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## Raymond Student Honored for Protecting Water Resources

Poland Spring sponsors Raymond student at the World Water Forum in Mexico City

Gaia Cloutier, 6th grader at the Jordan-Small Middle School, was selected as one of five students in North America to attend the Fourth World Water Forum in Mexico City, March 16 – 22. Her teacher Ms. Lynne Estey nominated Gaia based on her outstanding participation in raising awareness and protecting water resources through the study of trout. Her trip to Mexico City was sponsored through the Portland Water District, Project WET, the Poland Spring Water Company, and the Nestle Waters North America Inc. Gaia's mom Lisa Friedlander accompanied her to Mexico City for the forum.

Project WET (Water Education for Teachers), a nonprofit water science and education program with the mission to reach children, parents, educators and communities of the world with water education, selected Gaia and the other four students. At the World Water Forum, Gaia described the **Trout in the Classroom** project in a presentation to student environmentalists from around the globe

Gaia and her classmates have been learning about the importance of clean water habitats and native species by participating in a science project in Ms. Estey's classroom to raise 500 brook trout eggs for release. While nurturing the eggs, students are learning about watersheds, water quality, and habitat



Top left: Gaia demonstrates some of the tests and activities she and her classmates have had to do over the last few months to ensure a proper habitat and living environment for the trout; top right: Gaia during her presentation; Gaia's teacher Lynne Estey is recognized by Lynne Richard, environmental education coordinator for the Portland Water District, for her contributions in bringing hands-on learning of water sources and species to the classroom.



preservation. Once the eggs develop into fry, the class will extend their stewardship beyond their classroom by releasing the trout into a suitable habitat nearby. Abby Morgan, environmental education specialist from the Portland Water District, did an outstanding job assisting Ms. Estey and her

students in this program.

A send-off celebration was held at the Portland Water District headquarters on Wednesday, March 8, to recognize Gaia for her environmental work.

## One Raymond Steering Committee

By Mark Gendron

The One Raymond Steering Committee comprises Raymond citizens representing the Selectboard, Budget Committee, School Committee, and the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee, along with the Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools. We explore all facets of town (municipal and school) operations for "areas of opportunity" in order to improve services or increase efficiency. Items are discussed and discarded; others remain for further discussion. Unfortunately, this does spawn some unfounded rumors. So to put your mind at ease, the One Raymond Committee has no authority to take action on items, but instead refers them to the appropriate committee or board with our recommendations.

Raymond has approximately 4200 residents, with 575 pupils in our K-8 schools, which means that we are not a large town but also means we don't have the high mill rate that supports "large town" services. The Comprehensive Plan Committee and One Raymond surveys indicate that town residents prefer a rural character and feeling of community. With this in mind, One Raymond is trying to anticipate town needs five, ten or more years out, and to formulate collaborative plans and suggestions for various committees to consider and possibly implement. Our goal is to look at the facilities the Town of Raymond offers through the school and municipality as a whole. We believe by looking at it in this manner, we can create efficiencies in services; best utilize the joint physical and personnel assets of both departments; and at the same time maintain, if not improve, the benefits received by the townspeople,

so that the taxpayers will realize savings over time and have the value of their tax dollars maximized.

So, what have we been doing? Our recent growth and revaluation process has forced our need for a larger assessing department. Exploring the cost of providing a town assessing department, including projected need increases, versus outsourcing the work to a contract assessing firm, showed a considerable savings with outsourcing. The Selectboard and Budget Committee reviewed the cost savings, and the Selectboard made the change to a contract assessor in this year's budget.

The town and school finance departments are working on a merger, so we will have one consolidated finance department for the town. This means equipment savings (such as one \$10,000 copier instead of two

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### Road Runner Articles

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by Thursday, April 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: [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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or three), combining tasks previously done independently at the school and town hall, and the huge benefit of having cross-trained personnel. Additionally, the town and schools are reviewing presentations and data on outsourcing payroll to a private sector payroll service for cost savings.

Many of the ideas have involved the school department. The school budget has the major impact on our overall town budget, and therefore on our taxes. One Raymond is working to have all residents derive benefits from our school system. Town Manager Don Willard and Superintendent of Schools Sandra Caldwell have worked collaboratively on a number of items. They are reviewing common service contracts, programs, CIP (Capital Improvement Plan), RFP (Request For Proposal), and other joint purchasing opportunities to ensure we get the best value by combining school and municipal purchases. We will already realize a savings in fuel oil through this effort.

Fire Chief Denis Morse and Don Willard are working on consolidation of dispatch services in an effort to maintain or increase the level of service and share the cost. They will be exploring three alternative collaborative plans over the next couple of months.

The Selectboard received a Building Needs Committee report this year. It indicated the need for a town hall and public works building in the near future. Our current town hall doesn't have enough room for present needs and is in immediate need of facility repair and maintenance. In an effort to avoid the cost of new construction, we have looked at more cost-effective alternatives appropriate for a town our size. We are looking at alternatives using existing buildings and putting together a future needs assessment for Public Works to allow us to plan accordingly. This effort

will be ongoing over the next year.

Representatives of the One Raymond Committee made a site visit to the Town of Winthrop recently. We visited their town office, housed in a portion of one of their elementary schools. We wanted to see if it is feasible to do the same in Raymond. We found Jordan-Small Middle School is set up similarly to the section they utilized, looking at the front wing of JSMS next to the portable classroom. We are exploring utilizing space at JSMS as the new location for consolidated Town Hall/School Department offices in lieu of new construction. The One Raymond Committee was able to tour the Winthrop Town Hall/School Department operating during school hours, observing all aspects from parking, office layout, and public access to restricted areas and security for students. Exploring an undertaking like this makes Superintendent Caldwell's job considerably more difficult with respect to anticipating all the details and potential adjustments. She has been an appreciated asset, assisting us with an open-minded willingness to discuss the proposal. The cost savings to taxpayers with this potential collaborative effort are substantial. The goal is to ensure that such a consolidation would not negatively impact the students or their education and at the same time solve a facility need issue for the town. Such a consolidation would allow the School Superintendent and the Town Manager to work closely together with the newly merged finance department. The whole Raymond community would also derive a direct benefit from our schools. This is still in the very early stages, and there is a lot of research and planning to be done. Many on the One Raymond Committee feel that the State is going to strongly encourage, or perhaps in the future even require, towns and schools to consolidate operations; we therefore believe this consideration is very pro-active.

We will keep you updated on the discussions and consid-

erations of the One Raymond meetings, as we explore any and all "areas of opportunity" for the good of the whole community. For any community members who are interested in the One Raymond Committee, please visit the town website and review the minutes from our meetings. Also, check the calendar for our upcoming meetings and agendas, and plan to join us and contribute your ideas. We have already set our next three meeting dates: April 11th at 7pm in the RES cafeteria, May 9th at 7pm at the JSMS Portable, and June 8th at 7pm at the new Public Safety Building. The May 9th meeting will begin with a tour and details on the Technology Department by Network Administrator Kevin Woodbrey. The June 8th meeting will begin with a tour of the Public Safety Building and details on Fire/Rescue.

## Town of Raymond Planning Board

*Notice of Public Hearing*  
**Wednesday, April 12, 2006, 7pm**  
**Town Hall**  
**401 Webbs Mills Road**

The Town of Raymond Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 12, 2006, in accordance with Article VII of the Land Use Ordinance and 30-A MRSA §4352 for the purpose of receiving public input on proposed Land Use Ordinance amendment to Article XII "In-Law Apartments." Copies of the proposed language changes will be available at the Town Hall and at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org).

# April 2006

## Events and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 7:00PM TH Budget/Finance Committee - Municipal Budget	4 6:30PM-8:00PM VC BSA Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	5 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 6:30PM RE School Committee Meeting 4:00PM TH <b>NOMINATION PAPERS DEADLINE</b>	6	7	8
9	10 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 7:00PM TH Recycling Meeting (moved from 4/3) 7:00PM VL Library Board	11 6:30PM-8:00PM VC BSA Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Tassel Top Board Meeting	12 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Story- time 6:30PM RE Planning Board Meeting	13 3:00PM TH Ballot Clerk Training	14	15
16 Library closed for Easter 10:00AM Appeals Board Site Walk	17 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 2:00PM VL Nature Program	18 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	19 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime	20 7:00PM TH CPIC <b>ROADRUNNER DEADLINE FOR APRIL ISSUE</b> <b>ABSENTEE VOTING AVAILABLE FOR TOWN ELECTIONS Friday, May 19th</b>	21	22
23	24 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 7:00PM TH Appeals Board Meeting	25 6:30PM-8:00PM VC BSA Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Board of Assessment Review 7:00PM MB Conservation Commission	26 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 7:00PM VL Book Group	27 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee 7:00PM VL Landscaping and Gardening Workshop	28	29
30					FB=Fire Barn JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd PS=Public Safety Bldg. RE=Raymond Elementary CL=Casco Library	SG=Sheri Gagnon TG=Town Garage RT85 TH=Town Hall VL=Village Library VC=Village Church VT=Village Tennis MB=Modular at JSMS

## Municipal News Brief:

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions:

Tuesday, March 7, 2006:

- 1) Vision Appraisal Technology Revaluation – Request to consider rejection or modification – Wayne R. Holmquist, 42 Meadow Road. The Selectmen received a follow-up presentation from Mr. Holmquist regarding information previously presented to the Selectmen on February 21, 2006. After receiving this additional material, the Selectmen still did not feel that the requisite burden of proof and criteria had been met to invalidate the revaluation project.

- 2) Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee/Planning Board request for secret ballot vote on Residential Growth Management Ordinance and Future

Land Use Ordinance amendments. The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC) and the Planning Board formally requested that the Selectmen consider the possibility of allowing the proposed Residential Growth Management Ordinance and all future land use ordinances to be decided by secret ballot vote as opposed to the current practice of considering changes as a part of the open annual town meeting.

The Selectmen voted 4-1 to continue the historic practice of considering land use ordinance changes at the annual town meeting but to move these articles to the beginning of the warrant in order to maximize the number of individuals in attendance and voting on proposed changes.

- 3) Consideration of 2005 supplements and abatements – Amanda Simpson, Assessors' Agent. This was the fifth round of abatements and supplements recommended by the Assessors' Agent subsequent to the town-wide revaluation. The total amount of abatements to date is \$47,218.28 with supplements of \$6,794.58. The Selectmen unanimously approved the abatements as presented.
- 4) Personnel Policy Amendment – Severe Weather Closing Policy. This potential policy amendment was tabled until Selectmen workshop sessions resume after town meeting.
- 5) Discussion of annual report dedication – Town Clerk Louise Lester made a recommendation for a possible town report dedication to longtime Raymond volunteers Horace and Peg Drowns. Both the Drowns are now deceased but were active volunteer contributors to the Town's Fire/Rescue Department in the past. The Selectmen unanimously approved the Town Clerk's recommendation.
- 6) Draft amendment to Town of Raymond Traffic Ordinance Section 16, No Parking Areas. The Selectmen unanimously approved including the draft amendment to the Town of Raymond Traffic Ordinance for annual town meeting. Proposed changes were originally drafted in August 2005 to address concerns about fishermen and swimmers parking on the side of the travel way and paved shoulders of Mill Street, which jeopardized pedestrian safety on the Mill Street Bridge. The draft ordinance language would prohibit parking from the portion of Mill Street starting at Main Street to Kings Grant, including any portion of the traveled way and paved shoulders. This problem may now be lessened, given the fact that the tree and swing, which drew large numbers of young people to the area, has been removed. The ordinance amendment also includes provisions to allow for towing of violators and adds a new Traffic Ordinance Section 20 which allows an exception exempting vehicles that are within the no parking zone on Mill Street 100' from the boundaries of the Raymond Village Cemetery attending activities related to funerals and/or maintenance work in that cemetery.
- 7) Appointed Wendy Thoren to the Tassel Top Board of Directors. Recently the Tassel Top Board of Directors unanimously selected Wendy Thoren to serve as a new member of the Board of Directors. In accordance with the Town's appointment policy, the Selectmen considered that recommendation. Mrs. Thoren has experience as an employee at Tassel Top in the past and is therefore very knowledgeable about operations. The Selectmen unanimously approved Wendy Thoren's

appointment to the Tassel Top Board of Directors.

- 8) Town Manager Report and Communications.
  - a. The Town Manager informed the Selectmen that a new employee break room had been completed at no cost in a corner of the existing Town Office meeting room, utilizing donated temporary partitions from Network Administrator Kevin Woodbrey. The new break area is the first in the history of the Town Office and is being well utilized by the Town Office employees during authorized work breaks.
  - b. The Town Manager also informed the Selectmen that Network Administrator Kevin Woodbrey would have play back video broadcasting ability installed by the end of March and live broadcasting in place by the end of April, if all technical considerations occur as planned.
- 9) Approved Payroll and Appropriation Warrants dated March 7, 2006.

March 14, 2006:

The Selectmen held a Budget Workshop to discuss the F.Y. 06/07 Municipal Budget.

March 21, 2006:

- 1) Proposed endowment Morgan Meadow Wildlife Management Area – Jack Spiegel and Richard Anderson. Mr. Spiegel owned the Morgan Meadow 1,200 acre property for over 25 years before its sale to the State of Maine through the Land for Maine's Future Program in the late 1980s. Mr. Spiegel and his wife Anne wish to donate \$25,000 to the Town to fund an endowment for the future benefits of Morgan Meadow. Endowment funds could be used to develop and maintain public recreation enhancements on the property, facilitate additions of land through the future purchase of abutting property or be used for wildlife and forest management education. Expenditure of interest could for these purposes occur only after approval by the Selectmen upon recommendation of the Conservation Commission. A town meeting article and an affirmative vote to accept this gift are required. The Selectmen unanimously approved a motion to draft an appropriate warrant article and seek annual town meeting approval of acceptance of these funds.
- 2) DerbyFest Certificate of Appreciation – Tom Noonan, Sebago Lake Rotary Club Event Organizer. Vice - Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Mike Reynolds recognized Tom Noonan for his outstanding work in organizing this and past years' Sebago Lake Rotary Club DerbyFest and the positive economic impact, fisheries management and family oriented winter fun that the event brings to Raymond.
- 3) Approval of Fiscal Year 06/07 Municipal CEO and Planning Fee Schedule – Jack Cooper, CEO, presented a revised Fee Schedule which is consistent with prevailing fees charged in neighboring communities. The Selectmen unanimously approved the new schedule to be effective Wednesday, March 22, 2006.
- 4) Entitlement County Proposal, Community Development Block Program – Elizabeth Trice, Cumberland County Grants and Special Projects Coordinator.
 

This change would allow the Town of Raymond to participate with other Cumberland County communities in the application for disbursement of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. An article needs to be considered at annual town meeting that would allow Raymond's population be included in the Cumberland County calculation to qualify as an entitlement county. This change should result in additional CDBG funds to Cumberland County in the aggregate and to Raymond, as compared to historical levels of successful individual applications. The Selectmen unanimously approved including the proposed article for annual town meeting consideration.
- 5) Consideration of dog ordinance – Town Clerk Louise Lester and Animal Control Officer Don Alexander. The Selectmen unanimously approved adding this new ordinance to the town meeting warrant for consideration, after making revisions.
- 6) Proposed Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article – Ratification of Municipal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services. Last year the Town entered into

a temporary agreement with the Town of Frye Island for a limited level of law enforcement services. The current Agreement, if approved by town meeting, will likely be amended slightly for the coming year and in subsequent years to reflect changes from both communities. The ratification of the town meeting to allow the Selectmen to enter into such an agreement is a legal requirement in order to sanction the Agreement, which will help protect both towns from future liability.

The Selectmen unanimously approved including a warrant article for this year's annual town meeting to authorize the Municipal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services.

- 7) Discussion of appropriation from undesignated fund balance for assessing assistance to conduct Fiscal Year 06/07 site visits and revaluation project follow up after change to contract services. The Selectmen unanimously approved hiring former contract assessor Mike O'Donnell of O'Donnell and Associates to complete this necessary work.
  - 8) Annual Unlicensed Dog Owner Warrant for signature – Louise Lester, Town Clerk. This annual administrative function allows the Town to impose an additional \$10 fine and issue a summons for collection, if necessary. Dog licensing fees are typically \$6 for neutered and \$10 for non-neutered. After January 31st, the cost increases to \$15 and, after the execution of the Unlicensed Dog Warrant, \$25. The Selectmen unanimously approved and signed the F.Y. 2005 Dog Warrant.
  - 9) Budget Workshop: The Selectmen reviewed follow-up material requested at their last budget workshop meeting, including a memo from the Town Manager with the fourth draft budget. Network Administrator Kevin Woodbrey prepared a detailed outline of work priorities. GIS Coordinator Elisa Trepanier provided GIS/Data Services information, including a detail of work performed by this department; and Town Clerk Louise Lester provided information regarding possible "pay as you throw" solid waste disposal options and associated impacts on the Front Office.
- The Selectmen have proposed a F.Y. 06/07 Municipal budget at the allowed limit of LD1, at a gross increase of 3.38% and an after-revenue or net increase of 5.37%. The projected property tax impact of this proposed Municipal Budget is a \$0.13 decrease in the town share of the mil rate or a reduction of \$13 dollars on a \$100,000 home. Two optional LD1 increase override articles will be offered for town meeting consideration: a road construction/paving reserve in the amount of \$175,000, which would add approximately \$0.18 to the eventual mil rate or \$18 on a \$100,000 home, and a Fire Department equipment (apparatus) reserve in the amount of \$85,000, which would add \$0.09 to the eventual mil rate or \$9 on a \$100,000 home.
- 10) Approved Payroll and Appropriation Warrants dated March 21, 2006.

## Fire/Rescue Dispatch Asks Your Help

When you lose your dog or cat, you can call Dispatch for them to notify Don Alexander, our Animal Control Officer. 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](http://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.



## Proposed Land Use Ordinance

I. Amend Article V of the Land Use Ordinance to add subsection F as follows:

### F. Residential Growth Management

1. Purpose – The purpose of this section is to establish a Residential Growth Management Program in order to provide for orderly and reasonable growth in the town, to direct the majority of residential growth to the designated growth areas of town, to slow the rate of growth in the rural areas, and to maximize the efficient use of town services, infrastructure and facilities.
2. Legal authority - This section is adopted pursuant to Home Rule Powers as provided for in Article VIII-A of the Maine Constitution and 30-A M.R.S.A. §3001 et seq., and s provided for in 30-A M.R.S.A. §4323 and §4360.
3. Definitions – The following definitions apply to this section.
  - a) Annual average permits issued – The average number of building permits issued in the Town of Raymond per year for new dwelling units, the winterization of seasonal dwelling units, or the conversion of any commercial use to one or more dwelling unit(s) over the previous ten year period. The previous ten year period shall run from December 1st of the tenth year previous to the current year, to November 30th of the current year<sup>1</sup>.
  - b) Growth Area – Those areas of town contained within the Village Residential District (VR), the Commercial District (C) and the Industrial District (I) as depicted on the Town of Raymond Zoning Map.
  - c) Rural Area – Those areas of town contained within the Rural Residential District (RR), the Rural District (R), the Limited Residential - Recreation District I (LRR1), the Limited Residential - Recreation District II (LRR2) and the Resource Protection Districts (RP) as depicted on the Town of Raymond Zoning Map.
  - d) Person related to the applicant - A spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling, child, or grandchild related to the applicant for a building permit by blood, marriage or adoption.
  - e) Lot of record – A lot shown on a deed or subdivision plan recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds.
4. Applicability - This section applies to building permits in the Rural Area for the construction of new dwelling units, the winterization of seasonal dwelling units, or the conversion of any commercial use to one or more dwelling unit(s). This section does not apply in the Growth Area.
5. Exemptions - The following are exempt from the provisions of this section.
  - a) The repair, replacement, reconstruction or alteration of any existing building or structure, so long as no additional dwelling units are created thereby and no seasonal dwelling units are winterized.
  - b) The construction or alteration of a nonresidential building or structure, so long as no additional dwelling units are created thereby.
  - c) A single-family dwelling to be built on a lot created by a conveyance to the applicant from a person related to the applicant unless the intent of the conveyance was to avoid the objectives of this section.
  - d) A single-family dwelling to be built upon a lot of record if:
    - 1) the applicant has owned the lot of record continuously for at least 10 years prior to the application for the building permit; and 2) the applicant is currently a Raymond resident and has been a Raymond resident for at least 10 years prior to the application for the building permit.
 This exemption does not apply to any lot that is split off or subdivided from a larger lot that meets the requirements of this exemption unless, and until, the lot which has been split off or subdivided separately meets the requirements of the exemption.

<sup>1</sup> As an example, the annual average calculated on or before December 31st 2006, would be calculated from the building permits issued from December 1, 1996 to November 30, 2006.

- e) Affordable Housing, as defined in Article XII of the Land Use Ordinance.
- f) Elderly Housing, as defined in Article XII of the Land Use Ordinance.
- g) Apartments in a Residential zone that do not contain more than 700 square feet of living space, excluding stairways.
- h) Open Space Subdivision Lot. Within any calendar year the first building permit application submitted for a lot in an open space subdivision, approved pursuant to Article XIII of this ordinance, is exempt.
6. Determination of annual average permit issued - The Building Inspector shall track the number of building permits issued for new dwelling units, the winterization of seasonal dwelling units, or the conversion of any commercial use to one or more dwelling unit(s) in the Town of Raymond and shall use that data to determine, no later than December 31st of each year, the annual average permits issued. The Building Inspector shall submit the annual building permit report to the Planning Board on or before January 1, 2007 and each January 1 thereafter.
7. Limit on building permits – Building permits subject to this section shall be limited on an annual basis, as follows:
  - a) For January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, building permits subject to this section shall not exceed 100% of the annual average permits issued. No person or entity, may apply for more than 5 of those building permits in that time period.
  - b) For January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 building permits subject to this section shall not exceed 85%, of the annual average permits issued. No person or entity may apply for more than 5 of those building permits in that time period.
  - c) For January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, building permits subject to this section shall not exceed 70% of the annual average permits issued. No person or entity may apply for more than 5 of those building permits in that time period.
  - d) For January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, building permits subject to this section shall not exceed 55% of the annual average permits issued. No person or entity may apply for more than 5 of those building permits in that time period.
  - e) For January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, building permits subject to this section shall not exceed 40% of the annual average permits issued. No person or entity may apply for more than 5 of those building permits in that time period.
  - f) For January 1, 2012 and beyond building permits subject to this section shall not exceed 30% of the annual average permits issued. No person or entity may apply for more than 5 of those building permits in that time period.
8. Order for processing applications - Applications for building permits subject to this section shall be processed in the order that the Building Inspector receives complete applications. In the event two or more applications are received simultaneously, the Building Inspector shall determine their order by random selection. Any building permit application filed in any given year that is not issued as a result of this ordinance may be carried over to the following year and shall be considered in the date order in which it was received.
9. Transferability - Building permits subject to this section are site-specific, and shall be valid for construction only on the lot specified in the application. However, those building permits shall be transferable to new owners of the lot, if the property is sold or otherwise legally transferred.
10. No carry over - If the allowed number of building permits subject to this section are not issued within the calendar year, they shall not be carried over to the next year.
11. Periodic review -The Planning Board shall review the building permit report submitted by the Building Inspector under Paragraph 6 of this ordinance at least every three years to determine if the ordinance continues to be needed to control the pace, timing, and location of development in accordance with the purposes of this section and to determine if it needs to be adjusted to meet current conditions. The Board shall hold a public hearing pursuant to Article VIII of

the Planning Board Bylaws and Article VII of the Land Use Ordinance and submit a report of their findings to the Board of Selectmen on or before March 1 of each year it conducts a review. If conditions warrant, the Board may review the ordinance more frequently.

12. Conflict with other provisions - This section shall not repeal, annul or in way impair or remove the necessity of compliance with any other rule, regulation, bylaw, permit or provision of law.
  13. Appeals - Any person or entity aggrieved by an action or decision of the Building Inspector to approve or deny a building permit based on the provisions of this section may appeal the action or decision to the Board of Appeals in accordance with the process outlined in Article VI, section C of the Land Use Ordinance.
- II. Amend Article V of the Land Use Ordinance to re-letter subsections G through M to H through N.
- III. Amend Article VI, subsection B.1.a of the Land Use Ordinance by adding “or the Building Inspector” after the words “Code Enforcement Officer” as follows:
- a) Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, to hear and decide appeals from orders, decisions, determinations or interpretations made by the Code Enforcement Officer or the Building Inspector;

## Raymond Growth Management Ordinance

### Q. What is the Raymond Growth Management Ordinance?

- A. The RGMO is a strategy that seeks to reduce the stress of excessive building in the rural zone by gradually reducing the number of building permits issued for that zone and by directing the majority of residential growth to the designated growth area of town.

### Q. How would the RGMO work?

- A. The ordinance would create a restriction on the number of building permits issued on an annual basis in the town's designated rural area. It does not set any limitation on building permits in the designated growth area. The ordinance would phase the permit reduction in over six years, eventually reducing the number of permits for new residential development in the rural area to 30% of the total in town – a goal of the 2004 Comprehensive Plan. The number of permits allowed would be based on a ten year rolling average and would be adjusted each year.

The ordinance would apply to construction of new dwelling units, the winterization of seasonal dwelling units, or the conversion of any commercial use to one or more dwelling units. It includes exemptions for affordable housing, elderly housing, accessory apartments, gift lots and one open space subdivision lot per year. The Planning Board would be required to review the program every three years to determine if it continues to be needed to control the pace, timing and location of development and, if necessary, to adjust the program to meet current conditions.

### Q. Why is this necessary?

- A. The majority of new home building permits (about 80%) issued over the last ten years have been for single lot development in the rural zone. This growth has resulted in more stress on our rural road system and our public safety services, ultimately resulting in extra funding needed for upgrades, maintenance and personnel. It also divides large land tracts into smaller ones and affects our natural resources, which create our real “rurality.”

### Q How does this affect the land owners in the rural zone?

- A. The effect is minimal in that these owners may still subdivide, still develop, and still sell lots. In 2007, the number of permits would be 100%; in 2008 the number is reduced by 15%; in 2009 the permits will again be reduced by another 15% and so on until the end of a six year period. The total amount of permits will be 30% of the town-wide permits for new construction. The RGMO allows for some exemptions - such as one lot for long-time (10 years) residents and for gift lots - to ensure immediate personal or family use of the land for residential purposes.

By reducing the amount of permits, the growth is slowed thus allowing the Town to absorb the growth and respond to it.

## Tom Noonan Receives Commendation

The Board of Selectmen at their Selectmen's meeting March 21st awarded Tom Noonan and the Sebago Lake Rotary Club a certificate of commendation for their efforts in creating and sustaining the annual Derbyfest event in Raymond and around Sebago Lake. Mr. Noonan accepted the certificate of appreciation along with his wife Ann and their daughters and a friend.

### *Certificate of Appreciation*

#### Tom Noonan and the Sebago Lake Rotary Club

is recognized on this day, March 7, 2006, by the Raymond Board of Selectmen for their continued dedication to

#### Derbyfest USA

and its charitable donations, fisheries management assistance, and positive economic contributions to our region.

Betty McDermott - Dana Desjardins - Mark Gendron

Michael Reynolds - Lonnie Taylor

## Principal's Report for April

By Norma Richard

Student safety is very important to us, and we are currently reviewing our crisis plan as a means to assess our progress in improving safety in our schools. One immediate action that we are taking is having all adults in the school identified by wearing ID badges. This will help staff and students to identify substitute teachers, parent volunteers, or visitors to our school. We will have badges for parents and community volunteers and visitors in the office, and will require every adult to wear one. We appreciate your help and assistance in coordinating this safety effort, and remind all visitors to sign in and get their badges when in the building.

I would like to welcome Brian Albert to the Raymond Elementary School. Mr. Albert is serving as interim principal while I am on a short-term leave. I have had the pleasure of working with him in the past and am delighted to have him join the RES staff to support students, staff and parents during my absence.

I am so very pleased with the effort and positive attitude that students in grades 3 – 8 had during the MEA testing sessions in March. I want to thank all of the parents who provided the snacks for students during their testing. It made a significant difference to many students to have such a variety of healthy foods for snacks, and their teachers very much appreciated the care that parents gave to sending in the healthy snacks. I also want to thank Rowena Hawkes and Colleen Laprise for their assistance in coordinating the snack volunteers.

Maine students are not the only ones participating in state assessments. Our friends at the Lukeville Upper Elementary School will soon be taking the Louisiana state exams. I recently received a wonderful e-mail from Mrs. Cynthia Thomas, Principal at Lukeville. She shared that the holiday gift certificate sent to her school by Raymond students and staff was used to purchase 190 calculators for her students to use on the upcoming iLEAP/LEAP state tests. She expressed her appreciation for the care and compassion that we have shared with her students. They are still recovering from the devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. While some progress has been made, there is still much to do in the recovery efforts. The generosity of our community in helping the Lukeville students and staff has been extraordinary, and I am so proud of all that we have done for this school.

I hope that you have marked your calendars for the upcoming performances of ALADDIN. It is going to be a spectacular play, and I know that Mrs. Dunklee, Mrs. Thornton, Ms. Feeney, the cast of students, and the many volunteers who help to make the spring musical a reality are going all out to make this the best performance yet. Enjoy!

### Senior Citizen Supper

The next Senior Citizen Supper will be May 18th at the Jordan-Small Middle School. The time is 5:30pm. Please call 655-4743 for reservations before 11am.

## RES Successful Milk Carton Recycling Effort

By the RES Recycling Committee

We are pleased to report that the Raymond Elementary School has been very successful in its attempt to recycle milk cartons during the lunch period. It has been an effort that involves the support of all the students, educational technicians that supervise those lunch periods, cafeteria staff, teachers and administration, as well as the assistance of dedicated community members.

The process begins when children clear their lunch trays. First, they open their milk cartons all the way and place them on the table in front of their trays. They then take their trays and dump the contents in the trash and leave them to be rinsed by the cafeteria staff. Next, they return to their tables and get their milk cartons and take them to the sink located at the back of the cafeteria. They dump any leftover milk in a five-gallon bucket and then rinse their cartons in the sink with a small amount of soapy water. Finally they crush the carton and drop it in a trash container.

The children really needed to be supervised until this process became routine, and this is where the help from the community became invaluable. Lisa Friedlander created a schedule of volunteers, who came into our school to help support the students with this initiative. The volunteers included Priscilla Barber, Lou Nerren, Phil Hammett, Dick Morris, Tom Carter, Wendy Trask, Ellen Judkins and Lisa herself.

The results from this effort are phenomenal, and this is only generated from lunch:

1. 5 or 6 thirty-gallon containers of milk cartons recycled per week.
2. 6 or 7 five-gallon containers of milk per week that are being used to feed pigs at a local farm. Estimates place this at a reduction of about 6 tons of material that is removed from the waste system per year.
3. 5 thirty-gallon containers of trash per week rather than 25 per week, especially if the kitchen staff uses regular washable trays instead of styrofoam. This means fewer trips to the Dumpster out back for the maintenance staff and much lighter trash without the weight of the liquid milk.
4. An increase in what we will be paid for recycled materials.
5. A decrease in what we pay for trash removal.

We would like to thank everyone who was involved in this significant undertaking. We are indebted to the community members who helped us get this program working successfully, and thankful for the patience of all school staff and administration during the learning phase. The children of RES also deserve special recognition for their tireless efforts. The benefits are financially rewarding because they are already evident in the reduction of trash and the increase of recycled materials. The most important and far-reaching benefit is that these children are forming a habit that will hopefully be maintained throughout their lives.

## PTA News

The PTA is co-sponsoring "Lighten Up, The Great American Nutrition Musical," a highly interactive musical performance by Slim Goodbody, designed to teach children the value of exercise and good nutrition. The event will be on Thursday, April 13th at RES. A healthy dinner (soup & salad) will be served from 5:–5:50pm, and the performance will follow from 6–7pm. This event is free to Raymond students in K-5 and their families.

A Playground Oversight Committee is being formed to evaluate and create a short-term plan and long-term plan for enhancing the playground area at RES. One more parent volunteer is needed for the committee. Any ideas for games and equipment are also welcome and should be submitted to one of the committee members. The scope of the enhancements are yet to be determined, but if you would like to be involved in the decision making, please contact Deb Cutten.

A Reminder: parent input and involvement is important at School Board meetings. Please be informed and let your representatives know how you feel.

### Volunteer Needs

New:

Volunteers are needed to help prepare food for the Slim Goodbody event. If you can help prepare food ahead of time or help serve the night of the dinner, please contact Jerilyn Ward at 655- 8672 or by e-mail at jward@raymondmaine.org.

Ongoing:

The PTA has agreed to paint hopscotch and four square games on the pavement at RES. We need a volunteer(s) to provide (cut out) templates so that the Public Works crew can spray-paint the games onto the pavement in the spring. For more information, please contact Deb Cutten at dcutten@maine.rr.com.

With spring right around the corner, it is time to start thinking about nominations for officers in the PTA. **We still need a Vice President.** and other positions may be open. If you are interested in holding a position or would like to vote once nominations have been made, please come to our next PTA meeting.

### The Giving Tree

We need the following:

- Plexiglas so we can frame the monster drawings Dave DeVries created with our children.
- 2 accordion-style window or box fans for the Teacher's lunch room
- a flat file to store large drawings, paintings or posters in for the Art Room

### Fundraisers

**Box Tops for Education:** Keep clipping those Box Tops! We are going to have another contest in the spring at both schools. The top 2 classes won \$50 for their classrooms this fall.

**Tyson Project A+ Products:** We're still trying to get this program off the ground because each label is worth \$0.24. So look for those Tyson products in the freezer section, clip the labels and send them in with your Box Tops.

**Ink Cartridge and Digital Cell Phone Recycling:** We've been getting a good response on this program. I've sent in three shipments already. Keep up the good work!

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Deb at 655-2877 and leave a message or e-mail at dcutten@maine.rr.com

## Anne and Jack Spiegel Create Morgan Meadows Endowment

At the March 21st Selectmen's meeting, Anne and Jack Spiegel offered to donate \$25,000 to the Town of Raymond to hold in trust for the benefit of the Morgan Meadows Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Spiegel asked that the town consider, if the opportunity arises, using the interest from this fund to purchase abutting land to increase the size of Morgan Meadows, improve recreational access, and promote wildlife and forest management education.

This gift will come before the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 20th, at 10am at Jordan-Small Middle School for the voters' consideration of acceptance.

## Raymond Village Library News

### At a Glance

Sunday, April 16 – Library closed for Easter

Monday, April 17 – Nature Program, at the library at 2pm

Wednesday, April 26 – Book Discussion Group at the library at 7pm

Thursday, April 27 – Landscaping and Gardening Workshop at the library, 7-9pm

Mondays at 10am – Babytime at the Raymond Village Library

Wednesdays at 10am – Toddlertime at the library

Wednesdays at 10:45am – Preschool Story time at the library

### Library Hours

The Raymond Village Library is open Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am to 7pm. The library will be closed on Sunday, April 16, in celebration of Easter.

### Annual Nature Program

The theme of this year's nature program is TURTLES. This is open to all school age youngsters; please sign up at the library. As in the past, we are so pleased to have Jocelyn Hubble facilitate this unique activity. It will be held at the library during April vacation, Monday, April 17, at 2pm. This special program is made possible by Loon Echo Land Trust, through the Helen Allen endowment.

### Book Discussion Group

"The Lobster Chronicles," written by Maine native Linda Greenlaw, is the book chosen for discussion at the April 26 meeting of the Book Group. The group meets at the Raymond Village Library at 7pm. Interested readers are always welcome. For more information, please call the library at 655-4283.

### Landscaping and Gardening Workshop

What a perfect time to have a workshop on gardening! Please join us on Thursday, April 27, at 7pm at the Raymond Village Library to get rid of the cold weather doldrums and prepare for spring and summer with Scott Libby.

Scott Libby is a young entrepreneur who owns and manages Libby's Landscaping and Greenhouse here in Raymond. He will be presenting on landscaping and gardening in Maine, greenhouse growing and using tropical plants in the Maine landscape. You may know Scott from his several years of work at Murley's Greenhouse. For more information about his business, see [www.libbyslandscaping.com](http://www.libbyslandscaping.com). He is located on the Webbs Mills Road (Route 85), 7.3 miles from the Route 302 junction.

### February String Art Program

February vacation week may not have had much snow, but there was still plenty to do at the Raymond Village Library. Sue Carr taught a group of students, grades K-6, String Art on Wednesday, February 22. The students learned about working with different kinds and colors of string that was strategically wrapped around nails in a board. They started with a basic design to learn the concept of choosing a pattern and changing the starting point with each piece of string to make a design with the strands of colors. This was an introductory lesson to a new art form for these students, and the Raymond Village Library would like to thank Sue Carr for making this program possible.

### Dr. Seuss Night

The Annual Dr. Seuss Night held at RES March 1, 2006, was once again a tremendous success. This program, co-hosted by Raymond Village Library and Raymond Elementary School, was bigger and better than ever, with more than 100 children attending.

The gymnasium was filled with Dr. Seuss memorabilia, drawings of Seuss characters, puzzles, games, activities and people dressed in Seuss-ish attire. The Jordan-Small Middle School Student Senate helped keep the action going at different activities, along with the help of Lisa and Allison Schadler, Bailey Odum, Margaret Mains and her Title I team, Betsy Stevens, Deb Keef and Gail Cole. Even Dr. Seuss attended this event, being kind enough to sign bookmarks for the children!

Deb Keef, RES Librarian, entertained families with her reading of *The Foot Book*. With the help of many RES students, the story came alive on the stage for all to see. After this fun performance, the families scattered around the gym to participate in the many activities ranging from fishing, to the beanbag toss to even foot tracing. Prizes were awarded at some stations, or tickets for the drawing at the end of the evening were given to the youngsters.

To wind down the evening, the drawings were done for a Dr. Seuss-themed journal, a packet of beanbags, a Dr. Seuss book, and the beautiful Dr. Seuss quilt made and donated to the Raymond Village Library by Gail Cole. The winner of the quilt was Brittany Anderson!

Naturally the crowd sang Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss in honor of his birthday on March 2. Cupcakes were then enjoyed by all who wanted to have a treat before going home for the night. Many thanks to all the families who generously donated cupcakes to this fun time and to all the above-mentioned people who helped make Dr. Seuss Night so much fun for all who attended!

### Gift to the Library

Many thanks go to Crockett Interiors for the beautiful new wingback chair that is now in the library's reading corner. This is a wonderful addition and fits so well into "The Plan" to make the library more inviting and cozy. Now patrons can look through book selections more comfortably. Thanks again, Crockett Interiors, for your generous donation.

### Plant Sale

As you begin your gardening days this year, please don't forget the Library Plant Sale on June 24, when you deal with plants that need dividing. And if you are starting seeds, how about tagging a few seedlings for the sale? Members of the Hawthorne Garden Club have decided to do this, and we are very excited to have their generous boost to the variety in the sale. Perennials are very popular, followed by groundcovers, herbs, flowering shrubs, vines, bedding plants and other annuals. Houseplants are also welcome, but the more unusual the better. For further information, contact Susan, 655-1010; Jane, 655-5354; or Irene, 655-4711.



"Dr. Seuss" autographs bookmarks for the children!

## Are You Throwing 24¢ Away?

If you purchase Tyson products, you might be! Tyson has a program that can help the Raymond School System earn money! The program is called Project A+, and it works like this: there's a Project A+ label worth 24¢ on various Tyson products that feature the Project A+ logo on the front of the package. Schools earn money from Tyson by collecting and redeeming the labels, similar to the General Mills program, Box Tops for Education. Participating schools can earn up to \$12,000 per academic year, and there are no restrictions on how the funds are used. The schools can use the money

for anything they need — field trips, computer equipment, sports gear, library books — anything!

The Raymond PTA has set up collection sites at RES in front of the library and at JSMS in front of the office, where parents and others in the community can drop off their Tyson Project A+ redemption labels. Our goal this year is to collect a total of 5000 labels so that we can earn \$1200 for our schools. For more information on the Tyson Project A+ program, contact Karyn Knights at 655-3926, or check out the Tyson Project A+ website, <http://ProjectAPlus.tyson.com>.

## Great Outdoor Summer Job!

**\$10-12/hour on Raymond Lakes**  
**Two Lakes Protection Rangers Needed**

The Raymond Waterways Protective Association (RWPA) is seeking applications for two Lakes Protection Rangers based in Raymond, Maine.

The primary duties of this position will include: inspecting boats and trailers at launch sites in Raymond during busy times; educating all users of our waterways (boaters, residents, friends/relatives, renters, rental agencies) about the risks of milfoil/IAP and the importance of cleaning boats and gear; working with trained volunteers to identify plants and properly report and manage any confirmed plant colonies; and monitoring our lakes for milfoil and other IAP.

Hours: ~25 hours/week (weekends included) June - August

Compensation: \$10 to \$12/hour

Prior experience with milfoil/IAP is preferred but not required. RWPA will pay for training (boat inspection, plant identification). Familiarity with lake water quality issues (i.e. non-point source pollution, erosion control, vegetative buffers) or other natural resource/ranger experience will be considered a benefit.

Send a resume by Monday, May 1st, to:

Raymond Waterways Protective Association  
ATTN: Lakes Protection Ranger  
P.O. Box 1243  
Raymond, ME 04071-1243

## Registering Boats Requires Milfoil Stamp

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife is continuing the milfoil stamp program on all motorized boats that will be using Maine inland waters. This money will be used for programs to study and prevent the water plants, including milfoil, from permeating Maine's fresh waters. The Eurasian milfoil plant is an invasive plant that eventually chokes fresh water lakes, ponds, and rivers. Once established in a lake, it can become impossible to control. Maine is trying to keep milfoil and other invasive water plants from its waters, and this program is trying to keep our lakes, ponds, and streams from getting it. For anyone with a non-motorized boat who wishes to participate, the stickers are also available at the usual cost.

Part of the ongoing program in Raymond is supporting rangers, paid or volunteer, who check boats being launched into our lakes. The major way that invasive water plants get into our lakes is by the plants being transported on boats, motors, and boat trailers. If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail Noralee Raymond at [noralee.raymond@raymondmaine.org](mailto:noralee.raymond@raymondmaine.org) or phone John Rand at 655-4277.

When you register your boats, the regular fees will be charged but in addition a \$10 fee will be charged for residents and \$20 for non-residents.

## Substitute Teachers

Applications are now being taken for Substitute Teachers at the Raymond Elementary School and the Jordan-Small Middle School.

### Qualifications:

- 2 years of college (minimum)
- Desire to work in a caring school environment
- Love of children and learning

*State of Maine fingerprinting required.*

Applications are available in the school offices.

## Panther Pond Association

### Notes

By Ben Severn, PPA President

On Your Mark...RWPA and PPA Relationship Revisited

Milfoil Volunteers for Panther Run/Jordan River

Courtesy Boat Inspectors

Visit the PPA Website at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org)

On Your Mark, Get Set...

Cliché or not, it is hard to believe that another summer will soon be upon us. In order to be ready for that glorious moment and enjoy it to its fullest, we need to prepare. Hence, the track parlance of "on your mark, get set, ready, go." To help us get to our marks and to get set for another year on The Pond, it is useful to remember how we got where we are today, to reflect on things finished and unfinished.

#### RWPA and PPA Relationship

During the early days leading up to the founding of PPA, the need for a lake or pond organization separate from the venerable RWPA was raised. What could PPA offer that RWPA didn't already offer? We came away from that period of discussion believing we had successfully explained the relationship and the differences between the two to the most skeptical.

However, during the course of the past year or two, it became evident that after 3 years, some people were still confused about the relationship between RWPA and PPA. It was not unusual to talk with people who couldn't remember if they had sent a contribution to RWPA or PPA, or who thought they had sent it to one while in fact they had sent it to the other. Because I was first a founding member of PPA, then Vice-President, and then President, and have been on the RWPA board of directors for the past three years, I was asked by several members of RWPA and PPA to take a stab at clarifying the relationship one more time.

Significant individual efforts to reduce runoff pollution. Over the course of the various PPA organizational meetings in 2002, it became clear that many Panther Pond landowners, often through their road associations, had engaged the various environmental groups from the PWD, DEP, CCSWCD, etc., to help identify and fix lake runoff pollution problems. The DEP and CCSWCD people who worked with the PPA volunteer watershed survey teams noted how few problems we had on Panther relative to the other surveys that had been completed, at the obvious efforts undertaken by individual landowners, and the obvious positive examples set by some that led neighbors to make similar improvements.

Increased pressures on the lakes require a more organized approach. However, during this period of organizing PPA, many people, including those who had taken very positive environmental steps on their own, recognized that the increasing housing development pressures and the increased threat from milfoil required a more organized approach by the Panther Pond landowners than had hitherto existed.

Expanding role of RWPA creates need for effective lake

associations. This need to take greater control over the destiny of Panther Pond through the creation of PPA was seen to be even more important than one might have thought, when we grasped the impact of the significant change that was occurring and was likely to continue to occur in RWPA, as it was expanding its responsibility from one of monitoring water quality to one that would include milfoil remediation in the various ponds and lakes more or less within the Town of Raymond, including significant parts of Sebago Lake.

New RWPA and lake association roles create efficiencies. As the creation of PPA was being thrashed out, RWPA was considering the hiring of an executive director; and as of this writing, Noralee Raymond has served as the Executive Director for about the past two years. Though in its infancy, the architects of this new RWPA see it taking on a role somewhat similar to that of the Lakes Environmental Association (LEA) in Bridgton. Under this model, landowners, through their lake associations, will have representatives on the RWPA board. On page 3 of the June 2004 Raymond Waterways Newsletter, RWPA describes its structure and services and uses PPA as the example. You can find the newsletter at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org).

The concept is one where RWPA, through the Executive Director, will provide the management and technical expertise and guidance needed to carry out activities on the various lakes/ponds; while the lake/pond associations or groups will be responsible for initial identification of needs, for contacting landowners, organizing volunteers needed to carry out the work for such things as lake surveys, fixing erosion sites, or carrying out boat inspections. Under such an arrangement the associations are relieved of the need to acquire the expertise required for activities to be carried out—that will lie with RWPA.

In the case of our Panther Pond Conservation Project, Noralee Raymond has acted as the project manager. Her knowledge, expertise, and keen sense of responsibility were key to the successful conclusion of the various projects carried out last summer. (Please see her article summarizing the accomplishments.) But the project would never have seen the light of day without the existence of PPA and its vision and effort to get the Watershed Survey completed in record time. With this change in RWPA's role, it becomes even more important for Panther Pond landowners to be organized so they can be seen as a single force when dealing with RWPA, the Town of Raymond, and other environmental groups.

A philosophical response to the fear of the potential policing role of lake associations. There are some who voiced the concern that a lake association devolves into nothing more than a policing entity. From the very first document that discussed the Watershed Survey results, we have emphasized that no one is required to carry out the suggested improvements. The hope, of course, is that a significant number will embrace the idea of the improvements, but there is no intention of imposing upon individuals.

The formation of PPA grew out of the realization that to most efficiently manage the water quality on Panther we would have better success if we could speak as one voice rather than several individual ones, recognizing full well that not everyone would want to join and that there will

always be differences of opinion.

During the discussions about what PPA's role should/would/could be, there was the sense that the establishment of PPA could lead landowners to develop a greater sense of personal ownership of Panther Pond itself and hence be more disposed to participate in activities that will protect Panther Pond's water quality than otherwise would occur. Change could be expected as landowners get together to discuss issues, identify problems and seek solutions. There always will be freeloaders who won't participate but will reap the benefits achieved by others around them. That's life.

From a philosophical point of view, the landowners around Panther Pond and those who use it are the stewards of this natural resource, with the responsibility to not only cause no harm, but where possible, take actions that will improve the quality of the water by reducing runoff and controlling the introduction of invasive plants. In other words, as landowners, we must hold ourselves directly accountable for the water quality of Panther Pond. As we state in the Watershed Survey, "the pond is on the Maine DEP's list of the Lakes Most at Risk from New Development as well as its Nonpoint Source Priority Watersheds list. This is due to the depletion of oxygen in the bottom waters of the lake—a condition linked to development pressure in the watershed that threatens the lake's water quality if remedial actions aren't begun."

The hope and expectation of those joining PPA is that by becoming educated now about the threats to the water quality of Panther Pond, actions will be taken that will not only preserve the current quality of the water, but even improve its quality in the future.

#### Milfoil Volunteers for Panther Run/Jordan River

As part of RWPA's milfoil program this year, Noralee Raymond has scheduled some pulling of milfoil and laying of benthic barriers in Jordan River this summer. We will need volunteers. The time and date will be set at a later date. While it does not appear that the milfoil has moved up the river and across the road to Panther Pond, we would be foolish not to eradicate or at least control what is in Jordan River and at the Panther Run Marina.

#### Courtesy Boat Inspectors for Mill Street

Noralee Raymond can provide some quick training for those of you who would like to volunteer as courtesy boat inspectors for Mill Street or elsewhere -- especially for Mill Street, since RWPA does not provide much coverage of Mill Street through its inspector program. Call Noralee at 671-3329, and if you can, send an e-mail to [ppa@raymondmaine.org](mailto:ppa@raymondmaine.org) so we can set up a timetable.

Visit the PPA Website at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org)

Although it is still a work in progress, our website, Panther Pond Association, can be found within the town's website under the section on Committees. There you can find the Conservation Project brochure, the By-laws, the Watershed Survey, and a DEP website. I urge you to visit the DEP website, where you will find numerous useful educational articles. We will provide a more detailed discussion next month.

## Raymond Extended Day Program

### 2006 Summer Registration

Registration for the Raymond Extended Day Program's 2006 Summer Session will begin Monday, April 3, 2006. All current RED families (any families currently enrolled in the 2005-06 school year program) may register the week of April 3 - April 7. Registration will open up to new families the week of April 10th and will continue until the program is full. Registration packets can be picked up at RES and JSMS offices or from the RED program during regular hours. If you have any questions, please contact Kristi Curtis at 650-4470. The RED program is also seeking employees for its Summer program. You must be at least 18 years of age to apply. Please call Kristi for more information.

## Town Reports Available in May

The 2005 Annual Town Report will not be mailed to the citizens of Raymond as a cost saving measure. Copies of the Town Report will be available at: the Town Office, the Village Library, Clough's Store, Sunset Variety, and Hilltop Market. We expect that they will be available after the first of May in time for the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 20th, beginning at 10am at Jordan-Small Middle School.

Town Elections will be on Friday, May 19th from 7am to 8pm at Jordan-Small Middle School. If you won't be available to vote on Friday, absentee ballots will be available from April 20th at the Town Office. If you would like to have an election ballot sent to you, the voter must request one from the Town Office. If you wish to vote on the town budget, you must be present at Town Meeting.

## 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 seasonal, full-time, 40-hour, \$500 per week position.

Deadline for applications, which can be found on the town's website at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org), is April 10, 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.*

## Raymond Beautification Committee Begins Year Three

The Raymond Beautification Committee came together over two years ago to look at ways to maintain and refine the extensive landscaping put in place under the Route 302 Improvement Project of 2003. The committee continues to work with town government, local businesses and a growing volunteer base known as "Walk n Weeders" to enhance the atmosphere of the busy Route 302 corridor. Last summer volunteers contributed hundreds of hours pruning, weeding, planting and watering in over seventy gardens along Route 302 and at Jordan-Small Middle School. These gardening efforts met with overwhelming approval from residents and visitors throughout the season.

The long-term viability of the Route 302 Improvement Project depends on participation of the businesses that line the corridor, as well as individual volunteers and community groups. The Beautification Committee's introduction of the "Adopt a Garden" program was a huge success last season, with over 30 businesses, groups and individuals

agreeing to maintain specific garden areas. Small garden signs recognizing the adopters serve as advertising as well as incentive for others to participate. As more people take part in the routine care of the corridor's landscaping, its aesthetic impact will be more consistent; and Raymond's welcoming sense of community will continue to develop.

The main objective of the Raymond Beautification Committee in 2006 is the maintenance of existing landscaping along the "Gateway to Raymond" and the promotion of community involvement. Our committee will continue to weed, prune and mulch, as we encourage the support of area businesses and build our volunteer base. If you would like to join the Raymond Beautification Committee, adopt a Raymond garden or perhaps donate materials & financial support, you may contact the Raymond Town Office at 655-4742 or contact The Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce at 647-3472.

### Raymond Beautification Committee's

## Adopt a Garden Application

**Adopting a garden** means that you, or someone that you employ, will meet the following guidelines:

- ☉ Weed regularly (about once a week)
- ☉ Remove Trash (every couple of days)
- ☉ Periodically remove dead plant material to keep area neat
- ☉ Keep mulch looking fresh by turning a couple of times per season



**If you choose**, you may also plant and maintain other flowers that will complement the location. In which case, you will also do the following:

- ☉ Water as needed
- ☉ Deadhead (pick off dead flowers)
- ☉ Dispose of annuals in the fall

**Yes, we would like to adopt a garden area. We would like our name to appear on the sign in the following way:**

Business/Group/Individual contact signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Raymond Beautification Committee  
Raymond Town Office  
401 Webbs Mills Rd.  
Raymond, ME 04071

Your Address:

Phone:

## Lost and Found

The Town Office has a pair of men's glasses and case that were left at the front counter in early March. Call 655-4742, if you think they're yours.

## Spring Break – Ladies, Have Fun But Be Safe

by Steve Danzig, LSW, LADC

With this year's spring break just around the corner, it is important for young women to be aware of the dangers of excessive drinking. According to a recent study by the American Medical Association (AMA), heavy drinking during spring break puts women, in particular, at risk for sexually transmitted diseases, blackouts, and violence.

644 women ages 17 to 35 participated in the AMA study. Of those surveyed –

- 74% said that women on spring break use drinking as an excuse for "outrageous behavior"
- 57% said that being promiscuous is a "way to fit in"
- 83% said they had friends who drank the majority of nights they were on spring break
- 59% said they know friends who were sexually active with more than one partner
- Approximately 60% said they know friends who had unprotected sex during spring break
- 20% said they regretted the sexual activity they engaged in during spring break
- 12% said they felt forced or pressured into sex
- 84% said they thought images of college girls partying during spring break may contribute to an increase in females' "reckless behavior"
- 86% said those images may contribute to dangerous behaviors by males toward women
- 92% said it was easy to get alcohol while on spring break; and
- 40% said access to free or cheap alcohol or a drinking age of under 21 were important factors in their decision to go on a spring break trip

The American Medical Association also found that during spring break each year, the cities and hospitals in Cancun, Mexico, report an increase in deaths, rapes, injuries, assaults, and arrests related to drinking. Similarly, in Daytona, Florida, during the month of spring break, twice as many rape cases are reported to county officials.

Spring Break should be fun, but it should also be safe. Parents should talk to their kids about a few basic safety tips. And girlfriends traveling together should make a pact ahead of time to follow these safety rules.

- Be aware of how much you are drinking. In other words, know your limit. You do not want to get so drunk that you do not have control over your body.
- Have a buddy system. Travel in pairs or packs and never leave anyone in your group behind. Keep each other safe. If you do decide to go separate ways, communicate your plans and have a hook-up time. If your friend misses the hook-up time, call for help immediately. It is better to be safe than sorry. Another tip: if you have a cell phone with camera capabilities, take a snapshot of the person your pal is leaving with. It could be helpful to the police later on.
- Never drink from a cup that has been out of your sight. Date rape drugs can be easily hidden in an alcoholic beverage.
- If you plan to be sexually active, be safe. Carry condoms with you at all times.

## Panther Pond Conservation Project Begins Second Season

by Noralee Raymond, Project Manager

- **Highlights of 2005 Projects**
- **Technical Assistance & Grant Funds Still Available**
- **Volunteers Needed**

The weather is changing quickly, and planning is underway for the second year of the Panther Pond Conservation Project—Phase I. As you may recall, the goal of the project is to fix erosion sites identified in the Panther Pond Watershed Survey. Soil erosion is the number one threat to the water quality of our lakes. Through this project, funding is available to fix up to 42 of the 84 sites. Project funds are provided by the Maine DEP and US EPA under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.

The first year of the project was a great success. Here is a list of some of the highlights:

### Task 1 - Twenty-two Remediation Projects

- Completed work on five major erosion sites – the road and parking area at Camp Hawthorne, Maple Avenue right-of way, Jordan Lane right-of-way boat access, and Plains Road at Rolfe Brook.
- Met with landowners and developed plans for eight additional sites. Scheduled project work for this spring 2006.

### Task 2 – Twenty Small Matching Grants (up to \$100)

- Completed five matching grant projects – the Morrisons planted a blueberry vegetative buffer; the Haydens installed a rubber blade water diverter on the driveway and erosion control (EC) mulch to stabilize the path; King’s Grant installed a rubber blade diverter at the boat access and plants to increase vegetation before the beach; the Clarks planted blueberry bushes and spread EC mulch to stabilize their bank; and the Watsons used EC mulch to fix their path.
- Provided technical assistance and developed designs for four additional landowners.

### Task 3 – Outreach & Education

- Sixteen participants attended the Workshop at the Maple Avenue right-of-way. Participants learned

how to stabilize a path with the installation of timber waterbars, an infiltration trench, and crushed stone.

- Thirty participants joined us for the educational “Cruise the Buffers” tour around the lake to view many of the completed projects via pontoon boat. Packets were provided to all participants with information on various conservation practices.

If you did not have a chance to participate in the project last year, it’s not too late! As part of the second year of the grant, we will once again be offering free technical assistance to any interested landowners. There is funding available for nine remediation projects and eleven Small Matching Grants (\$100). Grant funds can be used toward the purchase of native plants for vegetative buffers or erosion control materials (erosion control mulch, water diverters, crushed stone for infiltration). If you have an erosion or runoff problem on your property or are interested in enhancing your shorefront vegetation, please contact us today to schedule a time for us to visit your property.

Additionally, we will offer at least one workshop that will demonstrate the construction of common conservation practices, and toward the end of the summer we plan to offer a second “Cruise the Buffers” tour to view completed projects. Keep an eye out for articles in the Road Runner and on PPA’s website, or contact Noralee Raymond today to get on a mailing list for workshop and tour announcements.

Lastly, we could not have completed many of these projects without the generous help of volunteers, so please contact us if you are able to volunteer some time this season. Volunteers are needed on a site-by-site basis for planting, digging infiltration areas, and constructing and installing rubber blade or timber water diverters.

**If you are interested in volunteering, attending future workshops, receiving technical assistance, matching grants, or would like to attend the buffer cruise, please contact PPA at [ppa@raymondmaine.org](mailto:ppa@raymondmaine.org) or contact Noralee at 207-671-3329 or [lakes@raymondmaine.org](mailto:lakes@raymondmaine.org).** For more information on the Panther Pond Conservation Project visit the PPA website or pick up a brochure at the Raymond Town Office or Raymond Village Library.

### Yes, I am interested in helping protect our lake!

Fill out and return to RWPA, PO Box 1243, Raymond, Maine 04071 or call Noralee Raymond at 671-3329 or e-mail [lakes@raymondmaine.org](mailto:lakes@raymondmaine.org).

- Free Technical Assistance – for any erosion or runoff problems. Assistance is available for free on a first come, first served basis.
- Financial Help – cost sharing for roads, driveways, paths, and vegetative buffer plantings. Sites will be selected by the steering committee.
- Workshops and Tours – sign up to be notified of workshop and tour dates to learn how to identify and fix erosion problems.
- Volunteer Opportunities – for guiding the project, assisting on project sites (planting, spreading mulch, and building water bars).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and best time to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of problem: \_\_\_\_\_

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**What’s the big deal about sediments and soil erosion?** Well, the nutrient phosphorus attaches itself to soil particles as it washes into the pond or stream with eroding soil. Fine soil particles carry more phosphorus and can travel long distances without settling out.

- Phosphorus adds nutrients to the pond causing excess algae to grow
- Excess algae growth makes the water less clear
- As algae die and settle to the bottom of the pond, the decomposition process uses up the oxygen at the bottom of the pond. This can harm cold-water fisheries.
- The absence of oxygen can also create a chemical reaction that causes phosphorus to be released from the sediments.
- The end result – an algae bloom.

## All Are Invited to Journey Through Holy Week with the Raymond Village Community Church

PALM SUNDAY – April 9th  
9:45am

Join us in the Vestry (or outside if the weather is warm) for a hot cross bun and juice.

10am

All-Church Processional with palms into the sanctuary for worship.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 13th  
5:30pm

Soup and bread supper in the Vestry. Families are encouraged to attend.

6:15pm

Celebrate the Last Supper as Jesus might have in Jerusalem. A traditional family Pass-over (seder) meal in the Vestry with Communion and Hand-washing Ceremony and special music on guitar

7pm

Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary. A Candlelight Service with a dramatic retelling of the story of Jesus’ last days.

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 14th  
8am

Hunger Walk beginning at Casco Village Church with soup lunch following at the Raymond Village Church.

11:30am-3pm

Good Friday Prayer Vigil

The church will be open for meditation, solitude, and prayer. Materials will be available for you to read as well as a prayer list to which you may add your own joys and concerns.

EASTER – APRIL 16th  
6:30am

Daybreak Service at Casco Village Church

10am

Celebration worship with special trumpet music.

There will be no Sunday School, so families can worship together.

## Spring Scholastic Book Fair at RES

by Deb Cutten, Raymond PTA President

The ever-popular Scholastic Book Fair is coming to RES for a return engagement April 24th through April 28th. Though the Book Fair was a big success in the fall, many people missed it due to their busy schedules near the holidays. This time it coincides with the annual Academic Fair and will remain open until 7pm on Thursday, April 27th, for Fairgoers. It will be open during regular school hours on the other days.

We invite parents to come in and preview titles prior to their child’s purchases. There are many great titles to choose from, and we want your family to get the most value for your money.

May 1st – 7th is Teacher Appreciation week, and a donation of books to your child’s classroom is a thoughtful way to show your appreciation for all the hard work our teachers do.

The Book Fair is an important fundraiser for the Raymond PTA. Last year it represented 17% of our fundraising efforts. And remember, those funds come back to our children, schools and community through the PTA’s mission of enriching educational programs, supporting faculty and staff and collaborating with the community.

Volunteers will be needed to “mind the store,” as always. If you can donate an hour or two of your time, please contact our Scholastic Fair Chairperson Wendy Trask at [wtrask1@maine.rr.com](mailto:wtrask1@maine.rr.com).

## College Information

for Parents of Middle and High School Students on  
Monday, April 10, @ 6:30pm

Jordan-Small Middle School Cafeteria in Raymond

The time to start is now! Waiting until the final few months of high school to begin the college planning process often makes a college education more expensive and is less productive - yet it is an American tradition. This bad habit is driven in part by guidance counselor schedules and student confusion about the future.

This program is geared to middle and high school age students and parents to start thinking about the post-secondary options for your student and yourself. Parents can be positive role models for their students by investing in their education NOW and spreading the word that college is POSSIBLE.

Presenter Bob Stuart, Director of Maine College Circle, is a well-known college consultant and a frequent partner with the MELMAC FOUNDATION. He will be explaining why it is so important to begin the college discussion early. For the past 8 years he has been instrumental in helping students from Grade 3 – 12 identify colleges of interest and discover the reasons to attend college.

Please call the Gray-New Gloucester Adult Education Office at 657-2620 to register for this important evening.

The presentation is sponsored through a MELMAC Foundation College Transitions grant by G-NG and Windham Adult Education

## Boy Scout Troop 800

# April Fools Day, But It's No Joke

# ITALIAN DINNER

Saturday, April 1st  
4:30PM to 6PM

Raymond Village Community Church  
Main Street  
Raymond Village  
Boy Scout Troop 800

Lasagna, Baked Ziti,  
Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Beverage  
and a Dessert

\$6 each  
\$20 family of 4

## Life Alert: Lights and Sirens

By Ronny Keeler, Paramedic

It has happened to all of us. We're driving down the road, singing to a song, when all of a sudden you think you hear a siren. You look up in your rear-view mirror and you see the tell-tale flashing red and white lights. You pull over to the right side of the road and the emergency trucks go flying by. Well done! But what if you had no room to pull over? Here are a few reminders of getting out of emergency vehicles' way safely.

### Rule 1: Always pull to the right.

NEVER pull to the left. Emergency vehicles are always told to pull to the left of traffic. So if you pull left, you are going to be directly in the path of a big, loud, flashing truck. Remember ALWAYS pull to the right.

### Rule 2: Do NOT go through a red light to get out of the way!

This seems like a no-brainer, but you would be surprised at how many drivers do this. When a vehicle is going Code 3 (lights and sirens) to a call, the driver does not want to cause another accident by forcing you through a red light. In this case, if you cannot pull to the right due to traffic or a curb, then DO NOT MOVE! The emergency vehicle will eventually get around you. Our purpose is not to cause another emergency, but to respond safely and in a timely manner to the one we are on.

### Rule 3: If it is snowy and icy and you feel you will get stuck on the side of the road or lose control, then don't pull over.

In this situation, slow down to a crawl in your car, and the emergency vehicle will proceed with caution around you. Or look for the next plowed driveway or parking lot to pull into. Never put your life in harm's way to get out of the way.

### Rule 4: Make a habit of looking in your rear-view mirror frequently.

The more you are familiar with what is around your vehicle, the more time you will have to react and safely get out of the way.

### Rule 5: The air horn is loud, but do not let it make you drive without caution.

It is a state law that an emergency vehicle has to let people know it is coming, so they have plenty of time to get out of the way. But if you feel that you are stuck and have nowhere to go, do not let the air horn intimidate you. Stay put and let them blow away until you have a safe place to pull to the right.

### Rule 6: After you have pulled over and the trucks have passed, use caution pulling back into traffic.

Listen and make sure no other emergency vehicles are coming. And watch out: we all have seen the impatient people who, the second after the emergency vehicle has passed, try to cut everyone off to get back on the road and moving. Always look before pulling back onto the road.

### Rule 7: If you find yourself behind an emergency vehicle, always stay at least 500 feet back.

This is a safety precaution in case the vehicle has to make a sudden stop. Think of 500 feet as roughly about 20 car lengths. And if it happens to be a family member or friend as a patient in the ambulance and you are following in your own car to the hospital, please do not try to keep up. Drive safely and at the speed limit. Get yourself safely to the hospital, so that you can be there for your loved one.

All in all, remember that your safety comes before anything else. As a paramedic in the community, I would love to meet all of you but not because you got in an accident getting out of an emergency vehicle's way. And for the drivers who do not see the importance of getting out of the way, I would like you to think on this. What if it were you or your family who need help? Remember these rules, and I wish you all happy and safe motoring.

## 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 it is imperative that you break down the boxes left at the site. If the boxes are left without breaking down, you may be charged with littering.

## Rep. John Robinson Named to New Legislative Ethics Committee

AUGUSTA – State Rep. John Robinson has been named to a new ethics advisory committee in the Maine Legislature, an unusual honor for a first-term representative.

Rep. Robinson represents House District 103, which includes Frye Island, Raymond, and parts of Poland and Standish. As a member of the Business, Research and Economic Development Committee, he has already distinguished himself as a leader in the Republican caucus.

Rep. Robinson was nominated for the position by Rep. David Bowles, leader of the House Republicans, and Rep. Josh Tardy, the assistant leader. "John Robinson has proven himself to be a thoughtful, hard working and outstanding legislator," said Rep. Bowles. "He has emerged in his first term as a real leader, and he is very well respected and liked by everyone here. We're very fortunate to have someone of his caliber as our representative on the ethics committee."

"It is great honor and opportunity for a freshman legislator to have a chance to influence ethical matters," Rep. Robinson said. "I'm looking forward to taking an active role in the committee's work to ensure that the people's business is conducted with transparency and integrity."

The new committee is known officially as the Presiding Officers' Advisory Committee on the Laws Governing Legislative Ethics. It is composed of 15 voting members, including current and former legislators, members of the public, citizen lobbyists and a former member of the Commission on Governmental Ethics. Maine's attorney general and the current executive director of the Ethics Commission will hold non-voting seats.

Committee duties will include reviewing existing rules and laws regarding the standards for legislative service that deal with legislative ethics. The group will not review campaign finance laws, which are under the purview of the Commission on Governmental Ethics.

Rep. Robinson, educated as an Industrial Engineer at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is President of Robinson Manufacturing Co., established in 1849. He is the sixth generation of his family to run the enterprise, which formerly manufactured textiles but has switched in recent years to real estate ownership and development. One of the company's new properties is a 50-slip boat marina on Thompson Lake in Oxford.

## Legislative Update

From Representative John C. Robinson

### 2006 Supplemental Budget

As the session winds down in Augusta, many of the important issues before the Legislature are coming up for debate. One of the key issues is the 2006 Supplemental Budget, which is currently being discussed in marathon meetings by the Legislature's Appropriations Committee.

The budget totals roughly \$160 million, including \$15 million for roads and bridges from the General Fund, which will be matched by \$15 million from the Highway Fund. The budget proposal from Governor John Baldacci called for a \$25 million bond to fund highway improvements, but Republicans dug in against more state debt. I felt this piece was a significant achievement reached by the Republican leadership. The fiscal conservatives on the committee were able to find \$30 million for road improvements and did so without creating more long-term debt.

Maine residents will also benefit from the approval of another Republican budget priority – state tax conformity with Federal law on Health Savings Accounts (HSAs). The HSA conformity will eliminate state taxes on funds contributed to a Health Savings Account. Previously Maine was one of only a very few states to tax Health Savings Accounts. Tax free HSAs will bring some relief to our health insurance crisis and allow Maine people more flexibility with their health care expenses.

Maine hospitals are owed \$364 million from the state and federal governments for Medicaid care. The budget proposal from Governor Baldacci included only \$13 million for these outstanding hospital expenses. The final figures are not yet in on this piece of the budget, but Republicans are fighting for an additional \$4 million to bring the total to \$17 million. When matched by \$34 million from the federal government, the hospitals would receive \$51 million - still far from the \$364 million owed, but a step in the right direction when it comes to paying Maine's bills.

The budget deal will also contain money to enhance courthouse security, add new judges, and create a \$3,000 annual stipend to teachers who achieve national certification, a program that recognizes outstanding educators. Security at our courthouses has been an ongoing issue, and the funds to enhance courthouse protections will go a long way to alleviating some of that problem. The \$3,000 stipend for teachers was a compromise move to counter the Governor's proposal to simply increase starting teacher pay to \$30,000. An annual incentive to achieve national certification for all teachers strikes me as a better way to promote success and achievement among quality educators than simply an across-the-board raise for beginning teachers.

Jessica's Law

LD 1717

"An Act To Create Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Persons Convicted of Certain Sex Offenses against Victims under 12 Years of Age".

I wanted to take the time to update our community on the status of this legislation and the disturbing actions that came about last week on the floor of the House of Representatives. The title is quite clear: the intent of the bill is to set a mandatory 25 year sentence on a person convicted of sexually assaulting a child under the age of 12. Members of the Raymond community have been hit hard by this issue, and it is closer to home than many want to believe. As a parent, member of the Legislature and your elected Representative, I know of no greater responsibility incumbent upon us all than to protect our children and their future!

Sadly, in a surprisingly political maneuver by Democratic House Majority Leader Glenn Cummings, the motion was made to "table unassigned" this bill. The motion passed by a 68-66 margin. This tabling motion sets the bill aside, without any opportunity for debate, with the possibility that it will never be brought up again before the body for discussion and further votes. LD 1717 may well have been "killed" by a simple majority vote. It can still be taken up if the Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader see fit to allow it to come back to the House floor for a vote, but that will require a 2/3 majority vote of approval by the House. This action was a tremendous disservice to the families of this state who have dealt with this horror, the entire Legislature and the legislative process. Frankly, I find this type of politics intensely disturbing and a black mark on our State government. Regardless of where anyone stands on the bill, *this issue deserved to be heard, not tossed aside by a political maneuver.* The elected members could vote this bill up or down without the underhanded "cover" that some in the House were looking for.

## Request for Bids

The Town of Raymond is seeking bids for spring cleanup on Route 302. The job will consist of removal of winter sand, trash, debris, weeding and bark mulch, as needed, and to place new bark mulch in approximately 70 gardens and around several trees along Route 302 from the Windham town line to and including the Raymond boat launch/beach area. The Public Works Department will supply all mulch and a place to dispose of waste. Date of completion no later than May 27, 2006.

Please contact Nathan White, Public Works Director, at 207-655-5871 to leave a message. Bids clearly marked "2006 Route 302 Cleanup Bid" will be received until April 11, 2006, at 2pm at 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Maine 04071. The Town of Raymond reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. Additional information may be obtained from Public Works Director Nathan White at 207-655-1012 or 207-655-7851 or by e-mail at [nathan.white@raymondmaine.org](mailto:nathan.white@raymondmaine.org).

## 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 \$10. Dogs licensed in Raymond in 2006 after April 1st will incur an additional \$25 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.

## Passover Meal To Be Sponsored by Raymond Village Church

The Raymond Village Community Church is hosting a traditional Passover meal on Thursday, April 13th. The symbolic meal begins at 6:15pm in the Vestry. By using narrative, songs, and traditional foods like at a Jewish Seder Meal, it will retell the story of Moses leading the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. Participants will also share in communion in much the same way as Jesus shared it with his followers at the Last Supper.

"Passover is one of the most important Jewish festivals. Participating in a Seder meal like this one is a wonderful way to better understand Jesus's roots in Judaism and to imagine what it was like for the disciples so long ago in Jerusalem," reflected Pastor Nancy Foran. "We hope that families in the community will join us for this event."

The Passover meal will be preceded by a soup and bread supper beginning at 5:30pm. Following the Passover meal, a Tenebrae Service with candlelight will be held in the sanctuary at 7pm.

Contact the Raymond Village Church Office at 655-7749 for more information on these and other Holy Week activities.

## "NOTES" from the Music Room

Congratulations to the following JSMS students who were selected to participate in the Maine Music Educators District 2 Festivals.

Band - Grade 8 - Jenna Eastman

Band - Grade 7 - Josh Christy, Molly Cloutier, Elizabeth Shively

Chorus - Grade 8 - Jenna Eastman

Chorus - Grade 7 - Molly Keane-Dryer, Cassie Gordon

Orchestra - Grade 7 - Collin Gordon

Band - Grade 6 - Lindsey Hughes, Patrick Lachance, Ryan Szantyr, Tim Morris, Gaia Cloutier

Chorus - Grade 6 - Casey Hutchinson

Chorus - Grade 5 - Cassidy Gaudet

District 2 comprises approximately 15 school districts in Cumberland, Oxford and Androscoggin counties. The seventh and eighth grade students audition in October for participation in the concerts in January and February. Over 400 middle school students auditioned for less than 250 slots. The younger students are selected from teacher nominations and will be performing in April. The number of band students chosen this year is the largest representation JSMS has ever had!

Mark your calendar for our Spring Concerts!

May 25th - All Chorus Concert, Grades 3 - 8

June 1st - All Bands Concert, Grades 5 - 8

## 2006 Cub Scout Pack 800 Blue and Gold Banquet

The Future of Scouting was the theme at the Blue and Gold Dinner at JSMS February 11, 2006. What a terrific gathering for Pack 800 Cub Scouts! Families of the scouts joined together to have a feast, enjoy a magic show and celebrate with 2nd year Webelos participating in their Arrow of Light ceremony.

Families sat according to Den number, with each Den displaying its centerpiece following the theme of the evening. Also on display were cakes made by each scout and his dad. Designs ranged from patriotic to intergalactic, showing what each scout perceived as the Future of Scouts. Cakes were then shared as a dessert for all those who attended.

The magic piece of the evening was performed by Abacadabra Production's Phil Smith. The whole audience was entertained with a variety of tricks and much humor. The finale wowed all with the appearance of Roger Rabbit, a live bunny, from a popped balloon!

Following the humorous part of the night was the Arrow of Light Ceremony for 2nd year Webelos. These are the oldest members of the Cub Scouts who have completed all the requirements to move on to Boy Scouts. This is an auspicious occasion for these boys and their families, as they have all worked very hard to get to this point of scouting. Parents participate in the Arrow of Light ceremony with their sons, and 1st year Webelos are included to wish each other well. Congratulations go to all the boys!

Many thanks must be given to the Cosgrove family who coordinated the event, making everything look nice and go off without a hitch! Terri Cosgrove has coordinated this particular event for the last 2 years, and Pack 800 thanks her for a job well done!

## 2006 Cub Scout Pack 800 Pinewood Derby

Thirty-four Raymond Cub Scouts raced to the finish line with their individually designed Pinewood Derby vehicles. Each Scout had to make his finished product from a kit, following specific guidelines, in order to compete in the Annual Pinewood Derby Races.

Each vehicle must weigh in prior to the races and show it is made according to Pinewood Derby rules. Scouts use their creativity and personal tastes in the appearance of their racers, which make for very colorful and unique models. This year's races proved to be as exciting as ever, with Tim Morris moving on to Boy Scouts and not a contender for the First Place trophy. In the last couple of years Tim had walked away with the trophy.

Good sportsmanship, great fun and family entertainment, along with high-tech timing, and fast tracks, were all part of the experience for Raymond's Pack 800 Cub Scouts. Good luck to those who will be competing in the District Derby races!!



## RES Music Notes

By Patti Gordan

We have been very busy in music class tape recording singing voices and videotaping instrument playing. All of the tapes were used as assessments for the 2nd trimester report cards. Congratulations to all of my hard working musicians!

Kindergarten students have been enjoying the use of puppets with certain songs and games. During our sillier moments, we've been reciting poems and singing songs in cat and dog language. 1st graders are learning an African stone passing game, using bean bags instead of stones. They must all pass their bean bags at the same time, to the steady beat. Hilarity ensues when someone ends up with three bean bags (or four, or six), and others have none. 2nd graders are becoming quite accomplished at square dancing. 3rd graders have learned a couple of songs from the old (old, old) days. One song was over 700 years old. 4th graders are getting better and better on recorder. The songs are sounding like music rather than noise. Right after the 1st through 4th graders finish their classical composer units, all students in grades K through 4 will be starting an Instruments of the Orchestra unit. Can you hear the difference between a clarinet and a trumpet? They can!

The composer of the month for April is Stephen Foster. He was a famous American composer during the 1800s, responsible for such standards as "Oh! Susanna," and "Camptown Races."

Music Ed. tips for toddlers and preschoolers: Besides carrying a tune and keeping a beat, another music skill that is very important is the skill of listening. Children progress from hearing only the obvious in a piece of music to hearing subtleties. The best music for developing this skill is music without a steady drumbeat, such as classical or folk. Repeated listening, followed by discussion or drawing a picture, is a great way to strengthen these skills. Telling or reading stories to your child, without having him/her look at accompanying pictures, is also a great way to develop listening skills. The idea is to provide a completely aural experience, without visual aids.

## Raymond Recreation Association Tennis

The Raymond Recreation Association will offer a tennis program to children in the **3rd and 4th grades**. Sessions will begin on Wednesday, May 3rd, and continue for 5 Wednesdays through May 31st. There is a \$5 donation per student for the entire program.

Lessons will be held at Village Tennis on Mill Street in Raymond and will begin at 12:45 and run until 1:45pm. The school bus will deliver students to the tennis courts, and parents should arrange to meet children after class. Participants must wear tennis or other court type shoes and bring tennis rackets and comfortable clothes. To arrange for racket loan, call the number below.

**Registration forms will be distributed at school the week of April 3** to be returned by April 10. If you have not registered by that date, phone Pat at 655 4657. Enrollment will be limited to 30 students.

**If you are able to help with the program or for more information, please call Pat at the number above.**



## Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility

Leach Hill Road in  
Casco off Route 11

The Town of Raymond recycles all of its bulky waste. Any bulky waste like sheetrock, plank wood, furniture, glass, metal, old computers, motor oil, dried latex paint cans, mercury products, fluorescent bulbs, rechargeable household batteries, or anything which isn't included in our curbside household trash pickup will be accepted at the LRBWF. It is imperative that you deliver each of the different categories to their respective drop off points at the LRBWF. Everything must be sorted. The only items that can't be recycled at the Facility are dirt, sand, cement, cement blocks, rocks, etc. This Facility is not a landfill: everything that is delivered must be hauled out of the Facility.

If you have any questions, please ask for Raymond's list at the Town Office, or just ask one of the friendly attendants at the Facility.

Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday  
7am to 4:45pm

## Meeting Standards Is Part of the Plan

Being a small library has its advantages. We can provide highly personalized services for our patrons of all ages because they're often also our friends and neighbors. But being small can present challenges as well. Many people don't realize that all public libraries, regardless of size or funding, are held to certain state and national standards of professionalism. The stated purpose of the Maine Public Library Standards is to give libraries a tool for identifying strengths and selecting areas for improvement and in so doing improve the quality of library service.

These standards cover areas such as finances, governance and administration, physical facilities, collections, services, personnel, technology, and advocacy. A library's Board of Trustees is responsible for reviewing library services and policies to monitor quality, applicability and professionalism, as well as for operating the library within these guidelines.

The Raymond Village Library supports and attempts to adhere to the Maine Public Library Standards, which you can find here: <http://www.state.me.us/msl/libs/standards.htm>. But one size doesn't fit all among Maine's municipal and privately incorporated libraries. In fact the differences are significant in the levels of funding and community support that libraries around the state enjoy. In recognition of such circumstances, each Standards category establishes certain minimum standards a library can use as a baseline from which it can work toward excellence.

These Standards are very detailed, and meeting or exceeding them involves more than just one's sense of professional pride. A library's ability to compete for grants and other funding opportunities is frequently tied directly to proof of "minimum" Standards compliance, and that's another great incentive to meet them.

This is where the challenge comes into play for the smallest libraries, as many do not have the human and financial resources to, for example, be open the minimum number of hours per week or employ the minimum number of staff members. The Raymond Village Library presently meets most of the state's minimum standards, as well as many of the other requirements, but we do not meet the minimum state standard for staffing. One of the goals in the library's Three Year Plan, which you can read at [www.raymondvillagelibrary.org](http://www.raymondvillagelibrary.org), is to gradually improve our levels of staffing and resource development.

The Standards themselves are currently undergoing revision, and our Library Director is participating in this process, which includes meetings in Augusta. We and other small libraries are grateful for her participation, as it's so important that the voices of the small libraries in the state are heard. We find that many large libraries in Maine may take certain high funding and staffing levels for granted and therefore expect that their own experiences and operational abilities hold true for us all. The Raymond Village Library is an active advocate for small libraries who want to be taken seriously, especially in a competitive funding environment, in order to continue to offer their patrons high-quality, professional library services.

## RWPA - 2005 Accomplishments and 2006 Goals

By Noralee Raymond, Executive Director

The Annual Raymond Waterways Appeal is underway and every contribution helps to achieve this year's goal of \$20,000. We would like to thank everyone who was able to support us in 2005 and we hope to hear from you and many others this season.

Our goals for 2006 are to hire three Lakes Rangers to inspect boats and educate boaters, conduct invasive plant surveys of our lakes, and expand our remediation efforts of known milfoil colonies in Sebago Lake and the Jordan River. In addition, we will manage the final year of Panther Pond Association's federally funded 319 project aimed at helping individual landowners reduce erosion on their properties and will work with Raymond Public Works to fix eroding town road sites.

RWPA's Accomplishments in 2005 show how important our work is to Raymond:

- **Hired divers and organized volunteers to remove milfoil** from Dingley Brook and helped place benthic (bottom) barriers at Port Harbor Marine.
- **Inspected 2950 boats at four launch sites** (see the chart) while educating boaters on the risk of invasive plants (a 60% increase in inspections over 2004). Adding a third inspector allowed us to cover our busiest ramps (Sebago and Crescent) while increasing time spent at less busy ramps (Thomas and Panther).
- **Identified and removed Eurasian milfoil** on one boat entering Sebago Lake and removed nine Variable milfoil fragments on boats exiting Sebago Lake. Eurasian milfoil is one of the most aggressive invasives and is found only in one waterbody in Maine (private gravel pit in Scarborough).
- **Completed shoreline surveys of all Raymond's lakes (no invasives found)** and sections of Sebago Lake (documented known locations).
- **Provided technical assistance to landowners and the town to stabilize erosion and prevent polluted runoff.** Managed the first year of the grant-funded project for the Panther Pond Association to stabilize 42 of 84 identified erosion sites in the Panther Pond Watershed.

As we plan for our 2006 season, we need volunteers to assist us with conducting boat inspections at the four ramps. Volunteering as a boat inspector can be as simple as one four hour shift twice a month for the summer. We also need volunteers to assist us with our milfoil remediation projects. This year we will be expanding the number of remediation projects to four sites. We plan to do work at Dingley Brook, Panther Run (Jordan River), Bay View Estates, and Jordan Bay Marina. We need assistance with assembling benthic barriers and on the ground support for divers.

Do you know how to identify invasive plants? We will be working with the Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants (MCIAP) to set up a workshop so you can learn how to identify invasive aquatic plants and their native look-alikes. If an invasive plant is introduced to one of our lakes, early detection provides the best (and sometimes only) hope of eradication. So take the time to become familiar with the plants in your lake. Keep an eye in the Road Runner for training dates. Can't attend the workshop? MCIAP is now offering a training on-line. Check out their website at [MCIAP.org](http://MCIAP.org) and look at the new Virtual Herbarium.

Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about our projects. You can reach us at 207-671-3329 or e-mail [lakes@raymondmaine.org](mailto:lakes@raymondmaine.org). Thank you for your continued support through donations of time and in helping us raise our fundraising goal in 2006. We look forward to seeing you on Raymond's clean waters this season.

Please help us help you to keep them clean!

2005 Boat Inspection Totals			
Lake	Boat Inspections	Plant Fragments	Inspection Hours
Sebago Lake	2264	82 (10 invasive fragments)	339
Crescent Lake	655	41 (no invasives)	204.75
Panther Pond	18	2 (not invasive)	38
Thomas Pond	13	1 (not invasive)	26.25

Eurasian milfoil is one of the most aggressive invasive plants. Once the plant grows to the surface, it forms thick mats of vegetation, choking out native plants and rendering the waters unusable for fishing, swimming and boating. RWPA Lakes Ranger Christina Perry removed Eurasian milfoil from a boat entering Sebago Lake in 2005.



### 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 freshwater 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.

## Animal Control Report

Feb - March

Feb 15	Stray dog
Feb 16	Stray dog to Animal Refuge League
Feb 17	Owner call looking for stray dogs
Feb 19	Dog in yard - Picked up and returned to owner
Feb 23	Dead cat to memorial park
Feb 23	Dogs in yard - Gone on arrival
Feb 24	Dog in yard - Picked up and warning to owner
Feb 24	Dog at large - Warned owner
Feb 24	Dog at large
Feb 25	Took dog to Animal Refuge League
Feb 25	Stray dog - Returned to owner/issued summons
Mar 1	Two dogs at large
Mar 2	Dog running at large
Mar 2	Care and cleaning of equipment
Mar 2	Information given about dogs at large
Mar 3	District Court
Mar 7	Two dogs at large - Located owner, verbal warning
Mar 8	Cat missing
Mar 8	Cat missing
Mar 10	Dog at large, barking - Summons issued
Mar 10	Dog in road
Mar 11	Dog returned to owner - Written warning/issued summons
Mar 12	Two dogs in yard - Picked up by owner
Mar 15	District Court
Mar 16	Dog at large - Gone on arrival
Mar 16	Dog at large - Information only
Mar 17	Dog barking - Verbal warning

With spring coming, the children who will be playing at Sheri Gagnon Park and other town parks would appreciate it if you would not exercise your dogs in the parks. In general it would be appreciated if you would always clean up after your dogs, wherever you may be.

A Dog Ordinance will be presented at Town Meeting for consideration. This will set the policy in Raymond for dogs, in cooperation with the Maine State law. A copy of that ordinance can be seen at the Town Clerk's Office.

The 2005 Unlicensed Dog Warrant has been signed by the Selectmen. All dogs that were licensed in 2005 but not yet licensed for 2006 have until 7pm March 28, 2006, to be licensed with a \$15 fine plus the cost of the license. After that time, the fine will be \$25 plus the cost of the license.

Don Alexander, Animal Control Officer

### Moose Lottery Permits Available

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

Applications must be sent in no later than April 3, 2006.

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

### 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.*

### How Old Is "Old Enough"

By Senator Bill Diamond

The Legislature is winding down, with approximately three weeks remaining in this the 2nd Legislative Session. The second session budget (referred to as the Supplemental Budget) is well on its way. However, we still have some of the more contentious issues to be debated, and I look forward to hearing your views on all of these various proposed bills yet to be finalized.

One bill which has already started to be debated is one which would allow 18 year olds to be elected to the Maine House of Representatives. The Maine Constitution currently requires that state representatives shall be 21 years of age at the "commencement of the term," and senators shall be 25 years of age at the "commencement of the term."

In order to be passed, this bill would need to receive a two-thirds favorable vote in both the House and the Senate, and then it would have to be sent to the voters for approval at the upcoming November elections. All changes to the Maine Constitution require approval by the voters.

By the way, the Maine Constitution also requires that the governor must be at least 30 years of age to serve. There is a conflict in the Constitution which may be of interest to you. Let me explain: if the governor is unable to serve for any reason (illness, resignation, removal from office, etc.), then the President of the Senate would become governor as the next person in line to fill a gubernatorial vacancy.

The conflict? You can be a senator at age 25 and conceivably could be elected Senate President prior to attaining the age of 30, which is the minimum age required to serve as governor. So, let's say you're a 28 year old President of the Senate, and the governor is unable to complete his elected term for whatever reason. The Constitution says that the President of the Senate now becomes governor, but the constitution also says you must be at least 30 years old to be governor. Hmmm.

Back to the bill which would lower the age to serve in the House. Many argued that if one can serve in the defense of their country, then they should be able to be elected to serve in the Maine House. They also argued that being 21 is an arbitrary number, and many 18 year olds are more mature than many 21 year olds.

The other side argued that 18 year olds don't have the life experience needed to serve at the legislative level, and that many 18 year olds are still in high school and not ready to be making decisions at the state level.

Even though it's not one of the most burning issues being debated, it is one on which many people have definite opinions. I'd like to hear what you think about this issue.

There are also several issues pertaining to our business community, the environment and education, which will be debated during these final few weeks. Please be sure to let me know of your specific concerns or opinions regarding any of these issues. I've enjoyed hearing from many of you over the past few months.

Enjoy the spring!

## The Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase Set for April 22nd

The first Lakes Region Business Showcase is set for Saturday April 22, 2006, from 9am to 4pm. The business showcase will be at Lake Region High School and includes a variety of activities for you to attend. The showcase will include many of the great businesses in the region hoping to meet with you to share their work. The Naples Lions Club will be on hand to serve food. The business showcase will also feature a series of discussions centering on topics of Healthy Communities. We are excited to have a 10:30am keynote discussion on Dirigo and Medicaid presented by Steven Michaud, President of the Maine Hospital Association. The business showcase is free to attend. For more information concerning showcasing your business or to attend, simply contact the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce at 647-3472. Special table rates apply to Chamber members.

Business Showcase Sponsors

#### GOLD

Richardson Hollow Mental Health Services

#### SILVER

Norway Savings Bank  
Evergreen Credit Union

#### BRONZE

True North Business Productivity Solutions  
Healthy Options Together  
Premier Physical Therapy  
D. M. Electric  
Kettle Cove Associates  
Southern Maine Retirement Services

Who is attending the Business Showcase?

Business Showcase Participants

Complete Paddler; JC Mobility; Village Kitchen; Noble House B&B; Bridgton Hospital; Bonney Staffing; Garden Gate To Beauty & Wellness; The Ballroom; Summit Spring Water; Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber Of Commerce; Angel's Flight; FairPoint New England; Richardson Hollow Mental Health Services; Mr. Butcher; Healthy Options Together; LR Healthy Communities Coalition; Norway Savings Bank; Coffee News; Hannaford; Southern Maine Community College; Cumberland County Democratic Party; Mountain Mini Storage; T C Enterprises; Lake Region Republican Club; Lake Region Development Council; Beecher Photo; Mainly Custom "Wood Doctor" Outdoor Wood Furnaces; Southern Maine Retirement Services; The Smoking Solution; Tri-County Mental Health Services; Kettle Cove Associates; True North Business Productivity Solutions; Pleasant View Enterprises; Fine Kettle Of Fish; Deertrees Theatre; Evergreen Credit Union; Nationwide Insurance; Hancock Lumber; D. M. Electric; Premier Physical Therapy; AVCO; Landmark Human Resources, Inc.; Key Bank; Lake Region Caterers; Central Maine Medical Center School of Nursing; McHatton's Cleaning Service; Raymond Beautification Committee; Muddy River Signs; and more!

### For Information on the Raymond School Department

*Go Online to the School's Website*

Complete school department information, with links to Jordan-Small Middle School and Raymond Elementary School websites:

[www.raymondmaine.org/rsd/welcome.htm](http://www.raymondmaine.org/rsd/welcome.htm)

## Forestry Matters

By Gregory E. Foster, Professional Forester  
Raymond, Maine

My grandfather was a logging contractor for about 25 years, ending his career in the early 1970s due to cancer, which shortly thereafter took his life. His skidding equipment included a crawler tractor with winch and boom, a scoot, and a two- or four-wheeled trailer. He trucked his wood with a single axle truck, and in the earlier years, loaded four-foot pulp by hand, and logs with the tractor boom and winch. In the late 1960s he purchased a John Deere roto-boom hydraulic pulp/log loader, which significantly reduced the amount of manual labor.

In those days, business transactions were nearly always done with a handshake, from hiring employees to agreeing on stumpage prices as well as other obligations between the landowner and logging contractor. Today, it is extremely unwise to conduct the business of selling timber without a comprehensive written timber sale contract, a most compelling reason for which is addressed here.

Sometime around 1990 or earlier, a case involving a log truck driver injured on the job resulted in a Workers Compensation court case and ultimately initiated restructuring of the Maine Workers Compensation laws. This law change is specific to the landowner-logger relationship and has a direct effect on any landowner who sells timber to a logging contractor.

An Act to Require That Workers' Compensation Coverage Be Equitably Applied to the Timber Industry, Sec. 6. 39-A MRSA §401, sub-§ 4, by PL 1993, c. 120, §2, as amended to date states the following:

"4. **Liability of Landowner.** A landowner subject to this Act who contracts to have wood harvested from the landowner's property by a contractor who, as an employer, is subject to this Act and who has not complied with the provisions of this section and who does not comply with the provisions of this section prior to the date of an injury or death for which a claim is made is liable to pay to any person employed by the contractor in the execution of the work any compensations under this Act that the landowner would have been liable to pay if that person had been immediately employed by the landowner.

A landowner is not liable for compensation if at the time the landowner enters into the contract with the contractor, the landowner applies for and receives a predetermination of the independent status of the contractor as set forth in section 105, the landowner requests and receives a certificate of independent status, issued by the board on an annual basis to a contractor, certifying that the contractor harvests forest products in a manner that would not make the contractor an employee of the landowner or the landowner requests and receives a certificate of insurance, issued by the contractor's insurance carrier, certifying that the contractor has obtained the required coverage and indicating the effective dates of the policy, and if the landowner requests and receives at least annually similar certificates indicating continuing coverage during the performance of the work. A landowner who receives a predetermination of the contractor's status as independent contractor or a certificate of independent status is only relieved of liability under this paragraph if the contract for wood harvesting expressly states that the independent contractor will not hire any employees to assist in the wood harvesting without first providing the required certificate of insurance to the landowner."

To best comprehend and fully understand the law, it is recommended that a copy of the State of Maine document S.P. 248 - L.D. 670, be acquired and read.

Relative to timber harvesting and Workers Compensation, this law clearly makes the forest landowner the employer of a logging contractor, if the logging contractor does not have Workers Compensation or a certificate of independence and a written contract with the specific statement (as written above in the law) incorporated. Many logging contractors, particularly those who cut trees with a chainsaw and yard the wood with a cable skidder, do not have Workers Compensation due to the high cost. In addition, individuals, partnerships, or family members can operate legally without Workers Compensation.

To this day, efforts by any state agency to educate forest landowners about this issue are ineffective at best. To my knowledge, there is no other contractor relationship (home owner/carpenter, landowner/gravel contractor, etc.) that explicitly leaves the hiring agent, in this case the landowner,

totally liable for accidents including injury or death. This situation should make citizens ask, "Why did state lawmakers make so many of the people so vulnerable?"

Information, and the form to apply for a *Conclusive Predetermination of Independent Contractors*, is available from the Workers Compensation Board in Augusta. Unfortunately, our society is far more complicated than in the days of my grandfather. If you wish to conduct a timber sale, the best thing to do is consult a professional forester who will look out for your best interests in all aspects of growing timber.

### Town Nomination Papers Due April 5th

The 2006 Annual Town Meeting will be Saturday, May 20th, at 10am. On Friday, May 19th, our Town Elections will take place at Jordan-Small Middle School from 7am to 8pm. The positions available for candidates are Budget/Finance Committee - 3 seats, School Committee - 2 seats, and Selectmen - 1 seat.

You can still run for office, if you have your nomination papers deposited in the Town Clerk's Office no later than Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 4pm. Pick up a nomination form at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours and obtain not fewer than 25 nor more than 100 signatures.

### State Reflections Winners

Our Raymond kids attending Windham High School did a fantastic job in the State Reflections Program.

#### In LITERATURE

1ST Place	Alexandra Gordan
2nd Place	Hannah Huber
3rd Place	Andrew O'Neil

#### In VISUAL ARTS

2nd Place	Bridget Heathcoat
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We also sent the work of 10 students from RES & JSMS to be judged at the state level, and 8 of them were recognized as well.

#### In LITERATURE

Honorable Mention	Kaitlyn Dostie	Grades 3-5
3rd Place	Georgia Noonan	Grades 6-8

#### In PHOTOGRAPHY

2nd Place	Lane Dearing	Grades PreK-2
3rd Place	Jenny Walker	Grades 3-5
3rd Place	Cassi Gordan	Grades 6-8

#### In MUSICAL COMPOSITION

1st Place	Anna Laprise	PreK-2
2nd Place	Jakayla Varounis	Grades 3-5
2nd Place	Ian Dixon	Grades 6-8

What an accomplished group of students we have here in Raymond! We are so proud of them!

### Kindergarten Registrations

For all families with children entering kindergarten in the fall, call

**Ivy Jordan at the  
Raymond Elementary School  
655-8672 Ext. 108**

to have your child registered.

New issue of the "Growing Together" newsletter now available at:

[http://www.raymondmaine.org/schools/res/Early\\_Childhood\\_Program/raymond\\_early\\_childhood\\_program.htm](http://www.raymondmaine.org/schools/res/Early_Childhood_Program/raymond_early_childhood_program.htm)

## Bulky Waste Program Saving Raymond Money

The bulky waste coupon booklet program started in July 2005 has achieved the desired result, with major cost savings to Raymond's taxpayers. The Selectmen in their 2005-2006 Municipal Budget reduced the bulky waste budget by \$58,000, and the reduction in waste to the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility, for which the town has to pay, has been well below the budget to date.

The decision to have Raymond residents pay for bulky waste beyond their initial 1,000 pounds was not an easy one. The Selectmen had to reduce the budget and felt that the transfer of financial responsibility for refuse disposal could be shouldered in part by the users. They were aware that many Raymond residents very rarely used the Facility, and it would be more equitable for heavy users to pay for their deliveries. Because of Raymond's lead, the Town of Naples is looking to have some form of the same program to help with their budget.

It is hoped that everyone will understand the need for town savings and comply with the program. The fear that some people would dump their refuse "in the woods" does not seem to have manifested itself, for which we are most thankful.

Because of its success, the program will continue for the 2006-2007 year, again saving the town considerable funding.

### 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

## Dr. Seuss Week

The students and the CATs (Caring Assistance Team) at RES helped to celebrate Dr. Seuss Week and Read Across America the week of February 28th - March 3rd. Tuesday was "wear anything green" day. Students and staff alike were all outfitted in many different shades of green. Wednesday was "Thing One and Thing Two" day, or "Twin Day," where students and staff dressed as twins or as characters from the book. Thursday was "Hat Day." Students were encouraged to wear a Cat in the Hat hat, and for those students who didn't have one, the CATs made paper ones and handed them out. Friday was "dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss character." Dr. Seuss would have been proud of the students at RES.



Ms Cummings's first grade classroom of Sneetches



Title I staff at RES: Kim Badgett, Deb Shaw, Margaret Mains and Ivy Jordan

## Successful Math Meet

By Jenna Martyn-Fisher

On the 9th of March the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math teams went to Durham for the annual winter math meet. They returned with many trophies. The 6th grade team placed 2nd out of 12 teams. For the individuals, Patrick Lachance finished 1st. The 7th grade team also placed 2nd out of twelve teams. Beth Shively scored 1st with a perfect score, followed by Kyle Hargreaves in 3rd place. The 8th graders ended up in 4th place. In the school competition, they put all three team scores together, and once again we got 2nd place. The trophies have been on display outside the office at school. There is another meet coming up shortly, and the teams hope to do just as well or even better.

The 6th grade team consisted of: Josh Waldron, Robbie Lentine, Hallie Mitchell, Lucy Algeo, Patrick Lachance, and Nick Mac Donald.

The 7th grade team members were: Molly Cloutier, Beth Shively, Drew Gagnon, and Kyle Hargreaves.

The 8th grade team members were: Jenna Martyn-Fisher, Ethan Ward, Marybeth Wiley, and Katie Allen.

Congratulations on a great math meet!



## Girl Scout Sunday

By Rev. Nancy Foran, Pastor  
Raymond Village Community Church

Ten local Girls Scouts led the Sunday morning worship service at the Raymond Village Community Church on March 12th to mark the start of Girl Scout Week and commemorate Girl Scout Birthday. On that date in 1912, Juliette Gordon Lowe officially registered the first eighteen members of the organization in Savannah, Georgia. Today, there are 3.6 million Girl Scouts - 2.7 million girl members and 928,000 adult members working primarily as volunteers.

The Scouts participating in the church service ranged in age from the youngest Brownies to high school youth. They served as greeters and Scripture readers and also led the congregation in a special prayer based on the Girl Scout Promise. Participants included Megan Knights, Rebecca MacDonald, Lexi Walker, Jenni Walker, Megan Stevenson, Lyzz Stevenson, Kim Allen, Molly Keane-Dreyer, Haley Acker, and Mary Beth Wiley.

The Raymond Village Community Church is proud to promote youth activities such as Girl Scouting. All are welcome to attend worship services and church school each Sunday at 10am. Middle School and High School Youth Group meets biweekly.



JSMS Cheerleading Squad: Kaitlin Chandler, Julia Trepanier, Lindsay Webber, Anna Klinkerch, Chelsea Hethcoat, Emily Dodge, Megan Bruno, Chantelle Lydick, Hanna Lachance, Paige Tuttle, Amanda Ross, Amy Hill and Alyssa Elhajji.

## JSMS Cheerleaders Win Awards

The Jordan-Small Middle School Cheerleaders, led by Coach Shannon Calvo, competed in the Maine Cheer Classic at Scarborough High School on Saturday, March 18, 2006, and won third place in the Middle School Division. They also competed in the Elite All Star Cheer and Dance Challenge at Deering High School on Sunday, March 19, 2006, (pictured above) and won Outstanding Performance in the Middle School Division as well as the competition's Spirit Award.

The Cheerleaders would like to thank Coach Shannon Calvo, their parents, the Raymond School Department, the Raymond PTA and the following business sponsors for their support: Aubuchon Hardware; Danielle's Sebago Diner; Dielectric Communications; Fair Point New England; Raymond Gas & Pizza; Sabre Corporation; Ultimate Hair & Tanning.

### Mark Your Calendar!

Mark Your Calendar!

Slim Goodbody presents

"Lighten Up"

The Great American Nutrition Musical

A highly interactive musical performance designed to teach children the value of exercise and good nutrition.

Thursday, April 13th

Healthy Dinner (soup & salad)  
from 5:00 - 5:50pm

Performance from 6:00 - 7:00pm  
at RES

This event is free to Raymond students in K-5 and their families.



Sponsored by SEARCH, Raymond PTA and the Health Office

## Raymond Recreation Skiing

By Peter Walgreen, Group Leader

The Friday ski program for teens in grades 7-12 at Shawnee Peak had 68 students participate this year. The weather was generally warm and without natural snow, so we thank the snowmakers at Shawnee who provided us with recreation.

I also want to sincerely thank the adults involved with the program. Bus drivers Paul Godwin and Paul Follensbee, who safely conveyed your children each week in a professional manner, have been with the program for many years. Our chaperones, unpaid volunteers who receive a ticket to ski each night, ride the bus and listen to healthy noise each way, as well as supervise the kids on the mountain. Last night, one chaperone decided not to ski, yet still did his job: "I made a commitment," he said.

The chaperones have their own children in the program, and so they know your children as well and provide security for your kids, affording a comfort level for them.

The chaperones this year are Dave Blanchard, Lorna Dunn, Ken Gilmore, Ingo Hartig, Melinda Rankin, and Carl Taylor.

When you see them, please give them your thanks.



Ingo Hartig at Shawnee Peak's Spring Fling, shown above the main lodge, during the pond skimming fun event March 25. Ingo has been a long-time Raymond Recreation ski chaperone, as well as active with the ice fishing derby and Lake Region Chamber of Commerce.



## Hebron Academy Alpine Skiing

The Hebron Academy Upper School Alpine Skiing team recently concluded their season, with several members garnering All-MAISAD League and All-New England honors. Pictured above are, front, Raphael Osterloh (Germany), Jamie Tyler (Camden), TJ Thayer (Auburn), Kelly Phillips (Auburn), Ross Thayer (Auburn), Vika Planson (New Gloucester), Hannah Clark (New Gloucester), Elijah Hughes (Raymond), and back, coaches David Stonebraker, Moose Curtis, and Jodd Bowles. (Photo by Bill Chase)