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The Raymond Lions Club Thanks You

The Raymond Lions Club extends its thanks and appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Jim Stephenson at the Jordan Bay Animal Hospital and to the Town of Raymond for use of property for our redeemable bottle and can collection centers. We also thank residents of Raymond and visitors who donate the empty beverage containers.

These donations make possible a substantial sum of money being given out as scholarships to Raymond residents by both the Town and the Lions Club each year. The Lions use the balance of the proceeds, in part, to aid people with vision impairment through the purchase of large print books and audio books for the library and assistance in getting needed glasses. We also screen pre-kindergarten children for condi-

tions that may lead to "lazy eye." In addition, we give support to the IRIS Network, a statewide organization that works directly with the blind, and to FIDELCO, which is the only certified program in New England to train and place guide dogs. This is a partial list of what we do with our funds. The Lions do not use any funds collected from the public for any of our own club purposes. All funds collected from the public are given back to the public.

The case of empty cola cans or six pack of adult beverage cans that you drop off, when combined with those donated by many others, goes a long way to making Raymond a better community. Thank you so much.

The Raymond Lions also collects used eyeglasses, including both prescription and non-prescription sunglasses, for recycling both in Maine and throughout Third World countries. Donations can be dropped off at

the Town Office, Raymond Village Library and Key Bank.

For information on the Raymond Lions, its programs and membership, please call Dale Gilman at 655-4114.



Parents' Night

Raymond Elementary School
 Tuesday, September 12

6:30 – 7pm

Meeting in the Gym
 with Ms. Richard and Staff

7 – 8pm

Classroom Presentations

Specialists will be available to meet with parents in the library from 7 – 8pm. Please stop in to meet them.

Parents' Night is an informational evening for parents only. Childcare will not be available at school. Please arrange for childcare at home.

PWD Awards \$1,500 to Local Student

Brendan Koza of Raymond was the 2006 recipient of the \$1,500 DiPietro Memorial Scholarship. He plans to study construction technology at Southern Maine Community College and ultimately own an environmentally-conscious construction company in the Sebago Lake area. Congratulations to Brendan Koza.

The Joseph A. DiPietro Scholarship was established in 2003 in memory of respected businessman and longtime Portland Water District Trustee Joe DiPietro.



New High School Advisory Committee Seeks Public Opinion

Raymond is an independent school district, without a high school within the town. The Raymond School District currently has a voucher system that allows Raymond high school students and their families to choose which school they attend. This system funds programming at any public school in Maine or a portion of non-parochial private school tuition. The School Board feels it is important to periodically review this school choice system. Therefore, an advisory committee has been established by the Raymond School Board to review high school programming options, needs and public preferences.

Currently, Raymond has contracts with three schools: MSAD #15 (Gray/New Gloucester), Windham School Department, and Westbrook School Department to provide services to Raymond high school students. These contracts help insure there will be services available for our students.

Our contract with the Westbrook School Department was initiated with the expectation that Westbrook High School would always have room for Raymond students as well as an interest in special programming offered at Westbrook High School. The contract with MSAD #15 was established to formalize our relationship with the system due to significant numbers of Raymond students choosing Gray/New Gloucester High School at that time. The MSAD #15 and Westbrook contracts are due for renegotiation in June 2008.

In 2002, our contract with the Windham School Department was re-negotiated, while Windham prepared for a renovation and addition at their high school, in a mutual effort to assure space for Raymond students within the Windham program. The Windham contract is due for renegotiation in June 2013.

While the majority of Raymond students attend contract schools, Raymond students have also attended schools such as Hebron Academy, North Yarmouth Academy, Poland Regional High School and Yarmouth High School.

The Raymond community has historically declined opportunities to join a CSD (Community School District), thus maintaining the family choice voucher system. Although the state is not currently offering district consolidation incentives, this topic continues to receive attention, as fiscal concerns remain an issue.

The high school focus advisory committee is charged with collection and dissemination of current public opinion with regard to high school programming. The initial task includes community participation in the public survey contained in this edition of the *Raymond Road Runner* (see page 7). The advisory committee has also been asked to research options to meet the needs of Raymond high school students over the next 5-10 years to further help with the upcoming renegotiation of the Gray/New Gloucester and Westbrook contracts. The committee is advisory in capacity and does not have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the Board. Results of the public survey, as well as other committee work, will be presented at Board meetings and provided in later editions of the *Raymond Road Runner*.

Road Runner Articles

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by Thursday, September 21st. 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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- Hunting and fishing licenses
- Assessment information
- Property & other maps

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Raymond Village Library News

At a Glance

Monday, September 4: Labor Day – library is closed.

Wednesday, September 27: Book Discussion Group, at the library at 7pm.

Thursday, September 28: Raymond Village Library Annual Meeting at the library at 7pm.

Wednesday, October 4: Native American Traditions and Music Program, at the library at 7pm.

Book Sale

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in the Annual Book Sale, either by donations or purchases or both. We always rely on the generosity of our patrons and are never disappointed. The book sale is one of our largest fundraisers of the year and once again this year you made it a wonderful success. Please remember that we accept gently used, clean books throughout the year. They can be brought into the library at any time.

Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is library card sign-up month. The Raymond Village Library encourages everyone to take advantage of this reminder, especially at the start of the new school year, because a library card is the most important school supply of all and costs absolutely nothing.

Chess Classes

Chess for ages 8-12 was offered at Raymond Village Library Sunday, August 13. Ryan Pridgeon of Raymond, an incoming 6th Grader, contacted RVL and asked if he could start a Chess Club. Ryan competes in many chess tournaments and was willing to teach chess skills to others who were interested.

Ryan started playing chess at his library where he lived before moving to Raymond. His chess teacher at the library taught him the game, and Ryan played faithfully for two years, acquiring much skill, and became a member of the

US Chess Federation. In addition to offering his time and skill, Ryan supplied the boards for this program and used the time at the library for playing against each person who attended and giving instruction to those competing. Ryan had the players try different move sequences to demonstrate different strategies for playing this popular board game. All who attended had a fun time and walked away with more strategies and knowledge than when the day began.

While the details are not yet in place, there is talk of having a monthly meeting at RVL for chess playing students. There will be more information on this at the start of the school year. Raymond Village Library would like to thank Ryan for taking the initiative to offer such a fun program and for sharing his time and skills with others in Raymond.

Book Group

The book chosen for September is “The Fall of the Year” by Howard Frank Mosher. The discussion will take place September 27 at the library at 7pm. All interested readers are invited to attend.

Annual Meeting

Everyone is invited to attend the library’s annual meeting on Thursday, September 28, beginning at 7pm. Board members, committee chairs and the library staff will review the accomplishments and challenges of the previous year, and then we’ll talk about our goals and plans going forward. Best of all, we’ll serve refreshments!

Native American Program

On October 4, beginning at 7pm at the library, Lynn Osterberg will present a program on Native American Traditions and Music. Lynn, a descendent of the Ojibwa Tribe, will share

Ojibwa and other Native American life and traditions. She will explain how native people were able to sustain themselves on small amounts of food. She will also introduce Frank Barber, of Cherokee heritage, who will discuss corn and its importance in the lives of Native Americans. Both Lynn and Frank, along with other people of native heritage, will sing songs and play the drum. This was a very popular program originally offered in November 2004. It will be a real treat for the entire family.

E-Newsletter

There has been a wonderful positive response to the library’s newly created e-mail newsletter. The advantage of receiving the information of upcoming events and news of new books and what is happening at the library by e-mail has aided many patrons. If you would like to be part of this information chain, just e-mail administrator@raymondvil-lagelibrary.org to sign up.



Recent chess class held at the Raymond Village Library taught by Ryan Pridgeon, an incoming 6th grader of Raymond.

September 2006

Events and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FB=Fire Barn JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd PS=Public Safety Bldg. RE=Raymond Elementary CL=Casco Library	SG=Sheri Gagnon TG=Town Garage RT85 TH=Town Hall VL=Village Library VC=Village Church VT=Village Tennis MB=Modular at JSMS				1	2 Town Office Closed
3	4 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY RVL Library closed	5 7:00PM TH Selectmen’s Meeting	6 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 6:30PM RE School Committee Meeting	7 6:30PM KC Raymond Lions Club Meeting	8	9
10	11 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 7:00PM VL Library Board	12 6:30PM JS One Raymond Committee	13 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 6:30PM TH Planning Board Meeting	14 6:30PM JS JSMS Parent Night	15	16
17 10:00AM TH Appeals Board Site Walk	18 10:00AM VL Library Babytime	19 7:00PM TH Selectmen’s Meeting	20 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 6:30PM RE School Committee Workshop	21 ROADRUNNER DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER ISSUE ARTICLES	22	23
24	25 10:00AM VL Library Babytime 7:00PM TH Appeals Board Meeting	26 7:00PM TH Possible Board of Assessment Review 7:00PM MB Conservation Commission	27 10:00AM VL Library Toddlertime 10:45AM VL Library Preschool Storytime 7:00PM VL Book Group	28 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee 7:00PM VL RVL Annual Meeting	29	30

Municipal News Brief

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions:

Tuesday, August 1, 2006

- 1) Appointments of Norman Fortin, John Brenan, Jean Carter and school representative Roger Ginn to One Raymond Committee – Louise Lester, Town Clerk.

Norman Fortin, John Brenan, Jean Carter and school department representative Roger Ginn were all appointed to the One Raymond Committee. This Committee is currently exploring innovative strategies to share resources and reduce costs between the Town and School and also by working with neighboring communities. One Raymond Committee meeting notices are posted on the Town's website, and the public is encouraged to attend.

- 2) Sam Gifford appointment to CPIC – Louise Lester, Town Clerk.

Sam Gifford was appointed as a member of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee after an interview by the Board of Selectmen.

- 3) Peddler's License location change for Jay Scangarella's (J's Hot Dog Cart) business from the Car Wash on Rt. 302 to The Fisherman's Net – Louise Lester, Town Clerk.

The Town Manager explained that Mr. Scangarella had moved from the original approved location at the Car Wash to the Fisherman's Net without notifying the Town Office of this change. Although Mr. Scangarella had been contacted to attend the meeting, he did not appear. The Board of Selectmen felt this move required notice and review and requested that Mr. Scangarella be contacted once again to appear at the next meeting. The Selectmen also indicated that they wished to have information as to all other employees that would be staffing this business along with Mr. Scangarella. In the original approval Mr. Scangarella stated that he would be the sole employee. The Board of Selectmen directed the Town Manager to send a letter to Mr. Scangarella requesting an explanation of the reasons for the move, the traffic patterns and logistics of operating at the new site, and a list of his employees. It was determined that the business could continue operating in the intervening two weeks.

- 4) Reactivation of the Building Committee and addition of One Raymond Committee representatives – Mark Gendron, Chair of Selectmen.

The mission of this new committee will be to follow up on the work completed by the Building Committee and presented last year in a report by former Building Committee Chair Marcia Corradini. The previous Building Committee identified potential sites and opportunities to address space needs at the Town Office. The new Building Committee will review the material completed to date and conduct further investigations for the One Raymond Committee, which will then make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Other areas of concern include future space needs at the Public Works Department and the Library. The Board of Selectmen approved the formation of a new Building Committee as a sub-committee of the One Raymond Committee. The following seven members were appointed to serve: Roger Ginn, Louise Lester, Ernie Allen, John Brenan, Chris McLellan, Mark Gendron & Dana Desjardins. The application materials of three additional interested citizens will be kept on file for consideration as vacancies occur.

- 5) Discussion of lien release for Beth Ann Hurd, Raymond Hill Road – Jack Cooper, CEO.

Mr. Cooper provided an overview of the history of this action and the current state of compliance with the Town's Land Use Ordinance. Currently the property is out of compliance with the Storage Lot section of the ordinance, which caused both the Town Manager and the CEO to recommend that the Town not release municipal interest in the property. A motion was made to send a 30 day notice demanding compliance and continue to maintain the Town's Judgment Lien for a one year period beyond the revised date for compliance. The Board of Selectmen will consider this issue once again during September 2007.

- 6) Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) Election Ballot.

The Board of Selectmen cast their ballot for Standish Town Manager Gordon Billington and Raymond Selectman Joe Bruno.

- 7) Annual Election MMA Executive Committee Officers and Directors.

The Board of Selectmen voted for Portland City Councilor Nick Mavadones for MMA President and Janet White for MMA Vice-President. For Directors with three year terms, they voted for Stephan Bunker, Selectman, Town of Farmington; Scott Harriman, Town Manager, Town of Baileyville; and John Sylvester, Selectman, Town of Alfred.

- 8) Old unfinished business

- a) Recycling and municipal solid waste pick-up policy discussion – Phil Hammett, Recycling Committee Chairman.

Recycling Committee Chairman Phil Hammett presented an overview of his recent conversations with the Town Manager and Pine Tree Waste (Pine Tree) about the possibility of the Town implementing a one-barrel weekly trash pick up limit in the future. Pine Tree is currently contracted to a two-barrel limit program. Pine Tree believes that going to one-barrel will increase costs to Raymond due to the likely large increase in recycling volume. Currently the recycling trucks are at capacity and adding more recycling would become an added cost to Pine Tree that under the current contract could not be passed through to the Town. Pine Tree is looking, however, at utilizing Regional Waste Systems (RWS) for recycling under a single stream program which should be available by March of 2007. This will allow Pine Tree to carry more recycling material on their trucks by not having to separate the materials curbside. The sorting would be done at RWS. Under this scenario it may well be feasible from a cost standpoint to consider a one-barrel pick up limit. Pine Tree indicated that they were willing to try a pilot single barrel program in January as requested by the Recycling Committee, since Raymond's overall MSW output is lower during the winter months. The Board of Selectmen had several concerns over this potential change including cost ramifications, which would need to be fully understood before the development of the fiscal year 2007/2008 municipal budget. There was considerable discussion about the real potential for recycling improvements and cost savings under a one-barrel limit versus the current program. Additional concerns were related to enforcement of a one-barrel curbside pick up limit and the cost this program would likely impose upon summer residents and others who did not heavily utilize other existing Town services. Arguments for the one-barrel limit included a likely substantial increase in the Town's recycling rate, which translates into potential revenue and environmental improvement. Chairman Mark Gendron felt that the Board of Selectmen had to find the correct balance between fiscal responsibility, environmental concerns and proper service levels. It was agreed by all parties that additional research is necessary before a decision on a one-barrel limit is made, but that the Town's overall goal should be to continue to contain costs and encourage recycling. All the parties also agreed adequate advance notice and public education were necessary should any changes be made in the existing program. The Town Manager pointed out that a new recycling and MSW pick up contract will need to be negotiated early in 2007, as the current agreements expire at the end of the present fiscal year on June 30, 2007. Selectman Dana Desjardins, Raymond's representative to the Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp. facility (MMWAC), expressed concern that increased recycling will also diminish the level of BTU output in the delivered trash to the regional incinerator which could translate to higher tip fees due to lower power production. It was decided that at the current time, the Town will actively pursue educating the public on complying with the existing two-barrel-per-week limit under the current MSW roadside pick up contract. Strict enforcement of the long-standing two-barrel limit will commence beginning November 1st, 2006.

- 9) Town Manager Report & Communications

- a) The Town Manager announced that Raymond will be getting approximately \$38,000 less this year in state revenue sharing due to revised projections received from the Office of the State Treasurer.

- b) The Town Manager outlined the present status of a border discrepancy between the towns of Raymond and Casco. It was discovered during a recent property survey that there may be a need to correct a small portion of the present location of the town line between the two communities.

Cumberland County Communications Center – Selectman Dana Desjardins indicated that he had toured the County's new facility and was very impressed. The Town Manager reported that Raymond will be approaching the Town of Gray with an offer to combine dispatch efforts for cost savings. Chairman Mark Gendron reported that the One Raymond Committee had discussed emergency radio dead spots in Raymond, which might be addressed by putting a public safety antenna on the WGME tower. The Board of Selectmen endorsed the Town Manager contacting WGME to request antenna space on the broadcast tower and also supported sending a letter to Gray regarding combining dispatch centers. Chairman Mark Gendron informed the Board of Selectmen that the One Raymond Committee will shortly be investigating the possibility of combining Town and School insurance and seeking bids from the private sector in order to reduce combined insurance costs. Currently the Town is insured for property, casualty, general liability and public officials liability insurance through the Maine Municipal Association in Augusta. The School Department obtains similar coverages from private insurer Kyse Insurance of Farmington.

- 10) Fiscal Warrants - Approved payroll & appropriation warrants dated August 1, 2006.

Tuesday, August 15, 2006

- 1) Constable appointment, Paul Barber – Louise Lester, Town Clerk

The Town Manager made a conditional appointment of Mr. Paul Barber in order to provide traffic ordinance enforcement for the past weekend, since regular Constable Bill Bell was unavailable. The Town Manager briefed the Board of Selectmen on the current appointed Constables and requested that Mr. Barber be added in this capacity, which was unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen.

- 2) Consideration of abatements – Contract Assessor Michael O'Donnell, O'Donnell & Associates (Don Willard presenting for him)

After discussion of the twenty-seven abatements and two denials the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the recommendations of Contract Assessor Mike O'Donnell.

- 3) One Raymond Committee Update – Mark Gendron & Dana Desjardins, Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Mark Gendron told the Selectmen that a One Raymond Committee update will be a likely part of regular Board of Selectmen agendas moving forward for the foreseeable future. The One Raymond Committee is very active in pursuing strategies to both improve services and reduce costs by sharing resources between Town departments, including the School, and neighboring communities. Co-Chair Dana Desjardins discussed the possibility of scheduling One Raymond Committee meetings after both the Selectmen and School Board meetings each month in order to make scheduling easier. He suggested holding meetings the last Thursday of each month. Future topics to be discussed include the direction of Public Safety Communications, outsourcing payroll services and the possibility of privatizing municipal insurance. It is also expected the One Raymond Committee will discuss the possibility of soliciting input from Raymond residents on the quality of all public services. A draft Citizen Satisfaction Survey has been completed by Technology Committee Chair Laurie Forbes, Town Manager Secretary Laurie Cook, and Town Manager Don Willard.

- 4) Executive Session – Discussion of confidential records pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F) Tax acquired property discussion.

The Board of Selectmen voted to go into Executive Session at 7:14pm to discuss possible municipal action with respect to a tax acquired property. Chairman Mark Gendron reopened the meeting at 7:28pm. A motion was made to send a letter to the property owner, in arrears for a seven year period, giving him until Friday October 20th, 2006, as a deadline to pay all back taxes, interest, penalties and costs; or the Town of Raymond will commence with foreclosure. This motion was approved unanimously.

5) Old (unfinished) business.

- a) Revised Peddler's License Application for Jay Scangarella, doing business as J's Hot Dog Cart – Louise Lester, Town Clerk

Chairman Mark Gendron requested a report on the employees that were working at this business, given that others had been observed working and Mr. Scangarella had originally said that he would be the sole employee. Mr. Scangarella said the Fisherman's Net requested his business at their site, and one of their employees had worked for him three days a week but has now returned to school. The business will be open five days, Monday through Friday, with Mr. Scangarella manning the stand from 10:30am to 3pm. The Selectmen discussed Mr. Scangarella's move and the need to notify the Town in the future of any changes to an issued Peddler's License. Selectman Joe Bruno felt that the confusion was partly the Town's fault because the Peddler's License wasn't specific as to locations and the process for making changes in the future. The Town Manager said that improvements in the application form and administration of Peddler's Licenses will be forthcoming from the Town Clerk. Mr. Scangarella told the Board of Selectmen that he would shortly be moving his cart to the Amvets Building in New Gloucester and would no longer be doing business in Raymond.

6) Town Manager Report and Communications.

- a) The Town Manager provided an overview of the proposal that he had submitted to the Town of Gray to provide dispatch services. Gray officials have decided to postpone a decision on alternative proposals for dispatch services for a 60 day period in order to study the merits of a change from the Gray dispatch center to Cumberland County, the Town of Raymond or the State Police. A final option that Gray has is to continue to maintain their own standalone dispatch center. According to the Gray Town Manager, the Gray Council will be making a final decision on the future direction of Gray Public Safety dispatch services during October 2006. Selectman Dana Desjardins asked the Town Manager to explain the dispatch proposal that Raymond made to Gray. The Town Manager outlined that the proposal would be for a one year period only and would be revenue neutral to Raymond, given the fact that the Town of Raymond presently has dispatch facility openings which could be filled by Gray employees and that the Town was providing similar coverage for Raymond at the current time and could therefore absorb Gray with no expenditure increase. Part of the proposal to Gray includes the Town of Gray making available any and all public safety dispatch equipment that would be suitable for reuse in a combined center. At the conclusion of the one year trial period a new cost sharing apportionment would be developed, hopefully including other local towns, which would reduce Raymond's cost for dispatching substantially while maintaining current levels of service and a local facility. Failing the Town working out such an arrangement, the only other apparent option for combined dispatch services would be through Cumberland County. Selectman Dana Desjardins asked that the other Selectmen tour the Cumberland County dispatch facility, and Selectman Joe Bruno requested that Cumberland County Communications Director Bill Holmes make a presentation about their services at the September 5th Board of Selectmen meeting. Selectman Dana Desjardins suggested that the Town send a letter of condolence on behalf of the Selectmen, employees, and Raymond citizens for the death of the Gray Fire Chief Jon Barton.

- b) Request for establishment of capital reserve funds – The Town Manager announced that Planning

Board Chairman Patrick Clark and Conservation Commission Chair John Rand requested that funds previously approved for specific activities by their respective committees be carried forward to complete the objectives originally approved. After discussion the Board of Selectmen approved the request for the Raymond Conservation Commission to establish a capital reserve account in the amount of \$2,930 to complete the Open Space Plan, and in the amount of \$7,775 for the Planning Board for technical assistance related to ordinance revisions. This motion was approved unanimously.

- c) Lake Region Bulky Waste – Town Clerk Louise Lester informed the Board of Selectmen that the Bulky Waste facility will be installing new scales and equipment at the facility on September 26th and 28th, and from September 30th to October 8th. During the installation of the new scales the use of bulky waste coupons will be impossible since accurate weights cannot be determined. After the installation of the new scales is completed on October 10, coupons will once again be able to be utilized at the facility. Deliveries will be charged at an estimated rate (cash only) during the construction period.

- 7) Fiscal Warrants – Approved payroll and appropriation warrants dated August 15, 2006.

All Raymond meetings are public, and citizens are encouraged to attend. You may also watch rebroadcasts of municipal meetings on Public Access Channel 2, which is the government channel. Channel 3 is the Education/School channel. A program listing is available on-line at www.raymondmaine.org.

Mentors Needed

Mentors for youth in grades K-8 in Raymond schools

What is mentoring? It's a caring, consistent, long-term relationship between a younger person and an older one.

Qualifications:

- Can be high school age through 65+
- Reliable friend
- Good listener
- Positive role model
- Supportive
- Patient
- Encouraging
- Good sense of humor
- Like to have fun

Commitment: 1 hour per week during the school year

The Raymond Mentoring Partnership has over 15 students currently on a waiting list for mentors. We need both men and women to come and make a difference in these students' lives. An hour a week is all it takes to help students increase their self-esteem, confidence, social skills, academic success, and positive connection to our community.

We need you! For more information, please call Christina Lamarre or Candace Woolston at 655-8672 ext. 107, e-mail us at mentor@raymondmaine.org, or visit us at our Raymond Elementary School office Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Rep. John Robinson Recognized for Votes Supporting Job Creation and Economic Excellence

State Rep. John Robinson has been honored for "economic excellence" by the Maine Economic Research Institute, in recognition of his strong pro-business voting record during the 122nd Maine Legislature. His MERI "score" of 86.5 puts Rep. Robinson in the top echelon of legislators whose voting records show their support for a revitalized Maine economy to help create jobs and opportunity in the state.

Rep. Robinson also registered one of the strongest overall voting records in the entire Legislature. He was present for 96 percent of the 584 roll call votes held during Legislature's first and second sessions and two special sessions.



"I consider it my duty, having been elected to this office, to be present when votes are held," said Rep. Robinson, a first-term lawmaker whose House district includes Raymond, Frye Island, and parts of Poland and Standish. "Representing the people of my district is an honor and a responsibility I take very seriously. If I'm not present to vote, my constituents lose their voice in Augusta."

Rep. Robinson's rating by the Maine Economic Research Institute earned him a certificate of economic excellence from the organization, a non-partisan group based in Augusta. MERI scores legislators based on their votes on issues considered important to job creation, business survival, and economic growth.

The certificate reads: "This recognition is for your extraordinary performance during the 122nd Legislature, dealing often with extremely difficult economic policies affecting our state. Maine is fortunate to have citizens, such as you, willing to devote the time and energy needed to ensure that our government serves us well. You are the true champions of Maine's economy."

"It is clear to nearly everyone that Maine has severe economic challenges," said Rep. Robinson, president of Robinson Manufacturing Co. "We have the highest tax burden in the country and a low per capita income level. Our health insurance costs are much higher than people pay in other states, for the same coverage.

"We learned recently that Maine's economy went backwards last year. We were one of only two states that saw economic deterioration," Robinson added. "Too many of our kids have to leave Maine to find work. None of this is accidental and a direct result of poor economic policy out of Augusta. We're now well-known for a hostile business climate and for our extreme taxation. That is not a prescription for a healthy economy. We need to get things turned around."

Absentee Voting Available

The Town Clerk's Office is accepting absentee voting. If you find that you will not be in Raymond on November 7th for the General Election, you can vote at the Town Office before that date. Your ballots will be sealed in official envelopes and voted by the elections staff on Election Day. Your ballot will be handled in such a way that it will remain a secret ballot.

If you would like to vote in this manner, come to the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours beginning September 26th. You can vote the ballot at that time, or if you wish to take it home for your deliberation, you will be asked to fill out an application and then a clerk will give you the ballot and envelope for the ballot's return either in person or by mail. If a voter cannot come into the Town Office, please call the Clerk's Office at 655-4742 and ask to have a ballot sent to you. A clerk will fill out your application and promptly mail you a ballot and return envelope. If you wish to have a ballot sent to an immediate family member come into the Clerk's Office and fill out an application and the clerk will mail the ballot and return envelope to the voter.

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

Maine Residents Can Now Take Advantage of Tax Rebate Program

Homeowners receive 71 percent more money from expanded program

AUGUSTA—Bill Diamond of Windham (D- Cumberland County) today announced that Maine homeowners and renters can once again take advantage of the Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund Program commonly known as the "Circuit Breaker." In 2005, legislators expanded the program, increasing the number of eligible Maine homeowners and renters to more than 200,000.

According to Maine Revenue Services, the State of Maine paid out more than \$43 million to homeowners and renters who applied in the last application cycle that ran from August 1, 2005, through May 31, 2006. The average Maine homeowner or renter received \$469 towards reducing their property taxes, while some received checks as high as \$2,000.

The Legislature had expanded the program to include more than 200,000 Maine homeowners and renters and 92,000 took advantage of the program that ran from August 2005 to May 2006.

"We saw the Circuit Breaker Program as a direct pipeline for delivering property tax relief to Mainers," said Senator Diamond. "You can't argue with a check in the mail when the cost of living continues to rise."

"What we need to do now is to continue to spread the word about the Circuit Breaker program. Even though an additional 100,000 people would have been eligible for the tax relief program, I remain impressed that homeowners and renters overall saw a 71 percent increase in funds paid out by the state," said Senator Diamond. He added, "I encourage everyone to apply. Even if you didn't qualify in years past, you may find you qualify in the expanded program."

To help inform Maine renters and homeowners that thousands more people are eligible for Circuit Breaker, Maine Revenue Services is sending out more than 200,000 applications to previous rebate recipients and to those who have expressed an interest. Television commercials will also run this fall to help educate people about the program. In addition, legislators are in the process of distributing applications, and forms can be filled out online as well. Information about Circuit Breaker can also be found online at www.mainesenate.org/taxreform.

Below is additional information and data about Circuit Breaker

2004 tax year (application period Aug. 2005-May 2006) vs. 2003 Tax year (Aug. 2004-December 2004)

Note: The Legislature extended the application period for the 2004 tax year and beyond.

	2004 Tax Year Applications	2003 Tax Year Applications
Number of Applicants:	118,913	77,723
Number of Eligible Applicants:	91,879	61,369
Amount of Refunds:	\$43,121,186	\$25,152,825
Average Refund:	\$469	\$410

About Circuit Breaker

The Circuit Breaker program (also known as the Maine Tax and Rent Refund Program) was expanded by law from a rebate check of up to \$1,000 to a rebate of up to \$2,000 for homeowners and renters who apply to the program and meet the following conditions:

Single Homeowners

A single homeowner whose 2005 income was \$77,000 or less is eligible for the program if their 2005 property taxes exceeded four percent of their income.

For example, a single person with income of \$15,000 a year, but who pays \$2,900 in property taxes, would receive a \$2,000 rebate check.

Married Homeowners

A married couple or homeowner with dependents is eligible for the program if their combined income for 2005 was

\$102,000 or less and if their 2005 property taxes exceeded four percent of their income.

For example, a married couple with income of \$49,500, but paying \$4,300 in property taxes, could be eligible to receive more than a thousand dollars back from the state.

Renters

Those paying more than 20% of their 2005 income in rent could also see money back from the state under the program. In one example, a single person making \$30,000, but who pays \$13,200 in rent (with heat included), could receive a rebate check back from the state in the amount of \$522.

The program is administered by Maine Revenue Services and bases your eligibility on your 2005 household income and your 2005 property taxes or rent. In order to receive the benefits, renters and homeowners must apply for the program by filling out an application.

Maine Revenue Services estimates that over 200,000 taxpayers are eligible for the program compared to just over 100,000 taxpayers last year.

Income requirements are based on Maine Adjusted Gross Income plus the addition of a number of items that are untaxed by the state. Please refer to the Application Instructions and the Maine Revenue Services Guidance Document on Household Income.

Additional information and requirements about the program can be found by going to the Maine Tax and Rent Refund Program website. You may also call Maine Revenue Services at (207)-626-8475 for assistance. Application forms are available online, at your local municipal office, or by calling Revenue Services.

Completed applications for the program are due by May 31, 2007.

RES Principal's Report

by Norma Richard

The Raymond School District calendar has been published and sent to all Raymond homes. The district school handbook is published in this calendar to provide all families with essential information about the Raymond Elementary School and the Jordan-Small Middle School. I encourage all parents to become familiar with the handbook and to share this information with your children, especially the pages focusing on student conduct and bus behavior. Don't forget to check the monthly calendar for special events that are happening at school or in the community.

Learning is a partnership between school and home. Children are most successful when there are shared expectations for behavior and quality of work. Student responsibility is a key to establishing good habits that start in the early elementary grades and continue through middle school. Our staffs provide the framework for reinforcing student responsibility through the use of the green folders in the primary grades and student agendas in grades 4-8. Both the student folders and agendas are concrete ways to develop organizational skills, even as early as kindergarten. Parents, please expect these to come home each and every day. Review papers and assignments with your child, and use the folders and agendas as a way to communicate with your child's teacher(s). Encourage your student to take responsibility to place all homework, notes, and other papers back in their folder or agenda and then in their backpack. Your child will develop important organizational skills while benefiting from your continuing involvement.

Parents will be receiving a stack of forms, brochures and other materials during the first few weeks of school. It is very, very important that you check your student's information sheet when it comes home to be sure that the data is accurate and updated. You need to contact the school office any time information, such as your work or cell phone number, changes during the school year. It is especially important that all parents have emergency plans in place in the event that school is dismissed early due to weather or other emergencies. With nearly 600 children in our schools, we are unable to call parents directly when there is an early dismissal. Some storm related emergencies might result in a loss of power leaving us unable to use the phones to call parents. Parents should discuss emergency plans with their children and provide the school with a written copy of any change in busing plans.

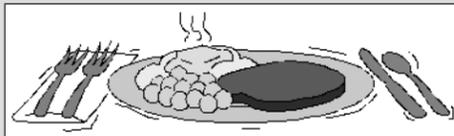
Safety continues to be a major concern in schools nationwide, and we are extending our efforts to assure that all of our students are safe at our schools. This includes having all visitors enter the school through one door, and locking other exit doors during the day. All visitors to the school, including parents and volunteers, are required to sign in at the office immediately upon entering the building. We will provide badges or passes as a way to clearly identify those adults who are school visitors. Parents at RES will wait in the library when picking up a student at the end of the day. Please be sure to let the office know IN WRITING if there is any change in busing for your child.

Safety is so very important at arrival and dismissal times. I want to remind all parents and school visitors that the speed limit in our driveways is 15 MPH and that fines are doubled in a school zone. The parking lots get very busy at both schools during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. If picking up or dropping off your child, please be respectful of other parents and be sure that your vehicle is not blocking access to the parking lot or to the bus driveway. I want to thank all community members and parents in advance for their cooperation to assure the safety of all children at school.

A major focus this year is to improve student behavior on the school bus. Student misbehavior, such as getting out of an assigned seat, turning around, standing while the bus is moving, or being loud and disruptive, can distract the bus driver. All students deserve a safe ride to school. All students are expected to follow bus rules and to follow the directions given by the driver. Please note that students will lose bus privileges for inappropriate behavior. I would like to ask all parents to review with your child frequently the bus rules for Safety and Respect. On behalf of our bus drivers, I thank you for your support.

I look forward to seeing all of our students when they arrive back at school on Tuesday, September 5.

Community Meal



Please join us for a delicious meal!

**Friday, September 1st
from 4:30-6:00PM**

**Food will be continually served,
so please come anytime!**

**Christ Chapel
37 Northern Pines Road**

**Off of Route 85 near
Crescent Lake in Raymond**

The meal will consist of:

Baked Beans

Hot dogs & spiral ham

Cole slaw

Assorted Desserts

(A sugar-free dessert will be provided for those with dietary restrictions.)

Cold drinks, Coffee & Tea

This meal is open to the surrounding communities and is free of charge.

All ages are encouraged to attend!

Please call 655-5058 if you have any questions.

***Ask for Jennifer or leave a message and she will return your call.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Raymond-Casco Historical Society

Reported by Anne Miller

The featured speaker for the June 19, 2006, meeting of the Raymond-Casco Historical Society was Adam Grant, who shared reminiscences about the history of the Watkins Family. The Watkins 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 Route 302.



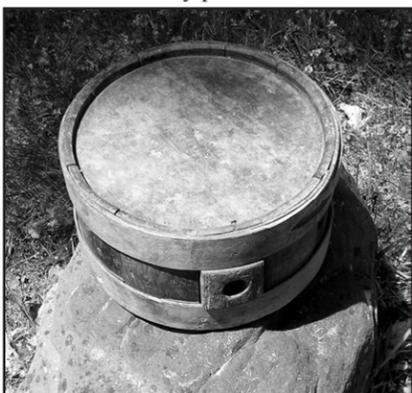
Adam and a poster advertising the October 1903 Little Rigby Fair.

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 Little Rigby original racing cards from early 1900 when Casco had its own racecourse located on the corner of Routes 11 and 121.

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 an 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.

Adam also displayed several other early items saved from the Watkins family possessions.



Early woodcraft — was it used for making cheese? The lid comes off.

The members thanked Adam for taking us back into the past and showing us how life was lived in Casco and Raymond over 100 years ago. †



Utility bowl made from a single piece of wood, used for a variety of kitchen chores. 1 – Oval wood box, in the Shaker style, 2 & 3 – six-sided cookie cutters, 4 – mechanical apple peeler



The Watkins' Quaker Ridge home as it appears today

Digital pictures by Frank Vierling

Notes from July 1, 2006, Meeting Minutes

President Joseph Webber welcomed members and guests, then all introduced themselves. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Vice President Linda Alexander.



1849 Friends School and Society Museum.

Due to another commitment, Wayne Holmquist asked to speak first and discussed the status of the Davis Foundation Grant. Elizabeth Bullen had given him a list of all the items we have in or for the museum. He left a copy for President Webber to be put on our website and a second copy to be filed in our fireproof file at the Public Safety Building.

He spoke of visiting New Hampshire and the Lake Winnepesaukee Museum. They have hired a woman to do all their records. He would like everyone in our organization to draw up a suggested floor plan visualizing the space we would need for our museum: what Raymond/Casco artifacts we expect to display; wall space needed for pictures, charts and maps; how we can raise money and how to support the museum once a building is found or constructed. "Think about a new building," he added.

Program:

Our program was a slide show of old Raymond pictures given by Al Morrison. These slides were part of a collection of Carol Hartley and donated to the society by her husband James. The collection was stored at the Raymond Library and recently "found" when the library rearranged their collection. The collection of 35 mm slides consists of 360 Raymond, 138 Casco and 45 slides of other towns.

Al had prepared 160 Raymond slides to show, keeping in mind that the slides were made from very old photographs. Many are not clear, but are historically informative and useful.

We hope to see the remainder at another time and possibly Phil Cole could report on the Casco pictures.

Secretary's Report:

There was no secretary's report due to the absence of our secretary Carmen Lone.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Betty McDermott reported a balance of \$2,522.27.

The Raymond Library donated \$50 to RCHS for all the good work Betty McDermott did while a selectperson and the help she gave to the library.

School House:

Ann Miller reported she had received a list of repairs needed for the school from Bill Symonds, with an estimate of \$1,393.

Due to the wet spring, the Correctional Center will not be able to do the painting until September or October. Anne Miller has purchased the materials for the work.

July 29 is Casco Days. Our Schoolhouse will be open and Anne Miller needs a few volunteers.

Old Business:

The School House Historic Plaque will be mounted on the building after the repairs and painting have been done.

Frank Vierling (655-4315, frvierling@aol.com) will be doing the newsletter. Please contact him with anything to be published, such as old pictures and old newspaper items of historical interest.

New Business:

President Webber received a phone call from Ann Haydel of New York State who has furniture and information about Casco and Webbs Mills she would like to donate to the society.

New Members:

We welcome Zeena and Skip Watkins and Pamela and Ray Grant & family as new members.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is our annual Potluck Picnic, August 21, 2006, on Hacker's Hill at 6pm. If it's raining, we will meet in the Raymond Public Safety Building.

September Meeting:

On September 18, 2006, Louise Lester will talk on the Town of Raymond Historical Records.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Alexander, Vice President,
Secretary Pro tem

The RCHS July Program



Al Morrison at the slide projector. In the background are new member Zeena Watkins and guest Gilbert Avery.

Sample pictures from the Hartley collection.



Raymond logging.



Traveling music man with his hurdy-gurdy.



The State Fish Hatchery on Mill Street.



Canning factory workers.

Copied from the November 14, 1851, *New York Times*.

"It is said that since the Liquor Law went into operation in Portland, Maine, the crime rate has decreased in the city by seventy-five percent."

SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS — Casco Days Open House

By Anne Miller

The Raymond-Casco Historical Society held its open house Saturday, July 29, 2006, during Casco days at the 1849 Friends Schoolhouse. Members dressed in costumes of that era to lend an atmosphere to the occasion. Holly Ihloff and Anne Miller served as teachers for the day.



Sarah Vincent; Ansell Critchfield (kneeling); Sara's mother Joy Vincent, who is Anne Miller's daughter; and teachers for the day Anne Miller and Holly Ihloff with Theo Slobod (standing).

Theo Dean aged 7, Ansell Critchfield aged 9, home schoolers from Casco, and Sarah Vincent aged 6 from New Jersey pretended they were in school in 1849. Among the many Casco Days visitors to the school was a New York fashionable lady of 1890 complete with parasol to ward off the sun.

Visiting children were interested to know that children in those days attended this school for eight years. The youngest ones sat in the front row; the eldest children sat in the back. The boys were responsible for bringing in the wood for the stove and fetching water from the well. One metal dipper cup was used for all the children to drink from.

Holly showed visitors a few pieces of the society's vintage clothing collection.

They were impressed by the fine needlework used in making clothing. Many stories were told by Marshall Tenney, who wore the costume of a Casco gentleman of 1869. As children, he and his sister attended this school when it was on its original site on Quaker Ridge. It was moved to its present home in Casco in the early 1970s.

Casco Days visitors to the schoolhouse enjoyed a close-up inspection of Phil Cole's collection of 100-year-old working engines. One of the engines was actually used to make soda water in the old Casco Inn. Phil has lovingly taken care of these ancient mechanical workhorses for many of his 88 years. He says that keeping them in running order is quite a challenge. Phil has had his engines in the Casco Days Parade since its beginning in 1935.

On hand throughout the day at the schoolhouse to answer questions were RCHS members Joseph Webber, President; Carmen Lone, Secretary; Frank Vierling; Adam Grant and Phil Cole. The next RCHS meeting will be a potluck picnic on Hacker Hill, Casco, on Monday, August 21, at 6pm. If raining, it will be held at the Raymond Public Safety Building on Route 302.



Holly showing clothing to John Slobod with daughter Theo. Son Ry is busy in the background.



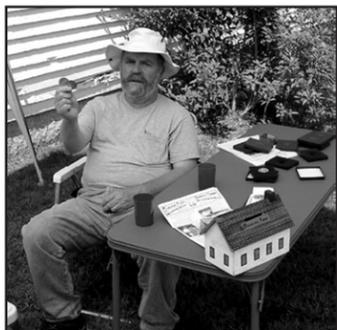
Phil Cole and his Same Old Stuff. Above photo by Mark Miller; all others by Frank Vierling



Emma Tenney, 81, from Windham, and her younger brother, 71-year-old Marshall from Westbrook.



Society Custodian Anne Miller; Secretary Carmen Lone and "Engineer" Phil Cole.



Greeter, President Webber.

WANTED — WANTED
Raymond pictures and stories.
Remember, if it happened, it is now history! Stories and pictures need not be old, just related to Raymond-Casco with some historical significance and worthy of remembering.
Contact: Anne Miller — dmiller2@maine.rr.com or Mrs. David Miller
16 Parson Point Road
Casco, ME 04015

ENDOWMENT DONATIONS

Here's how to participate in the Society's Endowment Fund. Make your tax-deductible contribution by check made out to Raymond-Casco Historical Society and designate it for investment in the Society Endowment. Mail to:
RCHS, P.O. Box 1055, Raymond, ME 04071

Community Survey - Options for Raymond High School Students

Dear Community Members,

Over the years we have seen the placement options for Raymond's high school students fluctuate, and 'choice' has been an important element of the educational system in Raymond. The purpose of this survey is to help the School Board better understand residents' views about our district's school choice system. Your participation will help us make informed decisions. We value the views of all residents.

Thank you in advance for your participation.
The School Board

Please check the statement that best completes the sentence:

- While living in Raymond, I/we
 - have chosen an area high school for my child within the last 5 years.
 - have chosen an area high school for my child 5 years ago or earlier.
 - have not yet had the chance to choose an area high school for my child, but will in the future.
 - have not had or will not have to choose an area high school for my child.
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|--|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| | is VERY | is a good | is a bad | should not | does not |
| | important | idea | idea | happen | affect me |
- Maintaining high school choice in Raymond . . .

<input type="checkbox"/>				
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 - Maintaining all of the current high school contracts to insure space and options . . .

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 (current contract schools: GNG, Windham, Westbrook)
 - Exploring options to send all Raymond students to one high school . . .

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 - I understand the reason(s) for having contracts with specific schools.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't need/want to know
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 - Rank order the following advantages of school choice, 1 being MOST significant.
 - Meets students' individual needs and interests
 - Provides a broader range of educational and co-curricular opportunities than a single school could offer
 - Encourages parents to be better informed about local schools
 - Offers financial benefits for families seeking non-sectarian private education
 - Broadens students' social networks and opportunities
 - Other {specify: _____}
 - Rank order the following disadvantages of school choice, 1 being MOST significant.
 - Separation from friends - Raymond students end up in different places
 - Transportation issues
 - Receiving school options may be limited or change from year to year
 - No Raymond representation on receiving district education boards
 - Family transition to new community atmosphere
 - Other {specify: _____}
- For those who currently have, have had, or will have a student attend high school through the Raymond School District please continue with question 8. All other residents are invited to include additional comments at the end of the survey.
- What are the 3 main characteristics you looked for / will look for in choosing a high school? (Check up to 3 choices)
 - overall academic strength & diversity
 - extra curricular programs and/or philosophy
 - friends or family attending the same high school
 - bussing available
 - student / teacher ratios
 - post secondary school attendance
 - school facilities (buildings, technology & grounds)
 - quality of staff
 - location
 - school size
 - strong parental involvement in the school
 - vocational program accessibility
 - accreditation status
 - OTHER _____

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Community Survey - Options for Raymond High School Students

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For those who currently have or have had a student attend high school through the Raymond district choice system please continue with questions 9-12. All other residents are invited to include additional comments at the end of the survey.

9. School attended/attending: {If you have experience with more than one high school, please indicate the school you are rating. If you would like to comment on your experience with another school, please use the comment column.}

___ GNG ___ Westbrook ___ Windham
 ___ Other (specify: _____)

10. Please rate the following aspects of your student's high school (Select one answer for each item)

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Comments
Academic program/ curriculum					
Extra curricular program/philosophy					
Principal/Teachers/ Staff					
Facilities					
Instruction that responds to my child's needs					
Academic standards					
Parent involvement opportunities					
Community acceptance of Raymond students					
Student / Teacher Ratio					
Transportation					
Student diversity					

11. Overall, how satisfied are you with the high school your son or daughter attends/attended?
 ___ Very satisfied ___ Satisfied ___ Unsatisfied ___ Very unsatisfied

12. How influential were each of the following individuals or groups in your high school selection process?

	Limited	Moderate	Extensive	Comments
Parent(s)				
Student				
Student's friends				
Parent's friends				
Raymond teachers / staff				
Elder sibling {placement}				
High school staff				

Any additional comments you would like to offer about high school choice in Raymond: _____

Thank you!
Please return the survey by October 1, 2006.

Completed surveys can be returned to: High School Survey, c/o Superintendent of Schools, 434 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071 or dropped off at one of the following locations: RES, JSMS, the Town Office or the Raymond Village Library.

Panther Pond Association Notes

By Ben Severn, PPA President

- A Busy Week in July
- Election Results
- Water Level Action Plan
- A Reminder: Getting Educated in the Fall

A Busy Week in July

The last week in July was a busy one with the 4th annual meeting on Tuesday and the second annual boat tour and picnic following on Saturday. Attendance at the annual meeting was the largest ever, though never with as many people as one would hope. On the bright side, we added new members and had some lapsed members come back to the fold. As for the boat tour and picnic, we had a great turnout for the second year in a row, with Mother Nature giving us a beautiful day to first enjoy the pontoon boat visits to the Conservation Project sites and later, with help from Hannaford's, to chat over hamburgers and hot dogs at Brian and Leigh Walker's.

Once again, many thanks to Chase Rand and Judy Richards and to Duncan and Nancy Reed for piloting us all around the pond in their beautiful floating pontoon machines, and to the wonderful Walker hospitality and barbecuing skills. If you ever have wanted to know how to incorporate a water pistol hose into your barbecuing skills, you must see Brian in action. It surely is worthy of Ripley's attention. I would also like to thank the members of King's Grant Association (of which I am a member) for letting us invade their premises in order to board the pontoon boats. And finally, I would like to thank all of you, those who attended the various events and those of you who, through your membership support, were here in spirit if not body. Thank you.

Election Results

Elected to serve for 2 years:

- Ben Severn, President;
- Phil Boissonneault, Vice President
- Sharon Cox, Secretary
- Ginger Wallace, Treasurer
- Brian Walker, Environmental Officer.

Water Level Action Plan

While there were several topics covered at the annual meeting, the one that the group focused on was the continuing concern about the pond's water level and how we might get better control over it. For the rest of the topics discussed, the full minutes to the annual meeting will be posted to the website by the end of August.

The pond's water level continues to worry many people. Some worry because the water is too high, while others worry because it is too low. People wonder who is in charge of the dam, is it the IF&W office at Gray? The answer is the IF&W, but not the Gray office. As the Board started to deal with this issue last fall, we sought advice from other associations, especially LEA. The bottom line was that it is a "no win" situation for a lake association. Leave it alone, they said. We decided we couldn't because there are some legitimate questions that we should have answers to, so we proceeded. The members at the annual meeting agreed. The discussion at the meeting made clear that this is not about high and low water levels, because what is one person's high water is another's low water. Rather, the purpose of the effort is to collect information about the water level so that we can separate fact from fiction, better understand the water level constraints imposed by the type of dam that is in place at Mill Street, and understand what we can and can't expect to be able to control. We might not like the answers, but we at least will know what is and isn't possible.

We are fortunate to have Phil Boissonneault as a PPA member and as our Vice President. Phil recently retired from PWD with many years of experience with the water level issues on Sebago. He agreed to lead the effort to collect facts about the water level on Panther. As a start, and following suggestions from an IF&W draft proposal, we anticipate that we will have a volunteer or two responsible for recording the water level at the dam about twice a week and transmitting this information to the Casco IF&W office that is responsible for opening and closing the dam. While we don't know where the data will lead us at this time, and while we recognize that weather forecasts do not always prove to be correct, we hope that when the weather forecasts are combined with more current water level data due to the greater frequency of data collection, we may be able to avoid water level extremes more often than has occurred in the past.

As noted above, the IF&W has submitted a draft proposal to PPA regarding the data collection effort. A copy of the proposal will be sent to all members with e-mail addresses and will be made available on the PPA website within the Town's website by the end of the month. Stay tuned over the course of the next few months as Phil pushes forward with the effort and publishes his findings here and at our website.

Because its staff at Casco is pretty thin, the IF&W has asked anyone who wants to request a change in the flow of water through the dam to contact the PPA Board and have the request come from the Board. We can be reached at ppa@raymondmaine.org . Or if it is an emergency, you can contact me at 655-3936. Some of you have already had the experience of being referred from the Gray office to PPA. Obviously, we are all free to call whomever we choose, but in this case, IF&W is being quite helpful and positive regarding the dam. Try us first. If we can't give you a good answer, then make your call directly to IF&W in Casco.

A Reminder—Getting Educated in the Fall

Watershed Stewards Program

Do you want to learn what you can do to help protect Panther Pond and make a difference to our watershed for years to come? Then you need to sign up for the Watershed Stewards Program you've read about before. It's at the Raymond Public Safety Building starting Tuesday September 12th and ending October 24th—6:30pm to 9pm. It is free. See the August Road Runner or the RWPA newsletter for details.

To register: Contact Laura Wilson of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension at 207-581-2971 or at Lwilson@umext.maine.edu

Enjoy the remainder of the summer. Where did it go?

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Macy's "Shop for a Cause"

Fourth grade teachers at the Raymond Elementary School invite you to participate in this year's Macy's "Shop for a Cause" fundraiser on September 16, 2006, at Macy's at the Maine Mall in South Portland. Macy's, to support local community and school organizations, created this unique one-day-only shopping event. This year Macy's "Shop for a Cause" will support the fourth graders' trip to the Maine Conservation School this fall.

The concept is simple. Macy's will provide our school with shopping passes to sell for \$5 each. Every dollar we make will go directly to our camping fund. The more shopping passes we sell, the more we will make to support this great educational field trip. By purchasing a shopping pass to this event, you can support our school while enjoying a day of spectacular discounts, entertainment, special events and thousands of dollars worth of fabulous prizes. Passes can be purchased at the RES or JSMS school offices, or from any fourth grade students. Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Crockett, Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Spencer would like to thank you in advance for supporting their students through Macy's "Shop for a Cause."

Veterans Memorial Update

In a recent interview with Howard Stiles, chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee, he stated that progress was being made, but slowly. He believes that there are many veterans and folks with veterans in their families who haven't taken the time to honor themselves or their relatives. Stiles believes every veteran in Raymond should have a granite paver to honor his/her service. The smallest paver costs only \$50. Larger ones are \$100 and \$150.

He stated individual contributions are just below \$2,000. He is thankful for all contributions, especially the large contributions from the Raymond Founders Day group and the Lions Club. Stiles said the committee needs to raise at least \$15,000.

Howard would like to see more of the business community making contributions. Stiles is offering all businesses the opportunity to put their business name on a paver to show support for the town project.

Stiles thanks all who have contributed to date and hopes more will join the effort. Check out the Veterans Memorial link on the Raymond website.

More info can be had by calling Howard at 655-4193.

J.S.M.S News

The teaching, custodial, kitchen and office staffs are all busy preparing for the students' arrival on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006. We are pleased to welcome Greg Carter to this year's sixth grade team. Mr. Carter comes to us from Greely Middle School and holds master's degrees in Education from the University of Southern Maine and the University of Virginia. We are in the process of hiring a new music teacher to replace Mr. Crockett, who has been appointed interim principal.

As part of our ongoing efforts to support each child's success in school, we are in the early stages of developing an advisor/advisee program. Students are placed into homeroom groups of 12-14 students that will also serve as their advisee group. They will start each day in homeroom with their faculty advisor and will also meet weekly in an advisory period. Many middle schools across the country have found advisor programs a positive influence for adolescents and teens.

In order to increase school security, new procedures and physical improvements have been put in place. The front doors facing Webbs Mills Road will be used as the main entrance during regular school hours. Student drop off and pick up will be done from either parking lot, and the students will proceed over the new side walks to the main entrance. The front driveway will be used for buses only from 7am to 5pm. Everyone entering JSMS while school is in session will proceed to the main entrance and be "buzzed in" at the double doors by the main office staff.

As in the past, the hot lunch menu will be sent home monthly with each student. This year we will publish a J.S.M.S. monthly events calendar on the opposite side to help parents and students keep track of the many activities our school offers. The website and school department calendar are excellent sources of year-round information. Information regarding fall sports, intramurals, SEARCH and other activities will be available to students during the first week of school. Please contact the main office at J.S.M.S. from 7am to 4pm when you need further information.

DHHS Computer System Failure Costs Taxpayers Tens of Millions

Rep. John C. Robinson

The computer debacle at the Department of Health and Human Services is quietly becoming the biggest fiscal disaster in the history of Maine State government. It has already cost our overburdened taxpayers \$56 million for the system and assortment of fixes, with tens of millions more looming, basically for nothing in return but a failed computer system. It has thoroughly disrupted Maine's medical "safety net" for the poor. It has created a massive accounting mess for thousands of physicians, dentists and other health care providers. And it serves as a stark reminder that mismanagement at the top of state government inflicts a punishing cost on all of us.

It might come as a shock to taxpayers, but Maine's Medicaid program accounts for one-third of the entire state budget. As the brand-new system to process Medicaid claims went "live" in January of 2005, it was praised as an awesome marvel that would expedite the \$2 billion in annual claims and payments, doing the job better and faster than the aging Honeywell mainframe that had been a reliable workhorse. Indeed, this new system appeared to be so superb that DHHS didn't bother to run a parallel system as a backup in case something went wrong, which is an inexcusable blunder in the world of computers.

Within days of turning it on, the new system was rejecting one claim after another. It soon became clear that the program had gone haywire, leaving Maine's system of reimbursing providers for Medicaid work in total disarray. By March 2005, approximately 300,000 claims were suspended and thousands of new claims were arriving daily. With no payments going out, some doctors stopped accepting Medicaid patients, knowing they might never collect. Others had to take out loans to stay afloat and meet payrolls. Medical offices all over the state were thrown into fiscal disorder.

The fallout resulted in the resignation of DHHS commissioner Jack Nicholas and has drawn frequent hearing of the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee. We have now learned that DHHS went with the low-cost bidder for the project, hiring a company called CNSI for \$15 million, even though CNSI had no experience in building Medicaid claims processing systems. Another bidder Keane had already developed such systems and had even worked on the Maine system for Medicaid eligibility. Keane's bid was \$30 million. In retrospect, hiring Keane would have been a stroke of genius, saving taxpayers millions of dollars. In April, CIO, a national magazine that recently chronicled the fiasco under the title "Massive Project, Massive Mistakes," offered this grim assessment: "Today, more than a year later, it's fair to say that the Maine Medicaid Claims System has been a disaster of major proportions."

To date Maine has paid out more than \$56 million for the program. The Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee was told recently that the program wouldn't be fully functioning until some time in 2008. Gov. Baldacci recently signed an additional financial order for \$24 million, transferring money from Medicaid medical care accounts to the computer repair effort. In early August, the state decided to hire 50 more "temporary" workers to try to fix the system. But those costs pale in comparison to the \$508 million Maine sent out to providers as so-called "interim payments." As the computer meltdown unfolded, DHHS began mailing out checks helter-skelter, hoping to keep doctors, dentists, therapists and social workers in the Medicaid network. Now the state is trying to recover that money, but it's not having great success.

According to an August 10 report by the Legislature's Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, DHHS has collected only \$251 million, leaving \$257 million as the "outstanding balance." Getting back the rest of the money will prove much harder. Indeed, it is likely that the state will have to battle many of these providers in court, at an even greater expense to taxpayers.

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 via phone at 655-8657 or e-mailed at RepJohn.Robinson@Legislature.Maine.Gov

"Rally Day" for Sunday School Classes

The Raymond Village Community Church (United Church of Christ) is calling all children from toddlers to teens...

All are invited to join us for Sunday School every Sunday at 10am. We have classes for preschool and kindergarten aged children, grades 1-3, and grades 4-6. We also have a very active youth group for children in grades 7 and above. This group meets at 10am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, in addition to service projects and other fun gatherings.



Nursery Care is available during worship as well.

If you are looking for a family-oriented and friendly church where everyone is truly welcome, please come and join us! Rally Day is Sunday, September 10th, at 10am. Come see what it's all about!

2006-2007 RVCC Sunday School Calendar

Rally Day – September 10th

First Day Sunday School – September 17th

Halloween Party and Parade – October 28th

Hanging of the Greens, Pot Luck Lunch & Caroling – December 3rd

Christmas Pageant – December 17th

Sweetheart Brunch – February 11th

Children's Sunday – June 3rd

Lake Region Bulky Waste to Get New Scale

The Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility will be closed September 26th and 28th for the removal of the old scale. During the week of September 30th through October 8th the facility will be open, but the scale will not be operational. Therefore, Raymond residents will not be able to use their bulky waste coupons. The facility will be estimating the loads of bulky waste and charging accordingly. Because of this, the Raymond Board of Selectmen felt that since the loads cannot be weighed, the coupons would not be accepted in that the coupons represent weight of waste.

The scales are expected to be installed and working by Tuesday, October 10th, and coupons will be welcomed thereafter.

Cemetery Committee Needs Help

The Raymond Cemetery Committee needs volunteers to help with their work. Most especially needed are people who are willing to get their hands dirty and their backs worked. During the summer and fall the Committee works on projects in the cemeteries to keep them looking their best including cleaning grave markers, resetting old head stones, and generally keeping the grounds in good repair. If you are interested in helping a little or a lot, please contact Linda Alexander, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, at 655-4640 or Louise Lester, Town Clerk, at 655-4742. You don't have to become an active member of the committee to help.

RAYMOND PTA

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

RAYMOND PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM 2005 – 2006 SCHOOL YEAR

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Children (name and grade) _____

Parent _____ Business _____ Teacher _____ Community Member _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Annual Membership is \$5

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

Total Enclosed: _____

Please fill out the form and send it to school through
your child's folder or mail it to:

Raymond PTA, c/o RES
434 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail pta@raymondmaine.org or call:
Deb Cutten, Pres., 655-2877 • Wendy Trask, V.P., 655-4446

For more information on the Raymond PTA, please check our website at
http://www.raymondmaine.org/civic_groups/pta/default.htm

We generally meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month during the school year;
however, our first meeting this year will be on Tuesday, September 19th.

Please join us at a PTA meeting in the
Raymond Elementary School Library
6:30 pm

Raymond Road Runner Deadline Reminder

Articles for the October issue are due
Thursday, September 21st

Animal Control Report July-August

7/19	Stray cat - picked up
7/19	Dog at large - owner picked up
7/20	Stray kitten - took to Animal Refuge League
7/21	Dog at large - impounded owner unknown
7/21	Above stray - took to Animal Refuge League
7/22	Information on stray cats
7/24	Dead bird - killed by cat
7/24	Report of missing dog
7/24	Information on stray cats
7/25	Information on rabies
7/25	Information on dogs not on the beach
7/25	Information on stray cats
7/25	Stray cat - picked up stray cat
7/25	Information on stray cats
7/25	Dog at large - in yard most of the time
7/26	Strange acting rabbit
7/26	Call to state lab
7/26	Returned cat crate
7/26	Dog at large - impounded
7/27	Dog at large - dog picked up by owner
7/27	2 dogs at large - both impounded
7/27	2 dogs at large - verbal warning-owner picked up
7/28	Dog at large - impounded, aided by Casco
7/28	Dog at large - returned to owner
7/29	Dog at large - verbal warning-returned to owner
7/30	Bat in bedroom
7/30	Picked up loaned Havaheart trap
7/30	Picked up loaned Havaheart trap
7/30	Removed dog from beach
7/31	Information only
7/31	Bat taken to state lab
7/31	Stray dog chased another dog and its owner
8/1	Bat at lab proved rabies negative
8/2	Dog information
8/2	Information on bat houses
8/3	Dog at large
8/2	Missing cat
8/3	Administrative work
8/3	Dogs information
8/3	Dog at large - owner found
8/4	Administrative work on rabies case
8/5	Reposted "No Dogs" signs
8/6	Dog in road
8/7	Stray dog on deck
8/9	Sick raccoon reported
8/11	Stray dog
8/11	Stray dog - took to Animal Refuge League

Please remember that when you are away from home and your dog(s) are tied or penned outside, their barking may disturb your neighbors. Be aware of your dog's comfort level and don't leave it/them in a situation where they must bark in frustration or discomfort.

Don Alexander, Animal Control Officer

Trash Barrels Required in September

Beginning in September all residents will be required to put their trash bags in solid trash barrels. Any trash bags left on the ground will not be picked up. Barrels must also have a sticker on each barrel which can be picked up at the Town Office. Each household is allowed two (2) 32-gallon trash barrels per week for collection. All trash must be secured in plastic bags in the barrels. Raymond does not have a location where you can take your household trash; it must be picked up curbside. If you have more than the two 32-gallon barrels, stickers can be purchased at the Town Office for \$1 each for each bag of overage.

Beginning November 1, 2006, Raymond's longstanding curbside trash pickup policy allowing only two (2) 32-gallon barrels per household will be strictly enforced. Remember, if you have more than the two (2) 32-gallon barrels, stickers can be purchased at the Town Office for \$1 each for each bag of overage. If you have any questions please call the Town Office 655-4742 or e-mail louise.lester@raymondmaine.org.

Most materials that are not considered household trash can be taken to the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility in Casco. Vehicle stickers can be picked up at the Town Office at no charge. Annually coupons for 1,000 pounds of acceptable bulky waste paid for by the town are available at the Town Office for \$5. Bulky waste disposal questions can be answered at the Town Office 655-4742, ext. 21, or at the Bulky Waste Facility 627-7585.



Raymond Lions Sponsor

“Meet the Candidates” Night

Jordan-Small Middle School Cafeteria Monday, October 23, at 7pm

This will be your opportunity to ask any or all of the candidates questions and find out where they stand on the issues that are important to you, your family and your job.

We have confirmations from John Robinson and Lu Bauer, candidates for State Representative, and from Bill Diamond and Lani Kelly, candidates for State Senator, that they will be there and are willing to take the heat. We anticipate that the candidates for Cumberland County Commissioner will also be there.

The Lions strongly believe that the voters get the kind of government they deserve. An informed elector will usually select the candidates that best reflect that voter's views. Please come. Please participate.

**PLEASE PUT THIS ON YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Watershed Stewards Program Reminder!

The Watershed Stewards Program delivered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension (UMCE) will start on Tuesday, September 12th, from 6:30 – 9pm at the Raymond Public Safety Building. This is a 7-week course held one night per week for all landowners within Raymond and Casco to train residents on how to identify and correct pollution sources affecting the quality of lake watersheds. Specific topics to be covered will include gravel road maintenance, vegetative buffers and lawn care, lake-friendly boating, shoreland zoning, and landowner conservation practices. This is a free course with the request that participants return what they have learned to their own watershed. For more information or to register, please contact Laura Wilson of UMCE at 581-2971 (toll-free in Maine 1-800-870-7270) or Noralee Raymond of Raymond Waterways Protective Association at 671-3329 or lakes@raymondmaine.org.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Maine Environmental Depot, Lewiston Solid Waste facility at 424 River Road, Lewiston www.envdepot.com or www.avcop.org or 783-9186

Open the FIRST and THIRD Saturdays of each month from

APRIL through NOVEMBER Hours
8am to 1pm.

If the Saturday falls on a holiday weekend, IT WILL BE CLOSED

Directions: From I-95, take Exit 80 (southbound, take a LEFT off the ramp and go under the turnpike; northbound, take a RIGHT off the ramp). About ¾ of a mile down, turn left on River Road just after the Wal-Mart Distribution Facility. Lewiston Solid Waste is about a half mile on the left. Proceed through the main gate by the scale house and around the main building. The Depot will be in front of you.

PAYMENT: Each unit of 5 gallons, 20 pounds or combination thereof will be charged \$26 CASH PER UNIT.

Road Maintenance Associations Wanted

The Town Office is going to be keeping a list of private road associations. With the change in ownership of many homes, the Town Office frequently is asked about private road maintenance associations. If your private road has an association or group of residents taking responsibility for their private road, the Town Office would like to have a contact name, address, and phone number for that person. If you can help us gain this information, the Town Office would be most appreciative. This is for residential information use only.

Innisbrook Birthday Sale at RES

Innisbrook Wraps is celebrating its 25th birthday with its 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 – the best designs yet!
- Great Gift Products for the Holidays
- Delicious Gourmet Foods and Chocolate

Parents and friends can also order on the web 365 days of the year at www.innisbrook.com. The Raymond Elementary School's customer # is 104999. Families and out of town friends can order and reorder over 150 Innisbrook products on-line at your convenience. Products will be delivered right to your door, and your child's school will receive the 50% profit.

New Student Registrations

New families to the Raymond School District need to register their students for the start of the school year. Proof of Raymond residency is required at the time of registration. Kindergarten students will also need a birth certification, a physical and updated immunization records. Please contact the school offices, Raymond Elementary School at 655-8672 (grades K - 4) and Jordan-Small Middle School at 655-4743 (grades 5 – 8), for more information. Students in grades 9 – 12 need to register through the Superintendent of Schools' office located at the elementary school at 434 Webbs Mills Road. The district office can be reached at 655-8666, ext. 4.

This Is What You Said

By Senator Bill Diamond

In last month's Raymond Road Runner I mentioned that I had sent a citizen survey to Raymond and all of the towns in my state senate district, which also includes Windham, Casco, Standish, Hollis and Frye Island. The purpose of the survey was to find out which issues mean the most to you and your family so that I can better serve you as your State Senator.

I want to thank the many people who responded to the survey, including those who completed the survey on-line through my website, www.mainesenate.org/diamond. Others preferred using the U.S. Postal System, which worked well too.

The survey responses clearly showed that property tax relief was the top issue on the minds of those who responded. I share those concerns and will continue exploring and advocating for property tax relief for Mainers who are struggling under this burden.

The data also showed, however, that many property taxpayers have not yet discovered the new and expanded Circuit Breaker Program, which actually provides money to taxpayers to help pay their property tax bill. The maximum refund is now \$2000 up from the previous \$1000.

Additional information and requirements about the Circuit Breaker Program can be found by going to the Maine Tax and Rent Refund Program website or by going to www.mainesenate.org/taxreform. You may also contact my office at 207-287-1515, or you can call the Maine Revenue Services at 207-626-8475 for assistance. I have applications for the program, which I can send to you, or you can ask the Maine Revenue Services for an application. The Raymond Town Hall will have applications as well.

It doesn't cost anything to apply and it's relatively simple, so if your household income is not over \$100,000 then consider sending in an application. Many people find that they qualify even when they originally thought they wouldn't.

The survey included several other questions and the results of those inquiries are as follows:

1. 76.5% felt that Maine should invest more in economic development initiatives.
2. 85.2% felt that more should be done to improve access to health care.
3. 74% felt that we should not increase the state's Rainy Day Fund beyond the current \$100 million.
4. 58.7% felt that lowering taxes is a top priority even if it means cutting funds to other programs like higher education, etc.

Once again, I thank everyone who took the time to respond to the survey, and I appreciate the seriousness of the responses and the heartfelt additional comments as well.

On another matter, the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, on which I serve as the Senate chair, will be holding a public hearing focusing on what, if any, changes that should be made to Maine's Sex Offender Registry. The public hearing will be September 12, 2006, at 10am in Room 436 at the State House.

If you have any comments that you would like included as part of the committee's record, just let me know and I will make sure your thoughts are part of the committee's consideration when final recommendations are made.

Have a safe early fall.

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 students 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.

Five Generations of Plummers

Twins were born to Danielle MacDonald and Ian Hebert of Gray on July 4th. They are: Noah Riley Hebert (6 lbs, 9 oz and 19 1/2" long at birth) and Aidan Marshall Hebert (7 lbs, 9 oz and 20" long at birth). They are shown here with their mom Danielle MacDonald, grandmother Thedy MacDonald (upper left), their great-grandmother Diane Randell and their great, great grandfather Alton Plummer of Raymond, 96 years old (center).



Are You "Up-To-Date"?

Does your town department or organization have webpages on the Raymond website?

Be sure your organization's meetings and events are up-to-date on the Raymond website's Events Calendar and review your organization's webpages to see if all the information is current. The webmaster regularly receives inquiries about outdated or lack of information for a variety of things; people are visiting the website, so staying current ensures they'll return again.

If you need assistance or have questions contact: webmaster@raymondmaine.org - there is a small number of us working at maintaining webpages, so additional volunteers with web editing experience are welcomed.

Fire and Rescue Responses

The month of July was full of hot days, people swimming and 9-1-1 calls.

The Fire/Rescue Department responded to 95 calls this month. Calls ranged from car accidents, structure fires, assisting area towns and medical emergencies. The day ranged from 3 calls in 24 hours to as many as 9 calls in 24 hours. These calls required just over 456 hours from our members.

- False alarms - 5
- Structure fires - 3
- Vehicle accidents - 10
- Medical emergencies - 52
- Gas spill/leaks - 3
- Mutual aid - 22



Raymond Area Summer Baseball Round-up

Sebago Long Lake District II 12U Champions

Congratulations to the SLL 12U All Star baseball team. This team put in an awesome performance at the tournament in Gorham and became District II Champions for Cal Ripken 12U. They went on to the Cal Ripken State tournament in Eliot, Maine, and were bumped out by River Valley, losing 10-7. These kids displayed great teamwork, played some great ball and were truly good sports. This All Star team represented Sebago Long Lake, which comprises teams from Bridgton, Casco, Harrison, Naples, Raymond, Sebago and Waterford. The 12U team was coached by Lonnie Taylor, Patrick Flynn, Ron Willey and SLL President Larry Carter. A big thanks to Applebee's for sponsoring the 12U team!



Bottom left to right - Coach Patrick Flynn, Tammy Scribner, Freddie McCarthy, Riley Flynn, Riley Williamson, Lonnie Taylor, Alex Barnaby. Top left to right - Coach Ron Willey & Larry Carter, Alex Hall, AJ Bennett, Matt Schreiber, Drew Gagnon, Ron Willey, Dakota Bush and Manager Lonnie Taylor.



Fourteen-Year-Olds Win District Championship

The 14-year-old All Star team won the district championship in Harrison on July 17th. The team went undefeated and will be playing in the State Championship in Westbrook on July 26-30. The team, Tri-County East, has boys from Raymond, Lovell, Naples, Bridgton, Harrison and Sebago. This is the second time in two years that a team coached by Russ Hutchinson, Brian Fox and Dave McGowan has made it to the state championship. Two years ago the team won the state championship and went on to compete in the New England Tournament.

Back row from left to right: Coach Russ Hutchinson, Sam Hutchinson, Zach Starbird, Matthew McLellan, Patrick Derenburger, Dean Darien, coach Brian Fox; front row from left to right: Dillan McGowan, MacGregor White, Travis Linehan, David Fox, Dan Broyer, Brandon Chase. Missing from photo, Coach Dave McGowan; players Nick Marcella and Evan Humphrey

Sebago Long Lake Cal Ripken 9U Allstars

The Sebago Long Lake Cal Ripken "9 and under" Allstars came in 3rd in the State Tournament held in Richmond, Maine. The baseball team consisted of players from Raymond, Casco, Bridgton, Harrison and Waterboro. One or two players from each regular season team were chosen based on their outstanding ability and sportsmanship. The team had a great time, played some great baseball and made a lot of new friends along the way!



Front (L-R): Zack Conley, Mitch Lorenz, Daron Willey, Damon Knight, William Frank, Mike Cormier; Second row: Greg Grinnell, Chase Gendron, Adam Butler, Joey Gallant, Dalton Rice, Jarron Nadeau, John Puopolo; Back: Fred Butler (Coach), Mark Conley (Manager), Sheldon Rice (Coach). Not pictured: Ron Willey (Scorekeeper), John Puopolo Sr. (Coaching Assistant).

Cub Scout Yard Sale and a Bake!

The Cub Scouts of Pack 800 are having a Yard Sale to raise money for their 2007 Spring Trip aboard the Battleship USS Massachusetts.

When:
Saturday, September 2nd, 2006 from 9am until noon.

Where:
Raymond Village Community Church
Main Street, Raymond

What:
Books, jewelry, toys and household items as well as a bake sale and hot dog lunch.

If you would like to donate items, you may drop them off at the Raymond Village Church Friday evening from 5 to 8pm.

