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Middle School Principal Search Committee Makes Recommendation to Superintendent

By: Jeri Keane

The search for a new middle school principal ended this week when Superintendent David Bois presented Christian Elkington to the Raymond School Committee as his nomination. The committee unanimously accepted Mr. Elkington, who is currently the Principal at Gray-New Gloucester High School.

Committee met over several weeks to review applications and conduct interviews with candidates. The committee was comprised of teachers Dennis Dorey, Jack Fitch and Terry Taiani, Barbara Loux, school social worker, parents Sue Ellen Gendron and Phil Hammett, middle school committee member Ellen Van Haasteren, Principal Norma Richard and school committee members Frank

McDermott and Jeri Keane. Interviews were conducted with 7 individuals. While several candidates names were forwarded to Mr. Bois, it is the Superintendent's decision as to whom to nominate to the School Committee.

Mr. Elkington comes to the Raymond School District with a wealth of experience and enthusiasm for the job. Prior to

his taking on the role of principal at Gray-New Gloucester High School, he was the principal of a K-6 school in MSAD #15, and prior to that taught in a middle school. We welcome Mr. Elkington to Jordan Small School, Raymond School District, and the Raymond community!

The Middle School Principal Search

Road Runner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by July 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

Send Town related articles To:

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

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<http://www.raymondmaine.org>

Look under Events & News



Principal's Corner

By: Norma Richard

Our last Sixth Grade Completion Ceremony at the Jordan-Small School was a very special and very poignant evening. It was an opportunity to celebrate the collaboration between parents and teachers as our last class of sixth graders prepare to enter middle school in other districts next fall. Several students received special recognition at the Completion Ceremony. The Carleton E. Edwards Citizenship Award was presented to Rebecca McIntire and Adam Wallace. Rebecca McIntire, Bryant Libby, and Kayla Harding presented their winning DARE essays. I would like to extend a special congratulation to these students and their parents for their fine work, as well as to all of our sixth graders and their parents for their many achievements during their years at Jordan-Small.

Teachers have been very busy organizing furniture, equipment, books and supplies for the move to the Raymond Elementary School next month. We are looking for

community members to help with two projects associated with this move. Please contact me at 655-4743 if you are able to help or to lend equipment for this work.

◆ Saturday, July 22: Volunteers are needed to assist with moving boxes to the Raymond Elementary School. Pick-up trucks, hand dollies, and a community enthusiasm are needed as we move boxes of books and materials to the new school. With a crew of 15 - 20 people and 6 pick-up trucks, this project should take a morning to complete.

◆ Saturday, August 12: This is our weekend to install the new playground at the elementary school. We need a minimum of 25 adults for this project. It is a great opportunity to contribute to the community. Construction skills would be a great benefit this day.



On behalf of the Jordan-Small School and staff, I want to thank all parents for their continuing support. I wish all of our families a happy and safe summer. I will be working throughout the summer, coordinating the move to the Raymond Elementary School. We will plan times in August for students and parents to visit the new school prior to the start of the new school year on August 30. Please check in next month's Roadrunner for more details.

Meet The New Jordan-Small School Principal

By: Christian Elkington

It is my pleasure to introduce myself to you as your new Middle School Principal for the Jordan Small School. My name is Christian Elkington and



I am presently completing my fifth year as an administrator in MSAD 15 Gray/New Gloucester. For the last two years I was fortunate to be the high school

principal and previous to that I was also very fortunate to be the principal of Russell-Pennell Elementary School in Gray.

I was a middle school teacher in Veazie and Rockland Maine for 8 years (87-95). I have a Masters Degree from the University of Maine in Orono (95). I completed my undergraduate work at Suffolk University in Boston (85). My wife Carol-Lee along with our children Christian (7), Tyler (4 1/2) and Elizabeth (10 months) live in New Gloucester.

The number one reason for my wanting to join your school and become a member of your, soon to be our, great community

is simple. WE by WORKING TOGETHER have a tremendous opportunity over the next three years to develop another outstanding school for the students/kids of Raymond! I say this because I researched your school and community before I decided to apply. What I found was: a community willing to support its school and kids, a student/kid population wanting to achieve excellence, parents willing to help in any way possible and an excellent educational system with a fine staff already in place. You could not ask for anything more!

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Recycling Reminder

By: Nathan Poore

Recycling reminder for Raymond residents: Curb side pick up of recyclable materials takes place every other week. Please leave containers out by the road side on days designated in the calendar shown on page 3. If your trash is picked up on Tuesdays then recycling is also picked up on Tuesdays and likewise for

Wednesday pickup. If you have any questions about recycling in Raymond, please call the Town Office or visit the

See Page 3 For The Recycling Calendar!

Raymond Web Site at <http://www.raymondmaine.org>

For those who are wondering where the drop off containers are, the Town removed them this past winter due to excess contamination from users. The Town is currently investigating the acquisition of new containers and a new end facility to bring the recycled materials. Keep reading the Road Runner each month for new information about recycling in Raymond.

Library Fair Day

July 8 is the day !! Be sure to mark it on your calendars and plan to be at the Jordan Small School between the hours of 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. There you'll find flocks of flowers and plants, tons of treasures, a bevy of books at bargain prices. There will also be games galore, toys and puzzles for the children, lots of fabulous food, and a cool cookie walk.

The Silent auction this year will feature wonderful artwork by local artists and new items and services donated by local merchants. Breakfast and luncheon will be available.



Allison and Julia play with books and toys like the ones available at the Raymond Village Library Fair on July 8th.

This isn't just Fair - This is going to be GREAT! !!

Silent Auction

Picture this.... twenty-three framed or matted original fine works of art by some of the most talented local artists to be auctioned at the annual Raymond Village Library Fair. This will be held at the Jordan Small School on July 8 from 8 A.M. until 1 P.M.

These beautiful pictures have been donated by the following artists: Carol Griggs, Waldo Preble, Alan Shadbolt, Charlotte Hewson, Tess Ingraham, Kathy Dodge, Sondra Levy, Martha Whitten Ladd, Florence Cooper, Peg MacKay, Lynda Wilson, Naomi Chase, Andrea Dacko, Patou McIsaac, Donna Kantor, Charlene Lee, Dr. Daniel Kahn, Joyce Mastro, Dick Anzelc, Pat Riley, and Shirley Fearon.

These paintings are now on exhibit at the library until the Fair on July 8. If you are unable to attend the Fair, but would like to bid on any one of the pictures, there are bid sheets at the library for your convenience.



Library patrons admire artwork, which will be available at the Silent Auction at Jordan-Small School on July 8th.

Pot Roast Supper

Raymond Village Community Church

3rd Saturday each month
(March thru October)

4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Pot Roast, Potatoes,
Carrots, Green Beans, Gravy
Biscuits, Beverages and Dessert

Handicap Accessible
Takeouts Available

News from the Raymond Village Library

The Book Sale begins at the Raymond Village Library on July 15, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. From 9 A.M. to 10 A.M. the Children's room will be opened to children exclusively. The sale will continue during regular library hours into August.

New library hours begin July 1st. Monday and Wednesday 2 P.M. to 8 P.M., Thursday and Saturday 9 A.M. to noon and Sunday 11 A.M. to 6 P.M.. We hope these additional hours will help serve more of our patrons.

The Children's Story Time on Thursdays will now begin at 10 A.M., instead of 9:30 A.M.. Baby Time on Thursdays will also begin at 10 A.M. These are held at the Raymond Village Library and will continue through the summer. The Story Time topics for July include Favorite Stories and Authors (classics and reader favorites)

July 2000

Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TH=Town Hall JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd TG=Town Garage RT85 FB=Fire Barn VL=Village Library						1 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED
2	3	4 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 7:00PM TH Selectmen	6 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	7	8 8:00AM-1:00PM JS Library Fair
9	10	11 Recycling Pickup	12 Recycling Pickup 7:00PM TH Planning Board	13 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time	14	15 9:00AM-4:00PM VL Book Sale Thru Mid-August
16	17 7:00PM VL Historical Society	18 7:00PM TH Selectmen	19	20 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	21	22
23 10:00AM TH Appeals Board Site Walk	24	25 Recycling Pickup	26 Recycling Pickup 7:00PM JS School Committee 7:30PM FB Ladies Auxiliary 7:00PM VL Library Board Meeting	27 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	28 Appeals Board Deadline for August Meeting	29
30	31 7:00PM TH Appeals Board					

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS AT THE RAYMOND VILLAGE LIBRARY

Readers of all ages, join us at the Raymond Village Library this summer for two months of Summer reading fun!

From June 26th through July 22nd, join the Space Cadets and learn fascinating details about our solar system, the stars and space exploration. Build a spacecraft. Create your own planet for our intergalactic library display. Enjoy space foods and drinks and launch your own rockets at our "space party" on July 24th. Don't countdown the summer with nothing to do. You'll have a blast right here when you **Space Out at the Library!**

From July 31st through August 26th, join the World Travelers as our friendly travel agents guide you on an international tour to exotic places. Get your passport and plan your trip. Design picture postcards and collect souvenirs. Make a flag, join our international parade, hear music from different countries and taste foods from other lands at our "international gala" on August 28th. Be a globe-trotter this summer, discover **Books: Your Ticket to the World!**

Joining is easy! Send in the enrollment form, and during the first week of each unit, stop by the library for your start up package. Each week, when you bring back the books you've read and had them recorded in your reading log, there will be activities or projects available for you to pick up and complete at home. You can stop by the library at your convenience anytime during the week to participate. At the end of each unit we will have a closing party with food, participation certificates and other fun and prizes.

Call Lisa at 655-5076 or Marianna at 655-2266 with questions or for more information.

Return this enrollment form to your teacher or drop it off at the Raymond Village Library.

READER'S NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

I would like to participate in the following Summer Reading Program(s):

- Space Out at the Library (June 26 - July 22)
- Books: Your Ticket to the World (July 31 - August 26)
- BOTH Programs

Raymond Village Community Church

United Church of Christ

Main Street, Raymond
207-655-7749
Rev. Dr. Richard Tulip

Worship 10:00 A.M.

Sanctuary Handicap Accessible

Adult Sunday School: 8:45 A.M. Sundays

**Sunday School Preschool thru 6th Grade
10:00 A.M.**

**Youth Sunday School (7th thru 12th Grade)
4th Sunday of the month at 10:00 A.M.**

**Choir Practice: Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. and
before worship on Sundays**

**Youth Group (7th through 12th Grades) meets
2nd Sunday of the month - Time TBA**

East Raymond Church

The East Raymond Church on Route
85 is open for the summer season.

8:30 AM services

Rev. Dr. Carol Kerr, Pastor.

Recycling 2000

Recycling Pickup Days Are Shaded Gray

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Meet The New Jordan-Small School Principal

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The possibilities for building a student centered school based on the needs of our students/kids along with the expectations for learners in the 21st century are endless! We will look at the "Best Practices" of other successful schools in our state and country. We will base our decisions on what our program should be by looking at what our kids need to be successful! We will look at what the data and research says from other schools and find out what they have found helps students grow both intellectually and socially! Our goal will be to help our students become the best most productive citizens that they can and want to be! WE WILL develop a school with an outstanding program and staff who will strive and be committed to developing independent, productive, caring, kind and respectful thinkers (kids/citizens)!

Over the last five years I have been a part of a renaissance in MSAD 15. Our schools have improved what we do for our kids because many differing parts of our communities were asked and decided to become a part of the work that needed to be done. This involvement is a main ingredient and already well embedded in Raymond. To me it spells out the road map of success that we will follow in developing the best middle school possible for our community!

I look forward and am very excited to be joining you over the summer!

Very truly yours,
Christian Elkington ("Mr. E")

Mark Your Calendars!

Dedication of the new

Raymond Elementary School

Sunday,

September 24, 2000

2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Detailed information to follow
in the September edition of the
Road Runner.

Title I Report

By: Margaret Mains, Literary Specialist

The first year we started the W.E.B. (Wonderfully Exciting Books) Program, the students collectively read 7,000 pages. Since then we have invited all Raymond students to participate.

Last spring we challenged the students to read 300,000 pages. Our final count this year was 399,461 pages! Congratulations Raymond students! Our next year's goal is to reach 500,000 pages by June 2001.

Thanks to all the parents, grandparents, relatives and friends of the Raymond community who helped these children practice reading at home. Have a safe and restful summer and keep modeling good reading habits for our young people.

Yearbook Thank You's

Sharon Andrews, Jordan-Small School parent and a coordinator of the 6th grade yearbook, would like to thank the following parents and students for all of their hard work on the yearbook committee: Joyce Crockett, Dennis Dorey, Cathy Dodge, Pam Hartig, Jay Greeley, Rhonda Mayer, Barbara Loux, Cindy Merriman, Cheryl Ryan, Kathy Woodbrey, Alyssa Andrew, Sabrina Carver, Danielle Carr, Kevin Crockett, Mallory Emmertz, Erin Dodge, Kayla Harding, Victoria Hartig, Dasha Greeley, Alicia Magivney, Rachel Mayer, Nicole Ryan, Angie Scripture, Regina Wood and Adam Woodbrey. She would also like to thank the many local businesses for sponsoring them. This year's yearbook was dedicated to Mr. Ben Stevens who is retiring this year. He will be greatly missed. Best wishes to the Jordan-Small School class of 2000 and the best of luck.

School Volunteers Honored

The Jordan-Small School faculty honored the 1999 - 2000 school volunteers at a special breakfast on May 25. This year over 135 volunteers shared their talents, interests, and expertise with students and teachers. Their efforts were very much appreciated. Donna Cox and Phyllis Hawkes were honored as outstanding volunteers. Mrs. Hawkes has been a school volunteer for a total of 31 years! We invite parents and community members to join us next fall and contribute to the schools through the Volunteer Programs at the Raymond Elementary School and the Jordan-Small School.

Century Campaign's Final Stretch - \$5,000 Needed To Reach Our Goal

On behalf of students and staff, we would like to thank the following contributors to the Raymond Elementary School Playground CENTURY CAMPAIGN. We appreciate all donations to the playground, and encourage all members of the Raymond community to join us in this fund raising campaign. We are 2/3 of the way to our goal of \$25,000 and will continue this campaign through the summer. Please consider a tax deductible donation to help us realize our goal of a new playground at the Raymond Elementary School.

Russ and Debbie Hutchinson and family
Marianna Fenton
Russ and Betty Remalia and family
Doug and Laura Jo Cunningham and family
New England Electric/C & R Caron
Peer Council at the Jordan-Small School
Time Warner Cable
UnumProvident Corporation Foundation
David and Ann Hurd and family
David and Marianne Van Baars and family



Inside a Kindergarten classroom in the new Raymond Elementary School

School Committee Starts High School Study

By: Kevin Woodbrey

The Raymond School Committee is beginning a study of the issues in our community associated with the placement of high school students. With the opening of the new Raymond Elementary School and the conversion of the Jordan-Small School to a middle school, we feel that we have a few years to understand Raymond's short and long-term placement options.

While this has been one of the hottest topics in Raymond for many years, little has been done to provide the community with sufficient information for informed decision making. Our goal is to provide the Raymond community with the history, current status, and possible solutions to student placement in grades 9-12. We will be requesting the assistance of an independent agency,

such as the University of Southern Maine, to provide unbiased input to the project.

We hope that by posting the information we gather throughout the project on the Raymond Website, publishing it in the Road Runner, and holding public meetings, the citizens of Raymond will be able to understand and work with the School Committee to make a positive choice for long-term high school education.

Raymond Women's Semi-Circle Scholarship

The Raymond Women's Semi-Circle is pleased to announce this year's winner of a \$600.00 scholarship to Mary Kate Williams a graduating Raymond senior who will be attending University of Maine-Farmington in the fall.

Library Donations Collected In May

Mrs. Deb Keef, School Librarian, would like to thank students, staff, parents and visitors for contributing change to the library's collection jar in the office. Through the month of May we collected a total of \$225.07 in the piggy bank. All funds will be used to purchase new library books for both the Jordan-Small School and the Raymond Elementary School. We are splitting the library collection at Jordan-Small between the two schools, and will be pursuing grant sources and other fund raising to increase the collection at both schools in the next few years. Once again, thank you for sharing change for this important cause.

Raymond Students Graduate From Hebron Academy

On Saturday, May 17, 2000 Raymond students Abby Jane Koenig, Benjamin Krauter, and Erica Margaret Sanchez graduated from Hebron Academy.

Abby Jane Koenig, the daughter of Judith Ryan and Michael Higgins of Raymond, and John and Patti Koenig of Sarasota, Florida, excelled in field hockey and basketball and was the Captain of the women's lacrosse team. She attended both Hebron Academy Middle and Upper Schools. Abby will attend Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York in the fall.

Star of the winter Shakespeare production, Ben Krauter also sang in the chorus and played football. He is an honor student and received a U.S. Air Force ROTC Scholarship to attend Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is the son of Lucinda and Martin Krauter.

Erica Margaret Sanchez achieved highest honors while at Hebron and received the Award of Academic Excel-

lence in Religion and Ethics at graduation. She excelled as well as a skater, both in figure-skating and as a member of the New England Division II Prep School Hockey women's championship team this year. She will attend Endicott College in the fall. She is the daughter of Caroline Gardiner and David Brook.

Did you ever wonder what you could do to help?

Ingraham's 24-hour crisis service will be training new VOLUNTEERS for the 774-HELP hotline beginning July 10, 2000

When a teenager with a gun calls in despair

...

You could help save his life.

When a young family runs out of oil in the middle of the night ...

You could help keep them warm.

When a badly beaten woman calls, fearing for her life ...

You could help find her safe shelter.

Last year more than 50,000 Cumberland County residents called Ingraham's 24-hour crisis services.

You can help make sure that when they call, someone answers.

Fill out an application and schedule an interview by calling

Ingraham
874-1055

Raymond Fire & Rescue Stages Mock Disaster

By: Chris Champagne

On June 11, 2000 the members of the Raymond Fire Rescue Department staged a mock mass casualty disaster. With the assistance of a Raymond School Department's bus and Raymond and Westbrook junior firefighters we created a bus crash. This type of large-scale crash or a disaster of similar proportions would overwhelm our usual response. This is why we train our members how to handle the "big one".

This type of training included setting up command, triage of the patients, supply and resource management, use of mutual aid, and patient transport. During the course of this daylong training our members developed techniques for managing the type of calls we hope we never get. Over 120 man-hours of training were logged on Sunday.

Our next daylong training is scheduled for Sunday August 13 and will be the annual driver operator refresher. As always-interested citizens are welcome to visit, watch, or join in!

The Raymond Food Pantry

Thanks For the Donations:

Girl Scout Troops #710,#1963,#947
and their Leaders

Raymond Post Office

Shop and Save

Raymond Boy Scout Troop 800 News

By: Steve Clark, Troop 800 Scribe and John Hanley, Troop 800 Committee

The Heritage Council Camporee was held at the Windsor Fairgrounds over the weekend of May 19, 20, and 21, 2000. It was a Pine Tree Council Camporee with participation from Casco Bay District, Kennebec Valley District, York District, Downeast District, and Abenaki District.

We learned how to tie a 1-handed bowline knot, and figure out how to carry a ball without using anything other than 4 ropes and no hands. We did an obstacle course of hurdles, tubes, belly crawling under ropes and much more. We had to cross a lava pit (not a real lava pit) by having wooden planks touching each other. There were tomahawk throwing demonstrations and log cutting demonstrations. Each patrol was responsible for preparing a "Gateway" for the entrance of their site. It was a lot of fun and everyone had good food and fun.

On June 3, 2000, Troop 800, Raymond Boy Scouts went on a canoe trip through part of the Songo Locks. A lot of boys went on the trip. It was a lot of fun. The weather was windy, but warm, and we had a lot of fun. We went swimming, the water was freezing!!!!!! We paddled from Songo Locks all the way to a sandbar, which is where we went swimming. We ate our lunch and headed back. We all had a fun time. The following boys attended: Steve Clark, Jake Levinsky, Sam Levinsky, Zane Whicher, Keegan Brown, Andrew Jordan, Kenny Schlegel, Christian Gordan, Matt Peterson, Mark Gagnon The following leaders and parents helped make this possible: Jay Peterson, Greg Curtis, Dave Schlegel, Dave Brown. And thanks to all those who donated the use of their canoes for this trip.

The Troop picnic and 2000-2001 Planning Session was

held Sunday, June 11th at Kings Grant. Scouts, Leaders and their families got together for some good food and to discuss and plan for the next year of Troop 800's activities. As usual preparations for the Appalachian Trail Adventure Hike up Mount Katahdin over the Labor Day weekend was one of the main subjects.

July activities:

Eagle Scout ceremony for Don McKay, Saturday, July 1st, Camp Hinds at 6:00 P.M.

Scout Camp at Camp Hinds, Sunday July 9th through Friday July 14th.

To keep up to date on upcoming Troop 800 activities and events check out the Troop's webpages on the town website at www.raymondmaine.org which includes contact information and other things that the Scouts have been up to. To contact by phone Jay Peterson, Scoutmaster, 655-2160 or Denise McKay, Troop Committee Chair, 655-3954.



Troop 800 built the gateway for Casco Bay District's Camporee campsite.

Jones Beach Becomes Raymond Beach

By: Nathan Poore

Raymond Beach also known as Jones Beach has been officially named Raymond Beach by the Board of Selectmen at their June 20, 2000 meeting. The Board of Selectmen have also worked with the Tassel Top Park Committee and the Town Manager to develop fee schedules and facility rules. The fees schedule and rules for the facility are shown below.

At this time the contractor, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Town are unsure when the facility will be opened to the public. It is possible that the Beach portion of the facility will not be open during the 2000 summer season. Please continue to read the Road Runner each month for up to date information or visit the Raymond Web Site at <http://www.raymondmaine.org>. As always, you may call the Town Office at 655-4742 for more information.



Raymond Beach Area Under Construction

Businesses To Be Registered

By: Louise Lester

In accordance with Title 31 M.R.S.A. §1 it has become necessary for the Town to register any mercantile enterprise doing business in Raymond under a name other than the owner's or under a partnership or corporation. The Town will be registering all businesses, which will entail a short application and one time \$10.00 charge. Any business that is registered as a corporation with the State will be required to show their annual State Corporation receipt and there will be no Town charge.

Applications have been mailed to known mercantile businesses. If you believe you should have received an application but have not, please call the Town Office at 655-4742.

NOTICE

TOWN OF RAYMOND
JULY 4TH WEEKEND HOURS

THE RAYMOND TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAY, JULY 1ST AND TUESDAY, JULY 4TH TO PROVIDE TOWN OFFICE STAFF AN OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE YEAR-END FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AND FOR THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

Raymond Beach

Managed by the Town of Raymond

No Lifeguard on Duty

Beach Rules

- Beach and associated beach parking area is open to the public from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Fees for beach use will be charged on weekends from Memorial Day to when local schools close in June and seven days a week from that date through Labor Day.
- Boat launch and associated boat launch parking is open 24 hours/day and is always free of charge.
- Fees:

<i>Adults</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Senior</i>
<i>(Over 12)</i>	<i>(5 to 12)</i>	<i>(Under 5)</i>	<i>Citizens (65+)</i>

Raymond Residents

<i>Season pass</i>	\$10	\$3	Free	Free
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<i>Day pass</i>	\$2	\$1	Free	Free
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Nonresidents

<i>Seasonal pass</i>	\$20	\$5	Free	Free
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<i>Day pass</i>	\$2	\$1	Free	Free
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<i>Boat launching activity and associated parking</i>	Free	Free	Free	Free
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- During inclement weather and from Labor Day to Memorial Day the beach will not have staff on duty. When beach staff is not on duty the public may use the facility free of charge from dawn to dusk.
- The following is prohibited at this facility:

Alcohol Possession and Consumption

Controlled Substance / Drug Possession and Consumption

Smoking

Dogs and Other Pets

Loitering

Camp Fires

Soliciting

- Passenger vehicles may park in a Boat / Trailer space on a first come - first serve basis. When the parking area is full, the beach and boat launch shall be deemed closed until space becomes available. Any parking not associated with beach or boat launching use is prohibited.
- Litter/Waste "Carry In - Carry Out"

Violations of Facility Rules May Result in Fines and/or Arrest.

Boating in Raymond - A Report on Surface Use

By Connie Cross

Last summer the Raymond Waterways Protective Association with help from the Raymond Conservation Commission mailed to every Raymond taxpayer a Lake Use Survey. Two hundred and eighty (280) people responded; of these 33% were Raymond residents and 67% were non-residents. Ninety one percent (91%) of the respondents own lakeshore property. Clearly most of the Raymond residents who responded also live on the lakes.

The survey reminded respondents of the current surface use regulations, such as the water safety zone of 200 ft., no loud exhaust, and jet ski regulations which prohibit prolonged circling, wake jumping, and so on. Then respondents were asked if they favored more restrictive rules for their lake.

The results of the survey are as follows:

DO YOU FAVOR...

1. Increasing the water safety zone from 200 to ___ ft?

All respondents: 28% favor (300' was most frequently mentioned.)

Raymond residents: 32% favor

2. Placing on each lake a buoy(s) marking 200' (or ___ ft.) from shore as a reference point?

All respondents: 40% favor

Raymond residents: 51% favor

3. Prohibiting jet skis?

All respondents: 65% favor

Raymond residents: 53% favor

4. Limiting hours for "speed" sports, e.g. jet skis and ski boats?

All respondents: 50% favor

Raymond residents: 58% favor

5. Marine safety patrols to augment the work of the IF&W wardens?

All respondents: 67% favor

Raymond residents: 59% favor

6. Do you favor contributing towards the expense of enforcing lake rules?

All respondents: 65% in favor

Raymond residents: 54% in favor

Respondents were also encouraged to contribute comments or concerns, and many did. It is clear that while there may be no overwhelming consensus on any of the above issues, many people care passionately about activities on Raymond's lakes. For example, Sebago Lake homeowners are almost uniformly in agreement that the laws limiting decibel levels on high-powered boats should be enforced. One person wrote: "Living on Sebago is like living next to an airport. How can Raymond maintain the market value of shorefront residential property if this annoyance continues?"

A number of Sebago Lake residents who live in the Frye's Leap area also mentioned excessive speed as being a threat both to safety and to their enjoyment of the lake and suggested a special speed zone with marked buoys for that part of the lake. People on all of our lakes wrote about inconsiderate and even unlawful use of jet skis and high speed boats that routinely operate within the 200' water safety zone and pose a threat to swimmers and wildlife. One woman wrote: "Peaceful mornings and evenings on the lake are one of the greatest pleasures of this area. If some communities can regulate the use of leaf blowers, we should be able to do something about these wretched whining and pounding jet skis."

So where do we go from here? The two "hot" issues on the survey are clearly the ones addressing jet skis and limiting activity hours for speed sports. In spite of the majority vote in this survey to ban jet skis, when we consider the results from the survey (only 53% favor banning jet skis), it does not seem a large enough majority to recommend bringing this issue before the Town. If we look to other towns in this area for guidance, none of them have been successful with the enactment of a local ordinance that would limit or prohibit particular boating activities. The only exception had been on very small lakes where there has been no prior use. In some communities the issue has pitted neighbor against neighbor and caused a lot of hard feelings. This should be avoided in Raymond but this does not mean there are no options. First, the Town may want to consider some form of stricter enforcement of the existing laws. The two IF&W wardens assigned to our area were definitely more visible last summer than in past years but are often somewhere else when a problem occurs. Since it's not likely that we'll see many more wardens on our lakes in the foreseeable future, the Town may want to consider hiring a marine constable for the summer months who would be empowered to assist the IF&W wardens in their work. An alternative would be developing a volunteer harbormaster program similar to that which has worked well in Naples.

Regarding the problems on Sebago Lake mentioned previously, Lt. Nat Berry of the Dept. of IF&W says that IF&W cannot legally change the speed limit in the narrows between Raymond Neck and Frye Island. For this to happen, we must petition IF&W Commissioner Lee Perry for a rule change in boating statutes on Sebago Lake. This may well be worth looking into. The noise problem is more confusing. Lt. Berry says that many boats, which seem too loud, actually fall within legal decibel limits. The Town may want to consider researching the noise level issue further.

Education is and should continue to be a strong component. Employees in the Town Office have been providing every person who registers a boat a copy of a laminated card developed last summer by the Lakes Environmental Association in Bridgton. The card contains a simplified version of the existing surface use laws. These cards should also be made available to real estate agents to distribute to cottage renters.

You Can Help! - The old saying about doing it yourself when you want something done may hold true here. Although we may not be empowered with enforcing the law, there is no reason why all of us can't help our friends and visitors know what is expected. Sometimes visitors from away simply aren't aware that their boating behavior is threatening to loons or to swimmers. We must tell them. Sometimes our neighbors may not be aware that when their children get on jet skis and circle endlessly in the cove that they are driving the rest of us crazy. In a non-confrontational fashion, we should let them know. And the squeaky wheel gets the grease. Call the State Police (800-482-0730) for help with persistent or extreme problems. Then, says Lt. Berry, be sure to stay by the phone so that when a warden calls back, you can provide him with additional details.

Obviously, none of these initiatives is going to solve all the problems, and many people will be unhappy that we are not pushing for more action. But the Maine legislature has expanded the window during which surface use changes may be made, and as time goes by perhaps more people will see the need. In the meantime, we hope these incremental steps will be helpful. We thank all those who took the time to complete the survey and especially those who provided lengthy and thoughtful comments. Let's hope this summer will provide many sun-filled days for swimming and boating, and let's remember to operate our boats safely and with consideration for others so that we all may enjoy our beautiful lakes.

Raymond Burning Permit Guidelines

By: Chief Officers, Raymond Fire Department

The Raymond Fire Department is providing this article so that residents may better understand the rules and regulations of the Town of Raymond Burning Permit Guidelines, and the dangers that can occur with open burning. Every morning the Maine Forest Service issues a predicted class day. The Raymond Fire Department bases their decisions on this prediction. There are 5 class days that could be given. They are as follows:

- **Class Day 1:** Low fire danger. Meaning fires will not spread beyond heat of camp or brush fire. Will smolder in logs and snags. Precipitation may be present.
- **Class Day 2:** Moderate fire danger. Meaning fires will start from open flame, camp or brush fire. Spread slowly, may go out alone.

The Raymond Fire department will issue permits on class 1 and 2 days with sustained winds under 10mph. Permits will be limited to 10 at a time, unless we are having steady rain, which will last several hours. In this case 20 will be permitted.

- **Class Day 3:** High fire danger. Meaning fires will start from lighted match and spread rapidly in dry grass, slower in other fuel. Will go until extinguished.
- **Class Day 4:** Very high fire danger. Meaning fires will start readily from match or glowing cinders, will spread rapidly as they increase in size, may crown in young conifers.
- **Class Day 5:** Extreme fire danger. Meaning fires start readily from sparks or cigarette butts, spread and crown rapidly. Spot fires are common. All burn fiercely and may blow up unless promptly controlled.

The Raymond Fire Department does not allow open burning on class 3 days and above.

Permits will be issued after 5:00 P.M. on Monday through Friday. The Maine Forest Service encourages local departments to limit hours of burning to correspond with available firefighters in town, and all day on weekends pending class day and weather. Class day information is announced at 8:30 A.M.

The exception of allowing weekday permits to be issued is to excavators. This is pending class day and weather. The burning site must have heavy equipment on site with an operator. The company who owns the equipment must obtain the permit. A builder who states they have equipment on site that belongs to an excavator is not allowable.

Burning without a permit is illegal. If you burn without a permit you can be charged with a misdemeanor crime, and it will stay on your record. You can also be fined the cost for the fire department to extinguish it.

Incinerators are never permitted in Raymond, because we have municipally funded trash collection. State law prohibits permits for incinerators.

It is recommended to be familiar with the State of Maine Rules and Guidelines for open burning. These are provided at the Raymond Dispatch Office. These should be read carefully prior to any open burning.

Maine Experience Day Camp Open House Slated

Hebron, ME—On Thursday, June 15, the Maine Experience Summer Day Camp, again under the expert direction of Doreen P. Keenan, held its annual Open House from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. at the Sargent Gym on the Hebron Academy campus to introduce prospective and enrolled campers and their families to the many adventures the camp offers. Counselors were available for introductions as well as guided tours of the facilities.

With weekly sessions extending from June 19-August 4, MESDC continues to offer children ages 5-13 many exciting programs each day from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M., including archery, swimming, arts and crafts, as well as various games and other sports. Besides taking full advantage of the facilities at the Academy, campers can engage farther afield in mining, an overnight adventure, and canoeing field trips.

Again, both for education and for fun, there will be Theme Days to explore different cultures. Parents are welcome to attend such events. Also, a regular class, an Introduction to Music, will allow the children to learn about various instruments in a group-learning format.

Students will enjoy both snacks and lunch at the Leyden Student Center each day. In case of rain, the Maine Experience Summer Day Camp's program continues as campers can remain warm and dry in the school's two gymnasiums, theater, library and classrooms. Transportation and extended care are available. For details, please call Director Doreen P. Keenan at 207-966-2100, extension 239.

Hebron Academy, nearly 200 years old, is an independent boarding and day school, located on 1500 acres of woods, streams and fields in southern Oxford County.

NOTICE

TOWN OF RAYMOND
JULY 4TH WEEKEND HOURS
THE RAYMOND TOWN OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED SATURDAY, JULY 1ST
AND TUESDAY, JULY 4TH TO
PROVIDE TOWN OFFICE STAFF AN
OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE YEAR-
END FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AND
FOR THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

Arnold's Expedition Described For Hebron Academy Middle School

Hebron, ME--At Fort Western in Augusta on Friday, May 19, the Hebron Academy Middle School learned much about 18th century military life, as the culmination of a yearlong study of the Revolutionary War expedition led by Benedict Arnold in 1775. There, on the banks of the Kennebec River, historical interpreters led by Jay Adams, museum director at 250-year-old Ft. Western, described and demonstrated a soldier's life where the ill-fated mission began.

The interpreters developed especially for H.A.M.S. a new series of historical presentations based on Arundel, the historical novel by Kenneth Roberts that all three grades read last summer, which tells the story of the military expedition that headed north to try to capture Quebec City from the British.

Dressed in period costume, the historical interpreters taught the students how to pitch an 18th Century tent, how the soldiers would have prepared food, how they marched, how they made ammunition, carried their muskets, and fired cannons, as well as how to read Montrossor's map of the region, as Benedict Arnold would have had to do.

Many common words and expressions became clear to the students as they learned, for instance, from interpreter Michael Webster that "ramrod straight" refers to the long pole used to force cannonballs into the cannon and from Jay Adams that "rank and file" refers to the vertical and horizontal formations soldiers made when marching. They learned from Dana Twiss that creating fire with "flint and steel", by striking stone with metal was not easy.

Especially educational was the presentation by interpreter Scott Jones about the 232 bateaux Arnold ordered built out of green wood in a very short time for the journey, with each boat designed to carry seven men and 4000 pounds of supplies to Quebec. While viewing a replica of the heavy bateau, the students imagined the hardship of portaging the cumbersome boats over rough terrain, during the journey that began in September and ended in the December snow. They marveled over the strength needed to operate the 18 foot oars in order to propel the loaded bateaux.

Last fall as part of the Arundel project, the Hebron Academy middle school spent the night on Swan Island in the Kennebec. During December, the three middle



Scott Jones, a historical interpreter at Fort Western, tells how soldiers painstakingly prepared their ammunition in Revolutionary times. Hebron middle school student, Lura Desorbo of Raymond, holds a musket ball and Spencer Krajci of Paris learns how soldiers prepared gunpowder, wrapping each firing's powder in paper.

grades staged, at Sturtevant School Building on the Hebron campus, a mock storming of the British stronghold that took place on the Plains of Abraham in Quebec.

Among other related activities, the Hebron students have studied the topography and geography of the journey north. They have built and floated model boats as part of the course Outdoor Skills, in which they also learned many of the fundamentals that Arnold's army would have known. Another exercise involved plotting a map for a better route for the expedition to follow.

Hebron Academy, established by Revolutionary War veterans in 1804 and located in the Oxford Hills, educates students in grades K-12 in three divisions to pursue knowledge and value character.

Wesley J. Blake named to U.S.M. Deans List

Wesley Blake of Raymond has been named to the University of Southern Maine's Deans List for the spring semester. Wesley is a senior majoring in Psychology. Maine Instrument Flight currently employs him at the Augusta State Airport as a flight instructor and charter pilot. He plans to continue his career as a pilot for a major airline. He is the son of John and Beverly Blake of Raymond.

Westbrook Awards Night

Awards night was held at Westbrook High School on May 11. Raymond students receiving recognition were Seniors, Amanda Napolitano and Courtney Sargent for Honor Roll. In addition, Amanda received the Husson College Award and the Westbrook High School Outstanding Business Student of The Year Award. Underclassmen recognized included Kiira Amundsen, Honor Roll, Spanish 1, and English; and Caitlin Diggles, Honor Roll.

Both Seniors plan on continuing their education in the fall. Amanda will be attending SMTC, majoring in Administrative Office Management. Courtney will be attending Franklin Pierce College, majoring in Music. Congratulations and best of luck to all the members of the Class of 2000. We're very proud of you!



Student chefs, Molly Spring of Augusta (right) and Jamie Fey of Raymond, turn the chicken at a fund-raiser barbecue held by the Hebron Academy Diversity Committee on Monday, May 22nd, to benefit New Beginnings in Lewiston.