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Raymond Road Runner To Partner With Lake Region Suburban Weekly

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

In an ongoing effort to save tax dollars but still provide the Raymond Road Runner newsletter to Raymond residents, an agreement has been reached between the town and Current Publishing LLC, owner of the Lake Region Suburban Weekly. Under this public/private partnership, the Raymond Road Runner will be delivered as an insert in the Lake Region Suburban Weekly the last Friday of each month. Raymond residents will receive this issue of newspaper at no cost. There will be no changes in the Road Runner format or content. Advantages to the town include an annual savings of approximately \$3,156 to reflect postage and distribution costs being absorbed by the Lake Region Suburban Weekly as well as decreased publishing costs due to the much greater volume of printing done by Current Publishing LLC. The newspaper believes that by including the Raymond Road Runner in the Lake Region Suburban Weekly once a month and providing the newspaper to every household in Raymond at no cost, advertising revenues will increase to reflect the greater exposure that the newspaper will receive.

Please be sure to look for your copy of the Raymond Road Runner in the Friday, November 25, 2005 issue of the Lake Region Suburban Weekly or on the town website www.raymondmaine.org.

GENERAL ELECTION
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2005
 JORDAN-SMALL MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
 7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

A Voter Registrar will be available during regular office hours at the Town Office.
 The Voter Registrar will also be in attendance on Election Day from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

When registering to vote, please appear with two forms of identification, one photo, and both stating your physical address in Raymond.

Operation Backpack

Principal Norma Richard is happy to share the great success of Operation Backpack. Students and staff at the Raymond Elementary School and the Jordan-Small Middle School exceeded their initial goal of 42 backpacks over twofold. A total of 86 backpacks were packed and sent to the Lukeville Upper Elementary School in Brusly, Louisiana to help children displaced by Hurricane Katrina. We wish that members of our community could have seen the caring, concern and happiness on the faces of our students, staff, and parents as the 86 backpacks were brought into the schools. These backpacks may have included school supplies and personal items, but each was very special and was obviously packed with much love and kindness. It was a wonderful way for the children of Raymond, Maine to say that they truly care about the students in Brusly.

Mrs. Cynthia Thomas, principal of the Lukeville Upper Elementary School, has been in contact with Ms. Richard via email. Miss Cynthia writes, "I want Raymond,

Maine and the love and compassion shown by your faculty, staff, student body, and parents be known to others. Again, I can't begin to express my most heartfelt gratitude to you for the interest that you have shown us. Things are getting better, but there are still children who are in need. Please continue to keep in touch so you will know how we are doing."

There are several more initiatives planned for this school year to continue our support for students and staff at the Lukeville Upper Elementary School. We are looking for a way to adopt families during the holiday, and have already started collected blankets to send to the children. We also do not want to forget the heroic efforts of the Lukeville school staff who are struggling each day to meet the needs of these children, and hope to do some nice things for the Lukeville teachers, and for Miss Cynthia.

Ms. Richard would like to extend a personal thank you to all children and adults who helped to make Operation Backpack such a wonderful success, including Gail Cole and the many volunteers who were part of the



packing and shipping activities. A special thank you is extended to the area businesses that supported our efforts, including Coastal Athletics (for the great Raymond, Maine Loves Lukeville hats!), Mardens, Hair Excitement, Advanced Dental Concepts, Linens and Things, and the Sheraton.

Road Runner Articles

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by November 17th. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

E-Mail; Diskette; Paper; CDROM

Articles should be submitted in RTF and pictures in JPEG format. E-mail articles and pictures to: roadrunner@raymondmaine.org or drop them off at the Town Office or at one of the school offices.

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<http://www.raymondmaine.org>
 Look under Calendars & News

To learn more about what's new in Raymond, visit our website at:

<http://www.raymondmaine.org>

- On-line services now include:
- Automobile registration
 - Hunting and fishing licenses
 - Assessment information
 - Property & other maps

News From The Raymond Village Library

At a Glance

- November 16 – Pajama Story Time, 6:30
- November 27 – Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5:00
- November 30 – Reading Group, 7:00
- December 11 – Holiday Bake Sale, 10:00 am

Annual Meeting of the Raymond Village Library Corporation

The second annual meeting of the Raymond Village Library Corporation was held at the library on September 30. Reports were given by officers and committees. A printed report of the Year in Review, listing many of the activities accomplished in the past year as well as some of the programs including Community Liaison, Children's Programs, Adult and Family Programs, professional Development for the Staff, Volunteers and Board.

Four new members were elected to the Board of Trustees, expanding the Board to nine members, to help implement the Three-Year Plan. The new members are: Brenda Stevenson, Cheryl Laz, Monica Hanson and Suzanne Bruno. The remaining members are Laurie Forbes, President, Lori Rand, Vice-President, Deb Hutchinson, Secretary, Carol



Meader, Treasurer, and Louise Murray, Past President. Among those attending the meeting were Don Willard, Town Manager, Betty McDermott and Lonnie Taylor, Town Selectmen.

Holiday Raffle

Generous patrons have made donations to be raffled as a fund raiser for the library. There are six items to be raffled: 1) a Ladybug Beaded Bag, 2) a White Beaded Bag, 3) a Black and White Beaded Bag, 4) a Purple Beaded Bag, 5) an Afghan and Pillow Set and 6) a whimsical Noah's Ark Picture. These beautiful items can be seen at the library and the tickets, \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, can be purchased at the library. Please be sure to indicate the item you wish on your ticket. The drawing will be held at the Holiday Bake Sale on December 11.

Art Exhibit

A truly lovely and most unusual exhibit is now on display at the library. A local artist from Casco, Om Devi Reynolds says she mostly paints in an abstract mode, with oil on canvas, acrylic on canvas or paper; and Sumi-e ink on paper or cloth. Om Devi explains that her art echos her life-long involvement with nature. When painting, she finds herself in a process of listening and responding while exploring color, line and form. Her comment, "It is great fun to make visual attempts of a realm beyond sensation and realistically perceived imagery", helps to explain the



joy one feels while reflecting on her art.

This is a definite "not to be missed" treat.

Pajama Story Time

The Pajama Party with stories, songs and other fun, will be held at the library, November 16 at 6:30 pm. Once again we will be treated to Jody Fein, super storyteller. This year, this special story time is sponsored by the Raymond Village Library and the Raymond PTA. This is a fun time for everyone and pajama wearing is strongly encouraged to add to the fun and insure all are in bed on time!

Tree Lighting

The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, sponsored by the Raymond Lions Club, will be held November 27 at 5 pm, at the library. This is a community affair and everyone is cordially invited to join us for fun and refreshments.

Reading Group

The reading group will meet November 30 at 7 pm, to discuss Malcolm Gladwell's, "The Tipping Point". Mr. Gladwell is also known for his book, "Blink". New members are always welcome. The Reading Group will not be meeting in December, but will resume in January, 2006. For more information, please call the library at 655-4283.

Middle School Murder Mystery

Sherlock Holmes would have been proud of the investigative skills of the 33 youth sleuths put in charge of solving a mystery at Raymond Village Library Friday October 14, 2005.

The middle school students attending were given the task of figuring out who was responsible for the murder of a librarian in charge of a rock concert. The group of sleuths read descriptions of the suspects, viewed video footage of the suspect's alibis, and investigated designated crime scenes set up in the library. Everyone had to carefully look through paperwork, letters, notes, and anything else that was a potential clue to who might have wanted this librarian dead.

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November 2005

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 CL=Casco Library	SG=Sheri Gagnon TG=Town Garage RT85 TH=Town Hall VL=Village Library VC=Village Church VT=Village Tennis MB=Modular at JSMS	1 6:30PM-8:00PM VC BSA Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Selectmen's Meeting	2 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime	3	4	5 3:00PM TH Zoning Board of Appeals deadline
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20 10:00AM Appeals Board Site Walk	21 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 7:00p Raymond-Casco Historical Society Meeting	22 6:30PM-8:00PM VC BSA Troop 800 Meeting 7:00PM TH Conservation Commission 7:00PM TH Selectmen's Meeting	23 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime	24 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving	25 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving	26 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving
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Municipal News Brief

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen took the following actions on September 29th, 2005 and in October 2005:

Special Selectmen Meeting – Tuesday, September 29, 2005:

1. Set 2005/2006 fiscal year tax commitment and establish mil rate – Assessors' Agent Amanda Simpson provided an overview of the revaluation process and outlined Raymond's new taxable valuation, which currently stands at \$980,346,273. The net amount to be raised this year by local property tax, after intergovernmental revenues are subtracted in the amount of \$1,821,691 is \$8,886,926. This allows a range of tax rate between \$9.00 to \$9.45 per thousand valuation. The assessors' agent and the town manager recommended a mil rate of 9.3 mils or \$9.30 per thousand valuation. A motion was made to accept and approve the assessors' agent recommendation of 9.3 mils for the 2005/2006-tax year, which was approved unanimously.
2. Town Manager report and communications:
 - a. Board of Assessment Review – The town manager announced that former Selectman Ada K. Brown had tendered her resignation as alternate from the Board of Assessment Review. The Selectmen instructed the town manager to contact individuals that had previously expressed interest in this position as well as advertise for new candidates.
 - b. Keenan Auction – The town manager announced that five pieces of surplus Public Works and Fire Department equipment were sold at auction in order to help offset the cost of replacement equipment including a ¾ ton pickup truck purchased from State Surplus for the Public Works Department and a replacement for the 1994 Fire Department utility truck.
 - c. November 15, 2005 Selectmen Meeting – Selectman Mark Gendron indicated that he would not be available to attend the November 15th meeting due to a prior commitment. Since the Public Works Department presentation was scheduled for that evening, a decision was made to postpone the presentation until all of the Selectmen can be in attendance.

Tuesday, October 4, 2005:

1. *Lake Region Suburban Weekly – Raymond Road Runner* publishing proposal. Advertising Manager Ms. Jean Berg-Keyes provided a detailed outline of production and delivery cost savings the town could realize by partnering with the *Lake Region Suburban Weekly*. Approximately \$3,156 would be saved annually in the area of postage and distribution as well as reduced costs being realized for the third party publishing of the *Raymond Road Runner* due to the volume of business that the *Lake Region Suburban Weekly* parent company Current Publications LLC does with the direct publisher. Under the *Lake Region Suburban Weekly* proposal, the *Raymond Road Runner* would be delivered free of charge as an insert in the newspaper on the last Friday of each month. The newspaper would also be delivered to every Raymond resident on a complimentary basis. Ms. Berg-Keyes committed to this arrangement for the foreseeable future. The Selectmen felt that saving the postage and distribution costs as well as realizing savings in publishing coupled with the fact the Raymond residents will now receive the *Lake Region Suburban Weekly* free of charge warranted entering into this public/private partnership. A motion was made to approve the *Lake Region Suburban Weekly* proposal, which was unanimously approved.
2. Approval 2005/2006 Municipal Agreement with the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility. This is a renewal to the original agreement first entered into in 1994 and would be for a one year period commencing October 4, 2005 and ending October 4, 2006. A motion was made to approve the 2005/2006 Bulky Waste Agreement, which was approved unanimously.
3. Approval of 2005 Maine Municipal Association Model General Assistance Ordinance and Revised

Appendices for use in Raymond. The town manager explained that this is an annual requirement of the Maine Department of Human Services to ensure that levels of general assistance support provided to qualified individuals are compliant with prevailing costs of basic necessities and that the General Assistance Ordinance is consistent with current law. The Selectmen unanimously approved adopting the 2005 Maine Municipal Association Model General Assistance Ordinance and Revised Appendices for use in Raymond for the 2005/2006 fiscal year.

4. 2005 Cumberland County Tax Assessors' Return. The town manager explained that the Cumberland County Tax Assessors' Return needs to be approved by the Selectmen in order to facilitate the disbursement of this year's Raymond county tax assessment which totals \$454,778. The amount of tax paid by each of the 27 communities that comprise Cumberland County is determined by taking a ratio of individual state certified valuation compared to the total state certified valuation of the county. Although Cumberland County government overall expenditures increased by only 1.5%, the rate of increase in Raymond was 5.82%. This larger than average increase was caused by Raymond's rapidly increasing valuation as compared to other communities within the county. For 2005 Raymond's total value is based upon a state certified valuation of \$728,750,000. The total state certified valuation of Cumberland County in 2005 is \$30,301,350,000 an increase of 14.5% over the 2004 valuation year.
5. Town Manager report and communications:
 - a.) The town manager announced that the Portland Natural Gas Transmission System liaison dinner scheduled for Wednesday, November 9th at 5:30 pm requires a confirming reservation. It was determined that Selectmen Chairman Betty McDermott and the town manager would attend and represent Raymond at this meeting.
 - b.) The Selectmen signed certificates of appreciation and recognized long serving Planning Board members Chairman Will Haskell and former Chairman Erika Frank who recently announced their intentions to step down from these volunteer positions.
 - c.) This year's annual Maine Municipal Association Convention will be held Wednesday – Friday, October 5th through 7th in Augusta.
 - d.) The town manager, public works director and fire chief will be attending the Maine State Surplus Donee Auction in order to obtain a replacement vehicle for the Fire Department.
 - e.) The town manager answered a selectman inquiry as to how long the town had been setting up payment plans for delinquent taxes. The town manager responded that to the best of his knowledge such arrangements had been in place for many years in Raymond.
6. Fiscal Warrants - Approved Payroll and Appropriation Warrants dated October 4, 2005.

Tuesday, October 18, 2005:

1. Department head financial and goal presentation – Contract Town Planner Hugh Coxe outlined his work with the Town of Raymond since assuming the position in May and attending his first Planning Board Meeting in June. Mr. Coxe told the Selectmen that he is a resident of Falmouth and currently chairs that community's planning board. Work provided to the Town of Raymond includes preparing development reviews for the Planning Board, providing staff assistance with the updating of ordinances and related materials as needed as well as providing support assistance to the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC). Much of the cost of planning reviews in Raymond are borne through developers and paid from individual escrow accounts established for each project. Presently he is working with other involved staff to develop a checklist for Planning Board applicants to assist them in preparing for their presentations before the Planning Board and also make the development review process more efficient.

Mr. Coxe provided information on development in Raymond between 2004 and new applications in 2005. In 2005 a potential of 278 new housing units are in the planning stage. Mr. Coxe responded to a number of questions from the Selectmen regarding financial planning and statistical information presented.

At this time the Planning Board has two vacancies and is in need of volunteer members. Applications can be completed online at the town's website located at www.raymondmaine.org.

2. Acceptance of Board of Assessment Review resignation – Ada K. Brown alternate member. The Selectmen accepted Ada Brown's resignation and directed the town manager to continue to solicit interested applicants for this position.
3. Consideration of Release regarding J.P. Noonan tractor trailer accident in New Gloucester July 15, 2004 – Fire Chief Denis Morse outlined the Raymond Fire Department's role in supporting a tractor trailer accident that occurred in the Town of New Gloucester as a mutual aid incident. It is the practice of the Raymond Fire Department to bill for actual costs related to accidents of this type. Approval of the release will facilitate remuneration to the Town of Raymond in the amount of \$1,315.42. A motion was made to approve the recommendation of Fire Chief Morse and authorize the town manager to sign on the town's behalf. Approved unanimously.
4. Old unfinished business:
 - a.) November 15, 2005 meeting date change - A motion was made to change the November 15th meeting date to Wednesday, November 30th. Approved unanimously.
 - b.) 2005/2006 Property tax commitment - The town manager announced that the 2005/2006 commitment papers needed to be revised and reexecuted to correct a discrepancy having to do with allowable exemptions. The town manager indicated that although the 2005/2006 overlay will be reduced, the level should be adequate for any and all abatements that may be approved and will enable the tax rate to stay at the previously approved \$9.30 per valuation. A motion was made to approve the commitment papers with a new total valuation of \$966,544,973 and a mil rate of \$9.30, which will yield an overlay of \$166,744.
 - c.) Digital Broadcast Studio - In response to a question from a citizen attending the meeting, the town manager outlined the progress to date on construction of the new Digital Broadcast Studio. Low bidder, H.B. Communications from North Haven, Connecticut, has been selected to develop a detailed cost proposal for consideration by the Selectmen based upon pricing information submitted as a part of the original request for proposals. Network Administrator Kevin Woodbrey has developed a network diagram, which is under engineering review at H.B. Communications as part of the system design process. It is expected that a detailed proposal will be before the Selectmen in the near future and pending approval, equipment acquisition should happen during the winter months with functionality being realized by early 2006. As part of this technology discussion, the town manager informed the Selectmen that the Town of Raymond is now hosting the Town of Casco's website through our municipal server located at the Town Office on a fee for service basis.
 - d.) Cardboard recycling - The town manager provided an update on the cardboard recycling area relocation in response to an inquiry from a citizen. Presently this project has not been completed due to the significant amount of time invested by the Public Works Department in wrapping up the summer road reconstruction program. It is expected that work on this facility will begin in the near future and in the meantime, extra effort will continue to be invested in keeping the cardboard recycling area picked up and in good order. Electronic surveillance equipment to monitor use of the cardboard area has been

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purchased and will be installed as a part of the relocation project.

- e.) Mill Street boat - In response to an inquiry from the Selectmen, the town manager outlined his plans to arrange for the removal of a derelict boat that appeared in the parking area at the Sherri Gagnon Recreational Facility. The boat will be removed on or about Friday, October 21st by the last registered owner of record that resides in Scarborough.
5. Town manager report and communications – none.
 6. Mid Maine Waste Action Corporation (MMWAC) – Selectman Desjardins outlined some recent activities at the MMWAC facility, which have yielded a substantial operational surplus back to the Town of Raymond in the amount of \$33,715. It was noted by Selectman Reynolds that this check, when added to an earlier operational surplus received from the Casco Naples Bulky Waste Facility in the amount of \$72,611.56 resulted in a total of \$106,326.56 which more than exceeds the \$100,000 necessary to purchase the old landfill site located off of Egypt Road approved at this year's annual town meeting.
 7. Approved Payroll and Appropriation Warrants dated October 18, 2005.

Approved Selectman Minutes are available in their entirety by visiting www.raymondmaine.org or by request at the Town Office.

Christmas Fair

New Marblehead Manor
21 Oak Lane, Windham
is having a Christmas fair
Saturday, Nov. 5th, 9 to 2
in the community room.

Baked goods, white elephant
table, raffles, and crafts.

For more information, Nancy
Maloy, 892-4975

Classical Musicians to Perform at Hebron Academy

Tancredi Trio Opens Fifth Season of Cohen Chamber Music Concert Series

Boston-based Tancredi Trio will open the fifth season of Hebron Academy's "Cohen Chamber Music Concert Series" on Saturday, November 5, 2005. The concert will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Androscoggin Theater in Hebron Academy's Sargent Gymnasium. The concert is free and everyone is welcome.

The Tancredi Trio is composed of Harumi Rhodes on violin, Alexandre Lecarme on cello and Toma Popovici on piano. They have performed around the world, including St. Petersburg, Moscow, Brussels, Paris and New York City. The Trios' concerts include works from the likes of Dvorak, Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert.

Hebron Academy's concert series is sponsored by the Saul B. and Naomi R. Cohen Foundation. The Foundation is committed to education and the arts and supports performance opportunities for young musicians.

Hebron Academy, founded in 1804, is an independent, co-educational boarding and day school located about 25 minutes from the Lewiston-Auburn. The Academy's mission is to inspire and guide students to reach their highest potential in mind, body, and spirit. Two hundred-fifty students from New England, the United States, and the world attend grades six through postgraduate. Families interested in learning more should contact the Office of Admissions at 207-966-2100 or visit www.hebronacademy.org

For more information about the concert, please contact Beverly Roy at 207-966-2100 ext. 266.

Holiday Scholastic Book Fair

Where: RES Library

When: November 14 - 18

Book Fair open until 8pm during the Holiday Fair on Friday, 11/18!

Books make the perfect holiday present

Selections available for K-8

Great gift ideas – Over 500 titles to choose from

Open to the Community

All Proceeds Will Benefit the Raymond PTA

LIFE ALERT

Vial of Life: It speaks for you when you can't.

By: Ronny-Claire Keeler Raymond Paramedic

On July 11 of this year I was hired on the Raymond Fire Department as one of the two full-time paramedics in town. So far I have come to know many of Raymond's towns people and found that this is a wonderful town to live and work in. I thought that it might be nice to not only interact with the community in an emergency but also help provide preventative care in articles in the *Raymond Road Runner*.

For my first article I wanted to discuss the "Vial of Life". I am sure many of you have heard of these vials, they are small containers about the size of a photo film canister that has a pre-made form telling us info such as your name and address down to your allergies and medical history. This provides emergency medical technicians with all the relevant and pertinent information vital in the treating of you in an emergency, and the continuation of care in the emergency room. The vials take only minutes to be filled out, and Do Not Resuscitate Orders can also be put inside. It is kept in your home in what might seem like a very odd place, your refrigerator. The vial is kept underneath the top right shelf, (out of your way) and a small vial heart sticker (optional) is placed on the front of the refrigerator to inform the EMT that you have a vial. We update the vial once a year and once the initial meeting takes place the yearly update can be done over the phone.

My goal is not only to have the elderly or ill fill out these vials but to have everyone, young and old, healthy and sick. I want the emergency medical technicians at the Raymond Fire Department to provide the best care possible to you in an emergency. I think we all can agree knowledge is key, especially in emergency medicine.

So now that you know what the Vial of Life is please help us to provide the best possible care for you and your family. The vials are free, all you have to do is call me, Ronny Keeler at the Raymond Fire Department 655-7851 Sunday-Tuesday 6am-6pm. Or email me at ronnykeeler@hotmail.com and we can set up a time to meet at your home.

I can't wait to meet you and look forward to providing professional and knowledgeable care to the citizens of Raymond in there time of need.

Employment Opportunity

Raymond School Department Lunch Program has openings for a Cafeteria Substitute to work in the school Lunch Program.

This position is on an as needed basis, training provided.

Contact:
Kim Williams
Food Service Manager
655-8672

Town Office Holiday Schedule

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

Thanksgiving – Closed for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 24th, 25th, 26th

Christmas – Closed Saturday, December 24th

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Mary Ann Anderson – Retrospective: A Pause in Transition

Art Show in Hupper Gallery at
Hebron Academy, Hebron

Saturday, October 15 through Friday, November 11

Gallery Hours:

8:00 am-3:30 pm Monday-Friday

6:30 pm-8:00 pm Sunday-Thursday; Saturday, October 15, 22 and November 5, 8:00 am-noon

This event is open to the public and free of charge.

For more information, please call (207)966-2100
or visit www.hebronacademy.org

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage To Change

By Senator Bill Diamond

If you are 65 years old or disabled and enrolled in Medicare or know of someone who fits in either one of those categories, then you need to be aware that the Medicare prescription drug plan will be changing soon.

Beginning January 1, 2006, prescription drug coverage will be available to all Americans who are on Medicare. This will no doubt be the most comprehensive change to the Medicare system in its 40-year history. There are currently almost 42 million elderly and disabled Americans who have most of their health-care bills paid by Medicare.

It's very important that people who are currently Medicare beneficiaries realize that very soon they will have some serious decisions/choices to make regarding their prescription drug plans. Medicare prescription drug plans provide insurance coverage for prescription drugs. When a person with Medicare joins a drug plan, it's important for them to choose one that meets their prescription drug needs. This new Medicare program was formally known as Medicare Part D.

According to information from the Medicare program, those people who have Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and/or Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance), can join a Medicare prescription drug plan between November 15, 2005, and May 15, 2006. If they join by December 31, 2005, their Medicare prescription drug plan coverage will begin on January 1, 2006. Everyone should join one of the plans according to Medicare officials.

Medicare prescription drug plans work with all types of Medicare health plans and those people in the Original Medicare Plan will need to enroll in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) to get drug coverage.

Medicare officials note that people who have a Medigap (supplemental insurance) policy with drug coverage will get a detailed notice from their insurance company telling them whether or not their prescription drug coverage is generally at least as good as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage. It is interesting to note that Medicare officials state that most Medigap prescription drug coverage is not at least as good as Medicare prescription drug coverage.

This new Medicare prescription drug program will, no doubt, raise many questions, especially when it comes to choosing a specific drug plan. I'm sure that you will be receiving a lot of information over the next several weeks which could be either helpful or more likely, add to the confusion because of the complexity of this new program.

In order to take advantage of the experts' availability we have organized a Windham and Raymond area informational meeting about this new Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) which will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2005, at 10:00 AM, in the auditorium at Windham High School. We have arranged to have Medicare (PDP) experts available at this meeting to answer questions regarding all aspects of this new program including the specific costs associated with the various new prescription plans.

Rep. John Robinson and I hope that all Raymond residents who are interested in learning more about this important new plan will come to the meeting on November 12. This is a unique opportunity to get all of your questions answered about the new Medicare prescription drug plan. I hope to see you there.

Principal's Report For November

Parent-teacher conferences are on our calendar for Wednesday, November 9 and Thursday, November 10. One of the purposes of these fall parent-teacher conferences is to make each student's school experience a positive one. Teachers will be sending out information for scheduling a conference on Wednesday afternoon and evening, or on Thursday morning. They will be sharing information with parents about the instructional program; how each student is progressing academically; and how each student is meeting the school district's Guiding Principles.

I would like to share some information to make the conference a positive one for each of our school parents. Here are some ideas for you to make the most out of parent-teacher conferences this year.

Talk to your children before the conference, letting them know that you will be meeting with the teacher to discuss their work and behavior in school. Ask them to share with you the areas that they feel are strengths for them, as well as the subjects that they find to be more difficult. It is often helpful if parents come to the conference with a list of questions about their child's academic program or social development. "What are the learning standards in this classroom? Is my student work up to his/her ability?"

What can we do at home to extend my child's learning? How well does my child get along with classmates? Does he/she participate in class discussions and activities? Is my child producing quality work?"

Teachers need your help to best educate your child. It is important for parents to share information about changes at home. A change in jobs, a new sibling, the loss of a grandparent, family illness, or even the loss of a pet can greatly impact a child's school performance. Communicating these to your child's teacher can help us better understand and support the student at school.

Though each child's progress to date will be shared at the parent-teacher conference, report cards will not be sent home until the end of the trimester in December. We moved this year's conferences to November as a result of parent feedback after last year's December conferences, which were scheduled too close to the holiday season for both parents and teachers. We are aiming for 100% parent participation in this year's parent-teacher conferences. Our teachers are very dedicated to your children and will try to accommodate parent requests for an alternate date for conferences if you are unavailable to meet on November 9 and 10. We look forward to this opportunity to build a strong partnership with parents as we work together to educate your children.

Jordan Small Middle School Has A Great Cross Country Running Season

By John Dionne, Cross Country Running Coach

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

I cannot begin to put in words how hard the Jordan Small Cross Country runners worked this season. They endured many tough practices with days of hot weather, cold weather, and a lot of rainy weather. We had some exciting races this year. Both boys and girls finished either first or second in each interconference meet that they were involved in this year. We were lucky enough to run in the Scarborough Invitational and put 6 runners in the top 60.



Point leaders this year were Lucy Algeo for the girls team and for the boys team it was John Grondin. All runners from last year improved their times. Most by more than a minute. This included the fore mentioned names and also Isobel Cunningham, Makenna Grindstaff, Lauren Harris, Adria Hughes, Lindsey Hughes, Beth Shively, Deanna Weeks, Jenna Martyn-Fisher, Natalie VanBaars, Sasha VanBaars, Sam Brockelbank, Jacob Desjardins, Cheston Desorbo, Anthony Dighello, Parker Gendron, Jack Haskell, Cayen Haycock, Patrick LaChance, Tyler Lessard, Dustin Libby, Jacob Lipman, Connor McGhie, Ian McGhie, Brian Murray, Ben Olmstead, Dylan Richards, Haven Smith, Corey Stevenson, Josh Waldron, and Ethan Ward.

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

Raymond PTA Giving Tree Requests

These are items teachers and staff need for projects they are doing. If you have extra at home or would be willing to pick something up when you are out shopping, please bring/send in items and put them in the drop boxes labeled "Giving Tree" near the school front doors. We will deliver them to the teachers within 2 days.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Deb at 655-2877 or e-mail at dcutten@maine.rr.com

RES

- 2 accordion-style window or box fans for the Teacher's lunch room
- a flat file to store large drawings, paintings or posters in for the Art Room
- The RES health office needs donations of pants with elastic waists, generic in color, for sizes 6-8-10 and a few t-shirts.

PTA Newsletter – October 2005

Fundraisers

Hannaford-General Mills Dollars: This program is running now through December 3rd. If you buy more than three General Mills products at Hannaford's Supermarket in North Windham you will receive red and white coupons worth \$2, \$4, or \$6 from your cashier. Please don't just throw those coupons away - Drop them off at either school in the Box Tops for Education receptacle. Last year we collected \$1821 and won the \$1000 bonus.

Box Tops for Education: Keep clipping those Box Tops! This year they've added some new incentives like Back to School Bonus Box Tops (2 or 3 on one product!), Bonus Box Tops Sweepstakes, Whole Grain Challenge Sweepstakes and Box Tops Booster Club online.

Tyson Project A+ Products: Look for a Project A+™ redemption labels on Tyson frozen food products. Each label is worth \$0.24. Clip the labels and send them in with your Box Tops.

Inks Cartridge and Digital Cell Phone Recycling: Kash for Kids is a fundraising program the Raymond PTA participates in to earn money for our schools and community. With this program the PTA collects empty ink jet, laser printer cartridges and digital cell phones. Kash for Kids pays up to \$4 for ink jets (\$2 for most), \$1-12 for lasers based on styles and \$2.50 for each digital cell phone.

Bring your empty cartridges (both inkjet and lasers) and cell phones to RES (there's a collection box in front of the library) or to JSMS (their collection box is outside the main office). The PTA packages up the cartridges and sends them to CKA Associates postage paid. Kash for Kids then sends us a check. Last year the PTA earned \$1331.00 on this fundraiser alone. And just think, you're helping the environment too.

Volunteer Needs

We need people to help on committees and we *still need a Vice President*.

Reflections Program: Gail Casson has volunteered to Chair the Reflections Program. She will be needing help in November with supervising workshops and mounting artwork. If this is something you are interested in please contact Gail at g.casson@raymondmaine.org.

Holiday Fair – November 18th: The holiday fair is scheduled for November 18. Pies and cakes will be needed as well as people to help with the cake walk and gift sale. If interested please contact Helene Gagnon at 655-7562 or rgagnon1@maine.rr.com.

Scholastic Book Fair- November 14-18: We need volunteers to staff the Book Fair during regular school hours and Friday evening during the Holiday Fair. If you can help out please contact Wendy Trask at 655-4446 or wtrask1@maine.rr.com.

Box Tops Program: We always need trimmers. If you can help out please contact Caj MacDonald at cmacdon3@maine.rr.com.

Cultural Enrichment: Christina Lamarre is our new Chairperson for the Cultural Enrichment Program. She is looking for others who have ideas for this program. If interested please contact Christina at lamr2731@zwi.net.

The Raymond Fire/Rescue Department and Boy Scout Troop 800 are planning on doing another Haunted House at Camp Hinds on Saturday, October 29th. They are asking for volunteers from other groups in Raymond to help make it bigger and better than ever. If you would like more information please contact Josh Stevens or Bruce Tupper at the Fire Department (655-7851) or Cathy Gosselin by email at cathygosselin@hotmail.com or by phone: days (797-5252 ext. 14) or evenings (655-7633).

Note:

The username for the National PTA website is number1 with **no space** between the word and the number contrary to the notice which accompanied your Raymond PTA membership card.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Deb at 655-2877 or email at dcutten@maine.rr.com

RAYMOND PTA

“Advocating for children, enriching educational programs, supporting faculty and staff in their work, and collaborating with community organizations.”

RAYMOND PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

2005 – 2006 SCHOOL YEAR

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

CHILDREN (name and grade) _____

PARENT _____ BUSINESS _____ TEACHER _____ COMMUNITY MEMBER _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Annual Membership is \$5

DONATIONS:

A portion of your annual membership goes to support the State PTA. Any additional donations will remain in Raymond to support our local efforts.

Total Enclosed: _____

Please return this form with payment to:

The Raymond PTA c/o Raymond Elementary School
434 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond ME 04071

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER: AS NEEDED _____ DAY _____ EVENING _____

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER ON A COMMITTEE:

_____ FUNDRAISING _____ REFLECTIONS _____ HOSPITALITY

_____ MEMBERSHIP _____ ENRICHMENT _____ PUBLICITY

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS: _____

For more information on The Raymond PTA please check our website at:
<http://www.raymondmaine.org/res/PTA/PTAFrame.html>

Board Buzz

Raymond School Board News

The Raymond School Board regularly holds business sessions on the first Wednesday of each month and workshop sessions on the third Wednesday of each month at the Raymond Elementary School at 6:30 pm. However, the November business meeting has been rescheduled for **November 9** due to a conflict with a state D.O.E. event. All meetings are open to the public.

In October, the district received notification from the state that we have made adequate yearly progress. The Board congratulates the administrative team, staff and students on achieving this important goal.

The Board would also like to express its appreciation to the school community for the tremendous demonstration of generosity exhibited in filling 86 backpacks for students in need at the Lukeville Upper Elementary School in Louisiana.

The mentoring grant has been reissued for a fifth year of funding. This program now includes an internal Little Buddies group offering seventh and eighth graders the opportunity to develop mentoring skills through work with elementary students. Adult volunteers are still needed for the core program, which meets once a week and provides training. Please contact Lori Rand at 655 – 8672 ext. 107 if you would like to participate in this exciting program.

The Board also clarified annual goals in October. These goals will include: work to aide parent education in the use of the PowerSchool information program, extensive policy work, initiatives to establish local business partnerships, and continued planning to meet our future high school needs. The Board will support work to increase

opportunities for student success by expanding choices for student learning as well as look for areas to increase technology integration. The Board has also recognized the importance of celebrating the accomplishments of our staff and students.

The next regular meeting is Wednesday, **November 9**, at 6:30pm at Raymond Elementary School. Approved meeting minutes and agendas are available on the Raymond web site.

Absentee Voting Available

The Town Clerk's Office is accepting absentee voting. If you find that you will not be in Raymond on November 8th for the Referendum Election, you can vote at the Town Office before that date. Your ballots will be sealed in official envelopes and voted by the elections staff on Election Day. Your ballot will be handled in such a way that ensures it will remain a secret ballot.

If you would like to vote in this manner, come to the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. You can vote the ballot at that time, or if you wish to take it home for your deliberation, you will be asked to fill out an application and then a clerk will give you the ballot and envelope for the ballot's return either in person or by mail. If a voter cannot come in to the Town Office, please call the Clerk's Office at 655-4742 and ask to have a ballot sent to you. A clerk will fill out your application and promptly mail you a ballot and return envelope. If you wish to have a ballot sent to an immediate family member, come in to the Clerk's Office and fill out an application, and the clerk will mail the ballot and return envelope to the voter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Clerk's Office at 655-4742.

Employment Opportunity with Raymond Fire Rescue

Raymond Fire Rescue is seeking applications to fill an Americorps. Grant Position.

This granted position will provide a person to work 42.5 hours a week receive a biweekly stipend, medical insurance, child care, travel reimbursements for required training, and will receive an educational benefit of \$4725 which can be applied to any accredited college. This is an ideal position for an energetic organized person looking to gain experience and open doors in the fire service, and receive educational funds for their time.

Job duties will include recruitment and retention programs, fire and rescue call response and general fire prevention duties as required.

Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age, possess a valid clean Maine drivers license, and be a Firefighter I or EMT B at time of application. Applicant will have to pass department physical to certify fitness for job duties.

If interested please forward letter of intent and resume to:

Raymond Fire and Rescue
1443 Roosevelt Trail
Raymond, Maine 04071

By no later than November 14th 2005 at 1200 Hrs.

Miss Maine/Teen USA Pageant

Miss Becky Randall from Raymond, daughter of Clint and Cindy Randall has been selected to participate in the 2006 Miss Maine/Teen USA Pageant. The pageant is a two day event held at the Sheraton Tara Hotel, in Portland, Maine on November 26 and 27, 2005.

Each delegate will be judged in swimsuit, evening gown and personal interview. The winner will represent the Pine Tree State in the Miss Teen USA pageant in 2005. Among her many state prizes will be: cash, evening gown, wardrobe, modeling scholarship, etc. . . The most exciting prize is an expense paid trip to the Miss Teen USA pageant where she will compete for the prestigious title of Miss Teen USA 2005 and traditionally \$150,000.00 in cash and prizes.

Miss Becky Randall is a Junior at Gray-New Gloucester High School. She has been sponsored by Wings Tank and Tummy of New Gloucester, Whitney Tree Services of Gray, and The Oliver Stores of New Gloucester. Becky invites everyone to attend Saturday's preliminary at 8pm and Sunday's final competition at 1pm. Tickets to both events are available at the door to anyone wishing to support Becky and cheer her on to become the next Miss Maine Teen USA.

For more information on the pageant call 207-874-2872 or visit www.maine.missusa.com

2006 Dog Tags Available

Dog licensing can now be done for 2006. If you have a dog over the age of 6 months, it should be licensed. A Rabies Certificate must be produced and if neutered, a Neutering Certificate if the Town Office doesn't have it on file. All Rabies vaccinations for adult dogs now cover three years of protection. The fee for a neutered dog is \$6.00 and non-neutered \$10.00. All dogs must be licensed by January 31, 2006. Dogs licensed after January 31 will incur an additional \$15.00 late fee.

Please understand that by having your dog licensed, anyone finding your stray pet will be able to trace it to you, thereby alleviating the possibility that it will go to a shelter. Licensing funds contribute to stray animal care in the town and state and supports the State Veterinarian Laboratory in Augusta as well as Maine State Humane Agents which investigate animal abuse cases.

4th ANNUAL RAYMOND PTA HOLIDAY FAIR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2005 6:00 – 7:30 PM RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

A Holiday Gift Shop Especially For Children
All Gifts - \$2

Shop For Families, Friends And Pets!

CAKE WALK

It's The Best Game In Town
Join The Fun And Win A Cake!

THANKSGIVING PIE SALE

Yummy Desserts For Thanksgiving
Come Early For The Best Selection

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Shop For Holiday Gifts For Family and Friends
(Books Make Great Gifts For Teachers!)

MOVIES

Stop In For A Free Movie And Popcorn

GIFT BASKET RAFFLE - \$1

Tickets Are On Sale In The Office For A Beautiful Gift
Basket To Be Drawn At The Holiday Fair

**HOLIDAY FUN FOR YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY
INCLUDING PRESCHOOLERS!**

Frances Small Memorial

Our program for raising funds is coming to a close to erect a granite bench near the Bicentennial Tree at Raymond Elementary School. We have had some wonderful gifts but don't yet have the \$550 needed for the bench.

A letter is being mailed to anyone who went to school during Mrs. Small's tenure to help us with this endeavor. Don't be surprised if you get a call from an old school mate from the old Jordan-Small School. Any donation is really appreciated. Please make your check out to the Town of Raymond Small Memorial Fund.

I believe that honoring Frances Small is more than deserving for the years she taught, befriended, and guided (in my case patiently tried to teach piano) her pupils in Raymond.

Denim Day A Success In The Raymond Schools

If things looked a little casual at school on Friday, October 7 it was because students and staff at the Raymond Elementary and Jordan-Small Schools were participating in "National Denim Day". This event is the world's largest fundraiser for research, education, screening, and treatment programs for breast cancer. We are very proud to have raised over \$600.00 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation on Denim Day, and want to thank all members of our school community for their generosity and great demonstration of support.

RAYMOND PLANNING BOARD

The Raymond Planning Board is requesting applicants for two positions. Please forward your letters of interest including a short resume to Louise Lester, Town Clerk, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Me 04071 or email louise.lester@raymondmaine.org. This board meets once a month applying Raymond's ordinances to residential and commercial development. It also prepares ordinance changes to come before the Town Meeting.

RES Music Notes

By Patti Gordan

The final count for chorus is in, 53 students! We are working hard on our songs for the December 8th concert, and sounding good already.

Kindergarten and 2nd grade students have been listening to Vivaldi's The Four Seasons. Kindergarteners pretended to be a leaf, slowly floating down to the ground and also raked, tossed, jumped in and rolled in "leaves" to the Autumn movements. Second graders used creative movement to show the different elements in a thunderstorm, to accompany the "Summer Storm" movement. They learned a new music term, "Presto," which means "extremely fast." They were pretty pooped out after moving to a presto tempo, especially if they decided to create a "tornado!"

First graders have finished creating a musical play out of the story, The Very Hungry Caterpillar. They acted out the story, and chose instruments and composed rhythms to represent each character in the story. Third graders have finished composing their rhythmic pieces using dinosaur names and have performed them for the videocamera.



Fourth graders are very excited about their field trip to hear the Portland Symphony Orchestra. The concert is entitled "Boo! Symphonic Thrillers," and includes the creepiest, crawliest classical music ever composed.

November's Composer of the Month is Aaron Copland. His music was used a couple of years ago in the "Beef; It's what's for dinner" commercials. He most often used American themes for his music, such as cowboys, the Appalachians, and Abraham Lincoln.

Music Ed. tip for toddlers and preschoolers - Expose your child to a wide variety of musical styles. If they have listened to many different styles, from classical, to world, to jazz, to folk, to rock, when they're young, they won't develop musical narrow mindedness when they are upper elementary students. Two, three, and four year olds are musically very open minded, they like everything.

Special Advent Service Of Wholeness And Light

By Rev. Nancy Foran
Raymond Village Community Church
Thursday, December 1st, 7 p.m.

For many of us, the approaching Christmas holiday is a bittersweet time, not completely the time of joy and peace and thanksgiving that is depicted on greeting cards and advertised on television.

We may be facing Christmas after the death of loved one. A divorce may cloud and change our perspective on the holiday. Perhaps we have experienced emotional trauma, financial stressors, or the holiday preparations just seem overwhelming.

Maybe we yearn for peace in a world where peace doesn't even seem a remote possibility. Maybe we can't help but think of those on the Gulf Coast, in Pakistan, in Guatemala who have known such despair this year. Maybe we just want a few moments of quiet to renew our hope for future days.

The Advent Service of Wholeness and Light is a service of memories, a time to quietly gather and remember but also a time to let go of our losses, our grudges, our fears, and our stressors, so that we can truly be transformed and made whole by the message of the Christ Child.

Join us in prayers, scripture readings, hymns, and carols that help us to know that God's presence is eternal, and God's word comes to give light to our darkness.

NOTE: All are invited to bring:

1. a stone to symbolize whatever makes your holiday season bittersweet and less than fully joyful.
2. a candle (any size or shape with a holder if necessary) to place at the front of the church and light during the service. Candles may be taken home after the service or left for the remainder of the advent and Christmas seasons until Epiphany Sunday (January 8th).

Windham High School Presents



is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019.
Tel: (212) 541-4684 Fax: (212) 397-4684
www.MTIShows.com

Show Dates:

November 10, 11, 12 & 18 at 7:30
&
November 19 at 2:00 and 7:30

Reserved Ticket Prices:

\$12 for Adults & \$8 for Seniors, Children and Students through High School

Opening Night All Tickets are \$8

Tickets sales begin during Homecoming events on Saturday October 8.

Also on sale at Windham High School every Saturday from 9:00 to 1:00 beginning October 15,

Every Monday from 11:00 to 3:00 beginning October 17,

Every Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 beginning October 19

&

1 Hour prior to each show

For more information call 892-1810, ext. 277

Raymond Village Library Special Volunteer Recognition Award

The Trustees and Staff of the Raymond Village Library (RVL) recently honored Sheila Jacobson with the Special Volunteer Recognition Award. The award was given to Sheila for her effective, dedicated, long-standing and continuing service as Chairperson of the Publicity Committee. Her initiation and development of personal contacts with local media personnel has resulted in significant press coverage for RVL. She has continuously and successfully sought innovative outlets within the library's service area to market its' on-going programs and special events. Although Sheila produces the press releases from behind-the-scenes, the end result of her work is visual and vital in linking Raymond Village Library to the community it serves.



Sheila Jacobson (right) receives Special Recognition Award from Trustee, Sandy Severn, at RVL's annual meeting on September 9th.

RAYMOND REC CITRUS FUNDRAISER

When you think "fruit for the holidays" we hope you will consider purchasing fresh Indian River grapefruit and oranges from Florida from Raymond Recreation Association. We have conducted this fundraising campaign for 12 years. The sale will run through November 26. Advanced orders only with payment will be taken. Direct shipment from Florida is scheduled for the week of December 6 and will be available for pick-up at 5 Damon Road off Rt. 85 (as in the past, follow signs) on Saturday, December 10th from 9:00 am to noon. Prearranged pick up could be scheduled at Windy Hill Farm on River Road in Windham during that week.

Proceeds go to support our Summer Swim Program at Crescent Beach. If you do not wish to purchase a box of fruit for yourself, perhaps you would purchase a box that could then be delivered with the food baskets prepared by the Raymond Rattlers Club. Just indicate (for Christmas Food Boxes on the order form).

To order or make a tax-deductible contribution mail check and form to:

Raymond Rec, 33 Wawenock Road, Raymond Me 04071 - Questions, call 655-4657.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

E-Mail ADDRESS _____

CIRCLE CHOICE AND GIVE QUANTITY ORDERED

ITEM	BOX SIZE		Amount Due
	2/5 Bushel Small	4/5 Bushel Large	
	No. Ordered	No. Ordered	
Navel Oranges	_____ 19.00ea	_____ 26.00ea	_____
Pink Grapefruit	_____ 18.00ea	_____ 25.00ea	_____
Mixed Box, Oranges & Grapefruit	_____ 20.00ea	N.A.	_____

Total Due _____

Mail to: Raymond Rec, 33 Wawenock Road, Raymond Me 04071

The "Just In Case" Department

Have you received your November issue of the *Raymond Road Runner* before the end of October? If so you may be interested in the following events:

Halloween Dance Fundraiser for Project Graduation

Do you like to dance? Do you have a wild Halloween costume you can't wait to show off? Or do you just like to support a worthwhile cause? The Project Graduation committee for the Gray-New Gloucester High School Class of 2006 is sponsoring a Halloween Dance at Spring Meadows, Route 100, Gray, on Friday night, October 28, 8PM to midnight. Tickets are just \$15 each or \$25 for a couple. There will be great music by DJ Ralph Butts, prizes, raffles, 50/50, good food & spirits, and lots of fun! Must be at least 21 years of age to attend. Bring your friends and family, put on your dancing shoes and shake off the rainy day blues! For more information and to purchase tickets please call Cathy Mitchell at 926-3432.

Project Graduation is a chem-free activity given by parents/guardians/family to their graduates as a gift designed to keep the graduates safe on the night of graduation. We are trying to raise as much of the funds as possible to provide a fun, high-quality activity that everyone can attend without concern for financial status. Community support is most appreciated.

Trunk-or-Treat Harvest Celebration

Monday, October 31st at 5:30-7:00PM, 37 Northern Pines Road off of Rt 85 in Raymond

Kids 12 and under are invited to attend this event which provides a safe environment to celebrate fall. There will be bobbing for apples, donuts on a string, fire pits for toasting marshmallows, a FREE hayride and the opportunity for kids to walk through our circle of "decorated car trunks" filled with treats. We ask that an adult accompany each child as they walk through. Each child should bring a treat collection bag and costumes are not necessary but welcome. There will also be hot cider and coffee for the adults. We hope you and your family will join us for this Harvest Celebration! For more information, please call 655-5058 and ask for Jennifer.

Hebron Academy Clock Returns Home

The Hebron Academy clock on Sturtevant School Building received a face-lift this summer, and returned to campus in time for the school's annual Homecoming Weekend. Clock restorer Jim Bryant of Wayne, seen above guiding it into place with the help of Cote Crane Corporation, built the new face out of acrylic, aluminum, and gold leaf. The mechanical clock dates to 1906, and is wound twice each week by Academy archivist and English teacher David Stonebraker.

(Photo by student Elijah Hughes of Raymond)



Raymond Village Library and the Raymond Lions Club: Partners in Serving the Community

In keeping with the Raymond Lions Club mission of helping the visually impaired, each year the Lions Club gives a generous donation to RVL for the purchase of large print books and audio books. The Lions Club also donates books in remembrance of members of their families. The Library's collection has been expanded and updated thanks to the Club's help.

The Library invites you to come in and see this collection. If you are unable to visit in person, materials can be brought to you via their Outreach Program. Please call the Library at 655-4283 to learn more about this program.

The Lions Club also sponsors the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at the Raymond Village Library on the first Sunday after Thanksgiving. This year the Ceremony will be held at 5:00 pm on November 27th. The Raymond Village Library and the Raymond Lions Club invite the community to come and enjoy this event.

GNG Adult Education & Windham Adult Education

Proudly Present

College Information Night for
Adults

Expert Presenters From:

University of Southern Maine

University of Maine at Augusta

**Central Maine
Community College**

**Southern Maine
Community College**

**Maine Educational
Opportunity Center**

Monday, November 7, 2005

6:30-8:30 PM

Windham High School Library

Please take this opportunity to
get answers to your questions.

This program is FREE!!!

Light refreshments will be
served.

For more information, please
contact Eva Giles at
www.windham.k12.me.us
or 892-1819

Or

Joan Tremberth at
jtremberth@msad15.org
or 657-2620

Childhood Anxiety: Very Common But Underestimated

by Gordon P. Street, PhD

As the school year gets underway, parents and teachers may want to watch out for signs and symptoms of anxiety problems in their children. Anxiety disorders are the most common psychiatric disorders (affecting one in every 4 Americans), and they often start in childhood or adolescence. When they do, the impact on a child's development – emotionally, socially, and academically – can be profound, causing problems well into adulthood.

The severe shyness of social phobia, for example (which affects as many as one in every 9 children), can interfere with making friends, classroom participation, taking tests, or otherwise taking risks that they fear might make them "look stupid." Adolescents with "generalized" social phobia (GSP) are at greater risk of dropping out of school, abusing alcohol and drugs, isolating, and becoming depressed. As adults, GSP sufferers tend to make less money, have more relationship difficulties, and usually complain of feeling lonely and unfulfilled.

Similarly, the intense and persistent worrying of generalized anxiety disorder (GAD) tends to begin early in life. Of adult GAD sufferers (about 1 in 20 Americans), about half report their symptoms began in childhood or adolescence. Many sufferers of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) also report their intense fears of germs, making mistakes, losing things, causing catastrophes, etc. began in adolescence or childhood. This is especially true for boys who tend to develop OCD between ages 6 and 15.

It is also important to know that the combination of anxiety and depression is particularly serious. One study found patients with depression and panic disorder were three times more likely to have suicidal thoughts than patients with depression alone. Therefore, it is even more important to seek professional help for a child or adolescent when not only an anxiety disorder but also depression is suspected.

If you want to know what to look for, some of the signs and symptoms suggestive of an anxiety disorder are fairly obvious and straight-forward, such as recurrent panic attacks; intense fears (of dogs, school, darkness, etc); persistent nervousness, worrying, or shyness; excessive hand washing; and repetitive reassurance seeking. However, other behaviors that may be more subtle signs of an anxiety disorder include:

- poor eye contact or speaking very softly;
- refusing to go to school, to take out the garbage, or otherwise to obey;
- unexpected crying or tantruming;
- recurring somatic complaints (such as nausea and/or headaches);
- having a very neat/clean room or keeping school papers very well organized;
- collecting or refusing to throw away worthless things; and
- being moody or depressed. (After all, having an anxiety disorder is often depressing.)

Scientists now believe that anxiety disorders usually do NOT go away on their own but instead persist unless appropriately treated. However, these and other anxiety disorders (such as phobias, separation anxiety, panic disorder, and PTSD) are now remarkably treatable, once identified. One form of psychotherapy called cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) has been found effective at substantially reducing symptoms for most anxiety sufferers. Certain medications (e.g., serotonin reuptake inhibitors) have also been shown to substantially reduce anxiety symptoms. So, there is reason to be hopeful for these children. An anxiety disorder need not derail a child. If you suspect your child might have an anxiety disorder, it is important to get an accurate diagnosis from a professional (e.g., pediatrician, psychologist) so your child can get directed to the right kind of treatment.

The 122nd Maine Legislative
Session Information can be viewed at
<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/session/>.
View current information on hearing and work sessions affecting labor and employment bills in Maine.

Animal Control Report September – October

- Sept 15 Barking dogs - no charges this time
 Sept 16 Stray cat - delivered
 Sept 16 Barking dog
 Sept 18 Stray cat - delivered to Animal Refuge League
 Sept 17 Barking dog - follow up on complaint
 Sept 20 Missing cat
 Sept 20 Dog defecating in yard
 Sept 20 Set trap for stray cat
 Sept 21 Dogs barking at 3 am
 Sept 22 Picked up deceased cat - road kill
 Sept 22 Released skunk from cat trap
 Sept 22 Buried deceased cat
 Sept 25 Loose dog looking in window
 Sept 28 Skunk in woodpile
 Sept 28 Request for information
 Sept 29 Dogs barking at 11:30 pm - summons issued
 Oct 2 Missing dogs
 Oct 3 District court
 Oct 3 Dog defecating on neighbors lawn
 Oct 6 Dog barking
 Oct 6 Found stray dog
 Oct 6 Lost dogs - returned to owners
 Oct 7 Barking dog
 Oct 7 Barking dogs - issued summons
 Oct 7 Barking dog - written warning
 Oct 7 Picked up dog with quills - took to veterinarian
 Oct 7 Dog minus quills - took to Animal Refuge League
 Oct 12 Barking dog - written warning
 Oct 16 Maintenance of equipment

You can license your dog for 2006 beginning October 15th at the Town Office. Please bring your current Rabies Certificate and if your dog has been neutered since its last license, please bring in your Certificate of Neutering. Remember that your adult dog Rabies vaccination is now good for three years.

Don Alexander, Animal Control Officer

Tax Relief Form Help

On Saturday, **November 12, 2005**, Joe Bruno will help fill out **2005 tax year State Tax Relief** applications. He will be in the Town Office from 8:30am to noon. No appointment will be needed. If you don't have a copy of your 2004-2005 tax bill (last year's), the Town Office will be able to give you a copy. You will also have to know what your annual income was for last year. Refunds are available up to \$2,000 per household.

Tax and Rent Refund Program qualifications. You do not have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2004 household income was \$74,500 or less; or you have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2004 household income was \$99,500 or less

AND

Your 2004 property tax was more than 4% of your 2004 household income; or the rent you paid in 2004 has more than 20% of your 2004 household income.

NOTE: Low-income Seniors do not need to meet these requirements.

Raymond Troop 800 Fall Court of Honor

Boy Scout Troop 800 held their Fall Court of Honor Tuesday October 18th in the Raymond Village Community Church Vestry. There were 55 Merit Badges and 11 rank advancements presented. Congratulations for all the time and work to reach these achievements.



Local Scout Completes Eagle Project

On October 22nd a group of 21 scouts and scouters from Raymond's Troop 800 met to build bleachers for the Raymond Elementary School. The bleachers were the Eagle Project of Ian Hanley, a seventeen year-old Life Scout. The Eagle Project is the 5th requirement for Boy Scout's highest rank. It is designed to show a scout's leadership. Hanley's project, which was approved in the summer of 2004, provides seating for 120 people at the school's baseball and soccer field. With more volunteers than expected the work took only part of the afternoon, and totaled 45 total hours of work. With cordless drills and saws the work was incredibly efficient and everyone went home knowing they wouldn't need to come back for another day.

Funding for the project took up a bulk of the work over the past year, but was completed with generous funding by the Raymond PTA, True Value, Grondin Sand & Gravel, Clark Associates Insurance, and Sebago Lake Chevrolet.

Ian's is the second Eagle Project completed this year, and comes a few months after the completion of John Shively's project, in which he constructed a retaining wall at the Raymond Village Community Church. Troop 800 has had three Eagles since 2000, but continues to retain a high amount of Life Scouts. With the project completed, Ian will be able to apply for his Eagle, which would come on the heels of being bestowed the Vigil Honor, the Order of the Arrow's (BSA's National Honor Society) highest honor. He says he is glad to have completed the project, and looks forward to doing other things before he turns 18.



Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Help

Students at the Raymond Elementary School and the Jordan-Small Middle School will once again assist the Raymond Holiday Helpers, sponsored by the Raymond Snowmobile Club. Students will be holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive from now until Friday, November 18, and will also help with collecting new toys for Christmas until Monday, December 19. Community members who would like to contribute to the Holiday Helpers may drop off items at either school. If you and your family need assistance, if you know of someone who needs assistance, or if you would like to make a donation, please contact Sandy at 655-4736.



Raymond School Department

Raymond, Maine - Welcome to our Website



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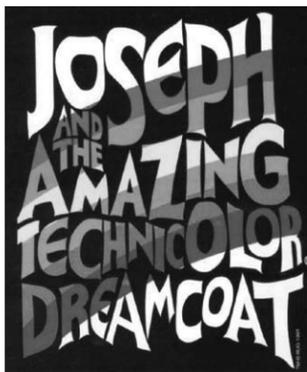
For information on the Raymond School Department, go online to the School's web site

<http://www.raymondmaine.org/rsd/welcome.html>

Complete school department information, with links to Jordan-Small Middle School and Raymond Elementary web sites

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Windham Center Stage Theater proudly presents Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. In this long-running musical, the cast humorously retells the Biblical story of Joseph, son of Jacob. The favored son, Joseph is betrayed by his 11 jealous brothers and sold into slavery and driven to Egypt. Though beset with adversity, Joseph perseveres through wit and faith and becomes the governor of Egypt, second only to the Pharaoh. The entire show is set to the lyrics and music of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, and is washed in color, dancing, and laughter. We hope you'll come enjoy this upbeat musical and its cast of thousands! Make your reservations today!



The show will run NOVEMBER 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 .

Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2pm.

At the Windham Community Center School Road, Windham

1/2mile from the rotary on Rt.202 toward Gorham

Tickets are adults \$12/ seniors and students \$10.

Please call 893-2098 FMI or visit our website at www.windhamtheater.org

Joseph is presented through exclusive arrangement with The Rodgers & Hammerstein Theatre Library, 229 West 28th Street, 11th floor, New York, New York 10001 and The Really Useful Group Limited

Town of Raymond 2005/2006 Fiscal Year Process For Appeal For Abatement of Property Taxes

Property owners who disagree with their real estate and/or personal property values and related taxes are permitted by state law to file for an abatement. Once taxes are committed, the abatement application materials will be available on our website as well as at the Town Office. The following schedule will be observed.

1. The property owner must file a complete abatement application with the Assessors' Agent within 185 days from the date of tax commitment (set by state law).
2. The Assessors' Agent reviews the application for completeness and makes a written recommendation to Board of Assessors/Selectmen (BOA).
3. Within 60 days of the date of filing, the appeal will be reviewed and acted upon by the Board of Assessors/Selectmen (BOA). The appellant will be notified in writing of the meeting date and location.
4. The Board of Assessors/Selectmen (BOA) decision will result in a Notice of Decision issued and mailed to appellant within 72 hours of the hearing.
5. If denied by the Board of Assessors/Selectmen (BOA), the decision may be appealed to the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) within 60 days of the date of the decision by filing an abatement appeal application with the Assessors' Agent.
6. A hearing will be scheduled and action taken by the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) within 60 days of the filing of the appeal. The appellant, Assessors' Agent, and Board of Assessors/Selectmen (BOA) will be notified of the time and place of the Board of Assessment Review hearing.
7. A Notice of Decision of the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) shall be issued within 72 hours of the date of the decision.
8. The appellant shall have the right of appeal pursuant to the provisions of 36 M.R.S.A. Section 843, as amended. (see Property Tax Bulletin #10)

Please contact Amanda L. Simpson, CMA, Assessors' Agent at amanda.simpson@raymondmaine.org or 655-4742 ext. 51 with any questions.

Windham Education Foundation *presents:*

A-Z
Spelling Bee!

With your Host Maine Humorist
Tim Sample

Thursday, November 17, 2005 beginning at 6:30 pm
at the Windham High School Performing Arts Center

Be a Spellah!

3 Member Team Competition

Champions to be "forever"
memorialized on perpetual
Windham Bee Champion Trophy

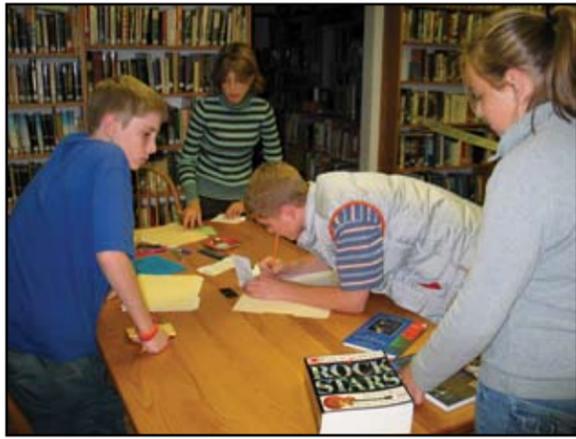
Be a Watchah!

Tickets: \$10 Adults
\$8 Students
Family rate available

Proceeds to benefit
Windham Education Foundation

For more information, call Chris Farmer 450-4600 or Toby Pennels 892-1314
www.windhameducationfoundation.com

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Food was provided for these clever students who did a great job analyzing information, compiling notes, and making logical assumptions as to who the culprit was and why. Four different groups solved the crime with the correct motive, two other groups had the correct suspect, and the others proved to have interesting theories about the whole crime.

Super sleuths were recognized with an assortment of prizes and everyone went home a winner!

Thanks must be given to Lisa Friedlander for her creative ways of making Raymond Village Library fun for everyone and for offering yet another successful program to Raymond's youth! Thanks also to the students and teachers for allowing Lisa to videotape their "performances" prior to the event. Participants enjoyed watching fellow classmates and teachers playing another role!

Murder Mystery Night

The Chicago Cheeky Chicks vs. The Boston Odd Sox proved to be more than just a friendly game of baseball.



Somehow the pitcher for the Cheeky Chicks wound up dead on the pitchers mound! Who did it? Was it one of her jealous teammates, a fan of the opposing team, one of the Boston Odd Sox with a reason to want her dead? And what would that reason be?

All of this drama unfolded at Little Wohelo Lodge in Raymond where Raymond Village Library held its' annual Murder Mystery Night fundraiser. With attendees given their parts to play before the event, each person dressed in character and arrived at the lodge with ballpark foods awaiting them.

This year's theme, Women's League Baseball of 1944, made for fun baseball attire, a relaxed atmosphere, and a satisfying assortment of pizzas, pretzels, hotdogs, sausages, salads, and popcorn for everyone to enjoy. As characters milled about the lodge they asked questions of each other attempting to gain insight as to who might have wanted Petticoat Peterson dead.

Clues were given throughout the evening, with a list of



suspects reported by the police officer investigating this crime. Everyone had great fun playing their parts and trying to solve this case. There was even a bit of adlibbing going on, just to spice up the event!

Near the end of this hilarious evening people were instructed to make their guesses as to "who dunnit" with a motive included. Prizes were given to those who solved this mystery and to those who stayed in character.

As a finale there was an auction for an embroidered handbag, an official Boston Red Sox hat (worn by a World Series Champ), a baseball autographed by David Ortiz, and a baseball autographed by Johnny Damon! These fabulous items brought in close to \$700 making the overall earnings for Raymond Village Library from this fundraiser \$1,500! What a tremendous success!

Many thanks must be given to Lisa Friedlander for planning such a fun and successful event. Raymond Village Library is most appreciative of all who participated in the Mystery Night. It is such support that enables RVL to thrive!

Mentoring Gets Oriented

By Christina Lamarre

The Raymond Mentoring Program kicked off the year of mentor/mentee activities with a visit to Pineland in New Gloucester for an orienteering program led by Elizabeth Algeo. Participants learned how to use a map and compass to find their way to certain locations, and then used their new skills during a hunt to find "controls" on a course along Pineland trails.

In October, we were excited to offer a horseback riding experience at Spectacular View Farm to all our interested mentees and mentors. This was especially meaningful for several mentees who had set personal goals of trying horseback riding. We ended the month with pumpkin carving. November 15 will be our annual fall family spaghetti dinner, catered by Main's Pizza.

Our middle school Kids 2 Kids mentoring program will be starting up in November. There is still space available for any 7th and 8th graders interested in becoming mentors to 3rd or 4th grade "little buddies". Activities will include team building and leadership games, as well as spending "buddy time" doing fun activities. Please contact Barb Loux at JSMS for more information.

Please remember that we have children waiting for mentors. If you have an hour or so a week during the school year to give to a young person, please contact either Christina Lamarre or Lori Rand for more information at 655-8672 ext. 107, or email us at mentor@raymondmaine.org.



One mentor/mentee pair, Erica and Jakayla, experience grooming a horse.



Matthew finds his first control during orienteering.

"Into The Maine Woods..."

RES fourth graders spent Oct. 6 and 7 at the Maine Conservation School in Bryant Pond, Maine. Approximately fifty students, six staff and about fifteen parents camped overnight at this wonderful facility on Christopher Lake. It was a terrific experience.

This is the second annual trip for Raymond fourth graders at this location. We chose this adventure again because the program offered immerses children such a rich "hands-on" approach to science. The Maine Conservation School provides opportunities for students to demonstrate proficiencies in many academic areas that are the core of the Maine Learning Results. Each year students participate in activities which develop observation, inquiry, team-building and wildlife study skills.

We were very fortunate this fall to be able to add aquatic ecology and water safety to the curriculum due to the smaller class size of this year's fourth grade class. Students canoed in pairs to a cove area where they discovered lake habitats and learned how to maneuver their fresh water crafts.

One of the highlights of our trip was the campfire at night, where counselors put on hilarious skits and involved kids in "audience participation" roles. Adults and kids sang choruses of outrageous songs. An evening hike in the dark capped off a full day's events.

We'd like to thank all of those parents and members of the Raymond community who supported us financially in our efforts to make this trip a reality. A huge thanks to every-one who participated in the "Filene's Coupon Sale." A grateful thanks to all those who made personal or company donations so that we could go. Kudos to the Raymond PTA for their support. Finally, we want to let all those parents who chaperoned know how much we appreciated you taking time out from your busy family and business lives to accompany us on this trip and help to make it, we're sure, one of the most memorable fourth-grader experiences.



Fourth Grade Staff: Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Potter

The Raymond Bicentennial T-shirt Goes International

Zachary Van Baars at the "Parc de la Chute Montmorency" outside of Quebec City. The Raymond Bicentennial T-shirt, stylish and knows no boundaries!

Where will our T-shirts show up next?

