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## Reflections Program Winners Announced

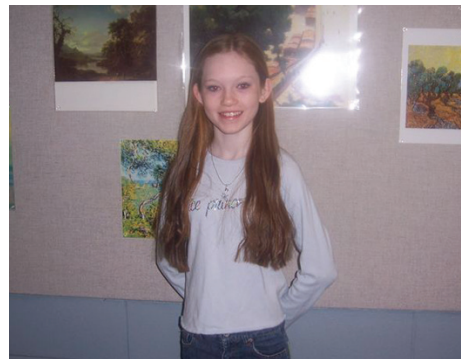
The theme for the 2005-2006 PTA Reflections Program was "I Wonder Why...". Over 35 students in Raymond participated in the program. Raymond Elementary School Reflections participants were honored and presented with certificates at the February 10th Opening Ceremony at RES.

Jordan-Small Middle School participants will be recognized at a school assembly in March.

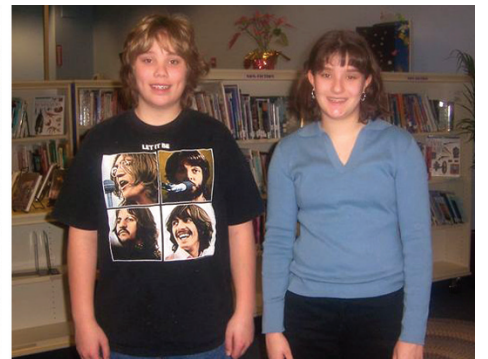
The winners were as follows: Literature 3-5 Kaitlyn Dostie, Literature 6-8 Georgia Noonan; Musical Composition K-2 Anna Laprise, Musical Composition 3-5 Jakayla Varounis, Musical Composition 6-8 Ian Dixon; Photography K-2 Lane Dearing, Photography 3-5 Jenny Walker, Photography 6-8 Cassie Gordan; Visual Arts K-2 Ryan Plummer and Visual Arts 3-5 Mary Odum. Winners were awarded a certificate, a \$3 Scholastic Book Fair coupon and a small gift. Their entries were forwarded on to the State Reflections Contest.

The local and State Reflections programs are part of the National PTA Reflections program. The Program provides opportunities for students to express themselves artistically and to receive positive recognition for their work. Students are encouraged to create and submit works of art in four areas: literature, musical composition, photography and the visual arts. Entries are judged on their artistic merit, creativity, and interpretation of the theme. Raymond has participated in the program for six years.

We would like to thank the following stu-



Georgia Noonan



Ian Dixon and Cassie Gordan

dents who participated and were willing to put a bit of themselves into their art: Emily Gagne, Emma Gresh, McKenzie Larson, Julia Rand, Hannah Chapman, Lexi Walker, Jacob Desjardins, Lindsey Hughes, Jordan Alloway, Brooke Beckerman, Jack Bisson, Zachary Callahan, Isabella Davis, Emma Doyon, Taylor Lamarre, Ilana Peet, Maia Tangen, Alexandra Wahlstrom, Madison Cutten, Sarah Doyon, Marybeth Noonan, and Rosalee Rainsford. Participants were awarded a certificate and a \$3 Scholastic Book Fair coupon.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers who worked hard to help the program happen, especially Gail

Casson who chaired the Program this year. Thanks to Coleen Laprise, Leigh Walker, Jesse Burton, Susan Irish, Patti Gordon, Deb Keef, Mary Ellen O'Donnell, Sandy Levy and Charlie Hewson.



Pictured from left to right are Kaitlyn Dostie, Lane Dearing, Ryan Plummer, Anna Laprise, Jenny Walker and Mary Odum.

## Local Summer Camp Gives Back To The Community!!!

Kingsley Pines Camp recently donated \$1,569 to the Raymond Rescue Association. The money was raised by the campers and staff this summer through sales of red band bracelets. One of Kingsley Pines's goals is to help campers learn how to be responsible members of the community. The campers felt by donating this money, they could give back to the community of Raymond, their summer home. Kingsley Pines is a traditional boys and girls camp on Panther Pond. It provides campers with safe surroundings, an enriching environment, and lasting friendships.

The Raymond Fire Department would like to thank Kingsley Pines campers and staff for their continued support. In the past the camp has invited the Fire Department to share in 4th of July activities and has also held thank you cook-outs for our members and family. It has been a pleasure to have this relationship with members of the community.



Pictured are Clair Broad, Ronny Keeler, Patrick Coughlan, Director Alan Kissack and Dick Morris, Kingsley Pines employee and member of the Raymond Fire Police.

### Tassel Top Park Head Ranger Search

The Tassel Top Board of Directors is seeking applicants for head ranger at Tassel Top Park during the summer of 2006. The position organizes, maintains, and runs the park from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

Duties include the management and maintenance of the park, overseeing and scheduling staff, as well as collecting and reporting all financial aspects of the park. This is a full time seasonal position with competitive pay.

Deadline for applications, which can be found on the town's website at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org), is April 4, 2006, at 4pm.

Please submit application materials to: Don Willard, Town Manager, Town of Raymond, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Maine 04071. For more information, please call Mr. Willard at 207-655-4742 ext. 31.

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### Road Runner Articles

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by Thursday, March 23. 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](mailto:roadrunner@raymondmaine.org) or drop them off at the Town Office or at one of the school offices.

### Road Runner Staff:

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Make sure to see the on-line archives at the Raymond, Maine, website: <http://www.raymondmaine.org>  
 Look under Calendars & News

To learn more about what's new in Raymond, visit our website at:

<http://www.raymondmaine.org>

On-line services now include:

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

*Did you know the Raymond Road Runner can be mailed to your winter home or to an out-of-town relative or friend? A subscription is \$8 per year. Contact: Louise Lester, Town Clerk, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071, 207-655-4742, x-21, [louise.lester@raymondmaine.org](mailto:louise.lester@raymondmaine.org)*



## Can You Make a Difference?

by Christina Lamarre

There are many kids we know personally who are good kids. But what about the "other" kids? Like the ones hanging out at the mall, or talking loudly and skateboarding? Do you ever feel awkward around adolescents based on their dress, behavior or attitude? Do you ever cross the street or avoid looking their way? Research shows that these kids want and need adult involvement. They need caring adults in their lives in order to grow into responsible citizens. Unfortunately, the research also shows this is lacking. The Raymond Mentoring Partnership is trying to address this need by matching children K through 8 with caring adults. We provide training, ongoing support, resources, and materials.

Aren't sure if you can make a difference? Please read this short excerpt from The Search Institute of someone we are all familiar with who was impacted by a mentor:

There was a young girl growing up amid poverty and prejudice in the south in the early 20th century. She and her brother had no true home. They were shuffled between her mother, father and grandmother. The positives in her life were her brother and her love of reading. Sadly, during her traumatic upbringing she retreated emotionally and would no longer speak. Mrs. Flowers, a kindly neighbor, invited the girl to tea. Knowing the girl loved to read, she loaned her books, including poetry, on the condition that the girl read aloud to her. The interest and care of Mrs. Flowers helped that little girl grow into a strong and successful woman - Maya Angelou.

If you can spare an hour a week during the school year to mentor a child, please contact Christina Lamarre or Candace Woolston at 655-8672 ext. 107 for more information. If you would like to talk with any of our current mentors, please let us know.

## Household Trash Pickup

By Louise Lester, Town Clerk (the trash lady)

As a reminder, Raymond provides curbside household trash pick and recycling. Pine Tree Waste is our contract trash hauler. If you wish to call them about an issue, their phone number is 888-857-0800. If you have any complaints, you can call them directly or call the Town Office at 655-4742 ext. 21. You can also e-mail me with complaints or suggestions at [louise.lester@raymondmaine.org](mailto:louise.lester@raymondmaine.org). Your day of pickup for the western and southern part of town is Tuesdays, and the northern and eastern part is Wednesdays. If you have a question about your day of pickup, please call the Town Office.

Each household is allowed two 32-gallon containers (each not more than 50 pounds) per week. You can recycle as much as you wish. A list of recycling items is available at the Town Office, as are the blue recycling bins for \$3 each. If you have more than the two 32-gallon containers for a week, there are stickers for sale at the Town Office for \$1 each. You may put out as many stickered bags as you wish. All trash and recycling must be curbside by 7am on the day of pickup.

I would also like to say that the household waste transfer station in Casco is not for our use. We are a part of the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility but not the Casco/Naples Transfer Station.

## From the Tax Collector's Office

The second half of this year's taxes will be due April 30th. If you didn't receive a bill or are paying after that date, please contact the tax collector at 655-4742. Any balance left unpaid on June 30th, 2006, in addition to any previous years' taxes, will be listed in the Town Report.

## Parents' Forum on Childhood Anxiety and Behavior Problems

Scheduled For March 21st

by Deb Cutten, President, Raymond PTA

The Raymond PTA is very fortunate to be able to offer a two-hour parents' forum with local clinical psychologists Lee Fitzgibbons, PhD, and Gordon Street, PhD, of Anxiety Solutions of Northern New England, PLLC, located on Webbs Mills Road here in Raymond. They will present two topics in the two-hour forum. The first hour will be "Taming the Worry Monster" and will address how to recognize anxiety and worry in your child and what you can do to help your child. The second presentation is "How to Act (Not React) with Your Acting-Out Child" and will present a positive discipline approach to childhood behavior problems. Drs. Fitzgibbons and Street will be available to answer questions both between and after the two presentations.

Drs. Fitzgibbons and Street are specialists in cognitive-behavioral therapies (CBTs) for anxiety disorders and childhood behavior problems. They both worked for several years at the Center for Treatment and Study of Anxiety at the University of Pennsylvania, where they helped research state-of-the-art psychotherapies for anxiety disorders such as obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and generalized social phobia. They moved here and opened Anxiety Solutions last fall.

The Forum will begin at 7pm in the Raymond Elementary School gymnasium on Tuesday, March 21st.

If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail me at [PTA@raymondmaine.org](mailto:PTA@raymondmaine.org)

## March 2006

### Events and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>FB=Fire Barn</b> <b>JS=Jordan-Small</b> <b>KC=Kokatosi Campgnd</b> <b>PS=Public Safety Bldg.</b> <b>RE=Raymond Elementary</b> <b>CL=Casco Library</b>	<b>SG=Sheri Gagnon</b> <b>TG=Town Garage RT85</b> <b>TH=Town Hall</b> <b>VL=Village Library</b> <b>VC=Village Church</b> <b>VT=Village Tennis</b> <b>MB=Modular at JSMS</b>		<b>1</b> <b>10:00AM VL</b> Library Toddlertime <b>10:45AM VL</b> Library Preschool Storytime <b>4:00PM-6:00PM PS</b> GPCOG - CDBG County Meeting <b>6:30PM RE</b> School Committee Meeting <b>6:30PM -7:30PM RE</b> Dr. Seuss Night			
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>6:30PM-8:00PM VC</b> BSA Troop 800 Meeting <b>7:00PM TH</b> Selectmen Meeting	<b>8</b> <b>10:00AM VL</b> Library Toddlertime <b>10:45AM VL</b> Library Preschool Storytime <b>6:30PM RE</b> Planning Board Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>7:00PM TH</b> Budget/Finance Committee - School Budget <b>7:00PM VL</b> Library Board	<b>14</b> <b>6:30PM-8:00PM VC</b> BSA Troop 800 Meeting <b>7:00PM TH</b> Selectmen Meeting	<b>15</b> <b>10:00AM VL</b> Library Toddlertime <b>10:45AM VL</b> Library Preschool Storytime <b>7:00PM TH</b> School Committee Meeting Workshop	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>10:00AM</b> Appeals Board Site Walk	<b>20</b> <b>7:00PM -9:00PM TH</b> Planning Board PUBLIC HEARING <b>7:00PM TH</b> Budget Committee recommend School and Municipal Budgets	<b>21</b> <b>6:30PM-8:00PM VC</b> BSA Troop 800 Meeting <b>7:00PM TH</b> Selectmen Meeting	<b>22</b> <b>10:00AM VL</b> Library Toddlertime <b>10:45AM VL</b> Library Preschool Storytime <b>7:00PM VL</b> Book Group	<b>23</b> <b>7:00PM TH</b> Cemetery Committee <b>ROADRUNNER DEADLINE FOR APRIL ISSUE</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>7:00PM TH</b> Appeals Board Meeting	<b>28</b> <b>6:30PM-8:00PM VC</b> BSA Troop 800 Meeting <b>7:00PM TH</b> Board of Assessment Review <b>7:00PM TBD</b> Conservation Commission	<b>29</b> <b>10:00AM VL</b> Library Toddlertime <b>10:45AM VL</b> Library Preschool Storytime <b>7:00PM VL</b> After the Peak - Talk	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

## Municipal News Brief:

by Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions:

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

1. Certificate of Appreciation – Annual Rabies Clinic – Jim Stephenson, DVM, Jordan Bay Animal Hospital. The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved awarding a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Jim Stephenson and Jordan Bay Animal Hospital in recognition of their annual support for the past nine years of the Town of Raymond rabies clinic.
2. Consideration of 2005 supplements and abatements – Amanda Simpson, Assessors' Agent. This was the fourth round of abatements and one supplement recommended by the Assessors' Agent subsequent to the town-wide revaluation. The total amount of abatements to date is \$20,038.11 with supplements of \$6,794.58.
3. Vision Appraisal Technology Revaluation - request to consider rejection or modification – Wayne R. Holmquist, 42 Meadow Road. Mr. Holmquist addressed the Board of Selectmen with a request to implement one of three suggestions: "a.) Throw out the entire work and start again; b.) Modify the methodology to accommodate using the current talent the town now employees as assessors and assessors' agent; c.) If the revaluation is kept as is, hire experience professional management of the system." After receiving testimony from Mr. Holmquist to support his suggestions, Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Mike Reynolds committed to insure that the Selectmen would look into the information presented and address these concerns at the earliest possible opportunity, which is expected to be the Selectmen meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2006, at 7pm at the Raymond Town Office.
4. Consideration of solid waste and recycling one-year contract extension - Pine Tree Waste. The Town Manager recommended that the Selectmen approve a negotiated one-year contract extension at a 15% increase to reflect the cost of fuel, a consumer price index adjustment and the continuing concern expressed by Pine Tree Waste regarding the high level of corrugated cardboard being delivered to the drop off site and associated problems with keeping this site well maintained. The one-year contract extension which would commence July 1, 2006, and end June 30, 2007, would also provide time for the town to understand the potential benefits of a longer term contract extension with Pine Tree Waste when this company's parent company Casella Waste Systems, Inc. possibly assumes operations at the Lewiston recycling facility. If this change in management occurs, it is highly possible that additional recycling opportunities, which would be of interest to the town, may emerge. The Town's Recycling Committee concurs with the Town Manager's recommendation for the one-year extension. The Selectmen approved this recommendation unanimously.
5. Consideration of need for dog ordinance – Town Clerk Louise Lester and Animal Control Officer Don Alexander. The Town Clerk and the Animal Control Officer briefed the Selectmen on continuing problems with dogs on Town ball fields, parks and beaches. Despite recent attempts to dissuade pet owners from utilizing these facilities and failing to cleanup after their pets, problems continue to occur. If the Town were to enact a dog ordinance, the issue of pet waste and other problems related to owners who fail to appropriately control their pets could be addressed. The Selectmen instructed the Town Clerk to prepare a draft ordinance for consideration, preliminary to possible consideration by town meeting.
6. Old (unfinished) business: None.
7. Town Manager Report and communications:
  - a) School bus fire. The Town Manager informed the Selectmen that the Raymond School Department's 2006 handicapped accessible minibus was lost in an electrical fire. The vehicle was registered and insured but had not been put into service. Electrical problems had been reported to the selling dealer and were awaiting evaluation and corrective action.

The Fire Department was able to contain the blaze and protect an adjacent private property without any injuries.

- b) Bulky waste. The Town Manager announced that the monthly bulky waste report still showed a significant trend downward in delivered materials to the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility. Due to budgetary constraints, he made a recommendation to maintain the current system at 1,000 pounds per household, as it currently is now, rather than considering increasing the program at town expense for the 2006/2007 year.
  - c) Cumberland County Community Block Grant Committee. Vice Chairman Mike Reynolds explained that the current Cumberland County Community Block Grant Committee meetings were from 4 to 7pm on Wednesdays at various town offices located around Cumberland County. The timing of these meetings made it difficult for him to attend, and he made inquiry as to whether any of the other Selectmen would be available. Since this time also posed a problem for the other members of the Board of Selectmen, both the Town Manager and Vice Chairman will monitor the activities of this committee and report back to the Selectmen on a periodic basis.
  - d) Selectman Mark Gendron announced that the next One Raymond Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 7pm at the Town Office.
8. Approved Payroll and Appropriation Warrants dated February 7, 2006.

Due to printing deadlines, the Tuesday, February 21, 2006, Municipal News Brief will appear in the April *Raymond Road Runner*. Complete Board of Selectmen meeting minutes can be found at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org) and are available at the Town Office.

## News From The Raymond Village Library

### At a Glance

Wednesday, March 1 – Dr. Seuss Night at Raymond Elementary School at 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 22 – Book Discussion Group, Raymond Village Library at 7pm

Wednesday, March 29 – After the Peak, A Talk on Energy Conservation, Raymond Village Library at 7pm

### Have you been to the library recently?

A little over a year ago, the library conducted a survey to find out what Raymond residents want from their library. The library's Planning Committee then used the results to create a Three-Year Plan (2005-2008) to address the needs of a growing and changing community.

One of the goals outlined in "The Plan" is to improve the physical environment. That was accomplished in part with a major space reorganization in the fall: the library has a new welcoming feel to it, and the children's area is more open and inviting. Another current facility project is improving the indoor/outdoor lighting for safety and energy efficiency. Space remains a challenge, causing us to make careful choices when adding to the collection. However, through a combination of selective weeding and the creative use of shelving, we have been able to improve display space and build up non-fiction materials.

The debut of our electronic RVL E-News newsletter is our second recent accomplishment and helps us meet the goal of improving communications. To stay informed about library events, materials and information, send an e-mail note to [rlibrar1@maine.rr.com](mailto:rlibrar1@maine.rr.com), and we will add you to the subscription list.

Your library continues to be an excellent value for the Raymond community. The library currently receives \$25,000 in town funds against an operating budget of \$60,000. Compared to many other communities of our size these amounts are low. We rely on the generous contributions of supporters during our annual appeal, as well as on volunteers, grant money and other fundraisers to help close the funding gap.

Visit your library and keep in touch. The library needs ongoing feedback from you. Stay tuned for our progress on "The Plan".

### Dr. Seuss Night

The much anticipated and wonderfully fun Dr. Seuss Night will be held at the Raymond Elementary School, March 1, 2006, beginning at 6:30pm. There will be storytelling by a pro, Deb Keef, and many activities for ages 3 through 93. See you there!

### Winter Game Night

Raymond Village Library and the Raymond Mentoring Program partnered in a Board Game Night for middle school students. January 15th was one of the coldest nights this winter, and still some die-hard middle school students braved the weather and had a great evening of fun at Raymond Village Library playing a variety of games. Raymond Mentoring Program provided the game assortment and gave the students a wide selection from which to choose.

Naturally there were snacks provided to keep this group going, all healthy and also provided by Raymond Mentoring. It was certainly a perfect night to stay inside and have fun, laughing among friends!

RVL would like to thank Lori Rand for partnering the Mentoring Program with the library. It is this type of collaborative effort that makes the "One Raymond" philosophy shine, benefiting everyone involved.

### E-Mail Newsletter

Did you know that the Raymond Village Library now has an electronic newsletter? If you would like to receive the RVL E-News, please contact [rlibrar1@maine.rr.com](mailto:rlibrar1@maine.rr.com) and sign up for the next issue.

### Annual Appeal

Many thanks go to the 260 patrons who have donated to the annual appeal at the library. With your support we continue to operate your library and provide you with reading materials, programs and events for all ages. Our annual appeal will continue throughout the year, so if you would like to donate to the library, we are always most grateful for your financial support.

### Book Group

The reading group will meet at the library on Wednesday, March 22, at 7pm. Chosen for this month's discussion is Susan Vreeland's *Girl in Hyacinth Blue*. New members are always welcomed. For more information, please call the library at 655-4283.

### After the Peak

How much oil is really left? What strategies will effectively save energy and reduce your power bill? Which technologies offer the best investment opportunities? Join us at the library to learn more about our future as the world passes peak oil production.

### Resources to check out:

[www.eia.doe.gov](http://www.eia.doe.gov) - U.S. energy information administration.

[www.maine.greenpower.org](http://www.maine.greenpower.org) - a Maine green power company.

[www.homepower.com](http://www.homepower.com) - a magazine available at the library.

John Rand of the Raymond Conservation Commission will discuss these important topics at a program at the Raymond Village Library on Wednesday, March 29, beginning at 7pm.

### Future Library Programming

Do you have an area of expertise, a talent to share, or a programming idea? Would you help us organize a library program for either adults or middle school students? We welcome your ideas for programming related to books, current topics, travel, community issues and personal enrichment. This is a great way to meet people who share your interests. Look for a Gardening program or two coming this spring!

## Grandparents Day at the Raymond Elementary School

Each spring, students at the Raymond Elementary School look forward to sharing their school with some very important people in their lives, their grandparents. This year's Grandparents Day will be held on Friday, May 12. We look forward to sharing a wonderful morning with grandparents and friends. Please be sure to mark this date on your calendars.



## Animal Control Report

December - January

- Dec 18 Dog at large
  - Dec 19 Owner picked up dog
  - Dec 19 Picked up cat trap
  - Dec 19 Follow up on several cases
  - Dec 20 Equipment maintenance
  - Dec 21 Dog at large
  - Dec 21 Owner picked up stray
  - Dec 22 Stray at large
  - Dec 22 Administration
  - Dec 23 Owner picked up stray
  - Dec 24 Dog loose on Route 302
  - Dec 24 Dog hit by car — took injured dog to emergency veterinary clinic in Portland
  - Dec 25 Squirrel in stove — advised to call the warden service
  - Dec 28 Cat missing
  - Jan 1 Dog in yard — ran away upon my arrival
  - Jan 3 Dead bobcat kit in yard — advised to call warden service
  - Jan 3 Possible dog howling in woods
  - Jan 7 Dog in yard
  - Jan 14 Dog loose — picked up dog — owner claimed dog — gave verbal warning
  - Jan 14 Dog was loose again
- With cold weather, please be sure that your outside animals have shelter and access to food and water at all times. For your inside animals, be sure that their water intake is sufficient. Possibly give them wet food to encourage hydration.
- 2006 Dog Licensing now available at the Town Office. Please bring in your dog's current rabies certificate and neutering certificate (if we don't have it on file). The rabies vaccination is now good for three years, unless it was a puppy shot which is good for one year. If you were licensed in Raymond for 2005, because you are licensing after the January 31st deadline, there will be an extra \$15 charge.
- Jan - February
- Jan 18 Dog bit owner
  - Jan 18 Went to Animal Refuge League
  - Jan 19 Two dogs at large — called owner
  - Jan 20 Dog at large — picked up and returned to owner
  - Jan 20 Follow up from January 19
  - Jan 21 Rabies Clinic
  - Jan 23 Dead cat — found owner
  - Jan 23 Complaint of dog jumping on person
  - Jan 23 Owner picked up cat
  - Jan 23 Dog at large — written warning
  - Jan 24 Loose Chow dog — found owner
  - Jan 25 Complaint of dog bite
  - Jan 25 Administration meeting regarding new ordinance
  - Jan 26 Administration meeting
  - Jan 29 Dog followed person home — picked up and returned to owner
  - Jan 29 Dog tied out with short chain — dog howling
  - Jan 31 Squirrel in cellar
  - Feb 2 Squirrel in attic — loaned humane trap
  - Feb 4 Cats in birdfeeder
  - Feb 4 Stray dog

- Feb 4 Same stray dog caught — took to Animal Refuge League
- Feb 4 Dog got loose
- Feb 5 Cleaned equipment
- Feb 9 Picked up stray
- Feb 10 Took stray to Animal Refuge League
- Feb 10 Stray dog, gone on arrival
- Feb 11 Two dogs in yard — gone on arrival

With spring coming, the children who will be playing at Sheri Gagnon Park and other town parks would appreciate it if you would not exercise your dogs in the park. In general it would be appreciated if you would always clean up after your dogs wherever you may be.

There has been some concern expressed regarding the policy of the Raymond Animal Control Department and the Animal Refuge League as to the destruction of stray pets. Both offices do not destroy pets unless they are so sick or injured that they cannot be saved.

2006 Dog Licensing now available at the Town Office. Please bring in your dog's current rabies certificate and neutering certificate (if we don't have it on file). The rabies vaccination is now good for three years, unless it was a puppy shot which is good for one year. If you were licensed in Raymond for 2005, because you are licensing after the January 31st deadline, there will be an extra \$15 charge. The 2005 Licensing Warrant will be drawn as of the Selectmen's meeting on March 21st. If you have not licensed your dog by April 1, 2006, the extra fine will be \$25 for each dog.

Don Alexander  
Animal Control Officer

## Compost Bin Sale Ends March 20th

The Town of Raymond, in cooperation with the Maine Resource Recovery Association, is offering yard compost bins and kitchen scrap pails for sale. Orders will be taken at the Town Office at \$36.50 each (tax included) for compost bins and \$10.50 each (tax included) for kitchen pails. Samples of these items can be seen at the Town Office.



The compost bins have a 10-year warranty, are made of 100% recycled plastic and are approximately a 40-gallon size, 35" high and 33" wide. The deadline for orders will be Monday, March 20, 2006. It is estimated that Raymond residents can save \$138 for every ton of waste they compost. The compost bins and kitchen scrap pails will be available April 28, 2006.



This year a covered kitchen scrap pail is also available for \$10.50 each. Both these items are displayed at the Town Office, Raymond Elementary School, and Jordan-Small Middle School.

These bins and pails will be available for delivery on or about May 1st.

### For order blanks and ordering, please contact:

Louise Lester, Town Clerk  
Raymond Town Office  
401 Webbs Mills Road  
Raymond, Maine 04071  
655-4742 ext. 21  
louise.lester@raymondmaine.org

## Cardboard Recycling

The Town of Raymond recycles corrugated cardboard at the District II Fire House/Public Works Garage on Webbs Mills Road.

Because of limited space and the need to keep the cardboard clean and dry, it is imperative that you break down the boxes and slide them into the dumpsters through the side slots. Cardboard which is too big must be cut down so that it can fit into the dumpsters. We appreciate your cooperation.

## Life Alert: Emergency Car Kits

by Ronny Keeler, Paramedic

Imagine driving down a lonely, desolate side road. It is snowing and very cold out. You feel so toasty and safe in your vehicle, when suddenly your car just up and quits, coasting to a stop along the side of the road. You look around: it is completely dark, and you do not see any lights of homes in the distance. The wind wipes angrily at your car. You try to restart the car and nothing happens. You are stranded. What do you do?

No, not FREAK OUT. You are calm and remember you have packed an emergency car kit in your trunk.

OK, back to reality. Now ask yourself, do I have an emergency car kit in my trunk? If not, this article will show you how to make your kit and inform you of a few necessary items that should be in everyone's kit. And for those who have their kits already made, you might get a few new ideas of items to add.

To start, get a cardboard box or a duffel bag. This will keep all your items together so you can easily find what you need. Next, you need to put together a small first aid kit. This should include items such as band-aids, antibiotic ointment, gauze, medical tape, cotton balls, ice packs and antihistamines for an allergic reaction, just to name a few. To see other options for your first aid kit, go to ehow.com and type in "car first aid kit." These items should be placed in a waterproof sack if possible, if not a plastic bag.

Next, add a spare set of clean, warm clothes and add a hat, gloves, scarf, warm jacket, and blanket. Remember, you may be stranded for a while, and you may not have heat from your car to keep you warm. To counter the cold, add candles, matches and a lighter to your kit. You can get a coffee can to store them in to keep them dry and protected. The candle will give you some heat if your car isn't running, and the light will be a comfort if it happens to be very dark out.

You will also need a cell phone to call for help. Prepaid cell phones are great to have stored in your kit for emergencies. A calling card is also good to have in case you don't get reception from a cell phone and have to go looking for a phone. Have the numbers you may need preprogrammed in the phone or written down, such as a tow truck or AAA.

It is also good to have a jug of water and some snacks available. Things like granola bars and Snickers are good to keep the stomach quiet. If you happen to have medication that cannot be skipped, it is good to keep at least a day's worth in your kit. You never know how long you might be stuck. If you are diabetic, it is good to keep some of the diabetic sugar wafers in your car in case your sugar gets low. And if you happen to be allergic to bee stings, keep an updated EpiPen with you at all times.

In case you get a flat tire, it is good to make sure you have a spare tire, tire wrench and a jack. An aerosol tire inflator, such as Fix-A-Flat, can be very helpful as well. Remember, if you do find yourself changing a tire, it is good to keep an orange reflective vest in your kit so that you are seen well by other traffic that could pass by. You may also want to keep a disposable camera in your glove box in case you get in an accident.

Some other miscellaneous items to add are spare keys, duct tape, a fire extinguisher, a good book, map, toilet paper, collapsible shovel, knife, kitty litter, hammer, heat packs, flashlight with batteries, lock de-icer, road flares, safety pins, compass, oil, jumper cables, and tissues. These are just a few things you can add. Put whatever you think you would need if you were stuck in your car for a while.

For mothers and fathers traveling with children or a baby, it is good to have toys and extra diapers available. A spare bottle, formula and a couple jars of baby food are great additions to your kit to keep your little ones comfortable.

Well, good luck making your kits. They can help make a tough situation a little easier and could save your life. For more ideas for your kit, go to ehow.com.

## Road Runner Reminders

Do you submit articles for the Raymond Road Runner but do not receive a monthly reminder of the next issue's deadline? If so, the Raymond Road Runner maintains a mailing list for contributors, and by sending an e-mail to roadrunner@raymondmaine.org, you too can be on the list.



## RES Music Notes

by Patti Gordan

Chorus is going well. The 57 students are working hard, learning the songs for the May 25 concert. The German and Spanish are progressing nicely. I'm even starting to hear some harmony.

Kindergarten is starting a unit with songs about pets and/or food. Ask them to sing about their pesky dog named Rover or the Naughty Kitty Cat who steals everyone's food. In addition to continuing with their current units, Grades 1 through 4 will be doing an in-depth study of the world's most famous classical composers. Grade 1 students will study Beethoven, Grade 2 Bach, Grade 3 Mozart, and Grade 4 Handel.

The composer of the month for March is Johann Sebastian Bach. In addition to all his other wonderful music, Bach composed some of the greatest and most well known pieces for organ. Check out the Merrill Auditorium website. They always have concerts performed on that marvelous organ in honor of Bach's birthday, which is in March. I believe some of them are free!

Music Ed. tips for toddlers and preschoolers: I received a brochure from an organization called "Music Together: The Joy of Family Music." It's a research-based music and movement program that provides developmentally appropriate music-making activities for children ages birth through Kindergarten. Their website address is www.musictogether.com. Check it out!

### For Information on the Raymond School Department

Go Online to the School's Website

Complete school department information, with links to Jordan-Small Middle School and Raymond Elementary School websites:

www.raymondmaine.org/rsd/welcome.htm

## Recycling at Raymond Elementary School

Recycling continues to be an important part of the RES program this year. Students and staff are currently recycling paper, milk cartons, cans and bottles, paperboard, glass, plastic and cardboard. With milk cartons recycled at lunch now, lunch trash has been reduced by more than 50%. Recycle Day is now on Monday afternoons to better coordinate with recycle pick-up in Raymond. Mr. Dennis Woodruff continues to supervise the students who faithfully collect materials from the classroom recycle bins and empty them into large recycling containers. These containers are wheeled out to the receiving dock for pick up each Tuesday morning. We would like to give a big "Thank You" to all the students and staff who continue to support recycling efforts at RES.

The RES Recycling Committee

## Pack 800 Honors Arrow of Light Recipients

Cub Scout Pack 800 held their 2006 Blue and Gold Banquet Saturday, February 11th. Presented with their Arrow of Light awards were 2nd Year WEBELOS Aaron Guiseley, Ryan Schweitzer, Spencer Smith, Brian Murray, Tucker Olsen and David Cosgrove, shown in the picture below with their parents.



## JSMS Academic Enrichment Night

Mr. Crockett, Mrs. Irish, Ms. Merrill, Ms. Griffin, Ms. Pacin and Mrs. Ward invite Parents, Community Members and Friends to this year's

### ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT NIGHT

Tuesday, March 28  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

at Jordan-Small Middle School.

Join us for student art displays, music and physical education performances, and other exhibits that demonstrate student learning and achievement.

## The Truth About Methamphetamine

By Steve Danzig, LSW, LADC

According to federal estimates, more than 12 million Americans have tried methamphetamine, and 1.5 million are regular users. "Meth" making operations have been uncovered in all 50 states, most recently here in the Lewiston/Auburn area. Police nationwide rank methamphetamine the number one drug they battle today.

Methamphetamine (also known as speed, meth, crystal, crank, tweak, go-fast, ice, glass, uppers, black beauties) used to be known as the "poor man's cocaine"; but today it has seeped into the mainstream, affecting rich and poor, urbanites and suburbanites, men and women, white collar and blue collar workers, soccer moms and dads, honor roll students and troubled teens alike. This crystalline white drug quickly seduces those who snort, smoke, or inject it by giving the user a euphoric rush of exaggerated confidence, hyper alertness, and an overabundance of manic energy.

For soccer moms and students, the drug is attractive because of the energy boosting qualities. For women and teen girls, the drug is attractive because of the rapid weight loss properties. For those with limited financial resources, the drug is attractive because it's so cheap and the ingredients to make it are easily accessible (despite the fact that the cold pills used to make it have been moved behind the pharmacy counter). And once someone has experimented with the drug, they are quickly hooked due to the bursts of dopamine released in the brain which produce a strong euphoric effect. Addiction to meth occurs quickly and has several serious consequences including damage to the brain, to the body, and to a person's self control.

In the short term, meth causes mind and mood changes such as anxiety, euphoria, and depression. Long term effects can include chronic fatigue, paranoid or delusional thinking, and permanent psychological damage. By creating a false sense of energy, meth pushes the body faster and farther than it is meant to go, increasing a user's heart rate, blood pressure, and risk of stroke. Meth can cause aggression and violent or psychotic behavior. Meth makes many users feel hypersexual and uninhibited, placing them at increased risk of sexually transmitted diseases. An overdose of meth can result in heart failure and long-term physical effects such as irreversible brain, liver, kidney, and lung damage.

The signs of meth use are:

- Inability to sleep
- Increased sensitivity to noise
- Nervous physical activity, like scratching
- Irritability, dizziness, or confusion
- Rapid weight loss or anorexia
- Tremors or even convulsions
- Increased heart rate, blood pressure, and risk of stroke
- Presence of inhaling paraphernalia, such as razor blades, mirrors, and straws
- Presence of injecting paraphernalia, such as syringes, heated spoons, or surgical tubing

If you or someone you know is using meth, go to an emergency room immediately. The hospital staff can assist with the detoxification process as well as providing referrals to the local resources available to assist with subsequent treatment options.

## Town Nomination Papers Available

The 2006 Annual Town Meeting will be Saturday, May 20th at 10am at the Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium. On Friday, May 19th, our Town Elections will take place at Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium from 7am to 8pm. The positions available for candidates are Budget/Finance Committee - 3 seats, School Committee - 2 seats, and Selectmen - 1 seat.

The Budget/Finance Committee reviews the Annual Town Budget with its primary "season" being from February into April to be ready for the Annual Town Meeting. Usually the Committee meets twice a month during those months and periodically during the rest of the year, as needed. The School Committee has two regular meetings a month, and the Selectmen also have two regular meetings per month.

If you wish to run for an office, please obtain a nomination form at the Town Office during regular office hours. You will need to obtain not fewer than 25 but not more than 50 signatures from registered Raymond voters. The deadline for submitting the completed nomination form will be Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 4pm.

## Kids 2 Kids Mentoring

The Kids 2 Kids mentoring program matches 7th and 8th grade mentors with K - 4th grade Little Buddies for after school activities once a week. In January the mentors began meeting with their Little Buddies to participate in whole group activities and get to know one another. They are now each matched with a buddy. The mentors are doing a great job building leadership skills, learning to work as a team and really taking responsibility for their Little Buddies. We would like to recognize the outstanding effort of our program facilitator Barb Loux in getting the program off to a great start. If you would like further information about the Kids 2 Kids program, please contact Christina Lamarre or Barb Loux at 655-8672, or by email at mentor@raymondmaine.org.

## 2005 Town Report Cover Picture

Louise Lester, Town Clerk, is asking anyone who might have a special Raymond picture taken in the town's fiscal year July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005, to submit it for consideration for the cover of the next Annual Report. The deadline for submissions will be March 1, 2006.

Please send it in by mail, in person, or by email. We can use photographs or digital format. Louise's e-mail address is: louise.lester@raymondmaine.org

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## Jump for Hearts

The South Bristol Spindrifters treated students in grades K – 8 on February 16 to an amazing fitness performance. This jump rope team of 5th – 8th grade students from the South Bristol Elementary School represents the American Heart Association. These students share their outstanding jump rope skills in a spectacular program to promote fitness and a heart healthy life style. Their performance was a great way to end Ms. Merrill's jump rope unit at the middle school, and to kick-off the RES Jump for Hearts program. Many families in our community have been affected by heart disease and heart attacks. Jump for Hearts not only raises donations to support the work of the American Heart Association in Maine. It also raises awareness in children to the benefits of exercise, diet, living smoke-free, and a healthy lifestyle in preventing heart disease. We look forward to another successful Jump for Hearts this year and for continuing our support of the American Heart Association.

### Mark Your Calendar!

The Academic Enrichment Team invites everyone to join them for the annual A. E. Open House March 28, 2006, from 6:30 to 8pm.

Attend "mini concerts" presented by the band and chorus students in grades 5 - 8.

View art exhibits in various mediums. Watch videos from Phys. Ed. and Spanish classes.

New on  
[www.raymondmaine.org!!!](http://www.raymondmaine.org!!!)

Town of Raymond Pet Page



Lost or found a pet?  
E-mail [gis@raymondmaine.org](mailto:gis@raymondmaine.org)  
to post pictures and information  
on a lost or found pet.

## Registered Boats Require Milfoil Stamp

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife requires a milfoil stamp on all motorized boats that will be using Maine inland waters. This money will be used for programs to study and prevent invasive water plants, especially the Eurasian milfoil, from permeating Maine fresh waters. The Eurasian milfoil plant is an invasive plant that eventually chokes fresh water lakes, ponds, and rivers. Once established in a lake, it can become impossible to control. Maine is trying to keep milfoil from its waters, and this program endeavors to keep our lakes, ponds, and streams from becoming clogged. For anyone with a non-motorized boat who wishes to participate, the stickers are also available at the established cost.

When you register your boats the regular fees will be charged, but in addition a \$10 fee will be charged for resident, \$20 for non-resident, registrations.



## A Taste Of Shakespeare

Hebron Academy Middle School drama students will present *Romeo & Juliet* and *The Tempest*, directed by parent Pat Phillips, on Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5, at 6:30pm in Lepage Science Lecture Hall. This event is open to the public and free of charge. Parking for the event will be available in front of the school building, off Station Road in Hebron. For more information, please call Jill Silvestri at 966-5223.

## Moose Lottery Permits Available

The 2006 Moose Permit applications are available at the Town Office.

Applications must be sent in no later than April 3, 2006.

The applications are also available online at [www.state.me.us/ifw/index.html](http://www.state.me.us/ifw/index.html)

### G-NG Project Graduation 2006

Invites you to  
**WIN WIN WIN !!!**

Buy a "March Madness" Calendar for only \$10.00 and you will have 31 chances to win prizes that total over \$5000. One Winner will be drawn every day for a prize that has a value of approximately \$50. All winners' names will be put back into the drawing, giving each participant multiple chances to win. Winners will be notified by phone and prizes will either be mailed or delivered within a week. The Gray-New Gloucester Project Graduation Committee is a non-profit organization formed to sponsor an all-night, chemical-free celebration for our graduates following graduation on June 10, 2006. We appreciate your support in helping us provide this well deserved celebration to the Class of 2006.

### March Madness 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Shawnee Peak 6 tickets \$240.00 value	2 Saddleback 4 tickets \$200.00 value	3 Mt. Abram 4 tickets \$160.00 value	4 Lyric Music Theater 2 tickets \$38.00 Cloutier's Market \$50.00 G.C.
5 Sea Dogs 5 tickets Mario's 1-14 inch pizza	6 Solutions \$25.00 G.C. Mary Kay Products \$25.00 G.C.	7 David's Restaurant \$20.00 G.C. Winter Warm-up Basket \$50.00	8 Gray Market Place \$25.00 Windham Chiropractic Water Pillow \$45.00	9 Gray Rec. Dept. \$25.00 Lonnie Dog \$20.00 G.C.	10 Café Sebago \$25.00 G.C. Aubuchon Hardware \$25.00 G.C.	11 Touchstone Bodyworks 1 hour massage
12 Mains Pizza 1 large Pizza Sea Dogs 5 Tickets	13 Nonella's Hair Design \$25.00 G.C. Final Touch \$30.00 G.C.	14 Dave Gutter's \$25.00 G.C. Cricket's Corner \$25.00 G.C.	15 Hutchings Hardscapes Rock wall \$2500.00	16 Raymond Village Florist 1 corsage or boutonniere Bull Moose \$20.00 G.C.	17 The Inn on Peaks Island Up to \$200.00 toward stay	18 Beech Ridge Speedway 4 tickets Raymond Laundry \$10.00 G.C.
19 Sea Dogs 5 Tickets Mario's 1-14 inch pizza	20 Planet Sun 1 month Unlimited Tanning \$68.00 G.C.	21 Skillins Greenhouse \$25.00 G.C. Raymond Gas & Pizza \$20.00 G.C.	22 Westbrook Saturn Oil Change \$25.00 Wallbow's Yard Care 2 yards Dark mulch delivered	23 Good Life Market \$25.00 G.C. Westbrook Saturn Oil Change \$25.00	24 Raymond Village Florist 1 Corsage or boutonniere Danielle's Diner \$10.00 G.C.	25 Oxford Plains Speedway 6 Adult Tickets
26 Sea Dogs 5 Tickets Mains Pizza 1 large pizza	27 Dead River 100 gallons heating oil	28 Spring Meadows \$35.00 G.C. Mad Monkey Café \$10.00 G.C.	29 Creative Memories Gift Basket \$50.00	30 Spring Meadows Golf \$35.00 G.C. Cook's Hardware 5-piece Coming Ware	31 Shawnee Peak Season Pass 2006-2007 Season	

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **GNG Project Graduation 2006**.  
Entry forms may be dropped off at the GNG High School or mailed to:  
Project Graduation 2006 Attn: Melissa Foster 10 Collyer Brook Rd Gray, ME 04039  
Questions may be directed to Brenda Barton, Committee Chair 657-2797  
Calendars are \$10.00 each & multiple calendars may be purchased.

## New Minister Installed at Raymond Village Community Church

Raymond Village Community Church, a United Church of Christ (UCC) is pleased to announce the installation of its new minister, Rev. Nancy Foran. The installation service will be held on March 12, 2006 at 2:00 P.M. at the Raymond Village Community Church, 27 Main Street, Raymond. The public is welcome to attend.

Rev. Foran received her Masters of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School, where she was also awarded the Downs Preaching Prize. She also holds a Masters of Arts in Human Resources Management from the University of Minnesota and a Bachelor of Arts from Carleton College in Minnesota. She brings her skills and enthusiasm to Raymond, and with the Missions Coordinator, has already launched a "Fair Trade Coffee Project" at RVCC. Now parishioners and guests drink 'fair trade' coffee, which guarantees a fair price to coffee farmers throughout the world. People may purchase organic regular or decaffeinated fair trade coffee or tea at RVCC before or after church on Sundays.

"Part of the blessing and challenge of being a community church and a United Church of Christ is that we have a diverse range of beliefs, preferences, and spiritual needs. We knew we had to find a minister that could reach the entire congregation, and we've found just that in Rev. Nancy, said Shannon Nichols, Council Member.

Rev. Nancy is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and lives in Cumberland, Maine. Prior to joining Raymond Village Community Church, Rev. Foran served at the First Congregational Church (UCC) in South Portland, with responsibility for elderly counsel and visitation. Before that, she served as the Interim Pastor at Stevens Avenue Congregational Church in Portland, ME. Additionally she has served as interim pastor at various churches and founded and directed "Let's Play!", a constructivist preschool in Freeport.

Raymond Village Community Church RVCC is a United Church of Christ and welcomes all visitors to join them for worship, Sunday mornings from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Sunday school classes and a nursery are offered at the same time as the worship service. The sanctuary is handicapped accessible. The church was built in 1879 and has been an important part of the Raymond community ever since.

Please visit [www.raymondmaine.org/Religion/raymond\\_village\\_community\\_church.htm](http://www.raymondmaine.org/Religion/raymond_village_community_church.htm) to learn more about RVCC.



## Principal's Report for March

Teachers are now preparing for the end of the second trimester on Friday, March 10. Parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled on Wednesday afternoon, March 22, and Thursday, March 23. Conferences provide an important opportunity for parents and teachers to review each student's academic progress during this trimester, to assess progress on meeting the district's Guiding Principles, and to set academic goals for the remainder of the school year. It is also the time that we begin planning for students to make a successful transition to the next school year.

The transition process is an especially important one for our 8th grade students. Representatives of area high schools participated last fall in an informational evening for parents and students, and students have had the opportunity over the past few months to visit high schools in Windham, Westbrook and Gray. High school registrations are being completed so that Raymond students will get an appropriate match of classes for starting school in the fall. If you have any questions about high school registration, please contact Mrs. Lynn-Eve Davis, JSMS guidance counselor. I would like to thank Mrs. Davis for her great work in coordinating this very important process for our 8th grade students.

We are also planning for that very first transition into school that starts with kindergarten registration. Mrs. Ivy Jordan, home-school coordinator, has been visiting incoming students at their homes to begin the kindergarten registration process. I was pleased that over 40 parents attended one of two preschool conferences last month presented by Mrs. Jordan. She shared with these parents a wide variety of strategies to help prepare children for kindergarten, with many of these activities centering on reading and math games that are great fun for child and parent. If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before October 15, 2006, and you are a Raymond resident, please be sure that Mrs. Jordan has your child on our list for kindergarten. You can reach her by calling the school at 655-8672, extension 108.

For many years the Academic Fair has provided students with the opportunity to showcase their learning for parents and friends. Middle School students over the past two years have shared their interests and skills in the Science Fair. I am very excited that next month, on Thursday, April 27, all students in grades K - 8 will present their research and projects in a district-wide Academic Fair/Science Fair. Students are already working on their projects, with elementary children researching social studies or science topics, while middle school students are focusing on science investigations. Imagine being able to view the full range of student learning from kindergarten to grade 8, first from 5-6:30pm at the Raymond Elementary School, and then from 6:30-8pm at the Jordan-Small Middle School. This is an important evening for students, and I hope that parents and our community support each student and are there to view their work on April 27.

## Scouts Receive Awards

By Tom Wiley, Scoutmaster

On Sunday January 8th, Raymond Boy Scout Troop 800 held our 2005 Scouting Achiever Awards program. The Troop 800 Scouting Achiever Award is presented to Troop 800 scouts who have turned 18 in the past 12 months and completed scouting as a Life or Eagle Scout in good standing. This year we honored the scouting careers of Sam Levinsky and Clint Randall. We also presented the Troop 800 Legacy Award to someone who has benefited greatly from scouting as a youth. This year we were pleased to present the 2005 Legacy Award to Robert "Butch" Sullivan.



Troop 800 Scouting Achiever Awards, L-R: Tom Wiley, Scoutmaster; James Wiley, Senior Patrol Leader; Clint Randall, Life Scout; Sam Levinsky, Life Scout; Sgt. Robert Sullivan, Eagle Scout; Nancy Yates, Legacy presenter and Troop Committee Member.

## Raymond Baseball & Softball

### Register for 2006!

JSMS Cafeteria  
Tuesday, 3/7/06 and Thursday, 3/9/06  
Snow Date - Monday, 3/13/06  
6-8pm  
T-Ball \$25, All other \$35, Sr. League \$65

### Programs Offered

BASEBALL		SOFTBALL	
T-BALL (Coed)	*Ages 5-7 as of April 30, 2006		
ROOKIE	Ages 7-9 as of April 30, 2006	U9	Age 9 & under as of Dec. 31, 2005
MINOR	Ages 9-12 as of April 30, 2006	MINOR	Age 12 & under as of Dec. 31, 2005
MAJOR (tryouts required)	Ages 9-12 as of April 30, 2006	MAJOR (tryouts required)	Age 12 & under as of Dec. 31, 2005
SR LEAGUE	Ages 13-15 as of April 30, 2006	JUNIOR	Age 13-15 as of Dec. 31, 2005

Little League and Cal Ripken have changed the dates for age determination. Please use dates above to see which level your child would be eligible for.

\* Regarding T-Ball: For the 2006 season only, a player born in May, June or July of 2001 will be eligible to play T-Ball.

### Placement Sessions will be held on Saturday, March 18th- JSMS GYM

PLAYERS trying out for a new team must attend.  
(T-Ball does not attend placements)

## Mandatory Sentences for the Worst Offenders

by Senator Bill Diamond

Recently the legislature's Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, on which I serve as the Senate Chairman, reported out a bill that would mandate a minimum of 25 years incarceration for those who commit "gross sexual assault" against a child under the age of 12 years. A similar law has been passed in several other states and is often referred to as "Jessica's Law" in reference to a little girl who was sexual assaulted and killed in Florida.

This bill would not only mandate a minimum of 25 years in prison, but would also mandate probation for life including wearing an electronic tracking device monitored by law enforcement agencies.

The bill was reported out of committee with three different reports meaning that the committee was divided on how they felt about the bill. Let me mention at this point that the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee is one of the best committees in the legislature, and we have to deal with several very emotional and sensitive issues on a regular basis. I have a great deal of respect for my committee members, and most of the time we unanimously agree on the bills we report out. Sometimes, however, we respectfully disagree, which was the case with this "gross sexual assault" bill.

Two other members of the committee and I voted to fully support this bill as written. We felt that those who are found guilty of sexually assaulting children need to be removed from society and not be allowed to even have the chance of assaulting another child. Eight committee members felt that the bill should not be passed, stating that mandatory minimum sentences take away the ability of the judges to consider each case independently. They argued that passing this law would also take away the ability to plea bargain, thus making it more difficult to get convictions. They also were worried that with mandatory sentences more of the children would be required to testify in court, thus traumatizing the child even more.

The remaining two members of the committee felt the mandatory minimum sentence should only be applied to the second offense. They had similar concerns to the eight members regarding the unintended consequences of mandating a minimum sentence on the first offense, but felt that on the second offense it would be more appropriate. The bill will be debated by the full legislature in a couple weeks.

I strongly feel that we have to take a bold stand against those who would sexually attack our children. Unfortunately, too many children are having their lives devastated by these sexual predators, and Maine needs to make a definite state-

ment that we will not tolerate these crimes. Currently, those who commit such heinous crimes against our children are not being given sentences which reflect the psychological and physical damage they do to their victims.

In 2004 there was a comprehensive study entitled "Commission to Improve Community Safety and Sex Offender Accountability," which stated that according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, "Maine has the most lenient range of penalties available in New England for gross sexual assaults against children less than 12 years of age." The study also revealed that "Maine has one of the 8 weakest penalty ranges of all states for sex crimes committed against children."

We, as a legislature and as a state, have a choice of the messages we can send to those who perpetrate these crimes against our children. We can continue with our current penalties for these serious gross sexual assaults, or we can change our law so that those who prey on children will unquestionably be put away for a long time and be therefore unable to devastate the lives of other children.

The State Police Computer Crime Task Force unit is now having to spend most of its resources on analyzing confiscated computers suspected of containing evidence of child pornography. This evidence, when extracted from the computers, could be used to prosecute these child pornographers and put them in jail. This is critical because studies show that 80% of those who view and download child pornography end up committing sexual assaults against children. Unfortunately, there are at least 80 computer hard drives sitting in a storeroom unable to be downloaded because of insufficient staffing at the Task Force.

Maine, like all other states, has a serious problem with those who perpetrate sexual offenses against children. One national organization, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), monitors the online child pornography activity in each state. In 2005 they reported that Maine had 7337 peer to peer computer transfers of child pornographic images. Again, because of a serious lack of staffing in the Computer Crime Task Force unit, the State Police are unable to follow through on most of this evidence. My committee will be proposing solutions to the staffing problem soon.

The bottom line is we have a serious problem with those who commit sex crimes against children. We need to address this problem without wavering and with a strong resolve, and we need to do it now.

As usual, I would like to hear your thoughts and opinions on this issue.

The 122nd Maine Legislative Session information can be viewed at <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/session/>



## Family Valentine Dance Fun For All Ages

Children screaming with glee and racing around at breakneck speed, prisms of light reflecting, spinning round and round, the salty scent of popcorn in the air - the Jordan- Small Middle School gymnasium rocked Friday, February 10th. People of all ages enjoyed the music, lights, food and activities. Bouquets of pink, white and red heart- shaped balloons adorned tables set round the room. Board games, math games and make-your-own games entertained. Valentine crafts and Sailor's Valentines inspired. Portraits were made of families, sweethearts and friends. Though few people actually moved in a way that is traditionally recognized as dance, they enjoyed chatting with neighbors and friends, listening to the music and dodging their rambunctious kids. S.E.A.R.C.H., the Raymond Mentoring Partnership and the PTA were delighted to make it possible.



## RES Math Meet a Huge Success

Imagine having 40 elementary students stay after school to do Math! Due to the enthusiasm and efforts of co-coordinators Lisa Friedlander, Deb Adams and many parent volunteers, the first (and what we hope to be the annual) RES Math Meet was held on February 7. Students in grades 1 - 4 participated in both individual and group math problems, with a number of students electing to perform at an advanced level. We are very proud of the efforts of each child who participated in the Math Meet, and would like to congratulate the following winners.

### 1st Grade Test

1st place. Nathan Dell Isola  
2nd place. Connor Pittman  
3rd place. Madison Shimko

### 2nd Grade Test

1st place. Lexi Walker  
2nd place. Evan Taylor  
3rd place. Isaac Jordan

### 3rd Grade Test

1st place. Muriel Adams  
2nd place. Andrew Bell  
3rd place. Dylan Koza  
3rd place. Jeffrey Pollard

### 4th Grade Test

1st place. Mary Odum  
2nd place. Daniel Hanson  
3rd place. Kaitlyn Dostie  
3rd place. Sara Hoffman

### 5th Grade Test

1st place. Jenny Walker  
1st place. McKenzie Larson  
2nd place. Victor Klinkerch  
3rd place. Jennifer Huntress



Deb Adams, math meet co-coordinator, assists Ellie Van Winkle and Kirsten Perry at the RES Math meet on February 7.

## Raymond Fire/Rescue Department Fire Explorer Program - Open Invitation

- Do you think you may be interested in becoming a Firefighter someday?
- Do you want to find out what education, training and experience are necessary to become a firefighter?
- If you are interested Firefighting, you probably have these and many other questions.
- One way of learning about this career while you are a young adult is to become a Fire Explorer.
- The Raymond Fire/Rescue Department is hosting an Open House Informational session and member sign up.



Sunday, March 19, 2006  
09:00 - 16:00

Raymond Public Safety Building  
District 1

Come by and get more info on the exciting life of a Firefighter/EMT.

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact

Clair Broad at 655-7851 or  
clair.broad@raymondmaine.org

*We look forward to hearing from you.*

## Troop 800 Celebrates Raymond's Newest Eagle Scout

During the snowstorm of February 12th, many people decided to stay indoors and putter around the house. The storm however did not stop members of Troop 800 and Scouters from around the Pine Tree Council from traveling to the Messer Training Facility at Camp William Hinds on Plains Rd. in Raymond. They weren't there for just any occasion. They were there for the Eagle Court of

Honor of Ian Hanley. Friends, family, and fellow Scouts celebrated the accomplish of Troop 800's 17 year old Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Ian earned his Eagle Rank on December 8th, 2005 when he appeared before the Casco Bay District Board of Advancements. It had been the first Eagle Court of Honor since Bill Yates received his Eagle in March, 2004. The weather did not go completely unnoticed as it stopped a few of the presenters from attending.

The Master of Ceremonies was Troop 800's Scoutmaster Tom Wiley. The major highlight of the ceremony was the "Scouting's Meaning" and "Eagle Charge and Presentation" segments. The "Scouting's Meaning" segment was lead by Troop 800 Assistant Scoutmaster Rob Stevens. Life Scouts James Wiley, Christian Gordan, and Steve Clark read the Scout Law and Three Points of the Scout Oath and interpreted its true meaning. The Eagle Charge was delivered by Troop 800 Eagle Scout Tim Curtis, with help from Zac Knights who lit corresponding red, white, and blue candles. Tom Wiley lead the Eagle Scout Promise and Presentation, as Ian lighted the green Eagle Candle presented to him at his crossover from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts in March, 1999, and Ian's parents and grandmother presented him with the Eagle Scout medal, certificate, and neckerchief.



Ian has been active in Troop 800 and Boy Scouting and has been Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and Order of the Arrow Troop Rep. He has been to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico to hike on a council contingent and was bestowed the Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow in September of 2005. In late October 2005, he completed his Eagle Leadership Project by building four bleachers for the Raymond Elementary School baseball/soccer field.

## Veterans' Memorial

A group of veterans and concerned citizens of Raymond are moving along with plans for a Veterans' Memorial in Raymond. The Panther Run Rest Area is the current leading contender for location. We are submitting a grant request to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Cumberland County for help via their Master Gardener Volunteer Program. If we receive the grant, we will receive help with plant selection, garden design, expertise and preparation. Our own Beautification Committee, which maintains the landscaping along the Route 302 Corridor, will be helping the Veterans' Committee on this important aspect of our memorial design. The memorial will honor Raymond residents who are veterans, as well as family members who served this great nation.

All Raymond residents will be encouraged to donate to this worthy project. Residents can do this by making a financial contribution in general or by purchasing engraved brick pavers, a granite bench, a plant or a tree that will honor family members living or deceased who served their country. Prices on these items will be available soon.

We are also looking for some granite slabs. If anyone has any on an old farm or homestead and would be willing to donate them, please call. We need committee members. You do not have to be a veteran to serve. To volunteer, please call Howard Stiles, 655-4193, or Elisa at the Town Office, 655-4742 ext. 61. All donations are tax deductible. Make your check out to the Raymond Veterans' Committee and send it to the Town Office or drop it off in your travels.