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Special Town Meeting Approves Route 302 Improvement Project

On Tuesday, July 2, 2002, Raymond voters gathered at a Special Town Meeting held to consider final approval of the Route 302 Improvement Project. This project has been under planning and development for over three years and will result in the major redevelopment of this vital transportation corridor in our community. Work will be completed in partnership with the Maine Department of Transportation (DOT). The project consists of a pavement overlay commencing at White's Bridge Road in Windham running through Raymond to an end point three tenths of a mile from the Casco town

line. The (DOT) has committed \$1,293,833 in state funding for the project. The Town of Raymond's share is \$957,204, which will pay for a sidewalk along Route 302 from Viola Street to Raymond Beach. Changes are planned in access management, including the elimination of unnecessary curb cuts. The town's share of the project will also enable the installation of some areas of green space between the road and the sidewalk, decorative streetlights and landscaping to include shrubbery and trees. Thanks to the efforts of Representative Joe Bruno, the town received a Community Gateway Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to install benches along the sidewalk. The areas adjacent to the benches will also be landscaped from the proceeds of the grant.

The primary objective of the project is to improve safety on Route 302 for both motorists and pedestrians. The improvements will also enhance the appearance of Raymond and promote our active business community. Raymond's share of the project will come from a combination of capital reserve funds in the amount of \$351,204 and bonds to be issued by the town in the amount of \$606,000. Funding for both the capital reserve and repayment of the bonds is from the Portland Pipeline Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) revenues. Future TIF revenue will be used to repay the debt necessary for both the Route 302 Improvement Project and the previously approved Portland Water District line extension from Windham to Raymond. When the TIF was originally envisioned in 1998, municipal in-

frastructure was one of the primary components of the approved development plan.

At this writing it is anticipated that the Route 302 Improvement Project will go out to bid by early August, and if favorable bids are received, construction should commence by September. Work will continue throughout the fall, with final completion during the spring of 2003. The overlay component of the project will be done in the spring in order to allow the trench patch from the waterline project to go through one winter cycle, minimizing the chance of future settling of the Route 302 pavement. Detailed information about the project can be obtained from either Town Manager Don Willard at 655-4742 or Project Engineer Tom Gorrill at 657-6910.

Road Runner Articles Due

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

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or drop at a Principal's Office

Send Town Related Articles To:

elizabeth.cummings@raymondmaine.org
or drop at Town Hall

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Public Water Flows To Raymond

By: Michelle Clements, Portland Water District

On the brisk morning of July 10, town officials, Portland Water District representatives, businessmen, legislators, and EmbedTech employees gathered to celebrate the connection of the town of Raymond and EmbedTech to the Portland Water District's public water supply. A valve turning ceremony preceded brief statements from officials and tours of EmbedTech's new production plant. CEO and President of Embedtech John Kendall welcomed everyone to the ceremony and expressed his appreciation to all the project partners.

EmbedTech Industries is a new Maine corporation formed in 2000 to provide encapsulation services to new emerging global Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) markets. EmbedTech encapsulates RFID circuits from Texas Industries, Philips Electronics, GEMPlus, SCS, Microchip and Hitachi for use in a wide variety of commercial applications. The new cost-effective etched RFID circuit and antennas are only 10 thousandths of an inch thick. They are thinner than the human hair and require very specialized robotic handling in this encapsula-

tion process. Kendall boasts of an exclusive technique that has been developed over the last nine years. The water main will allow EmbedTech to fill their currently vacant warehouse with 80 machines that will provide between 40 and 160 more technology manufacturing jobs in Raymond.

In addition, Portland Water District Board of Trustees President William Lunt III, Raymond Selectperson Ada Brown, Raymond Town Manager Don Willard, Lakes Region Development Council Executive Director Kathleen Brown, and Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development Steven Levesque spoke. Presentations stressed the successful project partnerships and the economic development opportunities associated with public water.

At the time of the valve turning ceremony,



Embedtech CEO John Kendall, Selectmen Chairman Ada Brown, and Portland Water District, Board Member Eileen Wyatt dedicate the new water supply.

the 302 portion of the project was complete. At the current rate of progression, the Main Street portion of the project is expected to be complete by the end of August. The total water main project will cost \$1.35 million, with approximately \$800,000 of that funded by the town of Raymond, \$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.

Superintendent's Report

By: Sandra Caldwell, Superintendent

My initial reaction after three weeks in my new role as Superintendent of Schools is what a warm and welcoming community Raymond is. From the illustrated letters from children in Jani Cummings's class, to the staff, parents and students who have stopped in or written to welcome me, there has been a common theme . . . "Let us know if there is anything that we can do to be of assistance during this time of transition." I wish to express my appreciation to all of you.

On July first there were two challenges facing us that had some immediacy to them.

The first was to begin the search for a principal for Jordan-Small Middle School. The second was to begin to address a reduction of \$24,000 in general purpose aid from the state in an already tight budget.

With the assistance of a committed and energetic search committee, we have hired a Middle School Principal. The members of the committee who worked with me were Suzie Brockelback, president of the PTA, Lyn-Eve Davis, guidance counselor, Valerie Hammett, teacher, Amanda Hammett, an eighth grade student and Kevin Woodbrey, School Board member. I want to take this opportunity to share that this team had all of your best interests at heart. The new principal is Charles Miller, who has been the assistant principal at Willard School in

Sanford for the last couple of years. Charles is a resident of Gorham. He will be joining us as soon as he fulfills his contractual responsibilities to the Sanford School Department. We were most impressed by the strong community relations that he has developed, his communications with students and parents, the support system he has implemented for the new teachers in his district and his genuinely kind and caring approach with adolescents. We feel he will be a tremendous asset to the Raymond community. The PTA will be sponsoring a time when you will have the opportunity to meet our new Middle School Principal prior to the beginning of school.

The second challenge of addressing the

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News From The Raymond Village Library

Miniatures Display

There is a most unusual and exquisite display of miniatures at the library for the viewing enjoyment of all. The craftswoman Ruth Shadbolt began her artistic career by sharing her talent of painting with her church group. One member of the group was interested in miniatures and soon there was a group of ten, meeting weekly, learning from each other. They also got ideas from a magazine entitled "Nutshell News".

The miniatures are 1/12 scale, and Ruth explained that most of the items in each box are hand made by her with some help from her husband, Alan. She used dental tools, a 4" table saw, a miniature lathe and dremel tools to create these tiny replicas. There are a variety of different rooms and items, even a gypsy wagon. Be sure to look for them the next time you come into the library.

Children's Programs

The August theme for story time is Back to School. Story time takes place at the library on Thursdays at 10am. Baby time is at 9:30 on Thursdays.

The craft program for children from K through grade 3 will be held at the library on August 31 from 10:30 to 11:30. The theme for this session is Back to School, and the youngsters will be decorating pencils, fancy notebooks and keychains. This is limited to 10 participants, and pre-registration is at the library. For more information, please call the library at 655-4283.

Children's books as well as Raymond's "Then and Now" were presented to Dr. John Painter by Sue Ellen Gendron, Children's Service Coordinator, for use by his patients in the waiting room. The idea of this came from the Prescription to Read Program which was done in the Portland area to encourage doctors to promote the importance of reading.

Discussion Group

This reading group will meet on August 29 at the library at 7pm to discuss the book "A Certain Slant of Light" by Cynthia Thayer. New members are always welcome. Please call Jane at 655-5354 FMI.

Book Sale

The book sale will continue through most of August. There are still many books from which to choose, at bargain prices.

Please look for related article about the Art Festival in this edition of the Roadrunner.

Mother/Daughter Book Discussion Group

The library is assessing the interest level in forming a new book discussion group for moms and daughters (3d, 4th and 5th graders) who enjoy reading. There will be an initial meeting this fall to decide the details, but a likely schedule would be a once a month meeting at the library. Because the size of the group is limited, call the library soon at 655-4283 to express your interest and get your names on a contact list. We will need your name, phone number and the grade your daughter is in. This would be a great way to spend some special time together!

Local Artists

Andrea Dacko, who earned a degree in art from University of Massachusetts in Boston, taught adult education art classes before moving to Maine. She discovered that she had a knack for doing portraits, which she first did in pencil and charcoal but now also does in watercolor since taking a class through local adult education with Charlene Lee six years ago. She especially enjoys using watercolor in creating detailed florals; a magnolia is the subject of her donated work to the art auction. Another of her artistic talents is based on the Eastern Ukraine art of "pysanky" which is a multi-step process of dying and decorating raw whole eggs, which in that culture are then exchanged with friends. A trustee of the library in Naples, Andrea has previously donated art to fund-raising activities for the libraries in Naples and Casco as well as Raymond Village Library.

Susan Irish is the art teacher at Jordan-Small Middle School. For many years she owned an interior design service, which expanded to include landscape lighting and exterior spaces. These are the areas of focus that continue to occur as themes in her art work. Painting in oil is her favorite, but she also works with clay and printmaking. Sharing the

process of creating art with her middle level students is her real passion. Ever the educator, Ms. Irish included with her donation a description of the process used to create the print entitled "Imprint of Fall."

Judy Stephenson has many outlets for her creativity—pen & ink, calligraphy, watercolors, fiber art and quilting. Since her family "took a mid-life break" and spent two years sailing, it is understandable that boats, sea life and nautical items are among her main themes. She has created some items on commission and has shown her work in Maryland and in the lakes region, often exhibiting with a son. Her pen & ink and calligraphy donation to the art auction includes an anonymous quotation, although her own poetry appears in some of her works.

Dr. Mark Wasowski, a chiropractor who recently moved from Rumford to Windham, was on his way in artistic photography in 1977 when he purchased his first 35mm camera and a friend gave him a book on photography. He loves color and is especially drawn to beautiful scenery and the intricate details of all things natural be, it a pine cone, a

blossom or a small animal. Although he does not believe he excels in portraits, his two children Katie and Andrew are frequent subjects; he gives them the credit for being photogenic! He explains that in "Reflections," the title of the unusual five-section piece that he donated for the art auction, the four exterior photographs are mirror images of the center picture; the overall effect of the piece is to remind one of the petals of a flower.

Other artists who contributed to the art auction are Donna Kantor, Charlene Lee and April Smith. Donna teaches art through adult education in the lakes region and also through SAD 61 alternative school. She has donated to the auction one of her personal favorites, a windmill, from a Delft series she had done. Charlene Lee teaches watercolor through local adult education classes and also exhibits widely in the area. Many of her students are donors to the art auction. Her donation to the auction is entitled "Vinalhaven." April Smith donated a quilled necklace. An anonymous artist donated a landscape of a river in autumn foliage splendor.

August 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 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	2	3
4	5	6 7:00PM TH Selectmen	7	8 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time	9	10 BSA TROOP 800 Bottle Drive
11	12	13	14 9:00AM VL Library Board Meeting 7:00PM TH Planning Board	15 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	16	17
18 Village Library Silent Art Auction Ends	19	20 7:00PM TH Selectmen	21 7:00PM RE School Committee	22 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	23	24
25	26 8:00AM Teacher Inservice 7:00PM TH Appeals Board Meeting	27 8:00AM Teacher Inservice 7:00PM TH Conservation Commission	28 8:30AM RE First Day of School	29 9:00 AM Kindergarten Visit Day 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time	30 NO SCHOOL	31

Raymond Village Library First Annual Art Festival

What gives you delight? A really good book? The colors and textures of a lovely piece of art? Foot-tapping, hand-clapping engaging music by a supremely talented performer? Add refreshments, friends, fun and you have the Raymond Village Library First Annual Art Festival.

This will be held at the Raymond Village Library on August 18 from 3 to 6pm. We invite all those interested in a fun afternoon. No admission charge.

Raymond singer-songwriter Dave Rowe will perform in concert from 3 to 5. Dave began his music career as a singer and bass player with the well-known Makem Brothers. He has also played with Maine star Don Campbell and was part of the locally legendary Silver Dollar Band. He started the Celtic-flavored trio Murphy's Lawbreakers and is a member of the Turkey Hollow trio. In spite of his demanding schedule, he is donating his time and talent for this special event.

This festival also marks the last chance for viewing and bidding on the 23 exquisite artworks that have been donated by local artists for the Silent Art Auction. These are now on display at the library and available for bidding throughout the months of July and August, up to 5 o'clock on August 18. Successful bidders will be able to take their winnings with them that day, even though you don't have to be present to win.

The end of the book sale will be in sight with good bargains remaining on the tables. Lively music, good company, great refreshments, Maine on an August Sunday, at the Raymond Village Library.

Municipal News Brief

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions.

1. Discussed ways to improve the quality of the town's meeting broadcasts on access channel 3. Technical improvements including replacement of equipment will be undertaken to obtain a reliable and quality broadcast.
2. Chairman Ada Brown opened the valve on the new Portland Water District waterline on July 10, 2002, at the EmbedTech manufacturing facility on Route 302.
3. Requested a speed zoning review be undertaken on Tower Road and a report issued by the Maine Department of Transportation outlining possible safety improvements
4. Approved an easement deed over the old District One fire station lot to the Raymond Library Club permitting the installation of a waterline to serve the Library building.
5. Approved a proposal from Northland Telephone and Utilities Inc. to establish a telephone pole storage yard on property leased from the Town off Plains Road.
6. Discussed the present status of the Public Safety Building construction project.
7. Accepted Planning Board member Bruce Sanford's resignation with regret.

Planning Board Needs New Member

The Raymond Planning Board is in need of a volunteer to join them in reviewing new subdivision requests, commercial site plan reviews, and new ordinance development. If you are interested in this vital part of the Town of Raymond, please call the Town Office at 655-4742 or send your intent and brief resume to the attention of Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071.

Hazardous Waste Day

Saturday, August 3, 2002
9:00am To 1:00pm

Raymond Elementary School

Once again Clean Harbors will be at Raymond Elementary School to collect Hazardous Waste from residents of Raymond, Casco, Naples, and Frye Island.

Raymond residents will be charged a fee to help defray the expense of disposal, and it will be conducted first come, first served. For Raymond residents we will stop the event when the budget is exhausted. This event will be held rain or shine.

What you can bring:

- Unneeded household hazardous waste in sealed containers (use original containers when possible).
- Paints, stains, & varnishes
- Solvents, thinners & strippers
- Adhesives, glues, resins
- Waste fuels (kerosene, gasoline)
- Engine degreaser, brake fluid
- Moth balls
- Poisons, insecticides, weed killers
- Wood preservatives
- Hobby supplies, artist supplies
- Photo chemicals, chemistry sets
- Cleaners, spot removers
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Dry cell batteries
- Aerosol cans
- Pesticides/fertilizers
- NiCad batteries
- Hearing aid (button) batteries
- Driveway sealers
- Antifreeze

What not to bring:

- Infectious & biological waste
- Fire extinguishers
- Ammunition, fireworks, explosives
- Prescription medicines & syringes
- Commercial or industrial waste
- Radioactive waste
- Asbestos
- Tires
- PCB's
- Latex paint (dry cans go to Bulky Waste Facility)
- Cylinders (gas)
- Motor oil (goes to Bulky Waste Facility)

To ensure safety, please:

- Tighten caps and lids, leaving materials in original labeled containers
- Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper.
- Sort and pack separately: paint, pesticides, household cleaners.
- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS!
- Pack your vehicle and go directly to the site.
- NEVER SMOKE while handling hazardous materials.
- Do not place waste in a garbage bag.

Even More Tips For Conserving Water!!

Place a bucket in the shower to catch excess water for watering plants.

In the shower, turn on the water to get wet, turn off to lather up, then turn it on again to rinse. As a plus, the soap gets to stay on you longer, increasing effectiveness. This also applies to washing hair.

Don't let the water run when brushing your teeth, washing you face, or shaving.

Courtesy of the Raymond Waterways Protective Association and the Raymond Milfoil Protective Committee, Charlie Turner and John Rand

Raymond Fire/Rescue Activity

DATE TIME LOCATION TYPE OF CALL

RESCUE CALLS

6/17/2002	2304	THOMAS PD TERR.	UNKNOWN PROB.
6/18/2002	1255	FL211	BACK & CHEST PAIN
6/19/2002	1411	NO RAYMOND RD	CAR ACCIDENT
6/19/2002	2043	WEBBS MILLS RD	FIRE ASSIST
6/21/2002	950	EGYPT RD	CAR ACCIDENT
6/21/2002	1550	302 & MAIN ST	FIRE STANDBY
6/23/2002	1252	ROOSEVELT TRL	CAR ACCIDENT
6/23/2002	2059	RAYMOND HILL RD	POSS SEIZURE
6/26/2002	745	COUGLIN COVE RD	PERSON COLLAPSE
6/28/2002	2116	MOUNTAIN RD	POSS KIDNEY PROB
6/29/2002	1505	ROOSEVELT TRL	UNKNOWN PROB.
6/29/2002	1538	ROOSEVELT TRL	CAR ACCIDENT
6/29/2002	1810	FRYE ISLAND	SEIZURES
6/30/2002	122	LEGACY RD	CARDIAC PROB
6/30/2002	1102	SHAW RD	CARDIAC PROB
7/1/2002	1307	MEADOW RD	CHEST PAIN
7/1/2002	2106	FRYE ISLAND	CAR ACCIDENT
7/2/2002	1806	NO RAYMOND RD	HEAD LACERATION
7/2/2002	1916	FL-3E	ALLERGIC REACTION
7/3/2002	1709	ANDERSON RD	CAR ACCIDENT
7/4/2002	1424	WEBBS MILLS RD	HIP PROBLEM
7/5/2002	337	WEBBS MILLS RD	CHEST PAIN
7/5/2002	1854	RAYMOND HILL RD	MEDICATION PROB
7/6/2002	1122	ROOSEVELT TRL	CARDIAC PROB
7/6/2002	1744	KELT DR	CARDIAC PROB
7/6/2002	1947	FRYE ISLAND	LACERATED KNEE
7/7/2002	1059	FL73	UNKNOWN PROB.
7/8/2002	1124	ROOSEVELT TRL	GENERAL ILLNESS
7/8/2002	2025	OFF PLAINS RD	BACK INJURY
7/8/2002	2027	MEADOW RD	UNKNOWN INJURIES
7/8/2002	2326	KINGS GRANT	CARDIAC PROB
7/9/2002	1130	WAWENOCK RD	BACK PAIN
7/10/2002	805	DEEP COVE RD	CUT FROM GLASS
7/12/2002	916	DEEP COVE RD	CARDIAC PROB
7/13/2002	1722	SPILLER HILL RD	CAR ACCIDENT
7/13/2002	2308	ROOSEVELT TRL	BURNS ON ARM

FIRE CALLS

6/17/2002	1554	OFF CAPE RD	PERMIT SITE CHECK
6/19/2002	1411	NO RAYMOND RD	CAR ACCIDENT
6/19/2002	2043	WEBBS MILLS RD	SMOKE IN BUILD
6/21/2002	1550	302/MAIN ST	STRUCTURE FIRE
6/22/2002	1252	THOMAS PD TERR.	CAR ACCIDENT
6/23/2002	1252	ROOSEVELT TRL	CAR ACCIDENT
6/23/2002	1310	ROOSEVELT TRL	FIRE MARSHALL REQ.
6/27/2002	901	MEADOW RD	C/O DETECTOR ALARM
6/28/2002	1810	MEADOW RD	TRANSFORMER FIRE
6/29/2002	817	MAIN ST	FIRE ALARM
7/1/2002	2106	FRYE ISLAND	CAR ACCIDENT
7/2/2002	1813	NO RAYMOND RD	RESCUE ASSIST
7/2/2002	1921	FL 31E	RESCUE ASSIST
7/2/2002	2100	RAYMOND HILL RD	SMOKE CHECK
7/3/2002	1709	ANDERSON RD	CAR ACCIDENT
7/4/2002	1320	NO OAKES DRIVE	TREE ON POWER LINE
7/4/2002	1323	MAIN ST	BUSH ON FIRE
7/5/2002	1454	STATE PARK	POSS STRUCTURE FIRE
7/6/2002	1454	MEADOW RD	SAFETY CHECK
7/8/2002	1624	GLENN RD	PUBLIC ASSIST
7/13/2002	1025	AROUND TOWN	BURNING PERMITS
7/13/2002	1722	SPILLER HILL RD	CAR ACCIDENT

R.E.D. School Year Registration 2002-2003

The Raymond Extended Day Program is once again getting ready to accept applications for the upcoming 2002-2003 school year. Priority will be give to families that had their children enrolled in the previous 2001-2002 school year program, and/or the 2002 summer program.

Sign-ups for current R.E.D. families (those enrolled last school year or this summer), will be the week of August 5th. Sign-ups for all other Raymond families will be the week of August 12th and will not be accepted prior to this date. Applications are taken on a first come, first served basis.

Registration Packets will be available at Raymond Elementary School, Jordan-Small Middle School, and the Raymond Town Hall. Please drop them off at Raymond Elementary School or mail them to 434 Webbs Mills Rd, Raymond, ME 04071. If you have any questions, please call Kristi at 655-3203 or 329-4350. The charges for the school year program are \$4 for morning care, \$7 for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, and \$12 for Wednesday afternoons. Families that have more than one child enrolled will receive a 10% family discount. We are only open when the school is open; therefore, we do not operate on school vacations, or snow days. Please keep in mind that we will only accept children ages 5-12.

We are looking forward to the upcoming school year and to working with you and your children.

Fire Station Progress

Construction is continuing despite setbacks from the June fire. During the past few weeks windows, roof shingles and exterior siding have been installed on areas not affected by the fire. Just recently the initial base asphalt and curbing was placed on the parking and access roads. Construction to remove and replace the damaged roof

section will begin soon and is expected to take 6 to 8 weeks to complete. The next few steps will include installing the electrical, plumbing and heating systems. The Fire Department is hoping to occupy the new facility in late October.



New Tassel Top Sign Installed On Route 302

On Thursday, July 18, a new sign was installed adjacent to the entrance of the Tassel Top facility on Route 302. The new sign is the same style as used by the State Parks system. The Tassel Top Committee installed the improved sign in hopes that the park will be used more and generate increased revenue, which can be used for improvements and operations. The cost of the sign was covered almost entirely by private and public donations. Mark and Tammy Acker donated all the necessary mounting hardware. Maine Telephone Inc. donated the poles, equipment and labor to install the sign. The Maine Department of Conservation and Sebago Lake State Park donated the sign itself and the painting. A special thank you is extended to our Public Works Department employees and everyone who contributed to this successful project.



Your Grocery Shopping Can Benefit The Raymond PTA

The Raymond PTA is once again asking Raymond families and friends to join us in several activities that are easy and support our students and staff! In fact, friends and family members from around the state can also participate and raise money to support the Raymond PTA. The PTA will use these funds to support the Reflections Program, scholarships for graduating seniors, Jump for Hearts, the school libraries, field days, teacher breakfasts, and many other school events during the year. These things enrich our children's learning environment and support our teachers.

Make your shopping count with Shaw's Supermarket and Schoolpop. Register your Shaw's Rewards Card with Schoolpop and 2% of all purchases at any Shaw's store in Maine will be donated to the Raymond PTA every time you use your card. Encourage family members throughout the state to participate. You can register by:

- Going online at www.schoolpop.com
- Call toll-free: 1-877-456-1032 (Mon-Fri, 9am - 9pm)

Hannaford & Shop 'N Save help schools. From September through November Hannaford Supermarkets will support local K - 12 schools and reward their customers who purchase participating General Mills Products. This fall you can earn "School Dollar" coupons from the cashier when you purchase General Mills Products. Last year the Raymond Elementary School received an additional check for \$1000 as the top school in the Windham area. We are aiming for a repeat performance this year, and with your help can reach our goal.

- Buy 3 General Mills Products = \$2 School Dollars
- Buy 5 General Mills Products = \$4 School Dollars
- Buy 8 General Mills Products = \$6 School Dollars

BOXTOPS FOREducation

Last year we raised over \$1000 from the Boxtops for Education program. Students have brought home baggies with a reminder to collect boxtops all year long, including during the summer months. The PTA will treat all children who bring in boxtops in September to a special Ice Cream Party.

The best thing about all of these programs is that we can earn money for our school while shopping for groceries. We hope that you will participate and support the Raymond Schools and the Raymond PTA.

RAYMOND PTA
 "ADVOCATING FOR CHILDREN, ENRICHING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS,
 SUPPORTING FACULTY AND STAFF IN THEIR WORK,
 AND COLLABORATING WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS."

RAYMOND PTA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION
 2002 - 2003 SCHOOL YEAR

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

CHILDREN (ages and grade level) _____

DUES ARE \$5 PER MEMBERSHIP
 PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:
 THE RAYMOND PTA c/o Raymond Elementary School
 434 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071

PARENT _____ BUSINESS _____ TEACHER _____ OTHER _____

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER: AS NEEDED _____ DAY _____ EVENING _____

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER ON A COMMITTEE _____

_____ Fund Raising	_____ Programming	_____ Hospitality
_____ Membership	_____ Parent Education	_____ Publicity

COMMENTS.....SUGGESTIONS _____

Raymond Confronts Invasive Aquatic Plants Head On

By: Kevin Hughes, Lakes Protection Ranger

The Town of Raymond is confronting the threat from non-native milfoil and other invasive aquatic species (IAS) head on this summer. Two Lakes Rangers have been hired to promote awareness, inspect watercraft, and monitor the local lakes for the presence of these unwanted plants. While the State of Maine has only recently legislated tough new laws to prevent the introduction of any non-native plants into the waterways, Raymond is taking a proactive approach to ensure that measures are in place to reduce the risk locally.

What is at stake? First of all, Raymond's shoreline property, which is valued at \$200 million, could decline in value should milfoil/IAS infest our lakes. In Vermont, recent research indicates a 15% reduction in property value where invasive plants have taken over. This will not only impact shoreline owners, but all property owners and businesses due to both lost tax revenues and the economic dependence we all share with our lakes. Furthermore, efforts in 46 other States as well as Canada on eradication and control are costly once a species has taken hold. Estimates range from \$350 to \$2,000 per lake acre to simply manage the plant. Because there is no current means to completely eliminate the plants once they have become established, this is an ongoing cost! The U.S. spends over \$100 million every year to combat invasive aquatic plants. Finally, we should all appreciate the pure appeal of our beautiful lakes. Once an infestation takes place, the losses to recreation activity are enormous. Fishing, swimming, boating, and enjoying our waterways will be virtually ruined.

What are we doing? Prevention, prevention, prevention. The Lakes Rangers will be working to protect the five lakes in Raymond from the introduction of any invasive aquatic species (IAS). The focus will be on education, training, inspections, and lake monitoring. The lakes that we will be covering are Crescent Lake, Panther Pond, Raymond Pond, Thomas Pond, and Sebago Lake (at the Raymond Beach launch point).

Education will comprise the following: 1) informing boat owners and others of the laws and protocol for removing any plant material from propellers, trailers, fishing equipment, anchors and lines. 2) enlightening residents and commercial businesses of the catastrophic nature of an infestation and the economic and ecological consequences. 3) assisting interested parties in distinguishing the positive native plants from the negative non-native plants.

Training will involve workshops, meetings, and individual sessions for volunteers interested in getting involved. This will encompass inspections at primary and secondary launch points, shoreline surveys, and education through "passing the word, not the plant."

Inspections at primary boat launch sites include, but are not limited to, the Crescent Beach launch as well as the Raymond Beach access site off 302. We will be present at these sites as well as others throughout the summer during peak launch times on weekends and weekdays. We also will be visible during fishing tournaments in the area.

The lake monitoring will provide us with invaluable data on

the current status of our lakes with respect to invasive plants. A survey is planned for July and August that will provide insight for the first time as to whether our lakes are actually free from any IAS. While the process will involve a three phase approach, the end result will be a map that will clearly document the existence or non-existence of invasive plants. Although Crescent Lake, Panther Pond and Raymond Pond alone comprise over 2,500 acres of surface water, the nature of the survey will limit us to the shoreline where plants are first known to establish themselves.

To support the survey effort, a plant identification workshop was held for survey volunteers on July 10, from 6 to 9pm at Jordan-Small Middle School. Over 30 individuals attended this informative session conducted by the Volunteer Lakes Monitoring Program (VLMP), where instruction was provided on proper plant identification, beneficial vs. non-beneficial plants, and procedures for performing the shoreline surveys.

Variable-leaf water milfoil infestations have been confirmed in Panther Run and in a canal on Sebago Lake. Other localized colonies are anticipated to be identified this summer. On Saturday, August 10, a plant removal effort will be conducted on Panther Run to try out several methods of removing and managing infestations. We hope to get help from some of the summer camp population, and welcome any other volunteers in this effort. If you would like to invest in the future quality of Raymond's lakes, we encourage you to contact either Kevin Hughes or Eric Dyer for more information about either shoreline surveying or the plant removal day.

Kirsten Clark Accepts Olympic Flag

In late June Kirsten Clark was given the Olympic Ski Team flag which was flown over the Raymond Town Office during the 2002 Winter Olympics in her honor. Mrs. Ada Brown, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presented the flag to Kirsten thanking her for her hard work and courage in representing the United States at the Salt Lake City Olympics last winter.

Kirsten said that she would continue her training and competitions to hopefully represent the United States at the next Winter Olympics in 2006.



Poland Honor Roll

Congratulations to the followings students from Raymond who attend the Poland Regional High School and the Bruce M. Whittier Middle School for making the honor this spring.

8th Grade

- Alyssa Andrew
- Jason Lehr
- Angela Scripture
- Adam Woodbrey

9th Grade

- Brendan Blake
- Pat McClellan
- Matthew Hotham
- Ben Wardwell
- Brad Whitworth

10th Grade

- Amanda Scripture

11th Grade

- Kim Coggan
- Christopher Knight
- Lindsay Lehr
- Maggie McClellan
- Brian Whittle
- Patrick Woodbrey



Children's books, as well as copies of "Raymond Then and Now" were presented by Sue Ellen Gendron, Children's Services Coordinator, to Dr. John Painter for use by his patients in the waiting room.

Raymond Food Pantry

The Raymond Food Pantry is open at the Town Office during business hours for receiving dry goods. If you need perishable foods like frozen meats, please make an appointment so that a Pantry volunteer can meet you. This service

is to give families a little extra help when they need it. All requests are kept confidential.

Please call the Town Office at 655-4742 or the Pantry coordinator at 428-3206 for an appointment.



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Raymond Tomorrow

Raymond's Comprehensive Planning Committee held its first Neighborhood Meetings last month. In conjunction with the meetings, the Committee also did one of the most comprehensive mailings that has ever been done to Raymond's residents and stakeholders. The mailing consisted of a newsletter mailed to everyone on the Town's list of taxpayers as well as to every household that has a Raymond delivery address or Raymond post office box.

The purpose of the mailing was to promote the Neighborhood Meetings and to promote awareness of the Comprehensive Plan Update. The meetings were termed a great success by the committee. Lots of great comments came forth from stakeholders. It is fair to say that just about all of the attendees expressed great love for our community.

Attendees valued the lakes, scenic views and open space. They spoke highly of our schools, school class size, and educators. They felt municipal services are run efficiently.

Among the concerns raised were management of future development and population growth, traffic issues, preserving the rural character of the community, and preserving the quality of the lakes. Each of the three neighborhoods expressed concern about the speed of traffic in their neighborhoods as well as a strong interest in bike paths for their respective neighborhoods.

You are invited to follow along as we work toward defining Raymond Tomorrow. There will be more public meetings as the Plan Update begins to evolve. You are encouraged to provide your input. To receive the Committee e-mails, please send your full name and e-mail address to compplan@RaymondMaine.org

Committee meetings are open to the public. Minutes are posted on the Town's website. If you need help finding the site or have any questions, please send an e-mail to us.

Pot Roast Supper

Saturday August 17th
4:30 to 6:30pm

Raymond Village Community Church
Main Street (Rt. 121) Raymond

Handicap Accessible
Take out orders available.
Call 655-7749

Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Carrots, Gravy,
Rolls, Dessert, Beverages

Adults: \$6.50
Children 6 to 12 years of age \$3
Children: 5 and under FREE

Raymond Mentoring Partnership

Interested in becoming a Big Brother, Big Sister or Foster Grandparent to a Raymond child who could use the support of a mentor? The Raymond Mentoring Partnership is looking for caring adult community members willing to build a rewarding relationship with a child. Mentors will meet with a child during the school year for about an hour one afternoon a week. Mentors will also be asked to participate in training and a few other program activities. For more information, call Lori Rand at 655-4277 or Eileen Stiles at 655-4193.

Would you like your child to have a Big Brother, Big Sister or Foster Grandparent for some extra adult friendship, guidance and attention? The Raymond Mentoring Partnership is now accepting referrals of children who could benefit from an additional support system. For information and program eligibility questions, call Lori Rand at 655-4277 or Eileen Stiles at 655-4193.

Comprehensive Planning Demographics

One of the first areas that the Comprehensive Planning Committee will address is housing.

Table 1 includes a summary of the changes in total housing stock since 1980 in various areas. Raymond's rate of increase was about the same as all surrounding communities and greater than Cumberland County (20%) and the State of Maine (17%). Between 1990 and 2000, Raymond grew by 484 housing units, or 25%.

Table 1 - Changes In Total Housing Stock

	Total Number of Units			Increases, 1980-90		Increases, 1990-2000	
	1980	1990	2000	#	%	#	%
Raymond	1,642	2,050	2,534	408	25	484	24
Casco	1,222	1,677	1,958	455	37	281	17
Gray	2,291	2,836	3,202	545	24	366	13
New Gloucester	1,077	1,363	1,889	286	27	526	39
Poland	1,509	1,895	2,316	386	26	421	22
Windham	4,469	5,200	6,088	731	16	888	17
Cumberland County	91,791	109,890	122,600	18,099	20	12,710	12
State of Maine	501,093	587,045	651,901	85,952	17.2	64,856	11

Source: U.S. Census, 1980, 1990, 2000

Housing Types

The predominant housing type in Raymond is the single-family dwelling. Table 2 contains a breakdown of housing units in 2000 by housing type, as reported in the 2000 Census. In 2000, 93% of the housing units in Raymond were single family dwellings. This is a much higher percentage than in Cumberland County (63%) or the State as a whole (67%). Raymond has a very low percentage of mobile homes (1%), duplexes (2%) and multi-family dwellings (2%) compared to the other two jurisdictions.

Table 2 - Total Housing Units by Type of Structure, 2000

	Raymond		Cumberland County		State	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Single-family, detached	2,361	93	77,307	63	439,459	67
Single-family, attached	28	1	5,071	4	14,387	2
Mobile home	34	1	5,636	5	63,902	10
Duplex	54	2	8,657	7	36,565	6
Multi-family	57	2	25,887	21	95,777	15
Boat, RV, van, etc	-	-	42	-	1,811	-
Total	2,534	99	122,600	100	651,901	100

Source: U.S. Census, 2000

Growth By Type of Structure, 1990- 2000

As shown in Table 3, between 1990 and 2000 89% of the housing growth in Raymond was in the form of detached, single-family dwellings. The number of mobile homes declined by nine. Duplexes and multi-family dwellings accounted for 10% of the housing growth during the decade. The growth in the number of multi-family dwellings is due in part to the construction of a 23-unit elderly housing project on Route 85.

Table 3 - Raymond Growth in Housing Types, 1990-2000

	1990	2000	# Increase	% of Total
Single-family, detached	1,929	2,361	432	89
Single-family attached	13	28	15	3
Mobile home	43	34	-9	-2
Multi-family/duplex	65	111	46	10
Total	2,050	2,534	484	100

Source: U.S. Census, 1990, 2000

Housing Age and Services

Table 4 contains information on the age of housing and the percentage of homes with complete plumbing and kitchen facilities. Statistics on the age of housing have sometimes been used as a measure of the extent of substandard housing, but these are not necessarily a reliable gauge. Old housing in Raymond does not necessarily mean deteriorated housing. As shown in Table 4, Raymond has a lower percentage of homes constructed before 1939 (9%) than the County (29%) and State (29%). Virtually all the homes in Raymond have complete plumbing and kitchen facilities.

Table 4 - Year-round Housing Age And Other Characteristics - 2000

	Structure Built Between 1990-2000	Structure Built Before 1939	Complete Plumbing Facilities	Complete Kitchen Facilities
	%	%	%	%
Raymond	21	9	100	100
Cumberland County	14	29	100	100
State of Maine	15	29	99	99

Source: U.S. Census, 2000

Housing Affordability

One of the goals set forth in the State's growth management law is to encourage and promote affordable, decent housing opportunities for all Maine citizens." The law is based on the premise that any village or town is a more desirable place to live when composed of citizens of all income levels. Affordable, decent housing to accommodate a portion of all income levels is identified as an important element to providing a foundation for economic balance.

The State's growth management law requires that each municipality "...shall seek to achieve a level of 10% of new residential development, based on a 5-year historical average of residential development in the municipality, meeting the definition of affordable housing." Affordable housing is defined as an owner-occupied unit whose price results in a monthly housing cost that does not exceed 30% of the household's gross monthly income. Monthly cost includes mortgage principal and interest, insurance, real estate taxes and utilities. A rental unit would follow the same formula, where the monthly rate includes utilities.

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Demographics continued...

Affordable housing is a problem for some people in Raymond. The 2000 Census documents that 20% of homeowners and 33% of renters are spending more than 30% of their income on shelter costs. A survey of year-round residents and municipal employees taken shortly after completion of the 1991 Comprehensive Plan indicated a need for affordable housing.

Analysis

Rural area growth. Raymond has undergone significant housing development during the past 10 years. Based on a review of that development, most of the development in the last five years has occurred within the rural areas. Recent seasonal conversions on lakeshores in the rural areas have exacerbated this trend. Approximately 75% of residential development has taken place on individual lots not created as part of a subdivision. The recommendation in the 1991 Plan to reduce lot sizes and road frontages in the growth zones has not been fully implemented.

Growth patterns. Raymond remains rural. However, development has spread along Town roads, in old farm fields and wood lots and especially on lake frontages and gravel camp roads. There has been a gradual but pervasive fragmentation of large land tracts. The Town's subdivision ordinance encourages cluster development, but does not require it. There are no incentives to cluster. There have been relatively few subdivisions constructed in the last 10 years.

1991 Plan deficiency. A major deficiency of the 1991 Comprehensive Plan (and subsequent ordinances) is its failure to direct growth into growth areas and away from rural areas. There is still significant open space in the community, but most of it is in the hands of private citizens. There is a real threat of losing open space as market pressures grow for developable lots and as increasing taxes force landowners to seek income from their land.

Housing types. Most of the residential construction in Raymond has been in the form of single-family dwellings. Mobile home parks are permitted in the Village Residential II zone, but no parks have been built there or anywhere else in Town. Other than the senior housing project, there have been few multi-family dwellings constructed in the Village Residential I District, where they are permitted.

NYA Honor Roll

North Yarmouth Academy announces the Honor Roll for the Third Trimester.

HIGHEST HONORS

Renee Fortin, Grade 9
Shawn Gagne, Grade 10
Benjamin White, Grade 11

HIGH HONORS

Amanda Dodson, Grade 9
Matt Fortin, Grade 12
Abby Hutchinson, Grade 11

HONORS

Elizabeth Crockett, Grade 11
Colleen Fasold, Grade 11
William Yates, Grade 10

Superintendent Report

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\$24,000 budget shortfall will require a total team effort. Not having been a part of the initial budget process, I will be working with the School Board, administrators, our business manager and supervisors to develop a plan to that does not pass the cut on to the taxpayers. We will keep you informed of our decision making process.

A third challenge of a more global nature is the Elementary and Secondary School Act (ESEA) of "Leave No Child Behind". Norma Richard, Meg Waters and I have been meeting to begin to do our "best thinking" around this challenge. We are approaching this work with hope and optimism. As parents and a community, the most immediate evidence that you will have of this work is assessment data that will be shared publicly by next spring. This data will help us to begin to scaffold success for all learners and will be useful in informing our decision making for our 03-04

JSMS Recreation Area

Installation Day

Saturday, August 10th 8am

Please give a little of your time and help to install the climbing apparatus, swing-set, tables, benches and basketball goals. Call 655 3167 or 655 4766 for more info.

The stage and brick walkway will already have been completed by the generous donation of time and labor of several local contractors.

We need adult volunteers to work with the Gametime representative and Kevin Woodbrey to assemble, and bolt together the equipment. We also expect to pour concrete into the footings and position the safety mulch ready for spreading when the concrete sets.

We can do it together!

The community installation will save us thousands on the cost of this project. If you can join us, please meet behind Jordan-Small Middle School. A list of needed tools follows. It is recommended that volunteers bring their own toolbox and assorted tools and leave them in their vehicles. That way tools and hardware are available when needed and have less risk of being lost or misplaced.

- Transit or builders level and rod
- Wheelbarrow
- Utility knives
- Tape measures
- Rock bar
- Roundpoint shovels
- Hoes and rakes
- 6' stepladder
- Adjustable wrench
- Channel lock pliers
- Vise grip pliers
- Line up tools or drift pin
- Ratchets and socket set
- Rat tail file
- 3/8" drive to 1/4" quick change socket
- Rubber hammer
- Tie down straps or 6" quick grips
- 4' level
- Cordless drill and assorted size bits up to 17/32"
- Bolt cutters
- S-hook pliers
- Lawn tractors with cart to haul mulch (at end of installation)

Food and drink will be provided throughout the day.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to phase two of the recreation area:

- Hancock Lumber.
- Bernie and Nancy Pagurko: In honor of all dedicated teachers and our future leaders.

If you would like to help us attain our remaining \$13,000 goal by making a donation, please mail to Jordan-Small Middle School, 423 Webbs Mills Rd, Raymond ME 04071. Checks made payable to Jordan-Small Middle School.

Thank you, to all who have made Phase One a reality which will be ready by the time school opens!

school budget. During the upcoming months we will communicate the progress on this initiative. As daunting a challenge as some may see this, we approach this as a time of opportunity to guarantee success to more learners.

As your new superintendent, I am designing an entry plan that defines how I plan to begin work. I am planning a set of interviews, feedback sessions and school and community visits. These will be opportunities to assist us in getting to know one another as fully as possible in a brief amount of time, to collect data that allow us to examine key issues in our organization's past, to honor the work that has already been done, to make data driven decisions identifying tasks that need to be done and to establish how to inspire and mobilize our entire community of learners to accomplish these tasks. I will communicate the trends and patterns that emerge from this data collection. I look forward to meeting more of you as part of this entry plan. I would like to express special thanks to Suzie Brockelback, PTA President, who has agreed to work together on sponsoring some

Raymond Elementary School Report

By: Norma Richard, Principal

We are getting ready to start our third year at the beautiful Raymond Elementary School. We have been very busy this summer getting organized for the start of school on Wednesday, August 28. Kindergarten children will be coming for their visit on Thursday, August 29. Information regarding the kindergarten program will be mailed directly to parents.

We are happy to welcome two new teachers to the faculty. Mr. Stephen Seymour will be teaching kindergarten this year. Mr. Seymour has an extensive science background and brings his training in the ETEP program to our kindergarten program. Mr. Dennis Woodruff is the new special education teacher for our grade 3/4 resource room. Mr. Woodruff comes to Maine from Virginia. He is an experienced special educator, and was recognized as teacher of the year in his previous district. We are so pleased to have these two outstanding educators joining our staff.

Our K - 4 students will once again have their own bus runs this year. This is a great time to review with children bus expectations for Safety, Respect and In-Bounds. I am sure the children will remember the rhyme, "Bottom to bottom, back to back, with your backpack on your lap" as a reminder for sitting safely on the bus. We will be working with our students throughout the year to practice bus safety and to reinforce school expectations for behavior on the bus. We appreciate parent support in reinforcing and supporting bus rules.

As you purchase backpacks, lunch boxes, jackets, etc., please take the time to label all items with your child's name. You can not imagine how many lunch boxes, hats, jackets, sneakers, boots and other items of clothing end up in the lost and found each day. Many items are not claimed and are disposed of at the end of the school year. We would much prefer to return these things to the children.

Wendy, our wonderful receptionist, will be sending home a packet of important materials during the first two weeks of school. This packet includes such paperwork as emergency forms, free and reduced lunch applications, school insurance information, and a magnetic school calendar to keep you up to date throughout the school year. We ask that you take extra care in providing the office with emergency information, particularly for emergency dismissals. We are also requesting that all parents make plans in advance for weather and other early dismissals that may result in a change in busing, as we are unable to call parents for that information during an early dismissal.

We look forward to seeing the children return, as the first day of school is always an exceptional day for students and staff. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 655-8672, if you have any questions that need to be answered prior to the start of school. The school office will be open full time starting on Monday, August 19 to register new elementary students.

Coming Next Month

Innisbrook Wraps presents the ultimate gift wrap collection this fall at the Raymond Elementary and Jordan-Small Middle Schools. Our fall Innisbrook sale will begin on September 13. Just wait until you see this year's collection!

- *Award Winning Gift Wrap Designs
- *Great Gift Products for Kids of All Ages
- *Gourmet Food and Chocolates Galore

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

of these events. I am most impressed with the One Raymond concept, and we will work hard to translate that powerful concept to one K-8 school community and not one community with two schools. I look forward to working closely with all of you to guarantee continuous improvement to our entire community of learners.

Eagle Project Underway

Bill Yates of Troop 800 in Raymond has begun construction of dugouts at the rear field at Sheri Gagnon Park. Bill's plan for his Eagle Project was approved by Town Manager Don Willard and the Pine Tree Council Eagle Board almost a year ago. Since then he has done fundraising and sought donations from various sources. Thanks to the support of companies such as Wal-Mart, Hancock Lumber, Red Mill Lumber, P & K Sand and Gravel, and True Value, he has covered most of his expenses. Nathan White, Public Works Director for the Town of Raymond, broke ground on Friday, July 12, using a 10" power driven augur. He drilled the holes for the construction tubes, which were then expertly filled by Ben Douglas, the P & K cement truck driver sent to the field by Bruce Plummer. Sandy Winde then set the bolts in the cement and that day was complete. Materials from Hancock Lumber, Red Mill and True Value were picked up or delivered on the following Monday and construction was under way. A number of volunteers have been involved so far in the construction of the dugouts in either supervisory or actual hands-on capacity. Don McKay, Sandy Winde, Tom Wiley, Nancy Yates, Theresa Webber, Robert Yates and Denise McKay have been there to lend adult support to the youthful crew consisting of Donny McKay, Jake, Sam and Ian Levinsky, Clint Randall, Josiah Webber and Zack Fey, who have measured, plumbed, leveled, sawed and hammered under Bill's watchful eye. Construction will be ongoing throughout the summer with break periods as Bill attends a week of SCUBA training at Camp Bomazeen and also attends a week of Scout Camp with Troop 800 at Camp Bell in New Hampshire.



Bill Yates leads his Boy Scout Eagle Project.



Sandy Winde's expertise is put to the test.



Many Scouts lend a hand in the project.



Nathan White gives much needed assistance.

Troop 800 Report, July 2002

By: Kyle Woodbrey, Troop Scribe

Wrapping up a great season, our weekly meetings came to an end, but there was still scouting fun to be had.

We held a big yard sale to raise money for our trip to Gettysburg. Previously that week lots of people donated things to be sold. We collected everything from chairs to sand toys and CDs to Pokemon cards. The sale went well, and we earned over \$800 towards the trip. Thank you for all of your support in the candy bar, car wash, and yard sale fund raisers. We hope you will continue to support us in upcoming fund raisers. Be on the lookout for a bottle drive and another yard sale in August.

The same day as the yard sale, another group of scouts spent over eight hours starting to make four new camp boxes for the troop. We made a super start. We painted, laminated and sawed metal, wood and laminate.

On one Monday night we had a meeting to talk about our summer troop campout at Hidden Valley Scout Camp in New Hampshire. We prepared ourselves with maps and information for the week long campout.

Another activity we held was a troop picnic. We played softball, golf, and Frisbee and ate burgers and hotdogs. The softball game went on for two hours in 90 degree weather. There was also a bit of family rivalry. My Mom hit a small pop-up and I, the pitcher, dove and caught it inches from the ground. My Dad then hit a line drive to my Mom. She stuck her glove out and barely caught it! Everybody had fun.

Be sure to check out one of our latest Eagle projects: Bill Yates is building dugouts at the back field at Mill Street.

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.



Kyle, Steve, and Zane work on laminating 8 sheets of plywood for the new patrol boxes.

Asthma Workshop Attended By Local Daycare Providers

Congratulations to the staff of Country Bumpkins Daycare, First Friends Daycare and Candiland Nursery School for recently completing the workshop, Asthma and Allergy Essentials for Childcare Providers. All participants received C.E.T. credential towards State requirements. This hands-on course, developed and sponsored by Maine Medical Center specifically for professionals who work with children, featured dynamic Asthma Educator Patti Roderick, RN, BSN, MED.

Special thanks to Lisa Conley, event coordinator, and Sherri Adams, owner of Country Bumpkins, for hosting the workshop in her beautiful new facility in Raymond.

Maine has the highest rate of asthma in the country: one in twelve children have asthma and miss 3 times more school days than non-asthmatics. To bring this workshop to your site, contact Patti at Maine Health at 871-2730.

**Boy Scout Troop 800
Bottle Drive**

Connecting the Past
With the Present

TROOP 800

Raymond
Maine

Gettysburg 2003

Saturday, August 10, 2002
Scouts will be canvassing neighborhoods
from 9:00 am to noon

OR

Drop off your bottles at the
Raymond Village Community Church
parking lot from noon till 2:00 pm

**Troop 800, working to visit
Gettysburg in 2003!**

**Rain Date drop off Sunday August 11th
noon to 2:00 pm, at Mill Street Baseball Field**

Second Field Hockey Night Of The Summer!

Another introductory Raymond Rec. field hockey night is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14, 6:00-7:30pm at the RES field. All interested 5th-8th graders: come have fun hitting a ball and consider participating in a middle school program this fall, which will be held two days a week after

school. Sticks and shin-pads are provided, but please bring a mouth guard. For more information, or to confirm in case of weather, call Suzie at 655-4915, Lori at 655-4277 or Sue Ellen at 655-4463.

