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Balancing Budget And Priorities In Literacy And Mathematics

By: Sandra Caldwell, Superintendent, Raymond School District

The Raymond School Department budget for 2003-2004 is reflective of the priorities that will move our K-8 system ahead with state statutes and "No Child Left Behind" federal mandates. A review of literacy practices at Raymond Elementary School and Jordan-Small Middle School as well as a review of literacy data was conducted by an outside consultant, Mary Giard, this fall.

The following recommendations from that study are supported in the proposed budget.

- To create a method of systematic literacy data collection for grades K-8
- To create and implement reading and writing assessments K-8
- To create and implement a K-8 reading and writing reporting system
- To review current instructional practices used at the two schools and create consistent practices and environments that ensure a seamless experience for students K-8
- To provide common staff development

experiences that will support consistent instructional practices

The school system's Improvement of Instruction cost center supports professional development K-8 in the areas of literacy, writing and mathematics to address the recommendations from the three month study. Emphasis on these critical areas will build the capacity for all learners to begin the collection of evidence that ensures that they are meeting the standards as outlined in the Maine Learning Results. This year's seventh graders must demonstrate achievement in the areas of mathematics and English-Language Arts as a requirement for High School graduation.

On Thursday, February 13, 2003, the local allocations for State funding, general purpose aid, were released to systems statewide. The reduction in state funding for the Raymond School Department is approximately \$120,000. Given this latest challenge in the budget process, the Superintendent and administrative team will approach this next layer of budget cuts with a commitment to continue to focus on data driven priorities in a fiscally responsible manner.

Please plan to attend the Public Hearing for the proposed School Budget to be held on Thursday, March 6, 2003, at 7:00pm at the Raymond Elementary School. Please note that this is a change from February 26, 2003.

Road Runner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by March 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:

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or drop at a Principal's Office

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or drop at Town Hall

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Robert Jones Receives "Melvin Jones Fellowship Award"

During the Christmas party in December, the Raymond Lions Club presented Bob Jones with its 1st Lions Club International Foundation's Melvin Jones Award. This Award was given to Bob for his 7 years of humanitarian efforts with the Raymond Lions Club. He was instrumental in starting the Raymond Lions Club, but his participation in Lions began years before. In the late 1960's he joined the Woodbury, CT, Lions Club at the invitation of his father. In 1978 he moved to Maine and continued his volunteerism as a Rotarian for 5 years. In 1982 he joined the Windham Lions Club, where he served the club in many officer-ship roles including Vice President and

President. In 1995, with the support of the Windham Lions Club, Bob worked for several months organizing the Raymond Lions Club, which was chartered in 1996. He has served this club as President for two terms and Secretary for two terms.

During his years of Lionism, Bob has been a leader in efforts to help others. He has chaired Blood Drives, Speak-out Contests, Candidates nights, Peace Poster contests, and Eye Exam programs for youngsters. His work has also raised many thousands of dollars, which have gone directly to help those in need. The citizens of the communities in which he has lived and



worked have benefited greatly from his efforts and will continue to benefit for years to come.

Thank you, Bob.

Raymond Receives New Public Protection ISO Classification

Recently a new Public Protection Classification (PPC Survey) was conducted in the Town of Raymond. This survey was done by the Insurance Services Office (ISO), a leading supplier of statistical underwriting and actuarial information for the property/casualty insurance industry. Most insurers use PPC Classifications for underwriting and calculating premiums for residential, commercial and industrial properties. The new ISO rating was triggered by significant improvements in the Raymond Fire

Department and the Town's ability to provide improved fire protection services. Changes include the installation of the waterline extension from Windham to the new Public Safety Building and Deep Cove Road. Another major development is the construction of the new Public Safety Building itself. The Fire Department has now moved into the building and relocated all District I fire assets to this facility. Other changes that have occurred since the last ISO rating include a much improved capital

program for new equipment and the enactment of the Fire Protection Ordinance in 1995 and amended in 2001.

ISO's PPC Program evaluates communities according to a uniform set of criteria defined in the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). The criteria utilized incorporates nationally recognized standards developed by the National Fire

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Town Office/Library Building Committee

By: Marcia G. Corradini

Your Town Hall/Library Building Committee met for the first time on January 30 and started to get organized. We identified some specific resources which we will need initially to assist in our effort to determine the needs for Town Hall, and if the Library will become a Town department.

This process, which I am sure will be on-going for some time, will be a thorough and impartial determination of the Town's needs and the most effective, prudent, and cost-conscious approach to meet those needs. We will also be working closely with the Comprehensive Planning Committee to coordinate our efforts. We look forward to

participation by Raymond residents. You can do that by attending our meetings and/or completing and returning the surveys which will appear in the Road Runner as well as be available at the Town Office. We expect that multiple surveys will be created to help us determine your wishes and focus the Committee's efforts. We will also respond generally to all letters. We want Raymond residents to be fully aware of our progress and to provide us with their feedback.

You may contact the Committee by mail addressed to the Town Office at 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071 where we will keep a mail slot; via the Town website at www.raymondmaine.org where you will

find an e-mail link; or by stopping any one of us on the street. The website will also provide copies of our Agendas and Meeting Minutes once adopted. If you would like to raise an issue with the Committee, we will reserve time at each meeting for your informal participation. We are committed to listen impartially to what you have to say. The Road Runner will also provide updates on our progress and notice of our meeting dates and locations which, due to demands on all the volunteers' time, make a regular schedule difficult.

The Committee will meet next on March 20 at the Public Safety Building at 7:00pm. If we don't see you then, Stay Tuned!

News From The Raymond Village Library

The Flying Carpet Travel Series

Our travel plans continue on March 12 at 7pm. The topic is England's Popham Colony: Great Expectations and Unknown Hazards, with John Bradford and Al Morrison. This time we travel in Time as well as Space from early 1600s England to Maine, and back again to England. This attempt to colonize failed due only in part to a very bad Maine winter (sound familiar?).

Popham archaeology site digger-interpreter John Bradford and ethnohistorical-anthropologist Al Morrison join forces to show and tell what is now known about the hopes and realities of the Popham Colony site and its Native neighborhood. This will take place at the Raymond Village Library and all are welcome to share the voyage.

Dr. Seuss Party

There will be a special Dr. Seuss night at the library on March 5 from 6:30 – 7:30. This party will be hosted by Kim Copperthwaite. Kim works with Margaret Mains – Title I specialist at the Raymond Elementary School. There will be stories, games and fun for the whole family.

Raymond Village Library Club Meeting

On Thursday, April 3, the Raymond Village Library Club will hold its first 2003 meeting. This will be at the library at 7pm. For more information, please call the library at 655-4283.

Reading Group

The Reading Group meets on March 27 at 7pm at the library to discuss E.B. White's "One Man's Meat". If you enjoy

reading and having an opportunity to share opinions and ideas with others, please join us. For more Information call Jane at 655-5354.

"The Male Animal," a book review by Claudia Trend

This play takes place in a mid-western college town in the 1940s. It is homecoming weekend, and the big football game, the parade, the tailgate and cocktail parties are all part of the mix. Most of the action, however, takes place in the living room of one professor who is having a crisis of conscience.

Although I found the play in a book of "comedies," it is more than that. I read it once and thought it amusing and nostalgic. Then, after a couple of days, I found myself still thinking about it and suspecting that more lurked behind the scenes in this so-called comedy. I re-read the play (it's not very long) and discovered the following themes masquerading as comedy: 1) Ties of any marriage can be tenuous. 2) How much freedom to teach do teachers possess or to deal with controversial ideas? 3) Misunderstandings can result when stereotypes are substituted for getting to know a person personally. 4) Are men like animals? If so, how much so? And which animals? 5) Is capitalism the Golden Rule, i.e., whoever has the most gold rules? ...and over how money is spent within the college.

Suffice it to say there are many bulky issues cloaked in snappy dialog in this play. The weighty issues are gradually drawn out from the opposing characters with the help of a lot of alcohol (in vino veritas).

Although most of the group found the stage directions an impediment to reading the dialog, we all agreed that it was worth the effort in the end.

Daughters And Moms Enjoy New Book Group

By: Abby Brockelbank & Molly Keane-Dreyer

The Mother-Daughter Book Discussion group was organized last fall and started meeting in January. The girls involved are RES and JSMS 3d, 4th and 5th graders. The books we've read so far have been *Because of Winn-Dixie* and *The Two Princesses of Bamarre*. Through them we have discussed themes about friendship and courage. March's book is *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. Two of our participants contributed the following:

Hi. We're from the Mother-Daughter reading group. The first or second Monday of every month we have a Mother-Daughter reading group meeting. We have our meetings at the Raymond Village Library.

Here are comments from the other people in our group: Molly C. says, "I like that the kids get to choose the books we read, and the decisions, because they help us understand the book more than before the discussion. We get to know other people in the group." Gaia C. says, "I like that we get to spend an hour with our moms. I like getting to know the books a lot better, and the mixture of books we choose, and I like the books we've read so far a lot." Allie R. says, "I like the book group because you get to share your ideas. It's hard to choose the books you read because there are so many good ones." Katie L. says, "Yeah, I like talking about the books, and reading them." Lydia M. says, "I like how everyone can talk, and how I get to spend time with just my mom, which is cool, because I don't get to do that very often." Lucy A. says, "I like how there are no boys there, and how we get to talk about the books we are reading, and that's all." Abby B. says, "I like that it gives me an excuse to read even more!" And Molly K.D. says, "I like how we get to read the books, because I love to read. I also like how everybody makes up so many creative FAT questions!"

We all think this is a very fun program to be involved in.

Got Extra Trash?

The trash policy for pickup in Raymond is two 32-gallon containers. If you have extra, you can purchase blue trash bags at the Town Office for \$1 each. BBI Waste will pick up as many blue bags as you want beyond your two 32-gallon weekly containers.

Raymond Horsemen's Meeting

Thursday, March 27, 2003
7pm at the Town Office

Everyone is invited to join our discussion about subjects of concern to the horsemen in Raymond.

Spring Is Right Around The Corner!

March 2003 Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FB =Fire Barn JS =Jordan-Small KC =Kokatosi Campgnd PS =Public Safety Bldg RE =Raymond Elementary TG =Town Garage RT85 TH =Town Hall VL =Village Library VC =Village Church						1
2	3	4 3:15-4:15PM RE Dance Class 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen	5 12:30-1:45PM RE Karate 12:30-5:00PM Wednesday Ski Program Grades 4-6 6:30-7:30PM VL Dr. Suess 7:00PM RE School Committee	6 9:15AM VL Baby Time 9:45AM VL Toddler Time 10:30AM VL Preschool Story Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	7	8
9	10 7:00PM TH Comprehensive Plan Committee	11 1:30PM RE Grade 1 Music Assembly 3:15-4:15PM RE Dance Class 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting	12 12:30-1:45PM RE Karate 7:00PM VL Flying Carpet Travel Series	13 9:15AM VL Baby Time 9:45AM VL Toddler Time 10:30AM VL Preschool Story Time	14	15
16 10:00AM TH Appeals Board Site Walk	17 7:00PM TH School Committee and Budget/Finance Committee	18 3:15-4:15PM RE Dance Class 7:00PM TH Selectmen 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting	19 9:00AM VL Library Board Meeting 12:30-1:45PM RE Karate 7:00PM JS School Committee	20 9:15AM VL Baby Time 9:45AM VL Toddler Time 10:30AM VL Preschool Story Time 7:00PM PS Building Committee	21	22
23	24 7:00PM TH Appeals Board 7:00PM TH Budget/Finance Committee 7:00PM Comprehensive Plan Committee	25 3:15-4:15PM RE Dance Class 6:30-8:00PM VC Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Conservation Commission	26 12:30-1:45PM RE Karate 5:00-7:00PM RE Academic Fair	27 9:15AM VL Baby Time 9:45AM VL Toddler Time 10:30AM VL Preschool Story Time 7:00PM VL Reading Group 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	28 School 3rd Quarter Ends	29
30	31 7:00PM TH Appeals Board					

Municipal News Brief

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions:

1. Approval of \$3,000 in funding assistance for Raymond Baseball/Softball Association from the Luther Gulick Camps Recreational Fund.
2. Route 302 Improvement Project Bid awarded to Pratt & Sons of Minot, Maine, in the amount of \$1,810,188.25. Town Manager Don Willard reported that work will begin as soon as possible and the intention is for the project to be substantially complete by July 1, 2003.
3. Route 302 Speed Zoning Request – Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) decision. Town Manager Don Willard reported that the MDOT approved a speed reduction in the area of Raymond Beach from 55 mph to 50 mph. This will be between Canal Road and Deep Cove Road.
4. Approval of property tax abatement recommendation to correct an assessment error for Map 8, Lot 112 in the amount of \$3,404.52.
5. Approval of Quit Claim Deed for Map 16, Lot 21, 111 Spring Valley Road.
6. Reviewed and authorized February 11, 2003, Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$133,964.15.

Vial Of Life

By: **Brian C. Elliot, Paramedic**

The Vial Of Life is a program sponsored by the Raymond Fire Department for anyone with medical problems taking prescription medications or who has medication allergies. A small vial, about the size of a prescription bottle, attaches beneath the front right corner of the top shelf of your refrigerator. Inside this vial is the above information, plus next of kin, doctor's name(s), and hospital of choice. A sticker on your refrigerator door alerts Fire/Rescue personnel to this vial. This information is vital in a variety of emergency situations and will decrease the time in getting pertinent patient information and transporting. If you would like more information about the program or would like to receive a Vial Of Life, please call our Dispatch center at 655-7851, and a Fire/Rescue member will contact you to arrange for a meeting to install a vial. There is no fee for this service.

Notice

As of April 1, 2003, names of the owners of all dogs not licensed will appear on a Dog License Warrant put before the Selectmen. At this time the penalty fee will increase to \$10.00. If you no longer have your dog, please call the Town Office at 655-4742 and let us know.

Private Road Associations

The Town of Raymond Code Enforcement Office would like to compile a list of all private road associations in Raymond. From time to time it is necessary to contact people who are responsible for their private road associations. We would also like to be able to inform those associations of anything in which they would be interested. At this time we do not have the information in order to accomplish that.

If you live on a private road with a road association, whether formal or informal, please call the Code Enforcement Office and give them the name of a contact for your road. This information will be used for corresponding with your representative on matters which are important to you and the Town.

Moose Applications

Due By April 1, 2003

Applications for this year's Moose Permits are available at the Town Office or by visiting www.mefishwildlife.com on the Web until 11:59pm, April 1st.

Legal Notice Of Public Hearing

The Town of Raymond, Maine, will hold a public hearing at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at 7pm in the Town Hall, 401 Webbs Mills Road, to consider the submission of a Community Development Block Grant/Community Planning Grant Application, and acceptance of funds from said program. The grant funds will be used to develop a plan that identifies and investigates alternatives for the delivery of public safety services, including regionalized communications. It is anticipated that the Towns of Bridgton, Casco, Harrison, Naples, Raymond and Sebago will be the communities included in the study.

Area Legislator Encourages Use Of "FastFile" System

Representative Joseph Bruno (R-Raymond) is encouraging constituents to consider joining the more than 150,000 Maine taxpayers who use the Maine FastFile system. FastFile, which offers three methods of filing returns, is the quickest and most accurate way for people to file individual returns. Tax returns submitted through FastFile can be processed more quickly and less expensively than traditional paper returns, saving the state money on the cost of processing returns and speeding tax refunds to Maine taxpayers in 14 days or less.

If a taxpayer is due a refund, arrangements can be made through the FastFile system for a direct deposit into a checking or savings account. Likewise, taxpayers who owe taxes can make an electronic payment to the state.

The three FastFile methods include:

* I-File: Maine taxpayers can file their returns on-line for free at www.maine.gov/revenue. The easy-to-follow website requests all the pertinent information and then performs the calculations to determine tax liability.

* E-File: Taxpayers or tax preparers who use software to do Maine Income Taxes can file returns electronically by following the software's instructions.

* TeleFile: Using a touch-tone telephone, Maine taxpayers can file their returns in just a few minutes using the TeleFile system. Taxpayers must first determine their eligibility by reading the instructions on page 6 of the pre-printed Short Form/TeleFile booklet received in the mail. Taxpayers then complete the TeleFile worksheet on page 7 of the booklet and call in the results at (207) 624-7776.

Taxpayers with questions about the Maine FastFile system can call the Maine Revenue Service at (207) 287-2076 or visit the agency's website at www.maine.gov/revenue. People can also contact State Representative Bruno at 655-7443 or by e-mail at jbruno1@Maine.rr.com.

Public Notice Town of Raymond Road Posting

This is to notify you that the Town of Raymond will be closing its roads to vehicles weighing in excess of 23,000 pounds on Friday, February 28, 2003, until the last week of May. Routes 85, 121, and 302 will be exempt from this closure because they are State maintained roads. 29A M.R.S.A. Sec. 2395

For more information, contact Nathan White, Public Works Director, at the Raymond Town Office.

RAYMOND FIRE/RESCUE ACTIVITY LOG

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TYPE OF CALL
1/15/2003	1733	WEBBS MILLS RD	DIFF BREATHING
1/15/2003	817	DAVIS FARM RD	BACK PAIN
1/16/2003	501	WEBBS MILLS RD	CHEST PAIN
1/16/2003	1135	10 LEVY LANE	FIRE STAND-BY
1/16/2003	1410	CRLTON EDWRDS	GEN.ILLNESS
1/17/2003	1627	MYRON HALL RD	GEN.ILLNESS
1/18/2003	1116	EGYPT RD	UNKN. PROBLEM
1/18/2003	1423	WINDING WAY	SEIZURE
1/18/2003	1602	KENTWOOD DR	ALLERGIC REACTION
1/19/2003	626	10 LEVY LANE	FIRE STAND-BY
1/19/2003	1937	M/A GRAY	FIRE STAND-BY
1/20/2003	1825	MEADOW RD	OVERDOSE
1/20/2003	2244	TENNY HILL RD	CO DETECTOR ALARM
1/21/2003	1150	M/A GRAY	FIRE STAND-BY
1/22/2003	1013	BIRCH DR	DIABETIC EMERGENCY
1/22/2003	1139	M/A GRAY	OB IN LABOR
1/23/2003	1640	MOUNTAIN RD	SUBJ INJURED IN FALL
1/25/2003	1524	SWANS RD	GEN.ILLNESS
1/25/2003	2236	M/A CASCO	PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT
1/27/2003	656	ROOSEVELT TRL	CAR ACCIDENT
1/27/2003	1244	M/A CASCO	ATTEMPTED SUICIDE
1/28/2003	2036	WESTVIEW DR	ABDOMINAL PAIN
1/29/2003	1054	ROOSEVELT TRL	SUBJ PASSED OUT
2/3/2003	741	WEBBS MILLS RD	FIRE STAND-BY
2/3/2003	1956	M/A NAPLES	PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT
2/4/2003	2300	GLEN RD	ASSUALT
2/6/2003	142	M/A CASCO	KIDNEY STONES
2/7/2003	1229	VIOLA AVE	POSS. BROKEN LEG.
2/7/2003	1530	PULPIT ROCK RD	SUICIDE
2/8/2003	339	M/A GRAY	ASTHMA ATTACK
2/8/2003	1547	M/A WINDHAM	CHEST PAIN
2/11/2003	415	CROCKETT RD	DIFF BREATHING
2/13/2003	800	CLEARWATER DR	CAR ACCIDENT
2/13/2003	1549	ROOSEVELT TRL	CAR ACCIDENT
2/13/2003	2106	M/A GRAY	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
2/14/2003	1841	ROOSEVELT TRL	FIRE STAND-BY
FIRE			
1/13/2003	1815	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM
1/16/2003	1135	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM/ WATER
1/16/2003	2206	MASON LANE	INVESTIGATION
1/19/2003	626	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM
1/19/2003	1937	M/A GRAY	CHIMNEY FIRE
1/20/2003	1125	ROOSEVELT TRL	NAT.GAS LEAK
1/20/2003	2240	TENNY HILL RD	CO DETECTOR ALARM
1/21/2003	1049	M/A GRAY	CHIMNEY FIRE
1/26/2003	1215	AROUND TOWN	BURNING PERMITS
1/27/2003	656	ROOSEVELT TRL	CAR ACCIDENT
1/28/2003	2036	WESTVIEW RD	RESCUE ASSIST
2/1/2003	2311	ROOSEVELT TRL	WIRESARCHING
2/3/2003	741	SIBLEY RD	TREE DOWN WIRESARCH
2/13/2003	800	CLEARWATER DR	CAR ACCIDENT
2/13/2003	1549	ROOSEVELT TRL	CAR ACCIDENT
2/13/2003	2127	HAWTHORNE RD	SPRINKLER ALARM
2/14/2003	27	HAWTHORNE RD	SPRINKLER ALARM
2/14/2003	1841	ROOSEVELT TRL	FIRE ALARM/ WATER

Applications For Moose Permits Due By April 1

Representative Joseph Bruno (R-Raymond) reminds those interested in taking part in next fall's moose hunting season that they must submit their permit applications to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by April 1. The department will hold a drawing in mid-June to determine the 2,585 permits that will be issued in the 2003 season.

This year's drawing for moose permits is open to those who are eligible to obtain a Maine Big Game Hunting License or will be eligible by the opening day of the moose hunting season. Hunters must be at least 10 years old by the opening day of the season, and people who had a permit in the 2001 or 2002 season are not eligible for this year's drawing.

Those interested in increasing their odds of obtaining a permit can purchase additional chances. Maine residents can purchase three chances for \$10 and six chances for \$20. Multiple chance resident applicants must possess a valid Maine Big Game License. In addition, those who have been chosen in past drawings going back to the 1998 season may receive an additional chance for each unsuccessful season.

Those interested in applying for a moose permit may request an application by calling the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at 287-8000. Applications can also be filled out on-line at <http://www.informe.org/ifw/moosepermit.html>. People with questions or in need of assistance can contact State Representative Bruno at 655-7443.

Watershed Forum To Be Held In April

The Raymond Conservation Commission, with support from the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District, will be hosting a Watershed Forum in April. The purpose of the forum will be three fold:

1. Update the community and Raymond's decision makers on watershed projects that have been completed with grant funds from Maine DEP and USEPA (25 minutes – PowerPoint Slide Show by the CCSWCD),
2. Present an outline of our proposal for the expanded Lakes Protection Ranger program (5 minutes - RCC),
3. Most importantly, gain input from the Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Comprehensive Plan Committee and the general public on how we can best secure lake and watershed protection in Raymond on a long term sustainable basis (up to 1.5 hours - facilitator).

The forum will be from 7 to 9pm and be run by a natural resource facilitator to keep us all on track. The dates are either April 22 or 29. Final details for the location (we are hoping for a comfortable setting at a local establishment) and date will be posted in the April Road Runner.

Note that regular RCC meetings are wide open to the public and have been moved to the last Wednesday of each month. Given Raymond's rapid growth, we need support from the community for our important conservation projects. For more information on the forum or other Conservation Commission initiatives, please call John Rand (655-4277) or Elizabeth Algeo (655-6965).

We look forward to the Town's participation in this important and unique evening.

I Love A Parade...

That's right... everyone loves a parade.

In celebration of Raymond's 200th birthday party we are going to have a parade. This will be in conjunction with the activities planned for June 21st. The theme is a community parade, and we need your participation. We are looking for anyone interested in putting together a float or any other display. Please don't limit your ideas to just the organized groups but think about maybe a neighborhood float or a group of people that bike, run, ski, play basketball, sing, read, etc. We are open to all ideas. Please call Brenda (655-4670) or Karyn (655-3926).

Free Snowmobile Safety Course

Open to the public for all ages.
March 6th, 13th, and 20th
 This is a three-part course.
Certificates awarded upon completion.
6pm To 8:30pm. At the Jordan-Small Middle School in Raymond.

Hosted by the Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club
 &
 Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Please contact the Raymond Rattlers Safety Director Michelle Carver at 655-2053 if you are interested in attending.

Raymond Lions Club February Student Of The Month

Julia Comeau, of the Jordan-Small Middle School, was selected and recognized by the Raymond Lions Club as its Student of the Month for February.

Julia and her family moved to Raymond from Lewiston in 1998. She lives with her parents and two brothers. Julia has a love of art and creativity in all its forms. She loves to draw and to create art and crafts. Next year she plans to attend Westbrook High School



because of its strong Arts and Vocational programs.

Helping her neighbors and community by being involved in many aspects is enjoyed by this Lions Student of the Month. Julia wants to go on to college and perhaps become a best-selling author or, perhaps, a reporter for one form of the media.

The Raymond Lions wish Julia the very best in her future endeavors.

ISO Classification

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Protection Association and the American Water Works Association. Using the FSRS, ISO objectively reviews the fire suppression capabilities of a community and assigns a public protection classification. This classification is a number from one to ten. Class One represents exemplary fire protection and Class Ten indicates that an area's fire suppression program does not meet minimum recognition criteria.

The FSRS allocates credit by evaluating the following three major elements: 1.) Fire alarm and communication systems. This review accounts for 10% of the total classification. The primary focus is upon a community's facilities and support for handling and dispatching fire alarms. 2) Fire Department. This review accounts for 50% of the total classification score and focuses upon items such as engine companies, ladder or service companies, distribution of fire stations and fire companies, equipment carried on apparatus, pumping capacity, reserve apparatus, department manning and training. 3.) Water supply systems accounts for the remaining 40% of the total classification. Evaluating the available water supply used for fire suppression, including hydrant size, type and installation as well as the inspection frequency and condition of fire hydrants, develops the score.

In many communities the ISO rating is represented as a split classification if fire protection levels vary within the

community. In Raymond the previous classification was a 9/10. We are very pleased to report and announce that Raymond's new classification will be a 5/8B. This is a substantial improvement over the former classification. What this means to Raymond residents is that they will benefit from both greatly improved community fire suppression services as well as lower insurance rates for both commercial and residential property owners.

Since Raymond is a community classified on a split system, two rates will apply. The first class, in Raymond's case, Class 5, applies to properties located within approximately five road miles of a fire station and also within 1,000' of a fire hydrant. The second class, in Raymond's case, Class 8B, applies to properties beyond the 1,000' limit of a fire hydrant but within five-miles of a fire station. ISO generally assigns communities outside a defined distance to a fire station as a Class 10. Since Raymond maintains both District I and District II, all properties within the Town are within the minimum distance requirements of a fire station. Properties along Route 302 in the area of the waterline benefit directly from being compliant with both proximity to a water source and the new Public Safety Building.

The Fire Department has worked hard to improve our fire suppression capabilities and related public safety services. Residents are encouraged to contact their insurance carrier to make them aware of the rating change. Detailed information about the Insurance Services Office (ISO) report may be obtained directly from Town Manager Don Willard at 655-6994 or don.willard@raymondmaine.org or from Fire Chief Denis Morse at 655-7851.

Nomination Papers Are Available

Nomination papers for election of officers for the next Annual Town Meeting are available at the Town Office. Positions to be elected are Selectman (1), School Committee (2), Budget/Finance Committee (3). Papers need to have not less than 25 signatures and not more than 100 on them. You can pick up the nomination papers during regular business hours at the Town Office. The deadline for submission of papers is Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at 7pm.

Veterans Property Tax Exemption

Veterans, widows, orphans, did you know that according to Maine Veteran Law Title 36 Chapter 105 Property Tax Exemption, Veterans of WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam when reaching the age of 62 or when they receive any pension or compensation from the U.S. Government for total disability are entitled to an exemption? This exemption applies to veterans' un-remarried widow, or minor children, gold star mothers and paraplegic veterans. To find out if you qualify for this exemption, contact the Raymond Assessing Office at 655-4712.

Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club

By: Jeff Weeks, Club President

We had a successful Poker Run on January 25th. About 60 snowmobiles participated and traveled the 18-mile loop on our trail system. We appreciate all your safe riding and supporting of our club.

Congratulations go out to our winners. First place went to David Aberle of Wilmington, MA. Second and third place winners went to our own club members Nichelle Gardner and Sandy Clark. The Rattlers would like to extend a thank you to all the local businesses who contributed items for door prizes, and especially to all our club members who made this event a success. Hats off to our grooming crew. Your long hours and dedication to our trails went way beyond the call of duty. You should feel proud of your work. It certainly paid off with all the positive comments we received.

On February 1, we had our club fun ride. It was a cloudy but a seasonable day as the Weeks, the Carvers and the Weinbergs took off and enjoyed a 70-mile loop across the Lake Region trail system. We checked out Bridgton's Winter Carnival on Highland Lake and enjoyed a leisurely lunch in Naples on our return trip home.

Raymond has approximately 300 registered snowmobiles. The Rattlers currently have 58 paid memberships of which 14 are business memberships. New memberships are always welcomed. It is never too late to join the club and show your support for the trails you ride on.

Check out our web page for our club news and upcoming events. The web address is www.raymondmaine.org, click on Recreation then find the Raymond Rattlers. Thank you, Elisa Trepanier, for all your hard work keeping our website updated. We could not have done this without your help and support.

Did You Know?

By: Julia Comeau

Editor's Note: This month's student columnist and writer of excellence, Julia Comeau, is an 8th grader at Jordan-Small Middle School. An avid writer since first grade, Julia especially enjoyed interviewing another writer, Liza Hobbs, on the poet's recent visit to Raymond Elementary School. One of Julia's hobbies is reading, especially science fiction, and she also excels in art, where she particularly enjoys oil, pastel, and chalk. She plans to attend Westbrook High School next year.

You may have heard about Longfellow or Poe, but did you know we have our very own poet here in Raymond? Elizabeth – or Liza – Hobbs is a published poet who lives right in Raymond on Panther Pond. She enjoys writing free verse, a form of poetry without rhyme. In this fashion, she has composed a collection of poetry that is still in the process of being compiled into a series of books.

"I didn't even know I was going to write," said Ms. Hobbs, referring to the beginning of her career. Her first writing success came when a local newspaper offered her twenty-five dollars for one of her pieces. She was also very inspired to write when Mt. St. Helens erupted in 1980. "You couldn't see the color," she said. "Everything was just white, everywhere."

Often a sight such as that of Mt. St. Helens's aftermath, as well as other sensory experiences, will inspire Ms. Hobbs to start writing. "I write everywhere," she said. She often incorporates her own experiences into her work.

This intriguing woman also enjoys working with students. "I am amazed at what people find in my poetry," she commented while discussing her visit to Raymond Elementary School on February 10th.

When asked if she had any advice for young writers today, she had plenty of good insight to give: "Read! Read a lot! Reading was my major pleasure when I was a kid. Listen to what people say, and notice what's around you. Be aware of your senses."

She also mentioned writing letters to people and keeping copies of them. "There are numerous triggers for inspiration; you just have to find the right ones."

Some of her works are already out in a collection called *Poems from the Lake*. This particular book is also available with a CD of Ms. Hobbs reading her own poetry. The newest compilation of her poetry, *A Craving for the Goatman*, is based on Greek mythology and will be available by March of 2003. Those interested may find both works in such local stores as Cricket's Corner, Cry of the Loon, and Cottage Industries.

I strongly encourage you to take a look at what Liza Hobbs's work has to offer. She is very talented and an extraordinary woman.



Eighth grader writer of excellence stands with Raymond poet Liza Hobbs after Ms. Hobbs's visit with students at Raymond Elementary School. Julia holds a copy of Ms. Hobbs's publication, *Poems from the Lake*.

Book Buddies

After teaching a freshman class at Saint Joseph's College in Standish, Mrs. Tounge and Mrs. Malnati invited the students to meet their third graders at Raymond Elementary. The freshmen will be e-mail buddies with the

third graders and will be reading and discussing *Charlotte's Web* and *The Trumpet of the Swan* by E.B. White. The program will finish in April with a book buddy lunch and other culminating activities at Saint Joseph College.



When The Assessor Knocks And No One Is Home

The Raymond Board of Selectmen serves as the Board of Assessors. The Board has a number of duties, most importantly assessing property values throughout town. The Board employs O'Donnell and Associates, a private company, to assist with this effort. Employees from O'Donnell and Associates visit hundreds of properties each year to update values. On many occasions, visits to residential properties occur when no one is home. The standard practice for assessing properties when no one is home includes measuring the buildings, determining the quality and condition of the buildings (with the interior estimated through window views), and taking a picture.

Founders Day Committee Getting Underway

The Raymond Founders Day Committee is making plans to celebrate Raymond's 200th Birthday. Subcommittees are being formed and more volunteers are needed.

Ideas for celebration activities are welcomed, and anyone who wishes to participate in the planning and organization of these events is being sought. Please come to our next meeting on Thursday, March 27th at 7pm at the Town Office and join the fun. For more information call Deb Cutten 655-2877 or Sue Ellen Gendron 655-4463.

Rabies Clinic Vaccinates More Pets

By: Louise Lester, Town Clerk

On Saturday, January 25th Dr. Jim Stephenson, his wife Judy, and members of his staff from Jordan Bay Animal Hospital vaccinated a total of 49 dogs and 30 cats. Nancy Yates from the Town Office provided dog licensing with 39 dogs being licensed in Raymond.

Blue Seal Feeds in South Windham provided free 4 pound bags of several types of dog food for the participants to take home. Raymond's thanks go to Blue Seal Feeds for their donation.

**Raymond Rattlers
Snowmobile Club
2nd Annual Pig Roast
Date: March 15th
Time: 2pm to 4pm
Location: Kokatosi Campground**

**Tickets must be purchased in advance.
FMI call 655-4400 and ask for Jeff.**

Mentoring Program Goes Shoeing And Swimming

One of the goals of the mentoring program is to get out and move! We accomplished that in a couple of different ways this past month by strapping on snowshoes for a hike around by RES and by splashing around in the Colonial Mast Pool (but not all in one day!). Along with these kinds of group activities, mentors spend one on one time with students for an hour or so a week. We currently have 14 pairs involved in the program, with a few more matches in progress.

each other, try new things together and gain different perspectives. These "Big Brother-Big Sister" types of relationships also send the clear message to our youth that they are valued. Raymond does well with this message through the work of the schools, Raymond Recreation, Scouts, Baseball and other groups; we simply offer an alternative way to spend time doing healthy activities with youth.



Keisha and Alisa try out snowshoeing.

The main idea of the Mentoring Partnership is to support friendships between older and younger people. Both the mentors and the mentees learn from

To learn more about mentoring, you can reach Lori Rand or Debra Martin at 655-8672 ext. 107, or stop by our office at the Raymond Elementary School.

Raymond Tomorrow!

By: Brad McCurtain
Co-Chair, Raymond's Comprehensive Planning Committee

Your Comprehensive Planning Committee and Planning Board recently held a joint meeting. In addition to attendance by the Committee and Planning Board members, Town Manager Don Willard, Fire Chief, Dennis Morse, and Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper all joined us. Bob Faunce, Raymond's Planner, gave an excellent presentation of the residential and commercial growth that has occurred in our community.

In 1892, there were 242 structures (homes). Approximately half of these were seasonal and half were year round residents. In 1975, there were 1607 structures, approximately half of which were still seasonal. By 2001, there were 2,560 structures. And by now, most of these structures have become year-round homes.

Using the 25-year growth rate, Raymond can expect another 953 residences between 2000 and 2025. The question we all need to ask is, "Where will these structures be built?"

According to Town officials, most of the lakefront lots have been built out. Many of the desirable lots have been built out also. Now, we are beginning to see homes built on our scenic vistas and in areas where the terrain is challenging. Fire Chief Morse is concerned that his volunteer fire and rescue trucks cannot reach some of these newer structures and their inhabitants because of the quality and grade of their access roads.

The tools of the 1991 Comprehensive Plan don't seem to have worked as effectively as we would have all liked, according to Faunce. The 10-year growth pattern is alarming. It averaged about 48 new structures per year, a third more than the 25-year average! In addition, Jack Cooper estimated that there were 60 building permits in 2002, nearly twice the 25-year average. What's more, 83% of the growth is occurring where it wasn't supposed to occur—outside of the designated growth areas

Of course, setting aside the question of "where?" for the moment. The real questions to be asking are, "What will this growth do to

- the need for greater municipal services?
- the traffic on our roads?
- our excellent school system?
- What pressures will this growth place on our remaining open space and natural resources?
- Who will pay for the costs of all of this growth?"

The answers are that the quality of life for those who live in and love Raymond as it is today will unquestionably deteriorate, if this growth continues to occur as it wants. There will be even heavier traffic speeding through your neighborhood, more crowded waterways, more crowded classes at school, Town officials who will likely no longer

know us on a first name basis, more traffic lights, lower speed limits, more houses, more businesses, fewer trees and less open space, and great pressure on all of our natural resources.

But, don't plan on your taxes going down as a result of all these added taxpayers. A look at other neighboring communities in York and Cumberland County who have experienced significant commercial and residential growth tells us that not only will our quality of life deteriorate as a result of this growth and development, but also each of us will see our property taxes increase greatly. Few communities in Maine have as low a tax mil rate as does Raymond. If and when our community builds out as the recent growth patterns suggest that it will, your property tax mil rate is apt to increase to levels that are comparable with other communities, which would take it 30-50% higher—just on the mil rate alone. That does not include the normal real estate tax inflation that occurs simply because our real estate increases in value each year. The increase in the mil rate will be a tax increase to cover the added costs of municipal services to subsidize those who wish to move into and further develop our community!

Some say that commercial growth is the solution. Show us a community in Maine where the tax rate has gone down as a result of bringing more commerce into the community. Not only has it not happened, but more commerce means more people moving into the community to fill those jobs, which in turn drives more growth and further development.

We are fortunate in Raymond to have so much waterfront property. These property tax payers pay a disproportionate amount of the community's taxes, compared to other communities in Maine. And, because non-residents own so much of Raymond's property, there is little burden placed on municipal services by these non-residents. That is what has kept our taxes at reasonable levels throughout the growth. If the growth continues as it has in the recent past, though, this property will no longer be as valuable and you can expect the tax burden to shift to the remaining taxpayers as it has in other communities that have had unchecked growth.

Your Comprehensive Planning Committee is hard at work on solutions that will give your elected and appointed officials the tools to manage Raymond's growth. We're working hard to write policies that will create incentives to preserve the wonderful qualities about our community, to channel growth into designated growth areas, and to provide disincentives for growth that would break up the Town's remaining open space and woods and negatively impact our natural resources and your quality of life.

You are encouraged to share your comments with us at compplan@raymondmaine.org. Visit our web site. Subscribe to our periodic e-mail updates. Attend one or more of the Comprehensive Planning Committee meetings. You don't have to serve on a committee. But, don't you at least owe it to yourself and your children to make your views known to us now, while we are drafting the Plan's updates? Why complain? Instead, speak up and share your thoughts.

We're Having A Music Assembly At Raymond Elementary School

On Tuesday, March 11th, the students in our 1st and 2nd grade classes will present a music assembly for your enjoyment. Students will sing, move, and perform instrument parts that they have learned in music class. Mrs. Gordan hopes that parents and friends can join us for this 1:30pm Music Assembly.

Raymond Elementary School 1st Quarter Honor Roll

Grade 3 Honors

Robert Cave
Gaia Cloutier
Ian Dixon
Ryan Hoffman
Timothy Morris
Tyler Nadeau
Gerogia Noonan
Allison Rand
Joshua Waldron
Erik Woodbrey
Kelsea Carter
Angelica Demers
Jacob Desjardin
Nicholas MacDonald
Zuri Murphy
Tyler Peerson
Spencer Reynolds
Cory Schweitzer
CourtneyTardiff
Sasha VanBaars
Alan Wardwell
Riley Williamson
Tianna McInnis
Kevin Sutton
Corrie VanHaasteren
Casey Hutchinson
Jordan Parker
Dakota Partridge
Jeremy Peavey
Shannon Pike
Sarah Small
LonnieTaylor
Elliot Valente
Lucy Algeo
Sam Brockelbank
Parker Gendron
Abbey Gillis
Clare Valente

Grade 3 High Honors

Robert Lentine
Jenna Richardson
Natalie Sukhi

Natalie VanBaars

Bailey Odum
Lindsey Hughes

Grade 4 Honors

Sam Mayer
Haley Acker
Spencer Brown
Bryan Peterson
Lauren Trickey
Tyler Remalia
Jackie Guiseley
Abigail Streeter
Christopher MacDonald
Alyssa ElHajji
Kyle Hargreaves
Lydia Manchester
Joshua Christy
Molly Cloutier
A.J. Edgecomb
Colin Gordan
Jenna Martyn-Fisher
Alysha Orsini
Amy Ouellette
Andrew Bennett
Jennifer Cobb
John Grondin
Kelley Handy
Delaney Kenny
Abigail Morneault
Alex Parker
Cory Parker
Ben Sadak
Lindsay Webber
Justin Winslow

Grade 4 High Honors

Deanna Weeks
Olivia Hurd
Cassandra Gordan
Daniel Connor
Drew Gagnon
Tyler Winde
Elizabeth Shively
Samantha Zawistowski

Scholastic Book Fair

Jordan-Small Middle School
Dates: March 10th – 14th, 2003
Times: Mon - Wed 7:30 – 3:00
Thursday 7:30am – 8pm
Friday 1:00 – 3:00

Raymond Elementary School
Dates: March 24th – March 28th, 2003
Times: Monday – Friday 8:30-4:00,
Family Night: Wednesday 5:00 – 8:00

Come pre-order your copy of
"Harry Potter and the Order of the
Phoenix"
Coming out June 21st!

Every book purchase receives a raffle
ticket for a chance to win books and
posters.

Pick out books for your summer reading...

Proceeds support the Raymond PTA
Everyone is welcome!

Attention Raymond Property Owners

In 1998 the 118th Session of the Maine State Legislature enacted significant property tax relief in the form of the Homestead Exemption. Qualified residents have the assessed value of their "homestead" reduced by \$6,650, adjusted by the municipal assessing ratio. Last year a substantial number of Raymond property owners took advantage of this program and had their property taxes reduced.

Qualified residents must apply to their local assessor prior to April 1, 2003, for the 2002 tax year. They must have owned a homestead in Maine for at least twelve months and declare their Raymond residence to be their only permanent residence. *If you have previously applied for this exemption, you do not need to reapply.*

Please contact the Assessing Office at 655-4712 to receive an application or visit our web site at www.raymondmaine.org.

Artist To Visit Raymond Elementary School

By: Jesse Romanoff Burton, RES Art Teacher

On Friday, March 14th, artist Kevin Hawkes will be visiting Raymond Elementary School. We are very excited about this special day. Kevin Hawkes is a brilliant children's book illustrator as well as an author. Mr. Hawkes has been honored with numerous picture book awards. On the day of his visit, Kevin will be giving five presentations, one to each of our grades. The presentations will include originals, sketches, dummy books, paintings and discussions of how to turn story ideas into illustrations! In preparation of our visiting artist, the entire school will be creating artwork that brings illustrations from the book *Weslandia* to life. The students will also be familiar with many other books that Kevin Hawkes has worked on. Thank you to the members of the PTA for their support of this event.

Raymond Elementary School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Grade 3 Honors

Zachary Gilman
Jordan Parker
Dakota Partridge
Shannon Pike
Sarah Small
Tyler Stevens
Elliot Valente
Natalie VanBaars
Kelsea Carter
Angelika Demers
Jacob Desjardins
Zuri Murphy
Tyler Peterson
Kelly Pike
Spencer Reynolds
Alan Wardwell
Riley Williamson
Courtney Tardiff
Ian Dixon
Tyde Hall
Ryan Hoffman
Joshua Waldron
Timothy Morris
Tyler Nadeau
Georgia Noonan
Allison Rand
Erik Woodbrey
Lucy Algeo
Sam Brockelbank
Abbey Gillis
Clare Valente
Morgan Knights
Tianna McInnis
Kevin Sutton

Grade 3 High Honors

Casey Hutchinson
Lindsey Hughes
Jeremy Peavey
Bailey Odum
Robert Cave

Robert Lentine
Gaia Cloutier
Jenna Richardson
Corey Schweitzer
Sasha VanBaars
Natalie Sukhi
Corrie Van Haasteren

Grade 4 Honors

Daniel Connor
Mollissa Dreyer
Alyssa ElHajij
Kyle Hargreaves
Weston Masi
Tyler Winde
Haley Acker
Abigail Streeter
Cassandra Gordan
Lauren Trickey
Christopher MacDonald
Spencer Brown
Deanna Weeks
Jackie Guiseley
Tyler Remalia
Sam Mayer
Olivia Hurd
Bryan Peterson
Josh Christy
Molly Cloutier
Haley Durkan
A.J. Edgcomb
Colin Gordan
Jenna Martyn-Fisher
Dylan Richards
Kelley Handy
Abigail Morneault
Lindsay Webber
Samantha Zawistowski

Grade 4 High Honors

Drew Gagnon
Elizabeth Shively

Jordan-Small Middle School Literacy Corner

**Mark A. Cyr, Literacy Specialist
m.cyr@raymondmaine.org**

Studying: A Key to Success... Ways Parents Can Help

**By: Ann Erickson, Reading Director
St. Peter, Minnesota Public Schools**

Part One

One of the most important gifts parents can give their children is help in learning to study effectively. Good study habits can bring success and satisfaction during school years, and they may bring the same rewards in the working world. Study habits are simply a set of tools that can be used to help increase the amount of information learned and prolong the length of time information is remembered. The benefits of good study habits can grow throughout the years.

Encourage the Study Habit

Studying needs to become a habit, and parents can do many things to help children develop this habit. The study habit does not come naturally to most people. It takes work and time to develop. Because good study habits are keys to success in school, they are worth the effort on the part of students and parents.

When Should the Study Habits Begin?

It's never too early, and it's never too late! The easiest time for parents to begin building the study habit is before a child starts school. Set aside the same time every day - a time for quiet activities like drawing, painting, coloring, reading books together, stringing buttons or any other activities the child enjoys. Keep items in a box or bag that can be easily carried to a quiet spot. When a child begins school, this "quiet time" becomes "study time" and the box will contain supplies needed for homework. But it's never too late!

Next month: Make Your Home A Good Place for Studying

Raymond Elementary School Academic Fair

The Raymond Elementary School Faculty invites Parents, Community Members and Friends to this year's Academic Fair on Wednesday, March 26, from 5 - 7pm at the Raymond Elementary School. Join us for student art displays and other exhibits that demonstrate student learning and achievement.

Kindergarten Screening At The Raymond Elementary School

Appointments are now being taken for kindergarten screening. If you are a current Raymond resident and have a child who will be 5 years old on or before October 15, 2003, and will be entering kindergarten in the fall, then please call the Superintendent of Schools office at 655-8666 to schedule a screening appointment for the afternoon of April 30 or May 7. Additional information will also be provided by Peggy Jensen, Home-School Coordinator, in the *Preschool Newsletter*. Please call Mrs. Jensen at 655-8672 ext. 108 if you are new to the Raymond School District or have not yet scheduled your home visit.

- Monday, April 28: Parents Informational Meeting for Kindergarten Screening at 7pm in the Raymond Elementary School cafeteria
- Wednesday Afternoon, April 30: Kindergarten Screening at 1pm or 2:30pm
- Wednesday Afternoon, May 7: Kindergarten Screening at 1pm or 2:30pm

Friday Night Ski Program A Success

By: Peter Walgreen, Director of Friday Skiing

The Raymond Recreation Friday night ski program at Shawnee Peak was a wonderful success again this year. There were 100 participants, the largest program ever, and the snow was wonderful. Many thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen: Paul Godwin, Paul Follensbee, Ingo Hartig, Dave Gagne, Ken Gilmore, Lorna Dunn, Mark Winslow, Dave Blanchard, and Nancy Boucher. In addition to students in grades 7-12, we also welcomed several families into the program who skied together for their family recreation. I would like to especially thank the students who participated, who were polite and friendly as always and made the volunteers' efforts even more worthwhile. We have great kids in Raymond; thank you.

Poland Varsity Cheering Class B Champions

By: Candi Scripture

Raymond students Ashley Christie and Angie Scripture represented our Town and Poland Regional High during the competitive season. Ashley, a sophomore, and Angie, a freshman, soared to the top with their team to win the Class B Western Regional Championships in Augusta on January 25. The squad's undisputed high score of 77.5 earned PRHS their first championship in this sport and brought to attention the team's unity, tight choreography and "springy" tumbling. When it was discovered that a Class C squad had incorporated elements of their routine, the PRHS squad worked hard and fast to make changes in preparation for the State competition. Despite all odds, the PHRS team surpassed Old Town's score of 74.00 to take the 2nd place title behind 1st place winners from Rockland in Bangor on February 8th. Congratulations to all of the girls and coach Tiffany Fournier for titles well deserved!

Local Students Perform In The Windham Center Stage Theater

The Windham Center Stage Theater presents the "Adventures of Peter Pan." Five Jordan-Small Middle School students will be performing: Hillary Orr will play an "Indian"; Harmony Brown performs as "Pirate #2"; Hannah Huber is the lost boy "Tootles"; Katie Eastman is the lost boy "Slightly"; and Grant Dodge is the wicked "Captain Hook." You can see these talented thespians perform Saturday, March 8, 15, and 22, at 2pm and 6pm and Sunday March 9, 16, and 23, at 2pm. The performance will be at the Windham Community Center, 8 School Road, Windham. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students, and \$3 for pre-school children. Call 893-2098 to reserve your tickets.

Raymond Extended Day Program 2003 Summer Registration

Registration for the R.E.D. 2003 Summer Program is right around the corner. For all current R.E.D. families (this includes all families currently enrolled in the 2002-2003 school year program), enrollment will be the week of March 24, 2003. For all new families wishing to enroll, registration will be the week of March 31, 2003, and will be on a first come, first served basis. Registration packets will be available at Raymond Elementary and Jordan-Small Middle Schools in the main offices, and can also be picked up from R.E.D. during program hours. All program fees, hours of operation, etc. will be listed in these packets. Should you have any other questions, please call Kristi Curtis, program director, at 655-3203, or e-mail red@raymondmaine.org.

Substitute Janitors

Applications are now being taken for Substitute Custodians at the Raymond Elementary and Jordan-Small Middle Schools.

Please call the Superintendent's Office at 655-8666 to request an application. For more information contact Rick Dwinnell Head Custodian at 655-8672 after 2pm.

North Yarmouth Academy Receives Grant From Raymond Residents

Peter W. Mertz, Headmaster of North Yarmouth Academy (NYA), announced today that the school has received a leadership gift of \$1 million toward its capital campaign from Priscilla and Michael Savage of Raymond, Maine, and Boston, Massachusetts. The gift is the largest ever made to the Academy, an independent college preparatory day school serving students from 41 communities in southern Maine. "We feel very pleased and honored that Mike and Cilla Savage have made such an outstanding financial commitment to North Yarmouth Academy's campaign," said Mertz. Ford S. Reiche, president of the NYA Board of Trustees, added, "This leadership gift from the Savages has given us a tremendous start to our fundraising effort."

Priscilla Savage, a trustee of North Yarmouth Academy, said, "NYA means a lot to me. I served as Head of the Middle School from 1989 - 1997, and as Interim Head of School in 2000-01. Our family has been involved with NYA for the past twenty years, and we have been pleased at the continuing improvements the school has made in its academic, athletic and arts programs. Our two sons graduated from NYA: Andrew in 1988 and James in 1990; and the education they received at the Academy prepared them well for college and for life."

"We are very excited about NYA's future plans," said Michael Savage, an honorary trustee at NYA and co-chair of the capital campaign. "Half of our gift will support the renovation of an existing building to become the new Middle School, and half will be a challenge grant, to establish a new named endowment fund which will support faculty salaries. There are excellent teachers at NYA, and I recognize and endorse the need for a permanent endowment which will generate income each year to help keep faculty salaries at a competitive level."

Margot Milliken, NYA trustee and co-chair of the campaign with Mr. Savage, noted that the new Middle School will be named the "Priscilla Savage Middle School," and it will open for the new school year in September 2003. "We are delighted to be able to honor Cilla in this way, and to recognize her service to the Academy as teacher, administrator and trustee. The Savages have led the way with a historic gift to NYA, and we are all grateful for their



Ford S. Reiche, President, Board of Trustees, Priscilla and Michael Savage, and Peter W. Mertz, Headmaster

visionary leadership and generous support."

The design/build team of Scott Simons Architects and Benchmark Inc. has been selected for the building project. The two firms, both from Portland, Maine, have designed and built a number of educational facilities. "We are delighted to be working with NYA," said Scott Simons. "We feel our design for the renovation of the Middle School will serve the students and faculty well, and be an enhancement to NYA's campus."

Founded in 1814, North Yarmouth Academy is an independent, college-preparatory, coeducational day school serving 277 students in grades six through twelve. The school offers a structured program that sets clear

standards and high expectations in an environment that emphasizes values of mutual respect, trust and community. North Yarmouth Academy is dedicated to fostering integrity, character and intellect in young adults.

With the move to the new Priscilla Savage Middle School building next fall, NYA will be adding a new section to its sixth grade. Applications are now being accepted for fall 2003 enrollment. For application information, or to schedule a personal campus visit, please call the Admission Office at (207) 846-2376.

Troop 800 Report

By: Elijah Hughes, Troop Scribe

This month our troop participated in the Klondike Derby, an outdoor competition. About fifteen of our boys participated along with some of Pack 800's Webelos. Several adults and older scouts set up and ran the obstacle course, while others went with our sled teams. The other stations were fire-building, wood chopping relay, and snow volleyball. I am sure the other scouts would agree with me that it was very icy and cold.

At our winter Court of Honor the Webelos from Pack 800 visited. The scouts who participated in the Merit Badge College, a place for scouts to earn merit badges, got their merit badges. All of the scouts participated in a pre-chosen skit. They were creative and interesting.

Also this month we went snowshoeing in Augusta at the Arboretum on the 16th. It was cold but just the same sunny, and I'm sure we had fun. Thank you all who helped in the fishing derby fundraiser. People helped at this fundraiser by cooking, serving, selling, cleaning up etc. The proceeds helped fund our Gettysburg trip. We dropped off bottles at Pat Man's Redemption Ctr. on Rt. 115 in Windham. It is not too late! Drop bottles off there and say they are for Troop 800 Raymond, Maine, or call Tom Wiley, our scoutmaster, at 655-2048.



Scouts from the two sleds that represented Troop 800 in the annual Klondike Derby



Gray - New Gloucester Adult Education Satellite Classes

Coming soon to Raymond!

Genealogy Watercolors Computer Basics!

Class times and locations will be announced soon! Call 657-2620 for more info or e-mail: jtremberth@securspeed.net

New Owners Of Fairpoint, The Private Day Resort

Right here in the town of Raymond located on Notched Pond is a unique facility offering a combination of food, facilities and recreation to its guests.

Owned and operated by the Stevens brothers; Robert & family, Michael & family and Matthew, Fairpoint is truly a family run business. The Stevens purchased Fairpoint in October of 2002, with Robert & family and brother Matthew becoming Raymond residents this past November.

Fairpoint is now open all year long and to more than just corporate clientele. Hosting only one group at a time and by reservation only, Fairpoint will continue the tradition of their lobster bakes and barbeques. Fairpoint offers banquets, luncheons, reunions, meetings, birthday parties, retirement parties, and weddings. Fairpoint now offers many buffet options for your event for anything from a breakfast meeting to a holiday party.

Tucked in a secluded yet accessible location, Fairpoint is perched on water's edge of Notched Pond. Recreation abounds with swimming and boating on the crystal clear waters of the spring fed pond. Other offerings include basketball, volleyball, horseshoes and, softball, to name a few.

For more information call Fairpoint at 998-2775.