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RWPA Milfoil Remediation Projects Under Way & Boat Ramp Inspections Begin

By Noralee Raymond, Executive Director, Raymond Waterways Protective Association

Variable Milfoil Remediation

RWPA organized and assisted in numerous Variable milfoil removal projects along the Sebago shoreline and Dingley Brook during the month of May. With the hard work of volunteers, the Jordan River Marina Condominium Association (JRMCA) began efforts to control the spread of milfoil along their section of the Jordan River, a 75'x200' canal

and ~200' of shoreline. Further up Jordan River (Panther Run), downstream from Panther Pond dam, RWPA began surveying the river to determine the best method to tackle colonies in that section. RWPA also began working with volunteers and divers at Dingley Brook to clear the largest colony at its outlet into Sebago Lake. Lastly, planning is underway to tackle a small infestation at Bay View Estates canal 2, while Bay View

1 is in its third year controlling milfoil with benthic tarps.

Jordan River

RWPA assisted JRMCA with the application for the \$2,000 state grant funds and the required Department of Environmental Protection permit. JRMCA also contributed \$3,000 of their own funds to the project. Over the first two weekends of May, up to 18 volunteers assisted five divers with removing milfoil. From the photo, you can see that the plants were already growing to the surface, making it impossible for boats

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Milfoil in the Jordan River



Volunteers assist divers in removing invasive milfoil from Jordan River

Principal's Report for June

As you can imagine, our students are looking forward to a well-deserved summer break with their families. During these next few months, I would like to encourage each of our Raymond School families to make learning a true family affair. This will extend the students' skills and help them to be prepared for school when they return in early September.

Research continues to show us that reading is one of the most important ways to assure a child's success in school. When parents model for their children their own reading habits, the success rate is even higher. The Raymond Village Library should be part of each family's summer routine. The library's summer reading program is great fun, and I encourage our students to participate in this year's program, which is all about being ON SAFARI.

We will be honoring our school volunteers on June 9 for sharing their talents, interests, and skills with our students and teachers this year. Volunteers have logged in many hundreds of hours working in classrooms, assisting in the library, and helping throughout the school. Their efforts are much appreciated and always valued. We encourage parents and community members to consider

volunteering next year. Our students benefit in more ways than I can describe, and so do the volunteers.

I am especially thankful for the many efforts and hard work of the Raymond PTA, under the leadership of President Deb Cutten. On behalf of the Raymond Elementary School and the Jordan-Small Middle School staffs, I would like to thank all of the PTA members for their outstanding contributions to the school program and to the children of Raymond. The PTA has been especially active this year providing the funding for assemblies and special events, coordinating playground equipment and volunteers, celebrating the hard work and dedication of teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week, and providing scholarships for Raymond graduates. We look forward to the continuing support of the PTA and their involvement in programming to best benefit children, families, schools and our community.

It is hard to believe that this school year is coming to a close. I have been especially excited this year with the implementation of the new math program in grades K-8. I have had the opportunity to observe math lessons in many of these classrooms, and I am delighted with the progress made during this initial year. I want to recognize the hard work of our teaching staff and their dedica-

tion to education in our district. Starting an entire new math program in grades K-8 means that everyone is a novice, and that students are beginning the program without the foundation they would have established in the early elementary years. I am confident that we will see continued growth in the entire math program, and I look forward to Year #2 in the fall.

Have a safe and happy summer. You will most likely find Miss Wendy and me in the RES office on Tuesdays over the summer. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the school office at 655-8672 or stop in.

Math Magic at RES on June 13

Raymond Elementary School teachers and students would like to invite parents to school for a special Math Day on Tuesday, June 13. Each elementary classroom in grades K-8 will be open during its scheduled math class for parents to join students in a taste of the Everyday Mathematics Program. Class invitations will be coming home soon with the specific times for each grade level. This has been an exciting and challenging first year of this new math program, and we are looking forward to sharing our learning with parents on June 13.

Raymond Early Childhood Program

New issue of the "Growing Together" newsletter now available at:
http://www.raymondmaine.org/schools/res/Early_Childhood_Program/raymond_early_childhood_program.htm

Road Runner Articles

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by Thursday, June 22nd. 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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<http://www.raymondmaine.org>

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

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News From the Raymond Village Library

At a Glance

Saturday, June 24 – Plant Sale and Paperback Book Sale begins at 7am at the library

Wednesday, June 28 – Book Group at the library at 7pm

Sunday, July 16 – Annual Book Sale begins at 9am at the library.

Plant and Paperback Book Sale

It's here and now! The plant sale for which we've all been waiting: great plants at very inexpensive prices, just in time for your spring garden. It begins at 7am at the library on Saturday, June 24, and will continue until noon. Be sure to come early for the best choices. We have perennials, groundcovers, herbs, flowering shrubs, hanging plants, bedding plants, annuals, and even houseplants. We ask all those who are donating plants to bring them to the library on Friday, June 23, the day before the sale, from 4 to 7pm, so they can be priced and arranged. For more information on donating plants, please call Susan at 655-1010; Jane at 655-5354 or Irene at 655-4711.

After you have purchased your plants, you can go into the library and choose some of your summer reading from the many paperback books that are available for sale. This is an event not to be missed! See you there!

Book Discussion Group

The book group will meet Wednesday, June 28, at the library at 7pm. "The Peabody Sisters: Three Women Who Ignited American Romanticism," by Megan Marshall, is the book chosen for discussion. If this book interests you, please join us for a stimulating discussion. For more information, call the library at 655-4283.

Annual Book Sale

We are already planning for one of our largest annual fundraising events. The Annual Book Sale begins on Sunday, July 16, at 9am. Each year it seems to be bigger and definitely better, and this year will be no exception.

While doing that dreaded spring cleaning, please remember your library. We are always accepting donations of new

and gently used books, videos, DVDs, audio books and puzzles.

Children's Programs

Babytime, on Mondays at 10am; Toddlertime on Wednesdays at 10am; and Preschool Storytime on Wednesdays at 10:45am at the library will continue through June and July.

Large Print Books

Thanks to the annual donation from the Raymond Lions Club, the library has once again expanded its large print and audio collections. The new books and audios include a variety of mysteries, romances, thrillers and non-fiction. We also received a substantial donation of large print books from a couple in Windham. The library is very appreciative of these donations, as large print books are more expensive than regular print books. Along with people who need the large print, we are learning that our patrons who only have time to read at night are finding these books much easier on tired eyes. A reminder that if you or someone you know cannot get to the library, we offer home delivery; just give us a call.

Nature Program

Turtles of Land and Sea was the topic for the annual Nature Program at the Raymond Village Library. Once again Loon Echo Land Trust, through the Helen Allen Endowment, made this program possible by awarding a grant to the Raymond Village Library. This grant enabled the library to invite Jocelyn Hubbell of Baxter Memorial Library in Brunswick, Maine, to return with another entertaining and interesting nature program.

Twenty-two children and nine adults learned all about turtles, their habitats, eating habits, longevity and many other amazing facts. All who attended were able to witness one participant "become" a turtle by being dressed in cloth parts of a turtle, with each physical characteristic being explained as they were donned.

As an extra treat Jocelyn brought two of her own turtles, which she has owned for twenty years! Everyone was allowed to see these turtles up close and watch them interact in the confines of the children's area of Raymond Village Library. The program ended with a craft and some turtle songs. Jocelyn welcomed any questions the audience had

and offered many different ways to access more information about turtles by way of books and websites.

Thanks to Loon Echo Land Trust and Jocelyn Hubbell for making April Vacation Week so much fun for the Raymond Village Library and its patrons.

Summer Reading Program

"On Safari" is the topic for this summer's reading program. It will begin on July 9, and there will be African animals, masks and much more. Interested students can register at school, at the library or using the form here in the *Road Runner*.



Jocelyn Hubbell of Baxter Memorial Library in Brunswick returned to RVL with an entertaining and interesting nature program.



One of Jocelyn Hubbell's own turtles takes part in the program.

June 2006							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 6:30PM KC Lions Club 7:00PM JS Band Concert	2	3	
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18 10:00AM Appeals Board Site Walk	10:00AM VL Library Babytime 2:00PM VL Nature Program RES Last Day of School	20 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	21 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime	22 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee ROADRUNNER DEADLINE FOR JULY ISSUE	23	24 7:00AM - Noon Raymond Village Library Plant & Paperback Book Sale	
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Municipal News Brief

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions:

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

- 1) Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Betty McDermott awarded certificates of community appreciation in recognition of the building improvements and economic development activities of Anxiety Solutions located on Route 85 which were received by owners Gordon Street and Lee Fitzgibbons, and the Raymond Laundry located on Route 302 and owned by Hank and Kim Williams.
- 2) The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the 2006 Town of Raymond Municipal fee schedule as proposed.
- 3) Maine Readiness Campaign - Selectman Mark Gendron introduced the Maine Readiness Program, which is a partnership between the Maine Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Association to prepare high school graduates for going on to higher education. Mr. Gendron informed the Board that only 37% of Maine's high school graduates receive college degrees as compared to a rate of 47% for the other New England states. This initiative is part of a national campaign, and in Maine is funded through a \$700,000 grant from the Gates Foundation. To achieve success, a partnership will need to be formed between high schools, volunteers, elected officials and the private sector. The primary objective of the program is to provide students with the skills necessary to succeed in life. Increasingly advanced educational attainment will be necessary to compete in a state, national and global work environment. Fifty schools in Maine will be selected to participate in the program after a competitive selection process. The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved working with and urging the Raymond School Department to participate in the program.
- 4) Consideration of new road names – Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer. The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the acceptance of two new road names. a) Dragonfly Lane off 755 Webbs Mills Road and b) Maren Lane off Firelane 104, Webbs Mills Road.
- 5) Lake Region Development Council – The Town Manager announced that the LRDC would be holding a county-wide transportation summit meeting at Songo Locks School on May 10th, 2006, at 7pm to provide local officials with an opportunity to meet with state legislative representatives in hopes of developing a shared vision for future transportation planning in our region. The Town Manager indicated that he would be attending and Selectmen were also invited to participate.
- 6) Warrant for Election of Officers – The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the 2006 Election of Officers warrant for posting prior to the municipal elections scheduled for Friday, May 19th, from 7am to 8pm at Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium.
- 7) Town Manager Report and Communications
 - a) Executive Secretary – The Town Manager announced that of 23 applicants Laurie Cook, a resident of Casco, has been hired as the new part-time Town Manager's Secretary and will begin work on May 16th. Lee Ann Shand, a resident of Denmark, has been hired as part-time Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector to work at the front counter, beginning on May 4th.
 - b) Town meeting & elections - The annual Town Meeting will be held on May 20, 2006, at 10am at Jordan-Small Middle School. Elections will be on Friday, May 19th, 2006, from 7am to 8pm.
 - c) Raymond Road Runner – The Town Manager informed the Board of Selectmen that the Road Runner did not get delivered to all of Raymond's residents due to a distribution problem at the Lake Region Suburban News. The Road Runner is available however at the Town Office, the library and online at the town's website at www.raymondmaine.org. The Lake Region Suburban will deliver copies of the Road Runner to the postal patrons that did not receive copies on time.

- d) Egypt Road – Selectman Gendron asked the Town Manager about potential state-sponsored work to be completed in improving Egypt Road. The Town Manager and Selectman Mike Reynolds provided an update that the transfer of Egypt Road to state maintenance responsibility was pending upgrading work, scheduled to be completed during fiscal year 2006-2007 by the Town of Gray.
 - e) One Raymond Committee – The Town Manager announced that the One Raymond Committee would have a tour of the Technology Department by Network Administrator Kevin Woodbrey as a part of their next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on May 9th, 2006, at 7pm at the modular building located on the grounds of the Jordan-Small Middle School.
 - f) GPCOG ReCOGNition Awards applications – The Board of Selectmen discussed various town volunteer initiatives that might qualify for recognition under the Greater Portland Council of Governments ReCOGNition Awards program and directed the Town Manager to make applications for the One Raymond Committee work and the "Walk and Weed" Program sponsored by the town's Beautification Committee.
 - g) Raymond Baseball – Selectman Taylor announced that Raymond Baseball recently had a cleanup day, with 25 people participating in the raking and cleaning of the five playing fields.
 - h) Public computer workstations – Selectman Desjardins inquired about the status of public computer workstations to be located at the town office. The Town Manager reported that public online access to services on the town and state websites is part of the long-range technology plan and would, when implemented, enable Raymond residents to complete various state registrations through the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, licensing through the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife MOSES program for hunting and fishing, as well as registration of boats, ATVs and snowmobiles. Selectman Desjardins encouraged the Town to heavily promote the availability of "self-serve" state and local government services when available.
- 8) Approved payroll and appropriation warrants dated May 2, 2006.

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

- 1) Certificates of community appreciation – Chairmen of the Board of Selectmen Betty McDermott awarded certificates of community appreciation to Corporal Kevin Mack and Marcia Corradini. Corporal Mack was unable to attend the meeting but has recently returned to Raymond after serving a four-year tour of duty in both Iraq and Afghanistan. The Board of Selectmen extended their thanks and great appreciation for his service to Raymond, the state and our country. Long time Raymond volunteer Marcia Corradini was also honored for her service on both the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee and the Building Committee. Ms. Corradini recently moved from Raymond, and her civic contributions will be greatly missed.
- 2) Consideration of 2005 supplements and abatements, and abatement policy discussion – Michael O'Donnell, Contract Assessor. Mr. O'Donnell brought administrative abatement recommendations and supplemental taxation levies to the Board of Selectmen for consideration and approval. He also discussed the current status of pending abatement requests, his plan to improve public relations in the assessing office and the schedule for processing future abatements with the Selectmen. After discussion, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved 25 abatements and two supplemental tax levies.
- 3) Executive Session as authorized under title 1 MRSA Subsection 405 (6) and (F). Discussion of confidential records to consider the 2006 high school graduate scholarships – Louise Lester, Town Clerk. The Board of Selectmen adjourned to Executive Session to discuss scholarship applications received from Raymond students by Town Clerk Louise Lester. After returning to regular session, the Selectmen awarded the following scholarships: Collins-Day \$1,500; Carleton E. Edwards \$1,000; George E. Wood \$500; Alva Clough \$500. Seven candidates will get \$500 each. Collins-Day \$500 to Brittney Moore; Collins-Day \$500 to

Kyle Nunley; Collins-Day \$500 to Everett Reichert; Carleton Edwards \$500 to Kayla Harding; Carleton Edwards \$500 to Jennifer Larocque; George Wood \$500 to Joshua Leeman; and Alva Clough \$500 to Kristin Varney. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Betty McDermott commented that this year's decision was made particularly difficult given the number of qualified applicants, which totaled 14, and the limited amount of money available.

- 4) Consideration of One Raymond Committee recommendations – Mark Gendron, Co-Chair. The One Raymond Committee recommended that the Board of Selectmen expand the membership of the present eight (8) member One Raymond Committee to a total of eleven (11) by adding three new "citizen" representatives. This request was approved unanimously by the Board of Selectmen, and interested citizens were encouraged to apply online at the town's website or in writing by completing the town's volunteer application available at the town office. Selectman Dana Desjardins, on behalf of the One Raymond Committee, recommended that the town conduct a geographic information system (GIS) needs assessment, in order to gauge the current level of basic service and advanced GIS needs within the community. The Town Manager was directed to solicit information from all town departments and committees as to their specific present and future needs for these services. This information will be compiled and considered by the Board of Selectmen at their next regularly scheduled meeting on June 6, 2006, at the Raymond Town Office at 7pm.

Selectman Mark Gendron and Conservation Commission Co-Chair John Rand presented the One Raymond and Conservation Commission recommendation that consultant Judy Colby George, an associate of Contract Planner Hugh Coxe, be hired on a sole source basis for the GIS work necessary to complete the Open Space Plan component of the Comprehensive Plan. Given the recent staff re-alignment at the town office, which included the elimination of three full-time positions, a balance of approximately \$7,000 is expected to exist at the end of the current fiscal year. Hiring Ms. George, at a contract cost of \$3,000, will come from this account balance. The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the request of the One Raymond Committee and the Conservation Commission to hire Ms. George at the agreed-upon level.

- 5) Town Manager report and communications – The Town Manager reminded voters of the dates and times of the upcoming Municipal Election and Annual Town Meeting as well as announcing the availability of a print copy of the 2005 Raymond Annual Town Report.
- 6) Public Works Director Nathan White provided a brief overview of work completed under the \$950,000 bond approved by town meeting in 2004. Presently \$410,331 has been expended for work over the past two years on Raymond Cape Road, Mountain Road, North Raymond Road, Martin Heights and Raymond Hill Road. The remaining account balance of \$545,022 will be reduced by \$150,000 to match planned state work under the Rural Road Initiative on Route 121, in the total amount of \$450,000. The resulting adjusted bond proceeds balance will be utilized during the 2006-2007 construction season for paving work on North Raymond Road, Raymond Hill Road, and Mountain Road. Pending voter approval of additional road funds at this year's annual town meeting, additional work is planned to be completed on Raymond Cape Road.
- 7) Approved payroll and appropriation warrants dated May 16, 2006.

REMINDER

Please have your curbside trash and recycling out at roadside before 7am.

Beginning May 23rd, the summer schedule will start for summer roads.

If you have any questions, please call the Town Office at 655-4742 or e-mail louise.lester@raymondmaine.org

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not to spread the plants. Thirteen yards of Variable milfoil were pulled from the area. RWPA would like to thank JRMCA volunteers for their hard work on the project and the volunteer project leader Gale Pillsbury for taking the initiative to oversee the project and organize the divers, materials, and volunteers. As the summer progresses, we will be monitoring the area for growth and organizing additional diver removal projects as needed. We hope to work with other groups along the Jordan River and Panther Run to further control the spread of the plant.

Dingley Brook

In its third season at Dingley Brook, RWPA is working to clear the largest colony at the outlet of the brook using divers. Benthic tarps will then be placed over the thickest areas. Due to the generous donation of a resident near the brook, we will be able to expand our efforts in 2006. In 2004 and 2005 upper sections of the brook, with lower water levels, were cleared of milfoil with volunteers pulling the plants. These areas are doing well. Divers pulled 2 yards on May 7th, and we have two more project dates scheduled in May for divers. Tarps will be assembled and put over several areas in June. We hope to have much of the brook clear of milfoil by the end of the 2006 season. We expect to spend approximately \$4500 this season at Dingley Brook.

Dingley Brook Estimated Project Cost

Diver Plant Removal	5 days, 4.5 hrs/day, 2 divers, \$50/diver	\$2250
Benthic Tarps	360'x15' tarp, 75 15' rebar	\$1000
RWPA Staff Hours	75 hrs, \$15/hr	\$1125
Total Project Cost		\$4375

Boat Inspections Begin

With Memorial Day weekend upon us, RWPA kicks off their lake protection efforts and begins boat inspections and education at the ramps. Lakes Ranger Al Lamanda will return, and we welcome aboard two new rangers in 2006, Tom Clancy and William Koscielny. All three rangers are residents of Raymond and are working hard to protect our precious lake resources from the threat of invasive plants. If you see them at the ramps, be sure to thank them!

Rangers will be inspecting boats at the ramps from Memorial Day through Labor Day. With three rangers on board, we hope to increase our coverage at all the ramps. Our rangers focus their coverage during peak hours. If you launch at the public ramps when they are not present or if you are launching from your own property, please be sure to inspect your boat, motor, and trailer for plant material when entering and exiting the lake. You do not need to be able to identify an invasive plant just REMOVE ANY and ALL PLANT material before you launch. If you think you have spotted an invasive plant in the water or on your boat, be sure to give us a call and we will come check it out as soon as possible. Early detection is essential to preventing the spread of these plants.

Help us increase our inspection coverage. Contact us today to volunteer to inspect boats and prevent invasive plants from infesting Raymond's lakes. You can commit to whatever fits your schedule – two hours once a week or one day of the summer. We will provide the training.

RWPA Fundraising Efforts

RWPA would like to thank Downeast Concepts for donating the printing of the color photo sent out with our annual fundraising drive. The photo was taken at Dingley Brook in Raymond. We would also like to thank everyone who has already sent in your 2006 contribution. We have raised nearly \$12,000. We hope to hear from many more of you to reach our goal of \$20,000 to support our milfoil remediation projects, boat inspection program, and erosion control assistance. Your financial support is essential to the success of these efforts.

RWPA Annual Meeting – August 12, 4pm, Camp Timanous

RWPA has been informed that when you want a lot of people to come to your annual meetings, you must have good food and fun activities. In the spirit of good food, this year we are holding our meeting on August 12th at 4pm at Camp Timanous. A BBQ event will follow from 5-7pm. Come hear about our activities of the summer, get the most recent information on our milfoil program, and meet our staff and volunteers. We apologize if the late date makes

it hard for some of our summer residents to attend. If you are interested in donating food to this event, please contact us. We would like to thank Camp Timanous for the use of their facilities.

Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about our projects. You can reach us at 207-671-3329 or e-mail lakes@raymondmaine.org. We hope to hear from you!

RWPA ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, August 12th, 4pm
BBQ & Fun Activities 5-7pm
Camp Timanous

Business Equipment Tax Relief an Economic Boost for Maine

By Rep. John Robinson

LD 2056, "An Act to Replace Municipal Revenues Subject to Business Equipment Property Tax Exemption," was passed by the legislature April 28th and signed into law by the governor last week. I am a co-sponsor of this legislation and confident this will give the Maine economy a much-needed shot in the arm. The new law represents a major change to the business equipment tax system in hopes of stimulating job growth and business investment.

Negotiations on the thorny issues involved had been under way since January, as key players in the political drama maneuvered for position. Numerous parties with a vested interest, ranging from the Maine Chamber of Commerce, the Maine Municipal Association and the Maine Merchants Association, had been meeting with legislative leaders since the start of the legislature's Second Session.

Under the current system, companies pay property tax on business equipment to municipalities, and the state reimburses the companies for taxes paid, under the so-called Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement program (BETR). The reimbursement program costs the state about \$70 million a year, while the municipalities are permitted to keep the entire amount of the tax. One sticking point concerned ways to phase out the equipment tax without imposing a financial burden on towns and cities that rely on the revenue. That dilemma was resolved with a formula that mitigates the loss of revenues and phases out the tax over a number of years.

It is clear that this new law will be a major boost to Maine companies. The tax on business equipment has put Maine at a disadvantage when competing nationally and internationally for business investment and location. This is especially true when combined with the constant threat that the legislature might decrease or eliminate the state reimbursement to businesses. That threat materialized last year, when the legislature decided to cut the reimbursement to 90 percent.

Under the revamped system, newly purchased equipment will be tax-exempt beginning in 2007. All equipment cur-

rently enrolled in the BETR program will continue in the program. Business owners will be reimbursed by the state for 100 percent of the tax for the first 12 years. The BETR reimbursement drops to 75 percent in the 13th year and then phases down to 50 percent in years 18 and beyond. Storefront retail equipment, such as cash registers and shelves, will be subject to taxation, but will continue to be eligible for BETR relief. Distribution and manufacturing equipment attached to retail facilities will be exempt.

Loss of tax revenues to municipalities is alleviated in several ways. First, they will be eligible for 100 percent baseline reimbursement from the state on exempt equipment put in place after January 1, 2007. The reimbursement will phase down to 50 percent over five years. Municipalities in which the value of personal property is greater than five percent of total revenue can receive additional money from the state. Stable funding for the increased reimbursements to municipalities and companies will be provided through a reserve fund, established in the same manner as the BETR Reserve Fund.

LD 2056 will heighten Maine business ability to bring investment and jobs to Maine while strengthening those companies already willing to invest in new equipment. It will also allow Maine to compete more evenly on a national level for large employers looking to grow their businesses. Improving the business climate in Maine was a top priority on my legislative agenda, and I was proud to be a co-sponsor of this legislation.

State Rep. John C. Robinson (R-Raymond) serves on the Business Research and Economic Development Committee and on the Advisory Committee on Legislative Ethics.

RES Music Notes

Hasn't the year flown by?! The students have worked very hard and have made great strides in music this year. The Kindergarten concert on May 16 was a rousing success. I am so proud of these students. What progress they have made since September! They sang beautifully and played their instrument parts with precision and skill.

Grades 1 and 2 are finishing up their last units for the year. Both of these grades have done a fantastic job this year learning to read rhythms. Their accuracy is amazing!

Third graders are finishing the year by composing a rhythm piece in Rondo form. We have been studying Rondo form all year, and this is their chance to show their stuff. I have videotaped each student playing his/her composition and am very impressed with their understanding of this musical form.

Fourth graders have come such a long way on recorder since "Hot Cross Buns." They should be proud of themselves for learning to play a musical instrument. Some of them will start band instruments next fall, and they have a great foundation upon which to build their band instrument skill.

As I write this, the chorus has not yet performed in their concert, but they sound so good during these last couple of rehearsals that I have no doubt they will shine.

Have a wonderful summer, everyone! Keep singing!

Attention!

All Boys Entering Grades 1 - 5

You are invited to attend Cub Scout Pack 800's Annual Picnic on June 25th starting at 5pm. (Rain date June 26th) this is a great time for fun, food and friends. Sign up to become a Cub Scout, and you are immediately eligible to attend Cub Scout camp this summer!

The picnic takes place at Camp Hinds on beautiful Panther Pond. This is located on the Plains Road, accessed by either Rt. 85 Across from the town beach on Crescent Lake or Rt. 121 across from the pumping station. The picnic begins at 5pm with games and activities. This is a hamburger and hot dog cookout. We will end the evening with "Scout Fear Factor," which was the Scouts' choice as a reward for achieving their Can Tab Challenge.

Questions? - Call Jim Fisher 998-2392

Cub Scout
Pack 800
Raymond
Maine

Hood "Sox Tops for Kids" Contest

Help raise money for Jordan-Small Middle School programs and activities.

Win a visit by the Red Sox in the spring of 2007!

If you use Hood milk products in the light block containers, in any fat level or size (pints to gallons), please save the caps for the school. The caps may display either the Sox Top or Hood logo, as long as they come from the white light block containers.

The school can receive 5¢ for each cap up to \$10,000! Plus that visit from the Red Sox in the spring!

The contest runs from May 15, 2006, to October 31, 2006. Jordan-Small students will be hanging posters and distributing flyers in Raymond with complete information. Please collect all summer!

A collection container will be outside of the Jordan-Small school office. Also, Raymond Aubuchon Hardware manager Tom Gillis has supported this program by setting up a drop off container at Aubuchon Hardware on Route 302 in Raymond. Home pick-up will also be offered if needed.

Summer camps, daycare locations, stores, and restaurants may participate. If you use Hood products please contact Jordan-Small Middle School.

Drink lots of healthy, icy cold milk while enjoying those Red Sox games, and remember to save the caps!

The coordinators are John Powers and Julie Quinn. Call 655-4743 for further information or to arrange pick-up.

The Raymond Mentoring Partnership in partnership with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department is hosting a free seminar on

"Maine Liquor Laws & Fraudulent ID Detection"

This one and a half hour block of instruction will be covering:

- BASIC ADMINISTRATIVE LIQUOR LAWS
- THE MAINE LIQUOR LIABILITY ACT
- IDENTIFYING MINORS AND INTOXICATED INDIVIDUALS
- FRAUDULENT IDENTIFICATION DETECTION

This presentation is designed to assist sellers of alcoholic beverages in making legal sales and to help identify common problems that cause violations.

Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Time: 7pm – 8:30pm

Place: Raymond Public Safety Building, Rte. 302

Retailers - For more information or to register, please contact Christina Lamarre at the Raymond Mentoring Partnership, 655-8672 ext. 107, or e-mail at mentor@raymondmaine.org.

The Raymond Mentoring Partnership's Essential Substance Abuse Prevention Services are funded by the State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services.

Panther Pond Association Notes

By Ben Severn, PPA President

Submerged Ice Fishing Shack

Conservation Project's 2nd Year

Annual Meeting Reminder

Submerged Ice Fishing Shack

If you haven't noticed, there is an ice fishing shack bobbing around just at the surface about 100 feet out into Panther Pond from the mouth of Panther Run. Apparently, no one has come forward to claim it.

John Wolanski saw it in early April, took a digital picture of it and sent it off to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W). John shared it with me. I, in turn, talked with RWPA and others. As a result, Charlie Turner has marked the shack with a buoy; King's Grant Association has agreed to let it be pulled up on its shore, if that is an appropriate site; and Town Manager Don Willard has agreed to have the town assist in the disposal. Several people have boated out to see if a name could be found. Using a scope employed for checking for milfoil, it has been determined that the door appears to be missing and there is a fire extinguisher; if there is a name on the shack, it is hidden on the side half-lying on the pond bottom. As of this writing, the rules and regulations regarding possible fines are not clear. However, the section of the regulations entitled "Laws Regarding Placement of Ice Fishing Shacks," does state that:

- "Any ice fishing shack left for more than 15 days on property not owned by the person owning the shack, without permission of the landowner, is considered abandoned and may be removed or destroyed by the landowner. The landowner may recover any costs incurred for removal or destruction of the shack through civil action.
- "All ice fishing shacks, while on the ice of any inland waters, must be labeled on the outside in 2-inch letters with the name and address of the owner. Ice fishing shacks must be removed from the ice of inland waters within 3 days after those waters close to ice fishing."

We have learned that, if a name can be found on the shack, IF&W's role would be to contact the owner who would be responsible for removing the shack. IF&W would not be

responsible for pulling the shack out of the pond. Assuming the rules and regulations involving submerged snowmobiles would be applicable, the Commissioner of IF&W can take some actions. But apparently these actions can only be taken if the name of the owner is known.

Until we know otherwise, we assume that the owner of this particular ice shack did not deliberately abandon it, and that some extenuating circumstance prevented the owner from removing it in a timely manner.

Our immediate task: Removal of the Shack. Weather has prevented any effort the past two weeks, and the water remains cold. The simplest solution is to wait until the water warms up, hitch the shack to a boat and pull it up on shore, if possible, or at least pull it to a shallow point where it can be dismantled and taken ashore. John Wolanski, Chase Rand, and Charlie Turner have offered their boats. If we are to do it earlier than later, we could use help from those who have wetsuits and those who are divers.

However we extract the ice shack, we need to be very careful not to stir up the bottom and not to leave any debris from the shack. If you would like to help, please contact me at ppa@raymondmaine.org.

Our subsequent task: Do Nothing or Put Teeth in the Regulations. It is clear that the lack of sufficient IF&W staff to enforce the regulations may lead some fishermen to remove their names from their shacks and just abandon them. However, this is the first time in my six years on Panther that I have known of an ice shack bobbing up and down in Panther Pond. Maybe we shouldn't worry about the problem. As it has occurred this time, maybe we can assume that next time someone on the pond will see the problem and, through neighbors or with possible help from PPA and others, will extract the shack from the water.

As tempting as the "do nothing" strategy might seem, if we don't take action, we run the risk that the problem will grow and put more stress on water quality. By not being proactive, we may perpetuate another apparently on-going practice by some ice fishermen of leaving debris on the ice when they leave, with the assumption that once the ice melts the debris will fall to the bottom.

Hence, we ought to think through how the regulations might be made more enforceable. For example, recognizing that the IF&W does not have enough staff to survey all the lakes and ponds under its jurisdiction, one lake association here in Maine has taken on the responsibility of digitally photographing each fishing shack that is on its lake in case the name is taken off the shack and it is abandoned either on the ice or land. In addition, when this association encounters a fishing shack with no name, it notifies the IF&W. We need to think about a similar program.

Conservation Project

After a most successful first year, thanks to funding from Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, the Conservation Project is entering its second year. To read a description of the program, go to the town's website, www.raymondmaine.org, and under Committees find Panther Pond Association and the brochure. For advice and information, please contact the Project Manager Noralee Raymond at lakes@raymondmaine.org or at 671-3329. And, look for Noralee's update on the Project elsewhere in this edition of Road Runner.

Annual Meeting Reminder

The Annual PPA Meeting will be held Tuesday, July 25th, in the Public Safety Building from 7-9pm, with a boat tour of the Conservation Project sites on Saturday, July 29th, from 3-5pm, to be followed by a picnic at Leigh and Brian Walker's home at 6pm.

Teacher Recognized as Environmental Educator

Jordan-Small Middle School is very proud to have Ms. Lynne Estey, Grade 6 teacher, selected to be a recipient of EPA New England's 2006 Drinking Water Environmental Educator Award Program. In its twelfth year, this award program seeks to recognize individuals who excel in drinking water education for calendar year 2005. Abby Morgan from the Portland Water District nominated Ms. Estey. Ms. Morgan highlighted Ms. Estey's dedication to science and drinking water education and her involvement with the Portland Water District's Classroom Hatchery Program. She was also recognized for encouraging her students to learn and care for the environment. Ms. Estey received her award in person on May 9th in Governor Baldacci's office in Augusta.

One Raymond Committee Wants You

The One Raymond Committee is continuing studies to find ways to reduce operating costs while at the same time improving services and eliminating any unnecessary duplication of services between the town and school. The Committee now comprises members from the Board of Selectmen, Budget/Finance Committee, and the School Board. They feel that an expansion of three seats for townspeople would be invaluable to their work.

If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering your time with this committee, please call Louise Lester, Town Clerk, at 655-4742 ext. 21 or e-mail her at louise.lester@raymond-maine.org

Raymond Recreation Association will sponsor

Summer Swim Program Fall Soccer Program

Registration Deadline for Summer Swim Program is June 16.

Go to www.raymondmaine.org for details

JSMS Cafeteria

Red Cross swim lessons at Crescent Beach in Raymond

July 3 to July 28

For Children grades K – 7

Cost \$25 per child

**Red Cross Water Safety Instructor:
Jenny Howard**

Go to www.raymondmaine.org for more information on RRA programs.

Raymond Rec will offer swim lessons at Crescent Beach again this summer. Jenny Howard will be returning as the Red Cross Water Safety instructor.

We need parent volunteers to serve as safety monitors on the beach during the swim classes. If you are willing to serve in this capacity while your children are in lessons or for more information, please phone Pat at 655-4657.

The Importance of Your Child's Self-Esteem

by Steve Danzig, LSW, LADC

New research published in the Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse (Volume 15, Number 2) by a group of Florida sociologists suggests that low self-esteem and peer approval of drug use in boys at age 11 predict drug dependency later in their lives as young men at age 20.

The study found that boys with very low self-esteem were 1.6 times more likely than other boys to meet the criteria for drug dependence nine years later. They also found that early drug use is an important risk factor in drug dependence. The odds of drug dependence among early drug users were 17.6 times greater than among those who had not tried drugs by age 13.

To test low self-esteem, the boys were asked to rate the truthfulness of various statements, such as "In general, I feel I am a failure" and "I don't like myself as much as I used to." They were also asked to rate the level of approval their close friends had for people who smoked marijuana or cigarettes, used cocaine, or drank alcohol.

Dr. John Taylor of Florida State University, one of the researchers, said "Low self esteem is kind of the spark plug for self-destructive behaviors, and drug use is one of these. It's a fundamental need to have a good sense of self. Without it, people may become pathologically unhappy with themselves, and that can lead to some very serious problems."

The findings of this study confirm our own common sense. When we feel good about ourselves, we make good choices for ourselves. When we do not feel good about ourselves, we often make bad choices by seeking quick fixes to make ourselves feel better. Part of a parent's job is to help build a child's self-esteem. This is important for both boys and girls. While this particular study indicates that boys' low self-esteem may lead to later drug dependence, other studies have indicated that low self-esteem in girls typically manifests itself in depression and eating disorders which are also dangerous, destructive behaviors. How do you know if your child has high or low self-esteem?

A child with HIGH self-esteem:

- thinks he/she can succeed
- thinks he/she is nice looking
- thinks he/she is fun to be around
- is not afraid to take chances
- believes in him/herself and likes him/herself
- feels safe and is free to express his/her feelings

Tips on building your child's self-esteem:

- Reward children. Point out the good things they do; don't dwell on the bad. Accept both their successes and failures.
- Use phrases such as "I'm so proud of you" or "Thank you for helping."
- Have reasonable expectations. Don't expect too much too soon. Help set reachable goals.
- Never make fun of or "put down" your children. Don't judge them and make them afraid to tell you how they feel. Discuss problems without putting blame on anyone.
- Define limits and rules clearly, and stick to them! But be flexible when you need to.
- Be a good role model. Let children know you feel good about yourself, too. Don't let children hear you say bad things about yourself.
- Give your children responsibility. They will feel useful and valued.
- Let your children help make choices. Include their opinions and decisions along with yours.
- Be available. Support your children and be there when they need you. Spend time together. Share favorite activities.
- Go to your children's events at school and show them what they do is important to you.
- Show how much you love them just for who they are. Tell them you love them often. Give them lots of love and hugs.

If you suspect that your child is suffering from low self-esteem and/or is using drugs and alcohol, there are therapists specializing in adolescent mental health and alcohol/substance abuse issues and treatment who can help you.

Grandparents Day at RES

Considering that it was (another) rainy day, the energy at the Raymond Elementary School was definitely very sunny and highly charged on Friday, May 12. Over 175 grandparents and grand "friends" attended this year's Grandparents Day at RES. They were given the opportunity to join the students in the day's academic activities, and many of them were surprised at the changes in the curriculum since their days in school, and very proud of the children's work in the classroom. Grandparents were observed taking spelling tests, playing a Maine geography game, solving complex math problems, and working on geometric figures with their grandchildren. A special thank you is extended to Mrs. Kathy Gorham and her third grade students. Mrs. Gorham coordinates the yearly Grandparents Day at RES, and her students did an outstanding job serving as greeters and tour guides in the building. Grandparents have a tremendous impact on their grandchildren, and having them support the children in their learning is "priceless." We look forward to next year's Grandparents Day in May 2007.

These pictures from Mrs. Malnati's and Mrs. Tounge's class are just a few scenes from that memorable day.



Brady and Grandparents enjoy his autobiopoem.



Ericca and family work with dictionary skills



Jasmine and Mimi.



Luis and Grandpa Ernie are ready to go get coffee.



Marissa and Grandmother enjoyed her poem.



Emmy and Grandparents write meanings for birds.

Panther Pond Conservation Project Update

By Noralee Raymond, Project Manager

- Grant Funds Available
- Rain Garden Workshop- June 3rd, 10am
- Cruise the Buffers – July 29th, 3-5pm
- Volunteers Needed

The month of May has been a month of landowner meetings and project designs for the Panther Pond Conservation Project. The goal of the project is to fix 42 of the 84 erosion sites identified in the Panther Pond Watershed Survey.

During our first season we completed 10 projects and developed designs for an additional 12 sites. If you did not have a chance to participate in the project last year, it's not too late! As part of the second year of the grant, we will once again be offering free technical assistance to any interested landowner. There is funding available for nine remediation projects and eleven Small Matching Grants (\$100). We will hold several workshops, and we have scheduled a "Buffer Cruise" to tour completed projects on Saturday, July 29th, from 3-5pm.

Grant funds can be used toward the purchase of native plants for vegetative buffers or erosion control materials (erosion control mulch, water diverters, crushed stone for infiltration). If you have an erosion or runoff problem on your property or are interested in enhancing your shorefront vegetation, please contact us today to schedule a time for us to visit your property.

Rain Garden and Infiltration Step Workshop- June 3rd, 10am, Plummerville.

Join us for this year's first workshop held at Plummerville on Betty's Neck on June 3rd at 10am to install a rain garden to catch runoff before it reaches the lake and to install

infiltration steps along an eroded path. Panther Pond Association would like to thank David Allen for inviting us to his property to hold this workshop. Contact us to sign up or for directions.

Rain gardens are just what they sound like: gardens that soak up rainwater, often used to catch water from a roof, lawn, or driveway. Come learn how to design and construct a rain garden. We will provide handouts with possible designs and suggested native plants.

Infiltration steps are one method for managing runoff on paths located on hills. Timbers are used divert runoff off the path and into vegetation. Crushed rock or erosion control (EC) mulch on the path also helps runoff infiltrate into the ground, preventing it from eroding the path and polluting the lake.

Cruise the Buffers- July 29th.

We hope you can join us for the "Cruise the Buffers" tour on July 29th from 3-5pm. Participants will board pontoon boats and cruise around the lake to stop at some of the completed projects. Free packets full of information on how to install various conservation practices will be provided to all who attend. Sign up today!

Volunteers Needed

Please contact us if you are able to volunteer some time this season. Volunteers are needed on a site-by-site basis for planting, digging infiltration areas, and constructing and installing rubber blade or timber water diverters.

In June, we have several project planned. Through the Small Matching Grants projects, we will be installing three rubber blade diverters, a set of infiltration steps, and doing some plantings. We also have three Remediation Projects scheduled – two rubber blade diverters, a settling basin, and turnouts will be installed at the Hanson's driveway on

Long Drive; EC mulch will be spread on an eroding bank at Camp Hawthorne; and EC mulch and timbers will be used to control erosion at the Cove on Betty's Neck.

If you are interested in volunteering, attending future workshops, receiving technical assistance, matching grants, or would like to attend the buffer cruise please contact PPA at ppa@raymondmaine.org or contact Noralee at 207-671-3329 or lakes@raymondmaine.org. For more information on the Panther Pond Conservation Project visit the PPA website, pick up a brochure at the Raymond Town Office, or join us for the PPA Annual Meeting on July 25th, 7-9pm at the Raymond Public Safety Building.

What's the big deal about sediments and soil erosion? Well, the nutrient phosphorus attaches itself to soil particles as it washes into the pond or stream with eroding soil. Fine soil particles carry more phosphorus and can travel long distances without settling out.

- Phosphorus adds nutrients to the pond causing excess algae to grow
- Excess algae growth makes the water less clear
- As algae die and settle to the bottom of the pond, the decomposition process uses up the oxygen at the bottom of the pond. This can harm cold-water fisheries.
- The absence of oxygen can also create a chemical reaction that causes phosphorus to be released from the sediments
- The end result: an algae bloom.

Senator Diamond Reminds Residents of Circuit Breaker Deadline

AUGUSTA— Senator Bill Diamond of Windham is reminding residents that the deadline to apply for the Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund Program, May 31st, is fast approaching. More than 230,000 Maine Households are eligible for the property tax rebate program, also known as the Circuit Breaker Program, for property taxes assessed in 2004 and/or rent paid during 2004.

"The most important thing to remember is that this year the Circuit Breaker Program has expanded. Even if you haven't qualified in years past, you may very well qualify this year. It's well worth looking into," commented Senator Diamond.

At the start of the 122nd Legislative Session the newly formed Joint Select Committee on Property Tax Reform was created and crafted LD1, which included a significant expansion of Circuit Breaker Program. A single homeowner whose 2004 income was \$74,500 or less is eligible for the program if his 2004 property taxes exceeded four percent of his income. For example, a single person with an income of \$15,000 a year who pays \$2,900 in property taxes would receive a \$2,000 rebate check. A married couple or homeowner with dependents is eligible for the program if the combined income for 2004 was \$99,500 or less and if their 2004 property taxes exceeded four percent of their income. A couple with an income of \$49,500 paying \$4,300 in property taxes could be eligible to receive more than \$1000 back.

For renters, those paying more than 20% of their 2004 income in rent could also see money back from the state under the program. In one example, a single person making \$30,000 who pays \$13,200 in rent (with heat included) could receive a rebate check back from the state in the amount of \$522.

Maine Revenue Services estimates that since applications were made available in August of 2005, already over 107,000 applications have been received, and over \$40 million has been issued in the form of refunds.

"Property tax reform as well as relief for renters is very important in keeping Maine's families economically safe and secure. I encourage citizens to check out the expended program and apply before the end of the month. A check in the mail is a nice surprise," said Senator Diamond.

For more information on the program, or to obtain an application, please visit www.maine.gov/revenue, or call Maine Revenue Services at (207)-626-8475.



Pack 800 Summer 2006 Activities Calendar



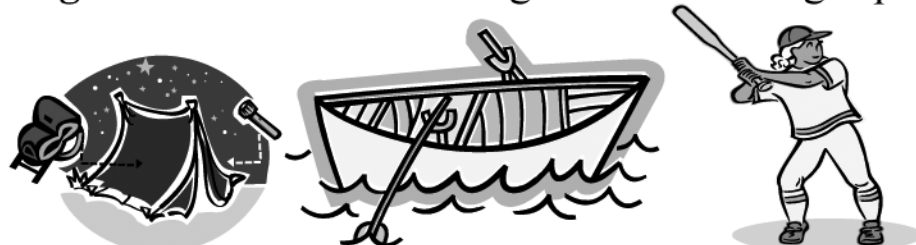
June 17th Car Wash at Wal-Mart 8am-Noon
June 25th Pack Picnic - Activities begin at 5pm at Camp Hinds
 (Rain Date June 26th)



Jul 15th- 16th Fun Pack Weekend at Camp Hinds
July 29th Casco Days Parade
Jul 31st-Aug 4th Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Hinds



Aug 13th-16th Webelos Camp at Camp Hinds
Aug 22nd Pack 800 Scout Night at the Sea Dogs 7pm



Slim Goodbody Comes to Raymond

On April 13th the SEARCH committee welcomed Maine's very own Slim Goodbody to the Raymond Elementary School to perform "Lighten Up," a musical on nutrition education and obesity prevention. The PTA funded a Healthy Dinner prior to the event that consisted of homemade soup and salad, and our host was interim principal Mr. Brian Albert.

It was a wonderfully entertaining evening, centered around healthy lifestyle choices. Mr. Slim Goodbody is an original Mainer, and the school was fortunate to have his family travel from Camden to see his performance. Many students attended and participated in this interactive program.

Many thanks to the school and parent volunteers, the Raymond Mentoring program, the school custodial staff and the kitchen staff, who helped to cook, clean, set-up and coordinate this event. Also, a big thanks to the Good Life Market, Hannaford and the Big Sky for their generous donations. What fun!



Slim Goodbody.



Ms. Dexter and Ms. Rand prepare the soup. Mr. Albert.



Mentors volunteer.



Yummy!.

JSMS Art Room Review

The year is winding down. The last project is usually a series of still-life drawings in various methods. This acts as a review of all the techniques from the year and includes past years as well. Students gain confidence and improve their drawing skills. We are concentrating on the blind contour method that the students have dubbed the "video game" way. "Blind contour" means looking at the object being drawn and resisting the temptation to look at (and edit) the drawing. Kids never look at the controller when playing a video game; they follow the action with their eyes glued to the TV. To make a good blind contour, students slowly follow the object's outline, like the marching ants function on the computer, and repeat the line on the paper in pencil without looking. They are also being introduced to a freer, more natural way to draw: gestural drawing. This resembles an advanced stick figure sketch. Even the rough drafts or studies look suitable for framing.

The 8th graders are working on their self-portraits, to be displayed at the Completion Ceremony. These large-scale drawings are first rendered from a gridded photograph. The color is added with many layers of chalk. The resemblance is always stunning. Their previous projects include clay vessels, still in the glass display cases throughout the school. Look for those to come home soon. Before that, they made prints by cutting linoleum. Some of these prints were at the AE Night, and some are still at the Good Life Market.

7th grade students are making paper molas. "Mola" is a Cuna Indian (South American) fabric craft. We use paper and a modern twist because we take inspiration from Keith Haring. Keith Haring established a charity fund so that pro-

ceeds from his artwork would benefit children even after his untimely death. These are some of the most sophisticated molas I have ever seen. I am not too surprised, because this group also created the best retablos made at JSMS, too. Their retablos were small clay boxes with form-fitted covers and surface decorations carved in all, based on a personal theme. Great job!

The 6th grade is finishing a painting unit on the theories of mixing paint colors into tints, shades, tones, and complements. This is very integrated with math because we discuss quantities, percentages, and proportions. Andy Warhol's Pop Art gave us some inspiration in the subjects. It is interesting to see the popular icons of this generation.

The 5th grade recently studied contemporary artist Jasper Johns. Although Johns was known for many styles and techniques, we concentrated on his interest in the Masters' work. He made contour drawings of famous paintings like Mona Lisa, but instead of painting in a realistic manner he filled the spaces with patterns, textures, and other elements of design. The students chose a theme and needed to support that theme with patterns and textures. Imagine Mona Lisa down on the farm with "pig tails" for hair. We saw an athletic Mona and a vegetarian Mona. We also used the portrait of Henry the IV who prefers fast food. Many of their results are also in the Good Life Market.

Students are expected to take all art projects and rough draft work home. Sadly, much gets left behind, stuffed in lockers, or [GASP] the trash. Please ask to see your student's work and talk about the project. So much teaching and learning happens in the art room.



Ryan, Grade 5, really getting the hang of gesture drawing.



D.J., Grade 7, making a spectacular Mola.

2006 ATV Registration

We are now registering ATVs for 2006. You will be issued two stickers, one of which must be displayed on the front and another on the back of your machine. If you still have your license plate, the new sticker must be displayed over the old number.

Tips for Saving Water in the House

By Charles Turner,
Raymond Waterways Protective Association

- Do not pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it, such as watering your indoor plants or outside garden.
- Even out your use of water by spacing out the family showers, or do laundry later at night.
- Consider purchasing a low-volume toilet. They can use less than half the water of older models.

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Needs Help

The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee is looking for three members to help with their work of developing ordinances, which will coordinate with the 2004 Comprehensive Plan. Meetings are at the Town Office on the third Thursday of the month at 7pm. Please visit the website at www.raymondmaine.org for updated meeting schedules and minutes.

For additional information, you may contact Town Clerk Louise Lester or Karen Strout, CEO secretary, at 655-4742 x 21 or x 43. All correspondence received in writing or by e-mail will be forwarded to the committee.

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

2005-2006 Highlights

S.E.A.R.C.H. (Successfully Exploring and Reaching Challenging Heights) is Raymond's 21st Century Learning Center grant. The focus of the grant is to provide quality after school programming in academics, the arts, wellness and fitness. We are happy to report that 45% of the K-8 student population participated in at least one S.E.A.R.C.H. program this year!

At Jordan-Small Middle School, we ran programs that included: 5th and 6th grade math support groups, Sign Language, Teen Healthy Cooking, Music Live, Quilting, French Club, Fitness, Weaving, Cribbage Club, Art Club, Audio/Visual Club, Extended Library Hours, and a three day April vacation S.E.A.R.C.H. Safari.

At Raymond Elementary, programs included: Math and ELA Support in grades 1-4, Breakfast Club, Art Club, Gym Activities, Sign Language, MAD Science, Library Listeners, First Aid and S.E.A.R.C.H. Safaris during December and February vacations.

We'd like to highlight the new S.E.A.R.C.H. Safari program that ran during vacations this year. Under the direction of 4th grade teacher Debbie Blanchard, between 8 and 15 students participated in 3 vacation Safaris. December's maritime theme took the "travelers" to the Maine State Museum and Maine Maritime Museum. In February they visited DeLorme Maps and the Osher Map Museum to learn about mapping. In April a visit to the Portland Museum of Art, an Arts Center day at JSMS and trips to the Green Grasshopper and a local cemetery revolved around the arts.



December's Safari.



April Safari in Portland.

We also recently surveyed parents about the S.E.A.R.C.H. program. The survey results from RES showed that 36% of parents who responded saw an increase in math skills and a 40-47% increase in reading and writing in their children. We were thrilled to see that 48% of parents who responded saw an increased interest in school, especially on the days their child had an after-school S.E.A.R.C.H. activity. At JSMS, 25% of parents who responded saw an increase in Math and an 8% increase in writing. Twenty-five percent reported an increased interest in school.

We also asked for comments and suggestions in the survey. We heard from a number of parents that they would like to have a schedule of activities by trimester to help them pick which programs to sign up for. We appreciate that suggestion and will work on providing you that schedule in September. We had many comments as well: "My children love participating in the different programs (MAD Science, games, jump rope). We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful program funded by a grant. After school bussing is an added plus." "As a parent, I have loved the increased activity without being on a team and the extra cost involved with that." "I am thrilled to have both of my children involved in S.E.A.R.C.H. programs - they are much more eager to go to school, especially on the days they have the scheduled activities. This program is a HUGE

asset to the school." Thanks to all of you who took the time to respond to our survey.

We will be working in conjunction with the schools to enrich summer programming and are looking forward to next year. Thank you to all the parents and students who have supported S.E.A.R.C.H. this year. We want to recognize the S.E.A.R.C.H. staff, as well: thank you providing your time and expertise to enrich lives of Raymond's younger citizens!

DOE Comes to Raymond

Last year, school systems across Maine were surprised to learn that the Department of Education intended to pay them a visit. Between September and December 2005, over 30 teams of 4-5 people traveled thousands of miles to visit every school administrative district in Maine. Superintendents were notified and told how to prepare. Educators across the state were trained to join DOE employees, and all across Maine schools began to gear up for their fall 2005 "status check" visits as part of the SAU Review process.

The purpose of the visits was to gather data on how the Maine Learning Results were being implemented across the state. The date for the Raymond visit was December 12. Superintendent Sandra Caldwell informed the staff in June and requested a staff member be trained to participate on a visiting team. In larger school systems, the assignment went most naturally to curriculum coordinators or other administrators, but in Raymond the work on the implementation of the Maine Learning Results has been undertaken by the whole district. As Superintendent Caldwell characterized it to the visitors on December 12, it has been "a grassroots effort." How unique this approach was, at least in southern Maine, quickly became clear. In November, the superintendent gathered a team to plan and prepare for the review. The team consisted of roughly a dozen people and included Principal Norma Richard and representatives from the guidance staff, special education staff, unified arts staff, and classroom teacher leaders from each grade span K-2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8.

After the team understood the expectations for the visit, Superintendent Caldwell asked each member to collect evidence from every grade level. Over the next few weeks, the evidence accumulated in a room opposite the Raymond Elementary School office, drawing curious looks from all who went by. Student portfolios and projects began to cover the tabletops, competing for space with examples of rubrics, lesson plans, assessments, and curriculum documents. There were CDs with student PowerPoint presentations, recordings of students' musical compositions, and videos of physical education skills assessments. There were posters, charts, binders, and folders. In fact, there was more evidence than the room could hold, so the team sorted, labeled, organized, and displayed the best examples. The food was ordered from the Good Life Market; coverage for participating teachers was arranged; and everything and everyone was ready. The big day arrived, and in walked the four visitors.

They stayed all day, from 7:45am until 4pm. They viewed the evidence, asked the questions, listened to the team, enjoyed their lunch, and facilitated an open discussion at the end of the day with additional staff and two School Board members. Our visitors left with an appreciation for what makes the Raymond schools so special: they provide a quality education in a caring community, where the relationships between educators, children, and parents are very strong, and every child is valued and nurtured.

Limiting Trash Pick-up: Recycling and the Ripple Effect

By Phil Hammett

Many people have been confused by the recent trash container limit proposed by the Selectboard. The proposal is to limit the number of containers each household can put out each week to one, instead of the current two, containers. This is a modification of the pay-per-bag systems that are prevalent in neighboring towns. Sounds like a pain in the neck, right? Well, actually it's a way to provide the same service we have now, save taxpayers' money, and improve the environment - all at once. Will it actually happen? We'll see...

First, some background: pay-as-you-throw programs are a way to reduce the amount of trash by providing an incentive to recycle and compost more. These have a dramatic

effect on the amount of trash towns have to dispose of. At the same time, more people find other ways of reducing trash by recycling and composting. In towns that have this system, recycling rates are triple what ours is in Raymond! Recycling saves valuable resources that we can no longer afford to continue depleting; it also saves energy and prevents a lot of pollution.

By doing these three things, there is a ripple effect through recycling. More jobs are created, which is better for the economy. Fewer resources have to be mined (or harvested, in the case of trees), so there is less destruction of the environment and depletion of forests which we need for other products such as building materials and to balance the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. By saving energy, we create less demand for energy, which helps reduce costs (remember those "supply and demand" models). Also, most energy is a major source of pollution. We don't often think of pollution affecting Raymond because we can't see it, but in fact all of Maine has become a "dumping ground" for mercury coming from power plants in the mid-western states. (We now have to limit the number of fish we can eat out of our "pristine" rivers because of this.) Recycling may not change this particular situation, but the point is that if we do the right thing, we can help prevent these types of negative ripple effects, including the pollution that comes from burning our trash.

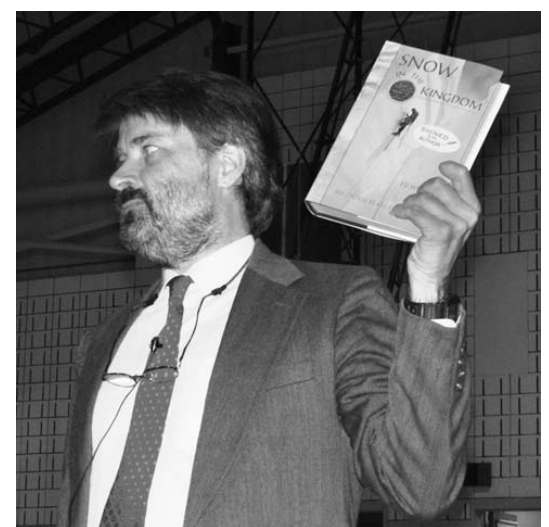
Now, back to the proposed limit on trash: how can I say that this is the same service? Because you still get the same items picked up curbside; all you have to do is put the recyclables in a different container. To create a better world, isn't it worth it? Recycling and composting are really very easy, only amounting to a few minutes per day out of our busy schedules. It's really just a matter of changing our habits.

With their pay-as-you-throw program, Cumberland is projecting a savings of \$25 per \$100,000 of valuation. With a moderated system, the savings in Raymond will remain to be seen. Currently, we don't know when the new ruling will take effect because we are negotiating with our trash and recycling contractor to work out the details, so that there are no price increases on that end. In the meantime, why wait? You can start recycling more and composting today. Stop by the town office for more information, or to pick up a recycling bin. We'll all breathe a little easier!

Ed Webster Thrilled JSMS Students and Visitors Alike with Mt. Everest Tales

Lecturer, publisher, and photojournalist Ed Webster gave an inspiring presentation about his Mt. Everest experiences to Jordan-Small Middle School students and guests on Wednesday, May 3rd.

He encouraged students to set goals, pursue their dreams and to take advantage of opportunities when they arise. Webster, who published his first article at age eleven, told his audience how rewarding it was to see your own words in print. Webster is the author of 5 books including *Snow in the Kingdom*, an autobiography of his five "storm years" on and off of Mt. Everest.



The 300-person-plus audience was completely mesmerized, as Webster demonstrated the effort it took to climb in the thin oxygenated air of Everest: 8 deep, labored breaths for every 2 steps; rest; repeat. The audience broke out in spontaneous applause several times during his presentation, especially poignant after he announced the birth of his child, one of the goals he set for himself if he survived Everest.

Webster's presentation was made possible through Raymond's PTA and the Mentoring Partnership.

2006 Bulky Waste Program

Beginning July 1st you will be able to get your 2006 coupon book for the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility. The 2006-2007 bulky waste budget was reduced to \$60,000, and the homeowner will again have to be responsible for the cost of their bulky waste over 1,000 pounds.

As of July 1, 2006, each homeowner will be allowed one (1) coupon booklet per household a year for \$5, which entitles him to deliver 1,000 pounds of bulky waste to the facility. These can be obtained at the Raymond Town Office. The rectangular brown windshield stickers will continue to designate Raymond taxpayers. When a resident has delivered more weight than the ticket allows, he will pay the overage at the LRBWF gate at a rate of \$.05 per pound for all acceptable materials and \$.025 for brush and round wood.

There will be no Day Passes issued, but the coupon booklet holder will be able to allow someone else to use his/her coupons for Raymond bulky waste deposit. If they don't have any coupons, commercial haulers will pay for their deliveries at \$.10 per pound. When a resident has delivered more weight than their tickets allow, they will pay the overage at the gate at the Raymond level of \$.05/\$.025 per pound. When a resident exhausts their tickets, they must pay at the gate.

When the 2006-2007 bulky waste budget has been exhausted, everyone who doesn't have any tickets will have to pay at the gate. If they are Raymond taxpayers, they will be charged \$.05/\$.025 per pound but if not, they will be charged \$.10 per pound.

At this time the following items can be delivered without cost: metal, car batteries, and motor oil.

Items that have an added charge of \$5 each are refrigerators or freezers with the doors still on, porcelain fixtures with hardware, and car tires that still have their rims.

An Open Letter to Past and Future Camp Raymond Campers and Parents

Camp Raymond was founded in August of 2003 as a grass roots effort by a few local moms, who sought to fill the need for a day camp for girls. The Girl Scout day camp was discontinued, so we decided to create our own. The first year was definitely a learning year, run completely by volunteers. It turned out to be a huge success!! For the second year, we decided to try again and supplemented our program with some of the Camp Hawthorne staff. During the third year, we gave the staffers even more of the program, so now we confidently hand over the entire Camp Raymond program to them. Ms. Emily Brent has worked with us for the last two summers. She has unlimited creative energy, and we know she will continue with Camp Raymond in the same spirit. As busy working moms, our time has come to pass the torch to someone who has the time and energy to foster Camp Raymond's growth. We, the founding members, give Ron First and the Camp Hawthorne staff our blessing, as we know Camp Raymond will be in good hands. Be on the lookout for Camp Raymond registrations, so that your girls can join us in continuing the legacy of Camp Raymond.

Kim Allen
Candy Tardiff
Belinda Hughes



2006 SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT THE RAYMOND VILLAGE LIBRARY

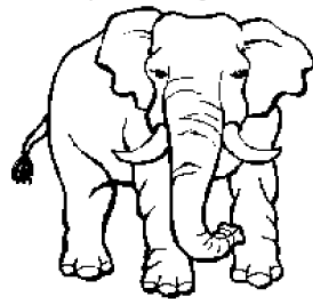
Hear the elephants trumpet ~ It's time to head to Africa for a Safari Summer!

Hey, all you fun seekers! We're looking for readers to sign up for our African summer safari adventure. The Library's summer reading program begins the week of July 9th and continues with African fun until our jeep ride ends at our final safari party on August 21st! Construct a herd of paper animals ~ Create your own Adinkra print ~ Track wild animals ~ Make your own Mancala game. Join us this summer, as we discover the excitement of an African Safari!



"On Safari"

Joining is easy! Send in the attached enrollment form, and during the week of July 9th through July 15th, stop by the library for your start up package. Each week, when you bring back the books you've read and put your 'paw prints' in the 'tiger bank,' there will be activities or projects available for you to pick up and complete at home. You can stop by the library at your convenience anytime during the week to participate.



Call Lisa at 655-5076 or stop by the library with questions or for more information. There will be a limit of 75 readers in the program, so don't wait until the last minute to sign up!

Return this enrollment form to your teacher or drop it off at the Raymond Village Library.

I would like to participate in the Summer Reading Program!

READER'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

AGE: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

Thank You, Scholastic Book Fair Patrons and Volunteers

by Deb Cutten, Raymond PTA President

I would like to personally thank each and every one of you who helped make this year's Scholastic Book Fair a success. The Book Fair is an important fundraiser for the Raymond PTA. Last year it represented 17% of our income.

This year we kept the Book Fair open during the evening of the Academic Fair at RES. It allowed many parents the opportunity to shop and review their children's selections and resulted in more sales during that two-hour period than the rest of the week combined.

Very special thanks to Wendy Trask who, once again, orchestrated the entire event. She worked tirelessly to organize the Fair, including working with Scholastic to get the books delivered, advertising, and coordinating volunteers - despite the fact she had pneumonia!

Thanks again also to Deb Keef, the RES librarian, who graciously allowed us to use her space for the sale and to disrupt her lessons. She is always a huge help to the PTA during these sales.

I'd also like to thank Alison Griffin, the JSMS librarian, for again bringing her library students "across the street" so they could shop at the

Fair. Their purchases are a big boost to our sales and much appreciated.

And the whole thing would have been impossible without our dedicated volunteers, who "minded the store." I appreciate how chaotic it can be when you have 20-30 children asking you questions all at once while holding out handfuls of pennies and asking "Is this enough?" So thank you, Nancy Yates, Laurie Salamone, Lisa Davison, Leigh Walker, Coleen Laprise, Gail Casson, Bonnie Flynn, Deb Brackett, Caj MacDonald, Laurie Hargreaves, Chris Koza, Lisa Peavey, Sue Cobb, Meg Gresh, Beth Nadeau, Karyn Knights and Aniko Pongratz. (If I have omitted anyone, please forgive me.)

Welcome, Tiger Spirit Martial Arts

Long-time Raymond resident Sal Costanza has opened a martial arts school in the village's Center Stage building. Classes in women's self defense began last October, and classes for kids aged 4-7 started in November. The children's classes follow a nationally recognized curriculum known as Lil Dragons. Sal has since started an adult class and is following up with ages 8 and older.

Sal has been a Raymond resident for 31 years and would live nowhere else. His children attended school in Raymond, and two grandchildren are currently attending Raymond Elementary School.

Sal holds a black belt in Shotokan Karate, as does his youngest daughter Andrea Tripp. He is First Aid and CPR certified and has recently been certified as a martial arts instructor by the American Council on Martial Arts (ACMA). He loves Karate and hopes the programs he offers increase personal awareness and safety. As for the Lil Dragons, he combines high energy Karate with safety and life skills. For more information, call 627-4505 or e-mail isyscons@pivot.net.



Student Sale Jewelry & Wood Craft



When: Thursday June 8th ~ 9:00 - 12:00

Where: Future Builders School

11 Murray Drive ~ Raymond, Maine ~ 655-1000

Come see our student-made products

Limited quantities so arrive early

We are located off Rte. 302 behind Sebago Storage in the Sebago Industrial Park

An Opportunity for Maine's Children

By Senator Bill Diamond

I am proud and excited to have been invited to participate in a nationwide program known as the Youth Policy Institute, hosted by the National Conference of State Legislators and the National Governors Association. This institute is designed to help state governments obtain better results from their programs and policies for children.

Maine is one of eight states that have been invited to participate in this important and prestigious two-day institute. Six selected officials from each of the eight states will be part of a state team, which will be asked to develop strategies for improving methods of helping children in a variety of ways in their state. For Maine, this could result in a tremendous improvement in how we protect our children.

I accepted this invitation to be a part of Maine's six-member team because I feel strongly that we need to find ways to improve some of the policies which pertain to our children. There are many children in Maine who are vulnerable to those who would take advantage of them in a variety of ways. Children who are abused and lack proper supervision, as well as those who are in need of basic health care and overall protection, need our attention as soon as possible.

The Youth Policy Institute will provide an opportunity for our Maine team to talk with national experts who work with children's organizations and state governments to see how other states address these problems pertaining to the care of our children. As a result of Maine's involvement in this Institute, we will have access to national resources which will be important as we seek to improve our state and local child development and protection programs.

Without a doubt, Maine needs to do a better job recognizing the judicial and legal needs of our most vulnerable children. For example, our court system is basically designed to generically address issues before them, with most district and superior courts handling everything from speeding violations to divorces to homicides and all forms of corruption. Our judges are asked to be experts on all sorts of issues, many of which may require in-depth knowledge in order for them to make an informed decision. Crimes against children, especially sex crimes, require an expertise in the judicial ranks that currently may not exist. Training certain judges to have an extensive and specific knowledge of cases dealing with sex crimes against children is something we need to explore.

This is only one idea that could be explored by Maine's team and the institute, and possibly we could learn from other states who may have already addressed this problem. This, and a variety of other issues which can be considered at this institute, adds to my enthusiasm for Maine's involvement.

The hosts of the Youth Policy Institute will be providing complete funding for the Maine team, including transportation, hotel accommodations, meals and other expenses. Such a commitment on their part underscores the importance given to the potential of the institute.

I would be especially interested in any ideas you may have regarding children's issues and how we might add to the strategies and discussions which will take place at the two-day institute.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

The Magic in Soccer

by Pat Smith

Thanks to Dana and Paula Desjardins, the plans for fall soccer are well under way, with sign-up dates in place and agreement with Agawam for use of their fields once again formalized and running smoothly.

It seems to me there is a "magic" in all of our Raymond Rec programs, which comes from volunteers sharing time and expertise so that children can be active, learn, laugh and have fun. In soccer and other programs the "magic" is made by those who undertake the leadership of each program. For the past

several years the soccer "magic" has been created by Dana and Paula.

They have announced that this will be the final year they are able to do all the work required to keep the program going. If you want to make a difference to children and are willing to play a part in keeping our soccer program strong this coming fall, call Dana and Paula. We especially need people to line the fields and work on schedules. For more information and to help keep the "magic" going, please contact Dana at 655 5351.

My May Project

By David Getchell Cheverus, Class of 2006

Every May, seniors at Cheverus High School spend five weeks doing community service at various institutions. For my community service, dubbed "May Project," I was placed in the art room at Jordan-Small Middle School. Though I am still in the middle of my May Project, I have learned a great deal through my experiences; but more importantly I have come to realize the importance art plays in children's lives.

During my work here I have spent time with some fifth graders in order to create a wall display for the tiles they made earlier in the year. The sixth graders have been diligently working on a project that has them experimenting with the different ways colors are affected by different amounts of black and white. The seventh graders are currently making paper molas. Molas are traditional Central and South American fabric panels with multiple layers. Finally, the eighth graders are in the process of making self-portraits.



All of these projects are wonderful because they allow self-expression; and since I was a middle school student not long ago, I can appreciate the children's need for ways to positively express themselves. These students are also gaining experience with technical skills, such as using an X-ACTO knife, double-sided tape, yardsticks, and thinking about negative space and in layers. The projects teach the students at JSMS more than they can consciously imagine.

The values being taught to these students are ingrained with the philosophies of people such as Plato and Freud. Freud stressed throughout his works the need to find outlets for our desires. He believes that in all forms of art, including writing, painting, and drawing, the artist is allowed to release his subconscious desires. Students have also been able to learn about the values that artist Keith Haring stressed. Haring's morals echo those of Plato. Plato believed that what is good short term may not always be good in the long term, and Haring repeated this in his art, saying that our children need positive upbringing because they will take care of us someday. These are just a couple of the lessons to which the students in Mrs. Irish's class have been exposed.

While we all do not have the genius of Da Vinci, the abilities of Michelangelo, or the vision of Shakespeare, it is clear that art is one of the most important pieces of culture since the beginning of humanity. I am glad to see that even though art is not always appreciated, there are priceless lessons that the children are gaining through their participation. We do not have to be artists to understand and value the way it has influenced history.

Last Days of School in Raymond

Friday, June 16, is the last day of classes for Jordan-Small Middle School students. The middle school will be dismissed at 10:30 on that morning. Elementary students have a full day of school on June 16 due to an additional storm day last winter. Raymond Elementary School's last day is Monday, June 19, with a dismissal at 11:30. Lunch will not be served on these final days of school, but parents will want to be sure that their students bring a snack and a snack drink.

Wellhead Protection Grant

Rick Dwinell, Raymond School District facilities manager, has received official notification that his application for a Wellhead Protection Grant has been approved in the amount of \$5,000. The JSMS water system will be reimbursed in this amount for costs associated with the removal of underground heating oil tanks at the middle school. Under Rick's direction, the district has also received grants for custodial and maintenance equipment designed to make work for his staff more efficient, effective, and safe. We would like to congratulate Rick for the Wellhead Protection Grant.

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Giving Tree Requests

Help improve recess at RES!

We can make the playground more fun and exciting for all the students at RES with a few inexpensive additions. We've added some new equipment (more to come), created a play idea book, and parent volunteers are coming in to lead games; and yet we could still benefit from a few supplies such as:

- plastic toy trucks & earth movers
- marbles
- plastic bats
- baseball mitts
- sidewalk chalk
- Nerf balls
- squash mitts

If you can pick up one of these items when you are out shopping, please bring/send it to school and put it in the drop box labeled "Giving Tree." We will add them to our recess "fun box." Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Deb Cutten at 655-8672 or e-mail at d.cutten@raymondmaine.org.

Animal Control Report April - May

DATE	ISSUE - RESULT
April 18	Information only
April 18	Information only
April 19	Information only
April 20	Pick up trap
April 20	Dog in yard
April 20	Maintenance of equipment
April 21	Dog at large - Gone on arrival
April 21	Dog fight - Summons written
April 24	Raccoon - Referred to Warden Service
April 25	Set cat trap
April 25	District Court with paperwork
April 25	Barking dog - Quiet on arrival
April 26	Information about dogs at large
April 26	Information about dogs at large
April 26	Information about dogs at large
April 26	Information about dogs at large
April 27	Checking on dog at large
April 27	Dog at large - Owner not at home
April 28	Dog at large - Summons written
April 28	Posting No Dogs signs at parks and beaches
April 29	Dog found
April 30	Check on trap
May 1	Stray cat
May 1	District Court with paperwork
May 2	Cat to Animal Refuge League
May 2	Pickup trap
May 3	Information only on birds
May 3	Dogs at large at school
May 3	Injured dog - Owner contacted
May 3	Stray in yard
May 4	Posting No Dogs signs at parks and beaches
May 5	Meeting in Windham
May 5	Information only
May 5	Stray dog
May 8	Stray dog in yard - Picked up dog
May 9	Owner picked up dog
May 9	Boarded dog over night
May 9	Loan trap to catch rabbit
May 9	Road kill - Gone on arrival
May 11	Two dogs at large - Verbal warning to 2 owners
May 11	Cat hit by car - Took to veterinarian
May 12	Cat died - Buried
May 14	Two dogs at large - Caught one
May 14	Dog to Animal Refuge League
May 14	Information on dogs at large
May 15	Pricing and locating kennel parts for repair of dog crate
May 15	Dog at large - Tied in yard
May 15	Dog to Animal Refuge League

A Learning Celebration in Raymond

Thursday, April 27, was a very special day for K-8 students in Raymond. The first annual ACADEMIC/SCIENCE FAIR was held at the Raymond Elementary School and the Jordan-Small Middle School. Over 550 student research projects were on display in the two schools, showcasing learning at all grade levels. RES students focused on grade level themes of Medieval Castle Times, Living Things, Recycling, Go Wild with Science, and Famous Maine Persons. JSMS students researched a wide range of science topics for the Science Fair. Elementary students also had the opportunity to visit the middle school to view the Science Fair projects during the day. The response from parents, other than the on-going problem with parking during school events, was extremely positive; and many families took the opportunity to visit both schools to see projects in grades K-8. We hope to schedule the 2nd annual ACADEMIC/SCIENCE FAIR for spring 2007.



Josh Leviness's magnetic structural research.



Kyle Hurd's eagle nest.



Morgan Lamontagne's recycled giraffe.



Lane Dearing's honeybee project.



Sam Harvey's magnet project.



Sara Doyon as Molly Ockett.

S.E.A.R.C.H. Sponsored Art Project for JSMS Library

The S.E.A.R.C.H. Program bought giant sheets of canvas to make portable murals for the library at Jordan-Small Middle School. There will be at least six, each measuring 2 feet by 6 feet. Most murals are painted directly on the wall and become a permanent fixture. JSMS library has a very high ceiling, so we are using canvas and acrylic paint. All of our murals will feature books but have different library inspired subjects that are popular with middle school students.

The first finished mural is now on display in the library. It starts out with a globe that turns into a map. A real landscape emerges then transforms into an artist's painting. This bold and beautiful mural was made by Ryan Carr, Grade 5. Jenna Martyn-Fisher is currently creating a fantastic painting of dogs on an adventure. This 7th grader's masterpiece will be displayed before school is through. There are more dates and canvas available for interested students. See Mrs. Irish in the art room. There will also be an opportunity to make murals during Summer S.E.A.R.C.H.



Ryan Carr, Grade 5



Jenna Martyn-Fisher, Grade 7

What Would Kids' Drawings Look Like if Painted Realistically?

Like this.



Seen with their original Dave DeVries paintings from left to right are Crystal Handy, Nathan Del Isola, Nathaniel Grindstaff and MacKenzie Sangster.

By taking kids' drawings and adding shadows, highlights, texture and perspective, illustrator and author Dave DeVries made RES students' drawings come to life. DeVries awed students earlier this year by taking selected sketches and transforming them from simple line drawings to fully realistic paintings. The children gained a lot of information from watching, and helping, DeVries make the transformations. At a recent Friday Opening the original artists were given their "monsters" to take home. DeVries is author of *The Monster Engine, An Experiment with Children's Art*. His visit was made possible through the Raymond PTA, who, with help from their volunteers, also framed the paintings before sending them home.

Maine Student Book Award Winner Announced

The 2005-2006 MSBA votes have been counted, and this year's winner is "The End of the Beginning, Being the Adventures of a Small Snail (and an even Smaller Ant)" by Avi. Five 6th grade students from JSMS successfully completed the MSBA program by reading at least three of the nominated titles. Students who read three of the nominees were then able to vote for their favorite, along with other students across the State of Maine. Meghan Hargreaves read 3 nominated books, Michala Lind read 5, Amber Collins and Kelly Pike read 6, and Shannon Pike read an outstanding 26 titles. A list of next year's nominated titles is available in the JSMS library and will soon be available on the JSMS website. All of the students who completed this year's MSBA reading program will be celebrating with an ice cream party in the JSMS library. Shannon Pike will be awarded a gift certificate to Borders in honor of her reading achievement. Congratulations, Shannon, and to all of our JSMS students who participated in this year's MSBA program!



Back Row: Amber Collins, Shannon Pike, Michala Lind
Front Row: Meghan Hargreaves, Kelly Pike