What Better Time To Say “Good-bye”?  

In this the final issue of the town’s monthly newspaper, the Road Runner staff is proud to bring you news of Raymond’s Bicentennial events and celebrations, most of which will take place on June 21. Raymond’s citizens and visitors will pause that day to take a look back at the town’s beginnings and to trace its path over the 200 years that lead to the present.

Perhaps we’ll feel nostalgic as the day’s events and displays bring a flood of memories, or we’ll feel envious of those who lived in a “simpler” time. But whether you or not you’re calling the past – our own or others’ – with complete accuracy, the fact remains that the day will end and we’ll take a deep breath and once again be faced with today’s challenges.

“Can anybody remember when the times were not hard and money not scarce?” ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Raymond is facing some tough choices, where sometimes there is a “bad” or a “worse” but not a “good.” Thoughtful, well-informed town employees, committee members and volunteers seek to define the issues and to bring the solutions to thoughtful, well-informed voters who will then shape and direct Raymond’s future. With this in mind, the Road Runner staff wants to leave our readers with the admonition: BE INFORMED!

The greatest obstacle to discovery is not ignorance — it is the illusion of knowledge. ~ Daniel Boorstin

It was the purpose of this publication to fill part of the “information gap” by providing space to anyone who had a legitimate need to get a message to Raymond residents. You may have relied on our presence in your mailbox each month to help you round out, balance and temper the information you heard in coffee shops or saw on roadside signs. In our absence it may be a bit less convenient, but is no less important, to stay in touch, for example by visiting Raymond’s website, or with phone calls and e-mail notes to town officials, or by attending town committee meetings.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” ~ Margaret Mead

Showing up at Town Meeting, picking up an Annual Report, seeing a warrant article for the first time and then voting on it does NOT constitute an informed or responsible decision. Was May’s Town Meeting “pure democracy at work”? Were the principles of “free speech” observed and honored? Find out yes or no, why or why not. Be informed, be interested, be curious – and above all else work to give the proper weight to facts and opinions. Feeling you don’t know what’s going on can open your mind; then be sure to grant yourself the opportunity to learn.

“Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.” ~ James Madison

Thank You

The staff of the Road Runner would like to thank all of those who have contributed over the past five years. You have made this a wonderful paper and we are saddened to see the last issue published.

A special thank you to Laurie Forbes for all of her time in proofreading each issue and to Norma Richard for delivering and counting the papers for the Post Office. Elisa Trepnayer also put many hours collecting and formatting articles. Without the dedication and perseverance of these volunteers the paper would not have existed.

In This Issue

Raising The Bar  
By: Marilee Dunklee, Consulting Teacher for Gifted / Talented

For three eighth graders, community service took on a new meaning for five days in May. Their names are George Chebar, Jake Markowski, and Caleb Chute. Their story is terrific.

Declining the weekend trip to Camp Kiwee with their eighth grade classmates, this bodacious bunch trekked across the road instead, thanks to a special arrangement between principals Charlie Miller and Norma Richard. Did they miss out? Not according to the three.

“If you ask me,” Jake said on Tuesday, “this is even more fun than Kiwee.”

George worked in Mr. Seymour’s kindergarten class, Caleb with third grade teacher Mrs. Gorham, and Jake with Ms. Cummings and Mrs. Potter in the art room. All three helped serve lunch in the cafeteria. While in the classroom, they collated booklets, made journals, checked papers, did some laminating, and interacted with the students.

Sometimes Caleb helped third graders with their seatwork. “They would try to raise their hands when they saw me looking,” he said, “and when they’d go down to lunch, they liked to walk with me.”

Jake did art activities right along with the students. “They would say that mine is good, and I’d give them tips on theirs if they needed it.”

As for kindergarten, here’s how George described his experience. “They love me! They sit there and hug me for ten minutes. Then, when I leave, they pretty much start to cry.”

Nothing can quite match the look of admiration in a five-year-old’s eyes! I think maybe George found that out.

When asked what was most enjoyable about being teacher assistants for the week, George quickly responded, “Working with the kids because it makes you feel good.”

Caleb answered, “It’s fun to try something new and see what it would be like to be a teacher.”

“My fun thing was working in the lunchroom and giving the kids their food,” said Jake, “because it seemed like they really appreciated it.”

When asked if they’d try this again, George summed it up with “Oh, yeah!”

“Yeah, definitely,” said Caleb. “It’d be cool to go back over and work with the kids again.”

The kids would probably agree.

Raising the bar can mean doing community service, making new connections, broadening horizons. Seems to me, that thanks to two insightful administrators, all three happened for a threesome from Jordan-Small.
Raymond Village Library News

Plant Sale
The very popular Plant Sale will be held at the library on Saturday, June 28, from 7am to noon, rain or shine. We hope people will be as generous in their donations as they have been in the past years. Because of this generosity, we always have a wonderful variety of perennials. We ask that the donations be brought to the library Friday, June 27, the night before, from 4 to 7pm and also that the plants be labeled.

Book Sales
The paperback book sale will begin on June 28 at the library. The hard cover book sale begins July 13 at 9am at the library. We are always accepting donations of books, videos, audio books, puzzles and CD's for the library collection and for these fundraisers. We rely on these donations for the success of both the plant and book sales. Both fundraisers contribute in a very large part to the library's budget.

Book Discussion
The Reading Group will be meeting at the library on June 26 at 7pm to discuss a selection of poems by Edna St. Vincent Millay. There will be reading copies available at the library by June 1. For more information call Jane at 655-5354.

Annual Meeting
The annual Raymond Village Library Club meeting will be held at 6:30, June 5, at the library. There will be a buffet and election of officers. New members are welcome.

Silent Art Auction
The annual Silent Art Auction will begin in conjunction with Founders Day on June 21. The art, donated by local artists, will be exhibited at the library until the conclusion on August 9. Bids will be taken during this period of time. Be sure to come in the library to view these beautiful works of art and place your bids. This is a wonderful way to add color and interest to your home at a reasonable cost.

Exhibiting Artist
The beautiful and creative portraits now hanging at the library until the middle of June are the work of Susan L. Mitchell. Susan graduated from the Portland School of Art and has a number of her murals in the Portland area: at One City Center, the Portland Episcopal Church, and Unity Episcopal Church to name a few. She has a portrait business in Raymond and often works from photos. We are very pleased to have her art work creating an artistic atmosphere at the library.

Evening of Mystery
A diverse group of people stepped back in time to New Year’s Eve 1899 and spent the evening in period costume and character. As victims expired and the plot thickened, the guests did their best to unravel the complicated sequence of clues to identify the murderer. Whether they performed like Sherlock Holmes or Dr. Watson, all those attending proclaimed this library fundraiser a smashing success and are already looking forward to next year’s. The $850 raised will be for middle school age books at the library.

Hawthorne at the Hawthorne House
With assistance from the Maine Humanities Council, the Raymond Village Library and the Hawthorne Community Association, Dr. Trudi Riesenberg will present a talk on Nathaniel Hawthorne at the Hawthorne House on Saturday, June 28, at 6:30, prior to the Association’s Strawberry Festival. Dr. Riesenberg will introduce the author in a new perspective, focusing on his years in Rome, fellow American travelers to Rome in the 1850's and the result of Hawthorne’s experiences in Rome, his novel: The Marble Faun.

Books and relevant material will be on display at the library during open hours. For further details, see this issue’s biennial news items and look for the relevant article, “Lecture on Hawthorne at the Hawthorne House”.

Raymond Village Library - Reading Group Report For April 2003

By: Claudia Trend
This month we got personal: everyone brought in one of their favorite books. Here is the list of books we discussed:

Windwept, Author: Mary Ellen Chase (a Maine writer). Three generations who owned a farm in a remote part of Maine. Various ethnic immigrants, different cultures, all working together on the land.

The Cezalor Chronicles, Author: Elizabeth Jane Howard. Four books (series) about a generation during WWII - not a war book per se, but about life during the war, both in the US & England.

Searching For Caleb, Author: Anne Tyler. A man spends his whole life looking for his brother. This is about what happens along the way. Has unique characters, depth of emotions (guilt, love, humor & eccentricity).

The River King and Practical Magic, both by Author Alice Hoffman. The physical world takes on a magical & emotional (guilt, love, humor & eccentricity).

The Elements Of Style, including E.B. White, who discovered it in college. Contains ruthless, almost insulting, directions for how to write really, REALLY well.

The Chimpansiees Of Gombe, Author: Jane Goodall. Comparison of human and animal cultures. The chimpanzees exhibit some of the same human behaviors mentioned in the Chris Hedges book (above).

Mannseeken Pisi, Related by: Vladimir Radunsky. Anti-war children’s book about the legend of the fountain statue of the little boy in Brussels, Belgium. Even though it is a children’s book, the subject matter may not be appropriate for all children.

The Elements Of Style, 3rd edition, Authors: William Strunk Jr. & E.B. White. Nonfiction, originally published in 1935 by Professor Strunk. Revised three times, yet still only 85 pages! Also called “the little book” by those of us, including E.B. White, who discovered it in college. Contains ruthless, almost insulting, directions for how to write really, REALLY well.

That’s all for April Twenty-oh-Three. In May we are reading The Samurai’s Garden. We meet on the last Thursday of the month at the Raymond Village Library at 7:00pm. Please call Jane Hubbell at 655-5354, if you need more information. Happy reading everyone!

June 2003

Events and Meeting Schedule

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Raymond Certified Ratio and Homestead Exemption

By: Raymond Assessor’s Office

Each year the Town of Raymond must declare a certified ratio to the State of Maine. This is a general statement of the relationship between sale prices and tax assessments for developed parcels. The certified ratio must be within 10% of the overall assessment ratio determined by the Maine Revenue Services annual audit. For 2003, the Maine Revenue Services determined the developed parcel ratio to be 80%. The Raymond Assessors have declared a certified ratio of 88%. Declaring the highest possible ratio benefits the Town because it preserves personal exemption levels.

The impact of a change in certified ratio is noted by a change in the amount of a state-mandated tax exemption. If the certified ratio is 100%, a veteran’s exemption reduces its assessed value by $5,000; when the ratio is 88%, the value is reduced by $4,400.

The certified ratio also affects the homestead exemption. In prior years, homestead exemptions reduced taxable valuations by $7,000 adjusted by the certified ratio. However, in 2003, the legislature has modified the homestead exemption so that the amount of the exemption depends on the total property value. Now the certified ratio affects both the value cut-off and the exemption amount.

Eligible properties with values less than $110,000 ($12,000 x 0.88) certified ratio will have their assessed values reduced by $110,000 x 0.88. Eligible properties with values at least $110,000 but less than $220,000 ($220,000 x 0.88) will have their assessed values reduced by $4,400 ($5,000 x 0.88). Eligible properties with values of at least $220,000 will have their assessed values reduced by $2,200 ($2,200 x 0.88).

Registration is Wednesday, June 4, from 6 to 7:30 at JSMS cafeteria.

Cost: $20.00/ $15.00 siblings

Raymond Rec Swim Sign Up

Jordan-Small Cafeteria 6 – 7:30pm

Dates: June 30 – July 25, 2003

Cost: $20.00/ $15.00 siblings

Red Cross Learn to Swim Levels 1 - 7

Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course

Raymond Recreation Association will offer a Lifeguard Training course at Crescent Beach in Raymond.

Dates are August 4 through 8; the instructor is Joni Merrill. Students must be at least 15 years of age and pass a swim screening test. The cost is $100, which includes text and equipment.

Registration is Wednesday, June 4, from 6 to 7:30 at JSMS cafeteria.

Call Joni at JSMS, if you have questions.

Summer Swim Program And Registration

Raymond Recreation Association will offer Red Cross swim lessons for Levels 1 through 7, as well as Water Safety Instructor Aid for those who have completed the Level 7. Location is Crescent Beach in Raymond.

Water Safety Instructors are Grace Leavent and Lizzi Crocket. Registration is Wednesday, June 4 from 6 to 7:30 at JSMS cafeteria (we apologize for date error in last Roadrunner).

Call Pat at 655-4657, if you have questions.

Tassel Top Board Needs Member

The Tassel Top Board of Directors is looking for a new member to serve in helping to plan the operation of Tassel Top Park. The Board meets in the spring to set up the program for the park, oversees the operations of the park during the summer and has a meeting in the fall for summation of the summer season.

If you are interested in being a Board member, please call Louise Lester, Town Clerk, at the Town Office at 655-4742 or email louise. Lester@raymondmaine.org.

Honor Your Service Men And Women

The Town Office is displaying pictures and brief biographies of our residents who are now serving in the Armed Forces. If you have a family member now serving, please let us post their picture and biography to honor them in their duty to our country.

Raymond Recreation Says Thanks To Volunteers!

The 2002 – 2003 year has been one of our most successful, with fun and instruction in each of the programs from winter indoor and summer outdoor swimming to alpine and cross country skiing and snow shoeing, and from karate to soccer and basketball and tennis, cross country running and dance.

With the spring sports still in full swing and swimming gear up for a beautiful warm summer, the Board of Directors wishes to say a special “thank you” to all who have contributed in any way to our programs this year. Our volunteers, our greatest satisfaction comes in seeing the smiles on the faces of the children who are learning and enjoying themselves. In our programs, every child is a star!

We hope to see you all involved again next year and invite others to join us too!

Did You Know?

By: Tasha Carson

Editor's Note: This month's student writer is seventh grader Tasha Carson. Tasha loves to read and has enjoyed writing ever since she can remember. An outdoor enthusiast, she enjoys exploring and sports, especially field hockey and basketball.

Let the good times roll! Step back into time with two fascinating ladies who were once schoolteachers. That's what I did when I talked with the Edwards sisters, Dorothy and Berenice.

Walking into their home on North Raymond Road was like going into another century. The kitchen wood stove was exquisite with its old-fashioned markings. In the living room I saw family pictures in huge frames with detailed room I saw family pictures in huge frames with detailed drawings. The house that they live in now is the house they grew up in with their parents.

Their family owned a farm, and there were chores to do every day. “We had to milk the cows, fill the wood box, do the dishes,” Dorothy said. Then there was picking the strawberries, raspberries, tomatoes, and peas that their family grew.

During family get-togethers, the children would play spin the top and croquet. They also made old-fashioned ice cream and used the strawberries that they grew on the farm.

During their school years they had to walk two miles to get to their one-room schoolhouse which had eight grades. There were no snowplows in those days. After snowstorms, their father used to roll the snow on the roads using six horses and a big roller.

When they were in the seventh grade, their family got its first car. Dorothy recalled, “You didn’t have to have a license back then. My father just took a ride with the mailman he bought the car from, and that’s how he learned to drive.”

After college (Dorothy said that one of her most memorable experiences was getting her diploma), both sisters became teachers and taught for over forty years. Dorothy taught algebra and geometry and Berenice the business courses.

Just like today, most students looked forward to the school day, but “some students didn’t want to go,” recalled Dorothy. “You didn’t have to have a license back then.” Dorothy and Berenice Edwards show student writer Tasha Carson Sisters and long time Raymond residents Dorothy and Berenice Edwards show student writer Tasha Carson the antique wood stove in their kitchen. Read more in “Did You Know?”

Dorothy. They enjoyed teaching and kept busy during those years. “Some of my students still come to see me,” said Dorothy.

Both sisters have enjoyed special hobbies and talents. Berenice grew up playing the piano and organ. “I played full time for the church for 23 years,” she said, “plus substitute work before that.” I still play when anyone wants time off.” Dorothy enjoyed stamp collecting for ten years.

Folks around Raymond probably remember their older brother Carl Edwards, who was in local and state politics for fifty-three years. He served as a selectman and was also in the State Legislature.

Dorothy and Berenice spoke with admiration of their mother Keshia who died at the age of 98. “She once held the gold-headed cane,” explained Berenice, an honor given to the oldest resident of the community.

Though stepping into their home was like stepping back in time, there are modern touches, too. These ladies have kept up with the times and even own their own PC, complete with e-mail.

After interviewing Dorothy and Berenice, I have a new perspective on things and really appreciate my life even more.
Mentoring Program Wraps Up Second Year

By: Lori Rand

In early May the Raymond Mentoring Partnership held a community workshop on building resiliency in youth. Over 20 people attended, including mentors, scout leaders, coaches and interested parents. We also sponsored a successful 5th and 6th grade dance/ sports night at Jordan- Small Middle School.

Deputy Joe visited the program at Raymond Elementary for a second time so we could check out the new police car. The Raymond Extended Day program was invited to participate in the visit as well.

We have planned a year-end celebration at Fairpoint on Notched Pond. Mentors and mentees will enjoy teambuilding activities with Kieve facilitators for an afternoon before joining their families for a barbecue.

Some final activities include community service projects, such as visiting the town office to help supply the food pantry, serving again at the senior suppers and replanting the flower garden at the playground on Mill Street. Building an organic community garden in collaboration with the RED program is also in the works.

Debra Martin has worked closely with the Sheriff’s Department to coordinate a two-day workshop with the Harlem Rockets basketball team in late June. About 60 students from the middle school will play with the Rockets, using basketball as a way to build confidence and teamwork, and simply have fun!

Next fall we hope to expand the program to include more middle school and high school students as mentors. To learn more about us, call Lori Rand or Debra Martin at 655-8672 ext. 107, or e-mail us at mentor@raymonddmaine.org.

Hebron Academy Inducts 11 Into Cum Laude Society

The Hebron Academy community celebrated scholarship and the 75th anniversary of its Cum Laude Society chapter. Fifteen students were honored at the ceremony, which included the induction of eleven new members and an address by guest speaker Elaine Tuttle Hansen, president of Bates College.

In her address to the Cum Laude Society and the school, Dr. Hansen referred to the values that Bates College and Hebron Academy share, including the concept of “learning for learning’s sake.” She referenced works by the Catholic scholar and philosopher John Henry Cardinal Newman, and mathematician, logician and philosopher Alfred North Whitehead, and their philosophy of the need for and value of education.

Moledere after Phi Beta Kappa, the Cum Laude Society was founded in 1906 to recognize academic achievement in secondary schools. Cum Laude now consists of nearly 350 chapters, primarily in independent schools in the United States. Membership in the Cum Laude Society is Hebron Academy’s highest academic honor.

Newly inducted this year were: Timothy B. Curtis ’03 of Raymond; Kevin P. DeSorbo ’03 of Raymond; Danielle M. Gagne ’03 of Poland; Sarah H. Longley ’03 of Norway; Sara D. Marquis ’03 of Mechanic Falls; Rachel L. Sakerth ’03 of Litchfield; Carolyn A. Curtis ’04 of Hebron; Laura E. Fleck ’04 of Auburn; A. James Quinlan ’04 of St. John’s, Newfoundland; Laura E. Shepherd ’04 of Brigham City, Utah; and Jason E. Staats ’04 of Knoxville, Tenn. The new members join four seniors inducted last year: Leland E. Barker, Jr. of Buckfield, Meghann K. Gillis of Whycomaug, Nova Scotia; Nathan S. Harmon of Gray and Shayna C. Magur of Poland.

Raymond Elementary School Teacher Is Guest Conductor

Patti Gordan, Raymond Elementary School music teacher, was the choral conductor at this year’s Maine District II Elementary Music Festival. The festival chorus, held on April 2 in Yarmouth, featured 120 singers from 32 area schools.

Pledge For Parks At The Raymond Elementary School

Town Manager Don Willard was the guest of honor at the May 16, 2003, morning opening at the Raymond Elementary School. Mr. Willard, on behalf of the Raymond community, accepted a check for $1150 to benefit Raymond’s parks. These funds were raised by the elementary children through the Pennies for Parks and Pledges for Parks programs, coordinated by teacher Dennis Woodruff. Ms. Parisi’s second grade and Mrs. Blanchard’s fourth grade were the winning classes. The Raymond PTA will treat these students to an ice cream party to celebrate their winning efforts. Mr. Willard thanked the children for their very generous donation and shared that the money would be used to purchase a handicapped beach wheel chair to be used at Tassel Top Park.

Raymond Elementary School Report

By: Norma Richard, Principal

After a very, very long winter and a cold and wet spring, our students are looking forward to a well-deserved summer vacation with their families. I would like to encourage each of them to make learning a family affair during the next few months. This will extend the children’s skills and help them to be prepared for school when they return in late August. Reading is one of the most important ways to assure a child’s success in school, and the Raymond Village Library should be part of each family’s summer routine.

The library’s summer reading program is great fun, and I encourage our students to participate in this year’s program which is all about DOGS. Children can also enhance writing skills by keeping a journal, writing letters or e-mails to friends, and sending postcards from family trips and vacations. Math skills can be practiced each time you go shopping or to the grocery store. Your children will benefit from these and other activities.

We have several staff members at the Raymond Elementary School who will not be returning next year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their many years of outstanding service to students and their families. Mrs. Kathie Hawkes is retiring after 17 years of teaching, first as a cued speech interpreter and later in first grade. Through the years she has shared with her first graders many exciting experiences from her work in the Peace Corps, and I will always remember the African songs she taught her students to sing at Good News. Ms. Jan Williams has been on leave this year after the birth of her daughter Emily. Ms. Williams will be staying home next year with her family. She has been a teacher in Raymond since 1984, doing outstanding work especially at the first and second grade levels. Lynda Tomlinson is retiring from her position as educational technician after 15 years of service to the district. She has been a great support to students in the special education program. I would like to wish all three of them only the very best next year and in the future.

We will be honoring our school volunteers on June 10 for sharing their talents, interests, and skills with our students and teachers. Volunteers have logged in thousands of hours this year, working in classrooms, assisting in the library, and helping throughout the school. Their efforts are much appreciated and always valued. We encourage parents and community members to consider volunteering next year. Our students benefit in so many ways that I can describe, and so do the volunteers.

Beginning And End

By: Taylor Parker, Jordan-Small Middle School

From the fires, from once it came,. Now it’s going to do the same.

Bring back the evils to kill, Everyone with its free will,

Only five people can can stop the tangle, Because only they are angels,

With their power and might, They are not afraid to fight,

Although they may lose their lives, They can return to the skies,

With their light that brightens the sky, All evil is going to die,

Many other had died, And many others have tried,

But with faith they will prevail, And there is no way they could fail,

If they do, stop the pain, Good will rise yet again,

How much good does it take, When all that lives is at stake?

Summer Art Classes For Kids!

Taught by a Maine College of Art Graduate
At the Riverside Hall in Raymond
Thursdays July 10th – Aug. 28th
Open enrollment
For kids ages 8-13
FMl please call Maya at 318-0302
Raymond Then & Now

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Saturday, June 21st
It’s Bicentennial Time In Raymond

A Day Worth Remembering

When we started to plan Raymond’s Bicentennial Celebration we asked ourselves what our goal was for this Event. We concluded that we wanted to create a fun-filled day which would honor our Town and its people, and we wanted to have something for everyone to enjoy. In other words, we wanted to create a memorable occasion for all. We hope that we succeed.

In order to defray some of the costs of putting on an Event like this and so that people can take home a memento from the Celebration School, we will have a variety of Commemorative Items available for sale. These will include T-shirts, travel mugs, water bottles, pencils, beach balls & Flag pins.

Attention Parade Participants

We would like to have parade participants arrive at 9:30 on the 21st in order to begin the line up. We will meet at Canal Road (beside Sunset Variety for line up). There will be limited parking at Sunset Variety and more parking at Raymond Elementary School with bus transportation available. There will be no parking along Main Street, in order to have room for all the parade attendees. We will be calling you to confirm your participation and collect information about your group, so if you do not hear from us by June 14th, please call us: Brenda Olsen (655-4670) or Karyn Knights (655-3926).

Raymond Bicentennial Garden Notes

By: Jane Hubbell

17th & early 18th century New England gardens were primarily for subsistence and survival. Recreated 18th century gardens emphasize vegetables such as turnips, parsnips, carrots, radishes, cucumbers, & onions. Tomatoes & eggplant came later, as did “parlor” gardens for flowers. Herbs for culinary & medicinal use were planted along with the vegetables. Jeffers Tavern in York has a good example of such a kitchen garden.

The gardens at Tate House in Portland contain plants known to be in the family’s gardens between 1755 & 1803. Vegetables and field crops not mentioned above might have included horse radish, kale, saliety, and several kinds of common garden beans.

The pleasure gardening for esthetics came later, but was flourishing by mid-century. Shrubs, trees, and vines that would have been introduced to gardens once the necessities were secure and time/affluence permitted included several varieties of clematis, sweet pepperbush, dogwood, ash, locust, hollyhock, crabapple, peony, fir, spruce, pine, poplar, & cherry.

Early Uses of Some Herbs:

Agrimonia - leaf, flower, root, a mild astrigent, spring tonic tea, gargle for sore throats & colds, ointment for external wounds & sores.

Anise - mixed with manna and seenna to make a laxative.

Basswood - a poultice for some swellings.

Chamomile - as a tea for colds & a gargle for sore throats. Coriander - to relieve cramps, expel gas, & strengthen the stomach; a massage oil to rub on painful joints & ease rheumatism.

Confrey - thought to help intestinal problems, diarrhea, whooping cough, bleeding piles; as a blood purifier, thought to mend broken bones, but what it did reduce the swelling; a poultice for wounds, bruises, ulcers, & fractures.

Feverfew - a remedy for headaches.

Horehound - in making cough drops & syrup.

Hemps - used in a bath to soothe aching muscles.
Lady’s Mantle - a relief for various women’s problems.

Lemon Balm - in salves or ointments to treat wounds; a tonic tea.

Lovage - as a tea to relieve faintness, sore throat, fevers.

Melilot - Martha Ballard used this in an ointment for lame joints.

Parley - as a diuretic, antiinflammatary, & calmative; an aid to digestion.

Pot Marigold - really calendula. Used as a wash for sore eyes; in a tea to treat colds, fevers, and cramps.

Yarrow - thought to have astringent qualities.

For Further Information:


(The 2nd Favretti book and the Hancock, Turcotte, and Ulrich books are primary sources of the information on this sheet)

Don’t Miss The Raymond-Casco Historical Display At The Bicentennial Fair

Attention Parade Participants

We would like to have parade participants arrive at 9:30 on the 21st in order to begin the line up. We will meet at Canal Road (beside Sunset Variety for line up). There will be limited parking at Sunset Variety and more parking at Raymond Elementary School with bus transportation available. There will be no parking along Main Street, in order to have room for all the parade attendees. We will be calling you to confirm your participation and collect information about your group, so if you do not hear from us by June 14th, please call us: Brenda Olsen (655-4670) or Karyn Knights (655-3926).

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Celebrate 200 Years Of Raymond History

House Decoration Contest
Help dress the Town for its bicentennial, and you might win a $100 gift certificate to True Value Hardware!

Maine Flag & Banner Co., on 824 Roosevelt Trail in Windham, is offering a Special 10% discount to Raymond residents for this contest.

We’re having a contest for the Best Decorated House in Raymond. Whether your home is new or old, on a busy road or in a more remote spot, we want Raymond dressed in her best finery for her 200th birthday party! Decorate the exterior of your property with buntings, flags, ribbons, balloons, or whatever you feel appropriate to celebrate the Town’s birthday, be it of historical significance or patriotic in nature. Send in this entry form by June 15th and a bicentennial committee member will come view your decorations on or by June 20th. The winner will be announced at the Bicentennial Fair on June 21st. Photos of all entries will also be displayed at the celebration.

Please mail your name, address, phone number and directions to your home by June 15th to:
Debbie Cutten
11 Over Drive
Raymond, ME 04071

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Prepared by John and Kim Manoush, April 12, 2003
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To enter, prepare your best-decorated cake, fill out the entry form and bring both to the judging table at the Raymond Elementary School before 12 Noon on June 15th. No candles, please. Cakes will be numbered to keep the identity of contestants secret, and the winners will be announced at 1:30.

A panel of local food experts will judge the cakes based on the following criteria:
For Best Decorated – Originality, appropriateness to the Raymond Bicentennial theme, attractiveness.
For Best Tasting – Texture and flavor of frosting; texture and flavor of cake.
Followings the contest, the cakes will be served as refreshments, so every entry will be helping the Town raise money from this event. To enter, simply jot down your name, phone number, flavor of cake and frosting, and a brief description (size and decoration) and bring it along with your masterpiece. If you have questions, call John and Kim at 655-7660 or e-mail us at jmanoush@pivot.net.

Founders Day Displays Needed:
The Raymond-Casco Historical Society would like anyone who may have old items, collections, or whatever, that they would like to display at a secure place for people to view during Raymond’s Bicentennial on June 21st to please get in touch with Betty McDermott at fancemom1@maine.rr.com, 655-4466 or Wayne Holmquist at wholmu@maine.rr.com, 655-7672.

Open House Featuring Penny Candy Sale At Clough’s Store
Faith Vance, owner of E. R. Clough’s store, has been stockpiling up on penny candy and soda pop in anticipation of the Open House she will be participating in for Founders Day. The store, which is a fun place to visit any day of the year, will be especially relevant on Founders Day as it is almost as old as the Town – well, not quite, but it has been here for 132 years! The store is a “Must See” for its antique food signs and bins, cigar boxes, old-fashioned freezer, and let’s not forget that change on the counter.
Faith Vance inherited the store from her aunt, Alva Clough, in 1986 and reopened it in 1987. The store was originally established in 1871 by Henry J. Lane and his brother Orrin B. Lane. After Henry Lane died, it was sold to the Persis family. Everett and Alva Clough bought the store from them.

This article is partially based on Abby Brockelbank’s piece “Did You Know?” which was featured in the April 2003 Raymond Road Runner. It is Abby likened walking through the old wooden doors to stepping through a time tunnel, and it made her feel as if she really was in the 19th century. She wondered if, in another hundred years, E.R. Clough’s store would be still standing and if that same change would still be on the counter. So if you too would like to take a step back in time, stop on in and visit a store that was open during the last centennial.

Attention Raymond Businesses
Would you like to contribute to Raymond’s Bicentennial Celebration?

How:
• Donating goods and/or services to be used in the celebration or given as prizes
• Sponsoring an event at the celebration
• Making a cash donation to be used to purchase goods, services or prizes

If you don’t feel you could do any of these things, perhaps you’d consider participating in the event by having some kind of birthday celebration at your business either on Founders Day or sometime during this summer. Some ideas might include having an open house and serving light refreshments, having a sale and/or specials in honor of the Town’s Bicentennial, or even having employees dress in period garb.

Your contribution will be listed in our publicity, event program and announced on the day of the celebration. If you choose to do something at your place of business we will mention that as well.

If you would like to participate in the celebrations, or if you have any questions, please contact Deb Cutten at 655-2877 (dcutten@maine.rr.com) or Sue Ellen Gendron at 655-4463 (jeffsuellen@pivot.net).

Celebration?

Monday, May 19th, was a perfect day for Raymond’s Bicentennial Tree Planting Ceremony at the Raymond Elementary School, and not only because the weather turned out beautiful on that day but especially because we had a very special guest of honor at the ceremony, none other than Mr. Segars. Mr. Segars’ wife had read about the tree planting ceremony in the Monument newspaper and recognized her husband’s name. Mr. Segars, who originally brought the catalpa tree to Raymond, wanted to watch the ceremony first hand, and when we met him we were delighted and thought how apt it was to have Amy’s present and included in the ceremony.

Town: In 1903 the teacher at the Mountain School in East Raymond went to California and returned with a gift for all the students in the school. Each student was presented with a catalpa seedling that was taken home to be planted. Amy Strout Segars set her tree out in her front yard in the year of Raymond’s centennial, 1903 when she was just 13 years old. Our Bicentennial Tree is a direct descendant of that Centennial tree. Frank encouraged the schoolchildren to go home and plant their very own Bicentennial Tree and perhaps the descendant of one of those trees would be celebrated on Raymond’s 300th birthday.

For the closing of the ceremony, everyone joined in to sing This Pretty Planet, and Patti Gordon, Raymond Elementary School music teacher, led the 3rd & 4th grade chorus in Peace I Leave with You.

The catalpa tree was given to the Town by Frank & Betty McDermott in honor of the Town’s 200th birthday. David MacDonald, owner of Whitney Tree Service, relocated the tree from the McDermott’s property and planted it at Raymond Elementary School. Jessica Fay, the Raymond Village Florist, donated a bow to decorate the tree.

A Very Special Guest At The Raymond Bicentennial Tree Planting Ceremony

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Raymond And Gray Wish Each Other A Happy Birthday

We are planning a relay between Raymond and Gray to exchange messages to celebrate Raymond’s 200th and Gray’s 225th birthdays. Each town will write a birthday message to the other on a scroll. The scrolls will be placed in a baton and carried by a runner from each of the towns, and the batons will be exchanged at the Raymond/Gray town line on Egypt Road. Our relay runner will return with Gray’s baton to the Fair at JSMS where the message will be read aloud.

Runners and Walkers are needed to complete this relay. The relay will start with the Parade in Raymond Village and continue on to the town line on Egypt Road and then return to JSMS. The distance for each runner will depend on how many participate in the relay. Anyone interested in participating please contact Bob Payne at 655-2165 or e-mail blueridgeguide@bigfoot.com. Please reply by June 15th if interested.

Antique Home Slide Show

Linda C. Griffin of Windham will show slides on identifying Raymond’s antique homes. She will explain architectural styles and will show examples of each style. Linda has been interested in early homes all her life and has restored 18 of them. She and her husband are working on a c. 1900 Victorian on Main St. in Raymond. Bring your pictures and questions on your early home, and she will try to help. Linda is a member of three local historical societies and is on the advisory service for Greater Portland Landmarks, a preservation group. She is also a broker with Allied Real Estate in Windham and specializes in listing and selling antique homes in real estate.

Linda will be performing her presentation in the Historical Trailer at JSMS between 12:00 – 1:00pm.

Best Bicentennial Garb Contest

Please join in on the fun and dress up for our Bicentennial Celebration. On Founders Day, June 21st, we will be having a 200th year birthday party for our town. A Fair will be held at the schools from 11:30am to 4:30pm. To celebrate the history of our town and to lend atmosphere to the celebration, we’d like as many people as possible to dress in period clothing. The Town was founded in 1803, however, any type of Colonial or Victorian style clothing would be appropriate. All those dressed up will gather for a group photo in the Courtyard area behind the Historical Trailer at JSMS at 12:30pm. Prizes will be awarded for Best Costume - Adult Male & Female and Best Costume - Child Female & Male. Prizes will include $100 gift certificates for the adults and season passes to Funtown/Splashtown USA for the children.

P.S. We’d love for you to show off your Bicentennial Garb in the parade earlier in the day as well. If interested in being in the parade, please contact Brenda Olsen at 655-4670 (olsen@pivot.net) or Karyn Knights at 655-3926 (knight5@pivot.net).

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Old Fashioned Skills Demonstrated On Founders Day

One of the most exciting additions to this year’s celebration is the return of some old-fashioned skills many of us haven’t seen demonstrated in quite some time.

Bob Dunning of Little Mountain Cabinetry in Bridgton specializes in historic restoration carpentry. Bob works on period houses as well as public buildings, many of which are on the National Historic Register. Bob performs his work using early woodworking and carving tools. He will demonstrate hand planing for us.

Eve Abreau of Maine Rustic, also in Bridgton, creates beautiful folk art, weathervanes and rustic furniture. She will be displaying her one-of-a-kind weathervanes at our Fair.

Gail Wasianen of Egypt Road in Raymond is a multi-talented craftswoman. She will demonstrate the art of spinning wool and may even offer some hands-on experiences. Gail will be selling hand-painted sea glass pins, Maine walking sticks and assorted crafts.

Girl Scout Troop 621 has offered to demonstrate soap making between 11:30 and 1:30. This will allow time for the Girls to enjoy the Fair for themselves as well. They will be assisted by their Troop Leader Jeri Keane.

Jamie Trafford and her friend Barbara Morton will be demonstrating the art of basket weaving. Many of their creations will be on sale.

Veronica Haskell of Raymond will share with us her authentic collection of old-fashioned lace which includes bobbin lace, filet lace and knit lace. She will demonstrate crocheting and tatting.

Judith Bates of Judith Bates Basketry on Raymond Cape Road will be displaying some of her unique work. Judith is a self-taught basket maker and has been at it for more than 20 years. She creates contemporary style pieces of art working with wicker, twine, gourds, vines and round reeds.

Judy MacLean of Good Scents Organics on Sloan’s Cove Road started experimenting with herbal cures when her children were young, and since then she has created lip balms, hair rinses, balm for bug bites, natural insect repellents and more. She will have spring tonics, natural teas, salts and salmon on sale. She will educate us about native plants and wild weeds that can be used for burns, poison ivy and as insect repellents. She will conduct a Walk & Talk at 2:30 and have handouts for us.

Cinda Roy of Foxtail Lodge Art Shoppe on Hawthorne Road is new to the area and recently purchased the Old Unique Shop where she will soon be offering classes on making stained glass. She sells pottery in her Shoppe as well. She will demonstrate stained glass for us.

Ron Railes is a cooper at Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, NH. He is visiting us on his day off to demonstrate this skill which was once ubiquitous in Raymond. Ron resides in Lebanon, Maine.

Diane Cole lives on Main Street in Raymond. Among her many skills is chair caning which she will demonstrate for us.

Bob Wallace will be demonstrating leatherworking, and he will be selling his finished work. When I asked him if he did this as a business or a hobby he answered, “We’ll see how this goes.”

Susan Symonds of Sweet Williams on Spiller Road in Casco will be sharing maple syrup delicacies with us. The Symonds have been operating a sugar house in Casco since 1997, and they participate in the annual Maple Sugar Sunday in Maine. Susan will have traditional syrup gathering tools on display and will be selling her syrup and other maple goodies.

Nimble Thimbles is a group of quilters who gather regularly in Gorham to create fabric masterpieces. Even their name "tags" are works of art! Neelie Dunham of Raymond will be showcasing some of their heirloom quilts as well as demonstrating how quilts were made in the past, without electricity. The Nimble Thimbles may even be raffling off one of their creations.

And last but not least, Katie Allen will be selling her handmade pillows to help benefit the Animal Rescue League, so be sure to visit her booth and see her lovingly crafted pillows.

Congratulations Cub Scouts of Pack 800

You met the Can Tab Challenge once again!

And your reward is …...You get to dunk your favorite leader, and selected leaders will get their annual Mohawks!

The haircut event will take place on Founders Day, June 21st, at 12:30 on stage beside the dunk tank. Dunking begins at 1:00 and will continue until 2:00. See you there!
Come See the Founders Day Parade!!!

The parade runs the whole length of Main Street in Raymond Village from Route 302 by Sunset Variety to the new Fire Station. Park at the Raymond Elementary School and take the bus.

So, there’s plenty of good views, just bring your own chair! It starts at 10:00am on June 21st.

Don’t be late!

Here’s what you’ll see…

Slugger from the Portland Sea Dogs
A Mini-Jet from the Air Force
Lots of floats from our community
Fire Trucks & Police Cars
Horses & Cattle
Kora Royal Guard Drum & Fife Band
Kora Shrine Jeep Renegades
People you know and some you don’t
And of course clowns, candy & balloons!

Pie Eating Contest

How many blueberry pies can you eat? Win the contest, and you’ll win a free season’s pass to Funtown/Splashtown USA or a $100 gift certificate to True Value Hardware!

Two winners will be chosen: one from the Adult Competition and another from the Child Competition. Whoever eats the most pies in the allotted time in each competition will win. If you would like to participate, please write down your name, address, phone number, age and how many pies you think you can eat and mail it to the address below by June 15th. The contest will be held at the Bicentennial Fair at RES on June 21st at 2:00. If you have any questions about the contest, please call Teresa Sadak at 655-5411.

Mail entry form to:
Teresa Sadak
207 Webs Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071

Tassel Top Helps Celebrate Raymond’s Birthday

Firstly, Tassel Top Beach will admit Raymond residents free on Founders Day. The fee which is normally charged will be waived for Raymond residents on June 21st.

Secondly, the Tassel Top Board has donated 2 season passes, an $80 value, to the Bicentennial Committee to give away as prizes. These passes will be awarded to the winners of the Best Decorated and Best Tasting Bicentennial Cake Contest.

Thirdly, a one week stay at the Tassel Top cottage will be raffled off on Labor Day weekend. Raffle tickets for this great prize will be sold at the Fair and throughout the summer. One lucky winner will have a free cottage (worth $749) for the week of July 17-24th, 2004.

United States Flag Collection

Boy scouts from Troop 800 will collect worn United States flags during Founders Day in order to provide a proper retirement ceremony to be conducted in the fall of this year. Boy Scouts will be available throughout the day at many events as we celebrate Raymond’s bicentennial. If you have a flag to donate for proper retirement, please see any Boy Scout in uniform.

Win A Week At Tassel Top Cottage!

Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the summer for a one-week stay in the cottage at Tassel Top Beach (a $749 value). The Bicentennial Committee has reserved the week of 7/17/04 through 7/24/04 for one lucky winner to be chosen on Labor Day weekend. Tickets will be sold at the Town Elections on Friday, May 16th, the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 17th, the Bicentennial Celebration on June 21st and by Bicentennial Committee members throughout the summer. The price of the raffle tickets will be $1 each or six tickets for $5. For more information about the raffle, please contact Betty McDermott at 655-4646.

Free Shuttle Buses Between The Parade & Fair Sites

Shuttle buses will be provided to transport people between Raymond Elementary School (RES) and the Fire & Safety Building (FSB) which is at the end of the Parade route. The buses will run every 15 minutes between 9:00am and noon. Parking may be at a premium in both the Village and at the Fair site so it makes sense to leave your car at RES before the parking there becomes limited, take the bus, and then not have to worry about a parking space in the Village either. The Parade will culminate at the FSB where a Dedication Ceremony will take place immediately thereafter. So park your car at the school, grab your lawn chairs and take a short bus ride, and then find yourself a nice shady spot on Main Street or stay put right at the FSB and wait for the Parade & Dedication Ceremony.

Raymond Village Church Pig Roast

Celebrate Founders Day with an old fashioned home cooked meal!

Saturday, June 21, 2003
4:30 to 6:30

Menu:
Roasted Pig
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Beans
Rolls
Strawberry Shortcake

ADMISSION:
Adults: $10
Children under 12: $6
Children under 5: Free
Family of 4 or more: $35

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Turkey Hollow

Up in Maine, there's an acoustic trio named Turkey Hollow that plays a uniquely Maine kind of acoustic country-folk music that combines bluegrass, folk and country with dashes of blues, Cajun and Celtic. The group's emergence is part of the flowering of roots music that has roused the country since the remarkable commercial and critical success of the top Grammy-award winning roots music soundtrack to "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

Roots music means different things to different people, depending on the soil in which their roots are planted. Roots music in the Midwest might mean Chicago blues, but to somebody from New Orleans, it's Cajun, in Memphis, Miami, or Maine roots music something different still. The origins of these diverse threads of American roots music go back way to the musical traditions of Europe and Africa, which were fertilized and shaped along the way by the unique character, history, and geography of this country—producing such different musical genres as traditional country music, blues, gospel, Appalachian balladry, Cajun, and folk. Whatever its form, up until recently the rich array of American roots music was rarely heard on the radio.

Turkey Hollow’s roots are firmly embedded in the fields and farmland of rural central Maine, where band members Tom Rowe, his son Dave Rowe, and Denny Breau were born, grew up, and continue to live today. Their families’ musical traditions have played an important role in the trio’s evolution. Professional musicians and in the creation of Turkey Hollow. "Denny grew up with old-timey country music; I grew up with jazz and big band music and we were both part of the folk and rock 'n roll eras as well," explains Tom. "Dave absorbed all that, and was later influenced by the music of his own generation. Today, Turkey Hollow draws upon all these traditions, and upon the region’s French Canadian, Irish, and Scottish musical influences as well."

Turkey Hollow bass guitarist Tom Rowe is also a member of the well-known folk trio Schooner Fare, while guitarist Denny Breau is a many-time winner of Maine Country Music Association awards. Tom’s son, guitarist Dave Rowe, who has performed since the age of 15, completes the trio. The group's inspired songcraft and harmonies, their diverse blend of bluegrass, country and folk, and a lively stage presence has attracted growing numbers of enthusiastic fans since the group formed in 1998.

Turkey Hollow sings in tight three-part harmony with banjo, mandolin, piano, and tin whistle rounding out their rich guitar sounds. Turkey Hollow performs primarily original tunes written by all three members, which are included on their two recorded albums, "Turkey Hollow Consort" and "Live Turkey"—as well as covers of Bob Dylan, Townes van Zandt, and other legendary folk and country artists. Their uniquely appealing stage presence includes great picking and soaring harmonies, humor and energy, and the ability to tell a good Maine story. "Turkey Hollow quickly grabs an audience and doesn’t let go,” says Dick Cerri, Director of the World Folk Music Association.

Turkey Hollow has gained a national reputation through tours across the Northeast, down the East Coast, and out to the Midwest. The trio showcased at the 2000 Falcon Ridge Folk Festival in Hillsdale, NY, was featured at the Northeast Performing Arts Conference in Boston that same year, and was named to the Maine Arts Roster in 2001.

Turkey Hollow is a particular favorite of Louisiana audiences, for Turkey Hollow’s unique Maine roots are closely intertwined with the Cajun music of Louisiana. But whether the influence is Celtic or Cajun, blues or bluegrass, Turkey Hollow’s unique sound is firmly rooted in the rich working class traditions of central Maine.

"Turkey Hollow is superb,” enthuses Michael Mcllon, Owner/Director of Oddfellows Theater in Buckfield, ME, and former Executive Director of Maine Arts, Inc. “They bring the very best in their tight harmony, smoothness of the harmonies. Carole Wise

Carole Wise

Northeast by Southwest, the music of Carole Wise draws from her personal experience and journey. At the same time, it has a universal quality, which speaks to all. Her songs are fresh and vital and come alive when she sings. Her strong, versatile voice & guitar style will touch you deeply. Carole will share original songs from her 1987 (Still Here) & 1999 (The Bottom Line) CDs, as well as other acoustic favorites. An extremely diverse, as well as personable, performer Carole masters the art of connecting with her audiences.

“Music is a language which has the potential to bring folks together through the recognition of common experience & emotion. I want people to leave the concert feeling a sense of hope and in touch with their humanity. I invite you to find a piece of yourself in my songs.”

Lake Region Television Will Be Filming Our Bicentennial Celebration

Lakes Region Television (LRTV) is a local access cable television station serving twelve communities in the lakes region of Western Maine. Their two channels reach a potential viewership of over 5,000 families in Bridgton, Harrison, Naples, Sebago, Denmark, Baldwin, Cornish, Hiram, Parsonsfield and Porter that are part of the Adelphia Cable system. One of their channels is also seen by an additional 3,000 families in Casco and Raymond, thanks to an interconnection arrangement with Time Warner Cable.

Twelve to fourteen LRTV volunteers and their mobile Field Production Truck will be on hand throughout the day to record for posterity Raymond’s Bicentennial Celebration. Camera operators will be shooting hours and hours worth of footage which will then be edited together to create a wonderful video montage of the Day’s events. The resulting video piece will be aired on LRTV Community Access stations (Channel 2 for Time Warner Cable subscribers and Channel 5 & 7 for Adelphia subscribers). The video will also be available for sale from the Bicentennial Planning Committee, a “Must Have” for all of you tireless volunteers who have worked so hard to put this Celebration together (and who probably won’t get to see all of the events).

LRTV is looking for 2 to 3 community volunteers to help operate cameras on June 21. They will provide instruction with the cameras and guidance as to what to be shooting. This is a great learning opportunity for anyone who has ever been interested in “getting into television”.

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Also Appearing: Muddy Marsh Ramblers

The Wrecking Crew

The Wrecking Crew began in the summer of 1998 after Doug Elder's secular alternative group had decided to call it quits. Doug felt certain that God was pulling him in a new direction and he began collaborating with his brother Darren Elder, a drummer influenced by a variety of musical styles. With Doug on vocals and guitar and Darren on drums, the brothers began building up a stockpile of original music and lyrics, letting the spirit lead wherever it would. As the fruits of this endeavor emerged, it became evident that an intense and un diluted form of spiritually uplifting folk was being assembled.

By August of 1998, Doug and Darren were officially in search of a bassist. Darren knew Ty Monroe as the guitar owner/Director of Oddfellows Theater in Buckfield, ME, and former Executive Director of Maine Arts, Inc. “They

The Bottom Line

The Wrecking Crew spent the better part of its first year practicing and playing out in this four piece format. When the opportunity arose in late 1999 to jam with DJ Joe McCann, (formerly of the Boston based band, Overflow) the Wrecking Crew was not really looking to add another member. Fortunately, God had other plans. Just seconds into the first jam session, everyone in the room knew that Joe was in. His intricate turntable work and hip-hop vocals clearly add to the fullness of each song and make The KPWCC's sound even more diverse.

Presently The Kingpin Wrecking Crew is ready to follow wherever God leads. Perhaps Ty Monroe put it best when he said with regard to the band's future.."I see God taking us to great places musically and spiritually for the sole purpose of glorifying His name and bringing people to Himself."
Lecture On Hawthorne At The Hawthorne House

Standing at the corner of Hawthorne and Cape Roads for almost 200 years is the boyhood home of the famous author Nathaniel Hawthorne. The house owes its continued existence to the Hawthorne Community Association, whose members have volunteered their time and contributions to preserve the property since 1922. It has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1969.

In recognition of Raymond’s bicentennial and with assistance from the Maine Humanities Council, we have invited Hawthorne scholar Dr. Trudi Riesenbeger to speak at the Hawthorne House on Saturday, June 28, at 6:30 (The Saturday after the Founders Day celebrations). Dr. Riesenbeger grew up in Brunswick and was educated at Principia College and Washington University. She has taught at levels ranging from elementary school to college, and has published numerous articles. Currently she is writing a book about Hawthorne’s Rome. Her interest in Hawthorne began during her graduate studies, and recently she has centered on his years in Rome.

The Raymond Village Library, co-sponsor of this event with the Hawthorne Community Association, will have a selection of Hawthorne books and materials on display. Open hours are Mon. & Wed. 2 pm – 8 pm, Thurs. & Sat. 9 am – noon, and Sun. 11 am – 6 pm. The lecture and exhibit are made possible with support from the Maine Humanities Council through the New Century Community Program.

Following the June 28 talk, the Association will hold its annual Strawberry Festival at 7:30. The Festival celebrates the start of the summer season with a delicious strawberry shortcake dessert featuring homemade shortcake and 100% fresh ingredients. Both events will be open to all and will be held at the Hawthorne House.

Hannaford Windham Awards Check For $1,720 To The Raymond Schools Through “Hannaford Helps Schools” Program

Hannaford Store Manager Cindy Hakala presented a check in the amount of $1,720 to Norma Richard, Principal, representing the Raymond Elementary School and the Raymond PTA. This amount reflects the dollars earned by the Raymond Schools plus a $100 education grant awarded for raising the most dollars through the “Hannaford Helps Schools” Program.

Under the terms of the program that ran last fall, shoppers could raise funds for local schools by purchasing certain General Mills products. More than 1,000 schools in five states participated in the school program. Over $250,000 was raised.

There was no limit on the amount that could be raised by each school. Each store awarded an additional $100 education grant to the one school registered through that store that raised the most funds. The Raymond Elementary School was Windham’s education grant winner.

Norma Richard, Principal, thanked Hannaford for the check and said, “We appreciate receiving this generous check from Hannaford to support all of the programs offered to our students through the Raymond Schools and the Raymond PTA.” The children at the Raymond Elementary School also appreciated the ice cream party that Cindy and Hannaford volunteers, including Raymond parents Tracie Morris and Kim Cave, arranged for the entire school on April 18.


Want To Be A Trailblazer? Join Us On Our Newest Letterbox Trail!

We are so pleased to be announcing our latest addition to our “Lakes Region Letterbox Trails.” This year we will be incorporating an “Architectural” trail which highlights traditional as well as non-traditional architectural styles found in Raymond. The tour will begin about 10am on Saturday, June 28, at the Raymond Village Library.

There is no cost for the tour, but if you’d like to purchase your own personal stamp book to record your stamps, those will be available for $4. You may leave your car in the parking lot and board a bus for the tour. The tour will take approximately 2 hours.

We’ll return to the parking lot around noon. If you’d like to join us for lunch, we’ll head from the library to Kokatosi Campground. Subway Sandwich Shop has graciously offered to put on a free lunch for us at Kokatosi - isn’t that great? If you can’t join us for lunch, you can leave from the library at noon. There is still plenty of room available on the bus. Please call Debbie Blanchard to reserve your spot or ask questions at 655-8672.

Explore the rich heritage of your community as Raymond prepares to celebrate its Bicentennial. If you can’t make it on the 28th, guide books and stamps books will be on sale at Sunset Variety and the Raymond Village Library from June 21-Oct. 10. Happy Letterboxing!

Raymond Fire Auxiliary

The Raymond Fire Auxiliary sponsored a Pot Luck History Supper on April 26th at the new Public Safety Building. Between 70 and 80 past, present and future members attended.

Following a delicious meal, Ernie Allen started the evening off with a brief past history of the Raymond Fire Department. Several past members did a little reminiscing. The present Fire Chief Denis Morse brought everyone up-to-date.

In the past the Auxiliary has been very active in Raymond with assisting at fires, fund raisers, community service and fun. We have held baked bean and fried clam suppers, food sales, sponsored a Girl Scout troop, Thanksgiving basket raffles, a booth at Founders Day and scavenger hunts.

We would welcome new members. If interested, call Raymond Dispatch at 655-7831 and leave your name and number.

East Raymond Chapel United Church of Christ

394WBs Mills Road
Pastor: Rev. Joyce A. Long

A little of the Chapel’s History:

In 1884 at East Raymond, nine ladies and five gentlemen of the town met to form a Benevolent Society which was variously referred to as the “Ladies Benevolent Society” or “Ladies Sewing Circle.” Within three years, membership had grown to forty men and women. Records of the society show that, at a meeting held December 22, 1887, it was voted that the funds of the Society (collected by dues) be used for building a church, chapel, or vestry at East Raymond. On September 6, 1888, the Society’s minutes report “a goodly number present - decided to build a Chapel to consist of two rooms built on one floor.” During the following year, members contributed time and material for grading the lot obtained from Orrin and Henry Lane and Lester Jordan on the present Route 85 site. Interested citizens also contributed generously to building the Chapel. In August of 1889, “the usual exercises of a Circle afternoon” were varied by a visit to the new Chapel to see how it was progressing and give our advice, if any was needed.” The East Raymond Chapel was completed in 1890. In July of that year the Ladies Benevolent Society voted to become responsible for all debts incurred in furnishing the inside of the Chapel. The East Raymond Chapel was rededicated to the Glory of God on its 100th anniversary year, August 12, 1990.

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday services will begin again June 1st 8:30am all are welcome.
- We, the caretakers & members of East Raymond Chapel, are waiting to hear, after a site visit, whether we have been selected to be on the Maine Historical Preservation Society List.
- June 21st, Raymond Bicentennial - We are planning to have our doors open for anyone to visit the Chapel who haven’t had the opportunity. Mimi Wetzell will be in the Chapel playing our old pump organ as well as old gospel hymns on the piano. Come and sit a spell. We will also have a Yard Sale at that time from 11:00-2:00.
- July 20th 7:00pm We will be having a good old Hymn Sing to get the spirit moving in our hearts. Refreshments at 6:45pm
Raymond Yo! Win 2003
Windham High School Talent Show

The band “Ants Marching,” with members Charles Leavitt and Jody Bagley of Raymond and Mike Skelton, Geoff Debree, Max Huglin and Bobby Harmon of Windham, were the winners of the 2003 Windham High School Talent Show held on April 10th at the Windham Primary School. Charles, Jody and Geoff were also members of the band “Animus” that won in 2001. This year’s show had 19 acts, with outstanding performances given by Raymond’s own Julia Bruno, Mikey Gosselin and Sara Wessel.

Cross Country Ski & Snow Shoe Program

By: Joni Merrill

The Physical Education Department of JSMS held the first day of a weekly cross country ski and snow showing program on January 8, 2003, and concluded it in early March. A very snowy winter helped this program to be extremely successful. Smiles were seen and laughter could be heard all around the school as many students experienced for the first time these wonderful life long activities of skiing and snow shoeing. You may have seen a write up in the Portland Press Herald regarding this program.

The program was the brainchild of JSMS principal Charlie Miller and was originally offered to the 5th & 6th graders who were not able to attend the Shawnee Peak ski program. From there it expanded to being a big piece of the PE curriculum offered to all students in grades 5 - 8 at Jordan-Small. This program would not exist without the great efforts of Pat Smith, president of the Raymond Recreation Association. Pat spent many hours gathering equipment so this program would get up and running. A great many thanks are extended to the Jordan-Small Middle School Mentoring Program, the Raymond PTA and individual community members for their financial contributions that went toward the purchasing of equipment. Thank you to Jeff Stevenson (Gray-New Gloucester PE teacher) and Christy Murray (representative of the Winterkids Program out of Portland) for their advisory support. Many thanks also to the volunteers (Betsy Lapp, Bob Dunklee, Alex Jackson, Elizabeth Algeo, Eileen & Howard Stiles, Marianne Van Baars, Laura Jo Cunningham, Pat Smith, Lori Rand and Beth Guerrette) who were involved in this groundbreaking program. This program would not work, if we did not have your help. Bob Dunklee donated the material and built the wooden bins used for storage of the skills, poles and shoes: thank you. For those individuals who contributed ski equipment, thank you! The following businesses sold snowshoes and ski equipment to us at discounted prices: Reny’s (Bridgton), Eastern Mountain Sports (Conway, NH), Play It Again Sports (Portland and Auburn locations): thank you.

If you have snow shoes or cross country equipment you would like to donate for next year’s program, please contact Joni at Jordan-Small Middle School.

Free Technical Assistance & Financial Help
On Raymond Pond And Crescent Lake!!

Does your lawn run to the shore of the lake?
Is your bank failing and washing into the lake?
Does your driveway or road:
- wash out every spring?
- have ruts, potholes or washboarding?
- need new gravel every year?

The Raymond Pond and Crescent Lake Demonstration Project is still looking to reduce erosion around these lakes. Any property within these watersheds that has erosion problems can qualify to get financial assistance for a portion of road or driveway repair, buffer plantings, or bank stabilization efforts. Through the grant, the landowner or road association will receive up to 60% of the cost of the entire project. The remaining 40% can be paid by the landowner either in cash or with in-kind labor on the project.

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Are Raymond Students Carrying Too Heavy A Load? By Drew Gagnon, Molly Cloutier, Abigail Morneau, and Bryan Peterson

doctor’s in the U.S. think that children in schools are using backpacks that are way too heavy for their backs. Physicians recommend that students should not be carrying backpacks that weigh more than 15% of a child’s weight. We decided to investigate this problem at RES.

We weighed fourth grade students and their backpacks. Our findings showed that students should not be carrying backpacks that weigh more than 12 pounds. The average backpack weight is about 8 pounds at RES. Out of 65 students in the fourth grade, about 10 of them were carrying loads that were more than 8 pounds.

In conclusion, we found that most of the fourth graders at RES are not carrying too much in their backpacks. A few people in the fourth grade are carrying too much weight (usually students who weighed the least). We would encourage everyone to pack only what they really need to take so that they wouldn’t be carrying too heavy a load.

The Schoolhouse Arts Center

Cassidy Gautier, Grade 2, and Nicole Pelletier, Grade 9, both of Raymond are taking part in The Schoolhouse Arts Center production of A Little Princess. The play is based on Frances Hodgson Burnett’s book and tells a musical tale of how all girls are princesses no matter where they come from. Even an evil teacher cannot make them feel any different. Both girls play key roles as supporting schoolgirls.