The Raymond Fire Rescue Association, which is a non-profit group, associated with our Fire/Rescue Department is doing a fundraising campaign to purchase a Lucas Tool known as “The Thumper” which will provide automated chest compressions on patients in cardiac arrest. Our heartfelt thanks to all of our citizens who have already donated. If you would like to make a donation, mail a check to Raymond Fire Rescue Assoc., PO Box 741, Raymond, ME 04071.

Raymond PTO looking for help to raise money for a laminator
Raymond Elementary School is in need of a new laminator, which is used to cover paper sheets in plastic, making frequently referenced papers easy to clean. We are hoping to help raise money to fund this purchase. A laminator is a necessary tool in schools, especially these days. Please look for a link to our GoFundMe page on Facebook (Raymond School PTO) the email: Raymondschoolpto@gmail.com to find out how you can help. Thank you, Raymond PTO members.

ATTENTION K-12 ARTISTS!
27th Annual Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program
Maine Audubon is collaborating with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the 27th annual Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program, and they are looking for Maine students to submit some creative, innovative, beautiful waterfowl art! Students will be able to submit an entry of approved waterfowl art into the competition. Designs are judged in four grade categories—K–3rd grades, 4th–6th grades, 7th–9th grades, 10th–12th grades—with awards for first, second, and third places and honorable mentions. The Maine Best of Show entrant will choose contest winners from other states in a national competition. The first place national winning design is used to create the Federal Junior Duck Stamp. Proceeds from the sale of Junior Duck Stamps (which cost $5 each) support conservation education by providing awards and scholarships for students, teachers, and schools.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES FOR THE 2020-21 CHALLENGE IS MARCH 1, 2021.
On January 28th starting at 3:30pm via Zoom wildlife artist and visiting school artist Michael Boardman will speak on how to draw ducks, what to look for when choosing a subject, and more. He will be joined by teachers who have been part of this project for years. They will discuss how they have used the Junior Duck Stamp program in their classroom and provide tips and answer questions.
FMI visit: www.maineadubron.org/education/juniorduck

Tassel Top Park opening day is set for May 29th
It may seem like a long way away, but it will be here before we know it. We cannot wait to see you!!!

Tassel Top Park – Season Membership Available To Purchase Online!
Tassel Top Park Season Passes are now available to purchase online before the opening day! Save some time before you arrive and follow the steps below:

1. Go to our website www.raymond.recdesk.com
2. Click on the “Membership” button.

You will need to create an account and follow the steps to register. An Email receipt will be sent with information on the upcoming season.

Raymond Rattlers Update by Alan Plummer
Happy New Year everyone! Weatherwise, 2021 is off to a good start. Need to keep the cold temps coming, to freeze up the lakes & more snow so we can get our season started. LAWS has always been a nice chance to keep them doing.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
Simple or family: $35 (includes Maine Snowmobiler magazine if wanted)
Business: $50 (plus your business name in the above Snowmobiler business section)
Membership: Raymond Rattlers SC
Mail to: Raymond Rattlers SC PO Box 994, Raymond, ME 04071
Click and contact only
Raymonmaine.net/departments/parks/recreation/raymondrattlers

Library Updates
The library catalog and new books list can be accessed on our website at www.raymondvillagelibrary.org.

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ABOUT BROWNTAIL MOTHS – Part 1
Browntail Moth caterpillars proliferate throughout Maine. The insect feeds on the leaves of many common hardwood trees and shrubs. They have tiny, barbed hairs that can cause a skin rash and respiratory difficulties. The hairs can remain toxic for up to three years and are found everywhere in infested areas. Wind or activities like mowing or leaf blowing can stir up the hairs and cause a reaction for months, even after the caterpillars become moths.

In spring and as soon as the earliest leaf buds open, Browntail Moth caterpillars start to feed on the leaves. Infestations can cause reduced growth and branch dieback and can cause the trees and shrubs to die or become weaker for many years. The caterpillars then form their cocoons before the winter months. In the next spring, the process begins again.