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Raymond School Department Budget Development Process Awaits EPS Funding Model

Allocation

By: Sandra S. Caldwell, Superintendent, Raymond School District

The Raymond School Department's FY06 budget process will be guided by the Department of Education's Essential Programs and Services Model. The goal of this model is to insure that all schools have the programs, personnel, services and other resources that are essential for all students to achieve Maine's Learning Results. Essential Programs and Services

Legislation was passed in 2003 with an implementation date of Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

The definitions provided by EPS have the overall goal of providing greater equity and adequacy in the funding of K-12 education. This model represents years of research by an EPS Task Force that collected and analyzed information from high-performing schools that were considered cost-effective. The EPS model has a five-year phase in schedule, with the FY06 target being 84%. The Per Pupil Guarantee for local school units will be replaced with the EPS funding model which defines the programs, personnel and other resources that will create a K-8 EPS rate that will be unique to Raymond. The following data has been provided to the Department of Education to assist in calculating the funding level:

Staff data for 2004-05 that includes years of experience and individual education levels.

Expenditure data for 2003-04 from end-of-year financial reports including

regular education, special education, and transportation.

April 1st and October 1st student counts that identify economically disadvantaged student counts based on free and reduced lunch percentages.

The School Department is preparing its FY06 budget while simultaneously awaiting the amount of state subsidy that will be allocated to Raymond with the EPS Model.

The priorities represented in the budget that is being developed include the on-going support of literacy and mathematics initiatives and technology initiatives, as well as support for long range facilities and maintenance planning. Initiatives supported in this year's budget that will be continued through the FY06 Budget include but are not limited to the following:

K-4 literacy consulting teacher model that provides support to classroom teachers for struggling readers.

Adoption of a K-8 standards-based mathematics program following the

piloting of programs by all classroom teachers this year.

Professional Development that supports professional staff with the implementation of standards-based mathematics.

Advanced training and support for all K-8 staff with the second year of Power School implementation.

Professional Development to support reporting of student progress that is closely aligned with Maine Learning Results and Raymond's Local Assessment System.

The Raymond School Department has greatly appreciated the proactive partnership with the Budget Finance Committee and the One-Raymond initiative. Opportunities for public input are welcomed and encouraged as we work together to provide a high quality education to all Raymond students while being sensitive to our taxpayers. Watch for dates and times of upcoming budget meetings and forums and please plan to participate.

Road Runner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by January 20th. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

E-Mail; Diskette; Paper; CDROM

Articles should be submitted in RTF and pictures in JPEG format. E-mail articles and pictures to:

kevin.woodbrey@raymondmaine.org

or drop them off at the Town Office or at one of the school offices.

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Raymond Rejects Subdivision Moratorium

By: John Balentine, Staff Writer, Lakes Region Suburban News
Article reprinted courtesy Lakes Region Suburban Weekly

Raymond residents on Tuesday rejected a proposed moratorium that would have halted the development of subdivisions in town.

Residents, who drove through snow and freezing rain to the meeting, voted 75 to 69 against the proposed six-month moratorium, the only item on the special town meeting agenda.

Backers of the moratorium were

disappointed with the verdict, and blamed Tuesday's weather for the defeat.

"If you asked me a week ago whether we'd win tonight, I'd have said yes," said Deborah Baker. "But I think the weather tonight really hurt us. A lot of the people who were planning to come tonight didn't because they thought it was going to be cancelled."

The foul weather had no impact on the meeting because, as moderator Joseph Bruno informed voters during a break, state statute mandates that special town meetings cannot be cancelled on account of weather.

Those fighting the moratorium, including developers whose multi-million dollar projects would have been delayed, were satisfied with the outcome.

"I'm ecstatic," said Peter Busque, who is planning to build a 109-lot subdivision on Route 85 and has already laid 1,200 feet of water pipe. "Really, I couldn't be more happy. I think we're going to go celebrate."

Busque, along with Chase Custom Homes of Windham, are two of the major developers that the subdivision moratorium would have impacted. Chase

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Senator G. William "Bill" Diamond to Chair Legislature's Criminal Justice Committee - Also Named To Transportation Committee

AUGUSTA-Senate President Beth Edmonds recently named Senator Bill Diamond (D-Cumberland County) as the Senate Chair of the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The President also named Senator Diamond to the "second" Senate seat on the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

"Senator Diamond has an extensive record of public service - both in the Maine Legislature and as Secretary of State. His experience makes him a natural to lead two of the legislature's most powerful committees. He doesn't have to learn the ropes of chairing a committee or what the issues are. I have every confidence that these two committees will be off and running quickly. Senator Diamond's background makes him prepared to jumpstart the process of reviewing the many bills that will come before both of the committees this

session," said President Edmonds.

Said Senator Diamond, "I am really pleased that Senate President Edmonds has placed her trust in me and asked me to serve on these committees. There are many issues that will come before us this session and the decisions made will impact the Maine economy in a serious way. Everything is intertwined. I look forward to working with the other members of the committee to ensure that the public's best interest is always at the forefront of any decisions made - that's the bottom line"

The Criminal Justice Committee has jurisdiction over criminal law, law enforcement, the Department of Public Safety the Criminal Justice Academy, victims' rights, the corrections system, intensive supervision, probation and parole, county jails, adult and juvenile corrections, community corrections, the Criminal Justice Commission, the

Criminal Law Advisory Commission, the Department of Corrections, OUI, fire safety and arson, firearms, private investigators, and security guards.

The Transportation Committee watches over laws directing the operations of the Department of Transportation, the Maine Turnpike Authority, the Highway Fund, transportation policy, aeronautics, highway and bridge construction and maintenance, highway safety, waterways, railroads, and motor vehicles.

"The Route 302 corridor is vital to the Maine economy - especially in Southern and Western Maine," said Senator Diamond. "A focus on ways to ensure that we are utilizing this corridor to the fullest extent will be a priority."

Citizens wishing to discuss concerns with these, or any other, issues should not hesitate to contact Senator Diamond at the State House at 1-800- 423-6900 or 287-1515.

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Online services now include:

- Automobile registration
- Hunting and fishing licenses
- Assessment information
- Property & other maps



Raymond Village Library News

Schedule

The library will be closed Monday, January 17, in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We would like to remind all patrons that if school is delayed or cancelled, there is no storytime; however, the library may be open. Be sure to call ahead, especially during the winter months.

Book Group

January is Reader's Choice month – so we look forward to hearing about favorite books read during the past year. Everyone is invited to come and share and hear about the new books others have enjoyed. There will also be a discussion concerning the books chosen for the next 5 or 6 months. Be sure to attend and have some input into this decision. January's meeting is Wednesday, January 26, at 7pm at the library.

Addition to the Library Collection

We thank the Hawthorne Association which has donated the Nathaniel Hawthorne audio collection to the library. These five unabridged compact discs feature "Twenty Days with Julian and Little Bunny," plus other selected stories.

Donations

Now that the holidays are behind us, and we need to make room for the new books and other media received as gifts, please remember that your library can use your gently used books, audio books, videos and DVDs. You don't have to wait until spring; whenever you have some used media to give away, please remember your library.

Library hours are Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, 10am to 7pm.

Thank you

The Annual Bake Sale was a wonderful success. Many thanks to those who participated, either by donating the fabulous food which was so festively packaged and displayed, or by all the wonderful people who purchased and enjoyed the yummy food.

We especially wish to thank those dedicated persons who helped by spending part of their Sunday working at the Bake Sale.



Library Survey Helps Prioritize Services

The Raymond Village Library's Planning Committee thanks the 101 survey respondents for their feedback about current services and programming. Along with doing community data research, contacting other organizations for input and holding a focus group, the survey results have helped the Committee determine two primary goals for library services.

The first service priority is maintaining Current Topics and Titles: making sure the collection is up to date with patron wants and needs. The second service focus is on Lifelong Learning: helping to address the desire for personal growth and development. Lifelong Learning services offer a range of programs for all ages, children to senior citizens, and are based on public interest. Continued partnerships with organizations and schools, as well as providing community resource information, remain as important goals.

Space and funding considerations are crucial in the planning process. With these factors in mind, the Planning Committee will be working on specific service goals over the next few months and welcomes continued community input. Please stop by, call, or e-mail the library with your suggestions or comments.

Library Raises 60% of Operating Budget

The Annual Library Appeal is now under way, and every contribution helps to achieve this year's goal of \$15,000. Other annual fundraisers, including book sales, a plant sale, a murder mystery dinner and holiday bake sale, are coordinated by volunteers and bring in approximately \$8,000. The town's contribution for this year is \$23,400. Even with all this fundraising, some grant funding and generous community contributions, the library has been operating at a deficit of several thousand dollars per year for the past few years.

Of the library's \$55,000 budget, \$41,600 is budgeted for collection development and staff expenses,

which actually falls a bit short of complying with Maine's standards for public libraries. This leaves a necessary \$13,840 to pay for fixed costs such as utilities, supplies and maintenance. The recent survey results indicate high satisfaction with the staff and service and general satisfaction with current hours. With rising costs and the community growing, more demands will be placed on the library in the coming years, so reliable funding will be necessary to avoid cutting back on hours and books.

Thank you for your continued support through donations of time, books, audios, videos, attending our fundraisers and helping us reach our Annual Appeal goal.

January 2005

Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FB =Fire Barn JS =Jordan-Small KC =Kokatosi Campgnd PS =Public Safety Bldg. RE =Raymond Elementary	SG =Sheri Gagnon TG =Town Garage RT85 TH =Town Hall VL =Village Library VC =Village Church VT =Village Tennis MB =Modular at JSMS					1 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY
2	3 10:00AM VL Babytime	4 JSMS Basketball B-Team 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	5 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 7:00PM JS School Board	6 JSMS Basketball A-Team 6:30PM KC Lions Club Meeting	7	8
9	10 10:00AM VL Babytime JSMS Basketball A-Team 7:00PM TH Selectmen/Budget Committee Meeting	11 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting JSMS Basketball B-Team 6:30PM RE PTA Meeting	12 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 11:30 JS Early Release Day	13 7:00PM TH Selectmen/Budget Committee Meeting	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Day NO SCHOOL 10:00AM VL Babytime	18 3:00PM TH Planning Board Deadline for February 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	19 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime JSMS Basketball B-Team 7:00PM JS School Board	20 Road Runner Deadline for February 6:30PM KC Lions Club Meeting	21 9:00AM VL Library Board Meeting JSMS Basketball B-Team	22 1:00-3:00PM TG Rabies Clinic
23	24 10:00AM VL Babytime	25 JSMS Basketball B-Team 6:30PM VC Troop 800 Meeting	26 10:00AM VL Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 7:00PM TH Conservation Commission	27 JSMS Basketball A-Team	28	29 12:00PM TH Zoning Board of Appeals Deadline for January
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Municipal News Brief

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen took the following actions in December 2004.

- Conducted a Special Town Meeting on December 7, 2004, to allow the voters to consider the enactment of a possible moratorium on processing applications for new subdivisions. The ordinance considered failed to pass on a written ballot vote of 69 in favor, 75 opposed.
- Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee interviews and selection of three citizen representatives. After considering applications from eight interested citizens, the Selectmen appointed John Rand, Wayne Holmquist and Jim Stephenson to this new committee, with Marcia Corradini to serve as an alternate member. A staffing support proposal for the committee was tabled until after the organizational meeting is held
- Consideration of Planning Board representatives to the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee - Patrick Clark and Robert O'Neil. The Selectmen voted to appoint the two candidates recommended by the Planning Board.
- Open Space Discussion – John Rand, Conservation Commission. Mr. Rand presented an action matrix developed by the members of the Conservation Commission to help begin the process of gathering information to support strategies to achieve the Open Space preservation goals outlined in the new Comprehensive Plan. The Selectmen approved authorizing the sum of \$3000 from the Comprehensive Plan Implementation account to pay for professional planning and related assistance. The initial goal will be to complete the work necessary to draft "Phase One" of a local Open Space Plan for Annual Town Meeting consideration in May 2005.
- Consideration of Road Names – Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer. Bab's Way (Fire Lane 108BB) renamed Moonlight Drive; new road off Gore Road named Autumn Lane; new road off Raymond Hill Road named Mamaw's Grove; and new road off Meadow Road (Rt. 121) named Hemlock Lane.
- Approved Quit Claim deed – Map 15, Lot 88 – Clarice E. Smith.
- Met in Executive Session to conduct annual Town Manager Performance Review. The Selectmen extended the Town Manager's contract by one year at a salary increase to be at the Consumer Price Index (CPI) annual adjustment level. The CPI index will be established as a part of the 2005-06 budget process. An adjustment will also be made in vehicle stipend to reflect current cost of fuel.
- Authorized Payroll and Treasurer's Warrants for December 7th and 21st

Raymond Fire/Rescue HOT SPOT

"KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE THROUGH EDUCATION"

As you get ready for the New Year, take time to reflect on what you can do to keep you and your family safe. This is the time of year when we gear up for the cold months and activities that go along with it. Though it appears that the snow will be here to stay soon, it is still too early to be sure about the ice. Many of the smaller lakes and ponds have a layer of ice formed. The thickness of the ice is still very thin and not safe for skating, fishing, snowmobiles or four wheelers. Here are a few points to remember and consider about the ice.

- Ice on moving water in rivers, streams and brooks is **never** safe
- The thickness of ice on ponds and lakes depends upon water currents, springs, water depth and natural objects such as tree stumps or rocks
- Daily changes in temperature cause the ice to expand and contract which can affect its strength.
- Because of these factors no one can declare any ice to be absolutely **"SAFE"**

What do you do if someone falls through the ice?

- Act quickly
- Call 911** for help immediately
- Make sure properly trained and equipped rescue personnel are alerted to respond
- DO NOT** go out onto the ice. Many times would-be rescuers become victims themselves
- Reach, Throw or Row**
- Extend a branch, pole or ladder to the victim

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- Throw them a buoyant object such as a life ring or float tied to a rope
- If a boat is nearby row out to the victim or push it toward them

Here are a few personal safety tips:

- Waterlogged clothing makes it difficult to keep your head above the surface of the water*
 - Always wear a personal floatation device (PFD) during all water activities regardless of water temperature or season**
- Dress Properly*
 - Clothing made from man-made fibers does not protect the wearer for long periods of time when wet*
 - Wool insulates better against the effects of hypothermia when dry or wet*
- Keep your head covered*
 - 50% of body heat is lost through the head!*

Along with the ice on the lakes, we also get ice on our roads. Remember that bridges freeze first. Give yourself extra time to get where you are going. If you don't need to be on the roads during messy road conditions, please don't. Please keep all driveways, sidewalks and doors clear of snow and ice. This is for your safety as well as ours. Until next month...work safe, play safe, **STAY SAFE!!!**

Please send any requests or comments to josh.stevens@raymondmaine.org

Raymond Fire Rescue Log

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TYPE OF CALL
11/28/2004	1231	M/A CASCO	SMOKE IN BUILDING
11/28/2004	1239	CROCKETT RD	UNPERMITTED FIRE
11/28/2004	1551	EGYPT RD	LIMBS ON WIRES
11/28/2004	1847	HOMESTEAD LANE	UNRESPONSIVE
11/29/2004	1200	NO. RAYMOND RD	ABDOMINAL PAIN
11/29/2004	1232	WEBBS MILLS RD	FIRE ALARM
12/1/2004	1440	NO. RAYMOND RD	MEDICAL EMER.
12/1/2004	1454	NO. RAYMOND RD	MEDICAL EMER.
12/2/2004	750	ROOSEVELT TRL.	HAND INJURY
12/2/2004	2209	CRANBERRY PD RD	AIR WAY PROBLEM
12/3/2004	331	M/A CASCO	STRUCTURE FIRE
12/3/2004	716	WEBBS MILLS RD	VEHICLE CRASH
12/3/2004	943	GORE RD	GEN. WEAKNESS
12/4/2004	146	ROOSEVELT TRL.	POSS. ANKLE FX.
12/6/2004	955	BOULDER RD	CHEST PAIN
12/7/2004	830	NEW GLOUCESTER	STAND-BY
12/8/2004	939	WITH HELD	DIFF. BREATHING
12/8/2004	1343	WEBBS MILLS RD	DISLCTED SHOULDER
12/8/2004	1437	MEADOW RD	UNPERMITTED FIRE
12/9/2004	225	SIBLEY RD	CHEST PAIN
12/12/2004	1052	ROOSEVELT TRL.	CARDIAC CALL
12/12/2004	1152	CROCKETT RD	WARMING FIRE
12/15/2004	844	MEADOW RD	VEHICLE CRASH
12/15/2004	1154	M/A GRAY	STRUCTURE FIRE
12/16/2004	1516	NO. RAYMOND RD	MEDICAL EMER.
12/17/2004	1051	TOWER RD	UNKN. MEDICAL
12/19/2004	1345	MEADOW RD	UNKN. MEDICAL
12/20/2004	214	NOTCHED POND RD	VEHICLE CRASH
12/20/2004	519	NOTCHED POND RD	INJURY FROM FALL
12/20/2004	1531	WEBBS MILLS RD	VEHICLE CRASH
12/21/2004	2033	AUTO AID GRAY	POSS. FX. LEG
12/22/2004	206	M/A CASCO	STATION COVERAGE
12/22/2004	944	AUTO AID GRAY	INJURY FROM FALL
12/22/2004	1441	ROOSEVELT TRL.	DIFF. BREATHING
12/23/2004	1512	MURRAY DR	FIRE ALARM
12/23/2004	1915	BROWN RD	LIMB ON WIRES
12/23/2004	2122	MURCH LANDING RD	ELECTRICAL FIRE
12/24/2004	36	ROOSEVELT TRL.	UNPERMITTED FIRE
12/24/2004	432	GORE RD	GEN. ILLNESS
12/24/2004	908	M/A WINDHAM	KNEE INJURY
12/24/2004	944	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM
12/24/2004	2316	M/A CASCO	STATION COVERAGE
12/26/2004	1214	OLD COUNTY RD	CARDIAC CALL
12/27/2004	1011	ROOSEVELT TRL.	GEN. ILLNESS
12/27/2004	1112	BOULDER RD	GEN. ILLNESS
12/28/2004	1038	MASS AVE	ELECTRICAL FIRE
12/28/2004	1457	SPILLER HILL RD	VEHICLE CRASH
12/30/2004	616	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM
12/30/2004	1729	M/A WINDHAM	DOG BITE
12/31/2004	251	CRANBERRY PD RD	FEMALE IN LABOR
12/31/2004	832	MAIN ST.	INVESTIGATION
12/31/2004	1336	RAYMOND HILL RD	UNATTENDED FIRE

Fire/Rescue Dispatch Asks Your Help

When you lose your dog or cat, you can call Dispatch for them to notify Don or Tim Alexander, our Animal Control Officers. When you lose your horse, llama, or cow, it's a bit more involved since they won't fit in an animal carrier. The place to call is Dispatch, but more information is necessary in order to rescue your livestock.

We are asking that you fill out a Livestock Location form for Dispatch's use. If you have already filled one out, please review it so that the information is current. The forms can be obtained at Dispatch, Public Safety Building, 1443 Roosevelt Trail; the Town Office; or on line at Raymond's website, www.raymondmaine.org.

These forms are most important in order to better identify the horse(s) running down the road or the llama visiting someone's backyard. It's for the safety of the animal and the person(s) who might hit it with their car.

Pine Tree Waste Winter Pickup Policy

- Pine Tree Waste trucks will run every storm unless the police declare a state of emergency.
- All private roads that are not plowed and/or sanded will not be serviced.
- Any private roads that fail to maintain a safe turn around will not get serviced.
- Any roads that are not passable will not be picked up that week.

Road Runner Subscription Available

For anyone who would like to have the *Road Runner* come to them by First Class mail, the Town Office would be happy to comply with a donation for postage of \$8. Please mail your remittance to the Town Office, Louise Lester, Town Clerk, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Maine 04071.

Because bulk rate mail will not be forwarded, this would be a way for any resident living away from Raymond or for those of you who have an address other than Raymond to get the *Road Runner* by mail.

Raymond Rejects Subdivision Moratorium

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is planning to build a 53-lot subdivision on Valley Road in a wooded area close to several existing homes. The development will more than double the amount of homes presently on the Valley Road.

Valley Road residents showed up at the meeting en masse but in the end didn't have the votes needed to enact a moratorium.

"I feel good about the comprehensive plan. I feel good about the Board of Selectmen," said moratorium proponent Glenn Steeves after the vote. "But what we should have had was a moratorium, because it would have given us time to draft new ordinances in line with the comprehensive plan. That's all we were asking for."

The 50 minutes of debate prior to the vote foreshadowed the narrow 75-69 vote. Many questioned the rapid rate of growth in town, while others warned against taking property rights away from longtime homeowners.

"They always say the best investment is land because it's the one thing you can cash in if you need to. To take someone's future away by limiting what they can do with their land just isn't right," said moratorium opponent Charlotte Jewell, the first to speak.

Wayne Holmquist, the last to speak, agreed with Jewell's earlier comments saying moratorium supporters were fundamentally wrong in attempting to take away people's right to sell their land, even for a temporary period of time.

"Land has long been the fundamental measure of

wealth," Holmquist said. "It's extremely wrong for a number of people who have already chosen a spot to live to say they will not now allow other landowners the right to sell their land. You can't legislate your neighbors out of the wealth they have built up over a lifetime. It's fundamentally wrong."

Proponents of the moratorium said the development of the Chase subdivision on Valley Road would pose significant public harm to the surrounding homeowners.

"I'm not against growth, but let's bring it down to something the town can handle," Steeves said. "There's only so much land. It will be developed sooner or later. But once it's used up, it's over. That's it folks."

Valley Road resident Deborah Baker, whose Uncle Theron Hamilton is set to sell an 83-acre parcel to Chase once the Planning Board approves the project, was opposed to the Chase subdivision. Baker argued that ambulance response times to the Valley Road neighborhood are typical about 18 minutes, and this could be a problem for elderly residents moving into the new subdivision.

"There are 44 elderly units to be placed at the bottom of that hill," Baker said. "Think about us and what is best for future residents. We should be planning for the safety of people no matter where they are ... Public harm does need to be considered."

With the moratorium's defeat, subdivision applications will continue through the usual review process with the Planning Board.

According to Selectmen Mike Reynolds, a comprehensive plan implementation committee is already being formed and will start meeting in January to begin

the process of incorporating the new comprehensive plan into existing town ordinances.



Ballot clerks at Tuesday's special town meeting in Raymond prepare to count ballots. Photo by John Balentine, reprinted courtesy of Lakes Region Suburban Weekly

"Becoming An Outdoors-Woman" Clinics Focus On Winter Skills, Snowmobile Certification

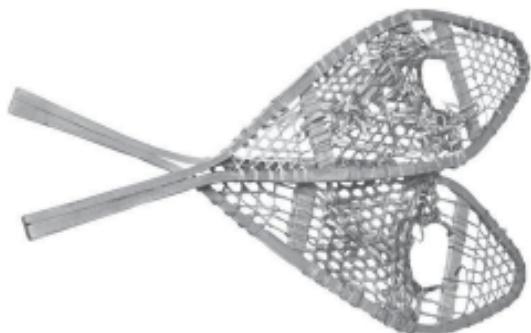
AUGUSTA, Maine — The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's (IFW) Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) program has scheduled the first two of many exciting outdoor programs for 2005. Our workshops are aimed primarily at women 18 years and older who are interested in learning brand new, or honing existing, outdoor skills.

For women that want to become more comfortable in Maine's cold weather woodlands, the Winter Skills Workshop will provide instruction and field practice in several wintertime essential skills. This 2-day workshop will be held at Southern Maine Guide Service in Parsonsfield from Saturday 9am January 15 to Sunday 3pm January 16. Activities will include using, selecting and maintaining snowshoes; building snow shelters; learning wilderness first aid; using map and compass; cooking over an open fire; and planning food and menus for and organizing winter trips. The \$150 fee includes instruction, meals and equipment.

A one-day Snowmobile Certification Workshop will be held in Holden on Saturday February 5, 9am to 3pm. The workshop is aimed at beginners and includes a MDIFW Snowmobile Safety Course Certification, plus hands-on snowmobile operation experience. Classroom time in the morning will cover proper operation and safety, laws, emergencies, basic map and compass, self-help first aid, and conservation/landowner ethics.

After lunch, participants will head out to a nearby course to practice their skills on snowmobiles. The workshop is co-sponsored by the Holden Snowmobile Club. The \$25 fee includes instruction and snacks.

For more information, contact Emily Jones at 287-8069, emily.jones@maine.gov or check out the Department web site at <http://www.maine.gov/ifw/>.



RAYMOND RABIES CLINIC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2005

1pm to 3pm at the Public Works Garage
Route 85 in East Raymond

Dr. Jim Stephenson and his staff from Jordan Bay Animal Hospital will be administering the vaccinations. The fee will be **\$10 cash** per dog or cat. They will give you a certificate of Rabies Vaccination, which will be your **only** record of vaccination. For more information, call the Town Office at 655-4742.

Lifetime Hunting & Fishing Licenses — a Gift to Last a Lifetime.

Lifetime hunting and fishing licenses are special licenses available for youngsters five years and under and senior citizens 65 years of age and older, according to Representative John C. Robinson of Raymond. This investment in a lifetime license will allow the holder to fish and/or hunt for their entire life at a reduced cost, regardless of any future change in residency. Furthermore, the revenues generated by the sale of these licenses will be deposited in a special trust fund that will provide long-term financial support for Maine's fish and wildlife.

"Now is a good time to buy your child or grandchild a lifetime license," said Representative Robinson. "They will never have to purchase another one for the rest of their life. That's a tremendous bargain." Under current law a lifetime license issued to a child under six will allow hunting from age 10 through 15. At that time the license holder will then complete a hunter education course and exchange the license for a new lifetime adult hunting license.

The cost for either a hunting, fishing or archery license for those five years of age and under is \$150. For a combination license to hunt and fish the cost is \$250. A fishing, hunting and archery combined license is \$400.

A junior resident license is also available for residents from 6 to 15 years of age. The fee for a junior

resident lifetime fishing or hunting license is \$300. A combination license for a junior resident to hunt and fish is \$500. The cost of the junior resident lifetime combination fishing, hunting and archery license is \$800.

Residents from 65 to 69 years of age may apply for a senior resident lifetime fishing or hunting license. The fee for the senior resident lifetime license is \$50 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 65 years of age, \$40 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 66 years of age, \$30 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 67 years of age, \$20 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 68 years of age and \$10 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 69 years of age. For a person 70 years of age or older, the cost is \$8 for each license. Combination lifetime licenses for fishing and hunting or fishing, hunting and archery are slightly more for each age.

Applications may be obtained through the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) Homepage, <http://www.maine.gov/ifw/>

For further information call the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at 287-8000.

Conservation Commission Launches Open Space Plan

Promoting the protection of undeveloped land (open space) has been a mission of the Raymond Conservation Commission since the late 1980s. The new Comprehensive Plan specifically directs the RCC to work with the Selectmen and the Town to prepare an Open Space Plan to preserve prime working forests, trails and recreational resources and natural areas. In response to these interests, on December 21 the Raymond Conservation Commission made a proposal to the Selectmen for completing an Open Space Plan (OSP), which was well received.

Our goal for this winter is to engage Raymond Residents to help develop the following basic elements of the OSP:

- Mapping the larger undeveloped land areas in town (open space resources).

- Identifying how these areas are used and how important they are to the Town.
- Identifying viable tools for protecting priority areas including funding alternatives.
- Communicating with land owners.

We will be holding workshops in February and March to get public input, in addition to our regular meetings which are open to the public and held in the Portable Classroom the last Wednesday of each month at 7pm.. Through this process and the good support of mapping and planning from the Town Office, our goal is to have a Phase 1 Open Space Plan available for Town Meeting in May 2005. Like our ordinances, we anticipate that modifications can and will be made to the OSP to keep it current with the times. For more information contact John Rand at 655-4277 or jbr@prexar.com.

Raymond Recycling In 2004

Kudos to all who participated in Raymond's curbside recycling program this past year. We've seen a slight increase in tonnage from the year before, and the program is running smoothly. We recycled approximately 176 tons through the curbside pick-up program. This represents over 2500 trees saved from paper production, over 100,000 gallons of water saved from pollution, and the energy equivalent of 260,000 kilowatt hours of electricity saved!

The benefits of recycling are amazing. For example, the energy saved from recycling an average-sized glass bottle will power a 60 watt light bulb for over six hours. The same bottle thrown away has no energy value, and becomes a liability as part of the toxic ash that results from burning trash.



Please remember to separate your recyclables in your bins, keeping each material in a separate bag (preferably paper bags). For a guide to recycling materials visit www.raymondmaine.org, then Recycling Committee, then Recycling Guidelines. The mixed paper category includes all sorts of food boxes and milk cartons, even junk mail (I knew there must be some use for that stuff). Just make sure there's no plastic (but envelope windows are OK), or corrugated cardboard, which can go to the drop-off bins.

Let's make a New Year's resolution to recycle as much as possible. With all recycling and composting options available, it is possible to recycle around fifty percent of our trash. This means that your trash can should feel just a little heavier than your recycling bin (due to the weight of the container). Achieving this goal is just a small contribution toward making the world a better place in 2005.

January Is National Mentoring Month

January 8th WGME 13 and Rotary Bottle Drive for Mentoring

Shaw's, WGME Channel 13 and the Windham Rotary are teaming up to help raise money for mentoring statewide. The Windham Shaw's is the collection site on January 8th, from 8:30am to 4pm (storm date, January 15th). Along with fundraising to help the Maine Mentoring Partnership support local programs, the goals of the drive are to build relationships with our partnering organizations and to raise awareness about mentoring during National Mentoring Month.

Mentors, we appreciate you!

Raymond Mentoring Partnership wants to thank all the mentors who have participated in our program since it started 3 1/2 years ago. Each of you has contributed to a

program average of 100 mentoring hours a month during the school year, and those hours make an incredible difference to our young people.

Thank you, Debra Martin!

Debra, our Program Facilitator at JSMS for the past 2 years, is stepping down from this position as of January. Her efforts in coordinating the Kids 2 Kids mentoring program helped to more than double program participants in its second year. She has played a major role in organizing the many events we have sponsored for the program and the school community.

We have a waiting list of students who would like to have a mentor, so please contact Lori Rand at our mentoring office, 655-8672 ext. 107, for more information about the Raymond Mentoring Partnership.

Other January Designations

January is also National Blood Donor Month, National Hobby Month, Hot Tea Month, National Oatmeal Month, and National Soup Month. The second week of January is "Letter Writing Week," and almost every single day is spoken for, including the 3rd (Sleep Day), the 7th (Old Rock Day), the 10th (Peculiar People Day), the 12th (National Pharmacist Day), the 13th (Blame Someone Else Day), the 14th (Dress Up Your Pet Day), the 19th

(Penguin Awareness Day), the 22nd (Celebration of Life Day), the 23rd (Pie Day), the 24th (School Nurse Day), the 25th (Opposite Day), the 26th (Spouse's Day), the 29th (National Puzzle Day), and the 30th (Escape Day).

From <http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/january.htm>

Raymond-Casco Historical Society: Question Corner

WHAT DON'T WE KNOW ABOUT SEBAGO AREA'S INDIANS?

by Alvin Hamblen Morrison, ethnohistorical anthropologist

Archaeologists have not yet found any Early-Contact Period Indian village sites in the Presumpscot valley, but it is hard to imagine how a place like "Agnagebcoc Towne" (described below) could be so well hidden as to show no trace at all yet. Ethnohistorians are in general agreement that it must be the Presumpscot River which is called the "Ashamahaga River" in an English list of Maine rivers titled "*The Description of the Countrey of Mawooshen*." This document dates from the first decade of the 1600s, and seems most likely to have resulted from debriefing five Indian men who were captured in 1605 from the Maine coast while peacefully visiting Captain George Waymouth, and taken to England. Ashamahaga River is said to "runneth into the Land two dayes journey: and on the East side there is one Towne called Agnagebcoc, wherein are seventie houses, and two hundred and fortie men, with two Sagamos, the one called Maurmet, the other Casherokenit." Even if this old description is grossly exaggerated, A-Towne still seems well worth seeking, as the likeliest former headquarters of Sebago-Presumpscot area's Native people.

SAND/SALT FOR RAYMOND RESIDENTS

Will be available beginning Monday, December 8th

Fire Lane 89 on the Plains Road at the Public Works shed

Monday – Friday from 7:30am to 3pm

ALL ENTRY WILL BE DENIED DURING ICE OR SNOW STORMS

Public entry into the sand/salt building is prohibited

There is a limit of 2 five-gallon buckets a load

NO COMMERCIAL USE IS ALLOWED

The Meaning of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

By Coretta Scott King

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday celebrates the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America. We commemorate as well the timeless values he taught us through his example -- the values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility and service that so radiantly defined Dr. King's character and empowered his leadership. On this holiday, we commemorate the universal, unconditional love, forgiveness and nonviolence that empowered his revolutionary spirit.

We commemorate Dr. King's inspiring words, because his voice and his vision filled a great void in our nation, and answered our collective longing to become a country that truly lived by its noblest principles. Yet, Dr. King knew that it wasn't enough just to talk the talk, that he had to walk the walk for his words to be credible. And so we commemorate on this holiday the man of action, who put his life on the line for freedom and justice every day, the man who braved threats and jail and beatings and who ultimately paid the highest price to make democracy a reality for all Americans.

The King Holiday honors the life and contributions of America's greatest champion of racial justice and equality, the leader who not only dreamed of a color-blind society, but who also led a movement that achieved historic reforms to help make it a reality.

On this day we commemorate Dr. King's great dream of a vibrant, multiracial nation united in justice, peace and reconciliation; a nation that has a place at the table for children of every race and room at the inn for every needy child. We are called on this holiday, not merely to honor, but to celebrate the values of equality, tolerance and interracial sister and brotherhood he so compellingly expressed in his great dream for America.

It is a day of interracial and intercultural cooperation and sharing. No other day of the year brings so many peoples from different cultural backgrounds together in such a vibrant spirit of brother and sisterhood. Whether you are African-American, Hispanic or Native American, whether you are Caucasian or Asian-American, you are part of the great dream Martin Luther King, Jr. had for

America. This is not a black holiday; it is a peoples' holiday. And it is the young people of all races and religions who hold the keys to the fulfillment of his dream.

We commemorate on this holiday the ecumenical leader and visionary who embraced the unity of all faiths in love and truth. And though we take patriotic pride that Dr. King was an American, on this holiday we must also commemorate the global leader who inspired nonviolent liberation movements around the world. Indeed, on this day, programs commemorating my husband's birthday are being observed in more than 100 nations.

The King Holiday celebrates Dr. King's global vision of the world house, a world whose people and nations had triumphed over poverty, racism, war and violence. The holiday celebrates his vision of ecumenical solidarity, his insistence that all faiths had something meaningful to contribute to building the beloved community.

The Holiday commemorates America's pre-eminent advocate of nonviolence --- the man who taught by his example that nonviolent action is the most powerful, revolutionary force for social change available to oppressed people in their struggles for liberation.

This holiday honors the courage of a man who endured harassment, threats and beatings, and even bombings. We commemorate the man who went to jail 29 times to achieve freedom for others, and who knew he would pay the ultimate price for his leadership, but kept on marching and protesting and organizing anyway.

Every King holiday has been a national "teach-in" on the values of nonviolence, including unconditional love, tolerance, forgiveness and reconciliation, which are so desperately-needed to unify America. It is a day of intensive education and training in Martin's philosophy and methods of nonviolent social change and conflict-reconciliation. The Holiday provides a unique opportunity to teach young people to fight evil, not people, to get in the habit of asking themselves, "what is the most loving way I can resolve this conflict?"

On the King holiday, young people learn about the power of unconditional love even for one's adversaries as a way to fight injustice and defuse violent disputes. It is a



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time to show them the power of forgiveness in the healing process at the interpersonal as well as international levels.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is not only for celebration and remembrance, education and tribute, but above all a day of service. All across America on the Holiday, his followers perform service in hospitals and shelters and prisons and wherever people need some help. It is a day of volunteering to feed the hungry, rehabilitate housing, tutoring those who can't read, mentoring at-risk youngsters, consoling the broken-hearted and a thousand other projects for building the beloved community of his dream.

Dr. King once said that we all have to decide whether we "will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness. Life's most persistent and nagging question, he said, is 'what are you doing for others?'" he would quote Mark 9:35, the scripture in which Jesus of Nazareth tells James and John "...whosoever will be great among you shall be your servant; and whosoever among you will be the first shall be the servant of all." And when Martin talked about the end of his mortal life in one of his last sermons, on February 4, 1968 in the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist Church, even then he lifted up the value of service as the hallmark of a full life. "I'd like somebody to mention on that day Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to give his life serving others," he said. "I want you to say on that day, that I did try in my life...to love and serve humanity."

We call you to commemorate this Holiday by making your personal commitment to serve humanity with the vibrant spirit of unconditional love that was his greatest strength, and which empowered all of the great victories of his leadership. And with our hearts open to this spirit of unconditional love, we can indeed achieve the Beloved Community of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream.

May we who follow Martin now pledge to serve humanity, promote his teachings and carry forward his legacy into the 21st Century.

Recycling At Raymond Elementary School

Ms. Bottoms and her 2nd Grade Class at RES demonstrated that they "Meet the Standards" in their study of recycling with a unique Christmas tree created by the children through recycled materials.



Sea The World At RES

Have you been in the Raymond Elementary School library recently to see the growing collection of fish and sea creatures added to the "SEA THE WORLD" display? The large number of items now on the blue wall mean that RES students are reading lots of books this year. Students, teachers and parents know that the more children read, or are read to, the better learners they will be in school. Mrs. Keef and Ms. Richard want to encourage all students (and adults) to set high reading goals for the coming year. We want to fill the wall and "SEA THE WORLD".

Raymond Elementary School Report

By: Norma Richard, Principal

For the past several years teachers at the Raymond Elementary School and the Jordan-Small Middle School have spent a tremendous amount of time and energy revising the K-8 curriculums. These revisions bring our curriculum and instruction in alignment with Maine's Learning Results. This work has also meant significant changes in both teaching and learning as we work to meet both State mandates, through Maine's Learning Results, and the federal mandates outlined in No Child Left Behind.

The new ways that we assess and report student learning provide greater detail to guide teachers in their instruction and to inform parents about student progress towards meeting the standards. At the 1st trimester conferences in December, in addition to the report card, each parent received a packet of materials that outlined progress to date in Mathematics, English/Language Arts, and in meeting the Guiding Principles (these are the attitudes and skills needed to be a successful learner). Parents also received information about their student's performance on common local assessments. These materials may seem overwhelming to many parents. Teachers have also struggled over the past several years to make sense of and to implement the volumes of State

and federal requirements. I want to thank parents for their continuing interest and involvement, for asking wonderful questions during parent-teacher conferences, and for providing some very important feedback about the assessments and current reporting forms. Please note that report cards and other methods of reporting student progress are still in revision as we implement Raymond's local assessment system.

The curriculum has changed at many grade levels as we completed the alignment of our science and social studies curriculums. This means that teachers have had to develop new units of study this year. First graders completed a study of rights and responsibilities this fall. The fourth grade trip to the Bryant Pond Conservation Camp was a great extension of their studies of biomes. The second grades recently completed a new unit on recycling. This unit was a great example of how learning integrates both content skills (identifying renewable resources) and attitudes (reusing and recycling as a way to conserve resources and save municipal funds). The children demonstrated their understanding of recycling by creating projects from recycled materials. The projects were outstanding and included a unique Christmas tree, created by Ms. Bottom's students with the assistance of Mr. Kelly, and now on display at the Raymond Village Library.

Sixth Grade Math Meet Victory

By: Jenna Martyn-Fisher

On Tuesday, November 9th the 5th and 6th graders went to a math meet in the Portland Expo. We were dismissed from class at 1pm and left the school shortly after. The 6th grade math team consisted of Drew Gagnon, Chris MacDonald, Kyle Hargreaves, Molly Cloutier, Bethio (Elizabeth) Shively and Pokey (Jenna) Martyn-Fisher. After lots of hard work they gave awards to the top five people. Drew G. and Kyle H. from our 6th grade team tied with 1st place. Then they announced the team winners. "First place is Jordan-Small Middle School," announced the judge. A roar of cheers went up from our table, and we rushed to the front of the room to receive the trophy. We exited the building, with the three girls holding on to it. After the meet we all went to Burger King for dinner. Then we settled down for the bus ride home, though it was rather hard to after all of the excitement.

The 5th grade team consisted of Lucy Algeo, Sarah Small, Patrick LaChance and Sam Brockelbank. They came in 12th place out of 24 other teams and also did a very nice job.

Congratulations to both teams on a great first math meet of the year!

On This Day In January...

- 1 Paul Revere was born. (1735)
- 3 Construction began on the Brooklyn Bridge. (1870)
- 6 Samuel Morse demonstrates the telegraph. (1838)
- 7 Astronomer Galileo Galilei discovers four of Jupiter's moons. (1610)
- 9 The United Nations opens its headquarters in New York City. (1951)
- 10 The world's first underground passenger railway system opens in London. (1863)
- 14 The USA ratifies a treaty with England ending the Revolutionary war. (1784)
- 15 The Pentagon opens. (1943)
- 16 Operation Desert Storm begins to oust Saddam Hussein's' Iraqi forces from Kuwait. (1991)
- 17 The U.S. Supreme court rules that taping on home VCRs does not violate copyright laws. (1984)
- 20 The Beatles release "Meet the Beatles," their first album to the U.S., sparking a new "English invasion." (1964)
- 20 At 69 years, 349 days old, Ronald Reagan becomes the oldest person to become U.S. president. (1981)
- 21 Edward Jenner introduces the smallpox vaccine, which eventually leads to wiping out this deadly disease.(1799)

- 21 The first Kiwanis Club is formed in Detroit. (1915)
- 22 A historic Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade, legalizes abortion. (1973)
- 23 The deadliest earthquake in history strikes Shansi, China, killing 830,000 people. (1556)
- 24 WWII Yalta Agreement signed by the U.S., England, and Russia. The agreement defined how Germany would be divided and administered after the war's end. (1945)
- 25 The first Winter Olympic Games begin in Chamonix, France. (1924)
- 25 The first Emmy awards were given out. (1949)
- 27 The Russians liberate Auschwitz in WWII. (1945)
- 27 Tragedy strikes the Apollo space program as a fire in the command module kills astronauts Lt. Col. Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Lt. Col. Edward H. White, and Lt. Cdr. Roger Chaffee. (1967)
- 28 U.S. space shuttle Challenger explodes 72 seconds after liftoff, killing the seven crew members. Among the crew was school teacher Christa McAuliffe. (1986)
- 29 Baseball's American League is founded. (1900)
- 30 Tet New Year offensive launched by Viet Cong guerillas in Vietnam. (1968)
- 31 Confederates appoint Robert E. Lee their Commander in Chief. (1861)

From <http://holidayinsights.com/history/history01.htm>

Pine Tree Math League Results

On November 16th the 6th, 7th and 8th grade math teams did a great job at the annual fall math meet. In the team competition the 6th graders finished 1st and the 8th graders finished 2nd. In the school wide competition, Jordan-Small Middle School finished first overall against 13 other teams.

In the individual 6th grade competition Drew Gagnon and Molly Cloutier tied for 2nd, and Beth Shively finished 3rd. In the 8th grade competition Zac VanBaars finished 3rd.

The 6th grade team members were: Drew Gagnon, Beth Shively, Kyle Hargreaves, Molly Cloutier, Lindsay Webber and Alex O'Neill. The 7th grade team members were: Mary Beth Wiley, James Plummer and Sam Hutchinson. The 8th grade team members were: Zac VanBaars, Andrew O'Neill, Evan Flynn, Kees VanHaasteren, Patrick Martin and Josiah Coyle.

The two plaques and the trophy will be on display in the office. Congratulations to all three teams on a very successful math meet!

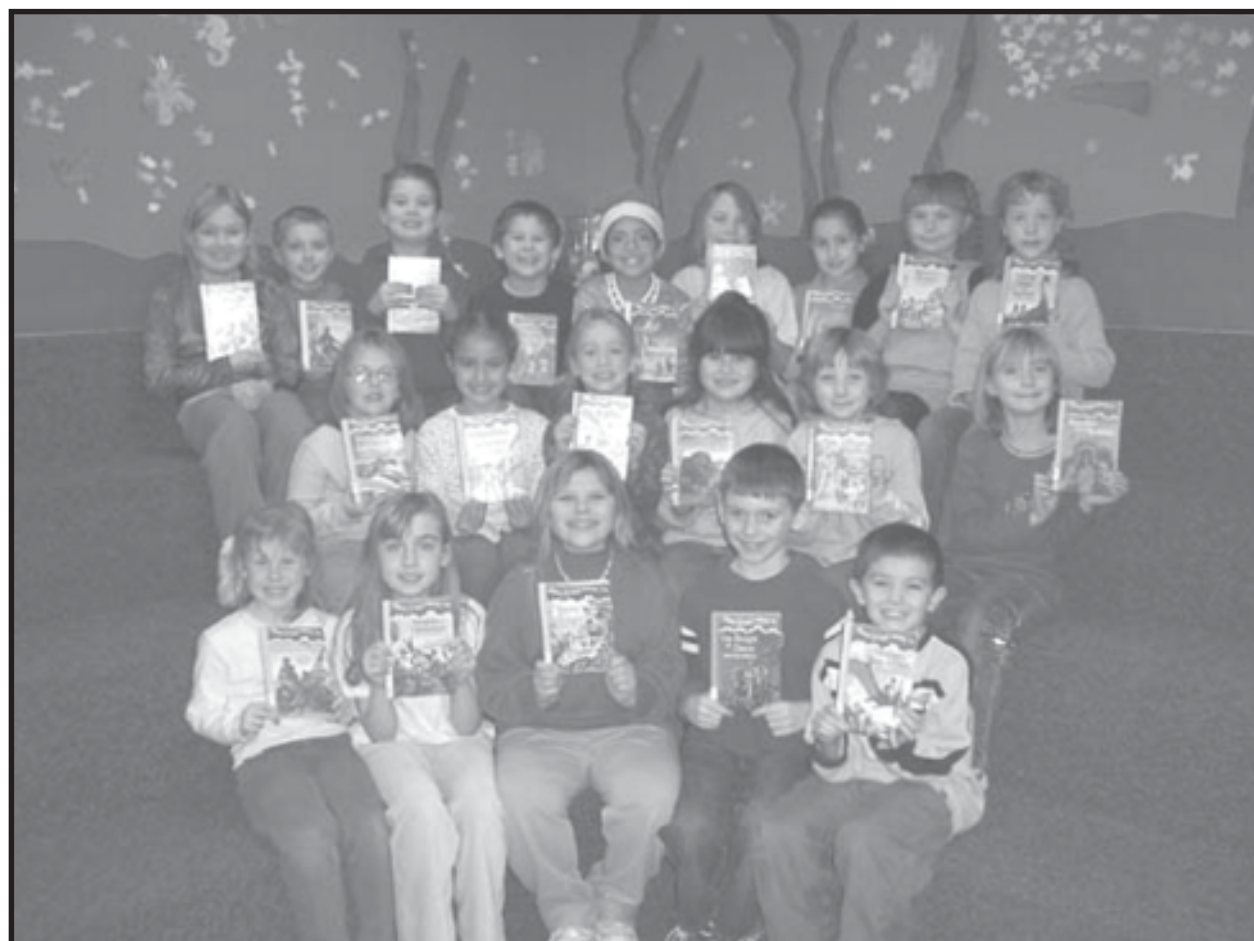
Raymond Elementary School Decked Out For The Holidays

If you have driven by the Raymond Elementary School during the holiday season, you most likely noticed the beautiful balsam wreath that graced the front entry. We would like to thank the Lloy family of Balsam Ridge Farm for donating the beautiful wreath to the school.

In Memory Of Vanessa Jordan

Ms. Norma Richard, Principal, would like to thank those who donated funds to the Raymond Elementary School in honor of Vanessa Jordan. These funds were used to purchase the Magic Tree House series in hard cover for the school library. Former teachers remember

Vanessa as a vibrant young girl who loved to read. The Magic Tree House books are favorites among the elementary children, and Vanessa will be remembered each time a student checks one out of the library.



Senator Bill Diamond

I am pleased and honored to have been elected to represent the Town of Raymond as your State Senator in Senate District 12. The other towns in our district include Windham, Casco, Standish, Frye Island and Hollis.

I feel a special connection to Raymond since I had the privilege to serve as the interim school superintendent in 1987-1988. During that time I had the opportunity to meet and work with a talented and devoted staff at the Jordan-Small School. I also met many wonderful citizens of the town and established acquaintances which have lasted to this day.

The time I spent working in the school system was also the year that the new addition to Jordan-Small School was being built. That was an exciting project, and I appreciated the opportunity to be a part of it. Since that time an entire new elementary school has been built, and I'm proud to say that the Raymond School System is known as one of the best in southern Maine.

Now I'm excited to work once again with the people of Raymond as your State Senator, which is a



responsibility I take very seriously. These are challenging times, especially with the urgent need to create long term property tax relief for our citizens.

As you know, the governor has presented his property tax reform bill which is currently being used as a beginning point in creating true property tax reform. There have been many plans and ideas presented during the past few weeks, all with the purpose of finding a meaningful tax reform package.

The full legislature is expected to get a final bill for consideration no later than January 14, 2005. We then will be positioned to pass final property tax reform legislation hopefully no later than January 20.

I encourage you to contact me or State Representative John Robinson if you have specific comments or questions regarding the tax reform legislation as it moves along through the legislative process. I look forward to working with Representative Robinson, and together we will do our best for all of the citizens of Raymond.

I can be reached at my Senate office: 1-800-423-6900 or 1-207-287-1540 or my home: 892-8941.

Calling All Hobbits, Elves, Dwarves, And Wizards

Windham Center Stage Theater (WCST) is holding auditions for its 30th Anniversary Children's Production of *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien on January 8th from 10am-2pm at the Windham Community Center on School Road in Windham. All children, grades 2-8, who audition will get a part in the show! Performances are in March, and rehearsals start immediately on January 9th. Snow date and time for auditions is January 9th from 1-5pm. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to be a part of the fun.

For more information visit our website www.windhamtheater.org, or call us at 893-2098. Hope to see you there!!

Harvest Hills Has Friends At Raymond Elementary School

Animals at the Harvest Hills Animal Shelter in Fryeburg will be a little happier during this holiday season due to the efforts of some very caring children at the Raymond Elementary School. Mrs. Parisi's 2nd grade



class coordinated the collection of food, toys, and cleaning products for the shelter. Another caring student, Riley McCourt, collected over \$23 on his own and purchased large bags of dog food, cat food, dog biscuits and cat treats for the shelter. All students who helped with this effort are to be commended for their great work.

Learn How To Tat Or Crochet - Free Lessons For Ages 12-18

Would you like to learn how to make lace? Tatting and crocheting are fun, inexpensive and very versatile. I am offering free lessons to anyone between the ages of 12 and 18. Once you acquire the basic skills, you will be able to create many beautiful items.

For more information or to schedule a lesson, contact Veronica Haskell at: 207-655-2406 or vhaskell@maine.rr.com

Pack 800 Pinewood Derby

The Raymond Cub Scout Pack 800 will be holding its annual Pinewood Derby race at 8:45am on Saturday, January 22, 2005, at the Jordan-Small Middle School gym. A pancake breakfast will be held at 7:30am prior to the start of the race. The public is welcome to join in the fun.

In case of inclement weather, the Derby will be held on Saturday, January 29.

Hebron Academy Names Fall Sports Award Winners

Hebron, ME (December 17, 2004) Hebron Academy held its *Fall Athletics Award Ceremony* on Wednesday, December 8th. Honors included Team MVP, Coach's Award (for special contributions to a team), and All-MAISAD Team (a league award given by the Maine

Association of Independent Schools Athletic Directors). Local winners included Katrina Draper of Raymond, Kelsey Jordan of Gray, Nina Planson of New Gloucester, and Steve Wisutski of Raymond.



Pictured left to right are: Front row: Kirk Turner - MVP, Mountain Biking; Drew Laurie - Coach's Award, Soccer; Greg Cox - MVP, All-MAISAD, and New England All-Star, Soccer; Megan Irving - MVP, Field Hockey; Stephanie Roy - MVP, Soccer; Taylor Sensecqua - Coach's Award, Field Hockey; Tiffany Bichrest - All-MAISAD, Field Hockey; Bill Hickey - All-MAISAD, Soccer.

Middle row: Ku Young Jeong - Coach's Award, JV Soccer; Katrina Draper - Coach's Award, Soccer; Franco Reda - MVP, JV Soccer; Austin Gabrielse - Coach's Award, Cross Country; Michael Turk - MVP, Cross Country; Allison Fernberg - All-MAISAD, Field Hockey; Eric Rousseau - Coach's Award and All-MAISAD, Soccer.

Back row: Rachael Cooper - Coach's Award, JV Soccer; Steve Wisutskie - Coach's Award, JV Soccer; Miriam Scarpino - MVP, JV Soccer; Jill MacIsaac - All-MAISAD, Soccer.

Not pictured: Nina Planson - Coach's Award and All-MAISAD, Soccer; Randall Gienko - Coach's Award and All-MAISAD, Golf; Kelsey Jordan - Coach's Award, JV Soccer.