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Our 2005 Educational Journey Begins

By: Sandra S. Caldwell, Superintendent of Schools

The interesting phenomenon regarding the title of this article is the reality that for many staff and community members an end never came to the 2004 educational journey. That speaks to the commitment to continuous improvement on the part of so many individuals and teams of individuals. Along with our infamous Maine black flies and mosquitoes the "technology bug" bit a large number of Raymond School Department staff and community members from Raymond and surrounding areas. Doris Horne and Dennis Dorey offered eleven technology training sessions at Jor-

dan-Small Middle School during the months of June and August that were attended by ninety-one participants. These courses included, but were not limited to, Appleworks' "Introduction to Basics," "Beyond Basics," "Spreadsheets," "Databases" and "Digital Cameras and Scanners." In late August Stephanie Perry, a Powerschool trainer from Pennsylvania, trained system administrators and lead teachers to use the data management system that will interface with the Department of Education's system. Powerschool will allow us to aggregate our student achievement data in all five content areas that are required to be implemented this year as a component of our Local Assessment. Individual student data, staff and student schedules, attendance reports, daily bulletins, grades, re-

Teacher leaders, commonly called Learning Results Facilitators, have worked tirelessly this summer to ensure the implementation of our Local Assessment System by the September 2nd deadline. This work has included representative attendance at two Department of Education sponsored workshops, final revision of curricula drafts, selection of the remaining assessments, and summer meetings with administrators. This ambitious group will provide professional development to colleagues during our two opening teacher days on August 30 and 31.



Doris Horne and Charlie Miller

Under the direction of Rick Dwinell, the maintenance staff restructured their team this summer to promote a total effort! In June they met to identify the priorities for the summer that were over and above the summer cleaning routines. They found that this new team structure enabled them to complete tasks and repairs that had been on needs lists for consecutive years. As a cost saving measure, the Cumberland County Correctional Center assisted with painting in both schools. The Beautification Committee has contributed time, energy and creativity to grounds work at the schools. Under the supervision of Paul Lentine, the Boy Scouts also volunteered to assist with

grounds. It is with pride in our maintenance team that we will open our doors on September 1, 2004, to our students and parents. We invite community members to stop by our facilities to share this pride.

The Raymond School Department has been awarded a 21st Century Learning Center Grant through the Department of Education. The grant is designed to develop after school and summer programming to increase academic achievement in schools. The expanded offerings will include after school tutoring, extended library access, visual and performing arts and science fieldtrips, language classes and numerous other opportunities and support systems for learners. In partnership with Raymond Mentoring and our Parent Teacher Association, this grant will sponsor an arts program and a drug prevention program. Through this five-year grant, we will receive \$100,000 a year over the next three years and a percentage of that amount over

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Road Runner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by the last Friday of September. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

E-Mail; Diskette; Paper; CDROM
Articles should be submitted in RTF and pictures in JPEG format. E-mail articles and pictures to:

kevin.woodbrey@raymondmaine.org
or drop them off at the Town Office or at one of the school offices.

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Technology training at Jordan-Small Middle School

port cards, and form letters are simply a few of the functions this program assists us with. In the very near future, parents and students will be able to access daily progress information in this secure environment.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

7pm, Thursday, September 9, 2004,
at Jordan-Small Middle School Gymnasium

This public hearing will discuss the final draft of Raymond's Comprehensive Plan

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

7pm, Thursday, October 14, 2004,
at Jordan-Small Middle School Gymnasium

Draft copies of the Comprehensive Plan are available at the Town Office and the Village Library.

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<http://www.raymondmaine.org>

Online services now include:

- Automobile registration
- Hunting and fishing licenses
- Assessment information
- Property maps



Absentee Voting Available

Beginning on September 15th, the Town Clerk's Office will be accepting absentee voting. If you find that you will not be in Raymond on November 2nd for the Presidential Election, you can vote at the Town Office before that date. Your ballots will be sealed in official envelopes and voted by the elections staff on November 2nd. Your ballot will be handled in such a way that it will remain a secret ballot.

If you would like to vote in this manner, come to the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. You can vote the ballot at that time, or if you wish to take it home for your deliberation, you will be asked to fill out an application and then a clerk will give you the ballot and return envelope for the ballot's return either in person or by mail. If a voter cannot come into the Town Office, please call the Clerk's

Office at 655-4742 and ask to have a ballot sent to you. A clerk will fill out your application and promptly mail you a ballot and return envelope. If you wish to have a ballot sent to an immediate family member come into the Clerk's Office and fill out an application and the clerk will mail the ballot and return envelope to the voter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Clerk's Office at 655-4742.

Raymond Village Library News

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 8, "So you want to catch fish"? (Fishing in the Lakes Region) 7 – 8:30 pm. Donald Sicotte of Sebago Lake Anglers Club will discuss fishing tools, techniques and tales.

Sunday, September 12, Adult Game Day – Cribbage and Checkers. 4 – 6 pm. Come play Cribbage or Checkers. Bring your boards if you have them – if not, we have plenty to go around.

Wednesday, September 15, Computer Series – Basic Windows. 7 – 8:30 pm. This class is for the novice computer user who needs basic information.

Book Group

The Reading group will meet September 29 at 7 pm at the library. The play "Beckett," by Jean Anouilh will be discussed. It was suggested that those participating might enjoy viewing the movie "The Lion in Winter," which will add flavor to the play. This group is always welcoming new members.

Murder Mystery Dinner

Tickets for the popular murder mystery dinner are now on sale at the Raymond Village Library. There is a limit of 40 participants, so reserve your space soon. Tickets are \$30 a person, and the event will take place on Saturday, October 16, beginning at 6:30. "The Auction," which is the title of the Murder Mystery is set in England in the early 1980's and runs for about three hours. Each participant plays a character in the plot. Before the evening is over, you may possess a fortune and /or be the one to solve the murder.

Following the tragic death of the Baroness Audrey van Munchen, her famous artifacts are being sold to the highest bidder. You are welcome to attend this auction and the reading of her will. Please join us for a fun evening benefiting the Raymond Village Library.

Annual Meeting

September 30 marks the first annual meeting for the Raymond Village Library, Inc., which will include a business meeting and elections of officers. Interested persons are welcome to attend. The meeting begins at 7pm and will be followed by refreshments.

Library Card Sign-up Month

September is library card sign-up month. Raymond Village Library wants to remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Library cards are free. A parent must register for a child under 18 years of age. Libraries play an important role in the education

and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. Raymond Village Library provides story times for babies, toddlers and preschool children to share the joy of reading.

New residents and those who have not been in for a while are also invited to come in and sign up for a card. The Raymond Village Library offers books, magazines, audio and videotapes, CDs and a variety of programs for adults and children to stimulate an interest in reading and learning.

THE SMARTEST CARD. Get it. Use it @ your library.

Raymond Bicentennial Memorabilia Available

There are some items of Raymond's Bicentennial memorabilia available for sale at the Town Office. Tee shirts sizes small through extra large, frisbees, drink bottles, trip cups, and the historical coin sets, plus the three individual coins, are waiting for purchasers. These would make great gifts – don't forget that Christmas is coming.

Summer Reading Program Goes For Gold !

Raymond Village Library hosted its own version of Olympic games August 16, 2004. As a finale for the Summer Reading Program, participants were treated to friendly competitions including a discus throw, hurdles, wheelbarrow races, and a mini marathon.

All participants were winners and received medals for their performances.

Also, as a way to recognize those who completed their reading "assignments" and activities, many gifts and prizes were awarded. Those attending this fun event were treated to Greek foods (feta cheese, olives, spiced oils, pita breads), Greek music, Olympic and Greek trivia, and a spectacular Olympic cake decorated with the 5 Olympic rings.

Many thanks to Lisa Friedlander for all of her hard work, creativity, and generosity in the planning and organizing of another successful Summer Reading Program at Raymond Village Library.

Thanks From The RVL Summer Reading Program

The Raymond Village Library's Summer Reading Program, Turn Back the Pages of Time, would like to thank the following people and organizations for their generous contributions of product and time to our program this summer:

- Packaging Specialties, Newburyport MA, for the boxes to make our Senet Games
- Au'some Candies, Inc., New Jersey, for the Gummy Mummies
- Encore Plastics for the paper paint buckets to make our Greek Corinthian Helmets
- First Title of Maine, Portland ME, for their donation of masses of photo copying
- Portland Sea Dogs, Portland ME, for the vouchers allowing us to see a game this summer
- Virginia Bobro, Casco ME, for her time and expertise in creating Egyptian Henna designs
- The many parents and Library patrons for their help collecting cereal boxes, sugar cubes and other items we used in the projects, as well as for their time and energy in ensuring our children continue to develop a love for READING!

Calculate Your Savings and Value Received By Using the Library

(How Do You Compare with \$675 Average Savings?) Part Two of a Three Part Series – by Sandi Severn

The first article in this series cited the "Give Your Budget a Money Makeover" article that appeared in Better Homes and Gardens (Dec 03) detailing how the average family can save an estimated \$675 annually by using the library. Aren't you a bit curious to figure out how much you could save (or currently do save) by using the services of Raymond Village Library? If you and your family approach the \$675 annual average which is striking enough, the savings over a decade are almost \$7,000 even without calculating in compounding of interest over the years. With that amount of money involved, it's definitely something to think about.

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September/October 2004

Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FB =Fire Barn JS =Jordan-Small KC =Kokatosi Campgnd PS =Public Safety Bldg. RE =Raymond Elementary	SG =Sheri Gagnon TG =Town Garage RT85 TH =Town Hall VL =Village Library VC =Village Church VT =Village Tennis MB =ModularBuilding at JSMS		1 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime First Day of School	2	3 No School	4
5	6 10:00AM VL Babytime No School	7 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	8 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 7:00PM TH Planning Board Meeting 7:00-8:30PM VL Fishing in the Lakes Region	9 7:00PM JS Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing	10	11
12 4:00-6:00PM VL Adult Game Day	13 10:00AM VL Babytime	14 7:00PMTH Tassel Top Committee Meeting	15 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 7:00-8:30PM VL Computer Series - Basic Windows	16 7:00PM KC Lions Club Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen Workshop	17 9:00AM VL Library Board Meeting	18
19	20 10:00AM VL Babytime	21 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	22 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime	23 5:00-7:00PM PS Chamber of Commerce After Hours Gathering 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	24 Road Runner Deadline 7:00PMTH Tassel Top BOD Meeting	25
26	27 10:00AM VL Babytime 7:00PM TH Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00PM PS Raymond Casco Historical Society Meeting	28 7:00PM MB Conservation Commision	29 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 7:00PM VL Book Group	30 9:00AM VL Library Annual Meeting	1	2

Municipal News Brief

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen took the following actions in August.

1. The Selectmen approved the following new street names: Wolanski Way, off Ai Rd., FL 93EE and Beaulieu Blvd., off Farwell Dr. FL 258A.
2. Michael McClellan, Executive Director, Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, was appointed to the Route 302 & You Committee.
3. Mary Lentine was appointed to the Beautification Committee.
4. The Selectmen approved the Maine Municipal Association Annual Mail Voting Ballot for 2005 Slate of Executive Committee and Association Officers.
5. The Selectmen endorsed Tony Plante and Gordon Billington for the Maine Municipal Association Ballot for Election to Legislative Policy Committee.
6. New Speed Limits – Town Manager Don Willard reviewed the new and/or corrected speed limits from the MDOT.
 - a) Meadow Road or Route 121 corrections between 35 and 50 mph.
 - b) Egypt Road new speed limit of 45 mph.
 - c) Brown Road new speed limit of 30 mph
 - d) Conesca Road new speed limit of 40 mph.
7. Town Manager Willard reviewed the dates of the Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting. Public Hearing September 9, 2004, Jordan-Small Middle School, 7pm and Special Town Meeting October 14, 2004, Jordan-Small Middle School 7pm. Copies of the draft Comprehensive Plan are available at the Town Office and the Village Library as well as on the website www.raymondmaine.org
8. Selectman Gendron distributed a summary of his ideas for the One Raymond Committee that will appear in the September issue of the *Raymond Road Runner*.
9. Town Manager Willard responded to inquiries presented by Dana Desjardins, 64 River Road, related to the Public Works Department use of equipment and manpower.
10. Consideration of Liquor License renewal for Café Sebago – Michael Schmidt, 1248 Roosevelt Trail. Café Sebago's liquor license renewal was unanimously approved pending correction of three fire inspection issues detailed in the Fire Department's annual inspection report.
11. U.S. Postal Service – Discussion of *Raymond Road Runner* delivery problems. Paul Robinson, Acting Director U.S. Postal Service, was invited but not available to attend the meeting. Several copies of the July issue of the *Raymond Road Runner* were not delivered on one Raymond postal route. The Raymond Post Master investigated the problem and reported to the Town Manager that the carrier didn't feel well that day and put the *Raymond Road Runner* near the recycling bin, and they were subsequently recycled in error instead of being delivered. Mr. Willard asked for a refund of \$135.48 on the postage for the issues that were not delivered. Selectman Reynolds asked what other items were not delivered that day or other days. Town Manager Willard suggested that the Post Office be invited to another Selectmen's meeting instead of a private daytime meeting. Selectman Gendron stated that the Postal Service should stand up for this inadequacy and appear at a Selectmen's meeting to answer questions.
12. 2004 Backhoe Bid Award – The Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the bid of Nortrax Equipment of Westbrook, Maine, for the provision of a 2004 John Deere 410G backhoe loader. Nortrax offered the lowest bid meeting town specifications for a total cost of \$88,250 less a trade in allowance of \$23,000 for the town's 1997 675G New Holland backhoe for a net cost of \$65,250.
13. Year-end Financial Review - Town Manager Don Willard and Finance Director Elizabeth Cummings briefed the Selectmen on the fiscal year 2003/2004 municipal budget preliminary financial report. The town's appropriation accounts were under budget by approximately \$80,000 with revenue collections over estimates by approximately \$73,000 for a total surplus to fund balance of \$153,000. The town's present fund balance (surplus) is \$1,485,552. It is therefore expected that this year's audited fund balance will come in at approximately \$1,637,552 or slightly above the auditor's recommended minimum amount of \$1,625,000. Areas within the budget that realized significant under-expenditures included: legal and new equipment \$18,438; Fire Department \$7,028; Dispatch \$6,598; Public Works \$13,399; and solid waste \$20,449, due largely to rebidding the solid waste contracts and obtaining much more favorable costs for both curbside pick up and recycling. In the area of revenues, the significant areas of increased revenue as compared to budget estimates include: excise tax; miscellaneous income; and tower lease. Areas lower than initial budget estimates included: supplemental taxes; CEO fees; and interest income on overdue taxes and investments. It is expected that the final audit report will be available by November 1st.
14. Selectmen Bylaws – The Selectmen considered a preliminary draft of bylaws and procedures to govern Selectmen meeting protocol. The draft document was prepared by Town Clerk Louise Lester who contacted neighboring communities that have such policies and put together a preliminary draft for consideration. The Selectmen decided that a workshop meeting should be scheduled to discuss this item in detail. The workshop meeting to discuss Selectmen bylaws and policies will be held on Thursday, September 16th at 7pm at the Raymond Town Office.
15. Planning Board resignation – Planning Board Member Debi Davis resigned due to family health issues. The Selectmen accepted her resignation with regret and also issued a Certificate of Recognition for her services.
16. Planning Board Vacancy Interviews – Robert O'Neill and Shirley Thibeault. Mrs. Thibeault was not in attendance. Mr. O'Neill expressed his desire to serve on the Planning Board. Mr. O'Neill stated that he is retired from the military, a graduate of a teachers program, and currently teaching chemistry, physics, and environmental studies. Mr. O'Neill has worked on Raymond Pond's water survey, has helped with a water abatement system in Raymond, and he and his wife have helped with milfoil inspections. Mr. Gendron felt that the Board needs a conservationist on the Planning Board. The Selectmen appointed Robert O'Neill to the Planning Board.
17. One Raymond Strategic Plan – Mr. Gendron updated the Selectmen on the progress made by the steering committee at their last meeting.
18. Communications and other business:
 - a. Ken Thompson – Appeals Board appeal. Town Manager Willard reported that town attorney, Chris Vaniotis, proposed that the town proceed to Superior Court with the Thompson boathouse appeal. Mr. Thompson has not brought the boathouse into compliance. Town Manager Willard also reported that this issue had been ongoing for some time, and that the town proposed a settlement last fall to alter the building. Selectman Reynolds didn't feel that the town could let this go. There was unanimous agreement with the town manager's action.
 - b. 1A Initiative. Town Manager Willard reminded the Selectmen about the letter of July 8, 2004, from the City of Brewer relative to 1A from the 2004 June referendum and the proposed workshop on this issue with the School Committee and the Budget/Finance Committee. The workshop will be scheduled for September.
 - c. Sheri Gagnon Park – Town Manager Don Willard reported that a beer party apparently took place at the Sheri Gagnon Park picnic area. Along with trash, which he and other volunteers picked up, the playground airplane was badly damaged and is now at the District 1 garage. Public Works will try to repair it. Manager Willard expressed his disappointment with this vandalism. Manager Willard reported that the dog signs are posted but the red lettering has faded and that signs with black lettering would replace the faded signs. Selectman Reynolds noted that Windham parks were banning dogs for the same reason.
19. Review and authorize Payroll and Treasurer's Warrants dated June 30, 2004; August 3, 2004; and August 17, 2004.

Town Of Raymond Burning Permit Regulation

The Raymond Fire/Rescue Department has developed open burning regulations to allow clear expectations while providing reasonable public accommodations when combined with the Regional Bulky Waste Facility located in Naples. Burning is one of the two options available. The waste management facility is open Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

The written open burning guidelines will reflect five variables. The Department Staffing, Class Day, Wind Speed, Ground Cover, and the requesting individual's onsite abilities regarding equipment, water source, and personnel will be considered.

The State's Class Day Risk Factors vary from Class 1 which is low to Class 5 which is extremely high. Fire Permits will be issued only when the State Class Day is a One or Two and only if wind gust conditions are less than 10 MPH.

We must have a fire officer person in town qualified to inspect the bush pile to insure adequate clearances and absence of construction debris, stumps, and rubber products as well as any other items not permitted in bush fires.

The standing safety requirements that shall be maintained are as follows:

- An adult (21 yrs. old & above) shall be present at all times
- Adequate hand tools as well as a water supply (charged garden hose) shall be present and established under normal conditions. (Presence of construction equipment the exception)
- A minimum building clearance of 50 feet and 20 foot clearance of other trees or brush shall be maintained
- Upward flame travel shall be void of overhead power lines and tree branches
- No cardboard, rubber, plastics, painted products, asphalt products, or any other non brush or wood products can be burnt.

PERMITS will be issued by 9am on weekends year round and can be expanded when snow covers the ground to evenings after 6pm or certain week days for established Organized Camps or Building Contractors who have established burning pits. Such Camps/Contractors shall call dispatch and make an inspection appointment with a Fire Officer in advance of making a permit request. After a site inspection, Camp/Contractors with heavy equipment shall receive a permit week days if all normal conditions are met.

Raymond Public Protection Classification – ISO Rating Lowers Insurance Rates:

In 2003 a new Public Protection Classification (PPC Survey) was conducted in the Town of Raymond. This survey was done by the Insurance Services Office (ISO), a leading supplier of statistical underwriting and actuarial information for the property/casualty insurance industry. Most insurers use PPC Classifications for underwriting and calculating premiums for residential, commercial and industrial properties. The new ISO rating was triggered by significant improvements in the Raymond Fire Department and the Town's ability to provide improved fire protection services. Changes include the installation of the waterline extension from Windham to the new Public Safety Building and Deep Cove Road. Another major development is the construction of the new Public Safety Building and the relocation of all District I fire assets to this facility. Other changes that have occurred since the last ISO rating include a much improved capital program for new equipment and an enactment of the Fire Protection Ordinance in 1995 and amended in 2001.

ISO's PPC Program evaluates communities accord-

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Hazardous Waste Day Well Attended

On Saturday, August 7th the towns of Raymond, Casco, Naples, and Frye Island combined efforts in hosting a Hazardous Waste Day at Raymond Elementary School. Each town had a representative present to record the items and amounts delivered. Clean Harbors of Portland was contracted to accept and dispose of the waste.

Thanks go to Raymond's Recycling Committee chair Phil Hammett who oversaw the event. Items brought to

the site were fluorescent light bulbs, aerosol cans, non-processable paints in cans, oil based paints in cans, solvents, pesticides, ni-cad batteries for reclamation, acid/acid compatible materials, lab materials, and mercury containing items. The town thanks the citizens from all the towns who brought their hazardous waste for disposal which makes our environment that much safer.

Calculate Your Savings

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Below is a simple chart to calculate how much the library could help you save if you switched from buying or renting the items listed, and instead just checked them out from the library. The average costs below come directly from the magazine article for movie rental, CDs,

Item Purchased or Rented	Monthly Number	Average Cost	Your Monthly Cost
Books, Adult, Fiction			
Hard Cover	_____ x	\$25 =	_____
Books, Adult, Non-Fiction			
Hard Cover	_____ x	\$30 =	_____
Books, Paperback (Pocket)	_____ x	\$ 7 =	_____
Books, Paperback (Trade)	_____ x	\$14 =	_____
Movie Rental	_____ x	\$ 4 =	_____
CD Purchase	_____ x	\$16 =	_____
Books on Tape	_____ x	\$30 =	_____
Jigsaw Puzzles	_____ x	\$ 8 =	_____
Board Books for Kids	_____ x	\$ 4 =	_____
Children's Books	_____ x	\$16 =	_____
Young Adult Books	_____ x	\$16 =	_____
Magazine, Single Issue	_____ x	\$ 5 =	_____
		Subtotal:	_____
		Times 12 months	x 12
		TOTAL:	_____

and books on tape; the other listed average costs are a combination of a review of cover prices and consultation with Barbara Thorpe, Library Director, who differentiates between two types of paperbacks. The "trade paperbacks" are generally a bit larger and better quality than the popular pocket-size novels.

I was certainly curious to see what my family of two saves by using the library and supporting the library. The individual amounts above seem relatively small; I rarely

make a single large purchase of these items but I do know that small amounts of money can add up quickly. Using the chart, I determined that we save \$620, mainly on books but also including videos, magazines, jigsaw puzzles, and for when our grandchild visits, children's books and music CDs. However, I based my savings calculating the cost of paperbacks, since that is what I'd surely buy if I didn't use the library. For those families with children or those

who are hooked on audio books, the savings would be much higher. Go ahead and calculate the savings for your family.

Also, the chart can help you determine the value of items you currently do check out from the library. Recalculating the value of the services I'm getting from the library through the availability of hard cover books, which is what we almost exclusively read, the amount comes to a whopping \$1,520. Yes, there is a difference between savings from your own pocket and the value of the services you get from the library.

If you care to, the next time you're in the library, share with Barbara Thorpe the amount you determined as either

the savings you could gain or the value you receive by using the library instead of purchasing or renting the items. As always, your feedback is appreciated at the library. There may be some really impressive numbers that the library board and staff would like to hear about.

The value of the services, especially in regard to books, comes from the library's buying power. On most items for the adult collection, the library is able to obtain a 44% discount. In the children's area, the discount var-

ies from 22% - 44%. As an example, an individual with \$100 can buy only four adult fiction books at \$25 each. For the same \$100, the library purchases seven books. Surprised by that detail? I was. I knew the library could obtain items for less than I as an individual could, but the value the library gets with its books purchases is tremendous. The library does take recommendations for additions to the collection. Therefore, if you're currently buying books by an author or on a subject you like because the library hasn't any or only a few on the shelves, please speak with the Library Director to see if they might be added to the collection.

Since the Raymond Village Library is a non-profit organization, donations to the library are tax deductible. That's another way to save by supporting the library. More on that next month.

Raymond Lions Provide Monetary Assistance For Vision Exams And Eyewear

The major focus of the Raymond Lions, as well as Lions International, is to help people who have vision problems. One of the ways by which we attempt to supply such help is by providing monetary assistance for vision exams and eyeglasses for Raymond residents in need. Anyone who needs such help, or anyone who knows someone who needs such help, can apply by completing an Application for Sight & Hearing Assistance and forwarding it to the Raymond Lions Sight & Hearing Committee. Applications can be obtained by written request to The RAYMOND LIONS CLUB, PO Box 1057, Raymond ME 04071, Attn: Sight & Hearing Committee. Completed applications can then be sent to the same address.

Other Raymond Lions vision related projects include 1) Special vision screening for our pre-school children, 2) Eye glass collection for recycling around the world, 3) Participation in "White Cane Day" to raise funds for the Maine Sight and Hearing Foundation and 4) Donation of large print books to the Raymond Library

Invasive Plant Surveys In Progress

By: Noralee Raymond, Raymond Waterways Protective Association

Who are those people paddling around in kayaks and small boats holding pipes and buckets in the water? RWPA staff and volunteers have been paddling, rowing, and idling along the shores in August to ensure Raymond's lakes are clear of invasive plants. Those pipes and buckets are scopes that help us see down to the bottom of the lake.

How much of each lake is surveyed for invasive plants? We plan to cover 100% of the shoreline in each lake and sections of Sebago Lake. The area covered is from the shore out to a depth of fifteen feet. A detailed inspection is completed around boat launch areas and any area where native plants are growing, with a general inspection of the remaining shoreline. This involves a "zigzag" pattern from the shore out to a depth of 15 feet.

The results of the shoreline survey are in the table below:

Lake	Shoreline Surveyed	Invasives Found
Crescent Lake	95%	No
Thomas Pond	75%	No
Raymond Pond	100%	No
Panther Pond	90%	No
Tenny River	50%	No
Notched Pond	Unknown	Unknown
Sebago Lake	Unknown	Yes

Crescent Lake

RWPA staff Deb Cutten and Noralee Raymond completed 95% of the Crescent Lake shoreline in a double kayak. With little wind and slightly cloudy skies, the weather was perfect for surveying as it was easy to see the lake bottom. What's left? With the help of volunteers, a closer inspection of the islands and around the boat ramp will be completed in the first week of September.

Raymond Pond

RWPA staff completed the shoreline survey on Raymond Pond, and no invasive plants were found. As with other lakes, the native vegetation is most diverse near the stream areas, and Raymond Pond volunteers Bob and Barb O'Neil will be contacted to do a closer inspection in those areas.

Panther Pond

With the help of Panther Pond residents Charlie Turner, Connie Cross, and Peter Wilson, Deb Cutten, Noralee Raymond, and Kevin Hughes were able to complete 90% of Panther Pond's shoreline using two small motor boats. Sibyl and Bob French and Bunny and Russ Wescott also surveyed a sector of the shoreline. Thank you to the Wescotts for making additional bucket scopes for our volunteers. No invasive plants were found in the completed sectors. Volunteers Brian Walker, Ben Severn, and Chase Rand will complete the remaining Panther Pond shoreline and the Tenny River in the next few weeks.

Thomas Pond

With the help of Casco residents Pixie Williams and Fred Cummings, 75% of the Thomas Pond shoreline was inspected and no aquatic invasive plants found. Pixie, a retired botanist, collected many samples of the native vegetation in Thomas Pond and will provide a list of native plants in her survey report.

Along two sections of the lake, one invasive plant was found on the upland shoreline, purple loosestrife. Purple loosestrife is not native to the area and has no natural enemies. It was introduced in Maine as a garden flower but is escaping into wild areas, as witnessed on Thomas Pond during the survey. It is a very prolific plant and can overtake wet areas such as lake shores and marshes. As each plant matures it produces over a million seeds, so it can spread quickly. RWPA plans to contact landowners near the areas where the purple loosestrife was located so that the plant can be removed before it spreads further along the shore.

Notched Pond

Trained volunteer Gary Bucklin will complete the shoreline survey on Notched Pond.

Sebago Lake

Variable milfoil is present in Sebago Lake. RWPA will be inspecting sections of Sebago Lake in Raymond during the first few weeks of September, particularly in areas where remediation efforts have begun.

If you have any questions about the shoreline surveys or wish to become a trained volunteer to help complete the surveys, please contact us **207-671-3329** or **lakes@raymondmaine.org**. If you see people in a kayak

or boat with scopes in the water, please thank them for helping to ensure our lakes remain clear of invasive plants. Thank you to all our trained volunteers for making the 2004 lake surveys a success!

Property Tax and Rent Refund Applications Now Available

Maine Revenue Services has published applications for Maine's Property Tax Refund and Rent Refund Program. The deadline for applying for refunds, which can amount to \$1,000 in tax relief, is January 3, 2005.

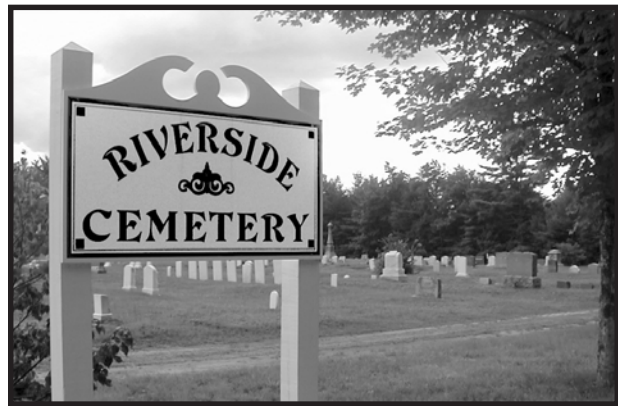
Maine's Property Tax Refund and Rent Refund Program, commonly referred to as the Circuit Breaker Program, provides tax relief for moderate to middle-income Mainers. Persons in a single-member household whose total income is below \$30,300 can be eligible for relief. Individuals living with a spouse or dependents with total household income below \$46,900 are also eligible. This program requires that you have been a Maine resident for all of 2003, maintained a homestead in Maine for all of 2003 and lived there for at least 6 months during 2003.

To qualify, an applicant must have had a 2003 property tax bill that was more than 4% of total household income, or paid rent in 2003 that was more than 22% of total household income. However, individuals age 62 or over (age 55 or over if disabled) on December 31, 2003, do not need to meet this requirement when their income is below \$12,100 for those living alone or below \$15,000 when living with a spouse or dependent.

Anyone who participated in the program last year will automatically receive application forms. Representative Joseph Bruno of Raymond has applications available for community members who may be eligible but have not participated in the past. Those seeking an application or assistance should contact Representative Bruno at 627-4979. Applications may be filed by mail, by Fastfile using Maine Revenue Services Telefile System at 624-7778, or by I-file using a computer at www.maine.gov/revenue.

Additional information can be accessed by visiting the website of Maine Revenue Services at www.maine.gov/revenue/taxrelief/2004tnr.htm or by calling (207) 626-8475.

Metal Cemetery Monuments



Back in 1886 zinc was the lightest building material available and started to be used in cemetery monuments as it appeared to be made of a bluish-gray stone. These monuments are actually made of molded metal. The material was called White Bronze to make it more appealing to customers, but is actually pure zinc. Left exposed to the elements the monuments rapidly form a tough and very durable skin of zinc carbonate that protects the underlying metal and gives the monuments their characteristic bluish-gray color. These monuments were fairly common in United States, Hawaii, and Canada.

They were typically ordered from sales agents from a catalog, and ranged in price from \$6 up to \$5,000. These marker manufacturers copied the same shapes and styles as marble and granite monuments. The stone dealers seldom sold the metal monuments. The general rarity of these monuments is due to the fact that they were only produced for 40 years and never really accepted by the public. Some cemeteries passed regulations that prohibited their use and never fully accepted the claims they were superior to stone.

The originators were M. A. Richardson and C. J. Willard who perfected the method of casting in 1873, and the process was sold several times before finding a financially solid manufacturer who could afford to produce them. The process was for an artist to create wax models which were used to create plaster molds for creating the individual pieces. The company used a patented process for fusing the larger pieces together. Zinc was heated to temperatures way above its melting point, then poured into the joints between individual pieces. This caused the adjoining surfaces to melt together, welding them into a single unit, a much stronger process than soldering.

The zinc carbonate that gives the monuments their

characteristic bluish gray color also created a hard protective skin so that the castings remain extremely sharp and clear. The unfortunate characteristic of these monuments is that they are very brittle and may break if hit with a tree branch, and the fact that over time some would creep or sag. Zinc, being a non ferrous metal, is resistant to rust and corrosion.

Sears & Roebuck used to offer to construct and ship monuments in their catalog to any place in USA and Canada. Typically they ranged in height from 2 to 14 feet high, had a base which resembled stone, but most were in the shape of an obelisk, four-sided monolithic tapering pillars.



The Cole family's 12 foot zinc obelisk in Raymond's Riverside Cemetery where there are seven other zinc monuments of varying sizes.

Some of the symbols one could choose in their casting were often of a religious nature. A bushel of wheat symbolized that the great harvest has come and life has ended. Also, wheat rather than bread was a symbol of the body of Christ. Roses, which were common, symbolized beauty and the Virgin Mary. The letters I H S were found on many crosses and is an abbreviation for the Greek spelling of Jesus. Scenes in which hands are clasped are meant to state that the union of love and family is stronger than death. Other common symbols featured wreaths, lilies, and angels.

Some monuments were made with bolted plates cast with the names or dates and were loosened and replaced as other family members died and were added to the monument.

Toward the end of World War I they were losing favor and some tried combining copper to the metal to rep-

licate bronze; however, cast monuments did not regain popularity after the war. Time has proven the salesman's



H. Rolfe monument with Civil War marker

pitch that they were superior to stone is correct, even if they were not acceptable to the taste-setters of the day.

*Research by Wayne Holmquest
Digital pictures by Frank Vierling*

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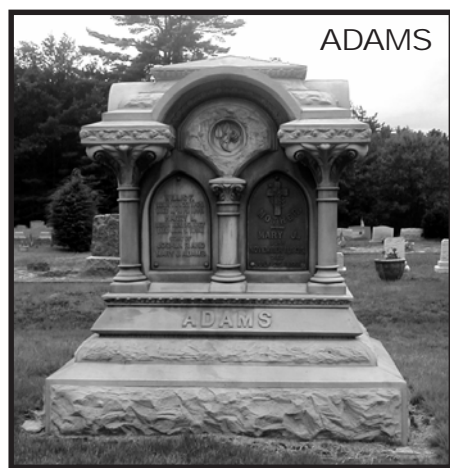
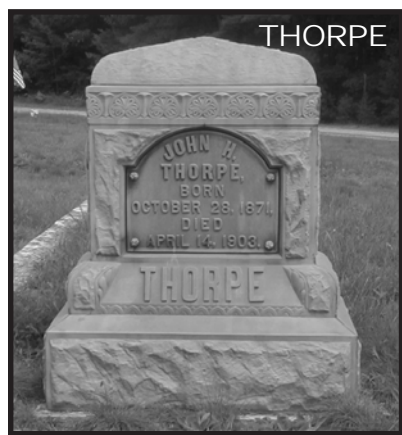
ing to a uniform set of criteria defined in the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule. The criteria utilized incorporate nationally recognized standards developed by the National Fire Protection Association and the American Water Works Association. Using the FSRS, ISO objectively reviews the fire suppression capabilities of a community and assigns a public protection classification. This classification is a number from one to ten. Class One represents exemplary fire protection and Class Ten indicates that an area's fire suppression program does not meet minimum recognition criteria.

The FSRS allocates credit by evaluating the following three major features: 1) Fire alarm and communication systems. This element of the review accounts for 10% of the total classification. The primary focus is upon a community's facilities and support for handling and dispatching fire alarms. 2) Fire Department. This review accounts for 50% of the total classification score which focuses upon items such as engine companies, ladder or service companies, distribution of fire stations and fire companies, equipment carried on apparatus, pumping capacity, reserve apparatus, department manning and training. 3) Water supply systems accounts for 40% of the total classification. Evaluating the available water supply used for fire suppression, including hydrant size, type and installation as well as the inspection frequency and condition of fire hydrants, develops the score.

In many communities the ISO rating is represented as a split classification. In Raymond the previous classification was a 9/10. We are very pleased to report and that Raymond's classification is now a 5/8B. This is a substantial improvement from the former classification. What this means to Raymond residents is that they will benefit from both greatly improved community fire suppression services as well as lower insurance rates for both commercial and residential property owners.

Since Raymond is a community classified on a split system, two rates will apply. The first class, in Raymond's case, Class 5, applies to properties within a defined distance of approximately five road miles of a fire station and also within 1,000' of a fire hydrant. The second class, in Raymond's case Class 8B, applies to properties beyond the 1,000' limit of a fire hydrant but within a defined distance of a fire station. ISO generally assigns communities outside a defined distance to a fire station as a Class 10. Since Raymond maintains both District I and District II, all properties within the Town are within the minimum distance requirements of a fire station. Properties along Route 302 in the area of the waterline benefit directly from being compliant with both proximities to a water source and the new Public Safety Building.

The Fire Department has worked hard to improve our fire suppression capabilities and related public safety services. Residents are encouraged to contact their insurance carrier to make them aware of the rating change. Detailed information about the Insurance Services Office (ISO) report may be obtained directly from either Town Manager Don Willard at 655-6994 or don.willard@raymondmaine.org or Fire Chief Denis Morse at 655-7851.



Jordan-Small Middle School News

By: Charlie Miller, Principal

We look forward to another great year at Jordan-Small Middle School. The grounds look great, thanks to the town Beautification Committee. The building is in great shape, and we are thrilled with the job our custodians have done. Lynn-Eve Davis, our guidance counselor, has written a successful grant for after school programs. Congratulations and good news for our children.

Welcome to the new students who have registered. We are glad to have you in our school. We also welcome new staff. We have three new staff members. Mrs. Kathy Woodbrey is our new receptionist, Mr. Dan Kaswell is our 5-8 Spanish teacher, and Mrs. Barbara Burnham is teaching language arts and social studies at the 7 and 8 levels. Welcome aboard. Please come in and meet them and introduce yourselves to them to make them feel welcome.

The year has begun well. The students are excited and full of hope, and we know this will be a banner year. Encourage your student to participate in the life of the

school. Have them be involved and take ownership in the school. It will motivate them and help them make real life connections.

Please feel free to drop into school to tour the building and grounds. We will be having our open house on the 16th of September at 6:30pm, so keep your calendars free. The PTA is always looking for parents to become involved and to participate in whatever way they are able. Let us know, and we will get you connected.

Have a good year. Talk with us. Keep us informed and feel welcome to call and come in.

Fire Department Haunted House

The Raymond Fire/Rescue Department will be having a Haunted House at Camp Hinds this year on Sunday, October 31, starting at 6pm and ending at 9pm. There will be no charge.

Raymond PTA Highlights

The Raymond PTA completed an outstanding year of events and activities that supported its mission of advocating for our children, enriching educational programs, supporting faculty and staff in their work, and collaborating with community organizations. All members of the PTA should be recognized for their many contributions that have enhanced the educational opportunities for all children. Some of the highlights of the year (and there were many more, both large and small) include:

- Supported teachers and staff through Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts and Lunches, Daffodil Days, Gifts and Recognitions.
- Enhanced the elementary and middle school programs by supporting Odyssey of the Mind, student field trips, Inca Sun, Dental Health month, technology at RES, and the Anguilla trip.
- Awarded \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsored the Scholastic Book Fair.
- Organized the fun filled Holiday Fair and Pie Sale.
- Enhanced classroom programs through the Giving Tree Program.
- Purchased a subscription to Ruth's Recyclable Resources for teachers.
- Sponsored a community informational evening for the 04-05 budget.
- Supported the Innisbrook Fundraisers at the Raymond Elementary School and Jordan-Small Middle School
- Supported the Jump For Hearts and raised over \$4,000 to benefit the American Heart Association.
- Provided refreshments at Winter Carnival and Field Day
- Assisted Raymond families in time of need.

The Raymond PTA will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Raymond Elementary School Library. All Raymond residents, not just school age children's parents, are invited to join the PTA and support its many activities. Membership dues are \$5 yearly. A membership form is included in the Roadrunner.

Julie S. Orsini 1954-2004

Julie S. Orsini, 50, died quietly at home on Monday, August 23, amid close friends and family. She had bravely battled cancer since March of this year.

She was born in Riverside, Conn., March 4, 1954, and attended Greenwich, Conn., schools, graduating from Greenwich High School. She went on to Franklin Pierce College, where she earned a degree in sociology.

On June 23, 1979, she married Ronald R. Orsini of Basking, N.J., also a Franklin Pierce graduate. After their wedding, they moved to Hudson, Mass., where both were employed in the service industry. Two years later they moved to a small house in West Falmouth, where they presided over a mini-farm. During that period, she became a warehouse employee at Cole Haan Footwear, while her husband was employed as customer service specialist for W.L.Blake Co., a Portland mill supply company.

With the birth of her first child Michael in 1989, she withdrew from the job market to raise a family. Yet through the years that followed, she held a number of volunteer positions in her community, including that of public programs coordinator for the Shaker Community in New Gloucester.

In recent years she became increasingly involved in both the Raymond Elementary and Jordan-Small Middle Schools in Raymond. As time passed, she became committed to earning her special education teacher certification, an ambition never fully realized.

She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Ronald R. Orsini, and three children, Michael, 14, Alysha, 11, and Leah, 9, as well as her parents, John and Barbara Staples of Topsham; two brothers, James N. Staples of Falmouth Foreside and Philip C. Staples, of Arlington, Texas; and a sister Carolyn Staples Plunkett, of Irvine, California; other family relations include six nieces and nephews.

Julie lived in Raymond for many years and worked at Raymond Elementary school. She will be greatly missed by the students and staff.



RAYMOND PTA

"Advocating for children, enriching educational programs, supporting faculty and staff in their work, and collaborating with community organizations."

RAYMOND PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM 2004 - 2005 SCHOOL YEAR

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE _____
 E-MAIL _____
 CHILDREN (name and grade) _____
 PARENT _____ BUSINESS _____ TEACHER/STAFF _____ COMMUNITY MEMBER _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Annual Membership is \$5 _____

DONATIONS:

A portion of your annual membership goes to support the State PTA. Any additional donations will remain in Raymond to support our local efforts.

Total Enclosed: _____

Please drop this form off at either school or mail it to:
 Raymond PTA, c/o RES, 434 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071

If you have any questions, feel free to email (pta@raymondmaine.org) or call us:

Leigh Walker
655-2135

Deb Cutten
655-2877

For more information on The Raymond PTA, please check our website at
http://www.raymondmaine.org/civic_groups/pta

Don't Throw Money Away

The PTA had a wonderful year last year supporting the schools. We were able to do the valuable work we do because of the fundraising support we get from our parents and community members. Not all of our fundraisers involve spending MORE money. Some are simple, and there is NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU!

1. The Box Tops for Education program raised over \$2000 last year! Please look for these logos on the food you buy. Each one is worth ten cents. If you have some, cut them out and drop them off at the schools, the library or the town hall. Every box top helps our schools! Product lists will be available at the drop off locations.
2. We will no longer be collecting Campbell soup labels. The program cost us more than the benefit we received.
3. Starting NOW we are collecting empty printer cartridges (both ink jet and laser). The only cartridges we CANNOT take are all EPSON ink jet cartridges. We take all others. Each empty ink jet cartridge is worth \$2 to the school! Laser cartridges are worth from \$1 to \$12 EACH!!! Not only do we earn money, but we are recycling too! When you have an empty cartridge, drop it off at either school. The drop boxes are located inside the school doors.
4. Our Innisbrook fundraiser at the Raymond

Elementary School has always been our largest fundraiser. We will continue our Innisbrook fundraiser at the elementary school and are introducing a QSP fundraiser at the Jordan-Small Middle School. In addition to sending information home with students, brochures will be available at the schools, town hall and town library if anyone is interested in ordering. Check out the wonderful wrapping paper and gifts to be delivered in time for the holidays.

5. Finally there are the Scholastic Book Fairs. We will be holding our holiday book fair in December and a spring Book Fair in April. There are quality children's books at very good prices. If you are looking for gifts for children or grandchildren, come by the book fair in December at the elementary school.

Thank you to all of you who support our fundraisers each and every year. You have been able to help send kids to college, provide needed supplies, support field trips and much more. If you have any questions about any of these programs, please call me or e-mail me:

Leigh Walker, PTA President @655-2135,
pta@raymondmaine.org

School Receives Grant

The Raymond School Department has been awarded a 21st Century Learning Center Grant from the Maine Department of Education and the US Department of Education. In June of this year Lynn-Eve Davis, the guidance counselor at Jordan-Small Middle School, wrote and submitted a proposal to receive funding for the development of programs to enrich student performance and reduce risky student behavior.

The award is for \$100,000 a year for the first three years, with additional funding for two more years. The money will be used to fund a variety of programs to advance the learning for the children of Raymond. Programs will include after school music lessons, language classes, tutoring services and supervised study programs and allow for additional staffing of both the computer labs and library at the middle school.

The grant will also fund an Art and Science outing club. This club will support field trips designed to promote interest in the fine arts and science.

The grant will also combine efforts with the Raymond Mentoring Partnership and the Raymond PTA to support after school art programming and risk prevention education.

This is a wonderful opportunity to enrich the learning process for the children of Raymond. More information about rules regarding participation in the programs and a more detailed description of the programs will be available soon.

If you would like more information about the 21st Century Learning Center grant, contact the project manager Lynn-Eve Davis at Jordan-Small Middle School.

Innisbrook Is Coming In September

Innisbrook Wraps presents the ultimate gift wrap collection this fall at the Raymond Elementary School. Our fall Innisbrook sale will begin on September 10. Just wait until you see this year's collection!

- * Award Winning Gift Wrap Designs – including Birthday and Christmas Dogs!
- * Great Gift Products for Kids of All Ages
- * Gourmet Food and Chocolates Galore

Proceeds from our Innisbrook sale are used to support classroom programs and the Raymond PTA. These funds have had a direct impact on your child's classroom and our school program.

Innisbrook Schools can also order on the web 365 days of the year at www.innisbrook.com. The Raymond Elementary School customer # is 104999. Families and out of town friends can order and re-order over 150 Innisbrook products on-line all year long! Products will be delivered right to your door, and your child's school will receive the 50% profit.

CHIP At RES

Once again the Freemasons of Maine will be working with the Raymond Elementary School to offer CHIP (Child Identification Program). This is a free program created to address the growing national problem of child abduction.

This program has been very, very successful, with the majority of our students participating over the past few years. Volunteers will be at RES on Thursday, September 16, to fingerprint and videotape new students in order to create a personal record of identification. The videotape and fingerprint record will be given to each parent for safe-keeping.

Parents can also update their child's CHIP videotape to record any changes. Students will need to return a permission slip and bring in their CHIP videotape on September 16.

The Raymond Elementary School would like to thank Wendell Graham and the Freemasons of Maine for once again offering this valuable service to Raymond families.

A Mentor is someone who.....

...listens, encourages and simply shares their time with a young person. Last year over 20 community members became mentors. The Raymond Mentoring Partnership provides training, ongoing support and the opportunity to influence a child's life in a variety of positive ways. To learn more, call our office at the Raymond Elementary School, 655-8672, ext. 107.

RES News

Principal Norma Richard would like to welcome students and parents to the Raymond Elementary School. As they begin the 2004-2005 school year, it is a great time to review the following routines and procedures for parents and visitors. Please call the school office at 655-8672 if you have any questions or need additional information.

1. Parents and other visitors are required to sign in at the office whenever they visit the building. Please proceed directly to the main office when you enter the school. It is to the left of the media center (library). We also require that you use the main entrance. To enhance the safety of the children and staff, other doors will remain locked during the day.
2. We still require that you sign children out in the main office if they are dismissed early or are not going to take the bus home. We do this for several reasons. The first is that we have a record of who is taking children and the time when they are dismissed. Also, we can verify children on each of the busses in the event of an accident or bus break-down. Children not taking the bus will be dismissed to the library at the end of the day as walkers, and parents are asked to check with Mrs. Keef before leaving with their children.
3. If children are leaving during the day, we will call them to the office to be dismissed. We do this to minimize disruptions in classrooms.
4. This year children will be using their lunch numbers again to debit their accounts when purchasing lunch or drinks. We ask that parents pay in advance on account. New lunch money envelopes will be sent home for your convenience. Information about the lunch program can be obtained from Kim Williams, food service manager, at extension 155.
5. Our school phone number is 655-8672. The fax line is 655-8664. If you are calling for Superintendent Caldwell, Dr. Waters or the district business office, please call the district number at 655-8666. This will avoid tying up one of the RES school lines.
6. We ask that all parents have emergency plans in place in the event that school is dismissed early due to weather or other emergencies. With over 300 children in our school, we are unable to call parents directly when there is an early dismissal. Also, some storm related emergencies may result in a loss of power leaving us unable to use the phones to call parents. Parents should discuss emergency plans with their children and provide the school with a written copy of any change in busing plans.
7. Our school driveway is posted to remind all parents and visitors that the speed limit in a school zone is 15 mph. Fines are doubled in a school zone. This is an important safety concern that will be enforced.
8. The parking lot gets very busy during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. If picking up or dropping off your child, please be sure that your vehicle is not blocking access to the parking lot or to the bus driveway.
9. Don't forget to call CHILD WATCH at 655-8672 if your child is going to be absent or late. You can easily leave Miss Wendy a voice mail message for CHILD WATCH at any time.
10. We are also very proud of our children and the respect and care they demonstrate to each other. Our school rules for SAFETY, RESPECT and IN-BOUNDS are used throughout the school and work equally well in the classroom or lunchroom, on the bus, or at recess. Refer to our I CARE rules, which we proudly display on the children's RES responsibility folders.
11. Your child will be bringing home what may seem like an endless pile of paperwork during the first few weeks of school. Please be sure that the appropriate information is returned to school as soon as possible.

Community Friendship Group

The Raymond Community Friendship Group had their yard sale/bake sale on August 22, 2004, and it was a resounding success. The funds collected will help the group to support on-going community activities and events. Thanks to all who attended.

The lucky winner of the friendship quilt (made by the group) was Estella Mitchell from Windham. Ms. Mitchell's son picked up the quilt for his mom and was heard to say, "Wow! I may keep this for myself!" Congratulations to the Mitchell family.

JSMS Is Piloting A Salad Bar

In order to provide the freshest ingredients for our salad bar, and to keep our initial costs down, we are asking for some of the extra veggies from your abundant gardens.

If you have extra tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, corn, carrots, or any other vegetable (yes, even zucchini!), please consider donating them to the JSMS Salad Bar Project.

You can drop your bagged veggies off at either the Jordan-Small Middle School office, the Raymond Elementary School Office, or at Ultimate Hair & Tanning on Route 302.

The JSMS Salad Bar Project thanks you for your involvement and assistance.

RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENTS' NIGHT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
6:30 - 8PM

6:30 - 7PM

GENERAL MEETING IN THE GYM

7 - 8PM

TEACHER PRESENTATIONS IN CLASSROOMS

MEET THE SPECIALISTS IN THE LIBRARY

Parents' Night is an informational evening for parents only. Child care will not be available for Parents' Night.

Please arrange for child care at home.

New Staff At Raymond Elementary School

Norma Richard, Principal, would like to welcome the following new staff members to the Raymond Elementary School.

Susan Brackett will be assuming the classroom teaching responsibilities in grade 1. A graduate of the University of Southern Maine, Mrs. Brackett worked as a Title I aide at RES last year. She will be replacing Ms. Jani Cummings who is moving to a position of lead literacy teacher at the school.

Deb Cutten, Penny Wahlstrom, and Louise Carpenter will work in the special education program as Ed Tech III's. Mrs. Cutten and Mrs. Wahlstrom are Raymond parents with elementary age children. Mrs. Carpenter was a long term substitute last year and will now join the staff.

Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club Is Getting Ready...

For the past few years, the Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club has gone from a club of the past to a new, rejuvenated machine. Club memberships are rising, snowmobile trails are getting cleaned up, a web page has been created, and new grooming equipment is being purchased. The club also has taken over responsibility for the Holiday Helpers program, which delivers Christmas gifts to families in need to help them celebrate the holidays.

Currently, the club is about 50 members strong with many local businesses included. In the coming months, membership renewal forms for the 2004-2005 season will be sent. If you own a snowmobile in Raymond and use the snowmobile trails, please consider a membership with the club. The meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of every month to discuss trail maintenance, grooming activities, club events, and club business.

Please visit the Rattler's website at www.raymondrrattlers.org to find the 2004-2005 schedule of events, the Raymond snowmobile trail map, photos of past activities, a listing of business memberships, links to neighboring clubs, and the latest club news. If you have any questions about joining or supporting the Rattlers Snowmobile Club, please e-mail Scott Schweitzer at sschweit@maine.rr.com.

We hope you enjoyed your summer and are looking forward to SNOW as much as we are!

A "Thank You" From Rick Dodson—True Value Hardware

As most of you probably know by now, we sold our hardware store in early August. That store, our team of employees and you, our friends and customers, have been my reason to get up every morning for the past 28 ½ years; and it has been incredibly rewarding. However, in the last few months, I have become painfully aware of the way that moments and years speed by, and the things that we miss along the way. Situations, both personal and professional, have impacted my outlook on life in such a way that I know it's time for a change. I had hoped that when this time came, I would be able to cut back my hours to have some free time, but that hasn't been possible. After exploring all the options, I determined that it had to be "all or nothing" with me.

Our decision to sell to Aubuchon Hardware was well thought out. They are a family owned and operated company, and are dedicated to continuing the same level of service that you have come to expect. We have a commitment and an obligation to everyone in the community to make this transition as smooth as is humanly possible. A change like this is a challenge for all involved, especially at such a busy time of year; but I sincerely hope that you will give Aubuchon Hardware a chance to prove that they intend to carry on our business in such a way that you will be happy to continue shopping in the store.

My home and heart are rooted in this town and with its people; we have developed relationships that will last a lifetime. I found a home, a family and a life here. Though mere words cannot express the appreciation that I have for the caring, gracious members of this community, please accept my deepest gratitude for nearly 30 years of patronage, loyalty and friendship. Thank you.

2004 Troop 800 Scouting Achiever Award

By: John Hanley, Troop Committee Chair

Boy Scout Troop 800 of Raymond held our 2004 Troop 800 Scouting Achievement Award Ceremony Sunday August 15th at the Raymond Village Community Church. The award is presented to a Raymond Boy Scout attaining Eagle or Life rank and reaching his 18th birthday within the previous year. The adult leadership of Troop 800 has created this award to recognize those Scouts for the time and work to attain their rank and their contributions to improving Troop 800, and to wish them the best as they move on to a new stage of their lives. This was the second year of the award, and we had one recipient, Eagle Scout Bill Yates. We also began a new variation of the award, the Troop 800 Legacy Scouting Achievement Award. This recognizes Raymond Scouts from before the creation of the original award that have met the same requirements. For this year's event we recognized Eagle Scout Zack Swick and Eagle Scout Evan Gilman.

The program included music provided by Patti, Christian and Colin Gordan. The guest speaker was Represent-

tative Joe Bruno, who spoke of recognizing opportunities for leadership, calling attention to leaders from the past and to more recent leaders who made the most of opportunities that presented themselves.

Presenters for the Legacy Awards were Troop Committee member Nancy Yates, for Evan Gilman, and Caryl



Guest Speaker and Honorees left to right with the presenters: Caryl Gilman, Eagle Scout Zack Swick, Rep. Joe Bruno, Eagle Scout Evan Gilman, Nancy Yates, Eagle Scout Bill Yates and Scoutmaster Tom Wiley

Gilman, who presented to Zack Swick. Troop 800 Scoutmaster Tom Wiley made the presentation to Bill Yates.

After the ceremonies a cookout social was held, where hamburgers and hotdogs prepared by Bonnie and Mary Beth Wiley were available, as were desserts made by attending Scouts' families.

Walk 'n Weed

Please join members of the Beautification Committee and other adult volunteers to maintain the Rt. 302 corridor gardens.

9:30am
Tuesdays

at

Sunset Variety

If you have them, please bring

- Gloves
- Cultivator or claw
- Bucket
- Hat and/or sunblock

You can expect to

- Walk and weed as long as you like
- Find out all about the project
- Make some new friends
- Get a bit dirty
- Have lots of fun



Educational Journey

Continued from page 1

the last two years. We wish to express appreciation to Lynn-Eve Davis, our Jordan-Small Middle School Guidance counselor, for her time, energy and commitment to this grant process.

The School Committee had an August retreat to identify priorities for this school year as well as to identify needs for the next five and ten years. This work will be discussed at our next committee meeting on September



Frank McDermott and Dennis Dorey

1, 2004, at 7pm in the Raymond Elementary School Library. We invite you to attend this meeting.

We begin this year's educational journey with a commitment to balance the demands of implementing the Learning Results and Local Assessment System with the passion for teaching and learning that so many Raymond professionals embrace. We invite you to join us as partners in our commitment to continuous improvement. We will use Roadrunner and our "soon to be transformed" website to keep you informed of opportunities to partner with us. Thank you for your continued support.