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.

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 means:
- E-Mail: Disksetter. Paper
- Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF) on diskette or e-mail attachments.

Send School Related Articles To:
- norma.richard@raymondmaine.org
- charles.miller@raymondmaine.org
- or to principal’s office.

Send Town related articles to:
eissa.trepanier@raymondmaine.org or
drop at Town Hall

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, December 3, 2002, 7pm at the Town Office

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.

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 await the completion necessary 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 candles, 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 donate funds for the food pantry.

Art Exhibit

The paintings and photographs of three local artists, Florence Cooper, Dick Anzelc 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.

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.

December 2002

Events and Meeting Schedule

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Raymond History Available At The Village Library

Ernest Knight, Author of THE ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF RAYMOND/TON, 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 Republican 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 closes at 5pm December 25 and 26.
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 endorsing 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, Rhodesians, and 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.

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

United States Senator
Collins, Susan 1229
Pingeel, Cheilie 689

Governor
Badalucci, John E. 716
Carter, Jonathan K. 189
Cianchette, Peter E. 980
Michael, John M. 90

REP. TO CONGRESS DIST. 1
Allen, Thomas H. 1101
Joyce, Steven 790

State Senator Dist. 26
Turner, Karl W. 812
Turner, Kathryn N. 1072

REP. TO LEGISLATURE DIST. 38
Bruno, Joseph 1202
McDermott, Francis 657

Judge of Probate
Childs, William H. 896
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

Sherriff
Dion, Mark N. 820
Holmes, Williams R. 31

District Attorney Dist. 2
Anderson, Stephanie 1598

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST. 3
Gurney, Christopher S. 681
Plummer, Gary E. 1117

Raymond Fire and Rescue Log

Date Time Location Type of Call
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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 announcement for the Tassel Top, Town Manager, and 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 635-4742.

Omission
In last month’s Road Runner, two graphics from the finalists in 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.
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.

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.

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.

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
Caldecott and Newbery Award winners
Great gift ideas
Over 500 titles to choose from
Open to the Community

Every book purchase receives a raffle ticket for a basket of award winning books!
All Proceeds Will Benefit the Raymond School Libraries

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.

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.
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 Invitational 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 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 Waldrum, Marie Libby, Kees VanHaasteren, and Chad Zawistowski. Runners new to the team this year also improved as the year went on. This includes Caroline Blake, Kris Burgess, Jenna Eastman, Abigail McIvor, Megan Stevenson, Ben Algeo, Jeff Clark, Steven Lentine, Patrick Lockwood, Logan Martin-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!

Our first conference meet was held at the Scarborough school this year. 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!

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. When children go outside, they 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 includes children who are sick enough 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 marked 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 Crockers 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.labelforeducation.com and 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 label 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@raymonddmaine.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 ways to improve reading fluency, learning 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 the Kindergarten students so that 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 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 gives the students 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 to help students meet writing and math objectives on 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.

I have given special attention to students who are learning with both hands and are concluding an Internet-based project on music in times of war. All fourth grade students in grades 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 singing 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 USD 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 the hands of 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.
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 these items you would like to donate, 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.

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.

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.

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 northern Maine. This magnet school, also known as the Maine School of Science and Mathematics or MSSM, is a residential school dedicated to helping students reach their full potential. 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 experience.”

“The students here,” Rebecca says, “are all so wicked different. Well, that’s the impression when people dress up for Hallowe’en 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 greek 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 and 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 of projecting on 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 torch 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 bannish like walls; 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.
Juniors! entertain and educate the girls.

Sparks, a wildlife rehabilitator from badge. The girls invited Mr. David party, and working on the wildlife Halloween with a pumpkin carving in Morgan Meadows, celebrating.

The forth-grade Juniors in Troop Diane Shively, Diane Zawistowski, Kim Weeks, outdoor skills try-its.

Our troop is currently working on their cooking and decorating. There were a lot of food and prizes to be had.

for allowing us the use of the building. We gathered over 400 pieces for the pantry.

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

Daughter sleepover at St. Eiboh’s. Thanks to Kathy Brown & Betty Remalia who served as our sewing resources to fashion a finished product.

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

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

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 every one’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 576, Leader - Lisa Levinsky. We are currently working on our “Making” Hebbies 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.

Raymond Scout Troop 800 is once again collecting 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.

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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.

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 order 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.

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.