Public Forum On Tuition Contract

By: David Bois, Superintendent of Schools

During the past few years we have faced some uncertain times concerning the placement of our tuition students. Some districts have experienced unexpected overcrowding which has made it impos-
sible for them to accept Raymond students. This has been a frustrating and difficult time for students, parents, and school of-
ficials. The School Committee has spent a great deal of time considering a variety of options. Although there has been some
discussion concerning building our own high school, it is clear that, in the short
time, continuing contract agreements with surrounding districts remains our most ac-
teptable and practical option.

A general mailing went out earlier this month inviting Raymond citizens to a fo-
rum regarding a long term contract with the Windham School Department. The letter
briefly outlined some of the issues that have been discussed in preliminary conver-
sations.
Windham is now in the process of finaliz-
ing plans for the addition and renovations
to their high school. A major factor in de-
termining the level of State participation in funding the project will be determining the number of students to be served by the facility. State officials are aware that
Windham has accepted and continues to accept Raymond students, and they are wil-
ing to support increasing the size of the project to accommodate our students. The State,
however, has not been willing to ac-
tcept an expansion which would accommo-
date our students without an indication of
a specific commitment on our part. It is
with this in mind that Windham has re-
quested that we assure 50% of our students
will attend Windham High School.

The urgency of this issue is further height-
ened by the fact that time is a factor. The
Windham proposal is due into the State in
early September. It is important to empha-
size that the School Committee is seeking
community input before any decision is
made, therefore we encourage all inter-
ested citizens to attend the public forum
on July 31st at 7:00 PM in the Raymond
Elementary School gym.

Road Runner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by
August 15th. Please provide them by any of the following methods:
E-mail: Diskette: Paper
Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF) on diskette or as e-mail attachments.
Send E-mail related Articles To: norma.richard@raymondmaine.org
or drop at a Principal’s Office.
Send Diskette related Articles To: elizabeth.cummings@raymondmaine.org
or drop at Town Hall

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Watershed Protection In Raymond

By: Jeff Brinck
Project Manager
Cumberland County Soil & Water
Conservation District

In recent years the Raymond Conservation
Commission and the Maine Department of
Environmental Protection (DEP) surveyed
the Raymond Pond and Crescent Lake wa-
tersheds for erosion and other problems
that can impact the health of the lakes.
More than 200 sites need help. To con-
tinue this momentum and to help fix some
of those problems, this year the Cumberland
County Soil and Water Conservation District
(SWCD) received a grant from the
DEP and US EPA under Section 319 of
the Clean Water Act for the Raymond Pond and
Crescent Lake Demonstration Project.
A watershed is an area of land that drains
surface water to a common body of water.
The Raymond Pond and Crescent Lake
watersheds are adjacent, and include
roughly all of the land east of Rattlesnake
Mountain to the top of Ledge Hill (the
corner of Spiller Hill Road and Valley Road)
and south of Johnson Hill to the top
Crescent Beach and the boat ramp were major sources of erosion until they were
enhanced as shown above through volunteer efforts in 2000. This new grant will
fund similar projects throughout the two watersheds.

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Raymond Village Library News

We would like to thank all those patrons and friends who made the Raymond Village Library Annual Fair such a success, including those who contributed to all the different tables with paperback books, food, plants and items for the attic table. Our thanks also go out to those who attended and made this fun-raising event fun and worthwhile.

We especially would like to take this opportunity to name the artists who gave of their time, talent and art work for the Silent Auction: Jo Martyr-Fisher, Peg MacKay, Woodie Entwistle, Donna Kantor, M.J. Meyrerofer, Florence Cooper, Cathy Dodge, Neelie Dunham, Alan Shadbolt, Pat Riley, Martha Whitten Ladd, Kelly Ann Seymour, Shirley Fearon, Sondra Levy, Carol Griggs, Andrea J. Dukko, John Alfiero, Joyce Mastro, Lynda Wilson, Charlotte Hewson, Charlene Lee, Waldo Preble and Dick Anzelc.

A reminder that the Hardcover Book Sale will be going on during part of August, at the library. Great books at bargain prices. We are so fortunate to have beautiful pictures adorning the library walls once again. The talented artists exhibiting through August are Peg MacKay and Charlotte Hewson. Both artists have been generous contributors to the past Silent Auctions and present varied and interesting art works. Do come into the library to see and enjoy what extraordinary talent we enjoy in this area.

The Book Discussion Group is reading “Are You Somebody?” by Nuala O’Faolain. This book features the members of an Irish columnist and proves to be a fascinating read. August’s selection is titled “Pope Joan” and can be borrowed from the library. This group meets on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm at the library. New members are always welcomed.

We are halfway through the Children’s Summer Reading Program. This year 80 young readers are participating and everyone is having a great time.

Baby Time is held at the library at 9:30am on Thursdays, and Story Time is on Thursdays at 10:00am. Readers are needed for Story Time. Please call Sandy Wilkas at 655-2742, if you are able to help out.

In The True Spirit Of Letterboxing!
By: Debbie Blanchard

The Raymond-Casco Historical Society recently tried their hand at the newly opened “Lakes Region Letterbox Trail.” Armed with trail guidebooks and stamp notebooks, they set out to solve clues and locate hidden letterboxes along the trail. When a letterbox was located members eagerly stamped their notebooks with rubber stamps at each site. Most letterboxes also contained some pertinent photos or other memorabilia associated with a specific site. In true Letterbox spirit, these members didn’t let a little evening thundershower deter them from their mission; they forged on until they found their stamps! Shown in the photo is Ruby Whitney discovering the letterbox at the Raymond Village Library site. With the support of a lot of people and organizations throughout the community, our first Lakes Region Letterbox Trail is off to a great start. Thanks also to all of our Letterbox monitors who are tending each of the boxes to make sure they’re in good shape for the whole season (until Oct.15). Letterbox Trail guidebooks are available at Sunset Varieties, Raymond Town Hall, Raymond Village Library, Cry of the Loon and Blacksmith Winery. Happy hunting!
Raymond Fire Department
Will Miss Lloyd Thompson
By: Denis Morse, Fire Chief

Lloyd Thompson, one of the most active and reliable members of the Raymond Fire and Rescue Department, died June 22. Late into the evening eleven members rushed home to help when the call went out. Four days later the Town and the Department paid their respects in what many say was a funeral like no other in Raymond in recent years.

The casket was placed on Engine Two and moved early Wednesday morning from Quaker Ridge, past the District One Station, up Webb's Mills Road to District Two Station. At District Two the truck's flashing lights were turned off and the American flag was draped over the casket.

The United States Air Force Color Guard and the Raymond Fire and Rescue Department’s Honor Guard stood at attention as the casket moved from Engine Two to the final resting spot at Raymond Hill Cemetery. A distant bagpiper played Amazing Grace, with the military ending the ceremony with a lone bugler playing taps. This was an appropriate ending for one who had lived his life serving his country and community.

As a military man, Lloyd traveled the world but chose our town in which to make his home after retirement. We were certainly better for it. In fact after graduating in 1949, he became Raymond’s Fire Chief from 1956 to 1975. Twenty-two years later, returning from his military career, he again joined the Department.

Lloyd was not one to turn his back when duty called. As a Fire Department building inspector, he treated everyone fairly, and as a Rescue driver he would climb out of bed at any hour to help the people of the area. He did his best and fairly, and as a Rescue driver for five years, would climb out of bed at any hour to help the people of the area. He did his best and fairly, and as a Rescue driver for five years, would climb out of bed at any hour to help the people of the area.

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The Recycling Bin
By: Philip Hammett

For those who didn’t get a copy of the new recycling brochure, you can get one at the Town Office. The big change (for those who weren’t here in the spring) is the return to weekly pick up, making recycling possible for the “by the week” residents. Other good news is not having to take labels off of cans. (Those devoted recyclers who want to go the extra mile can still take labels off, dry put it in and put in with mixed paper.)

I’d like to correct the figures on cost savings: the net gain for recycling, considering the new rates, is about $32 per ton over trash costs. Still, a recycling rate similar to Portland’s would save us $13,000 per year!

I also hope that people noted the composting article reprinted from the “Maine Advisor”. Composting can shrink your trash! You can shrink your trash!

To ensure Safety, Please:

- Tighten caps and lids leaving materials in original labeled containers
- Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper
- Sort and pack separately: paint, pesticides, household cleaners.
- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS!
- Pack your vehicle and go directly to the site.
- NEVER SMOKE while handling hazardous materials.
- Do not place waste in a garbage bag.

Fire Department Warning

The Raymond Fire and Rescue Department would like the public’s help with reducing open burning. Each year more and more un-permitted burns take place. We have found warming fires unattended or becoming bonfires. Brush burning is enlarged to log and trash fires. At this time warming fires are not working, and we are prepared to begin serving people with fires.

We would appreciate everyone understanding the dangers associated with these calls for open burning and the possible destruction if one of these fires should spread to a forest fire. If you must have an open burn, please do it with permission from our Dispatch Office (655-7851), with every precaution to control the fire, and with great concern that this fire could cause great harm to Raymond and its residents. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

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Hazardous Waste Day
Saturday, August 4, 2001

Once again Clean Harbors will be at Raymond Elementary School to collect Hazardous Waste from residents of Raymond, Casco, Naples, and Frye Island. Raymond residents will be charged a fee to help defray the expense of disposal. This event will be held rain or shine.

What You Can Bring:

- Unneeded household hazardous waste in sealed containers (use original containers when possible)
- Paints, stains, & varnishes
- Solvents, thinners & strippers
- Adhesives, glues, resins
- Waste fuels (kerosene, gasoline)
- Engine degreaser, brake fluid
- Moth balls
- Poisons, insecticides, weed killers
- Wood preservatives
- Hobby supplies, artist supplies
- Photo chemicals, chemistry sets
- Cleaners, spot removers
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Dry cell batteries
- Aerosol cans
- Pesticides/fertilizers
- Nicad batteries
- Hearing aid (button) batteries
- Driveway sealers
- Antifreeze

What Not To Bring:

- Infections & biological waste
- Fire extinguishers
- Ammunition, fireworks, explosives
- Prescription medicines & syringes
- Commercial or industrial waste
- Radiactive waste
- Asbestos
- Tires
- PCB’s
- Latex paint (dry cans go to Bulky Waste Facility)
- Cylinders (gas)
- Motor oil (goes to Bulky Waste Facility)

Trash And Recycling Pickup

Raymond’s recycling is now weekly, along with the trash pickup. Cape Road, Route 302, Main Street, Meadow Road, Webb’s Mills Road to Mill Street/Brown Road, Mill Street, and Brown Road at the stop sign on Tuesday as well as the roads off of these; everyone else north and east is picked up on Wednesday. BBI, the company who contracts with Raymond, has asked that all trash and recycling be curbed by 7:00am no matter when the truck actually picks it up.

We ask that all trash be in bags and in a solid waterproof container so that birds and animals do not disturb it. All recycling should be in a solid waterproof container. This container does not have to be an “official” recycling container, but should be something which the recycling truck will easily recognize as recycling and not trash. Recycling does not have to be separated, but it would save the recycling people time if it is. If you put recycling in brown paper bags, they will leave the bags for reuse as they are considered like corrugated cardboard and must be recycled with that product.

Each residence is allowed two 32-gallon trash cans.

For those who need to throw away more than that, the Town Office will sell you plastic bags ($1.00 each) of which BBI will take as many as you put curbside. The cost of the bags is to pay for the tipping fee for the average.

The recycling truck will pick up as much recycling as you wish to put out. However, it cannot take wet newspapers, paperback or magazines. If it is raining, we advise waiting to put out the paper goods until a dry day. If the paper goods do get wet, BBI cannot take them, and you can either dry them out for another pickup day or put them with your household trash.

The Town is recycling corrugated cardboard in dumpsters at the Public Works/District 2 Fire Station location. Corrugated cardboard is not picked up curbside. It is also necessary to keep the cardboard dry; otherwise it has to be discarded as trash.

Cemetery Committee
Looking For New Members

The Cemetery Committee needs new members. The Committee oversees Raymond’s 5 cemeteries, has cleaned monuments and headstones, helped with rebuilding of cemetery driveways, and has submitted proposed changes to the Cemetery Ordinance to the Selectmen for consideration by the Town. The Committee has also been instrumental in placing markers and flags on Veterans’ graves.

For more information about this committee or any other in Raymond, please call Louise Lester at the Town Office 655-4742.

English Evolution?

It wouldn’t be too much of an exaggeration to say that languages have personalities. One aspect of this is how readily a language will accept or borrow words from other languages. Some languages react to the introduction of a new concept or object by combining several of their existing words to describe it: German flugzeug (air;plane), Swedish naglelacktopparingsmedel (nail polish remover), Russian единение (reunion). This can be quite long but which contains components already familiar to the speakers.

English tends to use the word by which the new object or concept is already known in the other language. This doesn’t mean that the new word comes into English un-rafted. It may be warped or mutated by misunderstandings and misspellings. Still, English will usually use something close to the original word rather than making up a word of its own: cafe, kennel, kindergarten, alligator.

Words and their meanings in any language will mutate and evolve over time. English words tend to do this very dy-
Troop 800 News - Canoe Trip Report

By: Matthew Peterson

Thursday:

Today, everybody arrived at the ball field between 7:30 and 8:00. Also during that time, the canoes were waxed, everybody was situated in a car, and everybody was reminded of who their partners were. We took off at 8:00 all ready for the big journey ahead of us. We stopped by a general store, which proved that northern Maine is really out in the wilderness. Almost everybody bought something; lunch, snacks, and other goodies. After that, we headed out to our destination, Attean Pond. Zane paddles into a picture-perfect scene.

Matt and Mark navigating the “rips”.

After we finished lunch, we launched our canoes towards the west side of the lake. The portage was supposed to be tomorrow’s gig, but everybody was speeding along. The portage was 1.4 miles uphill and was hot and buggy. We got to our campsite by late afternoon. Everybody took a swim in the lake, which was cold I might add. We had chicken chili for dinner which was really tasty. We saw a bald eagle and some loons today. We went to bed about 8:30 - 9:00 to the humming of the mosquitoes, and that was the end of Day 1.

Friday:

On Friday we took off to the far end of Holeb Pond and paddled down a narrow route that kind of looked like a marsh. There were some small rapids along the way, which were exciting until my team mate and I crashed into a fallen branch and capsized. One other person capsized their canoe today. It was fun after the capsize, but it was also frustrating that you got your stuff wet. When we got to our campsite, some of the scouts including me went to the falls to swim and fish. It was colder than Thursday’s swim, but a lot more interesting. Dinner that evening was tortellini and cheese, which was my favorite out of the whole week. We saw signs of beaver and moose, and had a ruffed grouse in our campsite today. This is the end of Day 2.

Saturday:

Today we had a lot of fun. Donny McKay and father Mr. McKay capsized as well as Mr. Peterson and his teammate Mr. Swick (Zeb walked out of it) while going down some rips. After that, half of the crew took a swim because it was quite hot. When everybody stopped swimming we finished paddling through the narrow marsh-like area and paddled our way back to Attean Lake. Along the way we saw a moose, who was quite startled by Donny and Mr. McKay. They paddled away from the moose as fast as they could because the moose was chasing them. It was quite a riot, although Donny didn’t agree. When we got back, everybody was achng from head to toe from paddling and decided to go to dinner at the only restaurant in town. After a delicious dinner, we went home and slept like babies. That is the end of our wonderful trip, excluding the mosquitoes and heat.

2001 Summer Work Schedule

Raymond Public Works Department

This work schedule is our plan to be completed this year. If the work goes well, everything on this list should be completed by winter. This list can be altered or changed as necessary.

- Cape Road - Ditch, replace culverts and rebuild shoulders from the Casco town line to Shaw Road. This is approximately 6000 feet of pavement.
- Conesca Road - Repair shoulders.
- Gore Road - Repair shoulders.
- Martin Heights - Replace two 18-inch culverts.
- North Raymond Road - Ditch and replace culverts from the Poland town line to the Ledge Hill Road intersection. This is approximately 6000 feet of pavement.
- North Raymond Road - Repair shoulders.
- Plains Road - Camp Hinds to Route 121 will be capped with pavement about 6000 feet.
- Presidential View Road - Repair shoulders.
- Tower Road from Route 121 to the end of the town road section - Recap with pavement.

To keep up to date on upcoming Troop 800 activities, check out the Troop’s web pages on the Town’s website at http://www.raymondmaine.org which includes information and things that the Scouts have been up to. To contact by phone: Tom Wiley, Scoutmaster, 655-2048 or John Hanley, Troop Committee Chair, 998-5304.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Nathan White, Road Commissioner at 655-2018 or the Town Office at 655-4742.
Renovations Move Forward!
By: Christian Elkington, Principal JSMS

Construction at Jordan-Small Middle School continues to be making progress during the month of July. Demolition of areas being remodeled has now been completed. Masons are busily working on new walls along with ADA doorframes around our school. This work should be completed by the first week in August.

Hallways and some classrooms continue to be upgraded, with new wiring and painting being completed. We are now waiting for 300 new lockers as well as new science lab furniture to be delivered. With new lab furniture being custom made to fit our specifications, it is looking like our two new science labs will be ready for student use at the beginning of October.

As we near the end of July, our timetable is looking good for the majority of our renovations to be completed by the start of school. Some classrooms will not be available when school starts. This will not be a large problem other than the inconvenience of both students and staff having to, in some circumstances, change rooms after all rooms are completed. Since we will only be a grades 5-7 middle school during the 2001–2002 school year, we will have extra space at our disposal. Students and parents do not need to worry, as school will be starting on time at JSMS!

New Staff at JSMS - Susan Irish (Art), Gianina Yamaguchi (Spanish), Lynn Davis (Guidance), Theresa Worth (7th Grade), Jessica Porter (7th Grade), Kelly Gosselin (5th Grade), Valerie Hammett (7th grade), Kellie Ouellette (7th Grade) Not pictured, Doug Elder (5th Grade).

JSMS gym is filled with classroom furniture and materials from almost every room in the school, allowing for work to be completed around the school.

Old wall has been taken down to be replaced by a movable partition so those two classrooms can be used on occasion for large group activities.

Two rooms becoming one of our two new Science Labs! One wall has been taken down, and the floor has been cut for new plumbing.

Looking through an area where two walls are being replaced by new walls with lockers inserted into them. In the background you can also see where new ADA doorways are being built.

English Evolution?
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Namically, especially when an influential group — such as the recording industry — is the source of the modified meanings. There are many, many words and phrases in general use today which, less than 30 years ago, were new “twists”: grief, dude, cool, far out, split:

- bank: (noun) money
- bent: (adjective) sad
- bounce: (verb) leave, take off
- clock: (verb) to watch something or someone in a suspicious attentive way; to be alert and aware of what’s going on around you
- cool: (adjective) mean or bad; a reaction to something which displeases you: “Oh, that’s cold.”

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RAYMOND PTA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION 2001/2002 SCHOOL YEAR

NAME ________________________________

ADDRESS ________________________________

PHONE ________________________________

EMAIL ________________________________

CHILDREN (ages and grade level)

DUES ARE $5.00 PER MEMBERSHIP - PLEASE RETURN FORM
WITH PAYMENT TO THE RAYMOND PTA c/o Raymond Elementary School, 434 Webb's Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071

PARENT_____ BUSINESS _____     TEACHER _____      OTHER _____

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER: AS NEEDED ___      DAY ___      EVENING ___

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER ON A COMMITTEE: Fund Raising ___      Programming ___      Hospitality ___

            Membership ___     Parent Education ___      Publicity ___

COMMENTS:.....SUGGESTIONS: ________________________________

Raymond Extended Day Program Applications

The Raymond Extended Day Program now has applications available for the 2001-2002 school year. Applications may be picked up from RED in the cafeteria of the Raymond Elementary School building or at the Raymond Town Hall.

We will begin accepting applications on July 23, 2001. Enrollment is done on a first-come, first-served basis, but priority for enrollment is given to current RED families (those with children enrolled in the Summer 2001 program or the 2000-2001 school year program).

Current RED families may submit applications through Monday, August 6th, at 6pm. Applications must be accompanied by payment of the activity fee.

Applications from current families submitted after August 6th will not be given priority but will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis with other Raymond families.

Open enrollment for Raymond families new to RED will begin on Tuesday, August 7th. Applications may be turned in at the RES cafeteria in advance but will not be considered until August 7th. Applications may also be submitted in person at the RES cafeteria from August 7th through the 10th, from 7 to 9am and 5 to 6pm. Payment of activity fee is not required until the family is notified that their application has been accepted.

NYA Honors

The following Raymond students at North Yarmouth Academy were recognized at the recent Honors Assembly for their academic achievement in the Second Trimester.

Highest Honors: Renee Fortin, Shawn Gagne, Benjamin White

High Honors: Elizabeth Crockett, Amanda Dodson, Matthew Fortin, Bridget Gagne, Benjamin Hutchinson, William Yates

Honors: Abby Hutchinson

Raymond PTA Highlights

The Raymond PTA completed an outstanding year of events and activities that supported its mission of advocating for our children, enriching educational programs, supporting faculty and staff in their work, and collaborating with community organizations. Some of the highlights of the year include:

- Supporting teachers and staff through Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts, Flowers, Chocolate Fling, Gifts and Recognitions.
- Sponsoring the Scholastic Book Fair.
- Coordinating Jump For Hearts and raising $3,864.50 to benefit the American Heart Association.
- Bringing Kevin Morse, classical guitarist, to the schools for workshops and a special assembly.
- Awarding two $1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring the Art Quiz at the Jordan-Small Middle School.
- Promoting the Reflections Program to extend the arts at the Raymond Elementary School.
- Providing refreshments at Winter Carnival, Field Day, and the Middle School Barbecue.
- Maintaining the snack box for children.
- Supporting Founders Day.
- Assisting Raymond families in time of need.
- Maintaining communications and support for Communities for Children and the Mentoring Grant.
- Providing healthy snacks during MIA testing.

The Raymond PTA will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Raymond Elementary School Library. Officers for the coming year are Suzie Brockellbank, President; Cathy Dodge, Vice-President; Vicki Gordan, Treasurer; and Debbie Hutchinson, Secretary. All Raymond residents, not just school-age parents, are invited to join the PTA and support its many activities. Membership dues are $5.00 yearly. A membership form is included in the Roadrunner.

Kyle Gagnon Shines!

Congratulations to Kyle Gagnon on his outstanding performance at the Maine Special Olympics Summer Games held at the UMaine-Orono on Friday and Saturday June 15th and 16th! Kyle had two 2nd place age-group finishes and set personal bests in both the 100-Meter Dash and Softball Throw events. Way to go, Kyle!

End Of First Session Wrap Up, 120th Legislature

By: House Republican Leader Joe Bruno of Raymond

Health care and taxes were the two main themes in the recently adjourned first session of the 120th Maine Legislature.

We passed the $5.2 billion Part 1 budget to keep existing state programs operating without raising taxes. Raising taxes by $57 million in this biennium, and in the next biennium, those tax increases will amount to $76 million dollars. With the more expensive budget that passed, smokers will be hit with a 26 cents per pack increase in the cigarette tax, and families dining at restaurants without liquor licenses will pay 7 percent tax on the tab. This is estimated to raise about $57 million over the next two years. I argued on the House floor against the new taxes at this time. Maine has the highest combined state and local tax burden in the country, at 13.6 percent of income. Some economic indicators are showing a possible downturn in the Maine economy. I believe we would have been better off by delaying any tax increases until January 2002, when we would have a better picture of our economic future.

Serving in this legislative session was probably the most frustrating for me in the sense that we are going to end up with close to a $30 million surplus at the end of this fiscal year, yet we increased more taxes to fund programs. I just think this is wrong to do when the economic future of Maine is very much in doubt.

A major health care measure that passed this legislature will allow people who earn up to 300 percent of the poverty level to save money by buying drugs at the discount price negotiated for Medicaid purchases.

While we helped increase access to public health programs, we did very little in terms of assisting businesses afford the increases they are seeing in health care premiums. As a matter of fact we added to the cost of private health insurance by passing more mandates that need to be included in any health care policy. While we all see the value of every mandate that is imposed, these mandates have the effect of raising premiums to pay for them.

The final budgets provide increases to the state fund for local school aid of 5 percent for the fiscal year that ends on June 30, 2002, and a 3 percent increase for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. Debt limits were increased in order for the state to fund up to $280 million in school construction projects and to add $20 million more to the revolving loan fund for renovations to schools. Drivers over 55 will be able to get discounted auto insurance if they take a voluntary road safety course once every three years. If you need any information on this program, please contact me and I will direct you to someone who may be of assistance.

As always, feel free to contact me at home 655-7443 or e-mail me at jbruno1@maine.rr.com even when I am not in session, and I will be more than happy to assist.

Coming Next Month

Innisbrook Wraps presents an All-Star Lineup this fall at the Raymond Elementary and Jordan-Small Middle Schools. Our fall Innisbrook sale will begin on September 4. Just wait until you see our All-Star Lineup!

- Award Winning Designs
- Great Kids’ Products
- All new ‘Tween Sections
- Home Decor Collection
- Gourmet Food and Chocolate

Innisbrook Schools can also order on the web 365 days of the year at www.innisbrook.com. The Raymond Schools customer # is 104999. Families and out of town friends can order and re-order over 150 Innisbrook products on-line all summer long! A great way to buy gifts and have more time so spend on your summer. Products will be delivered right to your door, and your child’s school will receive the 50% profit.
Mentors Needed For Raymond Children!

Interested in becoming a Big Brother, Big Sister or Foster Grandparent to a Raymond child who could use the support of a mentor? The Raymond Mentoring Partnership is looking for caring adult community members willing to build a rewarding relationship with a child. Mentors will meet with a child during the school year for about an hour one afternoon a week. Mentors will also be asked to participate in training and a few other program activities. For more information call or e-mail Eileen Stiles at 655-4193, bhuiles1@maine.rr.com or Lori Rand at 655-4277, lrand@ime.net. You may also complete the following and mail it to:

Raymond Mentoring Partnership
Raymond Elementary School
434 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071

I am interested in receiving more information about becoming a mentor.

Name
Address
Phone

Your Grocery Shopping Can Benefit The Raymond PTA

By: Sheri Reed, Fundraising Chairperson

The Raymond PTA is asking Raymond families and friends to join us in several fundraisers that are easy and won’t cost you a thing! In fact, friends and family members from around the state can also participate and raise money to support our PTA. The PTA will use these funds to support the Reflections Program, scholarships for graduating seniors, Jump for Hearts, the school libraries, field days, teacher breakfasts, and many other school events during the year. These things enrich our children’s learning environment and support our teachers.

MAKE YOUR SHOPPING COUNT WITH SHAW’S SUPERMARKET AND SCHOOLPOP: Register your Shaw’s Rewards Card with Schoolpop and 2% of all purchases at any Shaw’s store in Maine will be donated to the Raymond PTA every time you use your card. Encourage family members throughout the state to participate. You can register by:

• going online at www.schoolpop.com
• calling toll-free: 1-877-456-1032
(Mon-Fri 9am - 9pm)

HANNAFORD & SHOP ’N SAVE HELP SCHOOLS: From September 17 through November 24, 2001, Hannaford and Shop ’n Save Supermarkets will support local K - 12 schools and reward their customers who purchase participating General Mills Products. This fall you can earn “School Dollar” coupons from the cashier when you purchase General Mills Products.

* Buy 3 General Mills Products = $2 School Dollars
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BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION: This year the school libraries received over $340 from the Boxtops for Education Program. Students have brought home boxtags with a reminder to collect Boxtops all year long, including during the summer months. The PTA will treat all children who bring in Boxtops in September to a special Ice Cream Party.

The best thing about all of these programs is that we can earn money for our school while shopping for groceries. I hope that you will participate and support the Raymond Schools and the Raymond PTA.

English Evolution?

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def: (adjective) really good, excellent
dis: (verb) disrespect
eve: (noun) (pronounced “ESS-ay”) Spanish for “that one”. You would call your buddies this.
fade: (noun) special kind of haircut, where the lower neck is practically shaved and then the hair gets VERY gradually long and longer and is the longest on the top (also called a “high top fade”).
"Fade" (verb) also refers to the slider on a sound mixer, which makes the music gradually fade out and can’t be heard at all. “Don’t fade me, man!”
hoodie: (noun) hooded sweatshirt
jiggly: (adjective) to be wealthy; to have lots of things
nathan: (noun) nothing, nobody
phat: (adjective) excellent; extremely good
poste: (noun) the people you hang around with, your buddies. Poste is a Latin word.
ride: (noun) vehicle, car
shotty: (adjective) shotgun, from the Wild West stagecoach days. The position in a vehicle up front next to the driver.
step off: (verb) back away from a confrontation
true that: (adjective) definitely, absolutely
How do you like my new car, Mr. Bois? “That’s a phat ride, Mr. Elikington.”

Would You Like A Mentor For Your Child?

Would you like your child to have a Big Brother, Big Sister or Foster Grandparent for some extra adult friendship, guidance and attention? The Raymond Mentoring Partnership is now accepting referrals of children who could benefit from an additional support system. For information and program eligibility criteria, call or e-mail Eileen Stiles at 655-4193, bhuiles1@maine.rr.com or Lori Rand at 655-4277, lrand@ime.net. You may also complete the following and mail it to:

Raymond Mentoring Partnership
Raymond Elementary School
434 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071

Please send me a youth referral form and program eligibility criteria.

Name
Address
Phone

Your Grocery Shopping Can Benefit The Raymond PTA

By: Leanne Payeur, USPS Communication Specialist

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The tropical fish is dark red and blue and is known as a betta, or fighting fish. It lives in a tall glass vase of water filled with greenery and swims around to the delight of customers who come in to do postal business. “I just thought it might dress up the place a bit,” said Libby in describing what motivated her to bring a fish into the Post Office. “I must admit that I’m pleased, and a bit surprised, at the amount of interest and conversation it’s generated since arriving here.”

After the fish arrived, so many people asked Libby what the fish’s name was that she decided to hold a contest to name the fish. Dozens of people from Raymond submitted names for the fish over the course of two weeks. The names were reviewed by the staff at the Post Office who whittled the list down to five favorites. Unable to agree on which of the five names best suited the fish, the staff put the five choices into a bowl and drew out a winner.

Thus, it came to be that the fish was named “Sparkles”. The name, submitted by five year old Erick Schadler of Raymond, has been a big hit with customers. When asked how he came to select the name, Schadler said that he thought the fish sparkles as it swam around in the water. One other name, Piscusina, was given honorable mention; Piscusina is Latin for fish. That name was submitted by 74 year old Priscilla Barber, also a Raymond resident. The staff at the Post Office gave it an honorable mention because they thought it unusual and exotic sounding name. Schadler was excited to win the contest and came by the Post Office with his mother, Lisa Schadler, to collect his prize, a goodie bag full of small toys and postal merchandise. Ms. Barber won an address book for her honorable mention, and both of them enjoyed participating in the contest.

Sparkles, the fish, seems to enjoy its unusual new home at the Raymond Post Office, where it can mingle - as other customers do - with members of the community. Post Offices in Maine are integral parts of the communities they serve, where you get service with a smile, and occasionally a surprise, like Sparkles. If you’re in the Raymond area in the near future and need to do some postal business, Libby and her staff invite you to drop in and meet Sparkles, their pretty postal fish with a brand new name.

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Roxanne Libby (left), Officer in Charge of the Raymond Post Office, takes a moment to congratulate five year old Erick Schadler of Raymond (right), winner of the Name That Fish contest at the Raymond P.O.
Watershed Protection

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of Raymond Hill (the corner of Raymond Hill Road and Valley Road). Any rainwater or runoff within this area eventually enters Raymond Pond and/or Crescent Lake.

Over the next three summers, area residents will have the opportunity to participate in this grant to reduce erosion problems in the Raymond Pond and Crescent Lake watershed. Financial assistance and free technical assistance will be made available. Workshops will be offered to help citizens learn conservation techniques to use on their own property. As a result, the lake’s long term health will be improved.

Erosion into the lake can have far-reaching consequences. Soil particles carry the nutrient phosphorus, which essentially "fertilizes" the lake and decreases water clarity. Excess phosphorus can also harm fish habitat and lead to nuisance algae blooms—a mat of green scum. And studies have shown that as water clarity decreases, property values also drop.

Technical Assistance

Do you have a lawn that runs up to the edge of the lake? Does your gravel driveway or road wash out every year? Do you have a lawn that runs up to the edge of the lake? If you have erosion problems on your property, contact the CCSWCD (839-7839 ext 110) to schedule a time for someone to visit your property and provide you with free technical assistance.

Financial Help Available

Fourteen erosion sites within the Raymond Pond and Crescent Lake watersheds can qualify to have the grant pay for a portion of road repair, buffer plantings, or bank stabilization efforts. Several sites have already been selected based on findings from the 1998 & 1999 watershed surveys. However, we are still seeking nominations for drive- ways, shoreline, and private road sites. Through the grant, the landowner or road association will receive up to 60% of the cost of the project. The remaining 40% of the project cost can be paid for by the landowner or road association either in cash or in labor on the project. The remaining 40% of the project cost can be paid for by the landowner or road association either in cash or in labor on the project. If the project cost can be paid for by the landowner or road association either in cash or in labor on the project. If you are interested in this financial assistance, call Jeff Brinck at the CCSWCD to get your name on the list of possible sites. The steering committee will decide which sites are having the greatest impact on the lake and thus which will receive funding.

Workshops And Tours

At least one workshop will be held annually to demonstrate best methods for planting shoreline vegetation and installing erosion control measures. Workshop participants will take an active part in conservation as they help to plant native plants, install walkways and mulch, and erect signs. Guided tours will be held to visit each site that was enhanced through the project. Keep an eye out for the advertisements in the Roadrunner and in other newspapers. Or, contact Jeff Brinck at the CCSWCD (839-7839 ext 110) to get on the mailing list for workshop and tour announcements.

Steering Committee

Currently, the steering committee includes:

- Elizabeth Algeo, Raymond Conservation Commission
- Pat Cayer/Part White, Raymond Planning Board
- David Ladd, Maine DEP
- John MacKinnon, Watershed Solutions, Inc.
- John Rand, Raymond Conservation Commission
- Don Willard, Town of Raymond Manager

What You Can Do To Help

- If you have erosion problems on your property, contact the CCSWCD (839-7839 ext 110) to schedule a time for a District staff person to visit your property and provide you with free technical assistance.
- Near the lake shores, avoid clearing natural vegetation, and let lawn and raked areas revert to natural plants.
- Prevent storm water from running directly into streams and the lake.
- Participate in upcoming lake buffer workshops.
- Pump out septic systems every 2 to 3 years (4-5 years for seasonal camps).

Cottage Industries of Raymond

By: Jani Cummings

Two years ago, when my mother moved back to Raymond from Alabama, I was very worried about what she would do to fill her time. She has macular degeneration, a degenera- tive eye disease that makes it harder and harder for her to see clearly, or read, or distinguish people’s faces unless they are very close. I thought she would be very limited in what she would be able to do. But I underestimated my remarkable mom.

She started making tapestry bags: beautiful, lined bags with pockets and zippers - large ones, medium ones, small ones; some with painted pockets on the outside; some with no pockets. Of course I finagled a couple, or five, for my own use, but so did many friends. It was to the point that we started saying, “We should open a store.”

Now, if you know my house and barn, you know I have lots and lots of room, so we started cleaning things out of the barn and seeing what kind of space we had. In the middle of May, a friend of my brother helped to put up a wall in the barn, leaving one side for me to park my Beetle and one side for the shop. With the amazing Wilson brothers, espe- cially Jeffery, and my brother, Sam, spending all their free time painting and constructing, the farm took shape quickly. When my cousins and aunt arrived from Texas to pitch in, we were on our way.

The name for our shop was especially hard...everything good seemed like it was already taken, and each of us had one name we thought was perfect and everyone else hated with a passion. Then Mom started remembering about a place where we used to shop when we lived in India. It was a place where women who had no other outlet for their creativity and no way to make money for their families could put their creations. It was called Cottage Industries. So that’s how Cottage Industries of Raymond came to be (in case you go to New Delhi and think we have a branch office there.)

You would be amazed at how many creative, artistic, amazing people we have showing their things in our store. As of today, over 16 artists with a connection to Raymond are represented in our shop, and we get more daily. We have jewelry, painted furniture, watercolors, birdhouses, used books, pillows, cards, prints, silk flower arrangements, wreaths, and of course, gorgeous tapestry bags! We represent ages from 18 to 85.

Please come in and see us. We are at the corner of Meadow Road and Main Street in a soon-to-be gray house with cream trim.