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Waterline Extension To The New Public Safety Building Approved

A Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at Raymond Elementary School to consider the possibility of extending the planned Portland Water District main from EmbedTech further into Raymond. On June 5, 2001, voters had previously approved the extension from the Town of Windham to the EmbedTech facility.

After the first town meeting, the Selectmen authorized the water district to engineer the project, including two extension alternates, and to seek bid proposals. Construction costs were then obtained for the original

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approved project as well as the extensions. The alternatives were to extend the water line to Route 121 or all the way to the new Public Safety Building. The Portland Water District estimate for the extension from EmbedTech to Route 121 was \$1,262,000 compared to the low bid of \$862,800 submitted by SCI Group of Newport, Vermont. The estimate to extend the line from EmbedTech to the new Public Safety Building was \$1,683,000 with a low bid of \$1,285,463 received from D&C Construction Company of Rockland, Massachusetts. The Selectmen were pleased with the much lower than expected bids and subsequently decided to offer the voters an opportunity to consider both extension alternatives.

Since two separate low bidders were involved, the longer extension to the Public Safety Building was considered first as Article 2 at the Special Town Meeting. The approximately 60 voters at the Special Town Meeting overwhelmingly approved this article. The vote to approve the longer extension made consideration of Article 3, extending the water line from EmbedTech to Route 121, unnecessary.

The cost of the first phase of the water line extension is funded through combination of a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$400,000 and new property tax revenue of \$418,691 within the Town's Tax Increment Financing District from EmbedTech. The extension of the water line from EmbedTech to the new Public Safety Building at an additional cost of

existing and future revenues from the Tax Increment Financing District. Sufficient revenue exists within the current Development Plan to amortize the cost of the debt retirement necessary for the water Continued on page 3



\$466,772 will be funded from Site of the new firestation where the water line will terminate.

Successful Comprehensive Planning Grant

The Town of Raymond has received a \$10,000 Comprehensive Plan Update Grant from the Maine State Planning Office. The Grant award was contingent upon having matching funds from Raymond. Raymond voters previously authorized \$12,000 for the Plan update. In addition to this \$22,000 the Comprehensive Plan Committee estimates that at least another \$12,000 will be needed to hire professional consultants to provide technical assistance during the two year plan update process. This funding request will be considered as a part of the 2002-2003 Municipal Budget.

The Comprehensive Plan update will involve town-wide public meetings and extensive updating to the existing 1991 Comprehensive Plan. It is critically important that the Committee hire a consultant that is knowledgeable with respect to State law, Smart Growth concepts, and who can reflect the views of the community in the end product.

The Selectmen wish to recognize the Comprehensive Plan Committee under the leadership of Chairman Jim Stephenson for its hard work in producing a winning application. Substantial support was also

provided by Rick Seeley from the Greater Portland Council of Governments. Raymond's application was scored among the highest of those received by the State during the present round of funding.

The Raymond Comprehensive Plan Committee meets regularly and is actively seeking public participation. If you are interested in obtaining a meeting schedule or would like to contribute an idea or issue for consideration, please contact Don Willard, Town Manager, at the Raymond Town Office, 655-4742. You may also contact the Committee by email at compplan@raymondmaine.org.

2002/2003 **Municipal Budget Approved By The Board Of Selectmen**

The Board of Selectmen adopted the proposed 2002/2003 Municipal Budget at their March 19, 2002, meeting. Municipal expenditures are budgeted at a 2% (\$56,106) increase over the current year. The 2002-2003 budget is \$2,803,355 compared to the present budget of \$2,747,249. On the revenue side of the budget, a 1% (\$17,465) increase is anticipated. Revenues are projected to increase to \$1,726,404 from the current \$1,708,939. The Selectmen elected to utilize \$300,000 from Fund Balance (surplus) to offset expenditures as compared with the current year use of \$350,000. Detailed information about the Town's budget can be obtained by contacting Town Manager Don Willard or Finance Director Elizabeth Cummings at 655-4742.

The budget will be considered and final approval sought at the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Saturday May 18, 2002, at 10:00am at Raymond Elementary

Public Safety Building Update

By: Denis Morse, Fire Chief

I am pleased to report that work has continued throughout the winter on the Town's new Public Safety Building. This year's unusually mild winter allowed project contractor Glen Builders to continue the progress begun last fall on site work. At this writing nearly all of the rough grading is complete. Fill material is being exported from the site, processed and returned to minimize cost and utilize all available onsite resources.

Driveway areas have been roughed in,

slopes stabilized and rough grade lines established. The next step in the construction process will be digging for the building footings, placing forms completing foundation concrete work. After the foundation is complete, work will commence on framing, and the building will start to take shape very rapidly.

We are anticipating a construction time frame that summer months, with final project completion around the end of August this year. After construction completion, Departmental personnel and assets will be moved from the District 1 Station and the Raymond Dispatch Center to take occupancy in the new building.

I will be providing additional updates as work on the project progresses. In the meantime, if you have questions, concerns, comments or would like additional details about the construction project, please contact me at 655-7851.



will continue throughout the Main Street entrance to the new firestation

News From The Raymond Village Library

Children's Programs

On April 10 at 3:30 there will be a special story hour at the library for preschoolers up to fourth graders. Judy Stephenson from the Jordan Bay Animal Hospital will be the reader. So plan to come and hear some of Judy's favorite stories; perhaps they will become your favorites as well.

April story time theme will be most appropriately, "Spring Things". All preschoolers are invited to attend on Thursday at 10:00am at the library.

On April 17 at 3:30pm, a special activity for children will be led by Sue Carr. It will be a Spider Baby Planting and all participants will be bringing home a baby spider plant. There will be a sign-up sheet at the library, so be sure to sign up early as space is limited.

As a result of a grant from the Loon Echo Land Trust, the Maine Audubon Society, in memory of Helen Allen, will be presenting a program for children on April 24 at the library: Stream Science from 2:30pm to 3:30pm for grades K-6. This program, conducted by Jocelyn Hubbell, will show how to build an imaginary stream to investigate what makes a stream, what lives there, how the inhabitants survive, and why clean water is important for life. Also taught by Jocelyn Hubbell, Tremendous Trees will be presented at 4:00pm to 5:00pm for grades 3-5. By using hands-on materials and games, participants will learn to identify local species of coniferous and deciduous trees, compare the rings of softwoods and hardwoods, and begin to understand the value of trees. To sign up for either program, please call the library at 655-4283.

Plant Sale

Don't despair, even though there will be no library fair this year, THERE WILL BE A PLANT SALE. This will take place on Founders Day in June at the library. Of course this is where we ask our faithful patrons, who have been so generous in previous years, for help. We need your cuttings and plants in order to make this a successful fundraiser for your library. When spring cleaning flower gardens and dividing plants, please put some aside for the plant sale. Next month's Road Runner will give you information as to when and where these plants will be collected.

MONDAY

Important Dates

The April Raymond Village Library Club Meeting will be held at the library on April 4 at 7:00pm. New members are always welcome. For more information, please call 655-4283.

Reading Group Meeting on April 25, at 7:00pm at the library. "House of Sand and Fog" by Andre Dubus III, will be discussed. Interested participants are welcome.

On Sunday, April 14 and April 21, the library will be open only from 1:00am to 1:00pm. Now that Spring is here, library hours on Mondays and Wednesdays are back to 2:00pm to 8:00pm.

Spring Tea

TUESDAY

An invitation is extended to the Raymond Community to a Spring Tea held Sunday, April 7 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the library. Music will be provided by Yvonne Adams. Ms. Adams has been a member of the Portland Symphony Orchestra since age 14 and now plays at the Mercy Hospital as resident violinist. Yvonne also plays for banquets and special occasions. She has appeared on Channel 6 and Maine Public Radio as well as having had coverage by the Portland Press Herald.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for the Raymond residents to enjoy each other's company while being entertained by a talented musician.

The Raymond Community is cordially invited to a

Spring Tea

Sunday, April 7
At the Raymond Village Library
2:00 to 4:00pm
in appreciation for community support

Music provided by Yvonne Adams

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Come to the Raymond Village Community Church United Church of Christ

> Main Street (Rt. 121) Raymond

Sat. April 20, 4:30 to 6:00pm

POT ROAST SUPPER

Let us do the cooking and dishes for you!!!

MENU

Pot Roast Potatoes
Gravy Carrots
Green Beans Rolls
Dessert Beverages

PRICES
Adults: \$6.50
Children 6 to 12: \$3.00
Children 5 and under: FREE

Take out orders available. Call 655-7749 to place orders the night of the supper, and we will have them ready for you.

(Held the third Sat. of the month April through October)

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE!

Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club News

The Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club's first annual pig roast was a great success! We want to thank all who attended and supported our local club. Special thanks to Kokatosi Campground for hosting the pig roast at their facilities.

The next club meeting is April 17, at Kokatosi Campground. The potluck supper starts at 6:00pm. The business meeting follows at 7:00pm. Club minutes and additional information can be found on the Raymond web site at www.raymondmaine.org

FRIDAY

April 2002

SUNDAY

Events and Meeting Schedule

SATURDAY

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No Or Little Cost Household Water Reduction

By: Charlie Turner, Raymond Waterways Protective Association

What with drought conditions becoming acute in southern Maine, here are a few things you can do to ease the demand on your water use, at little or not cost to you.

 Reducing toilet bowl volume: Fill one or two glass quart bottles with sand or water, and place them in an unobstructed section of your toilet bowl tank, making sure not to interfere with the float movement or the bottom flush valve, (that's the one that is connected to the flushing handle). Start with one bottle at first, and flush to check for proper operation. If everything is OK, add a second bottle and check again. This can save one or two quarts of water with every flush. Since most toilets are cycled about a dozen time a day or more, this results in a substantial saving of water.

 Bending the float rod downward: Using both hands, so not to cause undue stress on the check valve, bend the rod down on the float end. Easy does it, as even a slight bend will reduce tank filling substantially. Again, check for proper operation by flushing. Many toilets are set up to "overfill" as originally manufactured, and can be safely reduced.

3. Install a water-saving shower head: Most of these are simple twist on devices with a screw thread (turn counter-clockwise to remove). Some of the more advanced model shower heads have variable settings to adjust the spray, adding convenience. These are available at your local hardware store.

In light of predictions hinting at a long-term drought lasting for several years, it is wise for all of us to conserve as much water as is feasible. And, be reminded, reduced water use eases the load on your septic system and leach bed.

Public Works Project

The Town of Raymond Public Works Department will be improving a portion of Cape Road. The project will begin at the intersection of Hawthorne Road and Cape Road and extend Southerly 1.2 Miles to Shaw Road.

This project is scheduled to begin mid or end of April, 2002. The improvements will consist of tree/brush removal, culvert replacement, ditching, shoulder work, cold in-place reclamation and paving.

Trees marked for removal will be identified with an orange ribbon. Please contact the Public Works Department if you would like to keep the wood being cut on your property, or if you have any questions about the removal of a particular tree.

It will be necessary for our survey crew to establish control points and grade offset markers. These markers will appear on lawns, fields, and wooded areas. They are purposely placed away from the construction area. Please do not disturb these markers.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Nathan White at 655-7851.

Attention: Landowners on Panther Pond

If you are interested in preserving the quiet, clean condition of our lake, please attend a meeting about creating a Lake Association on April 23, 2002, at Jordan-Small Middle School at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. For more information call 655-5096.

The Recycling Bin By: Philip Hammett

Do You Have Enough Time to Recycle?

Have you ever given a quick toot to the car in front of you that paused three seconds after the light turned green? I used to do that until I realized how ridiculous it was-three seconds is nothing; it just seems like a long time when you're in a hurry. It's the same with recycling; it really doesn't take that much longer than throwing something away, but in our busy lives, it might seem like it. Let's take a closer look.

Last year, we had seven fewer tons recycled in our curbside program. Why would this be, especially since we have a more reliable contractor picking up goods? I think the answer is time, or our perception of it. We have become so used to things happening instantaneously, that a few seconds seems like a long time. However, it really doesn't take that much time to recycle. Bottles and cans just need a quick rinse (soak first if needed), and how long does it really take to flatten a cereal box? In fact, recycling only takes one or two minutes per day.

A couple of minutes is small potatoes compared to the need for recycling. We have to recognize that we are only 5% of the world's population, consuming 30% of the resources. If the rest of the world comes up to our level of consumption, that's about six times the resources we will need. Where will these come from? Our forests are already being depleted at an alarming rate, and who wants a strip mining operation in their neighborhood? Recycling has to become a way of life.

The Recycling Committee is going to be collecting recycling pledge cards this spring, in an effort to boost awareness and participation. Please join us in taking the pledge; it's good for everyone!

Waterline Extension

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line extension over a fifteen-year period. Expenditure of Tax Increment Financing District funds for public facilities and infrastructure is consistent with the TIF Development Plan approved in 1998.

Now that Town approvals have been obtained for the water line project from the Windham Industrial Park to the new Public Safety Building, planning will get underway to start work as soon as possible. Construction on the water line could begin by mid-April, with completion originally expected around the first part of June. Given the expanded scope of the project, it may be difficult to meet this target date. Every effort will be made, however, to complete the work as rapidly as possible and minimize any impacts on the flow of traffic. The Town and the Portland Water District will be holding a public meeting at Jordan-Small Middle School on April 9, 2002, at 7:00pm to discuss potential project impacts as well as provide details on cost and logistics of making connection to the new water line. A mailing will be sent to all property owners adjacent to the water line. They are encouraged to attend the meeting along with all other interested townspeople.

The extension of the water line to Raymond offers many important advantages to the Town. These advantages include a sufficient water supply to permit the EmbedTech development to take place, resulting in the creation of 30 new full-time jobs and \$3 million in new property valuation. The water line will enable the installation of fire hydrants at strategic locations, which will greatly enhance the Town's ability to fight structure fires. A clean and reliable water source to fill fire trucks will minimize wear and tear caused by drafting water from lakes and ponds, which often introduces contaminants into the pump systems. We will also no longer have to drive our trucks to Windham to fill from a hydrant. By installing the water line and hydrant system, the Town will realize an improvement in its Fire Protection Rating, which should result in lower property insurance premiums for adjacent residential and business property owners. The water line will be installed within the Town's designated growth area, which may offer new development opportunities. Installing the water line now on Route 302 will avoid the five-year moratorium on road opening and extra cost of construction if the water line were to be installed after the road is paved again this fall. Bringing water to the new Public Safety Building will eliminate the necessity for an expensive well, holding tanks and pump system saving over \$30,000 on the construction budget. Perhaps the most important aspect of the water line extension project is the introduction of a reliable and safe drinking water source within the Town. Given the recent drought conditions, this aspect of the project is particularly important.

Additional information about the waterline project can be obtained from Town Manager Don Willard at 655-4742 or Project Engineer Jay Hewitt at the Portland Water District at 774-5961.

Job Opening: Raymond Lakes Protection Ranger

Milfoil and other Invasive Aquatic Species (IAS) pose a real and substantial threat to Maine's lakes. Raymond's lake resources support a major portion of the local economy, and the milfoil/IAS threat can not be ignored. Stewardship and active management are essential to preserving the quality and character of our waterways. Given the threat posed by milfoil/IAS, the Town of Raymond is seeking applications from conservation minded college level students, graduates, teachers or other qualified people for a summer position based in Raymond, Maine. The primary duties of this position will include:

- Inspecting boats and trailers at launch sites in Raymond during busy times.
- Educating all users of our waterways (boaters, residents, friends/relations, renters, rental agencies) about the risks of milfoil/IAS and the importance of cleaning boats and gear.
- Working with trained volunteers to identify plants and properly report and manage any confirmed plant colonies.
- Monitoring our lakes for milfoil and other IAS.
- Identifying safe, convenient locations where boats can wash off.

It is anticipated that the Ranger would spend 20 hours per week on boat ramp inspection and education (three to four hours on each Saturday and Sunday during peak launch times, and several hours per day three days per week) for the months of July and August. A reduced level of effort is anticipated for June and September. Five hours per week would be allotted to on water patrolling, coordinating volunteers and town wide education. It is estimated that

the Milfoil/IAS duties would represent about 25 hours per week.

Depending on funding, 15 additional hours per week may be available for Beach Management at Crescent Beach. The primary duties for these work hours (12 noon to 3 pm, Monday through Friday) would be to enforce the Beach Rules to ensure proper behavior by beach users, and to work with the town to ensure Crescent Beach is a clean, safe place to be.

Compensation for this position will be in the \$10 to \$15/hour range, according to experience. Prior experience with milfoil/IAS is preferred but not required. The Town will pay for the cost of training (boat inspection, plant identification, beach management, as necessary). Experience or familiarity with lake water quality issues (i.e. Non-Point Source Pollution/Polluted Runoff/Erosion Control/Storm Water Management/Vegetated Buffers and Camp Road care), or other natural resource/Ranger experience will be considered a benefit. The Town will provide a cellular phone and pay mileage for work related use of personal vehicles (not including commuting). A home computer with email would be beneficial, but not required.

Actual work hours will depend on available funding. Interested people should send a resume, including a list of related experience, by April 15 to:

Lakes Protection Ranger Raymond Town Office 401 Webbs Mills Road Raymond, ME 04071

Raymond Resident Hosts A Fundraiser For Camp Sunshine

By: Chris Sutton

I would like to invite community members to participate in a special fundraising event for Camp Sunshine, which is a retreat for critically ill children and their families. The camp is the only one in the nation to address the impact of a critical illness on every member of the immediate family. Families are given the chance to have fun together and to meet other families facing similar challenges.

Camp Sunshine has been unable to meet the demands for its services. About half the families who apply to Camp Sunshine have to be turned away. Camp Sunshine is currently in the midst of a campaign to raise \$5,000,000 for the endowment fund to operate the new year-round facility.

As a co-owner of the Sentimental Playground, I am hosting the third annual Scrap-a-thon for Camp Sunshine on April 20, 2002. Participants will raise money for Camp Sunshine while they create keepsake albums to preserve their photographs and record their family stories. We will be offering a free "Getting Started" workshop, and we invite scrap bookers of all experience levels to join us.

The past two Scrap-a-thons have been a huge success. With the help of many scrap bookers and many generous donors, The Sentimental Playground has been able to raise over \$7,600 for Camp Sunshine, which is enough to send five families to Camp Sunshine for a week.

If you would like to participate in the event or you'd like to make a donation, then please contact Chris Sutton at:
The Sentimental Playground
19 Carriage Hill Road
Raymond, ME 04071

Phone 655-7109 e-mail:info@sentimentalplayground.com

5th Grade Medieval Fair

In March, 5th graders at Jordan-Small Middle School completed projects and held a Medieval Fair to celebrate their work on their Middle Ages Unit! Student projects were displayed all around JSMS, as we showed off the hard work and learning completed by our 5th grade students! On Friday, March 15, the JSMS Gym was

Student-created catapult

transformed into a Medieval Fair. Students and staff from JSMS, along with parents and community members, enjoyed student projects, a play, food and dance, all created and demonstrated by JSMS students! Three cheers go to 5th grade students and staff for a great afternoon of sharing the learning with others!



Student-made castle

Sebago Lake Area Lawmakers Meet with Commissioners Concerning Lake Levels

On Thursday, March 21, 2002, lawmakers representing the communities around Sebago Lake met with the Commissioners of the Departments of Environmental Protection, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and Conservation to discuss local concerns about water levels on Sebago Lake. Lawmakers attending the meeting included Senate President Rick Bennett (R-Norway), House Republican Leader Joe Bruno (R-Raymond), Representative David Tobin (R-Windham) and Representative Phil Cressey (R-Baldwin).

Sebago Lake, which is considered to be at "full pond" when the lake level is 266.55 feet above sea level, is now at approximately 261 feet according to the U.S. Geological Service. With little or snow pack and an on-going drought, there is grave concern in the communities around the lake that the level will not increase significantly this spring.

Senate President Rick Bennett (R-Norway) and House Republican Leader Joe Bruno (R-Raymond) set up the meeting between area legislators and department commissioners. Sebago Lake Area lawmakers shared with the State officials the concerns they have heard from residents and business owners along the lake. The meeting concluded with a pledge from the commissioners to see that their respective departments do all that they can to help those affected by the drought and low lake levels. Available assistance is as follows:

Commissioner Martha Kirkpatrick of the Department of Environmental Protection pledged that her agency would expedite requests for dredging permits at the lake. The contact for the Department is Linda Kokemuller, and she can be reached at the Portland DEP office at 822-6329.

Commissioner Ron Lovaglio of the Department of Conservation affirmed that his agency is working with the area lake associations to reach compromises that ensure that water levels in upstream water bodies are managed fairly. The Finance Authority of Maine offers economic recovery loans for businesses suffering losses. The contacts at FAME are Van Perry and Mark Butterfield, Senior Commercial Loan Officers, at 623-3263 or 1-800-228-3734.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will be reviewing the Sappi Mill's application for license renewal for its Eel Weir hydroelectric dam after April 1. Public notices will be printed in the paper, and concerned citizens will have an opportunity to comment on the application, including the provisions of the license that concern water levels on Sebago Lake.

"Sebago Lake is one of Maine's most important natural resources," said Senator Bennett and Representatives Bruno, Tobin and Cressey. "The health of the lake is vital to our communities. We appreciate the commissioners focusing their attention on the concerns of our constituents and the assurances that the State of Maine will do all it can to help those in need."



Commissioner Ron Lovaglio, Dept. of Conservation, Commissioner Martha Kirkpatrick, Dept. of Environment Protection, Commissioner Lee Perry, Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Representative David Tobin (R-Windham), and Representative Joe Bruno (R-Raymond).

Kieve Comes To Jordan-Small Middle School

By: Christian Elkington, Principal

On February 26, 27 and 28th Jordan-Small Middle School was visited by the Kieve Leadership Decisions Institute from Nobleboro, Maine. The mission of the Kieve LDI is to develop a young person's capacity to make responsible decisions, increase their self-confidence, raise aspirations and build a sense of community. A series of activities were completed by 6th grade students and staff to help further develop skills in communication, conflict resolution, building positive relationships, decision making and being a positive contributing team member. Kieve staff helped run and support all activities. Some of the skills learned by students were reinforced and practiced by students on Kieves' climbing wall, which many of you may have seen in our lower parking lot during these three days.

On Wednesday February 27th from 7 to 8:30pm, a Teen Adult Dialogue Night was held at Jordan-Small Middle School. This interactive evening was for KLDI participants and their parents. The theme of the evening was communication.

It is Jordan-Small Middle School's mission to create a positive school community where everyone has the same opportunity to excel. We believe that a program like Kieve's LDI helped to reinforce and strengthen the valuable life lessons our students already receive both at home and in our school!



Climbing wall shows how students can work together and put their trust in each other's efforts and support!



JSMS Spelling Bee Champion Khris Fenton along with the Raymond School District champion and county representative Kayleigh Flynn.. Congratulations go to Kayleigh for getting into the 6th round at the Cumberland County Bee!

J.S.M.S Recreation Area \$17,000 Raised As Of March 15th

Dance boosts fundraising efforts!

Great organization by an energetic group of 6th grade parents resulted in 200 people attending the dance and raising almost \$4,000 for the recreation area. Look out, ladies, the consensus was that you should organize a 'Raymond Dance' every year! Well done Juilie Orsini, Vicki Gordan, Helene Gagnon, Lisa Levinsky, Betty Remalia, Gina Christy, Pam Hartig and Kerry Burn.

Penny Points

Students at JSMS are once again joining in the fundraising by bringing pennies to school. Each class has a large bottle to collect pennies (each penny =1 point). The aim is for the class to get the most points. The trick is to use strategy to prevent your rivals from winning by placing silver coins in other classes' bottles. A quarter will deduct 25 points from that team. This fundraiser runs March 25th-April 5th. Three prizes will be awarded, including a class trip to a Seadogs game, and a 'Splash Party' for a class at St. Joseph's Pool.

The continued support of local businesses and the community will ensure that phase one of the Recreation Area will be in place by fall 2002.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

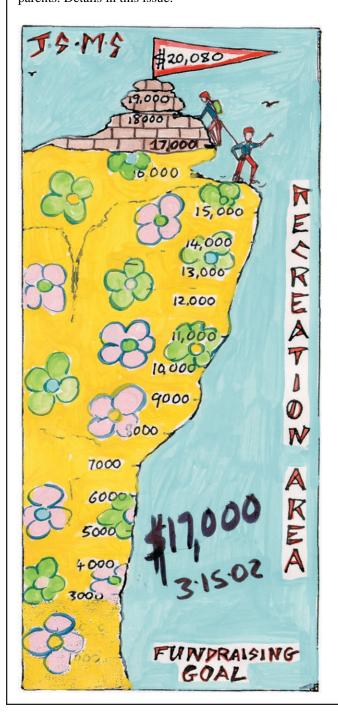
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Bill Dreyer & Jeri Keane. In Honor of Molly's grandparents, Jack and Isabel Keane and Wade and Jane Dreyer. R.E.D. Raymond Extended Daycare

If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to JSMS Recreation Area and mail to Jordan-Small Middle School, 423 Webbs Mills Rd, Raymond ME 04071.

Please support the Brick Fundraiser organized by 5th Grade parents. Details in this issue.



Healthy Habits coming in May

Communities for Children recently applied for and received P.R.O.P. Healthy Communities grant funding to promote "Healthy Habits in May". As with the mentoring program, here is some of the national tobacco settlement money at work. A centerpiece activity for this initiative is bringing a mobile rock climbing wall to our schools to facilitate discussions about middle school transition, the benefits

of physical activity and making healthy choices. Look for more information in the May Road Runner about walking/jogging/ hiking events, ideas about nutrition choices, and an introductory middle school field hockey workshop. If you would like to help support healthy habits in May, call Lori at 655-4277.

Paving The Way To A Brighter Future One Brick At A Time

The fifth grade class at Jordan-Small Middle School is organizing a "Buy a Brick" campaign to benefit the JSMS recreation area. With a minimum donation of \$35, you may purchase a brick that can be inscribed with up to three lines with family member and /or student names, businesses, etc.

The bricks will be used to create a walkway and patio area at the new JSMS Recreation Area. The children will use this area during recess and also as a possible class meeting area. Your contribution to this project will be greatly appreciated.

You may purchase as many bricks as you like, and it is our hope that as many Raymond families and businesses as possible will be represented on the brick walkway. Simply fill out the attached form and return it to school with your child by May 15th, or you may mail it as directed on form.

You May Also Download Extra Forms On-line

www.raymondmaine.org/jsms/default.html

Thank you from the JSMS Fifth Grade "Brick Fundraiser" Committee

Jordan-Small Middle School Recreation Area

The fifth grade class is...

Paving the way to a brighter future ...



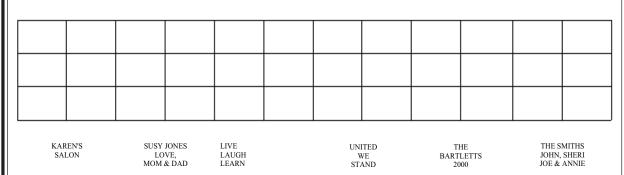
one brick at a time.

To purchase one or more custom engraved bricks for the recreation area walkway, simply fill out the form below and <u>return by May 15, 2002.</u>

Name:	
Address:	
Phone ()	E-mail address:
Amount Enclosed: \$ Make checks payable to: JSMS Recreation	Minimum donation of \$35/brick
Return form to JSMS or RES with you	ur child or mail to:

Jordan-Small Middle School 423 Webbs Mills Road Raymond, ME 04071

- Fill in below what you would like to appear on your brick
- You are allowed 3 lines per brick and up to 12 characters per line
- Each space, punctuation mark, and number counts as one of the 12 characters.



To print additional copies of this form go to www.raymondmaine.org

For further information or to help with this 5th grade fundraiser, please contact the following people: Linda O'Neill 655-5254, Kim Cave 655-4829, Ellen van Haasteren 655-4282, Heidi Rice-Trickey 627-4551 or Diane Zawistowski 655-7341

Raymond Elementary School Report

By: Norma Richard, Principal

Third quarter Parent-Teacher conferences at the Raymond Elementary School are scheduled for Wednesday afternoon and early evening on April 10 and Friday morning on April 12. These conferences are an important way for parents and teachers to review academic progress to date, discuss social issues that children may be having at school, and begin transition planning for the next school year. Teachers will be sending home conference schedules, and I encourage all of our elementary parents to make every attempt to attend. I also want to thank our faculty for their outstanding effort in meeting with parents before and after school and during planning periods in order to best accommodate parent schedules.

Our faculty is already busy in the planning stages for the 2002-2003 school year. Class schedules are being finalized, and the important work of class placement is starting. Achieving a balance in all classrooms is the most important consideration when determining student placement for the upcoming school year. It is to each student's benefit to have a balance of boys and girls, academic needs, and learning styles in each of our elementary classrooms. We are also very careful to consider the social make-up of each classroom as well. Parent input is an important part of this process, and your child's teacher will request information on both academic and social needs during third quarter conferences. Please direct your concerns for class placement, past experiences you may have had with teachers and issues with other students to your child's classroom teacher. Teachers will then meet in grade level teams to develop the initial class lists for next year. Last year we informed parents in early June which classroom and teacher their child would have in the upcoming year. This helped to make the end-of-year transitions much less stressful for many children, and also helped to make Step-Up day go very smoothly. We will once again inform you in writing of class placement before the end of the school year.

I want to congratulate both the elementary and middle school students for the outstanding work they exhibited during their school's Academic Fair. It was a pleasure to view their work, and wonderful to meet so many parents, family members, and community members at these events.

Pine Tree League Art Entry Jordan-Small Middle School

During the month of April art work from our school will be on display at the Auburn Mall as part of the 16 member Pine Tree League Art Show! If you are in the area please stop by to see this fine work. Congratulations go to the following students whose work was chosen to represent our school this year:

Black Bear **Brittany Plummer** Grade 5

pen and ink with watercolor wash

Tree Frog Logan Cline Grade 5 pen and ink with

water color wash

Zach Karantza Grade 6

Abstract

Dylan Dodge Grade 7 scratch board

Landscape Mountains

Landscape Tree Julia Comeau Grade 7

aqua sketch pencils

chalk pastel from a collage

Winter Carnival News

Jordan-Small Middle School completed our Winter Carnival activities on Friday, February 15. Various activities had been going on for the previous two weeks. During the first week of February, our 5th, 6th, and 7th grade classes began working on snow sculptures using a Winter Olympics theme. On February 13th, over 300 students, staff, parents, and volunteers gathered for a day of fun on the Raymond Elementary School ball field. It was a cold and blustery day, and with the help of a Parade of Nations by Mrs. Crockett's and Mrs. Bottoms' classes at R.E.S., the Winter Olympics were declared open by J.S.M.S. principal, Christian Elkington.

Students enjoyed snowshoe and toboggan races with the aid of snacks and hot chocolate sponsored by the Raymond PTA. Once the hot chocolate ran out, we moved our last two events to the J.S.M.S. gymnasium where a snow scramble and tug-o-war were enjoyed by all. The day's activities were capped off with hot dogs, chips, baked goods, and punch supplied by Raymond PTA and the Raymond School Department. The final event occurred on Friday, February 15th with two basketball games. Staff played our boys' and girls' 7th grade basketball teams.

We would like to thank everyone involved and would like to give a special thanks to Helene Gagnon for her relentless efforts at once again making our Winter Carnival a tremendous success!

- Winter Carnival Committee: Beau Boyle, Jack Fitch, and John Keller
- Snow Sculpture Judges: Deb DeDeo, Lynn Davis, and Cindy Terry
- Event Officials: Beau Boyle, John Keller, Jack Fitch, and Tom Miranda
- Scorer: Jo Martyn-Fisher
- Snow Groomers: Raymond Public Works, Mr. Dale, and Patrick Woodbrey

- Assistants: Deb. Martin, Julie Orsini, Ellen VanHaasteren, Brenda Stevenson, and all school support staff
- Typists: Kerry Glew, Mary Thornton, and Faye Reynard
- Banners/Signs: Kyle Gagnon, Bridget Bryne, Amanda Doughty, Denis Dorey, Sue Irish, and Jess Berry
- Bus Warming Huts: Paul Godwin, Linda Andrews
- Nurse: Ursula Thompson

Food Contributions for Winter Carnival

* Special thanks to Jay Peterson, District Sales Manager for North Center for the Hot Dogs and Rolls

Shaw's Windham - cups

McDonald's Windham - orange drink and cups

Grilling

Brenda Stevenson Helene Gagnon

Snacks and Dessert

Susie Brockelbank Vicki Gordan Lydia Carson Jo Martyn-Fisher Pan Hartig Linda O'Neill Ellen VanHaasteren Lisa Levinsky Sherri Reed Leigh Walker Karen Knight Lisa Schadler Tracy Morris Norma Richard Raymond P.T.A. Cathy Dodge Helene Gagnon Julie Orsini

Lunch Personnel Kim Williams Jaine Stevenson

Raymond School Lunch Dept.

Way to go, Jordan-Small Middle School!

Raymond Elementary School To Participate In The 7th Annual National TV-Turnoff Week Mon., April 22 To Sun., April 28, 2002

A time to turn ON reading and turn OFF the television!

The Raymond community has participated in TV-Turnoff Week since it began in 1995. This week is a time to reflect on what we watch on TV and on the amount of time our families spend in front of the television. In order to accommodate the spring school vacation, our dates will be different than the national program.

National TV-Turnoff Week is coordinated by TV-Free America, a national nonprofit organization that encourages Americans to reduce, voluntarily and dramatically, the amount of television that they watch in order to promote richer and more connected lives, families and communities.

We encourage everyone to participate and set some realistic goals relating to television viewing. Please join us in the week-long celebration. We will be sending home more information as the dates draw near. We also want to thank Mrs. Smith for coordinating TV Turn-Off Week at the Raymond Elementary School.

Raymond Students Named To Hebron Academy Honor Roll

Hebron Academy Upper School Honor Roll for the winter trimester of the 2001-2002 school year.

HIGH HONORS (average of B+ or higher) Timothy B. Curtis '03

HONORS (average of B or higher) Seth B. Conger '02 Kevin P. DeSorbo '03 Jamie M. Fey '02 Giselle R. Pomerleau '02

Middle School Honor Roll for the winter trimester.

HIGHEST HONORS (average of A- or higher) Alison M. White '06

Kindergarten Screening

Screening for children who will be entering Kindergarten in September (five years old on or before October 15) will be held Wednesday afternoons on April 24 and May 1 from 1:00-4:00pm at the Raymond Elementary School. Please call Chrystal at the superintendent's office (655-8666) to set up an appointment for 1:00 or 2:30pm on one of the two dates. You will be required to bring your child's original birth certificate, their "shot" or immunization record, and proof of residency (i.e. tax bill, rent receipt, utility bill) to screening.

An Informational Parents' Night for Kindergarten Screening will be held on Monday, April 22 at 7:00pm in the Raymond Elementary School cafeteria. Kindergarten screening is limited to current Raymond residents. If you have a question, please call Norma Richard, Principal, at 655-8672.

Special Summer Camps

The Health offices at JSMS and RES would like to make you aware of some of the specialty camps available for your children. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance.

The Maine Health AH! Asthma Camp will be held August 18-24 in Winthrop, ME. Space is available for 32 children ages 7-12. The cost is \$315 but some scholarships are available. For more information, families can call Nancy Fredette, RRT Camp Coordinator at 777-8580 during the day and 893-1147 evenings.

Camp Carefree Diabetic Camp will be held July 28-August 10 in New Market, NH. The 2 week camp experience is designed for 120 campers. The cost is \$750 and the ages are 8-15. Financial assistance is available. For more information call Beth Rowe at the American Diabetes Association at 1-888-DIABETES.

Celebrate Patriots Day

By: Erik Woodbrey and Jani Cummings

My name is Erik Woodbrey, and I am in second grade in Ms. Cummings' multiage 2/3 at Raymond Elementary School. We are on a mission to have everyone in the United States celebrate Patriots Day this year.

Patriots Day is a holiday which is celebrated in only two states, Maine and Massachusetts. It honors those patriots who fought in the first battle of the American Revolution, in Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775.

This year, we believe that the whole country should celebrate all our American Patriots, dead, living, or still to be born...firefighters, police, relief workers, airline pilots and crew, soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen and women, or just kids like us who believe in their country.

We are asking area business people if we may put up posters reminding everyone to celebrate Patriots Day, which is April 15 this year. We are also asking if they could help by putting an announcement on their outside signs. Thanks for anything you can do to help us honor America.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call our teacher, Jani Cummings, at 655-8672, ex. 125.

Native American Visit

As a wrap up to our Native American unit, Ms. Parisi and Mrs. Tarr's second grade classes were visited by Bill Hines and his friends from the First People's Ministry of Gray on Friday, March 1st. They represented Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Black Foot, and Algonquin tribes. They shared stories, ceremonial pipes, real animal skins, native dresses, and authentic jewelry. The children were able to experience it first hand, as many of these items were passed around. We learned how to sing and dance as the Native Americans did. Each student left with a hand painted stone and a feather. It was a truly memorable morning for all of us!!



RES High Honors Omission

Congratulations to Cassandra Gordan who earned High Honors last quarter.

Raymond Recreation Association News

Tennis

The Raymond Recreation Association will offer a tennis program to children in the 3rd and 4th grades. Sessions will begin on Wednesday, April 24, and continue for 6 Wednesdays through May 29th. There is a \$2 donation per student for the entire program.

Lessons will be held at Village Tennis on Mill Street in Raymond and will begin at 12:45pm and run until 1:45pm. The school bus will deliver students to the tennis courts, and parents should arrange to meet children after class. Participants must wear tennis or other court type shoe and bring tennis racket and comfortable clothes. To arrange for a racket loan, call the number below.

Look for registration forms to be distributed at school the week of April 1 and returned by April 12. If you have not registered by that date, phone Pat @ 655 4657.

If you are able to help with the program, or for more information, please call Pat at the number above.

Summer Swim Program Update

We need a parent coordinator. We may not be able to offer swim instruction this summer without your help. We need a parent to coordinate/help organize the program beginning in May. Compensation is offered. Please help!!

Summer Drama Program

Interested in a summer drama program? We are working with Cynthia Bagley to offer a 6 week program beginning in July. Hours, timing, location to be determined based on response to this notice.

If you are interested in more information, please call Cynthia

Softball Pitching Clinics

There will be windmill pitching clinics, Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00pm at Jordan-Small Middle School gym on April 3 & 10. This will be for girls ages 9 to 15. If interested, please contact Gary Conant, evenings 6:00-8:30pm.

Bus Driver Needed

The Raymond Extended Day Program is currently looking for a bus driver for the 2002 Summer Program. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Kristi Curtis at 655-3203.

Field Hockey: Coming Soon!

A few of us "old" field hockey players are developing a field hockey program for Raymond's middle school youth. We have applied to the U.S. Field Hockey Association for sticks, balls and shin-guards and will know by mid-April if our proposal is accepted. In the meantime, we'd like to collect unused field hockey sticks that may be hiding in basements or garages. Are there any other former players and supporters out there with enthusiasm and/or equipment to contribute to this effort?

An introductory workshop for interested 5-7th graders is being planned for May, and a Raymond Rec. program may be started next fall if there is enough interest. A survey at the Jordan-Small Middle School tells us there seems to be plenty of interest! Call Suzie (655-4915), Lori (655-4277), or Sue Ellen (655-4463) for more information.

Indoor Swimming

By: Alex Jackson

The spring indoor swimming session is in full swing with 16 third and fourth graders enrolled in the program. Everyone is working hard on their skills and stamina. Some of the students will be testing for Red Cross swim certificates.

We hope to run the indoor program again in the fall and spring next school year, so please watch this space.

Thanks to Anne Richards and Robyn Steeves for volunteering their time to help with classes and also Wendy for helping with registration and Paul for being our bus

Have a safe summer; don't forget: if you are in a boat, wear your lifejackets!

Raymond Recreation Spring Running Program

The 2002 Raymond Recreation Spring Running Program is gearing up for another fun season of relays, races, jogs, stretching and learning. Our program will begin on the first Tuesday after April vacation (April 22) and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, from 3:30 to 4:30 through June 6. This year's program is open to students in the 1st through 4th grades. There will be a small charge to cover our modest expenses. A sign-up form and more detailed information will be provided to Raymond Elementary Students before April vacation. Please consider joining us, as we need volunteers to keep everything 'running' smoothly. Questions or volunteer sign-up can be directed to Elizabeth Algeo (655-6965).

"Shake the Winter Blues" Dance and Auction

Was An Incredible Success and a Terrifically Fun Evening auctioneer extraordinaire. for Everyone!

The 6th Grade Parents Fundraising Committee wants to express its heartfelt appreciation to the many generous individuals and business who supported this event:

Thanks to you, we were able to raise nearly \$4,000 that evening.

Thank you.....

Susan Irish, parent helpers, and 6th grade students for providing the design and decorations to transform the Windham Veterans Center into a tropical paradise...

Phil Hammett, Raoul Freyre, and the members of Mariposa (now known as Soulution), the awesome band that kept everyone dancing all night. They very generously donated their entire evening to this fundraiser.

Eric Levinsky, for serving as our master of ceremonies and

Road Runner, and the other local businesses and publications, for helping us publicize this event.

All friends and family who bought tickets, and filled the Windham Veterans Center to capacity. Many of you bought auction items and stayed to become part of the clean-up crew.

All parents who contributed hors d'oeuvres and desserts to the bountiful food table that evening...

Thank you to our Auction and Door Prize Contributors

Cottage Industries (Jani Cummings) Dawn's Dollar and More Balsam Ridge (Sharon and Dewey Lloy) Levinsky's (Eric and Lisa Levinsky) Lake Region Furniture (Scott and Sue Crockett) Cricket's Corner Bob and Lynn Orsini



Deb's Diner (Danielle Morse)

Cathy Dodge

Betty Remalia

Mary Jane Vander Sluis

Scott Gordan

Henry Irish

Rhonda Meyer

Ultimate Hair and Tanning Salon/Pam Hartig

Thatcher's Restaurant

Helene Gagnon Linda Mirone

Art Mart (Keith and Gina Christy)

Blacksmith Winery

Donna Marcinuk Card Smart

Market America

Final Touch

JSMS Recreation Area Committee

Sunset Ridge Golf

"Anonymous"

Mentees Climb with Confidence

The Mentoring Partnership took 25 program participants to the Maine Rock Gym in March. Mentees and mentors tested their courage on the climbing walls and enjoyed the chance to work with other students and adults in the program. Pizza on the way home was a great ending to the evening.

The program currently has 18 students from the elementary and middle schools matched with a mentor. This spring the mentoring pairs are working on goal setting and developing a community service project. If you've been considering becoming a mentor, it's not too late! Call our office, based in Raymond Elementary School, at 655-8672, ext. 107.



Kristina and Billy climb with the Mentoring program at the Maine Rock Gym.

Troop 800 Report

By Kyle Woodbrey, Troop Scribe

The March theme was snorkeling and scuba diving.

In the first meeting we had David Hurb, a friend of Jay Peterson, come and show us scuba gear. He explained the uses of the primary and secondary regulators, the tank, the weights, and the tank straps. He explained about safety, sicknesses like the bends, and rules.

In the second meeting we played Rescue Relay. One scout sat on a dolly while the other tossed a rope to him, and he would tie a bowline around himself. Then the scout that tossed the rope pulled him in. We also had a computer networking challenge and got ready for the Webelos Crossover.

The night before the third meeting we attended the Webelos Crossover at the Cub Scout Pack Meeting. Boy Scouts



Above: Cub Scouts cross over to become Boy Scouts Below: Raymond Cub Scout Pack 800

were there to set up the cross over bridge. They made sure it was safe. When crossing, the Webelos used the Cub Scout salute to salute their Cub Scout master, and their Boy Scout salute to salute their new Boy Scout master. We went to the music room to pass out information. Once the stage was clear, we went in to have cake and ice cream cake.

In the third meeting the new scouts were there, so we taught them basic scout skills. Each patrol was assigned a skill:

- Predators got knots
- Mountain Lions got flags
- Panthers got uniforms
- Wolves got knives
- Senior patrol got expectations
- To wrap it up, we played Scout Jeopardy.

For the last meeting we saw the Harlem Globetrotters.

In April our theme will be automotive. Three main automotive events include:

- A trip to Sebago Lake Garage with a tour of the office, the body shop, and the repair shop.
- A remote control car derby. Everybody will bring their remote control car and do various activities with it.
- A day to work on a car in the parking lot. We will do oil changes, tire changes, and other mechanical activities.

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.

Sisters Enjoy Early Successes

8th grader Angela Scripture and 10th grader Amanda Scripture have begun their competitive gymnastics season with stunning results. Both train year-round at Andy Valley Gymnastics of Lewiston, are registered as Junior Olympic gymnasts, and maintain honor status at PRHS/Bruce Whittier Middle School.

Angela, in her 1st year at Level 8, qualified for the State Championships at her first meet and received special recognition from judges (extremely rare!) for having the best beam routine of all levels. She hopes to place in the top three at States in April in order to qualify for the U.S.G.A. Eastern Regionals in Virginia. Angela has been involved in the Junior Olympic program for only four years and has advanced quickly through the competitive levels. She's earned two State titles and won 2nd place in All-Around at the 2001 USAG Level 7 State Meet.

After taking two years off from gymnastics to pursue cheerleading, Amanda returned to "her sport", that has been her passion since the age of 5. A level 9 gymnast, she enjoyed taking 1st place in All-Around against teams from Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire at the Sweetheart Invite in Biddeford. In order to meet her school's requirements for co-curricular activities, she also competed for the first time in High School gymnastics and trained with the Leavitt High School team, representing PRHS. Though the scoring and format is quite different from the USAG program, Amanda managed to take 3rd on bars and 5th on vault at the high school State competition, hosted by Skowhegan High School, in February. On March 9th, at the Eastern Regionals in Salem, New Hampshire, Amanda qualified for the National High School competition in Pennsylvania by taking 3rd place on bars, 6th on vault out of 96 competitors. But her focus is to place in one of the top 3 positions in the USAG State Meet on March 17th to qualify for Eastern Regionals.

Both girls appreciate each encouragement they've received from their friends, teachers & families here in Raymond and those "from away". Your support has helped them to remind many that gymnastics is a "legitimate" sport and produces more than a star team...every now & then, an individual can and does make the difference!

Troop 800 Car Wash April 13th 10:00am - 4:00pm Wal-Mart in Windham

