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Proposal For Sustainable Lake Protection

By: John Rand
Raymond Waterways Protective Association and Raymond Conservation Commission

This article was prepared from a proposal submitted to the Selectmen in December 2002 and is reprinted here to provide the Town with an opportunity to participate in our lake protection efforts.

Last year the Milfoil Committee of the Raymond Waterways Protective Association approached the Selectmen with a proposal

for managing the threat to Raymond's lakes posed by Milfoil and other Invasive Aquatic Species. The Selectmen and the Town supported our Raymond Milfoil Plan with a vote at Town Meeting for \$5,000 in funding. These dollars were matched with \$11,000 received from private donations in response to our fundraising letter and with a grant we pursued from Maine DEP. Our Milfoil program was a great success in 2002, and a Season End report is available for anyone interested. We are confident that Raymond has one of the most pro-active Milfoil/IAS programs in the state.

ter is consumed, impacting or eliminating cold-water fish species. Eventually, the Town is left with a degraded resource.

Most of our lakes are showing moderate and persistent loss of dissolved oxygen, and Thomas Pond had been placed on DEP's Watch List.

Non-point source pollution is largely invisible to the untrained eye, and many well-meaning residents can unknowingly cause erosion and phosphorus export to a lake or stream. The cumulative effects of many small erosion sites throughout the watershed add up to a real water quality impact over time. With a town population that has doubled since 1980 and with continued development pressure, our lakes need a higher standard of care than we are currently providing.

This proposal is for an expansion of the Lakes Protection Ranger positions to not only continue implementation of our Milfoil/IAS plan, but to also stimulate Watershed Stewardship to reduce soil erosion, phosphorus export and other NPS pollution.

Economic Factors

The recent Lake Region Economic Indicators Report found that *our lakes are critical to the identity and economy of the re-*

gion, and therefore protecting them is essential to community vitality.

- Raymond's total property valuation has grown to more than \$420,000,000.
- Waterfront properties represent at least 50% of this total valuation. Much of the recent surge in our town's valuation comes from these waterfront properties.

The latest studies indicate that declines in waterfront property values on Vermont lakes with Milfoil/IAS infestations are on the order of 10 to 15 percent. Maine studies during the 1990's found a similar range of decline in property values on lakes with water quality problems due to NPS pollution. Based on this work and on extensive literature regarding these threats, Milfoil and NPS pollution - alone or in combination - represent real risks to Raymond's tax base. Lost revenue from devalued waterfront property will need to be made up from elsewhere in the town.

What Maine is Doing - State and Local Progress to Date

The 2002 Milfoil Sticker program raised about \$800,000 in Maine. Raymond saw \$2,000 of those dollars come back to us to help fund our Rangers with boat launch in-

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Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by January 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.

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or drop at a Principal's Office

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Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, to consider the purchase of 51 Main Street

Selectmen Interested In Studying "Raymond Village" Concept For Municipal Facilities

The Raymond Board of Selectmen have entered into an Option Agreement with Parson's Realty Company of York, Maine, to purchase the former Post Office building located at 51 Main Street for the sum of \$80,000. The building is located on the corner of Main Street and Route 121 on a .20 acre lot that could potentially be combined with the abutting Village Library property and the old District One Fire Station lot to support possible future construction of either a combined Library / Town Office facility or separate buildings on these lots.

The Town has hired an architectural firm to help evaluate options and make a recommendation as to whether the combined land would be large enough to support this proposed use. The Budget/ Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen will meet in joint session on December 23, 2002, to review the architect's report and make separate recommendations on a warrant article to hold a Special Town Meeting on January 7, 2003, at the Raymond Town Office as a part of the regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting that evening.

The text of this Warrant Article is as follows:

ARTICLE 2: *To see if the Town will vote to ratify the Option Agreement between the Town of Raymond and Parson's Realty Company, Inc. dated November 21, 2002; appropriate the sum of \$79,500 from Municipal Fund Balance (undesignated surplus) to purchase the former Post Office building located at 51 Main Street, Raymond, Maine; and grant the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen authority to execute any necessary documents to facilitate the purchase.*
Amount requested: \$79,500.

Explanation: *The purpose of acquiring this property is to obtain additional land in Raymond Village for the potential future construction of improved Library and Town Office facilities. The Town presently owns the lots occupied by the Raymond Village Library and the old District One Fire Station. The property located at 51 Main Street abuts the Library lot.*

Information about the Special Town Meeting may be obtained from Town Manager Don Willard at 655-4742.

Town Seal Design Deadline January 31st

The Town of Raymond is having its 200th Birthday in 2003. In celebration of that fact, we would like to have drawings of your idea of what our town seal should look like. Anyone can submit their ideas for consideration. The Board of Selectmen will consider the submissions and then have them presented at the Annual May Town Meeting for voters' approval.

For more information, please call Louise Lester, Town Clerk, at 655-4742.



Current Raymond Town Seal

Non-Fiction News

By: Charles Murray

"The Hole in the Universe," Subtitled "How Scientists Peered over the Edge of Emptiness and Found Everything," is an intriguing introduction to the current modern theories of Physics.

In this well-written and very readable volume the author K.C. Cole traces the development of the Cosmological concept of "Nothing" and the Mathematical concept of "0" from the early Greeks to the most current theorists. During her development, she highlights the importance of the various theories to the slow and sometimes uneven progress made to arrive at the present concepts of String Theory and an 11 Dimension Universe. In many cases religious beliefs, early Greek philosophical thinking, Roman Numerals, and the difficulty of conceiving of 0 as a number hampered the progress.

A diverse group of thinkers, including Democritus, Isaac Newton, Johannes Kepler, George Boole, Michael Faraday, Albert Einstein, John-Paul Sartre, and Stephen Hawking and many more less familiar names are mentioned. Their contributions to the current theories are detailed in a logical sequence which facilitates understanding of these concepts and their importance to current thought. Ms. Cole includes a comprehensive bibliography and a section entitled Supporting Cast which allows the interested reader the opportunity of furthering their knowledge of the current theories of the Universe in which we live.

This is a volume which, though presenting some very complex and cutting edge theory, is written in a manner that is accessible to the layperson with even a rudimentary understanding of Physics, which certainly includes this reviewer.

If you want to understand the importance of the concepts of String Theory and Multi-dimensional Universes to YOUR LIFE read this exciting presentation.

Please send any comments or ideas for new reviews to the addresses below.

Charles Murray P.O. Box 227 Raymond, Me 04071 or e-mail to cmurray1@maine.rr.com.

Raymond Village Library Reading Group Notes

By: Claudia Trend

In November, the Library Reading Group discussed "City of Light" by Lauren Belfer. We agreed that the book, set at the turn of the century (circa 1900), is an enthralling tale that would make an excellent movie. There are several interesting plot threads, and the setting is historically correct, making it easy to imagine life before electricity. Most of the story is about the creation of the first hydro-electric plant at Niagara Falls and the effect that changes have upon the characters for good and for ill, both long and short term. The discussion began at 7pm and, as usual, went overtime since we were so absorbed in our subject.

Our group enjoyed comparing the portrayal of business practices in 1900 to those of the year 2002. In our view, the role of women appeared quite familiar (surprisingly, not that much has changed). The "good old boy" network in commerce does not seem to have changed much either, while the nature of female networking has expanded. Since we are of a wide span of ages in the group, we also enjoyed comparing the degrees of change in technology and attitudes, depending upon when we each came of age into womanhood, as it were. A remarkable number of issues alive then, environmental, social, educational, and cultural, may have evolved but are still powerful today.

Much of the book is the story of the headmistress at a private school in Buffalo, New York, and how her life intertwines with that of notable politicians, businessmen, and society figures of the day. It is also a story of a city that even while reaching its peak, can foresee its own inevitable decline.

Next month (January 2003, no meeting in December) we will be discussing a play by Thurber, "The Male Animal," which is supposed to be a comedy. One of the characters is named Nutsy Miller. I look forward to writing the after-meeting report of that one! If interested, contact our Librarian, Barbara Thorpe, to get a copy of the play for January's meeting.

Raymond Village Library News

Holiday Hours

The Library will be closed Wednesday, January 1, and Thursday, January 2, 2003. It will also be closed on January 20, celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Remember that during the winter months of January and February the library closes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7pm.

Craft Workshop

Once again our very crafty ladies will be sharing their talents by offering a craft workshop at the library on January 25, from 9:30am to 11am. They will teach us how to make greeting cards by using paper piercing techniques. This will be limited to 15 people. Teens and adults can sign up at the library. All materials will be provided.

Thank You

A hearty thank you to everyone who baked for and bought at the library's Holiday Bake Sale on Sunday, December 8. It was a delicious success. The tables were replete with a generous variety of pies, cakes, brownies, cookies, candies, breads and even soup mixes. The attractive presentations and aromas enticed even the most disciplined calorie conscious among us.

Cleaning Out?

We hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday, and now we want to help you make room for all your new acquisitions. You can donate your used books, audio tapes, CD's, videos and even puzzles to the library. We will welcome them with open arms and remember, the donations are tax deductible.

Notice

As of January 31, 2003, all dogs must be licensed to avoid incurring a late fee.

January 2003

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 NEW YEARS DAY TOWN OFFICE CLOSED LIBRARY CLOSED NO SCHOOL	2 6:30PM KC Lions Club LIBRARY CLOSED	3 4:30-10:30PM Friday Night Ski Program Grades 7-12	4
5	6 4:00PM LITCHFIELD JSMS vs Litchfield Basketball	7 3:15-4:15PM RE Dance Class 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen	8 12:30-1:45PM RE Karate 12:30-5:00PM Wednesday Ski Program Grades 4-6	9 9:15AM VL Baby Time 9:45AM VL Toddler Time 10:30AM VL Preschool Story Time 4:00PM BUCKFIELD JSMS vs Buckfield Basketball	10 4:30-10:30PM Friday Night Ski Program Grades 7-12	11
12	13 4:00PM JS JSMS vs Durham Basketball 7:00PM TH Selectmen with Budget/Finance Committee - CIP	14 3:15-4:15PM RE Dance Class 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting	15 9:00AM VL Library Board Meeting 12:30-1:45PM RE Karate 12:30-5:00PM Wednesday Ski Program Grades 4-6 7:00PM JS School Committee	16 9:15AM VL Baby Time 9:45AM VL Toddler Time 10:30AM VL Preschool Story Time	17 4:30-10:30PM Friday Night Ski Program Grades 7-12 End of Second Quarter JSMS & RES	18
19	20 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY NO SCHOOL	21 3:15-4:15PM RE Dance Class 4:00PM POWNEL JSMS vs Pownel Basketball 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen	22 9:00AM VL Library Board Meeting 12:30-5:00PM Wednesday Ski Program Grades 4-6 12:30-1:45PM RE Karate 7:00PM RE School Committee	23 9:15AM VL Baby Time 9:45AM VL Toddler Time 10:30AM VL Preschool Story Time 4:00PM MINOT JSMS vs Minot Basketball 7:00PM KC Cemetery Committee	24 4:30-10:30PM Friday Night Ski Program Grades 7-12 Report Cards Home JSMS & RES	25
26	27 4:00PM MECHANIC FALLS JSMS vs Mechanic Falls Basketball	28 3:15-4:15PM RE Dance Class 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Conservation Commission	29 12:30-5:00PM Wednesday Ski Program Grades 4-6 12:30-1:45PM RE Karate	30 9:15AM VL Baby Time 9:45AM VL Toddler Time 10:30AM VL Preschool Story Time 4:00PM JS JSMS vs Monmouth Basketball	31 4:30-10:30PM Friday Night Ski Program Grades 7-12	

Municipal News Brief

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions in December 2002:

- On December 3, 2002, the Selectmen held a Special Town Meeting to allow residents to vote on a proposal to provide 85% family health care insurance coverage to Raymond's full-time municipal employees through the remainder of this fiscal year. The proposal was approved.
- Revised the Town's Personnel Policy to reflect the approval of family health care insurance.
- Approved the following new street names:
 - Fire Lane 181-1 off Raymond Hill Rd. - Colonial Lane;
 - Fire Lane 58-1 off Meadow Road - Alfred Mann Drive;
 - Fire Lane 100A off Heidi Way - Gram's Way;
 - Fire Lane 184-1 off Raymond Hill Rd - Evergreen Terrace.
- Consideration of use of Town owned property. The Windham Rotary Club, represented by Tom Noonan, requested permission to utilize the parking area at Raymond Beach and Tassel Top Park for this year's Annual Ice Fishing Derby. The Rotary Club has also requested a portion of Route 302 be closed to through traffic on the evening of Saturday, February 22, 2003, to allow for a concert and a fireworks display. The Selectmen voted to support this effort.
- Voted to direct the Town Manager to schedule a meeting with the Budget/Finance Committee to discuss the purchase of real estate located at 51 Main Street (the old Post Office building).
- Reviewed and approved the 2003/2004 Budget Development Schedule.
- Authorized the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to appoint a new Town Office / Library Building Committee. Of the eighteen individuals who expressed interest in being appointed to this Committee, the following nine were appointed: Ernest Allen; John Brennan; Marcia Corradini; Stanley Gifford; Selectman Chris McClellan; Selectman Betty McDermott; Louise Murray; Barbara Thorpe; Town Manager Don Willard; and Kevin Woodbrey.
- Approved a proposal for minor renovation work at Town Office to comply with the recommendation made by the Maine Municipal Association Insurance Safety Inspector.
- Reviewed and authorized the December 3, 2002, and December 17, 2002, Treasurer's Warrants.
- Considered and approved a warrant article for the acquisition of the former Post Office building located at 51 Main Street.
- Scheduled a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, January 7, 2003, to consider the purchase of 51 Main Street.
- Discussed policy issues related to the upcoming Town-wide property revaluation.
- Approval of administrative abatements and supplemental property tax assessments submitted by Contract Assessor Michael O'Donnell.
- Approval of Quit Claim Deed for Map 54, Lot 67, Caton Road.

RAYMOND FIRE/RESCUE ACTIVITY LOG

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TYPE OF CALL
11/16/2002	156	WEBBS MILLS RD	DIFF.BREATHING
11/17/2002	1322	THOMAS PND TERR	DIABETIC EMER
11/18/2002	849	PLAINS RD	CHEST PAIN
11/19/2002	1646	CASSELTON RD	DIFF.BREATHING
11/19/2002	1829	NO.RAYMOND RD	ATTEMPTED SUICIDE
11/20/2002	831	LEVY LANE	FIRE STAND-BY
11/23/2002	1413	MURCH LANDING RD	MEDICAL EMER
11/23/2002	1745	LEVY LANE	FIRE STAND-BY
11/24/2002	2350	WEBBS MILLS RD	CARDIAC
11/25/2002	922	MILL ST	SUBJ. UNCON
11/27/2002	1459	PINE LANE	DIFF.BREATHING
11/28/2002	1340	CONESCA RD	SUBJ. UNCON
11/30/2002	428	WEBBS MILLS RD	COMP.FRM SURGERY
11/30/2002	923	DAGGETT DR	TRAUMA FROM FALL
12/4/2002	927	WHARF RD	FIRE STAND-BY
12/4/2002	1220	M/A CASCO	ABDOMINAL PAIN
12/4/2002	2250	LEVY LANE	DIFF.BREATHING
12/5/2002	951	M/A WINDHAM	GENERAL ILLNESS 12/
5/2002	1831	EGYPT RD	CAR ACCIDENT
12/5/2002	2039	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	ATTEMPTED SUICIDE
12/6/2002	2244	KINGS GRANT	SUBJ SPRYD W/MACE
12/7/2002	29	FOREST RD	DIABETIC EMERGENCY
12/7/2002	1636	M/A WINDHAM	DIFF.BREATHING
12/9/2002	550	CAPE RD	DIFF.BREATHING
12/9/2002	702	CAPE RD	DIFF.BREATHING
12/9/2002	926	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	DIFF.BREATHING
12/9/2002	1153	TURTLE COVE	FIRE STAND-BY
12/9/2002	1638	M/A CASCO	DIFF.BREATHING
12/11/2002	1005	MEADOW RD	BACK PAIN
12/12/2002	1512	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	DIFF.BREATHING
12/13/2002	940	EGYPT RD	CAR ACCIDENT
12/14/2002	932	CLEAR WATER DR	STOMACH PAIN
12/14/2002	1155	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	FIRE STAND-BY
12/14/2002	1524	EGYPT RD	HAND INJURY
12/14/2002	1618	M/A CASCO	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
FIRE			
11/17/2002	608	M/A CASCO	CHIMNEY FIRE
11/17/2002	1323	THOMAS PND TERR	RESCUE ASSIST
11/19/2002	809	MURRY DR	FIRE ALARM
11/20/2002	831	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM
11/23/2002	1745	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM
11/25/2002	923	MILL ST	RESCUE ASSIST
11/27/2002	1504	PINE LANE	RESCUE ASSIST
11/28/2002	755	DEEP COVE RD	PUBLIC ASSIST
11/30/2002	800	AROUND TOWN	BURNING PERMITS
11/30/2002	923	DAGGETT DR	RESCUE ASSIST
12/2/2002	1217	M/A NAPLES	PUBLIC ASSIST
12/2/2002	2017	RIVER RD	UNPERMITTED FIRE
12/4/2002	152	M/A WINDHAM	STRUCTURE FIRE
12/4/2002	927	WHARF RD	FURNACE PROBLEM
12/5/2002	1831	EGYPT RD	CAR ACCIDENT
12/7/2002	1000	AROUND TOWN	BURNING PERMITS
12/8/2002	1000	AROUND TOWN	BURNING PERMITS
12/9/2002	1153	TURTLE COVE	FIRE ALARM
12/13/2002	940	EGYPT RD	CAR ACCIDENT
12/14/2002	1155	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	PWR LNS DWN W/FIRE
12/14/2002	1646	FAIRWAY DR	TREES/PWR LNS DWN

Dog And Cat Rabies Clinic

The Town will be offering a Rabies Vaccination clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, January 25, 2003, at the Public Works Garage, 387 Webbs Mills Road (Route 85), from 1pm to 3pm. The cost will be \$10 per animal. Anyone is welcome to bring their pets, but please have them restrained by leash or pet crate. The other animals can frighten the pets, and having them under control is imperative.

Once again Blue Seal Feeds will have a representative at the clinic giving away free dog and cat food and talking about nutrition for your pets.

Dr. Jim Stephenson and his staff will administer the vaccinations and issue the tags and certificates. The fee will be accepted by cash only.

2003 Licenses will be available at that time for a fee of \$4.00 for neutered dogs or \$7.50 for dogs not neutered. Please bring your Maine State Neutering certificate if you plan to have your dog licensed at this time, unless we already have it on file. Payment for licensing will be accepted by cash or check in the name of: Town of Raymond.

Vial Of Life Program Reinstated

Beginning in January 2003 the Raymond Fire/Rescue will be renewing the Vials of Life that have been previously initiated. Anyone who would like to participate in this program will be welcomed.

The Vital of Life is a "pill bottle" which is stored in your refrigerator to tell rescue personnel what your condition is and what you take for medications. The refrigerator was deemed the most universal storage place in anyone's home.

If you would like to renew your records and begin your participation, please call Dispatch at 655-7851 and the dispatcher will forward your name and number to our Rescue staff who will come to your house and help you fill out the information.

2003 Turkey Permit Applications Available At The Town Office

The 2003 Turkey Permit applications are available at the Town Office. The deadline for filing is January 15, 2003. Twelve thousand permits will be issued for the 2003 season. The fee is \$10 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. For more information call 207-287-8000 or e-mail webmasterifw@state.me.us.

Moose Season Changes By IF&W For 2003

The following are excerpts from the IF&W web newsletter by Mark Latti:

The Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council voted to accept the IF&W Department's proposal to decrease the number of moose permits issued in some parts of the state, increase the amount of huntable area, and change what type of permits are issued to hunters.

Hunters will be issued an antler-less moose permit or a bull-only permit and the number of moose permits issued will change from 3,000 last year to 2,585 permits this year. In 2002 hunters were issued an antler-less moose permit, or an any-moose permit (cow or bull moose). Wildlife Management District 17 (parts of western Penobscot, southern Piscataquis and southern Somerset counties) was added as a new moose-hunting district. The number of moose permits will be lower in western Aroostook County as well as Piscataquis, northern Penobscot, northern Franklin and northern Somerset counties. Permit numbers will stay the same in eastern and southern Aroostook, Oxford, southern Franklin, southern Penobscot and Washington counties.

In 2002 there were 85,275 applicants, of these 63,266 were Maine residents and the other 22,009 were non-residents. Over one million dollars was generated through the moose lottery that is used for Department expenses and allows the license price to remain the same.

Ice Fishing Derby

The Rotary Club of Windham will once again be holding its Ice Fishing Derby on Sebago Lake on February 22 & 23, 2003. The prize pool will be \$25,000 whether there is ice or not! This year the State Fish & Game Dept. will allow contestants to fish on several other lakes if Sebago is unsafe. Many other events are being added this year. Most of these events will happen right here in Raymond.

On Saturday, 2/22/03, at the Boat Ramp area on Route 302 the following events are planned:

- 10am - Trap Setting Contest for "Ice Fisherman of the Year"
- 12 Noon - Polar Ice Dip for the Maine Children's Cancer Program
- All Day- Fish Weigh Station, Dept of IF&W display wagon.
- Snow sculpture exhibit
- 7pm - Close Route 302 and detour through the Village.
- 7:30pm -Fireworks Display over Jordan Bay, free parking on closed section of Route 302.
- 8pm - Outdoor Concert with John Cafferty & The Beaver Brown Band, tickets available in advance or at the gate.
- 10pm - Re-open Route 302.

The road closing will be done with the cooperation of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department. This area will be open for Wharf Rd. residents, parking, and emergency vehicle traffic only.

A severe snow date of Sunday 2/23 is scheduled.

For further information about the Derby and other events, call 1-866-375-FISH or visit www.icefishingderby.com.

Raymond Lions Club Student Of The Month

The Raymond Lions Club is pleased to announce that its December Student of the Month is Amanda Hammett. Amanda lives with her mother, Valerie, and her father, Phil.



She has excelled in spelling bees, public speaking, and has been chosen for District II for both music and chorus. She participated in Odyssey of the Mind, helping her group win fourth place last year. She enjoys reading, playing the piano and the flute, and skiing. She really likes living in rural Raymond and is committed to spreading the word about recycling.

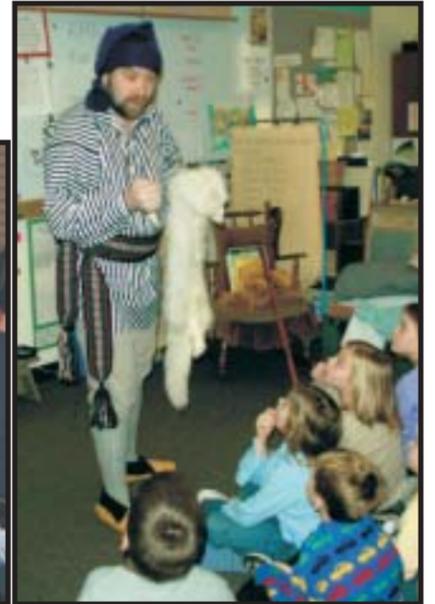
Each month during the school year the Lions select an 8th grade student that is well rounded, does well in school, and helps in the community. The Lions hope that those receiving the recognition will realize that they can have a huge impact on the community, both Raymond and beyond, by getting involved. The Lions also anticipate that younger students in the Raymond schools will start working now to get involved and help others so they may be considered as a "Student of The Month".

For more information on the Lions in Raymond, call Dale Gilman at 655-4114 or Bob Jones at 655-7163.

Pioneers At The Raymond Elementary School

Students in Mrs. Tarr's, Ms. Parisi's, and Ms. Bottoms's classes have spent the last few months studying pioneer life as part of the second grade social studies curriculum. They had the opportunity to demonstrate their learning by creating wonderful projects in class and at home, sharing a breakfast of delicious pioneer foods, and inviting guest speakers into their classrooms. One very exciting speaker was the French Canadian trapper Jean-Claude St. Pierre. Jean-Claude (really Mr. Seymour, kindergarten

teacher) told stories of his life as a fur trapper. The children, and Jean-Claude, should be commended for their efforts and quality work in the study of pioneer life in early America. We have all enjoyed their creative projects on display in the office, library, and classrooms.



Calling All Raymond Horsemen!

It's been a long time since we horsemen have met. Winter is the only time we're not riding, so this is a good time to meet and talk over our issues in Raymond concerning our horses. I would like to have a meeting on Thursday, January 16th, 7pm at the Town Office, and I'll bring the cookies! Anyone is invited whether you own/keep a horse or not.

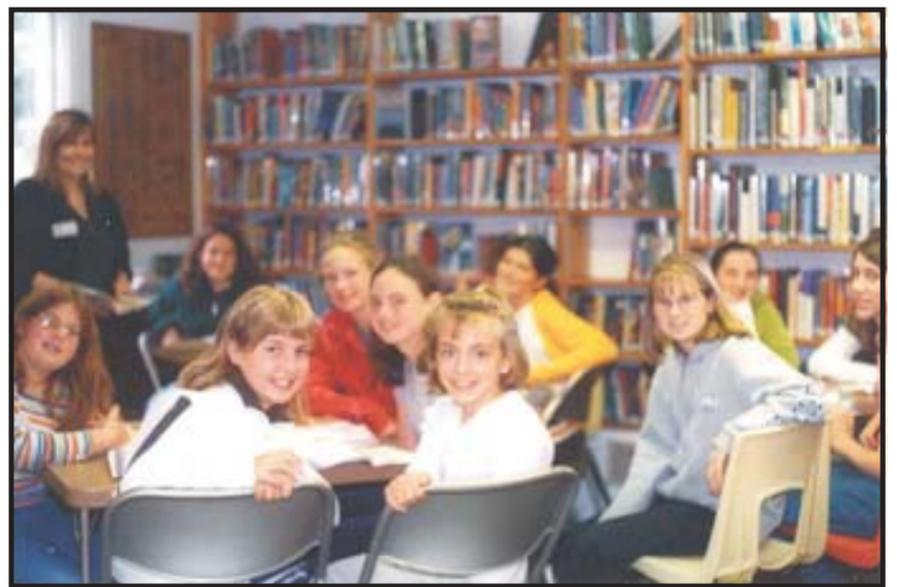
I would like to talk about trail preservation, animal husbandry, and Raymond's 200th Birthday Celebration.



Raymond Recreation Had Another Great Fall Season!



Girls teams in Action!



RRA and Library join to sponsor Red Cross Babysitting course.



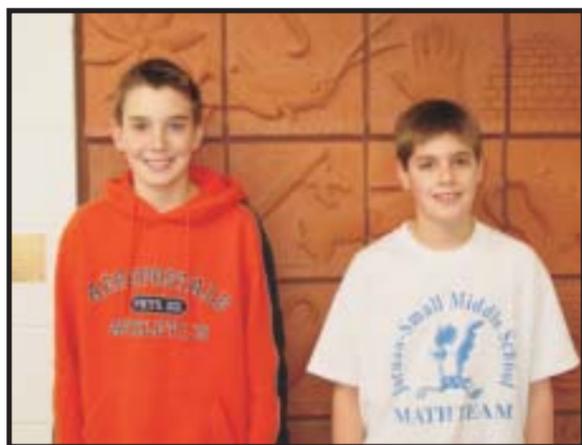
Parents team up to make soccer truly a family affair!



Reflection Winners

The Raymond PTA would like to congratulate all students who participated in this year's Reflections Program. This year's prompt was "Signs of Courage". Thirty-six students submitted original works in the areas of visual arts, music, photography, or literature. All students received a certificate and were awarded Book Fair Bucks from the PTA. The following students were recognized for their Raymond winning entries:

- Shannon Sutton (grade 1) – Literature, Grade K–2
- Jennifer Walker (grade 1) – Visual Arts, Grade K–2
- Cassandra Gordan (grade 4) – Literature, Grade 3–5
- Daniel Connor (grade 4) – Visual Arts, Grade 3–5
- Molly Keane-Dreyer (grade 4) – Music, Grade 3–5



Bryan Connor and Kees VanHaastern



Back row: Molly Keane-Dreyer, Cassandra Gordan, Alexander O'Neill, Daniel Connor. Front row: Shannon Sutton, Jennifer Walker

- Alexander O'Neill (grade 4) – Photography, Grade 3–5
- Kees VanHaastern (grade 6) - Literature, Grade 6–8
- Bryan Connor (grade 8) – Visual Arts, Grade 6-8

The winning entries will be entered in the State Reflections Program. The Maine State PTA will announce their winners in spring of 2003. We wish our Raymond students the best of luck.

Next year's theme for the Reflections program is "I am really happy when..."

National Mentoring Month – January 2003: Maine's Mentor Month Activities in January

January is National Mentoring Month in Maine as well as across the nation. Two major events will benefit mentoring across the state. The Maine Mentoring Partnership and its local mentoring providers have partnered with WGME 13, Rotary International, Shaw's Supermarkets, Boy Scouts and friends to promote these events.

The first is a bottle drive to take place on January 4 and 5 from 9am to 3pm. It will take place at Shaw's Supermarkets across the state. Rotary Club members, Boy Scout troops, mentors and mentees will be sorting bottles and cans at Shaw's Supermarkets. Pepsi product refunds will go to Rotary International's fight to wipe polio off the planet. All other bottle and can refunds will go to the Maine Mentoring Partnership to continue mentoring efforts across the state. Rotary Clubs across the state have also pledged to make mentoring a priority in their clubs. Alan Cartwright, General Manager of WGME 13, said, "Simply save those returnables from your holiday gatherings and bring them to your local Shaw's. Money raised will be put to work fighting polio throughout the world and building mentoring here in Maine."

The second, and much higher profile event, is the WGME 13 Mentor Telethon to be held on January 22nd from Noon to 11pm. Information about mentoring programs will be offered throughout the day, and mentoring organizations and Rotary Club members will staff the phone lines. Potential mentors will be asked to call in to WGME 13 for information about mentoring in their area and to volunteer. Mentoring programs throughout Maine are thankful for the support of WGME 13, Shaw's Supermarkets, Rotary Clubs, and Seltzer & Rydholm.

The Bottle Drive and Mentor Match-up Telethon provide an opportunity for service organizations, business and mentoring providers to get to know one another at the community level ... it is about "friend raising" as well as fund raising!

Contact Lori Rand at the Raymond Mentoring Partnership for more about local mentoring: 655-8672, ext. 107.

Gingerbread House Gift

Jani Cummings's multi-level 2-3 class at Raymond Elementary School created this beautiful gingerbread house and presented it to Town Manager Don Willard as a gift to the Town.



2003 High School Senior Scholarships Available

In January applications for the many high school seniors' scholarships will be available through the Jordan-Small Middle School's Guidance Office or your senior high school guidance office. For more information please call Lynn Davis, Guidance Counselor, at 655-4743.

Raymond PTA Family Fun Night

The first Raymond PTA Family Fun Night on November 22 was a huge success with children, parents, school staff and friends joining in the festivities. All of the planned activities were well attended, including the book swap, Cake Walk, gift shop, movie, and storytelling. One of the highlights of the evening was storytelling with the Pink



Sparkle Witch. Children and adults alike had a great time trying their luck at the Cake Walk. The evening raised over \$600 to support the PTA's many programs for children, parents, and our schools. Plans are underway for next year's Family Fun Night.

Mentoring Finds Rhythm

Djembe, Conga, Pandeiro....these are a few of the percussion instruments the Mentoring Partnership experienced during a full afternoon and evening of international rhythm music in mid-November. The Rhythm Inlet – Barbara Gail and Jeff Hanna of Mt. Vernon, ME - first performed for all students at an assembly at JSMS, which was co-sponsored by the PTA. Barbara and Jeff then led a rhythm workshop for the mentoring program participants, who learned about and used a variety of handmade instruments. After the workshop, mentoring pairs created and decorated their own drums.

Mains' Pizza catered a great spaghetti dinner at the middle school, where 90 guests from the mentoring program and community gathered. Well fortified by pasta, The Rhythm Inlet, mentors and mentees drummed with their own handmade instruments and ones from around the world in a performance for their families. In our time with Barbara and Jeff we discovered some new perspectives on culture, music, creative expression and...rhythm! For more about the Mentoring Partnership, call our office at 655-8672, ext. 107.



Sustainable Lake Protection

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spections and public education. We anticipate similar funding will be available for the 2003 season for Milfoil/IAS.

For the past two years the Raymond Conservation Commission has supported the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District with implementation of a "319" grant from Maine DEP/EPA. The grant will have allowed stabilization of about 20 high priority erosion sites that were identified during watershed surveys of Raymond Pond and Crescent Lake. By completion, over \$60,000 of erosion control materials, equipment, time, and CCSWCD labor will have been invested in Raymond to fix eroding sites and camp roads – the largest sources of phosphorus pollution to our lakes. A similar sum of in-kind contributions will have been donated to the project as materials, equipment and volunteer labor. *In 2003 our grant will end, and with it will end the active Watershed Stewardship that our Town needs.*

In the late 1990's, the RCC and Raymond Waterways Protective Association completed watershed surveys of Raymond Pond and Crescent Lake that identified 200 erosion/NPS sites. The surveys were made possible by over \$11,000 in funds from Maine DEP and hundreds of in-kind volunteer hours from RCC, RWPA and Maine DEP. The surveys provided the basis for the 319 Grant, which has addressed only 10% of the identified sites; 90 % of the sites are still damaging our lakes.

Charlie Turner and his volunteers from the Raymond Waterways Protective Association have been tirelessly collecting water quality data for our lakes for the past 25 years and educating us with his annual RWPA newsletter and meetings. The RWPA's efforts have been critical to understanding protection of our lakes. However, our Town's growth and the known water quality impacts that come with development are a clear signal that we need to expand our efforts throughout the Town's watersheds.

The Maine Lakes Partnership, an affiliation of major lake groups and agencies, has recently identified eight priorities to protect the State's lakes. We have selected the first three priorities as focus points for the Raymond Lake Protection Program. These are: 1. Invasive Aquatic Plants, 2. Compliance with land use laws, 3. Education, monitoring, and technical assistance to land owners.

Proposal - Raymond's Lake Protection Program

We are proposing to expand the Lake Protection Rangers' duties to include not only Milfoil/IAS prevention, but also Watershed Stewardship. These efforts will help reduce the risk of invasive plants and will reduce the pollutant load to our lakes to ensure long-term water quality. The Lake Protection Rangers' duties will include:

Milfoil/IAS

1. Educating all users of our waterways (that means each of us, our visiting friends and relations, and people from away that rent our camps or use our lakes) about the risks of Milfoil and the importance of cleaning boats and gear.
2. Inspecting boats and trailers at launches during busy times.
3. Training staff/volunteers to identify the plants and how to report and manage colonies.
4. Monitoring our lakes for Milfoil colonies and other IAS.
5. Identifying convenient locations where boats can be safely washed off.

NPS Pollution Prevention

1. Technical assistance to landowners to stabilize known, existing erosion sites (initial focus on the 200 sites identified in the Crescent Lake and Raymond Pond Watershed Surveys).
2. Technical assistance to camp road associations to ensure best practices are used.
3. Technical assistance to future watershed survey and remedy efforts on Panther Pond and Thomas Pond.
4. Public education via distribution of our survey reports and printed material prepared by Maine DEP, Portland Water District and CCSWCD.
5. Ongoing support of RWPA's activities.
6. Pursuit of state and federal grant opportunities to help build lake protection capacity for Raymond.
7. Support of CEO functions as time permits.

The RCC and RWPA support the Town's ongoing and necessary efforts to increase staffing in the Code Enforcement Office to ensure proper erosion and stormwater controls are in place at newly permitted development sites. While the focus of the Lake Protection Rangers will be public education and remedy of existing erosion sites, it is our intent that the Rangers work with Code Enforcement to further compliance with Raymond's Land Use, Shoreland Zone, and Subdivision ordinances.

Kevin Hughes, our lead Lakes Protection Ranger in 2002, is prepared to continue the Milfoil Program in 2003. One half-time employee would need to be hired to assist Kevin with Milfoil/IAS prevention, and one ¾ time hourly employee would need to be hired to implement the Watershed Stewardship portion of the program. It is proposed that these positions be hired as part-time town employees. It is our intention to mobilize volunteers from each lake and engage the summer camps, Boy Scouts, and business interests to assist the Lake Protection Rangers with their duties.

Budget and Funding

The estimated budget for the 2003 Lake Protection Program is \$28,000. This estimate is based on \$21,600 in hourly wages (two lead Rangers for 20 weeks at 30 hours/week each at \$14/hr, and one assistant Ranger for 20 weeks at 20 hours/week at \$12/hr), and \$4,400 in expenses. Included in the budget is \$2,000 for ongoing RWPA lake monitoring and education activities. Funding for the program is proposed to come from several sources as follows:

Lake Protection Program Budget 2003 = \$28,000

Fund Sources:

Anticipated 2003 Maine DEP Milfoil/IAS grant = \$2,000
 Unused funds from 2002 Milfoil program = \$ 6,000
 2003 Fundraiser including RWPA membership = \$11,000
 (private donations)

Total Fund Sources = \$19,000

Proposed warrant article May 2003 Town Meeting = \$ 9,000

To help administer the Lake Protection Program, it is requested that the Town provide account tracking as they did in 2003, which was greatly appreciated. This tracking effort would be somewhat greater than 2002, as we are proposing to combine the RWPA regular membership contributions and expenses into the program tracking.

The above proposed warrant article for \$9,000 represents an increase from the 2002 funding level; however it is only 1/3 of 1% (0.0033) of the Town's Municipal Budget of \$2,700,000. We believe that this funding by the Town is an essential and prudent investment in our lake resources.

The RWPA and RCC appreciate any and all support from the community for this important Raymond program. Watch for upcoming articles on lake protection and activities, including a Watershed Forum in April to engage and solicit input from Raymond's boards, committees and residents.

Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club

The Raymond Rattlers extend a tremendous thank you to all local businesses and community support we received for the Holiday Helpers Program. The generosity of all was greatly appreciated to help make the holiday more cheerful for everyone.



As we begin the winter season, we would like to thank the Landowners for granting us permission to use their land. If it weren't for the Landowners, many of our Raymond snowmobile trails would not exist. Please keep this in mind and remain on marked trails and respect the land you are riding on.

Mark your calendars: Our next club meeting is on January 15th. New members are always welcome. Assuming our snow conditions are good, we will be hosting a Poker Run on January 25, with registration beginning at 9am at Kokatosi Campground. A club "Fun Ride" will be taking place on February 1. Time and location to be determined. Our 2nd annual Pig Roast will be held on March 15th.

Visit us on our website at www.raymondmaine.org. Click on the Recreation Link and look for Raymond Rattlers.

Contact our Club President Jeff, at 655-4400 if you have any questions.

Indoor Swimming

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Fall Indoor Swim program. Due to hard work and determination, everyone passed their Red Cross swim levels! The students should be highly commended for their achievements and enthusiasm.

Spring swimming will be open to 3rd and 4th graders, with sign up through school in late February.

Mark your calendars now Wednesdays.

March 12, 19, 26

April 2, 9, 16

We look forward to seeing you in the spring
 Alex, Robyn and Pat



Harvest Hills Community Service Project

Mrs. Parisi and her second grade class should be very proud of their community service project last month. This class coordinated the collection of food, treats, toys, and cleaning supplies for the Harvest Hills Animal Shelter in



Fryeburg. Once again the children were delighted with the community support for this project. Students and other community members brought in many, many items, which filled the Harvest Hills van. Ms. Richard even donated a doghouse to the shelter. The children and Mrs. Parisi would like to thank everyone who helped to make their community service project such a big success.

RES Principal Report

By: Norma Richard, Principal

Raymond is a very special community, in part because of the generosity and kindness of its residents. This was especially true during last month's holiday season when many, many people came together to assist friends and neighbors. Our students were an important part of these efforts, and I would like to congratulate staff members and students who collected and distributed toys and food to those in need. Mrs. Potter's fourth grade class and Mrs. Tarr's second grade class should also be recognized for their hard work and great organizational skills during their collection for Raymond area families. Mrs. Parisi's class did an outstanding job collecting for the Harvest Hills Animal Shelter. I am so very proud of their efforts.

The winter months bring additional challenges to the school, especially when it comes to busing students. Please be aware that the bus schedule may change by 5 to 10 minutes due to road conditions. We ask for your patience, and for your assistance, in making sure that all children are transported safely to and from school. This is a good time to review with your child bus safety practices, especially waiting in your driveway until the bus comes to a complete stop and the bus driver indicates that it is safe to board the bus. With the prospect of snow-covered roads and high snow banks, it is very important to have an adult supervising children at the bus stops. Our drivers have a very difficult job, and they thank you for your continuing support.

In the event that your child's bus is very late and you are unable to contact the school, please call the Raymond Dispatch Office at 655-7851. They are in radio contact with all of our drivers and can provide you with information about the location of your child's bus. On early release days, or if it is snowing at dismissal, I will remain in the school office until all students and the buses are safely home to answer any questions about the bus runs. I also want to remind parents again to have emergency plans in place should we need to bus students home before our 3:15 dismissal.

We have been so happy over the past five years to have developed a wonderful working relationship with St. Joseph's College. You may have noticed a number of college students working in our classrooms over the past semester. We were very pleased to have four student teachers working in our district: Michael Kippenberger with Mrs. Tarr, Beth Tkachuk with Mrs. Parisi, Julie Vyr with Mrs. Gorham, and Lindsey Hirsch with Mrs. Gosselin at Jordan-Small. St. Joseph's College also places interns in the local schools to provide them with school based training to supplement their coursework. Reading interns worked with our students each Tuesday and Thursday morning. We were fortunate to have Hayley Collins, Angela Craib, Kayla Fessenden, Tara Gagnon, Michelle King, Julie Masciarelli, Lisa McGregor, Crystal Page, Kacey Pike, Deirdre Regan and Janelle Smith sharing their interests and their talents with our students. We look forward to having St. Joseph's College math interns join us in January.

Thank You To Cabin Candlery

Ms. Bottoms and her students would like to thank Cabin Candlery of Raymond for providing them with candle wax for a very special holiday project. The children enjoyed

dipping their own candles, and the entire school enjoyed the wonderful apple cinnamon smell that came from their classroom.



Raymond Student Sings At The Portland Museum Of Art

Tenth grade student Renee Fortin of Raymond sang at the Portland Museum of Art on the evening of Friday, December 6, 2002. The North Yarmouth Academy Treble Chorus performed in the opening concert for the museum's Lighting of the Copper Beech Tree Series. The group sang for approximately thirty minutes and then led the attending crowd in a sing-a-long afterward for the tree lighting ceremony. Nora Krainis, the NYA choral instructor, said the group of ninth through twelfth graders was honored to be included in the festive event.

I Care Cat Has A Good Friend

Paige Richards, second grader at the Raymond Elementary School, demonstrated how she follows the I Care Rule, "We are responsible for what we say and do," when she quickly returned a \$50 bill that she found on the playground. I Care Cat and RES students and staff were very proud of Paige.

Holiday Book Fair A Success!

Despite a snow day last week, the holiday book fair was a great success. The Raymond PTA was able to donate over \$2400 worth of books to the Elementary School and the Jordan-Small Middle School libraries. Thanks to all who helped with the book fair and to those who supported the fair by buying books! We will be holding our regular book fair in March. If you missed this one or need books for summer reading, be sure to stop by the Scholastic Book Fair in March.

Raymond Students Qualify For AP Scholar Award

Yarmouth, Maine, December 9, 2002...Headmaster Peter W. Mertz of North Yarmouth Academy is pleased to announce several students have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations. Only about 14 percent of the nearly 938,000 students who took AP Examinations in May 2002 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

The College Board recognizes various levels of achievement based on the number of year-long courses and exams (or their equivalent semester-long courses and exams). At North Yarmouth Academy:

Matthew Fortin of Raymond qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by receiving grades of 3 or higher on five or more AP Examinations, with an average exam grade of at least 3.5.

Benjamin White of Raymond qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by receiving grades of 3 or higher on four or more AP Examinations, with an average exam grade of at least 3.25. Mr. White was an underclassman when he took the AP Examinations in May 2002. He will have at least one more year in which to do college-level work and possibly earn another Advanced Placement Award.

AP Examinations are graded on a 5-point scale, with 5 being the highest score. Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit and/or placement for grades of 3 or higher, and more than 1,400 institutions award a year of credit (sophomore standing) to students with a sufficient number of qualifying grades. This year, there were 35 AP Examinations offered in 23 subject areas, each consisting of multiple choice and free-response (essay or problem-solving) questions.

The College Board is a national nonprofit association whose mission is to prepare, inspire, and connect students to college and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the association comprises more than 4,200 schools, colleges, universities, education systems, and organizations. The Board promotes — by means of responsive forums, research, programs, and policy development — universal access to high standards of learning, equity of opportunity, and sufficient financial support so that every qualified student is prepared for success in college and work.

New Winter Recreational Opportunities At Jordan-Small

Jordan-Small Middle School and Raymond Recreation Association are continuing their partnership to provide more recreational opportunities to Raymond students. A new Nordic ski program with cross country skiing and snowshoeing is being initiated in conjunction with the middle school physical education program. This is a very exciting pilot program for students in grades 5 and 6 that may expand to other grade levels, the elementary physical education program, and to other community organizations.

Raymond Recreation Association is looking for donations of equipment or money to outfit the first year of this program. Contributions can be sent to Raymond Recreation Association, PO Box 562, Raymond, ME 04071. A \$50 donation will provide a pair of snowshoes, while a \$100 donation will buy a pair of skis.

Donations of equipment are also being sought. Used skis with any type binding in lengths from 160 – 200 cm can be used. Used boots, any size, must be for Salomon SNS bindings. Call Pat Smith at 655-4567 if you have used equipment. E-mail Joni Merrill, physical education teacher at the Jordan-Small Middle School, at joni.m@raymondmaine.org if you have any questions about the program. This is an exciting opportunity for Raymond students and for the community, and we look forward to sharing its progress with you through the winter.

Visit us at:

<http://www.raymondmaine.org>

Troop 800 Report

By Elijah Hughes, Troop Scribe

This month we learned orienteering which taught us to read a map and chart courses. We refined this skill at an army camp called Bog Brook. At this camp we kept each other up at night, and dehydrated some food. That's right, folks; we dehydrated food such as apples, clementines, and bananas. The fruit was placed in a container that was air-tight and had a vent and fan in it. The aftermath tasted crisp and light with a delicious tang of apple, clementine, or banana. We played snow-football while it snowed, and we got wet, wet, and more wet. We inventoried our equipment and cleaned out our disastrously messy camp boxes.

John Hanley explained the scout handbook of rules. The rules include things like discipline and respect.

We're almost half-way in our Gettysburg Fundraiser. Thanks to those who bought calendars and Christmas wreaths. Thanks, folks, for your support. We will be having a bottle drive January 4th, 2003.

Sam Blunda of Gorham was awarded his Eagle badge. Bill Yates of our troop is trying to become one along with Tim Curtis. The Eagle badge is the highest ranking badge in all of Scouts

The Troop hopes everybody had "Happy Holidays" and wishes you a "Happy New Year."

Boy Scout Troop 800 Bottle Drive

Connecting the Past
With the Present



TROOP 800

Raymond
Maine



Gettysburg 2003

Saturday, January 4th, 2003
Scouts will be canvassing neighborhoods
from 9:00 am to noon

OR

Drop off your bottles at the
District 1 Fire Station in the Village
from noon till 2:00 pm

**Troop 800, working to visit
Gettysburg in 2003!**

Raymond Student Wins Local Pageant

Sonya Stevens, a fourth grade student at the Raymond Elementary School, was the winner of the Miss Pre-teen Portland Pageant on November 17. Sonya will next be representing Maine at the National Pageant in Florida next year, sponsored by Cities of America, Inc., competing in the pre-teen division. Sonya entered her first pageant at the age of three, and "Miss Pre-teen Portland" marked her seventh straight win. For those interested in sponsoring Sonya at the National Pageant, please write in care of her mother, Michelle Stevens, at P.O. Box 854, Raymond, ME 04071. We wish Sonya the best of luck in next year's competition.



Members of Troop 800 complete a compass course at the Bog Brook U.S. Army training facility.

Scout Receives BSA Certificate Of Merit

Troop 800 Scout Elijah Hughes was presented the BSA Certificate of Merit Wednesday December 4, 2002, at the Casco Bay District's monthly Roundtable for his actions following a mishap at his home in Raymond, Maine.

On the evening of 25 July 2002, Mike Hughes was involved in an accident in which a 600 pound stone rolled onto a finger resulting in broken bones and 15 stitches. Although it was not a life threatening injury, it was a horrific sight and he was in tremendous and instant pain. Mike's son Elijah was witness to the whole event. Mike remained coherent during the event until he could "relax" en route to Mercy Hospital. With his directions, Elijah remembered his scout training and assisted quite admirably. Mike shares with you his actions immediately following the event. "The finger was split open revealing the bones. My immediate fear was that I would lose it. I ran to the sink to quickly clean it. Elijah found me a bandana to hold the flesh in place. He then called Raymond Dispatch (911) for assistance. He got me a bag with ice to place the now bandaged hand in to slow the bleeding and ease the pain. To treat for shock, he laid me in a lounge chair in the driveway, raised my feet, and covered me with a blanket. He then waited at the end of the driveway to direct the ambulance. Throughout the entire event, he kept his cool and assisted greatly in reassuring me and to keep his two younger sisters calm. His actions are a testament to the value of scout training and are a good example to be used in future training. In fact, on my recent trip to teach basic training for the Army, I used his example during the first aid session."



Elijah, accompanied by his parents Mike (left) and Belinda Hughes, is presented the BSA Certificate of Merit by Council Executive Jason Agren.

Though Scouting is sometimes seen as an activity centered around hiking and camping, its ideals and function are aimed at preparing boys to be able to challenge themselves and rise to occasions that require action and leadership. Elijah has only recently crossed over to Boy Scouts from Cub Scouts and is a very fun loving young man, but when a situation presented itself that required action he was prepared and utilized his abilities to help someone. Troop 800 is proud to honor one of its own. Congratulations Elijah!

Raymond Lions Club And Village Library Club Holiday Tree Lighting

December 1st was a cold and blustery night. But did that keep Santa from his appearance at the 7th annual Raymond Lions Club Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Raymond Village Library? NO WAY!

Santa was there to hand out candy canes and listen to the wish lists of any child that wanted to talk to him. Looks like Santa is going to be very busy this year. The Lions served hot chocolate and cookies to all. Boy, did that taste good with the cold wind blowing!

The Jordan-Small Middle School Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Crockett, led a Christmas carol sing, with the many people gathered for the festivities joining in the melodies. This year Mr. Marshall accompanied us all on the keyboard and kept us all on key



Chris Gagne

The Lions would like to thank everyone that joined in the festivities - it made for a hearty count down to the lighting of the tree - and we invite you all back again next year. Bring your friends and neighbors. Special thanks to the Library Club for their efforts to improve this year's program. The Library displayed many of the large print books and audiotapes that were provided by the Lions for those with vision problems.

Photos that were taken of children talking with Santa are available at the library. Stop in when they are open and pick yours up. Then browse through the many offerings the library has for all ages and all tastes.



Cameron White

The Raymond Lions hope you all enjoyed the holidays and that you will have a joyous New Year.