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Mark Your Calendars For June 21st: Raymond Is Turning 200!

We're planning a huge Bicentennial Celebration

Here are the highlights of the day's festivities:

A 5K/10K Road Race, a Parade, the Grand Opening and Dedication of our new Public Safety Building, a huge Fair with games, contests, competitions, demonstrations, entertainment, lots of great food and an

awesome Fireworks display at the end of the day.

We're in the process of planning this once in a lifetime event, and we need your help. We need people to volunteer to help with some of these activities...young...old...it doesn't matter, we can use anyone willing to give us a few hours of their time. The entire Town will be grateful, and you'll have the pride and satisfaction that comes from contributing to your community.

- Historic displays, slide presentations, old movies, open houses & re-enactments
- Tours of historic sites throughout Town
- A craft show featuring homemade and Made-in-Maine items
- A tree planting and dedication ceremony
- A bake sale
- Birthday celebrations at businesses throughout Town

its Bicentennial on June 21st of this year and as part of our festivities we would like to show how things were done in the past. We thought to showcase these almost forgotten skills by having a craft show featuring handmade and/or Maine-made items of historical significance. The following is a list of just a few crafts that came to mind and is by no means meant to be comprehensive:

- Candle making
- Basket making
- Weaving
- Spinning
- Quilting
- Tinting
- Carving
- Soap making
- Herbals

We would like the participants to sell their wares and demonstrate their craft (where possible). Other demonstrations we'd like to see are old-fashioned ice cream making, butter churning, metal smithing and woodcrafts.

If you, or anyone you know, have these skills from a time gone by and would like to share them with an appreciative audience please contact

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Sue Ellen Gendron at 655-4463
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The following is a partial list of the positions that need to be filled:

- People to staff the games & booths
- Contest judges
- Organizers for events i.e. craft show, bake sale
- Demonstrators
- A face painter
- A group to oversee the set-up, demolition and clean-up of the Fair site
- A Space Planner to design the site
- A videographer to record the day's events

In addition to the above activities, we have other even more grandiose visions for the day such as:

- A Boat Regatta in Jordan Bay prior to the Fireworks display

If these visions are to materialize, we need people and/or organizations to take ownership of an event to help arrange it and recruit participants. We want our Bicentennial to be a special one: an unforgettable event for everyone in our Town. Please help us to make this a spectacular celebration that lives on in people's memory for years to come. If you can help, please contact

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as soon as possible (we only have 2 1/2 months until the big day).

Call to Crafters & Tradespeople

The Town of Raymond will be celebrating

Road Runner Articles Due
Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by April 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:
norma.richard@raymondmaine.org
charles.miller@raymondmaine.org
or drop at a Principal's Office
Send Town related articles To:
elisa.trepanier@raymondmaine.org
or drop at Town Hall

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Raymond Elementary School Report For April

By: Norma Richard, Principal

On behalf of students and staff, I want to thank the Raymond PTA for their continuing support of our students and their families and of our staff and the academic program at the Raymond Elementary School. Their volunteer efforts are especially valued and appreciated. An example of their outstanding efforts was Kevin Hawkes's visit to RES on March 14. All of the children in grades K - 4 were delighted with Mr. Hawkes's presentations. It was a very special day for all of us, and we are so grateful for the PTA's funding his visit.

Third quarter Parent-Teacher conferences at the Raymond Elementary School are scheduled for Wednesday afternoon and early evening on April 9 and Friday morn-

ing on April 11. These conferences are an important way for parents and teachers to review academic progress to date, discuss social issues that children may be having at school, and begin transition planning for the next school year. Teachers will be sending home conference schedules, and I encourage all of our elementary parents to make every attempt to attend. I also want to thank our faculty for their outstanding effort in meeting with parents before and after school and during planning periods in order to best accommodate parent schedules.

Our faculty is already busy in the planning stages for the 2003 - 2004 school year. Class schedules are being finalized, and the important work of class placement is starting. Achieving a balance in all classrooms is

the most important consideration when determining student placement for the upcoming school year. It is to each student's benefit to have a balance of boys and girls, academic needs, and learning styles in each of our elementary classrooms. We are also very careful to consider the social make-up of each classroom as well.

Parent input is an important part of this process, and your child's teacher will request information on both academic and social needs during third quarter conferences. Please direct your concerns for class placement, past experiences you may have had with teachers, and issues with other students to your child's classroom teacher. Teachers will then meet in grade level teams to develop the initial class lists for next year. With Mrs. Hawkes's retirement from first grade this year, our teaching assignments for grades 1 and 2 have not yet been determined. We will have teaching assignments finalized by the end of May, and will inform parents in early June of classroom placement for the upcoming year. This will help to make the end-of-year transitions much less stressful for many children, and also help to make Step-Up day go very smoothly.

I want to congratulate both the elementary and middle school students for the outstanding work they exhibited during their school's Academic Fair. It was a pleasure to view their work, and wonderful to meet so many parents, family members, and community members at these events.

Tired of Telemarketers?

Representative Joseph Bruno of Raymond urges people fed up with telemarketing calls to add their name to the 'Do Not Call' list for consumer merchandise telemarketers.

The list, which is managed by the Direct Marketing Association, lets national telemarketers know who is not interested in receiving telephone solicitations. Adding one's name to the 'Do Not Call' list will not eliminate all telemarketing calls, but adherence to the list by members of the Direct Marketing Association should lead to a sharp reduction in the number of calls people receive after a few months.

Representative Bruno directs people interested in signing up for the 'Do Not Call' list to the website of the Office of the Maine Attorney General. The website offers a secure and confidential form that people can fill out. The form can be found at:
<https://www.informe.org/ag/donotcall.htm>

People interested in adding their name to the list can also make the request in writing by sending a letter to Direct Marketing Association. The address is: Telephone Preference Center, P.O. Box 1559, Carmel, NY 10512.

News from the Raymond Village Library

Library Hours

The library will be closed on April 20, Easter. On Sunday, April 27, the library will be open from 11am to 1pm.

The Flying Carpet Series

The third and last in our winter travel series will be held at the library on April 9, beginning at 7pm "Kenya – More than Elephants". Sharing their experiences will be Ben and Sandi Severn. Following an overview of Kenya, its economy and its people, Ben and Sandi will talk about lifestyle on safari. From their first experience in August 1987 of crossing a crocodile-infested river to reach a tented camp resort, to their farewell visit to the famous plains of Masai Mara in May of 1991, Ben and Sandi explored the wonders of Kenya's abundant game parks. They stayed at the famous Treetops, toured the William Holden Wildlife Sanctuary at Mount Kenya Safari Club, got a sense of the lifestyle of early British settlers in the rich farm country of Lake Navaisha, and had close encounters with elephants under the shadow of Mount Kilimanjaro. In Nairobi, Sandi became a devotee of many artisans, often commissioning woodcarvings, batiks or jewelry. This will be a most interesting evening and all are invited to join us and travel to Kenya.

Children's Special Program

Mysterious Mammals!

Join children's author and environmental educator Jocelyn Hubbell as she unravels some of the mysteries to identifying and observing Maine's mammals. Learn to pour plaster casts of animal's footprints (you'll pour your own plaster animal track to take home if the weather allows), learn where to look for tracks, how to follow and identify mammal track, how to make a track trap and wildlife fun facts and observation tips. Please be prepared to go outside and wear casual clothing that is easily laundered. This will take place at the Raymond Village Library on Wednesday, April 23, beginning at 2:30 to 4:00pm and is open to young people, ages 7 and up. Please sign up at the library.

Jocelyn Hubbell holds a BS in Environmental Interpretation from Colorado State University's School of Forestry and Natural Resources. Her career has included working as a ranger/naturalist and conducting wildlife research along the front range of Colorado, two years in NYC as senior educator for the Wildlife Conservation Society, contract work with the American Museum of Natural History and children's programs for Brooklyn

College.

Since arriving in Maine she has taught for Maine Audubon, written her first children's book, "Know-It-Alls: Frogs!" and is presently working with Brunswick's Curtis Memorial Library on their Cornerstones of Science project. She is the daughter of Thomas and Jane Hubbell of Raymond, and she credits her love of the outdoors to her father and her love of books to her mother. We are delighted to welcome Jocelyn once again to teach this fun and fascinating program.

Club Meeting

The Raymond Village Library Club will hold its first 2003 meeting on Thursday, April 3, at 7pm. All Raymond residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, please call the library at 655-4283.

Reading Group

The Reading Group will meet on April 24 at 7pm at the library. The book under discussion is "Barchester Towers" by Anthony Trollope. For more information call Jane at 655-5354.

National Library Week

April 6 begins National Library Week. We invite all those interested to visit their library and see how their support aids the library. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed to the Annual Appeal. Once again, your generosity is making many things possible and helping to enlarge the book collection.

Spring Cleaning

It is that time of year, when we want to clean out the old and freshen up our homes by clearing out underused items. The library will accept with open arms any gently used books, audios, videos, and puzzles. Remember, if spring is here, can Book Sales be far behind?

Book Review

By: Claudia Trend

"A Maine Man in the Making", by Franklin E. Gould, published in 1949. The author shares his memories of growing up on a farm in Maine. He never does say when he was born, but there are no cars or electricity in the story, and his father was a Civil War veteran. There are 38 chapters in all, yet the (small) book is a mere 212 pages long. That's about 5 pages per chapter and some as short

as 3 pages. Each chapter is a short story. My favorite chapters are: A Shattered Idol (about his brother), and A Teacher Learns a Lesson (whipping children in school).

His plain speaking about very heartfelt thoughts was interesting, and with an economy of words he made me laugh out loud and cry. The author makes a big deal about the smallest things, yet barely mentions the big things. He also has an unusual gift for original metaphors, such as "I whinnied like a colt and then went into a gale of laughter". The book shows that first impressions of life are the most meaningful and set the pattern for the rest of our lives. He leaves Maine as a young man to seek his fortune, first in Portsmouth, NH, Boston and finally Newport, RI, but eventually returns to Maine to his family.

Wanted!

The Raymond-Casco Historical Society would like anyone who may have old items, collections or whatever, that would like to display them in a secure place for people to view at Raymond's Bicentennial on June 21st to please get in touch with Betty McDermott at fmcderm1@maine.rr.com 655-4646 or Wayne Holmquist wholmqui@maine.rr.com 655-7672.

Vial Of Life Program

Raymond Fire/Rescue will be installing or renewing the Vials of Life. Anyone who would like to participate in this program will be welcomed. This program is to help Rescue help you. It is imperative that they know your condition and what medications you are taking in order to take care of you if you call them for assistance.

The Vital of Life is a "pill bottle" which is stored in your refrigerator to tell rescue personnel what your condition is and what you take for medications. The refrigerator was deemed the most universal storage place in anyone's home.

If you would like to have your records renewed or begin your participation, please call Dispatch at 655-7851. The dispatcher will forward your name and number to our Rescue staff who will come to your house and help you fill out the information.

April 2003

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 3:15-4:15PM RE Dance Class 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting	2 12:30-1:45PM RE Karate 7:00PM RE School Committee	3 9:15AM VL Baby Time 9:45AM VL Toddler Time 10:30AM VL Preschool Story Time 7:00PM VL Raymond Village Library Club Meeting	4	5
6 Begin Daylight Savings Time	7	8 3:15-4:15PM RE Dance Class 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting	9 12:30-1:45PM RE Karate 7:00PM VL Flying Carpet 7:00PM TH Planning Board	10 9:15AM VL Baby Time 9:45AM VL Toddler Time 10:30AM VL Preschool Story Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	11	12
13	14 7:00PM TH Comprehensive Plan Committee	15 3:15-4:15PM RE Dance Class 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen Town Officer Nomination Papers Deadline Income Tax Due	16 9:00AM VL Library Board Meeting 12:30-1:45PM RE Karate 7:00PM JS School Committee	17 9:15AM VL Baby Time 9:45AM VL Toddler Time 10:30AM VL Preschool Story Time	18	19
20	21 SCHOOL VACATION	22 Planning Board Application Deadline SCHOOL VACATION	23 2:30-4:00PM VL Children's Program SCHOOL VACATION	24 9:15AM VL Baby Time 9:45AM VL Toddler Time 10:30AM VL Preschool Story Time 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee SCHOOL VACATION	25 SCHOOL VACATION	26 Board of Appeals Application Deadline
27 10:00AM TH Appeals Board Site Walk	28 7:00PM RE Kindergarten Screening Parent Meeting	29 3:15-4:15PM RE Dance Class 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM Olde House Conservation Commission	30 12:30-1:45PM RE Karate 1:00-4:00PM RE Kindergarten Screening 7:00PM TH Conservation Commission			

Municipal News Brief

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions:

- Awarded the Boston Post Cane to Raymond's oldest citizen, Ernest Knight.
- Reviewed the results of the Windham Rotary Ice Fishing Derby.
- Accepted the Planning Board resignation of Stephen Harvey.
- Awarded 2002 Town Report printing bid to Maine Label and Printing of Standish.
- Approved the following new street names:
 - Fire Lane 212C off Tenny Hill Rd. Skyline Drive
 - Fire Lane 60 off Meadow Road Rope Burn Ridge
 - Fire Lane 258 (Old Dump Rd) off Egypt Farwell Drive
- Considered the implementation of a Committee Appointment Protocol.
- Voted to hold a public hearing to consider the removal of Zoning Board of Appeals Member.
- Consideration of adoption of official Town Seal.
- Reviewed and authorized:
 - February 11, 2003, Treasurer's Warrant;
 - February 25, 2003, Treasurer's Warrant;
 - March 4, 2003, Treasurer's Warrant;
 - March 18, 2003, Treasurer's Warrant.
- Met with the Budget Finance Committee to review the 2003-2004 Municipal Budget.
- Held a Public Hearing on a Community Development Block Grant/Community Planning Grant Application regarding a study of regional service provisions.
- Viewed a presentation by Kevin Woodbrey regarding Raymond's Technology efforts.
- Approved the addition of a Town Meeting warrant article to accept Brown Road and Ball Drive as Town roads.
- Land use legal issue – Executive Session.
- Held a workshop meeting to review selected budget issues.
- Met with Bicentennial Committee for a Planning Update.
- Approved the revision of the CEO and Administrative Fee Schedule.
- Accepted Zoning Board of Appeals resignation of Stephen V.P. Mairs, III.
- Approved "No Parking Zone" on Cape Road.
- Approved a five-year snowplowing and sanding contract extension with P & K Sand and Gravel.
- Approved amended Consent Agreement – Steven and Yolanda Catir with respect to property formally owned by Earl and Carol Kline.
- Approved 2002 Unlicensed Dog Warrant.

Raymond Rattlers

By: Jeff Weeks, President

The Rattlers were pleased to see 48 participants in the snowmobile safety course. This was a three-part course, and each participant earned a safety certificate. The course was extended an extra evening, as over half of the participants were interested in the safety certification for ATV's. People riding ATV's, especially children who ride their own machine off their own properties, should look into the Maine Laws. A safety course is mandatory for children under 16 years of age. We would like to extend a thank you to Lou Haskell, from the Maine Wildlife and Inland Fisheries, Steve Allarie, Maine State Warden for Cumberland County, and Craig Gerry, certified instructor and our own club member, who conducted the 10-hour course. Thank you, Michelle Carver, Raymond Rattlers Safety Officer, for coordinating this program. A lot of information was heard, and if each person takes at least one thing they learned from this program away with them, they are that much further ahead.

Our 2nd Annual Pig Roast was a success. We had over 70 people, and the feast was bountiful! The weather could not have been better, and our trails still had plenty of snow cover. Many people came by snowmobiles. We thank everyone who helped make this event spectacular and appreciate each and every one who supported our club.

The Great Compost Bin Deal

Have you always wanted to try turning your food waste into nutrient-rich organic compost for your garden? Here's your chance! In honor of Earth Day 2003, the state has contracted with a compost bin manufacturer to sell bins to Maine residents at a dramatic discount. A bin and how-to guide that usually goes for \$80 can be purchased for \$31.50 (tax inc.). The 33" x 35" bins have a 10 year warranty, and they're made of 100% recycled plastic.

What's the catch? The bins have to be ordered by April 30th, and they can only be ordered in sets of 20, so the more people who order one, the better. The bonus is, if everyone composted their food waste, we would reduce our trash tipping fee by 25% - big bucks! Plus, it's a lot better for the environment than incinerating (cough...cough).

Interested? Call the town office and ask them for a form, or look for displays around town. This deal is too good to throw away!

Town Seal Design

By: Louise Lester

The Selectmen have made their choices from the submitted designs for the Raymond Town Seal. These designs will be displayed for the voters to make their choice at the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 17, beginning at 10am at the Jordan-Small gymnasium. We are in hopes of having a seal prepared from the design chosen which will be ready for presentation in the fall of 2003.

For more information, please call Louise Lester, Town Clerk, at 655-4742.

TOWN ELECTIONS

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2003

7:00am TO 8:00pm

JORDAN-SMALL MIDDLE
SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2003

10:00am

JORDAN-SMALL MIDDLE
SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM

RAYMOND FIRE/RESCUE ACTIVITY LOG

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TYPE OF CALL
2/16/2003	757	CANAL RD	DIFF. BREATHING
2/17/2003	204	WEBBS MILLS RD	DIFF. BREATHING
2/17/2003	1112	ROOSEVELT TRL.	FIRE STAND-BY
2/18/2003	1401	MEADOW RD	CAR ACCIDENT
2/23/2003	1251	PULPIT ROCK RD	SUBJ.FELL
2/25/2003	1137	M/A CASCO	DIFF. BREATHING
2/26/2003	1151	MURRY DR	FIRE STAND-BY
2/26/2003	1336	GORE RD	OVERDOSE
2/26/2003	1646	M/A CASCO	PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT
2/27/2003	1519	ROOSEVELT TRL.	CAR ACCIDENT
2/28/2003	137	HASKELL AVE	CARDIAC
2/28/2003	1404	WEBBS MILLS RD	ATTEMPTED SUICIDE
2/28/2003	1544	ROOSEVELT TRL.	CAR ACCIDENT
2/28/2003	2137	M/A CASCO	BACK PAIN
3/2/2003	1717	MEADOW RD	UNCONSCIOUS MALE
3/3/2003	1727	RAYMOND HILL RD	DISLCTED SHOULDER
3/4/2003	1054	M/A CASCO	CHEST PAIN
3/5/2003	910	MILL ST	CAR ACCIDENT
3/6/2003	703	ROOSEVELT TRL.	CAR ACCIDENT
3/6/2003	852	ROOSEVELT TRL.	CAR ACCIDENT
3/6/2003	1643	N.RAYMOND RD	CAR ACCIDENT
3/8/2003	1028	NOTCHED POND RD	CAR ACCIDENT
3/10/2003	1233	ROOSEVELT TRL.	CAR ACCIDENT
3/11/2003	1514	WEBBS MILLS RD	CO PROBLEM
3/12/2003	1107	M/A NAPLES	PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT
3/13/2003	1146	NOTCHED POND RD	FIRE STAND-BY
3/13/2003	1313	MEADOW RD	PNEUMONIA
3/13/2003	1807	ROOSEVELT TRL.	CAR ACCIDENT
3/13/2003	1841	ROOSEVELT TRL.	CAR ACCIDENT
3/14/2003	2128	TARKLIN HILL RD	OVERDOSE
3/15/2003	1041	ROOSEVELT TRL.	CAR ACCIDENT
3/15/2003	1301	ROOSEVELT TRL.	FIRE STAND-BY FIRE
FIRE			
2/17/2003	1112	ROOSEVELT TRL	SMELL SMOKE IN BLDG
2/17/2003	1556	M/A CASCO	FIRE ALARM SOUNDING
2/18/2003	1401	MEADOW RD	CAR ACCIDENT
2/18/2003	1742	M/A WINDHAM	STATION COVERAGE
2/21/2003	1807	ROOSEVELT TRL	SMELL OF PROPANE
2/23/2003	1046	PANTHER PND PINES	POWER LINES DOWN
2/23/2003	1105	MEADOW RD	TRANSFORMER FIRE
2/23/2003	1323	ROOSEVELT TRL	RESCUE ASSIST
2/23/2003	1642	SWANS RD	POWER LINES DOWN
2/25/2003	1058	VIOLA AVE	FRNT END LOADER FIRE
2/26/2003	1151	MURRY DR	FIRE ALARM SOUNDING
2/26/2003	1200	M/A WINDHAM	CHIMNEY FIRE
2/27/2003	1519	ROOSEVELT TRL	CAR ACCIDENT
2/28/2003	1544	ROOSEVELT TRL	CAR ACCIDENT
2/28/2003	2342	EGYPT RD	ASSIST TO CCSO
3/2/2003	1422	LEVEY LANE	TRBL LGHT ALRM PANL
3/3/2003	1733	RAYMOND HILL RD	RESCUE ASSIST
3/4/2003	554	M/A WINDHAM	FIRE ALARM SOUNDING
3/4/2003	612	M/A WINDHAM	STATION COVERAGE
3/5/2003	910	MILL ST	CAR ACCIDENT
3/6/2003	1643	N.RAYMOND RD	CAR ACCIDENT
3/8/2003	824	PLAIN RD	FIRE PERMIT
3/8/2003	1028	NOTCHED POND RD	CAR ACCIDENT
3/10/2003	1233	ROOSEVELT TRL	CAR ACCIDENT
3/11/2003	1514	WEBBS MILLS RD	CO PROBLEM
3/13/2003	1146	NOTCHED POND RD	STRUCTURE FIRE
3/13/2003	1807	ROOSEVELT TRL	CAR ACCIDENT
3/15/2003	1045	ROOSEVELT TRL	CAR ACCIDENT
3/15/2003	1301	ROOSEVELT TRL	SMELL SMOKE IN BLDG
3/15/2003	1100	AROUND TOWN	BURNING PERMITS

Notice

As of March 18, 2003, any licensed dog that has not been licensed for 2003 will have an additional \$10.00 fee over and above the usual licensing fees.

From The Tax Collector's Office

The second half tax bills go out the end of March and are due April 30, 2003. If the full year's taxes were paid last October, you will not receive another bill until next October. If you still owe a second half but do not receive a bill, or if there has been a recent change of ownership, you may want to verify that taxes have been paid at closing to avoid any unnecessary liens. Our phone number is 655-4742, or you may email me at donna.lovely@raymondmaine.org. To avoid your name being listed in the Town Report for Delinquent Taxes, all tax balances must be paid prior to June 30th.

If your taxes are escrowed and paid by your mortgage holder, it is up to the property owner to forward a copy of that tax bill on to your mortgage holder.

We do now have all property records listed on our Web Site (www.raymondmaine.org) for your convenience.

Raymond Girl Spars To Karate Title

Meghann was awarded top honors after placing 1st in her division in sparring at the Maine Nationals (S.M.A.R.T.) Karate Tournament held in Brunswick on February 15th. She also placed second in Kata (Forms). She received trophies in each division.

Meg is a green belt at Bushido Karate Dojo in Casco. Her training includes attending multiple karate classes each week. She also assists in teaching, and maintains a vigorous cardiovascular and weight training program.

Meg is a home-schooled senior who was also inducted into the National Honor Roll during the same week. She lives in Raymond with her family and works at BKD Fitness Center in Casco, as well as Ultimate Hair and Tanning in Raymond.

Panther Pond Watershed Survey Planned For April; Volunteers Needed

The Panther Pond Association is coordinating a survey of the Panther Pond Watershed starting this April and is looking for volunteers to help conduct the survey. The goal of the project is to find sites where polluted runoff is washing into Panther Pond so that steps can be taken to keep the pond clean for future generations to enjoy.

Everyone familiar with Maine's "mud season" knows that rain and melting snow eats away at gravel roads, driveways and all areas with bare soil or sparse vegetation. The eroded soil in this runoff carries phosphorus, a plant nutrient, as a hitchhiker. If too much phosphorus reaches a lake, it can act as a fertilizer, increasing algae growth and decreasing water clarity. In severe cases, mats of algae choke out fish, and ruin water quality and recreation.

The survey project will kick off with a volunteer training

session on Saturday, April 26th. Technical staff from local organizations will train volunteers to identify and document soil erosion problems. Over the following weeks, teams of volunteers will survey all of the roads and developed areas in the watershed – noting problems, coming up with potential solutions and talking to landowners. Throughout the summer and fall, technical staff will go out and check the volunteers' work. A project steering committee will then summarize the findings in a final report and consider strategies for pond protection.

Information collected in this survey will not be used for regulatory or enforcement purposes. Rather, it is the first step in a long-term program to work with the community to correct pollution problems and keep Panther Pond clean. Watershed survey projects have served as a springboard for action on Thomas Pond, Raymond Pond and Crescent Lake in Raymond and helped the groups receive significant grants for on-the-ground fixes and education programs.

The Association is currently seeking volunteers to help conduct the survey. Volunteers should be able to attend a daylong training on Saturday, April 26th (9am-3pm), and spend another day or two surveying developed areas in their assigned areas. To sign up or get more information about the project, contact Ben Severn at 655-3936 or bsevern@aol.com.

Unclaimed Property List

In his annual review of the State Treasurer's unclaimed property list, Representative Joe Bruno (R-Raymond) uncovered hundreds of dollars due his constituents last year. As a result of his work to locate people with unclaimed property, seven of Representative Bruno's constituents claimed a total of \$574.41.

The Unclaimed Property Division of the State Treasurer's Office unites Maine citizens with their lost property. Typically, these unclaimed assets are savings and checking accounts, contents of safe deposit boxes, life insurance policies, utility deposits and undistributed dividends. These and other assets are transferred to the Treasurer after a specific length of inactivity, usually five years. Currently the Unclaimed Property Division has on file more than 75,000 accounts with a total value of close \$50 million.

If your name is on the following list, you can reach the State Treasurer's website at www.maine.gov/treasurer and submit your claim over the web. The claim form can also be printed and mailed to the State Treasurer's Office, Unclaimed Property Division, 39 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333. The Treasurer's office can also be reached toll free from within Maine at 888-283-2808 or from out of state at 207-624-7470.

Philip	Afthim	Mirna	Lewis
Ernest	Allen	Kevin	Marshall
James	Anderson	David	McCourt
Neil	Beach	Michelle	McLauchlan
Timothy	Blackstone	Cassandra	McPhail
Elliott	Bryce	G	Miranda
Richard	Buzzell	Pamela	Neal
Jeffrey	Callahan	John	Painter
Charlotte	Carson	Tracey	Parkhurst
Gregory	Charette	Sonya	Pelletier
Wade	Clukey	Katie	Perkins
Charles	Cole	Charles	Phillips
Dennis	Cole	James	Phoenix
Patricia	Cole	Carl	Plummer
Frederick	Conti	Michelle	Plummer
Edward	Creaser	Richard	Porter
Joseph	Davis	Gregory	Scott
Amanda	Dean	James	Shively
Donald	Dean	Clifford	Small
Janet	Dean	Amanda	Snow
Eleanor	Dennis	Gloria	Snyder
Paul	Dennis	Joan	Southwick
Gertrude	Drowns	Neil	Southwick
Andrew	Eaton	Katherine	Stephens
Ron	Eaton	Russell	Stephens
Charles	Faircloth	Frank	Sullivan
Beverly	Farley	Albert	Taylor
Mark	Flanagin	Tegan	Trimmer
Alton	Gardner	Ms. Kenneth	Twombly
Julia	Gillespie	Jan	Wetzel
Charlotte	Goudey	Paul	Wetzel
Patrica	Graham	Louise	Whitney
Eugene	Grass	Martha	Whitten
Avon	Hilton	Susan	Willett
Viola	Hilton	Theodore	Willett
William	Howells	Ruth	Williams
Gladys	Huckins	Christina	Wing
William	Kemp	Country Sales	
David	Kennerson	Jordan Bay Jean Co.	
Christopher	Kennison	Raymond Service Center	
Karen	Knight	Sebego Lake Chevron	
Clifford	Kraft	Taylor's Marina Trustees	
M	Leavitt	Titan Machine Products	
Michael	Lewey		

Nomination Papers Are Available

Nomination papers for election of officers for the next Annual Town Meeting are available at the Town Office. Positions to be elected are Selectman (1), School Committee (3), Budget/Finance Committee (3). Papers need to have not less than 25 signatures and not more than 100 on them. You can pick up the nomination papers during regular business hours at the Town Office. The deadline for submission of papers is Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at 7pm.

Heating Assistance Program

State Representative Joseph Bruno (R-Raymond) is reminding people that the deadline to apply for heating assistance under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program this season is April 30. The program, which helps approximately 53,000 low income Maine households pay for their heating costs, distributes an average benefit of \$484. The money, which is distributed directly to the fuel company, is used to offset unpaid bills or as a credit against future fuel deliveries. The credit is good for up to twelve months.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is open to any family with an income not exceeding 150% of the federal poverty guidelines. For a family of four the income ceiling for eligibility is \$27,150. If an elderly person or child under two is part of the household, the income ceilings are even higher.

Representative Bruno encourages individuals interested in applying for Low Income Home Energy Assistance to contact the local community action program. People may also contact the Maine State Housing Authority by calling 1-800-452-4668.

Raymond Fire Department Seeking Past Members

By: Linda Alexander

The Raymond Fire Department is looking for past members of Fire, Rescue, Auxiliary, and Fire Police. A Pot-luck History Supper will be held in April. For more information, contact Charlotte Rowe 655-4352 or Linda Alexander 655-4640.

Legal Advertisement

Town of Raymond Planning Board
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

Public Hearing

Monday, March 31, 2003
7:00pm at the Jordon-Small Modular Classroom
Webbs Mills Road

The Raymond Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on the following proposed amendments. Complete copies of the amendments are available at Town Hall, Tuesday 8:30am to 7pm, Wednesday through Friday 8:30am to 4pm, and Saturday 8:30am to 12noon.

Proposed 2003 Ordinance Amendments

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Raymond Elementary School Participates In The 9th Annual National TV-Turnoff Week

Mon., April 14 To Sun., April 20, 2003
A time to turn ON reading and turn OFF the television!

The Raymond community has participated in TV-Turnoff Week since it began in 1995. It is a time to reflect on what we watch on TV and on the amount of time our families spend in front of the television. In order to accommodate the spring school vacation, our dates will be different from the national program.

National TV-Turnoff Week is coordinated by TV-Free America, a national nonprofit organization that encourages Americans to reduce, voluntarily and dramatically, the amount of television that they watch in order to promote richer and more connected lives, families and communities.

We encourage everyone to participate and set some realistic goals relating to television viewing. Please join us in the weeklong celebration. We will be sending home more information as the dates draw near.

Board Of Selectmen Approve Revised Fee Schedule Effective May 1, 2003

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously at their Tuesday, March 18, 2003, meeting to implement a revised Fee Schedule for Code Enforcement fees as well as an adjustment in the miscellaneous fees, for notice and publication fees for Planning Board and Board of Appeals applications, as well as checks returned for insufficient funds. The new Fee Schedule replaces the current Fee Schedule, and revised fees are shown below for comparison. The last revision in construction permit fees occurred in 1990.

Before making recommendations for fee revisions, a comprehensive survey was conducted of surrounding towns to ascertain charges in our neighboring communities. The intent of the Fee Schedule change was to help offset increasing costs incurred by the Town in reviewing and administering new development. Over the past several years, permit activity in the Town has been increasing at a substantial rate. This year over \$14,000,000 in new valuation is expected.

Please call the Town Office at 655-4742 with any questions.

Amendments To Town Of Raymond Fee Schedule

Effective May 1, 2003
Approved March 18, 2003

Building Permits:	Current Fee	New Fee
New construction or additions	\$.15 per square foot	\$.20/sf finished area
New Construction or additions	\$.10 per square foot	\$.15/sf unfinished area
Commercial/Industrial	\$.15 per square foot	\$.20/sf
Minimum permit fee	\$5.00	\$10.00
Alterations or Renovations		
Up to \$500.00	\$5.00	\$10.00
\$501.00 to \$1000.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
\$1001.00 to \$5000.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
\$5001.00 to \$10,000.00	\$30.00	\$35.00
\$10,001.00 and up	\$30.00 plus \$4.00 per thousand or fraction thereof	\$35.00 plus \$5.00 per thousand or fraction thereof
Separate Permit Fees:		
Chimneys/Antennas	\$7.50	\$10.00
Moving (within town)	\$5.00	\$10.00
Moving (into town)	\$.10/\$.15/sq.ft.	\$.15/\$.20/sq.ft.
Demolitions	\$5.00	\$10.00
Signs (business, commercial)	\$12.50 up to 6 sq.ft.	\$15.00 Plus \$.10/sq.ft. over 6
Swimming Pools (inground)	\$15.00	\$20.00
Swimming Pools (above ground)	\$10.00	\$15.00
Docks (permanent or seasonal)		
one time only Registration fee	\$.05 per sq. ft.	
Plumbing Fees:		
Non-engineered systems	\$100.00 plus \$10.00 town fee	
Primitive Disposal system (includes alternative toilet)	\$100.00	
Engineered systems	\$200.00 plus \$10.00 town fee	
System Components (installed separately)		
Treatment Tank	\$ 50.00 plus \$10.00 town fee	
Holding Tank	\$100.00 plus \$10.00 town fee	
Alternative Toilet	\$ 50.00 plus \$10.00 town fee	
Disposal Area	\$ 75.00 plus \$10.00 town fee	
Engineered Disposal Area	\$150.00 plus \$10.00 town fee	
Separated Laundry Disposal System	\$ 35.00 plus \$10.00 town fee	
Seasonal Conversion Permit	\$ 50.00 plus \$10.00 town fee	
Internal Plumbing Fees:		
Per State schedule:	\$ 6.00 per fixture plus \$10.00 town fee	
	\$ 24.00 minimum plus \$10.00 town fee	
*Plumbing fixtures include backflow devices.		
Other Code Enforcement Fees:		
Campsite (personal)	\$ 1.00	\$ 10.00
Miscellaneous:		
Lunch Wagons	\$ 50.00	
Appeals Board/Planning Board Abutters Notices		\$ 5.00 each notice
Appeals Board/Planning Board Newspaper Legal Notice		\$ 30.00/ad
Bounced Checks	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00

Raising The Bar

By: Marilee Dunklee, Consulting Teacher for Gifted & Talented Services

Stay in character! Hold that diagonal! Louder, please! Those are the instructions you might hear (many times over) if you drop by drama rehearsals most any weekday at Jordan-Small Middle School. Since early February, a cast of 66 students, grades 5-8, have been working diligently to prepare a full blown musical production of *Annie Jr.*, to be presented to the public Friday and Saturday evenings, April 11th and 12th at 7pm.

Did I say *working*? How about blocking scenes, learning songs, running lines, working on characterization, rehearsing choreography, and — oh, yes — then doing it all a second time, or third, or tenth — to the point of exhaustion some days! A major goal of the drama program this year is to instill skills and appreciation for quality performing. Without doubt, the cast of *Annie* is learning what quality performing means and, more importantly, how much commitment and effort are required to achieve that quality.

As directors, Mary Thornton and I are having a ball! We have been quite impressed with the dedication and patience, perseverance and positive attitudes of the students. While several of the cast have had some acting experience with Windham Center Stage or other area programs, most are first timers in the performing arts. Being brand new can be an eye-opening experience. In a recent "Take five" conversation, I asked cast members what was most frustrating in this process. Without hesitation, one student answered, "Doing it over and over again."

With each rehearsal we see students grow and improve, become more comfortable with themselves onstage, develop confidence. Many are also beginning to see why we have to work so hard, why we have to do it "over and over again" if we want to be really good. You see, our motto — or battle cry, if you will — is "Socks Off!" because our goal is to "knock the socks off" the audience when we perform in April.

This kind of project takes a team effort. Music teacher Randy Crocket is working with us on the music and sound. Sixth grade teacher Patricia Feeney is contributing some of the choreography. The PTA has contributed funds to help with our sound and lighting needs. A dedicated parent group is busy gathering or making costumes and props, building and painting sets, handling publicity and advertising, planning refreshment sales, and accomplishing scores of other tasks essential to bringing off the show.

Why raise the bar in drama? Middle school principal Charlie Miller, a strong advocate of the performing arts, puts it this way, "I've found that drama, like sports, can reach students in ways nothing else can. Educationally, such activities develop skills and also self-discipline and self-esteem." It is our goal to develop a performing arts program that becomes an important and valued component in the culture of Jordan-Small Middle School and one that makes connections with the Raymond community and beyond through performance and collaboration.

How about joining us on April 11th or 12th! We think your trip will be worth the \$5.00 admission (all of which will go back into program expenses and improvements). And, by the way, be sure to wear your socks, for we mean to "knock them off."

Annie Jr., written by Thomas Meehan, Charles Strowse, and Martin Charmin, is from the *Broadway Jr.* collection and is produced by special arrangement with Music Theater International.

Raymond Elementary School Art In The Raymond Village Library

By: Jesse Romanoff Burton, RES Art Teacher

The third grade at Raymond Elementary School studied Winslow Homer's watercolor landscapes earlier this year in art class. The students produced magnificent works. A representation of this work is currently on display in the Raymond Village Library thru April.

Most Improved Student Awards

Jordan-Small Middle School

Grade 5: James Fisher Emma Levinsky Morgan Larrabee Lindy Haycock	Grade 7: Sarah Crockett Justin Woodbrey Cody Winde Sharla Benedetto Lyzzy Stevenson Julia Hartig Luke McNally Grant Dodge Mike Churchill Markie DeSorbo Victoria Christy Natasha Carson Jared Marcinuk Alex Fogg Bob Murphy
Grade 6: Harry Wood Rebecca Morris Becky Schlegel Britny Chevarie Zac Van Baars Courtney Bruno Logan Cline Tom Cave Jake Trickey Adam Greenwood Chey King Tyler Jamison	Grade 8: Andrea Douglass Laken Perry Andrew Jordan

Raymond Students Raise \$3500+ For American Heart Association

Congratulations to the students at Raymond Elementary School and Jordan-Small Middle School for their strong support of Jump for Hearts, an annual program held at each school in support of the American Heart Association. This year the physical education departments at both schools conducted the program, which not only taught the students healthy heart habits but also welcomed pledges in support of the American Heart Association. Ninety-two students at Raymond Elementary School raised \$3,032, and ten students at Jordan-Small Middle School raised \$485, for a total of \$3,517. A special thank you goes to Joni Merrill and Betsy Lepper, the physical education teachers at JSMS and RES, for their strong leadership and their attention to the educational and fundraising components of the program. Appreciation is also expressed to Leigh Walker and Julie Orsini for the tireless stewardship of the program. Jump for Hearts is sponsored by the Raymond PTA.

Kindergarten Screening At The Raymond Elementary School

Appointments are now being taken for kindergarten screening. If you are a current Raymond resident and have a child who will be 5 years old on or before October 15, 2003, and will be entering kindergarten in the fall, then please call the Superintendent of Schools office at 655-8666 to schedule a screening appointment for the afternoon of April 30 or May 7. Peggy Jensen, Home-School Coordinator, will provide additional information in the preschool newsletter. Please call Mrs. Jensen at 655-8672 extension 108, if you are new to the Raymond School District or have not yet scheduled your home visit.

Monday, April 28: Parents Informational Meeting for Kindergarten Screening at 7pm in the Raymond Elementary School cafeteria.

Wednesday afternoon, April 30: Kindergarten Screening appointments at 1pm or 2:30pm.

Wednesday afternoon, May 7: Kindergarten Screening appointments at 1pm or 2:30pm.

Jordan-Small Middle School Honor Roll

5th Grade High Honors

1st Quarter
Caroline Blake
Emily Dodge
Sam Hutchinson
Amber Gillis
Hannah LaChance
Devin MacKenzie
Marybeth Wiley

5th Grade Honor Roll

1st Quarter
Ben Algeo
Katie Allen
Jordan Baker
Kaitlin Chandler
Dean Darien
Haley Desjardins
Ian Dufour
Jenna Eastman
James Fisher
Nicole Fusco
Sam Harvey
Zachary Knights
Katie Lentine
Josh Leviness
Emma Levinsky
Chantelle Lydick
Abigail McIvor
AJ Olsen
James Plummer
John Scripture
Megan Stevenson
Kelsie Taylor
Justin Terry
Chelsea Tevanian
Julia Trepanier

6th Grade High Honors

1st Quarter
Bethany Dudley
Hannah Huber
Ashley Waldron
Lauren Weeks

6th Grade Honors

1st Quarter
Ashley Baker
Tom Cave
Logan Cline
Nathaniel Dixon
Bethany Dudley
Alyson Feltovic
Evan Flynn
Nick Gredin
Brandon Guerrette
Jacob Hotham
Hannah Huber
Ali Knight
Steven Lentine
Marie Libby
Patrick Martin
Nina McNally
Rebecca Morris
Christopher Myers
Kelsey Nadeau
Andrew O'Neill
Jacob Perry
Brittany Plummer
Lindsay Ryan
Laura Sanborn
Alyson Schadler
Zachary VanBaars
Kees vanHaasteren
Ashley Waldron
Danielle Walton

2nd Quarter

Jordan Baker
Haley Desjardins
Emily Dodge
Amber Gillis
Sam Hutchinson
Hannah LaChance
Devin MacKenzie
Katie Lentine

2nd Quarter

Ben Algeo
Katie Alle
Caroline Blake
Abby Brockelbank
Kaitlin Chandler
Dean Darien
Jenna Eastman
Jordan Flynn
Maria Fusco
Nicole Fusco
Kelsey Harris
Sam Harvey
Zachary Knights
Morgan Larrabee
Josh Leviness
Emma Levinsky
Dustin Libby
Chantelle Lydick
Dillon McGowan
Abigail McIvor
Nathaniel Ohman
AJ Olsen
James Plummer
John Scripture
Stephanie Spaulding
Megan Stevenson
Kelsie Taylor
Justin Terry
Chelsea Tevanian
Julia Trepanier
Marybeth Wiley

2nd Quarter

2nd Quarter

Ashley Baker
Arielle Blanchard
Courtney Bruno
Tom Cave
Logan Cline
Phoebe Crockett
Sibyl Cunningham
Nathaniel Dixon
Taylor Duncanson
Jacob Hotham
Eljah Hughes
Tyler Jamison
Ali Knight
Steven Lentine
Marie Libby
Patrick Martin
Nina McNally
Brandi Mitchell
Rebecca Morris
Christophen Myers
Kelsey Nadeau
Andrew O'Neill
Jacob Perry
Brittany Plummer
Elizabeth Prout
Lindsay Ryan
Laura Sanborn
Alyson Schadler
Jacob Trickey
Zachary VanBaars

Lauren Weeks
Eric Wisutskie
Chad Zawistowski

7th Grade High Honors

1st Quarter
Alexandra Gordan
Ian Levinsky
Amy McIntire

7th Grade Honors

1st Quarter
Cassie Ashton
Harmony Brown
Bridgit Byrne
Amy Cobb
Kurt Crockett
Sarah Crockett
Ashley Daggett
Khristopher Fenton
Alison Gagnon
Travis Guerrette
Danielle Holman
Lucas McNally
Brittany Michaud
Michael Orsini
Taylor Parker
Alison Remalia
Douglas Remick
Elizabeth Stevenson
Robyn Stillings
Justin Woodbrey
Kyle Woodbrey

8th Grade High Honors

1st Quarter
Keegan Brown
Julia Comeau
Bryan Connor
Katie Eastman
Amanda Hammett
John Shively

8th Grade Honors

1st Quarter
Ian Acker
Alyse Bartholomew
Brittany Cogswell
Travis Cook
Jennifer Curtis
Skylar Duncanson
Amanda Evans
Harmony Fontes
Taylor Fey
Kayleigh Flynn
Nicole Gagne
Cameron Gosney
Roman Gosney
Grace Keilt-Freyre
Hannah Kelley
Troy Knight
Elliot LaMarre
Jacob Markowski
Molly Niziol
Kameron Purinton
Rebecca Randall
Justin Robinson
Kainani Stevens
Hannah Whitcher
James Wiley
Emjay Williams
Stephen Wisutskie

Kees vanHaasteren
Danielle Walton
Eric Wisutskie
Chad Zawistowski

2nd Quarter

Cassie Ashton
Bridget Byrne
Sarah Crockett
Alison Gagnon
Alexandra Gordan
Danielle Holman
Amy McIntire
Elizabeth Stevenson
Robyn Stillings
Kyle Woodbrey

2nd Quarter

Amy Cobb
Kurt Crockett
Sarah Crockett
Ashley Daggett
Travis Guerrette
Julia Hartig
Ian Levinsky
Nicole Lloy
Lucas McNally
Brittany Michaud
Taylor Parker
Douglas Remick
Jessica Stevens
Justin Woodbrey

2nd Quarter

Julia Comeau
Bryan Connor
Skylar Duncanson
Nicole Gagne

2nd Quarter

Ian Acker
Alyse Bartholomew
Keegan Brown
Travis Cook
Jennifer Curtis
Andrea Douglass
Amanda Evans
Katie Eastman
Taylor Fey
Kayleigh Flynn
Kyle Gagnon
Cameron Gosney
Roman Gosney
Hannah Kelley
Troy Knight
Elliot LaMarre
Jacob Markowski
Ben Myhaver
Molly Niziol
Kameron Purinton
Rebecca Randall
Justin Robinson
Laken Perry
Erika Richardson
John Shively
Kainani Stevens
Travis Stevenson
Dan Tracy
James Wiley
Stefan Winslow
Stephen Wisutskie

Raymond Extended Day News

The R.E.D. Program is very happy to announce that Lynn Nadeau is the new Assistant Director. Lynn has been with the program for 2 years and has a valued interest in the program. Lynn has stepped right into this role and is doing a great job.

As Summer R.E.D. approaches, we are currently looking

to fill some positions. The R.E.D. program is seeking qualified staff members for their upcoming summer program. All candidates must be at least 18 yrs of age and have an interest in working with children. Experience is a plus. We are also hiring a bus driver for our summer program. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Kristi Curtis at 655-3203.

RES Honor Roll Update

Principal Norma Richard would like to congratulate Weston Masi, grade 4, for earning honor roll grades for both 1st and 2nd quarter. Weston's name was inadvertently left off the honor roll last month.

Did You Know?

By Abby Brockelbank

Editor's Note: This month's student writer, Abby Brockelbank, is a fifth grader at Jordon-Small Middle School. Abby is an avid reader and has enjoyed writing stories since first grade. Other special interests include cartooning, skiing, and playing soccer. A drama enthusiast as well, Abby is a member of the cast of Annie Jr., to be presented on April 11th and 12th at the middle school.

When I first saw E.R. Clough's store, I thought it was just a regular house with a porch and a black sign, with these words written in white, "E.R. Clough." I bet you have seen it on Route 85, across the street from the Town Hall. But that is just the outside; wait until I tell you about the inside.



Fifth grade writer Abby Brockelbank stands with owner/operator Faith Vance on the porch of E.R. Clough, a country store that has been in Raymond for over 100 years. Read more in "Did You Know?"

When I walked through the old wooden doors, it was like I had just stepped through a time tunnel, a zap from the past. Inside there are food, candy, some shirts, and trinkets galore. If you look carefully, you will see that the top shelf behind the counter is filled with old food tins and cigar boxes. Then, behind the counter there is a humongous icebox the size of a small room. An old Pepsi sign hangs from the ceiling, and the ice cream is stored in an old fashioned freezer. Plus there is a large old lantern hanging from the ceiling. I bet you won't find that at Hannaford!

Henry J. Lane and his brother Orin B. Lane established the store in 1871. After Henry Lane died, it was sold to the Persis family. Everett and Alva Clough bought the store from them. Faith Vance inherited the store from her aunt, Alva Clough, in 1986 and reopened it in 1987.

The current owner, Faith Vance, greeted me inside the store, and we chatted over the counter. I asked Faith the following questions:

What is so special about Clough's?
It opened in 1871.

What do you like about owning Clough's?
Getting to meet and see the people downtown.

Has Clough's changed much?
Yes, they used to sell dry goods, gasoline, grain, horse collars and shoes.

(For those of you who haven't been to Clough's, they have money glued to the counter.)

Why?

For aggravation!

Have any people tried to pick the money up?
Many people do it all the time.

How long have you lived in Raymond?
All my life.

How has Raymond changed?
It's gotten bigger . . . more houses.

What do you like about living in Raymond?
It's my home.

If you were asked to put something in a time capsule for

the bicentennial, what would you put in there?
A picture to show how much things have changed.

Boy, have things changed! Did you know that when Faith was growing up, the Town Hall used to be a two-room K-8 school, and that was before the addition was put on? Now we have two schools for K-8.

Do you remember the money that is glued to the counter? Well, here's a question: How much money is glued to the counter? Answer: \$.41 - one quarter, one dime, one nickel and a penny.

E.R. Clough is a great store, and it makes me feel as if I really am in the 19th century. I wonder if, in another hundred years, E.R. Clough's will still be standing, and if the forty-one cents will still be glued to the counter!

Troop 800 Report

By: Elijah Hughes, Troop Scribe

Last month we elected a new Order of the Arrow member from our troop. The Order of the Arrow or OA is a program that measures a scout's ability to live by the scout oath. (The scout oath is an oath taken by every scout.) The OA honors those who follow the oath very well. Also that meeting we held a knot relay. We carved and painted our Patrol staves. (A staff is a long wooden pole.) We also continued carving our totem pole. We designed chairs, archways, etc. out of long poles and rope.

We are still raising money for Gettysburg, and we are now selling scented candles. There are 12 scents. They are:

Blackberry Bramble, French Vanilla Cream, Homemade Strawberry Jam, Honey-Do, Lilac Bouquet (my favorite), Maine Blueberry, Macintosh, Pear berry Compote, Simmering Cinnamon, Sun-Kissed Raspberry, The Maine Woods, and Winter's Over. A reenactor of Joshua Chamberlain came on the 18th. He helped to prepare us for Gettysburg.

We crossed over the Pack 800 2nd year Webelos to Troop 800. Although there were few of them, we had an extensive ceremony.

Questions about fundraising, call Mr. Tom Wiley @ 655-2048.

Raymond Resident Hosts A Fundraiser For Camp Sunshine

By: Chris Sutton

I would like to invite community members to participate in a special fundraising event for Camp Sunshine, which is a retreat for critically ill children and their families. The camp is the only one in the nation to address the impact of a critical illness on every member of the immediate family. Families are given the chance to have fun together and to meet other families facing similar challenges.

As a co-owner of the Sentimental Playground, I am hosting the fourth annual Scrap-a-thon for Camp Sunshine on April 26, 2003. Participants will raise money for Camp Sunshine while they create keepsake albums to preserve their photographs and record their family stories. We will be offering a free "Getting Started" workshop, and we invite scrap bookers of all experience levels to join us.

The past Scrap-a-thons have been a huge success. With the help of many scrap bookers and many generous donors, The Sentimental Playground has been able to raise over \$12,000 for Camp Sunshine, which is enough to send five families to Camp

Sunshine for a week. Janet and Jeff Spiller explain the impact that Camp Sunshine had on their family and express their gratitude: "We no longer felt alone and scared but loved and supported by so many wonderful people. It is by the gracious generosity of people like you that families like mine have the opportunity to put it all in perspective."

If you would like to participate in the event or you'd like to make a donation, then please contact Chris Sutton at The Sentimental Playground, 19 Carriage Hill Road, Raymond, ME 04071 (phone 655-7109; e-mail: info@sentimentalplayground.com)

Don't Miss the Event!

*Raymond Conservation Commission
invites you to attend the...*

Raymond Watershed Forum

Tuesday, April 29th
6:30 - 9:00pm

at
the new Raymond Public Safety Building
1443 Roosevelt Trail, Raymond, Maine

Watershed Forum Agenda:

- 6:30 - 7:00 Hors d'oeuvres
- 7:00 - 7:35 Presentations on water quality projects by:
Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District
Raymond Waterways Protection Association
Milfoil Committee
- 7:35 - 8:45 Facilitated Discussion
- 8:45 - 9:00 Action Planning & Wrap Up

Forum goal: Generate public interest and support for long-term, sustainable, protection of water quality in Raymond's lakes and ponds.

Forum Invitees:

Raymond and Casco Municipal Boards and Committees
Local Lake Associations
Camp Road Associations
Watershed Residents

For more information call John Rand @ 655-4277 or Elizabeth Algeo @ 655-6965



Eight hockey players from JSMS participated on middle school teams from Poland and Gray during this year's hockey season.

Pictured are: Erik Wisutskie, Steve Wisutskie, Roman and Cameron Gosney, Jake Trickey, Logan Martyn-Fisher, Brett Coggan and Ian Acker. Congratulations to all.