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## Budget/Finance Committee Recommends Municipal Budget

By Don Willard, Town Manager

At their April 4, 2007, meeting, the Raymond Budget/Finance Committee recommended the Selectmen's proposed FY2007-2008 budget for the Town of Raymond. The budget was adopted by the Selectmen at a net increase of \$57,113, or 3.23% over last year. The proposed Municipal budget total of \$1,824,398 is \$4,212 less than that allowed by LD1.

Selectmen goals for this budget included increasing the appropriation for capital road improvement work while reducing the use of undesignated fund balance or "Surplus" as a budget reduction tool, maintaining the current curbside waste collection system, and exploring the sharing of services with neighboring towns and/or Cumberland County government to reduce costs and maintain or improve services. In addition, the Board of Selectmen expressed continued support of the Raymond Waterways Protective Association and the Raymond Village Library. They also mandated that the budget be responsive to the property tax wishes of Raymond residents as expressed by the local passage of TABOR and to have the budget come in within the constraints of LD1.

All of these goals were achieved in the proposed budget with an increase of \$40,000 in the appropriation for capital road improvement work; a reduction in the use of "Surplus"; a reduction in the cost of dispatch services by combining with the Town of Naples regional center; appropriating funding requests as presented by the Raymond Waterways Protective Association and the Raymond Village Library; and approving a new contract with Pine Tree Waste for trash and recycling curbside pickup that did not change service levels. The budget also includes an appropriation for a new voting machine to replace the present 20-year old machine and the replacement of the windows in the main part of the Town Hall.

The budget is now subject to approval at the May 19, 2007, Town Meeting; so all Raymond voters are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

**Need a Lunch?**  
 Once again the Raymond Village Library will be offering healthy lunch items for purchase in the JSMS cafeteria at the noon lunch break of the Town Meeting.

**2007 Town Meeting**  
**Friday, May 18, 2007, Town Elections**  
**7am to 8pm**  
**Jordan-Small Middle School**  
**Saturday, May 19, 2007, Open Town Meeting**  
**10am**  
**Jordan-Small Middle School**

## Patriot's Day Storm Leaves Substantial Road Damage in Its Wake

by Don Willard, Town Manager

Raymond roads, as well as many private roads, suffered major damage as a consequence of the Patriot's Day nor'easter deluge, which dropped more than 6 inches of rain in Raymond. Significant damage occurred on the following roads: Spiller Hill Road, Conesca Road, North Raymond Road and Valley Road. Several other roads sustained minor damage.

Public Works Director Nathan White and Deputy Fire Chief/Emergency Management Agency Director Bruce Tupper are performing a detailed assessment of the damage, including documenting all public sector damage and obtaining detailed cost estimates for repair. This information will be compiled and sent to the Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency for eventual submission to the Maine Emergency Management Agency, hopefully

gaining federal financial disaster assistance with the cost of the repairs.

At this writing, rain is still falling and no preliminary total estimates of damage are available. From the following photographs, it is clear to see that costs will be sizeable and repair work will take time to complete. We ask motorists to proceed with caution and to remain alert for erosion problems that would compromise the integrity of the roadway shoulders and/or undermine the travel way. We appreciate your patience and support as we complete necessary repairs.

We have made every effort to clearly identify and mark known areas of damage and concern. If you are aware of a problem that does not appear to be identified, please contact either Public Works Director Nathan White at 655-1012, or Town Manager Don Willard at 655-6994 x31 or by email at don.willard@raymondmaine.org.



Conesca Road



Spiller Hill Road



**Road Runner Articles**

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by Thursday, **May 17th**. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

**E-Mail; Diskette; Paper; CDROM**

Articles should be submitted in RTF and pictures in JPEG format. E-mail articles and pictures to: [roadrunner@raymondmaine.org](mailto:roadrunner@raymondmaine.org) or drop them off at the Town Office or at one of the school offices.

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# Raymond Village Library News

## At a Glance

- Wednesday, May 2 – Library Board meeting, 7pm at the library
- Wednesday, May 9 – Non-fiction/Classics Reading Group, 7pm at the library
- Saturday, May 19 – Town Meeting
- Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day, library closed
- Wednesday, May 30 – Book Group, 7pm at the library
- Saturday, June 2 – Raymond Shopping Day

## Non-fiction/Classics Reading Group

Please note a correction from last month's Road Runner regarding the contact phone number for Al Morrison. The correct phone number is 655-4548.

This reading group will meet Wednesday evening, May 9, 7pm, at the library. The book will be Colin Woodard's *The Lobster Coast: Rebels, Rusticators, and the Struggle for a Forgotten Frontier*. Beginning more than a decade before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, the story weaves in the many competing interests that have contended here over the centuries. The author was born and raised in Maine and now lives in Portland.

Please join us for a lively discussion and to plan further reading. Our first meeting left us all with a greater appreciation of the realities and complexities of the 1775 march to Quebec. We hope the May reading choice will do the same for our understanding of Maine coastal history and current concerns. For more information, please call Al Morrison at 655-4548.

## Town Meeting

The Town of Raymond will hold its Town Meeting on

Saturday, May 19. We encourage our patrons to attend and support their library. Once again delicious lunch choices will be available, provided by volunteers from the Raymond Village Library.

## Library Hours for May

The library will be closed on Monday, May 28, in celebration of Memorial Day.

The library will close at 4 pm on May 20 and May 27.

## Book Group

The Book Group will meet at the library on May 30 at 7pm to discuss the book *The Painted Drum* by Louise Erdrich. The book will be available at the library, and new members are always welcome. For more information, please call Jane at 655-5354.

## Annual Plant and Paperback Book Sale

This annual event will be held on Saturday, June 16, beginning at 7am. During the next few weeks, as you are spring cleaning and gardening, please keep your library in mind. To make this fundraiser and our annual summer book sale a big success, your donations are greatly appreciated: new and gently used books, videos, DVDs, audios and puzzles. For more information, please contact Library Director Barbara Thorpe at 655-4283. For the plant sale, we would appreciate donations of perennials, annuals and houseplants. For further information, please contact one of the following people: Susan at 655-1010; Jane at 655-5354; Irene at 655-4711.

## Volunteers

Volunteerism seems to be habit-forming. "Try it, you might like it," could be its motto. Charlie Hewson, entering her twentieth year as a Raymond Village Library volunteer,

## Raymond Shopping Day

Shop and support the Raymond Village Library on June 2nd! Look for the sign in the window of your local participating businesses in Raymond and help support the library's efforts to expand the book collection and programming activities for the entire family. A percentage of the store earnings on that day will go directly to the library. Go shopping, pick up your dry cleaning, and have lunch with friends and family, while supporting the library at the same time.

The following businesses will be participating:

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Anytime Subs & Wraps    | Jordan Bay Marina/Port Harbor Marine |
| Auto Werke              | Lake Region Wireless/Cingular        |
| Chipman Farm Stand      | Raymond Laundry                      |
| Community Pharmacy      | Raymond Village Florist              |
| Cottage Industries      | Sebago Sign Works & Truck Lettering  |
| Cricket's Corner        | Sebago Pirate's Galley               |
| Danielle's Sebago Diner | Tailfeathers Upland Store            |
| The Good Life Market    | Ultimate Hair and Tanning Salon      |
| J.C. Mobility Solutions |                                      |

which included serving on the Board of Trustees as Treasurer, explains that she has volunteered for many other groups, such as the Audubon Society and an art lending library. She also shared her enthusiasm and expertise for skiing by helping with the children's school skiing programs.

Charlie feels that when people volunteer, they make a commitment and should treat it as a job, being reliable, consistent and doing their best. Her favorite part at the library is working at the front desk, meeting and

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# May 2007

## Events and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>FB=Fire Barn</b> <b>JS=Jordan-Small</b> <b>KC=Kokatosi Campgnd</b> <b>PS=Public Safety Bldg.</b> <b>RE=Raymond Elementary</b> <b>CL=Casco Library</b> <b>TBD=To Be Determined</b>	<b>SG=Sheri Gagnon</b> <b>TG=Town Garage RT85</b> <b>TH=Town Hall</b> <b>VL=Village Library</b> <b>VC=Village Church</b> <b>VT=Village Tennis</b> <b>BC=Broadcast Studio</b>	<b>1</b>  <b>7:00PM BC</b> Selectmen's Meeting	<b>2</b>  <b>10:00AM VL</b> Library Toddlertime Session I  <b>11:00AM VL</b> Library Toddlertime Session II  <b>6:30PM BC</b> School Committee  <b>7:00 VL</b> Library Board	<b>3</b>  <b>6:30PM PS</b> Raymond Lions Club Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>10:00AM VL</b> Library Babytime  <b>11:00AM VL</b> Library Preschool Storytime	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>10:00AM VL</b> Library Toddlertime Session I  <b>11:00AM VL</b> Library Toddlertime Session II  <b>7:00PM VL</b> Book Group  <b>7:00PM BC</b> Planning Board	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>10:00AM VL</b> Library Babytime  <b>11:00AM VL</b> Library Preschool Storytime	<b>15</b>  <b>7:00PM BC</b> Selectmen's Meeting	<b>16</b>  <b>10:00AM VL</b> Library Toddlertime Session I  <b>11:00AM VL</b> Library Toddlertime Session II  <b>6:30PM BC</b> School Committee	<b>17</b>  <b>7:00PM BC</b> One Raymond Committee  <b>6:30PM PS</b> Raymond Lions Club Meeting  <b>ROADRUNNER DEADLINE FOR JUNE ISSUE ARTICLES</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>7:00AM -8:00PM JS</b> <b>MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>10:00AM JS</b> <b>TOWN MEETING</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>10:00AM VL</b> Library Babytime  <b>11:00AM VL</b> Library Preschool Storytime	<b>22</b>  <b>7:00PM @ the Park</b> Tassel Top Board of Directors	<b>23</b>  <b>10:00AM VL</b> Library Toddlertime Session I  <b>11:00AM VL</b> Library Toddlertime Session II  <b>7:00PM VL</b> Book Group	<b>24</b>  <b>7:00 PM BC</b> Building Committee  <b>7:00 PM TH</b> Cemetery Committee	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>Memorial Day</b> Library closed	<b>29</b>  <b>10:00AM VL</b> Library Toddlertime Session I  <b>11:00AM VL</b> Library Toddlertime Session II  <b>7:00PM BC</b> Conservation Commission	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

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helping the members of her community. She especially enjoys working when the "little ones" have their programs. She has watched the babies become toddlers, preschoolers and then students.

Charlie says that while volunteering at the library, she get to laugh a lot, enjoy the people, and that Barbara, the director, keeps her jobs varied and interesting. She encourages others to try it ...they just might like it.

## Town Meeting

The 2007 Annual Town Meeting will begin on Friday, May 18th, with the election of 2 Selectmen, 1 School Board member, and 3 Budget Finance Committee members. The polls will be open from 7am until 8pm at the Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium.

The open Town Meeting will be on Saturday, May 19th, convening at 10am at the Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium. The Raymond Village Library will be selling various delicious lunches for your pleasure and convenience. The Town Reports should be available by May 1st. They can be picked up at the Town Office, Clough's Store, Sunset Variety, Hilltop Market, the Raymond Village Library and Community Pharmacy.

## Municipal News Brief

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions:

### Tuesday, April 3, 2007

- 1) Consideration of temporary seasonal business permit for Pam Larracey, d.b.a. Anytime Subs & Wraps – Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer.

Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper described Ms. Larracey's request to place a food concession trailer adjacent to her current store location on Rt. 302. This trailer would be located no closer to the road than the current building and there would be no interference with existing parking or access. The Selectmen tabled this matter until the next regular Board of Selectmen meeting, in order to allow time for formal abutter notification as well as a fire/ safety inspection by the Fire Department.

- 2) Consideration of new road names – Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the resident-submitted name of T-Mac Drive for the roadway located off Egypt Road, near fire lane 259.

- 3) Reinstating past practice of Selectmen recommendation on warrant articles for Raymond School Department budget – Mark Gendron, Chairman of Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen discussed making recommendations on all budgetary items, town and school. This action would reinstate a past Selectmen practice, in placing a recommendation on the school warrant articles. At the conclusion of discussions a special Selectmen's Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 12th, at 7pm, to make recommendations on specific warrant articles as well as approve the entire town meeting warrant to be considered at Raymond's Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 19th, 2007, at 10am at Jordan-Small Middle School.

- 4) Consideration of warrant articles to change the date of Annual Town Meeting and allow referendum voting – Louise Lester, Town Clerk

The Board of Selectmen agreed to include these two articles, which will be listed as Articles 3 and 4 on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Article 3 will be to change the date of town meeting from the third Friday in May (election of officers) to the second Tuesday of June. Article 4 will be to affirm Selectmen authority under Maine law to hold a referendum vote at their discretion.

- 5) Review and approval of regional disaster aid agreement for Cumberland County – Don Willard, Town Manager

The Town Manager presented the regional disaster aid agreement document received from Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency Director George Flaherty. This agreement is unchanged from the previous version, but is being updated at this time to reflect several changes in municipal officials within

the communities of Cumberland County. The Board of Selectmen authorized the Town Manager to sign the document on the behalf of the Town of Raymond.

- 6) Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC) resignation of Christina Keilt

The Board of Selectmen unanimously accepted Ms. Keilt's resignation.

- 7) One Raymond Committee Update – Mark Gendron & Dana Desjardins, Co-Chairs

There was no update at this meeting.

- 8) Consideration of abatements – Contract Assessor Michael O'Donnell, O'Donnell & Associates

a) none

- 9) Old (unfinished) business.

a) none

- 10) Town Manager Report and Communications.

a) Public Safety Banquet last Sunday

The Town Manager indicated that he had attended the Annual Public Safety Banquet. This event was very well attended by active members of the town's Public Safety Department as well as several volunteer Explorer Scout Members, active in the department. The Town Manager also commented upon the number of neighboring community Public Safety Chiefs in attendance at the meeting and the opportunity he had to discuss improving opportunities for regionalized Public Safety Services with them.

b) Tassel Top Truck

The Town Manager reported that a used 2004 Chevrolet extended cab pick-up truck had been purchased from state surplus for joint use by Tassel Top Park and Public Works. This truck was acquired for \$5,000 but has a trade-in value of \$11,650, and a retail value of \$14,400, without the addition of the Streamline fiberglass cap (\$2,800) and packrat sliding bed toolbox (\$1,200), which were included with the truck. As has been the practice of the town in the past, this vehicle will be run until it is no longer financially profitable for the town to do so, at which time it will be sold at auction, recovering most if not all of the original purchase price. The state surplus vehicle program has been extremely financially advantageous for the town, in providing for late model reliable vehicles at the lowest cost possible.

c) Preparation for town meeting

The Town Manager announced that the Board of Selectmen would be meeting with the Budget/Finance Committee to review and make recommendations on the town budget on Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

d) Dispatch service

Selectman Desjardins inquired whether there was a contract with the Town of Naples for dispatch service. The Town Manager replied that there would shortly be a contract which would be administered by a member-town Board of Directors, including Raymond. Both Fire Chief Denis Morse and Assistant Fire Chief Bruce Tupper are currently working on the form of this agreement.

- 11) Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – April 3, 2007.

Approved payroll and appropriation warrants dated April 3, 2007.

### Special Selectmen's Meeting Thursday, April 12, 2007

- 1) Review and approval of Annual Town Meeting Articles.

The Board of Selectmen considered Raymond's Annual Town Meeting warrant and made recommendations on both the town and school budget for consideration at Annual Town Meeting on May 19, 2007, at 10am at Jordan-Small Middle School).

- 2) Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – April 12, 2007.

Approved payroll and appropriation warrants dated April 12, 2007.

All Raymond meetings are public, and citizens are encouraged to attend. You may also watch live broadcasts of municipal and school meetings on Public Access Channel 2, which is the government channel, or Channel 3, which is the education/school channel. A program listing is available on-line at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org).

## Child Pornography Only the First Step

By Senator Bill Diamond

The Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee in the legislature is getting ready to hold public hearings on the several sexual offender bills that have been presented for consideration by a number of different legislators. We are expecting well over 20 bills pertaining to sexual offenders which will either add new laws or amend existing laws to the Maine statutes. There will be proposed bills to limit where convicted sex offenders can live once released from prison, i.e., specified distances from where children gather on a regular basis.

One specific issue related to the sex offender proposals that we expect to hear is the widespread and ever growing Internet child pornography problem. We're told that this illegal Internet activity is the fastest growing online industry in the world.

The Computer Crime Unit, which is a division of the Maine State Police, has been working diligently over the past several years investigating and then arresting serious online child pornographers. There are ongoing undercover efforts by different law enforcement agencies around the state to combat this problem.

Believe it or not, there are some who feel that viewing child pornography online is not harmful or serious since there is no physical contact involved. Research clearly supports the position that those who continually view child pornography online and elsewhere oftentimes will take the next step of actually carrying out their fantasies, i.e., sexually abusing children. For this reason it is imperative that we do all we can to continue the pursuit of those who unlawfully engage in the online child pornography industry.

Serious child pornographers not only view and promote the use of children on the Internet, but they are very active in peer to peer (collecting and distributing images of children being sexually abused) online activity. The state's Computer Crime Unit conducts a sophisticated monitoring system of these illegal activities with the help of other states and the federal government. We've learned that the child pornographers who share with others their images of children being abused do not always do it for money, strangely enough. The professionals tell us that their motivation is oftentimes for their basic sexual enjoyment. When just looking at the images no longer provides sufficient satisfaction, often the next step is taken, which is seeking children to abuse.

According to the Journal of Abnormal Psychology, 2006, justice statistics suggest that the number of child pornography investigations is increasing and that the results of studies on the matter show that child pornography offending is a valid diagnostic indicator of pedophilia and that these offenders were significantly more likely to show a pedophilic pattern of involvement. (Vol. 115, No. 3, 610-615).

Because we can connect those two specific offenses, we need to be persistent in our efforts to crack down on Internet child pornographers. Understanding the likely consequences of these illegal online activities, it is important that we be stalwart in our support of the Computer Crime Unit, including providing the necessary funds for its operation.

These online sexual offenders are very shrewd and can be considered experts at connecting with young children who are vulnerable and unaware of the fact that they are being targeted. As parents, grandparents and caring adults, we need to be very aware of the activities our children are involved in as Internet users. We know that engaging children online is only the first step in the strategy used by these offenders and that in many cases the ultimate goal is to actually arrange some type of contact if they can.

Maine is no different from every other state in the nation in that we have a serious problem regarding the child pornography issue. By doing all we can at the Internet level, we can hopefully reduce what will likely be the next step.

### Did You Know?

That the Maine Supreme Court has seven members, the Chief Justice and six Associate Justices. They are appointed by the Governor and serve a term of seven years (unlike the U.S. Supreme Court justices who are appointed for life), at which time they may or may not be reappointed. Judicial appointments require the confirmation of the Maine Senate.

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## Candidate Profiles

In the April issue of the Raymond Road Runner candidates running for a position on the Selectboard, School Committee or the Budget/Finance Committee were invited to provide a Candidate Profile which included an introduction, background and their thoughts about the position they were seeking.

### Budget/Finance Committee - Brandon Milton

I was born and raised in Raymond, where I lived with my parents Steve and Lou-Ann and my older brother Jarrod. I attended Jordan-Small School from kindergarten through the sixth grade. I went on to attend Windham Middle School and then High School, where I ran track, and played baseball and football. I was captain of the football team my senior year of high school and received the coach's award. I graduated from Windham High School in 2002 and went on to attend the University of Maine at Orono, where I am studying business administration and political science. While at UMaine, I was selected for the University of Maine Congressional Internship Program and was placed in Senator Susan Collins's office in Washington D.C. In addition to my time in Senator Collins's office, I also interned in the majority office of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. I will be graduating from the University of Maine on May 12, 2007, with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in political science and business administration, with a management concentration.

Both of my parents were active in the Raymond community while I was growing up, and I realized early on how important community involvement is.

If I am elected a member of the Budget/Finance Committee for the Town of Raymond, I believe my youth as well as my education in business and political science will allow me to bring energy and new ideas to the position. I have seen first-hand on the federal level how public policy is formed and implemented, and I feel that I am more than capable of directly contributing to this process on the local level.

### Selectman - Charles Leavett

I am Charles Leavitt, a father, husband and 23-year Raymond resident. I have been a selectman, served on state boards, managed federal grants, and worked in city government. I am "walking" for election to the Select Board for several reasons. The first, and most important, being choice. Raymond voters deserve more than blank lines on a ballot. Write-in candidates are legitimate; however, our democracy is in jeopardy when faced with incumbent-only or no-choice elections.

My second reason is simple. For several years public policy, the heart and soul of Raymond's future, has become more like a game show and less like a deliberative, thoughtful and considerate process. We have devised schemes to move the town offices into JSMS, merge town / school finance functions, eliminate local dispatch services and build ball fields on potentially unsuitable town-owned land. These initiatives have had mixed results at best or ended in confusion and anxiety. Whoever is elected, this "Let's Make a Deal" atmosphere needs to be reconsidered.

My third reason is more complex. Raymond School expenses represent 71% of every local tax dollar raised. Taxpayers also support our school and town with state and federal taxes and fees. Combined, the Raymond resident may be the highest taxed by percent of income in the country. For years activists have pleaded for fiscal responsibility from our elected officials. The municipal government has shown the political will to economize, while maintaining core services to the public and within the framework of LDI.

The response from the School has been puzzling in a town where 1,136 citizens, or 55% of votes cast, recently favored the statewide Taxpayer Bill of Rights. Additionally the state DOE, Baldacci administration and Brookings Institution have identified designer school districts, like Raymond's, as contributing to our oppressive tax structure. Our superintendent has stated, "Raymond is the poster child for school consolidation."

What was the response? The FY 2008 school budget request is 20% or \$1.4 million higher than FY 2006. Consolidation efforts lag behind the identified need of five years ago. Those who participated in or saw this year's budget deliberations on RTV witnessed verbal outbursts, wild accusations, and an "us versus them" divide. All this emotional distress over what ultimately became a recommended decrease in the \$8.4 million budget of less than \$69,000. The community expects better.

The parents of Raymond's present and future schoolchildren

must realize that our way of delivering educational services will change. We need to consolidate in a way that reduces cost and provides equal educational opportunity. We currently squander in-the-classroom money transporting children and delivering special education services to multiple high schools. The drain of precious public education dollars as subsidies to private institutions needs to end. These discussions should be debated in an environment of more light and less heat. This community project will require leadership from the public, superintendent, town manager, the School Board, Select Board and Budget/Finance Committee. Thank You. Please vote May 18th.

### Selectman - Michael Reynolds

I Want To Help Preserve Raymond's Future

My name is Michael Reynolds, and I'm running for reelection to the Board of Selectmen. Some of you know me from coaching baseball and soccer or through the local Raymond TV station that broadcasts the Select Board meetings. I have been a Select Board member since 2004, and I live in Raymond with my wife and son because we found a home in a beautiful rural setting that is convenient to all that Southern Maine has to offer.

I have followed town politics since moving here and am compelled to run for the Board of Selectmen again this year. I originally ran because I saw a change in the direction of Raymond's leadership that I felt would not provide our community with what we have come to expect and respect about our town in the long term. Since becoming a Select Board member I have been part of a board that has pushed cooperation and positive progress in making choices for the town from our many options..

Here are some of the issues I see as important to Raymond in the next few years.

- Infrastructure support for our town hall, fire & rescue and roads that is consistent and does not put off to tomorrow what should be maintained today.
- Environmental concern and action that respects all points of view, from both inside and outside of town boundaries.
- School resources that, combined with another school district or districts, will once again enable us to be recognized as a National School of Excellence.
- A comprehensive land management program that continues to be citizen led.
- An approach to technology that allows Raymond to be viewed the way we were when we became the second community, after Portland, to receive internet access.

Is it possible to have all of this and more? The answer to that question lies with each of you. I am running for Selectman again to do my part to continue the positive direction and cooperation the current Select Board enjoys.

I am presently a General Manager for a small manufacturing and wholesale fundraising company. I am a former president of the board of the Maine Publicity Bureau and treasurer of the New England Ski Areas Council. I was appointed by the Governor to the Maine Tourism Commission and was a founding member of the Maine Tourism Coalition. If re-elected, I will continue to bring this leadership experience and my personal interest in the future of Raymond to the Board of Selectmen.

I believe I can help **Preserve Raymond's Future.**

Please vote for me either by absentee ballot, available at the town hall, or at the town election Friday, May 18th, at Jordan-Small Middle School.

If you have any questions, you can reach me at 655-2884 evenings or e-mail [mikereyn@maine.rr.com](mailto:mikereyn@maine.rr.com).

## Recycling Bins Available

Raymond's Recycling Committee has arranged for the Town Office to have blue recycling bins for sale. They would like to encourage recycling in Raymond and felt that having the bins available to the residents was one way to enhance the program. The price of a bin is \$6.15, which is the cost to the town. Bins are available at the Town Office during regular business hours.

## Our Library – a Real Deal

You know that sense of satisfaction you feel when you've just gotten a good bargain? You may not feel that way when you walk out of the library with books, magazines or movies, but if you think about it, you've just gotten an incredible deal. Want to verify that? Check out <http://www.maine.gov/msl/services/calculator/htm>.

Our annual budget to run the library is less than \$70,000. We are not a town department but do rely on some town support. At last year's town meeting the library asked for, and voters approved, \$26,500. Our fall Annual Appeal brought in around \$20,000 last year, and the library fundraisers you support add another \$10,000 or so. Grants account for \$1,000-2,000, in a good year.

That clearly doesn't add up to \$70,000, so we have to dip into our reserve fund some years. Other years, fundraisers and creative patrons exceed our expectations, and we're back in the black again.

Our thanks for your support goes deeper than just cash, though. Many businesses and patrons have donated goods and services to library events and will be supporting our first "Shop Locally /Support the Library" day coming up on June 2nd.

And what would we do without our volunteers? Thousands of volunteer hours are hard to put an exact number on, but they are what keep us afloat.

We continue to search for innovative ways to keep our costs low and the income side steady. We hope for continuing town support as we ask for a small increase this year. Our Director, Youth Services Coordinator, the Board of Trustees and our many volunteers contribute their time and energy because they believe our library is such an important community asset. All that hard work, plus your contributions, adds up to a great deal for Raymond.

## Veterans' Memorial Dedication

May 28th, 2007

By Howard Stiles

The Raymond Veterans' Memorial Committee has started final preparations for the erection of the monument and the flag pole at the Panther Run Rest Stop site. There is a lot of work yet to be done, and come May 28th, it still may be a work in progress.

The time of the dedication is still to be determined, as we are trying to coordinate with our hoped-for speaker Major General Libby, the Maine Adjutant General. We know it will probably be early afternoon. As soon as we have a specific time, it will be posted on the Raymond website, as well as locations throughout town.

We are inviting all Raymond residents, and especially veterans, to this ceremony. Corporations and families that purchased pavers should make a special effort to attend. It was a year ago at the town meeting that Howard Stiles, chairman of the committee, was introduced. During the past year many people and corporations have donated money, time and equipment to make this Veterans' Memorial a reality. Join us on the 28th of May, time to be announced. You can call the town office at 655-4742, or Howard at 655-4193, after May 14th for the specific time.

If you were thinking of buying a paver for that special veteran and have been putting it off, do so now. The Raymond web site has all the information and the paver request form. You may also call Howard for that information at 655-4193. Thanks to all. Hope to see you on the 28th of May.



Conceptual Photo – Custom Design by Collette Monuments, Inc.

## Tassel Top Park

We are beginning to gear up for the 2007 season at Tassel Top Park / Beach. We thank those who have applied for jobs with us and for those who have volunteered to help with the nature trail. We will be opening from 9am to 6pm on weekends only, beginning May 26, 27, 28, and each weekend following, weather permitting. We will open daily from June 16th through Labor Day.

We are still accepting reservations for daily and weekly rentals. Year-round Raymond residents are being offered a \$100 discount on weekly rentals during July and August. Please call Ranger Sue at 310- 0482, or 655-4441, or leave a message at the Town Hall at 655-4742 ex 32. Tassel Top is a quiet, peaceful and beautiful place to vacation and is convenient to many shopping areas. Please help us pass the word about this town treasure.

We are still looking for anyone who likes to use a jigsaw and who would like to make some animal cut outs for our new play area. Also, we would like to start an "art in the park" program. We are looking for artists of any medium who would be interested in showing their art (for sale) in the park on a scheduled weekend. The only criteria for the art is that it be either nature or wildlife to fit our park theme. For details or to schedule a time in the park, please call Ranger Sue at the above numbers.

Interviews for employment will be held at the end of April, so if you filled out an application you will be called to interview.

Tassel Top will be holding a raffle at the Town Meeting in May. The winner must be 21 or over and a year- round resident of the town. Fill out the coupon and bring it to the town meeting, and you may be the winner of a free weekend in the Tassel Top cabins!

## Rep. John Robinson Proposes Bill to Help Pay for Infertility Treatments

State Rep. John Robinson (R-Raymond) has presented a bill to the Legislature's Insurance and Financial Services Committee that would help families defray the high costs associated with infertility treatments.

"The difficulties for families on the issue of infertility are painfully emotional topics," Rep. Robinson said during a public hearing on the legislation held April 10th. "You will hear compelling, heartfelt testimony of the struggle families experience as they try to conceive. Many of us have witnessed these struggles."

The original language of LD 842, An Act to Require Insurance Coverage for Infertility Treatments, would have required health insurance policies issued in Maine to include coverage for infertility treatment if pregnancy-related benefits are provided. According to Rep. Robinson, 15 other states currently have laws addressing infertility treatment, including Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Realizing that mandates on insurance companies may ultimately lead to higher insurance premium rates, Rep. Robinson is proposing the administration of a grant process to be overseen by the Bureau of Insurance. He would like to see \$500,000 in each year of the biennium utilizing new revenue in the Fund For Healthy Maine to be invested to seed to the Infertility Treatment Grant Fund.

Rep. Robinson, a father of two children, believes no one should be denied the opportunity to raise a family. "The joy associated with parenthood is immeasurable, and yet mandating infertility benefits is a costly proposition," he said. "I believe with the committee's willingness to bring forward my amended bill, the Legislature can take a significant step in helping families to overcome this trying disease."

### TASSEL TOP CABIN RENTAL RAFFLE

Please PRINT your—

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

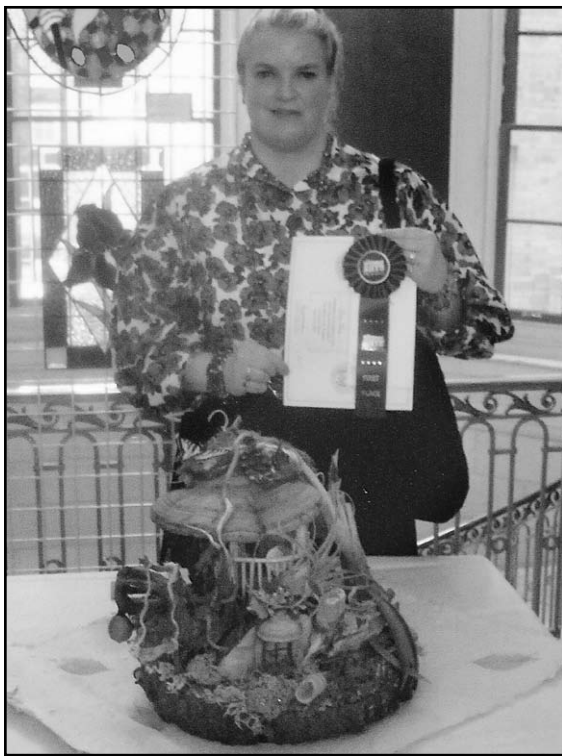
NOTE: ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE:

1. At least 21 years of age
2. A YEAR ROUND Raymond Resident

Drawing to be held May 19th at the Town Meeting



Let's keep hoping for great weather. Ranger Sue and the Tassel Top Staff look forward to seeing you soon!



## Raymond Artist Places 1st in National Arts Program

There is a new acknowledged artist in the Town of Raymond. Laura King was entered in a City of Portland National Art Program contest by her husband Bob King. The exhibits were judged by nationally acclaimed artists from the University of Maine and by professional, accomplished artists in Maine.

The exhibits went on public exhibition at Portland City Hall for about two weeks. There were many beautiful artworks on display. A total of 136 exhibits were entered, and there were many awards given, including 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each of the following categories: Youth to age 12, Youth to age 18, Amateurs, Intermediate, and Professional level, plus Best in Show.

Out of these awards, Laura Powers King came home with a blue ribbon 1st place at the Intermediate level for an exclusive fairy house made just for the show. Laura currently has some of her fairy houses on consignment at the Cry of the Loon in Casco. The National Arts Program has a web page with all its recognized exhibits in 43 states across the country, plus the District of Columbia: <http://www.nationalartsprogram.org/venues.php>

If you see Laura, congratulate her on an award well-deserved and on a job well done.

# Windham High School

Presents

# The Crucible

*Come see our 9 Raymond students!*



By  
Arthur Miller

### Show Dates:

May 2 and 3 at 7:30 &  
May 5 at 2:00 & 7:30

### Ticket Prices:

\$10 for Adults & \$8 for Seniors and Youth/Students  
Tickets sales begin one hour prior to each show  
Windham Performing Arts Center  
For more information call 892-1810 X277

## News from Jordan – Small Middle School

by Randy Crockett, Principal

It is hard to believe, as I write this article, that only eight weeks remain in the 2006 – 2007 school year! The next two months will be packed with activities and events. I am pleased to report that the initiative to address bullying and harassment begun in January is moving forward. Thirty-six students in grades 6, 7 & 8 were selected by our staff as student leaders to attend a one day retreat. Upon our return from April vacation, the entire staff, with the help of the student leaders, will be working with their advisory group to address this important topic.

A large part of my job at this time of year is planning for next year. One important change for 2007 – 2008 is the modification of our adviser/advisee program. Next year, student homerooms will be with a grade-level team teacher. Each homeroom teacher will be paired with a special education, AE teacher or other professional staff member as co-advisers. We will have school-wide advisory sessions 10 to 14 times per year for 40 to 60 minutes, rather than the weekly 20-minute format currently in use. Another important change for next year (if the budget passes as currently proposed), is the addition of a health/phys.ed. teacher. This will provide greater implementation of the district's wellness policy and provide more class options for students.

Please join us to celebrate student accomplishments during the events listed below.

### Important Dates

The softball and baseball teams are playing 2 to 4 games per week in May. Schedules are available in the main office.

May 2	ACES Assembly and early release
May 3	Science Fair
May 8-10	Kieve Program for grade 5
May 11	Progress Reports
May 24	All Chorus Concert 7pm
June 5	All Band Concert 7pm
June 8	Gold Card Dance for grades 6 & 7, 7 - 9:30pm
June 13	Eighth Grade Completion Ceremony 6:30pm; Casco Bay Cruise immediately following
June 14	Eighth Grade Trip
June 15	Grades close for Trimester 3
June 18	Field Day
June 19	Last Day (early release)

The Maine Junior Engineering Technical Society will be offering a unique summer program at Falmouth High School the weeks of June 25th, July 9th and July 23rd. The program for grades 4-9 focuses on hands-on activities:

Lego robotics with Mindstorms NXT, principles of geometry in sturdy structures as well as problem solving and puzzles and modular origami constructions

To register go to <http://courseweb.stthomas.edu/gps/mmsets/> and click on the date and/or location to get a registration form and brochure. If you have questions, call Eva Szillery at (207) 356-0207 or e-mail her at [evaszillery-mmsets@me.acadia.net](mailto:evaszillery-mmsets@me.acadia.net).

## Grandparents and Grand Friends Day at the Raymond Elementary School

Each spring, students at the Raymond Elementary School look forward to sharing their school with some very important people in their lives. This year's Grandparents and Grand Friends Day will be held on Friday, May 11. We look forward to sharing a wonderful morning with grandparents and friends. Please be sure to mark this date on your calendars.

### Raymond School Department Chorus Concert

Thursday, May 24, 2007  
at 7pm, JSMS gymnasium.

## RES Principal's Report

By Norma Richard

After a very cold and wet April, students and staff are looking forward to warmer and sunnier days during these last two months of school. I would like to thank Ken Smith of Raymond for visiting the Raymond Elementary School and sharing his passion for Sun Safety for Me with us at our April opening. Ken's visit was part of a \$500 health grant that we received to educate students about the potential dangers of sunburns and exposure to UV radiation in tanning booths. He spoke from a personal perspective of the dangers of skin cancer due to sun exposure. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Maine, and nearly all skin cancers can be prevented if we watch our A, B, C's and follow these sun safety guidelines. These guidelines are especially important for young children.

A – Avoid unprotected exposure to the sun.

B – Block out the sun by using sunscreen.

C – Cover your body with appropriate clothing.

Each of our students received a pamphlet from the Maine Cancer Consortium and a kit to make a sun exposure bracelet. This kit included special white beads that turn color in the sun. The bracelet is a visual way to remind children and their parents to use sunscreen and to avoid prolonged sun exposure. Thank you to Ken Smith and the Wellness Committee for their efforts in promoting good health habits.

I would like to welcome Kristina Truesdale to the Raymond School District as the new school nurse for RES and JSMS. She holds a master's degree in nursing from USM and has a variety of nursing experiences to bring to this position. She is looking forward to working with Denise Plummer, health aide, to provide health services for all students in grades K - 8. Mrs. Truesdale will be based at RES and can be reached at extension 402.

Deb Adams and Lisa Friedlander, along with many parent volunteers, need to be recognized for their efforts in organizing the second annual RES Math Meet. The middle school cafeteria was packed with eager elementary students working on individual problems and team challenges. The energy and enthusiasm of these students were wonderful, and the Math Meet was a huge success. Congratulations to all students who participated.

In closing, I would like to remind parents that children need to come to school this spring dressed for comfort and safety. Comfort means clothing appropriate for school and not for the beach (shorts that are long, shirts that cover bellies, and tank tops that are not skimpy). Sneakers are always required for gym class. Sandals and flip-flops are unsafe for recess and moving around the building and should stay home. If you have any questions about the dress code, please give me a call at 655-8672 ext. 400.

## North Yarmouth Academy Holds Spring Inquiry Day/ Open House

North Yarmouth Academy (NYA) will host Spring Inquiry Day for grades 6-12 on **Wednesday, May 2, 2007**, beginning at **10:30am**. Spring Inquiry Day is for families who may be interested in admission to NYA's Middle School and Upper School for Fall 2007 or Fall 2008, including the newly expanded ninth grade. It will provide information on the school's overall program and topics including the academic curriculum, athletics, the arts, admission procedures and financial aid. Families will have the opportunity to meet current parents, tour the school, visit classrooms and ask questions of faculty and current students.

Schedule:

10:30am – Welcome Reception, Safford Center, in the Curtis Building, 148 Main Street

10:45am – Campus tour, classroom visits

11:45am – Reception Q&A with faculty and current NYA students

The event is free to the public, and interested families may call the Admission Office at 207-846-2376 to RSVP or for more information.

North Yarmouth Academy is an independent, college preparatory, coeducational day school serving students in grades six through twelve. NYA is dedicated to fostering integrity, character and intellect in young adults. For more information, please contact NYA at 207-846-2380 ext. 9327, or visit our website at [www.nya.org](http://www.nya.org).

## Honorary Pages

By Lisa Conley

Five students from JSMS served as Honorary Pages at the State House Senate session on March 27th. Brad Meader, Zack Conley, Shannon Sutton, Morgan Richmond and Emily Callahan, served as Senator Bill Diamond's guests. Pages are available to the Senators during the session to deliver notes and distribute handouts for them and their staff.

After serving in the Senate session, they were introduced to John Robinson and treated to a tour which included the Hall of Flags. They were also able to get their questions answered. It was a great experience for all.

The Page program is available to students at JSMS who make Honors and High Honors.



(L-R) Representative John Robinson, Brad Meader, Zack Conley, Shannon Sutton, Morgan Richmond, Emily Callahan, and Senator Bill Diamond.

## Kindergarten Screening at the Raymond Elementary School

Appointments are now being taken for kindergarten screening. If you are a current Raymond resident and have a child who will be 5 years old on or before October 15, 2007, and will be entering kindergarten in the fall, then please call the Superintendent of Schools office at 655-8666 to schedule a screening appointment. Kindergarten screenings this year will be held on Thursday, May 17, and Friday, May 18.

Proof of Raymond residency, your child's birth certificate and immunization record are required to register your child for kindergarten. A kindergarten physical is also required prior to starting school.

## “March for Parks” at RES Benefits Raymond's Parks

Mr. Dennis Woodruff is once again coordinating the March for Parks program at the Raymond Elementary School. From April 24 – May 4 students will be asked to bring in donations of pennies and other coins. All of the donations will be presented to the town to support our local parks. In past years the children's efforts have helped to purchase a beach wheelchair for Tassel Top Park and to make improvements to Sheri Gagnon Park. This is a great time to clean out spare change from winter pockets, under car seats, and from desk tops and kitchen drawers. The children and staff would like to thank everyone in advance for helping with March for Parks.

## Benefit for Explorer Scouts May 16th

The Raymond Fire/Rescue Department depends on volunteers. Some of those volunteers are young people from the ages of 14 to 18 who are Explorer Scouts, which is an extended part of the Boy Scouts of America. Even though it's the Boy Scouts, girls are invited to join. This program is set up to work in helping young people learn good ethics and good life experiences. Michael Dyer is the Executive Director of the Explorer Scouts of the Boy Scouts and can be reached at 207-797-5770.

On May 16th there will be a Benefit Auction to raise funds for the programs of the Explorer Scouts. This will be held in Portland, at the Portland Club. Tickets are complimentary and may be obtained from Michael Dyer at the number above. There is both a silent auction and a live auction.

We do need items for the Silent Auction and the Live Auction. If you have an item to donate, please contact Shirley Fielder 207-655-7359 (home) or 207-655-5524 (cell), or by e-mail [shirleyf@maine.rr.com](mailto:shirleyf@maine.rr.com). Funds received from the auction and reception will be used to support

the Explorer Program in Maine. Everyone is welcome, so come and enjoy the event and the refreshments!

## 2007-2008 School Budget Overview

By Sandra Caldwell, Superintendent

The 2007-2008 proposed school budget the School Board will bring to you at Town Meeting represents months of thoughtful consideration by the administration, staff and the School Board. This budget is the culmination of our attempt to bring to you a budget with as close to a zero percent Town share increase as possible, while meeting the needs of our students under the constraints of EPS and other federal and state mandates. The draft unanimously adopted by the School Board offered a -0.4% Town share increase. However, due solely to new state subsidy projections that reduced our revenue, the current proposal reflects a 4.5% Town share increase. Since extensive cost cutting occurred early in the budget process, the Board found no additional opportunities to offset the reduced revenue through further cuts without a significant impact on educational programs and students.

The school budget work this year requires us to anticipate not only volatile costs like fuel and electricity, but to anticipate the costs and outcome of consolidation measures which will be required by the state. In addition, new federal regulations relating to special education and early identification make next year's budget very difficult to predict. Although we are budgeting for the next school year, our state subsidy is based on figures from two years ago, which means that we begin the process with a built in discrepancy between expenses and revenues. As well, we have the requirements of Essential Programs and Services, No Child Left Behind and other federal and state requirements to consider.

In addition to having no teacher reductions this year, this budget includes the addition of a health teacher at JSMS

who will be responsible for implementing the health education curriculum, as well as allowing for more physical education time for the middle school students. Some of the costs this budget reflects include increased electricity and oil costs, a new accounting system to conform with MEDMS, an approximate nine percent increase in health insurance benefit costs for all employees, refinishing the RES cafeteria floor, repairing the garage at JSMS and the costs of negotiated salaries and benefits for teachers, support staff and administrators.

Our teacher leader positions at both RES and JSMS have been moved to our operating budget this year. Last year, those very important positions were part of our REAP Grant and weren't reflected in the 2006-2007 budget. This budget also provides funds for the training and travel needed for our educators' and staff's professional development, which ultimately provides better education for our students. Because we have fewer than 600 students K - 8, Raymond qualifies as a rural school and is eligible to receive additional funds to be used pursuant to the proposal we write each year. This year's REAP Grant funds will be used for our assessment initiatives, including the NWEA. Similarly, Local Entitlement funds help us offset the costs of special education that aren't funded through our regular budget process.

Although we exceed our EPS allotment for health services, our decision to have a full time nurse and a part time health aide comes after a careful assessment of our current and projected student needs, as well as input from the staff and community. Our technology cost center has decreased overall this year, mostly because the laptop lease has ended. Other cost centers have increased due to our personnel contracts. The Board has just finished renegotiating the administrator contract, is still renegotiating the support staff contract, and has the superintendent's salary to negotiate this year; so some of the salary and benefit figures in the

budget are placeholders. High school tuition continues to be a large portion of our budget, and we are exploring options to reduce our per pupil costs in this area, while still keeping Raymond's secondary educational opportunities as open as possible. Consolidation may dictate our options in these cost centers as well.

The School Board and Administration continue to explore options to reduce costs while remaining fiscally responsible. This responsibility includes budgeting as closely as possible to our projected needs, yet maintaining a surplus in case of unforeseen expenses. In light of the existing school surplus from previous years, the Budget/Finance Committee has recommended that the school apply its entire surplus to the 2007-2008 budget, leaving no cushion for the school. The two tables provided show the difference between using \$416,000 and using \$616,000 (the whole surplus) to offset the Town's share of the 2007-2008 budget. We have also provided a simplified overview of the cost centers in the 2007-2008 budget for your review. We believe we have presented Raymond with a responsible budget that balances the desire for tax relief with the desire to educate our students, the leaders of tomorrow.

The entire 2007-2008 school budget can be viewed and/or downloaded at the Raymond School Department's web page, or can be obtained by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 655-8666.

### Cost Center Guide

RES Cost Center Total	\$2,137,088
JSMS School Cost Center Total	\$1,912,626
High School Cost Center Total	\$2,008,600
Special Education Cost Center Total	\$ 996,604
District Cost Center Total	<u>\$1,431,376</u>

**Grand Total Operating Budget \$8,486,294**

Some of the items included in each cost center:

RES	JSMS	HS	SPED	DISTRICT WIDE
<b>Salaries and benefits for:</b> guidance, nurse, library, custodians, teachers, principal	<b>Salaries and benefits for:</b> guidance, nurse, library, custodians, teachers, principal		<b>Salaries and benefits for:</b> teachers, social worker, speech therapist, occupational therapist, ed. techs, G/T coordinator	<b>Salaries and benefits for:</b> superintendent, bus drivers, custodians, Sp.Ed. Director, technology, business office
substitutes	substitutes	T U I T I O N	substitutes	Sp.Ed. tuition, Sp.Ed. contracted services
books, paper, supplies, printing, telephone, postage	books, paper, supplies, printing, telephone, postage		books, paper, supplies, printing, telephone, postage	books, paper, supplies, printing, telephone, postage
electricity, oil, water, mowing	electricity, oil, water, mowing			school lunch program
co- curricular activities	extra- and co- curricular activities		transportation	transportation, legal fees, insurance, staff training, board fees

### Simplified School Budget for 2007 - 2008 Using \$416,000 of the School Surplus

	Proposed 2007-2008 Budget	% Difference From Last Year
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total Operating Budget	\$8,486,294	5.4%
Debt Service	389,757	0.0%
Interest	245,401	-6.4%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,121,452</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
<u>Revenues</u>		
Use of Surplus	\$ 416,000	420.0%
What We Get From the State	1,345,507	-19.3%
Medicaid Reimbursement	10,000	-75.0%
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$1,771,507</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
<b>Town's Share to Raise</b>	<b>\$7,349,945</b>	<b>4.5%</b>

### Simplified School Budget for 2007 - 2008 Using \$616,000 (all) of the School Surplus

	Proposed 2007-2008 Budget	% Difference From Last Year
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total Operating Budget	\$8,486,294	5.4%
Debt Service	389,757	0.0%
Interest	245,401	-6.4%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,121,452</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
<u>Revenues</u>		
Use of Surplus	\$ 616,000	670.0%
What We Get From the State	1,345,507	-19.3%
Medicaid Reimbursement	10,000	-75.0%
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$1,971,507</b>	<b>10.3%</b>
<b>Town's Share to Raise</b>	<b>\$7,149,945</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

## PTO News

by Deb Cutten

### Request for Funds

At our April 10th meeting we voted to support a request to help fund the third grades' annual trip to the Portland Museum of Art in May. The cost of this trip is \$1 per student. By supporting this project it helps us to fulfill our mission of enriching educational programs.

### Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, May 7-11th

It was decided that the PTO would sponsor a Wellness Fair for teachers and staff to show our appreciation. The Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 9th, from 2 to 5pm in the RES gym. Some of the ideas discussed were chair massages, chiropractic evaluations, polarity therapy, aroma therapy, yoga, relaxation breathing, facials, pedicures, weight training, stress reduction/management, foot massage, healthy cooking, Reiki, acupuncture, postural evaluation, nutrition counseling, etc. If you know anyone who could help us with the above-mentioned areas, or if you could help with the Fair, please contact the PTO at PTO@raymondmaine.org or contact me directly (655-2877 or dcutten@maine.rr.com)

### By-law Update

The final revisions to the by-laws were presented and accepted at our April 10th meeting. The final change was to Page Five, Article Five, regarding Officers. Instead of a President and a Vice President, each serving a two year term with the Vice President moving up to the role of President, we will now have a Senior Co-Chair and a Junior Co-chair, each serving a one year term. This will provide a more team approach as well as only require a total commitment of two years instead of the current four. The By-laws are available on our website at [www.raymondmaine.org/civic\\_groups/pto](http://www.raymondmaine.org/civic_groups/pto).

### Nomination of Officers

At the close of the academic year, the following positions will be vacated: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Hospitality Chair. At our April 10th meeting Leisa Doughty was nominated as Treasurer and Alizah Shiver was nominated as Co-Chair. Volunteers are still needed to fill the other Co-Chair, and the Secretary and Hospitality positions. *If volunteers do not come forward, the PTO may no longer be able to continue as it has in the past.*

## The End of the PTO as You Know It?

By Deb Cutten, outgoing President

At the close of this academic year the following positions within the PTO will be vacated: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Hospitality Chair. At our April 10th meeting Leisa Doughty was nominated as Treasurer, and Alizah Shiver was nominated as Co-Chair. Volunteers are still needed to fill the other Co-Chair, Secretary and Hospitality positions. If volunteers do not come forward, the PTO may no longer be able to continue as it has in the past, or it may cease to exist altogether.

Think of all the things you will be missing. This past year alone we will have made possible the following enrichment programs for Raymond's children: the 4th grades' overnight trip to the Maine Conservation School, the 3rd grades' trip to the Portland Museum of Art, the 5th grades' Camp Kieve experience, the 6th grades' Chewonki Owl presentation, and the 7th & 8th grades' Chamber Repertory Theater fieldtrip. We gave the 8th grade class \$500 towards their class trip. We helped sponsor seven Raymond students for the Windham High School Band trip. We brought a Circus Smirkus residency program to the elementary school for two weeks.

We collaborated with community organizations like the Eagle Scouts to provide bleachers, scoreboards and field goals at our schools, with the Raymond Village Library to provide programming for our children and with the Wellness Committee to provide Sun Safety Education. We helped sponsor a Family Valentine Dance and a Holiday Fair for the community.

The PTO provided monthly breakfasts for K-8 students and their parents this year. We supplied the food and service for Fall & Spring Field Days at the middle school. We provided teacher and staff appreciation in the form of Welcome Back breakfasts and holiday staff appreciation activities/gifts and end-of-year goodies.

And last but not least, we will give \$3000 in college scholarships to deserving Raymond students this year.

You can see just how much the PTO does, but it needs a new staff of willing volunteers to continue its good works. Key people within the organization will be retiring after many years of service, and it is time for new parents, community members and teachers/staff to step up to the plate and get involved in your Parent Teacher Organization; or else it may be the end of the PTO as you know it.

If you would like more information on how **you can help**, please contact me at 655-2877 or dcutten@maine.rr.com

## Town Office Lost and Found

- A very pink polar fleece hat, 1 year size.
- A pair of hand-knit brown/tan/pink mittens, small child.
- An LL Bean red polar fleece jacket, size 4T with hood.

## The Giving Tree

These are items teachers and staff need for their classrooms. If you have extra at home, or would be willing to pick something up when you are out shopping, please bring/send in items and put them in the drop boxes near the school front doors labeled "Giving Tree," or you can leave them in the Office. We will deliver them to the teachers within 2 days. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Deb at 655-2877 or e-mail me at dcutten@maine.rr.com

### RES

- Ms. Parisi needs - a dozen travel plastic soap dishes to keep our Everyday
- Math card decks in.
- Mrs. Blanchard needs - a dozen little plastic "do-dads" that you use to hold a single sheet of paper while you type at the computer.
- Mrs. Wiley needs - Spell checkers, CD players with headphones, large headphones to muffle noise.
- Mrs. Weeks needs - portable CD/cassette player (used) and 2 tape recorders for cassette tapes.
- Mrs. Gorham needs - 3 or 4 heavy-duty sound blocking headsets.

### JSMS

- Ms. Griffin needs - two sets of speakers for the projector/DVD carts. These carts are used for presentations in class, and the sound on the projectors is not loud enough for entire classroom viewing. If anyone has any speakers they would like to donate, we could really use them.
- Ms. Worth needs - 22-25 inexpensive calculators (nothing with moving parts). The small dollar calculators from Wal-Mart would be fine!
- Ms. Stokes needs - new and/or used books for ages 9-12 for her classroom library.
- Ms. Irish needs - 100 inexpensive 1-gallon Ziploc storage bags for air-tight overnight storage of 7th grade projects. She also needs a Play-Doh sample pack, one Silly Putty egg and an Etch A Sketch.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Deb at 655-2877 and leave a message or e-mail me at PTO@raymondmaine.org

## Ballroom Dance Class

Friday, May 4th, at 7pm

Beginners ballroom dance class  
at Faith Lutheran Church

988 Roosevelt Trail  
North Windham

Free-will donations accepted and refreshments available. For more information, call Dee 839-4257.

## Hebron Academy to Host EntrePrep Summer Institute

July 15 - July 20, 2007

Hebron Academy has been awarded a grant to host a week-long, residential summer program designed to develop entrepreneurial skills in high school students who have completed their junior year and who demonstrate creativity, academic effort, and the drive to excel in entrepreneurship. This new program, the EntrePrep Summer Institute, will be accepting applications for 24 places in what planners hope will become the model for similar programs across the country.

Developed by the National Council on Economic Education and funded by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, the program will also include a strong local component. Hebron Academy has a successful entrepreneurship program, which features a lecture series by alumni and parents who have gone on to become successful entrepreneurs; and the school has a long tradition of college preparatory education. The summer program will focus on a broad definition of entrepreneurship: the transformation of an idea into an enterprise that creates value.

EntrePrep students will live in supervised residence halls on the Hebron campus and have access to the school's dining hall, classrooms, library, computer center and fitness center. In addition, plans are under way to partner with the Kieve/Wavus camps on Damariscotta Lake for leadership training.

The classroom portion of the program will run from July 15 to July 20, 2007, and present a curriculum including topics such as Opportunity Recognition, Market Research, Sales and Marketing, Accounting and Finance, Negotiation Skills, Legal Issues of Small Businesses, Business Plan Development, and Teamwork and Leadership Training. Classes will include presentations, case studies, hands-on activities and projects.

After attending the classroom portion of the Summer Institute, participants will engage in a team project by setting up a 'Business-for-a-Day.' Actually opening and running a Business-for-a-Day will open participants' minds to the reality of what it takes to be in business, think as an entrepreneur and work in a team environment to accomplish goals set out by the group. The key to success will be their choice of business, coming from analysis of the market and effective brainstorming with their partners to determine an idea that will innovatively satisfy a need in the marketplace.

The conclusion of the Summer Institute will bring the participants back together to make a formal presentation on their 'Business-for-a Day' so they can articulate what they learned from conceptual classroom teaching in the context of running a real business for a day.

Additional information on this EntrePrep Summer Institute session will be forthcoming on the Hebron Academy website at <http://www.hebronacademy.org> and at <http://www.entrepreg.org>.

For more information, please contact Dave Inglehart at 207-966-2100 or Susan Geismar at 207-345-9754

Hebron Academy is located in the foothills of western Maine twelve miles west of Lewiston-Auburn and has a rich history of social and business entrepreneurs. Hebron Academy, founded in 1804, is a small, independent, college preparatory boarding and day school for boys and girls in grades six through postgraduate. At Hebron students from across the United States and around the world are challenged and inspired to reach their highest potential in mind, body, and spirit through small classes, knowledgeable and caring teachers who provide individual attention, and a friendly, respectful, family atmosphere.

The NCEE is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to improving economic and financial literacy. Both directly and through its unique nationwide network of state Councils and more than 200 university-based Centers for Economic Education, NCEE's programs reach more than 150,000 K-12 teachers and over 15 million students in more than 70,000 schools each year.

## Raymond Road Runner Deadline Reminder

Articles for the June issue are due  
Thursday, May 17th.



## Intervention – How and When to Get Involved

by Steve Danzig LSW, LADC

There are times in our lives when we witness a certain situation or behavior that is so powerful we feel moved, or almost obligated, to respond to it. For example, when you see a car accident happen... you react. That is because it's our human nature to feel compassion for and to want to help those in need. We all have it. It's instinctual. Accidents, catastrophes, natural disasters, and acts of God are all unfortunate situations that cause us to instinctively drop everything and dive in to help our fellow man. In these situations, the fight or flight response instinct kicks in and we just do it. An excellent example of this is the response to September 11th. It was such a powerful event that everyone across the country and even around the world stopped what they were doing to refocus their efforts on how to help their fellow men and women through this tragic event, many of whom lost their own lives because of their deep desire and commitment to help "strangers" in dire need.

But what happens when the catastrophe is slow moving? How do we react when we know that there is something wrong but we can't quite put our finger on it? Or when we think we see something that others don't? This can be the case when we suspect that someone we know is depressed, angry, or isolating themselves from others. We sense that something is wrong, but we aren't sure. Or we encounter someone we don't know very well acting strangely and we disregard them. The danger in doing nothing is that people who exhibit these feelings and behaviors may actually be suffering from a much more serious mental health issue. And they could pose a danger to themselves or to others.

There can be many "red flags" that are revealed during the progression of a mental health disorder. Sometimes these people will "self-medicate" with excessive alcohol or drug consumption. Others with more serious mental disorders will sometimes hear voices, see things, and appear disorganized in their thoughts or behaviors. Some will have an inexplicable hatred and rage which is revealed through writings, artwork, or other creative outlets. Unfortunately, when we witness these events, most of us don't do anything in response. There is the much-believed **myth: if we ignore it, it will go away; but in reality: if we ignore it, it can and probably will get much worse!** Remember, if you are wrong in your suspicions, you can always say you are sorry. But if you are right and didn't say anything, you may have to live with the consequence of wondering: if you had done something, would it have made a difference?

However, please be cautious in your choice of response. It is not recommended that you "do something" on your own (i.e. without the help of a mental health professional) like confronting that person directly. In the best case scenario, they may try to convince you that they will know when 'it' gets worse and will get help then, or they may try to convince you that they will take care of it on their own, or they may outright deny knowing what you are talking about and make you feel crazy. But in the worst case scenario, they may react angrily or violently toward you. Therefore, it is best to take a non-confrontational approach. Go on the internet, research the signs and symptoms you are witnessing, and if you find that these are the signs of a defined mental disorder, contact a mental health professional immediately.

Mental health professionals have experience dealing with people with all types of mental disorders, from those suffering from mild depression to those with more serious mental health conditions to those on the verge of a full-blown mental breakdown. They are trained to know the signs and symptoms of a variety of mental health disorders and can usually provide assistance if they are brought in to intervene in time. If they are unable to personally treat the person because they lack experience in that area, or if the person they are treating has escalated to a more dangerous level, that therapist will refer that person to another therapist or to a facility that can provide a more appropriate level of care.

### Cardboard Recycling

The Town of Raymond recycles corrugated cardboard at the District II Fire House/Public Works Garage on Webbs Mills Road. Because of limited space, it is imperative that you break down the boxes left at the site. If you leave the boxes without breaking them down, you may be charged with littering.

## Swim Instructor Position Open

RRA Summer Swim Program 2007

Dates: July 2 – 27, 2007

(no class July 4)

Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm

Registration at JSS on Wednesday, June 6

Certification required:

- ARC Water Safety Instructor

*Raymond Rec may reimburse cost of WSI course upon certification*

Compensation: Begins at \$12 per hour of teaching, depending upon experience

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Registration, class assignments, course finances
- Red Cross Contracts, record keeping
- Managing and storing equipment
- Instruction of Levels 1 through 6 and Instructor Aid
- Testing and issuing cards
- Completing records
- Handling questions from parents

The Raymond Rec Board is hiring a Lifeguard to assist with instruction and safety. There will be a volunteer parent present at Crescent representing the Raymond Rec Board to assist with any concerns that may arise.

Contact Pat Smith for more information or an application:  
[pat@campwawenock.com](mailto:pat@campwawenock.com) or 655-4657

## Fire and Rescue Department News

May 20-26, 2007, Is National EMS Week

This year celebrates "Extraordinary People, Extraordinary Service." EMS Week is part of a year-round effort in the US and Canada to honor EMS personnel for the extraordinary work that they do every day.

Did you know...

- -An Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) must complete 140 hours of training and pass the National Registry written and practical exam to be licensed in Maine. Raymond currently has 16 EMT-Basics on the roster. EMT-B's are the frontline of EMS.
- -An EMT-Intermediate must have an additional 200 hours of classroom and 150 hours of clinical training, and also pass a written and practical exam to be licensed. EMT-I's can perform certain ALS (Advanced Life Support) skills, like administering medication, intubation, IV access, and treating cardiac arrest. They are also trained to provide advanced care for victims of serious traumatic injuries. We currently have 5 EMT-I's on the roster.
- -An EMT-P, or Paramedic, must complete approximately 600 classroom hours, 150-300 in-field hours, and 300 in-hospital hours of training to be eligible to take the exam. Paramedics are trained to identify and start treating life-threatening injury and illness before you get to the hospital. Paramedics can perform advanced cardiac care, administer medication, and perform advanced airway procedures. We have 5 Paramedics in the town, 2 of whom are full-time Paramedic/Firefighters.

Among some of the other training and certifications your EMS team has earned are PHTLS (Pre-Hospital Trauma

Life Support), ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support), PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support), PEPP (Pediatric Education for Pre-hospital Professionals), NALS (Neonatal Advanced Life Support,) Critical Care Interfacility Certification, and Wilderness EMS certification. Twelve EMS providers are also certified at the Firefighter-1 (SCBA/interior) level. That's another 120 hours of class!!! The Town of Raymond is served by over 300 years of EMS experience!

Help Us Help You

The best way to help is to make sure your house number is clearly visible. Please number both sides of your mailbox, or place reflective numbers at least 3 inches high on a prominent place on your house. If you number your mailbox, please number **both** sides, as we could be approaching your home from any direction. It makes a huge difference for Fire, Rescue, and Police to have a clear marker BEFORE we drive down a dark and narrow driveway! In times like the recent storm, it may not be just Raymond coming to help; it could be mutual aid from another town, and they aren't always familiar with our roads. A few minutes make a huge difference in fires and medical emergencies. If you aren't sure about your address visibility, give us a call. We are always available to check it out.

Vial Of Life

You may have seen "Vial of Life" posters around town. What is this about? RFRD has a program to make your important medical information available to us in the event you or a family member have a medical emergency. The Vial of Life package contains instructions, information forms, and the vial - all for free. You can pick them up at the Public Safety Building, or we can deliver them if you are unable to get here. This program is for ANYONE, young or old, who has any serious medical issues. EMS and hospital personnel need this information in order to treat you appropriately. It speaks for you when you can't.

AND your information stays private because it stays with you. Please call 655-7851 if you have any questions or would like a Vial of Life kit.

# Raymond Village Community Church News

By Rev. Nancy Foran

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 2nd! Watch for more details!

The Presumpscot Union Parish United Church of Christ churches will be honoring their choirs, music directors, and music ministry with a progressive supper for the music folks, ending with a hymn sing and musical entertainment along with dessert for EVERYONE! Here's the tentative schedule:

Casco Village Church – appetizers\*

Raymond Village Church – salads\*

North Windham Union Church – Main Course\*

North Windham Union Church – sing-a-long and dessert (EVERYONE IS INVITED)

\*Just for the choirs and their directors

## Shalom Club News

The youth in Shalom Club (for 5th and 6th graders) have been hard at work collecting donations and making dog toys for the Pet Packs, which they intend to contribute to an area animal shelter. They are making the Pet Packs to be sent home with adopted dogs and their new families.

Shalom Club meets on the last Sunday of each month after church from 11:30-1pm. Lunch is always included – and everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a friend!

## Special Worship Services Coming Up!

May 13th – Mother's Day. All women in the church will be honored and receive a special remembrance, as we thank them for the ways they have been role models, nurturers, comforters, people of strength and courage in our lives.

May 27th – Pentecost Sunday. The church will be afire with red geraniums that you may purchase at cost to bring some of the Holy Spirit back home with you!

# Raymond Flea Market

By Shannon Nichols

The Raymond Flea Market, a summer fundraiser for RVCC, is scheduled for June 16, 2007, 8am to 2pm, at the church. Join us for a fun day of shopping, where you may find some treasures that only a Flea Market can provide.

If you would like to rent a table for the Flea Market (\$15 for the day) or a 10-foot space (\$10 for the day), please contact Shannon Nichols at shannonn@maine.rr.com or 776-4866.

If you have items that you want to donate for the church to sell at the Flea Market, please bring them to the church on June 3rd and/or June 10th. Someone will be on hand to accept them from you. Sorry, we can't accept items at any other time due to the lack of storage space. Smaller items seem to sell well. No computer equipment or appliances please.

I'm looking for helpers to make baked goods, volunteer on the day of the event, make signs to help market the event and control traffic, and someone(s) to help organize the silent auction. Charlotte Rowe is growing some of her amazing plants for the Flea Market, and Andy Morrison has volunteered to be our Grill Master!

This year, we're holding the Flea Market the same day as the Raymond Village Library's Plant Sale. So save the date, and some spending money, for a morning trip to Raymond Village for plants, lunch, and Flea Market treasures!

### Selectmen's Meetings

Tuesday, May 1st, 7pm  
Tuesday, May 15th, 7pm  
at the Broadcast Studio next to the Jordan-Small Middle School

# Raymond-Casco Historical Society

By Anne Miller

Raymond-Casco Historical Society welcomes the public to attend their May 14 monthly meeting at the Casco Public Library at 7pm. After a brief business meeting, guest speaker Jean Hankins, Ph.D., a member of the Otisfield Historical Society, will present her research paper on "Casco Nutrition Camps During the 1920s," a time when over half the children in the US were underweight! Also at that time, the State of Maine Public Health Nursing department was formed, and they joined in a nationwide effort into forming health camps to fatten up the children! Note: how's that for a switch?

# Raymond Shopping Day

Shop and support the Raymond Village Library on June 2nd! Look for the sign in the window of your local participating businesses in Raymond and help support the library's efforts to expand the book collection and programming activities for the entire family. A percentage of the store earnings on that day will go directly to the library. Go shopping, pick up your dry cleaning, and have lunch with friends and family, while supporting the library at the same time.

## The following businesses will be participating:

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Anytime Subs & Wraps    | Jordan Bay Marina/Port Harbor Marine |
| Auto Werke              | Lake Region Wireless/Cingular        |
| Chipman Farm Stand      | Raymond Laundry                      |
| Community Pharmacy      | Raymond Village Florist              |
| Cottage Industries      | Sebago Sign Works & Truck Lettering  |
| Cricket's Corner        | Sebago Pirate's Galley               |
| Danielle's Sebago Diner | Tailfeathers Upland Store            |
| The Good Life Market    | Ultimate Hair and Tanning Salon      |
| J.C. Mobility Solutions |                                      |

# Legislative Update

By Rep. John C Robinson

## Budget Update



There is a lot of work ahead for the Maine Legislature as it nears its statutory adjournment date of June 20th. The most pressing issue currently before lawmakers is the state's biennial budget. In order for the budget to take effect by the new fiscal year on July 1, 2007, the budget bill must be passed by two-thirds of the members in both the House and Senate.

The Appropriations Committee has held public hearings and is finishing up its work sessions concerning the proposed biennial budget. The Appropriations subcommittee on education also finished up work on their own school consolidation plan. The subcommittee's proposal will now go before the full committee for deliberation.

The Appropriations Committee hopes to vote out a finalized budget bill by early May. The bill will then go before the House and Senate for amendments and debate. A final version, with any amendments agreed upon by both the House and Senate, will need a vote by two-thirds of both bodies for authorization.

## Bonds Proposals Breakdown

The bond proposals will be issued to the voters during three separate voting cycles: June 2007, November 2007, and June 2008. The order of the November 2007 and June 2008 has yet to be determined. The following two questions will appear on the June '07 ballot.

### June 2007

**QUESTION 1:** "Do you favor a \$112,975,000 bond issue for improvements

to highways and bridges, airports, public transit facilities, ferry and port facilities including port and harbor structures and bicycle and pedestrian trails that makes the State eligible for over \$260,525,000 in federal and other matching funds?"

**QUESTION 2:** "Do you favor an \$18,300,000 bond issue to support drinking water programs and to support the construction of wastewater treatment facilities that will leverage \$49,500,000 in other funds?"

### November 2007

"Do you favor a \$43,500,000 bond issue for interior and exterior building renovations, improvements and additions at all campuses of the Maine Community College System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the University of Maine System; to replenish the School Revolving Renovation Fund for school repairs and renovations; and to support capital improvements for cultural and educational assets such as museums, historical facilities and libraries?"

"Do you favor a \$55,000,000 bond issue to stimulate economic development and job creation that would provide \$5,000,000 in loans and grant funds and would provide \$50,000,000 in research, development and commercialization funds for targeted technology sectors, awarded after a competitive process administered by the Maine Technology Institute, and will leverage at least \$50,000,000 in other funds?"

"Do you favor a \$35,500,000 bond issue to invest in land conservation, water access, wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation opportunities, including hunting and fishing, farmland and working waterfront and to invest in state parks, historic sites and riverfront, community and farm infrastructure to be matched by at least \$21,875,000 in private and public contributions?"

### June 2008

"Do you favor a \$29,725,000 bond issue for natural resource, agricultural and transportation infrastructure that will leverage \$29,780,000 in other funds?"

State Rep. John C. Robinson (R-Raymond) serves on the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and is the Republican Lead on the House Ethics Committee. John can be contacted via phone at 655-8657 or e-mailed at RepJohn.Robinson@legislature.maine.gov

### One Raymond Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 17th, 7pm at the Broadcast Studio next to Jordan-Small Middle School

## Androscoggin County Chamber Hosts Reception for the Center for the Prevention of Hate Violence

The Center for the Prevention of Hate Violence Executive Director Steve Wessler (center) welcomed members of the Lewiston and Auburn community at a recent reception held at the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce offices. Wessler described the Center's work with students and staff at Lewiston and Edward Little high schools and the cities' middle schools, which participate in the Unity Project, an intensive, multi-year, school harassment prevention program. Created to engage the entire school community in supporting positive changes within its culture, the Unity Project is made up of workshops that identify the roles that students, teachers and administrators can each play in turning the cultures of their schools away from bias, harassment and violence and toward unity, respect and safety.

The Center for the Prevention of Hate Violence is a non-profit organization that develops and implements training and educational programs to prevent bias, harassment and violence. For more information, contact Susan Geismar, Coordinator of Development, at (207) 780-4756 or by e-mail at [susang@preventinghate.org](mailto:susang@preventinghate.org).



Pictured above with Executive Director Steve Wessler (center) are Mike Welch (left) and John Geismar, whose firm *Bonneau and Geismar* served as hosts of the evening with the Chamber.

## Community Service Updates

By Barb Loux

Once again it has been a very busy few months for the Community Service classes.

You may have seen the Penny Collection going on around town for leukemia. We are in the process of counting up the pennies to see how much was collected. Thanks for the help!

We also had a class run an indoor yard sale to benefit The Leukemia Foundation. Tables were rented and we raised around \$150 for a great cause. Thanks to all the people who rented tables. Let's hope for a better customer turnout next year!!!

Several classes continue to mentor at the Elementary School. This is a wonderful way to build compassion and learn how to be a good role model.

As you can see, the ice rink is down. Thank you, thank you, to all who helped in this project. I was so pleased to see so many children and families using it on the weekends and after school. The weather was not very cooperative this year, but we hope to get it up earlier next year so we can enjoy it for even longer!! A special thanks to Andy Emery and Josh Beeler, who have put in a lot of time taking the rink down.

There was a group of 10 children who went to visit the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. We decorated cookies and had an egg hunt. This valuable experience is one that we hope to continue to do on a regular basis. Several children have begun to think that they would like to continue in the health field after experiencing these trips. Thanks to Mrs. Streeter and Mrs. Hutchinson for helping me with this trip.

We had a group of children deliver food to local animal shelters. Thanks to all who donated to this worthy cause! We had a ton of stuff, and it felt good to help the animals. Also, thanks for the donations from Mrs. Parisi's second grade class. In addition, one class has planted springtime flowers and hopes to deliver them to local nursing homes.

### Projects in the works:

We are planning on a "Media Night." This will be an op-

portunity to view the movie "Falling," which the mentoring program has purchased for us. This is a group of children from Maine that made a movie about prescription drug abuse. Along with this movie, many classes have been working on their own skits, movies, songs, and commercials for different things that they are passionate about. It might be about leukemia, or puppy mills, or the environment. If you miss their debut on Media Night, stay tuned to Channel 2 or 3, and you might be able to catch these rising stars there!

We are hoping to combine "Media Night" with a "Chinese Auction." This would be to continue some fundraising for the town skatepark. If you have anything of value or a service that you provide that could be auctioned off, please contact me at 655-4743x107 or [barbloux@raymondmaine.org](mailto:barbloux@raymondmaine.org).

Speaking of skateparks, we are still looking for land for the half pipe. We are in the process of having the town help assemble it, with high hopes that we can use a bit of land for its temporary home.

Also, back by popular demand, another Talent Show is in the works for May 11th.

Many kids will be walking for the Make a Wish foundation on May 31st. If you would like to sponsor someone, please feel free to contact us. Thanks!!!

## Fire/Rescue Dispatch Asks Your Help

When you lose your dog or cat, you can call Dispatch and ask them to notify Don Alexander, our Animal Control Officer. When you lose your horse, llama, or cow, it's a bit more involved since they won't fit in an animal carrier. The place to call is Dispatch, but more information is necessary in order to rescue your livestock.



We are asking that you fill out a Livestock Location form for



Dispatch's use. If you have already filled one out, please review it so that the information is current. The forms can be obtained at Dispatch in the Public Safety Building, 1443 Roosevelt Trail; the Town Office; or online at Raymond's website [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org).

These forms are most important in order to better identify the horse(s) running down the road or the llama visiting someone's backyard. It's for the safety of the animal and the person who might hit it with his car.



## Property Tax and Rent Relief "Circuit Breaker" Program

DEADLINE MAY 31, 2007

Applications are available at the Town Office or online at [www.maine.gov/revenue](http://www.maine.gov/revenue) or write to:

Maine Revenue Services  
PO Box 9116  
Augusta, Maine 04332-9116

General Information:  
207-626-8475 weekdays 8am to 5pm

Call for forms: 207-624-7894

Refund Information: 207-626-8461

(Have your Social Security number and total income amount available.)

NexTalk (TTY service):

888-577-6690 weekdays 8am to 4:30pm.

## Household Trash Pickup

By: Louise Lester, Town Clerk (the trash lady)

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

Each household is allowed two 32-gallon containers (each not more than 50 pounds) per week. It is necessary that you have your street address on your trash barrels along with an orange sticker which you can get at the Town Office free of charge. You can recycle as much as you wish. A list of recycling items is available at the Town Office, as are blue recycling bins for \$6.15 each. If you have more than the two 32-gallon containers for a week, there are bag stickers for sale at the Town Office for \$1 each. You may put out as many stickered bags as you wish. All trash and recycling must be curbside in barrels by 7am on the day of pickup.

The household waste transfer station in Casco is NOT for our use. We are a part of the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility but not the Casco/Naples Transfer Station.

## Hazardous Waste Disposal

Maine Environmental Depot, Lewiston Solid Waste Facility  
424 River Road, Lewiston  
[www.envdepot.com](http://www.envdepot.com) or [www.avcog.org](http://www.avcog.org) or 783-9186

Open the FIRST and THIRD Saturdays of each month from APRIL through NOVEMBER Hours 8am to noon.

If the Saturday falls on a holiday weekend, IT WILL BE CLOSED

Directions: From I-95, take Exit 80 (southbound, take a LEFT off the ramp and go under the turnpike; northbound, take a RIGHT off the ramp). About ¾ of a mile down, turn left on River Road just after the Wal-Mart Distribution Facility. Lewiston Solid Waste is about a half mile on the left. Proceed through the main gate by the scale house and around the main building. The Depot will be in front of you.

PAYMENT: Each unit of 5 gallons, 20 pounds or combination thereof will be charged \$26 CASH PER UNIT.

## RWPA - 2007 Goals and 2006 Accomplishments

By Noralee Raymond, Executive Director

The Annual Raymond Waterways Appeal is underway, and every contribution helps to achieve this year's goal of \$30,000. We would like to thank everyone who was able to support us in 2006, and we hope to hear from many of you this season.

As we plan for our 2007 season, we are looking for volunteers to assist us with the following:

- **Boat Inspections:** Assist us in educating boaters at the ramps. Volunteering as a boat inspector can be as simple as one four-hour shift twice a month for the summer.
- **Milfoil Remediation Projects:** Assembling benthic tarps, assisting divers from shore, or pulling plants in the shallow areas.
- **Plant Patrol:** Attend our July 10th invasive plant patrol workshop and learn how to survey a section of your lake for invasive plants.
- **Erosion Control Projects:** If you know how to use a shovel or a rake, you can help us install many of the simple erosion control practices, from planting vegetation to constructing infiltration steps and water diverters.

We hope you can find the time to help us in protecting Raymond's lakes.

Our goals for 2007 are to increase milfoil remediation efforts at six areas on Sebago Lake, continue boat inspections and boater education, and conduct invasive plant surveys on our lakes. Additionally, we will begin the Raymond Pond Conservation Project and continue to assist Panther Pond Association with the Panther Pond Conservation Project; both federally funded projects are aimed at helping individual landowners reduce erosion on their properties.

We want to remind you of three important upcoming dates:

**Saturday, June 2nd 9am - 2pm at Camp Sunshine Casco and Raymond Community Watershed Forum**

Are you concerned with how development is affecting our waterbodies? Do you want to keep our lakes clean for future generations to enjoy? Help create an action plan for protecting our lakes. We need your input. Watershed professionals from around the state will be available to answer your questions.

**Tuesday, July 10th 3:30pm - 9pm at Raymond Public Safety Building Invasive Plant Patrol Workshop**

Learn how to identify invasive and native plants and use this knowledge to survey your lake. RWPA annually inspects all of Raymond's lakes for invasive plants, and we need more trained volunteers to assist us. If an invasive plant is introduced to one of our lakes, early detection provides the best (and sometimes only) hope of eradication. So take the time to become familiar with the plants in your lake.

**Saturday, July 14th 8am - 12pm Lake location to be decided Field Survey Training**

If you have attended any of the invasive plant patrol workshops in the past (including the July 10th IPP workshop) and are interested in training on the water, this workshop is your answer.

More information on each of these events, including how to register, can be found in this issue of the Road Runner.

Highlights of the 2006 Season:

- Hired divers and organized volunteers to remove 35 yards (~ 12 dump trucks) of Variable milfoil from Dingley Brook, Bay View Estates I and II, and the Jordan River.
- Inspected 3836 boats at four launch sites, while educating boaters on the risk of invasive plants. A total of 41 plant fragments were found on boats.
- Identified and removed 25 invasive Variable milfoil fragments on boats at Sebago Lake (23 were on boats exiting and 2 were on boats entering the lake).
- Completed shoreline surveys of all Raymond's lakes (no invasives found) and sections of Sebago Lake (documented known locations).
- Provided technical assistance to landowners and the town to stabilize erosion and prevent

polluted runoff. Applied for and successfully received federal grant funds aimed at stabilizing 30 sites on Raymond Pond.

Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about the above events or our proj-

ects. You can reach us at 207-671-3329 or e-mail lakes@raymondmaine.org. Thank you for your continued support through donations of time and in helping us reach our fundraising goal in 2007. We look forward to seeing you on the water this season.

### 2006 Boat Inspection Totals

Lake	Boat Inspections	Plant Fragments	Inspection Hours
Sebago Lake	3023	29 (25 invasive VM fragments)*	443
Crescent Lake	757	11 (no invasives)	240.5
Panther Pond	29	0	67.25
Thomas Pond	27	1 (not invasive)	36.5

\*Of the 25 invasive Variable milfoil plant fragments found, 23 were found on out-going boats, 2 were on incoming boats. The incoming boats had previously launched in Sebago Lake at other locations (Jordan Bay Marina and Sebago Lake State Park).

*Maine is being invaded! We need your help.*

### Please join Maine's Invasive Plant Patrol today!

We welcome you to attend two important workshops that will provide everything needed to get started.

The workshops are free! All are welcome to attend!

### INVASIVE PLANT PATROL WORKSHOP

**Tuesday, July, 10th, 3:30pm to 9pm**

**Raymond Public Safety Building**

**The workshop will provide . . .**

- An overview and update of the threat of invasive aquatic plants in Maine
- Introduction to "Maine's Eleven Most Unwanted" invasive aquatic plants
- An opportunity to practice plant identification with live plants
- The fundamentals of conducting an invasive aquatic plant screening survey
- The *IPP Handbook*, a three-ring binder full of useful information, including a free copy of the *Maine Field Guide to Invasive Aquatic Plants*

*The workshop includes a half-hour meal break.*

### FIELD TRAINING WORKSHOP

**Saturday, July, 14th, 8am to 12pm**

**Lake Location: To Be Decided**

**(Attendance at July 10th workshop or prior IPP training needed to attend the field training)**

Maine's lakes, rivers and streams are increasingly threatened by non-native invasive plants. Once established in a lake, stream or pond, early detection of an invasive aquatic plant provides the best hope of eradicating the invader. Trained volunteers play an extremely important role in this effort. The work is interesting, rewarding and fun.

Presented by the **Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants**

Hosted by the **Raymond Waterways Protective Association, University of Maine Cooperative Extension and the Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District**

**IMPORTANT:** Pre-registration is required for all workshops. Please contact the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program at vimp@mainevimp.org or (207) 783-7733 or Raymond Waterways Protective Association at lakes@raymondmaine.org or (207) 671-3329 to register, or for more information.

*The Invasive Plant Patrol workshops are made possible with support from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and by boater participation in the Maine Lake and River Protection Sticker program.*

# CASCO & RAYMOND COMMUNITY WATERSHED FORUM

## Saturday, June 2nd



**Camp Sunshine**  
35 Acadia Road  
Casco, Maine

**9 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

## We Want To Hear Your Ideas!



- Are you concerned about the effects of development on your community and your local waterbodies?
- Do you want to keep Casco and Raymond's lakes and streams clean for future generations to enjoy?
- What can be done to protect the character and natural resources in our communities?

Come share your thoughts and help set the course for the future of Casco's & Raymond's Lakes & Streams!



For further information please contact Noralee Raymond, Raymond Waterways Protective Association, PO Box 1243, Raymond, ME 04071, **207-671-3329** or **lakes@raymondmaine.org**

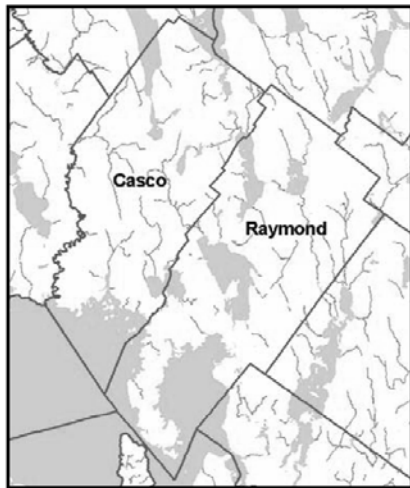
## Mystery Theater

"A Spirited Night in Swanson Manor," a presentation of the Good Shepherd Players, is scheduled for May 4th and 11th at 6:30pm at the Spring Meadow Golf and Country Club in Gray, Maine.

You have been cordially invited by Ms. Laurie Swanson to spend the night in a genuine haunted mansion. You'll be treated to deluxe accommodations compliments of Alfred Dollarworth, her personal valet, and will enjoy a delicious meal prepared by her cook Betty Crockpot. The highlight of your evening is sure to be a midnight séance by the mysterious Madame Laveau. Of course, the Amazing Sandi, who delights in debunking the claims of the supernatural, will do her best to discredit Madame Laveau. You will also meet Dr. Levon Spengman from the local university and his graduate assistant Rita Venkler. They've been invited to "bust" any ghosts that might show up unexpectedly. Little do the guests realize that something dastardly is in the works - other than the séance. Match wits with our celebrity detective, and if your table is the first to correctly identify the murderer, you will win a wonderful gift basket.

Tickets for the evening are \$30 per person and may be reserved by calling 657-3880 or by going to our website: [www.goodshepumc.org](http://www.goodshepumc.org) and clicking on the Mystery Theater link. Be sure to inquire about the special pricing for a table of eight.

## Casco & Raymond Waterbodies Need Your Help!



Casco and Raymond have 16 lakes and many streams. Currently, the lakes and streams are threatened by polluted runoff that washes off of the surrounding land.

**Directions:** Camp Sunshine, 35 Acadia Road; From intersection route 302 and 85, go West on 302 for ~5 miles, turn left on Point Sebago Road, stay on Point Sebago Road (it becomes Acadia Road). [www.campsunshine.org](http://www.campsunshine.org)

**Posters, Displays & Door Prizes:**  
9:00-9:30 a.m.  
**Forum: 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

Welcome address by Maggie Shannon, Executive Director of Maine Congress of Lakes Association

**FORUM GOAL:**  
To create an action plan for increasing awareness & generating participation in future improvement of Casco & Raymond lakes & streams.

**Your input is needed! Everyone with a concern for the current and future health of Casco and Raymond lakes & streams is encouraged to attend.**

## Community Forum Saturday, June 2nd

**FREE Continental Breakfast**

Lunch provided by **Good Life Market**



### DOOR PRIZES...

- T-shirts & hats –Partners and Sponsors
- 7yds Screened Loam -RJ Grondin & Sons
- 2 yds EC Mulch - P & K Sand & Gravel
- Crescent Wrench Tool Set - Hancock Lumber
- Towable Tube - Port Harbor Marine
- Kneeboard – Maine-ly Marine
- Plants - Roosevelt Trail Garden Center
- Gift Certificates - Cry of the Loon (\$50) ... and more!

### Partners & sponsors:

- Casco Conservation Committee
- Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Environmental Protection Agency (Thomas Pond Watershed Improvement 319 grant)
- Maine Department of Environmental Protection
- Portland Water District
- Raymond Waterways Protective Association
- Towns of Raymond & Casco
- Watkins Shore Road Association



REGISTRATION FORM

CASCO & RAYMOND COMMUNITY WATERSHED FORUM –SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND

To guarantee a space, please return registration form by **May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Enclose \$5.00\* for each registrant

Total enclosed

Name(s)

Mailing Address

Phone

Email

What lake do you live on?

Please make checks out to and return with this form to:

Noralee Raymond  
RWPA  
PO Box 1243  
Raymond, Maine 04071

\*\$5 registration fee to be donated to Camp Sunshine for facility usage.



## Farmers' Market Update - Lakes Region Farmers' Market

Are you dreaming of fresh, locally grown produce or maybe beautiful spring plants for your gardens? Well, spring and summer are on their way, and area residents will be welcoming the Lakes Region Farmers' Market (LRFM) to the Lakes Region. The market will open the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend, May 12th, from 8am to noon, held at the Manchester School parking lot, which is directly across from the North Windham Fire Station. Thereafter, the market will run every Saturday from 8am to noon through Columbus Day weekend, October 13th. We will feature seasonal products from local producers, including plants, maple syrup, honey, vegetables, fruits and meats. In addition to locally produced food, there will be handcrafted items. Some weeks we will have live entertainment, and we have several special events planned.

LRFM continues to look for additional producers; our specific needs: baked goods, preserves and fresh fruit. The LRFM would like to invite Maine-based acoustic musicians to play and will be having special events throughout the market season. Also, individuals and organizations are encouraged to contact us about volunteer opportunities.

Our board members are available to answer specific questions and provide detailed information about how to participate with the Lakes Region Farmers' Market in Windham. We will have fresh Maine products waiting for you.

For more information, contact us at:

P.O. Box 111, Raymond, ME 04071-0111  
Allen Pollock, Market Manager – 318-9106 or  
marketmanager@lrfm.org

Scott Libby, Treasurer – 831-1623 or  
treasurer@lrfm.org

Bob Wehmeyer, Secretary – 892-0293 or  
secretary@lrfm.org

## Maine Blues Festival Returns in 2007

By Mike McClellan, Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce

The Maine Blues Festival returns for the second year of this event in Naples, Maine, on Saturday June 16. The Maine Blues Festival is the creation of Mike Bray of Bray's Brew Pub and Restaurant in Naples. He has assembled a hard-working committee of local business people and volunteers to make Naples the Blues Capital of Maine for one weekend each year. We are extremely excited that first-year



sponsors Norway Savings Bank and P&K Sand and Gravel have returned at the Event Sponsor level. Evergreen Credit Union moves up to a Platinum Sponsor and the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce and Mark Babbitt, Massage Therapist, also return as sponsors. The Maine Blues Festival is an all-day event (some locations will offer Friday and Sunday activities), with 10 or more music venues, over 30 awesome Blues acts and a family-oriented area at the Naples Village Green. Many thanks to the committee overseeing this event as well as to the Town of Naples for their support in this endeavor. Tickets are now on sale at Bray's Brew Pub and Restaurant and the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce Information Center. Tickets are only \$10 and support this event. Your purchase gives us the confidence to add more to the Maine Blues Festival. Learn more about the events and sponsors at [www.mainebluesfestival.com](http://www.mainebluesfestival.com).

**Town Meeting Saturday, May 19th, 10am  
Jordan-Small Middle School**

### Are You "Up-to-Date"?

Does your town department or organization have webpages on the Raymond website?

Be sure your organization's meetings and events are up-to-date on the Raymond website's Events Calendar and review your organization's webpages to see if all the information is current. The webmaster regularly receives inquiries about outdated or lack of information for a variety of things; people are visiting the website, so staying current ensures they'll return again.

If you need assistance or have questions contact: [webmaster@raymondmaine.org](mailto:webmaster@raymondmaine.org) - there is a small number of us working at maintaining webpages, so additional volunteers with web editing experience are welcomed.

### Boat Registrations Due as of January 1st, Expire December 31st

Boat registrations have not changed: 0-10 hp \$10; over 10-50 hp \$16; over 50-115 hp \$22; over 115 hp \$30; and personal watercraft \$30. Milfoil stickers are required for all motorized boats: resident \$10 and non-resident \$20 (boats not registered in Maine). Maine Sales Tax is collected at 5% of the purchase price.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife collects the milfoil sticker funds to use for programs to study and prevent these water plants, especially the Eurasian milfoil, from permeating Maine fresh waters. The Eurasian milfoil plant is an invasive plant that eventually chokes fresh water lakes, ponds, and rivers. Once established in a lake, it can become impossible to control. Maine is trying to keep milfoil from its waters, and this program endeavors to keep our lakes, ponds, and streams from becoming clogged. For anyone with a non-motorized boat who wishes to participate, the stickers are also available at the established fee.

### Want to Learn About Digital Broadcasting?

The Technology Committee and Kevin Woodbrey, Network Administrator, are looking for interested people who would like to learn how to operate the digital broadcasting studio and run the cameras for meetings in Raymond. If you would like more information, please e-mail Kevin at [kevinwoodbrey@raymondmaine.org](mailto:kevinwoodbrey@raymondmaine.org) or call Louise Lester at the Town Office at 655-4742 ext. 21.



### Raymond PTO Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name, Address and Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

How many years did you attend Jordan-Small School? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been a Raymond resident? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a Raymond resident? \_\_\_\_\_

What college or university do you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach the following:

1. Three personal recommendations from teachers, employers, coaches, etc.
2. High school transcripts.
3. A brief description of school-related extracurricular activities and community-related activities. Describe in detail your involvement in at least three of these activities.
4. Write an essay stating your reason for pursuing a college education and include a description of your personal and career goals. Include the following in your essay:
  - a. State why you have chosen the college(s) listed above and how you decided on your career goals.
  - b. Explain how your past experiences (extracurricular and community activities) have helped you develop your career goals.
  - c. Describe how the college you have chosen will help you attain your goals.
  - d. Identify barriers that could affect your ability to achieve your goals and how you plan to overcome these obstacles.
  - e. Describe why your achievements and values would make you a good candidate for receiving a PTO scholarship.

**DEADLINE: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007**

Please send your completed application to:  
Raymond PTO Scholarship Committee  
c/o Raymond Elementary School  
434 Webbs Mills Road  
Raymond, ME 04071

**Recipients of scholarships will receive the scholarship money after the PTO receives their first semester college transcripts indicating an overall GPA of 2.5 or above.**

## Raymond Pond Conservation Project Begins

Raymond Waterways Protective Association applied for and received a grant from the Maine DEP and US EPA under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act for the Raymond Pond Conservation Project. We are proud to announce that the \$95,603 (\$54,238 federal/\$41,363 match) 319 grant funds are now available.

Over the next two years, Raymond Pond watershed residents will have the opportunity to participate in the Raymond Pond Conservation Project to reduce erosion problems in their watershed. Financial assistance and free technical assistance will be made available. Workshops will be offered to help landowners learn conservation techniques to use on their own property. We estimate that funding will be available to fix 30 erosion sites.

Through the grant, landowners and road associations will receive free technical assistance and funding of up to 50%

of the cost of the entire project. The remaining 50% can be matched either in cash, materials or labor. If you are interested in this financial assistance, call Noralee Raymond to get your name on the list of possible sites.

We are currently seeking volunteers interested in serving on the Raymond Pond Conservation Project Steering Committee. The steering committee will meet 6 times over the next two years to help guide the project activities, and assist with planning workshops and organizing volunteers on a site by site basis for planting, digging infiltration areas, spreading mulch, or building water diverters.

If you are interested in receiving technical assistance, are able to volunteer, or want to learn more about the project, please fill out the form below or contact Noralee Raymond at 207-671-3329 or lakes@raymondmaine.org.

### Yes, I am interested in helping protect Raymond Pond!

Fill out and return to RWPA, PO Box 1243, Raymond, Maine 04071 or call Noralee Raymond at 671-3329 or e-mail lakes@raymondmaine.org.

**Free Technical Assistance** – for any erosion or runoff problems. Assistance is available for free on a first come, first served basis.

**Financial Help** – cost sharing for roads, driveways, paths, and vegetative buffer plantings. Sites will be selected by the steering committee.

**Workshops and Tours** – sign up to be notified of workshop and tour dates to learn how to identify and fix erosion problems.

**Volunteer Opportunities** – for guiding the project, assisting on project sites planting, spreading mulch, and building water bars.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & best time to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of problem: \_\_\_\_\_

## Hebron Academy Middle School Drama Group Presents *The Phantom Tollbooth*

By Christine Hemmings, Middle School Office Administrator

The Hebron Academy Middle School Drama Group recently presented *The Phantom Tollbooth*, which is based on the children's book written by Norton Juster and the screenplay written by Susan Nanus. The play was directed by Pat Phillips of Auburn and assisted by Carolyn Fensore of New Gloucester.

Fourteen middle schoolers played several different parts in this clever play about a child named Milo (Annie Bachmann of Auburn) who is always bored. Milo is transported to The Kingdom of Wisdom and has to decide between two countries called Dictionopolis and Digitopolis. On the journey, Milo has wonderful adventures and then returns home to discover that he can have his own adventures with his own

imagination. This witty play is full of wordplay, such as when Milo gets lost in the Doldrums, and meets a character named "Tock," who is a watchdog that carries around a clock (Matt Fensore of New Gloucester).

For more information about the Middle School, interested families should check the Middle School section of the Hebron Academy website at www.hebronacademy.org .

Hebron Academy was founded in 1804 and is an independent, co-educational boarding and day school that serves grades six through postgraduate. The Academy's mission is to inspire and guide students to reach their highest potential in mind, body, and spirit. Two hundred-fifty students from throughout Maine, New England, the United States, and the world attend the school. For more information, please visit www.hebronacademy.org or call 207-966-2100.



Hebron Academy Drama Group. The Cast: (front l-r) Samantha Futch (Minot), Adria Hughes (Raymond), Max Middleton (Hebron), Lindsey Hughes (Raymond), Polly Drown (Leeds), Rosalyn Moisan (Raymond), Sydney Randall (New Gloucester), Emily Desgrosseilliers (Auburn), and Brad Geismar (Minot). (back l-r) Rebeka Jett (Norway), Matt Fensore (New Gloucester), Annie Bachmann (Auburn), Harry Trask (Norway), and Bryce Richmond (Bethel).

For information on the Raymond School Department, go online to the School's website. Complete school department information with links to Jordan-Small Middle School and Raymond Elementary School websites. [www.raymondmaine.org/rsd/welcome.html](http://www.raymondmaine.org/rsd/welcome.html)

## Raymond Recreation Needs Swimming Instructor

Raymond Recreation has a summer job opening for a Swim Instructor for the Learn to Swim Program at Crescent Beach. Dates and details can be found at www.raymondmaine.org . Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Certification is required. Interested candidates who need certification should inquire about instructor course availability in June. Pay begins at \$12 per hour depending upon experience.

Call Pat Smith at 655-4657 FMI or to apply.

Our goal: Every Raymond Child - A Swimmer!!!

## Hebron Academy Middle School Announces Winter Honor Roll

By Christine Hemmings, Middle School Office Administrator

Hebron Academy Middle School Director Paul Brouwer and Headmaster John King recently presented certificates for the winter trimester honor roll.

Highest Honors (A- average or higher): Polly Drown, Adria Hughes, Lindsey Hughes, Rebekah Jett, Isabel Kannegieser, A.J. Keith, Rosalyn Moisan, Sydney Randall, and Harry Trask.

High Honors (B+ average or higher): Annalyn Bachmann, Thomas Cummings, Bradley Geismar, and Garrett Van Wie.

Honors (B average or higher): Matthew Fensore, Maxwell Middleton, and Paul Webster-Pact.

These students were honored for academic achievement at the Middle School, which includes history, English, math, science, and languages, supplemented by music, art, outdoor skills, and physical education. For more information about the Middle School, interested families should check the Middle School section of the Hebron Academy website at www.hebronacademy.org .



Winter Trimester Honor Roll (front row l-r): Max Middleton (Hebron), A.J. Keith (Bethel), Isabel Kannegieser (Minot), Lindsey Hughes (Raymond), Rosalyn Moisan (Raymond), Polly Drown (Leeds). (middle row l-r): Harry Trask (Norway), Matthew Fensore (New Gloucester), Annie Bachmann (Auburn), Adria Hughes (Raymond), Sydney Randall (New Gloucester), Headmaster John King (Hebron). (back row l-r): Middle School Director Paul Brouwer (Hebron), Garrett Van Wie (New Gloucester), Paul Webster-Pact (Wales), Tom Cummings (Norway), Rebekah Jett (Norway). Missing: Bradley Geismar (Minot).

## Oklahoma! Knocks Their Boots Off!

The residents of Raymond and the Lakes Region were treated to an extraordinary performance at Jordan-Small Middle School the weekend of April 6-7. Oklahoma!, directed by Marilee Dunklee, produced by Mary Thornton and choreographed by Patricia Feeney, was a musical delight. Once again, Mrs. Emily Wall traveled from Georgia to play piano for the show, and Scott Gordan (father of eighth grader Cassi Gordan) arranged music for drums, played by Brenda Stevenson, clarinet, played by Melinda Rankin (mother of eighth grader Madison Rankin), flute, played by music teacher Morgan Riley, trombone, played by Principal Randy Crockett, and Scott played the trumpet. The pit provided foot-stomping music to accompany the wonderful singing of the ensemble and principal players.

Josh Christy and Molly Keane-Dreyer were terrific as Curley and Laurey, the young lovers in the play. Both have beautiful voices and were able to blend together in a heart-warming way. Audience members might actually have believed they were in love (they are not!).

Haley Acker was a riotous Ado Annie; Patrick Lachance gave a stellar performance as Will; and Tyler Nedeau was actually scary as Jud. The small boy's ensemble that sang with Curly and Jud in "Poor Jud is Daid" was serious and amusing at the same time. Beth Shively was funny and "hearty" in her performance of Aunt Eller; Georgia Noonan perfected Gertie's silly giggling laugh; and Ryan Szantyr gave a comical performance as the Peddler.



Josh Christy and Molly Keane-Dreyer played Curley and Laurey.



Aunt Eller, played by Beth Shivley, offers Ado Annie and Laurey's baskets at the Schoolhouse Auction.

Laurey's girlfriends, played by Molly Cloutier, Delaney Kenny, Madison Rankin and Cassi Gordan, charmingly sang "Many A New Day," and with Georgia Noonan sang "Out of My Dreams" and accompanied Ado Annie in "I'm Just A Girl Who Cain't Say No." They and other girls from the ensemble also danced beautifully in several scenes. The choreography of the show was terrific. There was more dancing in this show than in any previous musical at JSMS, and Patricia Feeney is to be applauded for her work with the cast. There were tap, ballet, two-step and group dancing scenes.

Many, many parents are involved in getting this production up and running. Costumes, tickets, concession, raffles, flowers, backstage help and of course food- snacks during rehearsals were all taken care of by parents. Helene Gagnon, for the last time, provided the meals for dress rehearsal and performance nights, thanks to the generous support of the Raymond PTO.

But it is the cast that is to be commended for their spectacular performances. Every cast member was a star, animated and acting his or her heart out. The costumes and stage were colorful and just right for the time period and setting. The ensemble scenes were out of this world - the singing was loud and clear, dancing rousing and astounding acting from all. The Town of Raymond is fortunate to have the talent of these young people and the support of so many people.

Written by Jeri Keane, mother of eighth grader Molly Keane-Dreyer

## REMINDER!

### PTO Scholarship applications are due by May 1st

Please send your completed application packet to:

Raymond PTO  
C/o Raymond Elementary School  
434 Webbs Mills Road  
Raymond, ME 04071

## Eagle Scout Projects Benefits J.S.M.S

By Jack Fitch

An Eagle Scout project must benefit a Scout's community, church or school. Each project must be approved by a Scouting board, and the future Eagle Scout must put in at least 100 hours of work on the project.

Well, over the last two years our community has benefited from two Eagle Scout projects that have been completed. Ian Hanley's project was to construct bleachers for fans to use on the RES soccer field. The bleachers have been a huge success, with many people comfortable at games because of Ian's efforts

James Wiley, a student at Gray-New Goucester High School, recently finished his projects, which were a sports score board and two field hockey nets. With the money that was left over he was able to purchase a timer used for cross-country meets, soccer matches, and field days. James received funds from the Raymond Parent Teacher Organization.

Congratulations to both young men for a job well done.



One of the four sets of bleachers constructed by Ian Hanley and a team of scouts and adults for use at the athletic field at Raymond Elementary School



Sports scoreboard (above) and a timer (below), used for cross-country meets, soccer matches, and field days, were part of James Wiley's Eagle Project.



Pajama Story Time on Sunday night, April 1st at the Raymond Village Library, featuring storyteller Jody Fein.



## Free Technical Assistance Visits Available to Thomas Pond Watershed Residents

The Thomas Pond Conservation Project is in full swing and FREE technical assistance visits are available to all Thomas Pond Watershed residents. This offer includes a site visit by Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and written recommendations and instructions for water quality conservation practices that can be applied. Typical recommendations may include the creation and installation of a variety of erosion control practices such as infiltration steps, water diverters, drywells, and many other common soil and water conservation methods. Advice may also be given as to the need of planting native vegetation for simple water filtration and absorption purposes. Any recommendations made are strictly voluntary and many sites may qualify for up to \$300 in cost-share funds for the implementation of suggested water quality improvement practices.

If you live within the Thomas Pond Watershed and are interested in taking advantage of this free opportunity and to see if your property qualifies for funding, please contact Heather True of Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District at 207-892-4700 or htrue@cumberlandswcd.org.



Town Elections Friday, May 18th, 7am - 8pm  
Jordan-Small Middle School