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Raymond Tomorrow...Coming To Your Neighborhood!

The public participation component of Raymond's Comprehensive Plan Update gets underway this month with a series of neighborhood meetings. Raymond Tomorrow is an opportunity for all of us to help shape the future for our wonderful community.

Raymond is required to update its comprehensive plan by State law. Public participation will be a significant component of the Plan Update that is put before voters at next year's Town Meeting.

Any stakeholder who will be impacted by Raymond's Comprehensive Plan Update is invited to attend any or all of these neighborhood meetings. All meetings will follow a similar format. The Committee and its Plan Consultant, Rich Rothe, will be visiting three neighborhoods to seek the input of Raymond residents and other stakeholders. The dates will be the evenings of June 11, 17, and 19. The locations are the Hawthorne House on Raymond Cape, the new elementary school, and the Raymond Village Library, respectively.

as our community ages?

Our children have already begun to provide their vision of Raymond Tomorrow. Now it's time to begin gathering the thoughts of the community. Your thoughts on all of these issues are important. Come to the meeting in your neighborhood or come to all of them. The format is the same for each meeting; however, individual neighborhoods may have issues that are unique to them.

Please come and share your thoughts on where Raymond is today, where it is heading, and where you and your family would like to see our community evolve over the next many years. Share your thoughts and listen to those of your neighbors. Yes, YOU can help shape the Raymond of Tomorrow.

Calling all stakeholders who have e-mail!!

To receive periodic updates on the progress of Raymond's Comprehensive Plan Update, please send us your name and e-mail address. We are building a database of stakeholders and would like to include you via e-mail so that you can be kept abreast of

proposed visioning and regulations that will impact you and other members of the Raymond community.

Please send your name and e-mail address to compplan@raymondmaine.org.

Please note that due to cost constraints, the Committee anticipates there will be only a single mailing to Raymond residents and property owners as the Plan Update evolves. That is why signing up for the e-mail list is so important. You may read our Privacy Statement on e-mail addresses at the Town Web Site.

In order to follow the progress of the Plan Update, you are strongly encouraged to join us at any and all Committee meetings, and particularly through email. Raymond Tomorrow is of interest to all Raymond citizens. Periodic updates of issues that may affect you, your family, your neighborhood, and your property will be available via email to all Raymond stakeholders: residents, out-of-town property owners, churches, civic organizations, schools, and businesses. Please sign up so you can be a part!

Road Runner Articles Due

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

E-Mail; Diskette; Paper

Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF) on diskette or as e-mail attachments.

Send School Related Articles To:

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or drop at a Principal's Office

Send Town related articles To:

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or drop at Town Hall

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Town Meeting Passes Ordinances And Budgets

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

On Friday, May 17th, 182 Raymond voters cast ballots for two members to the Board of Selectmen, two members to the School Committee, three members for a three year term to the Budget/Finance Committee, and two members for a two year term to the Budget/Finance Committee. Selectmen elected were incumbent Ada Brown and newcomer Christine McClellan; School Committee members elected were incumbents Tammy Acker and Brenda Stevenson, and for Budget/Finance Committee three year terms: incumbents Rolf Olsen, Ralph Bartholomew, and Coleen Laprise. The two year terms will be filled by "write ins". Stephanie Bubier, who received eight votes, and one only of the three candidates who had four votes each: Mark Acker, Tim Pomerleau, and Wayne Holmquist. Mark Acker and Tim Pomerleau declined the position, which means that Wayne Holmquist will have the opportunity to become a member of the Committee.

On a rainy Saturday, May 18th, approximately 200 voters gathered to consider 58 warrant articles at the Raymond Annual Town Meeting and approved a 2002-2003 Municipal Budget totaling \$2,803,355.

This budget represents a 2% increase over the present year budget of \$2,747,249. Approval of the municipal budget will allow several new initiatives to proceed as proposed. The current Public Works Department which is comprised of three full time employees will be expanded by two positions, making a total of five employees. A

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Public Water Comes To Raymond

As directed by the town of Raymond, the Portland Water District (PWD) has begun installing 18,000 feet of 16 inch water main that will connect Raymond to the Greater Portland public water supply. The project extends from Route 302 in Windham to the new fire station on Main Street in Raymond. The 302 portion of the project is expected to be complete by July, with the whole project being completed by Labor Day 2002.

D & C Construction, based in Rockland, Massachusetts, began work on April 29, 2002. As of May 10, 2002, they had laid approximately 5020 feet of 16 inch water main and installed 4 main line valves, 1 water service and 1 fire hydrant. Their rate of progress is excellent and averages approximately 500 feet per day. So far, the digging has been easy with no ledge and few boulders encountered.

This project will provide EmbedTech the water needed for their manufacturing process, town fire protection, and domestic water for commercial and residential properties along the water main route. It also has the potential to promote economic development in Raymond and beyond.

Special Town Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2002
7:00pm AT THE TOWN OFFICE
prior to the Selectmen's Meeting

ARTICLE: Shall an ordinance entitled "Land Use Ordinance, Town of Raymond" and the "Land Use Regulations Map" (Zoning Map) be amended as follows?

Add to the Industrial District (I) all of Tax Map 6, Lot 23 and that portion of Tax Map 6, Lot 28 created by extending the north-

"The waterline extension project will enable a major expansion at EmbedTech creating 40 new jobs in Raymond as well as approximately \$3.1 million in new property valuation in the town's Tax Increment Finance District," stated Town Manager Don Willard. The project will cost \$1.35 million, with approximately \$800,000 of that funded by the town, \$400,000 from a Community Development Block Grant and \$150,000 funded by the Portland Water District. Additional funds will come from the Town of Windham and customers connecting to the new main.

"The Portland Water District appreciates the cooperation of the Town and local businesses during the construction phase of the work, especially along busy Roosevelt Trail. Although we know it will be dirty and inconvenient at times, we are working with our contractor to minimize this and complete the work as quickly as possible," stated Jay Hewett, project manager for PWD. Because of the rapid rate of progress by the contractor, potential customers are encouraged to apply for service as soon as possible to prevent last minute coordination problems or disappointment.

easterly line of Lot 23 northwesterly to the Tower Road and the eight hundred fifty-eight foot southwesterly line of Lot 23 northwesterly to the Tower Road.

Explanation: The purpose of this amendment is to approve Dielectric's proposal to rezone a 34-acre lot currently owned by Dielectric, and a 3.5-acre portion of property currently owned by WGME, Inc., that abuts Dielectric's property.

Louise Lester, Town Clerk

Lakes Region Letterbox Trail Re-Opens!

By: Debbie Blanchard

Letterboxing has been around for about 200 years. This tradition began in England and has spread to the U.S. and countries all over the world. It's like a scavenger hunt. Following a set of clues, you set off to try and find a hidden box. When you find the box, inside will be a rubber stamp and an ink pad (some boxes contain a few artifacts particular to that site). You can stamp your own notepad to prove that you actually found the site. It's a fun way for families, friends, guests and tourists to find out more about the beautiful Sebago Lake region that we live in and about the Raymond community.

We are proud to announce that this year we will have two trails. We will again offer the "Main Street/Village" trail and will open our new "Significant Citizens of Raymond" trail. Both trails will open on Sat. June 15 and will be open until Columbus Day weekend next fall.

You may pick up a trail guide for both trails and a notepad for collecting your stamps (these are brand new and have our very own logo on the front cover!). These items may be purchased at Cricket's Corner (Rt. 302), Sunset Variety (Rt. 302) and Clough's (Rt. 85). Trail guides are \$1.00, notepads are \$4.00. If you have questions or would like further information, please contact me at 655-8672 or 799-2754. Happy Letterboxing!!!

Pot Roast Supper

Saturday, June 15, 2002

From 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Raymond Village Community Church
UCC

Main Street, Route 121, Raymond
Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
String Beans,

Carrots, Rolls, Beverages & Dessert
Adults \$6.50 Children (under 12) \$3.00

Children 5 and under FREE

Handicapped Entrance
Take Out Available

Notice Of Meeting

Raymond Comprehensive Planning Committee

Public Participation

Neighborhood Meetings

Tuesday, June 11, Hawthorne House,
Raymond Cape

Monday, June 17, Raymond Elementary
School

Wednesday, June 19, Raymond Village
Library

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Meetings are open to any stakeholder who
will be impacted by the Plan Update

Refreshments will be served



The Public Works Department has been busy with maintenance work projects on Raymond Hill Road and Spiller Hill Road.

Local Artists

Dick Anzels was honored when one of his paintings was presented to President Bush during his January 2002 visit to Portland. Mr. Anzels began painting to prepare for retirement and over a period of eight years has studied with a number of teachers. His works include stained glass, oils, and watercolors. As a Maine Maritime Academy graduate, it is natural that a love of the sea is revealed in his art.

Naomi Chase, whose works were exhibited at the Raymond Village Library throughout May, paints in a variety of media —watercolor, acrylic, and pastel as well as pen and ink. She enjoys painting nature scenes and local landscapes. In retirement, she has combined her professional training in special education with art to conduct therapeutic art sessions with special needs students. She has exhibited at St. Joseph's College and Bridgton Hospital in addition to donating artwork to local charities.

Carol Griggs began painting after retirement about eight years ago from the field of accounting. Ms. Griggs prefers working in watercolor, generally featuring soft landscapes

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Gymnast Wins 5th State Title

On March 17th, 10th grader Amanda Scripture won the State USAG Level 9 Championships, taking 1st on bars, beam, vault, all-around and 3rd place on floor routine.

At the Eastern Regionals in April, she took 8th place on beam and 12th on bars and missed qualifying for Nationals in Florida by .025 of a point. She recently was selected by Who's Who in High School Sports based on her gymnastic and academic accomplishments. She will join 11 other girls in the State of Maine who have earned the move to level 10 - the last competitive level in USAG's Junior Olympic program - and has begun training for this challenge.

Sister Angela must wait until next year to pursue a title. Due to an injury she received while training, she was unable to participate in her State meet. But she has handled her disappointment like a true champion during 7 weeks of healing and is thrilled to be at the gym. She's looking as strong as ever! Congratulations to both girls!

June 2002

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 VC =Village Church						1
2	3	4 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Special Town Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen	5 12:45PM-1:45PM RE Karate 2:15PM-3:15PM JS Karate 7:00PM RE School Committee	6 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time 6:30PM VL Raymond Library Club Meeting & Annual Election of Officers	7	8
9 11:00AM-2:00PM VL Artists Reception Opening of Silent Art Auction	10 Student Awards Assembly	11 7:00AM-8:00PM RE Primary Election 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting - Hawthorne House LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	12 7:00PM TH Planning Board	13 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time	14	15
16	17 7:00PM RE Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting	18 7:00PM TH Selectmen	19 9:00AM VL Village Library Board of Directors Meeting 7:00PM RE School Committee 7:00PM VL Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting	20 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	21	22 7:30AM Founders Day Race 7:30AM-12:00PM VL Fundraiser: Plants & Books
23/30	24 7:00PM TH Appeals Board Meeting	25 7:00PM TH Conservation Commission	26	27 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee 7:00PM VL Reading Group	28	29

Municipal News Brief

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions:

1. Re-elected Selectman Ada Brown was elected Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the 2002/2003 fiscal year;
2. New member of the Board of Selectmen Christine McClellan was sworn into office and welcomed to the Board of Selectmen at her first meeting on May 21st;
3. The Board of Selectmen voted to meet in joint session with the Town of Frye Island to talk about issues of mutual interest including Cape Road repair, public safety, and school issues;
4. Don Alexander resigned as Emergency Management Agency Director and was thanked by the Board of Selectmen for his years of service. The Town is seeking interested applicants for this position.
5. The Board of Selectmen considered and approved the 2002 annual Town appointments;
6. A special Town Meeting was set for Tuesday, June 4, 2002 to consider a rezoning request from Dielectric Communications.

Code Enforcement News

Between Jan. 1, 2002, and May 1, 2002, 57 building permits have been issued totaling \$6,205,225 in building construction value. (This figure includes \$1,300,000 for the new Public Safety Building.) Last year for the same period, 24 permits were issued with a construction value of \$1,326,590. This is an increase of \$4,878,635 over last year. The number of new housing permits jumped from 6 in 2001 to 17 in 2002.

If you are planning to start a project this year, please contact the Code Enforcement Office to see if you need a building permit. You can also visit the Town web site at www.raymondmaine.org to help answer many of your building project questions.

I would like to remind all residents that it is very important to have your house number posted where fire, rescue or others can find you. This number must be posted where it can be seen year round and big enough to be seen while driving. If you don't know your house number, please call the office at 655-3066.

The Raymond Town Office
Will Be Closed
Saturday, June 29, 2002
For Year-End Work

Town Meeting

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larger work force will allow the Town to accomplish routine and major maintenance projects in a more timely and efficient manner. Opportunities will also be explored to reduce our reliance on private contracts for Public Works services. The increase in crew size will not eliminate contract snow plowing. Contract winter maintenance has been a very reliable and cost effective way to provide plowing and sanding services. The increase in staffing will allow the Town to have a much improved ability to perform work particularly during the spring, summer, and fall months. A proposal to add an additional full time paramedic was also approved by Town Meeting. The second paramedic will both improve our response time and also help take some of the pressure off the dedicated volunteers that presently perform these services.

New programs approved at Town Meeting include the establishment of the Town's first Open Space Reserve account. This fund will be dedicated to the future acquisition of significant conservation and or open space areas for resource protection, recreation, and other municipal purposes. The Conservation Commission will be working hard to help the Town identify appropriate areas for possible acquisition and also to explore alternate sources of funding to match money raised by the Town. The establishment of a reserve fund also opens another opportunity for private donors to contribute to land conservation in Raymond. Another new program is the locally administered Milfoil Program. Voters approved a contribution of \$5,000 to help supplement funds raised privately by the

Raymond Fire/Rescue Activity

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TYPE OF CALL
RESCUE CALLS			
4/15/02	715	OFF MAIN ST	BACK PAIN
4/15/02	2036	WHITTEMORE CVRD	DIFF BREATHING
4/19/02	803	WEBBS MILLS RD	CUT LEG
4/19/02	1124	VARNEY MILL RD	LIFELINE
4/21/02	1116	NO RAYMOND RD	DIFF BREATHING
4/23/02	2035	THOMAS PD TERR	FIRE ASSIST
4/26/02	2022	WEBBS MILLS RD	FIRE ASSIST
4/26/02	2329	MILL ST	UPSET STOMACH
4/27/02	835	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	CAR ACCIDENT
4/27/02	2246	CAPE RD	DIABETIC PROB
4/28/02	1135	TENNY HILL RD	HEAD INJURY
4/28/02	1432	NO RAYMOND RD	FIRE ASSIST
5/1/02	1033	WENDY'S PKNG LOT	CAR ACCIDENT
5/2/02	830	BRADS WAY	LIFELINE ALERT
5/2/02	2007	DEEP COVERD	CAR ACCIDENT
5/4/02	1639	TARKILN HILL	UNRESPONSIVE PERSON
5/5/02	240	FERRY LANDING	STOMACH PROBLEM
5/5/02	1458	302 & MAIN ST	CAR ACCIDENT
5/5/02	1844	DAGGETT DRIVE	FIRE ASSIST
5/8/02	815	WEBBS MILLS RD	DIFF BREATHING
5/8/02	921	WEBBS MILLS RD	EMOTIONAL PROB
5/8/02	1650	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	CAR ACCIDENT
5/9/02	1350	MILL ST	CANCER PT
5/10/02	1026	MUD POND ROAD	SHORTNESS OF BREATH
5/10/02	1953	CONES CARD	CAR ACCIDENT
5/11/02	1055	PLAINS ROAD	CHEST PAINS
5/11/02	1605	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	FEMALE PT UNKNOWN
5/11/02	1607	LYON'S POINT RD	UNKNOWN MEDICAL
5/13/02	1251	WHITTEMORE CVRD	POSS STROKE
5/13/02	1510	ROOSEVELT TRAIL	CAR ACCIDENT
5/13/02	1608	BRAD'S WAY	MAN FELL
5/14/02	1151	WEBBS MILLS RD	ASSIST FIRE
FIRE CALLS			
4/16/02	2017	BOULDER RD	BOTHERSOME PERMIT
4/17/02	1437	MAIN ST	SMELL OF SMOKE
CHECK			
4/21/02	912	NOTCHED PDRD	CHECK UNPERM BURN
4/23/02	2035	THOMAS PD TERR	ELECTRICAL PROB
4/24/02	2022	WEBBS MILLS RD	FIRE ALARM
4/26/02	2227	AQUILLA VARUNDEL	FIRE SEEN ACROSS LK
4/27/02	835	ROOSEVELT TR	CAR ACCIDENT
4/27/02	2035	CAPE ROAD	FIREWORKS
4/28/02	1432	NO RAYMOND RD	CHIMNEY FIRE
5/2/02	2007	DEEP COVERD	CAR ACCIDENT
5/4/02	1639	TARKILN HILL	RESCUE ASSIST
5/5/02	109	MILL ST	BOTHERSOME PERMIT
5/5/02	358	MIGIS LODGERD	STRUCTURE FIRE
5/5/02	1458	302 & MAIN ST	CAR ACCIDENT
5/5/02	1818	DAGGETT DR	OUT OF CNTL PERMIT
5/6/02	1559	OFF MAYBERRY HILL	WOODS FIRE
5/7/02	1734	WILD ACRES RD	GRILL FIRE
5/7/02	1837	MEADOW ROAD	SMOKE INVESTIGATION
5/8/02	1650	ROOSEVELT TR	CAR ACCIDENT
5/10/02	1953	CONSECA ROAD	CAR ACCIDENT
5/13/02	1510	ROOSEVELT TR	CAR ACCIDENT
5/14/02	1151	WEBBS MILLS RD	SMOKE INVESTIGATION

Town Of Raymond, Maine Positions Available

Paramedic/Firefighter: This full-time position works a schedule of 4-day shifts on duty, followed by 4 days off. Minimum requirements include a Maine driver's license, valid Maine Paramedic license, Fire Fighter 1 certification or a willingness to attain this certification.

Public Works Department: Two full-time positions are available in the Public Works Department. Successful applicants will have a valid CDL and have experience in the operation of heavy equipment.

Part-time Assistant/Deputy Clerk: Duties include acting as recording secretary to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, assisting the Code Enforcement and Assessing Offices. Attendance at Planning Board and Appeals Board meetings will be required and will involve occasional night meetings. Must have excellent communication skills, computer skills and enjoy working with the public and as part of a team.

Emergency Management Agency Director: The Emergency Management Agency Director plans, organizes, and directs Emergency Management programs for the Town and acts as the Town's representative on Emergency Management matters. Public safety, planning and/or military/civil emergency management background desired.

The Town of Raymond offers competitive pay and benefit packages for full-time positions including medical and dental insurance and a deferred compensation plan. Applications for all positions should be returned by June 21, 2002, at 3:00pm.

Applications and detailed job descriptions are available at the Raymond Town Office, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Maine, (207) 655-4742 or by visiting the Raymond Web Site at www.raymondmaine.org.

The Town of Raymond is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**2002 Primary Election And
Portland Water District
Representative Election
June 11th
7:00am To 8:00pm
Raymond Elementary School**

Raymond Milfoil Committee to hire two part-time rangers who will monitor boat ramp areas and educate the public with respect to the serious consequences of failing to keep milfoil and other invasive aquatic plants out of Raymond's waterways.

The Capital Improvement Program budget was approved, providing funding to several major ongoing and new initiatives. The budget includes the first payment on the new public safety building now under construction and scheduled for completion in August as well as improvements to the District 2 Fire Station including a new roof, exterior painting, insulation and repairs to gutters and downspouts. Road reconstruction projects will be done this year on Cape Road, North Raymond Road, Ledge Hill Road, and Tower Road. A Fire Department Capital Reserve fund for equipment acquisition was established and support given to funding a Town wide revaluation (tax equalization project) over a four year plan.

Members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee attended the Town Meeting and passed out a Comprehensive Plan Survey. The purpose of this survey was to solicit public opinion and provide crucial guidance to the Committee as they work toward drafting an update of the existing 1991 Plan. Input from Raymond residents will help shape the future of our Town for the next ten years and beyond. If you did not receive a copy of the survey but would like to participate, please contact me at the Town Office and I'll be pleased to provide a copy. Future activities planned for the Committee include focus gatherings at different locations within the community so that residents can have an opportunity to voice their concerns and express opinions

as to what they would like to see for goals and strategies in the new Comprehensive Plan. These goals and strategies when adopted by the Town will form the basis for ordinance development and a shared vision of what we want our community to be in the future.

Articles 33 through 38 were to consider several changes to Raymond's existing land use regulations. After considerable debate, changes were made which clarify and strengthen existing ordinances, establish a street ordinance, provide more detailed standards for back lots, establish basic lot standards to be administered by the Code Enforcement Officer and provide consistent environmental standards between the subdivision ordinance and site plan review. The Town Meeting provided a forum for a thorough debate of these issues and ultimately all proposed changes were approved.

The Board of Selectmen presented outgoing Selectman Chair Mark Acker with a plaque recognizing his public service to the community. Retiring Superintendent of Schools David Bois received a public thank you from the School Committee for his fourteen years of dedicated service to the Raymond School Department. Citizens were also invited to attend an open house for Mr. Bois on Thursday, June 6th at 7:00 pm at the Raymond Elementary School.

Both the Cumberland County and Raymond School Department budgets were also approved. Please contact me at the Town Office if I can provide any additional information about this year's annual Town Meeting or any other issues of municipal interest.

Tips For Teens - Getting A Job

By: Candi Scripture, RYC-2004

Now is the time many employers begin hiring for the summer. Before you take serious steps toward getting a "real job", consider how many hours you can commit to each week. Take a close look at your school, sport, scouting and social activities, and realize that a job may require some sacrifices. Most employers will require at least 15 hours per week, including weekends and nights. Discuss transportation and time commitments with your family before you begin the process, and be realistic! You should pursue jobs that match your interests and personality, and that you are willing to do. If you've considered these factors, and feel you are ready for this challenge, here are some steps to help you begin.

- **Prepare a Resume:** If you own a computer, your word processing software will probably have "resume wizards" that allow you to fill in the blanks! To find these in Microsoft Word, for example, under "File" click on "New" and select the tab "Other Documents". Select the resume style you want and follow the instructions. A good resume begins with your full name, address, phone number and birthdate. Provide any job experiences and include a brief description, company or employer's name. If you have no prior work experience, community service hours can complete this section. Next, under education and interests, be sure to include any awards or honors you've received. Complete your resume with at least two references with names and contact information. Be sure to get permission from the people you've listed; try to avoid family members.
- **Apply for a Job:** Keep your eyes and ears open! Not all jobs are listed in the Help Wanted ads. Seek out managers, supervisors and ask for an application. Try to complete all blanks and attach your resume. Don't set your sights on one job or

employer; your chances of finding employment are much better if you apply for three or more jobs. If, after two weeks, you haven't heard anything, you may feel brave enough to stop in or call. Ask to speak to the manager, be polite and remind him/her that you are REALLY interested in working in their business.

- **The Interview and Getting a Job:** Employers will want to meet you face to face, ask questions, discuss job expectations. Interviews are nerve racking for everyone! Try to remain calm (a few deep breaths help!), answer questions honestly, and make eye contact. Be sure to arrive on time, neatly dressed. During the interview, avoid "bashing" former employers or jobs. If asked why you left, a good response is, "It was not the right situation for me." Following the interview, you should receive a call back within two weeks. If you get the job, remember that teens under 16 will need a work permit. Work permits are issued by the Superintendent of your school. See your guidance counselor as soon as possible.
- **Job Alternatives:** If you are not ready for the commitment a "real job" requires, consider flexible work which will allow you to control your schedule: babysitting, lawn work, pet care. Start by contacting friends, neighbors and consider community service as a way to promote yourself and gain skills. Contact local community groups for opportunities.

These tips are condensed from information compiled by RYC-2004. A small booklet with a sample resume, self-assessment quizzes, Maine Labor Laws for minors 18 & under and money management information is available for Raymond teens. E-mail: candi @ pivot.net, provide your name & address, and we'll be happy to mail one out to you! Next month's teen tips: money management.



On May 6, 2002, at 5:30am, Jared Marcinuk, 11, of Raymond harvested this 14 pound tom turkey and Jared wasn't even late for school!

2002 Semi-Circle Scholarship Winners

By: Diane Goosetrey, Corresponding Secretary

Semi-Circle is pleased to announce that this year's winners are Nathaniel Cayer, who will be graduating from Hebron Academy, and Rachael Dwinnell, who will graduate from Windham High School. Each will receive a \$600 check at their school awards ceremony and a letter of congratulations.

Raymond Special Olympian On A Roll!

By: Christian Elkington, Principal

On a sunny and very windy Friday, May 3rd, over 50 teams and 400 student athletes participated at the Special Olympics meet held at Cape Elizabeth High School. Kyle Gagnon of Raymond represented Jordan-Small Middle School in several events! 12 students from JSMS also accompanied Kyle and cheered him on both during his events and at the victory stand.

Kyle Gagnon received ribbons in the following events:

- 4th Place finish in the 400 Meter Run
- 3rd Place finish in the 100 Meter Dash
- Participation Ribbon in the Softball Throw

Three cheers go to Kyle Gagnon for representing both his family and our school with distinction! We are proud of your efforts, Kyle!

Get Cyc'd For The Second Annual Loon Echo Bike Trek! Raise Funds For Land Conservation & Win Prizes!

Please join Hancock Land, P&K Sand and Gravel, The Bridgton News, The Portland Phoenix, ACME Bicycle & Fitness, Back Bay Bicycle, Downeast Bicycle Specialists & others on Saturday, September 21, 2002, at Shawnee Peak in Bridgton for our second annual Loon Echo Bike Trek. The bike trek is open to everyone. We are offering a 25-mile, 50-mile and century ride. Cyclists are asked to raise funds to protect the natural beauty of the Sebago Lake Region. Cyclists who raise the minimum of \$125 in pledges, plus an entry fee, will receive a T-shirt, lunch and fun trek experience. Incentive prizes will be awarded to cyclists based on moneys raised. Teams are encouraged to participate, and the team who generates the most money will receive a Team Trophy and Photo. Register today online at www.loonecholandtrust.org or call 207.647.4352. Loon Echo is a member of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine.

Troop 800 Scribe Report, May 2002

By: Kyle Woodbrey, Troop Scribe & Jamie Wiley, Patrol Leader

There were two major events of the month, the Spring Camporee and the Scout Skills Weekend.

The camporee was a service camporee. It was raining the whole first day, Saturday. The service was to help start-up the camp for summer. We helped distribute cots and mattresses to all the campsites. Some scouts replaced the floor in the recreation hall for their service. When it finally stopped raining we had a catapult competition for length of shot and accuracy, Troop 800 took third place, with 47 feet, with just an ordinary catapult! A trebuchet catapult came in first with 150 feet! The ammo was full one gallon water jugs. The patrols ate well at the camporee and Saturday night there was a "One Pot Challenge" for meals that each Patrol participated in. Each patrol succeeded in preparing their meal in only one pot. On Sunday we cleaned, packed, and after our campsite was inspected, we left.

On Scout Skills Weekend we stayed around camp and worked on rank advancements. I benefited from this time and finished two ranks.

During the month of May, Troop 800 had a lot of fun. On Saturday May 4th, the Boy Scouts had a potluck dinner Court of Honor where we had great food, saw some very funny skits, and received merit badges and other awards like rank patches. Those receiving awards were: James Fisher Scout Rank, Christian Gordan Star Rank, Ian Hanley Star Rank, Elijah Hughes Scout Rank, Ryan Loreng Scout Rank, John Shively Star Rank, James Wiley, Star Rank, Cody Winde 2nd Class Rank, and Kyle Woodbrey 2nd Class and 1st Class ranks.

Scouts and their merit badges were: Andrew Jordan, Electricity and Indian Lore, Joshua Knights, Salesmanship, Ian Hanley, Emergency Preparedness, John Shively Citizenship in the Community, Snow Sports, and Salemanship, Joe Stevens Personal Fitness, Zeb Swick Personal Management, James Wiley, Family Life and Railroad, Cody Winde Scholarship and Matt Peterson Personal Management.

We started our fundraising events for our trip to Gettysburg with a car wash at Windham Wal-Mart on May 5th. Our meeting themes for May were Fishing, Camporee and Scout Skills. On May 14th Scott Bradford of the Maine BASSMASTERS came to talk to us about what types of lures to use, how to identify different types of bass, and what techniques to use.

On the 21st we started to build a teepee for the Library Children's room to be used during the summer reading series. That night we also started selling Candy Bars for the Gettysburg Trip. Look for many more Gettysburg fundraisers this summer from Troop 800.

Troop 800's regular meeting schedule will wind down with the last meeting of the year on June 11th. We look forward to a busy summer.

To keep up to date on upcoming Troop 800 activities, check out the Troop's web pages on the Town's website at <http://www.raymondmaine.org> which includes information and things that the Scouts have been up to. To contact by phone: Tom Wiley, Scoutmaster, 655-2048 or John Hanley, Troop Committee Chair, 998-5304.



JSMS Recreation Area Update

Volunteers needed July 30th

A few volunteers are needed to help unload the GameTime Inc., equipment from the truck when it is delivered. Please call JSMS to volunteer(655-4743).

August 10th Phase One Installation

Please keep this date in mind as you plan your summer. The success of this installation phase depends on volunteers. We have contracted with the GameTime Inc., to have one of their representatives on site to ensure safe installation of their equipment.

Volunteers will be doing the same as they did for the RES installation, without the hole drilling part! Steve Harvey, a local construction contractor, has volunteered to bring in a crew to dig the holes and work on the construction with the platform stage. A final date has not been set for this part of the construction.

We also need volunteers who can rake mulch, be "Go-fers!", feed the crew and generally help out. Call 655-4766 or leave a message with Kerry Glew at JSMS (655-4743) if you would like to help OR just show up if you decide last minute.

Sudsy Car Wash A Success!

Sue Cobb and Sharon Lloy supervised a car wash at Wal-Mart in April, raising \$650 for the rec area! Congratulations for hanging in there despite cool temps. Many Raymond students took part.

"Boxtops For Education" Raises \$980.

Yes! Those tiny bits of cardboard that you send in to school really do add up and translate into real benefits for your kids. Earlier this year it was decided that the funds would benefit the recreation area. The program runs throughout the year so please remember to keep saving during the summer also. I keep a zipper style plastic bag on the fridge, held by a strong magnet clip. It is very convenient and reminds me to keep watching for boxtops and soup labels. Thank you to Mrs. Weeks who ran the program and to the students who helped trim and count the boxtops this year.

Brick Fundraiser Completes Phase One!

We look forward to seeing the brick walkway with many names on it next fall. The money raised not only completed Phase One but also will enable us to purchase soccer goals for the recreation area for next fall. Please note, soccer fans! We will have to let the grass come in before the "field" is used.

Hats off to Linda O'Neill, Ellen Van Haasteren, Diane Zawistowski and Heidi Trickey for organizing the brick fundraiser and raising over \$3000!

Donations

We gratefully acknowledge the following donation for the Jordan-Small Middle School Recreation Area.

Mary E. Waters.

If you would like to make a donation to the recreation area, please make checks payable to Jordan-Small Middle School Recreation Area, and mail to Jordan-Small Middle School, 423 Webbs Mills Rd, Raymond ME 04071. All donations will be acknowledged in the Road Runner.



Denise Cline with Patrick and Jenna planting spring flowers at Raymond Elementary.

Field Hockey: A New Force On The Field

A new generation of field hockey players took sticks in hand at a recent introductory workshop in May. A dozen middle school students learned the basics of sport safety, dribbling, passing and driving, and even tried scoring on a goalie. The girls paired up and practiced with Windham High School players Valerie Martin, Julia Bruno, Allison Reilly, Sarah Anderson, Janice Sawyer and Poland High School player Kim Coggan.

We hope to hold another workshop over the summer before starting an after school 2-day a week program at JSMS in the fall. If you did not sign up for this workshop and would like to be on our list, call Suzie at 655-4915, Lori at 655-4277 or Sue Ellen at 655-4463. And if you're an adult who would like to pick up a stick again, call us, too!

Thank you to our "star" high school players for being great role models, as well as to Debra Martin and Alex Jackson for their support and help. Look out; here comes a new wave of Raymond athletes!



State PTA Reflections Program Results

The Reflections artwork by Alexandra Gordan and Chad Zawistowski placed first at the State Reflections contest, and their artwork has advanced to the National PTA Reflections contest. Receiving the distinction of Outstanding Interpretation of this year's theme "I hold in my Hand..." were Alexandra Gordan in the Literature Category (grades 6-8) and Chad Zawistowski in the Music Category (grades 3-5). Also receiving awards were Kevin Sutton, First Runner Up in Visual Arts (grades K-2), Patrick Martin, Second in Visual Arts (grades 3-5), Corrie VanHaasteren, First in Photography (grades K-2), Elijah Hughes, Third in Photography (grades 3-5), and Abbey Gillis, Fourth in Literature (grades K-2). Also participating at the State level were Harmony Brown in Visual Arts and Molly Keane-Dreyer in Literature.

Congratulations to all who participated, and best of luck to Alexandra and Chad at the National level!



Grandparents' Day At The Raymond Elementary School

Friday, May 10, was a very special day for all of the students at the Raymond Elementary School. It was Grandparents' Day and over 225 guests joined students and staff for the morning activities. At the Good News Assembly Norma Richard, principal, thanked all of the grandparents for their continuing support of our elementary school program and for modeling the importance of life-long learning for their grandchildren. We look forward to next year's Grandparents' Day on Friday, May 9, 2003.



Emily Monahan and her grandmother enjoying a computer lesson in the Raymond Elementary School lab.

Mentoring Mixes with Fire Safety, Clay and Bowling!

Members of the local Fire and Rescue team visited the Raymond Elementary School Mentoring Partnership to share their work and to have the children meet them as members of our community as well as professionals. Chris Champagne, Tammy Hanna and Francoise Norbert provided a hands-on experience at the school by bringing their protective clothing, a fire truck and a rescue vehicle. We thank them for their time with us.

In addition to mentors spending one on one time with their elementary or middle school students, program participants also gathered to express their creativity in clay with a project led by Sue Carr. Mentoring pairs demonstrated various forms of bowling styles and pizza consumption at Beacon Lanes in another recent group activity. A final dinner and community garden project are in the works as the program nears the end of a successful first year.

The mentoring program temporarily ends with the start of school summer vacation, but we are already planning ahead for next year. Many of our mentors plan to return in the fall to continue their relationships. We also invite you to learn more about the difference you can make by developing a friendship with a young person in our community for just one hour a week. Call Eileen or Lori at our RES office: 655-8672, ext. 107.



Funding Secured By Representative Bruno To Enhance Route 302 Reconstruction Project

Representative Joe Bruno (R-Raymond) announced today that the Town of Raymond is receiving \$10,000 as part of the Maine Department of Transportation's Community Gateway Program. The funding will be used to make improvements to the scheduled reconstruction of Route 302 in Raymond set to occur this summer. Funding can be used to install park benches, flowerbeds, and other fixtures that will improve the landscape along the new section of highway, which serves as a gateway into the Town of Raymond.

The funding necessary to provide Raymond with a Community Gateway Program grant was added to legislation by Representative Bruno, the House Republican Leader. As a legislative grantee, Raymond joins twenty communities who have been selected to receive funding this year.

"Most of the visitors to our community arrive here on Route 302," said Representative Bruno. "The Community Gateway funding will help the town make improvements to the highway, improving the appearance of our community for the benefit of our visitors as well as the people who call Raymond home."

Public Safety Building Construction Update

By: Denis Morse, Fire Chief

The much-needed rain has caused some delays in the construction of our new Raymond Public Safety Building, but the framing of the office section is well underway. The rain also allowed a good look at the graveled road base's stability as well as the function of the numerous ditches.

This photo shows the energy efficient radiant heat system that has been installed in the truck bays, and the overall progress as of May 20th.



The CMP connection and laying the new waterline are the last of the main infrastructure to be completed. Hopefully these will be done by the end of this month.

We will continue to offer photos and updates as construction continues.

Property Tax Exemption

Veterans, widows, orphans, did you know that according to Maine Veteran Law Title 36 Chapter 105 Property Tax Exemption, the exemption for veterans of WWI is \$7,000? Veterans of WWII, Korea and Vietnam when reaching the age of 62 or when they receive any pension or compensation from the U.S. Government for total disability are entitled to a \$5,000 exemption. This exemption applies to a veteran's un-remarried widow, or minor children, gold star mothers and paraplegic veterans. If you have previously applied for this exemption, you do not need to reapply. To find out if you qualify for this exemption, contact the Raymond Assessing Office at 655-4712.

More Tips For Saving Water In The Home

By: Charlie Turner, Raymond Waterways Protective Assoc.

- Check for toilet leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If you have a leak, the color will appear in the bowl within 30 minutes. (Flush immediately to avoid stains to the bowl.)
- Check your pump periodically. If the pump turns on and off while water is not being used, you have a leak.
- Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. One drop per second wastes 2,700 gallons of water per year which is 7.4 gallons a day!

Note: These tips are from the Department of Emergency Management.

Raymond Rec's Red Cross Summer Swim Program Continues!

Raymond Rec is very pleased to have 3 new, super, young people willing to work hard to keep the summer swim program fun and successful. Many thanks to everyone who spread the word about the program and offered support during the WSI search.

Lessons will start July 1 at the Crescent Lake town beach on Rt. 85. The session will run 4 weeks, with 1/2 hour lessons each day. Children must be at least 5 years of age by October 15, 2002, to be eligible to participate.

Registration will be June 5 at the JSMS cafeteria from 6-7:30pm. Cost per child is \$20. Permission slips must be obtained at time of registration. Participants must be signed up before June 21!

Deb Duchaine will be assisting the new instructors at registration time. Let's make the transition for Deb a smooth one by showing support for the ones chosen to fill her shoes! For more information, contact Deb @ 655-5222.

A Letter of Thanks!

By: Pat Smith

Following is a letter I received early this spring. I saved it to share in this edition of the Road Runner as an expression of "thanks" to all the coaches and volunteers who have worked in any of our Raymond Recreation programs. Mrs. Bennett expresses the appreciation felt by all the parents and grandparents of children who participated in those programs.

This is also a special "thank you" to Gerda Bennett for taking the time to write the following:

March 19, 2002
Raymond Recreation Association
Raymond ME 04071

The weekend of March 9th, while visiting my son's family in Raymond, I had the pleasure of attending my grandson's basketball games – and what a pleasure it was! I have to admit I am not a sports fan, aside from the Olympics, or where my family is involved. I am still enthused about the heartwarming experience. The young boys and girls were such a joy to watch. They all seemed so happy, played hard and displayed wonderful sportsmanship. When each child was rewarded a trophy for doing his or her best, they were so proud. It is a direct reflection of the exemplary character of dedicated coaches and other volunteers. I wish to thank these wonderful people for their part in helping my grandson and the other children, to grow up with real values, to become fine adults.

Gerda A. Bennett
Greenfield, MA

Jordan-Small Middle School Honor Roll 3rd Quarter

On behalf of the staff of JSMS, we congratulate the following students for their academic achievements during the 3rd quarter:

5th Grade High Honors

Brianna Bisesti Patrick Martin
Logan Cline Andrew O'Neill

5th Grade Honors

Phoebe Crockett	Ashley Baker
Taylor Duncanson	Kathleen Cook
Nick Gredin	Brandon Guerrette
Ali Knight	Cory Leslie
Brittany Reed	Lindsay Ryan
Alyson Schadler	Jacob Trickey
Erik Wisutskie	Breeanna Zoidis
Brett Bisesti	Sibyl Cunningham
Hannah Huber	Evan Flynn
Steven Lentine	Rusty Libby
Rebecca Morris	Brandi Mitchell
Kelsey Nadeau	Brittany Plummer
Kees VanHaasteren	Laura Sanborn
Ashley Waldron	Chad Zawistowski
Lauren Weeks	Brenda Wood

6th Grade High Honors

Alison Gagnon Alexandra Gordan
Travis Guerrette Danielle Holman
Amy McIntire Kyle Woodbrey

6th Grade Honors

John Atwood	Victoria Christy
April Cox	Sarah Crockett
Markie DeSorbo	Khristopher Fenton
Julia Hartig	Andrew Miranda
Robyn Stillings	Cody Winde
Justin Woodbrey	Djaylan Burns
Nicole Lloy	Patrick Lockwood
Brittany Michaud	Michael Orsini
Kevin Tilkins	Travis Ward
Bridget Byrne	Amy Cobb
Ian Levinsky	Taylor Parker
Douglas Remick	Elizabeth Stevenson

7th Grade High Honors

Keegan Brown Bryan Connor
Nicole Gagne Roman Gosney
Stephen Wisutskie Justin Robinson

7th Grade Honors

Alyse Bartholomew	Ian Acker
Travis Cook	Andy Bissonnette
Jennifer Curtis	Amanda Bruno
Andrew Reed	Brittany Cogswell
John Shively	Skylar Duncanson
Kainani Stevens	Katie Eastman
Hannah Whitcher	Kayleigh Flynn
Kayla Taylor	Emjay Williams
Julia Comeau	Brett Coggan
Amanda Evans	Taylor Fey
Logan Martyn-Fisher	Cameron Gosney
Molly Niziol	Elliot Lamarre
Rebecca Randall	Ben Myhaver
James Wiley	Kameron Purinton
Laken Perry	Erika Richardson
Dan Tracy	Amanda Hammett

Odyssey Of The Mind

Please accept our apologies for leaving one member of our team out of our May article. Special thanks go to Caroline Blake who was an important member of the RES Center Stage team.

Raymond Mentoring Partnership

Eileen Stiles, Director
Lori Rand, Program Facilitator
Suzanne Cobleigh, JSMS Facilitator

The Raymond Mentoring Partnership is a prevention initiative sponsored by Raymond's Communities for Children organization and supported by the Raymond School Department. Lori and Eileen wrote a grant proposal to the Maine Office of Substance Abuse, who awarded funding (from part of the state's national tobacco settlement money) to create the first year of RMP's programming.

Our mission is to increase the number of caring adults in the lives of Raymond's young people, especially for those youth whose resources and support systems may be limited. We encourage creativity, physical activity, cultural experiences and teambuilding. We also envision developing stronger partnerships between the schools, families and the community to build assets so our youth grow up behaving in healthy and responsible ways.

The program is based in the Raymond Elementary School and currently has 9 elementary school mentees and 7 middle school mentees matched with mentors, with a few more matches planned for next fall. Mentors receive initial training and are offered monthly support meetings. The program runs with the school calendar and asks mentors to meet with mentees at least once a week for one hour. Most mentors have been offering between 2 and 5 hours a week, sometimes even more. Mentors start the relationship by meeting with the mentees at school, then often decide to pursue activities and experiences beyond school grounds. The pairs are given a tote bag, a notebook and a disposable camera to help document the time spent together and the growth of their relationship.

Mentoring activities include art projects, sports, academic support and just hanging out together cooking, reading, and working on the computer. RMP arranges program-wide activities as well: teambuilding exercises, attending The Wizard of Oz in Windham, and rock-climbing at the Maine Rock Gym. We also held a dinner in January where the mentors, mentees and mentees' families gathered to eat and to watch international students from Portland High School perform a Vietnamese folk dance. Over 75 people attended. We have organized a bowling event and are planning an end of the program year canoeing day trip.

While building a strong one on one relationship is the focus, the program-wide activities have encouraged a sense of belonging to a "family of mentors," as students have gotten to know other adults in the program as well. We hope to extend this feeling as we continue to invite other members of the community to lead or participate in program experiences.

This spring we have asked the mentoring pairs to work on simple goal setting and developing a community service project, such as helping to plant a community flower garden at the town playground.

We have had our funding renewed for next year and look forward to building an even stronger program. Please call us for more information (655-8672 x107).

Raymond Elementary School Report

By: Norma Richard, Principal

Our last day of school is June 11, and students and staff are now winding up for all of the end-of-year activities. Tuesday, June 11, will be Step-Up Day at the Raymond Elementary School. Students will have the opportunity to visit with new classmates and next year's teacher. We will dismiss at 10:30 on the 11th, and this means that we will not serve lunch or snack milk on that last school day.

The school library is now closed for checking out books, and Mrs. Keef is collecting all library books and magazines. Be sure that all books are returned, as we will be sending out bills for items that are lost or not returned. Even though our students beat the teachers in the Light the Lamp reading challenge, I was very pleased with the amount of recreational reading that took place this year (we anticipate over half a million pages!). I want to encourage students,

Raymond Extended Day Program News

By: Kristi Curtis, R.E.D. Executive Director

As the school year draws to a close, so does the 2001-2002 R.E.D. school year program. We had another fantastic year with several new staff members and my new Assistant Director/Art guru, Amy Kimball. I would like to remind all current school year families that your children will be able to attend the program at Raymond Elementary School through June 14th. The charge will be \$16/day, and all children will need to bring a bag lunch. The hours of operation beginning on June 12th will be 7:00am-6:15pm. Please do not bring your children before 7:00am, as no one will be here to care for them.

The R.E.D. 2002 Summer Program will begin on Monday, June 17th, at the Jordan-Small Middle School. The hours

of operation for the summer program will be 7:00am-6:15pm. Please remember that you must have a signed and dated food program form, your activity fee must be paid in full, and all children attending field trips are required to have at least one R.E.D. t-shirt.

During the R.E.D. summer program (beginning on June 17th) we will provide the children with breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. We ask that the children come daily with adequate clothing (socks, sneakers, bathing suit) and towels. We provide sunscreen and plenty of fluids; however, if you wish to send your own please feel free to do so. Most of all, we ask your children to come with a smile and ready to have a great time. We have a fantastic summer planned, and are sure that you will agree.

Public Reception For David Bois

In appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to the Raymond School District, the Raymond School Committee will honor outgoing Superintendent David Bois with a public reception. This will be held at the Raymond Elementary School on Thursday, June 6, at 7:00pm. Members of the Raymond community, school district staff, community officials, friends, family, and colleagues are invited. Cards and letters of appreciation can be forwarded to Superintendent Bois c/o The Raymond Elementary School, 434 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071.



JSMS School Store

As you know, Jordan-Small Middle School is going through changes to become more of a middle school. Mrs. Taiani's sixth grade math class thought that as a middle school we should have a school store. We sent out a survey to grades four, five, six, and seven. All but one person said they wanted a school store. We're trying to buy things that the students asked for, but we can only buy so much with the money we have.

Now for Sale:

Sports and animal pencils \$.25 ea.
 JSMS pencils 3 for \$1 or \$35 ea.
 All pens \$.50 (changing soon)
 Water bottles \$1 ea.
 Lanyards \$1 ea.
 Pencil top erasers 3 for \$1 or \$.35 ea.

Coming Soon:

Erasable pens
 Pop-A-Point pencils
 Retractable erasers
 Gel pens
 Pencil grips

Planning on College? Gray-New Gloucester Adult Ed Summer Offerings

**Phone 657-2620 or e-mail
 jtremberth@securspeed.net**

Are you preparing for either a college entrance exam or entry into post-secondary education this fall?? How about the Nurse's Entrance Test? We can help you brush up on your English and Math skills as well as assist you with general test taking techniques. A few weeks with us now, may improve your results later. We are currently scheduling for Algebra assistance on Wednesday evenings this summer and need you to reserve your place for this class. Please call for details.

Want to go to college, but haven't earned your high school diploma or GED? Need your GED to change jobs? Gray-New Gloucester Adult Ed can work with you to complete your high school diploma or GED, even during the summer months! To learn more about the GED and high school completion program in this area, call us at 657-2620.

Smith in first grade. Her work through the years has been exemplary, and her contributions have had a significant positive impact on students and staff. Mrs. Barden is "retiring" this year, along with Mrs. Smith, and I want to wish her only the very best in the years to come. On behalf of our students and faculty, I want to thank all of this year's volunteers. I also want to encourage other Raymond residents to join our Volunteer Program by calling the school office at 655-8672.

During summer vacation, the school office will be open each Tuesday from 8:00 - 3:00. Wendy Thoren, our school receptionist, and I will be available on Tuesdays to register new students, give new families a tour of the school, and answer any questions about our elementary school program. If you have a question and need to reach me at other times, please call the school office at 655-8672 and leave me a message at extension 400. Most weeks I will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, but it is best to call in advance.

Local Artists

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and nature scenes. She has studied art locally and her watercolors have previously been featured in the Raymond Village Library "Artist of the Month" program. She has also exhibited at various shows in the area.

Raymond Village Library News

Children's Programs

The June theme for Story time is "Summer Fun". This is held at the library on Thursdays at 10am. Baby time is also on Thursday at 9:30.

The Summer Reading Program is entitled, "More Than Moccasins". Registration applications for the program will be available to the youngsters at school, and there is one published in this June's Roadrunner. There is a limit of 75 participants, so please get your registrations in as soon as possible. The program starts July 7 and goes through August 19. This has been a very popular and fun program the past several years, and this year's program, dealing with Native Americans, looks like the best one yet.

Book Discussion Group

"In the Lake of the Woods", by Tim O'Brien, will be the book under discussion at the library on June 27 at 7pm. New participants are invited to join this group.

Annual Banquet

The Raymond Village Library Club will hold its Annual Banquet on June 6 at the library at 6:30. Annual dues are due at this time, and following the dinner, there will be a business meeting for the election of officers. New members are always welcomed and appreciated.

Plant Sale

Even with this erratic weather, Spring has arrived and it's time to work on flower gardens. The annual plant sale with its beautiful colors and tempting low priced plants and flowers will be held at the library, Saturday, June 22, from 7:30am to noon.

Donations of plants and flowers are appreciated as well as buyers. If you have some plants to donate, you can bring them to the library early that morning or Friday afternoon, the day before, from 4 to 7pm. Otherwise, please call Jane at 655-5354 to make other arrangements.

Book Sale

The paperback book sale will begin at the library on June 22 and will continue through to July 15 during regular library hours.

Book donations, hard or soft cover, may be left at the library at any time. These donations may be tax deductible.

Silent Art Auction

The time we've all been waiting for has finally come! The Annual Art Auction...where we can get beautiful art work for a minimum amount of cost and have lots of fun at the same time.

The auction will be conducted a bit differently this year. The paintings, photographs, etchings, etc. will be exhibited throughout the summer at the library – from June 9 until August 18. This gives everyone a chance to view and pick out favorites, record bids, and perhaps change their bids several times for the one or two special favorites. So be sure to come into the library and take part in this fun fundraiser.

There will be an Artists Reception at the library on June 9 from 11 to 2. All are invited to attend, meet some of the artists and be one of the first to see the new exhibit.

Over the next three months, we will be highlighting the contributing artists, beginning in this issue of the Road Runner.

Charlotte "Charlie" Hewson's interest in art started with photography, but she rechannelled her creative outlet to watercolors five years ago. Although she has studied both locally and in workshops in Canada, she describes herself as a "newcomer" to watercolor. Living lakeside, it is not unexpected that the main subjects for her landscapes are those she sees out her window – the lake and mountains. With long family ties to the Lakes Region, Charlie has been a resident in Raymond for over thirty years and is on the Library's Board.

Tess Ingraham has been painting with oils and watercolors for over 20 years. Her favorite subjects include landscapes and trees. She is a self-professed "for fun" artist, deriving joy from her work. Visitors to the Raymond Village Library who follow her monthly exhibits in the display case are familiar with her flair for balance, color, and ingenuity. Having summered in Maine throughout her childhood, Ms. Ingraham has been a community member in Raymond for 20 years.

Sondra Levy is primarily a watercolorist who loves the freshness of the watercolor exploding on the plain paper. Her paintings are inspired by nature, with flowers and

landscapes among her favorite subjects. She started painting 15 years ago, pursuing art as a personal growth opportunity through adult education classes. Sondra has previously shown in Bridgton, at Cottage Industries of Raymond, and at the Raymond Village Library, where she is on the Board of Directors.

Joyce Mastro began painting in acrylics, worked in watercolors, but has now returned mainly to acrylics. Her detailed paintings of flowers reflect familiarity with the subject from the hands-on work in her flower garden. Landscapes and seascapes are also featured in her works. With her husband, Ms. Mastro owns and operates the specialty shop and art gallery Hole in the Wall in Raymond.

Alan Shadbolt uses his camera as a realist, to capture the images of landscape and nature as they are, rather than as one might imagine them. Having been professionally associated with nature as a physiologist /biologist, he brings that familiarity to the images of his photographs. His skill as a photographer helped support him through his college years. He has participated in photography competitions for over twenty years, doing his own dark room work and color printing. He is a current member of the Portland Camera Club.

Raymond Village Library Non-Fiction News

By: Charlie Murray

E-mail: cmurray1@maine.rr.com

Welcome to the first edition of the Non-Fiction News. This is my maiden attempt in this genre, and I am undertaking it at the request of our Librarian. I will attempt in this newsletter to highlight some of the Raymond Village Library's non-fiction collection.

Our aim is to entice some of our readers to expand their reading venues with some of the varied and interesting volumes in our non-fiction collection, including both recent additions and old friends.

I hope that you will contact me at the e-mail address above to comment on my newsletters as well as to provide me with your input on your ventures in non-fiction, so that I may include them in future newsletters as well as adding them to my personal reading program.

My first review is of "The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt" by Edmund Morris. This is the first volume of a planned trilogy about one of the most fascinating men ever to hold

the office of President of the United States. In this volume, Morris takes the reader from early childhood to the accession to the presidency by Theodore Roosevelt on the death of William McKinley. In the course of this exciting narrative, Morris provides an insightful and provocative investigation into the roots and motives of one of the most astute, complex and intelligent politicians in the history of the United States. TR was a conservationist and ecologist as well as a Trophy Big Game Hunter, a champion of Equal Opportunity and women's rights, a peacemaker, an expansionist, and a capitalist who believed in protecting workers and the public from uncontrolled Capitalism. He was a fervent believer in the continual expansion of US Military power and influence and yet a firm believer in peace. These few dichotomies give a brief picture of an extremely complex personality.

Morris's presentation is such that a reader of histories can only wish that many could be rewritten in his style and manner.

I heartily recommend this book as a must read.

2002 Summer Reading Program At The Raymond Village Library

Readers of all ages, join us at the Raymond Village Library this summer for six weeks of summer reading fun!

July 7th through August 18th

Join us for a summer of fun and excitement as we explore Native American cultures, legends, music and toys! Create and design a tepee or canoe to add to our Native American village scene at the Library, make musical instruments, learn about Native American tales, make a "skin story" and take part in other fun activities and projects. We'll enjoy an evening of drumming and dancing with Bill and Martha Hines, and end with a Native American Powwow featuring great food, games, certificates and other fun and prizes.

More Than Moccasins Native American Culture Then And Now

Joining is easy! Send in the attached enrollment form by June 21st, and then during the week of July 7th through 13th, 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.

Call Lisa at 655-5076 or stop by the library with questions or for more information. There will be a limit of 75 readers in the program, so don't wait until the last minute to sign up!

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

I would like to participate in the Summer Reading Program!

Reader's Name: _____ Age: _____ Address: _____

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