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### RoadRunner Articles Due

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#### E-Mail; Diskette; Paper

Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF)

#### Send School Related Articles To:

n.richard@raymondmaine.org or drop at Principal's Office

#### Send Town related articles To:

nathan.poore@raymondmaine.org or drop at Town Hall

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## Raymond's Municipal and School Budget is nearly ready for a March Town Meeting vote

By Nathan Poore, Town Manager

Town employees, the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen have been working on the development of a municipal budget since September. On January 5, 1999, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to recommend the amounts requested by the Town Manager and on January 11th, the Budget Committee unanimously agreed with the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen. While all parties agreed with the final numbers, it didn't start out that way. Arriving at a consensus took many hours of review and consideration. We hope you take the time to review the budget in the upcoming Town Report.

The total operating and capital net-municipal expenditures are gross expenditures minus non-property tax revenues. The net-municipal budget is remaining very stable due to fairly level expenditure and revenue projections. Non property tax revenues, such as excise tax, license and application fees, State revenues, and contract for services delivered from Raymond to other entities account for the bulk of non-property tax revenues which is estimated to be \$1,014,344 in FY99/00. In FY98/99, non-property tax revenues are projected to be at \$1,007,644.

The FY99/00 proposed municipal expenditure budget (not includ-

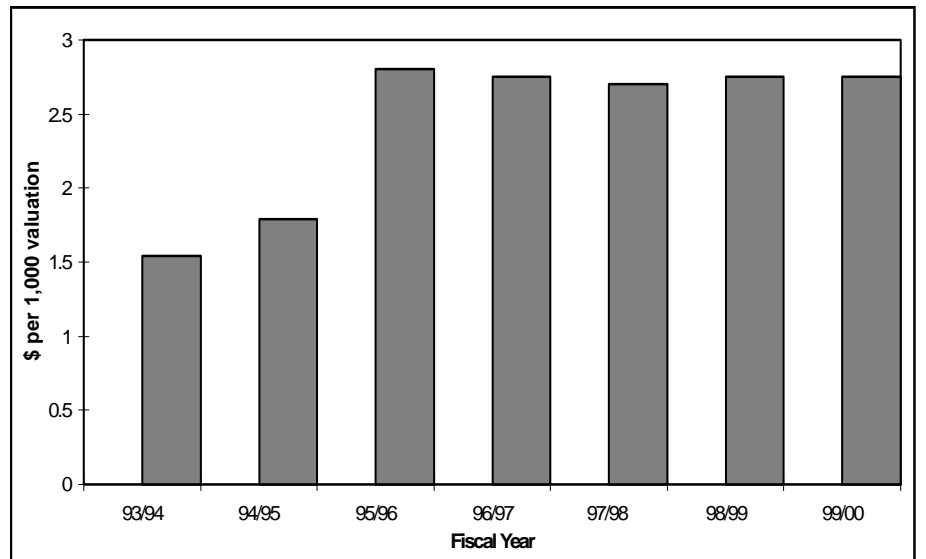
ing school and county appropriations) includes a slight increase (less than 1%). Gross expenditures are up \$21,529 while non-property tax revenues are projected to increase by \$6,700. The net increase of \$14,829 is the difference in gains from the expenditures and the gain in revenues. The total amount needed to be appropriated for municipal services during fiscal year 99/00 will be \$2,075,790 compared to \$2,054,261 for fiscal year 98/99.

The graph shown below depicts the amount of taxes that must be levied to support municipal (non-school and county) services in Raymond. Since 1995, the rate has been very stable ranging from \$2.70 to \$2.80 per thousand in property valuation. The proposed rate will be around \$2.75 based on an estimated moderate overall property valuation increase from new development in Town. The

estimated total amount to be raised is equivalent to \$343.75 for a home valued at \$120,000 and covers all municipal services except education.

There was less than total agreement on how the Town should handle what is called undesignated surplus. For more information on this topic, which is likely to be voted on at Town Meeting, please see the Undesignated Surplus article in next month's *Road Runner*. Also, in the March edition, look for articles on the proposed tax increment finance district budget and the School Department Budget.

For more detailed information on any related budget development issue, please call Nathan Poore at the Town Office or wait for the annual Town Report, to be delivered in early March.



## Principal's Corner

By Norma Richard

Students and staff were excited to return to school after the Christmas break and find our hallways brightly decorated with new banners. These banners, purchased with funds from the Drug Free Schools grant, reinforce our character education program with positive messages about school pride, safety, and respect. Thank you to our custodial staff for the great job in hanging the banners in our hallways.

We have now reached the half point of our school year. This is a great time for children and their families to make the second half of the school year even better than the

first. I always encourage families to make reading, especially family reading, a part of their schedule each and every day. The research is clear that children who read each day are more successful at school. This means that families can play an important part in building school success. We are so fortunate to have the Raymond Village Library as part of our community, and weekly visits to the library are an important part of my week. I encourage all Raymond families to visit the library on a frequent basis and to share regular read-aloud times at home.

Keep connected with school. Ask your child daily to share one thing about his/her schoolwork. Look over your child's homework,

and review the work and papers in their red responsibility folder. Parents of children in grades 5 and 6 should check agendas each evening for homework assignments and communications from your child's teacher. The red folders and agendas are wonderful tools to assist all of our students in developing organizational skills and improving personal responsibility.

Thank you to community members who returned the lavender volunteer survey to the school. We will be collecting these surveys throughout the spring and welcome additional surveys at any time.

### Raymond History Trail

The History Trail Project has had a busy new year already. On January 7, all three classes and Mrs. Hall devoted the whole day to activities concerning research and the quilt. Each class spent two hours under Mrs. Hall's direction, working on the applique technique in the center part of the quilt. As you know, this year's efforts concern the North Raymond and East Raymond areas of town, and the quilt center piece reflects our visit to the Edwards' Farm in North Raymond. It is alive with the children's remembrances of that visit: the barn, the well, the chicken house, the trees and flowers. And of course, the true highlight of the visit is represented...the baby porcupine. It caused a huge furor

during the visit, even though it was so far away as to appear little more than a dot, and probably would have never been noticed if Mr. Tripp didn't point it out!

But, for me, the true magic of that evolving quilt center is the representation of Dorothy and Bereneice Edwards and of their brother, Carleton. None of the teachers except me, and certainly none of the children, knew Mr. Edwards but my memory of him is very vivid and it does my heart good to see him there.

Mrs. Blanchard's class and Mrs. Spencer's class spent the rest of their day doing research, working on biographies, creating time-lines, reading the quilt books we have begun to amass. They also had the wonderful opportunity to interview Mrs. Betty McDermott about her life in Raymond. I know they learned a lot from her.

My class will be writing to local people who might be able to give us information about the area. The History Trail Project

needs information about the following sites: Town Hall, Clough's Store, the Grange Hall, the cemetery, both churches, the Town Pound, the Poor Farm, the North Raymond School, the Civil Defense Shelter, the Wilson Spring House, the homesteads of Francis Symond, Simeon Small, the Halls, the Edwards, and the Jordan Small School. If you have any information or anecdotes or pictures you could share about these sites, please contact us at school.

We would like to thank the volunteers who

helped with our work day, and made it possible. Special kudos to Christine Powell, Suzanne Pendleton, Beth Clark, Jo Martyn-Fisher, Jenny Holbrook, and the always amazing Roberta Meserve. We appreciate your help more than we can say.

On Friday, March 5, we will be having a quilt-tying day at school. We would love to have community help and invite you to join us between the hours of 9:00 and 2:30.

### Raymond Village Library News

The Raymond Village Library needs volunteers at the circulation desk. The current openings are: any Monday, 3-5:30 p.m.; the first and fourth Monday of the month 5:30-8 p.m.; the second Saturday of the month 10:00-1:00 and the first, third and fourth Saturday of the month from 1-4 p.m. Call 655-4283 for more details.

The Reading Group meets Thursday, February 25 at 7-8:30, at the library. At this meeting they will discuss the book "One Hundred Years of Solitude" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Please bring some ideas for future reading. All are welcome.

The library now offers puzzles for both adults and children. This is something families can do together and as an alternate activity for these snowy winter days.

February will be Free Return Month. Please return all library materials, no matter how long overdue. We are still looking for books from 1995, 1996, 1997. So this is the time to return them, no questions asked and no fees due.

Just a reminder to call the library beforehand, when the weather is inclement and save yourself a trip, in case the library is closed.

### Learning About Civil Rights in Ms. Cummings Class

Ms. Cummings' Multi-age 2/3 has been learning a great deal about slavery, the Civil War, the Civil Rights Movement, and Martin Luther King, Jr. We learned that the first slaves were brought to America in 1619! That's a long time ago. We learned that Martin Luther King, Jr. was put in jail 13 times. Once, he was put in jail for 4 months at hard labor because he was driving 5 miles over the speed limit! Ms. Cummings never drives over the speed limit but she thinks that 5 miles over would be easy to do. We also learned about the Children's Crusade in Birmingham, Alabama in 1963. Children our age marched to protest against segregation in public places and fire hoses were aimed at them.

We will be doing a presentation about our learning on Tuesday, February 2, at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria. It is called "Abraham, Martin, and Pinkus Aylee." We would love to have you some to see us perform and all are welcome. Oh, and if you want to know who Pinkus Aylee was, you'll have to come to the play!

## February 1999

### Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TH=Town Hall JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd TG=Town Garage FB=Fire Barn	1	2 7:00PM TH Selectmen 7:00PM FB Rescue Officers 7:00PM FB Fire Training	3 7:00PM TH Planning Board Public Hearing 7:00PM JS School Committee	4 6:30PM KC Lions Club	5 2:20PM JS Good News Assembly	6
7	8	9	10 7:00PM TH Planning Board Business Meeting 7:00PM FB Rescue General	11	12	13
14 10:00AM TH Appeals Board Site Walk	15 7:00PM FB Fire General	16 6:00PM TH Budget Committee 7:00PM TH Selectmen	17 7:00PM JS School Committee	18 6:30PM KC Lions Club	19	20
21	22 7:00PM TH Appeals Board	23 7:00PM TH Founder's Day Com. 7:00PM JS Conservation Com.	24 7:30PM FB Ladies Auxiliary	25 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	26 Appeals Board Deadline for March Meeting 2:20PM JS Good News Assembly	27
28						TBA TH Diabetes Meeting TBA JS Middle School Dev. Com. TBA TH Budget/Finance Committee

## Communities for Children

Would you like your children to have a smooth transition from Raymond schools to other middle/secondary schools? Are you interested in meeting other families with young children? These are two projects the Communities for Children group is working on. We are also interested in establishing some kind of communication between all Raymond's community groups to gain a better understanding of what needs are being addressed and how some niches could be filled.

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 7:00pm at the JSS library.

For more information call Lori Rand at 655-4277 or Laurie Wallace at 655-2222.

## Upper School Honor Roll Posted At Hebron

Hebron, ME - For the Hebron Academy Upper School, Director of Studies Silver Moore Leamon has announced the honor roll for the Fall Trimester of the 1998 - 1999 academic year.

High Honors (with grades of B+ or higher)

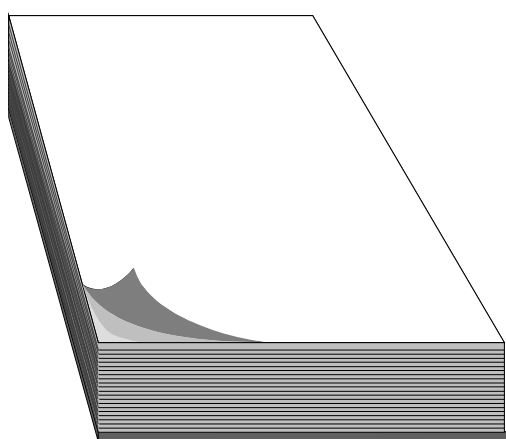
Junior: Erica Sanchez of Raymond  
Freshman: Seth Conger of Raymond;  
Giselle Pomerleau of Raymond

Honors (with grade of B or higher)

Senior: Michael King of Raymond  
Freshman: Jamie Fey of Raymond

## Surplus Paper

The Town Office has copy and computer paper surplus available for any Raymond group or organization. The paper was originally donated to the Town several years ago. Much of it was used for Town Office operations however, the age and condition of the paper has made it impractical to use in copiers and printers. This paper would be very useful for youth in day cares or for general use. Please call the Town Office at 655-4742 if interested.



## The Recycling Corner

### The Survey

After a year of "rough weather" for the curbside recycling program, things are finally looking up. Reports of declining service and the threat of its elimination caused the Recycling Committee to reconvene and put out the survey that so many of you (a total of 775) filled out at the polls in November. Here are the results of that survey:

Do you participate in the current curbside recycling program?

Yes - 83% No - 17%

Do you use the drop-off containers for corrugated cardboard at the school, the Public Works garage, or the Main St. Fire Station?

Yes - 57% No - 43%

Circle all materials you recycle curbside: (from a total of 646 participants)

Clear Glass - 87% Cans - 87%  
Newspaper - 91% Magazines - 76%  
Paperboard - 59% #2 Plastic - 86%

Do you feel that recycling pickup could be reduced to every two weeks? (Total - 705)

Yes - 76% No - 24%

Do you feel that recycling pickup could be reduced to once/ month?

Yes- 21% No- 79%

Would you participate in a drop-off system for the curbside materials mentioned above? (Total - 712)

Yes- 66% No- 34%

### The New Contract

After negotiating with the contractor, it was determined that the best solution to many problems, and to prevent a drastic increase in the cost of curbside pickup, was to go to a biweekly, or every other week pickup. At the same time the contractor agreed to supply two new drop-off containers that would be more suitable for their purpose. Further negotiations gave Raymond ownership of one of the drop-off containers at the end of the contract, and insisted that all goods be recycled if a market was available within 100 miles.

This contract still has to be approved by voters at the annual town meeting, but the recycling survey (above) showed wide spread support. In anticipation of public support the change in service starts in February.

The new contract is not dependent on tonnage, so the more we can recycle, the more we'll save on trash tipping fees. Remember, no matter how you dispose of it, trash is pollution. Recycling, on the other hand, prevents unwanted goods from becoming trash. It saves energy and valuable

raw materials in a world of dwindling resources. Thank you for your best efforts in recycling all that you can.

### Paperboard is Back!

Many of you were frustrated by the intermittent service on paperboard (this includes cereal boxes, and any non-waxy, non-corrugated cardboard). This is because the contractor temporarily lost a market that would accept this product. The good news is that starting in February, this material will be picked up and recycled at a new location. This is a substantial amount of many people's trash, so join those who are helping out by recycling this product. Please flatten all boxes.

## Geography Bee Winner Is Selected

The faculty at the Jordan-Small School would like to congratulate Patrick McClellan, winner of the school Geography Bee. Patrick, the son of Mike and Michelle McClellan, is a sixth grade student in Mrs. Lynne Estey's class. He will next take the qualifying exam for the state bee. Congratulations are also extended to Matthew Hotham, runner-up.

## 1999 Rabies Clinic A Success

This year's Rabies Clinic was held Saturday, January 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the District 2 Fire Station. Dr. Jim Stephenson, his wife Judy, and their Vet Tech, Lisa Schoonmaker helped with the vaccinations. Nancy Yates and Louise Lester were there to register dogs. Nathan White, Teddy Coffin, and James Gerry helped set up the District 2 garage for the clinic. Tim Alexander and Sarah Beaulieu helped with the traffic flow, holding of pets and returning District 2 back to a normal condition.

There were 67 animals vaccinated and 22 dogs licensed. This is the third year Raymond has hosted a clinic. Because of the Rabies epidemic the last few years, we feel that it is imperative that mammals like our dogs and cats are vaccinated against this disease which can harm people as well as animals.

Please remember that all dogs in Raymond must be licensed by January 30 without incurring an additional charge of \$3.00. Licensing funds go toward caring for the stray animals in our Town and State. It also supports in part our State Veterinarian's office, which watches over all animals in the State and runs Maine's Veterinary Laboratory which tests animals for diseases like Rabies.

## PTA News

The PTA reconnected after the holidays with some big planning for the upcoming year. In the works is a Jump For Heart Day, which will consist of exercising and fitness as students learn more about their physical limits in the attempt to raise money for the American Heart Association. Hoping to incorporate fun with learning, a presentation will be given to the students about the benefits of exercise for a healthy heart in the form of jumping rope. Please support the students as they will raise money through their own efforts and provide a community service.

The Parent Education committee will soon be sending out their own survey to assess the needs of parents, guardians and child care providers. Be on the look out for this important paper to voice your needs, comments or concerns so that they may attempt to put together the resources available to assist you with them.

The Irish Festival continues to be a major focus and will be a great success as this committee is working diligently to provide an outstanding evening of food, music, crafts and games for families, not only at Jordan-Small, but also within the Raymond community.

Looking into April, the Scholastic Book Fair, headed up by Sue Cobb, will once again be held to provide us with quality books at affordable prices.

Don't hesitate to call and volunteer your time as your PTA continues to grow and organize itself in ways to better service your school and community. If you can not find time to volunteer right now, but want to show your support, feel in the form found in last month's Roadrunner and send it in with your \$3.00 membership fee to the Jordan-Small School PTA.

PTA meetings for February through May will be held on the first Monday and Tuesday of the month. Monday meetings will be held at 3:30 PM in the library. Tuesday evening meetings will be held at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria. Hope to see you there.

## Kindergarten Screening

Screening for children who will be entering Kindergarten in September (five years old on or before October 15) will be held Wednesday afternoons on March 10 and 24 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Please call Chrystal at the school (655-4743) to set up an appointment for one of the two dates.

An Informational Parent's Night for Screening will be held on Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

## Children Entering Kindergarten in 1999

If you have a child entering kindergarten in the fall of 1999 and your child is not currently on the mailing list for our Preschool Activity Newsletter, please call the school at 655-4743.

Please leave your name, your child's name, birthday, mailing address and home phone number for Eileen Stiles, Home/School Coordinator.

## Jordan-Small Bulletin

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian:

The past two week's winter storms have certainly changed the landscape, with larger snowbanks and much ice to contend with. Please note the following areas of concern, and ways that we can work together to assure that all children enjoy these winter months safely.

**SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS OR DELAYS:** Busing for our elementary students can be affected by changes in high school and middle school schedules at Windham and Westbrook. Today's one hour delay was initiated by Windham due to the icy conditions of Windham roads. Please refer to Storm Center on Channel 6, 8 and/or 13 for the latest updates on school cancellations or delays. In the event of a delay, the morning kindergarten will be canceled.

**BUSING:** Snow banks and ice are major factors to contend with as your child is waiting for the bus. Please be sure that your child waits in your driveway, well away from the roadway. Buses and other vehicles have a much more difficult time stopping when the roads are snow or ice covered, and our drivers want to make sure that all children are waiting well away from the road. Please remind your child to wait until the bus driver signals your child to cross the road or to get on the bus. It is always safer for an adult to wait with children, especially with our younger students, and we do appreciate the efforts of parents and other adults who monitor their children at the bus stops.

**RECESS:** Last Thursday's weather was so severe and the temperatures were so cold that all students stayed in for recess. On most winter days, students are expected to go outside for recess. Please make sure that your child comes to school well prepared for the snow. Students who do not wear boots will still be expected to go outside, but they will remain on the tarred or plowed sections of the playground and will not be allowed in the field or on the sliding areas. Recess is an important social time for students. It also provides them with some much needed activity and fresh air. If your child has a medical issue that may be intensified if out at recess, please contact our nursing staff.

**BOOTS AND SHOES:** Students are not allowed to be in stocking feet in their classroom or in other areas of the school (the exception is physical education where students may participate in bare feet). I have observed that students are wearing their boots to school and forgetting to bring shoes to wear inside. They then take their boots off in class and spend the day in their stocking feet. This has the potential for an injury, especially as there are many staples and tacks that may make it to the classroom floor during the day. Also, students in stocking feet are not prepared to exit the building in case of an emergency. The best remedy is to make sure that your child wears boots to school and brings a pair of sneakers to leave at school during the week.

# Irish Family Festival

Make a Shamrock Hat.  
Paint your nails "Irish"

Play Checkers on a 12"x12" Board

**Saturday, March 6th**  
**5:00-9:00PM**  
Snow Date March 7th

**There's More!**  
And this part is **FREE!**  
Come and listen to, dance to, or sing along with **Rakish Paddy**  
**An Irish Band**  
Performing 6-9pm  
With a demonstration of Irish Ceili Dancing  
You can learn too if you want! Kid's activities free too!

**A Public Supper**  
**From 5:00pm - 6:30pm**  
Look for tickets on sale the 2nd week of February  
Details in The Suburban News or Contact 655-7374

**Where?**  
**Jordan-Small School Cafeteria/Gym**

**Flutist**  
Marta Lane and her tenor husband will entertain you as you eat with traditional and Irish/American songs

Something for all Ages



Irish Theme Bake Sale

Basket O'Beanie Babies Raffle!

Help make a mural! Faerie Face Paints.  
Build a Giant Box Castle. Make a puppet.