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Thanks To All Of You Who Made Halloween A Spooktacular Time In Raymond

By Deb Cutten

I just love Halloween in Raymond! The individuals and organizations who so enthusiastically give of themselves to make Halloween fun and exciting for everyone should be applauded. The Raymond Villagers who decorate their homes for the delight and pleasure of all the Town’s Trick or Treaters are so generous. The fact that so many of the Town’s families come to the Village for Trick or Treat is testament to the allure of the elaborate decorations and the atmosphere of revelry on this haunting night of the year.

One Village resident counted at least 500 costumed beggars who came through her doorway! The Raymond Village Library also provides blood chilling entertainment in the form of spooky tales told by RES librarian Deb Keef. And who can ever forget the Haunted House at Camp Hinds? Boy Scout Troop 800 and the Raymond Fire and Rescue must have spent hours and hours devising ways to thrill and startle us. I imagine our screams could be heard all the way across Panther Pond.

So on behalf of my family and other families in Raymond, thank you all!

Palindromes Anyone?

SOS by ABBA was a hit recording with a palindromic title and artist. Palindromic album titles include OLE ELO by the Electric Light Orchestra.
By: Don Willard, Town Manager

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1) Presentation by Sebago Water Safety Watch – John Shattuck. Mr. Shattuck reported that the Selectmen have invited Sebago Water Safety Watch (SWSW) to develop a proposal for consideration as a part of this year’s Selectmen and Budget/Finance Committee budget deliberations.

2) Lake Region Development Council Strategic Plan and action for Sebago Water Safety Watch (SWSW) – John Shattuck. Mr. Shattuck is the new Lake Region Development Council (LRDC) Director. He explained that the mission of the LRDC is to promote both community and economic development in our region. This past summer a new strategic plan was adopted for LRDC. This plan was formed to a) enhance the proposed Route 302 corridor; b) target high-yield job opportunities and provide information to businesses; and c) provide specific community services for the business, which comprise approximately 80% of this area’s job market. After the presentation the Selectmen expressed concerns over the level of recent involvement by the LRDC in Raymond economic development planning. Mr. Shattuck assured the Selectmen that more attention will be paid to the specific needs of each individual community within the lakes region. Although Raymond elected not to fund the LRDC in the current year budget, the town manager noted that the town manager and fire chief to work closely with members of SWSW to develop a proposal for consideration as a part of this year’s Selectmen and Budget/Finance Committee budget deliberations.

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4) Bulky Waste Program update – Town Clerk Louise Lester reported that 1,053 coupon books had been sold for the town’s new bulky waste management program. She requested that the Selectmen authorize an additional 500 coupon books to be printed. The town manager noted that the program appears to be achieving its desired aim, which was to reduce the taxpayer subsidy of non-household generated bulky waste.

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6) Town Manager Report and Communications.

a) Executive Session - The Board of Selectmen reviewed the actions of the town manager in consultation with the town attorney in response to a citizen letter received by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen from a Gore Road resident questioning the process by which a paroled kidnapper was prevented from temporarily residing in Raymond. The Selectmen, upon resuming regular session, announced that the town manager formulated a plan of action in consultation with the town’s attorney and received feedback from each individual Selectman before proceeding with a plan of action to block this individual from residing in Raymond. This direction was taken given the town’s lack of dedicated police coverage and the proximity of the Gore Road location to an adjacent day care facility. Due to the short window of time available for the town to object to the Department of Corrections plan, no formal Board of Selectmen meeting was held. This information will be communicated by letter to the citizen that made inquiry.

b) Mid Maine Waste Action Coalition (MMWAC) – The town manager announced that Raymond received a rebate check from MMWAC as expected in the amount of $33,715. This check represents surplus operating revenues received and was based upon a distribution formula related to each individual member town’s delivered tonnage.

c) Army National Guard – The town manager reported that he had received approval of the town’s proposal for National Guard assistance with the construction of two possible military projects. The first project is to raise the level of the playing fields atSheri Gagnon Park and install an improved drainage system. The second project is the construction of a pole barn storage facility to be located at the Plains Road Public Works site. Another non-municipal project approved for Raymond is the construction of a soccer field, which will also be made available for use by the town. Raymond was selected from a regional site location for Camp Hinds. If Raymond elects to accept the National Guard offer, the town’s responsibility would be limited to obtaining necessary permits and the cost of materials as well as providing engineering design for the town’s two projects. The National Guard, as a part of their annual training exercise, would furnish all labor. The Boy Scouts have agreed to house members of the National Guard at Camp Hinds for the duration of the construction project. Both town projects will require a local appropriation for materials to be considered during the fiscal year 2006/2007 budget deliberations, with final approval to be obtained at 2006 annual town meeting. If the town approves of the joint project with the National Guard, construction would occur over a three-week period in June 2006.

3) Approved Payroll and Appropriation Warrants dated November 1, 2005. Due to the holiday printing schedule related to the change in Raymond Road Runner distribution via the Lakes Region Suburban News, the November 30, 2005, Selectmen Meeting news brief is not included in this issue, however, it will appear in the January 4th issue.

Approved Selectmen Meeting minutes are available in their entirety by visiting www.raymondmaine.org or by request at the Town Office.

Life Alert - The Bug
By: Ronny Keefer, Raymond Paramedic

No, not the creepy crawly kind; the down for the count, runny nose, scratchy throat and over feeling sick in the Cold Common Cold or known in my family as the Bug. Yup, it’s that time of year again. Did you know in a course of a year the U.S suffers about one billion colds?* Adults average 2-3 colds a year.* If we were to take the population of Raymond at about 4,300 people in the winter and average the amount of colds children and adults have throughout the year, we would find that one in 200 children have the Cold Common Cold or about 25,800 colds a year. That’s a lot of sick people. Of course we will never have the cold bug. But by taking certain steps that can be taken to lessen the number of colds you have a season.

First and foremost the one that we all know we should do more of, WASH OUR HANDS!!! That’s right, but did you know that just washing them isn’t enough? Most of the germs lie under the nail beds. A nail brush to one’s nails when washing kills a significant amount more germs than just water and soap. Also hand washing needs to last at least 30 seconds with a lot of antibacterial soap and warm water. If you are in a public bathroom, turn the water off with a clean paper towel; and also to exit the bathroom a clean paper towel should be used on the handle of the door.

To add to one’s prevention, you should minimize the times you rub your eyes, nose and touch your mouth in the cold season. These are all ways for colds to enter your body. And when you feel a cough coming on, the best way to cover your mouth is to cough into a t-shirt but not into the crook in your arm. It’s better than coughing into your hand where germs can more easily be spread around.

Enjoy the holidays!

Greetings From The Title I Room
By: Margaret Mains

We have some exciting news this year. The Title I program is expanding. Deborah Shaw joined us in October as the 2nd Literacy/Reading Recovery Teacher. Then in November we were blessed with two very enthusiastic Title I Ed Tech Teachers – Ivy Jordan and Kimmerly Badgett. All three of the new Title I staff members come to us with a variety of skills and training in the area of phonemic awareness, writing, spelling, and math. Ms. Shaw and I will be working with the classroom teachers to support students so they will be able to meet the local and state standards in the areas of Reading, Writing, and Math. In doing this we hope to assure that all students have the chance to succeed. We will be working with classroom teachers in our Title I Reading classes to assure that all other content areas will be well supported. Mrs. Jordan and Ms. Badgett will be supporting Title I students within the classrooms most of the time, following the same curriculum that the other students are using. Teachers and students have already responded positively about the added support. Ms. Shaw and Mrs. Mains have been helping the kindergarten teachers assist their students in these classes. Mrs. Jordan will be the Title I Ed Tech teacher in the kindergarten classes. The kindergarten teachers divide the students up into literacy groups to address specific skills for a half-hour four days a week.

These literacy groups were found to be highly successful-one of the highlights of the kindergarten program last year. If anyone in the community would like to know more about the Title I program or the Kindergarten Literacy Centers, please call Raymond Elementary School, ext. 135 or e-mail us, ms.mains@raymondmaine.org.
Pine Tree Math League Results

By Jack Fitch

On November 16 the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math teams successfully competed in the first Pine Tree Math League math meet of the year.

In the individual competition Molly Cloutier finished 1st in 7th grade competition, and Tim Morris and Patrick Lachance tied for 1st in the 6th grade competition.

In the team events our 6th graders finished first, our 7th graders finished first, and our 8th graders finished second.

In the school standings our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade team finished 2nd for the day. Our trophies will be on display in the main office.

The 6th grade team members were: Rob Cave, Jenna Richardson, Tim Morris, Patrick Lachance, Lindsey Hughes, and Sarah Small.

The 7th grade team members were: Josh Christy, Jenna Martyn-Fisher, Beth Shively, Molly Cloutier, Drew Gagnon, and Alex O’Neill.

The 8th grade team members were: Emily Dodge, Katie Lentine, Caroline Blake, Zac Knights, Devin McKenzie, and Haley Desjardins.

Congratulations to all team members for a great math meet.

'Tis The Season For Increased Teen Alcohol Use

by Steve Danzig, LSW, LADC

According to statistics published by the Maine Office of Substance Abuse, the number of teenagers using alcohol for the first time is among the highest in the months of December and January. Perhaps this is because parents are caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season preparations and therefore aren’t keeping as close an eye on their teens. Perhaps it is because families have more alcohol in the house for their holiday entertaining making it easily accessible to their teens. Perhaps it is because teens have a long school vacation with more free unscheduled time on their hands when they can more easily get into “trouble”. Or perhaps it is a combination of ALL of the above reasons. Who knows? Why these are the higher risk months is unimportant. What is important is that you be aware that your teen has tried drinking, they are more likely to do so again, especially if no negative side effects were experienced during their first try.

Unfortunately, the statistics also tell us that parents are often unaware of when their teen is using alcohol. In 2002, 65% of teens reported using alcohol in their lifetime but only 2% of their parents thought that they did.

Now so that you know your teens are at greater risk for drinking in the next few months, you are probably wondering how you will know if they are. Here are a few tips:

- Ask your children where they are going, who they will be with, and what their plans are. Most importantly, don’t be afraid to check up on what they tell you.
- Be suspicious of subtle changes in behavior such as sleeping, eating, change of friends, and/or elaborating on details of their activities that seem insignificant.
- If you suspect your son or daughter has been drinking, ask them. Surprisingly, many kids will tell the truth when asked directly. If you suspect your teen is lying about their alcohol consumption, it may mean that they are simply avoiding a lecture being grounded from you but it could also mean that they are trying to hide a very real problem. Trust your parental instincts and know that there are therapists specializing in alcohol/drug counseling that can help you and your family with this issue.

The 122nd Maine Legislative Session Information can be viewed at http://janus.state.me.us/legis/session/
Bulky Waste Coupons Available

Since the new bulky waste program has been so successful, the Board of Selectmen has authorized another 500 coupon booklets to be produced. The 2005-2006 bulky waste budget was reduced significantly, and the homeowner will now have to be responsible for the cost of their bulky waste over 1,000 pounds.

If you are a homeowner who has not yet bought your 2005-2006 coupon booklet, you can now obtain one at the Town Office. Each household will be allowed one (1) coupon booklet a year for $5 which entitles the homeowner to deliver 1,000 pounds of bulky waste to the facility.

The new brown windshield stickers will continue to designate Raymond taxpayers as such. When a resident has delivered his/her coupon in the ticket allowances, they will pay the overage at the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility at a rate of $.05 per pound for all acceptable materials and $.025 for brush and round wood. In order to gain access to the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility, it is necessary to have a brown sticker on your vehicle.

There will be no Day Passes issued, but the coupon booklet holder will be able to allow someone else to use his/her coupons for Raymond bulky waste deposit. If they don’t have a coupon, commercial haulers will pay for their deliveries at $.10 per pound. When a resident has delivered more weight than his coupons allow, he will pay the overage at the Lake Region at the Raymond level of $.05/$.025 per pound. When a resident exhausts his coupons, he must pay at the gate.

When the 2005-2006 bulky waste budget has been exhausted, everyone who doesn’t have any coupons will have to pay at the gate. If he is a Raymond taxpayer, he will be charged $.05/$.025 per pound but if not, he will be charged $.10 per pound.

At this time the following items can be delivered without cost if they are not in a mixed load: metal, car batteries, and uncontaminated motor oil.

Items which have an added charge of $.05 are refrigerators or freezers with the doors still on, porcelain fixtures with hardware, and car tires which still have their rims.

The Safety Zone

This tip of practical information is brought to you by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension

Handling Leftovers Safely

Most people hate to throw out food that has not been eaten at the end of a meal. At the same time, improper handling and storage of leftovers is one of the most common causes of food poisoning in the home. However, with care, it is possible to avoid both waste and illness.

The most important thing to remember is that once food has been cooked, it needs to be refrigerated or frozen quickly. If food is left in the danger zone of 40° F - 140° F for more than two hours (one hour in hot weather) bacteria can grow to harmful levels, making it unsafe to eat. This includes the time the food is out of the refrigerator or oven before being served and the time it is on the table. Foods left in the danger zone for more than two hours cannot be reused safely - throw it out!

Food that has been at room temperature for less than two hours can be stored safely if it is handled properly. Leftover food should be moved to a new container, not stored in the container it was cooked or served in. Divide large quantities of food into small portions and put them into containers no more than two inches deep, to allow them to cool more quickly.

Do not leave leftovers “out to cool” before placing them in the refrigerator. Stirring food with a clean spoon may help it cool, but then it should be covered and put straight in the refrigerator. Leave an air space around the container to help food cool quickly.

It is best to eat leftovers within two days. Some items may still be safe after 3 - 5 days but the longer cooked food is stored, the greater the chance of food poisoning. Freeze any leftovers that cannot be eaten immediately and note the date on the containers.

When reheating leftovers, bring sauces, soups and gravies to a boil. Heat other leftovers to 165° F throughout. Stir food to make sure that it is properly heated all the way through and always serve piping hot. Do not reheat foods more than once or mix leftover food with fresh foods. If a leftover has been stored for too long, or if it looks or smells peculiar, throw it out!

For more information on Food Safety and Nutrition, contact Kathy Savio at Cumberland County Cooperative Extension, PO Box 9300, Portland, ME 04104-9300 or 780-4202/1-800-287-1471 E-mail: kssavio@uvm.edu

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Medicare Prescription Drug Program Coming

By Senator Bill Diamond

Effective this past November 15, enrollment in Medicare prescription drug plans opened for anyone who is currently a beneficiary of the Medicare program. It is important that you have all of the facts on the available plans which have been approved by the Medicare program.

On Saturday, November 12, 1, along with the help of Rep. John Robinson and the two Windham Reps. Mark Bryant and Gary Plummer, Senator Diamond attended an informational meeting at Windham High School to help Medicare recipients learn more about their options as they pertain to the Medicare prescription drug plans. Larry Gross, Executive Director of the Southern Maine Agency on Aging (SMAA), gave an informative presentation to nearly 300 people who attended the meeting. Many people were able to get useful information and others learned that they have circumstances which will require even more information before they can choose the appropriate drug plan.

There are facts to consider which will be helpful when you are ready to choose the plan which is best for you. The SMAA provides many suggestions which should be considered.

It’s important to know that 18 insurance companies are available and licensed to offer Medicare prescription drug coverage in Maine. Altogether they have a total of 41 different plans among them. According to the SMAA, the following companies are licensed by the Maine Bureau of Insurance and certified by Medicare.

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For more information on how to select a plan and receive additional help, call 1-877-353-3771.

Handmade Christmas Afghan Donated To Church Fair

Catherine Berry, a member of the Raymond Village Community Church, found she had a lot of time on her hands when she waited at a Boston hospital for her friend Neddie Dunham to receive her regular chemotherapy treatments and so she crocheted. After completing one poinsettia-patterned afghan bedspread for her own family, she made a second one for her church.

In memory of her friend, who recently passed away, Catherine’s handmade Christmas Afghan (“60” x“90”) will be raffled off as part of the annual Raymond Village Community Church Holiday Fair on December 3rd, from 8 AM to 1 PM. In addition to the afghan, the raffle fair will also feature a cookie walk, wreaths and greens, handmade items (sweaters, pottery, crafts), homemade baked goods, children’s shopping room, fragrances & gift items, handcrafted sterling silver and beaded jewelry, maple syrup, and fairly traded gift items from third world countries provided by SERRV. A homemade breakfast and lunch will also be available.

Rev. Nancy Foran, pastor of the Raymond Village Church, said, “We are very grateful for Catherine’s generous donation. It will add so much to a fair that already features a variety of items which are handmade and homemade by many people in our congregation. Everyone has worked so hard.”

The Raymond Village Community Church is located at 285 Main Street in Raymond on Route 121, about 1 mile from Route 302 and has worship services and church school on Sundays at 10 AM.

November 8, 2005, General Election Results

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HOT SPOT
Raymond Fire Rescue
“Keeping Our Community Safe Through Education”
I hope this finds all of you warm and in good spirits. It is yet again that time of year that we get ready for the holidays. There are many things we need to be aware of when it comes to heating our properties.

- Chimneys - When was the last time they were cleaned and inspected? It is recommended that your chimney be cleaned and inspected at least once a year by a professional.
- Furnace, Boiler, Kerosene heaters - When was it last serviced? Most manufacturers suggest that they be serviced yearly by a certified technician. This service will not only make sure that it is operating safely but will insure the machine is running efficiently which may lower the amount of fuel it is using.
- Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors - Does it work? Both detectors should be tested monthly. Batteries need to be replaced every six months (when you change your clocks). These two devices are considered by many to be two of the most important life safety tools you have. These detectors offer you and your family an early warning that there is a problem. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, and tasteless poison that is very harmful and deadly. Without this detector you and your family would not know if there is a dangerous gas in your home or business. This is also the time of year we get ready for the holidays. Here are a few things to remember!
- Extension cords - Extension cords, though very helpful, can also be dangerous. Please remember that these cords should not be overloaded, run under rugs, doors or furniture. If you have to use these types of devices, consider the use of a UL approved circuit protected power strip.
- Holiday lights - Lights offer a great ambiance to the holiday season. Keep in mind that these lights also give off heat and should not be left on for long periods of time or when you are not at home or work. Please read the operating and installation manual.
- Christmas trees - Trees need to be watered daily. If your tree becomes discolored or the needles start to fall off, you should discard and replace it. When buying a live tree, look for trees that have been dipped in a fire retardant. Live Christmas trees are not allowed under state law to be displayed in any business or public building.
- Candles - Candles should be kept out of reach of children and pets. They should also be put on a sturdy and not flammable setting. Make sure candles are not left unattended or burning when you are not at home or at work, “WHEN YOU GO OUT, BLOW OUT”!!!

Until next month…work safe, play safe, STAY SAFE!!!
Please send any requests or comments to josh.stevens@raymondmaine.org

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Holds Supper And Workshop For Land Owners
by Christine McClellan
The Town of Raymond Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee, with assistance from the Assessing Office, held a Harvest Supper on Thursday, November 17, 2005, as part of their strategy to implement one of the most important goals of the 2004 Comprehensive Plan: to encourage the preservation of the town’s rural character. There were approximately 40 people in attendance. Land owners of large parcels were invited to the event to listen to speakers in order to gather information about the following state land valuation classification programs: tree growth, open space, and farmland.

American Mottoes Quiz
How well do you know the following mottoes and what they mean?
1. E Pluribus Unum
2. In God We Trust
3. Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness
4. We, the People...
5. Mind Your Business

(see answers on page 10)

Diabetic Eye Disease
By: Thomas Gordon OD and Kimberly Allen OD
November is National Diabetic Awareness month. Eye care is especially important for diabetics since they are at increased risk for ocular complications. Diabetes is considered the leading cause of blindness in adults age 20 – 74. More than 50% of all diabetics have some form of diabetic eye disease. Diabetic eye disease refers to a group of sight-threatening problems that people with diabetes may develop. These include:
- Diabetic retinopathy - damage to the blood vessels in the retina that may interfere with vision and could lead to blindness
- Cataracts - A cloud in the crystalline lens of the eye, causing blurred, hazy or glary vision. Diabetes can double the likelihood of developing a cataract and reduce the age of onset to “middle age”.
- Glaucoma - A disease that increases the fluid pressure inside the eye. The elevated pressure causes damage to the optic nerve and eventually results in loss of vision

Diabetic retinopathy is the most common diabetic eye disease. It may occur very slowly, with little or no change in vision. But over time, the vision loss can get worse. Diabetic retinopathy, usually affects both eyes.

For many people with diabetic retinopathy there are no early symptoms. There is no pain, no blurred vision. Often there are no symptoms until the disease has become well advanced; at this point lost vision cannot be restored.

Better control of the blood sugar can slow the onset and progression of retinopathy. Studies have also shown that controlling the blood pressure and cholesterol will also help protect the vision.

Other eye care tips include:
- eating a healthy diet
- avoid smoking
- exercise regularly
- … heard these before?

Diabetic eye disease is best detected during a comprehensive eye examination through dilated pupils. Standards of care recommends all diabetics have at least an annual dilated eye examination. Annual examination is critical for establishing and maintaining a baseline of normalcy for each individual and observing change as early as possible.

Current treatments are very successful for diabetic retinopathy, and patients have an excellent chance of maintaining good vision if treated in a timely manner.
Aquatics Programs At St. Joseph’s College

Event: Water Aerobics
Date: Ongoing classes throughout the year
Time: Monday, Wednesday 7pm - 8pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am - 9am
Fee: $5 each class or a punch card of 12 passes for $4.
About the Program: For the swimmer and non-swimmer alike. Participants will receive
fantastic low impact aerobic exercises without the joint stress common with land
aerobics, while giving a good cardiovascular work out. Emphasis is on an overall
body workout while having fun! Those who would like to do deep water during this
program are encouraged to do so.

Event: Arthriticise
Date: Ongoing throughout the year.
Time: Tuesday & Thursday 11am -11:45am
Fee: $5 each class or purchase a punch ticket for $40 with 12 passes.
About the Program: Range of motion exercise program aimed at increasing muscle
and joint flexibility. This program is great for those suffering pain of arthritis, other
debilitating joint diseases and any health condition needing help with range of mo-
tion. This will not be an aerobic or a cardiovascular program

Event: Lap & Open Swim Time
The following times are: Monday through Friday
6:30am – 8am - Lap Swim Only
9am – 11am - Lap Swim only
Noon – 1:30pm - Lap & Open Swim
5pm – 6pm - Lap & Open Swim
Saturday
1pm – 4pm - Lap & Open Swim
Sunday
1pm – 4pm - Lap & Open Swim
We have our climbing wall open before or after the splash parties upon request.
We also have a party room that can be available after the swim.
For more information, Call Carolyn Vail at 893-6669

Event: Lifeguard Training
Date: Starts: (when 10 participants have registered)
Place: St. Joseph’s College
Harold Alfond Student Center- Pool
Time: Tuesdays 5pm to 9pm for 8 weeks
Fee: $175
About the Program: In this program, participants learn about the duties and respon-
sibilities of a lifeguard and how to carry them out. Lifeguarding techniques will be
taught both in the water and in the classroom. Prerequisites are tested on the first day
of class. They are as follows: Participant must be at least 15 years of age, perform a
500 yard swim, retrieve a ten pound object from nine feet of water, and tread water
for 2 minutes. Upon requirement completion of the course, participant will receive
Lifeguard Training, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, and a First Aid certificate.
For more information, Call Carolyn J. Vail at 893-6669

Event: Water Safety Instructor
Date: January 24 – April 11, 2 Saturdays 8am to 1pm
Place: Saint Joseph’s College
Time: Tuesdays 5am – 9pm/ 3 Saturdays 8am to 1pm
Fee: $275
About the Program: In this program the participants learn all aspects of how to teach
swimming to all ages. Candidates will learn how to use teaching material and how to
conduct swim classes. Prerequisites for the participants are demonstrating the ability
to swim front crawl, back crawl, side stroke, breast stroke, elementary backstroke
and butterfly.

Mentoring Program Holds
Annual Fall Dinner
Over 60 people attended the 5th Fall Family Mentoring din-
er in November. Mains’ Pizza served up a tasty spaghetti
dinner, and mentoring pairs made apple and pumpkin pies
for dessert and to donate to the local food pantry. Thanks
go to Meadowbrook Farm for the apples!
The Kids 2 Kids Mentoring Program also started training
7th and 8th grade mentors during November. Fifteen middle
school mentors will be meeting their KES “little buddies”
sometime in December. K2K meets once a week; mentors
have an hour of planning time, then meet with their bud-
dies for an hour of special activities. The program offers
great leadership experience for the mentors and an exciting
friendship for the buddies.
We welcome Candace Woolston, who is joining us for
a few hours a week to help keep the program running
smoothly.
Adult and high school mentors are always needed. Four to
six hours a month (usually just an hour a week) is all you
need to enjoy: making a new young friend and exploring
different opportunities together. Contact the mentoring
office at 655-8672, ext 107 or at mentor@raymondmaine.
org to learn more.

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 pro-
duced 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 and non-neutered $10. 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 support the State Veterinarian
Laboratory in Augusta as well as Maine State
Humane Agents, who investigate animal abuse
cases.

Holiday Fair 2005
December 3rd
8am – 1pm at the
Raymond Village Community
Church
285 Main Street in Raymond
Featuring
Raffle for a Handmade
Poinsettia Afghan Bedspread
(66” x 90”)
Also
Wreaths and Greens
Cookie Walk
Handmade Items
(sweaters, pottery, crafts)
SERRV Table
Baked Goods
Children’s Shopping Room
Fragrances & Gift Items
Sterling Silver &
Beaded Jewelry
Maple Syrup

http://www.raymondmaine.org
Tuition Break for Maine Residents

AUGUSTA—Representative John C. Robinson (R-Raymond) is pleased to provide new information on the New England Board of Higher Education’s Regional Student Program (RSP) for college-bound students and their families, particularly those students who wish to pursue degree programs not offered by a Maine public college or university.

The RSP provides a significant tuition break to Maine residents when they enroll in approved degree programs at public campuses in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Since 1957, the RSP has helped thousands of Maine residents to afford their college education. During the 2004-2005 academic year, more than 600 Maine residents were enrolled as RSP students. Full-time RSP students from Maine saved an average of $7,000 each on their annual tuition bills last year. In addition to helping students and their families save thousands of dollars in college tuition, the RSP also saves taxpayers millions of dollars by enabling the six New England states to share educational resources and avoid the duplication of costly academic programs.

The tuition-discounted programs are listed in the RSP annual catalog, The Apple Book for Maine Residents. A new edition of the catalog is published each September. Copies of the annual catalog are distributed to all high school guidance offices and libraries, city and town libraries, state college and university admissions offices, state legislators, and to prospective students upon request.

Online, at www.nebhe.org, Maine residents can search lists of RSP majors by degree level or by institution, link to participating institutions’ websites and view or download The Apple Book catalog as a PDF document.

Students and parents interested in the New England Board of Higher Education’s Regional Student Program can contact Rep. Robinson at 287-1440 or 655-8657 to request more information.

RES Music Notes

By Patti Gordon

The chorus concert is right around the corner! The students are very excited, they can’t wait to sing for you! Come and hear them on Thursday, December 8th, at 7pm. The performance will be held in the Jordan-Small gym. Students and parents interested in the New England Board of Higher Education’s Regional Student Program can contact Rep. Robinson at 287-1440 or 655-8657.

Auditions for The WIZARD OF OZ at Windham Center Stage Theater

Windham Center Stage Theater (WCST) will be holding auditions for its annual Children’s Production of The Wizard of Oz opening March of 2006. Based on the always-popular response from the community and the limitations as to the availability of the Community Center, WCST will be offering a limited number of auditions and will require the children’s parents to make an appointment for their audition. Only those children in the second through eighth grade are invited to audition. These changes to our past procedure will allow WCST to continue to offer every child who gets an audition appointment a part in the show and will maintain the quality of our shows. If necessary, a waiting list will be created to allow replacement for those children who have auditioned but who are not able to meet the commitment to our rehearsal and show schedule. Children must be able to commit to the following rehearsal and show schedule:

Rehearsals Tuesday evenings (beginning in December)
Friday evenings, Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons (beginning in January) No rehearsal on Saturday, February 4, or February 17, 18, 19

Dress rehearsal weekend February 26-29

Performances March 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 includes Saturday afternoon and evening shows

Attendance is required for all scheduled rehearsals and performances—there are NO EXCUSED ABSENCES.

If you can make this commitment, please call for an audition appointment beginning Friday, November 11, 2005, at 893-2098. Leave your name, phone number, and the age and number of children auditioning. If you are not called back to schedule your appointment within 24 hours, please call again. Auditions are on Friday and Saturday, December 3 and 4, 2005, at the town hall, with call backs on Sunday, December 4. Auditions will be assigned by age with 5 children/30 minutes. Bring a song, if you want to audition for a singing role; we will provide text for reading. Audition fee is $10 and is non-refundable.

Raymond Rec Citrus Fundraiser

When you think “fruit for the holidays,” we hope you will remember purchasing fresh Florida-grown Indian River grapefruit and oranges from Raymond Recreation Association. We have conducted this fundraising campaign for 12 years. The sale will run through November 26. Advance orders only with payment are preferred. 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 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 Rotarians 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.

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Mail to: Raymond Rec, 33 Wawenock Road, Raymond Me 04071
RES Drama
3rd and 4th Graders
Proudly Present
MACBETH
A Kid's Cautionary Tale
Concerning Greed, Power, Mayhem and Other Current Events
adapted by
Nancy Liniehan Charles
Free Admission
Free Admission
Friday, December 16th at 6:30 pm
Raymond Elementary School Stage
RES Drama is part of Raymond Rec

Notes From The JSMS Music Room
The music classes and performing groups at JSMS are off to a great start this year. Over 40% of the fifth grade class is in the beginner band. Involvement in the 5/6 chorus has more than doubled from last year! The 7/8 chorus has over 40 members, six of whom recently auditioned for the Maine Music Educators District 2 honors chorus. Involvement in the band program in grades 6 through 8 continues to be about 35% of all students. The eighth grade guitar class enrollment, which began last year, has more than doubled. Students in grades 5 & 6 who are not in the band program are fortunate to have an outstanding keyboard lab to use. In addition to basic keyboard skills, the lab is used as a tool to deepen the understanding of the essential concepts of music. The sixth grade classes recently completed their own compositions, which are now learning how to use chords and harmony.

Please join the JSMS students at the following performances.
Sunday, November 27, at the Raymond Village Library Tree Lighting
Thursday, December 8, Choral Concert grades 3 - 8 in the JSMS Gym at 7 pm.
Tuesday, December 13, Band Concert grades 5 - 8 in the JSMS Gym at 7 pm
The snow date for either of the December concerts will be Thursday, Dec. 15

FREE ADMISSION

Holiday Fair To Benefit The Raymond Food Pantry
Saturday, December 3rd, from 8am - 2pm
at the Center Stage Dance Studio
71 Main Street in Raymond
Crafts, jewelry, baked goods, Mary Kay products, home made items, holiday gift items, books and much more.
Free coffee & tea.
A portion of the proceeds goes directly to the Raymond Food Pantry and to families in need in the Raymond community.
We appreciate all your support.

Thanks!

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 December business meeting has been rescheduled for December 1. All meetings are open to the public.
On October 27 & 28, Roger Ginn and Superintendent Caldwell attended the annual MSMA (Maine School Management Association) meeting in Augusta. Workshops attended included EPS updates, contract negotiation techniques, truancy issues, improving student aspirations, budget preparation, and health initiatives.
In November, the facilities committee identified an interest in greater community participation. We are looking for 3 Raymond residents to contribute to facilities committee work that includes regular meetings once a month. If you are interested, please contact Sandra Caldwell at 655-8666.
The Board would like to express its appreciation to Allison Griffin, who completed a master’s degree with high honors in 1 year to satisfy new state requirements for school librarians. We value Allison’s dedication to educational excellence.

The Sebago Alliance of area schools has been awarded an $880,000 grant for social studies education. Raymond teachers will benefit through access to professional development opportunities supported by this grant. Planning is also underway for the common in-service day in March.

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The next regular meeting is Thursday, December 1, at 6:30 pm at Raymond Elementary School. Approved meeting minutes and agendas are available on the Raymond School Department website.

Thank You, Scholastic Book Fair Patrons And Volunteers
By Deb Cudden
President, Raymond PTA
I would like to personally thank each and every one of you who helped make this year’s Scholastic Book Fair a success. The Book Fair is an important fundraiser for the Raymond PTA. Last year it represented 17% of our income.

A very special thanks to Wendy Trask who orchestrated the entire event. She worked tirelessly to organize the Fair including working with Scholastic to get the books delivered, advertising, soliciting volunteers, unloading cases, arranging displays and putting in so many hours. Thanks to her good-natured boys as well for their help and patience.

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And the whole thing would have been impossible without our dedicated volunteers who “minded the store.” I appreciate how chaotic it can be when you have 20-30 children asking you questions all at once while handling out handfuls of pennies and asking “Is this enough?” So thank you, Leigh Walker, Colleen Laprise, Carol Meader, Cathy Dodge, Catriona Sangster, Aniko Pongratz, Cj Macdonald, Lorry Rand, Nicole LaJoiie, Lisa Conley, Lisa Davison, Sue Ellen Gendron, Ellen Gagne, Beth Nadeau, Sue Richards and Anne Thomas. (If I have omitted anyone, please forgive me.)

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**Cub Scout Pack 800 News**

By Sue Ellen Gendron

Cub Scouts Popcorn fundraiser was a tremendous success! This year earned approximately $6,000 for Pine Tree Council which will benefit Raymond’s Pack 800 with close to $2,000 Great job Scouts!

Major points of the proposed legislation include:
- Suspended licenses will be immediately confiscated by the Secretary of State for the duration of the suspension.
- Offenders operating after suspension or OAS, will have their vehicle impounded for the duration of the suspension.
- OAS offenders responsible for an accident occurring in injury will be guilty of a Class C crime and when resulting in death, a Class B crime. Corresponding OUI penalties will be upgraded from C to B in the cases of injury or death.
- If a license is suspended for one year. If the driver is then found OAS, he or she will face six months of jail time.
- A license is suspended for six times (due to traffic violations) in three years, it will be revoked for six years.
- If the driver is then found OAS, he or she will face two years jail time.
- If a license is suspended for more than six times (due to traffic violations) in three years, it will be revoked for ten years; and if the driver is found OAS, he or she will face five years in jail.

Suspension Only Penalties include:
- Three suspensions (due to traffic violations) will face a fine of $100.
- Four, five or six suspensions (due to traffic violations) will face a fine or $2,000, $3,000 or $4,000 respectively.
- More than six suspensions (due to traffic violations) will face a fine of $5,000 each time.

As a safe way to enjoy treats, Cub Scouts had a “Trunk or Treat” evening at RES. Vehicles parked in the lot at RES opened their trunks and gave out treats to all the scouts who attended the Pack Meeting on October 24, 2005.

Here is a picture of who joined Pack 800 this fall.
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:

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER ON A COMMITTEE:

For more information on The Raymond PTA please check our website at:  http://www.raymonddrattlers.org

Raymond Rattlers
Snowmobile Club Needs Your Help

By Scott Schweitzer, Club Secretary

If you register a snowmobile in Raymond, your local snowmobile club would like to meet you.

With the amount of changes to landscape in the past years, the Raymond trail system is in danger. Changes are being requested by landowners, and with dwindling memberships, it’s becoming a more difficult task to maintain our local trails. The club has a core of about 15 people that actively participate in activities, but it’s not enough.

Please consider visiting our webpage for information about our club:  www.raymonddrattlers.org

A family membership of $25 includes the Maine snowmobiling paper which is published each month during the winter and includes discounts to some of our local businesses. This publication, along with their website, offers many ideas for winter fun.

The next club meeting is scheduled for December 6th, 7 pm, at Camp Kokatosi Clubhouse.

Road Runner Reminders

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Property Tax Abatement Appeal Process

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.

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Soccer Teams Finish A Successful Season
By Jack Fitch

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! The soccer teams at Jordan-Small Middle School have just ended a fantastic soccer season. The girls’ team, with a record of 11-0-1, captured the Pine Tree League championship. A combination of a strong offense, an invincible defense, and tough goal tending led the girls to a near perfect season.

“The things that impressed me the most about the girls were the maturity and integrity they showed,” said Coach John Powers. “Even though they won almost every game, they never let winning go to their heads.”

Girls’ Co-Captain Katie Lentine said, “In the beginning we started as a bunch of girls with talent and the desire to play soccer. Once we got to know each other, we were unbeatable.”

With a record of 3-6-3, the boys’ team finished sixth in the league. “Even though the boys struggled at times, they kept working hard and improved a great deal during the season,” said Powers. Many of the games were close, like the last game with Holy Cross when the boys came back after half time, down 0 - 3, to lose by only one point to the team that became champions.

A total of 47 students in grades seven and eight participated on the two teams. Both Coach Powers and Athletic Director Jack Fitch stressed the importance of equal playing time by constantly rotating players in and out during every game. The sidelines at every game were full of parents and supporters.

Katie Lentine summed up the season by saying, “Although some practices were just running and weren’t always fun, we persevered, and it paid off in the end!”

News From The Raymond Village Library
At a Glance
December 11 - Bake Sale at 10am.
December 25 and January 1 – Library Closed.

Bake Sale
The long anticipated Holiday Bake Sale with all kinds of yummy treats for holiday fare and gift giving will be held at the library on Sunday, December 11, beginning at 10am. Be sure to come in and stock up on wonderful cakes, pies, cookies, candies and other delicious goodies.

Library Hours
The library will be closed December 25 and January 1, 2006.
There will be no Baby Time on December 26 and January 2, although the library will be open.

Book Discussion Group
The Reading group will not meet in December, but will resume in January. Please call the library at 655-4283 for more information.

An Invitation
Over the holidays, we invite you to come and see the new arrangement of the library. This has been in the planning stages for some time and now with the assistance of volunteers, who donated their time and energies, we are able to welcome in the New Year with a New Look. Please remember to use the front door.

Church And Scouts Work To Beautify Town
Members of the Raymond Village Community Church and the boys and leaders of Cub Scout Pack 800 and Boy Scout Troop 800 joined forces on Saturday, November 5, 2005, in the Annual Church Fall Clean Up Day. Over 40 children and adults gathered with rakes, shovels, clippers, and paintbrushes to spruce up the grounds and the exterior of the historic church, a Main Street landmark built in 1879. Inside the building, cleaning continued. Sunday School rooms were tidied up, closets were cleaned out, and work was begun to convert an empty room into a Youth Room for teens in the church.

Rev. Nancy Foran, the recently called Pastor of the Raymond Village Community Church, commented, “It’s wonderful to see the enthusiasm and dedication of church members in not only maintaining their facility but also in doing their part to beautify the Town of Raymond. And to be able to join with the Scouts in that effort is a terrific collaboration.”

The Raymond Village Community Church is affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Worship services and church school are Sundays at 10AM. All are welcome to attend!
The Raymond Village Community Church sponsors Cub Scout Pack 800 and Boy Scout Troop 800. Both groups use the church weekly for meetings.