**Road Runner**

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**Waterline Project Update**

Work has progressed favorably on the extension of the Portland Water District line from Windham into Raymond. The catalyst for this project was the opportunity to create approximately 40 new jobs at the Embitech manufacturing facility. As a part of Embitech’s expansion, over $3.1 million in new property valuation will be created within Raymond’s Tax Increment Finance District (TIF). Other benefits from the water line extension include a reliable water supply for existing and future commercial ventures, residential use, and public safety for fire fighting purposes.

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**Road Runner Articles Due**

Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by July 15th. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

- E-Mail: Disksheet. Paper articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF) on diskette or as e-mail attachments.

Send School Related Articles To:
- norma.richard@raymondmaine.org
- christian.eklington@raymondmaine.org
- or drop at Principal’s Office.

Send Town related articles To:
- elizabeth.cummings@raymondmaine.org
- or drop at Town Hall

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**Raymond Elementary School Report**

By: Norma Richard, Principal

I want to congratulate students for their great work during the last quarter, and their outstanding behavior during the last few weeks of school. It was such a positive ending to an exceptional school year at the Raymond Elementary School.

I also want to take this time to extend my sincere congratulations to Superintendent David Bots and 1st grade teacher Mary Lou Smith on their retirement. Both Mr. Bots and Mrs. Smith should be very, very proud of their many contributions to the elementary educational program in Raymond. I wish them many adventures in the coming years, and hope that they keep in touch with their many friends in Raymond.

Students, teachers and parents should give themselves a great pat on the back for exceeding 500,000 pages during this year’s Light the Lamp program. Even though the children outdated the adults in this friendly reading competition, both groups should be proud of their efforts. Don’t forget to keep track of summer recreational reading and bring your totals to Mrs. Keef, our school librarian, when school starts at the end of August.

Families can easily support the school during the summer months by collecting Buxtops for Education and signing up for SchoolPop at Shaw’s Supermarkets. Did you know that we raised over $1,000 to benefit the Jordan-Small Middle School playground this year by collecting boxtops? I am also very pleased that Hannaford Brothers is again sponsoring the General Mills School Dollars program in September. Last year the Raymond Elementary School was recognized as the top school for the Windham Hannaford store and received an additional donation of $1,000. More information about these programs will be available next month.

I want to wish all of our students and their families much fun, and continued learning, during the summer.

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**Official Town Seal Designs Deadline January 2003**

Working on your design for the Official Town Seal? Since the request last winter for designs, several people have said that they would like to work on one, and some of the school children have started their renditions.

If you wish to help the Town establish our first town seal, please have it submitted by January 1, 2003. The Selectmen have asked that volunteers submit design suggestions to the Town Office for their consideration. We would like to have it approved by 2003 for our Bi-Centennial Celebration. For more information please call Louise Lester at the Town Office at 655-4742.

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Kevin Woodbury  
Laurie Forbes  
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Make sure to check out the Raymond, Maine web site:  
[http://www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org)

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**Raymond Team Minor Champions Two Years In A Row**

Raymond’s Danielle’s Sebago Diner baseball team won the Sebago/Long Lake minor championship in a hard fought battle with the Naples Royals on June 16th. The final score was 5 to 4. Pictured here with their trophy are (from left to right) front row: Kristina Tripp, Dillin McGowan, Ian Dufour, Sam Mayer. Back row: Coach-Dave McGowan, Will Hanson, Brian Peterson, Brandon Blanchard, A.J. Olson, Matt Morse, Chris McDonald, Spencer Brown, Coach-Barry Keck.

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**Construction of the water line on Main Street will involve excavation near the center of the road. The reason that the line is not being located in the road shoulder is to avoid interference with existing underground utilities. Since all the work in this area will be done in the road, parts of Main Street will be closed periodically. When closures are necessary to occur, traffic advisors will be posted at the junction of Route 302 and Main Street to alert motorists of alternate routes.**

If you have any questions or concerns about the water line extension project, additional information may be obtained by calling Town Manager Don Willard at 655-4742, Project Engineer Curtis Neufeld PE at 939-0477 or Jay Hewett, Director of Technical Services at the Portland Water District at 774-5961 ext. 3106. We are doing our best to minimize any inconvenience associated with the waterline construction project and would welcome an opportunity to address concerns or accept your comments.
News From The Raymond Village Library

**Children’s Programs**

The July theme for story time is Maine Authors, Stories and Animals. Story time will continue through the Summer at the library on Thursday at 10am. Baby time is at 9:30am on Thursdays.

The Summer Reading Program begins July 7 and goes through August 19. This year’s theme is “More than Moccasins” and will feature additional activities, such as drumming and dancing in August. Pre-registration is necessary, since this is limited to 75 participants.

A new craft program directed by Sarah Wolcheski will begin July 27 at the library from 10:30 to 11:30. This is for K-3 children, and due to the complicated nature of the projects, is not appropriate for younger children. Some of the projects the children will be working on in July are basic weaving, making a charm bag and tie dying with natural dyes. The program is limited to ten children and pre-registration is at the library. This program will continue through the year on the last Saturday of the month.

Registration is necessary for each monthly program. For more information, please call the library at 655-4283.

**Annual Book Sale**

This much anticipated event begins July 14 at 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and will continue through August 22 during regular library hours. This is a wonderful opportunity to come view the beautiful art work at the library through August 18. This gives you a wonderful opportunity to come view the beautiful art work and pick out your favorites. This is one of the favorite fundraisers for the Raymond Village Library. The all art work is donated by local artists, and there is a wonderful variety of subjects and media. We will continue to highlight thumbnail biographies of the contributing artists in this issue of the Roadrunner.

**Holiday Reminder**

The library will be closed Thursday, July 4, to celebrate Independence Day. We wish our patrons a fun and safe day.

**Hawthorne Garden Club**

The Raymond Village Library is so fortunate to have the Hawthorne Garden Club members donate the beautiful barrel of colorful flowers, which is in front of the library. We wish to thank them for this generous donation.

**New Officers**

At the annual banquet June 6, the following slate of officers was elected: Louise Murray, President; Sandi Severn, Vice President; Flonny Morrison, Secretary; Charlie Hewson, Treasurer; Karyn Knights, Assistant Treasurer; and Laurie Forbes, Member-at-large, with Sandy Levy as Immediate Past President.

**Silent Art Auction**

The Art Auction in now underway. All the art work is on display at the library through August 18. This gives you a wonderful opportunity to come view the beautiful art work and pick out your favorites. This is one of the favorite fundraisers for the Raymond Village Library. All the art work is donated by local artists, and there is a wonderful variety of subjects and media.

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**Pot Roast Supper**

Raymond Village Community Church  
Main St. (Route 121), Raymond  
Saturday, July 20  
4:30 – 6:30 PM

Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots, Gravy, Rolls, Desserts, Beverages

Take out orders are available. Call 655-7749.

**The Women’s Project**

Are You Concerned About Alcohol Or Drug Use… Yours Or Someone Else’s??

The Women’s Project Helps Women In Maine With Their Concerns. Services Are Free And Confidential.

Call Us Toll-Free At 1-800-611-1588

The Women’s Project is a program of PROP Community Action and is funded by the State of Maine Office of Substance Abuse.

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**Local Artists**

Florence Cooper, a native of the Lakes Region who began painting in 1996, works exclusively in watercolors. In each of the four seasons, she sees colors and depths that make her so enthusiastic about a scene that she wants to capture it on paper. A student of Charlene Lee in Windham, Ms. Cooper enjoys trying the wonderful methods she has learned in class and experimenting with all subjects. The watercolor that she donated for the art auction with a light-house in the foreground was such an experiment, an obviously successful one, with a color-filled sky.

Cathy Dodge has lived in Raymond for five years following a move from California with her husband and three children. Ms. Dodge has been featured previously during the Library’s monthly art exhibits. A realtor by profession, Ms. Dodge makes time to pursue her art, having also studied with Charlene Lee. Starting in oils, Ms. Dodge switched to watercolor, and among her favorite themes are still life of fruits and flowers, fish and seashells. Her donation to the Library’s fundraiser, a still life of citrus fruit, fits her description of painting “lightly.”

Shirley Fearon of Windham is both a photographer and painter. She began taking pictures of old classic structures and then using them as the subjects of her paintings. She continues to experiment with new ideas and media, recently taking classes in pastels. Ms. Fearon was a featured artist in the Library’s monthly art exhibit program this past February. The artwork she donated for the auction of a park bench and old-fashioned street lamp preserves the invitation of these classic structures to sit, relax and enjoy a quiet moment.

Waldo Preble, a retired engineer, lives in Raymond and chose for his donation to the art auction his artistic interpretation of a local scene, Hacker’s Hill. When he started painting, Mr. Preble worked in oils but when he tried watercolors, he found his forte. He has also studied art locally with Charlene Lee. Mr. Preble’s artwork was featured in the October 2001, exhibit at the library.

Lynda Wilson is a photographer, an artist, and a passionate gardener. With a decade of painting to her credit, she is comfortable working with watercolor but continues to study other media, recently pastels. Ms. Wilson, a resident of Windham, was also a featured artist at the library last February. A love for the flowers that result from her gardening reveals itself naturally in the art she selected to donate for the auction.

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Raymond Village Library
Non-Fiction News

Welcome to the Second Edition of Raymond Village Library Non-Fiction News. My second review is of “An Unexpected Light Subtitled “Travel in Afghanistan.” The author Jason Elliot provides a comprehensive description of the intricate relationships in Afghanistan which are based on a variety of religions and sects, ethnic groups, tribes and cultures, and which have their basis in antiquity. He describes the effect invasions from the Hellenic Period to modern times have had on this beautiful land located at the crossroads of many different cultures.

This strategically located land, with a wealth of natural resources, archaeological wonders, and unbounded natural beauty, has been wracked by invasions of European powers in the 19th century from which it has not recovered today. In addition the recent Russian invasion, the mis-guided US policy in the last 20 years has left the Afghan people with a deep mistrust of outsiders. His understanding of Islam and the Afghans themselves provides insights to the reader with many points of reference for top-programs in the daily news. I recommend it highly.

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Roof Installed On Raymond Fire Station

The new Raymond Fire Station is coming along well. Just recently the final roof trusses were placed, completing the roof framing system. The water main has been installed from the street to the building, and will be connected following the completion of the water main extension project. Currently, the plumbers and electricians are working on the wiring, plumbing and heating systems. The next few steps will include installing the roof shingles, windows and doors along with the exterior landscaping and paving.

A special thanks to the Raymond Volunteer Fire Department, along with the Fire Departments of Casco, Gray and Windham for their speedy response preventing catastrophic damage during the recent fire.

2002 Founders Day Road Race Results

Saturday, June 22, 2002

10K Overall Results
Men: 1st Kyle Rhodes 36:55
2nd Mathew Harnold 39:35
3rd Paul Murphy 39:35

Women: 1st Laurel Valley 39:56
2nd Robin Carlson 51:25
3rd Deborah Kelley 54:19

5K Overall Results
Men: 1st Dan Legere 18:41
2nd Chuck Thorpe 20:01
3rd Timothy Curtis 20:22

Women: 1st Karen Thorp 22:53
2nd Lori Rand 22:15
3rd Becky Fontain 22:53

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Welcome Back Summer Residents!

It is sizzling hot in Raymond as the summer season gets underway. While you have been gone, our small community and year-round residents have been working hard to raise funds and build an outdoor recreational facility for our Middle School students at Jordan-Small.

Phase One: Climbing equipment, swings, tables, benches, platform stage and brick walkway. We reached our goal of $20,080 for this phase!

Phase Two: Basketball backboards, soccer goals, repave basketball court, paved walking path and table shelters.

We need to raise $13,000 to complete Phase Two. Please help us to accomplish Phase Two of this project, which will benefit Raymond children for years to come.

Hands-On Aquatic Plant Workshop

Learn to identify aquatic plants, both native and invasive. An aquatic plant workshop, sponsored by the Raymond Waterways Protective Association and the Raymond Milfoil Committee, will be conducted at the Jordan-Small Middle School cafeteria on July 10th at 6:00pm. Live samples will be available for hands-on inspection. This workshop will be conducted by the VLMP (Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program). Space restrictions dictate that only 20 participants may be admitted, so registration is required. There is no charge. For information or registration, call 655-4546 or 655-4841.

JSMS Recreation Area Update

August 10th is the day for installation of climbing equipment, swings and tables at Jordan-Small Middle School. Several people have offered to help with this phase, as we have talked throughout the year. Please call and let us know if you might be able to help for all or part of the day. Call Diane at 655-4766.

The Brick Fundraiser has been a great success. Thank you to all of you who purchased bricks and to Linda O’Neill, Ellen Van Haasteren, Diane Zawastowski and Heidi Trickey for organizing the Fifth Grade parent fundraising effort. We can’t wait to see all those names on the walkway!

The fundraising events this year were as follows:

Lucinda Pins, Innisbrook, Giving Calendars, Points for Pen- nies, many concession tables, direct donations, Myrtle Durgin Memorial Donations, Boxtops For Education, corporate donations, 6th Grade Parent Dance, Car Wash, and 5th Grade Personalized Bricks.

We offer a heartfelt thank you to all who helped and all who contributed.

Funding for Phase Two stands at $8,000! (after all committed funds are received).

The fundraising goal for Phase Two is $21,000.

Donations may be mailed to:

Jordan-Small Middle School Recreational Area
323 Webbs Mills Rd
Raymond, ME 04071

NAME: ____________________________
ADDRESS: ____________________________
PHONE: ____________________________
DONATION IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF: ____________________________

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Communities for Children Promotes “Healthy Habits in May”

By: Lori Rand, Coordinator, Communities for Children

The Raymond Communities for Children organization had a successful month of promoting healthy physical activities, thanks to the incentive of the $975 mini grant received from P.R.O.P.’s Communities Promoting Health. Here’s what happened in May:

Rock Wall Experience for 4th and 5th graders

The grant money was primarily used for bringing a Maine Rock Gym mobile rock-climbing wall to the middle school for two days. In addition to being a new physical experience for many 4th and 5th grade students, this activity was a centerpiece for helping 4th graders prepare to transition to the middle school next year. When asked, “How was the rock wall challenge like middle school?” members of Mrs. Spencer’s 4th grade class replied:

“It’s hard to make it up without someone there to catch you; you need support in middle school, too.”

“You have to try without knowing exactly what it will be like.”

“Both of them are scary when you’re standing on the ground looking up. It’s a lot more fun as you get going.”

“Some parts were so hard they made your limbs shake, but it was worth the effort. Some parts of middle school will make your head shake, but they’ll be worth it, too.”

Thank you to those who helped with belaying: Jack Fitch, Kelly Gosselin, Doug Elder, Jessica Berry, Ellen VanHaasteren, Heidi Trickey, Scott Waldron, Laura Poi, Elizabeth and Leo Algeo, Wendy Beneditto, Susie Brockelbank, Sandy Wilkas, Howard Stiles and John Rand.

Parents and other Adults Walk/Run with a Child

Raymond Recreation and Communities for Children teamed to encourage adults to walk or run a lap (just under ¼ mile) with a child at the end of each elementary school Running Program session (held 2 days a week after school for 6 weeks). Thirty-eight adults participated for a total of 105 laps in May and 120 laps by the end of the program. To thank these role models for promoting exercise, Communities for Children is donating a dollar a lap to each school for the JSMR Recreation Area and fitness-related library books for RES.

Community Hike in Morgan Meadow

The Conservation Commission organized a hike through this local land preserve, led by local naturalist and forester Mike Cline. A total of 24 adults and youth joined the group to explore several miles of trails.

Children’s Fitness Workshop

Certified Fitness Instructor Leigh Rush volunteered to lead a strength training class for children during the Raymond town meeting. Ten children participated in this hour-long activity. Ms. Rush also handed out an article to parents entitled, “A Strong Start” (strength and resistance training guidelines for children and adolescents), from a recent issue of American Fitness magazine.

Raymond Village Library Promotion

The library set up a display of health and fitness books, and a Story Time for children focused on growing in healthy ways.

Saturday, August 3, 7:00

Windham Assembly of God

1051 Roosevelt Trail

Good Old-Fashioned Variety Show

Help us raise funds for Windham’s Monday Meal, a free meal program sponsored by Windham & Raymond churches. Your donation at the door will help provide food and fellowship for many folks in our community!
Raymond PTA Highlights

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

- Supported teachers and staff through Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts and Lunches, Daffodil Days, Gifts, and Recognitions.
- Enhanced the elementary and middle school programs by supporting the Camp Kieve program, Dental Health Month, Science Kits from the Museum of Science in Boston, the JSMS Math Team, and the Light the Lamp program at RSU.
- Sponsored an Internet Safety program for parents.
- Awarded three $1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsored the Scholastic Book Fair.
- Maintained communications and support for Community Organizations.

The Raymond PTA will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Raymond Elementary School Library. All Raymond residents, not just school-age parents, are invited to join the PTA and support its many activities. Membership dues are $5 yearly.

Jordan-Small Middle School 4th Quarter Honor Roll

The staff of JSMS wants to congratulate the following students for their efforts in pursuit of academic excellence during the 4th quarter! Three cheers go to:

5th Grade High Honors
- Brianna Bisnest
- Brandon Mitchell
- Brittny Reed
5th Grade High Honors
- Logan Clinic
- Ashley Baker
- Kathleen Cook
- Brandon Guerrette
- Cory Leslie
- Lindsay Ryan
- Breanna Zoidis
- Chelsea Bissonnette
- Sibyl Cunningham
- Megan Harding
- Elijah Hughes
- Steven Lentine
- Jeff Laroquexe
- Rebecca Morris
- Kees Van Haasteren
- Chelsea Waldrone
- Lauren Weeks
6th Grade High Honors
- Alisson Gagnon
- Kyle Woodbery
6th Grade Honors
- John Atwood
- April Cox
- Kristopher Fenton
- Robyn Stilling
- Justin Woodbery
- Grant Dodge
- Nicole Lloy
- Brittanay Michaud
- Bridget Byrne
- Kurt Crockett
- Jared Marcum
- Douglas Remick
7th Grade High Honors
- Julia Comear
- Kathryn Eastman
- Cameron Gosney
- Amanda Hammert
7th Grade Honors
- Alyse Bartholomew
- Keegan Brown
- Jennifer Curtis
- Andrew Reed
- John Shively
- Kainani Stevens
- Hannah Whitche
- Kayla Taylor
- Amanda Evans
- Molly Nezard
- James Wiley
- Laken Perry

* Honor Roll all 4 quarters!
** High Honors all 4 quarters!

NYA Awards

At the recent Awards Day ceremony at North Yarmouth Academy, students from Raymond received the following awards:

- Benjamin White, Classics Prize for outstanding achievement in a foreign language
- Matthew Fortin, John O. Hall Prize for outstanding achievement in Physics and the Maine Principals’ Association Award for achievement and extracurricular contributions to North Yarmouth Academy.
- Shawn Gagne, John O. Hall Prize for outstanding achievement in Biology

In the National Language Exams, William Yates placed ninth in the State in French 2 and Benjamin White received a Magna Cum Laude in French 3.

Raymond Students Named To Hebron Academy Honor Rolls

The following students were named to the Hebron Academy Upper School Honor Roll for the 2001-2002 school year.

High Honors (average of B+ or higher)
- Timothy B. Curtis
- Katrina C. Draper
- Jamie M. Fey

Honors (average of B or higher)
- Kevin P. DeSorbo

The following students were named to the Hebron Academy Middle School Honor Roll for the 2001-2002 school year.

Highest Honors (average of A- or higher)
- Alison M. White

Gray – New Gloucester Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following 8th Grade students from Raymond for making the Honor Roll at Gray-New Gloucester Middle School.

3rd Trimester 2002

**High Honors**
- Ian Hanley

**Honors**
- Mallory Emmett
- Victoria Harty
- Brenda Kozi
- Britney Moore
- Nicole Ryan
- Lucas Ward

Gray-New Gloucester Middle School Student Registration

If you have a son/daughter you need to register at the High School for the 2002-2003 school year, please plan to attend one of the following registration days in the Guidance Office:

June 19th, 9:00am-12:00pm
August 26th, 12:00pm-3:00pm

Please plan to bring:
- Proof of residency
- Transcript
- Health record
- Special Education file, if applicable

Please call the Guidance Office at 657-4353 to sign up.

JSMS’s Kyle Gagnon Shines At The State Special Olympic Summer Games!

Kyle Gagnon, a seventh grader at J.S.M.S., had a great performance at the State Special Olympic Summer Games held Friday-Saturday, June 7-8, at the University of Maine at Orono. Kyle ran a consistent pace in the 400 Meter Run finishing in 2nd place (12-15 age group) with a personal best of 2 minutes, 5 seconds. He also picked up a Silver Medal in the Softball Throw event and a 5th place finish in the 100 Meter Dash.

Principal Elkington and Jordan-Small Middle School students and staff gave Kyle an enthusiastic send-off outside the school before Kyle, family members, and Coach Keller departed for Orono.

Gray-New Gloucester High School New Student Registration

If you have a son/daughter you need to register at the High School for the 2002-2003 school year, please plan to attend one of the following registration days in the Guidance Office:
Raymond Elementary School
4th Quarter Honor Roll

Grade 3 Honors
Beau Rampino
Lauren Trickey
Jackie Guiseley
Alex O'Neill

Grade 4 Honors
Ben Algeo
Caroline Blake
Abbie Mcivor
A.J. Olsen

Academic Excellence

Ian Acker, a 7th grader at Jordan-Small Middle School, has earned some deserved individual academic distinction! In October of last year, Ian took the PSATs in preparation for the SAT this past February. These tests are usually reserved for high school students, however, Ian chose to take these tests at this time in his academic career. Ian’s SAT scores were comparative to high school students who have taken the test. This achievement has set him apart from other 7th grade students, and as such the Johns Hopkins Center chose him for Talented Youth to participate in their 2002 summer program. This program is attended by invitation only and offers students opportunity for advanced classes and education in college preparation.

This year Ian has also participated in the MMSETS program. This is the Maine Math, Science, and Engineering Talent Search. Every month students are asked to solve mathematical problems of great difficulty. Ian, taking the initiative on his own, participated in this program. As a result of his work, Ian placed 5th in the 7th grade competition. This is a state-wide competition held every year by the University of Maine at Orono. Ian was honored with an award, judged and presented by four college professors, at this year’s competition. Ian was treated to a luncheon with Congressman John Baldacci, who was the featured speaker. Ms. DeDeo and Ms. Ouellette, along with Ian’s math class, most of whom are Math Team members, were also invited to the MMSETS day and accompanied Ian to Orono for a day of learning and celebration. Students got to work with various engineering professors of the University of Maine as well as tour the campus.

Congratulations go to Ian Acker for bringing distinction to himself, his family and his community!
Frank McDermott Announces Campaign

The House Democratic Campaign Committee is proud and delighted to announce that Frank McDermott is running for the State Representative seat in District 38, Raymond and part of Windham. For 34 years Frank and his wife Betty have been Raymond residents, during which time Frank has distinguished himself as a life-long educator and model citizen. Frank has been recognized by the Maine Dept. of Education, as well as by his peers, for his contributions to education at both the local and state level. After 20 years of service to his community as a teacher and superintendent principal at the Jordan-Small School, he finished his career as Superintendent of Schools in MSAD #6. From there he moved to his current position as Director of Education at the Elan School in Poland. Presently, Frank is serving his second term on the Raymond School Board and has just completed serving as its chairman.

Frank will bring his years of experience as an educator and civic leader to the State Legislature where he intends to fight for affordable health care for all, quality education, and increased employment opportunities that pay a living wage. Frank recognizes that Maine’s youth are Maine’s future. His familiarity with our educational system will enable him to make improvements tailored to our current needs with an eye toward the future. He knows that today’s students are tomorrow’s workforce, and that Maine’s economic future depends upon able and educated workers who remain in Maine. As chairman of the Maine State Superintendents Association Technology Task Force, Frank McDermott has helped our schools evolve and grow with the times enabling both teachers and students to keep abreast of new technologies being developed for use in the classroom and the workplace.

Frank has been recognized time and again for his outstanding leadership in our schools. Now that he has set his sights on the State House, we can safely expect him to carry on his tradition of superior leadership, good judgment, and common sense in Augusta.

Prominent Raymond Citizen Murdered! Raymond Scientist Invents World’s Largest Antenna! Local Author Achieves International Fame!

What in the world is going on in Raymond? To find out the answers to these and many other exciting events in your town’s history, take a hike! Explore your community by “Letterboxing!” On June 15 our newest trail, “Significant Citizens of Raymond” opened. Sites range from N. Raymond Rd. to Raymond Cape. Each site highlights significant contributions which ordinary citizens of Raymond made to their town, their state and the world. This trail complements our first one, which opened last year and includes sites mostly located in the Main St. Village area. These trails are designed like a scavenger hunt. By following a set of clues, you will locate a “Letterbox.” Inside the letterbox will be a rubber stamp and an ink pad. You can stamp your own notepad to prove that you actually did find the site! Also inside the letterbox will be some additional information and/or artifacts about that particular site. We encourage you to bring your own personalized rubber stamp and stamp it in the “Comment Book” inside each letterbox.

If you’d like to take your family, friends, or guests on either of these trails, you can pick up Guidebooks ($1) and Notepads ($4) at Sunset Variety, Cricket’s Corner and Clough’s. We hope you enjoy exploring all that your community has to offer in the beautiful Lakes Region area. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Blanchard at 799-2754. Happy Letterboxing!

Mentors and Kids Plant Flower Gardens

In early June, mentors and their mentees gathered at the Sheri Gagnon Memorial Park playground to build and plant a new flower garden as a community service project. Many mentoring pairs visited Murley’s Greenhouse to select some annual and perennial flowers to add to the new raised bed and an existing bed, which was created by the local youth group. We appreciated the isam delivery from Dwayne Buzzell.

Due to the uncooperative weather at the end of the school year, our final cookout dinner for participating families and our canoeing activity had to be cancelled. We will reschedule these events in the fall with the hope of having some new mentors and mentees join us as well. If you’d like to learn more about the Raymond Mentoring Partnership, which runs with the school calendar, please call Lori at 655-4277 or Eileen at 655-4193. Besides looking for mentors willing to meet weekly with a child, we are seeking volunteers to join some of our group activities, such as canoeing, climbing at a rock gym or attending a cultural event, as extra adult support if mentors are unavailable. Please consider being an additional friend to a local child!

Schoolastic Achievement

Matt Fortin, son of Gerry and Diane Fortin of Valley Road, recently graduated from North Yarmouth Academy as one of its top students.

Matt is a member of the Cum Laude Society and the recipient of the John O. Hall Prize in Physical Science and Physics, the Robert R. Martin Prize in Mathematics and the Maine Principals Association Award. In October of 2001, Matt was named a Commended Scholar in the 2002 National Merit Scholarship Program. He was also named an AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of his exceptional achievement on the college-level AP Exams.

Matt’s activities at North Yarmouth Academy included chorus, math tutoring and the Metaore Science Club. He played varsity baseball for two years and was a Portland Press Herald Second Team Baseball All-Star. He was also a member of the Maine Stags Baseball Club and played American Legion Baseball.

At North Yarmouth Academy, Matt was varsity cross country captain and varsity indoor/outdoor track captain. He was also Most Valuable Player on the three teams on which he played this year. In addition, he won the Athletic Council Award in the winter trimester.

In the winter of his junior year, Matt came in 2nd in the 1000 at the New England Championships and in the spring of the same year, came in 13th in the 800 in Maryland. This spring Matt won the 800, 1600 and 3200 in Class C track at the state meet won the 800 and 1600, coming in fifth in the 3200. He qualified for and ran the 800 at the New England championships. He was also on the NYYA relay team with Shawn Gagne of Raymond, Hadrian Engel of Cumberland and Sam Crocker of Yarmouth, which came in third at the state meet.

Matt will attend the Rochester Institute of Technology this fall.

Troop 800 Report, May

By Kyle Woodbrey, Troop Scribe and Jamie Wiley, Panther Patrol Leader

June themes featured canoeing skills and water safety.

Troop 800 held its last regular weekly meetings for the year during the first two weeks of June. We had Mr. Shively visit the group and talk about Canoeing Skills and Water Safety. We also finished up the automotive skills by working with Mr. Curtis and learning to lube vehicles properly. We participated in a remote control obstacle course with our RC vehicles. The last meeting of the year was spent on team building games led by Mr. Hughes, and we came up with ideas for events, trips and skills for next year. We closed out the weekly meetings with an ice cream sundae bar.

A fundraising car wash took place at Wal-Mart, where they donated supplies and the area to do the washing. In return the scouts helped hold a fishing program for kids. There was face painting, ring toss, Velcro fishing, coloring, prizes to win, and treasure hunts. A huge group of kids from ages 4-10 participated under the direction of our scouts.

We also finished the teepee for the library summer reading program thanks to a lot of help from Mrs. Wiley and Marybeth as well. The candy bar sale for Gatsburg fundraising is going well. Thank you to all who have supported us. Look for more Gettysburg fundraisers this summer from Troop 800, including a yard sale in July. We look forward to a busy summer. Regular weekly meetings will resume in September.

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.

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