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Please Note the Change of Date

TOWN ELECTIONS

Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium
7am to 8pm

Voter registration will be available at the polls.

Please bring two (2) forms of identification including your street address, if you need to register to vote in Raymond.

Grandparents Go Back To School at RES

This year's Grandparents Day was a wonderful event for over 200 grandparents and friends who came back to school on May 9. Grandparents have a tremendous impact on their grandchildren, and having them support the children in their learning is "priceless." It was so very interesting to have many of our guests talk about their experiences in school, and to share the importance of education and working hard in school with our elementary students. A special thank you is extended to Mrs. Hutchinson, guidance counselor, and the CATS (Caring Assistance Team) who greeted our special guests, assisted with registration, and escorted them to classrooms. To make this day even more special, the Windham Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Richard Nickerson, included RES on their school tour. This special concert was an amazing experience for the children to share with their grandparents. We look forward to next year's Grandparents Day in May 2009.



Kristina Wunderlich, grade 3, enjoys sharing her work in Mrs. Malnati's class with her grandparents.

New Schedule for Town Meeting

This year, because of the timing for the new school referendum budget vote, our town meeting will be on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at 6:30pm at the Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium. The warrant can be picked up at the Town Office. Unfortunately, because of many changes to our town's program in preparing the Town Report, it may not be available by the 28th. It will be available by June's election and referendum.

The town officials' election will be in conjunction with the primary election on June 10th beginning at 7am and ending at 8pm. Also at referendum will be the school budget question, town budget question, and school choice questions.

A Heart-warming Experience at RES

Imagine if every elementary school in Maine was able to raise funds to support the efforts of the American Heart Association. Consider having every school in the nation collect donations to benefit cardiac research for children and adults. Students at the Raymond Elementary School know the importance of a heart-healthy lifestyle that is developed through exercise and good nutrition. This spring all students in grades K-4 learned a variety of jump rope and other cardiovascular activities through the Jump For Hearts program. Mrs. Leesa Smith had students using ropes, pogo sticks and jump balls as part of the gym program. Students collected pledges for Jump For Hearts. When the program was completed, over \$2,600 was raised for the American Heart Association. More importantly, our students' awareness was also raised about heart disease and prevention. Congratulations, Mrs. Smith and RES students!

Raymond Lions Club Needs Immediate Help

As you may know, the May issue of the Road Runner included an article about the Raymond Lions Club and what we do. As the largest service organization in the world, we are able to help others not only at home but around the globe as well. Unfortunately, Raymond may very well lose its club due to lack of members. With only 10 members we can not continue under our current structure. We may become a sub group of an existing club or disband all together.

Here is a list of what Raymond has to lose if the Lions Club disbands:

- Election Candidates Night
- Library Christmas tree lighting ceremony
- Large-print books and audio tapes for the Library
- Raymond food pantry
- Town of Raymond college scholarship
- Raymond Lions Club college scholarships
- Elementary school vision screening
- Eyeglass assistance for those in need
- Hearing aid assistance for those in need
- Raymond Cub Scouts
- Raymond Baseball
- Red Cross Blood Drives
- Local projects like the Veterans Memorial

This is only some of what has been done locally. The list of area and global assistance is just as long.

Our Charter runs out in June. Without more help we may be unable to assist our friends and neighbors, as we have over the past 11 years. If you can, come to a meeting and find out how, with little time and effort, we can continue to support Raymond and beyond.

Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at the Public Safety Building on Route 302. Or you can contact one of the following people: Dale Gilman, 655-4114 or dale&cary1@fairpoint.net; Bob Wallace, 655-2222 or rwallac2@maine.rr.com; Betty McDermott, 655-4646 or fmcderm1@maine.rr.com; Tom Carter, 655-2181 or tcarter1@maine.rr.com; Bob Gilmore, 657-7877 or dorisbob@securespeed.us; Kathi Jones, 655-3635 or kokokathi02@yahoo.com.

FINAL ISSUE of the RAYMOND ROAD RUNNER

Due to significantly increased printing and distribution costs, the decision has been made by the Board of Selectmen to discontinue the Road Runner newspaper as of the end of the fiscal year. This wasn't an easy choice, but the cost of producing the newspaper was weighed against two counterbalancing factors: the taxpayers' need to fund essential town services and the several alternative opportunities Raymond residents have for getting news and information. These other outlets include reader boards, the website, the "Inside Raymond" column at keepmecurrent.com, the cable TV channels and even paper and e-mailed newsletters from certain groups and committees. We would certainly like to hear from anyone who relied heavily or totally on the Road Runner for town news, so that we can discuss these alternatives. -- Road Runner staff

Continue to send your articles to John Hanley, roadrunner@raymondmaine.org as we will be working to keep the citizens of Raymond up-to-date with your information on the town website: www.raymondmaine.org

Raymond Village Library News

At a Glance

- Wednesday, June 11 – Non-fiction/Classics Reading Group, 7pm at the library
- Saturday, June 14 – Annual Plant Sale and Paperback Book Sale, 7am – noon, at the library
- Wednesday, June 25 – Reading Group, 7pm at the library
- Sunday, July 13 – Annual Book Sale, 9am to 7pm

Non-fiction/Classics Book Group

The book to be discussed by the Classic Book Group is *Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations*. This is a biography of Gertrude Bell written by Georgina Howell. We invite all interested readers to join us for what will certainly be an interesting discussion of this book. The book is available for loan at the library upon request. This group will meet at the library on Wednesday, June 11, at 7pm. For more information call Flonny at 655-4548.

Plant Sale and Paperback Book Sale

Saturday, June 14, is the day to get up early and come to the Raymond Village Library to choose from the beautiful blooms and ready-to-go plants for your home and gardens. This anticipated annual event begins at 7am and continues until noon. There will be many varieties from which to choose.

This year we have an additional treat: a demonstration on how to create a beautiful container planting for your yard or patio. This demonstration will begin at 10am and is a great opportunity to learn which plants to use and the care of them, so that they will bloom beautifully all summer long.

We count on your help for this sale by asking you to save plants when you divide your perennials, and also if you start seeds, to start a few more for the library. We will happily take donations of perennials, ground covers, herbs, flowering shrubs, hanging plants, bedding plants, annuals and houseplants. Plant donations may be brought to the library on Friday, June 13, from 4pm to 7pm. For more information, please call Susan at 655-1010 or Jane at 655-5354.

Reading Group

The book group will meet Wednesday, June 25, at 7pm at the library. We will be discussing, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. This is a beautifully written novel set in 19th century China when wives and daughters were foot-bound and lived in almost total seclusion. All readers are invited to join us for an evening of interesting discussion.

Annual Book Sale

THE BOOK SALE IS COMING! This annual event begins on Sunday, July 13, at the Raymond Village Library at 9am. It will continue until 7pm that day and then into August during regular library hours, which are Sunday, Monday and Wednesdays from 10am to 7pm. All readers look forward to the wonderful choices, low prices and great fun that happens at this annual event! This year we have an amazing amount of diversified books from which to choose. You can select books for light summer reading, some recent fiction, great non-fiction and classics, as well as cookbooks, books on gardening, sewing, carpentry and many other books of interest. We also have many children's books for all ages. There will be puzzles, audio books, music CDs and videos for sale. Be sure to come in often because we receive new items throughout the sale.

We do count on the generosity of our patrons who make donations of new and gently used books, videos, DVDs, audios and puzzles. These donations are greatly appreciated and make these major fundraisers so successful. For more information about donations, call the library at 655-4283.

Do You Need Medical Equipment?

Do you need medical equipment, but your insurance doesn't cover it and you can't afford it? You can now borrow it free. My name is Pam Blake-Hartig, and I have collected many things, such as adult and children's wheelchairs, bath seats, canes, walkers, remote hospital bed patient lifter, crutches, and commodes. If you need something, call Pam or Ingo at 655-2944. We will make arrangements for you to pick it up. You just sign it out, use it as long as you need and return it in clean condition. I am still taking donations in good condition that you may have. Let's get the word out in town and maybe make someone's life a little easier.

Cemetery Committee Needs Help

The Raymond Cemetery Committee needs volunteers to help with their work. Most especially needed are people who are willing to get their hands dirty and their backs worked. During the summer and fall the Committee works on projects in the cemeteries to keep them looking their best including cleaning grave markers, resetting old head stones, and generally keeping the grounds in good repair. If you are interested in helping a little or a lot, please contact Linda Alexander, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, at 655-4640 or Louise Lester, Town Clerk, at 655-4742. You don't have to become an active member of the committee to help.

June 2008

Events and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 7:00PM BC Selectmen's Meeting	4 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session I 11:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session II 6:30PM BC School Committee	5	6	7
8	9 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 11:00AM VL Library Preschool Storytime	10 7:00AM - 8:00PM PRIMARY ELECTION & ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS	11 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session I 11:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session II 6:30PM BC School Committee 7:00PM VL Nonfiction/Classics Reading Group	12	13	14 7:00AM - Noon VL Annual Plant Sale and Paperback Book Sale
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22	23 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 11:00AM VL Library Preschool Storytime	24	25 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session I 11:00AM VL Library Toddlertime Session II 7:00PM VL Reading Group	26 7:00PM BC Building Committee	27	28
29	30 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 11:00AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 7:00PM BC Appeals Board				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

**TOWN OF RAYMOND
Board of Selectmen Minutes**

Can be viewed on the Web at:
www.raymondmaine.org

**Zach Smith Memorial Music
Scholarship Fund**

Thank you to all our and Zach's friends, family and the Lakes Region community who contributed to the Zach Smith Scholarship Fund. When our son, Zach, died unexpectedly on February 22, 2008, at the age of 19, we felt there would be no better way to keep his memory alive than start a music scholarship fund in his memory. His passion in life was his music and guitar, and he had plans to study this in college. We recently met with the JSMS Music Dept and principal to discuss the community/school needs with regard to the music program. We have decided to use the monies to help purchase needed band instruments for JSMS students to use, should they not have the financial ability to rent or buy them. This will help those students interested in learning an instrument have the opportunity they might not have otherwise. We will offer a yearly scholarship to a Raymond resident who plans to study music in college. This will be a \$500 scholarship. Working with JSMS, we will get this information to the area high school guidance departments. The scholarship will begin this year. We would like this scholarship/fund to continue for many years to come, so continued contributions will be appreciated. All contributions are tax deductible. They can be made at Raymond Key Bank, 1278 Roosevelt Trail, Raymond, ME 04071 to the Zach Smith Memorial Music Scholarship Fund.

Thank you all,
Ken, Heidi and Spencer Smith

**Raymond's Parks and
Beaches**

Tassel Top Board of Directors, Raymond Recreation Association, Raymond's Public Works Department and Friends of the Parks Committee invite you to visit our parks and beaches.

Tassel Top Park is open weekends in June 9am-6pm and seven days a week in July and August 9am-8pm, with weekends again in September after Labor Day 9am-6pm. There is a fee for parking and use of the beach and picnic areas, with season passes available at the gate. There is also a cottage for rent by the week during the season. A nature trail is there for your pleasure. Pets are not welcome at the park at any time.

Sheri Gagnon Park is available for your use with the exception of when it's being used for Raymond Baseball games. Sheri Gagnon's playground is always available for the kids until dark. Pets are not welcome at the park.

Raymond Beach (Rt. 302) is open year round. It is owned by the state and managed by Raymond. There are parking spaces for cars and some for tow vehicles and trailers. It is appreciated if vehicles without trailers do not park in the trailer spaces. The Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife meant the trailer spaces for boating use of the lake. Raymond Beach and boat haulout is not for pet recreation or exercise. Beach markers have been installed to protect the swimming area from boating.

Crescent Beach (Rt. 85) and the boat haulout are open year round and are owned and maintained by Raymond. Anyone can use Crescent Beach. No pets are allowed. Beach markers have been installed to protect the swimming area from boating. The raft is for the exclusive use of the Raymond Recreation swimming program. Please be careful where you park your vehicle so that it doesn't block Webbs Mills Road.

Jordan-Small Middle School Nature Trail is located behind Jordan-Small Middle School. It is maintained by the town and available for your enjoyment.

Jordan-Small Middle School and Raymond Elementary School ball fields are available for use at times other than when Raymond Recreation Association is using them for their activities. They should be vacated by dark. No reservation is needed.

The Public Works Department asks that you police the area you have been using and carry out your trash. If you find anything amiss or broken, please call the town office at 655-4742 and report it.

Animal Control Report

April - May

- April 16 Talked with Standish ACO about a bite
- April 16 Re: trap
- April 18 Cat bite by unknown stray
- April 18 Two dogs at large - later returned home
- April 19 Call about dead chickens
- April 19 Dogs barking - 2 tickets issued
- April 21 Stray dog in yard - found owner
- April 21 Dog at large - summons to owner
- April 21 Dead chicken owner was reimbursed for value
- April 22 Dog in yard - owner picked up
- April 22 Equipment maintenance
- April 23 District Court visit for summons complaints
- April 23 Dogs barking - quiet on arrival
- April 25 Dogs barking complaint for 10 minutes to 2 hours
- April 25 Warnings to unlicensed dog owners prior to writing summons
- April 25 Dog at large - ACO picked up
- April 25 Warnings to unlicensed dog owner prior to writing summons
- April 25 Dog barking 15 minutes
- April 26 Dog at large, owner picked up - ACO issued ticket
- April 26 Investigated why dog was barking
- April 26 Warnings to unlicensed dog owners prior to writing summons
- April 26 Dogs barking - stopped before ACO arrived
- April 27 Dogs barking 20 minutes
- April 27 Owner investigated why dogs were barking
- April 28 Meeting with Town Manager
- April 29 Skunk in yard - gave homeowner number for wild animal remover
- April 30 Stray cat found
- May 1 Dog followed person
- May 2 Warnings to unlicensed dog owner prior to writing summons
- May 3 2 dogs at large
- May 6 Information on licensing
- May 6 Information on licensing
- May 5 Warnings to unlicensed dog owners prior to writing summons
- May 7 Dog with quills and ticks
- May 7 Took quill dog to emergency clinic
- May 7 Information to Gray and Poland ACO
- May 7 Dog at large - gone on arrival
- May 8 Dog at large - gone on arrival
- May 8 Transported quill dog to Animal Refuge League
- May 9 Another quill and tick dog at large
- May 9 Dog at large - gone on arrival, warned owner
- May 11 Stray cat
- May 12 Dog at large - gone on arrival
- May 12 Stray cat to ARL
- May 12 Investigated limping dog at large
- May 12 Dog at large killing chickens - gone on arrival
- May 13 Dog at large
- May 13 Quill dog seen
- May 13 Dog missing
- May 13 Dog barking for 3 hours
- May 13 Dog barking at 11pm - warned owner
- May 14 Loaned trap
- May 14 Question about law on barking dogs
- May 14 Dogs barking for 4 hours
- May 14 Stray cat - owner found

NOTE: If your dog(s) is/are not licensed for 2008, I probably have a summons with your name on it! Please come into the Town Office and license your dog.

Please be considerate of your neighbors and keep your dog(s) comfortable on their ties or in their pens so that their barking doesn't disturb anyone. Your dog's comfort includes clean, cool water and protection from the sun and rain.

Veterans Memorial Park



Public Works Director Nathan White picking up the granite bench, which was donated by the Cole Family Foundation in Bangor, to be placed in Veterans Memorial Park.

**2009 ATV
REGISTRATION**

We are now registering ATVs for 2009. You will be issued two stickers, one of which must be displayed on the front and another on the back of your machine. If you still have your license plate, the new sticker must be displayed over the old number.

Your Library: Stay Connected!

Exciting technological developments are in the works at the Raymond Village Library.

Over the summer, we'll be moving to the next phase of automating the collection, so stay tuned to find out how you will be able access library resources from your computer at home.

Also, the library Web site will soon have a new look, so check back frequently at www.raymondmaine.org/library

Another great way to stay connected with your library is to receive the monthly e-newsletter: you'll have easy access to information about events, books and other library news. Call, stop by or e-mail the library to sign up:

administrator@raymondvillagelibrary.org

Looking for a "Walk-in Wireless" Internet connection? It's here at the library, and it's free! Just bring your laptop. You can take advantage of this service outside the building as well, even if the library is not open.

**Taxes Should Be Paid
by June 30th**

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

**School Board
Candidate Profile**

Jeri Keane

My husband Bill, daughter Molly and I moved to Raymond in 1995, when Molly was 3 years old. She attended Raymond schools and is now a freshman at Windham High School. I am a psychologist and the Coordinator of Disability Services at St Joseph's College and my husband is a dentist who has practiced in Fryeburg since 1994. Our son and daughter, Wade and Crystal, live in Portland.

I served on the School Board for 6 years, from 1999-2005. There were many budget concerns expressed by parents and non-parents at that time, and those concerns are still front and center. I am running for school board at this time because the district is facing many issues: decreasing enrollments, budget concerns, school consolidation and school choice. I served on the School Choice Task Force with Deb Adams, and believe we need to move ahead with that decision. The consolidation process will be complicated. I believe my background as a former School Board member and as a parent can help guide the Raymond School District through the challenges we face ahead.

RES Principal's Report

As this school year comes to a close, it is time to review our many successes and accomplishments, as well as to look forward to meeting future goals at the elementary school. I am especially proud of the efforts of teachers this year in completing the work to revise our K – 8 curriculums to align with the newly revised Maine Learning Results. Teachers have worked in K – 8, grade cluster (K – 2 and 3 – 4) and grade level content teams to review and adjust the current curriculum to the new learning standards. As those of you who are educators understand, this is just the beginning of our work. Teachers are now developing new units of study in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies at each grade level to reflect curriculum changes made during this revision process. I am excited that the format for this new curriculum work will now include Essential Learnings and Essential Questions for each grade level. You will see these changes reflected in next year's reporting system and the revised ELA and Math standards sheets that we share with parents at each grade level, K – 4.

This will be our last year as the Raymond School District, as we work towards consolidation with the Windham School Department. I see consolidation as an opportunity to strengthen our educational program. I think that our teachers will benefit greatly from the professional development resources that a larger district can offer them, and these benefits will enrich their work in our classrooms. I predict that our work in the next few years will be very busy as we work collaboratively to form the new RSU. I look forward to the challenges and the rewards of this work. I applaud the efforts of school representatives Superintendent Caldwell, Dot Mowatt, Teresa Sadak and Roger Ginn for their countless hour this year as members of Raymond's consolidation team.

The energy that the Raymond PTO has provided is always a wonderful spark for children and staff throughout the school year. The ongoing support that the PTO gives is especially appreciated and valued. PTO president Alizah Shriver has spearheaded a number of exciting and very successful activities this year that have enriched our school and supported our students and teachers. I want to thank Alizah and all of the PTO members, and I encourage parents, staff and community members to become actively involved in their PTO next year so that it can continue its work to support Raymond students, teachers, and families.

Thursday, June 19, will be our last day of school. After such a long and snowy winter, it is a great feeling to finally have a confirmed ending date for this school year. I anticipate that RES will dismiss at 11:30 on the 19th. Lunch will not be served on that day, but we will be organizing snacks for the children. I am sure that your children have already marked this date on the calendar, so please note the early dismissal on the 19th.

As the end of the school year approaches, I would like to wish all of our students a happy and safe summer vacation. Remember that research clearly shows that children who read every day with their parents, and who have their parents model recreational reading in the home, are more successful learners in school. I encourage all of our Raymond families to read for pleasure each and every day, and to cherish this vacation time with their families. We will see them back at school on Wednesday, August 27.

In closing, I would like to thank the many people, starting with Dennis Dorey and ending with John Hanley, who have made the Road Runner a reality for so many years. During my 11 years as principal in Raymond, I have had the opportunity to provide the community with a brief glimpse of the work of students, teachers and staff in our schools. It has been a pleasure for me to submit articles each month on behalf of the schools. I hope that the community has enjoyed reading them as I much as I have enjoyed writing them each month. We are exploring new ways to continue our community communications using the RES newsletter, e-mail lists, and the Raymond Web site. Stay tuned!

RES Field Day

By Leesa Smith

This year's Field Day for the elementary students will be held on Wednesday, June 5th, at 9am. The students will be able to participate in a variety of activities and games on our upper field. Let's hope for a nice day, and don't forget to have your child wear sunscreen, hat and sneakers. We need lots of volunteers to help make this a very successful Field Day. If there are any parents who would like to volunteer that morning, please contact Mrs. Smith at 655-8672.

Early Childhood Program

by Ivy Jordan

I would like to thank John Hanley and Norma Richard for doing a terrific job with communicating information about Raymond's early childhood program. I truly appreciate the paper for getting this important information out to the families about the preschool home school program, and I will miss this publication. I will still be providing services and communication through the Raymond town website under the heading of "Early Childhood Program." As you all know how passionate I am about getting the message out there on the importance of early education and intervention, I have developed workshops teaching parents and providers, and offering support, as well as training credits, for your attendance. I have enjoyed working with Raymond families and their young children and look forward to doing so next year. I especially love to visit the childcare programs in the community to share books and music with the staff and children. I also would like to thank all of the preschool teachers for having me do literacy-training workshops at their centers, as well as for taking my classes through Windham Adult Education. I am looking forward to working with you all in the future in offering workshops in literacy and on child development. I hope that you all visit the web site, and click onto the Early Childhood Program for updated articles and news! You may also contact me at:

ivy.jordan@raymondmaine.org

Raymond School Department 2008-2009 School Calendar Adopted: November 7, 2007

Please note that this is a common calendar for the five school departments in Sebago Educational Alliance

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

26	Teacher Workshop	10	K-8 Parent-Teacher Conf	11	Veterans' Day (observed)	10	Early Release-JSMS	1	New Years
27	First Student Day Grd 1-8	13	Columbus Day	21	**1st Trimester Ends	22-31	Winter Vacation	2	No School
28	First Kindergarden Day	29	Early Release-JSMS	24-25	Teacher Workshop	25	Christmas Day	14	Early Release-JSMS
29	No School			26	No School			19	Martin Luther King Day
1	Labor Day			27	Thanksgiving Day				A Happy New Year!
17	Early Release-JSMS			28	No School				
Total Pupil Days: 23		Total Pupil Days: 21		Total Pupil Days: 14		Total Pupil Days: 15		Total Pupil Days: 19	

February					March					April					May					June				
M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F
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2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13**	6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	12
9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	15*	16*	17*	18*	19*
16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26
23	24	25	26	27	30	31				27	28	29	30	25	26	27	28	29	29	30				

16	Presidents' Day	13	**2nd Trimester Ends	20	Patriots' Day	20	Early Release-JSMS	10	Early Release-JSMS
16-20	February Vacation	25	MEA Testing	20-24	April Vacation	25	Memorial Day	12	Last Student Day with no storm days
25	Early Release-JSMS	27	Teacher Workshop	29	Early Release-JSMS			19	* Possible last student day includes 5 storm days
Total Days: 15		Total Days: 21		Total Days: 17		Total Days: 20		Total Days: 10	

Trimester 1 ends - 11/21	Days - 58	NWEA TESTING
Trimester 2 ends - 3/13	Days - 59	
Trimester 3 ends -	Days - 58	

	Calendar provides for: Pupil Attendance Days 175 Teacher Days 180
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JSMS Principal's Report

By Randy Crockett

Over the last two years I have often faced the deadline for the Road Runner with a certain amount of anxiety. What topic should I focus on? Am I communicating all the important information I want the community to have about our middle school? Now I find myself wishing I had more monthly Road Runner deadlines to look forward to! One of the positive outcomes of having a monthly town publication was that it made me reflect on the many positive learning experiences and accomplishments our students achieve each month. In the month of May alone Jordan-Small Middle School students have presented science fair projects; demonstrated their abilities in fine arts, physical education and Spanish; presented a choral concert; competed in math meets, softball and baseball games; completed NWEA spring testing; released the trout they raised; traveled to the Boston Museum of Science; learned to line dance as part of "All Children Exercising Simultaneously"; attended the MLTI student conference; went on a simulated space mission and participated in our first Career Day! We have also had the Poland High School vocal groups and the Windham H.S. Chamber Singers perform at assemblies.

June will bring the Kieve Leadership program to our fifth grade, a band concert, track meets, the eighth grade completion ceremony and class trip, as well as the final games of the softball and baseball season. All these field trips, special events and extra curricular programs enhance the growth and learning our students experience on a daily basis and are directly linked to our curriculum.

As the 2007-2008 school year is speeding toward its conclusion, planning is already under way for the next school year. The fourth graders at RES are in the transition process to prepare for fifth grade. The parent advisory group, staff and team leaders have developed school goals to guide and focus our work to enhance learning for all students. These goals will serve as our road map, as we look at ways to improve our educational program and meet the needs of every student during the next school year.

With the loss of the Road Runner in its current form, the staff and I will be looking at other ways to "get the word out" next year. We will seek out methods to use electronic media to greater advantage, working more closely with the local newspapers and create our own newsletters for parents.

In a few weeks, we will celebrate our eighth grade students' completion of their schooling here in Raymond. The teachers and staff at JSMS have done their best to prepare the students for success in their high school education. Please join us at 7pm on June 17, 2008, to show your support and encouragement for our students.

Third Graders Study Raymond Businesses

Third grade students made themselves and their teachers very proud by creating extraordinary trifold displays about Raymond economics. The expectations were high. The children had to communicate with local businesses to get information; work cooperatively in groups of three or four; use sophisticated vocabulary like "production," "consumption," "distribution," "economics," and "interdependence"; and meet seven Maine Learning Results standards. Many visited the businesses to ask questions, take photographs, and get product samples to put on display. As a result, the students learned not only about economics in Raymond but also about creating attractive displays and cooperation and compromise.

Seventeen businesses made the time to respond to the students' questions:

Bitter Sweet Barn	Libby's Landscaping
Chipco	Maine Cedar Log Homes
Chipman Farms	Meadowbrook Farms
Cottage Industries	Mexicali Blues
Creative Windowear	The Mosquito
D & M Embroidery	Portland Glass
Dielectric	Raymond Village Florist
Good Life Market	Sabre Yachts
Healing Beads	

We are grateful for their contribution to the students' education.



Maia Tangen reports on Raymond Village Florist.

RES Celebrates the End of School, A - Z

The final 26 days of school at RES are fun and exciting as we celebrate the end of the year A - Z style. Ms. Jani Cummings, 1st grade teacher, introduced the program to the school last year. It was such fun that we are using it again to mark the countdown to June 19. Friday, June 16, was "C is for CAREERS" Day, and many of the children came dressed for their future roles. Our last day of school will be "Z is for Zipping Down the Road" Day, as teachers and staff cheer when the buses leave the schoolyard.



Ms. Cummings and Jason Geller, conductor in training, celebrate "C is for CAREERS" Day at RES.

Go Bananas Over Innisbrook Gift Wrap!

Innisbrook Wraps presents the ultimate gift wrap collection this fall at the Raymond Elementary School. Our Innisbrook sale will begin on September 12 and run until October 1. Just wait until you see this year's collection!

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

This year's theme wrap is a wonderful monkey design that will be great for birthdays, special occasions, and even for wrapping holiday gifts. Innisbrook gift-wrap is a high quality product that is produced in Maine, and this year the company has improved their efforts to include green products in their line of gift-wrap and gifts.

Proceeds from our Innisbrook sale are used to support classroom programs and the Raymond PTO scholarships. These funds have had a positive and direct impact on your child's classroom and our school program. Last year, each teacher received funds to support special classroom projects and field trips.

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

So Don't Monkey Around! Buy Innisbrook Wrap and Support RES!

The Caring Assistance Team at RES

by Mrs. Hutchinson, Guidance Counselor

This year there have been 32 fourth grade and 15 third grade members of the Caring Assistance Team at Raymond Elementary School.

The C.A.T.S are responsible for helping to maintain a safe and welcoming school for all of the elementary students. This year, they have also been in charge of leading the Pledge of Allegiance daily, helping Miss Mindy in the office, escorting grandparents on Grandparents Day, visiting classrooms and encouraging students who are practicing the I CARE Rules.

This year's Caring Assistance Team members are: (4th graders) Zack Callahan, Lane Dearing, Katie Hunter Madison McEnroe, Syriese Thurlow, Ethan Winde, Alison Wood, Eliza Costigan, Isabella Davis, Amanda Gendron, Megan Knights, Dylan Koza, Anna Laprise, Sarah Mains, Greg Meader, Baily Nassa, Allie Pandora, Jillian Tolman, Brooke Beckerman, Athena Bishop, Mary Brackett, Hannah Chapman, Cora Dykens, Brodrick Gillespie, Abby Gordon, Tayla Johnson, Noah Larsen, Morgan Lamontagne, Maleah Nadeau, Taylor Lamarre, Jeffery Pollard, Mackenzie Sangster, Evan Taylor and Lexi Walker.

3rd grade students are Emily Anderson, Hannah Brackett, Mikayla Bureau, Mackenzie Fish, Louis Geller, Meagan Griffith, Jamie Keisman, Paige Pandora, Cameron Peavey, Devon Plummer, Jordan Scarpa, Arissa Shaw, Ellie Van Winkle, Rachel Jordan and Derrike Richards

Thank you for a great year, Caring Assistance Team!!

Greeting from Title-I Land

by Margaret Mains

We are completing assessments in preparation for the end-of-year evaluation of our Title I program and student achievement. Many of our reading students have been taking home books to practice fluency and other reading skills, and it is so obvious what a positive effect that has on their reading. We would like to encourage all of our students and parents to continue reading with and to the students throughout the summer to build on those skills. We would be happy to help the parents with lists of books that are on the student's level and would promote successful learning experiences. Please e-mail us: mmains@raymondmaine.org or deborah.shaw@raymondmaine.org.

We have truly been blessed with our Title I staff this year. Ivy Jordan has contributed much support and math expertise with our 3rd and 4th graders, as they work hard to learn the basic concepts as applied to Everyday Math. She will be missed next year. Louise Carpenter, another Title I staff member, can often be found cutting and pasting as she organizes one skill activity after another for the Title I students. She has been a wonderful addition to our Title I program, and we look forward to another year with her assistance. Deborah Shaw has been using her background in "Reading Recovery" and her knowledge of "Reading First" strategies to teach explicit skills to our struggling students, here at RES and also at JSMS. The middle school teachers have enjoyed her "coaching" support and assistance with DRAs and other ELA assessments. Again, even middle school students need to continue reading books at their comfort level throughout the summer to develop and build on the skills they have already formed. Deb would be happy to help any students or parents who want to provide reading material for the summer.

It has been challenging to manage and coordinate the large number of students who have needed support in Title I, and educational goals and state mandates have been changing rapidly. Always at the top of my list are the needs of the students. It has always been my philosophy that you fit the program to the child, rather than forcing the program on the learner just because a publisher says it is research-based. Each child has unique learning styles, strengths, and weaknesses. That is a good reason to make sure each student is choosing books and learning materials that are appropriate for their special interests and styles. When looking for summer reading, my advice is to look for something that interests the student. There are many wonderful non-fiction and fiction books out there now, in libraries and in book stores. The Raymond Village Library volunteers are always helpful in finding what interests children, and the library list of books is growing steadily. I certainly plan to spend more of MY summer at the Raymond Library, and I hope to see many of my students there! Have a fabulous summer!

Basket Raffle Benefits Grade 4 Camping Trip

Baskets of all kinds were raffled at Raymond Elementary School to raise money for the fourth grade trip to science camp at Camp Susan Curtis next fall. Tickets were sold on Grandparents Day and at Academic Fair, and we raised close to \$850. Beth Peavey took on the task of soliciting baskets and manning the ticket table; we are so grateful for her help and thank her profusely. Thanks also go to the manager of Lowe's, who donated a tool kit; the people at Wal-Mart, who gave us some discounts; and to the many parents who created baskets. The winners of baskets are: beach, Kaitlyn Dostie; Christmas, Karen Gordon; Dunkin' Donuts, Shirley Field; garden, Beth Nadeau; Maine, Chris Fournier; movie, Beth Peavey; playground, Shannon Nassa; spa, Alizah Shriver; sports, Phyllis Payne; tools, Sherri Adams; Webkins #1, Linda McPhee; Webkins #2, Mr. Barron. Thanks to all of you who bought tickets to support these students' education.



Alizah Shriver, winner of the raffle spa basket.

Kindergarten Play Date on August 25

New kindergarten students and their families will have an opportunity to get to know one another on Monday, August 25, at the annual summer play date. Kindergarten students and families will meet on the RES playground at 11am for recess/playtime, followed by their first lunch in the cafeteria! Ms. Richard, RES Principal, will be there to meet and greet students and parents, and perhaps even serve her favorite summer treat, watermelon, for lunch! There will also be a story time and another chance to play outside before heading home. Please mark Monday, August 25, at 11am on your calendars for the Kindergarten Play Date. We look forward to seeing our newest students and for having them get to know their new school and classmates before school begins. It is also a wonderful way for parents to get involved in the RES community.

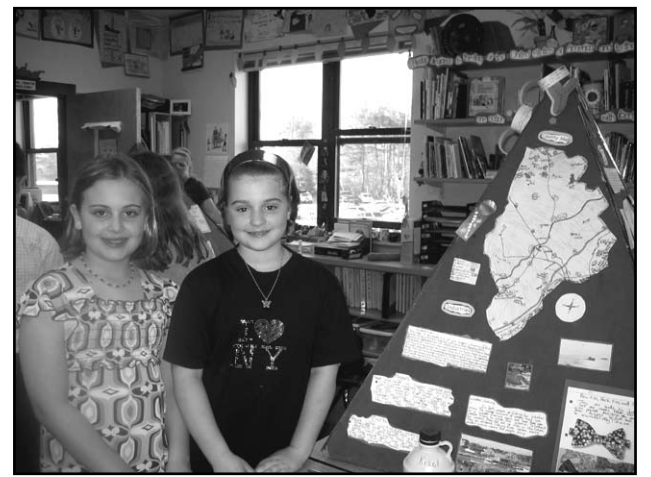
RES Students "Jump" for the American Heart Association

Leesa Smith, RES physical education teacher, and our elementary students are working to support the Jump for Hearts program. Many families in our community have been affected by heart disease and heart attacks. Jump for Hearts not only raises donations to support the work of the American Heart Association in Maine; it also raises awareness in children to the benefits of exercise, diet, and living a smoke-free, healthy lifestyle in preventing heart disease. Jumping rope is an easy, inexpensive and effective way to build a strong cardiovascular system. We appreciate the efforts of Mrs. Smith and RES students and families for supporting the American Heart Association through Jump For Hearts.

Academic Fair



Academic Fair: Mr. Seymour's kindergarten students shared their knowledge of castles at the RES Academic Fair on May 14.



Eliza Costigan and Allison Kisel demonstrate their 4th grade York County project.

Budding Architects at RES

By Casey Reynolds

First grade students in Miss Reynolds's art classes have been learning about architecture. Through the exploration of architecture from around the world, and the discussion of the buildings within our own community, children have discovered that architecture is an art form that, literally, surrounds us every day! Students have also learned that architects, and indeed all artists, make choices when designing and creating their masterpieces. Considering function and purpose, children designed and constructed their own buildings using popsicle sticks, playing cards, tape, found objects, and plaster. Children were able to realize, through hands-on exploration, the great challenge of transforming an idea and design into a physical reality; and the result is a fantastic representation of the world we live in through the creative mind of a first grader! These architectural masterpieces are currently on display in the RES library.



Budding Architects: Here are samples of grade 1 "buildings" on display in the library.

Raymond Elementary School

434 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071
655-8672

Norma Richard, Principal

Kindergarten Play Date

Monday, August 25
11am - 12:15pm

Kindergarten children and their families are invited to visit with their classmates, play on the playground, enjoy a story (or two), and enjoy lunch together at a special play date before school starts.

Please bring a bag lunch and a drink (no glass bottles, please).

Moms and Dads will also get a chance to meet and network with other parents.

We hope to see you on August 25.

For more information, please call Ms. Richard at 655-8672 ext. 400 or email her at norma.richard@raymondmaine.org.



Big "Thanks" from the PTO

By Alizah Shriver, Raymond PTO President

As we end another school year, and look forward to the start of a much deserved summer, I just wanted to take a moment to send out a big "Thanks." The Raymond PTO has been very busy this year with requests for funding, and helping to support the school community. It is our great pleasure to do this; however, it does take great time, and effort, and money! I have to thank all the PTO members and parents who stepped up in so many ways to lend a hand and get things done. I also need to thank The Good Life Market, Linda and Walter, for their continuous support throughout the community. Whenever we asked, they happily responded. I also would like to thank the North Windham Lowe's manager, also known around town as "The Lowe's Man," Greg, for his willingness to help in any way he could, most recently with Teacher Appreciation Week.

It is because of great parents, teachers, staff, and local businesses that we, the PTO, are able to get so many things accomplished throughout the school year. I can not thank you all enough for all the hard work and time that you graciously volunteered. Our schools, and by extension our town, is a happier, healthier place because of all of you. Bravo to you all!! I wish everyone a happy and safe summer. I will see you all in August!

New Student Registrations Welcome

New Raymond Students in Grades K - 8 and 9 - 12

Registrations for new Raymond Elementary School (grades K - 4) and Jordan-Small Middle School (grades 5 - 8) students will be taken at the Jordan-Small Middle School throughout the summer. Please call Mrs. Glew at 655-4743 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Proof of Raymond residency is required at time of registration.

Kindergarten students are also required to present a birth certificate and updated immunization records. Kindergarten students also need to have a physical before entering school in the fall.

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



Jump for Hearts: Christopher Kelly, Ashley Lawson and Tabitha Newquist are caught in action jumping to benefit the American Heart Association.

Raymond Mentoring Partnership Wraps up 7th Year

By Candace Woolston

Raymond Mentoring Partnership is rapidly approaching the end of its seventh year of matching Raymond youth with caring adults. As always, mentoring pairs have enjoyed an assortment of fun activities over the past few months.



Tiffani puts the finishing touches on her rainstick.

Despite all of the snow and rain endured by Raymond residents throughout the winter, the mentoring pairs of RMP had great fun making rainsticks this past March. Jen DeCristoforo, an instructor at Fiddlehead Center for the Arts, taught the group about the South American tradition of making rain sticks as ceremonial instruments. With the guidance of their mentors, each child designed and decorated a rainstick using a variety of media, and created a peaceful rain-like sound through the combination of sculpted foil and beans. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful sounds produced by the eye-catching rainsticks.

Beginning in May, a number of our mentoring pairs began work on improving the gardens at the playground at Sheri Gagnon Park. In addition to the weeding and planting that we have traditionally accomplished, this year we set out to create a second garden to complement the existing space. We are very grateful to Scott Libby of Libby's Landscaping for donating an extensive amount of time to assist us with this project. Additionally, we would like to thank Lowe's Home Improvement of North Windham for



Jakayla and Scott take a break from building the retaining walls for a garden at Sheri Gagnon Park.

their generous contribution to the cost of the retaining walls for both gardens. We hope playground visitors enjoy the finished product.

In June, our mentoring pairs will celebrate the friendships they have developed throughout the year with an afternoon of canoeing at Camp Hinds. Following the afternoon activities, everyone will enjoy a barbecue with family and friends.

In closing, Raymond Mentoring Partnership wishes to extend our sincere appreciation to the following local businesses for their contributions to our 2008 local fundraising campaign:

Steve Danzig, Danzig Counseling Dielectric

Elizabeth Gaudet, Center Stage Performing Arts; Beth Clark, Lake Region Property Management Co.

Scott Libby, Libby Landscaping John Painter, D.O.

The Van Winkles, Camp Wohelo

RMP is funded through the end of 2008 as a prevention initiative by the Maine Office of Substance Abuse. Local support will increase the likelihood of future funding through this agency.

Please consider donating an hour of your time each week to make a difference in the life of a child in our community. Call Christina Lamarre or Candace Woolston at 655-8672, ext. 107 for more information.

Middle Schoolers Visit Rome in the Classroom

Hebron Academy middle schoolers recently embarked on a Roman villa project in Latin class. After learning the many parts of the Roman country house and discussing Roman domestic life, the students set out to design their own villa. After creating a floor plan, they had to construct 3-D models of their villa and write a short paragraph in Latin about it, including its location in the Roman Empire and what special features the villa might contain, which was presented to their classmates. "It was a wonderfully enlightening project for the kids that gave them a good deal of hands-on experience," said Latin teacher Maxwell Jones.

The middle schoolers begin their language experience in the sixth grade with the Foreign Language Exploratory program. Languages may include French, Latin, and German, exposing students to foreign language while exploring the history of their own language. Goals of the program are to stimulate students to discover more about the world and its past, present, and future through the study of language and culture. In the seventh and eighth grades, the students have a choice of Spanish/Latin or French/Latin, studying vocabulary, simple conversations, and culture. "The goal of our language program is to give our students roots and wings so they can fly off to the far corners of the world while appreciating the roots of their own culture," says Foreign Language Director Cynthia Reedy.



Lindsey Hughes with her Latin class Roman villa project.

Summer Program Still Has Openings!

By Kristi Curtis, Executive Director

Dear Raymond Families:

The RED Program currently has openings for our 2008 summer program. We are a State of Maine licensed day-care facility. All employees are over age 18, experienced in working with children, plus have CPR, first aid and water safety certifications.

- June 23 – August 10, 2008, (8 week program) at Jordan-Small Middle School
- Fulltime or optional M-W-F or T-Th attendance
- Open 7am – 6pm
- Breakfast, lunch, and snacks all included
- Weekly field trips

Cost per child:

- Weekly: \$115
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: \$75
- Tuesday, Thursday: \$60
- T-shirt (which must be purchased for field trip activities) \$6 Youth; \$8 Adult size
- Plus a one-time Activity Fee of \$80 per child to cover field trip and activity expenses

Field Trips include: Funtown, Splashtown, Sea Dogs game, roller skating, bowling, a variety of state parks, and much more.

If you are interested in learning more about the RED Program, or if I can answer any questions, feel free to contact me at 650-4470.

Raymond Mentoring Activity

By Jakayla Virounas, age 11

My mentor and I had the pleasure of going to Garden Gate to Beauty and Wellness to meet with the owner Tonya Tibbetts.

When we arrived, Mrs. Tibbetts gave us a tour of her salon. We saw several stations where the stylists do their magic! Also, they have a section for pedicures, massages and facials.

When we sat down with Mrs. Tibbetts we asked, "Did you always want to go into beauty?"

"No," she said, "I used to want to be a dental hygienist. After thinking about it, I realized I wanted to go into beauty." She said "It would be more fun to have a flexible schedule by owning my own business." Other benefits of being a business owner are providing a great place for the community to go and a comfortable place for her employees to work.

When asked, "Would you like to work for you?" Mrs. Tibbetts replied, "Yes, I feel I'm fair to my employees and my goal is that all my girls are 80% productive and 100% happy!"

The hardest part of each day is finding time to eat lunch. The most fun part of the day is coloring someone's hair.

When asked, "How important is personal appearance in your line of work?" she said "Very important!"

We were interested in finding out if the beauty industry has been impacted by the recent decline in our economy. Her answer to us was, "We look at our salon as an individual economy that we control. By boosting things instead of pulling back, we believe it creates a positive economy within our salon."

Our interview with Mrs. Tibbetts was a great experience for me because I learned a lot about business ownership from a strong woman in our community.

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.

Community Service

By Barb Loux

"Making A Difference"

As the school year is drawing to a close, the community service classes continue to be active with projects.

We just finished up with a huge yard sale to help benefit a local child. The weather cooperated, and we were very successful raising about \$650 on the yard sale alone. Thank you to all who participated by renting a table or coming. Everyone's effort made this a very fun, successful event!

Make a Wish walk is coming up on the 29th of May. This is a walk to raise money for children with life threatening illnesses. We are in need of sponsors. Any amount would be great. If you are interested in joining the JSMS team, all are welcome. The bus leaves school at 6pm, and we should return around 8pm.

We have continued our strong relationship with the Wayside Soup Kitchen in Portland. This will continue throughout the summer months. If interested, please call to let me know. We are always scheduled for the first Monday of the month. During the summer I can be reached at 655-2150.

We have been collecting and counting Pennies for Parks. As I write this there is quite a competition going for first place at RES. The winners will get an ice cream party. Final numbers are not quite available; however, we have passed the \$250 mark. This goes directly to Raymond's parks.

We are still scheduled to return to the Ronald McDonald House. Casey Hutchinson has organized an effort to collect "tabs" for this cause. We are still collecting, and if you can send in your tabs from cans we would appreciate it.

I had 5 great helpers May 3rd for the kindergarten information morning: Rebecca Grondin, Lauren Harris, Tyler Davison, Sam Feltovic and Madi Masi were wonderful watching quite a lot of young children. Thanks for your help, girls!

We continue to "help" at RES in different capacities. Look for some helpers at field day!

We have had a very productive year learning that we can make a difference in the world. Change, big or small, starts in our own community. Compassion is something that can be learned at any age. I am honored to have had the opportunity to teach these children to look outside of themselves and to use their voices for good in the world. Whether it is to challenge "puppy mills" or to organize a petition for recess, it is important to "stick your neck out" for what you believe to be right, even if it's not popular.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Friday, June 6, at 7pm

Refreshments

Faith Lutheran Church
988 Roosevelt Trail, Windham,
hosts an open mic night.

Musicians, singers, dancers, readers
and storytellers are welcome to
share their talents.

Come All!

FMI call Marcia 650-3972 or
Dee 839-4257

Tips for Saving Water in the House

By Charles Turner,
Raymond Waterways Protective Association

- Do not pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering your indoor plants or outside garden.
- Even out your use of water by spacing out the family showers, or do laundry later at night.
- Consider purchasing a low-volume toilet. They can use less than half the water of older models.
- Repair water faucets when they begin to drip. Gallons of water can be saved with functioning plumbing.

May 2008 Acquisitions of the Raymond-Casco Historical Society

by Elizabeth Bullen, RCHS VP.

During the month of May, the Raymond-Casco Historical Society (RCHS) received several photos and postcards of local genealogical and historical interest.

Louise Knapp of Gray generously donated three original photographs of the Tukey family to the RCHS. The pictures are of Marion Tukey (1893-1981), her brother Oscar Tukey (1905-1917), and her husband Dr. Carl Gray (1886-). Five generations of the Tukey family lived in Raymond Village and most were buried in Raymond Village Cemetery.

Wayne Lewis of Casco kindly gave the RCHS copies of two postcards, circa 1935 and 1950, of the Casco Village store—then known as Chadbourne's Store. In 1952, Curly Redmond purchased the business, and by the 1970s the store was known as the Casco A.G.

The RCHS again thanks Louise and Wayne for their donations and assistance in our mission to collect, preserve and interpret materials that document the history of Raymond and Casco.

To make a gift to the historical society, please contact Wayne Holmquist at 655-7672, Elizabeth Bullen at 998-3123, Betty McDermott at 655-4646, or Anne Miller at 627-4989. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7pm at our new museum on Route 302 (Watkins Farm) in South Casco; the public is welcome.

3 photos of the Tukey Family of Raymond Village: Marion Tukey—dau. of Atwood R. & Grace (Day) Tukey, her husband Dr. Gray, and her brother Oscar Tukey.



Marion Tukey Gray
(1893-1981)



Dr. Carl D. Gray
(1886-)



Oscar D. Tukey
(1905-1917)

2 postcards of Chadbourne's Store, Casco Village.



Circa 1935



Early 1950s

Raymond-Casco Historical Society News

by Anne Miller

The Raymond-Casco Historical Society held their monthly meeting May 12 at their new museum on Route 302, which is located adjacent to Watkins Farm.

Discussions included plans for an open house, collection policy and publicity. A collections committee was formed and they will meet Tuesday, May 20, at 6:30pm to firm up policy.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances the museum grand opening has been rescheduled for Saturday, July 19. We look forward to welcoming many folks. Volunteers are needed, so please call Anne Miller at 627-4989 and sign up for a fun day!

Anne Miller gave an update on the Maine Community Heritage Project grant application. We should know in June if it was awarded to us.

Phil Cole, long time RCHS member, suggested a fine idea for the Annual Casco Day Parade. Stay tuned for further details. The parade always takes place the last Saturday in July.

This month's SOLVE (Society Of Local Volunteer Executives) committee meeting takes place June 9 at 9:30am at our newly built RCHS Museum. Representatives from local historical societies throughout Cumberland, Oxford and Androscoggin counties get together informally to share

ideas, and discuss problems and concerns. We look forward to their visit in our new building.

The next regular monthly meeting of the RCHS takes place on Monday, June 9, at 6:30pm in the museum conference room. New members are always welcome. Now is an exciting time to join your historical society. Annual dues are only \$15 per individual or \$20 for a whole family. Please join us! For more information, go to http://www.raymondmaine.org/historical_society/ or call Wayne Holmquist, 655-7672, or Betty McDermott, 655-4646.

2008 Flea Market Peddles Fun, Wonderful and Wacky

Saturday, June 14, is the date for the 2008 Raymond Village Flea Market, held at the Raymond Village Community Church on Main Street. Mark your calendars, clean out the garage, save your pennies and call your friends.

This year, we'll have delicious food, beautiful plants, baked goods, and dozens of tables of flea market treasures. If you want to reserve a table (\$15) or space (\$10) please contact Polly Dyer at shortie37@verizon.net or 892-4301.

The Raymond Village Flea Market is the spring fundraiser for the Raymond Village Community Church, a United Church of Christ. Services are held each Sunday from 10-11am. A nursery and Sunday school classes are available during the service. All are welcome. To learn more, visit <http://www.rvccme.org>

Mainer Appointed Chairman of Federal Government Committee on Gulf War Veterans

AUGUSTA, MAINE - Charles L. Cragin, of Raymond, Maine, has been appointed by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to chair the Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans. The committee will advise Dr. James Peake, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, on the full spectrum of health care and benefits issues that confront veterans who served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the 1990 - 1991 period of the Gulf War. The committee will pay particular attention to issues that are unique to these veterans.

"Gulf War veterans made an invaluable contribution to national security and peace in a volatile region," Peake said. "This new panel will ensure that VA benefits and programs adapt to the needs of these veterans, just as our services have adapted for veterans of other conflicts."

"It is a great honor to join this distinguished group of Americans in evaluating how America has responded, and how it should respond in the future, to the unique issues presented by the dedicated men and women who went in harm's way during the Gulf War of 1990-1991," said Charles Cragin, committee chairman.

A Senior Government Affairs Counselor for Maine Street Solutions, LLC based in Augusta, Maine, and Washington, D.C., Cragin will serve on this committee with 13 other

distinguished members from throughout the United States. Cragin is a former senior U.S. Department of Defense official, Chairman of the Board of Veterans Appeals of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and the 1982 Republican nominee for governor of Maine. He retired from the U.S. Navy in 1998 at the rank of captain, following over thirty-six years of service in both the enlisted and officer ranks.

Adjutant General John W. Libby of Maine, Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, commenting on the appointment of Cragin, said, "President John F. Kennedy, who served in the Pacific and was a much decorated WWII veteran, used to say, 'To whom much is given, much is expected.' A clear corollary to this is, 'By whom much was sacrificed, much is owed.' This is the implied mission of the Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans, to ensure that which is owed is being provided, and the leadership of Charlie Cragin will ensure the successful completion of that mission."

General Libby continued, "Charlie comes uniquely qualified by virtue of his public and private service and his selection is welcomed by all of us who have served and continue to serve this nation."

The duties of the committee are to examine the health care and benefits needs of those who served in the Southwest Asia

theater of operations during the 1990 - 1991 period of the Gulf War and to advise the Secretary on the issues that are unique to these veterans and how these issues can best be addressed by the Department of Veterans Affairs. To carry out these duties, the committee is expected to assess both the effectiveness of existing benefits and services and to determine the need for new initiatives and/or policies that relate exclusively to this population of veterans.

"I am so pleased that such a fine public servant from Maine has been selected by the Veterans Affairs Secretary to chair this important Advisory Committee," said Congressman Mike Michaud, Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Health. "Maine can be proud of Charlie's commitment to our veterans. I look forward to working with him to make sure that our veterans receive the health care and benefits that they earned while serving our nation."

The committee will hold meetings, invite testimony and receive information it considers necessary to carry out its purposes, including information from the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense, and any other federal department or agency. The committee will submit to the Secretary a report not later than 18 months after the date of its first meeting.

The Side Effects of Financial Stress

by Steve Danzig, LMSW-CC, LADC, CCS

Did you know that there is a strong connection between emotions and finances? Research has shown that over half of all Americans currently have money problems and the resulting "financial stress" has caused a dramatic increase in mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, frustration, rage, and a sense of hopelessness. These mental health issues can often lead to physical health issues as well. People experiencing financial stress can be more likely to numb their "money anxiety" by drinking, taking drugs, smoking, overeating, and practicing other unhealthy coping behaviors. People often experience trouble sleeping, which can impair their immune functioning and cognitive abilities, causing moodiness, uncontrollable anger, and greater risk for illness.

Similarly, earlier research indicates that during economic times such as these there is also an increase in relationship/marital problems. Two of the top reasons marriages fail are financial problems and alcoholism/addiction, which as mentioned above, can often begin with that one or two (or more) drinks a person comforts him- or herself with at the end of a "long, hard, stressful day." These research studies indicate that financial problems are associated with increased levels of stress for both spouses, decreased level of marital satisfaction, and troubled feelings for the husband about failing as a provider and/or breadwinner. Financial problems caused by strong economic pressures, like our current economy, also increased an individual's level of hostility toward his or her spouse, increasing the sense of marital instability which in turn raises the risk of divorce.

So what can you do to alleviate some of this stress? In each of these research studies, speaking with a therapist was proven to be highly effective in helping with all of these economically-induced challenges. When interviewed, people listed a variety of reasons why therapy was crucial to their well-being. First, the therapist provides a safe, nonjudgmental place to share all of a client's thoughts and feelings, both good and bad. Clients who said they "had to be strong" at home were free to fully experience and face all of their financial fears and sources of their anxiety/depression, enabling them to move forward and get creative about effective solutions. Second, the therapist had the professional training required to assist with a variety of stress reducing exercises, healthy coping skills, and relaxation techniques to improve daily life and even assist with sleep at night. Third, couples found having an impartial person validating each of the spouses' feelings, teaching them how to "really listen" to each other, and offering solutions they could achieve "together" renewed and strengthened their marriage partnership. Lastly, therapists could assist with finding and/or providing treatment for addictive behaviors.

Despite these findings, during tough economic times some people tend to cut corners in areas like their health and well-being, fearing that it costs too much. Since most therapists take insurance and offer payment plans, therapy can be financially affordable and provides a wealth of benefits to the recipient. Any amount of therapy—once a week, once every two weeks, or just once a month—is better than none at all, since small problems left unchecked can turn into larger problems leading to even more stress.

Other things you can do outside your therapist's office that can help with financial stress are:

- Eating well-balanced meals, drinking less caffeine, turning off the TV early to assist with getting enough sleep, and exercising on a regular basis. Try to avoid using drugs, alcohol, or sugary treats to take the edge off at the end of a stressful day.
- Doing a relaxing activity/hobby that you enjoy and doesn't cost much such as reading, fishing, listening to music, drawing, writing, yoga, abdominal breathing, or even spending time with a pet. Try to avoid listening to the news or other programs that focus on the current economic climate.
- Contacting your mortgage company, your local bank, or a NON-PROFIT credit counseling agency to help you begin to consolidate your bills and lower your monthly payments. Try to limit your spending to things that you need, with only occasional treats for things when you want to avoid feeling deprived and angry. For example, instead of eating out once a week, just do it once a month. If you like to fish, allow for worms/tackle in your budget.

Just remember that without good mental health your life will be more stressful than it needs to be, so try to see a local therapist at least monthly until you get through this rough patch. You deserve peace of mind. Ask your family, friends, or doctor for a recommendation and/or find one that you like from the yellow pages.

In closing, another negative side effect of these difficult economic times is that this will be the last issue of the Raymond Road Runner newspaper. As such, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Road Runner staff for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to providing this valuable community service to the residents of Raymond. For the past 3 years, it has been my privilege to contribute to the paper by authoring self-help articles on various mental health and addiction topics. For your future reference, all of these articles (in addition to some new ones) can now be viewed on-line under the "articles" tab at www.danzigcounseling.com

Legislative Update

Rep. John C. Robinson

State Officials Ask Drivers to Be Alert for Moose



State officials with the Department of Transportation are reminding drivers to be cautious for moose on Maine's roads. Moose are highly active during the spring, and more moose collisions are recorded in June than in any other month during the year.

Moose are hard to see because of their dark brown color. Because of their size, any time a vehicle hits a moose there is the potential for serious injury. Moose are drawn to the road because they consume leftover salt from the plowing season, as well as eat the quick growing grass usually found near the roadside.

Over the past three years there have been nearly 2,000 crashes on Maine's roads because of moose. There are fatalities nearly every year. Eighty-percent of those crashes occur once the sun has set.

Officials urge motorists to stay alert when driving, especially after dark. They also ask motorists to always use their seatbelts.

Commute Another Way Week

This week is Commute Another Way Week in Maine. This week Maine residents are encouraged to try an alternative mode of transportation to work or school. This annual transportation event is sponsored by GoMaine, a statewide commuter services program.

Commuters are urged this week to try carpooling, vanpooling, biking or walking to work or school. In the past, GoMaine has worked with more than 500 employers and 5,000 commuters statewide to commute another way. The effort is aimed at reducing traffic congestion, cutting auto emissions and finding more cost-effective ways for commuters to travel.

This year's event has already gained more interest as motorists face a state-wide average price of over \$3.60 per gallon of gas.

To learn more about Commute Another Way Week or to take advantage of information provided by GoMaine, visit their website at <http://www.gomaine.org>.

Federal Stimulus Checks

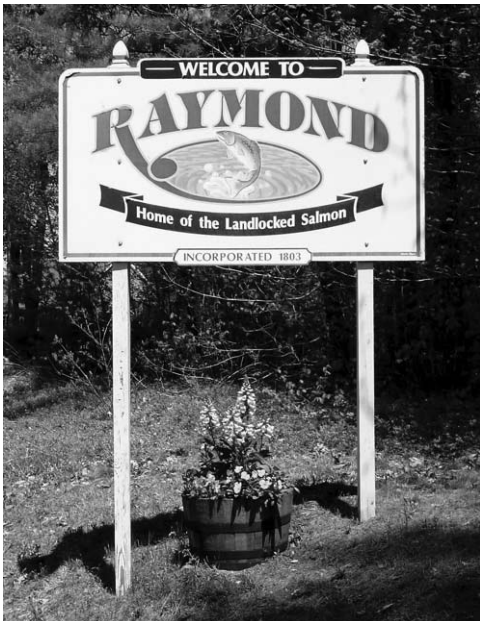
Federal economic stimulus checks have started being issued by the United States Treasury.

Citizens who have not received their checks yet can find out when to expect their payments by visiting <http://www.irs.gov/irs/article/0,,id=180250,00.html>.

Here you can also access a calculator to figure out how much to expect in your stimulus check.

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

Check for new garden photos each month online at www.raymondmaine.org



Raymond Beautification Committee's Featured Gardens



The Stiles Family Adopted Garden



Hawthorne Garden Club and Veterans Memorial Committee



Early Tulips at Aubuchon Hardware

Save the Hawthorne House

The Hawthorne Community Association was established back in 1922 with the mission to safeguard the Hawthorne House and to preserve its heritage. Nathaniel Hawthorne is recognized worldwide as the famous 19th Century novelist, author of such classics as *The Scarlet Letter* and *The House of the Seven Gables*. His childhood home at the corner of Cape and Hawthorne Roads in Raymond is a Maine landmark and a source of pride to our community for its ties to American literature and history.

Built circa 1813, the Hawthorne House is listed on the *National Register of Historic Places in the State of Maine*. While the house has withstood many Maine winters, after this past winter, at almost 200 years old, age is having an effect. If we are to preserve this treasure for the benefit of future generations, costly repairs now need to be made.

The Hawthorne Community Association has launched a fund raising campaign to Save The Hawthorne House. We need your help in this effort and are asking for your donation. **Our fund raising goal to cover the cost of repairs to the house and its foundation is \$25,000.**



Fund Raising Thermometer outside the Hawthorne house.

Please make a donation by check made out to "The Hawthorne Community Association - Building Fund." The Hawthorne Community Association is a registered non-profit organization, so your donation is tax deductible. We also welcome you to become a member of *The Hawthorne Community Association*.

Save The Hawthorne House Donation

Name _____

Address _____

Save The Hawthorne House Fund Raising Donation: \$ _____

I would like to become a member of the Hawthorne Community Association. Enclosed is the additional amount of \$10.00 for my membership fee.

Please return to:
Hawthorne Community Association - Building Fund
PO Box 185
South Casco, ME 04077

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Please join us for our annual Strawberry Festival featuring fresh shortcake, Maine strawberries and real whipped cream. The Festival will be held at the Hawthorne House on Saturday, June 28, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults or \$3 for children (8 and under). Please make your reservation for the Strawberry Festival by e-mailing Cinda Roy at cindasmithroy@yahoo.com or calling 655-6746.

Come visit us at our website www.hawthorneassoc.com to see the progress on our fund raising and to learn more about us and the Hawthorne House.

Summer Trash Schedule

Please have your curbside trash and recycling roadside before 7am.

Beginning May 27th the summer schedule will start for private roads.

If you have any questions, please call the Town Office at 655-4742 or e-mail louise.lester@raymondmaine.org

2007 Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund Program

"Circuit Breaker Program"

DEADLINE JUNE 2, 2008

The Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund Program's deadline is June 2, 2008. This state program refunds part of your property tax or rent if you qualify. Qualifications are:

- 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 2005 property tax was more than 4% of your 2006 household income; or,
- The rent you paid on 2006 was more than 20% of your 2006 household income.

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

You can pick up applications at the Town Office or file on line at:

www.maine.gov/revenue

For assistance call:
207-626-8475 weekdays 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

TTY: 888-577-6690
weekdays 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

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

"Ravens" Girls Lacrosse Club

By Steve Catir

Town history was made Wednesday, May 14, as 5th through 8th grade girls played in the first-ever lacrosse game by a Raymond-based club. The girls team started practicing at the RES field Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-6:30pm in April and have since worked hard to learn this challenging sport. They have also been invited to attend a series of Saturday morning clinics hosted by WHS coach Deb Lebel, a real help with fundamental skills provided in a fun format. NYA Girls Coach Lizzy Crockett, a Raymond native and former St. Mary's College lacrosse player, was excited to have the Ravens visit NYA and play an informal scrimmage with her team. The NYA team had older players mentor, while younger players helped the Ravens with their first full field experience. The Ravens are grateful for the support of the Raymond community and the "Maine Lacrosse Community," such as Maine Lacrosse Club, Atlantic Sportswear, numerous coaches and others who have offered a hand to the Ravens as they form their program. All girls 5th through 8th are welcome to join, so contact Steve at 712-5766 for more information.

Songo Lock Notice

The Maine Department of Transportation and the Division of Parks and Land have extended permission to the Songo River Queen II for priority passage through the Songo River Lock in Sebago State Park during the 2008 boating season.

During JULY and AUGUST, the River Queen will be making its passage through the LOCK at approximately 11am and 5pm, as has been its custom over the years.

PRIORITY PASSAGE has been granted, in part due to the fact that other canal systems in the U.S. grant priority to commercial vessels over private craft. This will also allow us to maintain our schedule and most especially our timely return through the swing bridge on the Causeway in Naples at noon and 6pm.

The Queen appreciates your consideration and cooperation.

Thank you,
Songo River Queen II

Raymond Rec
Summer Swim Program

Registration is Wednesday, June 4th, 5pm-7pm

JSMS Cafeteria

Raymond Recreation Association sponsors

Red Cross swim lessons at Crescent Beach in Raymond

June 30 to July 24, Half Hour Lessons M - F

For Children in Grades K - 7

Cost \$25 per child

BEACH CLEAN UP IS JUNE 14

(RAIN DATE IS JUNE 28)

Time: 9-12 am

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bring a rake and help us get the beach ready for the kids.

Program Director: Kim Plummer

Instructor and Lifeguard: Jessie Howard – Jessie was the assistant instructor and lifeguard last summer. She knows our families, the facility and the program. She is excited to be returning to work with the children for her second year.

FMI CALL KIM 655-2448

Acknowledged Artist in the Town of Raymond

Laura King was entered in the City of Portland National Art Program contest for the second time by her husband Bob King. The exhibits were judged by nationally acclaimed artists from University of Maine and by professional, accomplished artists in Maine.

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

Out of these awards, Laura Powers King came home with a blue 1st place at the Intermediate level for an ostrich picture she did in scratch ink. The national Arts Program has a web page with all its recognized exhibits in 43 states across the country, plus the District of Columbia: www.nationalartsprogram.org/venues.php

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



Thank You!



The Windham High School Chamber Singers are grateful for the financial support of the following businesses who provided funding for their 2008 Outreach Tour to New York City

- Raymond Village Florist
- Brian and Leigh Walker
- Raymond PTO
- Dielectric
- Windham Millwork
- Photography by Brown
- Dollars for Doers, NSC
- Sebago Lake Rotary Club
- Unum Matching Gifts
- Windham Center Stage Theater
- Windham Lion's Club

and to the following businesses who provided goods and/or services for our fundraising efforts:

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| Applebees | Hannaford |
| Benny's Barber & Style Shop | Locals Skate & Snow |
| Blossoms | Patman's |
| Bull Moose | Pat's Pizza |
| Charlie Beigg's Restaurant | Shaws |
| Corsetti's | TD Banknorth |
| CVS Pharmacy | The Odd Shop |
| Excel Nails | Walmart |
| Friendly's | Windham Jewelers |
| G.M. Pollack | |

Cumberland County Free Prescription Card

Cumberland County, Maine, in cooperation with the National Association of Counties now offers a free prescription card which will save you an average of 20% on your prescription medicines. **THIS IS NOT AN INSURANCE CARD. Savings are only available at participating pharmacies.**

You and your family may use your prescription discount card any time your prescription is not covered by insurance. There are no restrictions and no limits on how many times you may use your card. Visit www2.caremark.com/naco/ to look up a participating pharmacy, a price estimate for your prescription, check drug interactions, or read news articles from leading health journals For more information, call toll-free 1-877-321-2652.

Savings may vary by drug. The program administrator may obtain fees or rebates from manufacturers and/or pharmacies based on your prescription drug purchases. These fees or rebates may be retained by the program administrator or shared with you and/or your pharmacy.

By using this card, you agree to participate in the program in which a pharmacist may discuss safe, effective alternative drugs that could provide you with additional savings.

Prescription claims through this program will not be eligible for reimbursement through a state Medicaid program.

As of this date the following pharmacies are participating: Community Pharmacy in Raymond; Hannaford locations in Windham and Bridgton; Wal-Mart in Windham; Rite Aid in Gray, Naples, and Auburn; CVS in Windham; Walgreens in Windham; and Naples Professional Pharmacy.

June Selectmen's Meetings

Tuesday, June 3rd, 7pm, and

Tuesday, June 17th, 7pm,

at the Broadcast Studio next to the Jordan-Small Middle School and on Cable Channel 2

As in years past, there will only be one Selectmen's Meeting in July. It will be held on the evening of July 15th.

Elite All Stars Cheering Squad

by Mr. & Mrs. Steeves

Congratulations to the Raymond Elite All Stars Cheering squad, which competed April 26th in Agawam, Massachusetts, won their division and brought the trophy to Maine. The following Step into the Limelight scream team from Raymond are Cassidy Gaudet, Jasmine Steeves, Madi Masi, Marybeth Noonan, Tyler Davidson, Courtney Davidson, Emily Davidson, Dennis Townsend, Leah Orcini, and Coach Brittini Herring. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. We are proud of all of you!



Grade 7 Challenger Learning Center Trip

By Kellie Ouellette

The Jorda-Small Middle School seventh grade class participated in a simulated space station mission on our trip to the Challenger Learning Center on May 5, where they were all assigned jobs in Mission Control and on the Space Station. The mission was titled Rendezvous with a Comet, and students needed to work as teams to make it a successful mission.

In addition to the mission, students also participated in a workshop where they made their own spectroscopes and learned about the electromagnetic spectrum.

More information about the Challenger Learning Center and its programs can be found at: www.clcofme.org

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

An Eagle Court of Honor was held on Saturday, April 26th, for two members of Boy Scout Troop 800. Steven Lentine and Kyle Woodbrey were awarded the Eagle Rank, the highest in scouting. Sandy Winde, an Eagle Scout himself, provided welcoming remarks and gave the invocation. Steven and Kyle's fathers, Paul Lentine and Kevin Woodbrey, spoke of the Eagle Scout Trail. The scouts' siblings, Katie, Robbie and Erik, presented statistics about the future of Eagle Scouts, stating that only four scouts in one hundred go on to become an Eagle Scout. Bob Zawistowski, also an Eagle Scout, presented the Eagle Scout Challenge. After giving a speech that not only inspired the Eagle Scouts, but all of those present, Sandy stated the qualifications for the Eagle badge, presented the Eagle badges to Steven and Kyle, and gave the Eagle Charge. During the presentation of the badges, Carol Hanley, Troop Advancement Chair, presented the Eagle Scout Certificates to Steven and Kyle. Kathy Winde, Kyle's den leader for five years, presented his Eagle candle to him again seven years after the first time she presented it to him at his crossover ceremony. After Sandy gave closing remarks, a slide show of Steven and Kyle's scouting experiences was shown. A special guest at the ceremony was Don Willard, Raymond Town Manager.

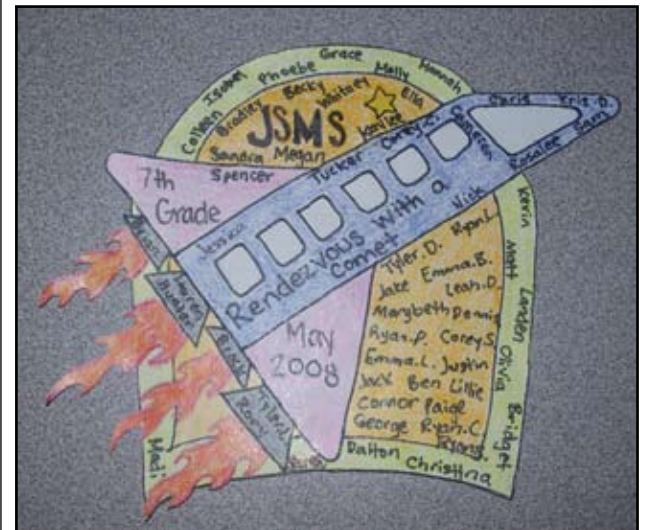
One of the many requirements to become an Eagle Scout is to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or the community. Steven Lentine's Eagle project was to build an extensive brick pathway up to and around Raymond's Veteran Memorial. Steven created an Eagle project book with a detailed plan including diagrams, materials, costs, and a step by step plan of the project. Along with other volunteers, Steven spent many hours preparing the site and laying over 3,000 bricks. The design included proper placement of Memorial bricks along with the red bricks.

Kyle's Eagle Scout project was to build a new sign for the Town of Raymond, used for meeting announcements and located near the town office. The sign has a back-lit manual reader board with five lines of text. It also has a lit town logo above the reader board. To enable himself to plan and complete this project, Kyle spent countless hours learning AutoCAD and Microsoft Project. He also created an Eagle Scout project book. His book included AutoCAD drawings, a materials list, tools list, and the project plan. Many volunteers aided Kyle with his project including his father, brother, cousin, the town's Public Works department, Steven and Paul Lentine, and Dana Desjardins.

Kyle is a senior at Windham High School and plans to attend Rochester Institute of Technology in New York this fall. Steven is a junior at North Yarmouth Academy.



This is the new announcements sign outside of the town office, which was Kyle Woodbrey's Eagle Project.



Rendezvous with a Comet mission patch.



Space Station.



Eagle Scouts Kyle Woodbrey and Steven Lentine with congratulatory posters displaying photos of their Eagle Projects.



Steven Lentine's Eagle Project was building the brick pathway up to and around Raymond's Veterans Memorial.



Mission Control.

Chicks!

By Sue Ellen Gendron

Wednesday, April 16, was a big day in the RES library. The eggs that have been incubating for 21 days started to hatch! The first egg hatched at around 1:30pm, followed by two more by 8:30pm. There was peeping galore!

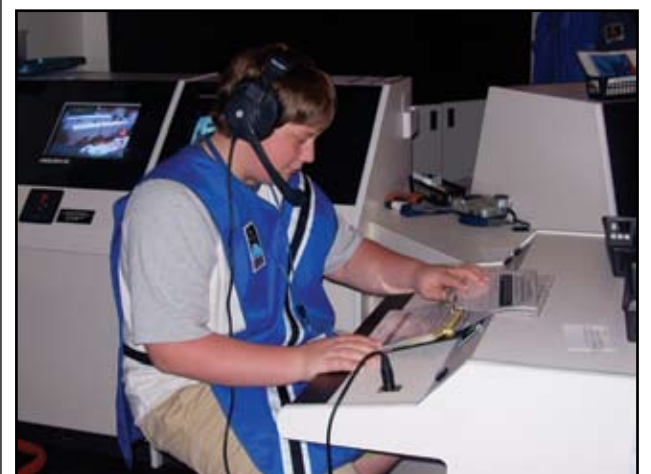
Thursday brought four more successfully hatched chicks: 6 yellow and 1 black, total. The steady stream of students and adults passing through the library to view the hatchlings, and those chicks who moved on to the "older" chick container was never-ending. Everyone carefully watched this amazing process with such respect for the new arrivals!



RES library chicks: The newest patrons of the RES library, chickens hatched under the watchful eye of Mrs. Gendron and 256 children.

A combined effort between Mrs. Murray (Computer Teacher) and Mrs. Gendron (Librarian) created a slide show of one of the chicks throughout the hatching process. Thank you, Mrs. Murray, for adding the calming music to the pictures and creating the slide show. Another big thank you must go to Calum and Robbie Murray's grandfather, who loaned his incubator to the school and gave the eggs to the school. What a treat for the whole school to experience the incubating and hatching of chicks!

As of noon on Friday a total of 10 chicks had hatched with one in the process of cracking through its shell. Out of 21 eggs, there will be at least 11 happy chicks hatched in Raymond Elementary School! The chicks will be moving to their new home at Anna and Nora Laprise's farm during vacation week. Their farm will be a wonderful place for the chicks to live. Perhaps there will be pictures to show how they are changing and growing!



Space Station Command.

Thank you from the Road Runner staff for all the support you've given your community through this newspaper.