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Call for Candidate Profiles

As in the past, the May and June issues of the Raymond Road Runner will include Candidate Profiles for anyone running for a position on the Selectboard, School Committee or Budget/Finance Committee. Profiles must be 500 words or less and include an introduction (photo optional), background, your thoughts about the position you are seeking and contact information.

If you have turned in a completed nomination form to the town office and would like to submit a candidate profile, please send it before Thursday, April 17, 2008, or May 15, 2008, (Raymond Road Runner deadlines), to the Raymond Road Runner by one of the following methods:

E-mail to: roadrunner@raymondmaine.org

CD: Label as Candidate Profile 2008 for the Raymond Road Runner with your name. File should be in .rtf and dropped off at the town office.

Typed or handwritten: Drop it off at the town office, labeled Attn: Road Runner.

All submissions are subject to grammatical editing.

April Selectmen's Meetings

Tuesday, April 1st, 7pm, and
Tuesday, April 15th, 7pm,
at the Broadcast Studio next to the
Jordan-Small Middle School and on
Cable Channel 2

Help Plan the Future of Your Business District!

PLEASE ATTEND THE ROUTE 302 COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR PUBLIC WORKSHOP on Thursday, April 17, at 7pm at the Jordan-Small Middle School Cafeteria.

After several years of information gathering, the people of Raymond developed a Comprehensive Plan. Townspeople weighed in on every aspect of their vision for the town, including the Commercial Corridor. Now the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC) is in the process of assembling a set of guidelines that will facilitate a transition toward these goals.

In order to achieve the safe, inviting village character that the citizens envision for the Route 302 Corridor, ordinance changes will be made. Larger buildings and reduced setbacks will allow more efficient use of space. New guidelines will encourage architecture with a historical New England character; and ordinances will specify signage, lighting and site design to complement the vision.

The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee needs your help in finalizing the guidelines and recommendations for ordinance changes. These changes will clarify the design process for new projects and renovations. Businesses and property owners along this section of Route 302, as well as those who own these properties, will all be affected on some level.

The Public Workshop will explain the Comprehensive Plan's vision for the Business District and will highlight suggested guidelines and changes to current ordinances. The following are specific focus areas that you may want to play a role in shaping:

- Site planning
- Lighting
- Signage
- Building Materials
- Triggers for site plan review
- Triggers for ordinance enforcement on existing entities

CPIC plans to bring these guidelines and ordinance changes up for a vote at a Special Town Meeting next fall, so it is very important that you participate in this workshop.

Please RSVP to

Karen Strout: karen.strout@raymondmaine.org or 655-4742 ext. 43

Chamber Executive of the Year

Lakes Region Legislators Honor Michael McClellan as Chamber Executive of the Year

Michael McClellan, Executive Director of the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, was honored March 10th at the State House by State Rep. John Robinson, the Lakes Region Legislative Delegation and the entire legislature on his being named the 2007 Chamber Executive of the Year by the Maine State Chamber of Commerce.

Rep. Robinson (R-Raymond) presented Mr. McClellan, also of Raymond, with a legislative sentiment expressing gratitude for his role in revitalizing the Lakes Region area. Legislative sentiments are joint orders that are used to congratulate or recognize a person, group or other entity for a significant achievement or civic accomplishment. The sentiment was cosponsored by Rep. Sawin Millett (R-Norway), Rep. Richard Sykes (R-Harrison), Rep. Roberta Muse (R-Fryeburg), Rep. Richard Cebra (R-Naples), Rep. Ralph Sarty (R-Denmark), Sen. Bill Diamond (D-Cumberland), Sen. Bruce Bryant (D-Oxford), and Sen. David Hastings (R-Oxford).

"Mr. McClellan has selflessly worked to transform the financially challenged chamber into one that is self-sufficient through doubling its membership, creating profitable events and integrating municipal economic development," Rep. Robinson stated in the sentiment. "Without a doubt, he has collaboratively increased this area's prosperity, while enhancing tourism and business survivability."

Rep. Rich Cebra hosted Mr. McClellan for part of Monday morning and introduced him to members of the House Republican caucus during their morning meeting. Rep. Cebra was also privileged to recognize Mr. McClellan for his efforts.

"Having Mike come to Augusta and be recognized by the legislature and the governor was a great opportunity to show him our appreciation for all his outstanding work as a strong advocate for the business community in the Lakes Region," he said.



Pictured left to right: Rep. Ralph Sarty; Rep. Richard Sykes, Rep. John Robinson, Gov. John Baldacci, Michael McClellan, Rep. Rich Cebra, Rep. Sawin Millett, and Dana Connors, Executive Director of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, pose for a picture in the governor's office, March 10, 2008. (Photo by Diane Johanson)

Road Runner Articles

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by **Thursday, April 17th**. 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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<http://www.raymondmaine.org>
Look under Calendars & News

To learn more about what's new in Raymond, visit our website at:

<http://www.raymondmaine.org>

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

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Raymond Village Library News

At a Glance

- Wednesday, April 9 – Non-fiction/Classics Book Group, 7pm at the library
- Wednesday, April 23 – Nature Program for Kids, 2pm at the library
- Wednesday, April 30 – Reading Group, 7pm at the library

Non-fiction/Classics Book Group

The book chosen for April is *River Town, Two Years on the Yangtze* by Peter Hessler.

We invite all interested readers to join us on April 9th at 7pm. The book will be available on request at the library. For more information, call Flonnie at 655-4548.

Nature Program for Kids – Monarch Butterflies

Learn to identify monarch butterflies, the differences between monarchs, viceroys and other monarch mimics; about monarch habitat, metamorphosis, migration and monarch research. There will be a craft involving the monarch butterfly to complete the program.

These programs are fun, interesting and very well attended, so be sure to sign up early at the library.

This Cornerstones of Science (COS) program will be presented by Jocelyn Hubbell, COS Executive Director. It is for school-age children and will take place Wednesday, April 23, at 2pm at the Raymond Village Library.

Reading Group

The Book Group will meet on Wednesday, April 30, at 7pm at the library. This month's selection is *North Country* by

Howard Frank Mosher. Copies of the book will be available by request at the library. We welcome new members who love to read. Please call 655-4283 for more information.

Library Hours

Please make a note that the library will be closing at 4pm on Sunday, April 27, and also on the next Sunday, May 4.

New Books for Children

The library has received 65 children's book worth \$1,056.69 through a grant from the Books for Children Program sponsored by the Libri Foundation of Eugene, Oregon.

The Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization that donates new, quality children's books to small, rural public libraries. This is a 2:1 matching grant, and the library used money donated in memory of Henry Beaumier as its portion. The selection includes both fiction and non-fiction, from board books for toddlers to books for young adults.

Volunteer Week

The last week in April is National Volunteer Week. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who donate their time, skill and expertise to make this, your library, a vital meeting place and asset to the community. Without the dedication of these generous people, we would not be able to offer the level of services to meet the needs of the community.

Town Nomination Papers Available

The 2008 Annual Town Meeting will be Saturday, June 7th, at 10am at the Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium. On Tuesday, June 10th, our Town Elections will take place at Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium from 7am to

8pm. The positions that will be available for candidates are Budget/Finance Committee - 4 seats, School Committee - 2 seats, and Selectmen - 2 seats.

The Budget/Finance Committee reviews the Annual Town Budget, with its primary "season" being from January into March to be ready for the Annual Town Meeting in June. Usually the Committee meets twice a month during those months and during the rest of the year as needed. The School Committee has two regular meetings a month, and the Selectmen also have two regular meetings per month.

If you wish to run for an office, please obtain a nomination form at the Town Office during regular office hours. You will need to obtain no fewer than 25, but not more than 50, Raymond registered voter signatures. The deadline for submitting the completed nomination form will be Friday, April 25, 2008, at 4pm.

New Kindergarteners Wanted!

Raymond Elementary School is looking for all children who will be entering school next fall 2008. If your child will be 5 years old on or before October 15, 2008, and you are a Raymond resident, please call Ivy Jordan at 655-8672 ext 108 to pre-register today! Miss Ivy, Home-School Coordinator, is currently screening all children eligible for next year's kindergarten. Raymond Elementary School's Kindergarten Screening will be scheduled this year for Thursday, May 15, and Friday, May 16.



April 2008

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 7:00PM BC Selectmen's Meeting	2 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session I 11:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session II 6:30PM BC School Committee 7:15 VL Library Board	3	4	5
6	7 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 11:00AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 7:00PM BC Budget Committee	8	9 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session I 11:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session II 7:00PM BC Planning Board 7:00PM VL Nonfiction/Classics Reading Group	10	11 6:30PM JS SPRING FLING Family Dance	12
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20	21 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 11:00AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 7:00PM BC Budget/Finance Committee	22	23 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session I 11:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session II 2:00PM VL Nature Program for Kids 6:30PM BC School Committee	24 7:00PM BC Building Committee 7:00 PM TH Cemetery Committee ROADRUNNER DEADLINE FOR MAY ISSUE ARTICLES	25 9:00AM BC Beautification Committee 4:00PM TH NOMINATION PAPERS DEADLINE	26
27	28 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 11:00AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 7:00PM BC Appeals Board	29 7:00PM BC Conservation Commission	30 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session I 11:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session II 7:00PM VL Book Discussion Group			

Board of Selectmen Minutes

TOWN OF RAYMOND

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

SELECTMEN ATTENDANCE: Mike Reynolds, Vice Chairman; Joe Bruno; Lonnie Taylor; and Dana Desjardins.

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Mark Gendron

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Don Willard, Town Manager; Craig Messinger, Fire Inspector, Denis Morse, Fire Chief; and Bruce Tupper, Assistant Fire Chief.

OTHERS: Susan Accardi, and Jerilyn Ward, Budget Finance Committee; Tom Noonan, Sebago Lake Rotary Club; Sandy Winde, Brian Walker, and Robert Fey.

1) Call to order. Mike Reynolds called the meeting to order at 8:21 pm at the Broadcast Studio.

2) Minutes of previous meeting dated January 22, 2008

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Dana Desjardins

Correction: Joe Bruno asked that toward the end of the minutes under Warrants it should say "treasurer's warrant".

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

3) New business.

a) Special Amusement Application – William E. Hines Jr. and Kimberly Y. Hines, Whines Enterprises Inc., dba Cafe Sebago

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Special Amusement Application. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

b) Approval of the new cemetery lot conveyance form – Cemetery Committee

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the use of the submitted cemetery lot conveyance form. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

c) Department Head Quarterly Report – Fire Chief Denis Morse

DISCUSSION: Chief Morse introduced their report. Assistant Chief Tupper and Fire Inspector Messinger reviewed their program. Our fire rating is 5-8B which reduces the cost of fire insurance for residents. Chief Morse said their next meeting with the Selectmen would introduce their ideas of what should be done in the future.

d) Consideration of Quit Claim Deeds – Selectmen (9:23 pm)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard recommended approval of the Quit Claim Deeds.

Map 78, Lot 18
Map 17, Lot 24A
Map 53, Lot 20

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the listed Quit Claim Deeds. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

NOTE: Quit Claim Deeds were signed.

e) School consolidation information update – Selectman Joe Bruno

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bruno announced that the meeting last night was the first in two months, and it was decided that it would be a Windham and Raymond consolidation which may be finalized by July 1, 2008. He added that 70% of Raymond students already go to Windham. The School Board will be discussing school choice tomorrow night, and it was felt by the Consolidation Committee that within a few years Windham will be our only choice for high school. The next meeting will be March 3, 2008 which will vote on the separation from Westbrook.

f) Executive Session – Personnel Matter as authorized under

1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter under

1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

RECESS: Mike Reynolds recessed the meeting.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

REOPEN MEETING: Mike Reynolds reopened the meeting at 10:00 pm.

No report

4) Old (unfinished) business.

a) Derby Fest, Tom Noonan

DISCUSSION: Mr. Noonan announced that the date of the Derby Fest will be February 22, 23, 24, 2008. They will be in Raymond the 23rd & 24th with a fish weigh station at Raymond Beach. Sunday they want to have a snowmobile speed run on Jordan Bay which will be directed away from the beach. Cumberland County Sheriffs will be in attendance from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Other volunteers will help with traffic control. There may be a couple of food vendors on the ice. Mr. Willard said that they were requesting the use of Raymond Beach and Tassel Top Park for parking. He added that the Town will provide plowing of those areas but hoped that the Rotary would help with any cost associated with that. The Derby Fest will also be using the Rotary purchased Raymond owned generator. Mr. Willard noted that the Rotary would be contacting the Tassel Top Park Board of Directors about using the park.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to allow the use of Raymond Beach parking lot. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

5) Town Manager Report and Communications.

a) none

NEXT MEETING: March 4, 2008: There will not be a second meeting in February.

NEXT BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting will be March 3, 2008 instead of February 25, 2008.

6) Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – February 5, 2008.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$53,982.16. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$79,283.02. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

7) Adjournment.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mike Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 10:04 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk

Moose Lottery Deadline April 1, 2008

The 2008 Moose Permit applications are available at the Town Office. There will be 3,015 permits available. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2008. The applications are also available online at

<http://www.informe.org/ifw/moosepermit.html>

with that deadline being 11:59pm, April 1, 2008. For more information call 207-287-8000 or e-mail ifw.online@maine.gov

Raymond Soldier Returns Home

Matthew Lessard, 22, of Raymond will be returning home in mid-April after a year's tour in Iraq with the United States Army. Matthew, a 1997 graduate from the Jordan-Small School and 2003 grad from the Elan School, is the son of Cindy and Dean Terry of Raymond, Normand Lessard of Casco, and the late Linda Lessard.

Welcome home, Matthew!

Animal Control Report

by Don Alexander, Animal Control Officer

February - March

- Feb 20 Preparation for Town Report
- Feb 21 Neighbor's 2 dogs at large - gone on arrival
- Feb 21 Lost dog, went over fence - came home by itself
- Feb 22 Found dog - owner picked up
- Feb 29 Information on a kennel license
- Feb 29 Neighbor's dog under snow and can't get out - deep snow
- Feb 29 Cat bitten by unknown animal
- Mar 2 Six horses loose - called owner
- Mar 2 Stray cat reported - will pick up
- Mar 3 Picked up stray cat - delivered to ARL
- Mar 5 Lost dog came home
- Mar 5 Loose dog on Rt. 302 - motorist took to Jordan Bay Animal
- Mar 6 Public Works reported 2 dogs on Meadow Road - gone on arrival
- Mar 6 2 dogs in yard
- Mar 6 2 dogs picked up - returned to owner in Casco
- Mar 7 2 dogs blocking doorway
- Mar 7 Dog running on Webbs Mills Road
- Mar 8 2 dogs went over fence again
- Mar 8 Skunks under porch
- Mar 10 Skunks under porch
- Mar 10 Cat bitten by unknown animal
- Mar 11 Returned cat crate
- Mar 11 Dog in yard - owner picked it up
- Mar 12 Stray cat on porch overnight
- Mar 12 Information regarding barking dog ordinance
- Mar 13 2 dogs jumped over fence
- Mar 14 Dog bit person who was walking by a house
- Mar 14 Barking dogs
- Mar 14 Assisted Casco catching cow
- Mar 14 Barking dogs - verbal warning
- Mar 14 Dog in yard – owner found verbal warning
- Mar 17 Stray dog to ARL by person who found it

With spring coming, children will be playing at Sheri Gagnon Park and other town parks. The parents and kids would appreciate it if you would not exercise your dogs in the park. In general it would be appreciated if you would always clean up after your dogs wherever you may be.

As you've seen above, skunks, porcupines and raccoons are now beginning to come out from their winter homes. Please be sure to keep all foodstuffs well protected so that they aren't encouraged to inhabit human areas. Also keep your pets confined so that they don't encounter these Maine wildlife creatures.

The 2007 Unlicensed Dog Warrant has been signed by the Selectmen. All dogs that were licensed in 2007 but not yet licensed for 2008 have until 7pm April 1, 2008, to be licensed with a \$15 fine plus the cost of the license. After that time the fine will be \$25 plus the cost of license.

Gifted and Talented Program Update

By Chris Newcomb

I would like to share a few highlights of what's going on in the Advanced Learners Program at the Jordan-Small Middle School and the Raymond Elementary School this year:

- **Math programming-** a combination of pull out programming, compacting and on-line accelerated math for 14 students in grades 3-5. Compacting and an on-line accelerated math program for 17 students in grades 6-8.
- **Seminar-** every two weeks seven students in 7th and 8th grade meet in a program called Seminar. Basically this is a creative problem-solving workshop designed to get them to go beyond just supplying the right answers. These students all test very well, but we want them to think outside the box, to break the rules, to go beyond. So often, bright students learn to do as little as possible and still get A's. If we don't help them move beyond that, we are doing them a disservice. They are currently working on a script-writing project. Next week they will be going on a field trip to the Portland Museum of Art and the Institute of Contemporary Art at the Maine College of Art to see how two very talented artists have worked with a simple idea and expanded upon it to create incredible sculptures and machines.
- **Robotics-** we have two groups of students working with Lego robotics.
 - 1- on Tuesday mornings, six 5th and 6th graders meet once a week during AE with Erik Woodbrey and myself. Basically I want them to be exposed to Erik's amazing engineering mind and ability, before he is gone. I learn something from him every time we meet.
 - 2- we also have a **Robot Track Team**, which meets after school on Mondays to design and build robots to compete in the 2008 spring Robot Track Meet held in Auburn. These budding engineers are designing robots to compete in the following events: the fastest robot, the strongest robot, a slope-climbing robot (75-degree slope!), and a maze following robot. Stop by some Monday and see what they've got going.
- **Writing-** plans are afoot for a 4th grade writing workshop that will focus on reading and writing "creation" myths. In addition, some teachers are offering their students writing exercises and activities that I occasionally supply. Also, several students in 5th and 6th grade have entered national writing contests. Four have had their work accepted for this year's Creative Writing Anthology.
- **Creativity Exercises-** Occasionally, I'll visit a classroom and offer some sort of creativity exercises. They might be related to math, ELA, or any specific content, but basically they are designed to stretch the thinking of the participants. It's always a lot of fun, and some students who do not shine in the regular curriculum shine so bright in these activities that you need to wear sunglasses!

KITS at RES

by Debbie Hutchinson, Guidance Teacher

Fifteen third graders were recently named KITS. KITS are Caring Assistant Team Members (CATS) in Training. The third graders will help to model I CARE behavior in the school. The following students are the KITS for this year.

Emily Anderson	Paige Pandora
Hannah Brackett	Cameron Peavey
Mikayla Bureau	Devon Plummer
Mackenzie Fish	Derrick Richards
Louis Geller	Jordan Scarpa
Meagan Griffeth	Arissa Shaw
Rachel Jordan	Ellie Van Winkle
Jamie Keisman	

Congratulations, KITS!

Complaint Free School at RES

by Martha Spencer and Norma Richard

Did you know that it takes 21 days to break an old habit or start a new, healthier habit? At the Raymond Elementary School, staff and 3rd and 4th grade student leaders are attempting to start the habit of making our school complaint, gossip and whine free. Students and staff wearing purple bracelets are attempting to change our school into a "complaint free" place to learn and work. The goal is to wear this bracelet on the same wrist for 21 days. Each time we complain, criticize, or gossip, we put the bracelet on the other wrist and start over.

What is complaining? It's saying what you don't want instead of what you do want. If you have to ask if you're complaining, you probably are. We believe that this challenge will help us teach our students to express their wants and needs in a positive way and that it will be empowering for them. This is not an easy thing to do. No staff member has yet been successful in meeting the twenty-one day challenge. But Will Bowen, who generated this idea, says, "This is about transforming your life, not rushing through the experience. It's not a race; it's a process."

To learn more about this challenge, go to www.acomplaint-freeworld.org. Several copies of the book *A Complaint Free World* by Will Bowen are in the school library. You are welcome to borrow one if it's available. If you have questions or need support, please contact Deb Hutchinson, guidance counselor or your child's teacher.

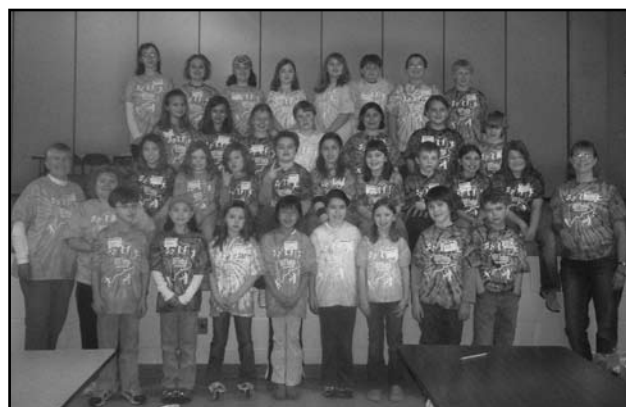
We are very excited about the potential this challenge has for creating an even more positive atmosphere at RES and for teaching children to express themselves in positive, productive ways.

RES Students Attend Music Festival

By Patti Gordan

On Saturday, March 15th, ten fourth graders from Raymond Elementary School participated in the 15th annual Orff Music Festival, held at Windham Primary School. The students spent the morning singing, folk dancing and playing instruments with students from Windham Primary and Manchester Elementary Schools. In the afternoon, they performed what they had learned for their families. Everyone had a wonderful time, and the Raymond students were outstanding representatives of our school.

Participating were Eliza Costigan, Amanda Gendron, Allison Kisel, Megan Knights, Taylor Lamarre, Anna Laprise, Greg Meader, Bailey Nassa, Evan Taylor, and Lexi Walker.



Grandparents' Day at RES

Students and staff at the Raymond Elementary School are delighted to extend an invitation to all grandparents and grand-friends to join the children on Friday, May 9, for the annual Grandparents' Day. Our honored visitors will join students in their classrooms that morning for a variety of new and old learning activities. It is always a favorite day for the children, and we are keeping our fingers crossed for a warm and sunny Friday on May 9.


A Celebration of Learning

Please Join Us on
Wednesday, May 14, for

A Celebration of Learning in Grades K – 8.

Raymond Elementary School
Academic Fair at 5pm

Jordan-Small Middle School
Science Fair at 6:30pm



Coming in May at
Raymond Elementary School

Scholastic Book Fair

May 12 - 16

During school Hours for both Raymond Elementary School and Jordan-Small Middle School at RES Library

Volunteers needed

Call now to reserve a time block

For more information:
655-44446
wtrask@maine.rr.com

Grade 3 Performance a Moving Tribute

Mrs. Malnati's third grade class performed an original song, "Our Song," at the RES March Opening on Wednesday, March 19. Mrs. Patti Gordan set their words to original music. This song was written as their hope for peace in the world as they were reading the book *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*. We want to again recognize the efforts of these children for raising \$436.10 to sponsor a Beslan, Russia, child to come to the United States for necessary surgery to live a pain-free life.

OUR SONG

This is our cry,
This is our prayer;
Peace in the world.
Can anyone hear me?
I really need you out there!
This is our cry,
This is our prayer;
Peace in the world
everywhere.



Incoming Kindergarten Students' Spring Events

SATURDAY, MAY 3: Parent orientation meeting with Ivy Jordan, Home-School Coordinator, and Norma Richard, Principal, at 9am in the RES library.

THURSDAY, MAY 15, AND FRIDAY, MAY 16: Kindergarten screenings. Call the district office at 655-8666 to schedule your screening appointment.

TUESDAY, MAY 20: Our incoming kindergarten students are invited to be our guests at the Kindergarten Concert at 1:45 in the RES gym. There will be snacks and playtime with the kindergarten children after the concert.

For any information about these events, or if you have questions about your child entering kindergarten, please contact Ivy Jordan, Home-School Coordinator, at 655-8672 ext. 108. Please leave a voice mail message as Miss Ivy is often out of the office doing home visits during this time of the year.

Jordan-Small Middle School Career Day

DATE CHANGE! - Career Day is now May 16th

The date of Career Day has changed in order to hold some activities outside without too much mud!

We are looking for businesses interested in hosting small groups of middle school students (6-10) at their workplace on that day. The objective would be for students to see a variety of career options in a single workplace. If you either work in a business that would consider hosting students, know of such a business or would like to present at the middle school that day (individually or as part of a group) please contact Lynn Davis at JSMS 655-4743.

Raymond Lions Club Scholarships

Raymond Lions Club 2008 Scholarship Applications are now available at your Guidance Offices or on the www.raymondmaine.org website under Community Organizations

The deadline for receipt of applications is May 16, 2008. Any questions, contact: Betty Y. McDermott at 655-4646 or fmcderm1@maine.rr.com.

ACES on May 7

Each May on a designated date and time millions of school children all over the globe will exercise simultaneously in a symbolic gesture of fitness and unity to show the world the importance of developing an active lifestyle starting at an early age and its impact on health throughout the lifespan.

RES and JSMS will be joining each other on the upper field to participate in ACES Day on May 7th at 10am. All children will be exercising simultaneously for 10 or 15 minutes, and we would like to invite you to join us in this fun and exciting event.

Kindergarten Registration for 2008 – 2009

Kindergarten registration and screening at the Raymond Elementary School will be held on Thursday, May 15, and Friday, May 16. There will be no kindergarten scheduled on those days so that teachers can participate in the screening.

To be eligible for kindergarten, children must meet the following requirements:

- Your child is 5 years old on or before October 15, 2008.
- You are a current Raymond resident. Proof of residency is required.
- You provide a valid birth certificate and records of updated immunization.

To register your child for kindergarten screening, please call the district office at 655-8666. Screening appointments will be scheduled starting April 12.

RED Updates

By Kristi Curtis

Raymond Extended Day Program Summer Registration

It's that time of year again. The registration dates for the 2008 Raymond Extended Day Summer Program are as follows:

CURRENT RED FAMILIES (those enrolled for the 2007-08 school year): Registration will be March 31st- April 4th

NEW RED FAMILIES: Registration will be April 7th-11th.

Registration packets can be picked up in the main office at RES or from the RED Program directly during program hours. If you have any questions concerning registration, please contact Kristi Curtis at 650-4470.

The Raymond Extended Day Program is Hiring

We are looking for staff for our 2008 summer program. The qualified candidate needs to possess the minimum of a high school diploma or GED equivalent. We are looking for people who have a passion for working with children. Experience is preferred. Please contact Kristi at 650-4470, if you are interested.



Rock-A-Thon 7th Grade Fundraiser

Dear Parents and Community: The 7th grade class is organizing a fundraiser. We are holding a Rock-A-Thon from 8pm Friday, May 2nd, to 8am Saturday, May 3rd. The students are collecting a one-time donation or can be sponsored for a dollar amount per hour of rocking for up to 12 hours. We will donate 50% of the proceeds to Camp Sunshine. If you are interested in sponsoring a "Rocker" or giving a donation, please call either Teresa Sadak at 655-5411 or Dawn Carter at 655-5013.

Raymond Students Receive Academic Honors

St. Dominic Regional High School

The principal of St. Dominic Regional High School, Mr. Donald Fournier, announces the Academic Honors for the SECOND QUARTER. The following Raymond students have achieved a 3.25 average overall, with no grade below 2.70, and are therefore on SECOND HONORS:

Grade 10: Ethan Ward

Grade 9: Kyle Hargreaves

Snow Is Our Friend

by J. Merrill, JSMS - PE Program

The JSMS Physical Education Program welcomed February's and March's winter snow. It allowed us to use our snowshoes and cross country skis and explore Maine's beautiful winter wonderland. Last year the shoes and skis sat idle in the equipment rooms, as we did not have enough snow to get outside. Not so this year. Lots of fun, adventure and fresh air was experienced by our 5th-8th grade students. By the end of the unit, most students became very proficient in their skiing abilities, as we tromped through the woods behind the school and ventured out on the power lines and snowmobile trails. Some students worked on 360 jump/turns, while others did their best to brave the hill by the lower baseball field. A good time was had by all.

Notes from the Code Enforcement Office

By Will Cook

Nailed

Ah, spring; time to get a hammer and nails and repair the winter storm damage. For inspiration, here is some nail trivia that you never thought to ponder.

Nails date back to the Bronze Age (3,400 BC) in Egypt. The word "nail" comes from the old English word for claw or fingernail, probably because when you pick up a hammer, you are going to hit one or the other. For over 5,000 years, nails were made by hand. "Slitters" cut up iron bars in nail lengths and "nailers" added points and heads to create nails. In the late 1500's the slitting mill allowed nails to be produced in uniform sizes. In colonial America, nails were scarce. Abandoned houses were burned to recover the nails used in their construction. Mass production of cut nails began in the late 1700's. Cutting mills were notoriously loud. Thomas Jefferson had a nail cutting mill at Monticello. Cut nails are still used, for example in flooring, because they do not pull out as easily as a wire nail. By the late 1800's, cut nails were replaced by mass produced wire nails in a variety of sizes and types.

In America and Canada, nails are graded according to their size by "pennies" or "d." Other countries refer to nail sizes by length and diameter. The term "penny" refers to the cost of 100 nails of the various sizes during the 1600's when nail sizes became uniform. A 2d nail is one inch long; shorter nails are called "brads." A 60d nail is 6 inches long; longer nails are called "spikes."

Nails also come in different shapes. A common nail has a head to hold joints together; a box nail is a thin common nail. Finish nails have small heads and can be countersunk and concealed. Flooring nails have a fluted shaft that makes them difficult to pull out. Roofing nails are short, with a large diameter and large head.

Most nails are made of steel and can rust. Bright nails are unfinished steel and should only be used for interior projects. Galvanized nails are coated with zinc. Electrogalvanized zinc nails are smooth; hot-dipped nails have a rougher thick coating. Zinc does not corrode as easily as steel, but if a zinc coated nail is used with cedar, redwood, or some pressure treated woods, the zinc will corrode and cause streaking on the wood. When working with cedar or similar woods, a stainless steel or aluminum nail must be used.

The building code requires that wood frame construction utilize the correct quantity and size of nails. For example, wall construction requires 2-3 16d nails for most joints. Most sheathing requires 8d nails 6" apart on the edges and 12" apart interior. Follow the manufacturer's requirements for fastener use on joist hangers. For most applications, 2/3 of a nail should be in the material that the wood is being nailed to.

So get out and swing your hammer. Just be sure you are hitting the right nail, definitely not the one on your thumb!

New Student Registrations in Raymond

New families moving into the Raymond community are encouraged to register their students for the 2008 - 2009 school year.

Proof of Raymond residency is required at time of registration.

Elementary students in grades 1-4 should contact Miss Mindy or Ms. Richard, Principal, at 655-8672.

Middle school students entering grades 5-8 should call Kerry Glew or Mr. Crockett, Principal, at 655-4743.

High school students (grades 9-12) are required to register through the Raymond Superintendent of Schools' office located at the Raymond Elementary School.

The district office can be reached at 655-8666.

Commercial Corridor Planning

The town of Raymond has developed design guidelines in order to achieve its vision for the Commercial Corridor of town, which is the stretch of Route 302 from the Windham town line to the intersection with Main Street/Route 121. To fulfill this vision the town will strive to facilitate and encourage redevelopment of underutilized sites and incongruous buildings within the Commercial Corridor, while maintaining the traffic flow and safety of this road, which serves as a vital transportation link for the lakes region and beyond.

As the town moves forward in its efforts to achieve this vision, it will promote consensus-based processes for future planning, development projects and review procedures. The town will also emphasize the importance of cooperative efforts among properties along the Commercial Corridor in order to most efficiently utilize space & resources and to provide for connectivity among and between businesses.

These guidelines alone are not likely to be sufficient to encourage substantial redevelopment along the Commercial Corridor. In order to achieve the village character the town seeks and to support redevelopment, the town will revise zoning regulations for the Commercial Corridor to allow for an increase in the amount of space for commercial uses in conjunction with the implementation of these design guidelines. The guidelines and the zoning changes are complementary and inseparable pieces for achieving the vision.

Vision

The section of Route 302 from the Windham town line to the intersection with Main Street/Route 121 will be recognized as the downtown of Raymond and will look, feel, and function as a linear village with lively year-round business and active, inviting, and safe pedestrian spaces and walkways. Route 302, the roadway through this commercial village, will continue to function as a transportation corridor that moves traffic safely and efficiently through the region, but will also serve as a safe and easy-to-navigate local link between the various sections of the commercial village. Residential areas outside of the commercial village will have safe and dependable pedestrian and bicycle routes linking them to the commercial village. All parts of the commercial village will be linked together with safe and dependable pedestrian and bicycle routes.

While the density of the commercial village will vary from one site to another, in general the land within the commercial village will offer more commercial space than currently exists by allowing development of larger buildings and reduction of setbacks. Shared parking arrangements will

Raymond Hosting Compost Bin Sale

The Town of Raymond is planning to hold a backyard Compost Bin, Kitchen Waste Pail, and Wingdigger Sale for Earth Day 2008.

Tired of seeing all of those kitchen leftovers from preparing meals and snacks get thrown out in the trash or eaten by critters in your makeshift composting bin in the backyard? Here's your chance to turn those scraps into nutrient rich soil.

As part of Earth Day 2008 celebrations, Raymond is participating in a statewide backyard composting bin sale. Through April 11th, 2008, a home compost bin and how-to guide with a combined retail value of \$80 can be purchased for only \$37.50 (tax included). The bin is black, has a 10-year warranty, and is made of 100% recycled plastic. It's approximately 35" high and 33" wide, or large enough for a family of five. Kitchen Waste Pails, for all your kitchen food scraps, are also available for sale at \$8 each. This year the Wingdigger has been added for \$16.50. The Wingdigger is a tool to turn the compost in your bin.

It's estimated that 25 percent of the average household's waste consists of yard trimmings and kitchen scraps, which can be easily composted. Raymond's residents can save money for every ton of waste they compost because it is not shipped out of town for disposal.

Contact Louise Lester, Raymond Town Clerk, to learn more or to obtain an order form at 207-655-4742 ext. 21 or louise.lester@raymondmaine.org. Raymond already recycles many of its disposables. Let's increase our recycling while helping our gardens grow! This promotion is not just for Raymond residents – anyone can order.

serve to minimize the size of parking lots; and site design, landscaping, screening, building placement, and building design will lead to a visually pleasing and cohesive village-like atmosphere. Street corners will stand out as particularly distinctive and important visual elements to the

commercial village. The commercial village will contain small open spaces and public amenities throughout to enhance its appearance and support pedestrian use.

Buildings will be designed on a "pedestrian scale" appropriate for the commercial village: closer to the road with parking generally in the rear or to the sides of the buildings. Buildings will generally be in close proximity to one another and oriented so the building has greater depth than width and, though varying in height, commonly three stories high. Architecture will consider scale, form, orientation, height, massing, materials and architectural features. They will exhibit a New England vernacular, with a range of materials and colors but generally in keeping with those found historically in the New England region.

Landscaping plans shall be provided, for all new or redeveloped sites, which delineate site elements with plant materials that maintain integrity and interest year round, and provide shade in the summer. Sites will be designed to afford appropriate screening, buffering or other separation between commercial sites and any abutting residential uses. Landscaping will help create attractive areas safely separated from the road where pedestrians feel comfortable and may be used to emphasize entrances to buildings and delineate major circulation patterns.

Lighting throughout the commercial village will provide for a high level of visibility and safety. There will be cohesive lighting treatment across properties, and light intrusion on abutting property will be avoided.

Signage will be uncluttered, simple, legible and high quality in order to create a distinctive commercial village corridor and to minimize visual clutter. Signs will be limited in size and in the number and variety of fonts and colors. The amount of content will be restricted to identification of the entity without unnecessary slogans, advertising or contact information.

Workshop

These proposed changes have significant impact, and your input is vital. The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee encourages your participation in the upcoming workshop on April 17 at the JSMS Cafeteria at 7pm.

For more information contact:
Jim Stephenson: drjimmsteph@hotmail.com or
Christine McClellan:
christine.mcclellan@raymondmaine.org

We're adding Music and Memories to the Menu for our

March Saturday Night Supper!

Saturday, March 29th from 5 to 6 p.m.

at the Casco Village Church
United Church of Christ
Route 121 in Casco Village.

Enjoy delicious casseroles, baked beans, salads, rolls and of course hot Beneficio coffee and home-made desserts!

All for only \$7 adults and \$4 children under 12.

We'll be groovin' to the old tunes and sharing some music trivia.

Join us for a night of music, memories, and serious mouth-watering!

Who knows what great memory might surface that you just have to sing along with!

Sponsored by the Music Committee

Raymond to Have a Hazardous Waste Day

Plans are being made to provide a Hazardous Waste Day next summer. Dates have not been confirmed, but the location will be at the sand/salt shed in CASCO across from the entrance to the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility on Leach Hill Road in Casco.

Some of the items that can be deposited are: oil based paint, antifreeze, cleaners, polishes, solvents, transmission fluid, gasoline, herbicides, pesticides, poisons, fertilizers, lighter fluid, moth balls, and mercury containing items. There will be a 50% charge for your waste to be determined by the hazardous waste contractor.

For more information call the Town Office 655-4742 ext. 21.

Maine Youth Excellence in Art

A program that celebrates the work of Maine's student artists

In 2004, First Lady Karen Baldacci led efforts to create a program that celebrates student art from across Maine. This initiative, the Maine Youth Excellence In Art (MYEIA) invites students and art instructors from across the state to submit art pieces to be displayed in the Capitol complex. Over a three-year period, every school in Maine will have an opportunity to submit one piece of two-dimensional art, including prints, paintings, drawings, and photographs. The artwork will be displayed at the State House, the Blaine House, the Burton M. Cross Office Building, and the Maine Cultural Building.

For 2008, the artwork from five Raymond students were selected to be displayed in the Burton M. Cross Office Building. The students were invited to a tea at the Blaine House where First Lady Karen Baldacci presented a certificate and medal to the students. Raymond students whose artwork was selected were:

Ashley Cormier, *Still Life*

Caitlyn Dyke, *Like Piet Mondrian with Fragments*

Ethan Winde and Ryan Plummer, *D. Ipcar Inspired Animals*

Erik Woodbrey, *Still Life*

Property Tax and Rent Relief "Circuit Breaker" Program

DEADLINE June 2, 2008

Applications are available at the Town Office or online at www.maine.gov/revenue or write to Maine Revenue Services, PO Box 9116, Augusta, Maine 04332-9116

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

Call for forms: 207-624-7894; and also at the Raymond Town Office

Refund Information: 207-626-8461

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

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

The Ladybugs Go to the Vet's

by Mrs. Pat Allen

Mrs. Allen's "Ladybug" Kindergarteners went for a class trip to the Jordan Bay Animal Hospital this month. We have been learning about community resources and are involved in a social studies unit on "Goods & Services." Dr. and Mrs. Riddell and their staff informed the children all about the services they provide in their hospital. They showed them some of the products they sell and store for sick and healthy pets. They explained the importance and practices of good pet care. The children had a wonderful time seeing firsthand all the rooms and equipment they have in the hospital. They children enjoyed telling them about all their pets, but the highlight of the trip was meeting and petting their dog "Molly"! The children have been learning about veterinarians and pet care in their classroom by bringing in their stuffed pets to care for each day with supplies and job responsibility charts in our Pet Corner. We'd like to thank Dr. and Mrs. Riddell for providing us with such an authentic learning experience.

If you would like to see pictures of the kindergarten community visits, including the visit to Hannaford's, please visit the kindergarten teachers' pages at: www.raymondmaine.org/res/Classroom_Pages/ClassroomFrame.html.

Community Service Updates

By Barb Loux

Community Service classes at JSMS have been continuing to "help" at RES on a regular basis. We are stressing the importance of being good role models and learning how to work with and teach younger students.

We have had several trips to the Wayside Soup Kitchen. This continues to be an area where we are learning compassion for others and recognizing other people's difficult situations. There is a regular group of Raymond high school students who go to the soup kitchen on the first Monday of every month. This is open to any Raymond teen who would like community service hours. Call Ms Loux at 655-4743, if you need more details.

We sponsored a dance to benefit the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society. The cost for the dance was several donated items in exchange for getting into the dance. We are always collecting for this great cause. We also conducted a bake sale at the dance. Several classes used their time to bake the food that we sold.

One 8th grade class wanted to thank the public works department in Raymond. We made a platter of cookies for them to enjoy. Hope that it was yummy!

Several classes are collecting used cell phones. This is to benefit women who are victims of domestic violence. Every cell phone can be turned into money to benefit this cause. There are boxes at both schools if you would like to donate your used cell phone.

We will be walking in the spring Make a Wish walk in May. We will keep you posted on the details of this event. Last year it was a fun time, and we raised quite a bit of money for the Make a Wish Foundation.

Another trip is planned to help out at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. This is always an eye opening trip for children. Again the purpose is to learn compassion and to be able to offer some sunshine in the afternoon of a sick child. We had one trip around Valentines Day, but so many children are interested in doing this that I have scheduled a second trip.

We are working on a recycling project for the town of Raymond. Some 8th grade students are organizing a video on how we can recycle in the town. Look for it on Channel 2 or 3.

Project Aware had to be re-scheduled because of winter storms. We are still working on a presentation for the parents. Any questions or comments? Please call Ms. Loux, LCSW, at 655-4743 (x 107).

Second Half Tax Billing

The second half tax billing is expected to be mailed by March 31, 2008. The second half taxes are due April 30, 2008. If you haven't received a tax bill by April 15th, please call Donna Lovely, Deputy Tax Collector, at the Town Office 655-4742 ext. 22.

All taxes for 2007-2008 are due by June 30, 2008. If property taxes are not paid by June 30th, the name(s) of the property owner(s) will appear in the Town Report published before Town Meeting 2009.

Tassel Top Park and Beach

By Ranger Sue

Being the eternal optimist, I am going to say that spring is coming and with that are thoughts of warm, sunny days. Soon the snow will be gone, and the crew will be at the park getting ready for our Raymond friends as well as the visitors from all over the world who also frequent our beach. We appreciate your patronage and your support, along with your uplifting comments regarding the improvements made to the park. We are also working on some new projects for this year and will keep you updated here as time passes.

Did you know that every season we have people come to the beach who have lived in Raymond "forever" and "never knew we were here"? We need to spread the word! Everybody knows somebody, so tell your friends and neighbors about the park **and** about our cabin rentals. Tassel Top has a truly unique vacation experience waiting for you or a friend that affords fun and privacy even though it is a public park. We have weekly and daily rentals depending on the time in our season. The park is a perfect place for business meetings, reward barbeques, yoga, breathing classes and seminars of many kinds. Please call Ranger Sue at 655-4441 or leave a message at the Town Office, 655-4742 ex 32.

Once again, we are offering a raffle, which will be held during the annual Town Meeting. This is offered to any **year round** Raymond resident who is 21 years or older. Fill out the ticket found in the Road Runner and either mail it to the Town Office or bring it with you to the meeting. The winner will get a free off-season weekend at the Tassel Top cabins. Good luck and happy spring!

Tassel Top Cabin Rental Raffle



Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

- Entrant must be the person named on this ticket
- Entrant must be 21 years old or older
- Entrant must be a year round Raymond resident



Spring Fever Crop

to benefit the Raymond PTO
Sat., May 10th
9am - 5pm
Raymond Elementary School gym
434 Webbs Mills Road (Rt. 85)
Raymond, ME

Create a beautiful Mother's Day card or complete that special project for Mom

\$25 registration fee includes:

- 8 hours of scrapbooking
- 4 feet of crop space
- Lunch and morning refreshments
- Goodie Bags
- Hourly Giveaways
- Beginner's Class
- Free Make & Takes



Raffle items and a 50/50 drawing will also be available. Vendors will be present for your shopping needs.

Please respond by April 25th.

First 5 registrants will receive a special gift. Sorry, no children under 15 years of age.

To Register:

Please send a \$25 check made payable to:
Raymond PTO
Attn: Spring Fever Crop
434 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone No.: _____ E-mail Address: _____
List any fellow croppers you'd like to sit with: _____

Indicate sandwich preference: Circle **HAM** or **TURKEY**

Would you be interested in a Beginner's Class? Circle **YES** or **NO**

*Any questions or comments, please e-mail Deb Cutten at dcutten@maine.rr.com
Directions will be sent with confirmation.*

Maine's Sex Offender Registry Needs Changes

By Senator Bill Diamond

This legislative session is in the final and most important few weeks, as major issues still need to be resolved. My committee, Criminal Justice and Public Safety, has been working on several critical issues including budget issues, jail consolidation and creating an efficient and reliable Sex Offender Registry (SOR) for Maine which meets constitutional scrutiny. Maine's current SOR, which was written several years ago, does not provide reliable information for the public and furthermore does not include a tier system which establishes a risk level assigned to all registrants. It's important for the public to be able to distinguish between "no risk - low risk" registrants and "high risk" registrants.

In addition to the above mentioned flaws, the Maine Supreme Court has indicated that the retroactivity portion of Maine's SOR should be reevaluated by the Superior Court due to potential constitutional conflicts. Currently, Maine law requires that convicted sex offenders must be placed on the SOR either for 10 years or for life depending on the type of offense that was committed. Maine law also requires that those who have been convicted of a sex offense as far back as 1982 must be placed on the SOR. Convictions during the 10 year period of 1982-1992 were later required to be added to the SOR, which was not in existence at the time of their convictions. This is another one of the areas that the Supreme Court has indicated needs review.

There are now several lawsuits filed against Maine's SOR, and it is important that we do all we can to identify and change the potentially unconstitutional segments of our law so that it can meet the designed purpose of being an effective safety tool for the public.

Our committee has been working to create a tier system for the SOR, as mentioned above, which will be based on the risk level of the offender. For example, an offender who is considered to be a higher risk to the public would be placed in a Tier 3 category. Someone with a lesser risk consideration would be placed in a Tier 2 category, and those who are defined as low risk would be assigned to a Tier 1 category. An example of a Tier 1 offender would be someone who had consensual sex with a partner, but because of an age

difference would have been in violation of the law.

The most widely known example on our records is of high school students who were later married and have a family, but during their relationship while in high school the male was older and the female younger and thus any sexual relations were in violation of the law. The male later had to register as a sex offender even though he became the husband of the female and has been an upstanding member of his community ever since. Nobody considers him to be a risk to the public, yet under current Maine law he must register with the same sex offenders who are considered to be a high risk to the public. The public needs to have a SOR which makes the proper distinctions.

Added to all of this is the fact that Congress just passed a new sex offender law known as the "Adam Walsh Act," which contains many new stipulations such as a requirement that juvenile offenders must be placed on the registry. This has generated a lot of concerns around the country, since a variety of studies has shown that young offenders may not be of the same mental capacity as adults who commit these offenses.

So when you add up all of the pieces of the puzzle, we see that Maine's SOR law is in need of change in an effort to provide a more reliable safety tool for the public and to provide equity. Also, the Maine Supreme Court has stated that the retroactive portion of our current SOR may be in violation of the constitution, and lastly there is a new federal SOR law which brings many new changes for consideration.

My committee has already stated that we are determined to create the best possible SOR for Maine, one that will be an efficient and reliable safety tool for the public and fair in terms of determining risk levels of offenders.

I would be interested in your comments and thoughts.

State Senator Bill Diamond (D-Windham) can be contacted via phone at the Senate Chamber, Augusta, ME 04333, Tel.: 1-800-423-6900 or e-mailed at diamondhollyd@aol.com

Mystery Dinner Theatre

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church will be a presenting hilarious Mystery Dinner Theatre offering, "Mother Goose's Grim Tales," on Saturday, March 29th, at 6:30pm; Friday, April 4th, at 7pm; and Saturday, April 5th, again at 6:30pm. The dinner theatre will be held at Spring Meadows Banquet Center on Rt. 100 in Gray.

This outrageous production pokes fun at the uptight "Politically Correct" atmosphere of the 1990s. See your favorite childhood characters as they take part in the Annual Nursery Land Banquet. One of the outlandish characters is sure to end up dead...

Come and try to solve the mystery before our detective can. Compete with other tables to see who will win the evening's prizes. Tickets are \$30 per person including show, dinner, dessert and gratuity. The Good Shepherd Players have made a name for themselves in Mystery Dinner Theatre productions. If you have not yet attended a Mystery Dinner Theatre, be sure to see this one. Tables of 8 may be reserved for a reduced price of \$220. (\$27.50 per person). Call Michelle at 657-3880 for reservations, e-mail m4deroche@securespeed.net or check out our website, including dinner theatre menu, at www.goodshepumc.org.

Moose Permits Available

The 2008 Moose Permit applications are available at the Town Office. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2008, or delivered to 284 State Street, Augusta, Maine, by 5pm. Apply online until 11:59pm, April 1, 2008, at: www.mefishwildlife.com



Season dates: September 22 through September 27 (WMDs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 19) or

October 13 through October 18 (WMDs 1 through 14, 17, 18, 19, 27, 28)

Number of permits: 3,015 permits available.

For more information, call 207-287-8000 or e-mail ifw.online@maine.gov

Household Trash Pickup

By Louise Lester, Town Clerk

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

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

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

Photos Needed for the 2007 Town Report

We are in the process of gathering reports and information for the 2007 Town Report. If you have any Raymond photographs showing our life and times in Raymond, please forward them to Louise Lester, Town Clerk, by US mail or e-mail. We can use photos commercially printed or digital, color or black & white.

Louise Lester, Town Clerk
louise.lester@raymondmaine.org
Town of Raymond
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Me 04071

What Is the Raymond Lions Club?

It is not a secret organization with secret handshakes and passwords. It is not a fraternal organization. It is not a social club.

This is a group of service-minded individuals in Raymond that came together 11 years ago to try to make Raymond a better place for all. It has benefited the poor, the elderly, those with poor eyesight, the voters, the schools, children riding bicycles, the disabled who want to use Tassel Top beach, and children with life threatening diseases through Camp Sunshine and Camp Carefree. It has also benefited all those who use the Raymond Village Library, the Cub Scouts, those who are proud of our veterans and Raymond's Veterans Memorial Park, and those who participate in Raymond's Youth Baseball program.

Through both the town and its own scholarship programs, many graduating seniors and also non-traditional college and trade school attendees have been helped. Sight- and hearing-impaired people in Central America and the Caribbean have been assisted with hearing aids, glasses and sight-restoring operations. Many Maine individuals have received life-saving blood products

Through Lions Clubs International, aid has been provided worldwide, including the U.S., through its charitable arm, Lions Clubs International Foundation, for the sight-impaired, those threatened with "River Blindness" in tropical countries and victims of natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes and tsunamis. In just the last 6½ years we have donated over \$64,000 to the items above, and the list does not cover everything. We have also awarded \$8,450 in Lions Club scholarships in the past 4 or 5 years. This does not include the hours spent on projects.

We were chartered with 26 members, and we've added a few. But we have also lost several due to job transfers, job changes, moving out of state or out of the immediate area and death. We are now down to 10. We cannot function effectively with so small a group. We do not ask for a lot of time from members. A dinner and meeting. Contribute some time to a project. That's it. We do meet the 1st & 3rd Thursdays September through June, and members are asked to attend meetings but are not required to make them all or even a majority. Everyone has a lot on their plates, especially those with children. But here's an opportunity to join with likeminded people across the world to do things for your children right here in Raymond and for people everywhere that need help.

What do Raymond Lions Club members get from the club? We get an opportunity to share a meal with other members and to work with those members to follow the Lions Club motto, "We Serve." We do get to feel good when we help those who may be less fortunate than we are. We do not benefit financially, build our businesses or network with other members of the business community. We are fined if we promote our business, if we have one. We cannot discuss religion or partisan politics. It costs us as much time as we feel we can devote to Lions and its projects, plus some dollars out of our pockets equal to a couple of take-out pizzas a month. This last is because we cannot use any funds raised from the public to cover the expenses of operating the group.

If you feel that Raymond would not miss the Lions Club, that's OK. But if you feel that this group has been an asset to the town and its residents, and you do not want it to go away, please contact one of the following members: Dale Gilman 655-4114 dale&caryl@fairpoint.net, Bob Wallace 655-2222 rwallac2@maine.rr.com, Betty McDermott 655-4646 fmcderm1@maine.rr.com, Tom Carter 655-2181 tcarter@maine.rr.com, Bob Gilmore 657-7877 dorisebob@securespeed.us, Kathi Jones 655-3635 kokokathi02@yahoo.com.

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.

Raymond Recreation Skiing: Wednesday 1/ Raymond Elementary School

By Program Director Beth Clark

With a season filled with tons of natural snow, excellent conditions and approximately 50 eager skiers and snowboarders in grades 1-4, one would have thought this would make for a banner year of skiing and riding. Unfortunately, just about every snowstorm we received fell on a Wednesday, forcing us to postpone or cancel about half of our visits to Shawnee Peak. Due to this fact, we pushed one week to the end of the season, and passed out vouchers for the other missed weeks. Our last day was March 12 – in the light falling snow. How appropriate!

Regardless of this “minor” setback, we had a wonderful season, with many first timers who will come away from the program this year with some new skills and a desire to return again next season. I look forward to seeing all of their smiling faces next winter!

Again this season, 1st & 2nd grade students were invited to participate in the program, as long as they were accompanied by a skiing parent or adult chaperone. We ended up with 9 first graders, 5 second graders, 14 third graders and 22 fourth graders. Twelve of our participants were snowboarders, and 38 were skiers.

Raymond Recreation relies heavily on volunteers to help make our programs run. This season, “Wed. 1/ RES Ski” was extremely blessed with just under 40 community volunteers, consisting primarily of parents. Among the community volunteers, we also had a couple of awesome young men, who got their start with the Raymond Recreation Ski/Snowboard Program and are now giving back! Way to go Cody Winde and Steve Clark.

The other community volunteers and parents are as follows:

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| Deb & Dave Adams | Will Chapman |
| Cheryl Laz | Andy Sangster |
| Kathy Anaka | Lisa Chim |
| Carol Meader | Gordon Street |
| Tracy Doyon | Eric & Carrie Colby |
| Chris Mulvihill | Tony Costigan |
| Jason Ayer | Tom & Lynne Dostie |
| Chris & Shannon Nassa | Chris Flynn |
| Joe Badgwick | Tom & Karen Gordon |
| Martha Page | Nelson Henry |
| Tracy Beckerman | Rusty & Renee Jordan |
| Kim Plummer | Wayne Lamarre |
| Deb, Bryan & Jane Brackett | Jan Lamontagne |
| Aniko Pongratz | Colleen Laprise |

Thanks so much to everyone who helped out! See you all next season!

Raymond Rec Wednesday Ski — JSMS

By Brenda Olsen, Director

Despite the fact that our program followed the stormy weather pattern this year, it was a good ski season! We had four cancellations out of a total of seven scheduled program weeks! This meant we extended all the way to March 19th. Parents: remember that any vouchers you have are valid until December 31, 2008. We had 38 participants in our program: 16 snowboarders and 22 skiers.

This is a strictly volunteer program. All of our ski and snowboard volunteers take time from work and home to help with teaching and chaperoning. It may seem a bit early to be soliciting volunteers for the 2008-2009 season, but we are still in need of experienced snowboarding chaperones. If you are 18 years of age and have snowboard experience, we can use your help! We will provide a lesson for teaching, or you can choose only to snowboard as a chaperone. Please think about this as you make your plans for work or school next year.

In the meantime, I want to say a big thank you to all my volunteers this year! Volunteers in the program this year included:

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| Chris Flynn | John Rand |
| Eric and Lisa Levinsky | Tom & Lynne Dostie |
| David Hurd | Steven Clark |
| Joe Badgwick | Cody Winde |
| Mary Cerino | Meg Gresh |
| Steve Nadeau | Kim Allen |
| Lori DiBiase | Deb & David Adams |
| Shannon Boyington | Laura Jo Cunningham |
| David Hanson | Morgan & Jon Riley |

Great Outdoor Summer Job!

\$10/hour on Raymond Lakes

Three Lakes Protection Rangers Needed

The Raymond Waterways Protective Association (RWPA) is seeking applications for three Lakes Protection Rangers based in Raymond, Maine.

The primary duties of this position will include: inspecting boats and trailers at launch sites in Raymond during busy times; educating all users of our waterways (boaters, residents, friends/relations, renters, rental agencies) about the risks of milfoil/invasive aquatic plants (IAP) and the importance of cleaning boats and gear; working with trained volunteers to identify plants and properly report and manage any confirmed plant colonies; and monitoring our lakes for milfoil and other IAP.

- Hours: 20-25 hours/week (both weekend days included), June - August
- Compensation: \$10/hour

Prior experience with milfoil/IAP is preferred but not required. RWPA will pay for training (boat inspection, plant identification). Familiarity with lake water quality issues (i.e. non-point source pollution, erosion control, vegetative buffers) or other natural resource/ranger experience will be considered a benefit.

Send a resume by Wednesday, May 1st, to:

Raymond Waterways Protective Association
Attn: Lakes Protection Ranger
P.O. Box 1243
Raymond, ME 04071-1243

Poison Control

The Northern New England Poison Center is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The center is located in Portland at Maine Medical Center and manages calls from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. The staff at NNEPC comprises nurses, pharmacists and others trained in emergency medical services.

The staff is available at 1-800-222-1222 to help with emergencies and to answer general questions about:

- Exposures
- Medication safety
- Drug interactions
- Pill identifications
- Side effects
- Pet exposures

Information, updates and newsletters are available on the website at: www.nnepc.org

April 1st Deadline for Property Tax Exemptions

The Town of Raymond and the State of Maine provide the opportunity for residents to get certain exemptions from the property tax. These exemptions represent a certain amount of value that will be subtracted from your total real estate property valuation. The values may vary from year to year. If you qualify, the exemption(s) will apply to the 2008-2009 tax year.

- Homestead Exemption: If the owner is a legal resident of Raymond, come to the Town Office and fill out an easy one-sided application.
- Veterans Exemption: If the owner is 62 years of age by April 1st, a veteran of a federally recognized war period, and can provide an honorable discharge DD214, come into the Assessing Office and apply.
- Blind Exemption: If the owner is legally blind and can provide a note from his/her doctor stating that fact, come into the Assessing Office and apply.

Raymond Recreation Association Tennis

The Raymond Recreation Association will offer a tennis program to children in the 3rd and 4th grades. Sessions will begin on Wednesday, April 30th, and continue for 5 Wednesdays through May 28th. There is a \$5 donation per student for the entire program.

Lessons will be held at Village Tennis on Mill Street in Raymond and will begin at 12:45 and run until 1:45pm. The school bus will deliver students to the tennis courts, and parents should arrange to meet children after class. Participants must wear tennis or other court type shoes and bring tennis rackets and comfortable clothes. To arrange for racket loan, call the number below.

Registration forms will be distributed at school the week of April 7, to be returned by April 11. If you have not registered by that date, phone Pat at 655 4657. Enrollment will be limited to 30 students.

If you are able to help with the program or for more information, please call Pat at the number above.

Raymond-Casco Historical Society News

By Anne Miller

The Raymond-Casco Historical Society meets every second Monday each month. At the February meeting Skip Watkins, benefactor of the new museum, gave members an update on the progress of the building, which is located on Route 302 in South Casco. The interior walls of the barn are covered with sixteen-inch rough sawn barn boards harvested from the Watkins property. The ceiling and floor tile have been installed in the conference/research room and the office area. The building is now heated and ready to host the April meeting.

The RCHS is ready now to accept donated items for the museum. Please call RCHS historians Elizabeth Bullen at 998-3123 or Laurie Cook at 627-7348 to discuss acceptance. All donations if accepted will be photographed and documented. You may just want to loan an item to the museum, in which case you will receive a written agreement. It was pointed out at the March meeting that in order for the museum to be open to the public throughout the summer months many volunteers will be needed. RCHS members are asking area residents to please consider donating time to the new museum and are urged to sign up now. You may call Anne Miller at 627-4989, if you are interested.

RCHS's next meeting will be held on Monday, April 14th, at 7pm at the Museum, which is located almost across from the Watkins Farm Stand. The barn is quite an eye catcher from the highway. It has a magnificent painted mural depicting the Raymond steamboat landing and the Casco stagecoach picking up tourists.

Please join the RCHS as we start on this new, exciting venture and plan for future generations. The Raymond-Casco Historical Museum will be not only a wonderful tourist attraction for our summer visitors but will educate our young people. They will be able to see how the early settlers of Raymond and Casco conquered cold, snowy winters and tolerated hot summers, how they planted their crops, built their homesteads and lived through it all with a lot less than we have today! Generations of the same families that settled in Raymondtown and Casco before the Revolutionary War still reside in this area, often in the same homestead.

Let's make our museum a wonderful place--a place we can all be proud of, a place we can say we all took part in. Join us today and get involved.

For more info about the Raymond-Casco Historical Society call Wayne Holmquist, RCHS President, at 655-7672 or visit our website at www.raymondmaine.org/historical_society.

Do You Know These Pictures?

These photos were taken around the 1910s in Webb's Mills, Casco. The building in the background with the steeple is the Webb's Mills schoolhouse.

The pictured men may have been part of the Plattsburgh Movement (1913-1920), which began before World War I. Organized in Plattsburgh, New York, its purpose was military preparedness and for the training of potential U.S. Army officers.

Please help the Raymond-Casco Historical Society find the whole story behind these images!

Contact Elizabeth at bullen04039@yahoo.com or Wayne at 655-7672.



Jordan-Small Middle School Drama Club



PRESENTS

From the Broadway Junior Collection. Produced by Special Arrangement with Music Theater International. Music by Stephen Flaherty, Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty.

Co-conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle

Based on the works of Dr. Seuss! Music Supervised, Adapted and Produced by Bryan Louiselle

Friday April 4th and Saturday April 5th
Time: 7pm

Place: Jordan-Small Gym
Cost: \$5 adults/students
\$2 children under 5

Tickets available at the door. Doors open at 6pm

"Seussical the Musical" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI, 421 West 54th Street, New York NY 10019.

Tel: 212-541-4684 Fax: 212-397-4684
www.MTIShows.com

New Bulky Waste Stickers Needed

Beginning January 2008 in order to deliver refuse to the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility you will need a new round yellow vehicle window sticker. You can pick up your sticker at the Town Office at no charge.

You can still use your 2007-2008 green coupons with or without a new window sticker. However, if you run out of coupons, you will need a new sticker to get the town rate.

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.

Town of Raymond Nomination Papers Are Available

FOR THE OFFICES OF
 SELECTMAN (2 positions),
 SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2 positions),
 and BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE (4 positions)

Nomination paper return deadline is Friday, April 25, 2008, at 4pm

For more information:
 Louise Lester, Town Clerk,
 655-4742 ext.21 or
louise.lester@raymondmaine.org

The Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce Plans Events in April

By Michael McClellan

Join the Chamber as we offer two events that will provide marketing and networking appeal to all Lakes Region businesses as well as to those who wish to work in the Lakes Region. On Saturday April 12, 2008, we will host the Third Annual Lakes Business Showcase. This day is a celebration of all that is good in the business community. The event is priced low so that all businesses can afford a space to meet both the public and other businesses. The event will again be held at Lake Region High School and will go from 9am to 3pm. The Naples Lions Club will be on hand to serve food, and the event is open to the public--at no charge. This event is a great way to showcase your business, meet peer business owners and also the public. Great booth deals to GBLRCC members! There will be many door prizes and surprises at every booth. Our thanks in advance for Lake Region TV's willingness to film the day--a great deal for you, as well. To join over 50 other business participants for the Third Annual Lakes Business Showcase, contact the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce at 207-647-3472.

Sponsors for the event include:

Platinum Sponsors

The Employment Times, Turner Publishing

Gold Sponsors

Diane Reo/State Farm Insurance, RoyAl Technology Management, Mainebiz

Silver Sponsors

J.C. Mobility Solutions, Norway Savings Bank, Evergreen Credit Union, Chalmers Insurance, Bridgton Hospital, Coastal Payment Consulting

Bronze Sponsors

Harbor View Lending, Point Sebago Resort, Hancock Lumber

The GBLR Chamber will hold its Annual Dinner on April 25, a Friday. The dinner will be held at Bridgton Academy in Bridgton, and the theme for the night is to honor the 200th year of Bridgton Academy. Retiring Head Master David Hursty will give the Keynote Presentation, and we again will honor Chamber members with a series of awards, which are being voted on now. Tickets for the event can be purchased through the Chamber Information Center at 207-647-3472. This is a special night in the life of the Chamber, and we hope you will consider joining us.

Sponsors for the night include:

Gold - Norway Savings Bank, FairPoint Communications

Silver - Raymond Village Florist, Ginnie Moran

Bronze - Hancock Lumber

Compost Bin Order Deadline April 7th

You have until April 7th to place your order for the Maine Resource Recovery Association compost bin sale. Orders will be taken at the Town Office at \$39.50 each (tax included). Checks should be written to "MRRRA" (Maine Resource Recovery Association).

These bins have a 10-year warranty and are made of 100% recycled black plastic. They are approximately a 40-gallon size, 35" high and 33" wide. It is estimated that Raymond residents can save \$95 for every ton of waste they compost.

A covered kitchen scrap pail is also available for \$10.50 each. Both these items are displayed at the Town Office.

These bins and pails will be available for delivery on or about May 5th.

For order blanks and ordering, please contact:

Louise Lester, Town Clerk
 Raymond Town Office
 401 Webbs Mills Road
 Raymond, Maine 04071
 655-4742 ext. 21

louise.lester@raymondmaine.org

Women's Softball League

Are you interested in playing on a women's softball team? It would be a fast pitch (relatively so), leading, stealing, sliding (for those who don't mind limping for the next two weeks) kind of league.

Think of high school softball games: a team of well coordinated young women who know exactly what they need to do to play, practice five times a week and are in shape enough to do it.

Now, throw that thought away and think of *our* league: a team of slightly coordinated women, held back from their full potential by the fact that not all of them can see their feet and that some have arthritis, but who do know exactly what they need to do to play and can remember the days they were in shape enough to do it. These women are competitive, but with a sense of humor and respect for the reality of their bodies. These women use teamwork and brains to play the game, knowing that brute strength has nothing on wisdom!



Does this describe you?
 Are you woman enough to commit (with the caveat that "things might come up") to one evening a week to be outside in the great State of Maine, play softball and socialize with other women on the team? Will you dare to look fetching in your team t-shirt with your families cheering you on?

If so,
come to the Women's Softball League Meeting at JSMS on Thursday, April 10th, at 7pm to discuss the possibilities

Or contact Lisa at 655-5076 or cloutier@fairpoint.net for more information.



S.E.A.R.C.H. Program Going Strong

Raymond students have had various activities to participate in this school year as part of the S.E.A.R.C.H. program. Both the middle school and the elementary school had programs ranging from academic help in small group settings to various enrichment opportunities. We strive to have learning and fun go hand in hand, so whether a child participated in a tutoring group or an enrichment activity, they will have learned along the way and hopefully had a good time, too!

At RES 27% of the students have registered for S.E.A.R.C.H. and participated in one or more of the programs. We offer language arts and/or math tutoring groups in grades 1 through 4 and numerous enrichment programs. Students were able to participate in gym activities, snowshoeing, violin lessons, art programs, cooking and crafts and Legos/Kinex to name a few.



2nd and 3rd graders show off their carnival creation made from Kinex

JSMS has had 31% of the student body participate in one or more of our programs. S.E.A.R.C.H. funds the afterschool hours for the library to stay open so that referred students have access to additional help for homework if needed. Students also then have the opportunity to access research information for school projects. Our enrichment programs included: gym activities, robotics, digital photography, Korean arts, snow-shoeing and cross country skiing and snow football.

Additionally, students in grades 3 through 8 are able to participate in our Saturday and vacation programs. Many of the programs involve a field trip, and this year we have visited: Landholm Land Trust for their fall festival, Macworth Island's fairy village, Pineland Farms and Casco for Maine Maple Weekend. The vacation program generally runs for 3 days and also includes some field trips, but we may just stay at school and have an International Food Festival, a game day or spend time outside sledding and snow-shoeing.



Middle school students snowshoeing and sledding (without the sled!)

S.E.A.R.C.H. is a federally funded grant, and we are in the 4th year of the 5-year grant cycle. S.E.A.R.C.H. programs will run in some shape and form during the 08-09 school year, but with our funds reduced by half there will most likely be fewer offerings. We are currently pursuing other grants to close the financial gap, so keep your fingers crossed.

Raymond Road Runner Deadline Reminder

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

Join Raymond's Pink Tulip Garden



Pink Tulip Gardens are planted throughout Maine each fall to help support the Maine Cancer Foundation's Women's Cancer Fund. One hundred percent of the funds collected stay in Maine to support research and patient support programs. The gardens promote awareness, hope and a way for people from large and small communities to come together honoring all those who have battled breast cancer.

Raymond's Pink Tulip Garden will be located for all to enjoy on Route 302 as part of the Raymond Beautification Committee's Panther Run Garden. The Committee has a goal of 500 tulips for the 2008 fall planting season. To help make this possible, visit our Raymond Panther Run Garden located on the Maine Cancer Fund's website, www.pinktulipproject.org or call the Maine Cancer Foundation at 207-773-2533 or 866-627-2411.

The Pink Tulip Project's founder, Robin Whitten, has shared her vision of hope as she looked forward to seeing her own tulips bloom in the spring. Our garden is a great way to spread that hope and help find a cure, one pink tulip at a time.

Grade 4 County Project

The fourth grade classes will be doing a Maine County Project for the Academic Fair in May. Information will be going out the week before April vacation, and the students will start their projects after vacation. In the meantime, if anyone in the community has information about any of Maine's 16 counties that they would like to share, please send it in to one of the fourth grade teachers: Ms. Stinehour, Mrs. Blanchard or Mrs. Crockett. Thank you.

Owls Turn Heads

By Carol Meader

The high quality education found in the Raymond schools has drawn people to the area for years. We are fortunate to have many teachers who create a learning environment that is unique and exciting and a place where our children flourish.

The sixth grade students in Ms. Lynne Estey's science and social studies class have been enthusiastically engaged all year. Ms. Estey teaches each subject by using games, role playing, and hands-on activities; and her students are constantly talking about how much fun they are having in her class.

Most recently, the class has been studying the lifestyles of owls and the characteristics of the several species of owls. To give the students the opportunity to see the owls and their many characteristics, Ms. Estey collaborated with the Chewonki Foundation and brought their program to Raymond. The Chewonki Traveling Nature Programs are unique in that by bringing live animals, specimens, and educational exhibits to classrooms, the students' eyes are opened to the incredible diversity and complexity of the world around us. The sixth graders not only learned amazing facts about the owls, but had a great time doing so. A special thank you goes out to the PTO who funded a presentation that went far beyond textbook learning.

The science curriculum currently taught at the sixth grade level is designed to develop an appreciation and awareness of the environment and the world around us. Owls are chosen for this unit because they are fascinating creatures and offer an abundance of information supporting it. Over the course of two weeks, the students researched the calls, habitat, life span, diet, physical features, and overall impact of owls and man. Using paper-mâché, the students constructed four owls in the classroom, and they also dissected owl pellets to see what the diet of a specific owl included. The students were then quizzed on the identification of the skeletal remains of the prey.

The Chewonki presentation allowed students to get a close-up view of several species of live owls including the Barred, Eastern Screech, Saw-Whet, and Great Horned Owl. While doing a remarkable job teaching the students about the individual owls, both Estey and the Chewonki presenters placed an emphasis on how to help protect the owls' habitats. Leaving a lasting impression on the students, this is another example of how Raymond school teachers strive to teach our children in creative and innovative ways beyond textbooks and worksheets.



Poor Choices to Avoid

On February 26th, the Jordan-Small Middle School students attended an assembly presented by emergency room nurse Linda Dutil. Mrs. Dutil's presentations informed the students of the possible outcomes of poor choices in regard to tobacco products, illegal and prescription drugs, and alcohol. Students were selected to assist in the presentations.

Pictured from left to right. Jack Brockelbank, Sara Doyon, Nurse Dutil, Emma Gresch and Chase Gendron.



Save the date for.....

Spring Fling Family Dance

With the **THE DISCLAIMERS**, plus lots of great activities for all ages K-8 !!

Friday, April 11, 2008
6:30pm – 8:30pm
at JSMS Gymnasium

A FREE FAMILY EVENT

Sponsored by S.E.A.R.C.H., Raymond Mentoring Partnership, and Raymond PTO