Since 2012, the Sebago Lake Region Chamber Commerce (SLRCC) Raymond Food Pantry, P.O. Box 900, Raymond, ME 04071. "stated Mullins. "Starting this initiative, we have raised over $120,000 for food insecurity in the Polar Dip, online Christmas auction and donations raising money for food pantries, by holding yard sales, annual Octoberfest event. In 2016, the SLRCC began fundraising with a Coin Challenge and the Lee's Family Trailer and Allen Faraday of Windham Weaponry recognized and community donations to supply fresh and shelf stable food. ANY on donations from the Good Shepard Food Bank, grocers like Hannaford Raymond Food Pantry receives donation from misused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, Sebago Lake Region Chamber of Commerce, wax paper, etc.

• Paper products – Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, soap (Dial, Ivory), toothpaste and brushes, deodorant, Kotex
• Personal care products – shampoo, adult & baby, hand and body
• Baby Formula & diapers
• Peanut butter, jelly & fluff
• Fruit – canned fruit cup, peaches, pears, applesauce
• Potatoes – boxed, scalloped, augratin, mashed
• Pastas – spaghetti, ziti, elbows, flat egg noodles, macaroni & cheese
• Cereal – Unsweetened (Rice Crispy, Cheerios, Bran, Life)

The DEA’s Take Back Day events provide an opportunity for residents to safely dispose of unused prescription medications. Events are held annually and provide a secure way for individuals to rid their medicine cabinets of medications they no longer need or want. The DEA’s Take Back Day events have been crucial in improving public awareness and reducing the availability of misused prescription drugs. In 2019, the DEA reported that 4.9 million people misused prescription stimulants, 5.9 million people misused prescription tranquilizers or sedatives, and 4.9 million people misused prescription pain relievers. The DEA estimates that the number of people misusing prescription drugs is on the rise, and Take Back Day events provide an opportunity for individuals to take action and reduce the risk of misuse.

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The Town of Raymond is still looking for volunteers for the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and Planning Board.

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Raymond Food Pantry receives donation from Sebago Lake Region Chamber of Commerce, Continued community support needed.

Gary Bebeau, who runs the Raymond Food Pantry, states that he is starting to see an increase in demand after the winter. The Food Pantry relies on donations from the Good Shepard Food Bank, groceries like Hannaford and community donations to supply fresh and shelf stable food. ANY DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED AND MUCH NEEDED. Since 2012, the Sebago Lake Region Chamber Commerce (SLRCC) has made it a point to support the local area food pantries with annual donations. In 2012, the SLRCC Board of Directors led by Sherri Huff of Lee’s Family Trailer and Allen Faraday of Windham Weaponry recognized the need to address food insecurity in our region. They began fundraising with a Coin Challenge and the annual Octoberfest event. In 2016, the SLRCC started a Charitable Trust with the main purpose of raising money for food pantries, by holding yard sales, auctions, raffles and the like by explaining 655-7749 or email: office@rvcme.org

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Tassel Top Beach had its First Easter Egg Hunt this year and it was huge success! Many families braved the cool morning temperatures and hunted for candy filled eggs along the beach and pathways. (Right) Emerson “Emmy” Crocker shows her egg to the Easter Bunny. Photo by Emily Silva

WHERE IN RAYMOND?

View from Rattlesnake Mountain overlooking Panther Pond. Photo by Katie Greaves

SILVERSNEAKERS

ALL CLASSES ARE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

MONDAYS @ 9:00AM-9:45AM
WEDNESDAYS @ 9:00AM-9:45AM
FRIDAYS @ 9:00AM-9:45AM

CLASSIC WITH JENNA CHASE
MUSCLE WITH CHELSEA DIAMOND
CLASSIC WITH BECKY THOMPSON

FMI CONTACT JENNA CHASE 207.893.6627 | JCHASE@SJCME.EDU

Please order your meals by calling 655-7749 and leaving a message. Meals are take out only. Last day to place an order is May 7th. Meals will be available for pick up on May 8th from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at Raymond Village Community Church Pot Roast Supper.

Tassel Top Beach opens for the season May 29th!! There’s still time to get your season pass at: https://raymond-recdesk.com/CommunityHome

Like and follow our Facebook page and look for the auction under events www.facebook.com/raymondmepito
Don’t have anything to offer for the auction, but want to help? Email us at silentactionraymondtoro@gmail.com FMI. The PTO supports students and staff for both Jordan Small Middle School and Raymond Elementary School with funds for field trips, special teacher requests and scholarships for graduating students plus more. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please email: RaymondschoolsPTO@gmail.com

BIDDING STARTS MAY 17TH

Where do you think we'll find this woman?

Extraordinary Family School Fundraising Fun Day Saturday, May 8, 2021

For the last four years, the Extraordinary Family School has been raising money for field trips, special teacher requests and scholarships for graduating students plus more. This year will be no different. We will be having a Family Fundraising Fun Day on Saturday, May 8, 2021. Individuals and families in the area are invited to participate in a variety of activities and games, including a silent auction, a bake sale, a raffle, and more. Proceeds from these activities will be used to support the school’s ongoing efforts to provide high-quality education for all students.

The Extraordinary Family School is a non-profit organization that serves children with special needs in the Greater Portland, Maine area. The school’s mission is to provide a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment where children can reach their full potential and develop the skills they need to succeed in life.

The Extraordinary Family School is excited to host this year’s Family Fundraising Fun Day and is looking forward to seeing everyone there! If you are interested in attending or volunteering, please contact the school at info@extraordinaryfamily.com or call 207-774-9599. We hope to see you there!