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## Letters Of Appreciation From Lukeville Upper Elementary School

*Norma Richard, Principal, would like to thank all Raymond students, staff, parents, and community members who supported our friends in Louisiana over the holiday season. She would like to share with you the following letters from Ms. Cynthia and her staff.*

Dear Ms. Norma and Compassionate Souls of Maine,

As the holidays approach, our school reflects upon the gifts we have been given. We have been spared much heartache and pain from a devastating hurricane. We have embraced others who were less fortunate than us and in turn we received many blessings.

First, our community rallied behind those in need and gathered uniforms for those who were misplaced. Second, our school system, along with the community, provided new uniforms and supplies for those students in need. Finally, we have been adopted by Maine and given even more opportunity to enable those who have lost so much to feel as though they are now one with us.

Words cannot express the joy and love felt by those students who need it the most. Through the pictures you can get an idea, but it was truly felt by the heart. They were touch by the expression of love through this community and overwhelmed by the

love expressed from those so far away. Our teachers have also felt touched by the outpouring of compassion. It is nice to know others feel the overwhelming sense of urgency to reach all students, no matter the number within the classroom, and are willing to assist by sending products for rest, relaxation and pampering.

Truly we have all been taught a lesson by the hurricane. Yes, there was destruction. Yes, there was sadness. Through it all people came to the needs of others. We feel blessed at having been a part of this expression and outpouring of love for mankind.

Thank you so much for everything. The support, love, care, and compassion will forever be a part of Lukeville Upper Elementary. Please accept our humble thanks and know you are not far from our prayers.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Thomas, Principal  
 Lukeville Upper Elementary

It's difficult to say, but the love sent with the packages was apparent to me. It touched my heart greatly and will forever be a positive example of how truly small our word is. The lives you have touched have been changed forever. *Ms. Budd*

How awesome for you to think of us during this challenging time! Your generosity is appreciated and it will never be forgotten. *Ann Klimpter*

We appreciate all your love and kindness. *Pam Letelier*

Your kindness and awesome example of giving from your heart has touched our hearts in a way we will never forget. We love you! *Ms. Alicia Todd*

Mere words cannot express the sentiments we feel because of the love shared with each of us during these times of devastation. Hope that joy will fill your hearts as you continue to spread the love and joy that's been show to us in Louisiana. *Ms. Cynthia*

## Principal's Report For February

By Norma Richard

I am so very proud of the work of students and staff as we work towards the midpoint of this school year. I am also very proud of the efforts of our parents and our community in supporting the learning efforts in the Raymond School District. A state review team, in their December 7 federal NCLB grant compliance visit, commended our schools for utilizing community resources to support our K – 8 students.

On a daily basis, I see the positive impact of the Volunteer Program and our many school volunteers, the Mentoring Program, the Raymond PTA, Raymond Recreation, SEARCH, and other community groups. Our partnership with St. Joseph's College continues to place education majors in Raymond classrooms for internships and student teaching, a benefit for our students and for these prospective teachers.

The recycling efforts at RES and JSMS continue to improve and increase. We recognize the importance of helping our students develop healthy attitudes, and reducing waste by improving recycling is an important lesson for all members of our community. Teachers Kathy Gillis and Dennis Woodruff continue to spearhead our efforts, assisted by many staff members and some very dedicated students, led by Riley McCourt. This fall we initiated a new

program for recycling milk cartons in the cafeteria, and I am amazed by the reduction in trash at RES with this one initiative. Thank you, Lisa Friedlander, for coordinating volunteers as we streamlined lunchtime recycling procedures.

I also want to recognize the efforts of our technology coordinator Dennis Dorey, Kevin Woodbrey, and the Raymond Technology Committee for providing access in technology and realizing a long-range technology plan for both the schools and

the community. Their work, and the work of all community volunteers, is always much appreciated.

**School Budget Public Forum**

Wednesday, February 15,  
6:30pm

Raymond Elementary School

## Children's Author Mary Morton Cowan Enlightens 4th Graders

Thanks to the PTA, the fourth grade at Raymond Elementary School was recently treated to a special guest speaker. Mrs. Cowan brought the subject matter to life when she donned her red and black plaid wool hat and jacket and shared some of her father's anecdotes with the students. They especially enjoyed the tale of the Sunday afternoon lice races.

Studies unit; however, in the past it has been from old black and white films. Mrs. Cowan brought the subject matter to life when she donned her red and black plaid wool hat and jacket and shared some of her father's anecdotes with the students. They especially enjoyed the tale of the Sunday afternoon lice races.



### Road Runner Articles

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by February 16th. 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: [roadrunner@raymondmaine.org](mailto:roadrunner@raymondmaine.org) or drop them off at the Town Office or at one of the school offices.

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 Look under Calendars & News

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

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## Raymond Village Library News

### At a Glance

Monday, February 20 – Library Closed for Presidents' Day

Wednesday, February 22 – Crafts for Kids at 2pm

Wednesday, February 22 – Book Group at 7pm

Wednesday, March 1 – Dr Seuss Night at 6:30pm.

### Library Closed

In celebration of Presidents' Day, the library will be closed on Monday, February 20.

### Crafts for Kids

The Annual February Vacation Week Craft will be held at the Raymond Village Library for school age students K-8 on Wednesday, February 22, at 2pm.

Please sign up early at the library to take part in the colorful string art project that will be taught by Sue Carr, as the number of participants is limited to 15.

The Raymond PTA has generously provided grant money for this Craft Day.

### Book Group

The reading group will meet at the library on Wednesday, February 22, at 7pm. Plays by Peter Shaffer will be discussed. Participants are encouraged to read one or more of the playwright's works. Among his most popular plays are *Amadeus*, *Equus* and *Lettice and Lovage*. Copies of these will be available by request at the library. We always welcome new members, so if you'd like to add some new reading and sharing to your winters days, please join us. For more information, call the library at 655-4283.

### Dr. Seuss Night

The wonderfully fun Dr. Seuss Night will be held at the Raymond Elementary School, March 1, 2006, beginning at 6:30pm. There will be a captivating reading of a Dr. Seuss story by Deb Keef and various activities set up for participants ages 3 through 93.

This year is expected to be better than ever with more stations to visit and more people working on all the fun activities. The Jordan-Small Middle School Senate will be adding their touch to the event to help make for a fun family evening.

## KIDS' NIGHT OUT

February 11, 2006  
5 – 9pm

Center Stage for Performing Arts

Main Street, Raymond

Girl Scout Troop 710  
Fundraiser

There will be games, movies, music,  
crafts, stories, and more

\$20 per child  
15% off for additional children

Pizza and juice included

Please call Julie Richards, 655-1103,  
for details and to register

## No Snow, No Worries!

It may be tough to believe, but the Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club is full of excitement.

First, the club has already purchased and is anxiously awaiting the delivery of a new Kawasaki Mule 3010. It represents the Rattlers' first piece of trail grooming equipment that is enclosed, heated and comes with a manufactured drag. The club is also having tracks included in the purchase to make this unit nearly unstoppable in deep snow. To mark this key event, the club is planning a breakfast outing in early March (no details yet) to gather as many members as possible for a picture with the new Kawasaki Mule.

Secondly, the Rattlers were excited to receive a call just after the New Year from the developer of Tarkiln Hills Estates, Mr. David Fossett of Windham. Mr. Fossett shared his plans for a warm-up building on 50 open acres and reconnecting old trails to the existing system as part of the Estate plans. It was enjoyable listening to all the conversations that took place about the old trails that formerly cut through the Tarkiln property.

So as you can see, even though this winter is becoming a snowmobiler's bad dream, the club continues to persevere and work to improve our local trails. This is a great group of Raymond residents who refuse to give in to the many roadblocks and who hold on to the memories of early Raymond snowmobile trails. Please help the Rattlers maintain our town's trails. Logon to [www.raymondattlers.org](http://www.raymondattlers.org) for activities and membership information.

Scott Schweitzer, Club Secretary

The 122nd Maine Legislative Session  
information can be viewed at  
<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/session/>

## February 2006

### Events and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>FB</b> =Fire Barn <b>JS</b> =Jordan-Small <b>KC</b> =Kokatosi Campgnd <b>PS</b> =Public Safety Bldg. <b>RE</b> =Raymond Elementary <b>CL</b> =Casco Library	<b>SG</b> =Sheri Gagnon <b>TG</b> =Town Garage RT85 <b>TH</b> =Town Hall <b>VL</b> =Village Library <b>VC</b> =Village Church <b>VT</b> =Village Tennis <b>MB</b> =Modular at JSMS		<b>1</b> 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 6:30PM RE School Committee Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30PM-8:00PM VC BSA Troop 800 Meeting 6:30PM RE School Committee Meeting Vote on school budget 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	<b>8</b> 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 6:30PM RE Planning Board Meeting	<b>9</b> 7:00PM - 10:00PM TH CPIC	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30PM RE PTA 6:30PM-8:00PM VC BSA Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH One Raymond Committee	<b>15</b> 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 7:00PM TH School Committee Meeting - Public Budget Forum	<b>16</b> 7:00PM-10:00PM JS CPIC/PB PUBLIC HEARING <b>ROADRUNNER DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY ISSUE</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Town Office Closed for Presidents Day
<b>19</b> 10:00AM Appeals Board Site Walk	<b>20</b> SCHOOL VACATION Presidents' Day Library Closed	<b>21</b> SCHOOL VACATION 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	<b>22</b> SCHOOL VACATION 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 2:00PM VL Craft for Kids 7:00PM VL Book Group	<b>23</b> SCHOOL VACATION 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	<b>24</b> SCHOOL VACATION NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00PM TH Appeals Board Meeting	<b>28</b> 6:30PM-8:00PM VC BSA Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Board of Assessment Review 7:00PM TBD Conservation Commission				

## Municipal News Brief:

By Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions:

**Tuesday, December 20, 2005:**

- 1) Consideration of new road names:
  - i.) Fox Run Road located off Rusty Road on Raymond Cape;
  - ii.) Machigonne Road off Cobb Road, which is off Naomi Road;
  - iii.) Rename Naomi Road to Nashoba Road.

Upon recommendation of Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper, the Selectmen unanimously approved naming and/or renaming the outlined roadways. Road names are submitted by property owners, checked for compliance with E-911 naming standards and then approved by the Selectmen.
- 2) Sebago Lake Rotary Club DerbyFest Derby Town USA Proclamation and program overview. DerbyFest Event Organizer Tom Noonan provided a detailed overview of the 2006 DerbyFest program. The physical layout will be approximately the same as last year with Route 302 blocked and traffic flow to be routed through Main Street. There will be additional parking control personnel as well as security guards to help improve the flow of traffic. This year's DerbyFest will feature additional on-ice vendors including sporting goods suppliers and recreational equipment dealers. There will be considerably more snow fencing to help buffer DerbyFest attendees from snowmobile and ATV traffic. This year's show will once again feature an air show, polar ice dip and automobile racing at Point Sebago on the ice. There will be snowmobile racing as well as a free style "snow cross snowmobile show." A catch and release children's fishing pool has been added, with fish contained in a net system monitored by an underwater camera so that children can observe the fish. More security lighting will be in place at Raymond Beach to provide for both pedestrian safety and vendor booth security. In an effort to promote both DerbyFest 2006 and the Town of Raymond, Mr. Noonan requested that the Selectmen consider changing Raymond's name to Derby Town USA for the duration of the Derby, February 24th, 25th, and 26th. Mr. Noonan displayed a copy of the official Raymond Post Office Derby Town USA postmark that will be used to cancel mail on Saturday. Selectmen Chairman Betty McDermott read the Proclamation on behalf of the Town declaring the name change to Derby Town USA for the duration of the Derby. This proclamation was unanimously approved and signed by the Selectmen.
- 3) Consideration of 2005 supplements and abatements – Amanda Simpson, Assessors' Agent.
 

This is the second round of abatements and one supplement recommended by the Assessors' Agent subsequent to the town-wide revaluation. The total amount of abatements to date is \$12,863.16 with supplements of \$5,584.65.
- 4) Veterans' Memorial Committee interviews – Vernon G. Waters, 86 Deep Cove Road.; Col. Bob Akins, USMC, Ret.; David McIntire, 31 Egypt Road. The Town Manager and Howard Stiles outlined the efforts to reinstitute the Veterans' Memorial Committee with an aim toward exploring the possibility of establishing a memorial to be located on public property possibly at the former Panther Run Rest Area, which is now town owned. Current committee members include Selectmen Representative Dana Desjardins, Elisa Trepanier, Eleanor Thompson and Howard Stiles, who is acting as chair. The Committee had been seeking additional interested individuals. Mr. Waters, Mr. Akins and Mr. McIntire had all expressed interest. Planning meetings have been underway since last August, with receipt and review of memorial materials from interested companies; and a mission statement has been developed. The next meeting of the Committee will be during February 2006 to begin public fund raising for a monument, as well as an effort instituted to apply for any grant funding that may be available. The Committee hopes to have a final plan in the near future and to complete the Veterans' Memorial in time for a Veterans' Day 2007 dedication. The Route 302 Beautification Committee will be involved in planning, maintenance, and upkeep of any final memorial area if located in the corridor. The Selectmen unanimously approved the new ap-

pointments to the Veterans' Memorial Committee.

- 5) Whines Ent. Inc. d/b/a Cafe Sebago - Liquor License Renewal Application -Restaurant/Lounge (Class XI) and Special Amusement Application for acoustical acts and four piece bands – William & Kimberly Hines, Jr. Upon the recommendation of the Town Manager and the Fire Department and in recognition of no recorded concerns or complaints, the Selectmen approved a renewal (Class XI) Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Whines Ent. Inc.
- 6) Raymond Food Pantry plowing request – Eric Hall, representing the Raymond Food Pantry, requested town assistance with snowplowing at the pantry, which is currently located at the Lake Region Baptist Church, 1273 Roosevelt Trail. The Town Manager explained that, after consulting with the Maine Municipal Association (MMA), he had received conflicting recommendations. MMA Legal Services indicated that for the town to provide limited plowing support was considered in the public interest since the pantry benefits Raymond citizens and was an allowable activity. MMA Risk Management Services, however, indicated that such an arrangement would be a potential uninsurable risk from a liability standpoint. For this reason, the Town Manager recommended that the Selectmen consider other alternatives to direct services to benefit the Food Pantry. The Selectmen voted to donate \$200 to help support plowing at the Raymond Food Pantry for the 2005/2006 winter season.
- 7) Department head financial and goal presentation – Elizabeth Cummings, Finance Director, provided a detailed overview of the Finance Department's duties and responsibilities as well as both short and long-term goals and objectives. She discussed departmental involvement in investments, supporting grant applications, completion of bond applications and general day-to-day cash accounting. The Finance Office provides financial support to all town departments as well as several quasi-municipal entities that interact with the town. The office acts as custodians for trust funds for cemeteries and scholarships etc. The town financial staff works closely with the school financial staff on several issues including payroll. The Town Manager commended the Finance Director upon receipt of a flawless audit report. No reportable conditions were included in the town's audit nor were there any adverse comments in the annual management letter. This is a very noteworthy achievement and represented a commitment to excellence from the town financial staff in the performance of their duties. The Finance Director outlined the long-term goal of obtaining an update to the town's current financial management computer software. An update would provide significantly better reporting capabilities as well as automation of functions currently dependent upon manual operations.
- 8) Consideration of 2006 town scholarship funding levels - Town Clerk Louise Lester. The Selectmen approved maintaining last year's scholarship funding levels, which were as follows:
  - Alva M. Clough Scholarship - \$500
  - Carleton E. Edwards Scholarship - \$1,000
  - Collins-Day Scholarship - \$1,500
  - George E. Wood Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Scholarship applications are available at the Town Office or by visiting [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org). Additional scholarship information can be obtained by contacting Lynn-Eve Davis at the Raymond School Department or through high school guidance offices.
- 9) Pay-per-bag conceptual discussion – Selectman Lonnie Taylor. The Town Manager prepared information packages outlining pay-per-bag waste disposal programs currently in place in other communities. Selectman Taylor indicated that it was his desire to explore a system that would provide Raymond residents with "more bang for the town's buck." By adopting a pay-per-bag system, significant property tax savings could be realized with user fees charged equitably based upon actual service use. Other Selectmen felt that the solid waste service was one of the services Raymond taxpayers value most and were reluctant to make significant changes. It was noted that the town would shortly be soliciting a proposal for a new three-year contract for solid waste roadside pickup and recycling services. Due to the timing of contract expiration, it is unlikely that a pay-per-bag system could be initiated in time for the upcoming contract award. It was recommended, however, that consideration be given by the Recycling Committee

to alternative service provision models, which could realize improved services at lower cost.

- 10) Consideration of amendment to Personnel Policy adopted February 4, 1997 – Article VIII Holiday. The Town Manager read the proposed policy change, which had to do with rate of pay for employees who work overtime on a town recognized holiday. Currently, overtime is paid at time and one-half, and holidays at time and one-quarter. In the rare circumstance where both an overtime shift and a holiday shift occur simultaneously, the proposed amendment to the Personnel Policy would authorize payment at time and three-quarters. This amendment was approved on a three to two vote.
- 11) One Raymond Committee – Update – Selectman Mark Gendron updated the Selectmen on the One Raymond Committee's last meeting, noting that Neal Allen, Greater Portland Council of Government (GPCOG) Executive Director, spoke about regionalization efforts in Cumberland County. Mr. Gendron outlined that one purpose of the One Raymond Committee was to promote a close cooperative working relationship between the town and school. Efforts have been made and will continue to be made in the areas of avoiding costly duplication of personnel and equipment, as well as finding innovative strategies to deliver services more cost effectively. Such areas as bulk purchasing, sharing of personnel and equipment, and merging programs where possible were all discussed. In the near future, new initiatives will be introduced to identify areas of opportunity as well as specific policies and procedures that could be implemented to improve service, reduce costs and promote sharing of existing resources. In that regard, GPCOG will also be polling area communities, at Raymond's request, about their interest in working together to share various services.
- 12) Executive Session – Annual town manager performance review. This item was tabled until January 17, 2006.
- 13) Old (unfinished) business.
  - a. Request for modifications to cardboard drop off area – Melissa Ayers, abutter. The Town Manager announced that he had received a low bid from Maine Line Fence of \$3,190 for the construction of a fence separating the District 2 Fire Station/Public Works/School Bus Garage from abutter Melissa Ayers property. This work could not be completed until spring due to winter weather conditions. The Selectmen suggested an alternative plan to extending the fence the entire distance given the recent relocation of the cardboard drop off area to the back of the lot. In the spring, a short fence of approximately 16' to 24' will be installed to see whether it is sufficient to keep cardboard debris from blowing onto the abutting property. The Selectmen also wanted to commend the Public Works crew for the job they did in relocating the cardboard drop off area.
- 14) Town Manager Report and Communications.
  - a. Cardboard – The Town Manager highlighted a January Road Runner article outlining the ongoing problems the town is having with illegal and unauthorized dumping of materials at the cardboard recycling area. This ongoing problem adds both difficulty and cost to an active cardboard recycling program. In the near future, video monitoring equipment will be installed and determined efforts made to cite violators of existing policy for littering, under Maine law.
  - b. Cumberland County Redistricting Committee. This committee will be studying whether to recommend adding additional county commissioners to the existing three-member board. Proposals to expand the committee to five or seven members are being considered.
  - c. Mid Maine Waste Action Corporation (MMWAC) – Selectman Desjardins reported that MMWAC would shortly be meeting with officials from the City of Lewiston to keep the current site operating for the disposal of incinerator ash.
- 15) Approved Payroll and Appropriation Warrants dated December 20, 2005.

**Tuesday, January 3, 2006:**

- 1) Public Hearing: Sebago Lake Rotary Club DerbyFest – Application for Liquor

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License for Incorporated Civic Organization – Tom Noonan, Event Organizer. The Selectmen received detailed plans for the possible operation of a “beer tent” as a part of DerbyFest 2006 from Mr. Noonan and Rotary Club member Chris Farmer. After considerable discussion about such issues as safety, orientation of the proposed activity to youth activities, insurance, police coverage, fencing and general logistical questions, a motion was made to deny use of Raymond public property for this element of the DerbyFest event. This motion was approved unanimously. Utilization of town property for any event is a discretionary function of the Board of Selectmen.

- 2) Consideration of 2005 supplements and abatements – Amanda Simpson, Assessors’ Agent, presented four abatements totaling \$5,580.93 and supplements totaling \$1,209.93 which were approved by the Selectmen.
- 3) Town Manager Report and Communications.
  - a. Vision Appraisal Meeting – The Town Manager announced that a special meeting will be held on January 10th featuring Mike Tarello of Vision Appraisal who will present a detailed overview of the revaluation process and provide interested citizens an opportunity to ask questions about the revaluation including the right to appeal.
  - b. 2006/2007 Budget – The Town Manager informed the Selectmen that the annual Capital Improvement Budget had been completed and delivered on schedule. Future adjustments to the budget schedule, which is available for public viewing at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org), may be necessary to accommodate Budget/finance Committee members’ and Selectmen’s schedules.
  - c. DerbyFest - Mrs. Jean Carter said that she had come to the meeting as an observer and was appreciative of the Selectmen’s decision not to allow alcohol at the DerbyFest.
  - d. Digital Broadcast Studio – The Town Manager updated the Selectmen on the progress of the Digital Broadcast Studio construction project. Fiber optic cable has now been run underground from Raymond Elementary School, under Route 85, connecting Jordan-Small Middle School to the town’s modular classroom/broadcast studio, then down Route 85 to the main computer servers located at the Town Office. Specialized hardware and software will be arriving in January with installation occurring during February 2006.
- 4.) Approved Payroll and Appropriation Warrants dated January 3, 2006.

**Tuesday, January 10, 2006:**

- 1.) Execution of closing documents to purchase land off Egypt Road formerly utilized as a municipal landfill Map 14, Lot 34, presently owned by Trudilynn Files. The Town Manager, after receiving approval from the Selectmen, executed closing documents to facilitate the town’s purchase of an 83-acre parcel located off Egypt Road formerly owned by Trudilynn Files. A portion of the site was formerly operated as the town’s municipal landfill. This property was approved for acquisition by Annual Town Meeting 2005 at an expenditure not to exceed \$100,000. The funds for purchase came from a combination of undesignated fund balance (\$75,000), with \$25,000 coming from the open space land reserve fund. The purpose of the acquisition was two-fold: first, to give control over the town’s capped landfill, which was closed under DEP regulation in the early 1980’s, and secondarily to prevent additional residential encroachment on this facility. Although no significant contamination is present at this time, it is impossible to predict with certainty what future conditions may develop. The town intends to hold the property, and maintain and monitor the landfill cap as necessary. In the future, potential municipal uses for the land will also be explored.
- 2.) Revaluation Presentation – Mike Tarello, MAI ASA, District Manager Vision Appraisal Technology. Approximately 40 interested citizens attended a meeting hosted by the Selectmen to provide an overview of the revaluation project, including opportunities and methods of appeal. Vision District Manager Mike Tarello provided a PowerPoint overview of the project and answered many questions from audience members. This meeting was organized in order to make certain

that both the underlying methodology of the revaluation and citizen opportunities for appeal were clearly delineated.

**Tuesday, January 17, 2006:**

- 1) Department head financial and goal presentation (in conjunction with One Raymond Steering Committee) – Sandra Caldwell, Raymond School Department Superintendent, provided a detailed overview of the school budget development process, which employs a systems approach to generating their budget. She described the “journey” or outline to accomplish the School Department’s educational vision through the utilization of guiding principles, data driven decision-making and necessary work objectives identified by the leadership team. School administrators are charged with meeting Maine’s Learning Results Standards, No Child Left Behind and regulatory guidelines contained within Chapters 125 and 127. All budget decisions need to be balanced against these educational attainment outcomes. In simplified terms, the resulting benchmark asks the question, “What should all students, teachers and administrators know, understand and be able to do?” Achieving both short- and long-range goals requires a result-based system that enhances the capacity of both students and teachers. A state SAU review conducted in December 2005 provided valuable feedback for both administration and faculty members in identifying district-wide progress in meeting Maine’s Learning Results standards. The Superintendent also expressed the School Committee’s desire to deliver a 2006/2007 draft budget that is within an approximate target of 5% or lower as compared to the 2005/2006 adopted budget.
- 2) Board of Assessment Review interview – Holly Mitchell, 49 Tenny Hill Road. The Selectmen reviewed Ms. Mitchell’s application materials and after a brief interview voted unanimously to appoint her to the Board of Assessment Review as an alternate member replacing Ada K. Brown who had previously resigned.
- 3) Lake Region Development Council Board of Directors Interview - Chris van Haasteren, 9 Carriage Hill Road. Mr. van Haasteren outlined his extensive background and experience in business and economic development. After review of his application materials and a brief interview, the Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint him as Raymond’s representative to the Lake Region Development Council Board of Directors.
- 4) Request for waiver of late property tax payment charges – Barry B. Holmes, 58 Sunset Chimneys Road. The Town Manager provided an outline of the reason for Mr. Holmes’s request for a waiver of late payment charges including interest in the amount of \$81.58, as calculated through January 17, 2006. A small number of Raymond property tax bill addresses were misprinted due to a data merge problem, which occurred at the town’s tax billing vendor. This problem has since been corrected to prevent any future occurrences. Some taxpayers, including Mr. Holmes, failed to receive their tax bill due to this problem. The Selectmen unanimously approved authorizing the Town Manager to review any taxpayer claims for interest credit due or paid as a result of this problem for an additional 30-day grace period beyond the initial date of interest accrual, which was November 18, 2005. Interest credits will be issued at the discretion of the Town Manager upon receipt of documentation or information to substantiate an incorrect address due to a data merge reason. Waivers will not be issued for obsolete or incorrect whole addresses or for incorrect owners of record who purchased their property after April 1, 2005. Taxpayers who feel that they may qualify for this one-time interest credit should contact Deputy Tax Collector Donna Lovely at 655-4742 ext. 22 or Town Manager Don Willard at 655-6994 ext. 31.
- 5) Consideration of Cumberland County “CDBG Entitlement County Proposal.” The Selectmen voted unanimously to participate in an exploratory committee being formed by Cumberland County and Greater Portland Council of Governments to investigate whether it makes economic sense for Cumberland County to seek Community Development Block Grants as a unified entity versus individual town applications. Selectman Mike Reynolds was unanimously appointed to serve as Raymond’s representative on this committee.
- 6) Town Manager Report and Communications.
  - a. Electrical upgrade at Town Office. The Town

Manager informed the Selectmen that as a result of an energy audit performed by Sebago Energy Conservation, a Town Office lighting upgrade will occur on January 19th & 20th. All inefficient lighting fixtures and lights will be replaced at a total cost of \$2,776.17. This project also qualifies for a \$750 rebate through the Efficiency Maine Business Program.

- b. Kirsten Clark Olympic Banner. Selectman Desjardin made a motion to repair and raise the banner first displayed during the 2002 Winter Olympics honoring Raymond Olympian Kirsten Clark. The banner will be re-lettered to recognize her participation in the 2006 Winter Games.
- 7) Approved Payroll and Appropriation Warrants dated January 17, 2006.

**TOWN OF RAYMOND**  
**Nomination Papers**  
**Are Available**

*Friday, February 24th*

for the offices of

**SELECTMAN (1 position)**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
(2 positions) and

**BUDGET/FINANCE**  
**COMMITTEE (3 positions)**

*Papers deadline Wednesday*  
*April 5, 2006, at 4:00 pm.*

For more information: Louise Lester,  
Town Clerk, 655-4742 ext.21 or  
[louise.lester@raymondmaine.org](mailto:louise.lester@raymondmaine.org)

**RES Music Notes**

By Patti Gordon

Chorus is underway for the second semester. It looks like we’ll have around 60 students in chorus for the spring concert, which is scheduled for May 25. The students will be learning songs in German and Spanish which is very exciting, but a bit scary. (“I can’t sing in German!” “No, but you will be able to by May.”)

Almost all grade levels have started new units. Kindergarten is well into their “Winter Unit” in hopes that all the snowy, wintry songs will inspire winter to actually begin. They are also singing “bear” songs. Mrs. Allen’s class even brought their teddy bears to music class to join in the fun. Grade 1 has started their “African Unit” with much singing (in Zulu), dancing, and African drumming. Grade 2 is enjoying their “Pioneer Unit” both in music class and in their classrooms. Mrs. Gordan made “Pioneer Songbooks” with an accompanying tape so that they could sing the songs in their classrooms. Grade 3 will be starting a unit which, for lack of a better name, is called the “Progress Unit.” The songs will make some connection with their “Simple Machines” science unit. Grade 4 has begun to earn recorder, of which I’m sure 4th grade parents are well aware. (Don’t hate me, please!) They will also be starting their “Sea Chantey Unit.”

The composer of the month for February is Maine’s own Rick Charette. So get out all your CD’s and listen to “Bubblegum,” “Mud,” “Popcorn,” and all your Rick Charette favorites!

Music Ed. tips for toddlers and preschoolers: Reinforce the steady beat by doing lots of rhymes, bounces, finger/toe wiggles, tickles, and foot taps. If you don’t know any, go online and search John Feierabend. He has published books of them which he spent years collecting by going around the country and talking to the elderly, culling all they could remember from when they were young. Excepting maybe “Patty-cake,” these have become a lost art, but they are a wonderful way to learn language, steady beat, and also a great way to share an intimate experience with your child.

## Kindergarten Readiness Conference

Ten ways to help your preschooler get ready for Kindergarten and to be successful in Kindergarten

For Parents who have children entering Kindergarten in September 2006

Please join Ivy Jordan, Raymond's Elementary Preschool Coordinator, and Principal Norma Richard for this informative and hands on conference in helping you and your preschool age child get ready for school.

There will also be information on children's activities and events that will be offered for your child during the upcoming new year to help ease your and your child's transition to school next fall. We look forward to seeing you here at the Raymond Elementary School. Please R.S.V.P. for this workshop.

### Evening workshop:

Thursday, January 26, 6:30-8:00pm

### Saturday morning workshop:

February 4, 2006, from 10-11:30am

(Childcare is offered for the Saturday workshop)

Note: Snow dates are Thursday, February 2, and Saturday, February 11

Please Call Ivy Jordan at 655-8672 Ext 108

## Board Buzz

### Raymond School Board News

The Raymond School Board regularly holds business sessions on the first Wednesday of each month and workshop sessions on the third Wednesday of each month at the Raymond Elementary School at 6:30pm. Due to the additional work required to prepare the budget, additional meetings have been scheduled for February. We will meet on Tuesday, February 7, and will hold a public budget forum on Wednesday, February 15. Both meetings will be at RES at 6:30pm. We anticipate voting on a final budget proposal at our March 1 business meeting. All meetings are open to the public.

On December 21 Wendy Trask was appointed to fill the open seat on the Board until elections in May. We appreciate the community interest in this position and look forward to working with Ms. Trask. The Board also voted to approve the proposed superintendent's contract for the 2006-2007 school year.

The Board was pleased to have an opportunity to honor Ian Hanley for his outstanding efforts to build bleachers on the school field as part of an Eagle Scout project. The entire school community will benefit from Ian's work.

In January, Deborah Adams stepped down as Board chairperson. Lisa Friedlander was elected to assume the position of chairperson. We also met with the Budget and Finance Committee in January to discuss budget development perspectives and to target submission dates.

The policy committee has been diligently working to update, revise, establish, and abrogate policies in an effort to bring us current. We would like to thank the community members, staff and administrators who have assisted greatly in this endeavor.

Planning for our current and future high school programming needs is an ongoing task. A high school focus group is being established to consolidate historic data, look at population projections, research and evaluate options, conduct public surveys as necessary and make recommendations to the School Board. If you are interested in contributing to this work, please attend an initial meeting on Monday, February 27, at 6:30pm at RES.

It has come to our attention that School Board information accessed through the town website was not consistent with the Board information accessed through the school website. We have corrected this problem. You can now access current Board information through both the school department website and the town website. We apologize for any confusion this caused. Agendas and approved meeting minutes are now accessible on the website

The next regular meeting of the School Board is Wednesday, February 1, at 6:30pm at Raymond Elementary School.

## Changes In Maine Educational Assessments (MEA)

By Principal Norma Richard

There is a significant change in this year's administration of the Maine Educational Assessments (MEA). In past years, the MEA has been administered to all students in grades 4, 8 and 11. This year the assessment will be given to all students in grades 3 - 8. Students in grade 11 will be taking the College Board SAT.

Teachers will be coordinating the testing at the Raymond Elementary School and the Jordan-Small Middle School. The testing dates will be from March 6 - 24. These dates include all test administration and make-ups. All students

in grades 3 - 8 will participate in Reading and Mathematics testing sessions. Students in grades 4 and 8 will also be tested in Science and Technology. The Writing assessments will be field tested this year in grades 5 and 8, a change from past years.

We will provide parents with information on the schedule and testing times in advance, as it is important for all of our students to be in attendance during the testing. Please contact the school if you are aware of any conflicts, especially from March 6 - March 15.

## Well Done!

As we say good-bye to 2005 I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the students that achieved High Honors and Honors for the first trimester at Jordan-Small Middle School. To receive High Honors students must earn between 92.5-100 in all courses. Honor status requires students to earn grades ranging from 84.5-100 in all courses. I appreciate the aspirations of the following students and thank them for the positive climate they have encouraged at Jordan-Small.

12/19/2005 - Jordan-Small Middle School

Middle School Honor Roll - 2005-2006 T1

Student Name	Grade	Level
Lentine, Katherine	8	High Honors
Wiley, Mary	8	High Honors
Acker, Haley	7	High Honors
Cloutier, Molly	7	High Honors
Connor, Daniel	7	High Honors
Gagnon, Drew	7	High Honors
Gordan, Cassandra	7	High Honors
Hurd, Olivia	7	High Honors
Manchester, Lydia	7	High Honors
Peterson, Bryan	7	High Honors
Shively, Elizabeth	7	High Honors
Weeks, Deanna	7	High Honors
Algeo, Lucy	6	High Honors
Cloutier, Gaia	6	High Honors
Hughes, Lindsey	6	High Honors
LaChance, Patrick	6	High Honors
Morris, Timothy	6	High Honors
Rand, Allison	6	High Honors
Schweitzer, Cory	6	High Honors
Valente, Clare	6	High Honors
Cormier, Ashley	5	High Honors
Darien, Kristopher	5	High Honors
Guiseley, Aaron	5	High Honors
Haskell, Jack	5	High Honors
Hughes, Adria	5	High Honors
Laprise, Emma	5	High Honors
Miller, Molly	5	High Honors
Reder, Lillie	5	High Honors
Algeo, Benjamin	8	Honor Roll
Allen, Calista	8	Honor Roll
Blake, Caroline	8	Honor Roll
Chandler, Kaitlyn	8	Honor Roll
Desjardins, Haley	8	Honor Roll
Dighello, Anthony	8	Honor Roll
Dodge, Emily	8	Honor Roll
Eastman, Jenna L.	8	Honor Roll
Flynn, Jordan	8	Honor Roll
Gillis, Amber	8	Honor Roll
Knights, Zachary	8	Honor Roll
Lachance, Hannah	8	Honor Roll
LeViness, Joshua	8	Honor Roll
MacKenzie, Devin	8	Honor Roll
Ohman, Nathaniel	8	Honor Roll
Stevenson, Megan	8	Honor Roll
Tevanian, Chelsea	8	Honor Roll
Trepanier, Julia	8	Honor Roll
Ward, Ethan	8	Honor Roll
Bennett, Andrew	7	Honor Roll
Brown, Spencer	7	Honor Roll
Cobb, Jennifer	7	Honor Roll
Elhajji, Alyssa	7	Honor Roll
Gordan, Colin	7	Honor Roll
Hargreaves, Kyle	7	Honor Roll
Keane-Dreyer, Mollissa	7	Honor Roll
MacDonald, Christopher	7	Honor Roll
Martyn-Fisher, Jenna	7	Honor Roll

Masi, Weston	7	Honor Roll
Morneault, Abigail	7	Honor Roll
Parker, Alex	7	Honor Roll
Parker, Cory	7	Honor Roll
Sousa, Andrew J.	7	Honor Roll
Taylor, Dylan Cody	7	Honor Roll
Webber, Lindsay	7	Honor Roll
Winde, Tyler	7	Honor Roll
Bolduc, Dylan Clay	6	Honor Roll
Carter, Kelsea M.	6	Honor Roll
Cave, Robert	6	Honor Roll
Cerino, Marissa	6	Honor Roll
Chim, Justin	6	Honor Roll
Desjardins, Jacob	6	Honor Roll
Dixon, Ian Barret	6	Honor Roll
Downey, Casey M.	6	Honor Roll
Gillis, Abbey	6	Honor Roll
Hoffman, Ryan	6	Honor Roll
Hutchinson, Casey	6	Honor Roll
Lentine, Robert	6	Honor Roll
Nadeau, Tyler	6	Honor Roll
Noonan, Georgia	6	Honor Roll
Odum, Bailey Rebecca	6	Honor Roll
Peavey, Jeremy J.	6	Honor Roll
Pike, Shannon	6	Honor Roll
Reynolds, Spencer	6	Honor Roll
Richardson, Jenna L.	6	Honor Roll
Small, Sarah	6	Honor Roll
Vanbaars, Natalie	6	Honor Roll
Vanbaars, Sasha	6	Honor Roll
vanHaasteren, Corrie	6	Honor Roll
Waldron, Joshua	6	Honor Roll
Webster, Ashley	6	Honor Roll
Williamson, Riley	6	Honor Roll
Woodbrey, Erik	6	Honor Roll
Ashton, Ella	5	Honor Roll
Carter, Sandra L.	5	Honor Roll
Cole, Corey	5	Honor Roll
Cunningham, Isobel	5	Honor Roll
Davison, Tyler	5	Honor Roll
Flynn, Connor	5	Honor Roll
Gagne, Christopher	5	Honor Roll
Gaudet, Cassidy	5	Honor Roll
Gronin, Rebecca	5	Honor Roll
Hurd, Phoebe	5	Honor Roll
Lorenz, Dalton	5	Honor Roll
Masi, Madison	5	Honor Roll
McGhie, Ian	5	Honor Roll
McLane, Kevin A.	5	Honor Roll
Noonan, Marybeth	5	Honor Roll
Patch, Timothy Cameron	5	Honor Roll
Perkins, Hunter	5	Honor Roll
Pollard, Christina	5	Honor Roll
Pomeroy, Grace	5	Honor Roll
Rankin, Landen	5	Honor Roll
Richards, Paige	5	Honor Roll
Stevenson, Brock D.	5	Honor Roll
Walton, Whitney	5	Honor Roll

The winter months are exciting times to be in school because of the large number of activities available for students to be involved with. Students have: basketball, cheering, ski-bus, sign language club, tutoring, yearbook, student senate, intramurals, drama club, math team, band, chorus, Kids-2-Kids and many other activities to participate in at this time. The participation level for Jordan-Small students is outstanding; 85% of the students are involved with after school activities. Great work!!

Troy Eastman  
K-8 Assistant Principal

## Life Alert: Mouth-To-Snout

By: Ronny Keeler, Raymond Paramedic

Our animals are, to most of us, an important part of the family. So why not know how to take care of them in their time of emergency? This month we're going to talk about animal C.P.R.



That's right, learning to give mouth to snout resuscitation and chest compressions to our four-legged friends. Some might be saying, "Yuck!!!" But in your pet's moment of need, what your pet was sniffing last night goes out the window. Both dogs and cats can benefit from the few simple steps we will discuss.

First, let's talk about some reasons why your furry friends would need C.P.R. Choking is a big issue that causes the airway to become blocked with either a toy, food or a foreign object. To prevent this problem from happening in the first place, do not let your pet play with any toys or other objects that can be swallowed. Balls, rocks, bones, magnets and rope are just some of the commonly swallowed items that cause a blocked airway. Food can also cause choking. Always make sure whatever is being fed to the animal is cut into small, easy to swallow pieces.

Other causes of cardiac arrest in dogs or cats are poison or medication that has been eaten, or trauma to your animal such as being hit by a car. Both can be avoided. Keep your medications locked away or in a high, secure cabinet. And keep your dog leashed or fenced at all times when outside. Last, it may just be your pet's time to be at rest. If your pet is elderly or ill and goes into cardiac arrest, my advice - although not easy to give or receive - is to let your beloved pet be at peace.

So now that we have gone over some reasons why your pet might need C.P.R., let's talk about how to give it. First and foremost, is your animal unconscious? If yes, is its airway open? To check your animal's airway, carefully open its mouth. **CAUTION: Even an unconscious animal can still bite down.** Once the mouth is open, pull the tongue out. This keeps the tongue itself from blocking the airway and gives you a better view if something is stuck in the animal's throat. In keeping an airway open, we must remember to keep the head as straight as possible and in line with the neck.

Next, is your pet breathing? To check, put your ear close to your pet's nose and mouth. Do you feel or hear air moving in and out of your pet? Also, look to see if your pet's chest is rising. If you find none of the above, your pet is not breathing and is going

to need mouth to snout resuscitation. To provide air to your animal, close the animal's mouth but keep the tongue pulled out to allow your breaths to reach the animal's lungs. Place your mouth over your pet's nose and blow in two breaths. Watch the animal's chest as you do this. You do not want to blow in too much air and pop your pet's lungs, just enough to see its chest rise. If you feel resistance or do not see the chest rise, make sure the head is still aligned with the neck and that you have a good hold of the tongue. Try the breath again. Your goal is to make sure your pet gets at least 20 breaths a minute.

Now, only after the airway is clear and you have given two rescue breaths, you need to assess the animal's circulation. If the pet is bleeding heavily or spurting blood from a wound, have someone hold pressure to the site. If there is no bleeding, you need to see if there is a pulse. The pulse you look for in animals is the femoral pulse. This is located in the interior thigh area. If no pulse is found, lay the animal on its right side and position your hands (one over the other) where the animal's left elbow touches the chest. This area should be about the middle of the rib cage. Now compress the chest 15 times. Then stop and give two rescue breaths. Your goal should be three compressions every two seconds. Depth of compressions varies with the size of the dog or cat:

- Small: ½ "
- Medium: 1 inch
- Large: 1.5 inches

These steps are repeated in the rhythm of 2 rescue breaths, then 15 compressions, and so on.

Last but not least is the Heimlich maneuver for dogs and cats. If possible, the animal should be turned upside down. This allows gravity to help expel the object. Hold the ani-

mal with its back against your chest. With your arms around it, give it 5 sharp thrusts (bear hugs) to the abdomen. Then check the airway to see if the object was removed or if you can see anything to remove. If the animal passes out, go back to "airway" and start there.

These are just a few steps to animal C.P.R. There is much more. Classes are held at the Red Cross every few months. For more information, contact the Red Cross in Portland. The most important thing to remember in an emergency is to stay calm. Also, be aware of the location of your closest 24-hour emergency animal hospital. The closest hospital to Raymond that is open 24/7 is the:

**Animal Emergency Clinic**  
352 Warren Avenue, Portland  
(207) 878-3121

If an emergency should happen during the weekday, you can always bring your pet to your vet. If possible, call wherever you decide to bring your animal and let them know what is going on, so they are prepared when you arrive.

I hope that none of you ever have to use this advice; but if so, remain calm, and you just might be able to save your pet.

### PTA College Scholarship Available

The Raymond PTA is offering two \$1,000 college scholarships to Raymond high school students. Any Raymond resident who will be graduating from high school this spring is encouraged to apply.

Applications can be obtained at:  
[http://www.raymondmaine.org/civic\\_groups/pta/default.htm](http://www.raymondmaine.org/civic_groups/pta/default.htm)

*All applications must be submitted by April 1, 2006.*

### Hebron Academy Honor Roll

Fall Honor Roll Students from Raymond

Cameron Lao-Gosney '07, Joshua Taylor '06, Ashley Waldron '09, Stephen Wisutskie '07, Taylor Fey '07, Elijah Hughes '09, Roman Lao-Gosney '07, Kainani Stevens '07, and Kees van Haasteren '09.

### Raymond Village Church Becomes Fair Trade Coffee Congregation

The Coordinating Council of the Raymond Village Community Church (United Church of Christ) voted recently to serve only fairly traded coffee at refreshment time after worship on Sundays and at other special congregational events. The unanimous vote was a positive affirmation of a resolution passed by the General Synod of the United Church of Christ last summer in Atlanta.

The fair trade coffee initiative is one of over a dozen mission projects that the Raymond Village Church coordinates annually. These projects include providing health and school kits to needy children worldwide; providing ditty bags, hats and mittens to sailors through the Seafarers' Mission in Portland; and donating over 20 Thanksgiving baskets to families in Raymond.

By purchasing fair trade coffee, the Raymond Village Church will be helping to ensure that small coffee farmers throughout the world receive a fair price for their coffee beans. That, in turn, will allow farmers in Latin America, Africa, and Asia to stay on their land, support their families, plan for the future, and care for the environment.

The Raymond Village Church will purchase their coffee through the United Church of Christ Coffee Project, part of the Interfaith Program of Equal Exchange Coffee. Brochures and other materials will be available when coffee is served in order to educate people about fair trade coffee.

The Raymond Village Church holds worship services and Sunday School every Sunday at 10am. All are welcome to attend. For further information, contact Rev. Nancy Foran, Pastor, Raymond Village Community Church, 207-829-6351 or 207-650-7845 or [nancy@maine.rr.com](mailto:nancy@maine.rr.com)

## More Studies For Maine's Economy?

By Rep. John C. Robinson

There is both good news and bad news concerning Maine's business environment. The good news is that the Majority Party in Augusta has finally admitted that there is a problem with our economy. The bad news is this admission will do little to improve Maine's rank, in a recent Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council report, as the 49th worst state for business.

The Baldacci administration has hired an outside "think tank" to tell us what we need to do to fix our economy - as if Mainers didn't already know. The Brookings Institution, a Washington-based think tank will be studying the Maine economy and will give us a "blueprint" on how to boost the state's prosperity, for the sum of \$450,000. I suspect most Maine people can tell the Administration that our taxes are too high, our energy costs are too high, our health insurance costs are ballooning, and in general the cost of doing business here is simply too restrictive to entice most companies to Maine.

Maine's economic woes have been well documented and explained in depth. The solutions, for the most part, are obvious and well known. Our property taxes are the highest in the country. Our top personal income tax rate is 8.5 percent, sixth highest in the country, and it kicks in at the near-poverty level of \$17,000. Our capital gains tax is among the nation's five highest. Our workers comp premiums are some of the highest, and our automatically rising gasoline taxes are in the top 10. Our combined state and local tax rate is the highest in the country at 13 percent. Finally our health insurance costs are the highest in the nation.

The responsibility of these costs is breaking the back of Maine's economy. Why would businesses choose to move to Maine and face an uphill battle competing against businesses in other states that actively cultivate their business environment? Our entrepreneurial start-up rate is dismal; too many Maine businesses are closing their doors or leaving; and with them go some of Maine's best and brightest, looking for careers. Why do we need to wait for a study to tell us what we already know?

Maine's crime rate is low. Maine's environment is clean. We have great hospitals and great schools. Maine's quality of life is still high, but our unemployment rate is now the highest in New England and has risen above the national average. Businesses need more than quality of life to survive. They need a tax-friendly, nurturing environment, not an oppressive tax burden and excessive government regulation that work against their survival.

It takes a serious, long-term anti-business commitment to create such a hostile economic environment. It takes a dogmatic belief in bigger government as the solution to our economic woes. The Maine Economic Research Institute rates legislators every year on how they voted on bills important to Maine's economy and the jobs that it supports. Out of a possible 100 the Speaker of the House earned a 27. Majority leader Glenn Cummings received a 24.5. These two low scores illustrate clearly that this anti-business attitude in the majority Democrat party is deeply ingrained. In contrast to those numbers I proudly received a 91.5 rating.

Now is not the time to spend any more tax dollars on "studies" of Maine's business environment. We don't need any more listening tours, experiments or new programs that "invest" in empty programs to "jump-start" our economy. Maine people and businesses know what we need already. It starts with an attitude change and ends with a big dose of common sense.

*Rep. John C. Robinson (R-Raymond) serves on the Business Research and Economic Development Committee.*

### Cardboard Recycling

The Town of Raymond recycles corrugated cardboard at the District II Fire House/Public Works Garage on Webbs Mills Road.

Because of limited space and the need to keep the cardboard clean and dry, it is imperative that you break down the boxes and slide them into the dumpsters through the side slots. Cardboard which is too big must be cut down so that it can fit into the dumpsters. We appreciate your cooperation.

## Taxpayer Notice

It has come to our attention that a small number of Raymond property tax billing addresses were misprinted due to a data merge problem that occurred at the town's billing vendor, resulting in some delivery failures. This problem has since been corrected to prevent any future occurrences. If you have made your October payment and were charged interest and had an incorrect address because of this problem, you may be eligible for an interest credit for an additional 30 day period ending 12/19/05. This credit is not available for tax accounts with obsolete or incorrect addresses or due to new ownership after April 1, 2005.

If you feel you did not receive your bill due to the data merge problem and you have been charged interest, please contact Deputy Tax Collector Donna Lovely at 655-4742, ext. 22, or Town Manager Don Willard, ext. 31, for additional information.

## Compost Bin Order Deadline March 20th

You have until March 20th to place your order for the Maine Resource Recovery Association compost bin sale. Orders will be taken at the Town Office at \$36.50 each (tax included). Checks should be written to "MRRRA" (Maine Resource Recovery Association).

These bins have a 10-year warranty and are made of 100% recycled black plastic. They are approximately a 40-gallon size, 35" high and 33" wide. It is estimated that Raymond residents can save \$138 for every ton of waste they compost.



This year a covered kitchen scrap pail is also available for \$10.50 each. Both these items are displayed at the Town Office, Raymond Elementary School, and Jordan-Small Middle School.

These bins and pails will be available for delivery on or about May 1st.

### For order blanks and ordering, please contact:

Louise Lester, Town Clerk  
Raymond Town Office  
401 Webbs Mills Road  
Raymond, Maine 04071  
655-4742 ext. 21  
louise.lester@raymondmaine.org

## Box Tops For Education Program

Thank you to all for the ongoing support and participation in the Box Tops for Education program. Our community's combined efforts recently resulted in a check to our schools for more than \$900! Mr. Powers's and Mrs. Tarr's classrooms were each rewarded for being the top collecting classrooms at JSMS and RES during a contest this fall. The PTA will be hosting another contest later this spring and details will follow. Also, if you have not already registered as a Box Tops Booster Club member, those doing so before 2/15 will earn additional box tops for our schools during this special promotional period. Visit [www.boxtops4education.com/treasure](http://www.boxtops4education.com/treasure). Every box top clipped truly makes a difference and is greatly appreciated. Collection sites continue to be RES, JSMS, Raymond Village Library, and the Town Hall. Contact Caj MacDonald at 655-4783 or [PTA@raymond.maine.org](mailto:PTA@raymond.maine.org) with any questions.



## Protecting Maine's Drivers' Licenses

by Senator Bill Diamond

Recently the Maine Legislature's Transportation Committee debated a proposal regarding the issuing of drivers' licenses to undocumented applicants, also referred to as illegal aliens. The discussion focused on determining the proper role of Bureau of Motor Vehicles employees (agents)

when presented with the various foreign documents as proof of identification for those applying for a Maine driver's license. The debate centered on which documents would be accepted as proof of ID, specifically regarding those applicants who are not citizens of this country.

You may have read that I was absent from the committee at the time of the vote. I serve on two legislative committees: the Transportation Committee, and I am the Senate Chairman of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. On occasion these two committees meet at the same time, which prohibits me from attending both committees. On that day I was chairing the Criminal Justice Committee and therefore could not leave. To add to that hectic day's schedule, I also had a meeting at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to deal with the escalating problem of computer based child pornography. (More about that in an upcoming article.)

Based on my own experience as a former Secretary of State, and after conferring with the current SOS, I have presented a proposal to the bill being debated, which I feel will address the issue at hand. The debate focused on which, if any, of the various foreign documents would be acceptable for ID purposes.

I think most people would agree with me that if someone is in this country illegally, then we shouldn't be issuing them a Maine driver's license. The key word here is "illegally." The driver's license is a document that is used for many purposes, not the least of which is boarding an airplane and for legal proof of ID. We need to establish which documents are acceptable and which ones aren't.

My proposal will require that the Secretary of State issue a policy for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles stating that expired visas, passports and other foreign documents will not be accepted as proof of ID when a person applies for a driver's license. Currently, expired foreign documents may be accepted as proof of ID.

Therefore, if the documents are expired, the applicant will not be eligible for a driver's license. If there are extenuating circumstances, the applicant will need to go to an immigration office to get the issue resolved. The BMV employees are not immigration officials and should not be expected to perform immigration duties. The role of the BMV agent in these cases should be to determine if the document is legally current. The other minutiae contained in these very complex documents should be left to those who are highly trained in immigration matters.

If we think the lines are long at the BMV locations now, just add the requirement that the BMV agents will, in addition to their many other duties, have to stop and analyze these foreign documents to determine legalities pertaining to all immigration laws before a license can be issued. Let's keep it simple: either the document is current and therefore legal, or it isn't.

I would be interested in hearing your thoughts on this issue, and I thank you for your previous calls and e-mails expressing your ideas on other issues.

## 2006 Dog Registration

Dog licensing was due January 31st. If you have a dog over the age of 6 months, it should be licensed. A Rabies Certificate must be produced and if neutered, a Neutering Certificate if the Town Office does not have it on file. The fee for a neutered dog is \$6 and non-neutered is \$10. Dogs licensed after January 31 will incur an additional \$15 late fee.

Please understand that by having your dog licensed, anyone finding your stray pet will be able to trace it to you, thereby alleviating the possibility that it will go to a shelter. Licensing funds contribute to stray animal care in the town and state and support the State Veterinarian Laboratory in Augusta as well as Maine State Humane Agents, who investigate animal abuse cases.

## Moose Lottery Permits Available

The 2006 Moose Permit applications are available at the Town Office.

Applications must be sent in no later than April 1, 2006.

The applications are also available online at [www.state.me.us/ifw/index.html](http://www.state.me.us/ifw/index.html)

## From The Desk Of The Code Enforcement Officer

By Josh Stevens

I am writing this article to make all of us aware of an ongoing problem. It continues to be a safety concern that our Fire / Rescue department can't find you in an emergency. Below, I have quoted a couple of sections of the Town's addressing ordinance in an effort to make everyone aware of the requirements. This, again, is not the whole ordinance but only those sections that seem to be an ongoing issue. The entire ordinance is available at the Town Hall as well as on the website.

<http://www.raymondmaine.org/government/ordinances>

Effective February 1, 2006, the Code Enforcement Office will be requiring that anyone who is obtaining a building, addition, or alteration permit allow 2 business days for approval. This time will allow our office to review all plans to make sure that they meet any and all applicable laws and ordinances including addressing. Some permits may be issued sooner. No certificate of occupancy will be issued without the property having its address posted properly.

### TOWN OF RAYMOND, MAINE ADDRESSING ORDINANCE

#### Section 5. Numbering System:

- C. Every structure with more than one principal use or occupancy shall have a separate number for each use or occupancy. (i.e. duplexes will have two separate numbers; apartments will have one road number with an apartment number, such as 235 Maple Street, Apt. 2).

#### Section 6. Compliance:

All owners of structures shall, by the date stipulated in Section 8, display and maintain in a conspicuous place on said structure, the assigned numbers in the following manner:

- A. Number on the structure or residence: Where the residence or structure is located and clearly visible within 50 (fifty) feet of the edge of the road right-of-way, the assigned number shall be displayed on the front of the residence or structure near the front door or entry;
- B. Number at the street line: Where the residence or structure is over fifty (50) feet from the edge of the road right-of-way, the assigned number shall be displayed on a post, fence, wall, the mail box (when such mailbox is located on the same side of the street where the principal structure is located), or on some structure at the property line next to the walk or access drive to the residence or structure.
- C. Size and color of number: Numbers shall be displayed in a color and size that can clearly be identified and shall be located to be visible from the road.
- D. Every person whose duty is to display the assigned number shall remove any different number that might be mistaken for, or confused with, the number assigned in conformance with this Ordinance. (Note: Historic dates identifying when the property was established or the structure was built shall be exempt from the section. Careful consideration of clear distinction between a historical date and the physical address numbers shall be made by the property owner.)
- E. Interior location: All residents and other occupants are requested to post the assigned number and road name next to their telephone for emergency reference.

#### Section 7. New Construction and Subdivisions:

All new construction and subdivision shall be named and numbered in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and as follows:

- A. New Construction: Whenever any residence or other structure is constructed or developed, it shall be the duty of the new owner to obtain an assigned number from the E911 Coordinator. This shall be done at the time of the issuance of the building permit.

#### Section 8. Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall become effective as of January 1, 1998. It shall be the duty of the Board of Selectmen to notify by mail each property owner and the Post Office of a new address at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of its use. It shall be the duty of each property owner to comply with this Ordinance, including the posting of new property numbers, within thirty (30) days following notification. On new structures, numbering will be installed before final inspection or when the structure is first used or occupied, whichever comes first.

## Derby Fest 2006 Proposed Schedule Of Events

- **2/24 Friday Night** – *Aubuchon Hardwater Classic* - Motorcycle and automobile racing on the ice at Point Sebago Resort. Possible "teaser" act of Freestyle Snowmobiling. Races start at 6pm.
- **2/25 & 2/26 7am to 4pm both days** – *Sebago Lake Ice Fishing Derby*. Over \$30,000 in Prizes. Weigh stations at Raymond Beach, Jordan's Store, and Standish Boat Ramp. (Raymond station will be closed during the Air Show.)
- **2/24 & 2/25 9am to 4pm both days** – *Raymond Beach Ice Midway*. Food and beverage vendors, live music, an "Ice Mall" with plenty of shopping from crafts to furs. Antique snowmobile exhibit, free skating rink, free kids snow shoe races, snow sculpture/kids slide, sporting goods displays. Freestyle snowmobile shows. "Designer Ice Shackteaux" contest.
- **2/25 Saturday 11am at Raymond Beach** – *Bushmaster Airshow & Fly-in*. Model Aircraft warm-up show starts at 10am. **Plan on arriving early! There will be traffic delays.** Acts include aerobatic shows, wingwalking and military fly overs.
- **2/25 Saturday 5pm at Raymond Beach** – *Kittery Trading Post's Ice Fisherman of the Year Contest*. A test of speed, strength and ice fishing skills.
- **2/26 Sunday 9am** – *Kittery Trading Post X-Country Ski Race* – Point Sebago Golf Course.
- **2/26 Sunday 9am to dark at Raymond Beach** – *Snowmobile Radar Run*. On the ice runway. 1000' run with infrared timing system calibrated to 1/100th MPH. Vintage sled runs at 660'. \$500 bonus if the best time of the day is a State speed record. Vintage snowmobile exhibit. Freestyle Snowmobile Shows by The Braaap Pack
- **2/26 Sunday 11am at Raymond Beach** – *Maine Children's Cancer Program Polar Ice Dip*. Watch over 100 people jump into the 34 degree waters of Sebago Lake raising tens of thousands of dollars for this wonderful program.
- **2/26 Sunday all day on Sebago Lake** – *WGME's Amy Sinclair Ice Shack Contest*. Amy & her judges will be touring shacks on the lake looking for the best!
- **2/26 Sunday 7pm at Camp Sunshine** – *Derby Fest Awards Ceremony*. Fishing Derby awards and prize drawings.

### 2005 Town Report Cover Picture

Louise Lester, Town Clerk, is asking anyone who might have a special Raymond picture taken in the town's fiscal year July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005, to submit it for consideration for the cover of the next Annual Report. The deadline for submissions will be March 1, 2006.

Please send it in by mail, in person, or by email. We can use photographs or digital format. Louise's email address is: [louise.lester@raymondmaine.org](mailto:louise.lester@raymondmaine.org)

## Raymond Town Office Building Committee

The Board of Selectmen is seeking applicants who wish to be a part of the Phase II Town Office Building Committee. This committee has been directed to investigate two possible sites and proposals. The work of this committee would go before the Board of Selectmen and then a town meeting for approval before any construction and/or renovation work could occur. The frequency, time, and place of meetings are to be decided by the committee.

Please forward your letters of interest, including a short resume, to Louise Lester, Town Clerk, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071, or e-mail [louise.lester@raymondmaine.org](mailto:louise.lester@raymondmaine.org). Volunteer applications are available at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org), which will be automatically forwarded to Mrs. Lester.

## 2006 School Scholarship Applications Available

The 2006 Raymond Scholarship applications are available at the Town Office and Jordan-Small Middle School. The Carleton E. Edwards, George Woods, and Alva Clough Scholarships have a deadline for submission of May 2, 2006, at 4pm.

There are also other scholarships available from several organizations in Raymond.

- Lions Club Scholarship can be obtained from Betty McDermott, 10 McDermott Road, Raymond, ME 04071
- Betts-Douglas-Hickey Scholarship from Linda Alexander, 1 Pine Lane, Raymond, ME 04071
- Semi-Circle Scholarship from Diane Goosetrey, 28 Deer Acres Road, Raymond, ME 04071
- Raymond PTA Scholarship from Lynn Davis, Jordan-Small Middle School, 423 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071

## The Risks Of Adolescent Alcohol Use

By Steve Danzig, LSW, LADC

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, early alcohol use may have long-lasting consequences. People who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence at some time in their lives, compared with those who have their first drink at age 20 or older. And some of the most immediate, serious, and widespread alcohol-related problems among adolescents are as follows:

**Drinking and Driving.** Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among youth ages 15 to 20. Adolescents are already at increased risk through their relative lack of driving experience, and drivers younger than 21 are more susceptible than older drivers to the alcohol-induced impairment of driving skills. The rate of fatal crashes among alcohol-involved drivers between 16 and 20 years old is more than twice the rate for alcohol-involved drivers 21 and older.

**Suicide.** Alcohol use interacts with conditions such as depression and stress to contribute to suicide, the third leading cause of death among people between the ages of 14 and 25. In a 2002 study, 37% of eighth grade females who drank heavily reported attempting suicide, compared with 11% who did not drink.

**Sexual assault.** Sexual assault, including date rape, occurs most commonly among women in late adolescence and early adulthood. Research performed in 2002, suggests that alcohol use by the offender, the victim, or both increases the likelihood of sexual assault by a male acquaintance.

Both the immediate and long-term risks associated with adolescent alcohol use underscore the need for effective prevention and treatment if the use has already begun.

The best method of preventing teen alcohol use and subsequent abuse begins at home. Family factors, such as parent-child relationships, discipline methods, communication, monitoring and supervision, and parental involvement, exert a significant influence on youthful alcohol use.

If you suspect that your teen is using alcohol, immediately schedule an assessment with a licensed alcohol and drug counselor ("LADC") or other qualified alcohol and substance abuse provider that specializes in adolescent treatment. Identifying alcohol use disorders in youth requires different screening, assessment, and treatment approaches than those used for adults. If the assessment indicates that there is a problem, your alcohol and drug counselor can recommend the best course of treatment.

### Tassel Top Park Head Ranger Search

The Tassel Top Board of Directors is seeking applicants for head ranger at Tassel Top Park during the summer of 2006. The position organizes, maintains, and runs the park from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

Duties include the management and maintenance of the park, overseeing and scheduling staff; as well as collecting and reporting all financial aspects of the park. This is a full time seasonal position with competitive pay.

Deadline for applications, which can be found on the town's website at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org), is April 4, 2006, at 4pm.

Please submit application materials to: Don Willard, Town Manager, Town of Raymond, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Maine 04071. For more information, please call Mr. Willard at 207-655-4742 ext. 31.

*The Town of Raymond is an equal opportunity employer.*

## 2006 Boat Registrations Available

The Town Clerk's Office has received the 2006 boat registration and milfoil stickers. There has been a change in the registration cost. All boats which run under power other than a paddle or oar must be registered and have a fresh water milfoil sticker.

0-10 horsepower boat.....	\$10
11-50 horsepower boat.....	\$15
51-115 horsepower boat.....	\$21
Over 115 horsepower boat.....	\$29
Personal Watercraft.....	\$29
Resident Milfoil sticker.....	\$10
Non-resident Milfoil sticker.....	\$20

If you wish to register your non-powered boat for security and identification purposes, that is available for \$10.

## Raymond Rabies Clinic Well Attended

On Saturday, January 21, 2006, Jordan Bay Animal Hospital provided rabies vaccinations to Raymond resident dogs and cats for a minimal fee. Mrs. Nancy Yates, Deputy Town Clerk, attended in order to license dogs at the event.

Our thanks go to Dr. Jim Stephenson, his wife Judy, and their staff in making this service available to Raymond. In addition, Blue Seal Feeds from South Windham volunteered to answer questions about a pet's nutritional needs. They also donated dog and cat food to the participants, as well as to our Animal Control Program.



### FREE FAMILY EVENT

Friday, February 10, 2006  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
at JSMS Gymnasium

D.J. to play family favorites!  
Lots of activities for all ages K-8!!  
Family portraits will be available  
(for a small fee)

Sponsored by S.E.A.R.C.H.,  
Raymond Mentoring Partnership,  
and Raymond PTA