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Town's New Fire/Rescue Boat Used for Public Safety Support on Sebago Lake

by Don Willard, Town Manager

On Saturday, July 14th, the Raymond Fire/Rescue Department provided safety support services for the annual Windham Rotary Club Poker Run/Boat Regatta. The Poker Run raises thousands of dollars each year to support several local charitable foundations. This event also provided the Fire/Rescue Department with an opportunity to promote public safety by using the recently acquired surplus U.S. Coast Guard 27' Ambar 900 rigid foam, ribbed aluminum hull fire/rescue boat on Sebago Lake.



The folks on the boat that day were Fire Chief Denis Morse, Captain Chris Nassa, Constable Bill Bell, Retired Coast Guardsman and Windham Rotary member Bud Minot, Town Manager Don Willard and his son Holden.

We are pleased to report the boat performed very well in all respects and will be a valuable long term fixed asset of the town for many years to come. The primary mission of the boat will be search/rescue and fire department support activities as well as offering the potential for regionalized law enforcement services in cooperation with Cumberland County government and the other sponsoring towns around Sebago Lake, should interest and financial support exist for such a program. Fire Chief Denis Morse will be discussing this possibility with his counterparts and officials of Cumberland County in the near future.



Holden Willard, son of Raymond Town Manager Don Willard, on lookout.

The boat was acquired through the Maine State Surplus Property Program in Augusta with the endorsement and assistance of U.S. Senators Collins and Snowe, as well as Congressman Tom Allen. State Representative John Robinson and State Senator Bill Diamond also supported the town's acquisition efforts. Additional sponsoring agencies included Cumberland County government, Sheriff's Department and Emergency Management Agency, and the Portland Water District, as well as the towns of Casco, Naples, Sebago, Windham, Frye Island and Standish. The Portland Water District has already offered financial support to help monitor Sebago Lake for threats to our state's largest public drinking water supply.

During the Poker Run, the boat was used as a safety presence and was available as a rescue vessel if needed. Running between Frye Island and Raymond at slow speed with the blue lights on, it was intended to have a calming effect on boater speed and to encourage prudent boater operations. It did have the desired affect of slowing down several high-speed boats as well as conveying an official safety presence.



Aerial photo by Tim Frechette/Downeast Digital Cinema

The Windham Rotary Club paid for the fuel used during the event and arranged for preliminary operations training for fire department staff by a retired Coast Guardsman and Rotary Club member. The crew was all-volunteer, including Fire Chief Denis Morse, Fire Captain Chris Nassa, Raymond Constable Bill Bell, retired Coast Guardsman and Windham Rotary Club member Bud Minot, and Town Manager Don Willard and his son Holden.

The Raymond Fire/Rescue Department relies upon and is always seeking interested citizen volunteers. For information, please contact either Fire Chief Denis Morse or Deputy Fire Chief Bruce Tupper at 655-7851.



Selectboard Chairman Mark Gendron presents Kirsten Clark with the "Key to Raymond" plaque.

Kirsten Clark Receives Key to Raymond

At the July 10th meeting of the Raymond Board of Selectmen, Kirsten Clark was given a plaque with the "Key to Raymond" on it. Chairman Mark Gendron recognized Ms. Clark for her years of competitive downhill skiing, leading to her many awards at the World Championships and Olympics in Super G and giant slalom. She was gracious in her remarks following the presentation, thanking her family, friends and the town for their support. Mr. Gendron felt that Ms. Clark's athletic accomplishments brought renown to Raymond.

Raymond Lions Club Awards Scholarship

At its last meeting in June, the Raymond Lions Club presented a scholarship for \$2,000 to Katie Knight, a graduating high school senior from Raymond. Katie will be attending Boston University in the fall, majoring in International Relations and will be receiving the scholarship upon completion of a successful first semester in Boston.

The Lions Club considers all areas of each applicant's school work, activities in and out of school, work history, community involvement, financial need and family situation. It also does NOT limit consideration to graduating high school seniors. It encourages both non-traditional students (those returning to school after working, serving in the military or raising a family) and to students currently attending post secondary school.

If you are interested in any area of the Lions Club activities in Raymond, please call Dale Gilman at 655-4114.



Raymond Lions Club 2007 scholarship recipient Katie Knight with her parents.

Road Runner Articles

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by Thursday, **August 23rd**. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

E-Mail; Diskette; Paper; CDROM

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

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 - Assessment information
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News from the Raymond Village Library

At a Glance

- Thursday, August 2 – Book signing with author Kathy Lynn Emerson at Jordan-Small Middle School at 8pm.
- Wednesday, August 8 – Non-fiction/Classics Reading Group, Raymond Village Library at 7pm.
- Wednesday, August 29 – Book Group, Raymond Village Library at 7pm
- Monday, September 3 – Library Closed, Labor Day.

Book Signing

As part of the Teen Summer Reading Program, the author Kathy Lynn Emerson will be conducting a mystery-writing workshop on August 2 at Jordan-Small Middle School.

Ms. Emerson writes the Face Down Lady Appleton and Diana Spaulding 1888 mysteries. As Kaitlyn Dunnett she pens the contemporary Liss MacCrummon mysteries. There will then be a book signing at 8pm to which all interest persons are invited.

Non-fiction/Classics Reading Group

This group will meet Wednesday, August 8, at 7pm at the library. The book chosen for discussion is Kurt Vonnegut's Slaughterhouse-Five. We invite all interested readers to join us. The book will be available, at request, at the library. For more information, call Al at 655-4548.

Book Discussion Group

The reading group will meet on Wednesday, August 29, at 7pm at the library. We will discuss the book The Flame Trees of Thika by Elspeth Huxley. All those interested in reading and discussing this story are invited to join us. The book is available at the front desk upon request.

Library Closed

The Raymond Village Library will be closed on Monday, September 3, in celebration of Labor Day. We wish everyone a fun and safe holiday weekend.

Children's Story Times

There will be no story time for babies, toddlers and preschoolers during the month of August.

Book Sales

The Annual Book Sale is ongoing into the month of August. We continue to accept new items; therefore, there is a turnover of books, videos, audio books, puzzles, etc. and always something new to discover. Be sure to continue to visit the library for new finds.

Youth Services Coordinator

Sue Ellen Gendron, who has been the Youth Services Coordinator at the Raymond Village Library, has accepted a position in the library at Raymond Elementary School starting in August. All those affiliated with the library thank Sue Ellen for the wonderful story times and exciting activities that she has planned and conducted in the past years. She is responsible for the growth in the youth programs that are offered at the library, and we wish her the very best in her new endeavors. The library will continue the children's program in September.

Tax Reform

Rep. John C Robinson

As the first session of the 123rd Maine Legislature came to a close, a number of crucial issues were hotly debated. One of the most important policy matters under scrutiny was the tax reform proposal.



During the final days of the session, L.D. 1925 was brought forth by the Taxation Committee as wide sweeping change in Maine's Tax Code. The title portrayed to cut taxes for Maine residents by \$140 million. However, in reality it was a massive broadening of the sales tax, which, had it passed, would have resulted in a colossal tax shift.

This broadening was of grave concern to me, especially with the past propensity of the majority in the Maine Legislature to increase spending above and beyond tax collections. Maine has made it an old habit of spending more than it takes in and then passing the bill on to the public in the form of new taxes.

Broadening the tax base is nothing more than a tax shift. Without ironclad constitutionally-imposed growth limits on government spending, what guarantees does the public have that new taxes created by broadening the base simply won't be used to fund growing programs or new expansions

of government?

Meaningful tax relief will come in the form of spending reductions, not in expanding the tax code. Expansive re-writing of the tax code that "broadens the tax base" is not the answer. It be time to shrink Government, not broaden its taxation powers.

I stand committed to my constituents to continue to be as fiscally responsible as possible. I believe the people of Maine expect no less from us than to spend their tax dollars wisely.

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

Are You Getting the Most out of Microsoft Word and Excel?

Do you have suggestions for a computer workshop? The Library and Raymond School Department hope to offer more computer training opportunities this fall, but we need your input. Please contact Doris at doris.horne@raymondmaine.org with your ideas.

Conservation Corner

From the Raymond Conservation Commission

Feeling like it is time to take action on your family's energy use? Interested in reducing your electric bill, heating your water and house with the sun or learning about hybrid vehicles? Do you need to know more about state and federal incentives and what your annual return on investment could be if you "Go Solar" (how does 10 to 20% sound?). Or maybe you just want a better understanding of how the 21 tons of CO2 that are generated each year by an average household really do impact human health and the environment. The answers to all of these questions and more can be found in Homepower Magazine at the Raymond Village Library: six issues per year packed with what you need to know about renewable energy.

August 2007

Events and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FB=Fire Barn JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd PS=Public Safety Bldg. RE=Raymond Elementary CL=Casco Library TBD=To Be Determined	SG=Sheri Gagnon TG=Town Garage RT85 TH=Town Hall VL=Village Library VC=Village Church VT=Village Tennis BC=Broadcast Studio		1	2 6:30PM JS Teen Summer Reading Program	3	4
5	6 No Library Babytime or Preschool Storytime during August	7 7:00PM BC Selectmen's Meeting	8 No Library Toddlertime Session I or II during August 7:00PM BC Planning Board 7:00PM VL Non-Fiction Reading Group	9 6:30PM JS Teen Summer Reading Program	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 7:00PM BC Selectmen's Meeting	22	23 7:00 PM BC Building Committee ROADRUNNER DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE ARTICLES	24	25
26	27 700AM BC Appeals Board	28	29 7:00PM VL Book Discussion Group	30	31	

Municipal News Brief

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions:

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

- 1) Community recognition of Raymond Olympian Kirsten Clark

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Mark Gendron presented Raymond Olympian Kirsten Clark with the first ever "key to the town" in recognition of her international success as a three time Olympian, World Cup racer and for being the only American to win four straight U.S. downhill titles. Ms. Clark recently retired from competitive skiing after a thirteen year career. The Selectmen wanted to convey the town's pride in her personal accomplishments and to recognize the honor she brought to the Town of Raymond. Ms. Clark, in accepting the award, gave brief remarks highlighting some of her many career achievements and also thanked her family and the community for the support she had received over the years.

- 2) Cumberland County Redistricting presentation and public forum – Assistant County Manager Bill Whitten

County Manager Peter Crichton appeared in Mr. Whitten's place and explained that a possible redistricting of Cumberland County to increase commissioner-to-citizen representation was a goal originally outlined in the county's 2001 strategic plan. Two proposals are presently being considered, the first is to increase the number of commissioners from the present three to five, and the second to increase the number of commissioners to seven. After consideration of these two scenarios, the Raymond Selectmen encouraged the county to recommend a redistricting plan with seven commissioners, but to redraw the geographic lines to align the Town of Raymond with other Lake Region communities, as opposed to communities along the Rt. 302 corridor extending from Portland.

After the County Commissioners complete their presentations, they will decide whether or not to offer citizens of Cumberland County the opportunity to vote on this initiative during November 2007.

- 3) Applicant Interviews - Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (three vacancies) – Patrick Cayer, Joseph Sousa and Richard Dodson

The first candidate to be interviewed was Pat Cayer, who highlighted his experience in the past as a member of the Planning Board and his experience in the field of surveying and planning. The second candidate, Joseph Sousa, outlined his experience in working on the Windham School Committee and his desire to participate in Raymond town government after attending the recent Annual Town Meeting. He told the Board of Selectmen he believed strongly in participating in his community and trying to make a positive difference as opposed to standing on the sidelines. Both candidates were unanimously approved for membership on the Comprehensive Implementation Committee. Candidate Richard Dodson, who was unable to attend the meeting but has been a Raymond resident for many years and was therefore well known to the Board of Selectmen, was also approved unanimously for membership on the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee.

- 4) Single stream recycling presentation and proposal – Recycling Committee Chair Phil Hammett

Both Recycling Committee Chair Phil Hammett and the Town Manager had intended to recommend moving forward with single stream recycling. Recently however, recycling pickup contractor Pine Tree Waste had indicated that the additional cost for single stream recycling would be higher than anticipated. The cost now would be about \$13,000 additional, as opposed to the \$3,000 that had been planned. Single stream recycling would enable residents to recycle additional materials and to mix them all together in their recycling bins. The most notable change with single stream recycling would be the addition of the curbside pick up of cardboard. The elimination of the present cardboard collection site would result in a small savings for the town but a significant increase in convenience to residents, eliminating their making a special trip to the site. Single stream cardboard recycling would, therefore, save energy resources for the community as a whole.

Additional recycling would also have a positive effect on the town's tip fee with the Mid-Maine Waste Action Corporation (MMWAC) in Auburn, because for every ton removed from the waste stream, the town would save \$29 in tipping fees. Although the Board of Selectmen elected not to go forward with single stream recycling at this time due to the increase in cost, they did encourage the Recycling Committee and the Town Manager to continue negotiations with Pine Tree Waste, and also Ec0-Maine, to find a cost effective solution that will allow the town to receive historical levels of recycling revenue, while at the same time implementing a single stream recycling program.

- 5) Discussion of digital Selectmen Agenda package proposal

The Town Manager outlined a proposal to begin to provide agenda packets electronically to the Board of Selectmen and to Raymond citizens via the website. This new process will be initiated with the August 7th meeting, moving forward. In the past, background materials for the Selectmen had been reproduced in-house as paper 'packets,' which at times can be very large. The move to an electronic Selectmen packet will reduce the use of natural resources and also make some materials that had been previously unavailable to the public except by request available over the Internet. Files will be in PDF format, readable with the free program Adobe Reader, and normally will be posted by the Friday before each Tuesday meeting. (Selectmen meetings are normally held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month.) The Selectmen packets will be found in the same location that the meeting minutes are currently stored. From the Selectmen's page you will click the link 'Minutes & Packets,' and you will be taken to a calendar. Simply locate the meeting date, and you will have access to the packet as it becomes available; when approved, the minutes from that meeting will also be linked to that calendar date.

- 6) Capital reserve account request for database integration project – Contract Assessor Mike O'Donnell

The Town Manager outlined that this project had a \$5,000 budget allocation, which will need to be carried over in a capital reserve account for use during the 2007/2008 fiscal year. This funding is intended to cover the cost of linking the Vision, Northern Data Systems, and Fire House software and was approved unanimously by the Selectmen.

- 7) One Raymond Committee Update – Chair Mark Gendron

Chairman Mark Gendron informed the Selectmen that Selectman Dana Desjardins has stepped down from the One Raymond Committee and encouraged other interested Selectmen to step forward to serve on this committee. Selectman Lonnie Taylor said that he would serve on the One Raymond Committee as the second Selectman representative. Selectman Joe Bruno will serve on the inter-town committee that will negotiate the parameters of school consolidation. Chairman Gendron mentioned several upcoming issues for discussion by the One Raymond Committee, including the possibility of sharing contract Cumberland County law enforcement services with other communities, and issues related to possible utilization of Raymond's schools after consolidation occurs.

- 8) School Consolidation Committee

Selectman Joe Bruno reported briefly on the first school consolidation meeting with Windham, which included School Board Chairman Teresa Sadak, School Board representative Roger Ginn, and resident State Representative John Robinson. This committee is co-chaired by Raymond Superintendent Sandra Caldwell and Windham Superintendent Sandy Prince. The first meeting was primarily organizational in nature, with the second meeting to be scheduled for July 26th at 5pm at Windham High School. At this meeting there should be some fiscal information to share and discuss. Raymond is also looking at other schools, including Poland and Westbrook, as possible educational program partners. A notice of intent regarding school selection needs to be submitted to the Maine Department of Education by August 31st. In the future there will need to be a decision about whether Raymond continues to have high school choices or not. At this point Selectman Bruno did not see a great deal of savings under any consolidation scenario. The reason for Raymond's unfavorable position is related to the town's relatively high real

estate valuation to student ratio, as compared to other partnering communities. Another issue to be factored in is the possibility of added costs that may be incurred through consolidation of educational staff, who under consolidation can elect to vote as to which community's or district's contract they wish to accept.

- 9) Executive Session – Discussion fiscal year 2007/2008 Town Manager contract as authorized under Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)

The Board of Selectmen went into Executive Session at 8:30pm with the Town Manager to discuss his contract renewal. The meeting was re-opened by Chairman Gendron at 8:44pm. A motion was then made by Selectman Joe Bruno to approve the Town Manager's contract, which will be effective July 1, 2007. This motion was seconded by Selectman Dana Desjardins and approved unanimously.

- 10) Old Unfinished Business

The Town Manager was directed to put the town's former public safety boat up for sale at the Veterans Memorial Park, and also to advertise it through the town's website, craigslist.org and other no-cost sales venues in an effort to sell this vessel as soon as possible. It is expected that it will be in the park for no more than a one week period.

- 11) Town Manager Report and Communications

The Town Manager reminded Raymond citizens that there will be a Special Town Meeting on August 7, 2007, at 7 pm, at the Digital Broadcast Studio primarily to consider housekeeping changes to the Raymond Land Use Ordinance.

The Town Manager also presented the Board of Selectmen with the annual State of Maine Department of Transportation Urban Rural Initiative Program (URIP) form for signature or delegation. A motion was made by Joe Bruno to authorize the Town Manager to sign this commitment on behalf of the Selectmen, signifying that Raymond would expend an amount of money of at least \$62,800 in the FY 2007/2008 budget cycle for local road work in order to receive this same amount in state funding. This motion was approved unanimously.

- 12) Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – July 10, 2007.

Approved payroll and appropriation warrants dated July 10, 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.

Town of Raymond Special Town Meeting

August 7, 2007, 7pm

Jordan-Small Middle School

Broadcast Studio

The Special Town Meeting Warrant is available at the Town Office during regular business hours and on-line at www.raymondmaine.org

Dogs Like the Water

Dogs like the water, but keep in mind the people around you and the wildlife dogs might endanger. Dogs and all animals are not allowed on Raymond's public beaches because of health concerns and the fact that some people don't like or are afraid of animals.

Some dogs like riding in boats, but please be aware that a day of boating can be very stressful for them from heat, dehydration (lack of water), and exposure to the sun. Putting your dog in for a swim from a boat does not necessarily mean that it has had enough to drink or had its body temperature reduced enough for a long day in the sun. The long boat ride can also be very stressful in your pet's need to evacuate itself.

RES Principal's Report

by Norma Richard

Even though we are at the halfway point of the summer break, Raymond Elementary School teachers have had a busy summer planning for the upcoming school year. A number of our teachers have been teaching summer school, attending trainings and taking courses. I had the opportunity to attend a week-long Responsive Classroom course with fourteen staff members, and spent a very busy and exciting week with them learning new skills for working effectively with our elementary students. Teachers also have spent many hours since school closed working together to develop new units, to learn new reading assessments, and to organize their teaching materials and classrooms for fall. I am pretty sure, however, that many teachers took a break from their summer work and could be found reading Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows on July 21!

I would like to welcome our new PE/Health teacher Leesa Smith and our new librarian Sue Ellen Gendron to RES. Both Leesa and Sue Ellen are Raymond residents with many

ties to the school and to the community. I am very pleased that they are joining the RES faculty and look forward to working with them this year.

Back to school information will be included in the September Road Runner and published on the Raymond website this year rather than in a separate calendar/handbook. This change is more cost effective for the Raymond School District and will still provide both school and community information to all Raymond residents. Bus routes, school calendar and schedules, the district handbook, and other essential information will be included in the September Road Runner.

I want to remind Raymond families that school starts after Labor Day again this year. Students in grades 1 – 8 will be starting school on Tuesday, September 4. Kindergarten students and their parents will be coming for orientation on Wednesday, September 5, from 9 – 11am, and starting school on Thursday. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 655-8672 ext. 400 or e-mail me at norma.richard@raymondmaine.org.

Welcome: New Raymond Students in Grades K - 8

New Student Registrations

Registrations for new Raymond Elementary School (grades K - 4) and Jordan-Small Middle School (grades 5 - 8) students will be taken at the Jordan-Small Middle School throughout the summer.

Please call Mrs. Glew at 655-4743 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Proof of Raymond residency is required at time of registration. Kindergarten students are also required to present a birth certificate and updated immunization records.

High School Students (grades 9 - 12) need to register through the Raymond Superintendent of Schools' office at the Raymond Elementary School. The district office can be reached at 655-8666.

Raymond Elementary School registrations and new student visits can be scheduled on Wednesdays from 9am - 2pm with Miss Mindy or Ms. Richard, Principal. Please call the RES office at 655-8672.

Dodge Makes Dean's List

Erin Dodge was recently named to the Dean's List at the School of Visual Arts (SVA) in New York City. Erin is a 2006 graduate of Gray-New Gloucester High School and is the daughter of Gary and Cathy Dodge of Raymond.

Coming This September: Maine Harvest Lunch Day!

Many schools across Maine will be celebrating local Maine foods by serving them for a special school lunch at the end of September. Raymond plans to be one of those school districts, so if you have a garden and would like to contribute salad items, corn or other produce that you think would work well for school lunch, call Lori at 655-4277. Volunteers to help organize that day are needed as well. Here's to all our local farmers and businesses that support our ability to eat fresh, nutritious food!! For more information on Maine Harvest Lunch Day, go to www.maine.gov/education/sfs/farm.html

INNISBROOK HAS GOT THE BEAT!!!

Innisbrook Wraps presents the ultimate gift wrap collection this fall at the Raymond Elementary School. Our Innisbrook sale will begin on September 14. Just wait until you see this year's collection!

- Award Winning Gift Wrap Designs – great holiday wrap for the pet lover!
- Great Gift Products for Kids of All Ages
- Gourmet Foods and Special Treats

Proceeds from our Innisbrook sale are used to support classroom programs and the Raymond PTO scholarships. Last year, Innisbrook funded the very successful two-week residency for Circus Smirkus. These funds have had a positive and direct impact on your child's classroom and our school program.


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

Raymond School Department 2007-2008 School Calendar

Adopted: 3/7/07


August/September					October					November					December					January				
M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F
20	21	22	23	24	1	2	3	4	5				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	
27	28	29	30	31	8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	7	8	9	10	11
3	4	5	6	7	15	16	17	18	19	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	14	15	16	17	18
10	11	12	13	14	22	23	24	25	26	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	21	22	23	24	25
17	18	19	20	21	29	30	31			26	27	28	29	30	31					28	29	30	31	
24	25	26	27	28																				

28-29 Teacher Workshop
3 Labor Day
4 First Student Day
26 Early Release-JSMS




Total Days: 19

5 K-8 Parent-Teacher Conf
8 Columbus Day
31 Early Release-JSMS




Total Days: 21

12 Veterans' Day (observed)
21 Early Release - JSMS
22 Thanksgiving Day
23 No school
30 1st Trimester Ends




Total Days: 19

12 Early Release-JSMS
24-31 Winter Vacation
25 Christmas Day



Total Days: 15

1 New Years
21 Martin Luther King Day
30 Early Release-JSMS



Total Days: 21

February				
M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29


March				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

April				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

May				
M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30


June				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

8 K-8 Parent-Teacher Conf
18-22 February Vacation
18 Presidents' Day




Total Days: 15

14 2nd Trimester Ends
3-21 MEA Testing
19 Early Release-JSMS
28 Teacher Workshop




Total Days: 20

9 Early Release-JSMS
21-25 April Vacation
21 Patriots' Day




Total Days: 17

14 Early Release-JSMS
26 Memorial Day



Total Days: 21

4 Early Release-JSMS
10 Last Student Day with no storm days
17 Possible last student day includes 5 storm days



Total Days: 7

Trimester 1 ends - 11/30	Days - 59
Trimester 2 ends - 3/14	Days - 61
Trimester 3 ends -	Days - 55



Holiday/Extended Breaks/No School
Early Release-JSMS (9 days)
Staff only - no school for students
Calendar provides for:
Pupil Attendance Days 175
Teacher Days 180

Road Maintenance Associations Wanted

The Town Office is going to be keeping a list of private road associations. With the change in ownership of many homes, the Town Office frequently is asked about private road maintenance associations. If your private road has an association or group of residents taking responsibility for their private road, the Town Office would like to have a contact name, address, e-mail address, and phone number for that person. If you can help us gain this information, the Town Office would be most appreciative. This is for residential information use only.



401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071
207.655.4742
655-3024 (Fax)

PRIVATE ROAD ASSOCIATION

Road Association Name: _____

President or contact person: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: summer: _____

winter: _____

Email: _____

Number of homes on your road: _____

Election Clerks Needed

In preparation for the 2007 General Election on November 6th, we would appreciate hearing from anyone who would like to be an election clerk. No special knowledge or training is necessary - we will train you. If you would like more information, please call Louise Lester, Town Clerk, at the Town Office at 655-4742 ext. 21 or e-mail louise.lester@raymondmaine.org.

We work in four-hour shifts during the day, and after 8pm the ballots are counted and stored which usually takes about two hours. You will receive a small compensation and a meal for the time of day that you are working. Come join us and help democracy in Raymond.

Support Raymond Businesses

Checkout the business listing on the Raymond website
www.raymondmaine.org

Lake Region Baptist Church

1273 Roosevelt Trail
Raymond, Maine

Invites children 6 - 12 to

Vacation Bible School

August 20 - 24, 2007, from 6 - 8pm

Larry and Debbie Porter of Child Evangelism Fellowship will introduce the adventures of Zacchaeus, Mephibosheth, Noah, the Ethiopian treasurer, and Saul in **"TURNED AROUND."**

Games, crafts and food will abound.
All are welcome.

A pre-registration will be held at the church August 16 & 17 at 6pm

Good Old Fashioned Variety Show

The 6th annual Good Old Fashioned Variety Show will be held Saturday, August 11th, starting at 7pm at the Windham Assembly of God, 1051 Roosevelt Trail (Route 302) in North Windham. Free-will donations will be accepted to benefit the Monday Meals Program. If you're interested in performing, call 650-3972 or 642-2834.

RVCC News

Sunday School Rally Day is September 9th!

Everyone is invited to come when we kick off the new Sunday school year with special activities for the children.

This year we will be using the Seasons of the Spirit curriculum, which is a Bible-based and age-appropriate curriculum. Our toddlers and Kindergartners will again be learning the Christian basics with Mrs. Richards. Our 1st through 3rd graders will be learning songs and doing crafts to illustrate key Biblical themes, and our 4th through 6th graders will be doing lots more hands-on activities this year, as they seek to put their faith into action.

Sunday School can help provide the foundation for the strong family and moral values that are so important for children in today's world. September 9th is an excellent time to make that important choice for your child. Come and join our friendly church family. No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey, you are welcome at the Raymond Village Community Church!

Christmas is too much fun to celebrate only once a year....

...so we will celebrate it again on Sunday, August 19th. All are welcome to join us for a special "Christmas in August" worship service. Remember with songs and words and candlelight the ancient story of the birth of Christ that lies near the heart of the Christian faith. Worship begins at 10am. If you wish, join us for coffee, tea, and breakfast food at the Fellowship Café in the Church Vestry beginning at 9:30am.

Huge Tag Sale

at the Naples Gym

Saturday, the 25th, 9am - 4pm

Sunday, the 26th, 9am - 3pm

Tag sale items, baked goods, crafts and balloons

Hamburgers, hotdogs, chili, beans and drinks for sale after 11am.

All proceeds to benefit international adoption through China.

Lions Club Honors Local Resident

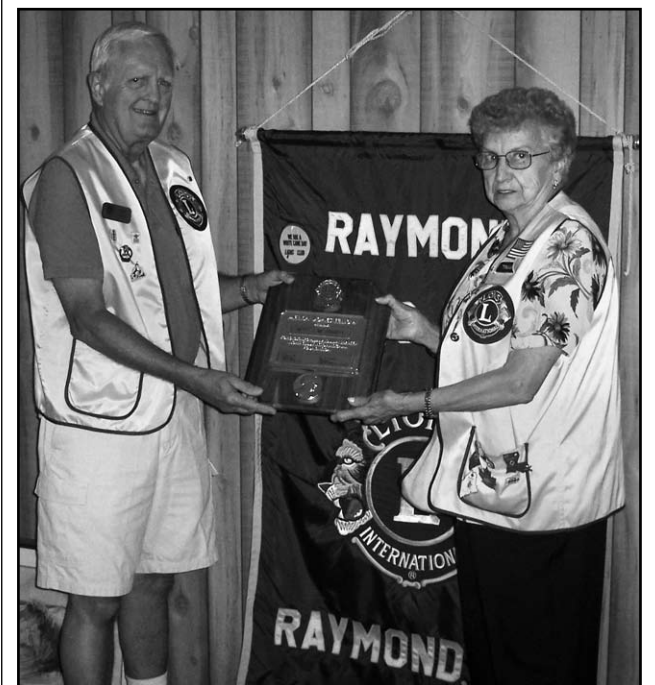
At a recent meeting, the Raymond Lions Club recognized the long service Betty McDermott has provided to Raymond and its residents with the presentation of a plaque naming her a Melvin Jones Fellow. The plaque reads in part "...For Dedicated Humanitarian Services..." and is the highest form of recognition from Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service organization.

Some of Betty's contributions to Raymond include: the PTA, where she served as president; she was a long-time member of the Raymond Fireman's Auxiliary; she served as a member of the Raymond Health Council; she spent 33 years as a member of the Raymond Library Club and served as its treasurer for many of those years and for six years as the Board of Selectmen representative to the library; and as a member of Raymond Civic League.

She was a Cub Scout den leader; she somehow managed to be a charter member of the Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club and of the Raymond-Casco Historical Society, as well as a member of the Maine Historical Society and of the Mass. Society of Mayflower Descendants; she spent 15 years on the Raymond Appeals Board and 9 years on the Raymond Board of Selectman, 2 of those years as chairman.

She was a guiding light and faithful worker and supporter of the Raymond Founder's Day Committee; belonged to the Informed Notaries of Maine; and was a member of the Tassel Top Committee for 7 years; she has worked hard for 9 years on the cemetery committee; she was a member of the East Raymond Garden Club.

She has spent much time in the past 3 years spearheading the committee for the Raymond Veterans Monument and earned the gratitude of veterans and non-veterans alike. And last but not least, she is a charter member of the Raymond Lions Club and has worked tirelessly on projects and has served faithfully as our club treasurer for many years.



Lions Club President presents the plaque naming Betty McDermott a Melvin Jones Fellow.

August Selectmen's Meetings

Tuesday, August 7th, 7pm and

Tuesday, August 21st, 7pm

at the Broadcast Studio next to the Jordan-Small Middle School

Parents: the Most Important Influence in a Child's Life

by Steve Danzig LSW, LADC

Research shows that parents are central to preventing teen alcohol/drug use. In fact, kids themselves say that losing their parents' trust and respect is the most important reason not to use alcohol/drugs. In several studies, kids have also said that if their parents asked them about their alcohol/drug use, they would be so relieved to unburden themselves that they would tell their parents the truth. So if you suspect, or know, that your child has been drinking or using drugs, initiate a discussion with your child immediately. Start by telling your teen that you LOVE him/her and are worried that he/she might be using drugs or alcohol.

During this discussion, try not to get mad or accuse your child of being stupid or bad or an embarrassment to the family. In addition, try not to make the discussion an inquisition; simply try to connect with your teen. Knowing that kids are naturally private about their lives, try to find out what's going on in your child's life that might have led him/her to use alcohol/drugs. Find out if friends or others offered your child alcohol/drugs at a party or at school. Did they try it out of curiosity, or did they take initiative to use alcohol/drugs for some other reason? Also ask: When was the last time he/she used alcohol/drugs? What exactly are they using, how much, and how often? And has he/she done anything that they regret?

After hearing them out and learning all you can about their usage, say that you KNOW that drugs may seem like the thing to do, but drinking and using drugs can have serious consequences. And that it makes you FEEL worried and concerned about them. Also, be sure to express that you are there to LISTEN to them. However, you should also make it clear that you WANT them to stop drinking/using drugs and that you are willing to HELP them to do so. Even if your child continues to use alcohol/drugs after your discussion, if they learned from that talk that they can trust you, they will turn to you for help when they are ready to stop or when they get into trouble.

It is also important for you to know that if you are a parent struggling with this issue, you do not have to battle this alone. There are licensed alcohol & drug counselors ("LADC") in our community that specialize in working with teenagers and who can assist you in a variety of ways. For example, if your discussion with your teen does not go as well as you planned, you can make an appointment for your child to talk to the therapist instead. Oftentimes, it is easier for kids to talk with a stranger about issues they may feel some shame about than to talk with their parents. Conversely, if your talk goes well and you need help learning about treatment options for your child, the therapist can perform an evaluation on your child and then recommend the best treatment option for him or her. Lastly, if your child refuses to stop using or to get help, as the parent of this teen, you can go to counseling to get expert advice on how to handle the situation with your teen in addition to having a safe, supportive place to unburden your feelings about what is happening.

2008 ATV Registration

We are now registering ATVs for 2008. You will be issued two stickers, one of which must be displayed on the front and the other on the back of your machine. If you still have your license plate, the new sticker must be displayed over the old number.

Raymond Road Runner Deadline Reminder

Articles for the September issue are due Thursday, August 23rd.

Raymond Waterways Protective Association

Annual Meeting & BBQ

Sunday, August 19th 5-7pm

Camp Wohelo

This year RWPA will hold our Annual Meeting and BBQ, Sunday, August 19th from 5-7 pm, at Camp Wohelo on Sebago Lake. In our newsletter we listed the correct date of August 19th but incorrectly listed the day. We apologize for the mistake – the meeting is Sunday evening (not Saturday).

We will provide the burgers, hot dogs, and soda. Bring salad or dessert to share. Please RSVP so we can order the correct amount of food. We hope you can join us!

Some of the topics we will discuss include:

- Water Quality Monitoring Results
- Invasive Plant Remediation Projects 2007
- Lakes Protection Rangers
- Panther Pond Conservation Project
- Raymond Pond Conservation Project
- Future Actions

Directions to Camp Wohelo: (from intersection Routes 302/85) Go 2.7 miles west on Route 302, take a LEFT on Hawthorne Road. Go to end. Take a LEFT on Cape Road. Go ~ 3 miles until you see the sign on the right for Sebago Wohelo. There are two main entrances, and we are at the first one (older girls camp).

Thank you to Camp Wohelo for giving us the opportunity to hold our meeting at this beautiful location on Sebago Lake.

Contact us today at lakes@raymondmaine.org or 671-3329 to sign up for the RWPA Annual Meeting. We hope you all are having a safe and fun summer at the lakes!

Rep. John Robinson Announces 2006 Property Tax and Rent Relief Program Application Period

AUGUSTA – State Rep. John Robinson (R-Raymond) announced today that the application period for Maine's Property Tax and Rent Refund Program will begin August 1st for taxes and rent paid during 2006. He encourages Maine homeowners and renters to take advantage of this under-utilized program, which provides cash to help residents cover their property taxes.

The Property Tax and Rent Refund Program, also known as the "circuit breaker," is the state's primary tax assistance program. Mainers who qualify may be eligible for refunds up to \$2,000.

According to Rep. Robinson, thousands of Mainers who could have received refund checks in the past did not even apply. Maine Revenue Services (MRS) estimates that approximately 200,000 Maine households qualify for the program. In 2005, however, only 120,615 households applied and 93,915 qualified, receiving a total of \$44.3 million.

Under the guidelines, you may qualify for a refund if you do not have a spouse or dependents and your 2006 income was \$77,000 or less. If you have a spouse and dependents, you could have made up to \$102,000 in 2005 and still qualify.

To receive a refund, your 2006 property tax must have exceeded four percent of your income. Renters qualify if the rent they paid in 2006 exceeded 20 percent of their income. Seniors do not have to meet those requirements, however, if their household income is below \$12,700 for those living alone or below \$15,700 for those living with a spouse or dependent.

The deadline for filing applications for refunds on property taxes paid in 2006 is May 31, 2008.

MRS generally sends applications in August to anyone who filed in the previous year. Applications are also available at town offices, libraries, post offices and Area Agency on Aging and Community Action Program offices. You may also receive an application by calling Rep. Robinson in Raymond at 655-8657 or in Augusta at 287-1440.

"Any Deer" Permits at Town Office

The 2007 Any Deer permits are available at the Town Office. The deadline for submission by mail or in person is July 16, 2007, in Augusta at 5pm and online August 3, 2007, by 11:59pm at www.mefishwildlife.com. There are 66,275 permits available.

Maine Municipal Association Photo Contest



The Maine Municipal Association will feature a town picture that will be displayed at the MMA Annual Convention in October 2007. Photos should be submitted by any municipal employee or elected official. If you have a picture you would like submitted, please bring it to the town office.

Photographs (electronic or hard copy) should be something representing your municipality. The picture may be historic or current and represent one of the following categories:

Special Event or Town Meeting
(featuring people, activities, etc.)

Downtown Project
(revitalization, holiday and seasonal decorating, buildings, etc.)

Signage
(road signs, street signs, etc.)

Municipal Buildings or Local Landmark
(town office, library, firehouse, bridges, buildings, parks, etc.)

Scenic View
(landscapes, skylines, bridges, buildings, etc.)

Entries should reflect a sense of your community's pride, uniqueness and beauty!

A winner will be selected from each category and will be judged by a panel of municipal representatives. The photographs will be judged on:

- Originality;
- Creativity;
- Uniqueness;
- Representation of your municipality; and
- Representation of the designated category.

If sending the picture to the town office electronically, please send in "Bitmap" or "JPEG" format. If sending a hard copy photograph, please provide a 4x6" print.

The five winners will be displayed at the MMA Member Relations Booth in the Exhibit Hall of the MMA Annual Convention as well as throughout the year at the MMA office building. Each winning municipality will receive a framed and matted replica of the photograph with the appropriate engraved recognition. All photograph entries will be shared on a PowerPoint presentation, which will be available for viewing at the MMA Member Relations Booth in the Exhibit Hall at the MMA Annual Convention.

Entries are due at the town office by:
Wednesday, August 15, 2007

We hope that you will join in the fun and send us your **"Community's Best Shot!"**

Hazardous Waste Goes to Lewiston Recycling

The Maine Environmental Depot at the Lewiston Solid Waste facility, 424 River Road in Lewiston, will accept hazardous waste from Raymond. Their web address is www.envdepot.com or www.avcop.org and the phone number is 783-9186.

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.

The Depot is open the FIRST and THIRD Saturdays of each month from APRIL through NOVEMBER. Hours are from 8am to 1pm. If the Saturday falls on a holiday weekend, the Depot WILL BE CLOSED.

PAYMENT: Each unit of 5 gallons, 20 pounds, or combination thereof will be charged \$27 CASH PER UNIT.

ITEMS ACCEPTED but not limited to: aluminum cleaners, bug sprays, drain cleaners, floor care products, furniture polish, metal polish with solvents, oven cleaners, cutting oil, solvents and solvent based glues, oil based paint, stain and varnish, paint (auto and marine), paint brush cleaning solvent, paint thinners and strippers, primers and wood preservatives, auto body repair products, auto transmission fluid, battery acid, brake fluid, car wax with solvents, driveway sealer, engine degreaser, gasoline, kerosene or diesel fuel, roofing tar, weed killer, chemical fertilizer with pesticides, fungicide, insecticide and pesticide, rat poison, chemistry sets, dry cleaning solvents, fiberglass epoxy, flea control products, formalin, formaldehyde, gun cleaning solvents, hot tub chemicals, light fluid, moth balls, photographic chemicals, rubber cement, rug, upholstery and spot cleaners, swimming pool chemicals.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: Latex paint (dry paint and cans go to bulky waste), waste motor oil (clean oil can go to bulky waste free of charge), alkaline batteries (throw in trash), biological waste (ask your doctor), compressed gas cylinders (small 4# canisters can go in trash and large ones to distributor, explosives and ammunition (ask at gun shop or sporting goods store), and prescription medicines and syringes (ask doctor).

How to deliver:

- Pack materials in original, secure containers; use boxes or plastic bags when appropriate.
- Place materials in trunk or truck bed.
- Drive up to the Scale House at the River Road site.
- Enter the Depot when directed.
- Remain in your vehicle.
- Pay in cash only.

Tassel Top News

The early part of July has been slow for the park due to the unpredictable weather. There have been some brave souls who appear even on the cloudiest days. We thank them for their patronage. We also want to thank the Raymond Public Works Department, as well as Nancy Yates and Rita Theriault, who are always cheerful and ever helpful. Raymond is extremely fortunate to have such caring and good-humored employees, always willing to help. Thanks also to Caryl Widdowson of Gray, who has identified much of the flora of the park especially on the nature trails. Signs are being made, so you can learn as you stroll, too! Last but not least, we thank the Red Mill lumber yard, who supplies all the lumber for our projects.

We still have the last two weeks of August available for rent in the cabins, and weekly or daily rentals in September and October. Fall is a beautiful, peaceful time in the park. Why not book your business meeting, club get-together, class, etc. and enjoy nature at the same time?

Be sure to visit our snack shack where you can buy snacks, drinks, sundries, charcoal, etc. as well as souvenir T-shirts, hats, visors, and beach bags with the Tassel Top logo.

We have had many compliments regarding the park improvements and upgrades. Tassel Top is a self-supporting, town-run business, so your patronage is important and appreciated. YOU make these things happen, and we love suggestions; so feel free to contact Ranger Sue at Tassel Top or call 655-4675. Please bring the sun to the park and enjoy your summer

Hebron Academy Announces Spring Trimester Honor Roll

Hebron Academy Head of School John King recently recognized the following Raymond students who have attained honors for the spring trimester:

HONOR ROLL

Third Trimester 2006-2007

Highest Honors (A- or higher)

Calvin Moisan
Joshua Taylor

High Honors (B+ or higher)

Taylor Fey
Elijah Hughes
Ashley Waldron
Erik Wisutskie

Honors (B or higher)

Cameron Lao-Gosney
Roman Lao-Gosney
Kees van Haasteren

Hebron Academy was founded in 1804 and is an independent, co-educational boarding and day school that serves grades six through postgraduate. For more information, please visit www.hebronacademy.org or call 207-966-2100.

Introducing RoyAl Technology Management

RoyAl Technology Management, a new business in Raymond, offers complete technology solutions for businesses. Owned by Raymond resident Alex Roy, the company specializes in "Software as a Service" (SaaS), which is web-based software that is hosted by Alex for use by businesses over the Internet. This lowers costs considerably while still being able to take advantage of the latest and greatest technology. RoyAl Tech is a premier SaaS provider in the State of Maine.

Alex Roy has lived in Raymond for the past 5 years. He founded his business while he was still in high school, and specialized at the time in PC and network troubleshooting and repair. He won the State of Maine "Skills USA" competition for Computer Networking in 2005.

Lately, Alex has changed his focus, mostly because big retail stores have moved into the service sector. So Alex has developed three major offerings for businesses: the first is off-site back-up of critical files; the second is web hosting, including web design and content management, all run on globally accessible, redundant systems; and the third is an enterprise-level e-mail service.

Shelley P. Carter, Esq of Friedman & Carter, P.A. says "I am writing you to let you know how absolutely impressed I am by RoyAl Technology Management. They implemented our server seamlessly and with no downtime. The follow-up tech support is outstanding. They are a very professional service run by a very knowledgeable person who really cares about making a difference for their clients. I only wish all that all companies would have the knowledge and dedication that RoyAl Technology Management has."

Alex says he always tries to sell his services at the lowest prices, passing along any savings directly to his customers. RoyAl Technology Management's goal is to help businesses have the best computer experience possible, which is why Alex also offers free e-mail tech support. All RoyAl's technicians are A+ certified and have years of experience in the trade. For more information on these and other services, visit the website at www.royaltechnologymanagement.com or give them a call at 207-221-5198.

RED 2007-2008 School Year Registration

Registration for the Raymond Extended Day Program's 2007-2008 Before and After school program will be held from August 6-August 17. CURRENT FAMILIES may register from August 6th to August 10th, meaning families who had their children in the program last school year or for summer 2007. All new families may register from August 11th to August 17th. Registration packets can be picked up in the JSMS cafeteria or at Raymond Elementary School in the main office. If you have any questions, please call Kristi at 650-4470.



Soccer Sign-Ups

Saturday, August 4th, 9am-noon

Sunday, August 5th, 12-2pm

Raymond Public Safety Building

Cost is \$30 per child, K-6

Deadline is August 24th

All coaches from last year need to turn in equipment on Saturday or Sunday.

There will be a Coaches meeting on Sunday, August 5th, from 2-3 pm. If you want to coach, be there! This year we need 4 new goals for the K-1 program and 2 new goals for the 2nd and 3rd grade program. Also this year, we will ask people to do more, such as lining fields and cleaning up after each game.

Coaches: we need to get together and decide if we want to form a program that will enable us to have travel teams. For that to happen, we need a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and somebody to do organization. This year will be Co-Ed, but that may change depending on total sign-ups.

You can sign up at www.raymondmaine.org following the link for soccer sign-ups. Please mail the sign-up sheets with payment to Dana Desjardins, PO Box 378, Raymond, ME 04071. The deadline for sign-ups is August 24. Thank You.

Notes from the Code Enforcement Office

If you're thinking about building or renovating a structure, Raymond's Code Enforcement Office is ready to assist you. A publication entitled "Things To Know When Building" is available on the Raymond Website at www.raymondmaine.org/government/code_enforcement

or a copy can be obtained at the Code Enforcement Office at the Town Office.

Please Remember Your Pets

When the weather gets hot and sticky, remember that your pets feel it too. All pets need shelter from the sun and rain, lots of water to drink, and regular feeding and grooming.



Fleas can be a particular nuisance. There are many types of preparations to use on your pets to prevent fleas, so ask your veterinarian what he/she would advise. Flea sprays, powders, and shampoos can be purchased at pet shops and department stores. Keeping the pet free of fleas will make everyone happier – the pet and the owner. If you find fleas inside your home, there are bombs which are available; please ask your veterinarian which to purchase.



Most dogs and some cats enjoy a swim, but please remember that Raymond's public beaches are for people only. Pets are not welcome there.

Cubs Help Lions Aid Girl in Need

At their June picnic at Camp Hinds, Raymond Cub Scout Pack 800 presented the Raymond Lions Club with close to 200 pounds of beverage can tabs. The Raymond Lions have joined with many Lions Clubs in Maine to collect these tabs and deliver them to Fort Kent, where the students in the elementary school package them in gallon milk containers. These tabs are then delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Bangor, where they are sold and the proceeds help to fund the operations of the facility.

This activity started about 10 years ago in Fort Kent, when a child was born blind and deaf and with several other birth defects. She needed regular treatment at the hospital in Bangor, which necessitated her mom staying overnight at the Ronald McDonald House. The major focus of Lions Clubs throughout the world is assistance for those with sight impairment, so this was a natural fit.

Although the young lady no longer needs overnight treatment, this project has continued to benefit the Ronald McDonald House and is basically done in her name.

The Cubs have been collecting tabs for several years and each year are given a goal by the pack leaders. If they reach the goal, the leaders are made to pay in several different ways. This year the Cubs got to throw cream pies at the leaders. For a few years, the heads of the leaders were shaved. It's a great incentive for the Cubs to work hard, accomplish a goal and have fun.



Cub Scoutleaders Jim Fisher and Sandy Winde deliver donated can tabs to Raymond Lions Club.

Baseball MVP Awards for the Sebago Long Lake Cal Ripken League

The Sebago Long Lake Cal Ripken baseball program awarded MVP trophies to the top 2 players in the Minor league. The league comprises the Northern division, which includes Harrison, Bridgton, Naples, and Waterford. The Southern division includes 3 teams from Raymond; 2 teams from Casco, and 1 team from Sebago. The awards are given to the most valuable player of each division based on ability, sportsmanship, and commitment and are chosen by the coaches of the league.

William Frank of the Harrison Hawks and Zack Conley of the Raymond Dairy Queen team were both presented with official plaques for their outstanding season.



William Frank (l) of Harrison, and Zack Conley (r) of Raymond received MVP awards for the Sebago Long Lake Cal Ripken's North and South divisions.

Mentoring Celebration at Camp Hinds

by Candace Woolston

The Mentoring Program wrapped up the school year on May 29th with a festive celebration at Camp Hinds. Mentoring pairs enjoyed a variety of afternoon activities, including casting fishing lines, making "dream catchers" with beads, and hiking through the campgrounds. Family and friends joined the group for a delicious barbecue dinner at the end of the day. Good food, a picturesque setting, and lots of fun made for a perfect ending to a very successful year.

The mentoring program benefited from eight new mentors this year, including four adults and four high school mentors. However, many children remain on our waiting list for new mentors. Please consider donating an hour of your time each week to make a difference in the life of a child in our community. Call Christina Lamarre or Candace Woolston at 655-8672, ext. 107, for more information.



Melinda fishing.



Eagle Scout Court of Honor Held

A Court of Honor was recently held to recognize the scouting career and advancement of James Wiley. He was presented the rank of Eagle Scout.

One must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges and complete a series of leadership objectives, each increasing in scope, in order to receive the rank of Eagle Scout. The final leadership project involves planning, designing, leading and directing a service project to benefit the community. For his project, James and his fellow scouts built field hockey nets and a portable scoreboard for the Raymond School athletic department. With surplus funds available, a portable timer was also presented to the school.

Nearly 70 scouts, scouters (supporters and leaders) and family members were on hand for the celebration. The ceremony featured highlights of Jamie's career and what it truly means to be an Eagle Scout. In addition to many scouters from Raymond who participated in the ceremony, Reverend Nancy Foran from the Raymond Village Community Church and Tony Bessey, District Executive from Pine Tree Council, were featured speakers.

James attended Raymond schools and is a recent graduate of Gray-New Gloucester High School. He will be attending Bentley College in the fall.



James receives his Eagle neckerchief from his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hews.



Jamie Wiley and some of his Eagle project work crew.



Open House at the Raymond Elementary School

This fall the RES staff is scheduling two nights for Open House. Please add these dates to your September calendar. More information will be coming home the first week of school.

Tuesday, September 11: **FAMILY NIGHT** for parents and their students in grades K – 2.

Tuesday, September 18: **PARENTS NIGHT** for grade 3 – 4 parents only.