

Principal's Report

by Norma Richard

The Raymond school calendar has been published and sent to all Raymond homes. Our school handbook is published in this calendar to provide all families with essential information about the Raymond Elementary School and the Jordan-Small Middle School. I encourage all parents to become familiar with the handbook and to share this information with your children, especially the pages focusing on student conduct and bus behavior. Don't forget to check the monthly calendar for special

events that are happening at school or in the community.

Learning is a partnership between school and home. Children are most successful when there are shared expectations for behavior and quality of work. Student responsibility is a key to establishing good habits that start in the early elementary grades and continue through middle school. Our staffs provide the framework for reinforcing student responsibility through the use of the green folders in the primary grades and student agendas in grades 4 – 8. Both the student folders and agendas are concrete ways to develop organizational skills, even as early as kindergarten. Parents, please expect these to come home each and every day. Encourage your student to take responsibility to place all homework, notes, and other papers back in their folder or agenda. Review assignments each and every day, and use the folders and agendas as a way to communicate with your child's teacher.

Your child will benefit from your continuing involvement.

Parents will be receiving a stack of forms, brochures and other materials during the first week of school. Please be sure that the information for your student is accurate and updated, if needed, any time it changes during the school year. It is especially important that all parents have emergency plans in place in the event that school is dismissed early due to weather or other emergencies. With nearly 600 children in our schools, we are unable to call parents directly when there is an early dismissal. Also, some storm related emergencies might 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.

Safety is a major concern in schools nationwide, and we are continuing efforts to assure that all of our students are safe

at our schools. Once again we ask that all visitors to the school, including parents and volunteers, sign in at the office before going to classrooms. We will provide badges or passes as a way to clearly identify those adults who are school visitors.

Safety is also very important at arrival and dismissal times. I want to remind all parents and school visitors that the speed limit in our driveways is 15 MPH and that fines are doubled in a school zone. The parking lots get very busy at both schools during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. If picking up or dropping off your child, please be respectful of other parents and be sure that your vehicle is not blocking access to the parking lot or to the bus driveway. I want to thank all community members and parents in advance for their cooperation to assure the safety of all children at school.

I look forward to seeing all of our students when they arrive back at school on Tuesday, September 6.

Road Runner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by September 15th. 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:

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

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



Kindergarten Visit Day At Raymond Elementary School

Kindergarten Visit Day will be held at the Raymond Elementary School on Wednesday, September 7, from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Parents are asked to bring their kindergarten student to school on that day. The children will have the opportunity to meet with their teachers, do a short activity in the classroom, have snack and recess, and take the first of many bus rides. Parents will have the

chance to meet with principal Norma Richard and discuss the routines and procedures that are in place for our youngest students. The first school day for kindergarten will be on Thursday, September 8. If your child will be 5 on or before October 15, is a Raymond resident, and is not yet registered for kindergarten, please call the school office at 655-8672.

11U Sebago Long Lake All Stars – Runners Up For The State Title

Congratulations to the Sebago Long Lake 11U All Stars. They were runners up for the State Title in the Maine State 11U Cal Ripken tournament held in Richmond, Maine. SLL ended the tournament 4 and 2, winning out over Sacopee, AYS, Maranacook and Brunswick. Though they put in a great effort, they ended up losing twice to Messalonskee, who took the State Title.

The SLL All stars also recently competed in a Sebago Long Lake Invitational tournament in July. This competition included SLL, Gorham, Sacopee, four Andy Valley teams and Brunswick. They ended up in third place.

Congratulations to all the kids for playing some great ball, trying to beat the heat and having a lot of fun.



Back Row: Manager Jeff Hall and Coaches Jim Bush, Lonnie Taylor and Patrick Flynn; Middle Row: Tammy Scribner, Alex Barnaby, Alex Hall, Zach Tolman, Dakota Bush, Riley Williamson, Casey Downey, Ryan Stuart, Kyle Hargreaves, Lonnie Taylor and Riley Flynn; Front: Bat Boy Nick Hall



Parents' Night

Raymond Elementary School
 Tuesday, September 13
 Jordan-Small Middle School

Thursday, September 15
 6:30 – 7:00 PM

Meeting in the Gym
 with Ms. Richard and Staff

7:00 – 8:00 PM
 Classroom Presentations

Specialists will be available to meet with parents in the library from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Please stop in to meet them.

Parents' Night is an informational evening for parents only. Childcare will not be available at school. Please arrange for childcare at home.

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.

Also available are tee shirts from this year's 5K road race. They are \$6.00 each with sizes small, medium, large, and extra large. The proceeds from the sale of the tee shirts will benefit Raymond Rec.

News From The Raymond Village Library

At a Glance

Monday, September 5 - Labor Day

Wednesday, September 7 - Children's Programs resume

Wednesday, September 28 - Reading Group, 7 p.m. at the library

Thursday, September 29 - Annual Meeting, 7 p.m. at the library

Labor Day

The Raymond Village Library will be closed September 5, in celebration of Labor Day. We wish everyone an enjoyable and safe vacation weekend.

Children's Programs

After a short vacation in August, the children's programs will resume on September 7.

On Mondays at 10 am is Baby Time. This includes newborns all the way up to Toddlers.

On Wednesdays at 10 am is for the Toddlers and beginning at 10:45 also on Wednesdays the preschoolers have their turn.

Thank you

We would like to thank all those who participated in our greatest Book Sale ever. It is due to all those who helped by donating, buying and let's not forget those who worked organizing, setting up and working during the sale. This is the library's largest fund-raiser and we count on the proceeds from this event.

We also want to let you know that the library accepts donations of books, videos, audios and puzzles throughout the year. We ask you to please bring them to us and don't store them, where they may become wet or damaged.

Reading Group

The reading group will be meeting on Wednesday, September 28 at 7 p.m. at the library. The book to read for discussion is the highly acclaimed, "The Kite Runner", by Khaled Hosseini. All interested persons are welcome. For more information, please call 655-4283.

Annual Meeting

The second Annual Meeting of the Raymond Village Library Corporation will be held on Thursday, September 29 at 7 p.m. at the library. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, call 655-4283.

Ernie Knight's 100th Birthday Party

On Saturday, September 24th from 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon the family and friends of Ernest H. Knight will meet at the Raymond Village Church to celebrate Ernie Knight's 100th Birthday. The marking of Ernie's elevation to centenarian is not remarkable to those who know him, but will be a goal which embodies one more milestone for him.

Ernie is a product of good ole' Yankee blood with both his parents coming from the Raymond area. He graduated from MIT in Boston, MA, married Louise Easton, raised two boys, served in the Army during WWII, did some farming and then moved to Raymond to help build Hartley's Marina now Jordan Bay Marina on Route 302. His interests include collecting historical information about Raymond which includes being an active member of the Raymond-Casco Historical Society. He has published several books about Raymond which are still available at the Raymond Village Library.

He also has a passion for canal boats and has studied those used in Sebago Lake as well as others across the United States and around the world. He and Louise took trips on some of these canal boats as well as sea voyages by steamer around the world. He is a long time member of the Wheelmen of America and for years has ridden his high wheel bicycle in parades and exhibitions at Owls Head Museum. During his visit to Japan during its reconstruction after WWII, he developed an interest in weaving and brought home a loom from which he made beautiful fabrics. His ability to create firewood from standing trees to beautiful full woodboxes is legendary.

Ernie is the holder of Raymond's Boston Post Cane as was his mother, Maybelle Knight. He served Raymond in the assessing office for years. In partnership with Carol Hart-

ley his sister, he transcribed a leather bound elderly tome, the "Families Book of Raymond", so that people studying their genealogies could access that information without harming the original volume. He also was instrumental in organizing a map of Raymond's cemeteries which is still being used today.

Because Ernie says that he has everything already, he asks that presents not be given, but he would love to see all his friends.

Windham Post Office Extends Retail Hours - Now Open Later

Submitted By Tom Rizzo
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(Windham) - The Windham Post Office is extending hours to make it more convenient to ship packages anywhere in the United States and around the world.

Effective July 18, 2005, the Windham Post Office, located at 765 Roosevelt Trail, Suite 999, in Windham, will be open at 9 A.M. and close at 5:30 P.M. Monday through Friday and will open at 9 A.M. and close at 12 P.M. on Saturday. Post Office Box customers can access their boxes from 4:45 A.M. to 5:55 P.M. Monday through Friday and from 4:45 A.M. to 4 P.M. on Saturdays. The hours at the South Windham Branch of the Post Office remain unchanged.

"We want to make using the Post Office quick, easy and convenient for our customers," says Windham Postmaster Stephen Harris. "This is just another way we're working to better meet our customers' shopping and mailing needs."

In addition, Harris says many services available at the Post Office are now available on line at usps.com. "You can buy stamps, use Click-N-Ship to print your own mailing labels, pay for postage and confirm delivery," says Harris. "You can even request a package pick up at your home or office when your daily mail is delivered for no extra charge."

"Expanding hours provides customers with more options and more access to the products and services they need," Harris said.

September 2005

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 CL=Casco Library	SG=Sheri Gagnon TG=Town Garage RT85 TH=Town Hall VL=Village Library VC=Village Church VT=Village Tennis MB=Modular at JSMS			1 Vision Hearings	2 Vision Hearings	3 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED for Labor Day Holiday
4	5 Labor Day Holiday Library Closed	6 RRC Hearings 7:00PM TH Selectmen's Meeting	7 RRC Hearings 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Story-time 7:00PM RE Raymond School Board	8 RRC Hearings	9 RRC Hearings	10
11	12 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 7:00PM-9:00PM VC BSA Troop 800 Committee Meeting	13 6:30PM-8:00PM VC BSA Troop 800 Meeting	14 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Story-time 7:00PM TH Planning Board Meeting	15	16 9:00AM Library Board	17 1:00PM TH Legacy Road Assoc Meeting
18 10:00AM Appeals Board Site Walk 7:00PM VL Raymond-Casco Historical Society Meeting	19 10:00AM VL Library Babytime	20 3:00PM TH Planning Board deadline for October 6:30PM-8:00PM VC BSA Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen's Meeting	21 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Story-time 7:00PM RE Raymond School Board 7:00PM -10:00PM TH PB workshop	22 3:00PM ROADRUNNER DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee 7:00PM -10:00PM TH CPIC	23	24 3:00PM TH Zoning Board of Appeals deadline for September
25	26 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 7:00PM TH Appeals Board Meeting	27 6:30PM-8:00PM VC BSA Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TBA Conservation Commission	28 10:00PM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45PM VL Library Preschool Story-time 7:00p -8:30PM VL Library reading group	29	30	

Municipal News Brief

by Don Willard, Town Manager

The Board of Selectmen took the following actions in August 2005.

Tuesday, August 9, 2005

1. The Board of Selectmen considered and approved an abatement request in the amount of \$1,190.52 for Map 4, Lot 3 located at 35 Arbor Woods and formerly owned by Shawn and Christine O'Brien on account of inability to pay after two years as authorized under Maine Statute Title 26 subsection 841-1121.

2. Abatement request 2004-05 Amanda Simpson Assessor's Agent.

In the absence of the assessor the Town Manager outlined that these abatements were for recreational vehicles that had been sold prior to April 1, 2005. The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved three abatements totaling 863.94.

3. Windham Rotary Club Derby Fest 2006 – planning request – Tom Noonan Director.

Mr. Noonan in his capacity as Director of the Windham Rotary Club Derby Fest requested that the Board of Selectmen consider changing the town's name for the weekend of the Ice Fishing Derby held annually in February to "Derby Town USA". Mr. Noonan explained that the ceremonial proclamation and name change will help to draw attention to Raymond as the primary host community of this event. The request was supported by the Raymond Business Association and will also include ceremonial cancellation of postal materials by the Raymond Post Office. The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved preparing a proclamation to temporarily change Raymond's name to "Derby Town USA" during the annual Rotary Ice Fishing Derby to be held February 24-26, 2006.

4. Maine Municipal Association (MMA) voting ballot for 2006 slate of MMA Executive Committee and officers.

The town manager provided a brief overview of the Maine Municipal Association election process. The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the slate of officers put forward by the Maine Municipal Association nominating committee and instructed the town manager to fill out and submit the ballot on their behalf.

5. Consideration of traffic ordinance amendments Mill Street and Mill Street bridge.

The town manager outlined problems that had been occurring in the area of the Mill Street bridge involving children and young adults over the past several years. The last major safety improvements to the area were made approximately ten years ago as a consequence of a young person's drowning death at the dam. Current problems include large groups gathering on the edge of the roadway to dive and swing from the bridge and surrounding area into the water below. There have also been groups of people loitering within the travel area of the roadway causing a potential accident risk to themselves as well as impeding the safe passage of motor vehicles. Despite repeated attempts by the town to obtain relief through the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, the problem remains unresolved. Sheriff Deputies regularly respond to this area but as soon as they depart the involved individuals return and the problems continue. The town manager after reviewing options with the Code Enforcement Officer and Public Works Director offered the following potential solutions: 1) limit parking in the area by installing no parking on pavement signs which the Maine Department of Transportation will pay for and install. 2) Remove the pine tree which supports the rope swing at an estimated cost of \$1,800. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has approved this removal. 3) Install an 8 foot chain link fence behind the guard rail and on the bridge at an estimated cost of \$1,500. 4) Install no loitering or diving from bridge signage which will also be paid for and installed by the Maine Department of Transportation. 5) Install erosion control along the guard rail area at an estimated cost of \$300. A motion was made by the Board of Selectmen to erect signage limiting parking on the pavement and to prohibit diving or jumping from the bridge and authorize the town manager to pursue whatever ordinance changes may

be necessary in order to come back with additional corrective measures. The pine tree with the rope swing will be removed as soon as possible. This motion was approved unanimously.

6. Consideration of first time assistance variance request – Dennis Fecteau, A&D Renovations Map 52, Lot 40 located on Crockett Road – Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer.

Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper explained that a soil evaluator from the State of Maine had reviewed this request and approved installation of the proposed septic system. Based upon the testimony provided, the Board of Selectmen approved this request by a 4 to 1 vote.

7. Request for Capital Reserve Fund Auto Accident Revenues.

Fire Chief Denis Morse addressed the Board of Selectmen with a request to segregate monies for future capital expenditure received in reimbursement of services provided for fire/rescue accident response. This money would be placed into a dedicated reserve account and utilized only after approval by the Board of Selectmen to purchase such necessary equipment as the Jaws of Life and related power pack unit. The Board of Selectmen authorized approval of this Capital Reserve Account for auto crash revenues with the stipulation that information regarding account balances be available at town meeting and be annually audited. The town manager explained that this reserve account would be managed in a consistent way with all other similar town accounts and therefore would be subject to audit automatically. The Board of Selectmen approved this request unanimously.

8. Town Manager Report and Communication.

a) Request a meeting with Cumberland County.

The town manager announced that the County Commissioners would like to meet with Raymond in a regional format along with the towns of Casco and Naples. The Board of Selectmen authorized the town manager to contact Cumberland County and set up this meeting.

b) Cardboard Recycling area update.

The town manager informed the Board of Selectmen that there would be a recycling committee meeting to address potential remedies to the current unsightly container conditions on Thursday, August 11 at 8:30 am. It is expected that the Recycling Committee will report back to the Selectmen with a potential plan of action at a future Board of Selectmen meeting.

c) Assistant Code Enforcement Officer. The town manager announced that Joshua Stevens had been hired as the town's new part-time Assistant CEO. Mr. Stevens is a current part-time employee of the Fire Department with responsibility for fire inspections. By consolidating these two positions benefits will be realized by both the Code Enforcement Office and the Fire Department as well as improving internal coordination and streamlining the inspection process for businesses and individuals.

9. Fiscal Warrants.

Approved fiscal Payroll and Appropriation warrants dated June 30, 2005, July 26, 2006 August 2, 2005 and August 9, 2005.

Tuesday, August 16, 2005

1. Fire Chief Denis Morse presented a departmental overview of the Fire, Rescue, and Dispatch Departments and introduced Deputy Fire Chief Bruce Tupper, Rescue Chief Cathy Gosselin, and Fire Inspector Josh Stevens. Chief Morse provided a historic overview of the department since assuming his position as chief in 1998. Since that time significant progress has been made in reducing the response time of the department from 18 minutes a few years ago to approximately 8 minutes today. The chief also discussed his ongoing efforts to improve billing and collections functions to increase departmental revenues. At the time of his appointment rescue collections averaged approximately \$34,000 annually for the previous five year period. Since changes were implemented, the town now averages between \$115,000 and \$120,000 per year. An ongoing problem for the Fire Department is finding an adequate number of interested volunteers. Raymond citizens wishing to help improve local

public safety and minimize future potential property tax increases to support essential life safety services are encouraged to contact the department to explore volunteer opportunities. An overview of the capital improvement program was provided outlining recent apparatus acquisition and equipment purchases. Emphasis is always upon obtaining the best value for the community by purchasing demonstrator unit vehicles and/or surplus equipment where practicable. Rescue Chief Gosselin outlined emergency medical response service issues including making recommendation that the town dispose of its oldest ambulance rather than keep it as a backup due to the substantial expense in keeping it maintained and stocked with required medications and supplies. It costs approximately \$8,000 just for medical materials to equip a reserve ambulance. Given its poor repair history in recent years and this substantial cost she recommended that it would make more sense to depend on the existing ambulances utilizing a loaner vehicle for Rescue One which is currently under warranty and mutual aid assistance when necessary. Deputy Chief Tupper discussed daytime manpower challenges which are related to the ongoing struggle to attract and retain interested and well trained volunteers. He did note that the core group of volunteers which Raymond has is both enthusiastic and actively pursuing additional training as it becomes available. Fire Inspector Josh Stevens discussed current ordinances requiring sprinkler systems in subdivision houses because of the smaller lots now allowed which presents a potential for fire to spread from house to house. He noted that each house inspection report takes approximately two hours with over 100 buildings in Raymond needing inspection every two years. All commercial buildings over 1,000 square feet are required to have both a fire alarm and a Knox (key) Box. There are 28 structures in this category in Raymond. He will be presenting some ordinance changes in the near future which are necessary given the increase in square footage of new homes in Raymond. According to the Code Enforcement Office the average new Raymond home is now 4,200 square feet and structures of this size should be sprinkled. Mr. Stevens explained the Fire Department's "Through The Smoke" program which utilizes an educational trailer that provides a mock home setting for school children to experience fire and smoke conditions and learn how to find a means of egress. This trailer which was obtained with grant funds is utilized by Raymond schools, daycare centers, children's summer camps, as well as residents of senior citizen living centers. Fire Chief Morse concluded the general presentation with thanks to the members of the Fire Department for their hard work and dedication and wished to highlight to Raymond residents how integral volunteerism is to the town's public safety services.

2. Consideration of traffic ordinance amendments Mill Street and Mill Street bridge.

Public Works Director Nathan White provided an update on the removal of the trees in the area of the rope swing on Mill Street. Contractor Lucas Tree Service will be removing these trees sometime during the week of August 15th. Public Works Director White had also been in contact with the Maine Department of Transportation and received authorization to erect signage prohibiting trespassing on the upriver side of the bridge consistent with existing signage installed by the State of Maine Inland Fisheries Department some years ago. Other potential safety remedies were discussed including installing fencing on the upriver side of the bridge similar to the existing fencing on the downriver side. Making an amendment to the town's traffic ordinance to prohibit on street parking in the area from Main Street to Kings Grant was another improvement option considered. State Representative John Robinson attended the meeting and expressed his willingness to help facilitate any remaining state involvement necessary to improve public safety in the area of the bridge. A motion was made to enact an emergency amendment to the town's traffic ordinance to prohibit parking on Mill Street from the junction of Main Street to Kings Grant. An exception to this ordinance language was made for cemetery related activities including funerals. The change will go into effect immediately and later be considered by the annual town meeting for possible permanent enactment.

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3. State Surplus Purchases.

Public Works Director White informed the Board of Selectmen that the town had purchased a 2001 F250 pickup truck from Maine State Surplus and made a request to utilize CIP funds as opposed to operational funds to support this purchase. The Public Works Department plans to put out to bid the 1995 ¾ Ton 4 wheel drive GMC pickup purchased 3 years ago from the State Surplus as well as dispose of the 1990 Chevrolet rack truck that is still in good condition and will be transferred to the School Department under the One Raymond Program. By keeping this vehicle which now has limited use by the Public Works Department within the school fleet it will be available for school, and town related work as necessary. The Board of Selectmen approved taking \$10,000 from CIP to purchase the 2001 Ford F250 and to sell the 1995 GMC with the resulting revenues going back into the Public Works CIP Equipment Reserve.

4. Town Manager Report and Communications.

a. Route 302 Waterline Project Grant.

The town manager noted that on August 12, 2005 the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development certified that Raymond manufacturer Embedtec had reached its goal of creating 40 new jobs as required under the 2001 Community Block Grant Program that enabled the town to receive a \$400,000 grant to help pay for the Portland Water District waterline extension from Windham to Raymond. On a related note sufficient new personal property and property tax revenues have been generated by Embedtec to support the repayment of the town's Phase 1 share of the bonds necessary to complete this construction project.

b. Cumberland County Commissioners.

The town manager read a letter that indicated the Cumberland County Commissioners were keeping the Sheriff's Department substation in Naples but they would like to continue discussions with the Town of Raymond about possible county usage of the Public Safety Building.

5. Approved fiscal warrants – payroll and appropriation warrants dated August 16, 2005.

Curb Spending Before Broadening The Burden

By State Representative John C Robinson

In recent days I have read several articles in local papers in reference to a special legislative session proposed for this fall. The intent of this session is to further debate on the topic of broadening the tax base. As a first term legislator this is of grave concern to me, especially with the propensity of the majority party in the Maine Legislature to increase spending above and beyond current tax collections. Simply put, Maine has made it old habit to spend more than it takes in, then to pass the bill on to the public in the form of new taxes. Without ironclad Constitutional imposed growth limits on government spending, what guarantees does the public have that the new taxes created by broadening the base simply won't be used to fund the current cost of ballooning programs? Or even potentially used to fund new programs rather than provide tax relief? We need to look no further than the very first bill of the Legislative Session: LD#1 Titled "An Act To Increase the State Share of Education Costs, Reduce Property Taxes and Reduce Government Spending at All Levels". This was passed and signed into law in January with the promise to curb spending at all levels of Government. No sooner than June, the Legislature by a slim majority voted to pass \$100 Million in new taxes to cover the budget gaps. Rather than looking elsewhere in State Government for the funds, the same slim majority in the legislature passed new taxes to cover the expanding cost of the State's programs. The fact of the matter is that the only meaningful tax relief will come in the form of spending reductions, not in expanding the tax code. Maine currently ranks first in terms of Overall Tax Burden, and Maine people have been clamoring for tax relief. It is time the State show the same fiscal shrewdness that it is forcing on the people. Rather than expansive rewriting of the tax code that "broadens the tax base," might it be time to shrink Government not broaden its taxation powers? Yes, there are aspects of the tax code that need to change, but without spending limits it simply

The Raymond Elementary School Invites You To The Maine Mall, South Portland, Maine

Filene's Charity Benefit Shopping Day

Tuesday, September 26, 2005 From 10:00 AM To 9:30 PM

Filene's is helping local charities raise needed funds at a one-time-only Charity Benefit Shopping Day at the Maine Mall on Tuesday, September 27. The Raymond Elementary School will participate in this event to raise the needed funds to send the fourth grade back to the Maine Conservation Camp in Bryant Pond this fall. All proceeds from a \$5.00 admission ticket will go to support the camping trip. The more tickets sold, the more funds raised for RES. Everyone who buys a ticket will receive a 25% All Day Shopping Pass and have a chance to win a \$1,000 Filene's Shopping Spree. Ticket Order Blanks will be sent home with students and are also available in the RES school office. The fourth grade students and teachers thank you for supporting this fundraising effort. Last year's trip to the Maine Conservation Camp was an outstanding experience and this year's trip should be even more exciting for the students.

isn't fiscally responsible to expand the tax base without guaranteeing limits on spending. Maine doesn't need to expand the tax base nearly as much as it needs to tighten the reigns of runaway spending. With the highest tax burden of any State it stands to reason that without spending curbs and fiscal responsibility, our tax rates will continue to rise. Quite often it seems that the groups that are advocating broadening the base ignore the work required to bring our revenues and expenditures into parity. I would advocate commitments for spending discipline rather than broadening the tax base. Without spending reductions, broadening the tax base simply means broadening the burden. This burden is getting heavier and heavier with every passing Legislative session.

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The School's Mathematics Vision To Become A Reality

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Superintendent of Schools

After three years of studying our student achievement data in math, examining and reflecting upon research from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, working with the Maine Math and Science Alliance and teachers from neighboring school systems and piloting standards based math programs K-8, all students will return to classrooms this fall where high-quality engaging mathematics instruction is the norm. Next week, prior to the return of students, mathematics teachers will continue to grow as professionals with three days of professional development opportunities in Everyday Math and MATH Thematics.

Everyday Math will be implemented K-6 and MATH Thematics, the partner program, will be implemented in grades 7-8. This standards based approach to teaching and learning will provide all K-8 students with a high-quality math education and the support necessary to ensure success in these programs. Students will be offered multiple opportunities to learn important concepts and procedures with a deeper level of understanding.

In September, teachers and students K-8 will return to classrooms and have the adequate resources to support their work. A K-8 student schedule has been created that will provide equitable time for literacy and numeracy. A K-8 Math Lead Teacher will be hired to work with teachers and parents to provide support for the new math curriculum, the integration of technology, instructional strategies and assessments. Materials await teachers and students that have been supported through a two year budgeting process. Early release and staff development days have been built into the school calendar to provide ongoing math support to staff. Family math nights are being planned.

On behalf of the Leadership Team and staff we would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you who supported this initiative throughout the budget process. We look forward to future Road Runner Articles that will showcase this mathematical journey. Thank you for the role that you played in making this vision become a reality for our K-8 learners.

Innisbrook - Coming Fall Of 2005 To RES

Innisbrook Wraps presents their best line up ever this fall at the Raymond Elementary School. The fall's Innisbrook sale will run through October 3. Just wait until you see the great gift wrap designs (poodles, flip flops, holiday handbags, XMAS frogs and extreme sports to name a few).

Award Winning Designs

Gift Wrap Paper Produced in Maine

Great Kids Products

Gourmet Food and Chocolate

You can also order on the web 365 days of the year at www.innisbrook.com. The Raymond Schools' customer number is 104999. Families and out of town friends can order and reorder over 150 Innisbrook products on-line all year long! This is a great way to buy gifts and to support our school. Products will be delivered right to your door, and your child's school will receive the 50% profit.

Tax Relief Form Help

On Saturday morning, September 10, 2005 Representative John Robinson will be helping anyone who needs assistance filling out their 2005 tax year State Tax Relief form. And on Saturday, November 12, 2005 Joe Bruno will help fill applications out. They will be in the Town Office from 8:30 am to noon. No appointment will be needed. If you don't have a copy of your 2004-2005 tax bill (last year's), the Town Office will be able to give you a copy. You will also have to know what your annual income was for last year. Refunds are available up to \$2,000 per household.

Tax and Rent Refund Program qualifications: You do not have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2004 household income was \$74,500 or less; or you have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2004 household income was \$99,500 or less.

AND

Your 2004 property tax was more than 4% of your 2004 household income; or, the rent you paid in 2004 has more than 20% of your 2004 household income.

NOTE: Low-income Seniors do not need to meet these requirements.

RES Music Notes

Over the last couple of years, several parents have indicated interest in having more information about our "Composer of the Month" from music class, so that they may listen to the composer's music at home, or look up information about that composer on the internet. Every month the composer's name will be printed in the Roadrunner, along with other information about the happenings in music class. September's "Composer of the Month" is Johann Strauss, the "Waltz King."

Chorus will be starting up at the beginning of the school year for all interested 3rd and 4th graders. The concert is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 8th. Chorus rehearsals take place during the school day, and students may try it out for a couple of weeks to decide whether or not they want to join.

Have a great start to the school year everybody!

Patti Gordan - RES music teacher

Music Ed. tip for toddlers and preschoolers - Contrary to what you might think, children learn to keep a steady beat more successfully if you have them move to recordings that do not contain a drum beat.

Panther Pond Association

Notes

By Ben Severn, PPA President

PPA

- Celebrates Panther Pond Conservation Project's First Year
- Is Justly Proud of Its First Boat Buffer Tour
- Begins a Tradition With Its First Annual Picnic
- Appoints Two Interim Officers
 - Bids Adieu to Ira McLain
 - Welcomes Phil Boissonneault
- Reminds everyone to be ever vigilant

PPA Accomplishments:

At the Annual August Meeting held at the Raymond Public Safety Building on August 2nd, the assembled group took pride in the fact that in less than three years since its founding, PPA has taken actions that have led to: (1) the completion of the Panther Pond Watershed Survey; (2) the application for a federal grant to support fixing the runoff problems cited in the Survey; (3) the receipt of an \$83,770 federal 319 grant, formally titled, the "Panther Pond Conservation Project - Phase 1" and; (4) most importantly; the application of grant funds to fix several runoff sites, with other sites ready for fixing in the mid-August to October period. Finally, we were reminded that even before the Survey was finalized, the Town and State responded to the Survey findings by fixing a severe runoff problem at the Tenny River.

In previous Notes we have acknowledged the key contributions during the early stages of the watershed survey that were made by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD), and especially the Raymond Waterways Protective Association (RWPA). While these three organizations have continued their support, from the moment we began contemplating the 319 grant, one person has been at the helm guiding us. That person is Noralee Raymond. Many of you will recognize Noralee as the Executive Director of RWPA. From the grant writing stage onward we have been most fortunate to have had Noralee as the Project Manager of the Conservation Project guiding the PPA Conservation Project Steering Committee and overseeing the design and implementation of the individual remediation projects. Her knowledge, enthusiasm, commitment, and boundless energy are evident every day. We thank her for her leadership.

Maple Avenue Right of Way (ROW) Quintessential Success Story

The August Road Runner issue and the annual RWPA Newsletter carry articles and pictures on the successful ROW runoff remediation effort at Maple Avenue—one of the first remediation activities under the project. For years the neighborhood had worried about the runoff, but couldn't pull together the resources and know how to solve the problem. When the Maple Avenue community learned of the PPA Conservation Project, they called on Noralee. With her guidance and the coordinating effort of a group of Maple Avenue neighbors, the dream became a reality. It is a marvelous example of how the Town, through its Public Works Department, a project team, and the neighbors can work together to solve runoff problems. If you haven't seen them, re-read the articles and then drive by Fire Lane 56 or Maple Avenue to see first hand what was accomplished by a group of key people working together.

The First Annual Boat Buffer Tour—A Resounding Success

The 319 grant incorporates boat tours to show off what has been accomplished by the project and, via views of properties around the pond, to provide an opportunity to educate a captive audience about the value of buffers through a running commentary. The purpose is not to criticize practices but to demonstrate the choices available to us.

If we can judge success by the number of people who came on board as well as by their reactions, the tour was a resounding success. On August 6th at about 3pm, 2 rather large pontoon boats, with about 30 on board, began an almost two hour trip around parts of the pond. Noralee on one and Don Kale of DEP on the other provided commentary. The highlight of the tour occurred when we docked and went ashore to tour two of the completed sites. As one participant noted, a picture may be worth a thousand words, but nothing beats actually being at a site to see it up close, to touch it, to feel it, and to hear from those who

were involved in its improvement. For this participant, the site visit gave him the confidence that his own buffer ideas could indeed be turned into reality with a little bit of help from neighbors and the Panther Pond Conservation Project.

Next year we will have more sites to visit and may consider at least two boat buffer tours!

To Chase Rand and Duncan Reed, who piloted two very spacious pontoon boats, a warm and boisterous "Thank You!" from all of us.

First Annual Picnic—a Chomping Success

For several years now, we have talked about having a PPA picnic to draw people together and to celebrate. The question has been when and where. This year, VP Brian Walker and his wife Leigh stepped up and invited one and all to their home after the Boat Tour. While some who made the boat tour couldn't make the picnic, the reverse was also true, so we had a good sized group. The picnic gave people a chance to mingle and get to know one another for the first time. A tradition was born.

Interim Director Changes

Unfortunately for PPA, increased business demands have kept our long standing treasurer, Ira McLain, away from Maine for longer periods than he would like. As a result, he has decided to relinquish his duties as treasurer, with the promise that he will continue to be an active PPAer when he is on the pond.

At the time we realized that Ira would likely be stepping down, we learned that we had on Panther Pond an employee of the Portland Water District with many years of experience working with environmental issues related to the great ponds of Maine. These facts, combined with Ginger Wallace's desire to step down from the Environmental Officer position, gave the BOD, in accordance with the By Laws, the opportunity to appoint on an interim basis Ginger Wallace as Treasurer and Phillippe Boissonneault as the Environmental Officer.

We got to know about Phil when we were creating the Panther Pond Conservation Project Steering Committee. Noralee Raymond recommended Phil because his wealth of experience and many years of work on great pond issues would enhance our credibility with those associated with such issues, and because, as a Portland Water District employee, we might find it easier to call on PWD's cooperation and help in the future.

After working with Phil on the Steering Committee and on the Maple Avenue project (he is a Maple Avenue neighbor), it became obvious that he would be a great asset to PPA. When asked if he would like to serve on the Board of Directors as the Environmental Officer, he did not hesitate to accept, except to say that we probably should change the name of the position. Since the Board had been contemplating such a change for awhile now, we said fine. We will keep you all posted.

To Ira: Thanks for a job well done and for your constant optimistic outlook. Don't think we will let you go out to pasture while you are on The Pond.

To Phil: Welcome aboard. We look forward to your guidance.

To Ginger: Thanks for being the consummate team player and agreeing to be the Keeper of the Till.

Vigilance: The Two Challenges—Runoff and Milfoil

It is worthwhile to repeat part of last year's message in the October Road Runner:

"The immediate challenge is to assure that as many as possible of the sites with significant runoff problems are improved over the next two years and that all the funds provided by the grant are used effectively. We have worked hard to identify the runoff problems and to obtain funds to fix them. We now must rise to the challenge to provide volunteer assistance to those landowners who are receptive to the suggested fixes.

"At the same time we must not forget that we have an invasive plant problem right nearby in the Songo River, Little Sebago, and Sebago Lake—Bay View Estates, Jordan Bay, and below the dam in Panther Run, to identify three specific spots on the lake.



In closing the Notes for August 2005, with all the positive actions that have occurred over the past year, there is every reason to believe that with continued vigilance and effort, we can manage our ponds and lakes in a manner that will not only prevent falling water quality but will improve it and will keep invasive plants under control.

For the PPA Board of Directors, I hope this has been an enjoyable summer.

Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber Of Commerce Lakes Brew Fest Draws Near

The Casco Days Fair Ground will again host the Lakes Brew Fest. September 17, 2005 from 11am to 6pm. This event is meant in some part to draw visitors to the Lakes Region to show all the beauty we enjoy daily. Our hope is visitors will plan to shop and even stay in local businesses. Last year's event drew well over 400 participants and this year's brew fest is planning on 1,000. 1,000 is an important number as only the first 1,000 attendees will receive THE event souvenir glass. To ensure you can get that glass, contact The Good Life Market in Raymond (655-1196) for tickets or the Chamber at 647-3472. Tickets are \$18 pre-event and \$22 at the door. Your ticket (wrist band) gets the glass (1st 1,000), 10 sample tickets and access to the entire event. Non drinkers can pay \$5.00 to enjoy the musical performances, artisan show or great food. This year's Brew Fest T-shirt is only \$5.00 and limited to the first 100. Raymond's own The Good Life Market will also be on hand to showcase their new line of homebrew materials. Please visit their booth! Visit the brew fest website at www.lakesbrewfest.com or call the Chamber at 647-3472 with questions.

Brew Fest Sponsors

Platinum: Lake Region Suburban Weekly

Gold: Summit Spring Water - IDEALEASE

Silver: 207Realty.com - Downeast Mortgage - Hancock Lumber - Angel's Flight - Digital Horizon Web Solutions - FairPoint New England

Participating at the Brew Fest: Sebago Brewing Company - Blacksmiths Winery - Brays Brew Pub - Spar-Hawk Brewers - Casco Bay Brewing Company - Geary Brewing - Shipyard Brewing Company - Rocky Bay Brewing - Belfast Brewing Company - Atlantic Brewing - Andrew's Brewing Co. - Gritty's - Allagash Brewing Company

Food Vendors Participating: Black Horse Tavern - Bray's Brew Pub - Bridgton Lion's Club - Delicious Licks at the Lakes (featuring Bobby-Sue's Homemade Ice Cream) (Note that we are currently negotiating with New Hampshire Kettle Korn to come as well. They are difficult to schedule but likely will be at the Musers Bowl Winter Carnival.)

Program Vendors will include: Maine State Lottery, <http://www.mainelottery.com> - The Good Life Market featuring Homebrew materials - Angel's Flight

Music program, in order: Denny Breau (around noon), www.dennybreau.com - Anni Clark, <http://anniclark.com> - Dave Rowe Trio, www.cheshiremoonstudios.com/dav-erowe/trio.html

For more information:

www.mainelakeschamber.com

www.lakesbrewfest.com

www.musersbowl.com

Circuit Breaker - Property Tax Relief

By Senator Bill Diamond

An expanded property tax relief program designed to help high taxed middle income families.

During the most recent legislative session the legislature passed a law that broadened an existing property tax relief program known as the Circuit Breaker Program. Also known as the Maine Tax and Rent Refund Program, the new law expanded the program from \$1000 in property tax rebates to a maximum of \$2000 in rebates for homeowners and renters who apply to the program and meet the required conditions.

Individual Homeowners

An individual homeowner whose 2004 income was \$74,500 or less is eligible for the program if their 2004 property taxes exceeded four percent of their income.

Married Homeowners

A married couple or homeowner with dependents is eligible for the program if their combined income for 2004 was \$99,500 or less and if their 2004 property taxes exceeded four percent of their income.

Renters

Those paying more than 20% of their 2004 income in rent could also see money back from the state under the program.

Their are several criteria which must be met which will then determine exactly how much the rebate will actually be for every qualifying property tax payer. Income requirements are based on Maine Adjusted Gross Income plus the addition of a number of items that are untaxed by the state. Please refer to the Maine Revenue Services Guidance Document on Household Income. Additional information and requirements about the program can be found by going to the Maine Tax Refund Program Web site.

The Maine Revenue Services estimates that over 200,000 taxpayers are eligible for the program compared to just over 100,000 taxpayers last year.

If you qualified last year then you will probably qualify under this year's program and the additional good news is that for many who didn't qualify last year, they could be eligible to get a rebate check this year. Be sure to check this out to see if you are eligible for a refund, it's definitely worth your time.

Applications for this program should be available at a variety of municipal locations as well as on line. If you have difficulty getting an application please feel free to contact me at 892-8941.

Have a safe September.

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.
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 \$2.00 to the school! Laser cartridges are worth from \$1.00 to \$12.00 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. The Innisbrook fundraiser at the Raymond Elementary School has always been very successful and will continue at RES again this year. QSP will be the major fundraiser this fall 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 scheduled at RES. There are always quality children's books at very good prices. Look for announcements in future Road Runners.

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, or would like to assist with these efforts, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Deb Cutten, PTA President (pta@raymondmaine.org)

Employees Wanted

The Raymond Extended Day program is currently looking for qualified candidates to fill positions for its Before and After School Program. Good candidates should have experience working with children or a desire to learn. We offer a competitive starting pay.

Please contact Kristi Curtis at 655-3203 or 650-4470 if you are interested.

Animal Control Report July-August

July 19	Legal Information
July 21	Dog dead on arrival cancelled
July 21	Horses at large
July 21	Dog bite
July 21	PV trap with cat
July 21	Animal Refuge League with cat
July 22	Information on cats
July 22	Contract Friends of Felines
July 22	Dog at large broke chain, caught & returned
July 23	Barking dog
July 23	Strange dog in yard
July 23	Information on skunks
July 23	Barking dog - again
July 24	Dog not controlled
July 24	Barking dogs verbal warning
July 24	Stray cat
July 25	Animal Refuge League with cat
July 26	Information on cat
July 26	Dog on beach removed
July 27	Cat has returned
July 27	Dog in yard gone on arrival
July 28	Two dogs on beach sent to dog area
July 31	Barking dog chain tangled
August 1	Injured duck
August 2	Horses at large
August 3	Information only
August 4	Expired cat to burial site
August 4	Dogs in yard
August 4	Sick cat took to emergency clinic
August 4	Information on trapping cats
August 5	Set cat trap
August 7	Barking dog gone on arrival
August 10	Dead crow
August 15	Barking dogs
August 16	Barking dog revisit from 8/15
August 16	Barking dogs verbal warning
August 17	Barking dog verbal warning
August 17	Kennel inspection routine visit

Please remember that when you are away from home and your dog(s) are tied or penned outside, their barking may disturb your neighbors. Be aware of your dog's comfort level and don't leave it/them in a situation where they must bark in frustration or discomfort.

Don Alexander, Animal Control Officer

Hebron Academy Honor Roll

The following Raymond students were named to the Honor Roll at Hebron Academy for the spring term of 2005:

High Honors: Katrina Draper '05, Heather Dyer '05, Cameron Lao-Gosney '07, Roman Lao-Gosney '07, Kainani Stevens '07, Josh Taylor '06. Honors: Kevin Crockett '06, Lura Desorbo '05, Taylor Fey '07, Stephen Wisutskie '07, Tim Woodbrey '05.

Hebron Academy, founded in 1804, is an independent, co-educational boarding and day school serving grades six through postgraduate. The Academy's mission is to inspire and guide students to reach their highest potential

in mind, body, and spirit. Two hundred-fifty students from throughout Maine, New England, the United States, and the world attend the school. For more information, please visit www.hebronacademy.org or call (207) 966-2100.

Board Buzz

Raymond School Board News

The Raymond School Board regularly holds business sessions on the first Wednesday of each month and workshop sessions on the third Wednesday of each month at the Raymond Elementary School at 7 pm. All meetings are open to the public.

In August, the Board completed committee assignments. The Finance Committee, which reviews the warrants, will include Roger Ginn and Lisa Friedlander. Deborah Adams and Lisa Friedlander will continue Policy Committee work, which will focus on the Learning Results Policies this fall. Frank Dexter will be joined by Teresa Sadak on the Negotiations Committee. Roger Ginn and Teresa Sadak will work with the Facilities Committee. The Board will continue to participate in the One Raymond Committee with representation by Teresa Sadak and Frank Dexter.

The Board would like to congratulate Ms. Ann Bottoms on her selection as a finalist in the Maine's Teacher of the Year program. Profiles of all of the finalists, including Ms. Bottoms, can be found on the MPBN web site under 'education' (<http://www.mpbn.net/teach/index.html>).

The S.E.A.R.C.H. grant has been renewed for a second year of funding for after school programs. A \$500 grant from Exxon Mobil will support efforts to revitalize the Jordan-Small library. Grant funds will also be utilized to support a lead literacy position and a new lead math position as well as two additional education technicians who will work to strengthen literacy and math education. Security cameras will be installed at both buildings as part of a Homeland Security grant.

The technology staff has completed advanced PowerSchool training and is continuing to work toward full implementation of the system, which will include parental internet components. The Special Services department is developing an initiative to maintain the high level of support services provided to identified students while improving efficiency. The custodial staff is completing work to improve safety in both buildings in preparation for the return of students.

The next regular meeting is Wednesday, September 7th, at 7pm at Raymond Elementary School. Approved meeting minutes and agendas are available on the Raymond website.

Making Intelligent Pricing Decisions

By Mary Jane Vandersluis and Cathy Dodge

Pricing your home is one of the most important decisions you must make when selling your property. Some sellers want to price their home based on the return they would like to see on their initial investment, while others will base the price on what they need to buy their new home. Location, condition, and accessibility are the three other variables that will affect the price of a property. It is crucial to price your home correctly from the beginning because it will not sell if it is overpriced. Don't make the mistake of thinking that you can reduce the price later because you may lose many potential buyers. The motivation of the seller is another very important factor. The higher the seller's motivation, the lower the price, and low motivation will mean a higher price. The state of your local real estate market is one of the strongest determining factors when pricing your home. A real estate professional will be able to guide you through the pricing pitfalls with a written market analysis that includes the selling prices for similar homes in your area.

Substitute Teachers

Applications are now being taken for Substitute Teachers at the Raymond Elementary School and the Jordan-Small Middle School.

Qualifications:

- 2 years of college (minimum)
- Desire to work in a caring school environment
- Love of children and learning
- State of Maine fingerprinting required.
- Applications are available in the school offices.

Friends Schoolhouse Opened For Casco Days

By Anne Miller

The Raymond-Casco Historical Society opened their One-Room Schoolhouse in Casco Village Saturday during Casco Days. Over forty people visited Casco's historic building, known as the Friends Schoolhouse. Local children dressed in period costume learned how children a hundred years ago would have spent a typical school day in a one-room schoolhouse. In those days students from first grade through eighth would have stayed in the same room with one teacher. They had a solid background in the three "Rs" using their slate and chalk.

Among the special visitors to our school was Mrs. Olive Burgess who will celebrate her one hundredth birthday this month. Mrs. Burgess taught school in Casco from 1928 to 1953. Many of her former students stopped by to say hello. She said that all her children were good. She also cooked their lunch on the wood stove: hot soups and chowders in the cold winter months.

Another welcome visitor was eighty-year-old Mrs. Nat Hanscomb Lombard who told the children about the chores she had to do in the morning before she could leave for school. She told us that she took her eighth grade exam in the schoolhouse when it was originally located on Quaker Ridge before it was moved to Casco Village for preservation.

Many members of the Tenney family, who actually attended the Quaker Ridge Schoolhouse, also visited. Mr. Frank Tenney told about his having to fill the water bucket from the well at a nearby farmhouse every morning and how all the children would use the same dipper to get a drink. He also had to fill the wood box and tend the wood stove.

It was a very enjoyable day and we all learned a lot from our visitors. We ended by playing games outside, games that were played over a hundred years ago.

The Raymond-Casco Historical Society hopes this fun day at the Friends Schoolhouse will become an annual event.

Hazardous Waste Day A Success

On Saturday, August 6th 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.

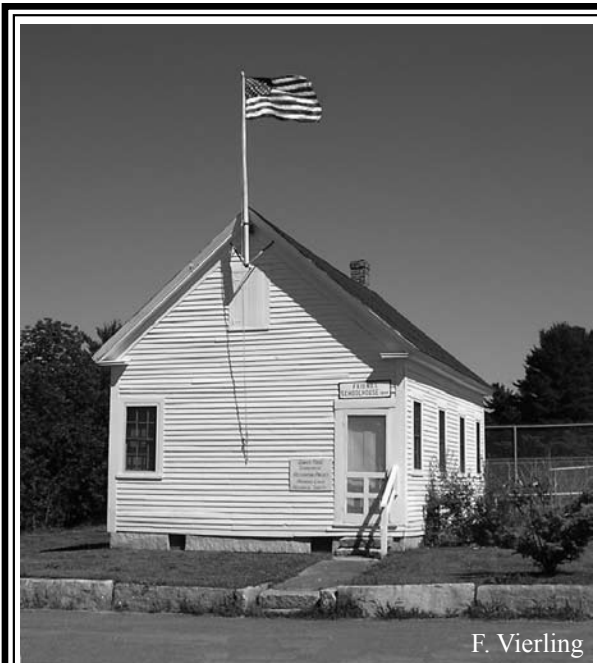
Thanks go to Raymond's Recycling Committee chair Phil Hammett and Dick Morris, who oversaw the event. Items brought to the site were fluorescent light bulbs, aerosol cans, non-processable paints in cans, oil based paints in cans, solvents, pesticides, ni-cad batteries for reclamation, acid/acid compatible 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.

Absentee Voting Available

Beginning on September 21st, the Town Clerk's Office will be accepting absentee voting. If you find that you will not be in Raymond on November 8th for the Referendum 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 Election Day. 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 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.

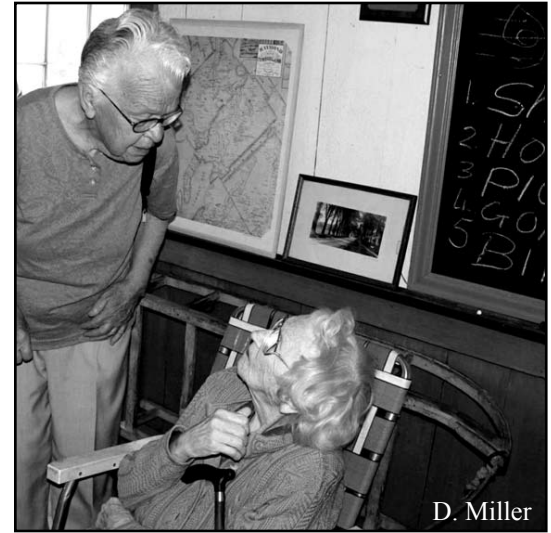


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Society of Friends Schoolhouse

The 1849 Society of Friends one-room schoolhouse was originally located on Quaker Ridge Road, Casco. It was in use until 1945. Hacker Hall and Leona Hall Edwards donated the building to the Raymond-Casco Historical Society in 1971. It was moved to Casco Village and now occupies a small plot behind the Casco Public Library. In 1996 it was entered on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Society opened the schoolhouse to the public on Saturday, July 30 during Casco Days.



D. Miller

Anne Miller, Teacher For A Day



F. Vierling

Mrs. Nat Hanscomb Lombard



F. Vierling

Mrs. Holly Ihloff explained the importance of the farm animals in providing materials used in making clothing in the 1800s.



F. Vierling

Mrs. Carolyn Edwards (standing) speaking to her former teacher, Mrs. Olive Burgess



D. Miller

Students and teachers at the Casco Days opening of the historic Friends Schoolhouse. Front row: L to R: Theo Dean, Sarah Vincent

Back row: L to R: Mrs. Anne Miller, Ansel Critchfield, Quincy Dean, Maya Critchfield, Heather Hayden, Heidi Hayden and Mrs. Holly Ihloff.

The Raymond-Casco Historical Society is always looking for new members. The Society meets every third Monday of the month in 2005 at the Casco Public Library (in 2006 at the Raymond Village Library). For more information go to our website at www.raymondmaine.org/historical_society/introduction.htm

Help preserve our heritage by joining the Society.

Membership Dues: Family - \$15; Individual - \$10; Student - \$2; Corporations - \$25.

Make your check payable to: RCHS Treasurer, and mail to: RCHS, P.O. Box 1055, Raymond, ME 04071.

Summer S.E.A.R.C.H.

Raymond's 21st Century Learning Center

S.E.A.R.C.H. held its first summer program the month of July at Jordan-Small Middle School. Over 75 children grades kindergarten through eight were involved in a wide variety of programming. Teaching staff submitted referrals for students in May to participate in the program. The 21st Century Learning Grants are designed to provide after school and summer programming for students who are at-risk of not meeting the standards in math and language arts.

Throughout the school year S.E.A.R.C.H. funded a variety of programs like homework labs, Spanish Club, Sign Language and Library Listeners. In the summer we made every effort to really make learning fun and different from traditional summer school.

Programs were designed to incorporate math, reading and writing skills with other activities. For instance, we had a quilting class where each step of the quilt was a clue to a puzzle that was solved when the quilts were complete. The scrapbooking class included language arts and math skills.

One program called 'Moving Along' combined math, language arts and movement. These students learned how to score bowling and then were able to take a trip to the lanes at the Pineland YMCA. Other field trips included mini-golf, a behind the scenes tour of Hannaford, the Southworth Planetarium and Pine Point in Scarborough.

The Science Exploration class conducted a nature scavenger hunt behind Jordan-Small Middle School, went to Wolf's Neck Farm in Freeport and joined the Moving Along students at the planetarium.

The ELA program (English Language Arts) combined efforts with our digital photography students on a great field trip to the Longfellow Gardens and Portland Public Library. Students were able to write stories and poems related to their trip.

There were three art programs, Art Club for grades 2-4, 3-D Creations and Art Field Days for grades 4-8. Art Field Days was a four day program that included a day 'in the field' with a second day in the studio. The first trip was entitled 'in my neighborhood'. The students traveled to the Naples Causeway, Songo Locks, Sebago Lake State Park and Quaker Ridge. They took photographs with digital cameras and then spent the next day painting and sketching from their photos.

We also had an American Sign Language class, Healthy Cooking, Summer Math Success for 3rd and 4th graders and music lessons.

We are very proud of all the students who participated in the summer program: they did great work!

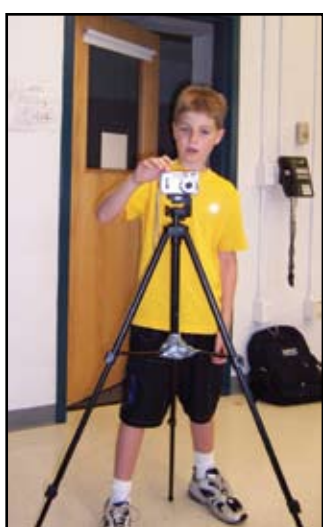
Please look for a mailing from S.E.A.R.C.H. to see our plans for the 2005-2006 school year!



Kelly Pike hard at work on her puzzle quilt



Shannon Pike puts the finishing touches on her 'Mystery Puzzle Quilt'



Erik Woodbrey sets up a shot in Digital Photography Class



Errica Gilpatrick and Maelah Nadeau enjoy the shade in Longfellow's Garden in Portland



Sibyl Cunningham at work in Art Camp



A fun math lesson, keeping score bowling with the Moving Along class are Andy Emery and Michael Bruno



Athena Bishop makes a tree rubbing in her Science Explorations class



Parker Gendron shows off a mask from 3-D Creations Art Camp

Bicentennial T-shirt Sighting



Raymond Bicentennial T-shirt at the Four Corners Marker, worn in four states at once by Sam Griswold, nephew of a Raymond resident.

Monument Placed At Bicentennial Tree

A granite monument was recently placed at the base of Raymond's bicentennial tree by the Bicentennial Committee in order to commemorate the significance of the tree. The inscription on the stone reads:

"THIS CATALPA TREE WAS DONATED TO THE TOWN OF RAYMOND BY FRANK AND BETTY MCDERMOTT ON THE TOWN'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY. IT IS A DESCENDANT OF A TREE GIVEN TO RAYMOND STUDENTS IN 1903 BY THEIR TEACHER, AMY STROUT SEGARS, IN THE YEAR OF RAYMOND'S CENTENNIAL."

The tree and monument are located at Raymond Elementary School on the corner of Webbs Mills Road and the school's driveway.



Fifth Grade Beginning Band

Parent and Student Registration Night

Wednesday, September 21, 2005 at 7:00 pm

JSMS Cafeteria