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Raymond Board of Selectmen Hold Local Tax Rate Steady

by Mike Reynolds, Vice Chairman

The Raymond Board of Selectmen met with Contract Assessor Mike O'Donnell of John E. O'Donnell and Associates on Tuesday, September 18th, to commit property taxes and set the fiscal year 2007/2008 tax rate. I am pleased and proud to inform Raymond residents that we were able to hold the tax rate at its present level of \$10.20 per thousand dollars valuation. At the outset of this year's budget development process, the Board of Selectmen established several performance criteria for town staff in order to accomplish this end. Through a genuine team effort of town and school staff, working closely together with the Selectmen, School Committee and Budget/Finance Committee, this significant accomplishment was made possible. Holding the tax rate steady did not require compromises that would jeopardize the town's long term financial position. In that regard it would have actually been possible to lower the tax rate slightly. It is important to note that lowering taxes would have resulted in a lower than acceptable overlay and provided little relief to individual taxpayers. The Selectmen elected to continue their ongoing program of responsible day-to-day financial management, while at the same time planning for and ensuring the long term stability of the town.

Tax bills are expected to be mailed from the Town Office during the week of September 25th, with the first half due on October 31, 2007, and the second half due on April 30, 2008.

Raymond-Casco Historical Society News

By Annette Miller

Work recently started on the concrete slab in readiness for the new Raymond-Casco Historical Society Museum building. A 40' x 60' metal structure will be installed on the foundation. Work is expected to be completed this fall. Both land and building are being donated to the RCHS by Henry and Zeena Watkins. It will be easily recognized on Route 302, as it is located next to the current Watkins Red Barn that has the wonderful mural painted on its side by well known artist Tom Merriam. Henry has once again commissioned Merriam to paint a mural on the wall of newly built RCHS museum when it is completed. RCHS members have chosen a painting of the Murch Stagecoach in 1870 showing three horses pulling a Concord Coach on its daily route from South Casco to Portland. Another painting will show visitors and tourists arriving at the Raymond Steamboat Landing and will include a charming picture of the late Ernest Knight, local historian and one of the founder members of the RCHS, riding his Victorian high wheel bicycle from Raymond to Casco.

Needless to say RCHS members are very grateful to the Watkins family for their interest and enthusiasm in providing a permanent home for our collection. It will be a museum for all to enjoy. It will house a collection of items used by local families since Raymond-



town founders Joseph Dingley and Domincus Jordan first settled here in 1774. The town of Casco officially separated from Raymond in March 1841 because the residents of the western part of Raymond, which is now Casco Village, felt left out in political and government aspects. According to Melissa Kluge in her book entitled "The History of Casco," it was not an easy process by any means. Discussions about separating began in 1825, and it took 2 petitions before it was approved by the Maine Legislature.

The Raymond-Casco Historical Society was formed in 1971, with an official charter granted to the society in 1973. The mission of the RCHS is to research, document and collect the history of Raymond and Casco for future generations. The soon-to-be built Museum will display artifacts donated by local families and will include a meeting room and research space. Eventually plans will include special workshops and family days to encourage the younger generations to learn about their heritage. The RCHS is actively seeking new members and donations to support the new museum. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7pm at the Casco Public Library. Please come and join us! Visit our website at www.raymondmaine.org/historical_society or call RCHS President Wayne Holmquist at 655-7672.

PUBLIC NOTICE SAPPI FINE PAPER NORTH AMERICA

The following was information given by Sappi dated September 21, 2007.

"Sappi Fine Paper North America announced today that this fall the level of Sebago Lake will be lowered approximately two and one half feet from the current level, as required by the Sebago Lake Level Management Plan. Sappi operates the Eel Weir Dam which controls the outlet of Sebago Lake.

"Sappi will begin lowering the lake level in October and plans to have the lake at the required level by the end of November. The Sebago Lake Level Management Plan requires that the lake reach this low level occasionally (which is one and one half feet below the normal fall levels) to promote restoration of beaches.

"Sappi asks boaters who utilize Sebago Lake marinas to contact their marina to ensure their boats will be removed prior to the low level being reached. If boat owners do not take action, it is possible that some larger boats will be stranded on the lake.

"The Sebago Lake Level Management Plan is a compromise between State of Maine agencies (IF&W, DEP and DOC), stakeholder groups (including the Friends of Sebago Lake, Sebago Lake Landowners and Users Coalition and others), Portland Water District, and Sappi, and is part of the Eel Weir Dam's operating license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission."

Budget/Finance Position Available

The Raymond Budget/Finance Committee announces that there is a vacant position on their Committee. Anyone wishing to be considered for this position should call

Town Clerk Louise Lester at 655-4742 or e-mail louise.lester@raymondmaine.org as soon as possible. This position needs to be filled very soon as the budget year is about to commence.

This position will be appointed by the Selectmen under 30-A.M.R.S.A. §2602. The position is for a 3-year term beginning this year. The Budget/Finance Committee Ordinance can be obtained at the Town Office or online at the Raymond website www.raymondmaine.org. For more information call Don Willard, Town Manager, at 655-4742 ext. 31.

Road Runner Articles

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by **Thursday, October 18th**. 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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 - Hunting and fishing licenses
 - Assessment information
 - Property & other maps

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Raymond Village Library News

At a Glance

- Wednesday, October 10 – Nonfiction/Classics Reading Group, at the library at 7pm
- Wednesday, October 24 – Book Group, at the library at 7pm
- Wednesday, October 31 – Halloween

Nonfiction/Classics Reading Group

The book to be discussed by this group is All Quiet on the Western Front, written by Erich Maria Remarque in 1929. Serving as a young man in the German army during World War One, Erich Maria Remarque (1898-1970) survived and was determined to write about the horrors of war. An anti-war book, All Quiet on the Western Front has been called the “greatest war novel of all time.” Interested readers are invited to join us in what is sure to be a fascinating discussion. For more information call Al at 655-4548.

Book Group

The reading group will meet on Wednesday, October 24, at 7pm at the library. The book chosen for discussion is Apologizing to Dogs by Joe Coomer. All those interested in reading this book are invited to come and join in the discussion.

Halloween

Each year we ask for donations of goodies for “trick-or-treaters” in the Raymond village area. Residents in this area receive up to 300 children, and the library tries to help out with treats for Halloween. Once again we ask our generous patrons to donate whatever goodies they can to placate the “little goblins.” Bring in your donations to the library, where they will be gratefully accepted. Remember, Halloween is

Wednesday, October 31!!

PJ Story Time

Mark your calendars for the Annual PJ Story Time, which will be November 14. Our guest storyteller is the amazing Jody Fein. This is an event you won't want to miss.

IFW Video Productions Are Now Available on MyOutdoorTV.com

AUGUSTA, Maine -- The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is now one of the country's first state wildlife agencies to offer their own video productions on the world wide web. These videos promote hunting, fishing, boating, wildlife-watching, and other natural resource topics pertinent to Maine.

The department is partnering with MyOutdoorTV.com to bring these produced shows to a worldwide audience on MyOutdoorTV.com. These videos will cover a wide range outdoors and conservation topics via links to this website. Videos will cover various department programs, as well as interesting fish and wildlife resources and outdoor experiences. All will be available on demand, and hosted by MyOutdoorTV.com at no charge to the department. Previously, these videos were available only for a fee through the department.

Those interested can find the videos by visiting MyOutdoorTV.com and clicking on the “State Explorer” link, then clicking on Maine. Shows and materials provided by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will also be included and available on a site search engine on the MyOutdoorTV.com site. Maine's portion of the site features video subjects from whitetail deer and turkey hunting, to brook trout or bass fishing. Topics also include

wildlife watching, wildlife management, and Warden Service topics.

“More and more people get their news and information via the web. Therefore, we are thrilled to partner with the team at MyOutdoorTV.com,” stated Roland D. Martin, Commissioner, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. “Outdoor enthusiasts will find great videos and information covering the numerous fish and wildlife stories and outdoor experiences that we have to offer. This partnership provides a cutting edge tool for our department to reach a larger and more diverse audience with information that will enhance their knowledge and appreciation for Maine's fantastic fish and wildlife resources.”

“Maine is an outdoorsman's paradise, and we're pleased to be the forum for the world to see what it has to offer,” said Chris Moise, CEO of MyOutdoorTV.com. “We congratulate Maine for their progressive wildlife agency that was quick to come on board with us.”

MyOutdoorTV.com is the world's largest internet video network for outdoor TV programming, currently streaming over 70 shows on the shooting sports, fishing, and boating. In addition, it hosts radio shows, outdoor videos, and the new “State Explorer” section. For more information, visit www.MyOutdoorTV.com.

Christmas Holiday Help

The Raymond Holiday Helpers sponsored by the Raymond Snowmobile Club would like to help add joy to the Holiday Season for you and your family. If you, your family, or someone you know needs assistance during this Christmas Holiday Season, please contact Sandy at 655-4736 or Lori at 655-5469. Deadline to sign up for assistance is November 15th. (Exceptions to this deadline will be made.)

If you would like to make a donation, or help sponsor a family this Christmas Holiday Season, please contact Sandy at 655-4736 or Lori at 655-5469.

October 2007

Events and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 11:00AM VL Library Preschool Storytime	2 7:00PM BC Selectmen's Meeting	3 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session I 11:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session II 7:00PM BC Recycling Committee	4	5	6
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CORRECTION: Last month we announced a change in getting Board of Selectmen news to you, in that we would replace the traditional "Municipal News Brief" with the actual Board of Selectmen's approved meeting minutes. Instead, we inadvertently published a meeting agenda, which, while detailed, described possible upcoming actions rather than those actually voted for or taken. In this issue we have published that meeting's minutes, as well as any minutes that have been approved since. Board and committee meeting minutes can also be found on the town website.

Board of Selectmen Minutes

Town of Raymond
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

Tuesday, August 7, 2007

NOTE: MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARE SEPARATE.

ATTENDANCE: Mark Gendron, Chairman; Joe Bruno; Lonnie Taylor; Dana Desjardins, and Mike Reynolds.

SELECTMEN ABSENT: None.

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Don Willard, Town Manager; and Kevin Woodbrey, Networking Administrator.

OTHERS: Kyle Woodbrey; Robert Gosselin; Kathy Gosselin; Vicki Woodbrey; and John Rand.

1) Call Selectmen's meeting to order. Mark Gendron called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm at the Broadcast Studio.

2) Minutes of previous meeting dated July 10, 2007.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

3) New business.

a) Woodbrey and Steven Lentine in recognition of their public service Eagle Scout projects: Raymond Town Office reader board sign and Veteran's Memorial Park Walkway.

Mark Gendron presented a certificate to Kyle Woodbrey saying that his sign is a great addition to the town and provides information very attractively.

Mark Gendron presented a certificate to Steve Lentine thanking him for his work on the Veterans' Park walkway. Mr. Lentine accepted the certificate with thanks to Howard Stiles for his faith in him to complete the project, and Nathan White for his help in preparing the site, as well as his father for his support and help.

b) Insurance Review proposal with Scott Simmons, CPCU, ARM – Selectman Joe Bruno.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen voted to have some of this year's savings from the insurance bid to have an assessment of what Raymond needs for insurance. Mr. Bruno would like to include the school's as well which Superintendent Sandra Caldwell would have to authorize. He would like to go out to bid again next year. Mr. Willard said the estimate from Mr. Simmons was under the \$5,000 voted by the Selectmen. Savings in the current bid was about 11% from the previous cost. Mr. Willard will contact Mrs. Caldwell and do an RFP for next year's insurance.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to have Mr. Willard contact Sandra Caldwell and explain to her that the town will pick up the cost of the entire review including the school. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

c) Annual Election of Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Vice President and Executive Committee – Town Manager Don Willard

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard presented the slate of officers – no contested seats. Mr. Gendron didn't know anyone on the list, and Mr. Bruno didn't want to vote for him or her from his knowledge of the candidates.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned not vote for

any of the nominated candidates and elect not to vote. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

d) Fiscal year 2006/2007 municipal budget year-end budgeted adjustments – Finance Director Nancy Yates

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard announced that there were two accounts overdrawn: \$121.99 Animal Control because of the cost of the contract with the Animal Refuge League, and \$2,846.80 in the Technology Account for the installation of air conditioning at the broadcast studio and general equipment for the Naples Dispatch. He recommended an overdraft (\$2,968.79) transfer from Administrative Salaries which is available because of positions filled without using the entire budget.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to transfer \$2,968.79 from the Administrative Salaries Account which includes \$121.99 in Animal Control and \$2,846.80 in Technology. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Desjardins thanked and commendation to Nancy Yates for her work. Mr. Gendron credited Don Willard for the savings.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

e) Old (unfinished) business.

a. none

Gendron thanked Mrs. Lester for preparing the certificates.

f) Town Manager Report and Communications.

a. Mr. Willard announced that Louise Lester would receive her Lifetime Certification through the Maine Town and City Clerks Association during the MMA Convention in October.

b. Mr. Willard announced an informal reception to honor the public and private people who were instrumental in the acquisition of the Public Safety/Rescue Boat on Friday, August 17, 2007 at 2:30 pm at the Public Safety Building.

c. Mr. Willard reported that there had been three accidents with town vehicles this spring and summer and he had hopes that there would be no more.

d. Mr. Bruno announced that the consolidation meetings asked lots of questions but no answers were available. He felt that the members don't want to move ahead with this issue. The next meeting will have a facilitator and hopefully can move forward and have more information and answers. He would like consolidation earlier than later feeling that it will gain us more help from the state. Raymond is talking about joining either Windham, Poland, or Westbrook. Windham does not have to consolidate because they have over 2500 students. The meetings are open to the public. Mr. Woodbrey would like to video the meetings for replay in Raymond and will talk with Superintendent Caldwell. Mr. Bruno noted that this was a School Board function and not the Selectmen and his presence is for information only. Next School Board meeting is August 15th. The question of school choice will come to a town meeting vote.

g) Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – August 7, 2007.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$119,547.95. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the treasurer's warrant in the amount of \$76,533.66. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

h) Adjournment.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Gendron adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk

Town of Raymond
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

ATTENDANCE: Mark Gendron, Chairman; Joe Bruno; Lonnie Taylor; Dana Desjardins, and Mike Reynolds.

SELECTMEN ABSENT: None.

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Don Willard, Town Manager; Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer; and Nathan White, Public Works Director.

OTHERS: John Rand, Chairman of the Conservation Commission; Ben Severn, Conservation Commission; Beth-Ann Hurd; and Charles Leavitt.

1. Call to order. Mark Gendron opened the meeting at 7:08 pm at the Broadcast Studio.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to go into executive session with Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

RECESS: Mark Gendron recessed the meeting at 7:08 pm.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to come out of executive session. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

REOPEN MEETING: Mark Gendron reopened the meeting at 7:24 pm.

2. Minutes of previous meeting dated August 7, 2007.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to table the minutes of August 7, 2007 until the next meeting. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

3. New business.

a. Conservation Commission presentation on Open Space – Raymond Conservation Commission Co-Chair John Rand

DISCUSSION: Mr. Rand reported that this presentation is derived from two years of work by the Conservation Commission as directed by the 2001 Comprehensive Plan. Directives: 1) Inventory special natural resources. 2) Map all chosen places with GIS technology. 3) Overlay the maps to see what places are overlapped. There was a video presentation. After showing this on our access channel the Conservation Commission would like to have an open forum for public input. The next step will be to formulate an open space plan which will eventually be presented and hopefully passed by a town meeting. Funding for this work will come from state, federal, and local sources i.e. grants. Conservation Commission meetings are the last Tuesday of every month with the exception of July and August at 7:00 pm at the Broadcast Studio. Trail preservation and development is necessary for future recreational use.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to support the work of the Conservation Commission and the development of an open space plan. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

b. Executive Session – Discussion of confidential records pursuant to:

1. 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) Acquisition of real property – Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper

See above.

2. 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(H) Consultation with Code Enforcement Officer on pending enforcement matter – Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper

See above.

c. School consolidation information update – Selectman Joe Bruno

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bruno reported that there was a meeting last week and the next meeting will be September 10, 2007 at 5:00 pm at the Windham

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High School library. He said they had a letter of intent for the schools in Windham, Westbrook, and Poland. They are currently looking at the financing of this endeavor but have to look further to what is best for our students. The next question is whether Raymond will want to maintain "choice" of high school in the equation. Mr. Leavitt noted that Chapter 240 speaks to "choice" and he questioned whether it was possible to ask for a legal opinion of what Raymond can do. Mr. Bruno felt that Raymond was unique in that traditionally students can choose their school. He added that the School Board would be the body to make that decision. Mr. Leavitt felt that the changes in Chapter 219 could make a difference. Mr. Bruno thought that the School Board would probably put the question of "choice" to a referendum vote. He continued that Raymond's land value was almost the same as Windham's which makes us pay more per pupil because we don't have as many students as the other towns. Mr. Bruno didn't believe there would be a monetary savings to Raymond immediately, but it would broaden the educational opportunities for our students.

Mr. Bruno noted that tomorrow there will be a Maine Municipal Association Legislative Committee meeting about revenue sharing. Most of the communities on this committee are small and get a fair amount of revenue sharing. Raymond does not, and this meeting will be interesting.

d. Building Committee update – Committee Chair Mark Gendron

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gendron reported that space for the departments was discussed which included not having to have school department offices because of consolidation. A broadcast studio, library space and areas for wireless access to the Internet were discussed.

4. Old (unfinished) business.

None.

5. Town Manager Report and Communications.

a. Pontoon rescue boat

Mr. Willard reported that he had received a letter from Mariaville, Maine thanking Raymond for the fire/rescue boat.

b. Warrant Signatures

Mr. Reynolds was not sure whether the warrants could be signed by fax copy. Mr. Willard said he would investigate.

c. Road Construction

Mr. Bruno asked about the increased road maintenance budget and where is it being spent currently. Mr. Willard will provide a memo tomorrow. He thought the prep work was being done and the paving will come this fall. Deep Cove Road has been done.

d. Fiscal Policy Draft

Mr. Bruno asked about the fiscal policy draft. Mr. Willard replied that the insurance study was in the works, and he would work on the fiscal policy soon.

e. Raymond's Rescue Boat

It was reported that the Cumberland County Sheriff's would be looking for volunteers to help them with the rescue boat and working on their patrols. The volunteers would be used for the running of the boat and not law enforcement. Mr. Willard said that the boat is not working currently because the training is ongoing and not complete at this time.

6. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – September 4, 2007.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$54,519.57. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$129,046.00. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Gendron adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk

Tax Relief Form Help

On Saturday morning, November 10, 2007, Representative John Robinson will be helping anyone who needs assistance filling out their 2006 tax year State Tax Relief form. He will be in the Town Office from 8:30am to noon. No appointment will be needed. If you don't have a copy of your 2006-2007 tax bill (last year's), the Town Office will be able to give you a copy. You will also have to know what your annual income was for last year. Refunds are available up to \$2,000 per household.

Tax and Rent Refund Program qualifications. If you do not have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2006 household income was \$80,750 or less; or you have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2006 household income was \$105,750 or less

AND

your 2006 property tax was more than 4% of your 2006 household income; or the rent you paid in 2006 was more than 20% of your 2006 household income.

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

Applications must be filed by June 2, 2008.

Tax Bills Mailed

By this notice, you should have received your 2007-2008 tax bill. The due date is October 31, 2007, with interest being accrued starting November 1, 2007, on the first half. The second half billing will be at the end of March, with a due date of April 30, 2008.

If you have not received your tax bill, please call Donna Lovely, Deputy Tax Collector, at the Town Office, 655-4742 ext. 22.

Raymond Paving Report for the 2007-2008 Season

by Public Works Director Nathan White

- Deep Cove Road (shim and overlay) is complete with the exception of the shoulders, and that will be complete in late October. The total cost has yet to be compiled on Deep Cove Road, but just in paving cost it was \$89,395.02, and \$20,000 was carried in construction cost for culverts and shoulders.
- Peterson Road has been started with tree removal, and it is hoped the tree work will be finished by the end of next week. At that point the town's crew, with Rod Knight, will move in to replace two culverts and two catch basins.
- Birch Drive and Ridge Road are scheduled to be paved the last week of September or the first week of October.

A cut-off date for paving is determined by watching the road temp and weather conditions. No paving occurs in temperatures below 40 degrees. MDOT generally stops overlay projects by October 18, but MDOT has paved as late as November. The hot top plants have stayed open into December in past years, but usually the week of Thanksgiving is the official end of paving.

Normally all of the paving money is not spent in the summer; it is carried over to the spring of the following year to start construction on next season's work. The paving contract follows the fiscal year, July 1 to June 30. This gives us an early start instead of waiting for July 1 to start on paving jobs.

This year the spring wash outs caused a considerable amount of delay on the paving and the normal work load for this department.

Notes From the Code Enforcement Office: Cleaning up the Shorefront

Fall is here, and folks are beginning to wear red flannel shirts and act like lumberjacks. Before you start up your chainsaw and brush hog, remember that there are restrictions on clearing vegetation in the shoreland zone.

If you are clearing and cutting beyond 100 feet from the water, the area you can clear is limited. Selective cutting can remove 40% of the trees from a lot in any 10 year period. A forester or arborist should be consulted when determining which trees can be removed without exceeding the 40% limit. Only 10,000 square feet (about ¼ acre) or 25% of the lot, whichever is greater, can be cleared for lawns, buildings or other development.

Vegetation within 100 feet of the water is protected to preserve the natural shoreline and ensure water quality. Restricted clearing is allowed for access to the water and to provide views.

A 6-foot wide winding pathway can be cleared to access the water. Only one pathway per lot is allowed. The pathway may be developed with mulch, or crushed stone.

The bottom 1/3 of the trees can be trimmed. This will allow a view through the trees without disturbing the canopy. The canopy helps to capture rain and reduce erosion. It also helps to cool the runoff into the lake, which protects water quality.

Dead trees and limbs can be removed. Dying trees can also be removed, but the code office needs to evaluate whether a dying tree poses a risk to adjacent structures. An evaluation by an arborist or forester is also helpful in determining if a tree is a hazard tree. Remember that many large dying trees serve as habitat for animals such as woodpeckers and flying squirrels; if the tree is not a hazard, you may wish to leave it alone.

Living trees may also be cut, but only selectively. If a tree is less than 4 inches in diameter, you can cut it down. (If you can get your fingers around it as if you were strangling it, it is about 4 inches in diameter.) Trees more than 4 inches in diameter must be evaluated by the code office before they are cut down. Identify the trees you would like to cut by tying bright flagging or ribbons around the trunk and call the code office. We will inspect the trees; if they cannot be cut, we will remove the flagging.

Ground cover and any plants less than 3 feet high may not be cut. The fallen leaves, pine needles and other plant debris (the "duff") also cannot be removed. The duff and ground cover plants help prevent erosion and help remove nutrients from runoff. Existing lawn areas may be mowed.

For more information on "Clearing for Development," call us, drop in at our office or see the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance in the Code Enforcement section of our website.

Raymond Planning Board

The Raymond Planning Board is requesting applicants. Please forward your letters of interest, including a short resume, to Louise Lester, Town Clerk, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071, or e-mail louise.lester@raymondmaine.org. You can also apply through our website www.raymondmaine.org Look for the Volunteer Application. This board meets once a month applying Raymond's ordinances to residential and commercial development. It also prepares ordinance changes to come before the Town Meeting.

Healthy Raymond

By the Wellness Committee

Nutrition Tips for Trick-or-Treaters

Candy is definitely an "empty calorie" food — devoid of vitamins and minerals and full of calories — but it remains a staple of the Halloween season. So when witches, goblins, and superheroes descend upon neighborhoods this month, be prepared to help your trick-or-treaters have a healthy, safe, and fun celebration.

Give your child a nutritious meal before she goes trick-or-treating. This will fill her up, making it less likely she'll be sampling the candy before she even gets home. Make sure to include healthy proteins, fruits, whole grains and vegetables.

Create activities that focus on Halloween fun, not sweet treats. Carve Jack-O-Lanterns, create a haunted graveyard on the lawn, host a monster make-up party, or organize a neighborhood scavenger hunt.

Set a precedent by giving out healthy treats. Be the first on your block to hand out alternatives to candy, such as pencils, stickers, and trading cards. Even mini boxes of raisins or other dried, natural fruit treats are better choices for trick-or-treaters of all ages.

Let your child indulge a bit. Withholding Halloween candy from your child will just make him want it more. A healthy diet is important, but the occasional indulgence — especially on a fun-oriented holiday like Halloween — is a healthy, balanced approach.

Set limits on how much candy can be eaten at one sitting. When your children return home from trick-or-treating, ask them to pick one or two pieces of candy to enjoy right away. Stash the rest for use as occasional lunch treats or desserts.

Make sure your children brush and floss their teeth before going to bed. Of course we do this every night (right?!), but it's especially important on October 31!

Give your leftover candy to charity. Not only will this prevent continuous candy consumption, but it provides a valuable lesson in generosity.

Absentee Voting Available

The Town Clerk's Office is accepting absentee voting. If you find that you will not be in Raymond on November 6th for the General Election, you can vote at the Town Office before that date. Your ballots will be sealed in official envelopes and voted by the elections staff on Election Day. Your ballot will be handled in such a way that it will remain a secret ballot.

If you would like to vote in this manner, come to the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. You can vote the ballot at that time; or if you wish to take it home for your deliberation, you will be asked to fill out an application and then a clerk will give you the ballot and envelope for the ballot's return either in person or by mail. If a voter cannot come into the Town Office, please call the Clerk's Office at 655-4742 and ask to have a ballot sent to you. A clerk will fill out your application and promptly mail you a ballot and return envelope. If you wish to have a ballot sent to an immediate family member, come into the Clerk's Office and fill out an application and the clerk will mail the ballot and return envelope to the voter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Clerk's Office at 655-4742.

2008 Dog Tags Available

Dog licensing will begin October 15th for 2008. If you have a dog over the age of 6 months, it should be licensed. A rabies certificate must be produced,

and if neutered, a neutering certificate if the Town Office doesn't have it on file. The fee for a neutered dog is \$6 and non-neutered is \$10. All dogs must be licensed by January 31, 2008. Dogs licensed after January 31 will incur an additional \$15 late fee.

Beginning in 2005 all adult rabies vaccinations are effective for three years. Please check your rabies certificate, and if you have a two-year rabies certificate, it will be good for one more year.

Licensing funds contribute to stray animal care in the town and state and support the State Veterinarian Laboratory in Augusta. The Maine State Humane Agents who investigate animal abuse cases are supported entirely by dog licensing fees. There are only six for the entire state, with one for southern Maine. No other state funds are budgeted for this service. If you feel that additional humane agents are necessary, only licensing compliance by the dog owners will increase the Animal Welfare budget.

NOTICE

IF&W License and Registration Purchases

When purchasing your new hunting and/or fishing licenses or recreational vehicle registrations, IF&W has asked that the clerk see your Maine driver's license or State ID. If you are purchasing a license for another person, his or her license or a photocopy of it is necessary at the time of purchase.

November 8 – 15 Is "Maine Recycles" Week

The Maine State Planning Office asks that everyone get involved with recycling especially during the week of November 8th through 15th. The State of Maine's goal is a 50% recycling rate, which has not yet been met. It's up to the public to accomplish this goal, and they ask that you take this opportunity to try increasing your recycling during that week. If everyone recycled all that they can, it would help the state and our country become more efficient.

Raymond's trash is taken to Mid-Maine Waste in Auburn and used in their "trash to power" plant, which is a good thing. However, recycling will put many types of materials back into saleable items, so that raw materials aren't as necessary for their production.

Raymond recycles curbside: office paper, newspaper and inserts, white clear glass, tin cans, catalogues, magazines, telephone books, paperboard like cereal boxes, and #2 plastic such as milk bottles and detergent bottles. We also recycle cardboard in the dumpsters at the District 2 Fire Station/Public Works Garage on Route 85. You don't need an official recycling bin to recycle, but they are for sale at the Town Office for \$6.50 each; using plastic tubs or laundry baskets is acceptable. Please do not use a cardboard container.

Recycling should be curbside on the same day as your trash pickup. It's not necessary to separate your recyclables, but you can if you wish. For more information, please call the Town Office at 655-4742.

Animal Control Report August-September

8/17	Dog in yard - gone on arrival
8/17	Information on barking dogs
8/17	Information about animal laws
8/20	Dogs barking - summons issued
8/20	Dog at large - written warning
8/21	Dogs barking - verbal warning
8/21	Advice on barking dogs
8/22	Dogs barking next door
8/28	Cat to Animal Refuge League
8/28	Dog fight
8/29	Cat to Animal Refuge League
8/30	Dog at large - gone on arrival
8/31	Bat in bedroom - caught bat
8/31	Bat to Augusta lab for testing
8/31	District Court - summons work
9/3	Dog at large - home on arrival
9/5	Dog barking - untangled on line
9/5	Dog at large and barking
9/5	Stray cat - picked up
9/5	Information about barking dogs
9/5	Cat to Animal Refuge League
9/6	Returned cat cage
9/6	Dog in yard - gone on arrival
9/6	Dog barking - verbal warning
9/7	Road kill - buried
9/7	Unlicensed and barking dog - verbal warning
9/8	Discussed bead batteries on dog anti-barking collars
9/8	Dogs still barking on call above
9/8	Rabbit parts left near dumpster
9/9	Dog fight and bite
9/9	Dog ran away from home
9/10	Dog barking again
9/10	Check on dog bite victim - resident not at home
9/11	Second call about dog bite victim
9/11	Dog fight
9/11	Dogs still barking - summons issued
9/12	Dog barking - tangled in bushes
9/12	Two dogs at large - ticket issued
9/12	Dogs barking - verbal warning
9/14	Missing white cat
9/16	Husky dog missing
9/17	Dog bit owner
9/18	Sick raccoon reported - advised Warden Service

Please note that we have a white cat missing and a multi-color husky dog missing. If you have information about these animals, please advise your Animal Control Officer at 655-4742.

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

Beginning October 15th the Town Office will be licensing dogs for the 2008 year. The deadline for licensing is December 31, 2007, with a grace period without penalty until January 31, 2008.

Voting Machine for Visually Impaired

The Secretary of State's Department of Elections has provided a phone designed to allow visually impaired individuals to vote unassisted. This machine will read the ballot to those who wish to use it, and voting will be done on a keypad so that voters who can't read well can vote unassisted. The machine will then deliver a paper ballot which is printed with their choices to be put in the ballot box by the voter.

Each town in Maine has been given one of these new voting machines under the federal legislation commonly known as the Help America Vote Act or HAVA. If anyone wishes to vote by this machine, they are welcomed.

RES Principal's Report

By Norma Richard

This year the Raymond Elementary School held two open houses to start the school year. Parents in grades K – 2 and their students were invited to school on September 11 for Family Night. Teachers and students were delighted to showcase their classrooms for parents. In many classrooms there was 10 0% family participation. The following week, on September 18, Parents Night was held in grades 3 – 4. While teachers presented their classroom programs to parents, students were engaged in a variety of fun activities coordinated by our AE team. I want to thank all of our teachers for their efforts in making Family Night and Parents Night so successful. I especially want to thank our AE team, Patti Gordan, Deb Murray, Sue Ellen Gendron, Casey Reynolds and Leesa Smith, for their energy and enthusiasm while working with students on the 18th.

I also want to thank all of the parents who shared time from their busy schedules to attend these events. Your continuing support of our elementary school program is much appreciated and always valued.

Each October we recognize the important work of our bus drivers during Bus Safety month. I want to remind students, parents, and the community that it takes all of us to assure that all children are transported to and from school safely. Please remember that the school zone is 15 mph when students are being discharged or picked up. Fines double in a school zone, so please observe the speed limit when you are leaving our driveway. We also need to remind parents and visitors to always enter the parking lot through the first entrance on the right, the one immediately following the parking sign. This way you will not run the risk of passing through a bus's red lights while it is picking up students at the front entrance. All of our students will be participating in bus safety, including bus evacuations, in October. It is important that you review with your child on a regular basis how the I Care Rules apply to bus behavior. It is especially important to remind your student to always stay seated on the bus and to help the bus driver keep focused on safe driving by being a respectful bus rider.

Safety is becoming an ever-increasing part of our school day, and students will be participating in a number of safety drills during this school year, including fire/evacuation, shelter in place (our gym), and lock down drills. As the school works on improving the safety for students each day, we ask that parents assist us in this work. The new RES entrance will soon be finished, providing an additional safety feature by having the main entrance locked during the school day. Parents and visitors will be buzzed into the building and will be expected to sign in at the office when visiting or volunteering during the school day. Please help us maintain the integrity of our security system by always checking in at the office and always exiting the building through the main doors.

Innisbrook Has Got the Beat!

Time is running out to order your Innisbrook products from RES. Our Innisbrook sale will run until October 1. If you have ordered Innisbrook wraps in the past, you know that you are getting an outstanding wrap for an outstanding value. The award winning gift wrap designs are better than ever this year (check out the cowboy boots/bandana two-sided wrap!). Proceeds from our Innisbrook sale are used to support classroom programs and the Raymond PTO scholarships. These funds have had a positive and direct impact on your child's classroom and our school program. Last year, Innisbrook funded the very successful two-week residency for Circus Smirkus and three \$1,000 scholarships. Innisbrook Schools can also order on the web 365 days of the year at www.innisbrook.com. The Raymond Elementary School customer # 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 RES will receive the 50% profit.

Fall Back into Box Tops

The PTO wants to welcome new families to our schools and wish returning families a wonderful start to another school year. PTO is continuing to participate in the Box Tops for Education fundraiser and needs your help. Simply clip the Box Tops coupon you find on grocery and household products of participating companies. Collection sites include RES, JSMS, Raymond Village Library and the Town Hall. PTO also hosts a few contests each school year to encourage some friendly competition between classes and to serve as a reminder to turn in those box tops you have collected at home. Last year our schools earned nearly \$2,000, but we can earn up to \$20,000 per school year just by clipping box tops. So please invite your family, friends and coworkers to help our schools collect box tops. Visit www.boxtops4education.com before you shop online to get details on how companies such as Oriental Trading, Old Navy and Lands End will give a percentage of your purchase back to our schools. Thank you so much for your help.

Raymond Schools Support National Denim Day

If you come to school on Thursday, October 4, and find that the staff looks a bit more casual than usual, it is because they are participating in Lee National Denim Day. Last year students and staff raised over \$700 to support breast cancer research. This year the staffs at the Raymond Elementary School and the Jordan-Small Middle School again invite students to join them by donating \$1 and wearing denim (and possibly a bit of pink) on October 4. All proceeds will benefit breast cancer research, education efforts, and screening and treatment projects in communities around the world.

PTO Membership

RES Parents, Teachers, Staff And Friends:

It is time to renew your PTO (Parent, Teacher Organization) membership or consider joining for the first time. All of your \$5 PTO membership dues will stay in Raymond to benefit our schools. Please consider joining today! PTO meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the RES library. Members and friends are always invited to these meetings.

Senior Citizen Suppers Return!

The 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the JSMS Cafeteria

Starting Wednesday, October 17th.

A full meal with dessert for only \$3 per person!

Card and board games will be available after dinner, so bring along your favorites and stay to socialize!

Call the JSMS Office to make your reservations: 655-4743



Attention, High School Students!

By Barbara Loux

For those of you who have done community service with me in the past, and for those of you who haven't:

On the first Monday of every month I will be accompanying a group of high school students to the Wayside Soup Kitchen in Portland to serve a dinner. The time will be from 4:30-7pm. Anyone who is interested is welcome, including parents. If you need community service for your high school, this is a way to put in some hours. Let's keep working together as a community!

There will not be bus transportation, and I could use parents who would like to help drive. The first time will be Monday, Oct. 1st. You will need to call 655-4743 x107 or 655-2156 (home) to register. You can commit on a month-to-month basis, since I know you have different activities and a lighter schedule at various times. If you would like more information, please call. Spread the word! We'd love to have you.

Safe Driving Is "Elementary" at RES

Principal Norma Richard would like to remind parents and visitors to the Raymond Elementary School that the speed limit on school property is 15 miles per hour in the driveway at all times. Unfortunately, there are parents, especially in the morning, who use excessive speed coming down the driveway and present a risk to students and other vehicles in the parking lot. It is especially important to follow safe driving procedures when dropping off or picking up students. Parents of students in the RED program are also expected to follow the speed limit of 15 mph.

Ms. Richard would also like to remind all drivers that cars are not allowed in the circular bus drive, that parents should never leave their vehicles unattended at the curb in front of the school, and that cars may not pass a bus that is dropping off children. This has especially been a problem on rainy or very cold days when we discharge all of the children at the main entrance. She and the entire RES staff thank you for your support of these very important safety procedures during the 2007 - 2008 school year.

Let's Win \$1000 from the "Hannaford Helps Schools" Program This Year!

How? Save Those Hannaford School Dollars!

Hannaford supports local schools with a fund raising program called "Hannaford Helps Schools". Customers are awarded "school dollars" based on their purchases of participating products. Just look for the little green signs under products at the store that read "Earn School Dollars." Each purchase of 4 participating products equals 3 school dollars. Customers receive school dollar certificates at the register when they check out. The certificates look similar to the cash register receipts. Send the certificates in to either RES or JSMS, or drop them off at the PTO's Box Top collection sites at the Raymond Village Library or the Town Office. The PTO will turn the school dollars in at the end of the program and will receive a check from Hannaford for the amount of school dollars they collect over the 3 months the school dollars are being distributed. Last year we raised \$630 in school dollars. Unfortunately though, for the first time in several years we did not win the additional \$1,000 for being the area school that raised the most dollars! So let's renew our efforts this year and try to win back that \$1000 first place!

This year's program runs from September 2nd to December 3rd, 2007. The PTO will turn in all the School Dollars at our North Windham Hannaford Supermarket by December 14th, 2007.

A list of participating products can be viewed on Hannaford's website www.hannaford.com or on the PTO's bulletin board at RES. Thank you for participating in this fundraiser and supporting your school and community.

Need something?

Have you checked the business listing on the Raymond website lately?



RAYMOND PTO

"Advocating for children, enriching educational programs, supporting faculty and staff in their work, and collaborating with community organizations."

RAYMOND PTO MEMBERSHIP FORM 2007 - 2008 SCHOOL YEAR

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE _____
 E-MAIL _____
 CHILDREN (name and grade) _____

PARENT _____ BUSINESS _____ TEACHER _____ COMMUNITY MEMBER _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Annual Membership is \$5 (100% of your dues support your local PTO)

DONATIONS (optional):

Total Enclosed: _____

Please fill out the form and send it to school through your child's folder or mail it to:
 Raymond PTO, c/o RES, 434 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail pto@raymondmaine.org or call:

Aliza Shriver
 615-1165

Abby Davis
 221-2818

For more information on The Raymond PTO please check our website at
http://www.raymondmaine.org/civic_groups/pto/default.htm

Why Join the Raymond PTO?

Because we need your help!

Would you like to:

- Have access to more information about what is going on in the schools?
- Receive monthly e-mails informing you of upcoming events?
- Support the faculty and staff in the jobs they do?
- Help satisfy the needs of the schools through creative problem solving?
- Provide programs that complement the school curriculum?

Not enough time, you say?

- Even though you are welcome to attend all or just one of our monthly meetings, you are not required to attend any. Also, as long as we have a valid e-mail address, you will know what your local PTO is doing.
- If you do have time to volunteer for one or more PTO supported events, you will get an e-mail seeking volunteers and you only need to respond when you can help. We all understand busy schedules and will not hound or chastise you if you have little or no time at all.

Last year we were able to help fund:

- 3rd - 8th grade class trips;
- Circus Smirkus at RES;
- School breakfasts;
- Tai Chi instruction;
- New playground equipment;
- The Raymond students at Windham High for their band trip;
- Collaboration with community organizations to provide community celebrations and programming;
- And we provided \$3000 in college scholarships

We generally meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month during the school year. Please join us at a PTO meeting in the Raymond Elementary School Library at 6:30pm.

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH (Optional - Again we will send out e-mails when volunteers are needed for specific events, so you do not need to commit to anything at this time):

_____ FUNDRAISING (Innisbrook Wrapping Paper & QSP Fundraisers (fall), Holiday Fair (Nov./Dec.), Scholastic Bookfairs (fall & spring), printer cartridge recycling, Tyson Foods, Hannaford Helps Schools and Box Tops for Education programs.)

_____ HOSPITALITY (helping with organizing and providing food and beverages for special school events such as the Staff Welcome Back Breakfast, Holiday Fair, Teacher Appreciation Day and the fall & spring field days.)

_____ ENRICHMENT (help find cultural arts programs to bring into the schools, topics for parent education evenings, and collaborate with other community organizations.)

Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Division of Public Information and Education, 207-287-8000

284 State Street, State House Station #41, Augusta, ME 04333

For More Outdoor Information, and Sporting Licenses 24 Hours A Day, 7 Days A Week, Please Visit:
www.mefishwildlife.com or contact ifw.webmaster@maine.gov

TRACK THE HATCH – AUGUST 2007

If you're like me you've had some years in the turkey woods when the gobblers seem as common as the black flies. What great years those are! Unfortunately, we've all seen the other end of the spectrum as well, the days of listening, hours in the blind, the years when the woods go quite...not only did you not bag a bird that year, but also you hardly heard a gobble.

The wild turkey, now you seem them, now you don't. We've all been there.

So why do some areas that are hot spots seemingly dry-up overnight?

The answer lies primarily with the hatch. Annual productivity of wild turkeys is highly variable. Research that was funded by members of NWTf through the Hunting Heritage Super Fund has helped answer some questions regarding the hatch. Research conducted in Central New York essentially confirmed the wet-hen theory. What the research found was that wild turkey production was tied to spring and early summer weather conditions. Cold and wet weather during the nesting season and shortly after hatching can have negative implications for nest success and poult survival. While deep powdery snow for extended periods of time can result in some winter mortality of turkeys, spring and summer weather appear to have a greater impact on turkey populations from year to year.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW) recognizes the importance of the hatch. Starting in Summer 2006, IFW asked their staff and volunteers to record observations during the month of August in an effort to track the hatch. Those interested in keeping track of turkey observations only need to write down the number of gobblers, hens and poults, as well as, the size of the poults they observe during August. Only complete counts of turkey flocks should be submitted so that averages can be used to describe how many poults per hen were observed. Counts of only portions of a flock would compromise the results. It is also important to include flocks that have no poults as this indicates the number of hens that failed to raise any poults. Results will be compiled annually on a statewide and regional basis to allow wildlife biologists to look at trends in production and how the hatch differs from region to region.

Because this information provides a snapshot of the hatch and is not a complete count, or census, of all turkeys in Maine during August, managers consider the survey as an index to the state's wild turkey population. An index is of greater value when several years of data are collected. Multiple years of data allows for comparisons to be made on a statewide and regional level so that trends can be detected. Out of all the information summarized from the August Turkey Sighting Report, the number of poults per hen is the essential statistic. This number includes hens that were unsuccessful at raising poults, either because they did not attempt to nest at all, lost their nest to predation or the poults did not survive to the time the survey was conducted. It is important to incorporate these unsuccessful hens into the poults per hen number because if we had a year with very poor turkey production and we only looked at how many poults per successful hen were observed, we might be fooled by the number and think all is well. Combining both successful and unsuccessful hens into the poults per hen number allows us to see the big picture. Also important is the size of poults observed. Early hatched poults could be ¾ grown by August, while late hatching birds would be about ¼ grown. During winters that are harsh, poults only ¼ grown in August have a lower chance of survival and recruitment into the harvestable Spring population. Therefore, it is not only important to understand how many poults per hen were produced, but approximately how old they are as well.

Although wild turkeys still have room to expand into other areas of Maine, we now have a healthy, harvestable population in many areas. Now it is time to monitor that population more closely in an attempt to fine-tune wild turkey management in Maine. Your participation in this survey will help us monitor the year-to-year variation in productivity to better manage Maine's wild turkey population and help ensure the existence of this grand bird for future generations of Maine hunters.

-Michael Schummer, Bird Group Biologist, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

NEW FOR 2007: TRACK DEER RECRUITMENT

August is a great time of year to be outside watching wildlife in Maine. Not only is it the time of year when turkeys and poults can often be seen wandering along woods and field edges, but deer and their young as well. Adult does and their fawns are more visible as fawns become more active and are feeding independently. This is also the time when they associate more often with their siblings or other deer as they continue to gain strength and size. As with information on Wild Turkeys, IFW would like your help counting adult does with or without fawns at heel. This information is critical in estimating recruitment rates, that is, how many fawns survive the summer to become part of the fall deer herd.

When sighting deer, be careful to identify adult does from fawns. Adult does have longer noses and foreheads, long-rectangular bodies, and long necks. On the other hand fawns have short noses and foreheads, short-square bodies, and shorter necks. In some cases spots on fawns may be fading, so body shape and size is really important to differentiate. If you cannot positively identify the difference, please write down the deer as Unknown, this information is also useful. It is vital to be accurate about what you see.

Over time, this August survey will give us a better picture of deer productivity and fawn survival. This will depend upon participation in the survey, sightability of deer and their fawns, and the amount of sightings across the state.

-Lee Kantar, Deer Biologist,
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Instructions and data sheets for the August Turkey Brood and Deer Fawn Survey can be found at www.mainerwtf.org & http://www.maine.gov/ifw/wildlife/surveys_reports/index.htm

New Fall Shotgun Season For Turkeys

This fall, turkey hunters will get an extra opportunity to hunt gobblers, thanks to a new fall shotgun season that will run from October 13th through the 19th.

The first modern wild turkey hunt was in 1986 when the department issued 500 permits through a lottery, and nine turkeys were harvested. The lottery system continued until 2006, when the spring turkey hunt was opened to all licensed hunters. A limited fall archery hunt was instituted in 2002. In the four seasons since then, interest in the fall archery hunt has grown, and the turkey population has continued to grow.

This year, there will be a fall shotgun season from October 13 through October 19. During that period, turkeys may be hunted with a shotgun in Wildlife Management Districts 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25. Hunters must purchase a permit to hunt wild turkey during the fall season. There is a one turkey bag limit for each fall turkey permit holder. Shotgun gauges 10 through 20 using shot sizes 4 through 6 inclusive may be used to hunt wild turkey in during the fall season.

The reintroduction of wild turkeys in Maine is an unqualified success story. Turkeys existed in significant numbers in York and Cumberland counties, and perhaps eastward to Hancock county. Reduction of forestland and unrestricted hunting are considered to be the two main reasons for the disappearance of wild turkeys in Maine in the early 1880s. Since that time, much of Maine's farmland, which covered 90% of York and Cumberland counties, has reverted back to forest. This change of agriculture fields to forested land created suitable habitat for reintroducing the wild turkey.

Wild turkeys were reintroduced in 1977 and 1978, when IFW obtained 41 Wild Turkeys from Vermont and released them in the towns of York and Eliot. In Spring 1982, 33 turkeys were trapped from the growing York County population and released in Waldo County. During the winters of 1987 and 1988, 70 Wild Turkeys were obtained from Connecticut to augment Maine's growing turkey population.

Mark Latti, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

**Raymond Road Runner
Deadline Reminder**
Articles for the November issue are
due Thursday, October 18th.

COMMUNITY BEAN SUPPER

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

4:30 - 6pm

\$6 for Adults

\$4 for Children

RAYMOND VILLAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

121 Main Street

Beans, hot dogs, potato
and pasta salads, cole slaw,
homemade biscuits, desserts

TO BENEFIT
HONDURAS MISSION
TRIP

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.

MAINE JAM 2007 BROWNSEA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**October 19th – 21st
Oxford Fairgrounds**

Cub Scouts

- Trailblazer Day
- BB Ranges
- Archery
- Crafts
- Pinewood Derbies
- Scout Races
- Stage Shows
- Wildlife Displays

**Maine Jam '07
Subcamps
HQ - Brownsea
Island
Subcamps:
London
Gilwell Park
Silver Bay
Olympia
Hylands Park**

Exploring

**Fireman's Muster
CSI- Crime Scene**

**Come celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the start of Scouting!
This milestone will bring together the best of the scouting
Community to mark this special event. Something for all ages!**

Boy Scouts

- Merit Badge Midway
- Geocache
- Model Rocketry
- Brownsea Camp
- JOTA 2007
- Climbing Walls
- Laser Shooting
- Archery
- Military Equipment
- Patch Trading
- Much More!!!



**Saturday Night
Arena Show!!
Live Entertainment
Music
Fireworks**

**Contact your local Scout Leader for more information.
Sign up deadline is October 2nd.**

What to Do with Household Hazardous Waste

If you have any of the following items to dispose of, Raymond has made arrangements with AVCOG to take them at Western Maine Environmental Depot, 424 River Road, Lewiston, www.avcog.org or 207-783-9186. AVCOG is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, April through November, from 8am to noon except holiday weekends. The cost is \$27 per unit of up to 5 gallons of liquid waste or up to 20 pounds of dry waste; or a combination of liquid and dry waste (for example, 2 gallons of liquid and 10 pounds of dry). It also includes up to 5 fluorescent bulbs of any size and shape in addition to the above liquid or dry wastes. A smoke detector may be substituted for one gallon of waste or if brought separately has a disposal cost of \$5.

Please pack materials in original, secure containers if possible. If original containers are leaking, place in plastic bag, and or corrugated box.

For safety and insurance purposes, please remain in your vehicle when at the facility.

This list is what you can bring but are not limited to (for more information call 783-9186):

- Oil based paints and varnishes
- Flammable resins & adhesives
- Non-processable paints
- PCB Contaminated RCRA materials
- Pesticides/Herbicides/Poisons
- Corrosives/Oxidizers
- Aerosols
- Consolidated Organic Liquids
- Antifreeze
- Ni Cad Batteries (not regular household batteries)
- Mercury items i.e. switches, human thermometers
- Reactives/Dioxin Forming materials
- Non-regulated materials
- Fluorescent light tubes

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Office at 655-4742 ext. 21, or louise.lester@raymondmaine.org

Legislative Update

Rep. John C Robinson

The Legislature reconvenes in January for its Second Session, which runs through April. We will be dealing with hundreds of bills, including more than 150 carry-over bills that were introduced last session but have been held over for action in 2008.



I'd like to take this opportunity to briefly describe a few carry-over bills. Some of them have bipartisan support, and all of them would help the people of our state. They deal with everything from health insurance to the timing of the state budget.

Let me begin with LD 1726. This bill addresses a problem that has plagued Maine for many years. It would guarantee the integrity of the Highway Fund, which pays for road and bridge maintenance and new road construction. It is funded mostly by the tax we pay on every gallon of gas – more than 28 cents.

Unfortunately, the Highway Fund has been used by Augusta politicians as a slush fund. They borrow money from it for pet programs but somehow forget to pay it back. As a result, our roads are in bad shape. This bill would amend the Maine Constitution to outlaw transfers from the Highway Fund for any purpose other than highway work. As a constitutional change, this bill would have to pass the Legislature with a two-thirds majority and then pass a statewide referendum. If you drive on Maine roads, this bill is good news for you and your car.

Another bill to improve our highways would take 20 percent of the sales tax on the sale of motor vehicles and require that money to be deposited into the Highway Fund. The state currently collects about \$140 million a year in sales taxes on cars, trucks, RVs and other motor vehicles. Twenty percent of that works out to \$28 million that would go

directly to the Highway Fund to keep our roads safe.

Next, consider a bill to provide tax relief, this legislation proposes to restrain the growth in state and local government by imposing limitations and requiring voter approval of tax and fee increases.

If this bill is passed into law, annual growth in the state's General Fund spending will be limited to the inflation rate plus an allowance for population growth. State spending limits could be exceeded only by a two-thirds vote of both houses of the Legislature and approval of the voters. That would make the limits essentially ironclad. And local district spending limits could be broken only by a majority vote of the residents.

Finally, there is LD 1047 – An Act to Lower the Cost of Health Insurance. The cost of health insurance is one of the most serious problems facing the people of our state. We have the second highest rates in the nation, due to destructive mandates imposed in 1993. This bill repeals the community rating and guaranteed issue mandates, which have driven our premiums through the roof.

The bill also creates a Health Insurance Risk Pool Association. It would guarantee that individuals with chronic, expensive medical conditions would be able to obtain affordable insurance. Most states have already done this, using federal funds set aside to help states establish these risk pools. Maine, once again, is way behind the times.

By making these common-sense changes, insurance costs would decline sharply for Maine's hard-working families and employers. The affordability crisis is now so critical that both parties need to come together and get behind this excellent bill to solve the problem.

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

Selectmen's Meetings

Tuesday, October 2nd, 7pm, and
Tuesday, October 16th, 7pm,
at the Broadcast Studio next to the
Jordan-Small Middle School

A Day in a One-Room Schoolhouse

Submitted by Raymond-Casco Historical Society

**Friends School, Quaker Ridge, Casco, Maine.
The Real-Life Experience of Franklin Tenney**

Written by Franklin Tenney, March 12, 2000

It was September, 1937, and I sensed that something exciting was going to happen soon. All of us school age kids were told to come in the house from playing tag in the middle of the day and take a bath in the wash-tub. "Make sure you wash your feet real good." After getting all polished up and our sneakers on, myself and a bunch of my brothers and sisters were loaded into the family 1929 Model "T" Ford Phaeton. Dad put the top down and told us we were going to make a trip to Bridgton twelve miles away. It was more like an odyssey, undertaken with certain misgivings about every part and parcel of the old horseless carriage. We chugged up Roosevelt Trail at twenty to twenty five miles an hour, the fuel level wire sticking up out of the gas tank bobbing up and down on about half-full. Dad was getting more excited as we approached the "Twin hills" near Bridgton. He speeded up a little as we approached the down-hill side, then kicked the neutral pedal, allowing "01" Betsy to coast down the hill at perhaps thirty miles an hour, then drifting up the opposite side until it was hardly moving. He took note exactly how far he had coasted by certain trees at the side of the road, and the grin on his face told us he had done better than the last time.

We sat on the wooden bench in the department store, where each of us were outfitted with shiny new shoes to take the place of those old worn out sneakers. New shoes were a must when starting school. Hand-me-downs shoes just weren't considered "proper" when going to school, although your older brothers pants and shirt were OK. The girls enjoyed something new "sewn-up" by their mother, like a gingham dress, or one made from grain sacks, or a hand-me-down from older sisters couldn't be ignored. The first few days of school were break-in days in more ways than one.

The third youngest of six brothers and five sisters, there was little doubt that when I greeted the teacher for the first time, I would be wearing my next-older brothers pants or shirts (or maybe both.) that he had outgrown, as would be the case with my other brothers and sisters.

We were not stigmatized by this occasion, as the majority of the pupils were in the same circumstances. For the most part, we were a happy-go-lucky, carefree bunch of kids who had everything but money, a commodity that didn't concern us students at the time.

As we lined up on the porch Monday morning, my mother took a long look at us and pointed to the schoolhouse, seen between Hall's house and their barn. "School starts at eight," my mother said, as she shooed my twin sister and I, plus an older brother and three sisters off the porch. We headed up across the hayfield, the well worn trail extending past the corner of the Hall farm, into the road. Further down the ridge, more pupils were making their way towards the schoolhouse, and one of them actually had a shiny new bicycle! Some kids had walked more than a mile or so from both directions to attend school. Their names were synonymous with the Ridge, namely the Hall's, Mitchell's, Brown's, Tenney's, Berry's, Frank's, Freeman's, and Hanscom's, to name a few.

My first day was an exciting event, with kids tearing around the old schoolhouse like a bunch of squirrels, some who slipped on the damp grass with their new shoes and ended up

with grass-stains on pretty white dresses and shirts. The boys showed off their new jack-knives, while the girls preened in their new (or nearly new) dresses. Others quietly renewed friendships (or rivalries), swapped marbles, and took notice how nice the teacher smelled when she walked by.

They were approximately fifteen students, and when the teacher stepped out the door and stood on the porch and rang the hand-bell, all of us quietly filed into the schoolhouse. One of the older students led the way, and we followed his example and hung non-essentials such as boots, hats and jackets on the hooks inside the door, and neatly lined up our lunch-boxes on the floor beneath. We filed into the classroom and sat where the teacher pointed, roughly classified by age, grade, and behavioral traits. (Never seat two troublemakers together!)

The room was cool and comfortable, with a tinge of smoke in the air from the Valiant stove which sat in the middle of the floor, a long pipe extending to the chimney on the rear wall. My older sister, the designated janitor, had built a small fire to take the chill off. She was also responsible for keeping the floors clean each evening, and keeping the zinc-lined water cooler filled with fresh water each morning, which she carried in a bucket from the Hall farm a short distance away.

At first it was hard for some of the pupils unfamiliar with the spectacular view to concentrate on the teacher, as they sat gazing out the westerly windows at the mountains and the valley, hundreds of feet below. She noticed their lack of concentration, and ordered the whole class to go to the windows and enjoy the view, then come back to their seats, sit down, and pay attention to her. Discipline was strict, and the teacher expected to be in control at all times. Should matters get out of hand, the threat of disciplinary action by the school superintendent, Adele Lombard, usually quelled any disobedience. She made her rounds weekly, and her measured steps in the hallway sent shivers down the spine of the toughest troublemaker. Her demeanor, even off the premises, kept matters pretty much under control.

We primary students kept our books open before us, although what we knew about what was inside was very sketchy. The teacher began by scrawling the A B Cs on the chalkboard, showing us how to hold our new pencils like this. Our ability to concentrate on her lesson taxed her patience to the limit, and her forced smile cast a pall over the younger kids as she maneuvered between the seats.

At lunch time, most of the boys scrambled outside with their lunch-buckets and sat together on the stone wall across the road. Most of the girls stayed inside, making small talk with the teacher. They sat eating their lunch, which might consist of a chicken leg, a slice of pork, or just a plain old peanut butter and blueberry jam sandwich. Someone else's lunch was always swappable for somebody else's delicacy. Some kids brought cocoa in a small jar to quench their thirst or trade.

Sometimes, usually during class, a horse and wagon would be seen and heard rattling by the road-side window. A student, recognizing the driver, would point and say, "That's Charlie, bet he's been up to the mill." An explanation of who "Charlie" was became unnecessary, as every body knew everybody 'round here.

When a handsome young man rode past on his favorite pony, then the teacher took notice. Perhaps two or three times a day, a truck or car might rattle by. At those times, all eyes would be peering out the window, including the teacher. Should the driver know the teacher or a student, the horn would blow until out of site.

Going to school on Quaker Ridge was a light-hearted occasion, where learning the A. B. Cs took a back seat to making life-long friends, meeting pretty teachers, enjoying the company of friends and neighbors, and creating life-long memories.

Franklin Tenney



1939 - Franklin with his twin sister. They lived on a farm behind the Quaker Ridge Meeting House.



November 1935 - Guy Tenney, Franklin's older brother, with his trophy on the fender of a 1929 Model T Ford Phaeton believed to be the auto the kids all piled in to get to the store in Bridgton.

Attention, Snowboarders!

We are looking for snowboarders for instructors and chaperones in our Raymond Rec. Wednesday ski program for the elementary and middle schools. If you are over 18 and can commit to 7 Wednesday afternoons this winter, we could use your help! Ski and snowboard sign-ups will be coming up in November, and we need to know if we can accommodate our young snowboarders. Please call Brenda Olsen at 655-4670 (Middle School program) or Beth Clark 627-3173 (Elementary School program).



THINK SNOW!

Community Halloween "Great Pumpkin" Display

Drop off a carved pumpkin at Raymond Village Community Church to be lit and displayed on Halloween Night.

Help make Main Street spookier than ever!

Drop-off times are

Saturday, October 27th,
11am – 1pm

Sunday, October 28th,
9:30 – 11:30am

Monday, October 29th,
10am – noon



Church to Distribute Fair Trade Chocolate

By Rev. Nancy Foran

The Raymond Village Community Church will once again distribute fairly traded chocolate bars to trick-or-treaters on Halloween. Buying fair trade products is socially responsible and helps to provide a sustainable life for third world farmers.

"Most of our chocolate comes from the Ivory Coast region of West Africa, where cocoa production is an enormous part of the economy. In Ghana, 40 percent of the country's export revenues comes from the sale of cocoa. Unfortunately, very little of the profit goes to the farmers who grow the cocoa beans. Cocoa farmers receive about a penny for a candy bar selling for 60 cents.

In fact, the difficulty in making a living at cocoa farming has spawned an increase in child and even slave labor drawn from poor neighboring countries such as Mali, Burkina Faso, Benin and Togo. Children and other workers are forced to work long days picking and processing cocoa beans (it takes 400 of these pods to make just one pound of chocolate). Very few of the children have the opportunity to attend school.

Fair Trade cocoa offers farmers an opportunity to make a real living. The Fair Trade Certified production criteria guarantee a minimum price and insure that no child or forced labor is used." (Center for a New American Dream)

Christ Chapel Events

October 26th from 4:30-6pm

Christ Chapel Harvest Community Meal

Turkey and all the fixin's

37 Northern Pines Road in Raymond

This meal is Free of Charge!

Please call 655-5058 for more information

October 31st from 6-8pm

Family Harvest Trunk-or-Treat Party

Christ Chapel Parking Lot

37 Northern Pines Road in Raymond

Fire pits with s'mores, hayrides, hot-dogs, hamburgers and drinks.

Trunk-or-Treat event will be at 7:30pm for kids 12 or under.

Costumes are welcome but not necessary (please nothing scary or violent).

Each child should bring a "treat" bag.

This event is FREE of charge!

The whole family is invited to enjoy the festivities!

Events will be modified and moved inside in the case of rainy weather!

Call 655-5058 for more information.

Casting Call for WCST Children's Show: "Aladdin Jr."

Windham Center Stage Theater announced that the audition line for the winter children's musical will open on October 1. This year's production is the Disney musical, "Aladdin Jr.!" The director is Mary Wassick, and Dawn Sample will serve as music director.

Please call the audition line at 893-2098 on or after October 1st to secure an audition time. Parts are

limited, and you must call to register. Auditions are open to any student, 2nd grade through 8th grade. Experience is not necessary; however, commitment to the show and to having fun is a requirement.

For information regarding show times, a tentative rehearsal schedule, role titles, and audition dates, please visit www.windhamtheater.org.

Mission Statement: The purposes of Windham Center Stage Theater are to foster and develop in Windham and its communities an interest in the speaking stage and its allied arts, to provide a medium for the expression of such interest, and to create an educational experience for the youth of the community, by continuing to be the only theater in New England to offer a production annually where every child gets a part.



Young thespians rehearse a scene from last year's WCST children's production of "A Little Princess." The theater will offer "Aladdin, Jr.," which opens in late January. Interested actors must call the audition line at 892-2098 on or after October 1st for an audition reservation. (Jeanne Adams photo.)

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Has Landowner Signs for You

If you would like to post your land for specific usage, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Landowner Relations Office has many free signs you might want to use. You can see these signs at the Raymond Town Office and order them by mail or go to the IF&W website for more information and ordering directions. Their website is http://www.maine.gov/ifw/aboutifw/wardenservice/landowner_relations/sign_program.htm

These are plastic signs that should last for years. They cover many situations, e.g.: "Safety Zone Residence Nearby, Access to this private property may become limited or not allowed unless the landowner's posted requests are followed"; "Attention Anglers Access Permitted"; "Attention Sportsmen Access Permitted"; "Attention Sportsmen No Vehicles Beyond This Point"; "Designated Public Access Foot Traffic Only"; and others.

Free Computer Workshop for Adults

Using the Ruler with Microsoft Word

Tuesday, October 23
6-8:30pm at the RES computer lab

Learn how to make those margins, tabs, bullets and numbers behave!

Please contact Doris at doris.horne@raymondmaine.org or 655-8666 to register. Space is limited.

The Raymond Village Library and the Raymond School Department have collaborated to bring you this workshop.



For information on the Raymond School Department, go online to the School's website. You'll find complete school department information with links to Jordan-Small Middle School and Raymond Elementary School websites.

www.raymondmaine.org/rsd/welcome.html

Summer Trash/ Recycling Schedule Ends October 4th

The summer trash/recycling schedule will end October 4th, with service continuing only for those private roads that have four (4) or more year-round residents.

If you live on a road with fewer than 4 residents, please take your trash and recycling to the nearest town road for pickup.

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.

Contest Winner Gets Tickets to Storyland

By Lisa Conley

Congratulations to Walter Backman of Raymond! Walter, who is 7, entered and won a contest on WPOR for creating an original nursery rhyme. His prize was 10 free tickets to Storyland in New Hampshire. He didn't waste any time inviting his friends to come along for the fun!

When we arrived, we were greeted by Mother Goose, and Walter was presented with a special gift: a stuffed Humpty Dumpty and a \$15 certificate to the gift store. It was a day full of fun for all and a wonderful way to end the summer vacation! Walter continued to be generous to the end and used some of his gift certificate to buy gifts for his friends! Thank you, Walter!



Left to right - Ben Folsom, Walter Backman, Oliver Backman, Jake Conley, Ezra Davison.

Volunteers Turn Out at Agawam Soccer Fields

By Lisa Conley

On September 8th volunteers both young and young-at-heart came out to Agawam Field to help set up the soccer fields for the new season. It was a hot day, but everyone worked really hard to put together goals; measure the field; mark with stakes, and line them all for the upcoming games and practices. Under the direction of Dana Desjardins, the crew finished it in time for the afternoon games. Thanks to all who took time out of a hot Saturday morning to make this happen. A HUGE thanks to Dana and Paula Desjardins for their incredible dedication to the kids and this program. They have once again stepped up to the plate to make sure the program works, even though their kids are now too old to participate. Have a great soccer season, players and coaches!



Photos by Lisa Davison

JSMS Student Aids Children in Peru

by Carol Meader

When I considered writing stories about people in Raymond living extraordinary lives, I knew I would enjoy it because I love writing about positive subjects. What I hadn't anticipated was the heartwarming feeling I would get from being in the presence of such inspiring people. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to meet and talk with Casey Hutchinson, a unique and amazing eighth grader at Jordan-Small Middle School.

Casey has many interests, but her involvement with the Global Health Ministries is far beyond just notable. She spends her spare time collecting school supplies, toiletries, books, and toys for the less fortunate children in Peru. I found myself wondering how one becomes involved in such a project, particularly at such a young age. Casey's answer was simple and clear, "I wanted to help other people." Small words, but a huge task!

Casey gives much credit to her mom and repeatedly praised her as not only a great mom but also a friend and said, "We do everything together." Pat Hutchinson became a Brownie Girl Scout leader when Casey was in elementary school, and with the Brownie program she reinforced life enriching skills in Casey. She taught her to care for others, and with their involvement with the Coats for Kids program, Casey experienced the addictive joy of helping others. She wanted to do more, so she became involved with the Portland Homeless Youth Shelter; and that is where the idea of providing backpacks filled with school supplies and toiletries was hatched. Casey was only in the fifth grade, but she solicited donations from family, friends and church members. The generosity of these people was overwhelming, and before long the Hutchinsons had a van full of goodies to take to Portland.

The shelter closed, but Casey's desire to continue helping others lived on. She embarked on a new project helping to improve the lives of the poor and underserved communities in the developing world. Dr. Hector Tarraza, co-worker of Pat's and head of obstetrics and gynecology at Maine Medical Center, is affiliated with Global Health Ministries and Sisters of Mercy. He makes two trips a year to Peru and provides free primary health care supplies and services to thousands of people. In June of 2006 he was part of a team of doctors who treated 2,200 patients in two weeks. During that trip, they also built a new brick school house for the children, replacing the dilapidated one that previously existed. The new school was a fabulous improvement but lacked the necessary supplies that turn a building into a school. Casey knew how she could help.

Once again, she started collecting money and goods for the less fortunate children. She also contacted Barb Thorpe, Director of the Raymond Village Library. Over the course of the past three years, Barb and Casey have weeded through the remaining children's book sale books and sent 31 boxes filled with books to the new school. With the generosity of the Raymond Village Library and Casey's hard work, the school now has enough books to have its own real library. In fact, they have dedicated the library in Casey's name!

Casey involved her fifth grade Spanish class by setting up boxes for donations of needed goods. She also suggested that her Spanish class write cards and exchange them with the students in Peru. This not only gives the students a sense of warmth from their friends from afar, but also provides the opportunity for translation between Spanish and English. I was impressed that even though Spanish is not a required class for eighth graders, Casey continues to take Spanish. She is hoping to be able to communicate with the people she is helping if she has the opportunity to go there someday. Dr. Tarraza has offered to take her on one of his visits when she is a bit older, and Casey wants to be prepared!

Despite the efforts she has already taken to help these people, she feels it is still not enough. Whenever going through her own toys, she sends the ones she no longer wants to Peru. Rather than spend all her Disney vacation money on herself, she saved some so she could purchase more supplies. She also uses her own personal money to buy things for them. She continues to collect as many items as possible and invites you to help by donating goods or money. Contributions can be dropped off at JSMS in Casey's name and are greatly appreciated. The poverty level in this area is beyond our comprehension. These people lack basic sanitation, plumbing, and toilet facilities, and live in homes with dirt floors. They suffer from inadequate health care, and the effects can be devastating.

Casey is an honors student at JSMS and loves reading and writing. She is also very fond of German Shepherds and melts whenever she sees one! She loves music and is a member of the school chorus as well as the District II chorus. She was nominated for, and attended, a People to People Student Leadership Conference in Washington DC in April of this year. She was a narrator in the eighth grade's "dinner theater" fundraiser last year and is obviously, by the way her eyes light up, very excited for the upcoming drama season to begin!

Clearly, Casey is an amazing person, and I am honored to have met her. Please join me in congratulating her for all her efforts. She lives a life where she puts others' needs before her own, and is truly a leader and quite an admirable individual.

School Year Begins at Hebron Academy Middle School

By Christine Hemmings, Middle School Office Administrator

Hebron Academy Middle School opened its doors to a new school year with 23 new students joining 18 returning students. The year started with an afternoon of get-to-know-you games and a bowling trip at Spare Time Bowling in Lewiston. New middle school students are from area towns Auburn, Lewiston, Gray, Poland, Raymond, Norway, Wales, Paris, Wayne, Hebron, Bethel, Durham, Minot, Greenwood, and Casco.

"What a great start we've had to the school year!" says Middle School Director Paul Brouwer. He continues, "We have an energetic group of new students joining our returning students, and the chemistry has been electric. The excitement and enthusiasm is contagious, and it reminds us why we love to teach." For more information about the Middle School, interested families should check the Middle School section of the Hebron Academy website at www.hebronacademy.org or call 207-966-2100.



On Top of Things at Hebron Academy Middle School

Name of people in picture, bottom to top, left to right: Adrian Huntington (Wayne), Allison Cummings (Portland & Norway), Erin Dewing (S. Paris), Adria Hughes (Raymond), Sydney Randall (New Gloucester), Rosalyn Moisan (Raymond).

