Conservation Commission Projects

The Raymond Conservation Commission has been active on a number of important projects. We welcome your input and encourage your volunteer participation and support. Below is a sampling of current initiatives:

- The RCC has been working closely with Raymond Waterways Protective Association and the Select Board to protect our lakes from Milfoil and other invasive Aquatic Species (IAS). In January, a plan was submitted to the Selectmen requesting $5,000 towards a Milfoil/IAS Ranger position. The Ranger’s duties will include inspecting boats and trailers at the Crescent Beach launch site (and at other lakes) educating boaters about the Milfoil IAS threat and monitoring the lakes for plant colonies.
- The cost of this program for the 2002 season is estimated at $15,000. While some funding and support may come from other partners (Maine DEP, Town of Casco, Portland Water District), additional dollars will be needed to meet our goals. A fundraising letter will be sent to Raymond property owners in March to help raise the monies needed to make Milfoil/IAS protection happen for Raymond.

Help support this important program! Call John Rand at 655-4277 for more information.

The RCC has been working with the Planning Board and Town Planner Bob Faunce on Raymond’s Land Use Ordinance. The changes will allow for orderly growth and will better protect the natural resources in a town that has added 400 homes and 1000 people since 1990. About 75% of our residential growth comes in the form of single family residences, rather than subdivisions. While Raymond’s Subdivision ordinance provides for Planning Board review to ensure buffering of houses, proper road design, erosion control and stormwater management, no such scrutiny takes place for single family homes. The new rules will address important improvements to how we “build out” Raymond over the coming years. A public hearing will be held in the next several weeks to learn about and comment on the new rules. Our goal is to improve our stewardship of Raymond, so that future generations have a chance to experience the wealth of natural resources that we enjoy every day.

The Select Board has provided a favorable indication toward our requests for an Open Space Reserve Fund and to seed the fund with $20,000. The Budget Committee will review the request before it appears on the Warrant for the May Town Meeting. As described in last month’s Road Runner, the Open Space Reserve Fund will help Raymond purchase land parcels that have special recreational, aesthetic, agricultural and environmental benefits to the town. This fund needs support at Town Meeting. Once it is established, it can receive contributions from residents and businesses. Arrangements have been made for the Loom Echo Land Trust to accept contributions into their Raymond Lands Fund to help acquire conservation lands and/or easements.

Our Watershed Protection project is gearing up for another season of erosion control demonstration projects in the Raymond Pond and Crescent Lake watersheds. Look for more information in the next issues on how you can volunteer on these and other lake watershed projects and help protect our valuable lakes and streams from polluted runoff.

Town Nomination Papers Available

The 2002 Annual Town Meeting will be Saturday, May 18, at 10am. On Friday, May 17, our Town Elections will take place at Raymond Elementary School from 7am to 8pm. The positions which will be available for candidates are Budget/Finance Committee 5 (Olsen, Bartholomew, Southwick, Skilling, White), School Committee 2 (Acke, Stevenson), and Selectmen 2 (Acke, Brown).

The Budget/Finance Committee reviews the Annual Town Budget with its primary “season” being from February into April to be ready for the Annual Town Meeting. Usually the Committee meets twice a month. The School Committee has two regular meeting evenings a month, and the Selectmen also have two regular evenings on which they meet per month.

If you wish to run for an office, please obtain a nomination form at the Town Office during regular office hours. You will need to obtain not fewer than 25 but not more than 50 Raymond registered voter signatures. The deadline for submitting the completed nomination form will be Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at 4pm.

Because Raymond is now a member of the Portland Water District, there will also be a position for representative to the Water District Board of Directors. The towns of Raymond, Windham, Cumberland, and Falmouth share two representatives who are on the Board for a five year term each.

The Board of Directors meets twice a month in addition to some special committee work. The nomination forms for this office will be available on Friday, March 15, and the deadline will be Friday, April 26, at 4pm for an election to be held on Primary Day, Tuesday, June 11, 2002. The position will need a nomination form from each of the associated towns, which means that you would have to have a nomination form filled out for each of the four towns with their associated 25-50 registered voter signatures. This is because you would be representing all four towns and not just Raymond.

Mentoring Program Slides Through Winter

By: Wendy Benedetto

The Mentoring Program did a lot in January! We went to a dinner for all students and their families on Jan. 25 at RES. Over 75 people came, and it was a great opportunity to meet with family members and get to know them better. We were entertained by five Vietnamese and Korean students from Portland High School who performed a Vietnamese folk dance.

Also in January, middle-school mentors and mentees participated in some gym, team-building activities with Beau Boyle, PE teacher. Everyone warmed up in the gym and then Mr. Boyle guided us through sometrust-oriented games, which were very interesting...Let’s just say they involved blind-folds and being led through JISMS by our middle-school mentors.

We’re all looking forward to March and a trip to a rock-climbing gym in Portland.

Road Runner Staff:
Kevin Woodruff, Laurie Forbes, Norma Richard

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News from the Raymond Village Library

April Is Volunteer Month!
The Raymond Village Library invites you to join the Library Club. In conjunction with the National Volunteer Month, the Library Club is conducting a membership drive. The Club’s next meeting is April 5 at 7pm, when Connie Cross will be our guest speaker. Please come to find out how you can make a valuable contribution to your community by helping with the Library’s many programs and services. Call 655-4283 for more information.

Summer “Fun” Raisers
For the first time in many years, it has been decided not to have the Library Fair in July. Instead, the different aspects of the Fair will be held at separate times during the summer. First will be the Plant Sale and Cookie Walk during Founders Day Celebrations. Next will be the reception beginning the Silent Art Auction in June, followed by the start of the Book Sale in July and finally the completion of the Art Auction in August. Even though we will be doing these things separately, we will be relying on the continued generosity of our patrons with donations of plants, cookies, books (both hardcover and paperback), as well as videos and audio books to make this effort a success. Please continue to read your “Road Runner” for dates and more details of these upcoming events.

Dues to Remember
Baby Time: Thursdays at 9:30am.
Story Time: Thursdays at 10am.

Book Club: Thursday, March 28 at 7pm.
Library Closed on Easter, March 31.

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Events and Meeting Schedule

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Did You Know…….

- The Raymond Village Library added 1,800 books to its collection last year.
- One half of the library’s circulation is materials for children and youth.
- The library offers patrons passes to museums.
- The five local youth group teens have performed an accumulative total of 345 community service hours here in town.
- The youth group is looking for teen reporters to cover local events and activities.
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- An updated 2002 Community Services Brochure can be found at the schools, library and town office by mid-March. This information is sponsored by the Raymond Community Council to acknowledge the work and accomplishments of local organizations.

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Have a Job For A Raymond Teen??
We have Kids and Teens looking for baby-sitting jobs and odd jobs in the Raymond area that give kids and teens experience in handling money. Some have transportation; some do not. If you have a job for kids or teen(s) in the greater Raymond area, the Raymond web site gives you the opportunity to post your jobs for teens for free. Go to the Kids & Teens section of www.raymondmaine.org and fill out the job entry form. Your job listing will appear on the site in a couple of days.

An Invitation
The Raymond Community is cordially invited to a Spring Tea Saturday, April 7
At the Raymond Village Library 2-4pm
In appreciation for community support
Music provided by Yvonne Adams

Raymond Village Community Church
“Pot Roast” Supper
Main St. (Rt. 121) Raymond
Saturday, April 28th 4:30 – 6pm
Take out orders available
Call 892-7749
Adults: $6.50
Children 6 to 12 yrs. old: $3
Children 5 and under: FREE
Menu
Pot Roast - Potatoes - Gravy
String Beans - Carrots - Rolls
Dessert - Beverages
Let us do the cooking and dishes!!!
Registering Boats Requires New Milfoil Stamp

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife has added a new milfoil stamp to all motorized boats which will be using Maine inland waters. This money will be used for programs to study and prevent the water plant called Eurasian milfoil from permeating Maine fresh waters. The Eurasian milfoil plant is an invasive plant which eventually chokes fresh water lakes, ponds, and rivers. Once established in a lake, it can become impossible to control. Maine is trying to keep milfoil from its waters and this program is trying to keep our lakes, ponds, and streams from getting it. For anyone with a non-motorized boat who wishes to participate, the stickers are also available at the usual cost.

When you register your boat the regular fees will be charged but in addition a $10 fee will be charged for resident, and a $20 fee for non-resident, registrations.

New Committee To Study Scenic Vistas

The Board of Selectmen has agreed to form a new committee to identify scenic vistas. This list will be used by the Planning Board to formulate their study of ordinances pertaining to building construction in Raymond. The Comprehensive Plan Committee will use the list as a part of their update of the 1991 Comprehensive Plan.

The Committee will create their own table for meetings but the information should be available to the Planning Board and Comprehensive Plan Committee by next summer.

If you are interested in serving as a member of the Scenic Vistas Committee, please call Don Willard, Town Manager, at 655-4742 or email don.willard@raymondmaine.org.

Raymond Food Pantry

By: Diane Goosetree

No food of any kind is available just by dropping by town hall, but only through a scheduled appointment with the pantry manager. All information is kept strictly confidential. If you are unable to carry food bags up a flight of stairs, I suggest that you bring someone with you to help, as no one is available to assist you with carrying the bags. Food assistance is available once a month to those in need of help.

Anyone needing food assistance from Raymond Food Pantry must call 428-3206 for an appointment. A volunteer will meet you at the agreed upon time and help you with your selection. Both dry, canned and frozen foods are available at this meeting. If there is no answer at 428-3206, please leave your name and telephone number and I will get back to you within 12 hours. If you have not received a return call from me within 12 hours, you should contact town hall and they will find someone to help you.

Please remember that the food pantry manager is a volunteer job. Do not have an office or phone line at town hall and they will find someone to help you.

Moose Permits Available

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If anyone is interested in helping with the food pantry please contact me at 428-3206.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

TO DISCUSS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO US ROUTE 302 IN THE TOWNS OF RAYMOND AND WINDHAM

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2002, 7PM AT THE RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Preliminary plans have been developed in cooperation with the Maine Department of Transportation for proposed highway improvements to US Route 302 (Roosevelt Trail), beginning 1.1 miles southerly of Shore Road in Windham and extending approximately 5.9 miles through Raymond and ending approximately .16 miles southerly of the Raymond-Casco town line. A detailed plan of the proposed project will be available for review at the public meeting and will also be available for public inspection at both the Raymond and Windham Town Offices one week prior to the public meeting.

Representatives of the Towns of Raymond and Windham as well as the Maine Department of Transportation will be present at the meeting to explain proposed project details, receive comments and answer questions about the project from all interested parties prior to proceeding to final design.

The school is handicapped accessible. Any inquiries regarding this project should be directed to the attention of Don Willard, Town Manager, Town of Raymond, 401 Webs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071, telephone 207-655-4742; or consulting engineer Tom Gorrill at Gorrill-Palmer Consulting Engineers, Inc., 26 Main Street, Gray, ME 04038, telephone 207-657-6910. The project identification number is 9163, Federal/Ad number NS9163-00.

Attention Raymond Property Owners

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Raymond Assessing Office at 655-4712.

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Raymond Rattlers

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The new maps are in and available at either Sunset Variety or Weeks Insurance & Financial Services.

The Raymond Rattlers web page has been updated and the minutes of the meetings are available as well. The website is www.raymondmaine.org . You can find us under “Recreation”. Thank you, Elsa, for working on this website for us!

If you are not a member of the Raymond Rattlers, you may still join. The family membership is $25. Business memberships are also available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact club President Jeff Weeks at his office, Weeks Insurance & Financial Services, at 655-4000 or email jeffreyw@megalink.net.
The U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Consumer Advocate’s Office Join Federal, State, and Local Organizations To Sponsor the Fourth Annual National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) (Portland) - The Postal Inspection Service and the Consumer Advocate’s Office have joined other federal, state, and local organizations as well as national advocacy groups, to launch the fourth annual National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW).

The U.S. Postal Service has taken this year’s subject, Privacy, one step further and is sending consumers the message, “Deceptive Mailings - Don’t Be Duped.” The national campaign focuses on educating consumers about deceptive mailings as well as providing them with tools to recognize those mailings. Every year, thousands of people and businesses are victimized by mail fraud schemes. We are encouraging consumers to be aware and educated - not duped. February 4-9 has been designated as the official week dedicated to promote consumer protection awareness efforts. This year, we are educating consumers about the Deceptive Mailing and Enforcement Act (Public Law 106-168), which protects consumers against deceptive mailings and swastikas practices by establishing standards for sweepstakes mailings, skill contests, and facsimile checks. The Act also restricts government look-a-like documents and creates a uniform notification system allowing individuals to remove their names and addresses from all major sweepstakes mailing lists at one time.

While it is impossible for consumers to protect themselves from every swindler, there are actions they can take to substantially minimize the risk of being conned. Consumers should be wary of the following schemes:

**Bogus Employment Opportunities:**
THOUSANDS OF HIGH-PAYING GOVERNMENT JOBS. Rather than preparing you for existing vacancies, as they claim, the con artists charge you for materials you could have received for free from the hiring government agency which may or may not have job openings.

**Medical Quackery:**
Snake-oil merchants peddle worthless potions, offering “miracles” like: INSTANT CURE FOR ARTHRITIS! And “miracles” which may or may not have job openings.

**Phony Charitable Solicitations:**
Either you are more generous to the charity, or the charity doesn’t exist at all. The only one who benefits from your generosity is the swindler.

**Work-at-Home:**
Work-at-home schemes will not guarantee regular salaried employment. Be skeptical of claims, the con artists charge you for materials you could have received for free from the hiring government agency which may or may not have job openings.

**Prizes or Sweepstakes:**
“Congratulations! You’re the lucky winner of one of four prizes!” You simply have to pay a “processing fee” to find out what you’ve won. And it’s never anything of value.

**Lottery (Domestic & Foreign):**
Federal law prohibits sending lottery material (domestic or foreign) through the mail with the exception of state-owned and state-operated lotteries. Most, if not all, foreign lottery contests are sent to U.S. addresses through the mail and therefore are a broken key or lock that can be seen in the corner of the browser screen. A broken key if the page is insecure, and a lock if it is secure. You also know that the site has a secure personal information on Web pages that are not secure.

6. Opt-out of third party information sharing: Many online companies provide you with the option to get off (or “opt-out” of) the lists that share your information. Some companies make it easy for users to opt-out — often allowing you to do so online. A number of companies, including the Postal Service, go a step further and ask your permission (opt-in) before sharing personal information that they have collected. Often, however, companies make opting out difficult or virtually impossible: addresses are buried, one cannot opt-out online, etc. The Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT) has created Operation Opt-Out to help you control how your personal data is collected and distributed. Learn more about this program at http://opt-out.org.

*Information adapted from the Center for Democracy and Technology (www.cdt.org)*
Local Artist Picture Donated To President

When Dick Anzelc began painting his series of ships from the Parade of Tall Ships in Portland, he had no idea that one of these paintings would find its way to our nation’s capital in the possession of the President of the United States.

As the story goes…

The Mayor of Portland, Karen Geraghty, saw some of Mr. Anzelc’s paintings displayed in the dental office of his daughter, Pam. At the time, the Mayor was searching for a gift to present to the President from the City of Portland, on his recent visit on January 25. She selected a painting of the U.S.S. Eagle, the training ship of the Coast Guard, under full sail, which Dr. Pam Anzelc generously donated. This painting was most appropriate, since the President praised and thanked the Coast Guard for their service to the country in his speech.

The artist, Mr. Anzelc, has studied art for approximately eight years to prepare for “life after retirement”. Now that he is retired, he spends nearly every morning painting in addition to taking art classes twice a week and workshops with Charlene Lee, a local artist and teacher. He has taken part in a number of Art Shows in different locations and this year plans to participate in the Portland Sidewalk Art Festival, Art in the Park in North Conway and the Labor Day Art Show at Fort Williams. He also has exhibited at Bridgton Hospital, Norway Hospital, Point Sebago and at the Raymond Village Library. Dick and his wife Jacque live in Bayview Estates in Raymond. The residents of Raymond are proud and privileged to have Dick Anzelc as a neighbor.

Raymond Boys Lead Windham Track To Victory!

The Windham High School Boys Indoor Track Team saved their best performances both individually and as a team for their last regular season meet of the year. The Eagles scored 85 points to defeat Edward Little 78 points, and Lewiston 52 points. The tri meet victory is believed to be the teams first in school history. Coming off a disappointing meet the previous week, scoring only 13 points against Biddeford and Cheverus, the Eagles committed themselves to earn back the respect they had gained earlier in the season.

High Jumpers Dwayne Dyer, Matt Dalton, Geoff Debee and Jon Poulain swept their event, scoring all 11 points in that event.

Shot putters Joe Lascoito, Nate Fowler, Bryan Scott and Peter Kostopoulis all improved their throws, with Joe leading the team into the finals with a throw of 36 feet.

Nevin Rallis, a freshman, won the open mile; Zeb Swick (Raymond) improved in the 800, needing only to trim 2 more seconds from his time to qualify for the state meet.

His time was 2:14.

All divisions were well represented. In the Juniors, Dayne Varney was a double winner in the 400 and 300 yard dashes.

Raymond Extended Day Program News

By: Kristi Curtis, R.E.D. Executive Director

Here at the Raymond Extended Day Program we have been very busy planning away for another fun-filled summer program. We are pleased to welcome our Arts and Crafts Coordinator / Assistant Director Amy Kimball who has been with us for a few months now. Amy has many fun and interesting crafts that she continues to share with our children on a regular basis.

This summer, R.E.D. is anticipating one of our best programs yet. We will be located out of Jordan-Small Middle School, and are planning more exciting field trips and cultural activities for the children, as well as a fully planned arts and crafts program. In order to fit in all of the new activities that we have planned and ensure a consistent staff-to-child ratio, we will no longer be transporting children to the swim program at Crescent Lake.

Sign-ups for summer R.E.D. will be as follows. Current R.E.D. families (those who were enrolled for the 2001-2002 school year) will be given first priority and will sign-up the week of March 25, 2002. Sign-up for all other Raymond families will begin the week of April 1, 2002, and will be on a first come, first served basis. Registration packets will be located at Raymond Elementary School, and at the Town Hall.

The Raymond Extended Day Program is also looking for energetic people to serve on its Board of Directors. If you have the time and energy to invest in this wonderful program, please submit a letter of interest to me stating why you would like to be a board member and what you feel you could contribute to our program.

Finally, the R.E.D. program is looking for staff members. If you are at least eighteen years of age and enjoy working with children, please call Kristi at 655-3203 for an application. We have a couple of positions open currently, and will be hiring for our summer program as well.

We look forward to working with the Town of Raymond and all of its wonderful families for many years to come.

Parenting Class Starting Soon

Peggy Jensen, Raymond Preschool Program Home-School Coordinator/Early Intervention Specialist, will facilitate a class for parents interested in improving their parenting skills.

The class will meet at Raymond Elementary School Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 for four weeks, March 11 through April 1. The class will cover Typical Development, Communication Skills, Using Natural and Logical Consequences, and Dealing with Challenging Behaviors. If there is sufficient interest, follow-up meetings for continued support will be scheduled. Please call Peggy at 655-8672, ext. 108, for more information and to register for this free class.

Raymond Bible Club

The Raymond Bible Club will begin holding meetings on Monday April 1st, 2002, at Jordan-Small Middle School. This is not a school sponsored activity. The meetings will be Mondays from 2:30-3:30 in Mr. Boyle’s classroom. The materials used for these meetings come from The National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools. The meetings will present the Bible as History and Literature. People attending will acquire a general knowledge of the Bible, its authors, when it was written, and how long it took to come. These meetings will be open to anyone who would like to attend. Please keep in mind the materials used during the meetings will be geared to middle and high school students. Anyone under 18 years old must have parent permission to participate. Transportation to and from these meetings will be the responsibility of those attending and/or their parents. Questions and more information can be obtained by calling Beau Boyle at 892-6864. Please be aware that this program is not a school related activity and is not connected to the Raymond School Department curriculum.
Jordan-Small Middle School Winter Olympics

On Thursday, February 13, for the 2nd year in a row, JSMS held a school-wide winter celebration involving our entire school’s students and staff. This year’s theme was the Winter Olympics. Students participated in events using snowshoes and toboggans. Classrooms completed snow sculptures and participated in a Tug of War competition. Opening ceremonies included classes from RES who shared flags and led the gathering in the singing of America the Beautiful! Lunch was supported with donations from community members along with our PTA. It was prepared and served by parent volunteers and PTA members. Here is a collection of photos from this year’s Winter Olympics:

Helen Gagnon and Brenda Stevenson keep the hot dogs flying!
Parent volunteers Julie Orsini, Vicki Gordan, Linda O’Neill, Ellen VanHaasteren and Jo Martyn-Fisher serve the hungry Olympians.
Jordan-Small Middle School Math Team News!

The 7th grade math team competed on Monday, February 4, at Greely Junior High School in Cumberland. Greely hosted a great meet, with over 24 schools attending! Once again our math team had a successful meet. We brought two teams of seventh graders to compete against both seventh and eighth grade teams. Competing on the seventh grade team for JSMS were Nikki Gagne, Amanda Hammet, Andrew Reed and James Wiley. This time out the seventh grade team also invited Chad Zawistowski, a fifth grader, and Harmony Brown, a sixth grader, to come along to the competition. After a rigorous math workout the seventh grade team placed 14th overall! This was an outstanding achievement. Nikki Gagne was the high scorer for our 7th grade team. Congratulations to Nikki, and to Chad and Harmony, for taking on the seventh grade competition.

Competing for our eighth grade team were Kainani Stevens, Stephen Wisnuski, T.J. Cook, Ian Acker, and Keegan Brown. This team is just rolling like wildfire! They finished in fifth place overall in the 8th grade competition!! This was certainly an awesome feat for our seventh graders and a nice improvement over last year’s ninth place finish (a great achievement in its own right). Congratulations go to Ian Acker who was the high scorer for the team and who placed second in the 8th grade individual standings! Great job, Ian!

Our teams will be off to their next meet at the end of March in Pownal as part of the Pine Tree League and will then finish up the season in early April at the Middle School of the Kennebunks in a Southern Maine competition.

Spelling Bee Results

Congratulations to all of the participants in this year’s Spelling Bee! After almost 1- 1/2 hours of competition we are very pleased to announce the following results:

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Best wishes to Kayleigh Flynn as she competes in the County Bee

Grandparents Day At The Raymond Elementary School

Due to town elections on Friday, May 17, the Raymond Elementary School has rescheduled Grandparents Day and the May Good News Assembly to Friday, May 10. We look forward to sharing a wonderful morning with grandparents and friends. Please note this change on your calendars.

Spelling Bee competition in the JSMS gym.

Report On Kindergarten Screening Process

As we approach March, nearly all the incoming Kindergarten children have completed the first step in the kindergarten screening process, the home visit with the Home-School Coordinator/Early Intervention Specialist. We have about 60 children eager to attend Kindergarten! If you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall and have not yet completed the home visit, please call Peggy Jensen at 655-8672, ext. 108. During this visit Peggy will engage your child in a number of fun activities that cover a wide range of developmental skills. She will also ask the parent to complete a developmental history. The visit provides a nice introduction to school for the child in his or her familiar home environment and gives parents an opportunity to ask questions and get information about the details of screening and school entry. Many children ask Peggy to come again to play, and many parents have expressed appreciation for this informal, early connection to their child’s school.

The next step is the visit to the Raymond Elementary School for the formal—and FUN—Kindergarten Screening. Parents should call Chrystal in the Superintendent’s office at 655-8666 to make an appointment for Wednesday, April 24, or Wednesday, May 1. There will be a Parents Night on Monday April 22, at 6:30pm at Raymond Elementary School to share more information about the screening and to answer questions.

Raymond Student Of The Month

Erin Dodge, daughter of Cathy and Gary Dodge of Raymond, was named January’s “Student of the Month” for the Star Team. Erin is an 8th grader at the Gray-New Gloucester Middle School.

Leave a lasting Impression! Buy a brick, and your family name or children’s names will be engraved on the brick. This brick will then be used as part of a “garden area” in the JSMS Recreation Area. Any 5th-grade parents interested in helping with this fundraiser, please contact Linda O’Neill, 655-5224, or Ellen Van Haasteren, 655-4282.

Four special/project computers, capable of digital movie editing, photo editing and music creation.

We are very excited to add this resource to the existing computer lab in the Media/Library Center and the many computers in the classroom.

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Jordan-Small Middle School Opens 2nd Computer Lab

In an effort to decrease the student/computer ratio, a second computer lab has just been completed at the middle school.

State of the art MAc and Mac G4 computers running both Mac and Windows operating systems are available for classroom instruction. Our technology philosophy is to use computer software and internet information resources to enhance classroom instruction. Computer technology is no longer treated as another subject taught and isolated.

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Raymond Waste And Recycling

If you have questions or comments regarding solid waste management and recycling in the Town of Raymond, or if you would like to join the Recycling Committee, please call the Town Office at 655-4742.

Trash

Household trash is picked up curbside each week. Residents are allowed up to two 32-gallon containers per week. Households with excess trash must place it in blue trash bags that are purchased at the Town Office for $1 each.

Recycling

Recyclable materials are picked up at curbside, too. If you have Tuesday trash pickup, you will have Tuesday recycling pickup and likewise for Wednesday pickup services. Please place your recycling container at some distance away from your trash container(s), for example on the other side of your driveway.

Easily recognized containers should be used. A typical poly recycling bin or even a laundry basket is best. Sort all items by type (see chart below) into separate paper bags. The following list represents what can be recycled. Remember to keep materials as clean as possible.

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- **Single family homes**: cannot place more than two barrels of trash out for collection each week. Buildings with two units may place up to four barrels of trash out for collection each week. Buildings with three or more units are considered commercial properties and do not receive residential service. Special bags may be purchased at the Town Hall for $1.00 each for any trash over the allotted limit. BBi Waste is authorized to collect any amount of trash that is contained in these special bags. Please note that there is a weight limit of 50 pounds per barrel.

- **What type of barrel is the best one to use?** If you are purchasing a new trash barrel, avoid the styles with wheels. Though they are easier to drag out, the wheels often break off and the barrel will no longer stand. If your barrel does not perform to your expectations you should return it to the place of purchase. Neither the Town of Raymond nor BBi Waste can be responsible for low quality containers. The heat of summer and cold of winter can weaken plastic barrels over time. Dents may occur in metal barrels due to weight and normal emptying. Round, plastic trashcans with no wheels, such as the dark green Rubbermaid with the light tan covers, are the barrels that we have seen to work the best and hold up over time. The tall thin trashcans are easily blown about by traffic and wind when empty. Barrels should weigh no more than 50 pounds to help prevent injury to the worker and damage to the barrel.

- **What if I have a question, complaint, or concern?** Notify BBi Waste directly at 1-877-427-6889 or 934-3880 with any concerns you may have. You may also email us at bbi@gwi.net . BBi Waste is your waste removal specialist and is ready to be able to answer questions or fix any problems that may occur.

Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility

Serves Casco, Naples, Otisfield, Raymond

Leach Hill Road
Casco, ME 04015
207-627-7888

Hours are 7am to 5pm on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Items accepted for recycling include metal, car batteries, and alkaline batteries, wood waste (trees, building materials), sheetrock, asphalt shingles, tires, motor oil, compost (yard waste, leaves), refrigerators. There also is a “Shop and Drop” where residents can bring unwanted (but still usable) books, toys, TV sets, exercise equipment, appliances, etc.

Raymond Recycling And Trash Q&A

BBi WASTE INDUSTRIES, INC. is pleased to present these tips and suggestions for your convenience and to help us provide you with the highest quality waste removal services.

**What should I do with my trash and recycling?**

All trash and recycling must be placed out at the curb by 7:00 A.M. Certain variables such as weather conditions, different trucks being used, the amount of trash, etc., all affect where your crews will start and end the route. To make sure everyone’s material is collected, we require it to be ready for collection at 7am. If your material was placed at the curb by 7am, and has not been collected by 3pm, please call BBi directly at 1-877-427-6889 or 934-3880. Occasionally, bad weather or breakdowns will place the crews several hours behind schedule.

**Where should I place my trash and recycling for collection?**

Material placed at the curb should be in plain view for the work crews. Placing the material behind telephone poles, bushes, walls, snow banks, or any other object that could hinder visibility should be avoided. At the end of the drive-way, one pace from the street, is the optimum location for collection purposes. To avoid any confusion, trash and recycling should be placed in separate locations, such as trash out for collection each week. Buildings with two units may place up to four barrels of trash out for collection each week. Buildings with three or more units are considered commercial properties and do not receive residential service. Special bags may be purchased at the Town Hall for $1.00 each for any trash over the allotted limit. BBi Waste is authorized to collect any amount of trash that is contained in these special bags. Please note that there is a weight limit of 50 pounds per barrel.

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Jordan-Small Middle School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

The students and staff of JSMS congratulate the following students for demonstrating outstanding academic achievement during this past quarter. Your efforts are very much appreciated and saluted by us all! Way to go!

5th Grade High Honors
Hannah Huber
Alixson Schadler

5th Grade Honors
Bianna Bissett
Arielle Blanchard
Lagan Cline
Phoebe Crockett
Taylor Duncanson
Nick Grdin
Erin Durkan
Ali Knight
Maria Libby
Andrew O’Neill
Jacob Perry
Brittany Reed
Brett Bissett
Chelsea Bissimnette
Courtney Bruno
Sibyl Coughlin
Megan Harding
Eligh Hughes
Jeffrey Lareau
Kelsi Lee
Kelsey Nadeau
Mack Rampilno
Kees VanHaaisteren
Lauren Weeks

6th Grade High Honors
Bridget Byrne
Alison Gagnon
Travis Guerrette

Scholastic Book Fair Coming To Raymond!

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the Jordan-Small Middle School and the Raymond Elementary School on March 25 through March 29th. The fair will share exciting books and educational learning products with our young readers. Parents and teachers will find plenty of items to interest them, too. Look for more information on hours and locations to be sent home in your child’s school folder.

Change In Dates For Kindergarten Screening

Due to the upcoming state review of our special education program, the dates for Kindergarten Screening have been changed. If you are a Raymond resident and have a child who will be 5 years old on or before October 15, 2002, and were selected at each grade level, and these students had the honor of riding to or from school in a fire truck or rescue vehicle. As you can imagine, the students enjoyed the distinction of their special ride. I want to thank all members of the Raymond Fire and Rescue, and especially Bob King, for their education outreach program with the Raymond Elementary School and for sharing their time with our students.

We had some very icy weather last month and I want to commend the hard work of all of our bus drivers for getting the children safely to school and back home. I also want to recognize the good behavior of our students on the buses. Bus safety is important to all of us, especially during the winter months when driving conditions can be hazardous.

We have posted another reminder in this month’s Road Runner about the change in Kindergarten Screening dates. Please call the school office at 655-8672 if you have any questions.

Raymond Elementary School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Grade 3 Honors
Elliot Valente
Jacob Fox
Nicole Murray
Beau Rampino
Lauren Trickey
Cayen Haycock
Samuel Mayer
Cory Parker
Bryan Peterson
Tyler Remalia
Amanda Ross
Benjamin Sakkak
Lindsay Webber
Justin Winslow
A.J. Bennett
Spencer Brown
Kyle Hargreaves
John Henry
Delaney Kenny
Abigail Mortelline
Kristina Tripp
Sarah Tripp
Jenna Martyn-Fisher
Allysha Orsini

Grade 3 High Honors
Molly Courrier
Drew Gagnon
Olivia Hard
Sydla Manchester
Weston Masi
Deanna Weeks
Tyler Winde
Elizabeth Shively
Samantha Zawistowski
Haley Acker
Daniel Connor
Mollisa Keane Dryer
Jackie Guiseley

Grade 4 High Honors
Emily Dodge

Raymond Elementary School Faculty invites Parents, Community Members and Friends to this year’s ACADEMIC FAIR

Join us on Wednesday, March 27, from 5 - 7 pm at the Raymond Elementary School for our student art displays and other exhibits that demonstrate student learning and achievement.

Raymond’s Brooke Smith Stowell Receives Scholarship

Representative Joe Bruno (R-Raymond) and Senator Karl Turner (R-Cumberland) extend their congratulations to Raymond’s Brook Smith Stowell, a winner of this year’s Legislative Memorial Scholarship. Brooke, a student at the University of Maine at Orono, was presented with a check for $750 at the State House on February 13, to help finance her education. Brooke was one of eleven college students to receive a scholarship this year.

The Legislative Memorial Scholarship was established in 1995 in memory of all Legislators and staff who have served the State. The scholarship fund is supported by an annual legislative auction. The scholarship competition, which is open to all Maine residents attending an accredited Maine institution of higher education, is based on academic achievement and financial need. Because of the success of fund raising efforts, the scholarship awards were increased this year from $500 to $750.

“We are delighted that Brooke has been awarded a Legislative Memorial Scholarship and extend to her our congratulations,” said Representative Bruno and Senator Turner. “Many students from throughout Maine apply for this scholarship, and academic achievement is the number one factor in choosing scholarship recipients. Congratulations, Brooke, and best wishes as you continue your academic career.”
Three Cheers for 
Julie Orsini Vicki Gordon Helene Gagnon 
Betty Remalia Susan Irish Carrie Byrne Pam Harig Lisa Levensky And band members: Raoul Freyre Phil Hammet Alan Stone 

We would like to gratefully acknowledge donations by the following people: 

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we played snow football with another troop. We cut wood activities from the morning. After the Webelos were gone, we had tomato soup and milk. In the afternoon, we continued the lunch. We had peanut and jelly sandwiches, grilled cheese, other people until everyone is caught. The next morning the Predator patrol cooked breakfast. We had sausage, ham, cheese and eggs mixed together with oranges, English muffins, milk and juice. After cleanup, the Webelos came. The Panther patrol made lasagna and bread. The Predator patrol cooked breakfast. We had sausage, ham, cheese and eggs mixed together with oranges, English muffins, milk and juice. After cleanup, the Webelos came. The Panther patrol made lasagna and bread.

We also competed in the Klondike Derby in February. Two sleds from Troop 800 competed, sleds 3 and 13. There were 10 stations:
- Hill Climb, treat a scout for a broken leg, put him in an empty sled and pull him up a hill
- Orienteering, answer questions about using maps and compasses
- Fire building, start fire (without matches or lighter) and burn through a rope as quick as possible
- Lashing, build a ladder and hold it up while one scout climbs up and gives the patrol yell
- Knots, tie 5 basic knots and one bonus knot (bowline on a bight)
- Lunch, prepare a winter lunch and be judged on health merits
- Winter shelter, put up tent and prepare a winter camping site
- Up and over, get all gear (including dog sled) and scouts over 4 foot high rope without touching it
- Nitro, use team work to put cans into a bucket by having four scouts at the ends of bungee cords moving a circle in the middle, the circle would have to go around the can to grab it then lift it over the bucket and drop it in

Everyone digs in at the Blue & Gold Banquet

Winners For The Giving Calendar, Jan 14th-Jan 31st
14 Carol Roberts - $20
15 Nina McNally - Shawnee Peak tickets
16 Debbie Eastman - $20
17 Cathy Hanscom - Deb’s Diner
18 Jean Peterson - $20
19 Jean Peterson - $25
20 Cathy Hanscom - $20
21 John Shively - Levinsky’s
22 Tim Morgan Jr. - $20
23 Sandy Cook - $100
24 Steve Monahan - Heaven & Earth
25 Debbie Dumbrie - $25
26 Beth Clark - Century Tire Front End
27 Jenna Morse - $10 Chip’s
28 Lisa Shadler - $20
29 Val Hammond - Sebago Gardens
30 Cathy Long - $25
31 Melinda Rankin - Hannaford