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Fabulous Farm Fun at Kindergarten Fall Fest

On Thursday, October 18th, all the kindergarten children, teachers and many, many parent volunteers gathered on the athletic field for the annual Kindergarten Fall Fest. This year's weather was stellar, and the children enjoyed a warm autumn day participating in a variety of activities. These included husking corn (and then weighing it in pounds and grams!), wagon rides, face painting, pumpkin jumping, and an old favorite – pumpkin bowling. The day was perfect for sharing a picnic lunch on the field, an afternoon snack of apples and apple juice, and playing "Farmer in the Dell" with both students and adults.

This annual event brings a touch of fun and authenticity to the kindergartens' study of our community, as well as developing friendships, cooperation and unity among the children, classrooms and parents.

The kindergarten teachers would graciously like to thank so many of the families that

donated the needed items (wagons, apples, pumpkins, corn, and other materials) for our Fall Fest celebration. This special event would not have been possible without the tremendous parent support we received for volunteering to supervise and instruct the children throughout the day. We are so thankful for their time and tremendous help in setting up and cleaning up and, especially, their never-ending spirit that they shared with us throughout the entire day. Our very special thanks go to April and Ross Wisutskie for donating the hay bales, an essential part of the festival!

Many thanks are extended to all and to our young students who participated and showed good sportsmanship and listening skills all through the event. We were very proud of you!

RES Kindergarten Staff,
Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Gillis, Ms. Merrill and Mr. Seymour



State Referendum Election and Cumberland County Referendum Election

Tuesday, November 6, 2007
Jordan-Small Middle School Gymnasium
7am to 8pm

Absentee voting available at the town office.

A Voter Registrar will be available during regular office hours at the Town Office from now until the election.

The Voter Registrar will also be in attendance on Election Day from 7am to 8pm.

When registering to vote, please appear with two forms of identification, one a photo I.D., and both stating your physical address in Raymond.

Town Office Holiday Schedule

This is to announce the office hours of the Town Office over the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays.

- Thanksgiving – Closed for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 22nd, 23rd, and 24th
- Christmas – Closed Tuesday, December 25th
- New Year's Day – Closed Tuesday, January 1st

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Winter Trash Pickup

Raymond is now on the winter schedule for trash/recycling pickup. Pine Tree Waste's trucks will continue to pickup on all public and town roads, and on private roads that have four (4) or more year-round residents. Those residents who live on private roads with fewer than 4 year-round residents should take their trash/recycling to the next town or state road.

Because of winter conditions making pickup more difficult, Pine Tree Waste would like to have all trash/recycling in appropriate barrels or recycling containers. They recommend barrels without attached lids but will empty all barrels used. They request that you put your barrels in plain sight and not behind snow banks. They will endeavor to replace the barrels and lids in about the same spot they found them, but keep in mind that snowplowing, wind, and other adverse conditions can move the barrels during the day.

If you have any questions, please contact Louise Lester, Town Clerk, at 655-4742 ext. 21, or e-mail louise.lester@raymondmaine.org.

Most materials that are not considered household trash can be taken to the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility in Casco. New vehicle stickers (round yellow) can be picked up at the Town Office at no charge. The current vehicle stickers (rectangle dark brown) will be good until December 31st. Annually, coupons for 1,000 pounds of acceptable bulky waste paid for by the town are available at the Town Office for \$5. This year's color is neon green. Bulky waste disposal questions can be answered at the Town Office 655-4742 ext. 21 or at the Facility 627-7585.

Road Runner Articles

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by **Thursday, November 22nd**. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

E-Mail; CD/DVD; Paper

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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Look under Calendars & News

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<http://www.raymondmaine.org>

- On-line services now include:
- Automobile registration
 - Hunting and fishing licenses
 - Assessment information
 - Property & other maps

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

Raymond Village Library News

- Wednesday, November 14 – Pajama Story Time, 6:30pm at the library; Library Board meeting, 7pm – location to be announced
- Sunday, November 25 – Tree Lighting, 5pm, at the library
- Wednesday, November 28 – Book Group, 7pm at the library
- Sunday, December 9 – Holiday Bake Sale, 10am to 7pm at the library

Nonfiction/Classics Reading Group

This discussion group will not meet in November. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 5. The topic will be the individual's choice of Maine poets and poems. Call Flonny Morrison at 655-4548 or librarian Barbara Thorpe for details.

Pajama Party

If you come by the library on Wednesday around 6:30 pm, be prepared to see lots of folks in their pajamas, but they won't be sleeping. The occasion is the Annual PJ Story Time, with guest storyteller Jody Fein. Jody is famous for her enthusiastic and exciting tale telling. Adults as well youngsters are invited to take part in this fun-filled time and wearing pajamas adds to the experience. If you haven't had the fun of attending one of these story parties, make this your first of many. It's that great!! The library is able to offer this with help from with the Raymond PTO. Remember Wednesday, November 14, at 6:30.

Tree Lighting

The tree lighting will take place on the library lawn Sunday, November 25th, at 5pm. There will be music from the Jordan-Small Middle School Chorus and special guest "Santa."

Hot chocolate and snacks will be served. The Raymond Lions Club, in conjunction with the library, sponsors this annual event for the community of Raymond.

Book Discussion Group

This reading group will meet on Wednesday, November 28, to discuss the play *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller. All interested readers are invited to join this group. The book will be available by request at the library. For more information call the library at 655-4283.

Holiday Bake Sale

The annual bake sale will take place at the library on Sunday, December 9, beginning at 10am and ending at 7pm. This is a great time to pick up goodies for the holidays, so be sure to mark your calendars.

PTO News

Holiday Fair

Join us for this year's Holiday Fair on Friday, November 16th, at Raymond Elementary School. There will be something fun for everyone including a craft table for the kids, pies for sale and much more. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

PTO/Box Tops

Congratulations to Kim Plummer (Ryan, 4th grade) and Mark and Sue Libby (Sarah 7th grade & Ben 4th grade) on winning the Box Top gift baskets. Special thanks to Caj MacDonald and all who helped gather the items for the baskets and for their help in continuing this great resource for our schools.

Finally, remember it is never too late to join the Raymond PTO. We don't require a big time commitment, and your \$5 dues all stay with your local PTO. Contact Alizah if interested or if you have any questions at alizahshriver@yahoo.com or 615-1165.

Blood Drive - November 10th

The Raymond Lion's Club is sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, November 10th, at Jordan-Small Middle School from 8am to 1pm. Positive ID is required.

Please sign-up for a specific time by calling Bob Gilmore at 657-7877. The sign-up process helps the Red Cross manage the flow of people so that no one has to wait too long.

All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a Personal Pan Pizza and a movie rental courtesy of Pizza Hut and Movie Gallery.

The One Raymond Committee is currently exploring ways to save Raymond residents money, while still providing high quality municipal services. They are interested in hearing from the public on any cost savings ideas you may have. Please forward suggestions to Executive Secretary Laurie Cook at laurie.cook@raymondmaine.org or call her at 655-4742 x33.

Public Access Computer in Town Office

The Town of Raymond has installed a public access computer in the research/map area of the Town Office. Some of the things that are accessible through this recycled computer are: the town website (including ordinances, tax maps, zoning requirements), the Vision Assessing Database, the Cumberland County Deed search function, and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Rapid Renewal.

Next time you're in the Town Office, pop around the corner to check out this new addition. We're excited about being able to offer this option to our residents who don't own computers or even to our residents who do but would like to check out something on-line while visiting the Town Office.

November 2007

Events and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FB =Fire Barn JS =Jordan-Small KC =Kokatosi Campgnd PS =Public Safety Bldg. RE =Raymond Elementary CL =Casco Library TBD =To Be Determined	SG =Sheri Gagnon TG =Town Garage RT85 TH =Town Hall VL =Village Library VC =Village Church VT =Village Tennis BC =Broadcast Studio			1	2	3
4	5 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 11:00AM VL Library Preschool Storytime	6 7:00AM - 8:00PM JS ELECTION DAY 7:00PM BC Selectmen's Meeting	7 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session I 11:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session II 7:00PM VL Nonfiction/Classics Reading Group	8 9:00AM BC Beautification Committee	9	10
11	12 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 11:00AM VL Library Preschool Storytime	13	14 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session I 11:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session II 6:30PM VL Pajama Time Story 7:00 TBA Library Board 7:00PM BC Planning Board	15 7:00PM BC One Raymond Committee 7:00PM TH Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee	16	17
18	19 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 11:00AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 7:00PM BC Appeals Board	20 7:00PM BC Selectmen's Meeting	21 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session I 11:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session II	22 THANKSGIVING DAY TOWN OFFICE CLOSED ROADRUNNER DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER ISSUE ARTICLES	23 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED	24 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED
25	26 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 11:00AM VL Library Preschool Storytime	27	28 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session I 11:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session II 7:00PM VL Book Group	29	30	

Board of Selectmen Minutes

Tuesday, September 18, 2007
7:00 p.m. JSMS Broadcast Studio

Attendance: Mike Reynolds, Joe Bruno, Lonnie Taylor, Dana Desjardins

Selectmen Absent: Mark Gendron

Staff Attendance: Town Manager Don Willard, Contract Assessor Mike O'Donnell

Others: Public Works Director Nathan White, Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper, Jean Carter, Chris Ball

1) Call to order.

At 7:03 p.m. Mike Reynolds called the Selectmen's Meeting for September 18, 2007 to order.

2) Minutes of previous meetings:

- dated August 7, 2007

- dated September 4, 2007

MOTION: Joe Bruno made a motion to accept the minutes of August 7, 2007 as written. SECONDED: Dana Desjardins VOTE: Unanimous, 4-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes of September 4, 2007 as written. SECONDED: Mike Reynolds VOTE: Unanimous, 4-0

3) New business.

a) Commit 2007 property taxes, set tax rate – Contract Assessor Michael O'Donnell, O'Donnell & Associates

The stated mission of the Selectboard was to lower the mill rate or keep it flat. Mr. O'Donnell indicates that the overlay must be \$50,000 to \$100,000 to buffer against unexpected expenses. A mil rate of \$10.00 will give the town a \$52,000 overlay. Mr. O'Donnell does not recommend the town go below this mil rate. For every penny that is added, we add \$9,700 in overlay. (\$10.10 would give approximately \$150,000; \$10.15 would be \$199,000 overlay; \$10.20 would be \$247,000 overlay)

Discussion ensued among the Selectmen and Mike Reynolds about the advantages and/or disadvantages of setting the mil rate either lower or keeping it at the same rate as last year.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds made a motion that the Selectmen hold the mil rate flat at \$10.20, which was discussed as early as last November and be proud that they were able to do it. SECONDED: Joe Bruno DISCUSSION: There was detailed discussion on how well this would work. The feeling of some of the budget committee is that it would be desirable to see the budget stay flat again next year, which would be harder to do if the mil rate is dropped too much this year. Mr. Willard said we can live with whatever is decided and make it work. (7:33pm) VOTE: Unanimous, 4-0

b) Discussion on condition of the Egypt Road and the transfer of responsibility to the Maine Department of Transportation – Public Works Director Nathan White

Public Works Director Nathan White gave an overview of this item.

On January 18, 2005, the town of Gray petitioned the MDOT to reclassify Egypt road and part of North Raymond Road. I supported the reclassification. In September of 2005, MDOT notified the Town of Gray and Raymond that Egypt Road and North Raymond Road will qualify for up-grade to a state aid/ minor collector. The Town of Gray would need to make some upgrades to a culvert and to the guard railing. The Town of Raymond had no improvements needed. The Town of Gray Council Members approved the culvert replacement in March of 2006. The work was completed in November of 2006. The remainder of the work would be approved at the May 2007 town meeting, and the guard railing will be completed in October of 2007. On August 14 2007, both towns received a letter from MDOT requesting the Town of Raymond pave the 2.35 miles of road at a cost of \$185,000 with pavement and shoulders.

Town Manager Don Willard believes that the state should honor their commitment to take over this road and he indicated the first strategy should be

to request that the MDOT not require the town to repave this road. Money has now been promised to Raymond Cape Road. The Town of Gray would like to pass the road off to the state in October when their work is finished. The Selectmen indicated that they would like Don Willard to attempt to work with the state to have them take the road over at the same time. (7:47 p.m.)

c) Consideration of resignation of Nelson Henry from Planning Board

MOTION: Joe Bruno made a motion to accept the resignation of Nelson Henry from the Planning Board. SECONDED: Dana Desjardins VOTE: Unanimous, 4-0

d) Voting credentials for the MMA Annual Business Meeting – Delegate Town Manager Don Willard and Alternate Delegate Town Clerk Louise Lester

MOTION: Joe Bruno made a motion for Don Willard to be the Delegate, and for Louise Lester to be the alternate for the MMA Annual Business Meeting SECONDED: Lonnie Taylor VOTE: Unanimous, 4-0

e) School consolidation information update – Selectman Joe Bruno

Joe Bruno has gone to every meeting. The next meeting is September 24th in Windham. Three letters of intent have been accepted by the Commissioner. One is to join Raymond and Windham, one is Raymond with Windham and Westbrook, and the last one is examine a school district with Poland. Sub-committees are starting to form; Joe is on the Property Assets Sub-Committee. Mr. Bruno believes the money savings will not be as good as was thought up front. He does not believe that Raymond will see any reduction in costs. Meetings are open to the public and Raymond is taping the meetings for broadcast on the cable channel. (7:54 p.m.)

f) Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Legislative Policy Committee discussion – Vice Chair Mike Reynolds

Mike Reynolds detailed out the reasons that this item is on the agenda tonight. They are good with insurance, legal opinions, good training for municipal employees. However the large cities run MMA, small towns like Raymond get the short end of the stick. It is suggested the Selectmen draft a letter to MMA to note the concerns of Raymond on this issue.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds made a motion that Raymond draft a letter to MMA, coming from the Selectboard, that states that Raymond would like to see a super majority on decisions made by MMA. SECONDED: Lonnie Taylor VOTE: Unanimous, 5-0 (Mark Gendron is voting for this by proxy through Mike Reynolds)

g) Motion was made to go into Executive Session 1 MRSA 405(6)(E) for the purpose of discussing an ongoing legal matter that will involve the town's legal council. (8:04 p.m.)

MOTION: Joe Bruno made a motion to come out of executive session SECONDED: Lonnie Taylor VOTE: Unanimous, 4-0

MOTION: Joe Bruno made a motion that the Town of Raymond and the Selectboard and the Town Manager reach an agreement with Chris Ball with a couple of options. The first is for \$20,000 in cash to allow the town to pave Ball Drive. The second option is to have Ball Drive paved to town specifications with Nathan White supervising, so that it can become a town road, plus a penalty of interest and legal fees of \$6,000. SECONDED: Lonnie Taylor AMENDED: To include reaching a consent agreement with Chris Ball to make sure everything is in place and that Chris Ball has the opportunity to review any consent agreement with his attorney. Also included is the ability of Town Manager Don Willard to negotiate on behalf of the Selectboard until this matter is resolved. The deadline for all of this is October 15, 2007 so that it may be completed before paving ends for the year.

SECONDED: Lonnie Taylor (on both motions) VOTE: unanimous, 4-0

The Board of Selectmen resumed the regular meeting at 8:46 p.m.

4) Old (unfinished) business.

a) none

5) Town Manager Report and Communications.

a) Update on windows at town office

The job of replacing some of the windows at the Town Office has been put out to bid this week. This is a two week bid process. Project should be done by end of October or first of November.

6) Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – September 18, 2007.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor made a motion to approve the Payroll Warrant, dated 9/18/07, in the amount of \$44, 183.56 SECONDED: Dana Desjardins VOTE: Unanimous, 4-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Warrant, dated 9/18/07, in the amount of \$86,974.08 SECONDED: Dana Desjardins VOTE: Unanimous, 4-0

7) Adjournment.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm. SECONDED: Joe Bruno VOTE: Unanimous, 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary Laurie Cook

Notes from the Code Enforcement Office

My Toilet Won't Flush!

We meet many happy, smiling people in our office. Sometimes people aren't so happy, like when their septic system is failing or substandard and needs to be replaced. This can mean a major expense and inconvenience.

So how can you avoid this problem this winter?

Does your system meet the plumbing code? Visit our office. If your system has been built to code, we have records of your septic system location and construction. If we don't have a record for you, it is likely not built to code. A system that meets code is located and constructed so it can properly drain (percolate). If your system is near poorly drained soils, it won't percolate properly and may back up during the spring. Camps on waterbodies should not be used full time in the winter unless the system meets code; the systems may fail and cause water pollution in the spring. It is against state law to occupy a house year-round unless it meets the code. November is a good time to shut the seasonal camp and find winter quarters.

Hopefully, your treatment tank was recently pumped. November is not a good time to pump your tank, as it is too cold to reestablish the bacteria living in the tank. The treatment tank is a living breathing thing. It provides the treatment for the solid and greasy waste by bacterial action, allowing only liquid to enter the leach field. When bacteria are too cold to work on the waste, solids wash into the leach field and clog the bed. Your tank should be pumped every 3-5 years. If you are overdue for a pumping, now is a good time to make a note on the 2008 calendar to have your tank pumped. Yardwork is over, so now would be the time to dig around to find your tank and its access ports if you don't know where they are.

The leach field can get some fall and winter care. Leach fields need maintenance of the cover vegetation. Many leach fields are part of lawns and get mowed all summer. Others need periodic mowing to remove tap roots. Trees and shrubs should be removed from over the field and the side slopes. Roots can clog the field. Avoid plowing snow onto your leach field this winter. Melting snow in the spring will make the field wetter and reduce percolation.

What else? Reduce water flowing into the field. This a good recommendation year-round. Yard chores are over, so it's a good time to replace your shower fixtures with low flow heads. Insulate your pipes so that you don't run water to keep them from freezing. Also, remember that food scraps, fats and oils should not go down the drain. When you cook holiday dinner, put leftover scraps in the trash and don't pour grease down the drain..

Happy Thanksgiving from Jack, Will and Karen.

Animal Control Report

September–October

- Sept 19 Dogs barking - verbal warning
- Sept 19 Maintenance of equipment
- Sept 19 Dog at large - picked up
- Sept 21 Information given
- Sept 24 Check on well being of animal under veterinary care
- Sept 24 Dog barking - ticket issued
- Sept 25 Yellow cat missing
- Sept 25 Information only
- Sept 27 Dog spooked by storm - returned to owner
- Sept 27 Dog in school yard
- Sept 28 Dog bite - quarantined
- Sept 29 Dog bite - follow up
- Sept 30 Stray dog dropped off at ACO's
- Sept 30 Dog's owner picked up - ticket issued
- Oct 4 Dog in yard - being held by ACO
- Oct 4 Dog in yard - ticketed owner
- Oct 4 Found stray cat
- Oct 4 Dog and owner attacked
- Oct 5 Dog held overnight
- Oct 5 Dog to Animal Refuge League
- Oct 5 Statements given/recorded
- Oct 6 Issued summons
- Oct 6 Rooster crowing at 4am
- Oct 6 Dogs barking
- Oct 6 Called about above and left message
- Oct 7 Information only
- Oct 7 Dog in yard - gone on arrival
- Oct 9 Dog killed another dog
- Oct 9 Dog to emergency veterinary
- Oct 9 Dog barking complaint - not barking on arrival
- Oct 9 Returned equipment
- Oct 10 Dogs in yard
- Oct 11 Stray cat - took to Animal Refuge League
- Oct 11 Information only
- Oct 11 Dogs at large - verbal warning to dogs owner
- Oct 12 District Court - with papers
- Oct 12 Investigate possible dog(s) abuse
- Oct 14 Dog at large - verbal warning
- Oct 16 Administrative work

November begins large animal hunting. Please be sure that your pets, especially dogs, are confined and not able to run at large. If your dog is found chasing wild animals, with the exception of those used in hunting, it might be impounded or shot by IF&W wardens. Also, be sure that all outside animals have sufficient shelter, food, and water to keep them warm and comfortable.

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. They need your help.

Tax Relief "Circuit Breaker" Program

Tax and Rent Refund Program qualifications for the state Circuit Breaker Program.

If you are single and your 2006 household income was \$80,750 or less; or you have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2007 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 are available at the Town Office or online at www.maine.gov/revenue or write to Maine Revenue Services, PO Box 9116, Augusta, ME 04332-9116.

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

Call for forms: 207-624-7894, 24 hours a day; please leave name and mailing address.

Refund Information: www.maine.gov/revenue (Have your Social Security number and total income amount available.)

NexTalk (TTY service): 888-577-6690, weekdays 8am to 4:30pm.

Other property tax relief programs: (All applications must be submitted prior to April 1st.)

Homestead Exemption: this program provides property tax relief for Maine residents who have owned a homestead in Maine for the twelve months immediately preceding April 1st.

Veteran Exemption: A veteran who is a Maine resident and who served active duty during a recognized war period and who is 62 years or older, or who is receiving 100% disability as a veteran, or who became 100% disabled while serving, is eligible for property tax relief. [An honorable discharge certificate (DD214) is required.]

Paralegic Veteran: A veteran who received a federal grant for a specially adapted housing unit may be eligible for property tax relief.

Blind Exemption: An individual who is determined to be legally blind is eligible for property tax relief.

HELP WITH YOUR FILING. John Robinson, our representative to the Maine legislature, will be available to help with filling out your form on Saturday, November 10th, from 9am to noon.

2008 Dog Tags Available

Dog licensing began 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 \$11. 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.

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 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, licensing compliance will increase the Animal Welfare budget. There is also a check box on your Maine Income Tax form to donate to the fund.

We will again host a Rabies clinic on Saturday, January 19TH, from 1pm to 3pm. Jordan Bay Animal Hospital is donating their time for this clinic. The vaccinations will be \$10 cash each for dogs and cats. You need not be a resident of Raymond to participate.

Vendor License Required by Animal Welfare Department

The first session of the 123rd Legislature passed a law under Title 7, Section 4163, that requires anyone who sells more than one (1) dog or cat in a 12 month period to apply and receive a Vendor License with the Animal Welfare Department. This application includes a \$25 charge.

The new statute reads: "A person may not advertise for sale, sell or exchange for value more than one cat or dog in a 12 month period unless that person has a valid animal shelter, kennel, breeding kennel or pet shop license or a valid vendor's license under this section." You can receive an application from the Animal Welfare Program, 28 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333 or e-mail: norma.j.worley@maine.gov or contact the Raymond Town Office.

The Vendor License is good for 60 days from the date of issuance and will include a vendor's license number. The vendor license number must be included in any form of advertising, brochure, or sign that announces the availability of a dog or cat for sale or exchange. The vendor's name and license number must be provided to a person purchasing or otherwise receiving a dog or cat from the vendor.

Now the bad news: A person who fails to comply with this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 may be adjudged, none of which may be suspended.

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 has 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

Want to Learn About Digital Broadcasting?

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

How to Talk to Your Kids About Using Drugs and Alcohol

By Steve Danzig, LMSW-CC, LADC, CCS

- Don't lecture, but do talk and talk often. Information is more likely to be absorbed when you give it over time and in small doses. Repetition is important. One day they may hear your message; another day it might be tuned out. So find opportunities to repeat the message. Setting is important. Don't say, "Let's sit down and have a chat about drugs"; instead incorporate these "mini chats" into relaxed activities that you are doing together like playing a board game, cleaning the garage, riding in the car, eating at the dinner table, etc. In addition, you can use observations from TV shows that you are watching together to bring up the subject.
- Listen first, talk later. Kids are dying to be heard. Often they will "confess" and/or open up to you if you are just available and listen to them without judgment or interruption. After you have heard their "whole story," then use the opportunity to break it down and discuss various aspects of what they shared with you.
- Don't use fabricated scare tactics. Always use facts. Kids know when what you are saying is truthful. If you exaggerate the effects of alcohol and drug use, they will dismiss your whole argument. If you give them facts, they will sense that it is the truth and will be more likely to hear the message and retain it when faced with choices about using.
- Don't forbid, but do try to delay their experimentation. Kids are rebellious by nature. If a parent says, "Don't do this," many will do it just to exert their independence. Do try to delay their experimentation by sharing that there are greater risks to their developing teenage brains and bodies than for young adults, which is why the drinking age is 21. There are also greater risks from people taking advantage of them while they are under the influence. Teenage girls are more likely to be sexually assaulted. Teenage boys are more likely to be involved in more aggressive physical altercations. Both are likely to be involved in auto accidents caused by drinking and driving or drugging and driving.
- Tell the truth about your own experiences when asked. Kids will instinctively know if you are lying to them. Know that if you lie, you will lose their respect and the ability to educate them about this important issue. Share your experiences and your values around this issue. Say, "I did do this, but this is what I learned from doing it which is why I feel this way about it now."
- Take an active role in discussing this issue. Don't leave it up to the schools. And don't risk them learning it from their friends. No one will give them the most accurate information like you will. Prevention starts at home. Studies have shown that many teenagers, when faced with these difficult choices, have said that their parents' opinions mattered to them and/or that they could hear their parents' voices in their heads when deciding whether or not to accept a drink or drug. If you need help starting the conversation with your kids, seek help from a licensed alcohol and drug counselor ("LADC") in your community. They will know the habits of the teenagers in the area and can assist you with how to talk about it, what to look for if you suspect it, and how to treat your child if there is a usage problem.

Support Raymond Businesses

Check out the business listing on the Raymond website
www.raymondmaine.org

Raymond Rec Citrus Fundraiser

When you think "fruit for the holidays," we hope you will consider purchasing fresh Florida Indian River grapefruit and oranges from the Raymond Recreation Association. The sale will run through November 23. Advance orders only with payment will be taken. Direct shipment from Florida is scheduled for the week of December 7 and will be available for pick-up at 5 Damon Road off Rt. 85 (as in the past, follow signs) on Saturday, December 8th, from 9am to noon.

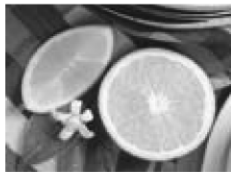
We have successfully conducted this fundraising effort for 13 years, selling over 200 boxes of delicious fruit to appreciative families each year. Proceeds go to support our Summer Swim Program at Crescent Beach. If you do not wish to purchase a box of fruit for yourself, perhaps you would consider making a gift and doubling your impact by purchasing a box that could then be delivered with the food baskets prepared by the Raymond Rattlers Club. Just indicate "for Christmas food boxes" on the order form.

To order or make a tax-deductible contribution, mail check and form to: Raymond Rec, 33 Wawenock Road, Raymond ME 04071 – Questions, call 655-4657.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

E-Mail ADDRESS _____



CIRCLE CHOICE AND GIVE QUANTITY ORDERED

ITEM	BOX SIZE 2/5 Bushel		BOX SIZE 4/5 Bushel	
	Small	Large	No. Ordered	Amount Due
Navel Oranges	_____ 19.00ea	_____ 27.00ea	_____	_____
Tangelo Oranges	_____ 19.00ea	_____ 27.00ea	_____	_____
Pink Grapefruit	_____ 18.00ea	_____ 26.00ea	_____	_____
Mixed Box, Oranges & Grapefruit	_____ 22.00ea	_____ N.A.	_____	_____
Total Due			_____	_____

Mail to: **Raymond Rec, 33 Wawenock Road, Raymond, ME 04071**

Raymond Recreation



Ski & Snowboard Sign-Ups

Sign-ups will be Wednesday, November 8th, from 6-8pm at the JSMS Gym. We need volunteers to sign up that night as well. You don't need to ski to be a volunteer!

The school program for Raymond Elementary School and Jordan-Small Middle School will both be on Wednesdays again this year! The Friday night program is open to students in grades 7-12.

- RES students will leave the school at 12:30pm and return at 5pm.
- JSMS students will leave at 2:15pm and return at 6:45pm.
- Friday's program participants will leave the school at 4:30pm and return at 10:30pm.

Participation is open to all grades. Grades 1-2 must have a skiing parent chaperoning in the program.

RES Program Director – Beth Clark 627-8771

JSMS Program Director – Brenda Olsen 655-4670

JSMS Asst. Program Director – Lori Dibiase 671-7059

Friday Night Program Director – Peter Walgreen 627-4504

PRAY FOR SNOW!!!

Friday Skiing/Snowboarding

Sign-up will be Wednesday, November 14, from 6-8 pm at the Jordan-Small Middle School gym for students in grades 7-12. Rental fittings will be sized by Shawnee Peak personnel. Chaperones are welcome and receive free ticket to ski. We will begin January 4, for 8 weeks.

Prices are a bit higher this year, mostly due to bus expenses. Raymond Rec is non-profit, and only charges actual costs. Season's pass holders welcome.

- Lift \$165
- Lift and Rental (ski or board) \$256
- Lift and 5 Lessons \$235
- (individual lessons \$14 per week, paid at signup. We recommend 1 or 2 for newer skiers/riders)
- Lift, 5 Lessons, and Rentals \$326
- Helmet Rental \$32
- Bus only \$53 (season's pass holders)

Any questions, please call Peter Walgreen 627-4504 or Lorna Dunn 655-2567

REMINDER!

Raymond Rec winter sports sign-ups will be Wednesday, November 14th, from 6-8pm at the JSMS Gym.

This is for youth basketball, grades K-6, as well as the Wednesday and Friday skiing programs

We desperately need volunteers to join the basketball board.
 Call Dave McGowan at 655-4448 or talk to Dave the night of sign-ups.

JSMS Principal's Report

By Randy Crockett

Each year, the month of October is designated "Month of the Young Adolescent" by over 40 international organizations that are involved with the education and health of kids ages 10 - 15. In the proclamations set forth by the collaborating organizations, one key concept caught my attention.

"The realization that the education young adolescents experience during this formative period of life will, in large measure, determine the future for all citizens."

The National Association of Middle Schools recognizes this period of human development as "leaving childhood and making major decisions about their values, standards, attitudes and beliefs." This transitional stage of life is difficult for most kids in some way. It is during the middle school years that the foundation for opportunities and success at the high school level is determined.

Middle school educators constantly seek to balance their students' needs for greater independence with the equally important need for a safety net of support and boundaries. While teens frequently want to be treated as being capable of making their own decisions, they are often not prepared for the responsibilities required to do so. In order for all students to be academically prepared for high school, social and emotional issues must also be resolved so that the focus on learning can be maintained. This balancing act takes place daily in many small ways. Students in the fifth grade frequently have their agenda checked by a teacher to make sure assignments are written down, whereas eighth graders generally do that on their own. The J.S.M.S. eighth graders recently developed a plan for monitoring themselves at the lockers and during transitions so that they would not need to be walked through the halls by teachers like younger children. Opportunities to take risks and challenge oneself occur in classes, athletics, performing arts and social activities. Our seventh and eighth grade students are given greater choice in class selection, with their parents' approval.

Each day, our students make personal decisions, sometimes subconsciously, about their behavior, who to hang out with and how to use their time. Unfortunately, it is characteristic of people at this age to see only short term consequences and be unable to connect current actions to future outcomes. It is the responsibility of every adult in a middle school student's life to assist him in realizing that the daily habits, work ethic and relationships established while in middle school will effect his level of readiness for high school.

The Jordan-Small Middle School staff is constantly working to provide opportunities and experiences for all our students to achieve academic and personal learning so that they can leave our school with the skills and confidence that will be needed at the next level of their education. While it is nice to have one month designated to raise awareness about the needs of students of ages 10 -15, we all need to focus our efforts so that every month is about the needs of young adolescents.

Turn Tyson Products into Big Bucks for Raymond Schools

If you eat Tyson products, you can help Raymond Schools earn money!

The PTO is participating in the Project A+ program sponsored by Tyson Foods, Inc. There's a Project A+ label, worth 24¢, on various Tyson products that feature the Project A+ logo on the front of the package. Schools earn money from Tyson by collecting and redeeming the labels. Be sure to cut off the entire label. Participating schools can earn up to \$12,000 per academic year. What to collect:



Drop your Tyson labels at the same collection site that you drop off your Box Tops: RES, JSMS, Raymond Village Library, and the Town Hall. If everyone in the community clips and saves the Tyson Project A+ redemption labels, we can make this program a huge success for our schools. For more information on the Tyson Project A+ program, check out the Tyson Project A+ website, www.tyson.com/projectaplus/

Principal's Report for RES

The elementary school has had a wonderful start to this school year, and there are a number of things that I would like to highlight this month. Please do not hesitate to call me at 655-8672 ext. 400 or e-mail norma.richard@raymond-maine.org if you have any questions.

IMPROVING SAFETY AT RES: The new front door system is operational and in full use. Starting immediately, the front entrance to the school will be locked during the school day. Please ring the buzzer for admittance. As always, all visitors to the school are required to report to the office and sign in with Miss Mindy at the front desk. We also ask that all parents, volunteers and staff exit through the main entrance at all times. The other doors are for emergency use only.

NWEA ASSESSMENTS: This is the first year that the Raymond district is participating in the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests offered through Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA). RES students will be taking the Reading, ELA and MATH tests in the computer lab, spending a total of 2½ hours completing these tests over three days. Testing results will be used to measure each student's progress or growth at school. Because the tests are computerized and adapted to each child's progress, students should find this to be a very successful and even fun experience. Teachers will receive their class results shortly after the testing session are completed, and will use the results to help them keep track of progress and growth in basic skills. Parents will also receive a report showing their child's growth. We will use the MAP tests again in the spring to further measure progress during this school year. The NWEA website, www.nwea.org, provides great resources for parents, and I encourage you to download and review the Parent Toolkit.

AUTHENTIC LEARNING: Students at all grade levels have been involved in some very exciting learning opportunities, transporting learning from the page to real life for them. Gray Stabley's visit to second grade gave those students the chance to have their questions answered by WMTW's very real and very professional meteorologist. Fourth graders in Mrs. Blanchard's classrooms experienced first hand the importance of trading in the 1700's by creating Fort Raymond where colonists, Native Americans, French trappers and British traders met to trade. Our fourth graders attended a 2-day camping experience at the Susan B. Curtis Environmental Camps, extending their knowledge of the Maine environment and the importance of protecting Maine's resources. Even the Kindergarten Fall Fest gave the children the chance to learn about their community and Maine's agricultural heritage. And all of these activities were great fun for students and staff alike.

Fire Safety Month at RES

Students and staff at the Raymond Elementary School would like to thank Raymond Fire and Rescue for visiting the school on October 11 and sharing important information about fire safety. The research is very clear that more lives are saved each year due to the fire safety instruction that is done in schools. Many of you remember the importance of "Stop, Drop and Roll," and we hope that you reinforce this learning in your home. We want to remind families to be sure that you have working smoke detectors with fresh batteries during this fall/winter heating season. Also, every family should have an emergency evacuation plan with an outside meeting place that is away from the house. Just like our fire drills at school, this plan should be practiced so that all family members can get out of the house in an emergency and have a safe place to go to. If you haven't developed your plan yet, make it a goal for your family.

For information on the Raymond School Department, go online to the our 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



Gray Stabley, professional meteorologist at WMTW-TV, weathers questions from RES second graders.

HEALTHY KIDS/HEALTHY STAFF: Flu and cold season has had an early start this year, and that means that we all need to practice the very best health practices in order to stay healthy this fall and winter. Encourage your children to wash their hands frequently, maintain a healthy diet, and get plenty of rest. Please do not send children to school if they are sick. We also want to remind parents that children need to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. If you have any questions, please contact Kristina Truesdale, school nurse, at 655-8672 ext. 402.

PTO: The Raymond Parent/Teacher Organization has been very active this fall coordinating activities to benefit our schools. They are still collecting used ink cartridges from individuals and business and will be coordinating work sessions every month to get these packaged and sent for recycling. The schools are still participating in the Hannaford Helps Schools program and collecting School Dollars that you receive at the Hannaford checkout. The program ends on December 1st, so please bring in your School Dollar receipts by that date. Also, mark your calendars for Friday, November 16th, for the annual Holiday Fair. We are moving the fair to the Friday before Thanksgiving and will again be sponsoring the Scholastic Book Fair during that week and having a variety of games and activities for children of all ages.

Keep Saving Those Hannaford School Dollars!

Hannaford supports local schools with a fundraising 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.

Innisbrook Thank You

On behalf of the students and staff at the Raymond Elementary School, Principal Norma Richard would like to thank everyone who supported this year's successful Innisbrook fundraiser. We have sent in over \$8,000 in orders and hope to receive them back within the next few weeks. The proceeds from this year's sale will be used to support classroom programs, field trips, special projects and events at RES, as well as to support PTO scholarships and the many outstanding efforts of the Raymond Parent-Teacher Organization. Once again, thank you for supporting the Innisbrook sale!

5th Annual Raymond PTO Holiday Fair

Friday, November 16, 2007
6 – 8pm
Raymond Elementary
School

Holiday Shopping

A Holiday Gift Shop Especially for Children

All Gifts - \$2

Shop for Families, Friends and Pets!

Cake Walk and Gift Walk

It's the Best Game in Town

Join the Fun and Win a Great Prize!

Scholastic Book Fair

Shop for Holiday Gifts for Family and Friends

(Books Make Great Gifts for Teachers!)

Crafts, Storytelling, Lots of Great Fun!

Holiday Fun for Your Entire Family Including Preschoolers!

Dear Raymond Road Runner Readers,

Jordan-Small Middle School community service classes are collecting can tabs for Ronald McDonald House. We are going as a community service class to make a meal for all the families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House. They stay there when their kids or siblings are in the hospital. It would be very much appreciated if you would donate your can tabs to us. Every pound we collect goes to directly help the house. We have a container out in the entrances of JSMS and RES.

Thanks very much,
JSMS Community Service Classes

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.

Coming in November
The Raymond Schools'

Scholastic Book Fair Fundraiser

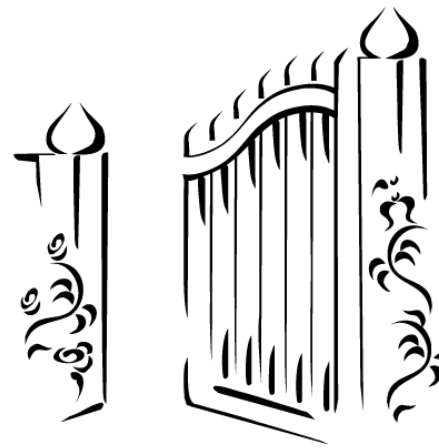


The Perfect Holiday Gift for All Ages

November 12-16, 2007
Raymond Elementary School
With Evening Hours on Friday, the 16th

FMI 655-4446

GATEWAY To Success



Open House

If you are interested in working towards your GED or diploma,
Please join us for dinner, family fun, and information.

When: Wednesday, November 14

6 - 8pm

Where: Raymond Elementary School

434 Webbs Mills Rd

Approx. 4 miles from Route 302 on Rt. 85

Each family attending will receive children's books and a \$10 Wal-Mart gift card.

Please come and find out what Windham Adult Education can offer you and your family.

Please call Ivy Jordan, 655-8672 Ext 108, to R.S.V.P

Healthy Raymond

From the Wellness Committee

Learning how to make healthy food choices can often feel more like deprivation, especially when it comes to traditional foods and desserts. It certainly doesn't have to be this way, though. One of our time-honored New England specialties happens to be nutritious and satisfying: Indian Pudding.

In the 17th century, English settlers in America reinvented the hasty pudding of their homeland using New World ingredients: molasses from the West Indies and ground maize, which they called Indian corn ("corn" originally meaning grain in general). They named the result—a creamy, sweet cornmeal mush—Indian Pudding, named for the maize, not because it resembled any Native American dessert.

Benjamin Franklin was responsible for the first published mention of the dish in 1722, commenting on one family's preparation of it in the *New England Courant*. The pudding grew more popular through the 18th and 19th centuries as cooks continued to improvise on the theme. Some added spices, substituted sugar or maple syrup for molasses, and often stirred in fruits such as apples or pumpkin. Amelia Simmons offered three recipes in her 1796 *American Cookery*: One was spiced, one included raisins, and one was boiled for 12 hours.

Although not as common as it once was, Indian Pudding remains a favorite in New England. It can be found in cans on supermarket shelves and is offered in restaurants across the region. Many households still serve their own family recipes during the holidays. The following recipe accentuates the corn-molasses flavor that is the backbone of the traditional Indian Pudding. For the lactose intolerant, soymilk and non-hydrogenated margarine can easily be substituted for the dairy ingredients.

INDIAN PUDDING

Serves four

Baking powder is not a traditional ingredient but it yields a lighter texture. The cup of milk poured over the pudding before baking produces a caramelized top.

- 3 cups milk (any kind your family prefers)
- ½ cup yellow cornmeal
- 2½ tsp. butter
- ¼ cup molasses
- ¼ cup sugar (unprocessed cane or maple is best)
- ⅛ tsp. baking powder
- pinch salt
- 1 egg, lightly beaten

Preheat oven to 275°. Place 1 ½ cups milk in a double boiler set over gently simmering water on medium-low heat. Meanwhile, whisk together the cornmeal and ½ cup milk in a small bowl until the mixture is smooth. When the milk is warm, gradually whisk in cornmeal mixture and cook, continuing to whisk until smooth and thick, about 15 minutes. Remove pudding from heat. Stir in butter, molasses, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Allow pudding to cool, then beat in the egg and transfer mixture to a buttered 4-cup ovenproof dish. Pour remaining 1 cup milk over pudding and cover dish with a tightly fitting lid or aluminum foil. Place a large roasting pan in the oven, add about 2 inches of hot water, and set the pudding in it. Bake for 3 ½ hours. Serve warm as is or top with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

DVDs of Meetings Available at Town Office and Library

If you have Time Warner cable at home, you might have already visited Raymond's public access channels. Channel 2 is the municipal channel, and Channel 3 the school channel. Our meetings are televised live and are taped for future viewing. There is a calendar of meetings on our website www.raymondmaine.org and in the Road Runner. Our website also has a schedule of reruns, which are shown 24 hours a day. However, if you don't have cable TV, the town office and the library can lend DVDs of any of our meetings.

These DVDs can be borrowed during regular business hours. There isn't any specific time for return, but we would ask that they come back within two weeks. All you have to do is sign a DVD out.

Family Literacy Fun Day Saturday, November 3rd 9am - 1pm Windham Primary School

Join Windham Adult Education and the Windham Public Library for a FREE, fun, family day!

Events include:

Book Walk, Craft Activities,
Door Prizes, Book Swap,

Games, and Family Safety Information.

Cathryn Falwell, children's author and illustrator will offer storytime, reading books she has written and illustrated.



PLEASE BRING A BOOK (OR TWO) FOR THE BOOK SWAP!

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.

Senior Citizen Suppers Return!

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

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

Community Service Updates

By Barb Loux

Community Service classes are up and running at JSMS. There are many projects underway!

There are classes that are donating flip tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. These can be off of soda, soup, etc. Look for the donation boxes around both RES and JSMS.

In conjunction with the Raymond Village Library we are collecting bags of Halloween candy for Main Street. These bags can be dropped off at either school or at the library. Some of the houses get 500 plus trick-or-treaters! Any candy would be helpful.

Whitney Walton has organized a drive to benefit breast cancer. There are Yoplait Yogurt lids being collecting for Breast Cancer prevention. Boxes for lids are located in both schools. There also was a group in the Raymond community walking for Breast Cancer. It is so great to see a community come together for a good cause.

There have been several trips to the Wayside Soup kitchen. This will be a monthly event. The effort of these young people was fabulous! There is a lunch group that helps to serve lunch to the homeless and also a group of high-schoolers and community members serving dinner on the first Monday of every month. Join us if you are interested and would like to help!

We have had an offer of a land "donation" for a 5-year time period. We will hopefully be moving forward on the plan to build a temporary skate park for the children of Raymond to enjoy and more importantly, to keep them off of the main roads.

We have a seventh grade class sponsoring a Halloween dance for Friday the 26th. This has included baking, decorating and cleaning up for this spooky event. The benefits will go to the skate park.

I currently have many JSMS students going across to help with various tasks at RES. Setting and cleaning up for the kindergarten festival, Book Buddies, painting lines for fire drills and helping in classrooms. We are performing skits for the anti-bullying week at RES. Look for them on the cable network coming soon!

Some classes enjoyed making placemats for the senior citizen supper. Nice artwork!

Finally, mark your calendars for the now famous second annual Talent Show to be held on Dec 7th at 7pm.

Any questions or suggestions, please call Barb Loux, LCSW, 655-4743 x107



Leah Orsini, Lauren Harris and Cindy Terry join Raymond Cares in the Taking Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, which took place on Sunday, October 14.

2008 ATV Registration

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

Raymond Village Community Church, UCC

Christmas Fair Saturday, Dec 2 8am – 1pm

- Cookie Walk
- Handmade items (e.g. sweaters/scarves & pottery & craft items)
- Homemade baked goods
- Children's shopping room
- Attic room (books, toys, etc.)
- Fragrances & gift items
- Jewelry
- Maple syrup
- Breakfast & lunch will be available
- Afghan raffle (\$1 each or 6 for \$5)



Snowflake afghan to be raffled.

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.

Shawnee Peak Ski Race Team is sponsoring a

SKI SWAP

Date: Saturday, Nov. 10
Time: 10am – 1pm
Location: Shawnee Peak
119 Mountain Road
Bridgton, Maine



Lots of used ski equipment including ski boots, poles, racing and recreational skis, used ski racing suits, apparel, etc.

Questions - Contact: evanhaas@maine.rr.com

Proceeds to benefit the Shawnee Peak Race Team

Rep. John Robinson Earns Strong Marks for Business and Environmental Votes

State Rep. John Robinson of Raymond has been honored for his support of policies to create and preserve jobs and help build a vibrant Maine economy. He compiled one of the Legislature's best pro-business voting records during the first session of the 123rd Legislature.



The second-term Republican lawmaker earned a score of 92.5 out of 100 and a "very strong" legislator rating by the Maine Economic Research Institute (MERI), a non-partisan organization based in Augusta. A "very strong" legislator rating represents a likelihood of 75 percent or greater of championing the position on economic and business legislation favored by most free-enterprise advocates.

Legislative roll call votes affecting Maine's economy were used in the rating process. These bills addressed such critical economic issues as education initiatives, tax policies, cost of doing business in Maine, economic development, health care and insurance costs, transportation and more.

"Strong economic development policy is fundamental to creating and retaining jobs," Rep. Robinson said. "Maine's policy environment for businesses has been poor for a very long time. High tax burdens, low incomes, and exorbitant health insurance costs do not lend themselves to a vibrant economy. The business environment needs to change for Maine's economy to grow."

According to MERI, specific legislation relating to economic issues is identified by MERI's advisory committee and selected by MERI's board of directors based on what Maine employers say is critical to their success. The legislation is tracked using

voting information on the public record. MERI takes no position on the legislation itself; it merely tracks its course through the Legislature.

House Republican Leader Josh Tardy praised Rep. Robinson for his commitment to improving Maine's business climate. "Maine is fortunate to have someone like John in Augusta," he said. "As a member of the Appropriations Committee, he has worked tirelessly in trying to change the direction of Maine's sagging economy and to provide opportunities for good jobs for everyone in this state."

The Raymond legislator also received an outstanding four out of five score from the Maine League of Conservation Voters (MLCV) in their 2007 Environmental Scorecard for legislators. Issues monitored by the MLCV included wildlife protection, toxic chemicals exposure reduction, land conservation funding and riverfront communities restoration. "Protecting significant wildlife habitat while addressing the needs of landowners was a priority to me this session," Rep. Robinson said. "I am pleased that the Legislature worked together in passing compromise legislation that set reasonable environmental standards."

Rep. Robinson also compiled one of the strongest attendance records during the 2007 legislative session. He had perfect attendance for all 94 days of Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee meetings and all 62 Legislative session days. His attendance in the House Chamber was also high, being present for all but three of the 199 recorded "roll call" votes during the session. Lawmakers considered 1,930 pieces of legislation and more than 500 were signed into law.

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

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.

Raymond Village Community Church News

Shalom Club Delivers Dog Adoption Kits

Children and friends in the Raymond Village Community Church (United Church of Christ) Shalom Club recently visited the Harvest Hills Animal Shelter and delivered a dozen Dog Adoption Kits. The kits included dog dishes, treats, and food that had been donated by families in the congregation, as well as dog toys the children had made. Each kit also came with a handmade Adoption Card wishing the dog and adoptive family well. The children also brought cat food, since the Shelter had larger than usual numbers of cats – and enjoyed playing with the cats and kittens and visiting with the dogs. The next project of Shalom Club is to make Happy Hospital Kids Kits to take to Maine Medical Center. All children in grades 4-6 are invited to participate in Shalom Club, which meets once a month. For more information, contact Raymond Village Community Church at 655-7749.



(L-R) Standing are Amber Woodman, Greg Meader, Jenny Walker, and Kate Cloutier. Kneeling are Danielle Meader and Lexi Walker

Raymond Village Community Church Recognized at the UCC Maine Conference Annual Meeting

The Raymond Village Community Church (United Church of Christ) was honored recently at the UCC Maine Conference Annual Meeting for its efforts in Missions. The congregation received a certificate for being a "5 for 5" church by contributing to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) and to all four special UCC offerings last year. The church received another certificate acknowledging a significant increase (16%) in OCWM giving in 2006.

Raymond Village Community Church Upcoming Holiday Events

Thanksgiving Sunday
November 18th, 10am
"Make a Joyful Noise"

The Adult Choir and the Youth Singers will be featured, as well as Scott Gordan on trumpet. The congregation will sing the old Thanksgiving favorites and will also build a cornucopia of fresh produce, which will be used to help fill the many Thanksgiving baskets the Church puts together for town residents. Join us – and bring some potatoes, carrots, squash, pumpkins, gourds, onions, apples, or other fall fruits and vegetables.

Advent Celebration
December 2nd, 10am

Join us for our annual all-church Advent Celebration. It begins with the traditional Hanging of the Greens service in the sanctuary followed by a Potluck Brunch and caroling throughout the Village in a horse-drawn wagon. Caroling begins at 12 noon!

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

Annual Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 1, 2007

Raymond Village Community Church, Main St. in Raymond, invites the public to shop for wreaths, cookies and baked goods, maple syrup, jewelry, gifts, and gently used merchandise from 8am to 1pm. Featured are handmade crafts, a snowflake afghan raffle and a children's shopping room. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Raymond Village Community Church, www.rvccme.org, is a United Church of Christ and welcomes all visitors to join them for worship Sunday mornings from 10am to 11am. Sunday school classes and a nursery are offered during the worship service. The sanctuary is handicapped accessible. The church was built in 1879 and has been an important part of the Raymond community ever since. If you have any questions, please contact the church at 655-7749.

Selectmen's Meetings

Tuesday, November 6th, 7pm, and
Tuesday, November 20th, 7pm,
at the Broadcast Studio next to the
Jordan-Small Middle School and
on Cable Channel 2

Fire/Rescue Dispatch Asks Your Help

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



We are asking that you fill out a Livestock Location form for Dispatch's use. If you have already filled one out, please review it so that the information is current. The forms can be obtained at Dispatch in the Public Safety Building, 1443 Roosevelt Trail; the Town Office; or online at Raymond's website www.raymondmaine.org.

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



Raymond Road Runner Deadline Reminder

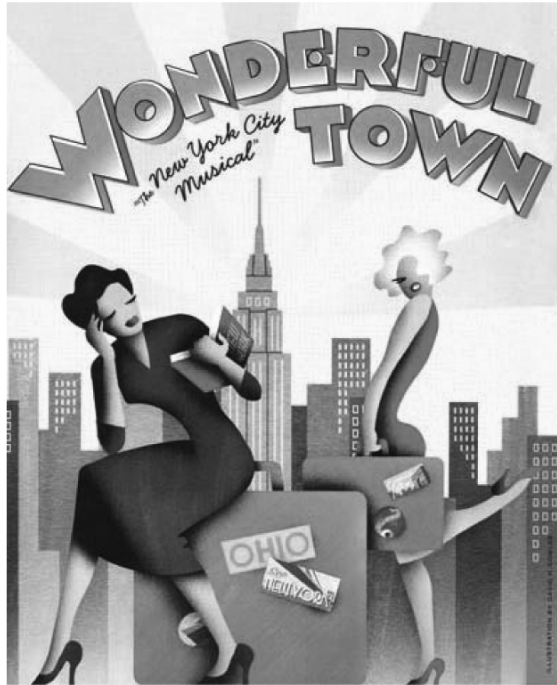
Articles for the December issue are due Thursday, November 22nd.

As you may have noticed, the October and November issues of the Raymond Road Runner arrived in our mailboxes without the Lakes Region Suburban Weekly. Due to changing distribution processes, the Raymond Road Runner will no longer be included as a monthly insert with the LRSW, but they have agreed to bulk mail it by itself for the rest of the town's fiscal year (June 2008).

The new arrangements also stipulate that we can only produce a maximum 12-page issue, and it will have to be submitted for publishing a day earlier than before. This means that late-arriving articles may not make it into an issue, as we'll have less time to make the space adjustments to accommodate them. Also, occasionally we may have to be more selective about the content provided, if we receive more than can fit within 12 pages. Municipal and School District information will have a priority, but every effort will be made to include all our usual content by resizing announcements, photos, etc. as much as possible without reducing readability.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Raymond Road Runner.

Windham High School Presents



Book by Joseph Fields and Jerome Chodorov
 Music by Leonard Bernstein
 Lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green

Show Dates: November 8, 9, 10 and 16 at 7pm
 November 17 at 2pm and 7pm

General Admission Tickets go on sale October 20th

\$12 Adults

\$8 Children/High School Students/Seniors

\$35 for a family of 4 or more

Opening Night All Tickets Are \$8

Get your tickets!

In Person: Saturdays between Noon and 3pm, WHS Auditorium Lobby Or at the door 1 hour before each show

Email: wonderfultown@gmail.com

Call: 892-1810 x253

This musical show is produced by arrangement with, and the music and dialogue furnished by, TAMS-WITMARK MUSIC LIBRARY, INC., 560 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

Raymond PTO Giving Tree Requests for November

These are items teachers and staff need for projects they are doing. If you have extra at home or would be willing to pick something up when you are out shopping, please bring/send in items and put them in the drop boxes near the school front doors labeled "Giving Tree." We will deliver them to the teachers within 2 days. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Alizah at 615-1165 or e-mail at alizahshriver@yahoo.com.

Grade 1:

- ✓ Plastic spoons
- ✓ Paper towel tubes

Grade 2:

- ✓ Magnetic cookie sheets and magnetic letters
- ✓ Small fluorescent orange cones (4 needed)

Grade 3:

- ✓ Bird seed for native Maine birds
- ✓ Paint brushes (can be gently used)
- ✓ Real bird nests
- ✓ Map of the Middle East
- ✓ Wipes to clean computer
- ✓ Binoculars (gently used)
- ✓ Bird watching books (gently used)

Grade 4:

- ✓ Two tape dispensers for rolls of Scotch tape
- ✓ Magnet clips and hooks to hang charts on
- ✓ A battery operated stick-on light for closet

Grade 5:

- ✓ 64 one-inch binders (to make vocabulary notebooks)

Grade 7:

- ✓ Heavy duty electric pencil sharpener
- ✓ Overhead transparency film for plain paper copies
- ✓ Write-Out correction tape (Bic)

Gifted & Talented

- ✓ Miscellaneous Lego parts

Christmas Holiday Help

The Raymond Holiday Helpers, sponsored by the Raymond Rattlers 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.

Cardboard Recycling

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

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.

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/index.shtml>

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.

Japanese Pen Pal Visits RES

Michiyo Kobayashi visited Raymond Elementary School on October 9th. She has been a pen pal of Athena Mains, fourth-grader Sarah Mains's mom, since they were in school. Last year the students sent letters to Ms. Kobayashi, and she responded to each child. She visited the fourth and third grade classes on Tuesday, answering many questions about the country of Japan and its schools. Michiyo also had the opportunity to chat informally with the students at recess and enjoyed lunch with them in the cafeteria. She was given a gift basket and cards. Many of the gifts were Maine products, but also included were police caps and mugs from area law enforcement. Michiyo is a police officer (a detective) in Japan.



Michiyo Kobayashi with Athena Mains. They have been pen pals for over 20 years.



Michiyo speaking to Mrs. Malnati's class.

Competitive Trail Riding Provides Benefits Beyond Blue Ribbons

By Carol Meader

If you've ever gone to the Town Office, or phoned with a "trash" question, or voted in Raymond, you've likely seen or spoken to Town Clerk Louise Lester and have come away with an appreciation of her knowledge, professionalism and competence. Should you go into her office, you'll get a glimpse of a more personal side, including photographs of breathtakingly beautiful horses. Louise's spare time is anything other than idle.

While many of us were relaxing during Labor Day weekend, Louise completed a three-day 100 mile ride in South Woodstock, VT, and is still smiling about it. Drawn to horses her entire life, Louise participates in Competitive Trail Riding, a sport that not only requires personal strength and stamina, but also an acute awareness of her horse's abilities and needs. Spending hours and sometimes days on a horse offers a unique opportunity to learn a tremendous amount about oneself and one's horse. Over Labor Day weekend, Louise rode 40 miles on each of the first two days and raced 20 miles to the finish on the third day.

Competitive Trail Riding measures the fitness of a horse as it travels over a marked trail of 20 to 100 miles. Horses are examined thoroughly by at least two qualified judges and veterinarians before the competition begins, while on the trail, and after finishing the course. Points are deducted for any distress the horse displays. Horses are judged by how quickly their heart rates drop and other physical and metabolic measurements. The horses who show the highest

level of physical fitness win. The events are strictly timed, and penalties are given for finishing too early or too late. Unlike endurance competitions which are based on speed alone, Competitive Trail Riding uses time, distance and stress as criteria.

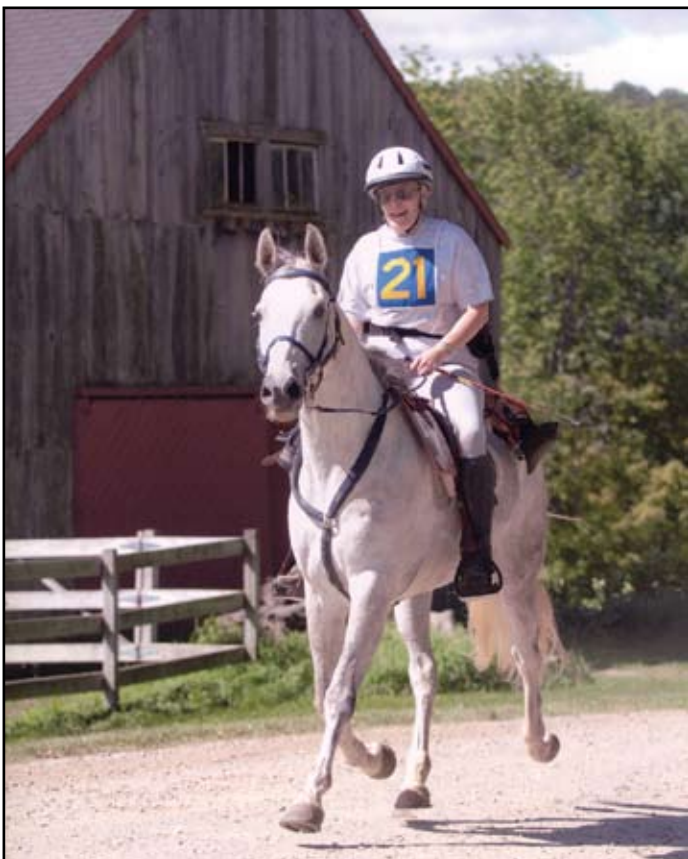
Conditioning horses in Raymond is challenging due to the lack of sufficient trails. Houses are being built in the middle of many of Louise's favorite riding trails. Winters are also difficult on horses as ice is treacherous and can cause career-ending injuries. Spending several hours each week on training, Louise places importance on careful work over all types of terrain. Straight trotting, walking up and down progressively steeper hills, and working in soft sand are a few of the methods used to develop muscles, heart and lungs. Rest time between competitions is also very critical, and lack of recovery time can result in injury as well.

One of the factors that makes the rides challenging for both the horse and rider is the terrain. Riding through rocky trails and up and down hills, a typical 100 mile ride will only have five miles on flat land. This becomes tiring for the horse and also presents the problem of sudden injury. To complete a 100 mile course within the allotted time, you must ride an average of 6.2 mph. This is no easy feat on a horse!

During competitions, the objective is to work all horses over an identical trail in the same length of time, thereby having a basis of fair comparison for determining the horse's soundness, condition, and manners. While this is not a race, judgment in timing and pacing is important; the winner being the one who rode her horse at a consistent pace throughout the ride. An interesting paradox, Louise is accountable for, yet also dependent upon, her horse. Hours of strategy go into each competition and the preparation beforehand.

An important goal of the competition is to encourage the partnership between horse and rider, something that must be genuine and cannot be imitated. Louise's love for horses is obvious. Horses have always been a part of her life, and she began showing them at a young age. She has raised many horses and has given lessons. Her real passion, however, lies with Competitive Trail Riding. She discovered the sport in 1972 and did her first 100 miler in 1974. She has been competing ever since. She is currently riding a third generation horse, whose birth she witnessed and who is now 11 years old. She previously rode his father for more than 2000 miles, and although at 20 years old he can no longer compete, she still owns him. She also raised and raced his mother, who died at 23 years old.

Although I was considerably impressed with the endurance and commitment one must have to compete in this sport, I was deeply touched by the camaraderie displayed during the competitions. Louise spoke of her competitors with an open heart and tear-filled eyes. Traveling the race circuit together, these riders are not doing this only to win. They are there for one another. Competitors help each other, offer one another gear and support and will stop in the middle of a race to make sure the other is okay. Louise spoke passionately about her sport and stressed that while you trail ride, you will learn an enormous amount about your horse and yourself. You may or may not win a ribbon, but the mantra of most long distance riding is "to finish is to win." Without a doubt, Louise is most definitely a winner.



Louise is all smiles as she successfully completes a three-day 100 mile ride in Vermont.

October News from the R.E.D. Program

This month at RED we did a variety of fun fall and Halloween activities. We gutted out and painted pumpkins, and then cooked our pumpkin seeds. We peeled apples and baked apple tarts, made stained glass fall leaf collages, made water globes, and we will be making spooky gingerbread houses. We would like to give a special thank-you to Chipman Farms for donating the pumpkins and the apples.

Open Enrollment

We currently have openings at the Raymond Extended Day program. If you would like information on enrolling your child, please contact Kristi Curtis at 650-4470. Feel free to visit our website to see all of the fun activities we have planned. We offer drop in care should something come up and you need last minute care for your child. Our rates are also listed on our website. <http://www.raymondmaine.org/schools/red/default.htm>

Board Member Openings

The R.E.D. program is currently looking for new members to sit on its Board of Directors. Priority will be given to parents who have children enrolled in the program. We typically meet once a month during program hours, so care for your child/ren wouldn't be an issue. If you are interested in being on the board or have any questions, please contact Kristi Curtis at 650-4470. We would like to give a special thank-you to Elisabeth Peavey and Jonathan Reder for their service to the Board of Directors. We will miss you!



Jeffrey Pollard and Zack Callahan digging out their pumpkin seeds



Braeden Bisson working on his pumpkin.

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!