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What Better Time To Say "Good-bye"?

In this the final issue of the town's monthly newspaper, the Road Runner staff is proud to bring you news of Raymond's Bicentennial events and celebrations, most of which will take place on June 21. Raymond's citizens and visitors will pause that day to take a look back at the town's beginnings and to trace its path over the 200 years that lead to the present.

Perhaps we'll feel nostalgic as the day's events and displays bring a flood of

memories, or we'll feel envious of those who lived in a "simpler" time. But whether or not we're recalling the past - our own or others' - with complete accuracy, the fact remains that the day will end and we'll take a deep breath and once again be faced with today's challenges.

"Can anybody remember when the times were not hard and money not scarce?"
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Raymond is facing some tough choices, where sometimes there is a "bad" or a "worse" but not a "good." Thoughtful, well-informed town employees, committee members and volunteers seek to define the issues and to bring the solutions to thoughtful, well-informed voters who will then shape and direct Raymond's future. With this in mind, the Road Runner staff wants to leave our readers with the admonition: BE INFORMED!

The greatest obstacle to discovery is not ignorance - it is the illusion of knowledge. ~ Daniel Boorstin

It was the purpose of this publication to fill part of the "information gap" by providing space to anyone who had a legitimate need to get a message to Raymond residents. You may have relied on our presence in your mailbox each month to help you round out, balance and temper the information you heard in coffee shops or saw on roadside signs. In our absence it may be a bit less convenient, but is no less important, to stay in touch, for example by visiting Raymond's website, or with phone calls and e-mail notes to town officials, or by attending town committee meetings.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." ~ Margaret Mead

Showing up at Town Meeting, picking up an Annual Report, seeing a warrant article for the first time and then voting on it does NOT constitute an informed or responsible decision. Was May's Town Meeting "pure democracy at work"? Were the principles of "free speech" observed and honored? Find out yes or no, why or why not. Be informed, be interested, be curious - and above all else work to give the proper weight to facts and opinions. Feeling you don't know what's going on can open your mind; then be sure to grant yourself the opportunity to learn.

"Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."
~ James Madison

Thank You

The staff of the Road Runner would like to thank all of those who have contributed over the past five years. You have made this a wonderful paper and we are saddened to see the last issue published.

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The Town of Raymond Special Town Meeting

Saturday, June 14, 2003

10:00 AM at the

Jordan-Small Middle School

Copies of the Warrant for Town Meeting will be available at the Town Office
beginning June 6, 2003

Raising The Bar

By: Marilee Dunklee, Consulting Teacher for Gifted/Talented

For three eighth graders, community service took on a new meaning for five days in May. Their names are George Chebare, Jake Markowski, and Caleb Chute. Their story is terrific.

Declining the weeklong trip to Camp Kieve with their eighth grade classmates, this bodacious bunch trekked across the road instead, thanks to a special arrangement between principals Charlie Miller and Norma Richard. Did they miss out? Not according to the three.

"If you ask me," Jake said on Tuesday, "this is even more fun than Kieve."

George worked in Mr. Seymour's kindergarten class, Caleb with third grade teacher Mrs. Gorham, and Jake with Ms. Cummings and Mrs. Potter and in the art room. All three helped serve lunch in the cafeteria. While in the classroom, they collated booklets, made journals, checked papers, did some laminating, and interacted with the students.

Sometimes Caleb helped third graders with

their seatwork. "They would try to raise their hands when they saw me looking," he said, "and when they'd go down to lunch, they liked to walk with me."

Jake did art activities right along with the students. "They would say that mine is good, and I'd give them tips on theirs if they needed it."

As for kindergarten, here's how George described his experience. "They love me! They sit there and hug me for ten minutes. Then, when I leave, they pretty much start to cry." Nothing can quite match the look of admiration in a five-year-old's eyes! I think maybe George found that out.

When asked what was most enjoyable about being teacher assistants for the week, George quickly responded, "Working with the kids because it makes you feel good."

Caleb answered, "It's fun to try something new and see what it would be like to be a teacher."

"My fun thing was working in the lunchroom and giving

the kids their food," said Jake, "because it seemed like they really appreciated it."

When asked if they'd try this again, George summed it up with "Oh, yeah!"

"Yeah, definitely," said Caleb. "It'd be cool to go back over and work with the kids again." The kids would probably agree.

Raising the bar can mean doing community service, making new connections, broadening horizons. Seems to me that, thanks to two insightful administrators, all three happened for a threesome from Jordan-Small.



Raymond Village Library News

Plant Sale

The very popular *Plant Sale* will be held at the library on Saturday, June 28, from 7am to noon, rain or shine. We hope people will be as generous in their donations as they have been in the past years. Because of this generosity, we always have a wonderful variety of perennials. We ask that the donations be brought to the library Friday, June 27, the night before, from 4 to 7pm and also that the plants be labeled.

Book Sales

The paperback book sale will begin on June 28 at the library. The hard cover book sale begins July 13 at 9am at the library. We are always accepting donations of books, videos, audio books, puzzles and CD's for the library collection and for these fundraisers. We rely on these donations for the success of both the plant and book sales. Both fundraisers contribute in a very large part to the library's budget.

Book Discussion

The Reading Group will be meeting at the library on June 26 at 7pm to discuss a selection of poems by Edna St. Vincent Millay. There will be reading copies available at the library by June 1. For more information call Jane at 655-5354.

Annual Meeting

The annual Raymond Village Library Club meeting will be

held at 6:30, June 5, at the library. There will be a buffet and election of officers. New members are welcome.

Silent Art Auction

The annual Silent Art Auction will begin in conjunction with Founders Day on June 21. The art, donated by local artists, will be exhibited at the library, until the conclusion on August 9. Bids will be taken during this period of time. Be sure to come in the library to view these beautiful works of art and place your bids. This is a wonderful way to add color and interest to your home at a reasonable cost.

Exhibiting Artist

The beautiful and creative portraits now hanging at the library until the middle of June are the work of Susan L. Mitchell. Susan graduated from the Portland School of Art and has a number of her murals in the Portland area: at One City Center, Tortilla Flat and Trinity Episcopal Church to name a few. She has a portrait business in Raymond and often works from photos. We are very pleased to have her art work creating an artistic atmosphere at the library.

Evening of Mystery

A diverse group of people stepped back in time to New Year's Eve 1899 and spent the evening in period costume and character. As victims expired and the plot thickened, the guests did their best to unravel the complicated sequence of clues to identify the murderer. Whether they performed like Sherlock Holmes or Dr. Watson, all those

attending proclaimed this library fundraiser a smashing success and are already looking forward to next year's. The \$850 raised will be for middle school age books at the library.

We would like to thank the Wohelo Lodge for hosting this event and the following businesses for their donations: Mr. D's Restaurant, Fishermen's Net, Sunset Variety, Mains' Pizza, Sebago Café, Danielle's Diner, Barney's Seafood, Raymond Food Market, Hannaford, Wal-Mart, Shaw's, Raymond Village Florist, Cabin Candler, K and K Video, and Cricket's Corner.

Hawthorne at the Hawthorne House

With assistance from the Maine Humanities Council, the Raymond Village Library and the Hawthorne Community Association, Dr. Trudi Riesenbergh will present a talk on Nathaniel Hawthorne at the Hawthorne House on Saturday, June 28, at 6:30, prior to the Association's Strawberry Festival. Dr. Riesenbergh will introduce the author in a new perspective, focusing on his years in Rome, fellow American travelers to Rome in the 1850's and the result of Hawthorne's experiences in Rome, his novel: *The Marble Faun*.

Books and relevant material will be on display at the library during open hours. For further details, see this issue's bicentennial news items and look for the relevant article, "Lecture on Hawthorne at the Hawthorne House".

Raymond Village Library - Reading Group Report For April 2003

By: Claudia Trend

This month we got personal: everyone brought in one of their favorite books. Here is the list of books we discussed:

Windswept, Author: Mary Ellen Chase (a Maine writer). Three generations who owned a farm in a remote part of Maine. Various ethnic immigrants, different cultures, all working together on the land.

The Cazalet Chronicles, Author: Elizabeth Jane Howard. Four books (series) about a generation during WWII - not a war book per se, but about life during the war, both in the US & England.

Searching For Caleb, Author: Anne Tyler. A man spends his whole life looking for his brother. This is about what happens along the way. Has unique characters, depth of emotions (guilt, love, humor & eccentricity).

The River King and *Practical Magic*, both by Author Alice Hoffman. The physical world takes on a magical & spiritual life of its own, in tune with what is going in some

special people's lives.

The Amateurs, Author: David Halberstrom. Members of a rowing club who strive to make the 1986 Olympic trials. Non-fiction, about their competitive spirit as well as fierce loyalty and friendship.

Levels Of The Game, Author: John McPhee. Nonfiction about the tennis match between Arthur Ashe & Clark Graebner at Forest Hills - not just about the match but about the players themselves, along with a socio-economic commentary. Also recommended: *The Ransom Of Russian Art* by John McPhee.

War Is A Force That Gives Us Meaning, Author: Chris Hedges. The author is a war correspondent who suffered burnout from his coverage of conflicts/wars around the world. The book contains classical references, such as Shakespeare and Homer (not Simpson!). It is compelling, but not depressing, insightful and hopeful.

The Chimpanzees Of Gombe, Author: Jane Goodall.

Comparison of human and animal cultures. The chimpanzees exhibit some of the same human behaviors mentioned in the Chris Hedges book (above).

Manneken Pis, Related by: Vladimir Radunsky. Anti-war children's book about the legend of the fountain statue of the little boy in Brussels, Belgium. Even though it is a children's book, the subject matter may not be appropriate for all children.

The Elements Of Style, 3rd edition, Authors: William Strunk Jr. & E.B. White. Nonfiction, originally published in 1935 by Professor Strunk. Revised three times, yet still only 85 pages! Also called "the little book" by those of us, including E.B. White, who discovered it in college. Contains ruthless, almost insulting, directions for how to write really, REALLY well.

That's all for April Twenty-oh-Three. In May we are reading *The Samurai's Garden*. We meet on the last Thursday of the month at the Raymond Village Library at 7:00pm. Please call Jane Hubbell at 655-5354, if you need more information. Happy reading everyone!

June 2003

Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen	4 12:45-2:00PM Raymond Rec Tennis 7:00PM RE School Committee 7:00PM TH Bicentennial Founders Day Meeting	5 8:00AM-2:30PM JS Science Expo 7/8 9:15AM VL Baby Time 9:45AM VL Toddler Time 10:30AM VL Preschool Story Time 6:30PM VL Library Club Meeting 6:30PM KC Lions Club	6 Minor League Playoffs Begin Transition Day 4th - 5th Grades	7
8	9	10 7:00AM-8:00PM JS Special Referendum Election 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting	11 12:45-2:00PM Raymond Rec Tennis All Day JS JSMS Field Day	12 9:15AM VL Baby Time 9:45AM VL Toddler Time 10:30AM VL Preschool Story Time Last Day Of School	13 Major League Playoffs Begin	14 Flag Day
15	16	17 4:00PM TH Planning Board Deadline 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen	18 9:00AM VL Library Board Meeting 12:45-2:00PM Raymond Rec Tennis 7:00PM JS School Committee	19 9:15AM VL Baby Time 9:45AM VL Toddler Time 10:30AM VL Preschool Story Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	20	21 BICENTENNIAL FOUNDERS DAY
22 All Star Games	23 7:00PM TH Comprehensive Plan Committee	24 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting	25 12:45-2:00PM Raymond Rec Tennis	26 9:15AM VL Baby Time 9:45AM VL Toddler Time 10:30AM VL Preschool Story Time 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	27 4:00PM TH Board Of Appeals Deadline	28 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED
29 10:00AM TH Appeals Board Site Walk	30 7:00PM TH Appeals Board					FB=Fire Barn JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd PS=Public Safety Bldg. RE=Raymond Elementary TG=Town Garage RT85 TH=Town Hall VL=Village Library VC=Village Church

Tassel Top Board Needs Member

The Tassel Top Board of Directors is looking for a new member to serve in helping to plan the operation of Tassel Top Park. The Board meets in the spring to set up the program for the park, oversees the operations of the park during the summer and has a meeting in the fall for summation of the summer season.

If you are interested in being a Board member, please call Louise Lester, Town Clerk, at the Town Office at 655-4742 or email louise.lester@raymondmaine.org.

Honor Your Service Men And Women

The Town Office is displaying pictures and brief biographies of our residents who are now serving in the Armed Forces. If you have a family member now serving, please let us post their picture and biography to honor them in their duty to our country.

Raymond Recreation Says Thanks To Volunteers!

The 2002 – 2003 year has been one of our most successful, with fun and instruction in each of the programs from winter indoor and summer outdoor swimming to alpine and cross country skiing and snow shoeing, and from karate to soccer and basketball and tennis, cross country running and dance.

With the spring sports still in full swing and swimming gearing up for a beautiful warm summer, the Board of Directors wishes to say a special “thank you” to all who have contributed in any way to our programs this year. As volunteers, our greatest satisfaction comes in seeing the smiles on the faces of the children who are learning and enjoying themselves. In our programs, every child is a star!

We hope to see you all involved again next year and invite others to join us!

Did You Know?

By: Tasha Carson

Editor's Note: This month's student writer is seventh grader Tasha Carson. Tasha loves to read and has enjoyed writing ever since she can remember. An outdoor enthusiast, she enjoys exploring and sports, especially field hockey and basketball.

Let the good times roll! Step back into time with two fascinating ladies who were once schoolteachers. That's what I did when I talked with the Edwards sisters, Dorothy and Berenice.

Walking into their home on North Raymond Road was like going into another century. The kitchen wood stove was exquisite with its old-fashioned markings. In the living room I saw family pictures in huge frames with detailed decorations. The house that they live in now is the house they grew up in with their parents.

Their family owned a farm, and there were chores to do every day. “We had to milk the cows, fill the wood box, do the dishes,” Dorothy said. Then there was picking the strawberries, raspberries, tomatoes, and peas that their family grew.

During family get-togethers, the children would play spin the top and croquet. They also made old-fashioned ice cream and used the strawberries that they grew on the farm.

During their school years they had to walk two miles to get to their one-room schoolhouse which had eight grades. There were no snowplows in those days. After snowstorms, their father used to roll the snow on the roads using six horses and a big roller.

When they were in the seventh grade, their family got its first car. Dorothy recalled, “You didn't have to have a license back then. My father just took a ride with the man he bought the car from, and that's how he learned to drive.”

After college (Dorothy said that one of her most memorable experiences was getting her diploma), both sisters became teachers and taught for over forty years. Dorothy taught algebra and geometry and Berenice the business courses.

Just like today, most students looked forward to the school day, but “some students didn't want to go,” recalled

Raymond Certified Ratio And Homestead Exemption

By: Raymond Assessor's Office

Each year the Town of Raymond must declare a certified ratio to the State of Maine. This ratio is a general statement of the relationship between sale prices and tax assessments for developed parcels. The certified ratio must be within 10% of the overall assessment ratio determined by the Maine Revenue Services annual audit. For 2003, the Maine Revenue Services determined the developed parcel ratio to be 80%. The Raymond Assessors have declared a certified ratio of 88%. Declaring the highest possible ratio benefits the Town because it preserves personal exemption levels.

The impact of a change in certified ratio is noted by a change in the amount of a standard tax exemption. If the certified ratio is 100%, a veteran's exemption reduces an assessed value by \$5,000; when the ratio is 88%, the value is reduced by \$4,400.

The certified ratio also affects the homestead exemption. In prior years, homestead exemptions reduced taxable valuations by \$7,000 adjusted by the certified ratio. However, in 2003, the legislature has modified the homestead exemption so that the amount of the exemption depends on the total property value. Now the certified ratio affects both the value cut-off and the exemption amount.

Eligible properties with values less than \$110,000 (\$125,000 x 0.88 certified ratio) will have their assessed values reduced by \$6,160 (\$7,000 x 0.88). Eligible properties with values at least \$110,000 but less than \$220,000 (\$250,000 x 0.88) will have their assessed values reduced by \$4,400 (\$5,000 x 0.88). Eligible properties with values of at least \$220,000 will have their assessed values reduced by \$2,200 (\$2,500 x 0.88).



Sisters and long time Raymond residents Dorothy and Berenice Edwards show student writer Tasha Carson the antique wood stove in their kitchen. Read more in “Did You Know?”

Dorothy. They enjoyed teaching and kept busy during those years. “Some of my students still come to see me,” said Dorothy.

Both sisters have enjoyed special hobbies and talents. Berenice grew up playing the piano and organ. “I played full time for the church for 23 years,” she said, “plus substitute work before that. I still play when anyone wants time off.” Dorothy enjoyed stamp collecting for ten years.

Folks around Raymond probably remember their older brother, Carlton Edwards, who was in local and state politics for fifty-three years. He served as a selectman and was also in the State Legislature.

Dorothy and Berenice spoke with admiration of their mother Keziah who died at the age of 98. “She once held the gold-headed cane,” explained Berenice, an honor given to the oldest resident of the community.

Though stepping into their home was like stepping back in time, there are modern touches, too. These ladies have kept up with the times and even own their own PC, complete with e-mail.

After interviewing Dorothy and Berenice, I have a new perspective on things and really appreciate my own life even more.

RAYMOND FIRE & RESCUE LOG

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TYPE OF CALL
4/17/2003	226	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	CAR ACCIDENT
4/19/2003	23	THOMAS PND TRR	CARDIAC
4/19/2003	1513	NO. RAYMOND RD	FIRE STAND-BY
4/19/2003	2257	MOUNTAIN RD	CAR ACCIDENT
4/21/2003	1536	WEBBS MILLS RD	DIFF. BREATHING
4/22/2003	930	HAWTHORNE RD	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
4/22/2003	1206	DAVIS FARM RD	CHEST PAIN
4/23/2003	1937	MEADOW RD	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
4/27/2003	903	MAIN ST	CHEST PAIN
4/27/2003	2050	AI RD	UNKN MEDICAL PROB.
4/29/2003	350	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	DIFF. BREATHING
5/1/2003	358	MEADOW RD	SUBJ. COLLAPSED
5/2/2003	1528	OAKLEDGE RD	CARDIAC ARREST
5/3/2003	1608	MILL ST	UNKN PROBLEM
5/5/2003	1525	WEBBS MILLS RD	CARDIAC
5/6/2003	958	M/A GRAY	ATTEMPTED SUICIDE
5/7/2003	1329	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	DIFF. BREATHING
5/7/2003	2041	WEBBS MILLS RD	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
5/8/2003	1424	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	SEIZURE
5/8/2003	1706	M/A WINDHAM	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
5/10/2003	2025	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	DIFF. BREATHING
5/10/2003	2042	EGYPT RD	FIRE STAND-BY
5/11/2003	1418	WEBBS MILLS RD	CAR ACCIDENT
5/11/2003	1418	WEBBS MILLS RD	CAR ACCIDENT
5/12/2003	37	CAPE RD	OB/ PREGANCY
5/14/2003	1628	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	INJURIES FROM A FALL
5/15/2003	748	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	DIFF. BREATHING
4/17/2003	226	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	CAR ACCIDENT
4/19/2003	1513	NO RAYMOND RD	GRASS FIRE
4/19/2003	2257	MOUNTAIN RD	CAR ACCIDENT
4/20/2003	1712	M/A CASCO	WOODS FIRE
4/21/2003	1732	SWANS RD	UNPERMITTED FIRE
4/22/2003	930	HAWTHORNE RD	RESCUE ASSIST
4/22/2003	1030	MAIN ST	UNPERMITTED FIRE
4/23/2003	1937	MEADOW RD	RESCUE ASSIST
4/27/2003	850	AROUND TOWN	BURNING PERMITS
4/28/2003	1516	M/A WINDHAM	WOODS FIRE
4/28/2003	1705	M/A NEW GLOUC.	WOODS FIRE
4/28/2003	2134	SPILLER HILL RD	SMKE INVESTIGATION
4/29/2003	908	M/A WINDHAM	STATION COVERAGE
5/2/2003	1528	OAKLEDGE HILL RD	RESCUE ASSIST
5/2/2003	1109	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	FIRE ALARM SOUNDING
5/3/2003	2153	MEADOW RD	UNPERMITTED FIRE
5/3/2003	2339	VIOLA AVE	UNPERMITTED FIRE
5/6/2003	958	M/A GRAY	RESCUE ASSIST
5/10/2003	1900	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	UNPERMITTED FIRE
5/10/2003	2042	EGYPT RD	CHIMNEY FIRE
5/10/2003	2123	WEBBS MILLS RD	UNPERMITTED FIRE
5/10/2003	2329	SWANS RD	UNPERMITTED FIRE
5/11/2003	1418	WEBBS MILLS RD	CAR ACCIDENT
5/14/2003	2146	GORE RD	PROPANE HEATER PRB
5/15/2003	901	CAPE RD	PROPANE HEATER FIRE

Raymond Rec Swim Sign Up

Wednesday, June 4
Jordan-Small Cafeteria 6 – 7:30pm

Date correction from Roadrunner information
Dates: June 30 – July 25, 2003
Cost: \$20.00/ \$15.00 siblings
Red Cross Learn to Swim Levels 1 - 7

Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course

Raymond Recreation Association will offer a Lifeguard Training course at Crescent Beach in Raymond.

Dates are August 4 through 8; the instructor is Joni Merrill. Students must be at least 15 years of age and pass a swim screening test. The cost is \$100, which includes text and equipment.

Registration is Wednesday, June 4, from 6 to 7:30 at JSMS cafeteria

Call Joni at JSMS, if you have questions.

Summer Swim Program And Registration

Raymond Recreation Association will offer Red Cross swim lessons for Levels 1 through 7, as well as Water Safety Instructor Aid for those who have already passed level 7. Location is Crescent Beach in Raymond.

Water Safety Instructors are Grace Leavitt and Lizzi Crocket. Dates are: June 30 to July 25.

No class on July 4.

Lessons begin at 9 and run until 3.

Children are placed in classes by skill level.

Cost is \$20 with \$15 for each additional sibling

Registration is Wednesday, June 4, from 6 to 7:30 at JSMS cafeteria (we apologize for date error in last Roadrunner).

Call Pat at 655-4657, if you have questions.

Mentoring Program Wraps Up Second Year

By: Lori Rand

In early May the Raymond Mentoring Partnership held a community workshop on building resiliency in youth. Over 20 people attended, including mentors, scout leaders, coaches and interested parents. We also sponsored a successful 5th and 6th grade dance/ sports night at Jordan-Small Middle School.

Deputy Joe visited the program at Raymond Elementary for a second time so we could check out the new police car. The Raymond Extended Day program was invited to participate in the visit as well.

We have planned a year-end celebration at Fairpoint on Notched Pond. Mentors and mentees will enjoy teambuilding activities with Kieve facilitators for an afternoon before joining their families for a barbecue.

Some final activities include community service projects, such as visiting the town office to help supply the food pantry, serving again at the senior supper and replanting the flower garden at the playground on Mill Street. Building an organic community garden in collaboration with the RED program is also in the works.

Debra Martin has worked closely with the Sheriff's Department to coordinate a two-day workshop with the Harlem Rockets basketball team in late June. About 60 students from the middle school will play with the Rockets, using basketball as a way to build confidence and teamwork, and simply have fun!

Next fall we hope to expand the program to include more middle school and high school students as mentors. To learn more about us, call Lori Rand or Debra Martin at 655-8672 ext. 107, or e-mail us at mentor@raymondmaine.org.



Claudette and Patty make place mats for a Senior Supper

Raymond Elementary School Teacher Is Guest Conductor

Patti Gordan, Raymond Elementary School music teacher, was the choral conductor at this year's Maine District II Elementary Music Festival. The festival chorus, held on April 2 in Yarmouth, featured 120 singers from 32 area schools.

Pledge For Parks At The Raymond Elementary School

Town Manager Don Willard was the guest of honor at the May 16, 2003, morning opening at the Raymond Elementary School. Mr. Willard, on behalf of the Raymond community, accepted a check for \$1150 to benefit Raymond's parks. These funds were raised by the elementary children through the Pennies for Parks and Pledges for Parks programs, coordinated by teacher Dennis Woodruff. Ms. Parisi's second grade and Mrs. Blanchard's fourth grade were the winning classes. The Raymond PTA will treat these students to an ice cream party to celebrate their winning efforts. Mr. Willard thanked the children for their very generous donation and shared that the money would be used to purchase a handicapped beach wheel chair to be used at Tassel Top Park.

Hebron Academy Inducts 11 Into Cum Laude Society

The Hebron Academy community celebrated scholarship and the 75th anniversary of its Cum Laude Society chapter. Fifteen students were honored at the ceremony, which included the induction of eleven new members and an address by guest speaker Elaine Tuttle Hansen, president of Bates College.

In her address to the Cum Laude Society and the school, Dr. Hansen referred to the values that Bates College and Hebron Academy share, including the concept of "learning for learning's sake." She referenced works by the Catholic scholar and philosopher John Henry Cardinal Newman, and mathematician, logician and philosopher Alfred North Whitehead, and their philosophy of the need for and value of education.

Modeled after Phi Beta Kappa, the Cum Laude Society was founded in 1906 to recognize academic achievement in secondary schools. Cum Laude now consists of nearly 350 chapters, primarily in independent schools in the United States. Membership in the Cum Laude Society is Hebron Academy's highest academic honor.

Newly inducted this year were: Timothy B. Curtis '03 of Raymond; Kevin P. DeSorbo '03 of Raymond; Danielle M. Gagne '03 of Poland; Sarah H. Longley '03 of Norway; Sara D. Marquis '03 of Mechanic Falls; Rachel L. Sukeforth '03 of Litchfield; Carolyn A. Curtis '04 of Hebron; Laura E. Fleck '04 of Auburn; A. James Quinlan '04 of St. John's, Newfoundland; Laura E. Sheffield '04 of Brigham City, Utah; and Jason E. Staats '04 of Knoxville, Tenn. The new members join four seniors inducted last year: Leland E. Barker, Jr. of Buckfield; Meghan K. Gillis of Whycocomagh, Nova Scotia; Nathan S. Harmon of Gray and Shayna C. Magur of Poland.

Meteorologist Visits Second Grade

Alumnus of Jordan-Small School Russ Murley visited Ms. Bottoms, Ms. Parisi, and Mrs. Tarr's second grade classes on Tuesday, April 8th.

Russ spoke to the children about what it takes to be a meteorologist, since it was in fifth grade when he first knew he had an interest in this field. He emphasized a strong math, science & technology background. He talked about different weather symbols and instruments, answered many questions, and passed out weather maps to all of the children.

The children presented him with a book, *Thundercake*, by Patricia Polacco. On the news that night, he talked about his visit to Raymond and showed the thundercake that Ms. Parisi's class had made for him. His enthusiasm for weather was electrifying!



Summer Art Classes For Kids!

Taught by a Maine College of Art Graduate
At the Riverside Hall in Raymond
Thursdays July 10th - Aug. 28th,
Open enrollment
For kids ages 8-13
FMI please call Maya at 318-0302

Raymond Elementary Report

By: Norma Richard, Principal

After a very, very long winter and a cold and wet spring, our students are looking forward to a well-deserved summer vacation with their families. I would like to encourage each of them to make learning a family affair during the next few months. This will extend the children's skills and help them to be prepared for school when they return in late August. Reading is one of the most important ways to assure a child's success in school, and the Raymond Village Library should be part of each family's summer routine. The library's summer reading program is great fun, and I encourage our students to participate in this year's program which is all about DOGS. Children can also enhance writing skills by keeping a journal, writing letters or e-mails to friends, and sending postcards from family trips and vacations. Math skills can be practiced each time you go shopping or to the grocery store. Your children will benefit from these and other activities.

We have several staff members at the Raymond Elementary School who will not be returning next year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their many years of outstanding service to students and their families. Mrs. Kathie Hawkes is retiring after 17 years of teaching, first as a cued speech interpreter and later in first grade. Through the years she has shared with her first graders many exciting experiences from her work in the Peace Corps, and I will always remember the African songs she taught her students to sing at Good News. Ms. Jan Williams has been on leave this year after the birth of her daughter Emily. Ms. Williams will be staying home next year with her family. She has been a teacher in Raymond since 1984, doing outstanding work especially at the first and second grade levels. Lynda Tomlinson is retiring from her position as educational technician after 15 years of service to the district. She has been a great support to students in the special education program. I would like to wish all three of them only the very best next year and in the future.

We will be honoring our school volunteers on June 10 for sharing their talents, interests, and skills with our students and teachers. Volunteers have logged in thousands of hours this year, working in classrooms, assisting in the library, and helping throughout the school. Their efforts are much appreciated and always valued. We encourage parents and community members to consider volunteering next year. Our students benefit in more ways than I can describe, and so do the volunteers.

Beginning And End

By: Taylor Parker, Jordan-Small Middle School

From the fires, from once it came,
Now it's going to do the same.

Bring back the evils to kill,
Everyone with its free will,

Only five people can stop the tangle,
Because only they are angels,

With their power and might,
They are not afraid to fight,

Although they may lose their lives,
They can return to the skies,

With their light that brightens the sky,
All evil is going to die,

Many other had died,
And many others have tried,

But with faith they will prevail,
And there is no way they could fail,

If they do, stop the pain,
Good will rise yet again,

How much good does it take,
When all that lives is at stake?

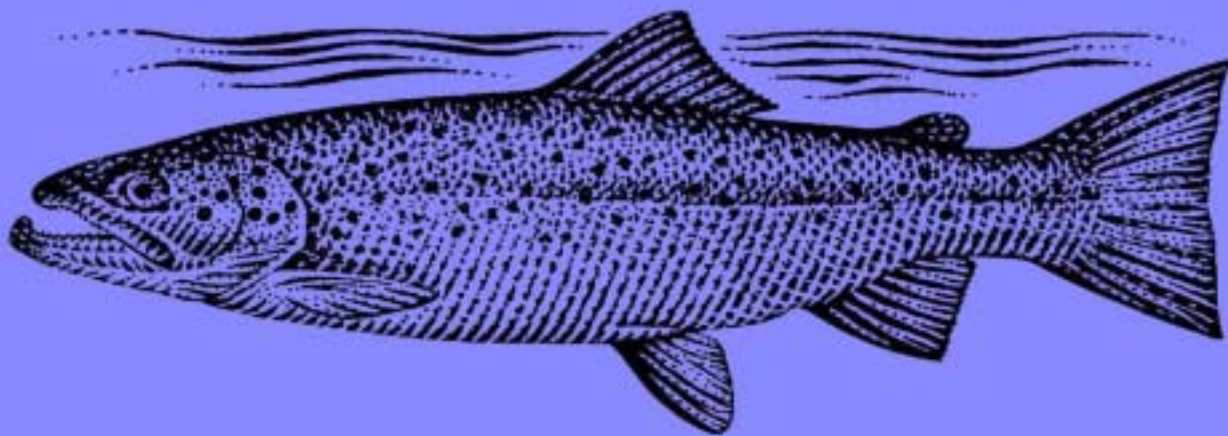
Raymond Then & Now

1803

2003



Saturday, June 21st



It's Bicentennial Time In Raymond

A Day Worth Remembering

When we started to plan Raymond's Bicentennial Celebration we asked ourselves what our goal was for this Event. We concluded that we wanted to create a fun-filled day which would honor our Town and its people, and we wanted to have something for everyone to enjoy. In other words, we wanted to create a memorable occasion for all. We hope that we succeed.

In order to defray some of the costs of putting on an Event like this and so that people can take home a memento from the Celebration, we will have a variety of Commemorative Items available for sale. These will include T-shirts, travel mugs, water bottles, pencils, beach balls & Frisbees. We hoped by selecting this variety of items that there would be something in everyone's price range, even the children's. The Commemorative Items will be sold at the Fair on Founders Day, so look for our table at Raymond Elementary School. The T-shirts will also be sold at True Value Hardware, Community Pharmacy and at Town Hall throughout the summer.

Calendar of Events

When	What	Where	Contact	Phone #
June 21st	Founders Day		Deb Cutten	655-2877
7:30 am	5k/10k Road Race	Race Route	Sue Ellen Gendron	655-4463
7:30-9:30	Pancake Breakfast	Raymond Village Church	Louise Lester	655-4224
10:00-11:00	Parade	Main Street	Brenda McMackin	655-7909
			Brenda Olsen	655-4670
			Karyn Knights	655-3926
11:00-11:30	Dedication Ceremony	Fire & Safety Building	Denis Morse	655-2725
11:30-4:30	Fair	RES & JSMS	Deb Cutten	655-2877
			Sue Ellen Gendron	655-4463
4:30-6:30	Pig Roast	Raymond Village Church	Brenda Olsen	655-4670
~7:00	Boat Regatta	Jordan Bay	Phil Michaud	655-2722
~9:00 pm	Fire Works Display	Jordan Bay	George Bartlett	892-5914
	Open Houses			
12-4	Riverside Grange	Raymond Hill Rd.		
12-4	Clough's Store	Webbs Mills Rd.		
12-4	Baptist Church	Raymond Hill Rd.		
12-4	East Raymond Chapel	Webbs Mills Rd.		
June 28th	Hawthorne House	Strawberry Social	John Manoush	655-7660
	History Tour & Picnic		Deb Blanchard	655-8672

Don't Miss The Raymond-Casco Historical Display At The Bicentennial Fair

The Raymond-Casco Historical Society will have unique displays and antiques to view in the modular building at Jordan- Small Middle School throughout the day. Members of the Historical Society will be on hand to answer your questions. There will also be 2 slide presentations and a film depicting historic Raymond. Between noon and 1:00 pm Linda Griffin will make a slide presentation identifying Raymond's antique homes. She will explain architectural styles and will show examples of each style. From 1:30 to 2:30 Ernie Knight's Then & Now slides will be shown. At 3:00 footage from old home movies filmed by Reginald Brown depicting ice cutting and other traditional activities

from Raymond's past will be shown. Anyone who visits the Historical Trailer may enter a drawing for a gas grill & utensils donated by Plummerville Cottages (the Allen family) who are celebrating their 75 year in business.

The Historical Society will also be selling trivets, mugs and the *Historical Gems of Raymond*. The Society is still looking for anyone who may have old items, collections or whatever, who would like to display them for the Fairgoers' pleasure. If interested, please get in touch with Betty McDermott at fmcderm1@maine.rr.com 655-4646 or Wayne Holmquist wholqui@maine.rr.com 655-7672.

Attention Parade Participants

We would like to have parade participants arrive at 9:30 on the 21st in order to begin the line up. We will meet at Canal Road (beside Sunset Variety) for line up. There will be limited parking at Sunset Variety and more parking at Raymond Elementary School with bus transportation available. There will be no parking along Main Street, in order to have room for all the parade attendees. We will be calling you to confirm your participation and collect information about your group, so if you do not hear from us by June 14th, please call us: Brenda Olsen (655-4670) or Karyn Knights (655-3926).

Raymond Bicentennial Garden Notes

By: Jane Hubbell

17th & early 18th century New England gardens were primarily for substance and survival. Recreated 18th century gardens emphasize vegetables such as turnips, parsnips, carrots, radishes, cucumbers, & onions. Tomatoes & eggplant came later, as did "parlor" gardens for flowers. Herbs for culinary & medicinal use were planted along with the vegetables. Jefferds Tavern in York has a good example of such a kitchen garden.

The gardens at Tate House in Portland contain plants known to be in the family's gardens between 1755 & 1803. The terrace gardens, bordered with English lavender & common thyme, contain old English roses, creeping thyme, rue, hearts-case & johnny-jump-ups. There are 14 medicinal herbs including lady's mantle, foxglove, pot marigold, hyssop, horehound, wormwood, yarrow, & feverfew. Among the 19 culinary herbs are nasturtium, parsley, rosemary, borage, sage, dill, sorrel, tarragon, coriander, chervil, chives, & lemon balm. Other plantings typical of the period are chamomile as a ground cover, lilacs, fruit trees, Eglantine roses & pasture roses.

Martha Ballard, of *A Midwife's Tale* by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, maintained substance & survival gardens in the Hallowell area at least from the late 1780's through 1810. Over the years she writes of her green peas, flax, beans, corn, beet greens, watermelon, turnips, cabbage, cucumbers, squash, musk melons, quince and apple trees, potatoes, strawberries, and pumpkins. She writes also of the difficulty of starting new gardens, kitchen gardens being the woman's responsibility, and she faced the same problems we all do: rocky, usually acid soil, and a short growing season. Herbs she grew included anise, saffron, sage, chamomile, hyssop, sage, yarrow, coriander, marigolds for medicinal purposes, & comfrey. She used both wild & cultivated herbs in her practice, harvesting wild plantain, Solomon's seal, basswood, snake root, burdock leaves, cold water root (an Indian remedy), agrimony, and melilot (a kind of sweet clover), among others. As did other pioneer women, she probably learned some Native American herb uses. Saving and trading seed was important, as was ordering herbs that couldn't be

grown locally.

So, all of the plants mentioned above would likely have been included in the gardens or woods of Raymond around 1803. Vegetables and field crops not mentioned above might have included horse radish, kale, salsify, and several kinds of common garden beans.

The pleasure gardening for esthetics came later, but was flourishing by mid-century. Shrubs, trees, and vines that would have been introduced to gardens once the necessities were secure and time/affluence permitted included several varieties of clematis, sweet pepperbush, dogwood, ash, locust, honeysuckle, crabapple, peony, fir, spruce, pine, poplar, & cherry.

Early Uses of Some Herbs:

Agrimony - leaf, flower, root; a mild astringent, spring tonic tea, gargle for sore throats & colds, ointment for external wounds & sores.

Anise - mixed with manna and senna to make a laxative.

Basswood - a poultice for some swellings.

Chamomile - as a tea for colds & a gargle for sore throats.

Coriander - to relieve cramps, expel gas, & strengthen the stomach; a massage oil to rub on painful joints & to ease rheumatism.

Comfrey - thought to help intestinal problems, diarrhea, whooping cough, bleeding piles; as a blood purifier; thought to mend broken bones, but what it did was reduce the swelling; a poultice for wounds, bruises, ulcers, & fractures.

Feverfew - a remedy for headaches.

Horehound - in making cough drops & syrup.

Hyssop - used in a bath to sooth aching muscles.

Lady's Mantle - a relief for various women's problems.

Lemon Balm - in salves or ointments to treat wounds; a tonic tea.

Lovage - as a tea to relieve faintness, sore throat, fevers.

Melilot - Martha Ballard used this in an ointment for lame joints.

Parsley - as a diuretic, antifatulent, & calmativ; an aid to digestion.

Pot Marigold - really calendula. Used as a wash for sore

eyes; in a tea to treat colds, fevers, and cramps.
Yarrow - thought to have astringent qualities.

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(The 2nd Favretti book and the Hancock, Turcotte, and Ulrich books are the primary sources of the information on this sheet)

Special thanks to Master Gardener Karen Henderson, who is associated with Strawberry Bank Museum.

Celebrate 200 Years Of Raymond History

House Decoration Contest

Help dress the Town for its bicentennial, and you might win a \$100 gift certificate to True Value Hardware!

Maine Flag & Banner Co., on 824 Roosevelt Trail in Windham, is offering a Special 10% discount to Raymond residents for this contest.

We're having a contest for the Best Decorated House in Raymond. Whether your home is new or old, on a busy road or in a more remote spot, we want Raymond dressed in her best finery for her 200th year birthday party. Decorate the exterior of your property with bunting, flags, ribbons, balloons, or whatever you feel appropriate to celebrate the Town's birthday, be it of historical significance or patriotic in nature. Send in this entry form by June 15th and a bicentennial committee member will come view your decorations on or by June 20th. The winner will be announced at the Bicentennial Fair on June 21st. Photos of all entries will also be displayed at the celebration

Please mail your name, address, phone number and directions to your home by June 15th to:

Debbie Cutten
11 Over Drive
Raymond, ME 04071

The Magic of Karen

Young and old alike will enjoy Karen's style of magic – it's not just tricks, but magic with a message. Some of the stories will share knowledge, some will share feelings, but all will entertain – you've never seen anything like it! Sit down, relax and be prepared for an amazing afternoon interlude during the Raymond Bicentennial Celebration. The half-hour long show starts at 2:30 p.m. on Stage 1 at RES.

Karen has been interested in magic since high school and is currently a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Society of American Magicians. In her free time, while not performing magic, Karen likes photography and reading. She's the wife of Mr. Seymour, one of Raymond's kindergarten teachers this year. Karen lives in Windham with Mr. Seymour and their 4 year old Sheltie, Shadow.

Raymond Bicentennial Birthday Cake Contest

Prepared by John and Kim Manoush, April 12, 2003

The Town's birthday party would not be complete without a cake – or several cakes. We are holding a contest and awarding prizes in two categories, as shown below. The prizes will be free season's passes to Tassel Top Beach.

To enter, prepare your best-decorated cake, fill out the entry form and bring both to the judging table at the Raymond Elementary School before 12 Noon on June 21. No candles, please. Cakes will be numbered to keep the identity of contestants secret, and the winners will be announced at 1:30.

A panel of local food experts will judge the cakes based on the following criteria:

For Best Decorated – Originality, appropriateness to the Raymond Bicentennial theme, attractiveness.
For Best Tasting – Texture and flavor of frosting; texture and flavor of cake.

Following the contest, the cakes will be served as refreshments, so every entry will be helping the Town raise money from this event. To enter, simply jot down your name, phone number, flavor of cake and frosting, and a brief description (size and decoration) and bring it along with your masterpiece. If you have questions, call John and Kim at 655-7660 or e-mail us at jmanoush@pivot.net.

Founders Day Displays Needed

The Raymond-Casco Historical Society would like anyone who may have old items, collections, or whatever, that they would like to display at a secure place for people to view during Raymond's Bicentennial on June 21st to please get in touch with Betty McDermott at fmcderm1@maine.rr.com, 655-4646 or Wayne Holmquist at wholmqui@maine.rr.com, 655-7672.

Open House Featuring Penny Candy Sale At Clough's Store

Faith Vance, owner of E. R. Clough's store, has been stocking up on penny candy and soda pop in anticipation of the Open House she will be participating in for Founders Day. The store, which is a fun place to visit any day of the year, will be especially relevant on Founders Day as it is almost as old as the Town - well, not quite, but it has been here for 132 years! The store is a "Must See" for its antique food tins and signs, cigar boxes, old-fashioned freezer, and let's not forget that change on the counter.

Faith Vance inherited the store from her aunt, Alva Clough, in 1986 and reopened it in 1987. The store was originally established in 1871 by Henry J. Lane and his brother Orin B. Lane. After Henry Lane died, it was sold to the Persis family. Everett and Alva Clough bought the store from them.

This article is partially based on Abby Brockelbank's piece "Did You Know?" which was featured in the April 2003 *Raymond Road Runner*. In it Abby likened walking through the old wooden doors to stepping through a time tunnel, and it made her feel as if she really was in the 19th century. She wondered if, in another hundred years, E.R. Clough's store would be still standing and if that same change would still be on the counter. So if you too would like to take a step back in time, stop on in and visit a store that was open during the last centennial.

A Very Special Guest At The Raymond Bicentennial Tree Planting Ceremony

Monday, May 19th, was a perfect day for Raymond's Bicentennial Tree Planting Ceremony at the Raymond Elementary School, and not only because the weather turned out beautiful on that day but especially because we had a very special guest of honor at the ceremony, none other than C. Raymond Segars, the son of Amy Strout Segars who originally brought the catalpa tree to Raymond. Mr. Segars' wife had read about the tree planting ceremony in the Monument newspaper and recognized her husband's mother's name. Mr. Segars, who now resides in Gray, wanted to witness the ceremony first hand, and when we met him we were delighted and thought how apt it was to have Amy's son present and included in the ceremony.



Mr. Segars, who is now 89, remembers growing up with the original catalpa tree in his grandparents' yard, and when I referred to it as the Indian Bean Tree he said that they used to call it a "green bean tree".

The ceremony began with a song led by Jordan-Small Middle School music teacher Randy Crocket. The 5th & 6th grade choral group performed an a cappella rendition of *America, America*. Frank McDermott spoke to the assembled crowd about the significance of this particular tree as it pertained to the students, the school and the

Attention Raymond Businesses

Would you like to contribute to Raymond's Bicentennial Celebration?

How:

- Donating goods and/or services to be used in the celebration or given as prizes
- Sponsoring an event at the celebration
- Making a cash donation to be used to purchase goods, services or prizes

If you don't feel you could do any of these things, perhaps you'd consider participating in the event by having some kind of birthday celebration at your business either on Founders Day or sometime during this summer. Some ideas might include having an open house and serving light refreshments, having a sale and/or specials in honor of the Town's Bicentennial, or even having employees dress in period garb.

Your contribution will be listed in our publicity, event program and announced on the day of the celebration. If you choose to do something at your place of business we will mention that as well.

If you would like to participate in the celebrations, or if you have any questions, please contact Deb Cutten at 655-2877 (dcutten@maine.rr.com) or Sue Ellen Gendron at 655-4463 (jeffsueellen@pivot.net).

Town: in 1903 the teacher at the Mountain School in East Raymond went to California and returned with a gift for all the students in the school. Each student was presented with a catalpa seedling that was taken home to be planted. Amy Strout Segars set her tree out in her front yard in the year of Raymond's centennial, 1903 when she was just 13 years old. Our Bicentennial Tree is a direct descendant of that Centennial tree. Frank encouraged the schoolchildren to go home and plant their very own Bicentennial Tree and perhaps the descendant of one of those trees would be celebrated on Raymond's 300th birthday.

For the closing of the ceremony, everyone joined in to

sing *This Pretty Planet*, and Patti Gordan, Raymond Elementary School music teacher, led the 3rd & 4th grade chorus in *Peace I Leave with You*.

The catalpa tree was given to the Town by Frank & Betty McDermott in honor of the Town's 200th birthday. David MacDonald, owner of Whitney Tree Service, relocated the tree from the McDermott's property and planted it at Raymond Elementary School. Jessica Fay, the Raymond Village Florist, donated a bow to decorate the tree.

Raymond And Gray Wish Each Other A Happy Birthday

We are planning a relay between Raymond and Gray to exchange messages to celebrate Raymond's 200th and Gray's 225th birthdays. Each town will write a birthday message to the other on a scroll. The scrolls will be placed in a baton and carried by a runner from each of the towns, and the batons will be exchanged at the Raymond/Gray town line on Egypt Road. Our relay runner will return with Gray's baton to the Fair at JSMS where the message will be read aloud.

Runners and Walkers are needed to complete this relay. The relay will start with the Parade in Raymond Village and continue on to the town line on Egypt Road and then return to JSMS. The distance for each runner will depend on how many participate in the relay. Anyone interested in participating please contact Bob Payne at 655-2165 or e-mail blueridgeguide@bigfoot.com. Please reply by June 15th if interested.

Antique Home Slide Show

Linda C. Griffin of Windham will show slides on identifying Raymond's antique homes. She will explain architectural styles and will show examples of each style. Linda has been interested in early homes all her life and has restored 18 of them. She and her husband are working on a c. 1900 Victorian on Main St. in Raymond. Bring your pictures and questions on your early home, and she will try to help. Linda is a member of three local historical societies and is on the advisory service for Greater Portland Landmarks, a preservation group. She is also a broker with Allied Real Estate in Windham and specializes in listing and selling antique homes in real estate.

Linda will be performing her presentation in the Historical Trailer at JSMS between 12:00 – 1:00pm.

Best Bicentennial Garb Contest

Please join in on the fun and dress up for our Bicentennial Celebration. On Founders Day, June 21st, we will be having a 200th year birthday party for our town. A Fair will be held at the schools from 11:30am to 4:30pm. To celebrate the history of our town and to lend atmosphere to the celebration, we'd like as many people as possible to dress in period clothing. The Town was founded in 1803; however, any type of Colonial or Victorian style clothing would be appropriate. All those dressed up will gather for a group photo in the Courtyard area behind the Historical Trailer at JSMS at 12:30pm. Prizes will be awarded for *Best Costume - Adult Male & Female* and *Best Costume - Child Female & Male*. Prizes will include \$100 gift certificates for the adults and season passes to Funtown/Splashtown USA for the children.

P.S. We'd love for you to show off your Bicentennial Garb in the parade earlier in the day as well. If interested in being in the parade, please contact Brenda Olsen at 655-4670 (olsen@pivot.net) or Karyn Knights at 655-3926 (knights@pivot.net).

If you have any questions please contact Deb Cutten at 655-2877 (dcutten@maine.rr.com) or Sue Ellen Gendron at 655-4463 (jeffsueellen@pivot.net).

Pam Baker

Named "Portland's own Queen of the Blues" in 1996, Pam Baker has been singing professionally for the past 20 years. She knows from years of experience how to work a crowd and draw the audience into what she's singing. Baker has performed with Popa Chubby, Sandra Hall, Shemekia Copeland, E. C. Scott, Larry Garner, Johnny Rawls, Shirley Lewis, Zora Young, Smokey Wilson and has opened for James Montgomery, Tab Benoit, Duke Robillard, Saffire - The Uppity Blues Women, Elvin Bishop, and Walter "Wolfman" Washington, among others.

Her band, The BluTonics, provide well-seasoned support for some exciting new material, as well as some of your old favorites. For great blues, swing, soul, some roots rock and R&B with an infectious funky backbeat, come feast your ears and dancin' shoes on Pam Baker & The BluTonics.



Frank and Betty McDermott, Charlie Miller, Meg Waters, Sandra Caldwell, Don Willard, and Norma Richard at the dedication of the Bicentennial Tree.

Old Fashioned Skills Demonstrated On Founders Day

One of the most exciting additions to this year's celebration is the return of some old-fashioned skills many of us haven't seen demonstrated in quite some time.

Bob Dunning of Little Mountain Cabinetry in Bridgton specializes in historic restoration carpentry. Bob works on period houses as well as public buildings, many of which are on the National Historic Register. Bob performs his work using early woodworking and carving tools. He will demonstrate hand planing for us.

Eve Abreau of Maine Rustic, also in Bridgton, creates beautiful folk art, weathervanes and rustic furniture. She will be displaying her one-of-a-kind weathervanes at our Fair.

Gail Waisanen of Egypt Road in Raymond is a multi-talented craftswoman. She will demonstrate the art of spinning wool and may even offer some hands-on experiences. Gail will be selling hand-painted sea glass pins, Maine walking sticks and assorted crafts.

Girl Scout Troop 621 has offered to demonstrate soap making between 11:30 and 1:30. This will allow time for the Girls to enjoy the Fair for themselves as well. They will be assisted by their Troop Leader Jeri Keane.

Jamie Trafford and her friend Barbara Morton will be demonstrating the art of basket weaving. Many of their creations will be on sale.

Veronica Haskell of Raymond will share with us her authentic collection of old-fashioned lace which includes bobbin lace, filet lace and knit lace. She will also demonstrate crocheting and tatting.

Judith Bates of Judith Bates Basketry on Raymond Cape Road will be displaying some of her unique work. Judith is a self-taught basket maker and has been at it for more than 20 years. She creates contemporary style pieces of art working with wicker, twine, gourds, vines and round reeds.

Judy MacLean of Good Scents Organics on Sloan's Cove Road started experimenting with herbal cures when her children were young, and since then she has created lip balms, hair rinses, balm for bug bites, natural insect repellents and more. She will have spring tonics, natural teas, salves, and lip balms on sale. She will educate us about native plants and wild weeds that can be used for burns, poison ivy and as insect repellents. She will conduct a Walk & Talk at 2:30 and have handouts for us.

Cinda Roy of Foxtail Lodge Art Shoppe on Hawthorne

Road is new to the area and recently purchased the Old Unique Shop where she will soon be offering classes on making stained glass. She sells pottery in her Shoppe as well. She will demonstrate stained glass for us.

Ron Raiselis is a cooper at Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, NH. He is visiting us on his day off to demonstrate this skill which was once ubiquitous in Raymond. Ron resides in Lebanon, Maine.

Diane Cole lives on Main Street in Raymond. Among her many skills is chair caning which she will demonstrate for us.

Bob Wallace will be demonstrating leatherworking, and he will be selling his finished work. When I asked him if he did this as a business or a hobby he answered, "We'll see how *this* goes."

Susan Symonds of Sweet Williams on Spiller Road in Casco will be sharing maple syrup delicacies with us. The Symonds have been operating a sugar house in Casco since 1997, and they participate in the annual Maple Sugar Sunday in Maine. Susan will have traditional syrup gathering tools on display and will be selling her syrup and other maple goodies.

Nimble Thimbles is a group of quilters who gather regularly in Gorham to create fabric masterpieces. Even their name "tags" are works of art! Neeltje Dunham of Raymond will be showcasing some of their heirloom quilts as well as demonstrating how quilts were made in the past, without electricity. The Nimble Thimbles may even be raffling off one of their creations.

And last but not least, Katie Allen will be selling her handmade pillows to help benefit the Animal Rescue League, so be sure to visit her booth and see her lovingly crafted pillows.

Congratulations Cub Scouts of Pack 800

You met the Can Tab Challenge once again!

And your reward is.... You get to dunk your favorite leader, and selected leaders will get their annual Mohawks!

The haircut event will take place on Founders Day, June 21st, at 12:30 on stage beside the dunk tank. Dunking begins at 1:00 and will continue until 2:00. See you there!

Come See the Founders Day Parade!!!

The parade runs the whole length of Main Street in Raymond Village from Route 302 by Sunset Variety to the new Fire Station. Park at the Raymond Elementary School and take the bus.

So, there's plenty of good views, just bring your own chair! It starts at 10:00am on June 21st.
Don't be late!

Here's what you'll see...
Slugger from the Portland Sea Dogs
A Mini-Jet from the Air Force
Lots of floats from our community
Fire Trucks & Police Cars
Horses & Cattle
Kora Royal Guard Drum & Fife Band
Kora Shrine Jeep Renegades
People you know and some you don't
And of course clowns, candy & balloons!

Pie Eating Contest

How many blueberry pies can you eat? Win the contest, and you'll win a free season's pass to Funtown/Splashtown USA or a \$100 gift certificate to True Value Hardware!

Two winners will be chosen: one from the Adult Competition and another from the Child Competition. Whoever eats the most pies in the allotted time in each competition will win. If you would like to participate, please write down your name, address, phone number, age and how many pies you think you can eat and mail it to the address below by June 15th. The contest will be held at the Bicentennial Fair at RES on June 21st at 2:00. If you have any questions about the contest, please call Teresa Sadak at 655-5411.

Mail entry form to:
Teresa Sadak
207 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071

United States Flag Collection

Boy scouts from Troop 800 will collect worn United States flags during Founders Day in order to provide a proper retirement ceremony to be conducted in the fall of this year. Boy Scouts will be available throughout the day at many events as we celebrate Raymond's bicentennial. If you have a flag to donate for proper retirement, please see any Boy Scout in uniform.

Win A Week At Tassel Top Cottage!

Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the summer for a one-week stay in the cottage at Tassel Top Beach (a \$749 value). The Bicentennial Committee has reserved the week of 7/17/04 through 7/24/04 for one lucky winner to be chosen on Labor Day weekend. Tickets will be sold at the Town Elections on Friday, May 16th, the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 17th, the Bicentennial Celebration on June 21st and by Bicentennial Committee members throughout the summer. The price of the raffle tickets will be \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. For more information about the raffle, please contact Betty McDermott at 655-4646.

Tassel Top Helps Celebrate Raymond's Birthday

Firstly, Tassel Top Beach will admit Raymond residents free on Founders Day. The fee which is normally charged will be waived for Raymond residents on June 21st.

Secondly, the Tassel Top Board has donated 2 season passes, an \$80 value, to the Bicentennial Committee to give away as prizes. These passes will be awarded to the winners of the Best Decorated and Best Tasting Bicentennial Cake Contest.

Thirdly, a one week stay at the Tassel Top cottage will be raffled off on Labor Day weekend. Raffle tickets for this great prize will be sold at the Fair and throughout the summer. One lucky winner will have a free cottage (worth \$749) for the week of July 17-24th, 2004.

Founders Day Pancake Breakfast

If running the 5k/10k isn't your cup of tea,
Then come have tea (and breakfast) with us.

MENU: PANCAKES, SCRAMBLED EGGS,
SAUSAGE OR BACON,
CHOICE OF BEVERAGE

WHERE: RAYMOND VILLAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
MAIN STREET

WHEN: FOUNDER'S DAY JUNE 21, 2003
7:30 - 9:30 AM

COST: \$3.50 PER PERSON OR \$12.00 PER FAMILY



Free Shuttle Buses Between The Parade & Fair Sites

Shuttle buses will be provided to transport people between Raymond Elementary School (RES) and the Fire & Safety Building (FSB) which is at the end of the Parade route. The buses will run every 15 minutes between 9:00am and noon. Parking may be at a premium in both the Village and at the Fair site so it makes sense to leave your car at RES before the parking there becomes limited, take the bus, and then not have to worry about a parking space in the Village either. The Parade will culminate at the FSB where a Dedication Ceremony will take place immediately thereafter. So park your car at the school, grab your lawn chairs and take a short bus ride, and then find yourself a nice shady spot on Main Street or stay put right at the FSB and wait for the Parade & Dedication Ceremony.

Raymond Village Church Pig Roast

Celebrate Founders Day with an old fashioned home cooked meal!

Saturday, June 21, 2003
4:30 to 6:30

Menu:
Roasted Pig
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Beans
Rolls
Strawberry Shortcake

ADMISSION:
Adults: \$10
Children under 12: \$6
Children under 5: Free
Family of 4 or more: \$35

Handicapped Accessible

Bicentennial Planning Committee Still Needs A Few Volunteers For Fair!

We still need a few people to help with the games and to relieve those who have volunteered for the whole day: floating helpers will allow them a break here & there.

Lakes Region Television will be filming our entire Bicentennial Event, and they have asked for 2 or 3 community volunteers to help with filming. They will provide cameras and instruction. This is a great learning opportunity for anyone who has ever been interested in "getting into television".

We could also use more people to help set-up on the evening of Friday, June 20th, and the morning of Saturday, June 21st, and also people to help take-down & clean-up on the afternoon of June 21st.

We are going to be filling hundreds of balloons with helium, and we need people to help with that, too. Come early for the Fair (and get a good parking space) and help us fill balloons.

We're expecting a big crowd for the Fair, and we would also like to see more organizations, individuals or businesses sell food that day. It's a great way to make money for your group or for the entrepreneur.

If you can help, please contact Deb Cutten at 655-2877 (dcutten@maine.rr.com) or Sue Ellen Gendron at 655-4463 (jeffsueellen@pivot.net) as soon as possible.

Also Appearing
Singer-songwriter Carole Wise
Bluegrass Band
Muddy Marsh Ramblers

Turkey Hollow

Up in Maine, there's an acoustic trio named Turkey Hollow that plays a uniquely Maine kind of acoustic country-folk music that combines bluegrass, folk and country with dashes of blues, Cajun and Celtic. The group's emergence is part of the flowering of roots music that has roused the country since the remarkable commercial and critical success of the top Grammy-award winning roots music soundtrack to "O Brother, Where Art Thou."

Roots music means different things to different people, depending on the soil in which their roots are planted. Roots music in the Midwest might mean Chicago blues, but to somebody from New Orleans, it's Cajun; in Memphis, Miami, or Maine roots music means something different still. The origins of these diverse threads of American roots music go way back to the musical traditions of Europe and Africa, which were fertilized and shaped along the way by the unique character, history, and geography of this country—producing such different musical genres as traditional country music, blues, gospel, Appalachian balladry, Cajun, and folk. Whatever its form, up until recently the rich array of American roots music was rarely heard on the radio.

Turkey Hollow's roots are firmly embedded in the fields and farmland of rural central Maine, where band members Tom Rowe, his son Dave Rowe, and Denny Breau were born, grew up, and continue to live today. Their families' musical traditions have played an important role in the trio's evolution as professional musicians and in the creation of Turkey Hollow. "Denny grew up with old-timey country music; I grew up with jazz and big band music and we were both part of the folk and rock 'n roll eras as well," explains Tom. "Dave absorbed all that, and was later influenced by the music of his own generation. Today, Turkey Hollow draws upon all these traditions, and upon the region's French Canadian, Irish, and Scottish musical influences as well."

Turkey Hollow bass guitarist Tom Rowe is also a member of the well-known folk trio Schooner Fare, while guitarist Denny Breau is a many-time winner of Maine Country Music Association awards. Tom's son, guitarist Dave Rowe, who has performed since the age of 15, completes the trio. The group's inspired songcraft and harmonies, diverse blend of bluegrass, country and folk, and a lively stage presence has attracted growing numbers of enthusiastic fans since the group formed in 1998.

Turkey Hollow sings in tight three-part harmony with banjo, mandolin, piano, and tin whistle rounding out their rich guitar sounds. Turkey Hollow performs primarily original tunes, written by all three members, which are included on their two recorded albums, "Turkey Hollow Consort" and "Live Turkey"—as well as covers of Bob



Dylan, Townes van Zandt, and other legendary folk and country artists. Their uniquely appealing stage presence includes great picking and soaring harmonies, humor and energy, and the ability to tell a good Maine story. "Turkey Hollow quickly grabs an audience and doesn't let go," says Dick Cerri, Director of the World Folk Music Association.

Turkey Hollow has gained a national reputation through tours across the Northeast, down the East Coast, and out to the Midwest. The trio showcased at the 2000 Falcon Ridge Folk Festival in Hillsdale, NY, was featured at the Northeast Performing Arts Conference in Boston that same year, and was named to the Maine Arts Roster in 2001.

Turkey Hollow is a particular favorite of Louisiana audiences, for Turkey Hollow's unique Maine roots are closely intertwined with the Cajun music of Louisiana. But whether the influence is Celtic or Cajun, blues or bluegrass, Turkey Hollow's unique sound is firmly rooted in the rich working class traditions of central Maine.

"Turkey Hollow is superb," enthuses Michael Miclon, Owner/Director of Oddfellows Theater in Buckfield, ME, and former Executive Director of Maine Arts., Inc. "They bring the very best in musical ability and smooth presence to the stage. They are some of the finest musicians I have had the pleasure to work with."

The Wrecking Crew

The Wrecking Crew began in the summer of 1998 after Doug Elder's secular alternative group had decided to call it quits. Doug felt certain that God was pulling him in a new direction and he began collaborating with his brother Darren Elder, a drummer influenced by a variety of musical styles. With Doug on vocals and guitar and Darren on drums, the brothers began building up a stockpile of original music and lyrics, letting the spirit lead wherever it would. As the fruits of this endeavor emerged, it became evident that an intense and undiluted form of spiritually uplifting funk was being assembled.

By August of 1998, Doug and Darren were officially in search of a bassist. Darren knew Ty Monroe as the guitar player in their church's worship team, but could not help thinking that his musical skill and his heart for God would make him an excellent bassist for The KPWC. Darren told Ty about his idea and before long they decided to get together to jam. As soon as this trio played one song together they all knew something was clicking. Ty soon formed a distinct sound through his funky slap bass techniques and his ability to hold down a groove. Doug, commenting on Monroe said, "I couldn't believe this guy. He sounded like he'd been playing bass forever. He is an absolute natural."

Now that The KPWC had become a three-piece group, they knew exactly what to do. Write music, practice it, and pray hard for a keys player to fill out their sound. Again, God met the Wrecking Crew's needs abundantly, this time



with the introduction of Karl Anderson. Karl was a perfect fit for the group: a strong Christian, a fast learner, and a natural musician who could play by feel rather than by notes on a page. With his vast musical knowledge, Karl contributed a great deal to the writing process and filled out the sound immensely with skillful work on the Hammond Organ and Fender Rhodes, as well as some added vocal harmonies.

The KPWC spent the better part of its first year practicing and playing out in this four piece format. When the opportunity arose in late 1999 to jam with DJ Joe McCann, (formerly of the Boston based band, 'Overflow') the Wrecking Crew was not really looking to add another member. Fortunately, God had other plans. Just seconds into the first jam session, everyone in the room knew that Joe was in. His intricate turntable work and hip-hop vocals clearly add to the fullness of each song and make The

Lake Region Television Will Be Filming Our Bicentennial Celebration

Lakes Region Television (LRTV) is a local access cable television station serving twelve communities in the lakes region of Western Maine. Their two channels reach a potential viewership of over 5,000 families in Bridgton, Harrison, Naples, Sebago, Denmark, Baldwin, Cornish, Hiram, Parsonsfield and Porter that are part of the Adelpia Cable system. One of their channels is also seen by an additional 3,000 families in Casco and Raymond, thanks to an interconnection arrangement with Time Warner Cable.

Twelve to fourteen LRTV volunteers and their mobile Field Production Truck will be on hand throughout the day to record for posterity Raymond's Bicentennial Celebration. Camera operators will be shooting hours and hours worth of footage which will then be edited, mixed & fixed to create a wonderful video montage of the Day's events. The resulting video piece will be aired on LRTV Community Access stations (Channel 2 for Time Warner Cable subscribers and Channel 5 & 7 for Adelpia subscribers). The video will also be available for sale from the Bicentennial Planning Committee, a "Must Have" for all of you tireless volunteers who have worked so hard to put this Celebration together (and who probably won't get to see all of the events).

LRTV is looking for 2 to 3 community volunteers to help operate cameras on June 21st. They will provide instruction with the cameras and guidance as to what to be shooting. This is a great learning opportunity for anyone who has ever been interested in "getting into television".

If you would like to help please contact Deb Cutten at 655-2877 (dcutten@maine.rr.com) or Sue Ellen Gendron at 655-4463 (jeffsueellen@pivot.net) as soon as possible.



Also Appearing: *Muddy Marsh Ramblers*

Carole Wise

Northeast by Southwest, the music of Carole Wise draws from her personal experience and journey. At the same time, it has a universal quality, which speaks to all. Her songs are fresh and vital and come alive when she sings. Her strong, versatile voice & guitar style will touch you deeply. Carole will share original songs from her 1987 (*Still Here*) & 1999 (*The Bottom Line*) CDs, as well as other acoustic favorites. An extremely diverse, as well as personable, performer Carole masters the art of connecting with her audiences.

"Music is a language which has the potential to bring folks together through the recognition of common experience & emotion..."

I want people to leave the concert feeling a sense of hope and in touch with their humanity. I invite you to find a piece of yourself in my songs."

KPWC's sound even more diverse.

Presently The Kingpin Wrecking Crew is ready to follow wherever God leads. Perhaps Ty Monroe put it best when he said with regard to the band's future..."I see God taking us to great places musically and spiritually for the sole purpose of glorifying His name and bringing people to Himself."

Lecture On Hawthorne At The Hawthorne House

Standing at the corner of Hawthorne and Cape Roads for almost 200 years is the boyhood home of the famous author Nathaniel Hawthorne. The house owes its continued existence to the *Hawthorne Community Association*, whose members have volunteered their time and contributions to preserve the property since 1922. It has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1969.

In recognition of Raymond's bicentennial and with assistance from the Maine Humanities Council, we have invited Hawthorne scholar Dr. Trudi Riesenberg to speak at the Hawthorne House on Saturday, June 28, at 6:30 (The Saturday after the Founders Day celebrations). Dr. Riesenberg grew up in Brunswick and was educated at Principia College and Washington University. She has taught at levels ranging from elementary school to college, and has published numerous articles. Currently she is writing a book about Hawthorne's Rome. Her interest in Hawthorne began during her graduate studies, and recently has centered on his years in Rome. Her lecture in Raymond

will introduce Hawthorne in a new perspective, focusing on him and other American travelers in Rome in the 1850s, and how his experience was translated into his work *The Marble Faun*.

The Raymond Village Library, co-sponsor of this event with the Hawthorne Community Association, will have a selection of Hawthorne books and materials on display. Open hours are Mon. & Wed. 2 pm – 8 pm, Thurs. & Sat. 9 am – noon, and Sun. 11 am – 6pm. The lecture and exhibit are made possible with support from the Maine Humanities Council through the New Century Community Program.

Following the June 28 talk, the Association will hold its annual Strawberry Festival at 7:30. The Festival celebrates the start of the summer season with a delicious strawberry shortcake dessert featuring homemade shortcake and 100% fresh ingredients. Both events will be open to all and will be held at the Hawthorne House

Hannaford Windham Awards Check For \$1,720 To The Raymond Schools Through "Hannaford Helps Schools" Program

Hannaford Store Manager Cindy Hakala presented a check in the amount of \$1,720 to Norma Richard, Principal, representing the Raymond Elementary School and the Raymond PTA. This amount reflects the dollars earned by the Raymond Schools plus a \$1000 education grant awarded for raising the most dollars through the "Hannaford Helps Schools" Program.

Under the terms of the program that ran last fall, shoppers could raise funds for local schools by purchasing certain General Mills products. More than 1000 schools in five states participated in the school program. Over \$250,000 was raised.

There was no limit on the amount that could be raised by each school. Each store awarded an additional \$1000 education grant to the one school registered through that store that raised the most funds. The Raymond Elementary School was Windham's education grant winner.

Norma Richard, Principal, thanked Hannaford for the check and said, "We appreciate receiving this generous check from Hannaford to support all of the programs offered to our students through the Raymond Schools and the Raymond PTA." The children at the Raymond Elementary School also appreciated the ice cream party that Cindy and Hannaford

volunteers, including Raymond parents Tracie Morris and Kim Cave, arranged for the entire school on April 18.

Hannaford Bros. Co., based in Scarborough, Maine, operates 155 supermarkets and food and drug combination stores in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, and Massachusetts. A wholly owned subsidiary of Delhaise America, Inc., Hannaford employs more than 22,250 associates. Additional information about the company can be found at its website www.hannaford.com.



East Raymond Chapel United Church of Christ

394 Webbs Mills Road
Pastor: Rev. Joyce A. Long

A little of the Chapel's History:

In 1884 at East Raymond, nine ladies and five gentlemen of the town met to form a Benevolent Society which was variously referred to as the "Ladies Benevolent Society" or "Ladies Sewing Circle." Within three years, membership had grown to forty men and women. Records of the society show that, at a meeting held December 22, 1887, it was voted that the funds of the Society (collected by dues) be used for building a church, chapel, or vestry at East Raymond. On September 6, 1888, the Society's minutes report "a goodly number present - decided to build a Chapel to consist of two rooms built on one floor." During the following year, members contributed time and material for grading the lot obtained from Orrin and Henry Lane and Lester Jordan on the present Route 85 site. Interested citizens also contributed generously to building the Chapel. In August of 1889, "the usual exercises of a 'Circle afternoon' were varied by a visit to the new Chapel to see how it was progressing and give our advice, if any was needed." The East Raymond Chapel was completed in

1890. In July of that year the Ladies Benevolent Society voted to become responsible for all debts incurred in furnishing the inside of the Chapel. The East Raymond Chapel was rededicated to the Glory of God on its 100th anniversary year, August 12, 1990.

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday services will begin again June 1" 8:30am - all are welcome.
- We, the caretakers & members of East Raymond Chapel, are waiting to hear, after a site visit, whether we have been selected to be on the Maine Historical Preservation Society List.
- June 21st, Raymond Bicentennial - We are planning to have our doors open for anyone to visit the Chapel who haven't had the opportunity. Mimi Wetzell will be in the Chapel playing our old pump organ as well as old gospel hymns on the piano. Come and sit a spell. We will also have a Yard Sale at that time from 11:00-2:00.
- July 20th 7:00pm We will be having a good old Hymn Sing to get the spirit moving in our hearts. Refreshments at 6:45pm

Want To Be A Trailblazer? Join Us On Our Newest Letterbox Trail!

We are so pleased to be announcing our latest addition to our "Lakes Region Letterbox Trails." This year we will be incorporating an "Architectural" trail which highlights traditional as well as non-traditional architectural styles found in Raymond. The tour will begin about 10am on Saturday, June 28, at the Raymond Village Library.

There is no cost for the tour, but if you'd like to purchase your own personal stamp book to record your stamps, those will be available for \$4. You may leave your car in the parking lot and board a bus for the tour. The tour will take approximately 2 hours.

We'll return to the parking lot around noon. If you'd like to join us for lunch, we'll head from the library to Kokatosi Campground. Subway Sandwich Shop has graciously offered to put on a free lunch for us at Kokatosi - isn't that great? If you can't join us for lunch, you can leave from the library at noon. There is still plenty of room available on the bus. Please call Debbie Blanchard to reserve your spot or to ask questions at 655-8672.

Explore the rich heritage of your community as Raymond prepares to celebrate its Bicentennial. If you can't make it on the 28th, guide books and stamps books will be on sale at Sunset Variety and the Raymond Village Library from June 21- Oct. 10. Happy Letterboxing!

Raymond Fire Auxiliary

The Raymond Fire Auxiliary sponsored a Pot Luck History Supper on April 26th at the new Public Safety Building. Between 70 and 80 past, present and future members attended.

Following a delicious meal, Ernie Allen started the evening off with a brief past history of the Raymond Fire Department. Several past members did a little reminiscing. The present Fire Chief Denis Morse brought everyone up-to-date.

In the past the Auxiliary has been very active in Raymond with assisting at fires, fund raisers, community service and fun. We have held baked bean and fried clam suppers, food sales, sponsored a Girl Scout troop, Thanksgiving basket raffles, a booth at Founders Day and scavenger hunts.

We would welcome new members. If interested, call Raymond Dispatch at 655-7851 and leave your name and number.



Raymond Youth Win 2003 Windham High School Talent Show

The band "Ants Marching," with members Charles Leavitt and Jody Bagley of Raymond and Mike Skelton, Geoff Debree, Max Hurgin and Bobby Harmon of Windham, were the winners of the 2003 Windham High School Talent Show held on April 10th at the Windham Primary School. Charles, Jody and Geoff were also members of the band "Animus" that won in 2001. This year's show had 19 acts, with outstanding performances given by Raymond's own Julia Bruno, Mikey Gosselin and Sara Wessel.

Cross Country Ski & Snow Shoe Program

By: Joni Merrill

The Physical Education Department of JSMS held the first day of a weekly cross country ski and snow shoeing program on January 8, 2003, and concluded it in early March. A very snowy winter helped this program to be extremely successful. Smiles were seen and laughter could be heard all around the school as many students experienced for the first time these wonderful life long activities of skiing and snow shoeing. You may have seen a write up in the Portland Press Herald concerning this program.

The program was the brainchild of JSMS principal Charlie Miller and was originally offered to the 5th & 6th graders who were not able to attend the Shawnee Peak ski program. From there it expanded to being a big piece of the PE curriculum offered to all students in grades 5 - 8 at Jordan-Small. This program would not exist without the great efforts of Pat Smith, president of the Raymond Recreation Association. Pat spent many hours gathering equipment so this program would get up and running. A great many thanks are extended to the Jordan-Small Middle School, Raymond Recreation Association, the Raymond



Mentoring Program, the Raymond PTA and individual community members for their financial contributions that went toward the purchasing of equipment. Thank you to Jeff Stevenson (Gray-New Gloucester PE teacher) and Christy Murray (representative of the Winterkids Program out of Portland) for their advisory support. Many thanks also to the volunteers (Betsy Lepper, Bob Dunklee, Alex Jackson, Elizabeth Algeo, Eileen & Howard Stiles, Marianne Van Baars, Laura Jo Cunningham, Pat Smith, Lori Rand and Beth Guerrette) who were involved in this groundbreaking program. This program would not work, if we did not have your help. Bob Dunklee donated the material and built the wooden bins used for storage of the skills, poles and shoes: thank you. For those individuals who contributed ski equipment, thank you! The following businesses sold snowshoes and ski equipment to us at discounted prices: Reny's (Bridgton), Eastern Mountain Sports (Conway, NH), Play It Again Sports (Portland and Auburn locations): thank you.

If you have snow shoes or cross country equipment you would like to donate for next year's program, please contact Joni at Jordan-Small Middle School.

Free Technical Assistance & Financial Help On Raymond Pond And Crescent Lake!!

Does your lawn run to the shore of the lake?

Is your bank failing and washing into the lake?

Does your driveway or road:

- wash out every spring?
- have ruts, potholes or washboarding?
- need new gravel every year?

The Raymond Pond and Crescent Lake Demonstration Project is still looking to reduce erosion around these lakes. Any property within these watersheds that has erosion problems can qualify to get financial assistance for a portion of road or driveway repair, buffer plantings, or bank stabilization efforts. Through the grant, the landowner or road association will receive up to 60% of the cost of the entire project. The remaining 40% can be paid by the landowner either in cash or with in-kind labor on the project.



Free Technical Assistance—for any erosion or runoff problems. First come, first served.

Financial Help—cost-sharing for road and driveway work and buffer plantings.

Volunteer Opportunities—take part in workshops, surveys, monitoring, and other activities.

Call Mary Gilbertson at the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District (856-2777).

Raymond Village Library

Participating Delegations:

Albania
Bosnia-
Herzegovina
Croatia
Cyprus
Egypt
Fyrom
Greece
India
Israel
India
Jordan
Kosovo
Morocco
Pakistan
Palestine
Tunisia
Turkey
Yugoslavia
U.S.A

Route 121 (Meadow Road)

Proudly presents
Merle Nelson,
National Member

Seeds Of Peace

International Peace Camp
Otisfield, Maine
Wednesday June 11, 7pm

We, Seeds of Peace, young people representing 22 war ravaged nations, hereby declare that we are tired of hatred, violence and terror. In the light of so many tragedies we have come together to search for enduring solutions for peace, one friend at a time.

Come join us to learn about this international youth movement in action.

Are Raymond Students Carrying Too Heavy A Load?

By Drew Gagnon, Molly Cloutier, Abigail Morneault, and Bryan Peterson

Doctors in the U.S. think that children in schools are using backpacks that are way too heavy for their backs. Physicians recommend that students should not be carrying backpacks that weigh more than 15% of a child's weight. We decided to investigate this problem at RES.

We weighed fourth grade students and their backpacks. Our findings showed that students should not be carrying backpacks that weigh more than 12 pounds. The average backpack weight is about 8 pounds at RES. Out of 65 students in the fourth grade, about 10 of them were carrying loads that were more than 8 pounds.

In conclusion, we found that most of the fourth graders at RES are not carrying too much in their backpacks. A few people in the fourth grade are carrying too much weight (usually students who weighed the least). We would encourage everyone to pack only what they really need to take so that they wouldn't be carrying too heavy a load.

The Schoolhouse Arts Center

Cassidy Gaudet, Grade 2, and Nicole Pelletier, Grade 9, both of Raymond are taking part in The Schoolhouse Arts Center production of *A Little Princess*. The play is based on Frances Hodgson Burnett's book and tells a musical tale of how all girls are princesses no matter where they come from. Even an evil teacher cannot make them feel any different. Both girls play key roles as supporting schoolgirls.



Raymond Baseball Opening Day Ceremonies

