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## Decision on Northern Pines Property to be made on December 5 at Special Town Meeting

By: John Rand

On November 6, the Selectmen voted in favor of a Special Town Meeting to allow the citizens of Raymond to make the decision about the Northern Pines property. The vote passed four in favor, one opposed. The warrant and articles read as follows:

### Road Runner Articles Due

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

#### E-Mail; Diskette; Paper

Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF)

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### Warrant for Town Meeting Tuesday, December 5, 2000

TO: Louise Lester, a resident of the Town of Raymond, in the County of Cumberland and the State of Maine.

#### GREETINGS;

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Raymond, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at Raymond Elementary School Gym, in said Town of Raymond on Tuesday, December 5, 2000, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To see if the Town of Raymond will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a one (1) year lease agreement with Envision Realty for the purpose of evaluating the potential uses and benefits to the Town of Raymond of the Northern Pines Pavilion.

The Board of Selectmen do not recommend adoption of this article.  
The Budget Committee's opinion will be available the night of the vote.

Article 3: To see if the Town of Raymond will vote to appropriate \$15,000 from the Municipal Fund Balance for maintaining the Northern Pines Project during the FY2000/2001.

The Board of Selectmen recommend appropriating \$15,000 from the Municipal Fund Balance if Article 2 passes.

The Budget Committee's opinion will be available the night of the vote.

#### Details of the Gift

For the last three months, members of the Northern Pines Research Committee have been meeting with Town officials, citizens and Envision Realty to gather information about the Northern Pines property gift. Based on this on-going process (which has included a public hearing and four Selectmen meetings), the gift and conditions (as of this writing) can be summarized as follows:

1. Raymond votes on December 5 to determine whether or not to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a one year lease with Envision Realty of the Northern Pines Beech Hill Pavilion and approximately 19 +/- acres of land (see above Warrant). Conditions on the gift, as provided by Envision and amended at a meeting with them on October 31 are:

- a. The Town of Raymond will provide Envision Realty with a list of uses and intended improvements for the Beech Hill Pavilion as well as the surrounding property for review and approval.
- b. Upon acceptance, Envision Realty will sign a one year triple net lease to the Town of Raymond for the Beech Hill Pavilion building and land to be

determined. Triple net indicates that the taxes, insurance and operating and maintenance costs (including utilities) will be the responsibility of the lessee. The cost of the lease will be \$1.00 per year.

- c. Two months prior to the termination of the lease, the Town of Raymond will determine whether it chooses to receive the Beech Hill Pavilion as a gift from Envision Realty. Envision Realty LLC will determine if the use of the building has been in keeping with the spirit of the donation.
- d. If the parties determine not to transfer title to the town, the title of the building will remain in the possession of Envision Realty and other options for



sale or donation will be considered.

- e. If accepted, the Town of Raymond will be required to keep possession of the building for an additional five year period. Community use of the building will not be restricted. A single restriction is that the building must remain in the possession of the Town of Raymond and cannot be exchanged, sold to an alterna-

tive occupant, or sublet to another party that does not provide a direct substantial benefit to the Town of Raymond.

- f. Should the Town fail to have the financial resources necessary to maintain the building for the duration of the requisite five years, the Town of Raymond will have the option to give the building back to Envision Realty LLC.
2. Envision decides on whether or not to enter into the lease with Raymond, or pursue other alternatives.
3. If Raymond votes to enter the lease and is selected by Envision, Raymond citizens will form a Northern Pines Facility Committee to:
  - ◆ Set policies for Town use of the facility during the lease period.
  - ◆ Conduct a Town wide survey of

the programming needs of Raymond residents and inquire with area towns about programming interests/needs.
 

- ◆ Identify, interview and select a partner that best meets the needs expressed by the Town in the survey.
- ◆ Identify the right balance between programming provided by a partner and

“Raymond only” use of the facility.

- ◆ Develop a short term (0-2 years) management plan with the partner and outline a long term (2-5 years) plan.
- ◆ Prepare a report for the March 2001 Town meeting with recommendations for a partnership and capital improvements to the road, parking and building.

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## News from the Raymond Village Library

The Christmas Season is well on its way and the Raymond Village Library has prepared books to help you with your holiday festivities. In addition to the cookbooks and books on crafts, are Jan Dorgatz's "52 Ways to Make Christmas Special" and "Unplug the Christmas Machine", by Jo Robinson and Jean C. Staeheli, a guide to putting love and joy back into the season. So be sure to check with your library to get new ideas for making your holidays more festive and enjoyable.

Need some ideas for your gift list? "Savory Best Sellers", a great cookbook is on sale for \$7.00. There are still a few extra large library T-shirts on sale for \$5.00 and you can purchase the book, "Raymond, Then and Now", two for \$5.00. All these are available at the library.

For the holiday season, the art works of Charlene Lee, a local artist and art teacher, will grace the walls of the library, for your holiday selections.

### Upcoming Events:

Storytime and Babytime at the library on Thursdays at 10 am. Remember, no school, no Storytime. The Raymond Village Library Club Meeting and Christmas Party will be held December 7 at 7 P.M. This is always open to new members; please call 655-4283 for more information. The Reading Group will not be meeting in December. If you wish to prepare for January's meeting, "The Poisonwood Bible", by Barbara Kingsolver is the selection. The library will be closed Christmas Day and will be closing at 7 P.M on Mondays and Wednesdays during December, January and February. Remember, in case of inclement weather; please call ahead, to make certain the library is open.

## Direct Care Position

At 3 Acre Farm, Route 85, in Raymond for a 20 year old woman with autism. This is a part time position with good pay for holistic, innovative care. You'll learn a lot. For more information call Jane at 655-3196.

## Jordan-Small School Honor Roll

It is with great pleasure that the staff of Jordan-Small School recognizes the following students for their academic achievement during the first quarter of the 2000-2001 school year.

Students receiving High Honors (All A's):

### Grade 5

Harmony Brown  
Bridget Byrne  
Raven Casler  
Sarah Crockett  
Alison Gagnon  
Ian Levinsky  
Amy McIntire  
Robyn Stillings

### Grade 6

Katie Eastman  
Amanda Hammett  
Andrew Reed  
John Shively  
Kainani Stevens

Grade 5 continued

Ali Gordan  
Travis Guerrette  
Julia Hartig

Cody Winde  
Justin Woodbrey

### Grade 6

Ian Acker  
Alyse Bartholomew  
Nora Biggs  
Andrew Bissonnette  
Keegan Brown  
Brett Coggan  
Brittany Cogswell  
Julia Comeau  
T.J. Cook  
Casey Crouse  
Jennifer Curtis  
Skylar Duncanson  
Amanda Evans  
Nick Ferry  
Taylor Fey  
Nicole Gagne

Cameron Gosney  
Roman Gosney  
Sam Grieve  
Wyndham Juneau  
Troy Knight  
Elliot LaMarre  
Jacob Markowski  
Sarah Morneault  
Ben Myhaver  
Kaz Powell  
Erika Richardson  
Justin Robinson  
Jeremy Salamone  
Kayla Taylor  
James Wiley  
EmJay Williams  
Stephen Wisutskie

Students receiving Honors (A's & B's)

### Grade 5

John Atwood  
Natasha Carson  
Victoria Christy  
Amy Cobb  
April Cox  
Markie Desorbo  
Amanda Doughty  
Christopher Fenton

Danielle Holman  
Andrew Miranda  
Mike Orsini  
Taylor Parker  
Alison Remalia  
Doug Remick  
Elizabeth Stevenson  
Daniel Williams

Congratulations go to each one of you for striving to accomplish quality work! Our community joins your parents and guardians, proud of your efforts!

## Gray-New Gloucester Volunteers

We would like to recognize two very special volunteers who faithfully come to the Gray-New Gloucester Middle School each week to help in our busy office.

Lona Farrell is a new volunteer this year. She offers her time two days a week to assist with the Parents As Partners weekly newsletter, to organize and alphabetize the many forms students hand in, to help with answering the phone, and to offer a smile and assistance to anyone who walks through the door.

Michelle Allen has volunteered at the middle school for five years. She donates her time one-day a week in the office helping with bulletin boards, Student of the Month, and mass mailings. Michelle is very involved

with the PTSA and lends a helping hand wherever it is needed.

We sincerely appreciate the time you give to the middle school. You make the office atmosphere friendly and warm to staff, students, and the community. We would not be able to complete our duties or offer such quality service without you.

Sincerely:

Luanne Coulombe, Secretary  
Deb Gellerson, Secretary  
Jane Greene, Secretary  
Donna Beeley, Assistant Principal  
Victoria Burns, Principal

## December 2000

### Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FB=Fire Barn JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd RE=Raymond Elementary TG=Town Garage RT85 TH=Town Hall VL=Village Library					1	2
3	4 7:00PM TH Budget/Finance Committee	5 7:00PM RE Selectmen 7:00PM RE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING	6 7:00PM TH Planning Board 7:00PM RE School Committee	7 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 7:00PM VL Library Club	8	9
10	11 7:00PM TH Budget/Finance Committee	12 Recycling Pickup	13 Recycling Pickup 7:00PM TH Planning Board	14 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time	15 2:15PM RE Good News Assmebly	16
17	18 7:00PM TH Appeals Board	19 7:00PM TH Budget/Finance Committee 7:00PM TH Selectmen 7:00PM JS Conservation Commission	20 7:00PM RE School Committee Budget Public Hearing	21 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	22	23 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED
24	25 CHRISTMAS  No School	26 Recycling Pickup  No School	27 Recycling Pickup  No School	28 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee  No School	29  No School	30



## Raymond Hires New Town Manager

Peter Hall, Chairman of the Rockport Selectmen announced today that Donald Willard, the Town Manager for over 14 years has given his resignation as he will be taking a job in Raymond, Maine. Mr. Hall stated "Don has given over 14 years of fine service to the community, having accomplished many successful projects over the years". Mr. Willard stated that he has had a wonderful 14 years in Rockport and wants to thank the many dedicated employees, town officials, and active-citizen volunteers who were able, as a team, to accomplish a substantial record of achievement for the town. Mr. Willard further stated "I will always look back fondly upon my tenure in Rockport and the many friends that I have made here over the years. However, it is time to seek a new challenge and I look forward to serving the town of Raymond and the challenges and opportunities that will afford me. Megan and I are excited about relocating to Raymond, a community much like Rockport that will afford us an opportunity to have a wonderful quality of life, but with the added benefit of being able to raise our son in an area closer to other family members".

RABIES CLINIC  
TOWN OF RAYMOND  
JANUARY 20, 2001  
1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM  
PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE  
ROUTE 85

## Sand Salt Shed Open December 1<sup>st</sup>

The sand salt shed on the Plains Road (FL 89) will be open for Raymond residents who wish to get sand for their residential driveway use December 1<sup>st</sup>. The hours will be Monday through Saturday from 7:00 am to 3:00 P.M. The location of the shed is on the right side of the lot just inside the gate. Please understand that the other areas of the public works yard are not for resident's use.

## Scouting For Food 2000

On Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 43 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts were out in force to collect food for the Raymond Food Pantry during this year's Scouting for Food Drive. The scouts collected over 2,183 non-perishable food items to donate to our community. This will be used for holiday baskets and to keep the shelves stocked. The scouts also collected returnable bottles and cans and donated all proceeds to the Pantry as well. We are pleased to report that the sum of \$263 was donated to the Raymond Food Pantry Director. This money will be used to supplement purchases where needed.

If a donation bag was dropped off at your house but was not picked up you may still donate. A drop off box has been placed at the entrance to the post office and the Salvation Army store. You may also donate items to the Raymond Food Pantry year round. Hunger is not a seasonal event. Support the pantry year round.

The scouts truly appreciate your donations of items to support this event. They also express sincere gratitude to Kokatosi Campground for use of their facilities for the sorting.

## Scouts say Thank You

The scouts from Cub Scout Pack 800 and Boy Scout Troop 800 would like to thank the community for the support of many recent programs. Your support of Scouting for Food, Popcorn Sales, Bottle Drive and Wreath Sales are appreciated. Your continued cooperation assists in a quality program for many scouts in town. THANK YOU!!!

## Raymond Boy Scout Troop 800 News

By: Steve Clark, Troop 800 Scribe

### Appalachian Trail Adventure Fifty Mile Hike

The participants in the 50 mile hike up Mount Katahdin over the Labor Day Weekend were: Matt Peterson, Billy Yates, Donnie McKay, Zeb Swick, Clint Randall, Tim Curtis, Jake & Sam Levinsky, John Shively, Andrew Jordan, Kenny Schlegel, Joe Stevens, Jay Peterson, Greg Curtis, Don McKay, Mr. Randall.

**DAY 1:** According to Billy Yates, day 1 started out great. The trail wasn't too steep or rocky and he thought he would have a great time. His first impression on the Appalachian Trail was that the trail was "moderately difficult". As they went along the trail, the terrain grew more steep. But when they reached the top, everyone was amazed at the view.

However, Mr. Peterson had a different point of view regarding the first days hike. Although the trail started out fairly gradual, the hikers drank a lot of water due to the high heat and humidity. After climbing the "stairway to heaven" the group realized just how heavy their packs were. The group stopped at a pine forest next to Crescent pond and camped for the night.

**DAY 2:** The group had a hard time getting going after a night of catnapping in the humidity. Some of the guys took an early morning swim. The group started out heading downhill. Three of the hikers took a wrong turn and found themselves dead ended on a cliff. The group passed many beautiful sites, such as roaring brooks, and waterfalls. They also learned how important it was to keep together, as the lead group carrying all the lunches got ahead of the rest. The trail was deceiving – just when you thought you were at your destination – you'd find yourself at another rise. Burning feet couldn't take away from the view though. The group's first view of Mt. Katahdin was clear!

**DAY 3:** It rained hard through the night. At 6 A.M. it was still raining. It was a cold breakfast this morning. The group made Abol Bridge by the time the camp vehicles arrived. Perfect timing. The group switched to day packs and Andrew Jordan joined the group for the next 11 miles. Everyone was looking forward to

reaching the water slide. Although the water was cold, the boys had fun sliding down the water slide. As soon as the group reached camp and treated sore feet, then they filled their bellies with warm chili.

**DAY 4:** According to Billy, this was the best day of the hike. After reaching Baxter Peak and getting a first glimpse of Knife's Edge, some in the group were reasonably scared. The Knives edge lived up to its reputation – causing many in the group to be anxious. Although it took longer, the lead scouts assisted the others and made the climb safer for the entire group. "It was a proud moment" according to Mr. Peterson. The extra precautions caused the group to get a little behind schedule – which made getting down off the mountain a bit difficult in the dark. Billy took the lead and without a flashlight, led the group down off the mountain safely, which was a welcome to all the worried parents waiting at base camp.

**DAY 5: THE END!!!** The group needed three more miles to complete it's 50 mile hike. The group hiked to the rangers cabin and back, with some of the boys even running the last mile and a half. After packing up and caravanning to McDonald's in Millinocket for some "civilized food", the group made it back to Raymond by 4 P.M.!

According to the journals, most everyone agreed that they had all experienced something great and that they would remember it forever!!!

This scribe can't wait to give it a shot next time.

Submitted by Steven Clark, Troop 800 Scribe 2000-2001

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](http://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.

## Childfind

By: Mary E. Waters

Each year we attempt to locate children in the community who may require special education services. If you have a question about your child's development in the areas of speech and language, gross and fine motor (using large and small muscles), hearing, vision, or learning, please call the school. If your child is three or older we will conduct a free screening at home. If your child is younger than three, we can provide some screening services in your home, and/or make arrangements for screening at the appropriate community agency. Our obligation also extends to Raymond students who attend private schools. If your child

attends private school and you feel he or she may require special education services, please notify us.

If you know of a child (your neighbor, niece, nephew, or the child of a friend) who may need this service, please encourage their parents to call the school.

All screening is done only with parental permission and participation. If a problem is found an appropriate referral is made with parental permission. The results of the screening are confidential and the rights of both parents and children are protected under Maine Special Education Law.

If you have any questions or wish to refer a child for screening, please call me at the school (655-8666).

## Beans Are Good For Scouting!

Troop 800's bean supper was a rousing success! Many thanks to all who attended. The money raised helps to support the activities of the Troop for the 2000-01 season. Over 120 people came to eat, 18 Scouts participated setting up, serving, and cleaning up. The supper itself was comprised of several varieties of baked beans, American chop suey, macaroni & cheese, hot dogs, coleslaw, biscuits and a wide selection of great desserts prepared by Scout parents. Scoutmaster Jay Peterson and Dean Stevens were the cooks with additional beans provided by Jane Jordan who also was in the thick of helping during the supper. We received many thoughtful complements from diners who appreciated the work and manners of the boys and expressed interest in the well being of the Scouting program in Raymond. Thank you also to the Raymond Village Church, our Charter Organization for the use of the church vestry and some other very helpful support.

## Gray-New Gloucester Middle School Honors

The Grade 7 Dragon Team at the Gray-New Gloucester Middle School is pleased to honor Students of the Week and Students of the Month. The following students have received these honors to in September and October:

Tina Tarsett of Raymond  
Adam Wallace of Raymond

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## Jordan-Small School Update: Second Middle School Forum Held

**By: Principal Christian Elkington**

On Thursday, November 9th, the 2nd Jordan-Small Middle School Forum was held. Approximately 25 parents and community members attended this meeting. Rough draft ideas for the best learning and teaching practices to help meet the needs of middle school students were presented. The draft presented at this meeting came from discussions and research reviewed by J-S Middle School staff.

In developing our rough draft model our three main goals are to support the greatest academic, physical, and social development our students can attain. Today more than ever we know more about how the human body and mind develops between the ages of 10 and 14. We know that academic growth does not occur in most students at this age simply by having a rigorous curriculum. A school must also formulate and create supports and practices that develop each child's individual physiological and social needs. Middle Schools across the country who have focused on their students' needs in all three of these areas have seen their students make both dramatic and sustained academic growth on both national and state assessments!

Questions and concerns from the audience centered around four areas in our rough draft plan:

1. Looping, where a teacher or a team of teachers works with the same students over a two-year period
2. Integrating curriculum, where a group of teachers team teach differing subject areas and reinforce concepts learned with the opposite teacher in each of their own classes
3. Placing a greater emphasis on Art, Music and Physical Education/Health along with introducing a Foreign Language in 5th grade
4. Continuing the daily schedule of our new middle school on the same time frame as Raymond Elementary School.

At our next Middle School Forum we will update our plan and present more information to more clearly explain the student needs, the above practices help to support. Our next two forums will be on Thursday, Jan. 25th, and Thursday, Feb. 1st from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. We ask that you attend one of these forums. Two forums back to back are being provided to give everyone who wants to attend ample opportunity. We must have your feedback and involvement in the development process if we are truly going to build a school that supports all learners!

In closing, I want to commend the students and staff of Jordan-Small School for their efforts on our Thanksgiving Food Drive! All together we collected 722 non-perishable items along with \$113.45 in monetary donations. Way to go Jordan-Small School!

## Title I

**By: Margaret Mains, 655-8672**

The Title I teacher this year is Margaret Mains who will be assisted by Nicole Beers. They will be working with children who scored below the thirtieth percentile on the math and reading sections of the TerraNova achievement test or whose performance in grades K-2 in these areas prompted teachers to refer with documenting evidence. Students will be worked with during their regular reading and/or math period after the child has received instruction from his/her regular classroom teacher, often in the child's classroom. This instruction does not take the place of classroom teaching but is in addition to that instruction.

Title I monies are federal funds sent to the states for distribution to the schools.

If you have any questions concerning the Title I program, please call me at school.

## Raymond Elementary Principal's Report For December

**By: Norma Richard**

I want to take this opportunity to thank all students and families who supported the Innisbrook fundraiser. Your efforts were very, very successful with over \$9,000 earned to support PTA scholarships and student activities, including assemblies, performances and field trips. The Raymond community is very supportive of education and of programming for its children, and this fundraiser is another indication of our community's outstanding support and commitment.

Winter is right around the corner and, at the Raymond Elementary School, it means dealing with parkas, boots, hats, mittens, and snowsuits. We would like to remind all parents to label, if possible, all items of winter clothing. Students should dress appropriately for the winter weather and we want to make sure that all items are returned to their rightful owners. Our Lost and Found, located in the main office, grows by leaps and bounds during the winter months, so please check with Wendy if your child has lost any items of clothing.

We do have recess each day during the winter months, unless the weather is so severe that all children remain inside. We do have some children with respiratory or other medical alerts who cannot tolerate cold temperatures and need to stay out of the cold weather. With a doctor's note, we are happy to provide an alternative inside recess for these children. All other children will go outside, so please make sure your child is warmly dressed and prepared for recess.

Nurse Vickie and I would also like to remind parents

## Winter Advisory

**By: David Bois, Superintendent Of Schools**

Winter weather and concern about school closings go hand in hand. Although school closings create some hardship and inconvenience to students and parents, they cause particular problems for Raymond students tuitioned outside the district. Coordinating no school announcements, delays, and early dismissals requires that we develop guidelines that will provide reasonable and safe procedures for dealing with these circumstances.

Parents and students should be aware of the following:

- 1) If there is a no school announcement for Raymond we do not bus any students regardless of whether an outside district is having school. If a receiving school is in session this is regarded as an excused absence. If students have alternative transportation, obviously they can attend.
- 2) In the case of one hour or two-hour delays for the opening of school, we must go with the longer delay. For example, if Windham has a one-hour delay and Gray has a two-hour delay, we will call for a two-hour delay for all Raymond students. If we did otherwise our students would arrive at the school(s) with the longer

that children who are sick should remain at home until they are well enough to tackle the demands of the school day without exposing other children to colds or the flu. This also means that children need to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.

The school cancellation procedures were published in the school calendar/handbook (also available on the Raymond Web Site). To review, in the event of no school due to weather or other emergency conditions, the cancellation announcements will be broadcast on the local television stations (channels 6, 8 and 13) and radio stations (WPOR, WMGX, & WGAN) as soon as possible. School delays are coordinated with the receiving school systems, Westbrook, Windham, Poland and Gray, so weather in these districts may affect busing for our elementary students. Safety is always the first consideration in canceling or delaying the start of school.

I would like to remind parents and community members that the main office number for the Raymond Elementary School is **655-8672**. We have three lines available to the elementary school, and parents may call and find the line busy. In the event of an emergency, you can call the Superintendent's office at 655-8666 and ask to be transferred to the school office. Also, we have one receptionist in our school office. If Wendy is away from the desk and unable to answer the phone, please leave a message on the office voice mail and she will return your call promptly.

delay and be unsupervised. In addition it is impossible for us to bus individual runs to each school district and maintain a schedule.

3) Early dismissals operate in the same manner. If Gray were to dismiss at 11:00 and Windham at noon, we would then call for early dismissal of all Raymond secondary pupils at 11:00. Elementary students are dismissed as soon as possible after the secondary runs. There will be occasions when Raymond students will be dismissed early from schools that will not be closing early at all, but once again this is determined by our ability to bus all of our students within a certain time frame, with the busses we have.

Please remember these are general guidelines. Unusual circumstances can occur which will require a specific response. In that event we will make every effort to contact parents through television and radio announcements. During periods of inclement weather please access public information media.

I hope that this brief information has not confused you more than helped, but as always please feel free to call my office if you have any questions.

## Title VI (Chapter II)

**By: Norma Richard, 655-8672**

This year Title VI (Chapter II) money will be used to support teacher training in the new Primary Literacy Standards for grades K – 3.

Former Chapter II monies have been included with other noncompetitive federal funds under one umbrella called IASA. Chapter II has been renamed Title VI. The actual fund amount and project requirements have not changed significantly.

If you have any questions about title VI programming or planning, please call me at school.

## Local Entitlement

This year local entitlement funds are being used to pay for three educational technicians in Special Education. These ed. techs. are working with students to help reduce the pupil/teacher ratio in the Resource Room and to give students more individual attention in the classroom. Money from this year's grant has also been set aside for specific training and adaptive equipment.

Local entitlement money is that money set aside by the Federal Government to help fund special education. The money flows through the State to local districts where it is used at the district's discretion for special education programming.

## Northern Pines Partnership and Facility Use/Improvement Plan

On December 5, 2000, Raymond will hold a Special Town Meeting "To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a one year lease agreement with Envision Realty for the purpose of evaluating the potential uses and benefits to the Town of Raymond of the Northern Pines Pavilion".

The following plan has been developed in the event the Town votes in favor of signing the lease and further evaluating the Northern Pines gift.

### Partnership Plan

To properly operate and maintain the Northern Pines facility and provide valuable programming to Raymond and Lake Region towns, the Northern Pines Research Committee recommends that Raymond enter into a **partnership** with a non-profit community service organization. The following benefits of forming a partnership have been identified:

1. Raymond could share expenses to reduce costs and could turn day to day management of the facility over to another entity.
2. A partnership could provide experienced programming for Raymond and Lake Region senior citizens, adults, teenagers and pre-school aged children. These groups currently do not have formal program opportunities here in Raymond.
3. Raymond could negotiate access to the facility for some "Raymond only" use (see below).
4. With professional assistance from a partner, Raymond could develop an effective long term facility management plan.
5. A non-profit partner could provide greater access to grant funds for developing community based programs than if Raymond were to pursue grant monies alone.

If the Town enters into a one year lease with Envision Realty, it is recommended that an official Northern Pines Facility committee be formed to:

1. Set policies for Town use during the period prior to selecting a partner.
2. Conduct a Town wide survey of the programming needs of Raymond residents and inquire with area towns about programming interests/needs.
3. Identify, interview and select a partner that best meets the needs expressed by the Town in the survey.
4. Identify the right balance between programming provided by a partner and "Raymond only" use of the facility.
5. Develop a short term (0-2 years) management plan with the partner and outline a long term (2-5 years) plan.
6. Prepare a report for the March 2001 Town meeting with recommendations for a partner-

ship and capital improvements to the road, parking and building.

### Facility Uses

If the Town enters into a one year lease with Envision Realty and allots \$15,000 for operation and maintenance, use of the facility during the period December 2000 through June 2001 is anticipated to be limited to occasional committee meetings, possibly several functions, plowing, sanding and facility inspection and planning.

If the Town votes to enter into a partnership with a separate non-profit organization at the March 2001 Town meeting, use management plans would then be developed. Use and management of the facility would be coordinated by the partner with input from the Town through the Northern Pines Facility Committee. However, based on information gathered to date including a site walk with the YMCA and a Seniors organization on November 8, the following uses are possible for the facility:

1. Programming space for Raymond and Lake Region senior citizens, adults, teenagers and pre-school children. Programs could include:
  - Meals
  - Exercise/wellness classes
  - Arts including music, drama, dance, crafts
  - aerobics
  - weight room
  - Adult education classes
  - Teen center for tutoring/mentoring
  - Hiking and cross-country running and skiing trails
  - Experiential (hands-on) programming such as physical, health, environmental, science and team building education
  - Environmental Education/Watershed Stewardship Center
  - Drop off day care
2. "Raymond only" use could include:
  - Meeting space for Town committees, municipal boards and community groups
  - Space for Raymond's technology center (cable broadcasting equipment)
  - A Community Center – place to gather and recreate
  - Future overflow space for existing Raymond program activities
3. Other possible income producing uses of the facility include:
  - Meeting space/banquet facilities for local organizations
  - Office space for local and regional organizations, business, government, social service and health-related
  - Conference center for regional, state, national

and international organizations

At this time it is likely that most of the facility use would take place between 7:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. with occasional use outside these hours. It is possible that Scouts or other groups would want to have occasional overnight use of the facility.

### Facility Improvements

As of this writing, the Research Committee recommends the following improvements:

for the period December 2000 through June 2001:

1. Furnace cleaning and maintenance. Estimated cost \$1,000.
2. Plowing and sanding from Route 85 to the Pavilion (including parking areas) primarily for fire access, but also for inspection and limited town use. Estimated cost \$2,000.
3. Insurance through Raymond's insurer. Estimated cost \$2,000.
4. Heat, gas and electricity. Estimated cost \$10,000.

**Total improvements for the period December 2000 through June 2001: up to \$15,000.**

Upon surveying the Town and selecting a partner, certain other improvements would be required to ensure safe access to the facility and to provide for adequate parking. The extent of such improvements and associated costs would be determined by the Northern Pines Facility Committee and the partner while developing the programs and level of use of the facility. However, at this time, it is recommended that the following initial improvements be put before the Town at the March 2001 Town meeting:

1. Initial improvements to the road: guard rails, tree removal, gravel, erosion controls. Estimated cost \$50,000.
2. Initial improvements to parking: design and permitting, clear and grub, rough grading, gravel, erosion controls (less than 20,000 square feet). Estimated cost \$50,000.
3. Facility heat, electricity, insurance, maintenance, plowing and sanding for the first full year of operation. Estimated cost: \$25,000.

**Total improvements for the period July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002: up to \$125,000.**

It is expected that costs to provide a substantially improved road and paved parking area at the facility could be \$200,000 (or more) over and above the above initial improvements. At this time it is recommended that a phased approach to these improvements be made based on actual facility usage, rather than making a large initial capital improvement without knowing the actual usage of the facility.

## Raymond Community Council Holds First Meeting to Discuss Facility Space Needs

By: Lori Rand

Representatives from community organizations in town met on September 27 and approved the concept of creating a Community Council. Group members shared information about their facility space needs and offered input regarding the Northern Pines property offer as well. Contact information was collected from each group and has been organized into a directory to facilitate networking in town. Most of Raymond's community organizations were represented at the September meeting.

The role of a Community Council is to provide a forum for town groups to define community needs and collaborate on solutions. In addition, organizations can learn more about and support each other's efforts. The structure of the Council will be addressed at the next meeting, though the general idea is to meet two or three times a year under leadership that rotates on an annual basis.

During the discussion of current school space availabil-

ity, some concerns were raised about how the lack of enough custodial support is affecting school access. Also, while the new elementary school offers additional space, the gym at the Jordan-Small School will likely become less accessible to the community as the middle school program grows.

The representatives present were asked for their input on how the Northern Pines Pavilion offer might benefit the town. Ideas ranged from programming for youth, senior citizens and adult education to housing a town technology center. Further discussions about this potential gift occurred at subsequent Selectmen meetings.

The Council Planning Committee, which consists of Communities for Children members, will be distributing the organization directory of contact information to each town group. Copies will be also found at the schools, the Raymond Village Library and the Town Office. The committee will continue to gather ideas from community groups about areas of collaboration. The next meeting, anticipated in early February, will further address access to community facilities.

## Holiday Vitamin Donation Drive

The Raymond Elementary School (RES) will be conducting a "Holiday Vitamin Drive" this season in support of the efforts of the University of Southern Maine College of Nursing Outreach Program in the Dominican Republic. Nurses, doctors, interpreters, dental professionals, and others are donating their time and skills to help the people of rural villages in the northern hills of the island. They will treat people of all ages who are *very* poor, with no access to the basic healthcare and pharmacy items we all take for granted.

Kathy Boothby, a Raymond resident, parent, nurse, and nurse practitioner student, will be participating in the Outreach Program in the Dominican Republic this January. She is requesting the help of the Raymond community in providing this mission with the supplies that it needs, all of which come from donations. Among the multitude of supplies required for this impoverished population, RES will be collecting donations of child, adult, and prenatal multi-vitamins with minerals with expiration dates no earlier than February 2001. A letter with more details about this program will be sent home

## Decision on Northern Pines

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### The Partnership and Facility Use/Improvement Plan is provided in this edition of the Road Runner.

The Northern Pines gift represents a substantial opportunity for the Town as outlined in the Partnership and Facility Use/Improvement Plan. On November 8 representatives from the YMCA and York Cumberland Housing (a seniors organization) came out for a facility tour. The YMCA has indicated significant interest in further exploring a partnership with Raymond where by the YMCA could provide programming and Raymond could provide maintenance of the facility. Other potential partners likely exist.

### In Favor or Opposed ?

At the public hearing on October 17, several citizens voiced concerns about the costs of taking on the facility, noting also that Town tax dollars would be diverted away from existing recreational programs. One citizen stated that the town should not be in the business of operating enterprise functions to reduce operation and maintenance costs. Other people have expressed concerns about increased taxes considering the upcoming fire station construction and middle school renovations.

Proponents of the project cited Raymond's growth rate and the likely hood that space for non-school programs for all ages may become scarce as the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders phase in to staying in Raymond. The Town report indicates that between 30 and 40 new homes are built in Raymond each year, bringing more residents, school aged children and a growing need for programs and space. While Raymond may not need the space provided

by the Pavilion today, it is likely one to three years from now Raymond's space needs may be greater.

Other uses and benefits are identified in the Partnership and Facility Use/Improvement Plan. It is noted that because Raymond Recreation provides programming for grades K through 6 and possibly for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the future, the current thinking for Northern Pines is to focus on programming for seniors, adults, teens and preschoolers.

Additional information on the facility is available in a report dated October 12 at the Town office.

### Costs

The attached spreadsheet provides an **Estimate of Possible Costs** for operating the facility under a partnership agreement with another organization. Note that without knowing who our partner is going to be or the specifics of a partnership agreement, there is no way to accurately figure actual costs. The spreadsheet represents our best estimate of possible costs as of November 15, 2000. It is likely that substantial costs could be incurred in the first one or two years of operation with significantly lower costs in later years once the road and parking improvements have been made. Programming costs may differ from those estimated.

In summary, while this facility has made money in the past, moving forward with this project will cost money. It is estimated that entering into the lease agreement and later accepting the gift from Envision may result in a tax increase for Raymond Property owners of between 1.1 and 2.2 percent. This means that if you currently pay \$2,000 per year for property tax, your bill could increase to \$2044 per year to pay for the Northern Pines

facility and associated programming. If you pay \$10,000 per year in taxes your bill could increase to \$10,220 per year.

While accepting the gift represents a significant opportunity for Raymond, it will also require a significant commitment from the citizenry to support the costs, provide input to and support the Northern Pines Facility Committee and participate in the programming that would become available through a partnership.

We encourage all citizens of Raymond to attend this meeting and provide input to help the Town make an informed decision.

If anyone has questions or would like to offer their thoughts, please call the Town office or John or Lori Rand (655-4277).

## Holiday Food And Gift Basket

The spirit of the December holiday season is best shown when we help those who are in need. We ask you in the Raymond community to open your hearts and your wallets so that everyone can have a great Holiday.

If you are interested in "adopting" a Raymond family with food and/or gift baskets, please call Lisa at 655-333 or Laurie at 655-2222.

If circumstances find your family in need, or if you know of a family or individual who deserves a better Holiday, please contact us at the above numbers as soon as possible. As always, complete confidentiality is assured.

### Northern Pines Beech Hill Pavilion

#### Actual Income and Expense Summary for 9/1998 - 9/2000, Possible Future Income/Expense November 15, 2000

	9/98-9/99	9/99-9/00	7/1/101 to 6/30/02	7/1/102 to 6/30/03	7/1/103 to 6/30/04	7/1/104 to 6/30/05	7/1/105 to 6/30/06	
Income	Item	Actual	Actual	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible	Possible
facility rental	70381	7034						
meals and lodging	48383	42261						
service charge	4897	4355						
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$123,661</b>	<b>\$53,650</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>								
Baseline Operation and Maintenance:								
insurance	6045	4596						
repair and maintenance	5719	7627						
telephone/internet	2321	2610						
utilities (gas, oil, electric)	8572	10935						
<b>Subtotal Baseline O+M</b>	<b>\$22,657</b>	<b>\$25,768</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$26,250</b>	<b>\$27,563</b>	<b>\$28,941</b>	<b>\$30,388</b>	
Function Costs:								
food		7168	7991					
wages	21040	10749						
professional services	4784	270						
other		12530	4789					
<b>Subtotal Function Costs</b>	<b>\$45,522</b>	<b>\$23,799</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$26,250</b>	<b>\$27,563</b>	<b>\$28,941</b>	<b>\$30,388</b>	
Facility Manager - <b>Provided by Partner</b>			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
<b>Capital Improvements</b>								
Building								
stain			10,000	10,000				
landings			600					
ADA pavement shims			2,000					
water damage check/fix			500					
entrance railing			500					
Water System								
water test			250	250				
dry sprinkler test			1,000	1,000				
Septic System								
pump five tanks and dbox			1,200	1,500				
flow test			500					

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Northern Pines  
Articles**



Incomeltem	9/98-9/99 Actual	9/99-9/00 Actual	7/1/101 to 6/30/02 Possible	7/1/102 to 6/30/03 Possible	7/1/103 to 6/30/04 Possible	7/1/104 to 6/30/05 Possible	7/1/105 to 6/30/06 Possible	
Electrical								
repair/check several fixtures			500					
Heat								
furnace service/tank filters			1,000					
Grounds								
weed wacking			500	500	500	500	500	
erosion control/landscaping			500	500	500	500	500	
lawn			300	300	300	300	300	
Improve Existing Road								
improvements			50,000					
annual maint			3,000	3,000				
annual plow/sand			1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
total improve existing road			51,000	1,000	1,000	4,000	4,000	
Build New Road								
survey/engineering/permitting			15,000					
guard rail			5,500					
tree removal			10,000					
ditching/culvert maint.			65,000					
new culverts			9,000					
gravel			45,000					
loam, seed, e&s			40,000					
paving			34,000					
annual maint.			0	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
annual plow/sand			1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
total build new road			224,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Parking - Modify Existing								
regrade lots			5,000					
surface with reclaim			20,000					
annual maint.			500	500	500	500	500	
annual plow/sand			500	500	500	500	500	
total modify existing parking.			26,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Parking - New parking lot								
clear & grub			10,000					
gravel			40,000					
paving			26,000					
loam, seed, e&s			10,000					
stormwater pond			30,000					
permitting and design			15,000					
rough grading - cuts/fills			30,000					
total new parking			161,000					
Capital Improvement Plan			5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
<b>OPTIONS:</b>								
<b>A.Subtotal Capital Expenses with \$50K</b>								
road improvement, \$50K parking improvement			\$124,350	\$18,300	\$8,300	\$11,300	\$14,050	
<b>B.Subtotal Capital Expenses with \$100K</b>								
road improvement, \$150K parking improvement			\$274,350	\$18,300	\$8,300	\$11,300	\$14,050	
<b>C.Subtotal Capital Expenses with \$225K</b>								
road improvement, \$200K parking improvement			\$449,350	\$21,300	\$11,300	\$11,300	\$14,050	
<b>A. Total Expenses \$50K road, \$50K parking</b>	<b>\$68,179</b>	<b>\$49,567</b>	<b>\$174,350</b>	<b>\$70,800</b>	<b>\$63,425</b>	<b>\$69,181</b>	<b>\$74,825</b>	
<b>B. Total Expenses \$100K road, \$150K parking</b>			<b>\$324,350</b>	<b>\$70,800</b>	<b>\$63,425</b>	<b>\$69,181</b>	<b>\$74,825</b>	
<b>C. Total Expenses \$225K road, \$200K parking</b>			<b>\$499,350</b>	<b>\$73,800</b>	<b>\$66,425</b>	<b>\$69,181</b>	<b>\$74,825</b>	
<b>A. Income - Expenses \$50K road, \$50K parking</b>	<b>\$55,482</b>	<b>\$4,083</b>	<b>-\$149,350</b>	<b>-\$45,800</b>	<b>-\$38,425</b>	<b>-\$44,181</b>	<b>-\$49,825</b>	
<b>B. Income - Expenses \$100K road, \$150K parking</b>			<b>-\$299,350</b>	<b>-\$45,800</b>	<b>-\$38,425</b>	<b>-\$44,181</b>	<b>-\$49,825</b>	
<b>C. Income - Expenses \$225K road, \$200K parking</b>			<b>-\$474,350</b>	<b>-\$48,800</b>	<b>-\$41,425</b>	<b>-\$44,181</b>	<b>-\$49,825</b>	
								<b>Five year</b>
								<b>Average</b>
<b>A. projected mil rate (tax per \$1,000 value)</b>			<b>\$15.33</b>	<b>\$15.07</b>	<b>\$15.05</b>	<b>\$15.06</b>	<b>\$15.08</b>	<b>\$15.11</b>
<b>B. projected mil rate (tax per \$1,000 value)</b>			<b>\$15.70</b>	<b>\$15.07</b>	<b>\$15.05</b>	<b>\$15.06</b>	<b>\$15.08</b>	<b>\$15.19</b>
<b>C. projected mil rate (tax per \$1,000 value)</b>			<b>\$16.14</b>	<b>\$15.07</b>	<b>\$15.05</b>	<b>\$15.06</b>	<b>\$15.08</b>	<b>\$15.28</b>
<b>A. Percent increase in taxes from \$14.95/\$1000 value</b>			<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>B. Percent increase in taxes from \$14.95/\$1000 value</b>			<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>C. Percent increase in taxes from \$14.95/\$1000 value</b>			<b>8.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>

Notes:

- 1. Actual costs provided by Marlee Turner, former owner. Possible future costs estimates by Owens McCullough and John Rand.
- 2. Maine Woods Dance camp did not come in 2000 (\$50,000 account w/expenses around \$30,000)
- 3. Real estate taxes and debt service not included in expenses.
- 4. Facility use for 1998/1999 estimated at 30 percent.
- 5. Cost estimates for option B and C road and parking improvements are based upon Owens McCullough 10/20/00 letter to Elizabeth Cummings.
- 6. Projected mil rates are based on current spending and valuation. New spending on other Town projects will result in a higher mil rate.



# LETTERBOXING

Greetings everyone!

I've been meeting with several different organizations and associations to present the idea of "Letterboxing". To date, I have had many very positive responses. Anica Sabbag was gracious enough to host an informational workshop at the Lakes Environmental Association in Bridgton in November. Roberta Hill Burdett from Portland Water District is working with her colleagues to try and set up a sort of "Eco-Quest" adventure sometime in the next year. Connie Cross from Loon Echo Land Trust will be working with Anica and SAD #17, to support a group from the Bridgton area to incorporate some Letterboxing sites into the Holt Pond area and Bald Pate Mountain trails. The Raymond-Casco Business Alliance, as well as the Raymond Village Library Board of Directors will be investigating ways they can support and promote the "Letterbox Trail" here in Raymond.

During the winter, we will begin to design a trail using sites from our Main Street/Village history trail as well

as sites from our "Raymond Cape" history trail. Our hope is that for the first year, we keep the sites for the trail simple. The aim would be to incorporate existing sites, involve local businesses that wish to participate, trying to keep the trail very walkable and doable for local citizens, students and tourists.

I'm so excited about all of the enthusiastic responses we've had to this idea. This could be such a wonderful way to let residents in our town discover the rich heritage which Raymond has to offer to its community. What a great treasure hunt for families and friends!

Next month we will publish a list of the sites and will begin to solicit "Letterbox Monitors" for those who would be interested in maintaining the boxes for a season. If you would like more information about "Letterboxing" or about how you could become involved in this program, please feel free to contact Debbie Blanchard at 799-2754 or e-mail me at djblanch@maine.rr.com.

## Raymond Recreation News

Soccer balls and goals have been put away and the basketballs are coming out of the closet. Ski registration is complete and now the eager skiers are waiting for snow on the mountains. Drama, Karate and our new Dance program continue through into December. This has been a very successful fall season for the programs sponsored by Raymond Recreation Association.

Twenty-two students in third through sixth grades are taking swim lessons at St. Joseph's College pool after school on Wednesdays. We have been very fortunate that Debi Duchaine has been able, not only to drive our bus, but to be one of the instructors as well. Debi, Alex Jackson and Pat Smith are enjoying teaching these Wednesday sessions because the students are enthusiastic and fun to teach! We hope to be able to offer this program again in March after ski season. Watch for registration flyers sent home through the schools.

### You can help us:

We NEED volunteers willing to join us "in the water" as aides to the three instructors. Please call Alex at 627-7422.

We welcome contributions which will help with

scholarship aid for students in our programs. Mail to Raymond Rec at Box 561, Raymond

**Remember to pick up your order of citrus fruit on Saturday, Dec 2 from 9 to noon at Firelane 111 off Webbs Mills Road. Thanks for your support!**

We have ordered extra fruit so our sale of oranges and grapefruit is continuing through Dec 8. Call 655-4657 if you have not ordered your fruit yet.

## Parents of Children Starting Kindergarten in the Fall 2001

If you have a child who will be 5 years old by Oct 15, 2001, and are NOT currently receiving the monthly children's newsletter with fun activities for getting ready for school, please call the school and ask for Eileen Stiles, Preschool Coordinator. The phone number is 655-8672 Ex. 108. Please leave your name, address, phone number, child's name and birth date. Also available is a Preschool Four Year Old Packet of developmental information and ideas for getting ready for kindergarten.

## Raymond Recreation Youth Group-2004

By: Candi Scripture, Advisor

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Raymond Recreation Board tour renewing our sponsorship for another year and supporting the hope of extending the youth group to include other grade levels. Now in our 3rd year, we have expanded our original basis of creating local recreation opportunities to include community service. Our hope for the upcoming year is to provide our teens with job skills and help them obtain local employment. Our continued involvement with Communities For Children with help us continue to build partnerships with existing groups to keep our teens connected to their community.

On October 31st, fifteen 9th graders and five 7th graders enjoyed a "howling" good time at Beacon Lanes. Our deepest gratitude to Linda Afthim, for her continued support of our group! Special thanks to Gail Waisenen, Sharon Jerome, and Shawn Carr, who stayed to help (Gail & Sharon also donated treats for our goodie bags). Congratulations to all the kids on their behavior! And, it was really great for me to see some faces I haven't seen for awhile, it meant a lot!

We are undertaking a BIG project that has been a "dream" of ours for the past year: Raymond Youth Day. Our gratitude to Rev. Tulip, for helping this become a "reality" by giving us a location, Raymond Village Church! The event is tentatively planned for Feb. 17th and will run from 9:00-3:00. Teens will have a choice of several workshops/ activities relating to job skills: interviews, building a resume, babysitting, food and customer service, using community service as a way to qualify for scholarships & awards. We'd also like to include a few "fun" workshops; anyone out there who would like to do a craft or activity with our teen population, please come forward! To date, Chris Sutton will be offering a scrap booking activity! We will be contacting area businesses regarding potential summer job openings & criteria and job shadowing opportunities. We ask our residents, who may be in need of yard work or babysitting services for summer, to please post these on the Raymond website or contact Candi Scripture.

As you can imagine, the success of our "project" will rely heavily on community support and volunteers, to keep things running smoothly. All individuals or groups are encouraged to participate in a great "cause"! We will be having a planning meeting on December 11, 6:30, at JSS. Be on the lookout for specific volunteer needs in the next Roadrunner!

Having spent my entire childhood here in Raymond, I have experienced, witnessed and participated in our community's power to pull together for a good "cause" I, myself; was once considered a worthy "cause" by a few members of the Raymond community during my teen years. I can count these individuals, on two hands (the Town was a lot smaller, then!). But, I'll never forget those who helped me feel "valued". Perhaps, like me, a few of our teens will grow to have strong ties to our Town, remain to ensure some simple "values" are never forgotten!

## Student Health Issues

By: Nurse Vickie 655-8672 x. 402

We are becoming increasingly aware of our students' health issues. We now have some students with nut allergies, and because of this we will be taking all peanut food items off the menu.

It is very important that the school is aware of all health issues involving our students. Please contact the health office if your child has any allergies or chronic illness that have not been reported previously to the school.

## Parent Support Group

Second Tuesday each month at 7 P.M. At the Jordan Small School. Next meeting is December 12th. Will be problem solving "kid issues". For info call Eileen 655-8672 x108



Jordan-Small Middle School Students Collect Food