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Update: Raymond Veterans' Memorial

The kick-off fund drive for the Raymond Veterans' Memorial was held at the annual Town Meeting on May 20th, 2006. For those not in attendance, a committee has been formed to establish a Veterans' Memorial in Raymond. Most towns in Maine and across the country have such a monument, and our aim is to rectify the fact that our town does not. The proposed location is the Panther Run Rest Area, which has recently been given to the Town from the State. The committee envisions a black granite monument with a flagpole and a granite and brick walkway to the monument. We are hoping for several granite benches. The area will be decorated with flowers and shrubs. Any size donation is welcome. Granite pavers are available in two sizes: 4"x 8" for \$50 and 8"x 8" for \$100. ALL Raymond veterans should purchase a granite paver. Families can honor a relative from away who was/is a veteran with a paver also. The granite benches are available for \$1,500. At the Town Meeting Betty McDermott, representing the Raymond Founders' Day Committee, presented Howard Stiles, Chairman of the Veterans' Committee, with a check for \$7,500. Stiles says, "We're off to a good start, but a lot more money is needed." Please make a tax-deductible contribution by sending a check made out to the Town of Raymond with a memo for the Vet Committee. You do not have to be a veteran to make a contribution. Questions? Please call Howard Stiles at 655-4193. Remember: Freedom is Free.

Community Work Day at Sheri Gagnon Park

by Candace Woolston

Over 25 Raymond residents turned out on June 11th for the playground work day at Sheri Gagnon Memorial Park organized by the Friends of the Playground committee. Volunteers took advantage of the beautiful day to stain the castle, picnic tables, and several park benches, as well as to paint the train and playhouse. Two "diggers" were added to the playground equipment;



Conceptual Photo - Custom Design by Collette Monuments, Inc.



Betty McDermott, representing the Raymond Founders Day Committee, hands Howard Stiles, Chairman of the Raymond Veterans' Memorial Committee, a check for \$7,500. The memorial is proposed for the Panther Run Rest Area on Route 302.

the tetherball was replaced; wood chips were added to especially wet areas of the playground; and a dead tree was removed. Finally, a sign outlining basic rules for use of the playground was assembled and anchored near the center of the playground. At the end of the morning, many families enjoyed a cookout at the park.

We would like to thank all volunteers for a very productive morning. Special thanks to Kevin MacDonald for donating his time and tractor for spreading wood chips, to the Davison family for planing the picnic tables offsite, to Mike Wallingford for his early morning work to anchor the diggers, and to David Hall for his ongoing work on the playhouse. And thanks to Mother Nature for one of the few dry days this spring!



Road Runner Articles

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by Thursday, July 20th. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

E-Mail; Diskette; Paper; CDROM

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

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 - Assessment information
 - Property & other maps

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News From the Raymond Village Library

At a Glance

Sunday, July 9 – Summer Reading Program begins

Sunday, July 16 – Book Sale begins

Wednesday, July 26 – Book Discussion Group

Summer Reading Program

“On Safari,” the Summer Reading Program, will begin on Sunday, July 9. At this time the packets for the program will be available for pickup at the library. Be sure to check the hours the library is open, in order to get your program information during the week.

Annual Book Sale

Now is the time to pick up your summer and winter reading, to add to your personal library and even to get wonderful gifts for family and friends. The Annual Book Sale at the Raymond Village Library begins Sunday, July 16, at 9am, and there will be a large variety of books from which to choose: great books for the beach or rainy days, cookbooks, books on gardening, history, “how to do it” books and many, many more. Don’t forget to check the children’s selections and the videos, DVDs, audio books and puzzles. There really is something for everyone!

Children’s Programs

The Baby Time, Toddler Time and Preschool Programs at the Library will continue through July. There will be a summer break in August, and then they will resume in September.

The Book Discussion Group

The book group will meet Wednesday, July 26, at the library at 7pm. The book for July is “The Language of Threads,” by Gail Tsukiyama. Please join us for a lively discussion of this interesting novel. For more information, call 655-4283.

Principal’s Report for July

by Norma Richard

This has been another outstanding year for students in the Raymond School District. The 8th grade Completion Ceremony on June 14 was a personal highlight for me, as I have had the pleasure of working with this class of students during my nine years in Raymond. It seems like just yesterday that they entered kindergarten, and I started my work as principal in Raymond. This is a very talented and committed group of young adolescents, and I am very proud of their many accomplishments ranging from academics and sports to music and drama. I would also like to recognize the efforts of their 8th grade teachers: Mrs. Priscilla Wood, Mrs. Marilee Dunklee and Mr. John Powers. These teachers and their outstanding work represent the efforts of our entire Jordan-Small Middle School staff in meeting the many needs of these often challenging learners. Their class trip to Sturbridge Village and Six Flags will be a lasting memory for these 8th graders.

There have been so many wonderful learning events and activities that have taken place during the past school year. I would like to share with you several that made long-lasting impacts on our students and staff.

MATH: The new math programs in grades K–6 and 7–8 have made significant differences in math instruction and math skills at all grade levels. It is a challenge to introduce any new program at all grade levels, but the teachers and students have met this challenge and excelled. I have observed math instruction at the elementary and middle school levels and have been amazed to hear students discuss quadrangles, partial sums algorithms, mean, median, range and mode (and that is just at the elementary level). I want to thank the members of the Raymond School Board for their continuing support of learning for both students and teachers, as we started this new math journey.

PROJECT BACKPACK: It was evident, as our students and staff adopted the children and teachers at the Lukeville Upper Elementary School in Brusly, LA, that the benefits we receive in the giving are important aspects of life. The generosity of our school community and the Raymond

community in supporting children and families displaced by Hurricane Katrina last fall was outstanding. I was so very proud of our efforts, which included shipping a ton of backpacks, each packed with essential school and home supplies (and lots of love), blankets, and holiday cards with gift certificates, to Brusly. It made all of us realize just how fortunate we are, and how important it is to share with others during a time of need.

STUDENTS’ ACTIVITIES: This year a wide range of after-school activities were available for students at all grade levels. The number of offerings through SEARCH, coordinated by Mrs. Lynn-Eve Davis, provided academic support for struggling learners, as well as expanded the range of experiences to enhance learning outside of the classroom. The successes of the middle school sports teams, including winning district championships in soccer and basketball, as well as winning the sportsmanship banner in cross-country and the Spirit Award in cheerleading, benefited a large percentage of our students. The superb performances in ALADDIN showcased the creativity and talents of many more students. The research clearly shows that students who participate in extra-curricular activities are more successful in school, and I am delighted with the school and town support we have for this programming.

ACADEMIC AND SCIENCE FAIRS: Having the RES Academic Fair and the JSMS Science Fair on the same night may have been a parking nightmare, but it was an outstanding way to showcase learning at all grade levels. Feedback from parents and students was very positive, and we are planning to continue this event next spring.

RECYCLING: Our recycling program in our schools continues to grow, and this year it grew by leaps and bounds. Not only are we removing waste from the landfills through recycling, but we are also developing some very important habits in our students that we hope will carry beyond their schooling. Thank you, again, for the efforts of Kathy Gillis and Dennis Woodruff in coordinating our recycling efforts at RES and JSMS.

I want to wish all of our Raymond families a happy and safe summer vacation. I hope that a trip to the library is a weekly event for each of our families.

July 2006							Events and Meeting Schedule
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						1 Town Office closed for year-end	
2	3 10:00AM VL Library Babytime	4 Town Office Closed July 4th Holiday	5 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime	6	7	8	
9 Raymond Library Summer Reading Program begins	10 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 7:00PM TH Recycling Meeting (moved from 4/3)	11 7:00PM TH Selectmen’s Meeting replaced meeting of 7/4	12 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 6:30PM TH Planning Board Meeting	13	14	15	
16 9:00AM VL Raymond Library Book Sale begins	17 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 7:00PM TH Recycling Committee	18 No Selectmen Meeting this night 6:30PM PS One Raymond Committee	19 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime	20 ROADRUNNER DEADLINE FOR AUGUST ISSUE ARTICLES	21	22	
23 10:00AM TH Appeals Board Site Walk	24 10:00AM VL Library Babytime	25 7:00PM MB Board of Assessment Review Workshop 7:00PM -9:00PM PS Panther Pond Association Annual Meeting	26 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 7:00PM VL Book Group	27 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	28	29 Panther Pond Association 3PM 2nd Annual Boat Tour and 6PM 2nd Annual Picnic	
30	31 7:00PM TH Appeals Board Meeting				FB =Fire Barn JS =Jordan-Small KC =Kokatosi Campgnd PS =Public Safety Bldg. RE =Raymond Elementary CL =Casco Library	SG =Sheri Gagnon TG =Town Garage RT85 TH =Town Hall VL =Village Library VC =Village Church VT =Village Tennis MB =Modular at JSMS	

Municipal News Brief

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions:

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

- 1) A new Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Selectmen were elected for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Mark Gendron will serve as Chairman and Mike Reynolds will serve as Vice-Chairman.
- 2) Former Chairmen of the Board of Selectmen Betty McDermott was honored by the Board of Selectmen for her nine years of dedicated service with a plaque presented by Vice-Chairman Mike Reynolds and inscribed as follows:

Betty Y. McDermott
is recognized on this day June 6, 2006 by the
Raymond Board of Selectmen

For her nine years of dedicated service as a Selectman and the leadership she brought to the Board of Selectmen as chairman in 2005-2006. Her foresight in the building of the Public Safety Building, the Route 302 waterline and road improvement projects, the establishment of the digital broadcasting studio, and the support of the town staff will all be remembered. Her guidance and experience have been a source of stability for which the Selectmen have been most appreciative.



Betty McDermott, here with the new Chairman of the Selectboard Mark Gendron, with a plaque presented to her by Vice-Chairman Mike Reynolds for Betty's nine years of dedicated service.

- 3) 2006-2007 Board Committee Appointments – The slate of appointments presented by Town Clerk Louise Lester for the various town boards and committees was approved unanimously by the Board of Selectmen.
- 4) 2006-2007 Board of Selectmen appointments – After discussion this agenda item was tabled to be reconsidered at the June 27th, 2006, Board of Selectmen meeting.
- 5) Consideration of abatements – Contract Assessor Michael O'Donnell, O'Donnell Associates. This agenda item was also tabled until the next meeting which will be June 27th, 2006, at 7pm at the Raymond Town Office.
- 6) Consideration of new road names – Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Cooper discussed a request from residents to change the name of Sydney Drive to Aspen Ridge. This roadway is located off Daggett Drive. The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved this road name change.
- 7) Peddler's license application – Louise Lester, Town Clerk. The Selectmen unanimously approved a new Peddler's License for Joseph Scangarella, doing business as J's Hot Dogs. This business will run from approximately June to October at the car wash at 1249 Roosevelt Trail. Mr. Scangarella will be permitted to have a 4x4 sign, which will be taken down nightly, and he will be responsible for cleaning up the area on a daily basis. This business is proposed to open on Monday, June 12th.
- 8) Consideration of One Raymond Committee recommendations – GIS Needs Assessment, Mark Gendron, Co-Chair. The Town Manager outlined that three replies have been received from various departments to the GIS Needs Assessment. The Town Manager was directed to draw up a proposed scope of work and solicit a pricing proposal from former Raymond contractor James

Thomas to be discussed at the Board of Selectmen meeting on June 27th, 2006. Each individual GIS task will be priced separately, so the Selectmen can select the services they wish to fund from the list of both essential and desirable services.

- 9) Town Manager Report and Communications
 - a) The Town Manager updated the Board of Selectmen on the Route 302 Beautification Committee work, including preparing the corridor for the summer season. All work was completed prior to Memorial Day and many positive comments have been received. The Town Manager wished to thank the Beautification Committee, the Bridgton Chamber of Commerce, business owners involved in the Beautification Committee efforts, the Public Works department and involved contractors.
 - b) Bulky Waste – the Town Manager and the Town Clerk outlined current concerns regarding the future viability of operations of the Lakes Region Bulky Waste facility in Casco. Town Clerk Louise Lester indicated that discussions are occurring over possible restructuring of the facility to address the financial success of Raymond's partial pay-as-you-throw bulky waste disposal system, which is now also under consideration by the Town of Naples.
 - c) Sebago Heights sub-division, Windham. The Town Manager noted that development of the Sebago Heights sub-division in Windham would likely create traffic problems in the future. He said that private road access connecting to public roads in Raymond would raise legitimate concerns by residents of the affected roadways. Potential traffic mitigation measures may need to be presented to the Maine Department of Transportation to address the expected flow of traffic exiting and entering Route 302 from this development.
 - d) Approved payroll and appropriation warrants dated June 6th, 2006.

Due to publishing deadlines, the June 27th Board of Selectmen meeting municipal news brief will appear in the August 2006 issue.

RWPA Annual Meeting and Activities

By Noralee Raymond, Executive Director, Raymond Waterways Protective Association

- RWPA Annual Meeting – August 12, Camp Timanous
- Variable Milfoil Remediation Projects
- Boat Inspections
- Efforts to Control Erosion and Runoff
- Watershed Stewards Training Program

RWPA Annual Meeting – August 12, 4pm, Camp Timanous

RWPA has been informed that when you want a lot of people to come to your annual meetings, you must have good food and fun activities. In the spirit of good food, this year we are holding our meeting on August 12th at 4pm at Camp Timanous. A BBQ event will follow from 5-7pm. We are providing the burgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Bring salad or dessert to share. Come hear about our activities of the summer, get the most recent information on our milfoil program, and meet our staff and volunteers. We apologize if the late date makes it hard for some of our summer residents to attend. If you are interested in donating food to this event, please contact us. We would like to thank Camp Timanous for the use of their facilities.

Variable Milfoil Remediation

RWPA is continuing to move forward with variable milfoil remediation projects on Sebago Lake. Divers and volunteers continue to clear sections of Dingley Brook. Volunteers are monitoring the area of the Jordan River cleared by divers in early May at the Jordan River Marina Condominium Association. In early August divers will begin work at Bayview Estates 2. For more in depth information on the individual projects, take a look at the June Road Runner available online on the Town of Raymond website.

Boat Inspections Continue

Our rangers continue to inspect boats at the public ramps in Raymond. Lakes Rangers Al Lamanda, Tom Clancy, and William Koscielny are working hard to protect our precious

lake resources from the threat of invasive plants. If you see them at the ramps, be sure to thank them!

Our rangers focus their coverage during peak hours. If you launch at the public ramps when they are not present or if you are launching from your own property, please be sure to inspect your boat, motor, and trailer for plant material when entering and exiting the lake. You do not need to be able to identify an invasive plant; just REMOVE ANY and ALL PLANT material before you launch. If you think you have spotted an invasive plant in the water or on your boat, be sure to give us a call and we will come check it out as soon as possible. Early detection is essential to preventing the spread of these plants.

Help us increase our inspection coverage. Contact us today to volunteer to inspect boats and prevent invasive plants from infesting Raymond's lakes. You can commit to whatever fits your schedule: two hours once a week or one day of the summer. We will provide the training.

Efforts to Control Runoff and Erosion

RWPA continues to support the Panther Pond Association with managing the federally funded Panther Pond Conservation Project- Phase I. For more information on this project, read the Panther Pond Association Notes in this month's Road Runner and take a look at the pictures of some of our recent projects. This grant will fix half of the sites identified in the Panther Pond Watershed Survey Report.

RWPA recently applied for grant funds to run a similar project on Raymond Pond that would address erosion sites identified in the Raymond Pond Watershed Survey, 1999. Seventy-one sites were identified in the survey. The 2001-2004 Raymond Pond and Crescent Lake Demonstration Project addressed 10 sites on Raymond Pond (2 high, 4 medium, and 4 low impact sites). Additionally, two private roads (1 high, 1 medium) have been stabilized. The proposed project would provide technical assistance and address 30 sites, including all of the remaining high and medium impact sites. We will be notified in the fall if we will receive the grant. If we receive the funds, we will be looking to form a steering committee to help guide and run the project. Please contact us if you are interested in getting involved.

Watershed Stewards Training Program

The Watershed Stewards Program is a 7 week course offered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension one night a week to interested local residents. This program trains Maine residents to identify pollution sources and how to correct them. The program offers information on, yet not limited to: Gravel Roads, Vegetative Buffers, Designing a Buffer, Invasive Aquatic Plants, Protecting Maine Lakes, Well Water, Septic System- Care and Maintenance, Protecting Maine Lakes, Best Management Practices, Lakes 101, and Shoreland Zoning.

This program is free to all residents within the Raymond watershed with the expectation that participants will return at least 25 hours of service to their watershed. The program will start in September 2006. Please contact the RWPA at 671-3329 or lakes@raymondmaine.org or the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District at 892-4700 if you are interested in participating or for more information.

Motor Vehicle Vanity Plates Available Online

Maine registrants can order a vanity plate online. The website capabilities have been expanded for the user to order their available choice online by using their Visa, MasterCard or Discover card.

The application works like that of the Bureau of Motor Vehicle's Rapid Renewal. The customer must have his valid registration in his possession to proceed with the ordering process. Once a suitable choice has been made, the customer submits the order and enters his current registration information. The registration information is then verified, payment is submitted, and the customer prints a confirmation page.

The BMV Main Office has final approval of all vanity plate choices submitted. The processing and ordering of the vanity plates will also be completed at the BMV Main Office.

If a customer wants to know whether a vanity plate is available or how to obtain a vanity plate, he/she should use the BMV website www.sosonline.org to check for availability and to order the requested vanity plate. The plates will be sent to you within three weeks.

Raymond Teen Receives Awards



The Mitchell Institute has named Raymond teen Rebecca McIntire as the Mitchell Scholar from Westbrook High School. The Mitchell Scholarships were established in 1994 by U.S. Senator George J. Mitchell. One of Senator Mitchell's highest priorities is to expand and improve opportunities for the education of young people in Maine. The focus of the Mitchell Institute has always been, and continues to be, Maine students attending Maine colleges and universities. The Mitchell Institute awards a scholarship to a graduating senior from every public high school in Maine.

In addition to the Mitchell Scholarship, McIntire has been selected by the Finance Authority of Maine to receive a forgivable loan through the Educators for Maine Program. In a letter, Governor John Baldacci congratulated McIntire for receiving this distinguished award. McIntire has also been awarded scholarships from the Raymond PTA, the Westbrook Woman's Club and the United States Army Warrant Officers Association.

McIntire, the daughter of David and Mary McIntire of Raymond, graduated from Westbrook High School with high honors. Ranked as the sixth in the class of 2006, McIntire is a member of the National Honor Society. Her accomplishments include: National Latin Exam-Magna cum laude, Maxima cum laude; National Young Leaders Conference; and Academic Excellence Awards in Latin and Chemistry. She will be attending the University of Maine at Farmington, where she plans to major in Secondary Education: Physics/Chemistry.

Raymond Lions Award Scholarship

At their last meeting in June, the Raymond Lions Club awarded a scholarship to Everett "Joe" Reichert in the amount of \$2,000. Joe has overcome great obstacles in the past, graduated this June and will be attending SMCC in the fall, majoring in Criminal Justice. He has been working, and continues to work, at one of the new home improvement stores in Windham to help pay for his expenses. The scholarship funds are disbursed upon satisfactory completion of the 1st semester.

As most residents and visitors are aware, the Raymond Lions have two drop-off containers for redeemable bottles and cans. One is at the Town Office on Rte 85, and the other is on Rte 302 on property donated by Jordan Bay Animal Hospital. Fifty percent of the proceeds the Lions receive are used for scholarships, 25% to the Town of Raymond Scholarship funds, and 25% to the Raymond Lions Scholarship fund. Over just the last 4 years, the Town of Raymond funds have received a total of \$7,353.67. A similar amount has gone into the Lions Scholarship account.

We urge people to continue to drop off those cans and bottles to help the Lions help the community and its residents.



Everett "Joe" Reichert (middle) receiving the Lions Club Scholarship.

Another Reason to Come to Town Meeting

On behalf of those attending Town Meeting this year, Town Clerk Louise Lester would like to thank the Raymond Village Library for the wonderful lunch selections they provided. All the food was delicious and nutritious, the service was quick and well-organized, and the prices were right.

The library in turn gratefully acknowledges the support and assistance of its patrons and friends in making the lunch such a success. Library board VP Lori Rand, who led the effort, hints that this might become a town tradition!

Innisbrook Sale at RES

Innisbrook Wraps is celebrating its 25th Birthday with the most spectacular selection of gift wrap and gifts ever. The Raymond Elementary School fall Innisbrook sale will begin on September 15 and run through October 2. Just wait until you see this year's catalogue!

- Award Winning Gift Wrap Designs
- Great Gift Products for the Holidays
- Delicious Gourmet Foods and Chocolate

Innisbrook schools can also order on the web 365 days of the year at www.innisbrook.com. The Raymond Schools' customer number is 104999. Families and out-of-town friends can order and reorder over 150 Innisbrook products on-line all summer long! It's a great way to buy gifts and have more time to spend on your summer. Products will be delivered right to your door, and your child's school will receive the 50% profit.

What Do You Think?

by Senator Bill Diamond

Recently I was interviewed by an Augusta-based journalist who covers legislative issues, and he wanted to know my feelings regarding an upcoming proposal that will be prominent in the next legislature when it convenes this December. Of course, when a journalist calls and asks for an opinion on a subject that is slated for the legislative debate, it generally means that the topic is no-doubt controversial, to say the least. This was no exception.

His question centered on how I felt about creating a new law which would require that everyone who is arrested for any reason would have to provide a DNA sample for the state to put on file. Currently, Maine law requires that anyone who is arrested for a felony crime must provide a DNA sample. This new proposal, which has already become law in some states, would be a significant change in Maine law, since obviously many arrests can be for considerably lesser crimes than a felony.

The proponents of collecting DNA at the time of any arrest, regardless of the severity of the charged offense, argue that having the DNA on file would help solve crimes if the offender of a misdemeanor commits a felony at a later date. They also argue that having additional evidence available, like DNA, would expedite solving crimes that could traditionally take much longer to solve.

My response to the journalist was that I felt it would be inappropriate and an overreaction to pass such a law in Maine. Mainers take great pride in their independence and their constitutional rights of protection from the government, and allowing this degree of intrusion into the personal lives of our citizens would be unnecessary. It's a delicate balance to provide sufficient authority for our governmental agencies to do their jobs and still protect the individual rights of our citizens. Our Founding Fathers were very concerned about protecting the rights of our citizens, which is why multiple protections were built into our Constitution.

When you look at the many various and sundry offenses that might result in some form of arrest, it's easy to see why some would consider being subjected to a DNA test at the time of an arrest for any offense to be out of order. For example, if someone passes a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing, that would be an offense that could result in an arrest; and under this new proposal the alleged offender would have to provide a DNA sample. Everyone agrees that passing a stopped school bus is a serious offense, but many would also argue that it doesn't rise to the level of requiring the collection of DNA to be put on file.

The other problem, of course, with such a law would be the high volume of DNA that would be collected because of the high number of arrests that are made annually. Also, collected DNA would need to be categorized, filed and stored, all of which would require a substantial number of trained personnel in order to manage such a project. The cost of paying for these added positions would be significant as well, and budgetary considerations must be kept in mind.

That's my opinion, and I'd like to hear yours. You may have sound reasoning for such a new law, which I and others haven't yet considered. I've learned over the years that some of the best arguments for and against issues come from the citizens. This issue will be debated next year, and your thoughts and ideas would be of definite interest to me. Please feel free to e-mail, call or write to me with your comments - I would appreciate it.



Lee-Anne Smithson Dahms, R.N.

Lee-Anne S. Dahms of New Gloucester is a 2006 graduate of Central Maine Medical Center School of Nursing in Lewiston, Maine. Graduation was held at Bates Chapel in Lewiston, where Lee-Ann was

pinned by her father Gary L. Smithson of Little Sebago Lake, Gray. Lee-Anne was the proud recipient of the 2006 Mary Ann Strout Memorial Award, chosen by her fellow students and faculty. Mary Ann Strout aspired to become a nurse but succumbed to breast cancer at the age of 42. She wanted some day to be able to contribute to someone's endeavor and reward people who demonstrate the same level of competence, compassion and concern as the nurses who had touched her life. The student chosen to receive this award was selected based upon the student's demonstration of empathy, respect and dignity for patients and their families in the area of oncology nursing. Lee-Anne has accepted a full-time R.N. position at Central Maine Medical Center on the Medical Oncology Unit MI. Lee-Anne is married to Steven Dahms and has 3 children: Ciara, Dakota, and Hayden. She is the daughter of Gary and Sharon Smithson and granddaughter of Gertrude Macdonald.

Open Letter from Doug Elder

Dear friends,

Let me begin by sharing the tremendous respect and admiration that I have for all of you. It is with vastly mixed emotions that I write this letter. For a variety of reasons, I will not be returning to the 5th & 6th grade teaching position that I have been blessed to have held for the past five years.

I wish to be extremely clear in conveying that I have sincerely loved my work here at JSMS. I hope that fact has been evident by my passion for teaching. I have only ever known one way to go about teaching: that is with my heart and soul. Somewhat to my surprise, I am now finding my heart and soul, and those of my family, feeling called deeper into other aspects of my life. This fact has necessitated the realization that teaching without a wholehearted investment, in my estimation, is not teaching at all.

I have learned so much over the past five years, and it is heartbreaking and certainly stretching to have to make such a change; however, after great consideration, my wife Angie and I have discerned that to avoid this change at this time would be a mistake.

Obviously, none of us can definitively know every detail of our future path; however, I would be extremely surprised if mine did not include the eventual furthering of my career in education, either in the classroom or in administrative capacities. It is my sincere hope that when that time comes, my search for another position will lead no further than JSMS. Please consider my absence from this great staff at JSMS as a type of unofficial sabbatical. I, along with so many others, truly believe our school and district to be a great educational environment.

I hope that through this letter Raymond's staff, students, and community will sense the joy and fulfillment that has been mine for the past five years. I am grateful for the opportunities that I have been afforded in working with such fantastic people; however, the doors opening before me now are ones that I would be remiss not to walk through in this season of my life.

I hope to continue working with JSMS students and staff in a variety of ways, hopefully continuing some involvement in as many academic and extracurricular activities as possible (A/V club, JSMS basketball, possibly some substitute teaching).

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support. I have been blessed beyond measure by sharing the past five years with you all.

With love and respect,
Doug Elder

Best wishes and God bless.



The Hawthorne Community Association Announces:

Annual Strawberry Festival

Saturday, July 8, 2006

At the Hawthorne House

Cape Road, Raymond Maine

6:30pm for Lecture Presentation (free and open to the public),

7:30 – 9:00pm for dessert and social.

Donation of \$5 per adult,

\$3 per child of 8 and under.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Jim McAllister of Salem, Mass., will speak to us this year about the life and history of this most famous of Raymond residents. Jim is a Salem historian, photographer, author of *Salem from Naumkeag to Witch City* (2000), and co-author of the acclaimed book *Salem: Cornerstones of a Historic City* (1999).

The Best Strawberry Shortcake Around -

With Real Dairy Whipped Cream!!!

Beverages included

Reservations must be made before July 1

at fchamb1@maine.rr.com or leave a message at 655-8833.

Sometimes It Takes a Village ...or Maybe It's One Raymond?

Well, as far as installing playground equipment, it took an entire family, a RES Maintenance person and a Director of Public Works.

Maintenance worker Donna Larrabee and Public Works Director Nathan White, pictured right, took a few minutes out of their busy schedules for a little playtime after assembling and installing a new basketball system at the RES playground.

School board member and Vice President of the PTA Wendy Trask organized the installation of the tetherball and fun ball systems over the Memorial holiday weekend. Her father Raymond Trask and her brother Alan Trask dug holes and poured cement to secure the poles. Wendy checked them periodically over the weekend so they would be ready when students arrived back to school on Tuesday.

Tuesday morning it took all three of them to hoist the funnel to the top of its pole.



Wendy Trask, Nathan White & Donna Larrabee installing the funnel.



Three generations of the Trask Family (Grandfather Alan, Mom Wendy & Son Evan)

Animal Control Report

May - June

- May 17 Dog missing
- May 18 Two dogs at large
- May 18 Dog in yard
- May 22 Dog at large
- May 22 Person chased by dog
- May 22 Dead bird - called wardens
- May 25 Maintenance – repaired kennel
- May 25 Bird returned to nest
- May 25 Maintenance
- May 26 Dog at large - verbal warning
- May 26 Dogfight and at large - verbal warning and charged with vet bills
- May 27 Dog at large - second verbal warning
- May 27 Information relative to dogs on a beach
- May 28 Dog on beach - verbal warning
- May 28 Set varmint trap
- May 28 Dog tied too close to property line
- May 29 Picked up animal trap
- May 29 Information on bird flu
- May 29 Dog on beach - verbal warning
- May 29 Dog left in car
- May 30 Dog at large - picked dog up
- May 30 Dog at large - verbal warning – owner picked up
- May 31 Dog attacked another dog - verbal warning and charged with vet bills
- May 31 Dog defecating on lawn - gave information and verbal warning
- June 1 Dog barking
- June 1 Information about barking dogs to property owner
- June 1 Dog at large - written warning
- June 2 Two dogs at large - gone on arrival
- June 2 Dog missing - returned home on its own
- June 6 Dog in yard - gone on arrival
- June 6 Dog barking at neighbor
- June 6 Dog at large - followed him home
- June 7 Stray dog caught in someone's yard - owner picked up
- June 7 Dog at large - gone on arrival
- June 7 Aggressive dog in custody - delivered to Animal Refuge League
- June 10 Information about stray cats
- June 10 Information on dogs at large
- June 12 Set trap
- June 14 Picked up varmint trap
- June 14 Dog on beach - verbal warning
- June 14 Dog at large - gone on arrival
- June 15 Dog at large - could not catch
- June 15 Horses loose
- June 15 Complaint of feces on beach - possibly dog or wild geese
- June 15 Raccoon killed ducks
- June 15 Noisy rooster
- June 16 Dogs left in car - verbal warning
- June 16 Dog in yard - returned to owner
- June 16 Dog in road - impounded and kenneled
- June 17 Delivered stray dog to Animal Refuge League
- June 17 Dog in road - gone on arrival
- June 18 Dog in road - caused truck to dump lumber to avoid
- June 18 Dog at large June 19 Replaced signs at beach
- June 19 Information on missing dog

Raymond-Casco Historical Society News

The Raymond-Casco Historical Society met on June 19, 2006, at the Raymond Safety Building.

The featured speaker for the evening was Adam Grant, who shared reminiscences about the history of the Watkins Family. They were among the early pioneers settling in South Casco on the north and west shores of Thomas Pond on Quaker Ridge Road in 1800. Today, one of the last remaining working farms in Casco is the Watkins Farm on Rte. 302. Adam, a member of the Watkins family, has an impressive collection of postcards showing scenes from Casco, Raymond and Naples dating back to late 1800's. He talked about the Albert Watkins Farm and Charley Watkins Cabins and showed items saved from these past businesses. He has original racing cards from early 1900 when Casco had its own racecourse, which was located corner of Rte. 11 and 121. In addition, he passed around a collection of ladies' dance card programs from the days when Casco and Raymond ladies wore gowns and white gloves. The gentlemen asked ladies at the beginning of the evening of dancing to pencil them in for a certain dance. It could be a Schottische or to make up a foursome for the Quadrille. Those were the days of good manners and respect. Members thanked Adam for taking us back into the past and showing us how life was lived in Casco-Raymond over 100 years ago.

Everyone is invited to visit the 1849 Friends One-room Schoolhouse, located behind the Casco Library, on Saturday, July 29, from 10am until noon, or from 1pm until 4pm. This is the only time it is open to the public. At other times it is by appointment only. The school will once again be in session with local home-school children in costumes of that period. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Ihloff will be teaching the three R's and rules of etiquette and acceptable behavior. On display will be clothing from 1800 to the 1920's and other interesting items from the RCHS collection. Outside the schoolhouse, Mr. Philip Cole will have a display of machinery from the early Casco farms, including his famous steam engine.

The month of July has been designated as Raymond-Casco Historical Society Fund Raising month. In 2004 the society recognized the need for a secure building to house the historical collections. Since that time, the members started an endowment fund to begin a financial base for the day when a building becomes available. At the June 19 meeting a check for one thousand dollars from Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Holmquist was generously presented to Joseph Webber, RCHS President, for the Endowment Fund. Mr. Holmquist said, "We are losing promised additions to our historical collection because we do not have a secure space where these items from local families can be safely housed and displayed for future generations." He went on to say, "Over the past two years, a great deal of work has been put into cataloging current holdings. In addition, regular educational meetings have been held, and efforts are continuing to keep the historical one-room schoolhouse in good repair." Donations are encouraged from members, friends and citizens of the Raymond-Casco area to help build our endowment fund. Please send a check to Raymond-Casco Historical Society, P.O. 1055, Raymond, ME 04071. Anyone sending us a check for one hundred dollars or more will receive a slate paperweight with an art print of our Historical 1849 One-room Schoolhouse in Casco.

The next meeting of the RCHS will be held on Monday, July 17, at 7pm at the Raymond Public Safety Building. Joseph Webber will present an interesting slideshow from the Hartley Collection. Among the many spectacular slides will be the fire at Sawyers Corner in 1914. For more information about the slideshow, please call Joseph Webber at 232-2392 or Al Morrison at 655-4548. For more information about becoming a member call Betty McDermott at 655-4646.



New Student Registrations

School offices at the Raymond Elementary School and the Jordan-Small Middle School will be open this summer for new student registrations each Tuesday from 9am-3pm. Students entering grades K - 4 should register at RES (655-8672), while new students in grades 5 - 8 should register at JSMS (655-4743). Proof of Raymond residency is required at the time of registration.

Summer Fun That Is Bad for Your Teens

by Steve Danzig, LSW, LADC

June 15th officially starts the summer season for increased teen drinking. According to statistics published by the Maine Office of Substance Abuse, the number of teenagers using alcohol for the first time is among the highest during the summer months. These "first-timers" are usually 8th & 9th graders. However, even the non-first-timers' drinking increases during the summer months. Having so much free unscheduled time due to the long summer vacation serves as a catalyst for kids getting together, hanging out, and drinking.

Once teens have tried drinking, they are more likely to do so again, especially if no negative side effects were experienced during their first try. Similarly, people are creatures of habit; this is no different for teens. If they create a summer lifestyle revolving around alcohol, it will continue unless caught and corrected.

Unfortunately, the statistics also tell us that parents are often unaware of when their teen is using alcohol. In 2002, 65% of teens reported using alcohol in their lifetime but only 17% of their parents thought their teens had ever engaged in that type of behavior. Furthermore, when asked about their recent use, 38% of teens said they drank in the past month, while only 2% of their parents thought that they did.

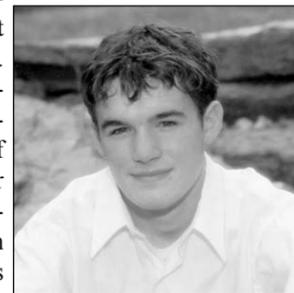
So now that you know your teens are at greater risk for drinking in the next few months, how do you discourage it from starting and/or how do you know if they have begun? Here are a few tips:

- Stay involved in your kids' lives. Know what your children are doing - their activities and how they spend their time. If possible, limit the amount of your teens' free time. Encourage them to get involved in activities such as summer camp, volunteer work, or a summer job.
- Know who your teen's friends are and who their parents are. When they go out, ask your children where they are going, who they will be with, and what their plans are. Most importantly, don't be afraid to check up on what they tell you and compare notes with their friends' parents.
- Set rules. Even though your teens are getting older and spending more time without you, it's more important than ever to set rules and expectations and to enforce the rules consistently and fairly. In addition, be sure to praise and reward good behavior when rules are adhered to.
- Be suspicious of subtle changes in behavior such as sleeping, eating, change of friends, and/or elaborating on details of their activities that seem insignificant.
- Be suspicious of changes in attitude such as hostility or lack of cooperation, lack of interest in activities, loss of interest in personal appearance, or heightened secrecy about actions or possessions.
- Be suspicious of unusual odors on their clothes or breath, physical changes such as red eyes or runny nose, or borrowing money often or suddenly needing extra cash.
- If you suspect your son or daughter has been drinking, ask them. Surprisingly, many kids will tell the truth when asked directly. If you suspect your teen is lying about his or her alcohol consumption, it may mean that he or she is simply avoiding a lecture from or being grounded by you, but it could also mean that he or she is trying to hide a very real problem.

Trust your parental instincts and know that there are therapists specializing in alcohol/drug counseling that can help you and your family with this issue.

Raymond Teen Awarded Unique Scholarship

The United Society of Shakers at Sabbathday Lake in New Gloucester has named Gray-New Gloucester High School graduate Ian Hanley of Raymond the 2006 recipient of the Brother Theodore E. Johnson Memorial Scholarship. The annual scholarship is given to a member of the GNGHS Honors Shaker Studies class who exemplifies excellent work and an inquisitive attitude towards learning, not only about the Shakers, but also in all of his academic pursuits. Brother Theodore Johnson was a member of the Sabbathday Lake community in the late 20th century who was known for his deep intellectual thought and never-ending love of learning. "Brother Ted" taught classes and gave lectures on a variety of subjects, not only at Sabbathday Lake but also at schools and colleges throughout southern Maine.



Founded in 1783 as the Thompson's Pond Plantation, the Sabbathday Lake Community was at the far reaches of the Maine frontier of the time. It was composed of several family farms and housed only a few missionaries. But within a year the population swelled to almost 200. On April 19th, 1794, the Believers made an oral covenant and formally organized as a community. They then constructed their place of worship, the Meetinghouse, which still stands today, and was soon followed by a communal dwelling house; however, the modern dwelling house was built in 1883. Sabbathday Lake is the only operating Shaker community still in existence and is home to four Shakers. There were once 18 communities spreading down the east coast at the height of Shakerism in the late 1800's, when their population numbered over 6,000 nationwide.

The Honors Shakers Studies class at Gray-New Gloucester High School is home to one of the most unique experiences in the nation. Since 1980, Robert Boggs has taught the class, which allows 10-15 students per year a chance to interact with the diverse Shaker community and is the only class of its type in the nation. This year's class of 13, hand-picked from a field of about 50 students, does a variety of work outside both the high school and Shaker Village setting. The class takes part in many activities including archeological digs and helping the community set up for their Christmas sale. Each student picks a major subject to research about the Shakers and spends time throughout the year looking at a range reference material. Students are allowed to use and handle original documentation such as 200-year-old farm records and 150-year-old journals. The students do a variety of work as ambassadors to society about the Shakers. Each year the students go to local third graders to tell them about Shaker life, beliefs, and industry. They also give tours around the Shaker community to the same third graders in late May. This year the Shaker Studies class was asked to present workshops to Maine high school students at the National Honor Society State Convention at the University of Maine at Orono, as part of the convention's theme of "Diversity."

Ian Hanley, son of John and Carol Hanley of Raymond, graduated from Gray-New Gloucester High School ranked 16th in his class. Ian was actively involved in the National Honor Society and the school's "Ocean Bowl" team. Ian was captain of the varsity Nordic ski team in his senior season, and he has competed in varsity alpine skiing as part of the Skimeister competition, in which he finished 13th in the state. He also ran varsity cross-country and played varsity golf. Ian is an Eagle Scout from Troop 800 in Raymond, whose Eagle Project provided the 4 bleachers at the Raymond Elementary School ball field. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow (Scouting's "National Honor Society") and is an Explorer at the Raymond Fire Department. He will be attending the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH, where he will major in Wildlife Management.

Panther Pond Association

Notes

By Ben Severn, PPA President

- Conservation Project Rolls On
- Annual Meeting – Tuesday, July 25th, 7-9pm
- Boat Tour and Picnic- Saturday, July 29th, 3-5pm
- PPA Membership Appeal

Panther Pond Conservation Project

After a most successful first year, the Conservation Project returns with expectations of even greater success than last year.

Since last summer, Panther Pond residents have had the opportunity to participate in the Conservation Project grant to reduce erosion problems. The grant funds come from section 319 of the Clean Water Act. Financial assistance and FREE technical assistance is available. Day to day management of the grant continues to be in the extraordinarily capable hands of Noralee Raymond, the Executive Director of the Raymond Waterways Protective Association (RWPA). If you have an erosion problem and would like assistance, please contact Noralee at lakes@raymondmaine.org or 671-3329.

The details of the work to be undertaken are described in the Panther Pond Conservation Project brochure that was recently mailed to Panther Pond residents. If you have not yet received a brochure, you can pick one up at the Raymond Town Office or Raymond Village Library, or contact us and we can mail one to you. Or you can visit the Town's website at www.raymondmaine.org and find last year's brochure under the Panther Pond Association committee site.

Successful Projects

Numerous projects have been completed, are in progress, or are in the planning stage. Three projects that were recently completed provide good examples of what can be done when landowners, neighbors, and technical and financial help come together to solve a problem.

- On Sloan's Cove, Peter and Jody Watson and their children recently stabilized their pathway

Please mail in with dues or bring the ballot portion of this page to the July meeting.

Election of Officers

(PPA members only)

President

Benjamin W. Severn

(write-in candidate)

Vice President

Phil Boissonneault

(write-in candidate)

Treasurer

Kathryn (Ginger) Wallace

(write-in candidate)

Secretary

Sharon Cox

(write-in candidate)

Environmental Officer

Brian Walker

(write-in candidate)

with crushed rock and pavers for the path and erosion control mulch on the path sides and bank. They planted blueberries on the path sides. They were originally going to install a rubber diverter across the driveway, but will hold off to see if the rock and mulch contain the runoff.

- Local DEP-certified contractor Craig Gerry did a tremendous job with Chris Hanson's driveway on Long Drive. The driveway project included two rubber diverters, one infiltration trench, two settling basins, and three turnouts on the long, steep driveway that serves three homes. Owner Chris Hanson constructed rubber blades and assisted with installations. All 3 landowners contributed cash matches.
- At Gladys Gould's home on Ai road, I met with her grandson and gave him the design for a rubber blade diverter along with the blade material itself. He and his friends installed the diverter in the driveway over the Memorial Day weekend.
- At Betty's Neck, David Allen has been extremely supportive of the conservation project and the findings from the Watershed Survey. There were numerous erosion sites cited in the Survey for Camp Hawthorne and the cove. David's use of his front loader and the work of the Camp Hawthorne staff and campers has allowed a great deal of work to be done quickly—though not without some sore muscles. If you missed the rain garden and path project of a few weeks ago, stop down and have a look to the left as you face the beach at the gate to see what has been done to stop the erosion. The use of the front loader was key. In addition, thanks to her persistence, Noralee was able to get about \$17,000 in additional funds from the Storm-water Mitigation Fund to pave and add curbing and catch basins to David Plummer Road so that the water infiltrates into the ground.

Invitation: PPA Annual Meeting – July 25th

You are cordially invited to the PPA Annual Meeting at the Raymond Public Safety Building at Main Street and Rt. 302 on Tuesday, July 25th, from 7-9pm.



Waterbars and Erosion Control Mulch Used to Stabilize Eroding Path

Do come join us to discuss the Conservation Project, see pictures of the various improved sites, and learn how you can help protect the watershed from erosion and from the increasing threat of milfoil.

Help us identify activities that will bring us together as a lake community taking actions to protect this valuable natural wonder we call Panther Pond.

2nd Annual Boat Tour and Picnic – July 29th

Join us for a pontoon boat tour of the Pond on July 29th from 3-5pm. The tour will take us to the various sites that have been improved under the grant, with explanations from project staff. Come see first hand what has been done and what you might do to protect Panther Pond from run-off pollution.

And once again, Leigh and Brian Walker will host the PPA picnic from 6-8pm. We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, lemonade and soft drinks; we will rely on those attending to bring a potluck salad or dessert and other beverages desired.

If you can't make the tour, still join us for the picnic and meet new Panther Ponders.

PPA Membership – Renew or Become a Member

This is also the time of year that we ask for your support of the Association's efforts. Annual dues are just \$20 (though some generous souls give more – thank you!).

I hope you will agree that you get a real 'bang for your buck' with your membership. We are committed to preserving the lake quality environment of Panther Pond. With your support, we will keep Panther Pond a great lake to enjoy for generations to come.

So mark your calendars for July 25th and July 29th. If you haven't received an appeal letter, use the form below to send in your dues today and to let us know if you will be participating in the Tour and/or Picnic!

Election of New Directors

Don't forget to vote for a new slate of Directors, who will serve for two years. The slate with a line for write-ins is found below.

More project pictures on back page.



PPA Membership Form

Please return to the Panther Pond Association, P.O. Box 68, Raymond, ME 04071

- I plan on attending the Pontoon Lake Tour of the Grant Improvement sites on July 29th. Please send me the details of where to meet.
- I plan on attending the neighbor picnic on July 29th. Please send me the details and directions.
- I would like to become a member/renew my Panther Pond Association membership. Please find enclosed \$_____. (Membership starts at \$20)

For further information on the above events or the grant project, you can contact Noralee Raymond at 671-3329 or lakes@raymondmaine.org or contact PPA at ppa@raymondmaine.org.

The "Short Session" of the Legislature Finally Wraps Up

By Rep. John Robinson

The so called "short" or second legislative session of the Maine Legislature finally came to an end May 24th at 11:53pm. The session was scheduled to adjourn mid-April but was extended to deal with a number of significant issues. The Legislature dealt with just over 600 bills in Second Regular Session, combining for a total of just over 2200 pieces of legislation in the traditional two-year term. All bills and their final disposition can be viewed on the State of Maine website at www.maine.gov. Here is a brief overview of some of the issues the 122nd Maine Legislature dealt with in the Second Regular Session:

The Legislature passed a supplemental budget for 2006-07 that added nearly \$100 million to education, health care, tax reform and other programs, including \$29 million for the Budget Stabilization Fund. Maine's tax code will now conform to the federal tax code for Health Savings Accounts, deductions for student loan interest and Child Care Credit. General Purpose Aid to local school districts was increased by \$43.1 million for 2007 to allow for the continuation of the middle school laptop program, to provide merit-based student loans for aspiring teachers and to provide a state stipend for public school teachers who become certified by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.

A few bills drew quite a bit of debate, such as legislation that aimed to reduce insurance premiums by creating a high-risk insurance pool. This bill passed the house but was unfortunately halted in the Senate. Both the House and the Senate were able to come together to pass stricter penalties for operating a motor vehicle after a license suspension, and stronger sentences were passed for those convicted of sexual assaults on minors.

As I mentioned in last month's Road Runner, I cosponsored a bill concerning the restructuring of the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement. This bill was signed into law May 4th. Earlier in the session I sponsored legislation along with Sen. Diamond titled "An Act to Protect Small Payroll Processors." The bill established a Payroll Processor Recovery Fund to assist small payroll processors in meeting previously rigid State requirements and allowed them to stay in business by offering an option for small Maine companies to purchase State bonding. This bill was signed into law on March 23rd.

I am still following Time Warner and Fairpoint progress to bring digital phone service to Raymond. Legislation I sponsored brought Time Warner and Fairpoint together in discussion in an effort to provide digital phone access to the residents of our district and surrounding communities. These companies are still hammering out the details that will bring the service to Raymond. I also continue to work on legislation concerning the Frye Island Ferry Service and improving the safety of all of Maine's freshwater ferries.

It has been a pleasure serving as your State Representative during the 122nd Legislature. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your ideas, concerns and questions. As always, I welcome and appreciate your input, as it helps me to better reflect the opinions of those I represent.

State Rep. John C. Robinson (R-Raymond) serves on the Business Research and Economic Development Committee and on the Advisory Committee on Legislative Ethics and can be contacted by telephone at 655-8657 or by e-mail at repjohn.robinson@legislature.maine.gov.

Summer Savings

Even though schools are out for the summer, RES and JSMS are still collecting box tops. We had an amazing school year, bringing in over \$1900 between the two schools. Raymond Schools are currently ranked 7th in Maine for box tops collection. Please take a minute to join the Box Tops Boosters Club by signing up at www.boxtops4education.com. You can help us earn additional box tops, watch our growth, collect recipes and print off store coupons. Invite your family and friends to do the same. In August, General Mills is giving away \$10,000 to one lucky school. Check out the website to enter. There are new products now carrying the box tops coupons: Betty Crocker's Warm Delights, Hefty plates, Kleenex, Viva, Scott Tissue and Cottonelle. The box top is not as obvious as it is on many other products, so be sure to check the underside of these items. We want to thank you again for your ongoing participation in this fundraiser. Please contact Caj MacDonald at cmacdon3@maine.rr.com with any questions.



Recent Rains Damage Raymond Lakes

by Charlie Turner, President,
Raymond Waterways Protective Association

Our Raymond lakes have been significantly impacted by the heavy rainfall experienced the first two weeks in May. As a result, the clarity of all our water bodies has decreased by about 33% (that's 1/3) since ice-out in early April (see chart). This severe loss is largely the consequence of runoff, the washing of land into the lake. These particles then cloud the water, reducing the clarity, to say nothing about picking up phosphorus, which is quite eager to attach itself to most anything that can be transported to the lake. As we all know, phosphorus plays the dominant role in plant formation and growth, something we don't need in lakes. It has been demonstrated conclusively that shore-land property values decline as lake clarity declines (and this applies to milfoil, too). After all, who wants to have a cottage or home at a lake that has the appearance (and feel) of a bowl of soup? Even people who do not have shorefront property are affected as well, as taxes will have to be raised for them to offset the lowered shorefront valuations. So, everybody loses.

Water clarity is measured by visibility depth using a Secchi disk (see photos). The disk is lowered into the water until it just disappears from sight. The higher the number, the farther down in meters the disk remains visible, and so the better the water's clarity.

Lake	Sept. 2005	May 2006
Crescent	7.3	5.7
Panther	7.8	5.3
Notched	5.9	5.2

Clarity: Depth in Meters

Once again, the runoff problem has reared its ugly head, and all of our Raymond lakes have suffered because of it. Runoff and milfoil are the two major problems lakes face. As our town increases in population and development, we must redouble our efforts to combat and control these problems.

Milfoil is a tangible problem, i.e., either we have it or we

don't; while runoff is more subtle in its effect, brought on by seemingly beneficial rainfall that works its way through drainage to our lakes, carrying with it particulate matter, chemicals, fertilizers, and other pollutants that we all use in our everyday life.

We are all aware of the recent weather developments: last fall's torrential rains, a dry winter with very little snow, and a return this spring to an excessively wet season. Indications are that this soggy weather may persist well into the summer. Indeed, the National Weather Service predicts that the northeast is "overdue" for a hurricane! Shades of Katrina! Even if there is a return to "normal" weather, it will take months for our lakes to return to their former clarity.

Is there anything we can do to deter the runoff? Most certainly. Stop it entirely, or at least slow it down. Fast-running water picks up and transports much more particulate matter than slow-moving water. Often, a shovel and fifteen minutes' time is enough to divert and/or slow down a fast-moving stream. The slower that water runs, the more time it has to shed its particulates and chemicals. Simple, and very effective, and essentially no cost.

Another important parameter in determining overall lake health is oxygen. For now, at least, oxygen readings are normal and stable. It is feared, however, that they may decrease as the particulates accumulate and sink to the bottom. Right now the O2 is about 10 parts per million (ppm) at the surface and 9 ppm at the bottom. As the summer progresses, we expect the lower levels to approach 1 or 2 ppm as this layer consumes O2 and doesn't get replenished due to stratification.

As for the runoff problem, RWPA is keenly aware of the importance of controlling/eradicating this menace. If you are interested in reducing the runoff on your property, get a free assessment from RWPA's executive director Noralee Raymond at 671-3329. Help is available. And don't forget our Annual Meeting and BBQ on August 12, starting at 4pm at Camp Timanous off the Plains Road. Our lakes and our total environment deserve our very best efforts to preserve and protect them. Please join us in this worthy endeavor.



(Tools) Water quality testing tools, clockwise from top: scope, probe and cable, O2 meter, Secchi disk and reel.



(Measuring) Testing lake clarity with scope and Secchi disk.

Hebron Academy Boys' Lacrosse Team Garners League, New England Honors

Hebron, ME (June 3, 2006) -- The Hebron Academy boys' varsity lacrosse team broke a 15-year reign by rival Hyde School when it outscored the Bath school 7 - 3 to claim the Maine Association of Independent School Athletic Directors (MAISAD) league championship.

Up 3-1 at the half, Hebron watched as Hyde leveled the score at 3 apiece after three quarters. Hebron would then score four unanswered goals in the final period to earn the championship victory. Greg Harrington (Canton, MA) and Austin Grande (Rockport, MA) led the Hebron scoring effort with 2 goals each, while Charlie Cummings (Norway), Brent Miller (Auburn), and Carmine Zegarelli (Laval, QC) each chipped in one. Roman Gosney (Raymond) had three assists, and Cameron Gosney (Raymond), Zegarelli, and Harrington each added one. Shane Gray of North Yarmouth recorded eight saves in goal.

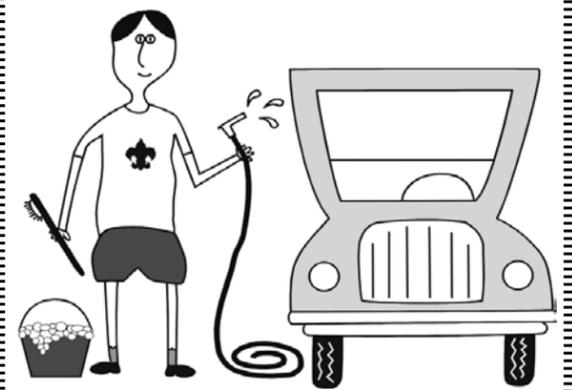
With a season record of 15 - 4, the team was selected by the New England Prep School Athletic Conference (NEP-SAC) committee as the number one seed for the 2006 New England Lacrosse Tournament. After decisive wins over the Bancroft School and Berwick Academy, Hebron fell to the Pingree School in the final game.

All-MAISAD honors for their efforts went to TJ Thayer (Auburn), Cameron Gosney, Roman Gosney, and Greg Harrington, who set a new Hebron Academy single-season scoring record with 100 points.

Representing Hebron at the annual Senior New England Prep School East/West All Star Lacrosse game were Greg Harrington, TJ Thayer, and Brent Miller. Thayer, a three-year starter for the Lumberjacks, has also been selected to compete in the Maine High School All Star Game on June 21. Harrington, Roman Gosney, and Cameron Gosney received All-Northern New England Conference team honors.



Members of the Hebron Academy boys' varsity lacrosse team are pictured above, front, co-captains Roman Gosney (Raymond), Shane Gray (North Yarmouth), Brent Miller (Auburn), and Cameron Gosney (Raymond); middle row, coach Jason Keough, HK Kim (Korea), Loren Joyce (Yarmouth), Deane Napoli (Auburn), Carmine Zegarelli (Laval, QC), Blair Campbell (Arundel), Wes Graham (Roswell, GA), Greg Harrington (Canton, MA), TJ Thayer (Auburn), coaches Andy Stephenson and Moose Curtis; back row, Cameron Laurie (Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC), Keith MacDonald (Storrs, CT), Halsey Keiler (Minot), Austin Grande (Rockport, MA), Will Sandkuhler (Kailua, HI), Ross Thayer (Auburn), Jason Goodman (Montreal, QC) Charlie Cummings (Norway). Missing: Dan Sommer (Bethesda, MD) and Kevin Crockett (Raymond). Photo by Bill Chase.



**Raymond
Boy Scout Troop
800
Car Wash
Saturday, July 15th
8 am to 2 pm
at Wal-Mart in
Windham**

Kids 2 Kids Wraps up the School Year

The Kids 2 Kids program finished a very successful third year in May. The program matches 7th and 8th grade mentors with K-4th grade "little buddies" for after school activities once a week. As a year-end activity, our mentors participated in a ropes course at Camp Hinds where they were able to use the leadership and teamwork skills they have developed throughout the year. We are very proud of our mentors and the commitment they have shown this year to the program and their little buddies. We wish our 8th graders well as they move on to high school and are pleased to welcome back our 7th grade mentors next year. Check out the mural in the back of JSMS and look for an upcoming advertisement for K2K done by our mentors on your local cable access station later this summer! We would also like to commend Barbara Harding-Loux for her energetic and creative leadership of the program. For more information about the program, please contact Christina Lamarre or Barbara Harding-Loux at 655-8672, or via e-mail at mentor@raymondmaine.org.



Teamwork in action at Camp Hinds.



K2K mural at JSMS.

Attention, Veterans

Raymond Veterans are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to support the Raymond Veterans' Memorial Project by buying a granite paver that they can put their name on. Pavers are \$50 for a 4"x 8" size and \$100 for a larger 8"x 8" size. Granite benches to honor a veteran can be purchased for \$1,500. Forms are available at the town office and on line on the Raymond website. All donations are welcome and most appreciated. Donations are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to the Town of Raymond with a memo for the Vet Committee. Questions? Please call Howard Stiles at 655-4193.

Kindergarten Visit Day at RES

Kindergarten Visit Day will be held at the Raymond Elementary School on Wednesday, September 6, starting at 9am. Parents are asked to bring their kindergarten student to school on that day. The children will have the opportunity to meet with their teachers, do an activity in the classroom, have snack and recess, and take the first of many bus rides. Parents will have the chance to meet with principal Norma Richard and discuss the routines and procedures that are in place for our youngest students. The first school day for kindergarten will be on Thursday, September 7. If your child will be 5 on or before October 15, is a Raymond resident, and is not yet registered for kindergarten, please call the school office at 655-8672. The RES office will be open for new student registrations each Tuesday.

Substitute Teachers for 2006 - 2007

Applications are now being taken for Substitute Teachers at the Raymond Elementary School and the Jordan-Small School.

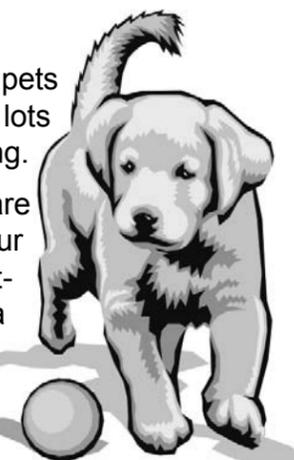
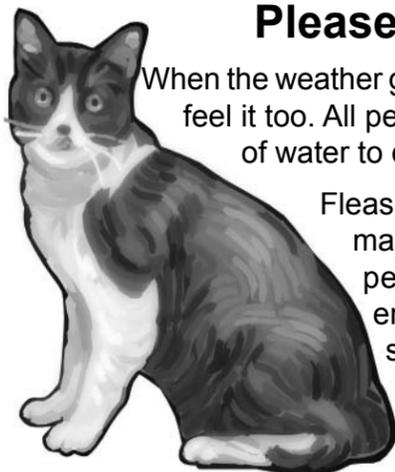
Qualifications:

- 2 years of college (minimum)
- Desire to work in a caring school environment
- Love of children and learning
- State of Maine fingerprinting required.
- Applications are available in the Raymond School District business office, upstairs at the Raymond Elementary School.

Please Remember Your Pets

When the weather gets hot and sticky, remember that your pets feel it too. All pets need shelter from the sun and rain, lots of water to drink, and regular feeding and grooming.

Fleas can be a particular nuisance. There are many types of preparations to use on your pets to prevent fleas, so ask your veterinarian what he/she would advise. Flea sprays, powders, and shampoos can be purchased at pet shops and department stores. Keeping the pet free of fleas will make everyone happier - the pet and the owner.



Most dogs and some cats enjoy a swim, but please remember that Raymond's public beaches are for people only. Pets are not welcome there.

The One Raymond Committee Wants You

The One Raymond Committee is continuing studies to find ways to reduce operating costs while at the same time improving services and eliminating any unnecessary duplication of services between the town and school. The Committee now comprises members from the Board of Selectmen, Budget/Finance Committee, and School Board. They feel that an expansion of three seats for townspeople would be invaluable to their work.

If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering your time with this committee, please call Louise Lester, Town Clerk, at 655-4742 ext. 21 or e-mail her at louise.lester@raymondmaine.org

The next meeting will be held July 18th at 6:30pm, beginning with a tour of the Public Safety Building.

Are You Sure Your Property Taxes Are Paid?

Any balance left unpaid for the 2005/06 tax year will soon be going to Lien. The required 30-day notices will be mailed the beginning of August, and Liens will be filed in September.

Please be sure to remit payment promptly, if you are in receipt of any delinquent notice or find you do have taxes in arrears.

If you are unable to make payment at this time, you may make arrangement with the Tax Collector for a payment plan, but this will not prevent interest from accruing or stop the Lien process. Should you have any questions or concerns, please call or e-mail Donna Lovely, Dep. Tax Collector, 207-655-4742, Ext. 22 or donna.lovely@raymondmaine.org.

Get Your 2006-2007 Bulky Waste Coupons July 1ST

By Louise Lester, Town Clerk

On July 1, 2006, the new budget year's bulky waste coupon booklets will be available for \$5 at the Raymond Town Office. This will allow a resident to deliver the first 1,000 pounds to the LRBWF without cost to the resident. After the initial 1,000 pounds, residents will pay the town rate at the gate of \$.05 per pound for everything except brush and round wood, which is \$.025 per pound. Of course the vehicle will also need to have the current brown bulky waste sticker affixed to the left lower side of the windshield.

Each household will be allowed one (1) coupon booklet a year. The coupon booklets are on a first come, first served basis with a total of 1,000 booklets available. The coupons are broken down in 20-pound increments which entitles the delivery of 1,000 pounds to the facility paid by the town. Your booklet can be obtained at the Raymond Town Office. The rectangular brown windshield stickers will continue to designate Raymond taxpayers as such. When a resident has delivered more weight than allowed, he/she will pay the overage at the LRBWF gate at a rate of \$.05 per pound for all acceptable materials and \$.025 for brush and round wood.

There will not be any Day Passes issued, but the coupon booklet holder will be able to allow someone else to use his/her coupons for Raymond bulky waste deposit. If they don't have any coupons, commercial haulers will pay for their deliveries at \$.10 per pound. When a resident has delivered more weight than the coupons allow, he/she will, with the brown window sticker, pay the overage at the gate at the municipal rate of \$.05/\$.025 per pound. When residents exhaust their coupons, they must pay in full at the gate. If they are Raymond taxpayers, they will be charged \$.05/\$.025 per pound but if they don't have a Raymond brown sticker, they will be charged \$.10 per pound.

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

Items that have an added charge of \$5 each are refrigerators or freezers with the doors still on, porcelain fixtures with hardware, and car tires that still have their rims. They are now taking fluorescent bulbs at \$1 per foot.

If you have any questions, please call Louise Lester at the Town Office 655-4742 ext. 21 or louise.lester@raymondmaine.org.

Raymond Rec Soccer Sign-up

Sign-up will be held on July 12 & 13 from 6-8pm at the Public Safety Building.

Registration form may be downloaded from the Raymond Website

http://www.raymondmaine.org/recreation/raymond_rec/soccer/registration_form.pdf



Hebron Academy Announces Spring Sports Award Winners

Four School Teams Win League Championships

Hebron, ME (June 7, 2006) - Hebron Academy held its Spring Sports Awards ceremony on May 25 to recognize Upper School athletes' dedication and accomplishments in interscholastic competition. Individual honors include the Coach's Award (for special contributions to a team) and Most Valuable Player (MVP). Several athletes also earned All-League awards for exceptional performance among competitors in the Maine Association of Independent Schools Athletic Directors (MAISAD) league.

Also recognized was the exciting season for the school's teams, as four varsity teams won MAISAD league championship games. In girls' tennis, Lauren Tardif (Auburn) won the MAISAD singles tournament, besting her opponents in all three of her matches to take the title.

Down 9 - 12 after six full innings, the Hebron varsity baseball team staged a 9-run rally in the top of the seventh inning to take an 18-12 lead into the bottom of the inning, beating Kents Hill for the championship.

The Hebron boys' varsity lacrosse team overcame the Hyde School to win the MAISAD championship, forcing Hyde to relinquish their title of fifteen years. Hebron, up 3-1 at the half, watched as Hyde leveled the score after three quarters. Hebron would then score four unanswered goals in the final period to earn the championship victory. With a season record of 15 - 4, the team was selected by the New England Prep School Athletic Conference (NEPSAC) committee as the number one seed for the 2006 New England Lacrosse Tournament.

The girls' varsity lacrosse team secured their second MAISAD championship by defeating Gould Academy. Down by two at the half, Hebron scored two goals in the first five minutes of the second period to even the score. Hebron and Gould then traded goals for the next 10 minutes, before Jill MacIsaac's goal at the 10-minute mark gave Hebron a 9-8 lead. Gould evened the score again with two minutes remaining before MacIsaac scored the game-tying and game-winning goals in the final minute of the game.

The girls' varsity softball team won their third MAISAD championship in the past three years with a win over Kents Hill School. The Hebron bats were hot in the first inning of the game, as Daniella Lyons hit the first pitch of the game to deep left field for a lead-off triple. The score after two innings was 6-0 in favor of Hebron and would stay that way

for the remainder of the game.

Individual awards for the spring athletic season, including All-MAISAD league honors, are:

Boys' Varsity Lacrosse: MVP--TJ Thayer (Auburn), Coaches Award--Loren Joyce (Falmouth), Most Improved--Carmine Zegarelli (Laval, QC), MAISAD--Greg Harrington (Canton, MA), Roman Gosney (Raymond), Cameron Gosney (Raymond), and TJ Thayer

Boys' JV Lacrosse: Most Improved--Dan Sommer (Bethesda, MD), Coaches Award--Chris Roy (New Gloucester), Jamie Tyler (Camden)

Baseball: MVP--Will Sorkin (Davie, FL), Coaches Awards--Josh Shanbaum (Ottawa, ON), Josh Taylor (Raymond), MAISAD--Greg Gumbs (Queens, NY), Brandon Rolfe (Falmouth), Will Sorkin, Jose Gumbs (Queens, NY)

JV Baseball: MVP--Jon Glant (Garden Grove, CA), Coaches Award--Geoff Newitt (Hillsboro, NH), Most Improved--Joo Won Jun (Korea)

Girls' Varsity Lacrosse: MVP--Maddy Campbell (Arun-del), Coaches Award--Stephanie Roy (Grande Digue, NB), MAISAD--Stephanie Roy, Liane Quenneville (Beaconsfield, QC), Taylor Fey (Raymond), Maddy Campbell

Varsity Softball: MVP--Tiffany Bichrest (Harpwell), Coaches Award--Sarah Irish (Buckfield), Daniella Lyons (Greene), MAISAD -- Katherine Cole (New Gloucester), Sarah Irish, Daniella Lyons, Tiffany Bichrest

JV Softball: MVP--Emma Janeczko (Hebron), Coaches Award--Kailey Bubier (Auburn), Kayla Chadwick (Kearsarge, NH)

Girls' Tennis: MVP--Lauren Tardif (Auburn), Most Improved--Allison Maidman (Cumberland), Lewis Award -- Allison Coombs (Livermore), MAISAD--Lauren Tardif

JV Girls' Tennis: Most Improved--Amanda de Sena (Brazil)

Boys' Tennis: MVP--Sung Jae Chang (Korea), Coaches Award--Sasha Romanenko (Ukraine), Brett Bisesti (Greene)

Boys' JV Tennis: MVP--Hong Bum Lee (Korea), Coaches Award--Jae Hyung Park (Korea), Harrison Ward (Chicago, IL)

Track & Field: MVP--Jasmine Webber (Winslow), Algerson Andre (Bronx, NY), Most Improved--Sunny Jiles (New York, NY)



Hebron Academy recently recognized the accomplishments of Upper School athletes at the annual spring Sports Awards ceremony. Receiving awards were: Back Row: Chris Roy, Dan Sommer, Geoff Newitt, Sasha Romanenko, Amanda Sena, Brett Bisesti, Kayla Chadwick, Allison Coombs, Allison Maidman. Middle Row: Kailey Bubier, Brandon Rolfe, Josh Shanbaum, Algerson Andre, Taylor Fey, Sarah Irish, Sunny Jiles, Liane Quenneville, Daniella Lyons, Maddy Campbell, Jae Hyung Park, Katherine Cole. Front Row: Emma Janeczko, Will Sorkin, Greg Gumbs, Josh Taylor, Jose Gumbs, Jon Glant, Tiffany Bichrest, Lauren Tardif, Jasmine Webber, Stephanie Roy, Hong Bum Lee, Sung Jae Chang. Missing: Jamie Tyler, TJ Thayer, Loren Joyce, Carmine Zegarelli, Greg Harrington, Roman Gosney, and Cameron Gosney. (Photo by Bill Chase)



Planting the gardens at Mill Street.

Mentoring Ends Its Fifth Year

The Raymond Mentoring Partnership recently finished its fifth year of coordinating mentoring relationships. In May, mentoring pairs visited a local greenhouse to select plants, and then as a community service project planted the gardens at the Sheri Gagnon Park playground. We celebrated the end of the year with activities at Camp Hinds, including archery, nature bingo and kite making, and then welcomed families and mentors to share a BBQ dinner together. RMP also sponsored a program for JSMS 8th graders in which two teens currently in recovery with Day One spoke about substance abuse issues. RMP cosponsored bringing Ed Webster, renowned Mount Everest climber, to speak at JSMS. While the end of the year was a happy one, we were sad to say goodbye to our long-time Director Lori Rand. Lori has done a fantastic job over the years supporting and growing RMP into the successful program it is today. Although we will not be working with her on a daily basis, we look forward to future collaboration on other community initiatives. Good luck, Lori, in your new endeavors! We also said goodbye to two of our mentees who are moving out of town and two of our high school mentors who are off to college. We wish them well. We look forward to welcoming some new faces into the program in the fall, both as mentees and mentors. If you would like more information about the mentoring program or are interested in volunteering, please contact Christina Lamarre or Candace Woolston at RES at 655-8672 ext. 107, or via e-mail at mentor@raymondmaine.org.



Ashley tries archery.

Field Day At RES

Our first field day at RES was held on June 14th. All of the students in grades K-4 participated. The field day was held as a reward for filling the I CARE token jar for the year. It was a huge success, thanks to the following parents and 8th grade students who volunteered their time to help out. Our special thanks also go to Josh Stevens for bringing the smoke trailer and fire truck.

Our special thanks go to the parents: Elizabeth Algeo, Lynne Dostie, Carol Meader, Wayne Lamarre, Kathy Winde, Beth Nadeau, Beth Peavey, Lisa Backman, Beth Gaudet, Linda Manchester, Renee Cobb, James & Jennifer Gillespie, Lisa Connelly, Kevin MacDonald, Laurie Salamone, Rusty Jordan, Pam Bruno, Brian Peet and Chris Mulvihill.

And to the 8th grade students: Paige Tuttle, Jim Fisher, Brynti Craft, Greg Stauffer, Dustin Libby, Abby Brockelbank, Chantelle Lydick, Jordan Flynn, Megan Stevenson, Max Brandt, Dillon McGowan and Jaelyn Rainsford.

We couldn't have done it without you!!!!

Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Hutchinson



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Rain Garden Installed at the Allen's Property to Catch Runoff and Prevent Beach Erosion



Before - Rain washes down boat launch from the road and erodes beach area



Volunteers and staff plant Rain Garden



Rubber blade diverts water from road and boat launch into Rain Garden

Other Projects to Catch Runoff and Prevent Beach Erosion



Landowner Chris Hanson assembles two rubber blade diverters



Rubber blade diverters direct water into rock-lined outlets



The Watsons installed a crushed stone path with waterbars to divert water into vegetation; spread erosion control mulch; and planted blueberries on both sides of the path.