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## Comprehensive Plan Committee Focuses On Economic Development And Municipal Finance

**By: Brad McCurtain**

Your Comprehensive Plan Update Committee, *Raymond Tomorrow*, recently turned its attention to Raymond's future economic development and to the Municipal Finance sections of the Plan update.

Two speakers were invited to address the Committee.

Don Willard, Raymond's Town Manager, spoke with us about Raymond's municipal finances and his thoughts on future staffing and facilities needs.

Kathleen Brown, from Lake Region Development Council, spoke to us about the kinds of jobs that characterize the Lakes Region as well as how people in the Lakes Region communities generally feel about further economic development in their communities.

Ms. Brown pointed out that three of the Region's largest employers all evolved from people living in the community who wanted to keep their companies in their community. Hancock Lumber/Hancock Land Company represent two family-owned companies, which evolved from a family that has lived in the Lakes Region for at least seven generations. Dielectric, another major employer, was created by the late Raymond resident, Doc Brown. And Raymond resident Roger Hewson created Sabre Corporation.

That said, most of the businesses in the Lakes Region are small businesses that employ 1-4 employees. Most of the jobs at the small businesses do not pay a living wage or benefits. Some of the jobs are seasonal, such as those at summer camps. Summer camps were seen to be a positive influence on the economy and the stability of the Lakes Region. Camp property owners tend to be significant taxpayers. They create little drain on municipal services—either directly or indirectly. They import capital from out of state and spend

much of that money locally. Often times, campers return to the area in adult life to vacation and/or purchase a second home.

While taxes may seem high, on a relative basis, Raymond's mil rate is already one of the lowest in Southern Maine. That means when comparing similarly assessed property value, we pay far fewer taxes than residents of most other Maine communities. Many feel that our mil rate is lower primarily because this is a "bedroom community". The primary industry in Raymond is seen as being "non resident taxpayers". They pay significant taxes, have no children in the school system, and create minimal drain on municipal services. In many respects that "industry" and the resulting tax base is the envy of other communities in the state. It is stable and less subject to variances in the economy. Non-resident taxpayers provide a quality of life that is far different from other tourist-communities. Unlike many of Maine's resort communities, which are characterized by transient visitors who stay in hotels, most of Raymond's seasonal visitors own property and pay substantial taxes directly to the community. Further economic development could, in fact, be a threat to that quality of life which encourages non-resident taxpayers to come to Raymond.

Ms. Brown said that economic development would not lower taxes. It can

diversify the tax base. When asked for examples of communities where economic development has had a positive influence on the quality of life, she cited Westbrook, where she said residents have encouraged economic development in their community and that they are mostly pleased with the results.

There was also discussion of the Lakes Region Business Park, which had been proposed as a regional business park in Windham. Ms. Brown suggested that concerned Raymond residents might want to have the Town reconsider being a part of the ownership of the park, if for no other reason than to participate in the planning, shape, and scope of the project.

For more on these topics, you can read the draft policies statement that the Town's consultant, Rich Rothe, provided to the Committee at the Town's website. [http://www.raymondmaine.org/committees/comprehensive\\_plan/default.htm](http://www.raymondmaine.org/committees/comprehensive_plan/default.htm)

Your Committee is meeting frequently. On average these meetings take place every other week—sometimes every week. All Committee meetings are open to the public. For a schedule of upcoming meeting times, locations, and topics, please contact the Town office at 655-4742, or you can e-mail to [compplan@raymondmaine.org](mailto:compplan@raymondmaine.org).

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

**E-Mail; Diskette; Paper**  
Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF) on diskette or as e-mail attachments.

**Send School Related Articles To:**  
[norma.richard@raymondmaine.org](mailto:norma.richard@raymondmaine.org)  
[charles.miller@raymondmaine.org](mailto:charles.miller@raymondmaine.org)  
or drop at a Principal's Office

**Send Town related articles To:**  
[elisa.trepanier@raymondmaine.org](mailto:elisa.trepanier@raymondmaine.org)  
or drop at Town Hall

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Look under Events & News



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Tuesday, December 3, 2002, 7pm  
at the Town Office

Town Meeting Warrant is available at the Town Office.

## Official Town Seal Designs Wanted By January 31, 2003

The Town of Raymond has never had a Town Seal that would represent our town in many ways. Uses of a seal might include its use on our stationery, town report, official publications, flag, and other places where the town would like to have artistic representation.

We hope that we receive a variety of suggestions for this seal and welcome anyone submitting their ideas. The Selectmen will accept the drawings, and then the Town will have a chance to select their choice.

The deadline for submitting your designs for the Raymond Official Town Seal will be January 31, 2003. You do not have to be a resident of Raymond. The Selectmen hope to have a seal ready for the Bicentennial Celebration in 2003. For more information please call Louise Lester at the Town Office at 655-4742.

## Mentoring Activities Celebrate Fall

Making apple head people....carving pumpkins.....building woodland fairy houses behind RES...these are some of the ways mentors and students spent time together before the snow flew. Encouraging creative expression is just one the goals of the mentoring program, along with the primary one of forming friendships between people of different ages. We're also looking forward to expressing ourselves musically as The Rhythm Inlet leads a drumming workshop for mentoring pairs and includes students in a performance after a program family dinner on Nov. 21st.

We thank Sue Carr for leading projects for the program and Susan Irish, our fairy house building facilitator! Call us to learn more about mentoring a Raymond child or youth: 655-8672, ext. 107.

**Happy Holidays**

## Water In Raymond

**By: Jay Hewett, Chief Engineer  
Michelle Clements,  
Public Relations Manager**

The water main project that began in April to connect Raymond to the Portland Water District's public water system is complete. Nearly 18,000 feet of 16" water main was installed by the middle of August. Since then, the water main has been cleaned and tested, fire hydrants installed, and customers connected.

Currently 45 customers have taken advantage of the public water opportunity and signed up for service.

The water service to the new fire station is fully operational, and a total of 29 fire hydrants were installed, including 6 in Windham and 23 in Raymond.

Overall, the project, conducted by D & C Construction Company of Rockland, Massachusetts, came in slightly under budget.

Residents and businesses along the water main route still have the opportunity to connect to the public water system. To do so, contact the Portland Water District at 761-8310. Connection to the system may not be possible for a period of five years beginning next spring, due to Route 302 construction projects.

## Raymond Village Library News

### Holiday Bake Sale

This is it! The big, really big, wonderful library holiday bake sale!! The date is December 8 beginning at 1pm and lasting throughout the day until all the goodies are gone. Be sure to come early to have your choice of the delicious pastries, decorated cookies, fancy candies, delectable breads and other holiday treats.

### December Library Schedule

On Monday and Wednesday evenings, the library will close at 7pm during the months of December, January and February. During inclement weather, be sure to call the library at 655-4283 to make certain it is open.

The library will be closed December 25 and 26, as well as December 31 and January 1.

The book discussion group will not be meeting during the month of December.

The Raymond Village Library Club Meeting will be at the Library on December 5 at 7pm. The program will consist of sharing Christmas ideas, recipes and traditions. In lieu

of a gift exchange, those attending are asked to bring donations for the food pantry.

### Art Exhibit

The paintings and photographs of three local artists, Florence Cooper, Dick Anzenc and Alan Shadbolt's can be viewed and purchased at the library through December. These beautiful works of art are definitely worth a trip to the library to see. Any one of them would make a wonderful and original gift for that special person.

### Raffle

A generous library patron has donated a lovely and warm lap afghan and matching pillow for a library benefit raffle. These can be seen at the library, and tickets may be purchased at the library as well.

### Annual Appeal

The Raymond Village Library Annual Appeal letters have been mailed out. If for any reason you have not received yours, be assured that your tax deductible donation would be greatly appreciated and can be brought or mailed to the library at P.O. Box 297, Raymond.

## Raymond History Available At The Village Library

Ernest Knight, Author of *THE ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF RAYMONDTOWN*, has delivered a third printing of his book on the history of Raymond and Casco. Copies of this book can be purchased for \$10 at the Raymond Village Library during their regular business hours.

## Joe Bruno Elected As Republican Caucus Leader

House Republicans unanimously elected Representative Joe Bruno to serve another term as the leader of their caucus. The Raymond lawmaker, who has served in the 116th, 118th, 119th, and 120th Legislatures, ran unopposed for a second term as House Republican Leader. As leader of the caucus, Representative Bruno helps set the Republicans' legislative agenda, negotiates directly with the Governor and other legislative leaders on policy matters, and is involved in oversight of the Legislature.

## Library Receives Donation From The Lions Club

Dale Gilman, President of the Raymond Lions Club, recently presented a check for \$500 to Barbara Thorpe, Director of the Raymond Village Library. In keeping with their mission of helping the visually and hearing impaired, the Lions Club makes an annual donation to the Library towards the purchase of large print books and books on audio tape. The Library's collection in this area has grown significantly over the past several years with the Club's help, and for this we are very grateful. The Library invites you to come in and see this collection for



yourself, or if you are unable to visit in person, materials can be brought to you via their Outreach Program. Please call the Library at 655-4283 to learn more about this program. The Library would also like to note that the patron computer has a large print screen option for the visually impaired.

The Lions Club conducts several fund-raisers throughout the year, and the results of their fund-raising efforts are returned to the community through good works. You can easily contribute to one of their fund-raising efforts by

bringing your returnable bottles and cans to one of the Club's pick-up sites at either the Town Hall or at the Jordan Bay Animal Hospital. Monies earned from the redemption of these returnable containers helps boost fund-raising efforts. The Lions Club can also provide appropriate contacts at various organizations to those with vision and hearing impairments; so if you, or anyone you know, could benefit from this service please contact them. The Raymond Lions Club is always looking for new members. They meet the first and third Thursday of every month at 6pm at Kokatosi Campground. If you would like more information about the Club, please call Dale Gilman at 655-4114.

The Lions Club also sponsors the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at the Raymond Village Library on the first Sunday after Thanksgiving. This year the Ceremony will be held at 6pm on December 1st. The Raymond Village Library and the Raymond Lions Club invite the community to come and enjoy this event.

## December 2002

### Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 3:15-4:15PM RE Dance Class 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen	4 12:30PM RE Karate 2:15PM JS Karate 7:00PM RE School Committee Indoor Swim Program	5 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club 7:00PM VL Library Club Meeting	6 School Progress Reports Home	7 9:00AM-NOON VL Library Coffee Raymond Rec. Fruit Pickup
8 Holiday Bake Sale At The Raymond Village Library	9 4:00PM RICHMOND Raymond @ Richmond Basketball 7:00PM TH Budget/Finance Committee Meeting	10 3:15-4:15PM RE Dance Class 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting	11 12:30PM RE Karate 2:15PM JS Karate 7:00PM TH Planning Board Ski Program Indoor Swim Program	12 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time 4:00PM JS Wales @ Raymond Basketball	13	14
15	16 4:00PM JS St. John's @ Raymond Basketball	17 3:15-4:15PM RE Dance Class 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen	18 9:00AM VL Library Board Meeting 12:30PM RE Karate 2:15PM JS Karate 7:00PM RE School Committee Indoor Swim Program	19 9:30AM VL Baby Time 10:00AM VL Story Time 4:00PM JS St. Joe's @ Raymond Basketball 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	20	21
22 10:00AM TH Appeals Board Site Walk	23 SCHOOL VACATION	24 SCHOOL VACATION	25 HOLIDAY TOWN OFFICE CLOSED LIBRARY CLOSED	26 LIBRARY CLOSED SCHOOL VACATION	27 SCHOOL VACATION	28
29	30 7:00PM TH Appeals Board Meeting SCHOOL VACATION	31 SCHOOL VACATION				FB=Fire Barn JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd RE=Raymond Elementary TG=Town Garage RT85 TH=Town Hall VL=Village Library VC=Village Church



## Non-Fiction News

By: Charles Murray

"RHODES" by Antony Thomas provides interesting insights into the character of Cecil Rhodes, the founder of Rhodesia and the Rhodes Scholarships. This biography reveals a master manipulator and pragmatist whose primary motives were enlarging the British Empire and his personal wealth and power. In the course of these pursuits he created racial, social, and political problems, the effects of which are still being felt today. A good example of his manipulative skills is his motive in founding the Rhodes scholarships, which was to establish a secret society of English speakers around the world to maintain the supremacy of White Male English Speakers. The choices made by the Trustees of the Rhodes Scholarships of Women and People of Color would certainly have been an anathema to Cecil Rhodes. Some of his even more dubious ideas resulted in the first concentration camps and Apartheid.

Rhodes was gifted with the skills of a master salesperson who could sell his ideas to others so convincingly that they would willingly join in projects which were against their better instincts, combined with his belief that all people could be bought and he only had to find the right price. He was an unstoppable force converting governments, entrepreneurs and glory seekers to his vision of a greater British Empire. He precipitated the Boer War, which resulted in the death of 35,000 Boers including women and children. In his drive for personal wealth including controlling the supply of diamonds and the development of South Africa's gold fields, he destroyed centuries old native societies, which had been self-sufficient. His need for laborers caused him to initiate various programs such as "Hut Taxes" which could only be paid in currency earned by the natives working for pay in his enterprises. The modern day results of these policies can be seen in the current economic, social and racial problems of South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The endemic poverty of the native societies can be traced directly to Rhodes' tactics. In the course of his life and for many years after, uncounted numbers of Blacks died as a result of his policies. Here is the story of a man with great skills and gifts who used them to gain pragmatic goals that were and are still a disaster for Southern Africa. In his drive he was abetted by the lack of any organized moral opposition, with the result today that he has little honor in the country of his birth and none in Southern Africa. This is a well-written and extremely entertaining book, which provides an excellent basis for understanding some of the problems being faced by today's residents of Southern Africa.

## Dog And Cat Rabies Clinic

The Town will be offering a Rabies Vaccination clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, January 25, 2003, at the Public Works Garage, Webbs Mills Road (Route 85) from 1pm to 3pm. The cost will be \$10 per animal. Anyone is welcomed to bring their pets, but please have them restrained by leash or pet crate. The pets can get frightened by the other animals, and having them under control is imperative.

Dr. Jim Stephenson and his staff will administer the vaccinations and issue the tags and certificates. The fee will be accepted by cash or check in the name of: Jordan Bay Animal Hospital.

2003 Licenses will be available at that time for a fee of \$4 for neutered dogs or \$7.50 for dogs not neutered. Please bring your Maine State Neutering certificate if you plan to have your dogs licensed at this time unless we already have it on file. Payment for licensing will be accepted by cash or check in the name of: Town of Raymond.

## Omission

In last month's Road Runner, two graphics from the finalists of the Maine Recycles Week Poster Contest were included. The one with the crane was by Pippin, 10th grade at Kents Hill School; and the one with the turtle was by Haley, 8th grade at Camden-Rockport Middle School.

## Municipal News Brief

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions in November 2002:

1. Approved the installation of six street lights to improve public safety at the following locations:
  - a. Sunset Chimney Road;
  - b. Fire Lanes 20, 34, and 42;
  - c. Public Safety Building entrance onto Main Street; and
  - d. Public Safety Building entrance onto Route 302.
2. Set the date for a Special Town Meeting to be held December 3, 2002, to address funding employee family health insurance coverage.

## Town Of Raymond, Maine, Election Results, November 5, 2002

Question #1	yes	798
Question #1	no	1100
Question #2	yes	1183
Question #2	no	724
Question #3	yes	1019
Question #3	no	841

### UNITED STATES SENATOR

Collins, Susan	1229
Pingree, Chellie	689

### GOVERNOR

Baldacci, John E.	716
Carter, Jonathan K.	189
Cianchette, Peter E.	980
Michael, John M.	30

### REP. TO CONGRESS DIST. 1

Allen, Thomas H.	1101
Joyce, Steven	790

### STATE SENATE DIST. 26

Turner, Karl W.	812
Turner, Kathryn N.	1072

### REP. TO LEGISLATURE DIST. 38

Bruno, Joseph	1262
McDermott, Francis	657

### JUDGE OF PROBATE

Childs, William H.	886
Lynch, Raymond M.	887

### COUNTY TREASURER

Gurney, Diane Lee	890
Ridge, John F.	876

### REGISTER OF DEEDS

D'Arc, Morgen	221
O'Brien, John B.	607
Waterhouse, G. Paul	932

### SHERIFF

Dion, Mark N.	820
Holmes, William R.	1031

### DISTRICT ATTORNEY DIST. 2

Anderson, Stephanie	1598
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### COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST. 3

Gurney, Christopher S.	681
Plummer, Gary E.	1117

## Raymond Fire and Rescue Log

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TYPE OF CALL
10/15/2002	746	NO.RAYMOND ROAD	UNKN.MEDICAL PROB
10/15/2002	1343	M/A GRAY	DIFF. BREATHING
10/15/2002	2007	M/A GRAY	EYE INJURY
10/16/2002	909	LEVY LANE	FIRE STAND-BY
10/16/2002	923	M/A WINDHAM	SUBJ. PASSED OUT
10/16/2002	1535	WHARF RD	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
10/17/2002	1852	LEVY LANE	CARDIAC
10/17/2002	2059	THOMAS POND TERR	CARDIAC
10/19/2002	1325	LEVY LANE	FIRE STAND-BY
10/20/2002	1653	DEEP COVE RD	FIRE STAND-BY
10/20/2002	2127	MAIN ST	DIFF. BREATHING
10/21/2002	935	PATRICIA AVE	LIVER PROBLEM
10/22/2002	441	DAVIS FARM RD	CHEST PAIN
10/22/2002	1555	HASKELL AVE	OVERDOSE
10/23/2002	841	M/A NAPLES	PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT
10/23/2002	1507	M/A NAPLES	PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT
10/24/2002	1915	LEVY LANE	FIRE STAND-BY
10/25/2002	18	WEBBS MILLS RD	ASTHMA DIFF.BREATH.
10/25/2002	1032	TARKLIN HILL RD	HEAD INJURY
10/25/2002	1541	DAGGETT DR	HEAD INJURY
10/26/2002	1505	RAYMOND HILL RD	UNKN MEDICAL PROB
10/26/2002	1912	MEADOW RD	ALLERGIC REACTION
10/26/2002	1921	BROOK RD	POSS. BROKEN ARM
10/27/2002	533	PLAINS RD	DIFF. BREATHING
10/28/2002	1202	ROOSEVELT TRL	FIRE STAND-BY
10/29/2002	302	ROOSEVELT TRL	DIFF. BREATHING
10/31/2002	1250	MAIN ST	PSYCH PT.
11/1/2002	912	MEADOW RD	POSS.STROKE
11/7/2002	316	MAILMAN RD	ABDOMINAL PAIN
11/7/2002	1503	M/A NAPLES	PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT
11/8/2002	516	ROOSEVELT TRL	FIRE STAND-BY
11/8/2002	707	SWANS RD	FIRE STAND-BY
11/8/2002	1611	WEBBS MILLS RD	DIFF. BREATHING
11/8/2002	1323	WEBBS MILLS RD	UNKN INJURY
11/8/2002	2330	NO.RAYMOND ROAD	DIFF. BREATHING
11/9/2002	902	PANTHER POND PINES	CARDIAC ARREST
11/9/2002	1203	ROOSEVELT TRL	DIFF. BREATHING
11/10/2002	443	THOMAS POND TERR.	CARDIAC
11/11/2002	857	LEVY LANE	FIRE STAND-BY
11/14/2002	1135	ROOSEVELT TRL	CAR ACCIDENT
11/14/2002	1226	LEVY LANE	FIRE STAND-BY
11/14/2002	1327	M/A CASCO	POSS.BROKEN LEG
10/15/2002	2007	M/A GRAY	RESCUE ASSIST
10/16/2002	908	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM
10/17/2002	1852	LEVY LANE	RESCUE ASSIST
10/19/2002	1000	AROUND TOWN	FIRE PERMITS
10/19/2002	1325	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM
10/20/2002	1653	DEEP COVE RD	CHIMNEY FIRE
10/21/2002	132	M/A WINDHAM	STRUCTURE FIRE
10/21/2002	350	M/A WINDHAM	STRUCTURE FIRE
10/21/2002	935	PATRICIA AVE	RESCUE ASSIST
10/24/2002	1914	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM
10/26/2002	930	AROUND TOWN	FIRE PERMITS
10/26/2002	1922	BROOK RD	RESCUE ASSIST
10/28/2002	1202	ROOSEVELT TRL	SMOKE ALARM
10/30/2002	1543	M/A WINDHAM	STATION COVERAGE
10/31/2002	1011	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM
10/31/2002	1709	WEBBS MILLS RD	POSS UNPERM FIRE
11/1/2002	1718	ROOSEVELT TRL	SMOKE ALARM
11/8/2002	516	ROOSEVELT TRL	FIRE ALARM
11/8/2002	707	SPRING VALLEY	UNPERMITTED FIRE
11/9/2002	908	PANTHER POND PINES	RESCUE ASSIST
11/9/2002	1400	MARTIN HEIGHTS	UNPERMITTED FIRE
11/11/2002	857	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM
11/14/2002	1135	ROOSEVELT TRL	CAR ACCIDENT
11/14/2002	1226	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM

## Town Office Holiday Schedule

This is to announce the office hours of the Town Office over the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

### Christmas

Closed December 24th at noon,  
closed December 25th

### New Year's

Closed December 31st at noon,  
closed January 1st

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

## Volunteer Needed!

The Tassel Top Park Board of Directors is seeking a volunteer replacement. The Board's responsibilities, with the help of the Park Ranger, Town Manager, and a member of the Board of Selectmen, are to recommend park policies and oversee the operation of this facility. The Board meets five or six times a year and is on call should an occasion arise.

If you are interested in serving on the Tassel Top Committee, please contact Louise Lester at the Town Office at 655-4742.

## NOTICE

As of January 31, 2003, all dogs must be licensed to avoid incurring a late fee of \$5 in addition to the license fee.



## RES Active In Maine Recycles Week

By: The RES Recycling Committee

The students and staff at RES have been active participants in Maine Recycles Week by completing the following events:

- A poster contest: Many classes created posters that depict recycling themes. These posters were sent to the state level and will be judged within the next two weeks. Winning posters from around the state will be combined to make a full-color 2003 calendar.
- Initiating a recycling program in the school: Classrooms are using the green recycle bins for all recyclable materials generated during the day. When the bin is full, it is placed in the hallway. RED students have generously volunteered to collect bins and sort the various materials into larger containers stored near the school cafeteria. Amazingly, the large containers are quickly filled with paperboard and plastic. Glass and metal materials are not quite as common in the school environment. Two large containers of paper alone are recycled weekly. RED students will even place the bins outside on the loading dock for collection. They have also created beautifully decorated and laminated labels for each staff member to affix to their green recycle bin.
- Teaching and or learning about recycling, reducing and reusing materials: Many staff members already teach whole units on recycling and the impact on our environment. They encourage young people to consider the power of their actions.

We think this is a great start to the implementation of a successful recycling program. Thank you to all students and staff, particularly the members of the RED program, for their generous commitment to recycling and their participation in Maine Recycles Week. We hope that your enthusiasm continues. We also encourage citizens of the town to recycle in your own homes. Your efforts really do make a world of difference.



Jennifer, Molly, Bryan and Matthew are happy to help RES recycle.



Molly Miller, Jennifer Cobb and Matthew Cobb collect paper and boxes to recycle.



Bryan Peterson and Noah Estey sort cans collected at RES.

## November 2002 Lions Club Student Of The Month

Pictured are Raymond Lions Club Student of the month for November, Skylar Duncanson, her proud parents Lisa and Rick Duncanson and Lions Club President Dale Gilman.

Skylar is 13 years old, and an eighth grade student at Jordan-Small Middle School. An honor roll student, she participates in several sports, and is a member of a traveling competition dance team. She plays the piano, and enjoys reading in her spare time.

Skylar has always wanted to be a professional dancer, but lately has taken an interest in architecture. Whatever Skylar chooses to do, we are sure she will be a success.

It is a pleasure and a privilege for the Raymond Lions Club to honor such a student. We wish her continued success in her studies.

The Raymond Lions Club welcomes any inquiries about their programs. Any questions can be referred to President Dale Gilman at 655-4114, or Secretary Bob Jones at 655-7163.



## Habla español?

The Spanish language has just surpassed English as the second most common language to be spoken in the world. Chinese is first, and English is now third.

Jordan-Small Middle School is providing a formidable advantage for Raymond's children.

The Spanish classes are taking a virtual trip to Mexico. They are starting to explore and research the cultures, customs, history and facts of Mexico using the power of the Internet. The students are remarkably more involved and motivated doing these types of fun projects. People comprehend a language better when they can relate to the culture.

Using cut paper, catalogs and magazines, the students are preparing a "suitcase" to be filled with all the personal items necessary for a five-day trip to Mexico. Packing includes labeling everything in Spanish, filling out the luggage tag, and making a passport. Nos vamos de viaje.

This is the first year we offered Spanish I to 8th grade. This program gives an incredible opportunity for the students to start with Spanish II in their freshman year of high school.



Spanish Teacher, Gianina Yamaguchi

They have been working extraordinarily hard. As a reward, we are going to Boston for a field trip to enjoy the Boston Ballet presenting a Teatro Hispano -Americano. "Buen trabajo muchachos."

## 2003 High School Senior Scholarships Available

In January applications for the many high school senior scholarships will be available through the Guidance Office at Jordan-Small Middle School or your senior's high school guidance office. For more information, please call Lynn Davis, Jordan-Small School Guidance Officer, at 655-4743.

## Holiday Book Fair

Where: RES Library  
When: Dec 11th and 12th  
Wednesday 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM  
Thursday 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM

Books available for K-8  
Special themes:  
Holiday  
Winter  
Caldecott and Newberry Award winners

Great gift ideas  
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## Raymond Rattlers: Coordinators For Raymond's Holiday Helpers

The upcoming holidays bring in a new group of committed volunteers to work with Raymond residents in need of, and willing to share, the bounty of the season. This year the Holiday Helpers program for Christmas food and gift baskets will be run by the Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club.

If you are interested in "adopting" a Raymond family with food and/or gift baskets, please call Sandy at 655-4736, or they can be reached by mail c/o Raymond Rattlers, PO Box 994, Raymond, ME 04071.

If circumstances find your family in need, or if you know of a family or individual who deserves a better Holiday, please contact them at the above number as soon as possible.

The past coordinators are grateful for all of the support we've received in the past, and for the Raymond Rattlers' willingness to step forward to take over this wonderful program. We wish them luck and thank our residents in advance for their continued generosity.



## Jordan Small Middle School Has A Great Cross Country Season

By: John Dionne,  
Cross Country Running Coach

For those of you not familiar with cross country running, it is a sport in which runners must complete a race through wooded trails, around fields, and sometimes a limited amount of pavement. Middle school courses are usually around 2 miles long and high school courses average 3 miles. The scoring is based on the place of the top 7 runners on each team.

I cannot begin to put in words how hard the Jordan-Small Cross Country runners worked this season. They endured many tough practices with days of hot weather, cold weather, and rainy weather. We had some exciting races this year. Both boys and girls finished either first or second in each interconference meet that they were involved in this year. We were lucky enough to run in the Scarborough Invitationals and put 6 runners in the top 30. We also held our first conference home meet, and both boys and girls finished second to a strong Monmouth team.

Point leaders this year were Katie Eastman for the girls

team, and for the boys team it was a three way tie between Travis Stevenson, Travis Ward, and Grant Dodge. All runners from last year improved there times, most by more than a minute. This included the aforementioned names and also Ali Gordan, Bridget Byrne, Lyzz Stevenson, Ashley Waldron, Marie Libby, Kees VanHaasteren, and Chad Zawistowski. Runners new to the team this year also improved as the year went on. This included Caroline Blake, Kris Burgess, Jenna Eastman, Abigail McIvor, Megan Stevenson, Ben Algeo, Jeff Clark, Steven Lentine, Patrick Lockwood, Logan Martyn-Fisher, and John Shively.

The team would like to give special thanks to Mr. John Keller, who took time out of his busy schedule to be our volunteer assistant coach. His leadership and running experience was a great asset to the team. I would also like to wish the 8th graders good luck in the future, and I hope that running will always be an important part of their lives. I will miss them immensely! Thanks to all the teachers and parents that showed up to the races (both spectators and volunteers). I really appreciate the support, and it means so much to the kids! Thanks!



## JSMS Girls Soccer

A hearty congratulations is due to the Jordan-Small Middle School Girls Soccer team. The team earned second place in the Pine Tree Middle School League, as the girls went undefeated with a final record of 8 wins, 0 losses, and 5 ties. The defense held strong, only allowing a total of 8 goals from the opposing teams the entire season. Veteran goalie Ashley Blanchard did a great job helping Raymond's new keeper Hannah Kelley throughout the season. The defensive team was consistently strong when Ashlee Daggett was in the sweeper position. Her domineering ability to skillfully sweep the entire backfield was incredible to watch. Raymond's offense was led by the speed of

Emjay Williams. Her agility and quickness was matched by no one from any of the teams with which we competed. There was always excitement on the field whenever Amanda Evans played. She was able to spark the team and keep them moving. Amanda continually made shots on the opponent's goals; she was a real motivator. Every individual that was a part of this team played a role in this successful season. It was fun to watch the growth of the team as individuals took responsibility for their positions and as they focused on the fundamentals of the game. Best of luck to the 8th graders as they head off to new soccer adventures next year. There is no doubt that you can be successful as soccer players and individuals as well.



Front Row: Amanda Evans, Samantha Richards, Hannah Kelley, Ashley Blanchard, Kelli Emery, Nicole Lloy  
Middle Row: Grace Keilt-Freyre, Brittney Cogswell, Jenn Curtis, Amy Cobb, Taylor Fey, Amber Doucette, Kainani Stevens, Sarah Crockett  
Back Row: Coach Joni Merrill, Casey Crouse, Ashlee Daggett, Cassie Ashton, Emjay Willimas, Kayla Taylor, Becky Randall, Kameron Purinton, Alyse Bartholomew, (Absent) Julia Hartig

## CHIP At RES

Raymond Elementary School students participated in the CHIP (Child Identification Program) offered by the Freemasons of Maine. This is a free program created to address the growing national problem of child abduction. Working with Deputy Joe Schnupp (below) of the



Cumberland County Sheriff's Department, volunteers assisted in fingerprinting and videotaping children to create a personal record of identification designed to help identify a child. The videotape and fingerprint record was given to each parent or guardian for safekeeping. We want to thank the Freemasons of Maine, especially Wendell Graham of



Windham and Ernie Allen (above) of Raymond, for coordinating this program for our students.

## PTA College Scholarships Available

The Raymond PTA is offering two \$1,000 college scholarships to Raymond high school students. Any Raymond resident who will be graduating from high school this spring and planning on attending college in the fall is encouraged to apply. Scholarships are awarded to individuals who have been actively involved in community and extracurricular activities and demonstrate academic achievement.

Applications can be obtained on the Raymond website or by calling the Raymond Elementary School at 655-8672. All applications must be submitted by March 1, 2003.

## Title I

By: Margaret Mains

The Title I teacher this year is Margaret Mains who will be assisted by Kim Cowperthwaite. They will be working with children who scored below the twentieth percentile on math and reading assessments. Students will be worked with during their regular reading and/or math period after the child has received instruction from his/her regular classroom teacher, often in the child's classroom. This instruction does not take the place of classroom teaching but is in addition to that instruction.

Title I monies are federal funds sent to the states for distribution to the schools.

If you have any questions concerning the Title I program, please call me at school.



## RES Principal's Report

By: Norma Richard, Principal

I want to take this opportunity to thank all students and families who participated in the Innisbrook fund raiser. Your efforts were very, very successful with over \$7,500 earned to support PTA scholarships and student activities at the Raymond Elementary School. The Raymond community is very supportive of education and of programming for its children, and this fund-raiser is another indication of our community's outstanding support and commitment.

Winter has made an early appearance this year and, at the Raymond Elementary School, it means dealing with parkas, boots, hats, mittens, and snowsuits. We would like to remind all parents to label, if possible, all items of winter clothing. Students should dress appropriately for the winter weather, and we want to make sure that all items are returned to their rightful owners. Our Lost and Found, located in the main office, grows by leaps and bounds during the winter months, so please check with Wendy if your child has lost any items of clothing.

We do have recess each day during the winter months, unless the weather is so severe that all children remain inside. There are some children with respiratory or other medical alerts who cannot tolerate cold temperatures and need to stay out of the cold weather. With a doctor's note, we are happy to provide an alternative inside recess for

these children. All other children will go outside, so please make sure your child is warmly dressed, brings outside boots, and is prepared for recess.

Nurse Sharon and I would also like to remind parents that children who are sick should remain at home until they are well enough to tackle the demands of the school day without exposing other children to colds or the flu. This also means that children need to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.

The school cancellation procedures were published in the school calendar/handbook and are also available on the Raymond website. To review, in the event of no school due to weather or other emergency conditions, the cancellation announcements will be broadcast on the local television stations (channels 6, 8 and 13) and radio stations (WPOR, WMGX, & WGAN) as soon as possible. School delays are coordinated with the receiving school systems, Westbrook, Windham, Poland and Gray, so weather in these districts may affect busing for our elementary students. Safety is always the first consideration in canceling or delaying the start of school. Alternative plans in the event of an early dismissal (either weather or emergency related) were included on your child's emergency sheet this year. Please alert the office if there has been any change in these plans. We are unable to contact parents directly in the event of an early school closing, so it is very important that you have made alternate arrangements for your child in advance.

## Please Don't Throw Money Away!

Please support the Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education programs!

- Do you buy Campbell's soups? Save the labels.
- Do you buy Progresso soups? Cut out the box top logo.
- Do you buy General Mills (&) cereals? Cut out the box top logo.
- Do you buy Pepperidge Farm goldfish or cookies? Save the UPC codes.
- Do you buy Prego spaghetti sauce? Save the lids or labels (check the product)
- Do you buy Swanson chicken broth? Save the label.
- Do you buy Betty Crocker baking mixes and icing? Save the box top logo.

All these products and more have labels and box tops that help us pay for needed programs and school supplies. Please won't you help? Drop-off containers and product

lists are available at the Town Hall, the Raymond Elementary School and Jordan-Small middle school. More information on these programs is available at [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) and [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).

- Every box top you send in to school is worth 10¢ in cash.
- Every soup label or UPC you send in is worth one point towards school supplies.

It adds up. We have received checks totaling over \$1,300 from the General Mills box top program and we have been able to buy much needed sports and audio visual equipment with the labels program. **THESE LABELS AND BOX TOPS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** Thank you for your support. If you have any questions about these programs, e-mail us at [PTA@raymondmaine.org](mailto:PTA@raymondmaine.org) or call Leigh at 655-2135.

## Greetings From Title I

By: Mrs. Mains, Title I Coordinator

We are fortunate this year to have hired a new Title I Ed Tech. Her name is Kim Cowperthwaite and she comes to our program with a strong background in language/literacy education. She has been planning creative and engaging activities for the Title I students. They have been discussing interesting books, learning how to construct meaningful sentences, and learning how to complete homework assignments more efficiently.

Once again I am devoting a great deal of my time to the kindergarten literacy program. I have met all of the kindergarten students and taught them some rhyming skills and letter sounds. For several weeks I have been assessing their language skills to assist the teachers in writing their quarterly reports. The students have greeted me with enthusiasm, and I have enjoyed working with all of them.

Mr. Seymour, the new kindergarten teacher, agreed to participate in a pre-writing project involving the parents of all his students. Many of the children in Raymond may recall my friendly stuffed bear, Raspberry (who by the way is somewhere around 12 years old now!). He has gone home with many students over the years, and they have drawn pictures and written in his special journals about their adventures together. Last year I even had a student who took Raspberry home and discovered that

his teenage brother had also taken him home when he was younger. This has been a great tool for getting children excited about writing....often children who are reluctant to write or draw pictures at school will include their personal drawings and attempted writing in Raspberry's journals. He will be traveling to more homes as the year goes on, and so far I am extremely impressed with the care that he gets and the responsible behavior of the students when they have Raspberry in their care. They have even included wonderful photos of their fun activities with him. I am going to attempt to write a children's book series about him to have published some day.

Aside from my activities with the kindergarten children, I have also been tutoring some students from Grade 1-4. We have been reading interesting books and using reading rods (manipulative letter blocks) and math manipulatives and writing activities to help these students meet the academic standards of their grade level. The students have been respectful and cooperative and a joy to be around. It is my hope that they are working toward more success in the classroom. Students often ask us how long they will be in Title I, and I constantly assure them that it depends on how hard they work and how much responsibility they take for learning what we teach them. Our goal is to direct them toward independence and help them reach a point where they can be successfully exited from the program. Encouraging each "little" success they have with any subject at home will help them to reach this goal. Thanks for the community support...happy holidays!

## Notes From The JSMS

### Music Program

All the students at JSMS are enrolled in music classes either as a band musician or in general music class, which is based in the keyboard lab. The fifth grade year focuses on basic music literacy skills and working as a team to create music. Thirty of the current fifth graders are in the beginner band and making excellent progress. Our sixth grade general music class topics include music of native peoples from around the world. We will be starting on a new project to build a functional instrument and create rhythmic patterns to perform. Seventh grade music classes are learning about chord construction after reviewing note reading and keyboard skills. The eighth grade classes have learned to perform a song on the keyboards using both hands and are concluding an Internet-based project on music in times of war. All the band students in grades 6, 7 & 8 are preparing a variety of concert selections.

Students in all grades can also expand their music opportunities by joining chorus. Each chorus is rehearsing weekly for the upcoming concert, as well as acting as sing along leaders at the annual Raymond Village Library tree lighting at 6pm on Dec. 1, 2002. All the performers invite you to join us for our Holiday Concert to be held Dec. 17, 2002, at 7pm in the JSMS gym.

For the first time in recent memory, the Raymond School Department has a student teacher from USM working with us. Sharon Marshall completed eight weeks in Mrs. Gordan's classroom at RES and will be at JSMS until the holiday vacation. This year the JSMS band and chorus members in grades 7 & 8 had the opportunity to audition for the Maine Music Educators District Two music festivals. My congratulations to the students who put in many extra hours to prepare and participate in this very competitive program.

## Childfind

By: Dr. Mary E. Waters,  
Director of Student Services, 655-8666

Each year we attempt to locate children in the community who may require special education services. If you have a question about your child's development in the areas of speech and language, gross and fine motor (using large and small muscles), hearing, vision, or learning, please call the school. If your child is three or older we will conduct a free screening at home. If your child is younger than three, we can provide some screening services in your home, and/or make arrangements for screening at the appropriate community agency. Our obligation also extends to Raymond students who attend private schools. If your child attends private school and you feel he or she may require special education services, please notify us.

If you know of a child (your neighbor, niece, nephew, or the child of a friend) who is a Raymond resident and may need this service, please encourage their parents to call the school.

All screening is done only with parental permission and participation. If a problem is found, an appropriate referral is made with parental permission. The results of the screening are confidential, and the rights of both parents and children are protected under Maine Special Education Law.

If you have any questions or wish to refer a child for screening, please call me at the school.

## Local Entitlement

This year, local entitlement funds are being used to pay for educational technicians in Special Education. These educational technicians are working with students to help reduce the pupil/teacher ratio in the Resource Room and to give students more individual attention in the classroom. Money from this year's grant has also been set aside for specific training and adaptive equipment.

Local entitlement money is that money set aside by the Federal Government to help fund special education. The money flows through the State to local districts where it is used at the district's discretion for special education programming.

## JSMS Cross Country Ski Program Needs Equipment

Jordan-Small Middle School is in the process of trying to get a cross country ski program up and running in connection with the physical education program. In an effort to get this program moving, the Physical Education Department is in need of donated cross country skis, boots and poles and/or snowshoes. If you might have any of this equipment collecting dust, please feel free to drop it by the school. We are currently in negotiations with several vendors for the purchase of ski equipment at discounted prices. If you would like to make a financial

donation towards this program, your money would go directly towards the purchase of ski equipment or snowshoes. Thank you to the folks who responded to our note in last month's Road Runner. We are hoping to run the cross country ski program for 5th and 6th graders who are not able to be a part of the downhill ski program which takes place on Wednesday afternoons. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail Joni Merrill at [joni.m@raymondmaine.org](mailto:joni.m@raymondmaine.org).

## Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club

Calling all snowmobilers! The snow will be here before we know it. Come join us for our next meeting on December 4th. The meeting starts at 7pm preceded by a potluck supper at 6pm. We have a lot to talk about to get ready for the big winter.

Remember to get your Super Raffle Tickets in. The drawing will be held at the MSA December 17th meeting. What better way to win a free snowmobile as well as help out the

club? If you would like to get a ticket, please contact the club president Jeff Weeks at 655-4400 or stop by Weeks Insurance and Financial Services.

Please check us out on the Town of Raymond website under the Recreation link.

Think snow, snow, snow! See you at the next meeting.

## Raymond Rec. Fruit Sale

Reminder: Fruit will be available for pickup on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9am til noon at 5 Damon Road, off Rt. 85. Look for "Fruit Sale" signs. It's the same spot as last year.

We ordered extra, so it's not too late to buy fruit for Christmas and to support our programs!

Call Pat at 655-4657 to order.

## New Season Of Public Skating Begins At Hebron Academy

There will be skating available to the general public every Sunday from 2:30pm - 4:30pm until March 3rd. The cost for skating is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children (13 years of age and younger). Skate sharpening is offered for \$4.

## Former Raymond Student Accepted Into The Prestigious Maine School Of Science And Mathematics

Rebecca Barter, a former student of Raymond Elementary and Gray-New Gloucester Middle and High Schools, was recently accepted into a prestigious high school in the northern town of Limestone, Maine. This magnet school, also known as the Maine School of Science and Mathematics or MSSM, is a residential school chartered as a public school for talented sophomore, junior, and senior high school students. The Maine State Legislature created MSSM in 1995 as Maine's first charter school. The basis of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics is for the students with the desire to learn to be provided with the resources, the right group of teachers, and the perfect environment.

Rebecca Barter, whose family currently resides in Raymond, has been interested in math and science since her beginning years. Her interest, mainly in chemistry and space, has prompted her to great levels. Her interest has concentrated for a potential career of aeronautical engineering or piloting. When asked what colleges she is interested in, she replied, "MIT, of course; Harvard, potentially because of family links to the founders; RIT; and most importantly, United States Military Academy. I want to be one of those lucky West Point graduates and fly a B-2 Stealth or an F-117 and feel the adrenaline rush. My main goal is to pilot a space shuttle on a future mission, potentially to Mars, but wherever it takes me. I want to show that anyone—no matter what their sex, religion, where they grew up—through hard work and dedication can be whatever they want to be. I want to show the world who I am."

Her hard work and persistence to get the most education out of the schooling she has had has fought its own battle into getting accepted into the school. Currently, Rebecca is on academic overload (taking the maximum number of classes plus one more upon approval from the Dean), and she is taking six college level classes including Honors Chemistry, CP World History II, Composition and Research II, Advanced Mathematics II, Advanced French, Yoga, Geometry, Art, and Math Competitions. Despite the heavy academic load (homework averages about nine hours per night, plus studying extra for tests), she has maintained straight A's and currently has the highest averages throughout the whole school in all levels of Chemistry, Mathematics, and French.

"The workload is very heavy for me. It is to be expected, of course. The most time consuming is History—I have taken notes on 300 pages of text so far. But it is not that bad. I take on all of these classes because I love to learn, and that is why I come here; so, I get as involved as possible."

"The teachers at MSSM", relates Rebecca, "are outstanding. Their effort in trying to reach out to the students is phenomenal. They attempt, in all aspects, to be available to students for help. This is including helping the students until about 10pm at the dormitory with homework; having dinner parties at their houses while

discussing the latest events in the physics world or the nightly assignment of Shakespeare; or going to great lengths to make sure someone does not fall behind in class." The majority of the teachers' houses are located on the school campus to make sure "the teachers don't get stuck on the way to school driving through snow drifts." Most importantly, however, the teachers have a desire to teach and the students are always willing to learn, creating the best educational environment possible for this college level high school.

As for the right environment, Rebecca quotes, "You can't get a much quieter environment to learn in than up here in Limestone. The potatoes don't talk that much." MSSM, situated on the former grounds of a US military base, is about 45 minutes north of Presque Isle. "The dormitory life at high school really helps us learn self-discipline, how to make it in college, and how to live and cooperate with others. We are given so many privileges here, and responsibilities come right with it. The system here between them is balanced, and the atmosphere and the learning environment all prepare us for college and the real world. The dorm life here is the most beneficial. You couldn't get an education this powerful and have it down in Portland; it is just not possible. There are too many distractions. Up here, there is nothing to do. You have no choice but to study and be immersed in educational experiences."

"The students here," Rebecca says, "are all so wicked different. Well, that's the impression when people dressed up for Halloween as TI-89 calculators. The entire student body consists of about 150 people. But when you take all of us geeks from different parts of the States and from different countries, you get this kind of geek vibe going on. Competition between us makes us learn more and make ourselves better learner. For example, we compete on who can do a chemistry lab with less than one percent error or who can get the most perfect scores in a row at the Maine Association of Math Leagues math meets. I am proud to say," says Rebecca, "that we are currently beating Cheverus! (MSSM's greatest math team rival.)"

At MSSM, all varieties of resources are available to the students in order to create the best learning experience. For example, just recently MSSM hosted the acclaimed author Tess Gerritsen, a medical thriller author from Maine, to come talk to us about her experiences in the career world and her own writing career. In addition, being able to learn from several of the best professors selected from various universities around the nation is beneficial. Furthermore, the opportunity to take independent studies further expands the learning possibilities. Also, quotes Rebecca, "We get all the cool lab equipment that the government doesn't want anymore!" When questioned for an example, she replied, "This high tech overhead projector that instead is hooked up to a video camera system that projects onto the wall. It even autofocuses! It's crazy!"

When asked what her favorite part of the schooling experience is, she says, "Well, in chemistry we fill Pringles cans full of an explosive gas, light it, and blow them up; we torched a pickle and watched it spark; we torched a gummy bear in the 'Gummy Bear Sacrifice' and watched it glow and 'scream' as it shot about the test tube, glowing red and smoking, emitting banshee like wails; and most importantly, the best lab was when we filled eggs with explosive gases and lit them to see them blow up and expel their innards all over the ground. But seriously, the best thing is that we are given so many opportunities here! There is no shortage of things to learn. Don't be scared off by tales of taking notes on 50 pages of history per week; sometimes it's 70 pages!" Rebecca concludes jokingly.

"MSSM is definitely a school all people should consider looking into. It has so many benefits that SO outweigh the 0 degree temperature mark set on October 31st this year. Besides having to snowshoe our way across the parking lot to get to class, it's all good! And we have our own milk machine. Isn't that enough just to make you want to come up here and drink your heart out of chocolate milk? The only bad thing," she hates to admit, "is when the residential directors have to take away our big screen for a week—yes, I said a big screen—because our football party was too messy."

The Maine School of Science and Mathematics is currently accepting applications for the next school year. The website is [www.mssm.org](http://www.mssm.org).

## New Director Of Advancement And External Relations At Hebron Academy

Robert Maclaren Caldwell will officially begin his duties as the new Director of Advancement and External Relations at Hebron Academy beginning in December of this year. He comes to Hebron with over 15 years of experience working and consulting for non-profit institutions. He is most recently from Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, where he was the Executive Director of the \$25 million Dartmouth College Fund. Mr. Caldwell is a graduate of St. Lawrence University in New York and St. Andrew's College in Ontario, Canada.





## Girl Scout News

Welcome to Raymond Girl Scouts. Raymond has 10 troops ranging from Daisies to Cadettes. We are looking forward to a fun year that is filled with a lot of activities and lots of new try-its. The Girls Scouts will be having their first Raymond Christmas Party on Friday, December 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Jordan-Small Middle School. Parents and siblings are welcome to come at 8:00 to join in the caroling and possibly see Santa Claus.



### Troop 205, Leader - Brenda Stevenson

We have been working on making our own vests. As we transition from Junior to Cadette Scouts, we thought this might be a great way for us to outfit ourselves in a new uniform. We learned about pattern pieces and how to lay them out on fabric. After pinning the pieces we moved on to cutting out the pieces. Thanks to Kathy Brown & Betty Remalia who served as our sewing resources to fashion a finished product.

### Troop 1963, Leaders - Tracie Morris and Lisa Schadler

The girls are working on their Toymaker (we made kites) and Photography badges. They are also putting together a Thanksgiving basket for a needy family. On October 19, we went on a field trip to the Victoria Mansion. We toured the Mansion and learned what manners young ladies needed to know to visit the Mansion in 1870.

### Troop 99, Leaders - Pat Hutchinson and Candi Tardiff

Brownie Troop 99 is once again participating in the Coats for Kids campaign. There will be a collection box at Raymond Elementary School as well as a few around town. These are mainly for children's coats but adult coats are perfectly fine. Last year we collected 147 coats! It was one of the largest group donations they had. This year we'd like to surpass that. With everyone's help we will. Drop off your coats, snowsuits, and other winter outerwear before December 3. The troop will gather them all together and join the Channel 6 and Salvation Army staffs on



December 7 in Windham for the collection. Last year we even got on television.

### Troop 148, Leaders - Belinda Hughes, Val Downs, Diana Grondin, Teresa Sadak

On October 26, we hosted our first Halloween Mother/Daughter sleepover at St. Eiboh's. Thanks to the Bartholomews for allowing us the use of the building. We had 17 girls and 16 parents attend. Some of the activities included pumpkin carving, tile painting, and cookie decorating. There were a lot of food and prizes to be had. Our troop is currently working on their cooking and outdoor skills try-its.

### Troop 576, Leader - Lisa Levinsky

We are currently working on our "Making" Hobbies badge, learning some woodworking and cross stitching. (interesting combination!). Last week we went to the Clay Place in Saco, where the girls did some painting on bisqueware and learned how pottery is made, earning them their Ceramics and Clay badge. We took part in the Council-sponsored "Stuff the Semi" service project by donating our outgrown clothes to Goodwill.

### Troop 621, Leaders - Jeri Keane, Diane Zawistowski, Kim Weeks, Diane Shively

The forth-grade Juniors in Troop 621 have been busy this fall hiking in Morgan Meadows, celebrating Halloween with a pumpkin carving party, and working on the wildlife badge. The girls invited Mr. David Sparks, a wildlife rehabilitator from Windham, to speak at a troop meeting. Mr. Sparks brought seven carriers of creatures to entertain and educate the girls. We are having a great time in Juniors!



## Troop 800 Report

By: Elijah Hughes, Troop Scribe

Last Month at two of our meetings we watched a documentary on Gettysburg to prepare us for our planned trip there in July To raise money for the trip, we have been selling Chocolate Christmas Advent Calendars. The money raised at the bean supper went to this fund, too. We are still raising money for the trip. At our other two meetings in November, we learned map skills and orienteering.

The Court of Honor, an award ceremony, was held on the 9th of November. Many scouts received Merit Badges. Some scouts advanced in rank, while others were awarded things such as BSA Lifeguard and BSA Mile Swim. Veterans were recognized as Veterans Day passed this month.

Did you find a mysterious empty plastic bag on your step? Wondering what it's for? We know! The bags were for our food drive called "Scouting for Food" to put food in the Raymond Food Pantry. With help from the Cub Scouts, we gathered over 400 pieces for the pantry.

Have you ordered any of Trail's End popcorn from a scout? Does it taste good? We hope you are enjoying it. We raised about \$2,000 for the Troop General Fund. We thank the Raymond community for helping our one and only Troop 800.

We were also taking orders for Christmas wreaths. We thank you for your orders. You should be seeing them soon.

Our troop is sponsoring a Merit Badge College. A Merit Badge College is a gathering of scouts and adults working together to help the scouts earn different Merit Badges. It is at Jordan-Small Middle School on Thursday nights until January. Scouts from other communities are attending as well.

On the 15th a group from Troop 800 went to Camp Nutter in Acton. We worked on scout skills, cooked our own food, and played games in the snow!

We hope to camp at Bog Brook in Gilead on the 14th of December. We will stay in cabins there, too.

If you are interested in becoming a scout or adult leader or would like to help with fund-raising events, contact Mr. Tom Wiley, our scoutmaster, at 655-2048.

## Boy Scout Troop 800 Bottle Drive

Connecting the Past  
With the Present

Raymond  
Maine  
Gettysburg 2003



Saturday, January 4th, 2003  
Scouts will be canvassing neighborhoods  
from 9:00 am to noon

OR

Drop off your bottles at the  
District 1 Fire Station in the Village  
from noon till 2:00 pm

Troop 800, working to visit  
Gettysburg in 2003!

## Raymond Scouts Help Food Pantry

By: Diane Goosetrey, Pantry Manager

Special Thanks to Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack 800 on their annual successful food drive collection. Through their efforts, Raymond can once again assist Raymond families by providing food for their Thanksgiving Baskets, as well as help fill Raymond Food Pantry shelves.

The Scouts also collected can top tabs and raised an unbelievable \$250 which they donated to Raymond Food Pantry to help purchase needed items.

These young men, boys and their leaders deserve a tremendous thank-you for all their help. We couldn't help as many people without them and their willingness to help others.

*Have A  
Great 2003*