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## Hot Items

**Selectman Stephanie Bubier resigns, see page 3 for the story**

**Troop 800's weekly meetings are held at Raymond Village Church each Tuesday, from 6:30pm - 8:00pm during October through May. See page 2 for the complete boy scout troop 800's 1999/2000 schedule**

**See pictures of the new Raymond Elementary School on pages 1, 3, and 4**

### RoadRunner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the RoadRunner newsletter are due by September 15th. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

#### E-Mail; Diskette; Paper

Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF)

#### Send School Related Articles To:

n.richard@raymondmaine.org  
or drop at Principal's Office

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nathan.poore@raymondmaine.org  
or drop at Town Hall

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- Norma Richard
- Kevin Woodbrey

## Help Name the New School

In a year the new K-4 elementary school will be open. You can help select a name.

Up until now the Building Committee has used the simple, descriptive name of Raymond Elementary School. However, we recognize that the citizens of Raymond may prefer another name.

So, get out those thinking caps! Talk to your friends and neighbors! Should the name of the new school reflect the history or geography of Raymond? Maybe the location of the building? Or should it honor

the memory, or contribution, of a Raymond citizen? Or a group of people? Should it represent the vision, values or goals we have for the education of our children?

If you have a suggestion: Submit your idea in writing before Friday, September 25. Please clearly state your specific suggestion. Include a brief statement on why you suggest this name. If you are speaking on behalf of a community group, please indicate that.

Deliver your submission, in a sealed envelope, to the Town Hall or

Jordan-Small School. You may also submit via e-mail to David Johnson, Building Committee Chair at [djohnso4@maine.rr.com](mailto:djohnso4@maine.rr.com).

The Building Committee will review all suggestions at their September 28th meeting (the public is always welcome at the Jordan-Small Library, 7:00pm). They will select a name and present it to the Selectmen for final acceptance at their Tuesday, October 5th meeting.

## Principal's Corner

By: Norma Richard

The Raymond school calendar has been published and sent to all Raymond homes. Our school handbook is published in this calendar to provide all families with essential information about the Jordan-Small School. I encourage all parents to become familiar with the handbook and to share this information with your children, especially the pages focusing on student conduct and bus behavior.

Learning at Jordan-Small is a partnership between school and home. Children are most successful when there are shared expectations for behavior and quality of work.

Student responsibility is a key to establishing good habits that start in the early elementary grades. JSS provides the framework for reinforcing student responsibility through the use of the RED folders in the primary grades and student agendas in grades 4 - 6. Both the RED folders and student agendas are visible ways to develop organizational skills, even as early as kindergarten. Parents, please expect these to come home each and every day. Encourage your student to take responsibility to place all homework, notes, and other papers back in the folders or agenda. Review assignments each and every day, and use the folders and agendas as a way to communicate with your child's teacher.

Your child will benefit from your continuing involvement.

Safety is a major concern in schools nationwide, and we are developing new procedures to assure that all of our students are safe at Jordan-Small. This year we ask that all visitors to the school, including parents and volunteers, to sign in at the office before going to classrooms. We will provide badges or passes to all school visitors as a way to clearly identify those adults who have signed in. We want to thank all community members and parents in advance for their cooperation in this matter to assure the safety of all children at school.

## Year 2000-2001 Budget Meetings Scheduled

By: Nathan Poore

The new budget for year 2000-2001 will be studied in the next few months by the Selectmen, School Committee, and Budget/Finance Committee. Beginning in October, these elected officials will plan what

the Town will need in order to provide the services which Raymond residents expect. These groups will provide an opportunity for the Town to voice its opinion following the submission of their

budgets with announced public hearings in December.

All preliminary meetings are open to the public, and the public is encouraged to attend.



Foundation Work Nears Completion at the New Elementary School on August 22, 1999

## Library StoryTime

StoryTime at the Library is held on Thursdays at 9:30am. While the stories and projects are geared for 2 to 5 year-olds, children of any age are welcome. StoryTime usually includes 3 books about a related topic, songs and a project. September's theme is Travel: Places to Go and How We Get There.

StoryTime wouldn't be possible without our volunteer readers, so many thanks go to Stephanie Odum, Elizabeth Algeo, and Irene Morris. The library also welcomes new readers Jeff Hoffman and Sandy Wilkas. For more information, or if you'd enjoy helping with reading, songs or projects, call Lori at 655-4277.

## Christmas Basket Reminder

By: Jane Jordan

Because the stores are clearing out last year's merchandise at the end of summer sales, there are toy bargains to be found. This is a good time to pick up a couple of toys (or more) for the Christmas Baskets. If you need room to store anything kept for the Baskets, call Jane Jordan at 655-4412.

## The Fragile Hearts Band

The North Windham Union Church is presenting a concert of contemporary Christian music featuring Western Maine's premier Christian group, *THE FRAGILE HEARTS BAND*, on Saturday evening, September 18th from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the door. To get your tickets now, call 892-6142. The North Windham Union Church is located on Route 302 in North Windham.

## Senior Citizens Dinner

Menu for Wednesday, September 15, 1999.  
Please call the school office at 655-4743 for a reservation.

- American Chop Suey
- Sheperds Pie
- Warm Yeast Rolls
- Tossed Salad
- Apple Crisp & Coffee

## Boy Scout Troop 800's 1999/2000 Schedule

Troop 800's weekly meetings are held at Raymond Village Church each Tuesday, from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM during October through May. September and June meetings are held outdoors at Camp Hinds on Tuesdays. Patrol Leaders meeting and Troop Committee meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 PM also at the Raymond Village Church. Parents are encouraged to attend court of honor ceremonies.

### September

Skills training theme: Hiking  
Sign-up for Philmont/Seabase  
Election of Scout staff positions: SPL, ASPL, PL's, Scribe, Quartermaster, Guide  
Scout staff training meeting  
14 End of summer Court of Honor: Awards Presentation at Raymond Village Church  
18-19 Troop 800 hike and overnight camp at Pleasant Mountain  
21,23 All Out For Scouting and membership drive at Jordan Small School

### October

Skills training themes: Preparation for camping, The Patrol Method  
TBA Troop Service Project: Fall Clean-up at Raymond Village Church  
15-17 District Camporee-Sebago Lake State Park

### November

Skills training themes: Native Plant and Animal Life  
Troop Service Project: Adopt a site at Camp Hinds  
6 Scouting for Food  
Troop 800's Annual Bean Supper at Raymond Village Church-benefits Troop fund.  
13 Troop 800 cold weather hike-location TBA

### December

Skills training themes: First Aid, Safety, Firemanship  
Troop 800's Annual Holiday Wreath Sale-benefits Troop fund and Scouts Summer Camp Tuition  
11 Winter Camp at Camp Hinds-Cabins!  
14 End of fall Court of Honor: Awards Presentation

### January

Skills training themes: Computer Science, Communications, Klondike Derby Preparation  
9, 17 Scout Ski Days-Sunday River and Shawnee Peak  
22 Troop Swim

### February

Skills training themes: Survival skills, Winter Camping  
8 Scoutings 90th Anniversary and Troop Alumni Gathering  
12 Klondike Derby  
13 Scout Ski Day-Sugarloaf  
19 Troop 800's Annual Chowder Dinner at Raymond Village Church-benefits Troop fund.  
26-27 Winter Camp-out (tents!) - location TBA

### March

Skills training themes: Citizenship in the Community/Nation/World, Parade Drills  
TBA Coast Guard Base Tour-South Portland  
4 Scout Ski Day-Shawnee Peak

### April

Skills training themes: Pioneering, Ropes, Personal Fitness

Assistance/Participation in Pack 800 Pinewood Derby and Webelos Cross-over.  
8 Mine Trip: Stowe location-hunt for amethyst!  
28 Troop Service Project- Spring Cleanup at Raymond Village Church  
28 Spring Court of Honor and Parent Dinner at Raymond Village Church

### May

Skills training themes: Rocketry, Camporee preparation  
6 1st Troop 800 Car Wash - benefits Troop fund.  
19-21 Spring Council wide Camporee - Windsor Fairground  
27 Troop Bike Hike: Route TBA

### June

3 Troop Canoe day trip - route TBA  
17 High Adventure Rafting trip - Dead River (Swimming Merit Badge Required)  
TBA Sign up for Camp Bomazeen Leadership Training (August)  
TBA Sign up and Planning meeting for Katahdin High Adventure Hike (Sept.)  
TBA Founders Day Parade March

### July

15 Annual Planning Meeting, Summer Camp Activities  
Sign up and Barbecue.

### August

Summer Camp at Camp Hinds

*Some activities and/or dates are subject to change. The most up-to-date information can be found at the Boy Scout section of the Raymond website.*

### For more information contact:

Jay Peterson, Scoutmaster,  
Tel: 655-2160, e-mail: jpete@pivot.net  
or

Denise McKay, Troop 800 Committee Chair,  
Tel: 655-3954, e-mail: denisemckay@pivot.net

Troop 800 is building its physical resources and is accepting donations of goods or money in addition to our fund-raising events. We need the following equipment to participate effectively in backpacking and camping events:

- 5 small camp stoves and spare fuel canisters (est. \$320)
- 5 nested cook kits and skillets (est. \$395)
- 1 dutch oven (est. \$66)
- 6 gas lamp hook ups and 2 top mount lanterns (est. \$186)
- 1 trailer to haul patrol boxes and tables (est. \$???)
- 500' rope (est. \$???)
- 36 melamine 9" plates, 12oz bowls, mugs (est\$125)
- Tarps

## September 1999

### Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> SCHOOL BEGINS 7:00PM JS School Committee	<b>2</b> KINDERGARTEN Visit Day 6:30PM KC Lions Club	<b>3</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>4</b> Town Office Closed for Holiday
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>7</b> KINDERGARTEN Begins 7:00PM TH Selectmen Recycling Pickup	<b>8</b> 7:00PM TH Planning Board Recycling Pickup	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00PM TH Tassel Top Committee	<b>15</b> 7:00PM JS School Committee	<b>16</b> 6:30PM KC Lions Club	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10:00AM TH Appeals Board Site Walk	<b>20</b> 7:00PM VL Historical Society	<b>21</b> 7:00PM TH Selectmen Recycling Pickup	<b>22</b> 7:30PM FB Ladies Auxiliary Recycling Pickup	<b>23</b> 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	<b>24</b> Appeals Board Deadline for October Meeting	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00PM TH Appeals Board	<b>28</b> 7:00PM JS Conservation Commission	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>To Be Announced</b> 7:00PM TH Diabetes Meeting 6:30PM JS Middle School Dev. Com. 7:00PM TH Recycling Committee	<b>TH</b> =Town Hall <b>JS</b> =Jordan-Small <b>KC</b> =Kokatosi Campgnd <b>TG</b> =Town Garage <b>FB</b> =Fire Barn <b>VL</b> =Village Library



## Raymond Public Works

**By: Nathan White, Road Commissioner**

Raymond's Public Works Department has been working, though short-handed, on various projects, which include the improvement of Deep Cove Road. The Selectmen have just given their permission to have part of North Raymond Road surveyed so that improvements can be made next year. Public Works is also planning road striping, ditching and brush cutting where needed before winter arrives.

The Fire Police have been instrumental along with Public Works in getting the road signs up for the road name changes from the E911 requirement. It will be an ongoing process until all signs are in compliance.

## Route 85 Paved

**By: Nathan White, Road Commissioner**

In July the Maine Department of Transportation paved most of Webbs Mills Road (Route 85). The section between Mill Street and Gore Road was not done because the MDOT is planning to rebuild that part next year. Not wanting to destroy the new asphalt after only a few months wear, the Selectmen asked the Town Manager to see if the money to be spent on the top coat could be saved to go into the project next year and have a more complete rehab done. The State agreed and by this time next year the entire route should be improved and should allow a few more years service before it has to be done again.

The idea of a bicycle path is still being discussed but at this time is still too expensive to consider.

## New Conservation Loon Plates Available

**By: Nancy Yates, Deputy Town Clerk**

The Town of Raymond can now offer Loon plates for commercial vehicles, motor homes, and trailers. The cost will be \$20.00 extra the first year and \$15.00 every year thereafter just as the regular Conservation passenger plates have been in the past. The money goes toward conservation efforts made by the State. There are also Loon Disabled plates available through the Department of Motor Vehicles branch offices. And remember that the University of Maine Plates are also available with the money going into the University of Maine Scholarship fund.

## Food Pantry Gets P.R.O.P. Food Donations

**By: Diane Goosetree**

The Raymond Food Pantry, a volunteer run organization, is the recipient of dry and canned food products from the Peoples Regional Opportunity Program, Portland. This will greatly enhance the inventory of food available to needy people in Raymond and some surrounding towns. Anyone in need can obtain help through the Pantry for a limited time period. Anyone needing more continuous help can go through our P.R.O.P. representative Maurice

## Selectman Stephanie Bubier Resigns

**By: Nathan Poore, Town Manager**

July 20th was Stephanie Bubier's last meeting with the Raymond Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen and the Town will miss Ms. Bubier's help and guidance. She has served on the Board since July of 1995 and was Chairperson since the summer of 1997. Ms. Bubier also served on the Planning Board during the 1980's. Until her departure, she was a life long resident.

Ms. Bubier resigned her position in Raymond as Selectmen and in Gray as the guidance councilor for Gray-New Gloucester High School in order to pursue her career as a guidance councilor at the Leavitt Area High School. She now resides in Auburn. We wish her the best of luck and thank her for her public service.

## Lost and Found

Public Works found a gasoline powered brush cutter and a push broom. It apparently fell off the back of a vehicle. If you are missing them, please call Nathan White at 655-7851.

## Hazardous Waste Day a Success

**By: Louise Lester, Deputy Town Clerk**

On Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> the Casco Naples Recycling Facility in Casco hosted a RWS Hazardous Waste Day. All towns covered by Regional Waste Systems of Portland were invited to bring their hazardous waste for disposal. Clean Harbors, a company from Massachusetts, was the carrier and disposer of this waste. Raymond was invited to join because of its cooperative efforts with Casco and Naples in the past.

Raymond residents disposed of approximately 184 gallons of hazardous waste this year. This has become an annual endeavor for the Town, and it is expected that it will continue in the future. Examples of items taken by Clean Harbors were old gasoline, paint thinner, car batteries, oil based paint, road sealer, and asbestos products.

## Hunter Safety Courses are Starting for 1999

**By: Louise Lester, Deputy Town Clerk**

Hunter Safety courses are beginning so that anyone who wants to obtain a Maine Hunting License who hasn't had one before can be certified. These courses are of interest to anyone who likes to hike or ride in the woods because they cover much more than just firearms. The compass/map reading part of the course is especially informative. There is also a portion dealing with survival in the wilderness. You do not have to be interested in buying a hunting license to attend the courses. The cost of the courses is minimal. Please call the noted people to get more information on a particular course.

Freeport at L.L. Bean: September 2nd, 9th, and 16th from 6 PM to 10 PM.  
Call 1-888-552-3261.

Oxford at Paris Fish & Game Club, Perry Edwards: September 19th from 6 PM to 8 PM, and 21st and 22nd from 9 AM to 4 PM.  
Call 1-207-743-6290.

Yarmouth at Yarmouth High School, George Fogg: September 28th, October 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th from 6 PM to 9 PM.  
Call 1-207-846-6333.

For more information on other possible classes, please call Red Boothby at 1-207-854-4766.

## From The Tax Collector's Office

**By: Donna Lovely**

The Tax bills for the new year (1999-2000) will be mailed toward the end of September after the Selectmen set the mil rate. Any amount of the first half not paid by October 31<sup>st</sup> will begin accruing interest on November 1<sup>st</sup> and any balance on the second half not paid by April 30<sup>th</sup> will begin accruing interest on May 1<sup>st</sup>. All taxes must be paid by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Circuit Breaker forms are now available at the Town Hall if you have not received one in the mail. The forms can be filed anytime until March 1, 2000. You will need to know what you paid in property taxes on October 31, 1998 and April 30, 1999 which is the tax year 1998-1999.

## Direct Care Position

Progressive people wanted to work part time or per diem with a 19-year-old woman with autism and mental retardation.

An idyllic setting in Raymond on a 200 year old, 3 acre farm with gardening, animal care, baking, recycling, and arts and crafts as some of the highlights.

We are looking for people who believe we all have a right to choices and that every one of us has a gift within ourselves to offer others.

Come join us as we assist this young woman and others like her to reach her full potential in a natural home-like setting and with an educated holistic approach to their well being.

When interested, please call 655-3196 any day 6am-10pm for an interview. Please ask for Donna Thibodeau or Jane Gagnier.



**New Elementary School on August 22, 1999**

Geoffrey, Portland, 1-800-698-4959 Ext. 308.

PROP Food Distribution by the Raymond Food Pantry at Raymond Town Hall will be Tuesdays from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM and Fridays from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. If someone needs emergency help, food can be available during regular Town Hall business hours.



## Communities for Children

While Communities for Children didn't meet as a group over the summer, there was still much youth-focused activity happening in Raymond. Representatives from Jordan-Small School, local government, Raymond Recreation, Raymond Village Library, the RED Program, the Raymond Village Church, as well as parents, youth and concerned citizens, are members of Communities for Children and have all had a hand in creating a safe and healthy community for our children during this time off from school.

That's what Communities for Children is about. It is a forum for citizens, groups, parents and youth to come together to share what they're already doing to help Raymond families, and to have an opportunity to join forces to address a particular need. Over the past year connections amongst CFC members have led to a one year Raymond Rec. sponsorship of the Raymond Youth Group, a community service organizations meeting and the opportunity for our adolescents to attend the Leadership Institute at Camp Kieve. A Community Directory and a Welcome Brochure for new families are in the works.

This coming year we will continue to encourage more connections within our town as we look at middle school transition issues, support for families with young children and developing community service opportunities for our youth. We also hope to reach out to and include more organizations and citizens in the community in our efforts. Please join us!

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 21, 7:00 PM at JSS. For more information please call Lori Rand at 655-4277 or Laurie Wallace at 655-2222.

## PTA's First Meeting

The Raymond PTA will meet on Monday, September 13 at 3:30 PM in the JSS library. Child care will not be available at this meeting, but will be organized for future monthly and special meetings.

Cathy Dodge, PTA president, invites all parents and faculty to join the Raymond PTA and participate in its efforts to support children and families. Officers for this year are as follows:

- Cathy Dodge - President 655-5357
- Marianna Fenton - Vice President 655-2266
- Elisa Trepanier - Secretary 655-7003
- Karen Knights - Treasurer 655-3926

## Title I News

Welcome back ! For those of you who are not yet familiar with the Title I program, it is a government funded program to provide reading and math instruction for students who are not able to complete their work successfully in these areas. The program is funded through information gathered from the free lunch/reduced lunch programs. To qualify for services, students are first referred by the classroom teacher (or a parent) . Then the Title I staff uses tests results and teacher evaluations along with other criteria to determine which students need the services the most. It is the goal of the program to assist each child in developing a variety of skills so they can read, comprehend and solve math problems independently. We encourage creative thinking and lots of outside reading!

We have some exciting news ! The Title I staff is expanding this year. We are hiring another reading tutor for this school year. The children will benefit from the additional support, and I will be able to schedule tutoring for more students.

Mrs. Milton and I have put together a tentative list of Title I students for this school year. As soon as we return to school we will prepare notifications for parents and get permission slips signed and returned so we can begin to work with these students. We will spend the first week testing new students and setting up the schedule with classroom teachers. Hopefully, we should be able to start tutoring the second full week of school.

If anyone has a question about Title I, please call the office (655-4743) and leave a message for me. I will return your call as soon as I am able.

Best wishes for a successful year and remember to read with your child EVERY DAY !

Sincerely,

Margaret A. Mains  
Title I Contact/Literacy Specialist



**Bricks and Mortar Being Applied to the New Elementary School**

## American Red Cross Thanks Jordan-Small School

Dear Friends at the Jordan-Small School:

Thank you very much for all of your hard work in collecting "Coins for Kosovo". You raised \$671.70 for the American Red Cross International Response Fund. Your support of the Red Cross is greatly appreciated by the refugees of the Balkan conflict who will benefit from your gift. All told, close to 40 local schools raised more than \$8,000 for Kosovar Refugee Relief.

As hundreds of thousands of refugees return to find destroyed homes, hospitals and entire towns, the Red Cross is there for them. A cash donation is the quickest and most cost effective way for the Red Cross to get critically needed water, food, and medical supplies to these people, and to help them rebuild their lives.

This has been a very busy year for the Red Cross. We rely on the support of the Ameri-

can people to provide critically needed disaster relief to victims of these and other disasters.

Thank you so much for supporting the Red Cross and our sisters and brothers overseas.

Sincerely,  
Tracey Geary  
Director of Community Support