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## Raymond School Students Shine at the Cumberland County Special Olympics Swim Meet

Raymond Elementary School's Andrew Tanguay and Jordan-Small Middle School's Kelly Handy and Patrick Huber had outstanding performances at the Cumberland County Special Olympics Swim Meet at Cape Elizabeth High School on Friday, March 24th. Andrew, entering in his first ever Special Olympics competition, received a 4th place ribbon in the 25 yard Freestyle Race. He achieved a personal best time by nearly 7 seconds. Kelly Handy swam personal bests in both the 15 and 25 yard Flotation Races, placing 1st and 2nd, respectively. Patrick Huber also had personal bests and placed 1st in both the 15 and 25 yard Flotation Races. Raymond Special Olympics Coaches John Keller and John Dionne would like to express their thanks to Beth Nadeau and Kate Loukas for their support at swim practices and to Carolyn Vail of the St. Joseph's College Aquatics Department for the use of adaptive equipment. Thanks also to the families of Andrew, Patrick, and Kelly for their support at the swim meet. Congratulations Andrew, Kelly, and Patrick!!!



Andrew Tanguay



Kelley Handy



Patrick Huber

## Municipal Budget Proposed at 3.18% Increase

By Don Willard, Town Manager

The Board of Selectmen and Budget/Finance Committee met over several weeks to consider six separate drafts of the fiscal year 2006-2007 Municipal Budget, which is now ready for town meeting consideration at a proposed increase of 3.18%. The total municipal budget before non-property tax revenues are subtracted stands at \$3,421,857, as compared to the fiscal year 2005-2006 budget of \$3,316,354. This is a difference of \$105,503. This year's budget deliberations were made particularly difficult by a shift in valuation that affected the town's Tax Increment Finance District (TIF). Although property within the town's business district increased in value, as did properties throughout the community, the rate of increase within the District was lower than other classes of property. This resulted in a shift of \$97,791 of TIF qualified expenditures for existing improvements such as the Route 302 Improvement Project and Waterline Extension Project from the TIF budget to the general operations budget. Had this shift not occurred, the town's municipal budget would be

\$3,324,066 or only \$7,712 higher than last year's budget for a percentage increase of approximately .2%. Non-property tax revenue is projected to increase at a rate of 1.28% which will generate a projected \$1,844,957 versus last year's \$1,821,691. This is a dollar difference of \$23,266. Under LD1, Property Tax Limiting Legislation passed by the Maine Legislature last year, a net budget of no more than \$1,506,900 can be approved without specific voter authority for an increase. The proposed municipal budget is \$8,460 below the LD1 allowed

maximum amount, which includes the General Assistance exemption provided by LD1965 in the amount of \$2,000. In order to give local voters an opportunity to consider possible community improvement alternatives, separate warrant articles for new road paving funds and a Fire Department equipment reserve fund will be offered as LD1 increase articles. The current total estimate of the mil rate for the school, town, and county budgets combined is \$9.42 versus

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### TOWN ELECTIONS

Friday, May 19, 2006,  
 at the Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium

7am to 8pm

*Voter registration will be available at the polls.*

Please bring 2 forms of identification including your street address, if you need to register to vote in Raymond.

### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Saturday, May 20, 2006, at Jordan-Small Middle School  
 10am

*Town Reports are available at the Town Office.*

#### Road Runner Articles

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by Thursday, May 18th. 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](mailto:roadrunner@raymondmaine.org) or drop them off at the Town Office or at one of the school offices.

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## Raymond Village Library News

### At a Glance

Sunday, May 7 – Scrapbooking Workshop, 2-3:30pm, at the library.

Saturday, May 20 – Town Meeting, 10am.

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day, library closed.

Wednesday, May 31 – Book Discussion Group, 7pm at the library

Saturday, June 24 – Plant Sale and Paperback Book Sale.

### Scrapbooking Workshop

Introduction to Scrapbooking Workshop will be held at the library on Sunday, May 7, from 2 to 3:30pm. This program is presented by Jennifer Hills, Creative Memories Consultant. If you take the time to take pictures, it is worth taking the time to properly care for, store and showcase them as well. Jennifer will demonstrate how to “scrap” or decorate with a variety of cutting tools and will help participants create a “short story card.” This project can be given as a card, put in an album or even set up as a picture type display – just in time for Mother’s Day! There is no cost, just bring 2-3 related pictures or copies of pictures. Please pre-register at the library by May 1.

### Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting will be held Saturday, May 20, at the Jordan-Small Middle School gym beginning at 10am. We encourage all Raymond residents to attend and make use of this opportunity to participate in their community. The library appreciates your continued support.

### Library Hours

In observance of Memorial Day, the Raymond Village Library will be closed May 29.

### Book Discussion Group

The book group will meet Wednesday, May 31, at 7pm at the library. The book chosen for discussion is “Women of the Silk” by Gail Tsukiyama. For more information, please call the library at 655-4283.

### Portland Museum of Art

Thanks to two library patrons who generously paid the renewal fee, the library continues to offer a one-day pass to the Portland Museum of Art. The pass admits two adults and up to six children. Please contact the library for more information.

### Plant Sale and Paperback Book Sale

ATTENTION: All gardeners, plant and flower lovers, now is the time for cleaning out those flowerbeds, and dividing and replacing your favorite blooms. The Raymond Village Library’s Plant Sale on June 24, from 7am to noon, can use all those extra plants you will be thinning out or removing to make room for new seedlings. Please put these aside and plan to bring them to the library June 23, the day before the sale, from 4 to 7pm. Members of the Hawthorne Garden Club have planned to start seedlings for the plant sale, and we are excited to have their generous boost to the variety in the sale. Perennials are very popular, as well as groundcovers, herbs, flowering shrubs, vines, and bedding plants and other annuals. Houseplants are also welcome. For further information: Susan, 655-1010; Jane, 655-5354; Irene, 655-4711. In conjunction with the plant sale, the paperback book sale will begin on June 24 at the library. Donations for the book sale may be brought to the library during open hours.

## Raymond Wins “Hannaford Helps Schools” Program!

Kids were treated to a big surprise at last Friday’s opening at RES. Pam Melville of Hannaford Supermarket in North Windham presented a huge cardboard check to the school for turning in the most school dollars. Hannaford supports local schools with a fundraising program called Hannaford Helps Schools. Customers are awarded “school dollars” based on their purchases of participating products. Last December we turned in \$834, which resulted in Raymond winning an additional \$1,000 for being the school that raised the most dollars!

Our thanks to all of you for participating in this fundraiser and supporting your school and community.

## Maine Wildlife Park Opens for the Season

One of Maine’s best-kept secrets is the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife’s Maine Wildlife Park off Route 26 in Gray. The park is open daily from April 15 to November 11 from 9:30am to 4:30pm, with visitors not having to leave the park until 6pm.

The 200-acre park has over 25 different species of wildlife on exhibit, including moose, black bear, fishers, lynx, mountain lions, white-tailed deer, wild turkeys, hawks owls, trout, turtles and more.

Guests visiting the park will see the new, spacious coyote exhibit. White-tailed deer are enjoying their new 3-acre enclosure. The moose are comfortable in their spacious habitat, as well. Currently a brand new, state of the art eagle exhibit is under construction, as well as a new dual exhibit for the red and gray foxes.

In addition to the variety of wildlife displays, there are nature trails, a visitor center with a number of interactive wildlife and conservation exhibits, demonstration wildlife gardens, a show fish pool, picnic and grill areas, and a snack shack. Visitors can also walk to the Dry Mills Fish Hatchery to view brook trout. The Nature Store is always a popular stop for great wildlife gifts, books, t-shirts, hats and educational items. Guided tours are available for groups by appointment. For more information, call 207-287-8000 or 207-657-4977 x 1 to listen to the recorded message with current program information. The website is [www.mainewildlifepark.com](http://www.mainewildlifepark.com).

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4.25 for ages 4-12, and is free for children 3 and under. There are special prices for groups of 15 or more, and those over age 60 pay \$4 for admission.

There are many opportunities to volunteer at the Maine Wildlife Park, including Gate Attendants and Tour Guides. Training sessions have been scheduled for the different positions. Please call Curtis Johnson at the Maine Wildlife Park, 657-4977, to sign up or learn more about the volunteer opportunities.

The Maine Wildlife Park is located off the Maine Turnpike (I-95) at Exit 63 on Route 26 in Gray.

## May 2006

### Events and Meeting Schedule

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|
|   | <b>1</b><br>10:00AM VL<br>Library Babytime  | <b>2</b><br>6:30PM-8:00PM VC<br>BSA Troop 800 Meeting<br>7:00PM TH<br>Selectmen Meeting  | <b>3</b><br>10:00AM VL<br>Library Toddlertime<br>10:45AM VL<br>Library Preschool Storytime<br>6:30PM RE<br>School Committee Meeting   | <b>4</b><br>6:30PM KC<br>Raymond Lions Club Meeting  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>   |
| <b>7</b><br>2:00PM VL<br>Scrapbooking Workshop  | <b>8</b><br>10:00AM VL<br>Library Babytime  | <b>9</b><br>6:30PM-8:00PM VC<br>BSA Troop 800 Meeting<br>7:00PM MB<br>One Raymond Meeting  | <b>10</b><br>10:00AM VL<br>Library Toddlertime<br>10:45AM VL<br>Library Preschool Storytime<br>6:30PM TH<br>Planning Board Meeting    | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b>  |
| <b>14</b><br>10:00AM<br>Appeals Board Site Walk | <b>15</b><br>10:00AM VL<br>Library Babytime                                       | <b>16</b><br>6:30PM-8:00PM VC<br>BSA Troop 800 Meeting<br>7:00PM TH<br>Selectmen Meeting   | <b>17</b><br>10:00AM VL<br>Library Toddlertime<br>10:45AM VL<br>Library Preschool Storytime<br>6:30PM RE<br>School Committee Workshop | <b>18</b><br>6:30PM KC<br>Raymond Lions Club Meeting<br><b>ROADRUNNER DEADLINE FOR MAY ISSUE</b> | <b>19</b><br>7:00AM JS<br>Town Elections  | <b>20</b><br>10:00AM JS<br>TOWN MEETING  |
| <b>21</b>                                       | <b>22</b><br>10:00AM VL<br>Library Babytime<br>7:00PM TH<br>Appeals Board Meeting | <b>23</b><br>6:30PM-8:00PM VC<br>BSA Troop 800 Meeting<br>7:00PM TBD<br>Conservation Commission  | <b>24</b><br>10:00AM VL<br>Library Toddlertime<br>10:45AM VL<br>Library Preschool Storytime   | <b>25</b><br>7:00PM TH<br>Cemetery Committee   | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b>  |
| <b>28</b>                                       | <b>29</b><br>Memorial Day<br>Library Closed                                       | <b>30</b><br>6:30PM-8:00PM VC<br>BSA Troop 800 Meeting<br>7:00PM TH<br>Board of Assessment Review Workshop<br>7:00PM MB<br>Conservation Commission | <b>31</b><br>10:00AM VL<br>Library Toddlertime<br>10:45AM VL<br>Library Preschool Storytime<br>7:00PM VL<br>Book Group                |  | FB=Fire Barn<br>JS=Jordan-Small<br>KC=Kokatosi Campgnd<br>PS=Public Safety Bldg.<br>RE=Raymond Elementary<br>CL=Casco Library | SG=Sheri Gagnon<br>TG=Town Garage RT85<br>TH=Town Hall<br>VL=Village Library<br>VC=Village Church<br>VT=Village Tennis<br>MB=Modular at JSMS |

## Municipal News Brief

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions:

### Tuesday, April 4, 2006:

- 1) Mrs. Betty McDermott, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, awarded a Certificate of Recognition to Gaia Cloutier for her Trout in the Classroom Project presented at the Fourth World Water Forum, Mexico City, Mexico. Ms Cloutier's project was most impressive and represented Raymond's student body very well.

- 2) Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee proposed ordinances for consideration – Christine McClellan, CPIC Chairman and Mike Reynolds, Selectman and CPIC Vice-Chairman.
  - i) Residential Growth Management Ordinance;
  - ii) Land Use Penalties to Open Space Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the addition of these articles to the annual town meeting warrant.

- iii) Ordinance to require that future changes to land use be placed on written ballot as local referendum items.

Mrs. McClellan, chairman of the CPIC, felt that the timing of this proposed voting change was too close to town meeting to include it this year but would appreciate consideration being given at a future town meeting.

- 3) Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee request for consultant planner services, part-time – Christine McClellan, CPIC Chairman.

The Selectmen felt that it was important to review and update our local ordinances to be consistent with the 2001 Comprehensive Plan and agreed that the CPIC be allowed to spend existing funds on a contract planner to help with their work.

- 4) Raymond Fire Department proposed Fire Protection Ordinance Amendments for consideration – Lt. Joshua Stevens, Raymond Fire Department.

Josh Stevens, Fire Department Lieutenant and Assistant Code Enforcement Officer, asked that the Selectmen approve the addition of this ordinance to the annual town meeting warrant. The Selectmen stated that it was important to keep all fire alarms in town functioning properly and not causing costly false alarms to which the Department has to react. It was felt that having the Code Enforcement Office keep fire alarm records where they can be accessed by both departments would be useful. There was also a discussion as to fines and billing for false alarms. Lt. Stevens replied that if the alarm were maintained by a commercial entity, that business would be billed. However, if it were an owner-maintained alarm, the owner would be responsible. The Selectmen agreed to the proposed ordinance being on the annual town meeting warrant.

- 5) Recycling Committee request for trash compactor to promote school milk carton recycling – Phil Hammett, Recycling Committee Chair.

Mr. Hammett asked that the town support the cost of a compactor for the school's recycling efforts. The Selectmen agreed that the town would pay half of the cost with the understanding that the school would be asked to pay the other half. They felt milk carton recycling was a good educational tool for the students at the schools.

- 6) Consideration of 2006 ballot clerk appointments – Louise Lester, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Lester provided a list of registered voters who are willing to act as ballot clerks and asked that the Selectmen appoint them for the next two years as stated in Maine law. The Selectmen appointed the voters on the list.

- 7) Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) proposal to restructure Southern Maine Economic Development District (SMEDD) – Neal Allen, GPCOG Director and Michael Reynolds, GPCOG Executive Committee Rep.

Mr. Reynolds explained that the Southern Maine Economic Development District was set up for the counties in the southern part of the state. However, it has become apparent that the needs and interests of these counties are not the same. Therefore, the Greater Portland Council of Governments is asking for Raymond's approval to split the SMEDD group and have Cumberland County stand alone. This would make the group smaller and better able to achieve its goals including applying for grants. The Selectmen agreed to this change.

- 8) Town Manager Report and Communications.

- a. Resignation of GIS Coordinator/Town Manager Secretary position.

Mr. Willard announced the resignation of Elisa Trepanier as the GIS Coordinator/Town Manager Secretary. He planned to hire a part-time secretary for 25 hours a week and Networking Administrator Kevin Woodbrey would be taking over the GIS functions.

- b. Budget formulation

The Selectmen expressed their desire to work on a plan for future budget formulation at an upcoming workshop meeting.

- c. Clerk's Office Personnel

Mr. Gendron asked if the Clerk's Office shouldn't have a part-time person to help when the office gets very busy such as certain Saturday mornings. Town Clerk Louise Lester said that would be desirable but would be hard to find since that person would have to know the laws pertaining to a clerk's duties and the computer systems we use daily. It was decided to study this further.

- d. Subdivision open space/public access request

Mr. Gendron suggested that the town might encourage the Planning Board to look into making private common land in subdivisions publicly accessible. The Conservation Commission feels that this would be one way of obtaining more public land access in Raymond. Town Clerk Louise Lester noted that there is a precedent because the Planning Board can now require that existing snowmobile and multi-use trails remain public through new subdivisions.

### Tuesday, April 18, 2006

- 1) Approval of FY 06/07 Municipal Budget for Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Selectmen voted to replace the \$5,000 revenue addition to the budget (which was expected to come from the sale of trash bag stickers when the town went to a one-bag trash system) by taking that amount out of undesignated surplus. This change cannot be implemented in full for next year because of financial concerns related to the contractual obligation with service provider Pine Tree Waste. However, they did decide to begin a policy on September 1, 2006, to have Pine Tree Waste stringently take only the contents of two 32-gallon barrels weekly.

Mr. Willard announced that legislative bill LD1965, passed on March 28, 2006, allows towns to exempt the General Assistance appropriation from the LD1 limit. This will increase the allowable LD1 levy limit by \$2,000.

The Selectmen voted to recommend the non-budget articles concerning: growth management, accessory apartments, Tree Growth Tax penalties, Frye Island public safety agreement, fire alarms, no parking on part of Mill Street, a Drug Safe Zone Ordinance, and Dog Ordinance. They also voted to have no recommendation on an article to support publishing an additional six months of the Road Runner. They then approved and signed the entire 2006-2007 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

- 2) Consideration of new road names - Jack Cooper Code Enforcement Officer

Tanglewood Circle – off Sloans Cove Road and Celtic Way off Mamaw's Grove

The Selectmen approved the names.

- 3) Route 302 Improvement Program Spring Cleanup bid - Nathan White, Public Works Director

The Selectmen voted to accept the lowest bid submitted by 5 Star Landscaping of Naples in the amount of \$5,950 to clean up and replenish the Route 302 landscaping. The town will be supplying the materials.

- 4) Sheri Gagnon Park

Mr. Desjardins explained that P&K Sand and Gravel of Naples would be suggesting a budget for materials to be used to improve the ball fields. The planned improvements will include installing drainpipes to carry water off the fields.

- 5) Bulky Waste Report

Mr. Desjardins asked how the program was going and how many people owed money to the town from deliveries taken to the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility. Town Clerk Louise Lester reported that there were very few, with only two refusing to pay for their deliveries. She noted that those individuals would not be able to use the facility until past due balances are paid.

- 6) Lake Region Development Council

The Town Manager explained that Chris VanHaasteren, Raymond's representative to the Lake Region Development Council, had concerns over the future direction of the LRDC, which appears to be concerned primarily with transportation in our region. In the past the LRDC had a strong economic development focus. The Selectmen indicated that they understood Mr. VanHaasteren's concerns and would support any decision he reached regarding future service on this council.

- 7) Fiscal Warrants

Payroll and Appropriation Warrants were approved for April 4 and April 18, 2006.

## 2005 Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund Program

The Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund Program's deadline is May 31, 2006. This state program refunds part of your property tax or rent if you qualify. Qualifications are:

- 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 on 2004 was more than 20% of your 2004 household income.

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

You can pick up applications at the Town Office or file online at: [www.maine.gov/revenue](http://www.maine.gov/revenue)

For assistance call: 207-626-8475 weekdays 8am to 5pm

TTY: 207-287-4477 weekdays 8am to 4:30pm

Write: Maine Revenue Services  
PO Box 9116  
Augusta, Maine 04332-9116

## Town Reports Available in May

Once again, as a cost-saving measure, the Annual Town Report will not be mailed to the citizens of Raymond. Copies of the Town Report will be available at: the Town Office, the Village Library, Clough's Store, Sunset Variety, and Hilltop Market. They will be available shortly after the first of May in time for the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 20th, beginning at 10am at the Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium.

Town Elections will be on Friday, May 19th, from 7am to 8pm at the Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium. If you won't be available to vote on Friday, absentee ballots will be available from April 20th at the Town Office. If you would like to have an election ballot sent to you, the voter must request one from the Town Clerk's Office (655-4742). If you wish to vote on the town budget, you must be present at Town Meeting.

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last year's rate of \$9.30, which is a difference of 1.29%. If both LD1 override articles were to pass, an additional \$.27 per thousand dollars of valuation would be added to the mil rate. This total comprises \$.18 for a \$175,000 paving reserve fund and \$.09 for an \$85,000 capital equipment replacement reserve fund for the Fire Department. The resulting estimated mil rate of \$9.69 would be 4.2% higher than last year's approved rate. As in prior years, I am providing a brief overview of areas of budgeting change prior to the annual Town Meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2006, at 10am in the Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium.

**2006-2007 Fiscal Year Overview****Administration salaries –**

The most significant change in this account group is a reduction of 14.71% in the general salary line to reflect the creation of the Code Enforcement Department as a separate line item in the Administration budget. This action is being taken to more clearly show the cost of Code Enforcement functions. A part-time town manager secretary position at \$25,000 is being created to cover duties that were formerly performed by the full-time GIS/secretarial position, which is currently vacant and will not be refilled. Postage cost continues to decline (-23.58%) with greater use of e-mail for external communications. The overall account group increase is \$20,158 or 4.22%.

**Assessing –**

A decision was made to return to a contract one-day per week assessor and eliminate the full-time position of assessors' agent. This decision necessitated the addition of a part-time assessor's assistant position. Increases in assessing include a one-year appropriation of \$5,000 for legal assistance for the Board of Assessment Review to support the processing of abatement applications and a new appropriation of \$4,000 for Vision Appraisal Technology software maintenance expenses. These new appropriations result in a \$15,556 increase or 30.08%.

**Town Hall –**

An account group decrease of \$294 is projected despite the markedly increased cost of heating oil and utilities at 124% and 52% respectively. Another significant change in this account group is the utilization of school custodial staff as recommended by the One Raymond Committee to perform routine and seasonal cleaning operations in the Town Office. This change resulted in the elimination of a part-time custodial position saving \$6,200 per year.

**Insurance –**

An increase of 9.30% for employee health and dental coverage is anticipated. This reflects the increased cost of providing this insurance as well as the reduction of two full-time employee benefit packages as the town has moved to filling certain positions with part-time employees. The cost of general liability and public officials' insurance provided by the Maine Municipal Association Risk Pool increased by 10.39%. The overall Insurance account group rate of increase is 3.58%.

**General Assistance –**

As in prior years, an appropriation of \$2,000 is planned.

**Technology Department –**

Areas of increase include supplies, software and hardware maintenance for the new digital broadcast studio, and a proposed increase of \$10,000 to compensate the Network Administrator position for the present demand for service and actual hours worked. This contract position had been reduced last year from \$40,000 to \$30,000 to fund the creation of the Communications Coordinator position which oversees the production of the Raymond Roadrunner, Town Report, and website development. This year's proposal is to restore the contract Network Administrator compensation to the original level that existed when the position was created in the fiscal year 2004-2005 budget, but also to retain the Communications Coordinator at the present contracted \$10,000. Computer upgrades are projected to increase by 87.43% or \$23,650. This increase is related to the need to shift expenditures back to the General Fund budget from the TIF due to lower than historic levels of property tax revenue. The overall account group is similarly affected by TIF expense shifts, which result in an increase of \$40,650 or 65.51%.

**Data Services –**

This is a new account group that will be considered under three separate warrant articles and encompasses the salary of the Communications Coordinator that was originally funded with part of the Network Administrator contract, the

production cost for the Raymond Roadrunner newspaper, and GIS data services.

**Community Development Services –**

This account group is budgeted at a \$62,563 increase, which includes a one-time appropriation of \$50,000 to support the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee activities as well as an increase in the contract Planner position from 2.4 to 6 hours per week, and an increase in the Planning Board secretarial position to 17 hours from the present 16 hours.

**Fire and EMS Department –**

As was the case last year, the Fire Chief is requesting a flat budget at \$576,346.

**Sebago Water Safety Watch –**

This is a new appropriation to support the citizen-initiated request to contribute to the cost of providing water safety patrol activities and related equipment between Raymond and the Town of Frye Island on Sebago Lake at a cost of \$3,000.

**Animal Control –**

The Animal Control appropriation request is decreased 15.03%, related to an increase in revenue of 46.67%. These revenues are required by the state to be used for Animal Control work

**Infrastructure –**

Streetlights are projected to increase 9% or \$1,620 to reflect the Public Utilities Commission approved increase in electric utility rates.

**Public Works –**

Public Works reflects an account group increase of 3.24% or \$14,934, due in major part to the increased cost of road salt by \$5,000, gas and diesel fuel by \$4,672, and the increased cost of utilities. The snow removal contract with P&K Sand and Gravel of Naples is adjusted annually to reflect changes in the consumer price index. This year's increase is \$5,549.

**Solid Waste –**

Solid Waste is showing a decrease of 5.33%, the most significant portion being a \$40,000 reduction in the cost of bulky waste disposal at the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility in Casco. This year a partial "pay as you throw" system was instituted, limiting the level of individual delivered waste at 1,000 pounds per household at town expense. This program is being maintained at the same level in fiscal year 2006-2007. One area of increase in the solid waste account group is a 15% adjustment to be paid for roadside pick up and recycling service provided by Pine Tree Waste to reflect a CIP increase, fuel adjustment, and to compensate for increased frequency of pickup necessary for the cardboard recycling area.

**Cemeteries –**

Cemeteries will increase \$624 or 3.72% to reflect the cost of contract services, which include mowing, seasonal cleanup, and the installation of veterans' flags.

**Parks and Recreation –**

An increase of \$100 or .64% for contract services is indicated for Parks and Recreation. Included are mowing at Sheri Gagnon Park and the rental of portable toilets.

**Raymond Village Library –**

The library has requested an appropriation of \$26,500, which is a 6% increase over fiscal 2005-2006.

**Provider Agencies –**

This account has increased \$2,026 or 9.31%, with the largest decrease being \$500 for Senior Citizen Meals and the largest increase \$684 requested by Raymond Extended Day Care Program. The Raymond-Casco Historical Society request of \$2,000 has been shifted from the TIF to provider agencies.

**CIP –**

CIP shows a decrease of \$85,043 or 16.89%, which accounts for the Public Works paving reserve appropriation of \$75,000 being presented as a LD1 increase. Other areas of expenditure within this CIP include the establishment of an assessment update reserve account, which will accumulate funds for future revaluation updates to be done on a more frequent basis to eliminate large shifts in values that result from infrequent complete revaluations. The Public Works road construction bond payment and Public Safety bond payments are in year two of ten-year repayment cycles and are budgeted at 2.32% lower than last year's appropriations according to the established debt retirement schedules.

**Municipal Non-Property Tax Revenues –**

An account group increase of \$23,266 or 1.28% is pro-

jected. Areas of increase include interest income on investments, which are projected to increase by \$50,500 due to stronger rates of return for short-term investments, and a revised Code Enforcement Office fee schedule, which is projected to generate an additional \$12,000. The new schedule is based upon a survey of like fees charged in other local communities and represents an increase of 15%. A separate budget line has been created for Planning Board fees, which are budgeted at \$28,000 due to the strong economic development activity presently occurring. Major areas of revenue decrease include municipal revenue sharing, which is based upon a projection received annually from the Maine Department of Revenue Services and is related to sales tax receipts. The decrease is \$24,869 or 8.78%. Interest income from delinquent taxes is also projected to be less than last year by \$9,500 or 34.55%. This is due to lower levels of delinquent taxes than in prior years. Present excise tax collections suggest a flat estimate for fiscal year 2006-2007 at \$850,000.

**Tax Increment Financing District (TIF budget) –**

The proposed fiscal year 2006-2007 TIF budget is much lower than last year's budget. This is due, as explained previously, to a lower amount of tax revenue being generated by the TIF District as compared to prior years. This is a direct result of changes in value related to the revaluation project. Although the TIF District increased in value, the level of the value, as compared to the whole town, was smaller and when factored by the tax rate, therefore produced less TIF District revenue for utilization on qualified projects. For this reason the 2006-2007 budget is \$187,399 versus last year's budget of \$229,708. This is a difference of \$42,309 or an 18.42% decrease. Prior years' TIF expenditures which were moved to the General Fund Appropriation Budget include GIS/data service salaries in the amount of \$36,591; supplies, software maintenance, training, and memberships of \$14,100; technology services in the amount of \$32,100; Raymond-Casco Historical Society in the amount of \$2,000; Raymond Waterways Protective Association milfoil eradication funds in the amount of \$3,000; and the

Communications Coordinator salary in the amount of \$10,000. All these expenditures now appear in the appropriation budget outlined under various like budgetary categories.

**County Tax Assessment –**

This assessment increased 5.83%, which is \$26,521 more than last year's appropriation of \$454,778, for a total of \$481,299. For the past several years Raymond's share of county expenses has exceeded the average rate of increase for the county due to Raymond's rapid level of valuation increase as compared to other Cumberland County communities.

In closing, if I can provide any additional information or clarification of this material before Town Meeting, please contact me at 655-6994 ext 31 or by email at don.willard@raymondmaine.org.

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**Recess Play Leaders**

How would you like to come to school and play with the kids?

A Playground Oversight Committee made up of teachers, parents, staff and PTA members has been formed to see how we can make improvements to the RES playground. The committee has set some inexpensive goals that can be quickly implemented and has identified some more expensive and time intensive long-term goals. One of our quick and inexpensive ideas was for parent volunteers to come in during recess times to lead the students in simple games like marbles or kickball. As you probably know, there are two recess teachers on duty during every recess, and ideally the recess teachers would play games with the kids, make sure everybody gets a turn, and that all students are engaged; however, the reality is that most of their time is spent making sure the kids are safe and behaving appropriately. Having another adult on the playground whose sole responsibility is to play with the kids would enrich recess time and relieve boredom for many. We are in the process of putting together a games/activities idea book for recess play leaders. The PTA will also be funding new playground equipment and toys. So please consider volunteering a little time at school and making a lot of kids happy. We hope to start this program after April vacation.

If you are interested, please contact Deb Cutten at school 655-8672 or d.cutten@raymondmaine.org.

## Our Village Library

The Raymond Village Library has changed a great deal over the past ten years. Not long ago the organization was run entirely by volunteers and was supported by its own fundraising efforts. Gradually we've grown into a non-profit corporation run by a board of trustees. With the help of increased town support, the library now has professional staff, an updated collection and services that align with state standards and community needs. As we've changed, maintaining personal relationships and a "village library" feeling has been important to us.

Creating our Three-Year Plan (found at our website: [www.raymondvillagelibrary.org](http://www.raymondvillagelibrary.org)) has been an exciting process of looking forward. We've already met several goals during the first year of our plan: creating a more welcoming and efficient facility, improving our communication through our electronic newsletter, and promoting early literacy through our popular children's programming. Our collection is constantly improving but depends on budget constraints. We're also researching how to offer adult programming – computer skills in particular -- in conjunction with our schools. Finally, evaluating our space requirements for the future is another priority.

Consistent funding and a need for volunteers continue to be our biggest challenges. Our official annual request to the Town covers about 40% of our operating expenses, both of which (the request and the expenses) are low compared to similar communities. Each year we are very thankful for the generous support of our friends and patrons during our Annual Appeal. Covering the remaining 60% of our expenses depends upon the success of the Appeal and other fundraisers, and those require the hard work of many volunteers.

A town's library is a reflection of that community, and your response to the Annual Appeal tells us you value having a strong and up-to-date library. We are committed to providing those services you told us you wanted as we created our Plan (please keep telling us!) and appreciate any financial and volunteer support you are able to offer. Please join us at Town Meeting to support us there as well.

## Raymond Village Church Installs Elders

The Raymond Village Community Church (United Church of Christ) installed four of its longtime members as Elders of the Church on Sunday, April 23rd, during the 10am worship service. Though uncommon among United Church of Christ churches, the Office of Elder has been part of the Raymond Village Church tradition for many years and is a formal way to show respect and to honor those who have served the Raymond Village Church and the community of Raymond for a long period of time. Those honored were Pauline Cadotte, Rita Gerry, Wayne Whitney, and Muriel Yeager. They received framed certificates and were congratulated at a special refreshment time following the service.

"The names of the new Elders were not publicly announced until Sunday morning. However, everyone agreed that those chosen have been enthusiastic and dedicated contributors to the life of the church for many, many years. It is an honor to recognize them for all the ways they have served the Raymond Village Church," commented Rev. Nancy Foran, church pastor. "They represent more than 100 years in total church membership, and I look forward to listening to their wisdom and counsel in the years to come."

Elders are selected by the Deacons and must be members in good standing of the Raymond Village Church who have shown a sustained interest in the church, still actively participate in its community and worship life, and who have served the church in a variety of ways over the years.

## Spring into Mentoring

By Christina Lamarre

The Raymond Mentoring Program has been busy ushering in spring. The mentors and mentees have enjoyed bowling at the YMCA at Pineland in New Gloucester and swimming at the Colonial Mast Pool in late April. Other program activities have included baking pretzels, decorating Easter egg candles, and flying kites to celebrate April's National Kite Month. This month we are looking forward to selecting plants from a local greenhouse and planting the gardens at

## Lifeguard Training Course

Sponsored by SAD 61 Adult Education

Instructor: Joni Merrill, American Red Cross LG Trainer

Dates/Times: June 19 - June 30, 2006, 4-9pm

Place: SAD 61 Adult Learning Center, which is behind Stevens Brook Elementary School on Skillin Circle in Bridgton.

Cost: \$130 (\$50 nonrefundable deposit due by June 9, 2006, with the remaining \$80 due at the first class. Make checks payable to SAD 61 Adult Learning Center.

The course must have at least six and no more than students to run and is on a first come, first served basis.

Prerequisites: You must be 15 years old by June 30, 2006. Bring your swimsuits, a towel, warm clothes, a writing implement, paper and snacks/food to all sessions.

For questions regarding this program, e-mail Joni Merrill, [joni.m@raymondmaine.org](mailto:joni.m@raymondmaine.org). You may also call 655-4743, ext. 141.

Mail this form along with your \$50 nonrefundable confirmation check payable to SAD 61 Adult Learning Center to:

Joni Merrill  
423 Webbs Mills Road  
Raymond, ME 04071

The \$50 deposit will reserve your spot. If there are not enough students to run this course, your check will be returned to you.

*Cut & return this form*

Registration Form for Lifeguard Training

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the parent/guardian of the above named person, give permission for participation in this training. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the attending physician to administer treatment to the person named above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian) Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact if parent/guardian cannot be reached:

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

the playground on Mill Street.

Our middle school Kids 2 Kids mentoring program has also been busy. Activities have included games, baking pretzels together, making garden stepping stones for the middle school and organizing an Easter food drive. Time with "little buddies" wrapped up the week before April vacation, but mentees will join their big buddies one more time to view the mural the mentors are painting at JSMS. This month our K2K mentors will participate in a year-end ropes course activity and celebration picnic at Camp Hinds.

The school year is fast approaching its end, but we still have children on our waiting list seeking mentors. Please consider becoming a mentor and giving an hour or so a week during the school year to a young person. We are currently accepting mentor applications for the 2006-2007 school year. You can contact either Christina Lamarre or Candace Woolston for more information at 655-8672 ext. 107, or e-mail us at [mentor@raymondmaine.org](mailto:mentor@raymondmaine.org).

## Mount Everest Expeditionist Speaking at Jordan-Small Middle School

Lecturer, publisher, and photojournalist Ed Webster will give a presentation about his Mount Everest expedition to Jordan-Small Middle School students on Wednesday, May 3rd, at 9am.

In 1988 Webster and three other climbers dared the never-before-attempted 12,000 vertical foot high Kangshung Face - one of the most audacious mountaineering feats of all time - with no bottled oxygen, without using radios, and with no Sherpa assistance.

Webster is the author of *Snow in the Kingdom*, an autobiography of his five "storm years" on and off Mount Everest following the climbing death of his girlfriend Lauren

Husted in Colorado's Black Canyon.

He is the recipient of the American Mountain Foundation's 1988 Seventh Grade Award for outstanding achievements in mountaineering; the American Alpine Club's 1990 Literary Award; and American Alpine Club's 1994 David H. Soules Award for saving the life of a fellow climber. He was a finalist for the 2001 Boardman Tasker Mountain Literature Prize in London and in the 2001 Banff Mountain Book Festival in Canada.

His photographs have been published worldwide in publications ranging from *Climbing Magazine* and *Rock & Ice*, to *Popular Mechanics*, *Rolling Stone*, and the *New York Times Sunday Magazine*.

Webster's presentation is made possible through Raymond's PTA and Mentoring Partnership. The public is invited to attend his presentation at Jordan-Small Middle School, however, please remember to check in at the office and get a visitor's pass.

## Hebron Academy Boys Recognized for NEPSAC Hockey Title

The Hebron Academy boys' varsity hockey team received recognition from Governor John Baldacci and the Maine Senate and House of Representatives for their recent New England Prep School Ice Hockey Association Division II championship title.

*Pictured above in the State House Hall of Flags are the members of the team from Maine, front, Loren Joyce (Falmouth), co-captain Erik Rousseau (Lewiston), and Cameron Gosney (Raymond); and back, Roman Gosney (Raymond), co-captain Joshua Taylor (Raymond), and Bert Marston (Oakland).*



## Project Graduation March Madness Winners

Here is list of lucky winners from the GNG HS Class of 2006 Project Graduation March Madness calendar!

- 1 Lori Fowler - Shawnee Peak tickets
- 2 Rachel Blais - Saddleback tickets
- 3 Loree Bernadini - Mr. Abrams tickets
- 4 Thedy MacDonald - Lyric Music Theater tickets / Cloutier's Market gift certificate
- 5 Maureen Mingo - Sea Dogs tickets / Mario's pizza
- 6 Cheryl Ryan - Solutions gift certificate / Mary Kay products
- 7 Julia Hartig - David's Restaurant gift certificate / Winter Warm Up basket
- 8 Wendy Gallagher - Gray Market Place gift certificate / Windham Chiropractic water pillow
- 9 Dave McCutchins - Gray Rec. Dept. gift certificate / Lonnie Dogs gift certificates
- 10 Karen Stewart - Cafe Sebago gift certificate / Aubuchon Hardware gift certificate
- 11 Conrad Begin - Touchstone Bodyworks
- 12 Charlene Myers - Marios pizza / Sea Dogs tickets
- 13 Shannon Caron - Nonells'a Hair Design gift certificate / Final Touch
- 14 Cathy Roy - Dave Gutter's gift certificate / Cricket's Corner
- 15 Jim Whitten - Hutchings Hardscapes rock wall
- 16 Sharon Caron - Raymond Village Florist / Bull Moose gift certificate
- 17 Carol Murray - The Inn on Peaks Island
- 18 Rick & Vicki Travers - Beech Ridge Speedway tickets / Raymond Laundry gift certificate
- 19 Michelle Bedigan - Sea Dogs tickets / Mario's pizza
- 20 Tim Whelden - Planet Sun unlimited tanning gift certificate
- 21 Kenton Varney - Skillins Greenhouse gift certificate / Raymond Gas & Pizza
- 22 Maggie Miller - Westbrook Saturn / Wallbow's Yard Care
- 23 Kathy Mitchell - Good Life Market gift certificate / Westbrook Saturn
- 24 Julie Poulin - Raymond Village Florist / Danielle's Diner
- 25 John Taplin - Oxford Plains Speedway tickets
- 26 Diane Gordan - Sea Dogs tickets / Mains Pizza
- 27 Scott Walker - Dead River Heating Oil
- 28 Mike Cormier - Spring Meadows gift certificate / Mad Monkey Cafe
- 29 John Cooper - Creative Memories gift basket
- 30 Ken Pratt - Spring Meadows gift certificate / Cook's Hardware
- 31 Barbara Morton - Shawnee Peak season pass 2006-07

## Giving Tree Requests - April 2006

Help Improve the Playground at RES

Raymond PTA

Teachers, parents, staff and PTA members have joined together to see how we can make the playground more fun and exciting for all the students at RES. We've brainstormed ideas for immediate additions, and we've set some long-term goals. What we're looking for right now are some of those immediate additions to the playground equipment supply such as:

- sidewalk chalk
- Nerf balls
- Frisbees/flying disks
- jump ropes
- tennis and other types of balls
- bean bags
- squash mitts
- baseball mitts
- marbles

We are also looking for an "artistic" person who could paint a simple mural on the pavement behind the school. If you are interested, please contact Deb. If you can pick up one of these items when you are out shopping, please bring/send it into school and put it in the drop box labeled "Giving Tree". We will add them to our recess "fun box." Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Deb at 655-2877 or e-mail at [dcutten@maine.rr.com](mailto:dcutten@maine.rr.com)

Raymond Recreation Association will sponsor

### Summer Swim Program Fall Soccer Program

Registration

Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 to 7:30

JSMS Cafeteria

Red Cross swim lessons at  
Crescent Beach in Raymond

July 3 to July 28

For Children grades K - 7

Cost \$25 per child

**Red Cross Water Safety Instructor:  
Jenny Howard**

Go to [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org) for more information on RRA programs.

Raymond Rec will offer swim lessons at Crescent Beach again this summer. Jenny Howard will be returning as the Red Cross Water Safety instructor.

We need parent volunteers to serve as safety monitors on the beach during the swim classes. If you are willing to serve in this capacity while your children are in lessons or for more information, please phone Pat at 655-4657.

### Compost Bins Available at Town Office

If you ordered a compost bin or scrap pail this year, they are available for pick up at the Town Office.

Town Office hours are Tuesday, 8:30am to 7pm; Wednesday through Friday, 8:30am to 4pm; and Saturday, 8:30am to noon.

### All Chorus Concert

Grades 3 - 8

May 25, 2006

JSMS Gym ~ 7pm

### All Bands Concert

Grades 5 - 8

June 1, 2006

JSMS Gym ~ 7pm

### Raymond Lions and the Red Cross Sponsor Blood Drive

Jordan-Small Middle School is the site for the next blood drive in Raymond. The local Lions Club and the Red Cross are holding a blood drive on Wednesday, May 24th, from 1:30 to 7:30.

If you have been listening or watching the news, you know that the blood supply is tight. There is only a couple of days' supply available in Maine. And summer is coming. Please save a life or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 by donating a pint of that renewable supply of blood that you have.

If you are not called by Wednesday, May 17th, and asked to make an appointment to donate, please call Bob Jones @ 655-7163 and leave your name, telephone number and time you think you would be there.

This is a time when you can save the life of someone and not have to give up your own. Think about it.

### 2006 Scholarship Applications Available

The 2006 Raymond Scholarship applications are available at the Town Office and Jordan-Small Middle School. The Carleton E. Edwards, George Woods, and Alva Clough Scholarships have a deadline for submission of May 2, 2006, at 4pm.

There are also other scholarships available from several organizations in Raymond.

- Lions Club Scholarship can be obtained from  
Betty McDermott,  
10 McDermott Road  
Raymond, ME 04071
- Betts-Douglas-Hickey Scholarship from Linda Alexander,  
1 Pine Lane  
Raymond, ME 04071
- Semi-Circle Scholarship from Diane Goosetrey,  
28 Deer Acres Road  
Raymond, ME 04071
- Raymond PTA Scholarship from Lynn Davis,  
Jordan-Small Middle School, 423  
Webbs Mills Road  
Raymond, ME 04071

### Cardboard Recycling

The Town of Raymond recycles corrugated cardboard at the District II Fire House/Public Works Garage on Webbs Mills Road. Because of limited space, it is imperative that you break down the boxes left at the site. If the boxes are left without breaking down, you may be charged with littering.

## JSMS Honor Roll - Trimester 2

We are pleased to report that 139 of our 271 students have earned a spot on the 2nd Trimester JSMS Honor Roll. This means that over 50% of our students were able to reach and maintain their teachers' highest standards. We are proud that our kids are successfully learning and achieving! Most assuredly a super job is in progress by our kids and staff!

| Name                  | Grade |             | Name                | Grade |            |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------|---------------------|-------|------------|
| Caroline Blake        | 8     | High Honors | Alex Parker         | 7     | Honor Roll |
| Haley Desjardins      | 8     | High Honors | Cory Parker         | 7     | Honor Roll |
| Emily Dodge           | 8     | High Honors | Andrew Sousa        | 7     | Honor Roll |
| Zachary Knights       | 8     | High Honors | Dylan Taylor        | 7     | Honor Roll |
| Mary Wiley            | 8     | High Honors | Lindsay Webber      | 7     | Honor Roll |
| Molly Cloutier        | 7     | High Honors | Tyler Winde         | 7     | Honor Roll |
| Daniel Connor         | 7     | High Honors | Dylan Bolduc        | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Drew Gagnon           | 7     | High Honors | Sam Brockelbank     | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Cassandra Gordan      | 7     | High Honors | Alex Buckley        | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Olivia Hurd           | 7     | High Honors | Robert Cave         | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Mollissa Keane-Dreyer | 7     | High Honors | Marissa Cerino      | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Lydia Manchester      | 7     | High Honors | Justin Chim         | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Elizabeth Shively     | 7     | High Honors | Jacob Desjardins    | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Deanna Weeks          | 7     | High Honors | Ian Dixon           | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Lucy Algeo            | 6     | High Honors | Parker Gendron      | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Kelsea Carter         | 6     | High Honors | Abbey Gillis        | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Gaia Cloutier         | 6     | High Honors | Ryan Hoffman        | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Lindsey Hughes        | 6     | High Honors | Casey Hutchinson    | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Patrick LaChance      | 6     | High Honors | Jacob McCune        | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Robert Lentine        | 6     | High Honors | Hallie Mitchell     | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Timothy Morris        | 6     | High Honors | Georgia Noonan      | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Tyler Nadeau          | 6     | High Honors | Jenna Norman        | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Jeremy Peavey         | 6     | High Honors | Bailey Odum         | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Allison Rand          | 6     | High Honors | Jordan Parker       | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Spencer Reynolds      | 6     | High Honors | Shannon Pike        | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Clare Valente         | 6     | High Honors | Jenna Richardson    | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Natalie Vanbaars      | 6     | High Honors | Nicholas Rodriquez  | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Aaron Guiseley        | 5     | High Honors | Cory Schweitzer     | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Jack Haskell          | 5     | High Honors | Sarah Small         | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Emma Laprise          | 5     | High Honors | Ryan Szantyr        | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Dalton Lorenz         | 5     | High Honors | Courtney Tardiff    | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Ian McGhie            | 5     | High Honors | Lawrence Taylor     | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Molly Miller          | 5     | High Honors | Sasha Vanbaars      | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Marybeth Noonan       | 5     | High Honors | Corrie vanHaasteren | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Lillie Reder          | 5     | High Honors | Joshua Waldron      | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Benjamin Algeo        | 8     | Honor Roll  | Alan Wardwell       | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Calista Allen         | 8     | Honor Roll  | Ashley Webster      | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Abigail Brockelbank   | 8     | Honor Roll  | Riley Williamson    | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Kaitlyn Chandler      | 8     | Honor Roll  | Erik Woodbrey       | 6     | Honor Roll |
| Anthony Dighello      | 8     | Honor Roll  | Ella Ashton         | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Jenna Eastman         | 8     | Honor Roll  | Emma Bartholomew    | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Jordan Flynn          | 8     | Honor Roll  | Ryan Carr           | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Amber Gillis          | 8     | Honor Roll  | Sandra Carter       | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Hannah Lachance       | 8     | Honor Roll  | Corey Cole          | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Katherine Lentine     | 8     | Honor Roll  | Ashley Cormier      | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Joshua LeViness       | 8     | Honor Roll  | Isobel Cunningham   | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Dustin Libby          | 8     | Honor Roll  | Kristopher Darien   | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Chantelle Lydick      | 8     | Honor Roll  | Tyler Davison       | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Devin MacKenzie       | 8     | Honor Roll  | Connor Flynn        | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Nathaniel Ohman       | 8     | Honor Roll  | Christopher Gagne   | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Arthur Olsen          | 8     | Honor Roll  | Cassidy Gaudet      | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Stephanie Spaulding   | 8     | Honor Roll  | Makenna Grindstaff  | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Megan Stevenson       | 8     | Honor Roll  | Rebecca Grondin     | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Justin Terry          | 8     | Honor Roll  | Adria Hughes        | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Chelsea Tevanian      | 8     | Honor Roll  | Phoebe Hurd         | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Julia Trepanier       | 8     | Honor Roll  | Madison Masi        | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Ethan Ward            | 8     | Honor Roll  | Kevin McLane        | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Haley Acker           | 7     | Honor Roll  | Cameron Patch       | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Andrew Bennett        | 7     | Honor Roll  | Hunter Perkins      | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Spencer Brown         | 7     | Honor Roll  | Christina Pollard   | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Joshua Christy        | 7     | Honor Roll  | Grace Pomeroy       | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Jennifer Cobb         | 7     | Honor Roll  | Landen Rankin       | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Alyssa Elhajji        | 7     | Honor Roll  | Paige Richards      | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Colin Gordan          | 7     | Honor Roll  | Colleen Sadak       | 5     | Honor Roll |
| John Grondin          | 7     | Honor Roll  | Ryan Schweitzer     | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Kyle Hargreaves       | 7     | Honor Roll  | Spencer Smith       | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Christopher MacDonald | 7     | Honor Roll  | Brock Stevenson     | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Jenna Martyn-Fisher   | 7     | Honor Roll  | Whitney Walton      | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Weston Masi           | 7     | Honor Roll  | Bryanna Waterhouse  | 5     | Honor Roll |
| Abigail Morneault     | 7     | Honor Roll  |                     |       |            |

## LIFE ALERT: When Lightning Strikes

By Ronny Keeler, Paramedic

Have you ever heard the saying, "When thunder roars, go indoors!"? Well, this is the best advice you can receive when talking about lightning. There are more deaths caused by lightning than any other natural phenomena, including floods, hurricanes and tornadoes.(except in 2005). The average range a year in the United States is from 100 to 600 people killed (William Hark, MD). But these incidents are not well publicized because they happen to individuals or small groups and are not connected to large-scale property damage. With summer coming up and it being the peak season for lightning, we all need to be aware of how dangerous it is to be out in a thunder and lightning storm and ways to prevent getting hit with this killer in the sky.

First, let's talk about these beautiful but deadly phenomena. One bolt of lightning holds up to 30,000 amps or 1,000,000 volts of electricity. In one year in our country there are 25 million cloud-to-ground bolts. Lightning itself is a build-up of electrical energy. The bolt is heated to 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit. It is this heat that produces the shock wave which results in thunder, and the discharge of this electricity results in a lightning bolt.

There is more than one way to be struck. The most severe is a "direct strike" either on a person or on some object the victim is holding. A "side flash" occurs when lightning hits a nearby object and then bounces to the victim. And then there is "ground current strikes" where the bolt hits the ground nearby the victim, and it moves to injure the person through the earth.

The chances that any one of us will be struck in our lifetime are 1 in 3,000. So how can we prevent this deadly event from occurring? First, you must know when you are in danger. If you see lightning or hear thunder, you can be hit. If you hear loud static on your AM radio or hear buzzing sounds on your radio antenna, you can also be in danger. Also, on a sunny day watch the sky for developing cumulus clouds. These are the big puffy cotton-looking clouds. When these clouds start growing upward, it is an early sign of a developing storm. If you are outside and any of these things occur, seek shelter -- and not under a tree!!! If you can, get inside a building or inside a vehicle with rubber tires and a roof; if not, do not be the highest object in your area. If you are stuck outside, avoid touching or being near metal objects. If you feel the hair on the back of your neck stand up, immediately crouch on the balls of your feet with your head down and while not touching the ground with your hands. This position helps decrease your height and exposure to ground current. Injury will still occur. Do not ever lie flat on the ground.

If you are ever hit by lightning or have seen another hit, you should immediately call 911. You need medical attention. All kinds of symptoms can occur if you survive the strike. Some signs and symptoms are stroke, abnormal heart rhythms, paralysis, shortness of breath, cold extremities, memory loss, burns, deafness, blindness, dementia, fractures, and brain damage, just to name a few. The scary thing is some of these symptoms don't show up right away, so please seek medical attention if such an event ever occurs.

Another safety tip is using the 30-30 rule. The first 30 represents 30 seconds. If the time between when you see the flash and hear the thunder is 30 seconds or less, the lightning is close enough to hit you. SEEK SHELTER!!!! The second 30 stands for 30 minutes. After the last flash of lightning, wait 30 minutes before leaving your shelter. The statistics show that more than one half of lightning deaths occur after a thunderstorm has passed.

So remember, "When thunder roars, go indoors!!!!" Don't become a statistic for lightning strikes. Stay and play safe!!

For more information:  
www.nws.noaa.gov  
www.struckbylightning.org  
www.lightningtalks.com

### Senior Citizen Supper

The next Senior Citizen Supper will be May 18th at the Jordan-Small Middle School. The time is 5:30pm. Please call 655-4743 for reservations before 11am.

## Alcohol Awareness Month

By Steve Danzig, LSW, LADC

When many people think of alcohol abusers, they picture teenagers drinking at unsupervised parties or old scruffy men on the street with their paper bag covered bottles of alcohol. However, over half of all Maine residents struggle with problems caused by alcohol and other substance abuse. People who abuse alcohol can be men, women, and children from every part of the state, from every type of demographic background. They could be college students who binge at the local bar. They could be professionals who drink after a long day at work. They could be senior citizens who drink out of loneliness.

To help people recognize the serious problem of alcohol abuse, April is designated as "Alcohol Awareness Month." The following is a simple quiz highlighting some warning signs of alcohol abuse:

- Do you drink alone when you feel angry or sad?
- Does your drinking ever make you late for work?
- Does your drinking worry or scare your family?
- Do you ever drink after telling yourself that you won't?
- Do you ever forget what you did or said while drinking?
- Do you get headaches or have a hangover after drinking?
- Do you drink often (more than several times a week)?
- When you drink, do you consume more than one or two drinks?
- Do all of your leisure activities revolve around drinking?
- Do you find excuses to drink (using good times, bad times, and social occasions as an excuse - for example: our sports team won, let's celebrate!; we're going to a BBQ, gotta bring some beer!; it's the holiday season, must stock the bar!; had a stressful day, need a drink to unwind!)?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, you may have a problem with alcohol.

If so, you are not alone. Alcohol dependence is a medical condition that can be effectively treated. Millions of Americans and their families are in healthy recovery from this disease. The first step to recovery is to be honest about the problem and to seek professional help. An assessment from a licensed alcohol and drug counselor ("LADC") or other qualified alcohol and substance abuse providers can help identify the seriousness of your alcohol problem. If the assessment indicates that there is a problem, your alcohol and drug counselor can recommend the best course of treatment.

## 2006 Maine Spring Wild Turkey Hunter's Guide

### Season A:

**Week #1** - May 1 through May 6

**Week #4** - May 22 through  
May 27

### Season B:

**Week #2** - May 8 through May 13

**Week #3** - May 15 through  
May 20

**All Permit Holders: Week #5**  
- May 29 through June 3

**Youth Spring Turkey Day:** April  
29

*Hunters must have a big game hunting license and pay \$13 for a turkey permit.*

## Attention, Parents of High School Students!

It has come to our attention that many students are not making the transfer in the mornings to the buses going to their high schools. They are getting into cars with other high school students and being transported that way. There is no way for the bus drivers to be able to monitor where every student goes. Please talk to your children and let them know what your expectations are about how they are transported to school. If you feel strongly that they should be riding the bus the whole way to school, please let their bus driver know. Also, due to the number of different high schools involved in the bus transport, it is not the drivers' responsibility to question drop-offs at friends' houses. Again, please communicate with your children so that you know where they are going after school. Thanks for your help with this. (Paul Godwin, Raymond School Department Bus Supervisor)

## Digital Phone Access Update

By Rep. John C Robinson

Last fall I submitted a bill entitled "An Act to Allow Digital Phone Service to Customers in Rural Areas." The legislation would have allowed Time Warner Cable to provide digital phone service to areas where their digital cable television service was available. As we researched the issue, it became clear that any potential legislation would come in conflict with the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1994. The Federal Act supersedes any state law concerning phone service. The law protects companies such as FairPoint from competition in hopes of preventing another telecommunications giant from dominating as the Bell System once controlled the market.

Since the original bill conflicted with federal law, Time Warner representatives and I discussed how the process might be sped up to bring digital phone service to Raymond. The thought was to create a resolve asking the PUC to expedite the negotiations between Time Warner and FairPoint, and if those negotiations broke down, to quickly intervene on behalf of the consumer. This entire situation rested on the value Time Warner is going to reimburse FairPoint per customer lost to digital phones. This is standard business practice in these situations, as Time Warner presently has similar agreements with carriers such as Verizon, compensating them for lost revenue.

At the public hearing, I was assured that Time Warner and FairPoint would reach an agreement for access in Raymond in the near future. The legislative committee of oversight, the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy, felt that since the two companies were in negotiations, it was appropriate to "kill" the bill, with the understanding that service would be coming soon to Raymond. I also felt confident that a resolution would be reached through these discussions and therefore did not feel the need to push for further action. It was enough to know that the original bill had brought the companies together and that a solution was in the works.

As the legislative session wound down last week, I was told by a Time Warner representative that Time Warner was moving to complete their negotiations with FairPoint and that the Raymond market would be opening up later this summer or fall. The process has to go through approval with the Federal Communications Commission and the Wireline Competition Bureau. These federal agencies develop and recommend policy concerning "wireline" telecommunications, and once these agencies sign off on the agreement, Time Warner's digital phone service will finally be available.

I hope I have shed some light on this issue, and I want to thank everyone in the community who has communicated with me and the other stakeholders in this process.

*-Rep. John C Robinson (R-Raymond) serves on the Business, Research and Economic Development Committee and the Advisory Committee on the Laws Governing Legislative Ethics*

## Animal Control Report, March - April

- March 21 Stray cat on deck - set trap
- March 21 Cat dumped in yard
- March 21 Dog bothering neighbor
- March 22 Dog at large- gone on arrival
- March 23 Dog leaving on yard - gave written warning
- March 25 Dog at large- owner found
- March 26 Dog in yard - gone on arrival
- March 26 Dog in yard
- March 27 Dog to Animal Refuge League
- March 28 Written warning to dog owner
- March 28 Dog in road - gone on arrival
- March 28 Dog defecating in yard - warned owner
- March 28 Dog running in road - gone on arrival
- March 29 Dogs at large
- March 29 Dogs at large - summons issued
- March 29 Attended District Court
- April 1 Stray cat - delivered to Animal Refuge League
- April 2 Pit bull in yard - gone on arrival
- April 6 Neighbor's dog looking in window
- April 6 Dog barking - lonesome
- April 7 Dog tangled in bushes
- April 7-8 ACO meeting/school in Bangor
- April 9 Dogs chasing joggers
- April 9 Dog attacked by muskrat
- April 9 Dog defecating on lawn
- April 9 Set trap for muskrat
- April 11 Stray dog in yard
- April 11 Horse loose in road
- April 12 4/11 stray dog - took to Animal Refuge League
- April 12 Information only
- April 14 Kennel inspection
- April 14 Set trap for stray cat
- April 14 Barking dog - verbal warning
- April 15 Check on trap
- April 15 Dog assaulted cat
- April 15 Cat hit by car - burial
- April 15 Dog bite - processed papers
- April 17 Stray dog dragging leash - found owner
- April 17 Dead bird
- April 17 Information given

With wonderful weather coming, please remember that your animals need extra water whether they are inside or out. Also, shelter from the hot sun is imperative for those animals outside. Please assume that if you wouldn't want to be out in that weather, your pets don't want to be there either.

Maine has a leash law, so please don't allow your dogs to run at large. The porcupines and skunks are now out and are just waiting to meet your pets, which can at best be a nuisance with the smell and at worst a trip to the veterinarian's to have quills pulled. We also had two episodes of rabies in Raymond last year, so we know it's present here. Please protect your animals.



# Panther Pond Association Notes

By Ben Severn, PPA President

## Support PPA and RWPA Boat Access Conservation Project's 2nd Year Reminders

### Support PPA Directly and Through RWPA

In the past week or so, many of you will have received the RWPA annual appeal letter, possibly with a note from me as one of the Directors. In the April Road Runner, I endeavored to explain the role of PPA and the relationship between PPA, or any lake association, and RWPA. In that discussion, I noted that, as part of its overall milfoil program this year, RWPA will finance some pulling of milfoil and laying of benthic barriers in Panther Run this summer. Without going through the long list of activities that RWPA supports and provides to all the bodies of water within its reach, and the enormous value of having a paid professional Executive Director in the form of Noralee Raymond, the work on milfoil alone is reason enough for each of us to contribute to RWPA. I urge you to do so.

For those who read the above and ask, "Why, then, oh why PPA?" As I have in the past, I respond by saying we need PPA because in the long run PPA will engender a greater feeling of ownership and accountability and ultimately a cleaner pond than otherwise would exist if we only contributed to a regional body such as RWPA. More precisely and concretely, the existence of our own lake association gives us the ability to fine tune programs that we might carry out collectively with RWPA and to undertake activities that might not be high on RWPA's immediate agenda. For example, after consultation with Noralee Raymond and the extent of the milfoil problem, we may conclude that more resources than RWPA can provide need to be dedicated to the milfoil pull in Panther Run. And lest we forget, with guidance from DEP and CCSWD, we members of PPA took it upon ourselves not only to undertake a Watershed Survey but to finance it ourselves, thereby accelerating the completion of the survey by one full year and, by association, implementation of the Conservation Project by a full year as well. I envision other such opportunities springing up in the future.

The annual PPA appeal will begin in June. Look for notices in the June Road Runner, at the Town Hall, the Library, at our website within the town's web site, www.raymondmaine.org, and in your e-mail box if you have provided us your e-mail address at ppa@raymondmaine.org.

### The Boat Access Issue

For the second time in about 2 years, the sale of waterfront property to Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) for the purpose of establishing a boat launch almost happened. Ultimately the family involved decided not to sell to IF&W. As President of PPA, I was asked to participate in various discussions by concerned Ponders. While the ultimate decision obviously lay with the family involved, I have been told that, as PPA President, my presence and quasi-mediator role was most helpful in bringing the issue to a fairly quick conclusion. While one always enjoys praise, from my perspective the key factor in the resolution of the potential sale to IF&W was the quiet interaction between the family members and their neighbors plus the addition of comments by some long-time, well-respected Ponders.

As I have talked with various people around the pond regarding the IF&W and boat access, I often get a shake of the head and the response, "It is inevitable." The law seems pretty clear about the right for everyone to have access to the great ponds, of which Panther is one. And it does not take much reading of IF&W literature or quotes from IF&W officials to learn that when it comes to boat access, the IF&W and landowners with waterfront property are adversaries. Such a relationship is not surprising. However, this is not the time nor the place to settle this issue, except to say that maybe we should stop burying our heads in the sandbox waiting for the inevitable to happen and start thinking outside the box to see if we can't find a solution that at the very least might minimize and mitigate the "harm" that increased boat access can cause.

### Conservation Project's Second Year Begins

The vivid pictures of mounds of variable milfoil piled up on docks or in boats, and lakes choked with it, have made it relatively easy these past few years to catch the public's attention and get action, albeit maybe a bit late and under-

funded. The number one threat to the water quality of our lakes, however, is not milfoil, but the less than spectacular, but insidious, soil erosion.

After a most successful first year, thanks to funding from Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, many volunteers, including Nathan White and his Public Works team, and the untiring work by the project director Noralee Raymond, the Conservation Project is entering its second year. If you did not get the April Road Runner, find it at the town's web site, www.raymondmaine.org to learn of last year's accomplishments and what will be happening this year.

In addition to funds for the larger identified soil erosion sites, there are a few \$100 matching grants remaining for small projects. Or if you have an erosion problem and simply want free advice, contact Noralee at lakes@raymondmaine.org or at 671-3329. The project brochure can be found at the Town Hall and the Library as well as at the PPA website. Please disregard the Annual Meeting and Boat Tour dates; they were for last year. We will set new dates shortly.

### Reminders:

Milfoil Volunteers for Panther Run/Jordan River: We need volunteers for the pull. The time and date will be set later. While it does not appear that the milfoil has moved up the river and across the road to Panther Pond, we would be foolish not to at least control what is there.

Courtesy Boat Inspectors for Mill Street: Noralee can provide the short training course. If we get enough volunteers, we will monitor the dam at Mill Street. Please contact PPA.

Visit the PPA website at www.raymondmaine.org: Although it is still a work in progress, our website, Panther Pond Association, can be found within the town's website under the section on Committees. There you can find the Conservation Project brochure, the by-laws, the Watershed Survey, and some quite helpful DEP websites.

## Thank You Letter

Raymond Laundry would like to express our greatest appreciation to the people and businesses of Raymond and the local communities. Your welcoming words displayed on your signs made us glad we chose Raymond for our new venture. Everyone made us feel so welcomed and sent such wonderful words of encouragement. A special "Thank You" to Danielle's Diner, North Windham Paint and Framing, Ultimate Hair and Tanning, AC Docks, Cafe Sebago, Daniels Equipment, The O'Neil Co, Community Pharmacy, Custom Design Graphics and Montebellos. We are prepared to meet your cleaning needs, small loads, large loads, dry cleaning and wash and fold. If you haven't had a chance to come in and see us, please stop by; the coffee is always on. Thanks again, from Hank and Ellen Williams

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**Raymond Rec Tennis**

*Date Change*

The Raymond Rec Tennis program will begin after school on Wednesday, May 10, a week later than originally publicized. Sessions will run through Wednesday, June 7.

Any questions?  
Call Pat at 655-4657.

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## Raymond Flea Market

### Raymond Village Community Church

April 17, 2006: Just in time for spring cleaning, the Raymond Village Community Church is accepting donations for the Raymond Flea Market, a community event that includes a large flea market in the church parking lot and vestry, as well as a silent auction and a simple lunch menu. The event will be held at the Raymond Village Community Church, 27 Main Street, on Saturday, July 8, 2006, from 8am to 1pm.

The church will accept items that are in good working order--no clothes please. Donations may be dropped off at the church on Sunday mornings or during its office hours, which are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am to 11:30am.

To sell your items at the flea market, tables and spaces are available to rent: a table is \$15 for the day, a space is \$10 for the day. Availability is limited, so please reserve your table or space as soon as possible. This year we will be offering a special consignment section for larger pieces of furniture, rugs, water sports equipment, and other larger items. The church will include your item in the sale, staff the area where it is sold and send the seller a check for half of the sale price. If you are interested in learning more about renting a table or space, or selling an item on consignment, please contact Shannon Nichols at shannonn@maine.rr.com or 776-4866.

Raymond Village Community Church is a United Church of Christ and welcomes all visitors to join them for worship Sunday mornings from 10 to 11am. Sunday school classes and a nursery are offered during the worship service. The sanctuary is handicapped accessible. The church was built in 1879 and has been an important part of the Raymond community ever since.

**Women's Mountain Biking**

Women's mountain biking will resume Monday nights beginning May 1, 6pm to 8pm.

Call Laurie Bernier at 627-4561 to get on the e-mail list and to get more information.

*Why don't you join us?*

## Box Tops Spring Contest

Doing any spring cleaning? Gather up the box tops you have around the house. Raymond PTA will be hosting a contest from May 1-19 encouraging students at RES and JSMS to bring in their clipped box tops. Our community has collectively turned in over \$1500 in box tops during this school year alone! Please remember that this is a year-round fundraiser, and clipped box tops can be dropped into collection boxes at RES, JSMS, RVL, and the town hall at any time. The top collecting classroom at RES and JSMS will enjoy a special recognition. If you wish for a specific classroom to receive credit for your donation, be sure to write the teacher's name on the bag. Thank you for helping to make this such a successful fundraiser. Please contact Caj MacDonald at 655-4783 or cmacon3@maine.rr.com with any questions.



**Registering Boats Requires Milfoil Stamp**

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife is continuing the milfoil stamp program on all motorized boats that will be using Maine inland waters. This money will be used for programs to study and prevent the water plants, including milfoil, from permeating Maine's fresh waters. The Eurasian milfoil plant is an invasive plant that eventually chokes fresh water lakes, ponds, and rivers. Once established in a lake, it can become impossible to control. Maine is trying to keep milfoil and other invasive water plants from its waters, and this program is trying to keep our lakes, ponds, and streams from getting it. For anyone with a non-motorized boat who wishes to participate, the stickers are also available at the usual cost.

Part of the ongoing program in Raymond is supporting rangers, paid or volunteer, who check boats being launched into our lakes. The major way that invasive water plants get into our lakes is by the plants being transported on boats, motors, and boat trailers. If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail Noralee Raymond at noralee.raymond@raymondmaine.org or phone John Rand at 655-4277.

When you register your boats, the regular fees will be charged but in addition a \$10 fee will be charged for residents and \$20 for non-residents.

## Session Ending and Term Limits

By Senator Bill Diamond

When you read this article, the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Maine Legislature should have completed its work. As you know, the First Regular Session essentially started in January 2005 and completed its work in June 2005. That six-month session dealt with a variety of issues including passing the state's two-year budget. The Second Regular Session started this past January and will end some time around the first part of May this year. This much shorter session also designs and passes a Supplemental Budget which is kind of a "fill in the holes" adjustment to the two year budget passed in the first session.

In Maine, state senators and state representatives are elected for a two-year term, with the first session being the longest and most involved and the second session being somewhat shorter and usually designed to deal with the issues which didn't get settled or were not presented during the first session.

As this two-year legislative term comes to an end, legislators will have decided whether they will seek reelection or end their legislative service. In some cases senators and representatives are prohibited from seeking another term due to Maine's term limit law. In Maine, legislators may serve a maximum of four consecutive terms in either the House or Senate. As our law is written, a legislator who has served four consecutive terms - eight years - in one legislative body may seek election in the other body.

For example, someone who serves four consecutive terms in the House would be prohibited from seeking another term in the House, but could run for the Senate and if elected could serve a maximum of four terms in that body. And as some have done, a person could keep swapping back and forth serving in each body for a maximum of four terms and stay in the legislature for as long as he/she kept getting elected.

We had a bill presented this year that would have asked the voters to decide if they still wanted to have a term limits law in Maine. This bill failed passage and therefore will not be put before the voters this November.

There are valid arguments on both sides of the term limits law. Some believe that term limits require a constant turnover of legislators and prohibit the building of power by long-time serving legislators. Others feel that term limits take away the rights of people to elect whom they choose to represent them.

Term limits tend to put small towns, which may have only one representative, at a disadvantage as opposed to larger cities, which usually have several representatives. For example, Portland has eight state representatives and two state senators, and among that large a group will always have some experienced and influential legislators to represent them even with the term limits law. As you know, usually the more experience and influence a legislator has, the better the immediate results will be for the community.

Oftentimes, a small town will only have one representative and one senator and will usually have to share those legislators with other towns. So when term limits prohibit their representative or senator from continuing to serve, these towns could lose their only experienced legislator and have to start over with a first-timer.

I might add that there are exceptions to this overall concern, and Representative John Robinson of Raymond is a good example. Even though he started his first session last year, he was such a quick learner and hard worker that Raymond didn't suffer what some other small communities have due to term limits.

I look forward to hearing from you over the spring, summer and fall if you have needs or questions.

Have a safe and fun summer.

## Aquatics Programs at St. Joseph's College

### Event: Swim Lessons

Registration is taken by mailing in registration form and payment or by coming in person on **April 25 - 26 - 27**, at the Alford Center from **9am to 7pm**. Classes will start the week of **May 15th**. There will be no classes on May 29th.

**Place:** St. Joseph's College  
Harold Alford Center - POOL

**Time:** Classes are offered **Monday through Friday** during the mornings, after school, and evenings for six weeks. A variety of class options are available. We have classes for infants, toddlers, pre-school, school age and adults.

**Fees:** The classes for infants, toddlers and pre-school-age children are a **½ hour class** each week for six weeks, and the fee for the program is **\$40**. Youth aged six years through and including adults meet for 1 hour each week for six weeks, and the program fee is **\$50**.

**About the Program:** St. Joseph's College offers swim classes for infants, toddlers, pre-schoolers, youth and adults. The classes available are to teach a range of skills from water adjustment to basic swimming skills. Our instructional goal is that swimmers who have finished the lesson program will demonstrate proficiency in those skills designated by the American Red Cross while having fun in a safe, comfortable atmosphere. Certificates are also offered as a record of course completion.

*Classes are also available for more advanced children who wish to have more of a challenge. These programs are: Basic Rescue, Water Safety Aide, Guard Start, Lifeguard Training and Water Safety Instructors Program.*

### Event: Water Aerobics

**Date:** Ongoing classes throughout the year

**Time:** (Mornings) Tuesdays thru Fridays 8-9am (May to August)  
(Evenings) Mondays & Wednesdays 7-8pm (May to August)

**Fee:** \$5 each class or a punch card of 12 passes for \$40.

**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:** On-going throughout the year.

**Time:** Tuesday & Thursday 11-11:45am

**Fee:** \$5 each class or purchase a punch ticket with 12 passes for \$40.

**About the Program:** Range of motion exercise program aimed at increasing muscle and joint flexibility. This program is great for those suffering the pain of arthritis, other debilitating joint diseases and any health condition needing

help with range of motion. This will not be an aerobic or a cardiovascular program

### Event: Lap & Open Swim Time

#### The following times are:

#### Monday through Friday

6:30-8am Lap Swim Only

9-11am Lap Swim only

12-1:30pm Lap & Open Swim

5-6pm Lap & Open Swim

#### Saturdays

1-3pm Lap & Open Swim

**(Cancelled from May to end of August)**

#### Sundays

1-4pm Lap & Open Swim

**(Changes to 5-8pm starting May 21)**

### Event: Splash Parties (Private pool parties for your group)

Times: Fridays 6-7pm

Sundays 4-5pm

*\*We have our climbing wall open before or after the splash parties upon request.*

*\*We 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 Alford Student Center - Pool

**Time:** Thursdays, 4-9pm, May 18 to June 22

**Fee:** \$175

**About the Program:** In this program, participants learn about the duties and responsibilities 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 10-pound object from 9 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.

### Event: Water Safety Instructor

**Date:** TBA

**Place:** Saint Joseph's College

**Time:**

**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.

*For more information, call Carolyn J. Vail at 893-6669*

## Raymond Lions Club Sponsors Candidates Night

The Raymond Lions are sponsoring a candidates night for those on the ballot for the May 19th election. It will be held at the Jordan-Small Middle School on May 8th at 7pm.

All candidates on the ballot have been invited, and we anticipate that most of them will be there.

The program will start with each candidate making an opening statement. These will be followed by up to an hour and a half of questions from the audience to each or all or any of the candidates. When the questions have run their course, each candidate will have the opportunity to make a brief closing statement.

The Raymond Lions believe that an informed electorate will have the leaders it deserves. Please become informed. Be present to ask your questions. If you are unable to attend, be sure to watch the replay on Raymond Access TV. Remember that this election and the following Town Meeting will determine the near and long term future of the community of Raymond.

If anyone has any questions about the program, please contact Bob Jones of the Raymond Lions at 655-7163. Leave a message, and you will be called back. We hope to see a great turnout on May 8th.

## PTA Donates \$2,500 for New RES Playground Equipment

At their April meeting the PTA unanimously agreed to fund a request of \$2,500 to purchase new equipment for the RES playground. The request was made by the Playground Oversight Committee; a group of teachers, staff, parents and PTA members whose goals are to form short- and long-term plans for improvements to the playground and to enrich recess activities. The Raymond Mentoring Partnership volunteered to donate \$200 towards the playground equipment, as well. The purchase of new equipment was just one of the committee's short-term goals; they hope to add a recess walking program and also have parents come in and lead the children in games. With the PTA money, the committee will purchase a portable basketball system, a tetherball, a funnel ball, hockey/soccer goals and nets, bases, a mono-fling, 6 swing balls, a Grip Star Chute, a 9 hole disk golf course, 2 portable storage units, two picnic tables and miscellaneous small equipment such as balls, mitts and jump ropes. The PTA also agreed to paint hopscotch and four-square games on the pavement.

## Raymond Town Election Candidate Profiles

To view all available Candidate Profiles on the web, go to: [www.raymondmaine.org/2006profiles.htm](http://www.raymondmaine.org/2006profiles.htm)

To submit a profile, e-mail your information to: [webmaster@raymondmaine.org](mailto:webmaster@raymondmaine.org)

### Candidate for Selectman - Betty Y. McDermott

To the Citizens of Raymond

It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as your selectman for the past nine years. Over the past three years the present selectboard has taken many constructive steps, which are heading our town in a more productive direction. We have set a course for positive change and controlled growth. I hope that you will re-elect me to serve another three-year term as your selectman, so I can continue to be an effective force in this endeavor.

The best way to ensure that Raymond continues to move forward in a favorable direction is to ensure that all of our citizens have access to information. Good and intelligent decisions can only be made by people who are informed on the issues that we face as a community. Everyone that I know, from the young families struggling to find the time to devote to their children's activities and also earn a living, to our senior citizens who find that they cannot slow down and donate much of their time to volunteering in the community, finds it hard to stay informed on the local issues. For that reason I have supported and continue to support both the Road Runner newspaper, which is now delivered in the Lakes Region Suburban Weekly on a monthly basis at no cost to the town, and the local digital broadcasting system which is now on the air. We will shortly have the ability to broadcast the Selectmen's and School Board meetings live, and we will also broadcast live all the meetings of our local boards. Many times these other town boards cover issues and make decisions that affect our lives and our property without us knowing about the decisions until it is too late to have our voices heard. Through these modes of communication, I hope that all of our community members will feel better informed and more willing to take part in the public debate on the issues.

The schools will have their own educational channel. Tune to channel #3 on Time Warner to see its menu of broadcasts. Channel #2 is the government channel. By fall, both of our channels should have many hours of material that will help to keep all of us up to date.

As a selectman I represent the town on the Library Board of Trustees. Our local library faces a number of important issues that need to be addressed over the next couple of years. They range from how to better serve the needs of the community, from preschoolers to senior citizens to our summer population. A greater concern may be the need to build a larger facility for the library. Much thought and discussion will be required to solve the space problem that it now faces. We must all stay informed and become part of the solution.

Because the village serves as the conduit for traffic going up Route 121, it has never been considered a real village in modern times. If one tries to walk Main Street, they are taking their life in their hands. Many people wish we could find a way to have the kind of atmosphere that a real village could create. I feel that if we could get the State to directly connect Route 121 to Route 302, we could accomplish that dream. Another positive result of this would be to have a traffic light at the boat ramp that would help to slow down traffic across the flats by the beach. The light at the upper village entrance could be eliminated. If that happens we could consider closing that entrance which would help to preserve the character of the village.

The elephant in the room that most people do not want to

recognize is the need for a new Town Hall. The present facility outgrew its usefulness long ago. The windows have rotted and leak, the air is unhealthy and the wiring is sub-standard. A lunchroom for the employees consists of a couple of used portable partitions in the main office area that were donated by Kevin Woodbrey. During rainstorms, water runs in between the walls and into the basement, making it unfit for storage. A study of what to do about this problem was conducted several years ago, but the findings of that study were put aside at that time. I feel that this is the time to update the study and have a public discussion of the alternatives.

Another major problem that we face as a town is the condition of the road infrastructure within Raymond. Many of our roads are in very poor condition, and the ones that are in fair to good shape may begin to deteriorate unless we are willing to do something about them. We must face the fact that over the past few years we have not put the money that was needed into reclamation and paving. The town commissioned a professional engineering study of the condition of our roads, and now we need to implement the recommendations of that study. We will have a chance at this year's annual Town Meeting in May to begin improving the condition of our roads.

As these and other issues come to the forefront over the next three years, I believe that a well-informed citizenry will make the right decisions to preserve the Raymond in which we all want to live. I want to be a part of that process and would be delighted to have you elect me to another three-year term.

Sincerely,  
Betty Y. McDermott

### Candidate for School Committee - Gail Cole

My name is Gail Cole, and I am running for School Committee. My husband and I have been residents of Raymond for 19 years and have an eight-year-old daughter in the third grade. I have been self-employed for 22 years doing business as Creative Windowwear. I work out of my home, making custom window treatments as well as meeting other decorating needs for my clients.

I have been an active volunteer in the schools for four years now and have been involved in other student activities along the way. I was a planner and co-coordinator for last year's very successful Harry Potter night as well as this year's Dr. Seuss Night, held in March at the elementary school. I have also been involved with the Raymond Village Library for many years. I volunteer my time doing various things at the library on a weekly basis, as well as serving on the Planning Committee in 2005 and the Fundraising Committee, 2005/2006.

From the experience gained due to my school involvement and in talking with other parents in neighboring towns, I realize first hand the quality of our schools here in Raymond. Our teachers and school coordinators work very hard and care very deeply about the education our children are getting each year. We also have an unusually high number of involved parents. My goal in running for School Committee is to continue to maintain this high level of education we currently enjoy, and to do so in a caring as well as a responsible and efficient way. I am open-minded and willing to listen, and I promise to do my best to make the right decisions for our children's education moving forward in 2006 and beyond.

## 2005 Recycling Percentage Down

The State Planning Office's report of Raymond's Recycling Program has been delivered with a 42.58% result. Last year our percentage was 54.02%. Part of the decline might have been with the change in our new Bulky Waste Program. In the past it was possible for commercial bulky waste to be charged off to the town. With the new program this won't happen because only homeowners can obtain the bulky waste coupons. We have seen a sharp decline in the amount that Raymond is now paying to the LRBWF.

The state would like to see all Maine towns achieve a 50% recycling rate. Now it will be up to the residents to recycle more. The Raymond Recycling Committee will be endeavoring to have more educational programs, which teach us how and what we can recycle. At the present time the Town Office has recycle bins available to residents for \$3 each. There are also free magnets that list all the items we can recycle. If you would like to have a bin or magnet, please stop in at the Town Office.

The state report included our curbside recycling, cardboard recycling, the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility recycling, Hazardous Waste Day, and the compost bin program. Let's work to make this year's percentage even bigger!

### 2006 Boat Registrations Available

The Town Clerk's Office has received the 2006 boat registration and milfoil stickers. There has been a change in the registration cost. All boats which run under power other than a paddle or oar must be registered and have a freshwater milfoil sticker.

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| 0-10 horsepower boat.....          | \$10 |
| 11-50 horsepower boat.....         | \$15 |
| 51-115 horsepower boat.....        | \$21 |
| Over 115 horsepower boat .....     | \$29 |
| Personal Watercraft.....           | \$29 |
| Resident Milfoil sticker.....      | \$10 |
| Non-resident Milfoil sticker ..... | \$20 |

If you wish to register your non-powered boat for security and identification purposes, that is available for \$10.

## Raymond Village Church Plans "Church Birthday"

The Raymond Village Community Church will be celebrating the birthday of the Christian Church with special activities on June 4th, which is Pentecost Sunday. This festival will be combined with Children's Sunday and will also be a time to honor and recognize the Sunday School children, their teachers, and graduating high school seniors. Some of the children will also be receiving Bibles.

Everyone is asked to wear the color red that day as a symbol of Pentecost. In addition, there will be red geraniums decorating the church sanctuary, which people can purchase for their own gardens after the worship service. Finally, following worship all are invited to attend an all-church picnic right at the church.

"Pentecost is a high energy day in the church, and to combine it with Children's Sunday will be wonderful," said Rev. Nancy Foran, church pastor. "Our teachers have been so dedicated in offering an excellent Sunday School program for our children. They deserve to be honored - as do all who participate in that aspect of the life of our church."

The Raymond Village Church is part of the United Church of Christ, a progressive Protestant denomination formerly known as the Congregational Church. All are invited to worship on Sundays at 10am. Sunday School is held at the same time.

Wherever you are on your life's journey, you are welcome at the Raymond Village Church!

## Raymond Elementary School

# Kindergarten Screenings are May 3rd & May 10th, 2006

Parents of children entering Kindergarten at Raymond Elementary School must contact Crystal at 655-8666 to schedule their child's kindergarten screening.

# Academic Enrichment Night and "Mission Nutrition" Health Fair Huge Success!

There was an incredible turnout at JSMS for the Academic Enrichment Night that included a 6th grade-sponsored Health Fair. Many of the students' academic work was displayed in the areas of art and Spanish. Band concerts and chorus performances were held throughout the evening with the assistance of Music teacher and Band director Mr. Randy Crockett. There was also student, community member and parent participation in the promotion of maintaining a healthy lifestyle through nutrition and exercise. Special thanks to Denise Plummer and Debra Pittman for taking blood pressure readings and distributing information. Also thanks to Lisa Magiera from BKD Fitness Center who led demonstrations on tai chi, Pilates and yoga. With the making of fruit smoothies, healthy Spanish cooking appetizers created by Spanish teacher Ms. Eva Pacine and gifted and talented teacher Ms. Gail Casson, the evening was a big hit. Many students paraded around in costumes resembling fruits and vegetables. The evening ended in a group line dance led by health and physical education teacher Ms. Joni Merrill. Thanks to all who made the night a huge success!



Pilates.



Miss Wendy pouring fruit smoothies.



Blood pressure screening.



6th grade fruit and veggies.

Due to an e-mail mix-up, the Raymond Road Runner is re-running the two appreciation articles below to include the photographs meant to accompany each in last month's issue.

## Tom Noonan Receives Commendation

The Board of Selectmen at their Selectmen's meeting March 21st awarded Tom Noonan and the Sebago Lake Rotary Club a certificate of commendation for their efforts in creating and sustaining the annual Derbyfest event in Raymond and around Sebago Lake. Mr. Noonan accepted the certificate of appreciation along with his wife Ann and their daughters and a friend.



Back: Ann Noonan, Tom Noonan, Mike Reynolds  
Front: Leah Orsini, Marybeth Noonan, Georgia Noonan

## Anne and Jack Spiegel Create Morgan Meadows Endowment

At the March 21st Selectmen's meeting, Anne and Jack Spiegel offered to donate \$25,000 to the Town of Raymond to hold in trust for the benefit of the Morgan Meadows Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Spiegel asked that the town consider, if the opportunity arises, using the interest from this fund to purchase abutting land to increase the size of Morgan Meadows, improve recreational access, and promote wildlife and forest management education.



This gift will come before the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 20th, at 10am at Jordan-Small Middle School for the voters' consideration of acceptance.

## Hebron Academy Snowboarders Place in League Championships

The members of the Hebron Academy Snowboarding Team closed a successful season in February at the Maine Association of Independent School Athletic Directors (MAISAD) League Championships, held at Sugarloaf Mountain.

Team members pictured are front, Gabe Rubinstein (North Yarmouth), Lauren Tardif (Auburn), Vicki Sokolowski (W. Redding, CT), Miriam Scarpino (Portland), Marly Lumbard (Cumberland), Kevin Crockett (Raymond), and Sunny Jiles (New York, NY); second row, Jon Phillips (Auburn), David Hoffberger (Carbondale, CO), Maddy Campbell (Arundel), Victor Kane (Bethesda, MD), Tom McNichols (Westwood, MA) and Sam Kane (Washington, DC); back, James Kirby (Polkton, NC), Sabena Zupanac (Taby, Sweden), and coaches Randi Shol and Peter Suydam. Missing are Katherine Cole (New Gloucester), and Logan Martyn-Fisher (Raymond). (Photo by Bill Chase.)



## Kayak Demo Days

Port Harbor Marine is sponsoring its second annual Kayak Demo Days through their location here in Raymond, Jordan Bay Marina. The event will take place on Saturday, June 3rd from 10am to 3pm at the Panther Run Rest area on Route 302 in Raymond. Representatives will be on hand from Old Town and Ocean Kayaks as well as Heritage Kayaks. It's a great opportunity to try out the many different styles and models available and to answer your questions. Free hot dogs and hamburgers as well as snacks and drinks will be available for all those attending.

For more information please contact the Jordan Bay Marine Store at 655-3845.

