries
- Roger Bennett
- Carlene Lemieux
- J. Michael Reilly

Another local runner, Diane Zawistowski, will be stepping off in January to run the Walt Disney World Marathon. She is trying to raise \$3500 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Please get in touch with her to make your pledge. She also welcomes your support if you should see her on the road training . Please honk!!

Tax Relief Form Help December 8th

On Saturday morning, December 8th, Representative Joe Bruno will be helping anyone who needs assistance filling out their 2000 tax year State Tax Relief form. He will be in the Town Office from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. No appointment will be needed. If you don't have a copy of your 2000-2001 tax bill (last year's), the Town Office will be able to give you a copy. You will also have to know what your annual income was for last year.

Rabies Clinic January 19th

Because dog licensing must be done by January 31, 2002, without incurring additional fines, the Town of Raymond and Jordan Bay Animal Hospital will be conducting our annual Rabies Clinic at the Public Works Garage on Webbs Mills Road.

The hours will be from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Dogs and cats will be vaccinated for rabies at a cost of \$8.00 per animal. Please be sure to have your pets restrained in boxes or on a leash for the protection of everyone involved.

Mentoring

By: Jenna Morse and Alex Jackson

We would like to talk to you about our experiences in the Raymond Mentoring Partnership. If you were thinking about becoming a mentor, read on. The more mentors there are, the more students can be involved, which helps kids stay busy after school and not get into trouble. There are students waiting to be partnered up with a caring adult or older teen, and that could be you.

Mentoring is fun because you get a new friend and can plan activities, and you both learn new things every time. Some of the things we have done include decorating our mentor bag, pumpkin carving, shopping, visiting the Portland Art Gallery, swimming and working on planning an event for all the other mentors and mentees. We are all going to see the Wizard of Oz in December. We can't

wait for it to snow, so we can go tubing, snowshoeing and maybe even skiing or snowboarding.

Mentoring is a partnership between an adult and a student who both have a desire to make the relationship work!



Don't delay, call today. Raymond Mentoring Partnership: 655-8672 ext. 107

December 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 VC=Village Church						1
2	3	4 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting	5 12:30PM RE Karate 7:00PM RE School Committee	6 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time 6:30PM TH Fire Dept. Officers Mtg. 7:00PM VL Library Club Meeting	7	8 9:00AM-12:00PM TH Tax Relief Form Help
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16	17 6:30PM RE Pack 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Appeals Board Meeting	18 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen 7:00PM TH Conservation Commission	19 9:00AM VL Library Board Meeting 12:30PM RE Karate 5:30PM RE Senior Citizen Supper 7:00PM RE School Committee	20 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	21	22 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED
23 10:00AM Appeals Board Site Walk	24 NO SCHOOL	25 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED CHRISTMAS NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee NO SCHOOL	28 4:30PM JS Friday Night Ski Program NO SCHOOL	29
30	31 NO SCHOOL					

Raymond Village Library News

New Library Hours

The evening hours are changing for December, January and February. The library will close at 7pm on Monday and Wednesday evenings. During inclement weather, please call 655-4283 to make certain that the library is open.

Holiday Hours

The Raymond Village Library will be closed December 24 and December 31.

Holiday Bake Sale

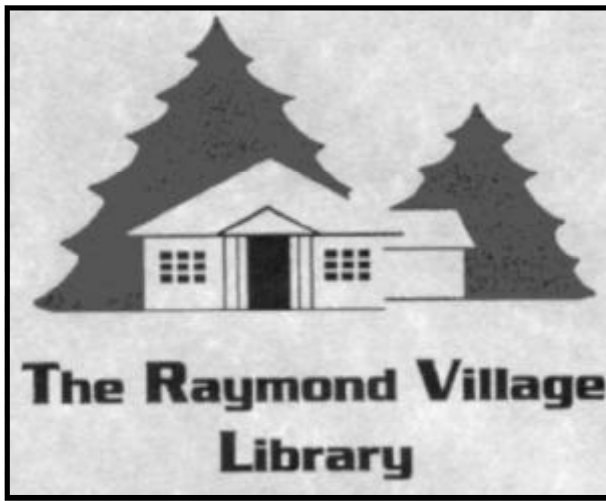
On Sunday, December 9, there will be a Bake Sale at the library, beginning at 11am. All kinds of special holiday cookies and treats will be available for purchase.

Book Discussion Group

There will be no Book Group meeting in December.

Club Holiday Meeting

The December Raymond Village Library Club meeting will be held Thursday, December 6, at 7pm. There will be a brief business meeting followed by a program presented by Jani Cummings's second and third grade class. They will present traditions of Kwanzaa, Christmas, Hanukkah and the Chinese New Year. In lieu of the usual gift



exchange, please bring a donation for the Raymond Food Pantry. They especially need boxes of kleenex and breakfast foods such as instant coffee, hot chocolate mix, jams and jellies. For more information, you may call the library at 655-4283.

Art Exhibit

Once again, the Raymond Village Library is pleased to be able to have the paintings of local artists decorating the library this holiday season. These artists are students of Charlene Lee, and the paintings will be on display from Thanksgiving through December for your holiday gift choosing.

Special Program at The Raymond Village Library

**STORY TIME FOR BABIES
DECEMBER 6, 2001, 9:30 AM**

**JOHN DIONNE
Occupational Therapy Assistant
at Raymond Elementary School**

MOVEMENT FOR LITTLE ONES

Raymond Preschool Program
Raymond Elementary School
434 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071
655-8672, Ext. 108

Fantasy and *The Lord of the Rings*

By: Laurie Forbes

2001's Summer Reading Program at the Raymond Village Library was devoted to the exploration of fairy tales, folk tales and fantasy. The category of fiction known as "fantasy" includes tales, legends, myths, fables and also science fiction. The differences between these subcategories can be a little hard to define, and many readers, authors and critics struggle to separate them, sometimes drawing distinctions such as "magic" or "technology" or "lessons." For most of us, though, fantasy simply offers a way - obviously and often profoundly - to step back from everyday life. We are challenged to open our minds and use our imaginations in order to permit the "unbelievable" to become real for a short time. Doing so can be "unbelievably" rewarding.

December of 2001 will see the release of the first of three movies based upon *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien, an author and Oxford (England) University professor who died in 1973. Although this book was originally published in the mid-1950s, it was only a few years prior to Tolkien's death that most of us experienced this wonderful work (and world) for the first time. It took a while to catch on, but after a bit of a slow start - and much to his dismay - Tolkien and his characters not only became popular but also became pop-culture icons, particularly on college campuses. Today, we no longer see "Frodo Lives!" bumper stickers on minivans, but the popularity of this and an earlier work, *The Hobbit*, has not abated.

"On silver necklaces they strung the flowering stars, on crowns they hung the dragon-fire, in twisted wire they meshed the light of moon and sun." (from *The Hobbit*)

Generation after generation rediscovers Tolkien. *The Lord of the Rings* has been named one of the greatest works of

the 20th century in several polls, and even makes it to "greatest ever" booklists. What is the appeal? Certainly any adult - with car repairs, mortgage payments, dental bills, etc. - might choose to suspend real life for a while and get lost in a fantasy story. And maybe for some their satisfaction with the story is just in this simple escape. But what sets Tolkien's books apart from those of many other fantasy writers is the reader's eventual and total belief in what was previously unbelievable. Fairly early on, you stop saying, "There are no such things as elves," and start admiring their culture and then mourning their loss: beings which once enriched the world and now are gone.

Elves. Dwarves. Wizards. Goblins. Hobbits. Men. Huh? Yup! And you might not even find the humans as true-to-life as the rest. The historian Tolkien gave each "race" its own origin and cultural background, so richly detailed that it can be studied like that of any other ancient people. The linguist

Tolkien gave each race its own language and the Elves their own alphabet. In the case of "Elvish," the languages can be learned - spoken and written - by YOU. The devoutly religious Tolkien wove a spell of creation for his world which is stunningly beautiful and moving. We read of the Gift of Men (death) and of the immortal Elves' struggle to deal with unlimited Time. We read of alliances and betrayals, deeds of great valor and great shame, darkness and distrust, light and learning - all either culminating in or focused on the book's central quest, which is the attempt to destroy the One Ring.

But here is the "touch": for Tolkien grass is grass (lawns, grains), and trees are trees (elms, oaks), and the sun rises in the east and sets in the west. Middle-earth IS Earth - at a somewhat earlier time than now. The physical aspects of Tolkien's world are very familiar to us. It feels right. Within this framework, Tolkien then blends the more "fantastical" elements (hobbits, elves). They have parties, quarrels, problems, fun - like we do. The reader

gets to know them, relaxes with them - and is just as startled as they are by malevolent willow trees and bodiless Dark Riders. More to the point, the motivations of all creatures - from the familiar to the bizarre - are very, very "human" and understandable. You feel the Dwarves' suspicion of others and their need for secrecy; the long-protected and sheltered Hobbits' love of good food and the simple life; the majesty and sorrow of the Elves; the ferocity and dedication of the Men who hold back the Darkness. "I am not altogether on anybody's side, because nobody is altogether on my side, if you understand me," says a courageous, gentle creature you wish existed.

Even the various types of magic, if "magic" is the right word, are "real". Each race seems to have its specialty or niche, but these gifts are a sort of natural, Earth-based, elemental phenomena, subject to weaknesses and inconsistencies and failure. In other words the magic is almost touchable by and accessible to all of us. Some of the things we do every day could easily be considered quite magical by comparison.

And songs... and stories... and poetry. All this, and it's a page-turner, too! The writing is excellent and the action exhilarating. You'll catch yourself reading certain passages over and over again, just to hear their "music." There is still time to read this amazing book before everyone flocks to the theaters in December. For convenience, the story is usually found in three separate volumes: *The Fellowship of the Ring*, *The Two Towers*, and *The Return of the King*. The movies will be presented this way, too, coming out in December of 2001, 2002 and 2003.

The Raymond Village Library has these books and also has *The Hobbit* (a children's story published in 1937 which resulted in *The Lord of the Rings*) and *The Silmarillion* (for the serious reader, the background events and history leading up to *The Lord of the Rings*). Those of us who are now joyously on our fifteenth or twentieth re-read salute the first-timers: you're in for a unique experience.

Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club News

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

The Raymond Rattlers have kicked off the season with their first two meetings on November 7th and November 21st. At these two previous meetings the club elected new officers. President is Jeff Weeks, VP is Larry Wood, Secretary is Danielle Lewis, and the Treasurer is Sandra Clark.

The club meets every other Wednesday for a potluck supper at 6pm followed by the meeting at 7pm. The first December meeting is on the 5th, and this is also the club Christmas Party. The meeting will be at 6pm followed by

the Christmas Party. The meetings are held at Kokatosi Campground and kids are welcome! If you would like to be a member of the Raymond Rattlers, the family membership is \$25. This includes the Maine Snowmobile Association monthly newspaper and Accidental Death Insurance. If you are a business and would like to support your local club, you are able to have a business membership, which puts your company name in the MSA newspaper.

If you are a registered snowmobile owner, we need your support. Please help us maintain the trails you ride on by

becoming a member or making a donation. We currently have 31 family memberships and 6 business memberships.

If you have any questions, please contact the club President, Jeff Weeks, at his office, Weeks Insurance & Financial Services, at 655-4400 or email: jeffreyw@megalink.net.



Troop 800 Report

By Kyle Woodbrey, Troop Scribe

Boy Scouts of America Troop 800's November theme was art and woodcarving. We did things like carve neckerchief slides and paint them. We had a walking stick carving contest and carved designs on our patrol flagpoles. Sandy Winde talked to us about wood. He showed us different types of wood like Kings Pine and Oak. He also told us about what the wood is used for. Jay Peterson and Kevin Woodbrey told us about carving techniques. They explained using pocket knives, X-acto knives, chisels, and gouges for carving. The use of carbon paper, for transferring images to wood, was also demonstrated. Most of the scouts hadn't heard of carbon paper.

In December the theme will be Pioneering and Woodlore. We will work on lashing and a zip line.

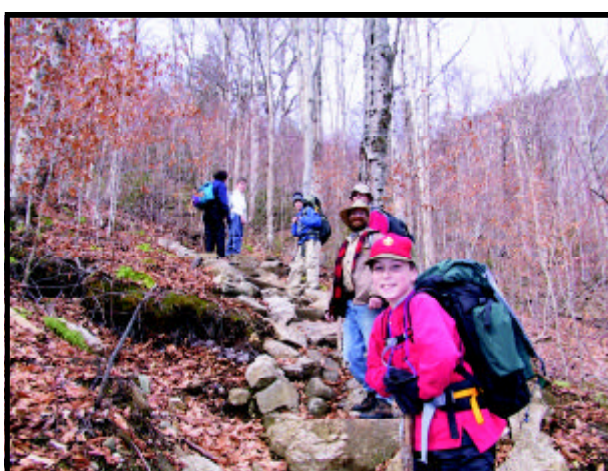
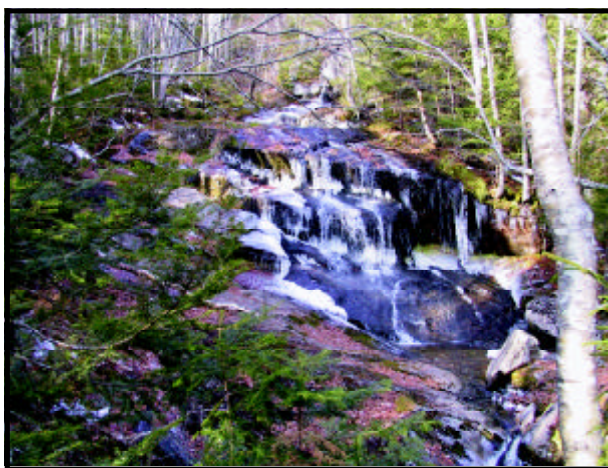
On Sunday, November 18th, the Cub Scout Second Year Webelos joined the Boys Scouts on a hike up Old Speck Mountain in Grafton Notch. We all arrived early in the morning at Jordan-Small Middle School Parking lot. Directions and maps were passed out. From there, we set off to the mountain in cars. On the way we had a slight problem with motion sickness, but we won't mention who had that problem.

We arrived at the mountain, took in the view, counted off (there were 35 of us), and began the journey to the top. When we started off, it was too hot so coats were taken off. As we got higher up the mountain, the temperature got colder and we had to put our coats back on. The trail became icier and more snow covered the ground. We stopped about half way to the top for lunch. Groups were formed to have a bit of discussion. We continued on the hike after lunch.

At 12:30 all the cub scouts and two boys scouts, being concerned about getting down off the mountain before dark, headed back down the mountain. The rest of the Boy Scouts continued up the mountain to the top. The conditions got more challenging as we climbed. Finally we reached the top after a four-hour hike. There were a few Canadian Jays that tried to make friends with us. A lookout tower was also there, and we decided to climb up and take a look. We climbed the long steel ladder very carefully. At the top the wind and the view were extraordinary! From the tower was you could see everything for miles around.

The trail down was steeper than normal stairs the entire way. Some people flew down like their hiking boots had rockets attached, the others edged down grabbing trees all the way. At the bottom everybody was glad the trip was over even though they had fun.

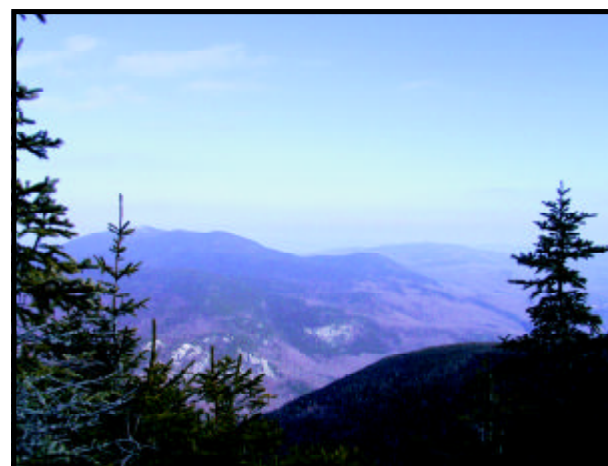
To keep up to date on upcoming Troop 800 activities, check out the Troop's web pages on the Town's website at <http://www.raymondmaine.org> which includes information and things that the Scouts have been up to. To contact by phone: Tom Wiley, Scoutmaster, 655-2048 or John Hanley, Troop Committee Chair, 998-5304.



Above and to the right are images from the Old Speck hike.



The group of Boy Scouts that hiked to the summit of Old Speck



Bean Supper Thank-You

By: William Yates,
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Troop 800 would like to thank all those who attended our bean supper on Saturday, November 10th. The Troop made \$470 and donated \$50 of that to our charter, Raymond Village Community Church, for the use of the building. We hope to see you all again next year.



4th-Graders Travel Back In Time

Last month fourth-graders from RES traveled to Augusta to investigate life in Maine during the colonial period. On their visit to the Maine State Museum they explored a variety of topics in Maine's history through a scavenger hunt: shipbuilding, quarrying, fishing, lumber, mammals and early manufacturing. After a quick lunch, they headed across the Kennebec to land at Fort Western. Students were able to experience life as a member of the colonial Howard Family, as a visitor to the Howard Family Store or as a revolutionary soldier stationed at the fort. Museums all over the state of Maine have designed educational programs which reinforce the Maine Learning Results and offer students an enriching experience while they're learning about Maine's history. Teachers as well as students agreed that this was the best visit to Augusta ever!



JSMS Recreation Area News

Fundraising is off to a good start.

Students at JSMS took part in a fun activity called "Points for pennies". Each class collected points by putting pennies in a container. They could then deduct points from other classes by putting silver coins in their jars. Another unique aspect of this fundraiser is that the teachers set the first prize/reward. Some teachers agreed to bake cookies for the class or provide popcorn and a movie if their class has the most points! Thank you, teachers, for your support.

Peer council will also be making and selling JSMS magnets at school after Thanksgiving for \$1 each. You cannot have too many magnets on your new locker!

Please note that the concession stand at JSMS home basketball games will support the Recreation area. If you are a parent who attends games, you could help by running the stand for the hour before or following your child's game. (Boys play first in December and girls play first in January. Games begin at 4pm.) Call Karen Knight (655 3167). We could also help high school age students fulfill community service hours if they would like to volunteer to run the concession stand.

We realize that evening meetings are horrible for most people, but please call and tell us that you would like to help even if you cannot get to a meeting. (Diane Shively 655 4766, Vicki Gordan 655 7717, Jo Martyn-Fisher 655 3167) There will be three main fundraisers this year spearheaded by 7th grade, 6th grade and 5th grade.

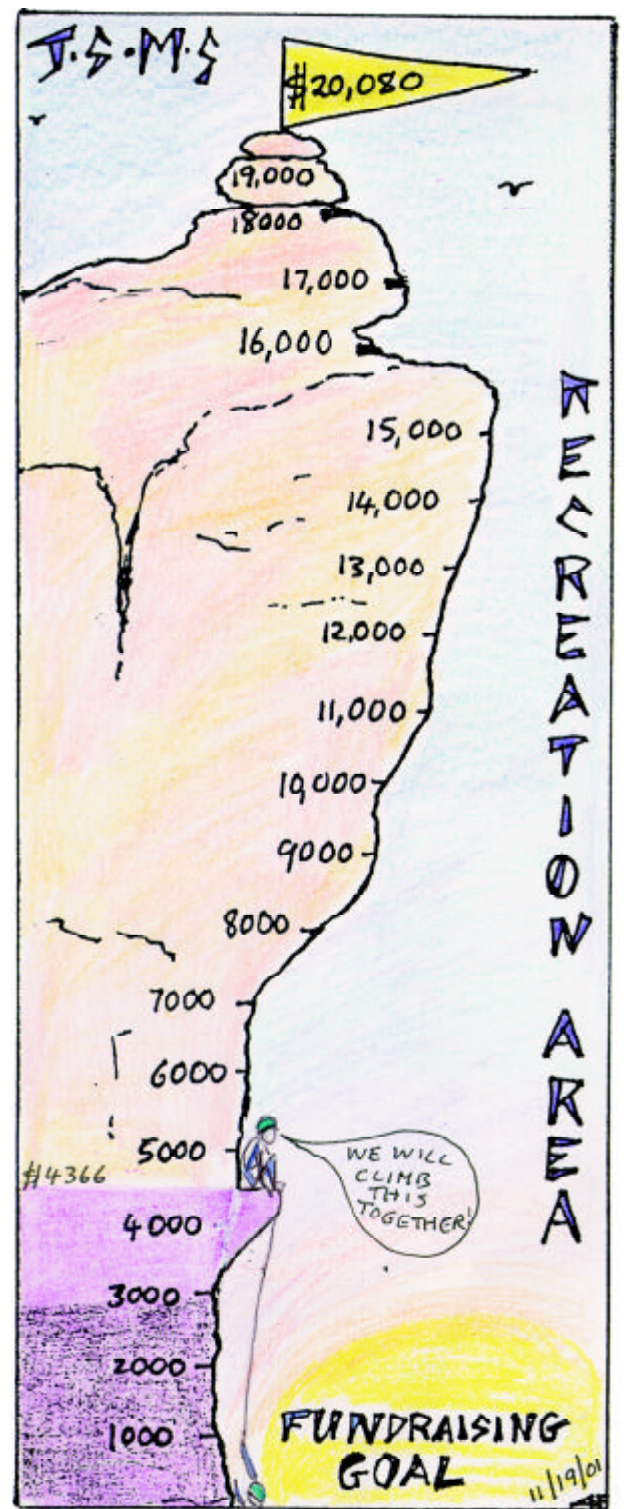
Vicki Gordan, (655 7717) Julie Orsini and Betty Remalia are brainstorming ideas for a 6th grade fundraiser. 6th grade parents please talk to these valiant volunteers and offer your ideas and support.

Linda O' Neill and Heidi Trickey need other interested 5th grade parents to help them with a fifth grade fundraiser.

The 7th grade fundraiser is a "Giving Calendar" which will be sold by 7th graders Dec 3rd - 14th. The calendar page is for the month of January 2002 and will sell for \$5. On each day in January a drawing will be made, and the buyer will get a chance to win cash or a donated prize. There are 31 prizes to win and over \$750 in prizes! The slip is returned to the pool for more than one chance to win. Please support your 7th grade students in their goal to sell 10 calendars each. The goal is to raise \$3000. Calendars will be available in the office and at the JSMS basketball games, if parents in other grades are interested in purchasing or selling them.

We would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their donations towards achieving our goal of raising \$20,000 for phase one of the Recreation Area.

- Justin Sharaf
- Ronald and Joan Morton
- Scott and Vicki Gordan
- Grace and Peter Leavitt
- Nancy and Lee Gardner
- Mrs. G Robert Lawrence
- Mrs Phyllis Hawkes
- Mr and Mrs David Teufel
- George and Carol Place
- David Guisely
- Lisa and Lloyd Parker Jr
- Paul and Serena Whitcher
- Philip and Valerie Hammet
- The Mark Reed Family
- Don and Mary Feltovic



- Lee's Family Trailer Sales
- Heaven and Earth Massage
- Staples (Windham)
- Cabin Candlerly
- True Value
- Hannaford
- Raymond Village Florist
- Shawnee Peak
- The Olde House
- Garden Gate Salon
- Jordan Bay Animal Hospital
- Deb's Diner
- Chips Etc

Donations to the Jordan-Small Middle School Outdoor Recreation Area can be made payable to Jordan-Small Middle School and mailed to:

Jordan-Small Middle School
423 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071

Thank you for your continuing support of Raymond's children.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 29th at JSMS.



7th Grade Calendar Fundraiser

Support 7th graders in their efforts to raise money for the Recreation Area at Jordan-Small Middle School.

Buy calendars for \$5 each and sit back and see if you win one of 31 cash or donated prizes in the month of January. The calendar would make a nice gift for Christmas and help students to raise money for their break time area.

Raymond Recreation Fruit Sale

Many thanks for the support shown to the Raymond Rec. through the purchase(s) of citrus fruit. The sale was a success! For those who placed orders, the pick up date is Saturday, December 8. Please pick up between 9:00am and noon at Fire Lane 111 off RT 85! We cannot store the fruit beyond this time, and it may be taken for distribution with food boxes.

We have ordered extra oranges and grapefruit, for those who would still like to support Raymond Rec. and might have missed the order-by date! Contact Pat @ 655-4657 to order or if you have a problem getting your fruit.

Raymond Tour

Mrs. Malnati, Mrs. Tounge, and their third grade classes would like to send a special thank-you to Trish Cole and Norman Ridlon for being our tour guide and driver on our trip around the town of Raymond. We visited many sites including the Nathaniel Hawthorne House, where we stopped, ate our snacks, and talked about the author's boyhood experiences in Raymond.

PTA College Scholarships Available

The Raymond PTA is offering two \$1,000 college scholarships to Raymond high school students. Any Raymond resident who will be graduating from high school this spring and planning on attending college in the fall is encouraged to apply. Scholarships are awarded to individuals who have been actively involved in community and extracurricular activities and who demonstrates academic achievement.

Applications can be obtained on the Raymond website or by calling the Raymond Elementary School at 655-8672. All applications must be submitted by February 1, 2002.

Title I

By: Margaret Mains

The Title I teacher this year is Margaret Mains who will be assisted by Nicole Beers. They will be working with children who scored below the twentieth percentile on math and reading assessments. Students will be worked with during their regular reading and/or math period after the child has received instruction from his/her regular classroom teacher, often in the child's classroom. This instruction does not take the place of classroom teaching but is in addition to that instruction.

Title I monies are federal funds sent to the states for distribution to the schools.

If you have any questions concerning the Title I program, please call me at school (655-8672).

Title VI (Chapter II)

By: Dr. Mary E. Waters,
Director of Student Services

This year Title VI (Chapter II) money will be used to assist a district team in developing a local assessment system for the Raymond School District.

Former Chapter II monies have been included with other noncompetitive federal funds under one umbrella called IASA. Chapter II has been renamed Title VI. The actual fund amount and project requirements have not changed significantly.

If you have any questions about Title VI programming or planning, please call me at school (655-8666).

Raymond Elementary School First Quarter Honor Roll

GRADE 3 HONORS

Haley Acker
Nicole Murray
Madison Rankin
Matthew Morse
Cory Parker
Bryan Peterson
Tyler Remalia
Amanda Ross
Benjamin Sadak
Lindsay Webber
Justin Winslow
Samantha Zawistowski
A. J. Bennett
Spencer Brown
Jennifer Cobb
Kyle Hargreaves
Olivia Hurd
Delaney Kenny
Weston Masi
Abigail Morneault
Sarah Tripp
Tyler Winder
Josh Christy
Molly Cloutier
Anthony J. Edgecomb
Colin Gordan
Jenna Martyn-Fisher

GRADE 3 HIGH HONORS

Daniel Connor
Mollissa Dreyer
Cassandra Gordan
Jackie Guiseley
Alex O'Neill
Elizabeth Shively
Drew Gagnon
Lydia Manchester
Deanna Weeks

GRADE 4 HONORS

Ben Algeo
Caroline Blake
Ashley Cox
Haley Desjardins
Anna Klinkerch
Abbie McIvor
A. J. Olsen
Marybeth Wiley
Abby Brockelbank
Anthony Dighello
Ian Dufour
Jenna Eastman
Jordan Flynn
Amber Gillis
Patty Haycock
Devin MacKenzie
Megan Stevenson
Ethan Ward
Jordan Baker
Kaitlyn Chandler
Zachary Knights
Morgan Larrabee
Joshua Leviness
Nathaniel Ohman
Julia Trepanier
James Plummer
Katelyn Lloy
Justin Terry
Dean Darien
Audrey Saremi
Chelsea Tevanian
Katie Allen

GRADE 4 HIGH HONORS

Emily Dodge
Sam Hutchinson



Local Entitlement

This year, local entitlement funds are being used to pay for three educational technicians in Special Education. These educational technicians are working with students to help reduce the pupil/teacher ratio in the Resource Room and to give students more individual attention in the classroom. Money from this year's grant has also been set aside for specific training and adaptive equipment.

Local entitlement money is that money set aside by the Federal Government to help fund special education. The money flows through the State to local districts where it is used at the district's discretion for special education programming.

Childfind

By: Dr. Mary E. Waters,
Director of Student Services

Each year we attempt to locate children in the community who may require special education services. If you have a question about your child's development in the areas of speech and language, gross and fine motor (using large and small muscles), hearing, vision, or learning, please call the school. If your child is three or older we will conduct a free screening at home. If your child is younger than three, we can provide some screening services in your home, and/or make arrangements for screening at the appropriate community agency. Our obligation also extends to Raymond students who attend private schools. If your child attends private school and you feel he or she may require special education services, please notify us.

If you know of a child (your neighbor, niece, nephew, or the child of a friend) who is a Raymond resident and may need this service, please encourage their parents to call the school.

All screening is done only with parental permission and participation. If a problem is found, an appropriate referral is made with parental permission. The results of the screening are confidential, and the rights of both parents and children are protected under Maine Special Education Law.

If you have any questions or wish to refer a child for screening, please call me at the school (655-8666).

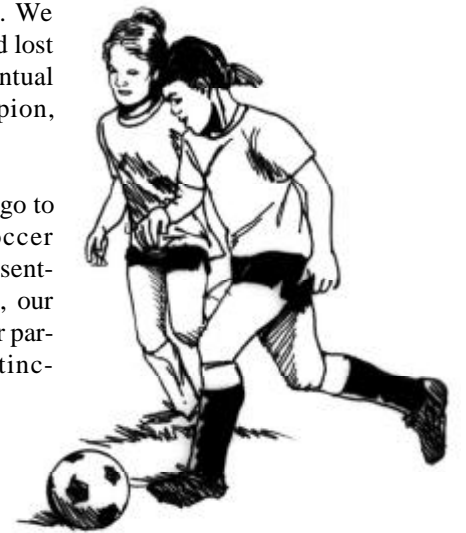
Final Playoff Soccer: JSMS 4 - Sabattus 2

Congratulations go to our girls' soccer team as they won their first ever playoff game in a shootout. Through two halves of soccer, the teams were tied 1 to 1, and it remained that way through three overtime sessions. The game was won in a five-person shootout. Both teams played very well, and both teams demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the game.

Scoring for Raymond were Ashley Daggett, Ashley Blanchard, Amy Cobb, and Kayla Taylor, who scored the game winner!

Our girls' final game came against Pownal in the division finals at Pownal. We played hard and lost 3-0 to the eventual League champion, Pownal.

Special thanks go to our girls' soccer team for representing themselves, our school and their parents with distinction!



Indoor Swimming

By: Alex, Pat and Robyn

The fall swim program continues to go from strength to strength. We have 20 3/4 graders enrolled and are enjoying our new location at Colonial Mast Pool in Naples. All of the students are progressing well and are working towards their American Red Cross swim certificates. They should also be complimented on their great behavior and dedication to doing their best.

Thanks to our helpers Lisa Parker and Ann Richard: their assistance means that children get more intensive individual help.

We look forward to being able to offer this program again in the spring.

JSMS Basketball Schedule 2001 – 2002

By: Christian Elkington, Principal

JSMS will be starting our first Winter Basketball season in the Pine Tree League this December. Approximately 30 seventh graders will be participating on our two teams. Coaches for our teams are Mr. Dionne (boys) and Mr. Fitch (girls). We ask community members to join us in supporting our teams by attending some or all of our home games. All home games are played in our school's community gymnasium! We will be playing the following schedule:

Exhibition Dec. 3 (Mon.) vs. Pownal
Dec. 7 (Fri.) vs. Monmouth
Dec. 10 (Mon.) vs. Durham
Dec. 13 (Thurs.) @ Sabattus

Dec. 19 (Wed.) vs. Richmond
Dec. 20 (Thurs.) @ Litchfield

Jan. 7 (Mon.) vs. St. John's
Jan. 10 (Thurs.) @ Wales

Jan. 14 (Mon.) vs. Minot
Jan. 17 (Thurs) @ Buckfield

Jan. 24 (Thurs.) vs. McFalls

BOYS PLAY FIRST IN DECEMBER.
GIRLS PLAY FIRST IN JANUARY.
ALL GAMES START AT 4:00pm

We look forward to your joining us for our first JSMS Basketball season! A refreshment stand will be available to purchase snacks and goodies. All proceeds will go towards our Recreation Area fundraiser.



Jordan-Small Middle School Student Wins Honor!

Sixth graders at JSMS recently had a classroom visit from a forester, Mr. Greg Foster, who spoke with students about forestry in Maine. While here, he also introduced a state-wide poster contest sponsored by the Maine Forestry Association entitled, "What's Green and Growing in Maine?" This is a contest open to all of Maine's sixth graders.

On behalf of the students and staff of JSMS, we would like to congratulate sixth grader Amy McIntire, whose poster was selected as not only the Jordan-Small Middle School winner, but also the first place poster for all of Cumberland County. She will be receiving a U.S. Savings Bond for her first place finish. Her poster will now go on to be judged among entries from the entire state of Maine.

Great job, Amy! Best wishes at the state level competition!

JSMS Math Teams Place First!

Congratulations go to our math teams for their efforts at the first Pine Tree League Math Meet! Our 6th and 7th grade teams both placed first in the team competition, as they outpaced 12 other Pine Tree League Schools. In the individual competition, T.J. Cook finished first, and Ian Acker finished third.

6th grade team members competing were:

Ian Levinsky
Lyzs Stevenson
Harmony Brown
Kyle Woodbrey
Amy McIntire
Khris Fenton

7th grade team members competing were:

T.J. Cook
Ian Acker
Nicole Gagne
Amanda Hammett
Stephen Wisutskie
Keegan Brown

Three cheers on a terrific math meet.

2001 –2002 JSMS Math Teams

The following students will be representing Jordan-Small Middle School in math competitions both in our Pine Tree League math meets and also in meets in the Greater Portland area. We wish them well as they represent our school and community!

5th GRADE MATH TEAM

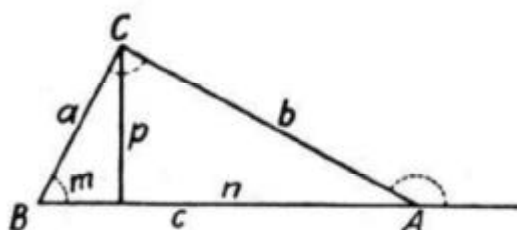
Chad Zawistowski
Andrew O'Neill
Zachary VanBaars
Ashley Waldron
Nick Gredin
Laura Sanborn

6th GRADE MATH TEAM

Lyzs Stevenson
Harmony Brown
Kyle Woodbrey
Khris Fenton
Ian Levinsky
Amy McIntire
Bridget Byrne
Patrick Lockwood
Djaylan Burns

7th GRADE MATH TEAM

T.J. Cook
Stephen Wisutskie
Andrew Reed
Keegan Brown
Ian Acker
Nicole Gagne
Kainani Stevens
Wyndham Juneau
Andy Bissonnette
Brett Coggan
Amanda Hammett
Dan Tracy
James Wiley



Jordan-Small Middle School First Quarter Honor Roll

On behalf of the students and staff of Jordan-Small Middle School, let us congratulate the following students for their academic excellence during the first quarter of the year.

5TH GRADE

Brianna Bisesti
Logan Cline
Phoebe Crockett
Samuel Dobbin
Taylor Duncanson
Erin Durkan
Nick Gredin
Andrew O'Neill
Jacob Perry
Brittany Reed
Alyson Schadler
Ashley Baker
Kathleen Cook
Nate Dixon
Patrick Martin
Jacob Trickey
Danielle Walton
Eric Wisutskie
Breanna Zoidis
Brandi Mitchell
Chad Zawistowski

Chelsea Bissonnette
Courtney Bruno
Sibyl Cunningham
Adam Greenwood
Megan Harding
Hannah Huber
Elijah Hughes
Rebecca Morris
Kelsey Nadeau
Kees Vanhaasteren
Lauren Weeks
Thomas Cave
Daniel Chute
Alyson Feltovic
Evan Flynn
Jacob Hotham
Rusty Libby
Nina McNally
Christopher Myers
Brittany Plummer
Branda Wood

HIGH HONORS

Laura Sanborn
Brett Bisesti

Ali Knight
Ashley Waldron

SIXTH GRADE

Natasha Carson
April Cox
Khristopher Fenton
Julia Hartig
Robyn Stillings
Travis Ward
Bridget Byrne
Amy McIntire
Douglas Remick
Kyle Woodbrey
Ashlee Daggett

Harmony Brown
Grant Dodge
Alexandra Gordan
Travis Guerrette
Nicole Lloy
Ian Levinsky
Jared Marcinuk
Taylor Parker
Elizabeth Stevenson
Amy Cobb
Danielle Holman

HIGH HONORS

Sarah Crockett

Alison Gagnon

7TH GRADE

Alyse Bartholomew
Travis Cook
Ashley Leavitt
John Shively
Kainani Stevens
Hahhah Witcher
Kaz Powell
Stephen Wisutskie
Brett Coggan
Taylor Fey
Troy Knight
Elliot Lamarre
Kameron Purinton
Dan Tracy
Grace Keilt-Freyre
Jeremy Salamone

Shawna Bissonnette
Julia Comeau
Amanda Evans
Roman Gosney
Samantha Murphy
Molly Niziol
James Wiley
Ian Acker
Amanda Bruno
Brittany Cogswell
Skylar Duncanson
Kayleigh Flynn
Andrew Jordan
Wyndham Juneau
Corey Matheis
Emjay Williams

HIGH HONORS

Cameron Gosney
Amanda Hammett
Bryan Connor
Nicole Gagne
Kayla Taylor

Katie Eastman
Keegan Brown
Jennifer Curtis
Andrew Reed

We are proud of your efforts in representing yourselves, your families and our school with distinction. Well done!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Lions Help Leverage A \$75,000 Grant To The Iris Network

On October 13, 2001, the Raymond and Windham Lions Clubs showed that their commitment to service in the community holds strong and true. The group spent the day painting a newly constructed garage at the Iris Network, formerly the Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Their volunteer work was part of a match requirement from the Lions Clubs International Foundation which granted the Iris Network \$75,000 to help renovate its 95-year old Ryan building. Maine-based Lions Clubs raised matching funds within the state and are providing in-kind service, such as painting, as requirements for this grant. The grant represents 10% of the \$750,000 needed to complete the renovation project.

According to Lions District Governor Clyde Ricker of Windham, "This is the largest grant awarded by the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to a Maine-based organization."

The purpose of this project is to develop a state-of-the-art training center for computer access technology, pre-vocational training, personal adjustment counseling and other skills training for people who are blind. Every seven minutes someone in America loses the sense of sight. With the aging of the population and the dramatic increase in the incidence of age-related visual impairment, the Iris Network is establishing group classes along with the more traditional one-on-one training in blindness skills to better serve this increasing population.

It is anticipated that the renovation will result in shorter waiting lists and increase the numbers of clients served by 56%. Clients will be referred to the Resource Center from the Network's outreach offices in Augusta, Bangor, Ellsworth, Houlton, Lewiston, Rockland and Saco. Clients may commute or stay at the Residential Facility on the Portland campus.



Raymond & Windham Lions paint new garage at the Iris Network. Pictured from left to right are: Mel Roast, Bob Wallace, Bud Ward, Elaine Jones, Barbara Phinney, Cathy Fortier, Pat Foster, District Governor Clyde Ricker, and Steven Obremski, President of the Iris Network. Not pictured Bob Jones and Mike Collins

Worldwide, Lions Clubs are recognized for their service to the blind and visually impaired. This service began during the Lions 1925 International Convention, through a challenge issued by Helen Keller to become "knights of the blind" in the crusade against darkness. Since then, Lions have sought to light the path to hope, health and happiness for millions of people living with a visual impairment.

The Iris Network was established in 1905 and is the state's only independent, nonprofit agency devoted to providing services and advocacy for people who are blind or visu-

ally impaired. Its nine outreach offices help bring independence to the estimated 20,000 people in Maine coping with vision loss.

"The Iris Network is truly grateful for the support and commitment of Lions Clubs to this project," remarked Steven Obremski, President and CEO of the Iris Network. "Through the efforts of Lions Clubs and their dedication in accomplishing this project, the Iris Network can continue to move forward with its goals and objectives, thus enhancing the quality of life for people in Maine who are blind or visually impaired."

Bottle Drive Fundraiser In Memory Of Comdr. Robert Schlegel

In Honor of Comdr. Robert Schlegel, the uncle of a 5th grader at JSMS, who died as a result of the September 11th attack at the Pentagon, a bottle drive fundraiser is being held. Bottles can be taken to The Bottle Exchange Redemption Center on Rt 302 in Windham (just above Seacoast Fun Park) and credited to JSMS Memorial Fund.

This drive will run from 11/6/01 through 12/31/01. Monies raised will be donated to help fund a memorial to be built at Gray-NewGloucester High School.

If you have any questions or for pick-up, please call Emily or Sue Allen at 627-3140.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Local Financial Services Firm Opens

Jeffrey and Scott Weeks are pleased to announce that "Weeks Insurance & Financial Services" is now open at 1311 Roosevelt Trail at Panther Run Shoppes in Raymond, Maine. The business will specialize in providing home, auto, life, business insurance and financial services.

In addition the business also has access to mortgages through Capital Quest Financial Services, Inc.

Jeff has 11 years of experience in the financial services field, of which the last 3 years he owned and operated his own business. Scott has over 10 years of experience in the property casualty industry working as an underwriter for an insurance company in New England and managing an insurance agency in New Hampshire.

Both Jeff and Scott maintain their required licenses and continue to attend educational seminars to stay updated on current issues and regulations. Scott has obtained his CPCU (chartered property casualty underwriter) designation.

Jeff and Scott, brothers, both grew up in the Lakes Region Area and graduated from Lake Region High School. They also both graduated from University of Maine at Farmington. Jeff has lived in Raymond with his wife and family for the past 8 years and has been involved in local activities such as co-coordinating the Raymond Recreation Basketball program. He is the current President of the Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club. Scott is very excited to be back in Maine with his wife and family.

Both Jeff and Scott are looking forward to growing their family owned business in the Lakes Region Area. In this day and age of mergers and acquisitions, they feel it is important to bring back local personal service to the area consumers. They both enjoy educating customers in all

aspects of insurance and financial services.

Please stop by and say hello or call 207-655-4400. Please watch for their upcoming seminars.



Scott Weeks



Jeff Weeks