Raymond Pond Watershed Survey Completed

By: John Rand

With help from 16 dedicated volunteer Raymond citizens, the Raymond Conservation Commission and Maine DEP have completed a survey of the Raymond Pond Watershed. The purpose of the survey was to identify soil erosion sites and other “concerning” types of pollution that pose a threat to long term water quality of the pond. Of equal importance was raising awareness among property owners of the connections between land use and water quality and encouraging people to become active stewards of land and water resources.

The survey identified 71 sites that are impacting the water quality of Raymond Pond. The sites consisted of a number of different land uses. (Please see the pie chart for a breakdown by land use.) Most of the sites are located on private shorefront properties and on camp roads and driveways. Town roads, beach and shore access areas represent a smaller but significant number of the erosion sites.

maintaining or replacing old septic systems helps reduce the phosphorus load to the pond. Less well known is that naturally occurring phosphorus is attached to fine sand, silt and clay particles that make up our soils. Bare

over the land and in streams, contributing a real and substantial load of phosphorus to the pond. Indeed, pond and lake water quality problems result from numerous low to moderate impact sites, not from one or two high impact sites.

The next step in the process is to fix the erosion sites. The Conservation Commission is considering applying for grants to demonstrate erosion control remedies at several visible sites. This effort would also educate the public about erosion and water quality. Our hope is that road associations and private landowners will come forward for help in remediating their own sites. Depending on resources, technical assistance will be available to help design road maintenance practices and shoreline plantings that protect water quality. We have copies of the survey report available for interested, action minded stewards! For more information contact John Rand (655-4277, jMOOTH@maine.rr.com) or David Ladd at Maine DEP (822-6300, David.Ladd@state.me.us).

Principal’s Corner

By: Norma Richard

I want to take this opportunity to thank Jordan-Small School parents for their support of our school program and for their continuing involvement in their children’s education. As I watch our students share their learning at Good News each month and receive recognition each quarter for their honor roll grades, I feel a wonderful pride in their achievements at school and in the support they receive out of school. Learning today is a life-long experience. We can not even begin to imagine the opportunities for our students when they reach adulthood. Many of these opportunities have not even been invented yet. What we, teachers and parents, can provide our students with is a solid foundation in basic skills, including team work and collaborative skills, and the desire to make learning an important part of their lives.

I would like to share an important safety advisory with parents concerning popular small toys that children attach to their clothing or backpacks. These toys, Pokemon, Furby, Bean Babies, etc., pose a potential safety hazard for children as they can be snagged on a school bus handrail or door component. Michael Martin of the School Bus Information Council notes that these toys are very popular with children today and that

children understandably want to show them off. Unfortunately, any toy that dangles off backpacks or clothing is every bit as dangerous as loose drawstrings, straps, and other items that have caused deaths and injuries in a number of situations. He advises that parents be aware of the danger and remove these toys from their children’s clothing and backpacks immediately. I agree with Mr. Martin, and would rather err on the side of caution. We will be checking all students at school and will have them remove all toys or other items that hang off backpacks or jackets. We ask for your cooperation and support in this effort.

New Elementary School On Schedule

By: David Johnson

The latest update provided by Design Alliance and Payton Construction Company indicates the new K-4 school construction will be completed as planned in June. Summer will be busy for administration and staff as they finalize preparations for opening of the new elementary school in Fall, 2000.

You may have monitored construction progress over the last several months, as you drove by the Route 85 site. Or, maybe you don’t travel that way frequently, so instead visited the Town’s website and viewed the construction project photo album (www.raymondmaine.org, government, committees). Until recently, it was fairly easy to see progress as the site work

evolved into foundations, walls and roofs. Now that the building is closed in, progress is less public - but certainly continues!

As of mid-February, exterior brickwork was complete on all but the front center sections, with all interior masonry finished. Roofing progressed as exterior walls were completed. The Fire Department has already begun to use the new water storage tank (located underground near the driveway entrance).

Interior wall studding has been up for several weeks, about one third of the sheet rock is installed, and many windows have been installed. Ductwork is

New Website For Raymond Kids And Teens!

A group of teens met in early February to help design a new website aimed at connecting kids and teens with community events, programming and information they may be looking for. With the help of Communities for Children member Mike Reynolds, several Raymond teens worked on developing a calendar of events, a page listing volunteer/community service opportuni-
ties, a job page and a page about Camp Kieve, a youth leadership program. You can find the web site at www.raymondmaine.org. Anyone interested in assisting with the Raymond
Raymond Extended Day 2000 Summer Program

By: Joni Merrill

The Raymond Extended Day Program is beginning to gear up for its summer program. This will be RED's 5th summer and we are looking forward to another exciting session. If you are interested in having your child involved in this program, enrollment packets will be available on March 27th. You may pick them up at the Jordan-Small School cafeteria from 6:30-8:30 a.m. or 3:15-6:00 p.m. or call 655-3202 and leave your name and address or your child's name and home room teacher and a packet will be sent home. Deadlines for enrollment will be as follows: "RED" families must have their applications in by April 11th to be given priority. We will be accepting applications from Raymond families not currently enrolled in RED through April 13th and after April 13th from non-Raymond families as slots permit. Children will be accepted according to the date the Executive Director receives the completed application and non-refundable application fee. RED will be holding its summer program at the Jordan-Small School and the fall program will be held at the new school.

Lots of field trips and exciting activities are being planned. If you know of someone in need of summer employment, aged 18 or older and who loves working with children, please have them call Joni at 655-3203 for more information.

RED is currently in need of staff help especially on Wednesday afternoons from 12:15 to 4:00. Please call Joni at 655-3202 for more information.

The RED Board of Directors is pleased to be a part of the new school’s Century Club. The Board has unanimously agreed to donate $1,000 towards the building of a playground at the new school. The Board also wishes to extend thanks to the Town of Raymond and Jordan-Small School for many years of working together with RED.

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POT ROAST SUPPER
Saturday, March 18, 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Raymond Village Community Church
Main Street (Route 121), Raymond

Menu: Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, String Beans, Carrots, Biscuits, Beverages & Dessert

Adults $6.00 Children (under 12) $2.50

Handicap entrance Take out service

There will be a Pot roast Supper the third Saturday of each month:
March 18
April 15
May 20
June 17
July 15
August 19
September 16
October 21

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Swim Program

Thanks for a great response to the recent swim survey, we had a good deal of input and now have enough interest to begin working on the finer details of developing a swimming program. We hope to start pool lessons sometime in the fall, (this program will not affect the pool). Joining a swimming program. We hope to start pool lessons

Raymond Extended Day 2000 Summer Program

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Raymond Recreation Basketball News

By: John Hanley

Saturday, March 4th we will hold a season ending Round Robin Basketball Tournament for each age division followed by a pizza lunch.

7 to 9 year old division begins at 10:00 am; pizza at 11:30 am
10 to 12 year old division: begins at 12:00 noon; pizza at 1:30 pm

The 1999-2000 basketball program served over 70 kids. We had 7 teams, 17 coaches, 58 games and a weekly practice. This was the first exposure to team basketball for many and the opportunity for all of the kids to learn skills and play the game. All was made possible by a terrific group of parents that volunteered to coach, for many of whom this was their first time as coaches. They all did a great job and I wish to thank them for their time and wonderful attitude. David Blanchard, David McGowan, Russ Hutchinson, Dean Terry, Mark Farrington, Mary Feltovin, Dean Dighello, Leo Algeo, Todd Guerrette, Michael O’Neill, Jeff Weeks, Barry Keck, Karen and Al Knight, Nicole Beers, Keith Blanchard and Kane Loutkas. Thank you also to MaryAnne Fusco for helping out on Saturday mornings, Ron Lear for refereeing many of our games, the parents and siblings running the scoreboards, the Jordan Small custodial staff for setup on game nights and principal Norma Richard for her strong support of the program. An extra thank you to Dave McGowan who partnered with me to run the program.

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News From The Raymond Village Library

The Reading Group will meet on March 30th at the Library at 7:00 pm to discuss the book, “Women of the Dawn” by Bunny McBride.

The Library will now be open until 8:00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning in March. Remember if the weather is questionable, call first at 655-4283.

A suggestion box has been placed in the entryway of the Library. We welcome any ideas and suggestions to help make your Library more helpful and useable.

The Raymond Recreation Association will be holding a Babysitting Course at the Library on March 4th and March 11th.

The next Raymond Village Library Club Meeting will be held on April 6th at 7:00 p.m at the Library. New members are welcomed.

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Commercial Bulky Waste Policy

Raymond’s bulky waste policy for commercial haulers requires anyone hauling debris to the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility which is not their own must have a Commercial sticker. A Commercial sticker hauler will be billed monthly for what they have brought into the Facility. If a Commercial hauler takes debris from a Raymond resident’s property, the Raymond resident must give permission by phone or letter prior to the delivery in order for the debris to be accepted without charge to the hauler. The Town Office will give the Commercial hauler a day pass to give the Facility.

From the Office of the Tax Collector

The 2nd half of the 99/00 taxes are due April 30th (interest on that 2nd half bill begins May 1st). We are hoping to have the bills out by the end of March. If you do not receive your bill by the middle of April, please call the Town Office (655-4742). Addresses are updated daily but please notify us of any corrections. Please, when making payment by mail, include payment stub and/or reference account number on your check.

Mortgage holders change hands, sometimes many times. Please notify us of any change pertaining to your mortgage company. This will help alleviate any delays in the crediting of payment to your account. Mortgage holders often call our office for information on accounts. If we have inaccurate information, we cannot verify account status. We try to keep our records as updated as possible.

Tax Collection and Assessing Hours are as follows:

Dep. Tax Collector - Donna Lovely
Tuesday 8:30 am to 7:00 pm
Wednesday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday 8:30 am to 12:00 noon

Tax Assessor - Mike O’Donnell
Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

NOTICE

As of March 31, 2000 all dogs must be licensed after which a late fee of $10.00 will be incurred.

Raymond Food Pantry

The Raymond Food Pantry is open at the Town Office during business hours for receiving dry goods. If you need perishable foods like frozen meals, please make an appointment so that the Pantry volunteer can meet you. There are also winter coats available if they are needed. This service is to give families a little extra help when they need it. All requests are kept confidential.

Please call the Town Office at 655-4742 or the Pantry coordinator at 428-3206 for an appointment or come in during business hours for bagged foods.

Rabies Clinic Well Attended

On Saturday, January 22nd the Town Office hosted our annual Rabies Clinic from 1 to 3 pm at the District 2 Fire Station. Dr. Jim Stephenson; his wife Judy; Lisa Conley, an intern from St. Joseph’s College; and the Stephenson’s son Joe processed the vaccinations. Nancy Yates and Louise Lester processed licensing registrations.

In total 66 vaccinations were given to dogs and cats with dogs being the majority. This year Blue Seal Feeds in Windham participated by donating dog and cat food. Mark Farrington, Blue Seal Sales Representative, provided us with approximately 500 pounds of food which we gave away to the clinic participants. The food that was left over will be used by our Animal Control Officer. Thirty dogs were licensed.

Moose Permits Available

The 2000 Moose Permit applications are available at the Town Office. Applications must be sent in no later than April 3, 2000.

Free Paper Available At The Town Office

Three years ago Staples Office Supply gave the Town Office three pallets of white copier paper. The paper has been stored in the Town Hall basement and unfortunately through the years the remainder of the unused paper has become too damp to use in a photocopier. However, this paper would be acceptable for writing upon. Anyone who would like some of this paper is welcome to get it at the Town Office during regular office hours.

October ’99 Stewardship Event For Morgan Meadow Wildlife Management Area

The Morgan Meadow Wildlife Management Area recently received an enthusiastic dose of volunteer stewardship. Forty-five volunteers gathered at the Egypt Road entrance gate on October 31, to apply their landscape maintenance skills to the trails, debris piles, wooded areas, and main entrance area of this 1,072 acre tract located in Windham, led by Cathy Gosselin and Judy Stephenson, have returned several times to Morgan Meadow to improve the access to overgrown hiking trails, removal of three truck loads of demolition debris and other waste materials from the parking lot, and placed plaques identifying significant natural features.

The Land for Maine’s Future Program in conjunction with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Raymond Conservation Commission organized this Stewardship Event at the Morgan Meadow Wildlife Management Area.

For anyone interested in current and future stewardship activities for Morgan Meadow, telephone Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife’s Regional Office in Gray, at 657-2345, find the Morgan Meadow site at IF&W’s Internet site: (www.state.me.us/ifw) or, contact the Raymond Conservation Commission (Priscilla Rand @ 655-4894; Elizabeth Algeo @ 655-6965).
New Elementary School
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nearing completion. Interior painting began in the
gym. Since its ten miles of tubing is embedded in the
floors, most of the radiant heating was installed early in the
project.
Meanwhile, the administration has assembled the
movable equipment order. Plans are complete for the
re-use and movement of equipment from Jordan-Small.
Increasing the complexity of this work, staff and
administration have also prepared for some of the
middle school equipment needs. This portion of the
overall project is a significant effort in its own right!
Overall, the project has run quite smoothly. The
thorough design work by the Building Committee and
Design Alliance (our architectural firm), early in the
process, laid an excellent base for the construction phase.
Cooperation between the architect, general contractor,
and all design and construction subs has kept the
project on schedule and within budget.
Don’t forget the Century Campaign that is raising funds
for the new elementary playground equipment. The
State does not allow for this expenditure within the
construction budget. Your help is needed to assure our
children have this equipment. Please contact the
Jordan-Small School to make your contribution.
Please feel free to contact the school administration or
committee chair (David Johnson, 655-7094) if you have
any questions or comments.

New Website
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Kids and Teens Website may contact Mike Reynolds at
sjmr@maine.net.com or at 655-2884. The group plans to
meet to work on the site a couple of times a month.
Communities for Children continues to offer opportuni-
ties for sharing resources and forming partnerships to
work on any issues pertaining to Raymond children and
youth. The next meeting will be March 30, 7:00 at the
Jordan Small School Library. Please call Lori Rand at
655-4277 or Laurie Wallace at 655-2222 for more
information.

Century Campaign
Contributors
On behalf of students and staff, we would like to thank the
following contributors to the Raymond Elementary
School Playground CENTURY CAMPAIGN. We
appreciate their donations to the playground, and encour-
age members of the Raymond business community to
join us in this fund raising campaign. Gregory and Leonia
Curto, Ron and Helene Gagnon and family, Maggie and Lew
Kranin, Robert and Marilyn Orsini, Mark and Sherry Reed in
memory of Kendra Hathaway Alexis, Donald and Dolores
Kitter, John and Lisa Schadler and family, Justin Sharaf,
John Staples, Systems Engineering, Inc., Wendy and Emery
Thoren, Norma Richard, The Raymond Education Associa-
tion, Mark and Jane Vandersluis, Rodney and Karyn
Knights and family, Bob and Laurie Wallace and family,
Raymond Semi Circle, Phyllis Hawkes in memory of
Clifford P. Hawkes, Jr., Bob Larson, Mike and Linda
O’Neill and family, Peter and Cathy Walton and family.

Dear Raymond Residents:
We, the students in Mr. Stevens’ homeroom class, would
like to thank you for your more than generous donations
of gifts and food that were distributed just before
Christmas. We also wish to thank the Holiday Helpers,
who gave of their own time to distribute these items.
With your assistance we were able to help thirty
Raymond families have a merrier Christmas.

JSS Fifth And Six Graders Participate In Math Meet
By: Garry Stevens
On January 29, 2000 at 8:30 a group of twelve Jordan
Small Students, parents and math instructors made their
way to Jordan Small School to catch a bus for all things…a
math meet. The kids appeared comfortably at
ease on this cool winter morning.
Sharon was our bus driver and she had the bus all
heated up for us as we set out on our journey to
Scarborough. The last of the participants arrived at 8:35
and we were off at 8:40. Mr. Fitch was kind enough to
explain what the math meet would entail. I was sur-
prised to learn of the level of competition that these fifth
and sixth graders enjoyed. The students were very
excited at the prospect of competing with schools from
across Southern Maine.
Upon arrival at Scarborough Middle School where the
math meet was being held, the JSS students were
separated according to their grade level. Prominently
displayed on the stage were the trophies for which our
kids were competing. At 10:00 the room became quiet
as instructions were given out and the first test, Arith-
metic, was distributed. I was recruited to help with
correcting and tabulating the test scores. I was one of a
few parent volunteers among a room full of math
instructors from various schools. An intricate system of
tests and double checks went very smoothly and
watching the ‘Tally Board’ was quite exciting for
precinct votes in a major election.
The time finally came to announce the winners and I
believe that all of the students who participated were
awarded a credit to their individual schools for possessing
the necessary math skills in which to compete. Ian Acker
took second place overall in the fifth grade individual
level. In the team awards the JSS fifth grade team took
second place. In the overall school totals JSS tied with
Scarborough for third place.
Parents, teachers and the Raymond community can be
proud of our young people and their competitive spirit.
Mr. Jack Fitch deserves much of the credit for preparing
the students for competition and the JSS math team
deserves a thank you for all of their hard work and
spirit. The following JSS students participated at the
meet.
Ian Acker
Josh Leeman
Travis Cook
Rebecca McIntyre
Wyndham Jansou
Alyssa Andrew
Andy Bissonette
Rachel and Mr. Kainani Stevens
Adam Wallace
Steve Wiszunkie
Kakla Harding

The next math meet is to be held in March, watch for
notices for the exact time and place. Come out and support our math team, you’ll
find it an interesting experience.

W.E.B. (Wonderfully Exciting Books) News From Title I
By: Margaret A. Mains, Literacy Specialist
Our W.E.B. readers are charging ahead of last year’s
page count. One hundred sixty students are actively
participating in this family reading program to this
date. These children have read 161,000 pages collec-
tively. Please encourage your readers to keep up the
motion and go beyond our goal of 300,000 pages.
We have added new volunteers to our W.E.B. program
this year. Mrs. Barden and Mrs. Huber work most
mornings assisting the students as they check books in
and out. Mrs. Shively counts pages for us regularly, and
Kyle Gagnon, a student, has been organizing our books.
Thanks to all the volunteers for helping to make our
family reading program continue to be manageable and
successful. Snuggle up with books this winter!

Title I News
We are delighted with our new Title I Ed Tech, Nicole
Beers. She has a rich background in literacy instruction
and is determined to get her students motivated to read
and write. She has been encouraging them to use
journal writing as a tool for developing their language
skills, and she has lots of creative ideas to pique their
interest. Not only does she tutor our Title I students, but
she is also actively involved with extra-curricular sports
events such as soccer and basketball, even coaching her
own team. She loves the opportunity to network with
the parents at community events and see her students
exceling in other areas. She has certainly made it
easier to address the needs of more students
through the Title I tutoring program. We have been
able to select the majority of students who have quali-
fied this year, especially at the lower grade levels,
because of the third person in our program.
The fall has been a busy time for Title I. Last fall Mrs.
Milton and I attended a Concept Phonics I workshop
and learned how to develop phonics skills at a rapid
pace through drills, while using mnemonic devices to
assist with memorization. We have begun to pilot
these techniques this year, and we are already impressed
with the improvements we have seen. Mrs. Beers will be
attending a Concept Phonics II workshop in February,
but she is already using some of the techniques with her
students. In November, Mrs. Milton and I joined Bath
teachers at a Concept Phonics II workshop to learn how
to teach with mnemonic devices and drill sheets for
teaching reading and spelling of more difficult language
patterns.
We are also taking a new look at our assessments and
the process we use for qualifying and selecting students. I
have been talking with the K-4 teachers about a new
assessment (Diagnostic Reading Assessment), that uses
books to assess a student’s reading progress. This
assessment has been successfully implemented in
various school districts around the State, and I am
excited about the way this assessment matches what the
students are actually learning in their classrooms. We
are hoping to connect with other schools that are using
these materials.

Another assessment we are looking at is the ETA
(Evaluating Through Activities) for math, which has been
endorsed by the Department of Education in Maine
as a good match for the expectations of the Learning
Results. I’m sure you will be hearing more about these
tests as we explore them further. This will also be
a busy year as we look into ways to improve and expand
our tutoring program for the new school year next.
We welcome any comments/questions. Please call me at
655-4743 if you would like to discuss anything concern-
ing Title I.