Patriot’s Day Storm Leaves Substantial Road Damage in Its Wake

by Don Willard, Town Manager

Raymond roads, as well as many private roads, suffered major damage as a consequence of the Patriot’s Day nor’easter deluge, which dropped more than 6 inches of rain in Raymond. Significant damage occurred on the following roads: Spiller Hill Road, Conesca Road, North Raymond Road and Valley Road. Several other roads sustained minor damage.

Public Works Director Nathan White and Deputy Fire Chief/Emergency Management Agency Director Bruce Tupper are performing a detailed assessment of the damage, including documenting all public sector damage and obtaining detailed cost estimates for repair. This information will be compiled and sent to the Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency for eventual submission to the Maine Emergency Management Agency, hopefully gaining federal financial disaster assistance with the cost of the repairs.

At this writing, rain is still falling and no preliminary total estimates of damage are available. From the following photographs, it is clear to see that costs will be sizeable and repair work will take time to complete. We ask motorists to proceed with caution and to remain alert for erosion problems that would compromise the integrity of the roadway shoulders and/or undermine the travel way. We appreciate your patience and support as we complete necessary repairs.

We have made every effort to clearly identify and mark known areas of damage and concern. If you are aware of a problem that does not appear to be identified, please contact our Public Works Director Nathan White at 655-1012, or Town Manager Don Willard at 655-6994 x31 or by email at don.willard@raymondmaine.org.
Raymond Village Library News

At a Glance
- Wednesday, May 2 – Library Board meeting, 7pm at the library
- Wednesday, May 9 – Non-fiction/Classics Reading Group, 7pm at the library
- Saturday, May 19 – Town Meeting
- Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day, library closed
- Wednesday, May 30 – Book Group, 7pm at the library
- Saturday, June 2 – Raymond Shopping Day

Non-fiction/Classics Reading Group

Please note a correction from last month’s Road Runner regarding the contact phone number for Al Morrison. The correct phone number is 655-4548.

This reading group will meet Wednesday evening, May 9, 7pm, at the library. The book will be Colin Woodard’s The Lobster Coast: Rebels, Rusticators, and the Struggle for a Forgotten Frontier. Beginning more than a decade before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, the story weaves in the many competing interests that have contended here over the centuries. The author was born and raised in Maine and now lives in Portland. Please join us for a lively discussion and to plan further reading. Our first meeting left us all with a greater appreciation of Maine coastal history and current concerns. For more information, please call Al Morrison at 655-4548.

Town Meeting

The Town of Raymond will hold its Town Meeting on Saturday, May 19. We encourage our patrons to attend and support their library. Once again delicious lunch choices will be available, provided by volunteers from the Raymond Village Library.

Library Hours for May

The library will be closed on Monday, May 28, in celebration of Memorial Day.

The library will close at 4 pm on May 20 and May 27.

Book Group

The Book Group will meet at the library on May 30 at 7pm to discuss the book The Painted Drum by Louise Erdrich. The book will be available at the library, and new members are always welcome. For more information, please call Jane at 655-5354.

Raymond Shopping Day

Shop and support the Raymond Village Library on June 2nd! Look for the sign in the window of your local participating businesses in Raymond and help support the library’s efforts to expand the book collection and programming activities for the entire family. A percentage of the store earnings on that day will go directly to the library. Go shopping, pick up your dry cleaning, and have lunch with friends and family, while supporting the library at the same time.

The following businesses will be participating:
- Anytime Subs & Wraps
- Auto Werke
- Chipman Farm Stand
- Community Pharmacy
- Cottage Industries
- Cricket’s Corner
- Danielle’s Sebago Diner
- The Good Life Market
- J.C. Mobility Solutions

Annual Plant and Paperback Book Sale

This annual event will be held on Saturday, June 16, beginning at 7am. During the next few weeks, as you are spring cleaning and gardening, please keep your library in mind. To make this fundraiser and our annual summer book sale a big success, your donations are greatly appreciated: new and gently used books, videos, DVDs, audio and puzzles. For more information, please contact Library Director Barbara Thorpe at 655-4283. For the plant sale, we would appreciate donations of perennials, annuals and houseplants. For further information, please contact one of the following people: Susan at 655-1010; Jane at 655-5354; Irene at 655-4711.

Volunteers

Volunteerism seems to be habit-forming. “Try it, you might like it,” could be its motto. Charlie Hewson, entering her twentieth year as a Raymond Village Library volunteer, which included serving on the Board of Trustees as Treasurer, explains that she has volunteered for many other groups, such as the Audubon Society and an art lending library. She also shared her enthusiasm and expertise for skiing by helping with the children's school skiing programs. Charlie feels that when people volunteer, they make a commitment and should treat it as a job, being reliable, consistent and doing their best. Her favorite part at the library is working at the front desk, meeting and

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Events and Meeting Schedule

Raymond Village Florist

Sebago Pirate’s Galley

Sebago Sign Works & Truck Lettering

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Lake Region Wireless/Cingular

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Raymond Laundry

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Ultimate Hair and Tanning Salon

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Library Preschool Storytime

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Memorial Day

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Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper described Ms. Pam Larracey, d.b.a. Anytime Subs & Wraps – Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer. Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer. Ms. Larracey’s request to place a food concession tent adjacent to her current store location on Rt. 302. This trailer would be located no closer to the road than the current building and there would be no interference with the existing business. The Selectmen tabled this matter until the next regular Board of Selectmen meeting, in order to allow time for formal abutter notification as well as a fire safety inspection by the Fire Department.

Consideration of new road names – Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the resident-submitted name of T-Mac Drive for the road located off Egypt Road, near fire lane 259.

Reinstating past practice of Selectmen recommenda-
tion on warrant articles for Raymond School Depart-
ment budget – Mark Gendron, Chairman of Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen discussed making recom-
mandations on all budgetary items, town and school. This action would reinstitute a past Selectmen practice in placing a recommendation on the school warrant articles. At the conclusion of discussions a special Selectmen’s Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2007, at 7pm at the Town Office, Clough’s Store, Sunset Variety, Hilltop Market, the Raymond Village Library and Community Pharmacy.
Candidate Profiles

In the April issue of the Raymond Road Runner candidates running for a position on the Selectboard, School Committee or the Budget/Finance Committee were invited to provide a profile which included an introduction, background and their thoughts about the position they were seeking.

Budget/Finance Committee - Brandon Milton

I was born and raised in Raymond, where I lived with my parents Steve and Lou-An and my older brother Jarrod. I attended Jordan-Small School from kindergarten through the sixth grade. I went on to attend Windham Middle School and then High School, where I ran track, and played baseball and football. I was captain of the football team my senior year of high school and received the coach's award, a graduation gift from the Raymond High School in 2002 if I remember correctly. I then went on to attend the University of Maine at Orono, where I am studying business administration and political science. While at UMaine, I was selected for the University of Maine Congressional Internship Program and was placed in Senator Susan Collins's office in Washington D.C. In addition to my time in Senator Collins’s office, I also interned in the majority office of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governments Affairs. I will be graduating from the University of Maine on May 12, 2007, with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in political science and business administration, with a management concentration.

Both of my parents were active in the Raymond community while I was growing up, and I realized early on how important community involvement is.

If I am elected a member of the Budget/Finance Committee for the Town of Raymond, I believe my youth as well as my education in business and political science will allow me to bring energy and new ideas to the position. I have seen first-hand the federal level how public policy is formulated, interpreted and implemented, and I feel that I am more than capable of directly contributing to this process on the local level.

Selectman - Charles Leavett

I am Charles Leavett, a father, husband and 23-year Raymond resident. I have been a selectman, served on state boards, and worked in government. I am “walking” for election to the Select Board for several reasons. The first, and most important, being choice. Raymond voters deserve more than blank lines on a ballot. These candidates are legitimate; however, our democracy is in jeopardy if faced with incumbent-only or no-choice elections.

My second reason is simple. For several years public policy, the heart and soul of Raymond’s future, has become more like a game show and less like a deliberative, thoughtful and constructive process. We have devised schemes to bring the town offices into JSMS, merge town school finance functions, eliminate local dispatch services and build ball fields on potentially unsuitable town-owned land. These initiatives have had mixed results and ended in confusion and anxiety. Whoever is elected, this “Let’s Make a Deal” atmosphere needs to be reconsidered.

My third reason is more complex. Raymond School expenses represent 71% of every local tax dollar raised. Taxpayers also support our school and town with state and federal taxes and fees. Combined, the Raymond resident may be the highest taxed by percent of income in the country. These taxes and fees are not a town department but do rely on some town subsidies to private institutions needs to end. These discussions should be debated in an environment of more light and less heat. This community project will require leadership from the public, superintendent, town manager, the School Board, Select Board and Budget/Finance Committee. Thank You. Please vote May 18th.

Selectman - Michael Reynolds

I Want To Help Preserve Raymond’s Future

My name is Michael Reynolds, and I’m running for re-election to the Board of Selectmen. Some of you know me from coaching baseball and soccer or through the local Raymond TV station that broadcasts the Select Board meetings. I have been a Selectman for four years. I have lived in Raymond with my wife and son because we found a home in a beautiful rural setting that is convenient to all that Southern Maine has to offer.

I have followed town politics since moving here and am compelled to run for the Board of Selectmen again this year. I originally ran because I saw a change in the direction of Raymond’s leadership that I felt would not provide our community with what we have come to expect and respect about our town in the past. Becoming a Select Board member I have been part of a board that has pushed cooperation and positive progress in making choices for the town from our many options.

Here are some of the issues I see as important to Raymond in the next few years:

- Infrastructure support for our town hall, fire & rescue and roads that is consistent and does not put off to tomorrow what should be maintained today.
- Environmental concern and action that respects all points of view, from both inside and outside of town boundaries.
- School resources that, combined with another school district, will once again enable us to be recognized as a National School of Excellence.
- A comprehensive land management program that continues to be citizen led.
- An approach to technology that allows Raymond to be ahead of the curve when we became the second community, after Portland, to receive internet access.
- Is it possible to have all of this and more? The answer to that question lies with each of you. I am running for Selectman again to do my part to continue the positive direction and cooperation that the current Select Board enjoys.

I am presently a General Manager for a small manufacturing and wholesale fundraising company. I am a former president of the board of the Maine Publicity Bureau and treasurer of the New England Ski Areas Council. I was appointed by the Governor to the Maine Tourism Commission and was a founding member of the Maine Tourism Coalition. If re-elected, I will continue to bring leadership experience and my personal interest in the future of Raymond to the Board of Selectmen.

I believe I can help Preserve Raymond’s Future. Please vote for me either by absentee ballot, available at the town hall, or at the primary election Friday, May 18th, at Jordan-Small Middle School. If you have any questions, you can reach me at 655-2844 evenings or e-mail mikereyn@maine.rr.com.

Our Library – a Real Deal

You know that sense of satisfaction you feel when you’ve just gotten a good bargain? You may not feel that way when you walk out of the library with books, magazines or movies. But if you think about it, you’ve just gotten an incredible deal. Want to verify that? Check out http://www.maine.gov/msl/services/calculator.htm.

Our annual budget to run the library is less than $70,000. We are not a town department but do rely on some town support. At last year’s town meeting the library asked for, and voters approved, $26,500. Our fall Annual Appeal brought in around $20,000 last year, and the library fundraisers you support add another $10,000 or so. Grants account for $1,000-2,000, in a good year.

That clearly doesn’t add up to $70,000, so we have to dip into our reserve fund some years. Other years, fundraisers and creative patrons exceed our expectations, and we’re back in the black again.

Our thanks for your support goes deeper than just cash, though. Many businesses and patrons have donated goods and services to library events and will be supporting our first “Shop Locally Support the Library” day coming up on June 2nd.

And what would we do without our volunteers? Thousands of volunteer hours are hard to put an exact number on, but they are what keep us afloat.

We continue to search for innovative ways to keep our costs low and the income side steady. We hope for continuing town support as we ask for a small increase this year. Our Director, Youth Services Coordinator, the Board of Trustees and our many volunteers contribute their time and energy because they believe our library is such an important community asset. All that hard work, plus your contributions, adds up to a great deal for Raymond.

Veterans’ Memorial Dedication

May 28th, 2007
by Howard Stiles

The Raymond Veterans’ Memorial Committee has started final preparations for the erection of the monument and the flag pole at the Panther Run Rest Stop site. There is a lot of work yet to be done, and come May 28th, it still may be a work in progress.

The time of the dedication is still to be determined, as we are trying to coordinate with our hoped-for speaker Mayor Major General Abby, the Maine Adjutant General. We know it will probably be early afternoon. As soon as we have a specific time, it will be posted on the Raymond website, as well as locations throughout town.

We are inviting all Raymond residents, and especially veterans, to this ceremony. Corporations and families that purchased pavers should make a special effort to attend. It was a year ago at the town meeting that Howard Stiles, chair-man of the committee, was introduced. During the past year many people and corporations have donated money, time and equipment to make this Veterans’ Memorial a reality. Join us on the 28th of May, time to be announced. You can call the town office at 655-4742, or Howard at 655-4193, after May 14th for the specific time.

If you were thinking of buying a paver for that special vet- eran and have been putting it off, do so now. The Raymond web site has all the information and the paver request form. You may also call Howard for that information at 655-4193.

Thanks to all. Hope to see you on the 28th of May.
We are still looking for anyone who likes to use a jigsaw and who would like to make some animal cut outs for our new play area. Also, we would like to start an “art in the park” program. We are looking for artists of any medium who would be interested in showing their art (for sale) in the park on a scheduled weekend. The only criteria for the art is that it be either nature or wildlife to fit our park theme. For details or to schedule a time in the park, please call Ranger Sue at the above numbers.

Interviews for employment will be held at the end of April, so if you filled out an application you will be called to interview.

Tassel Top will be holding a raffle at the Town Meeting in May. The winner must be 21 or over and a year-round resident of the town. Fill out the coupon and bring it to the town meeting, and you may be the winner of a free weekend in the Tassel Top cabins!

**TASSEL TOP CABIN RENTAL RAFFLE**

Please PRINT your—

NAME:________________________

ADDRESS:_____________________

PHONE NUMBER:________________

NOTE: ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE:
1. At least 21 years of age
2. A YEAR ROUND Raymond Resident

Drawing to be held May 19th at the Town Meeting

Let’s keep hoping for great weather. Ranger Sue and the ‘Tassel Top Staff’ look forward to seeing you soon!

**Raymond Artist Places 1st in National Arts Program**

There is a new acknowledged artist in the Town of Raymond. Laura King was entered in a City of Portland National Art Program contest by her husband Bob King. The exhibits were judged by nationally acclaimed artists from the University of Maine and by professional, accomplished artists in Maine.

The exhibits went on public exhibition at Portland City Hall for about two weeks. There were many beautiful artworks on display. A total of 136 exhibits were entered, and there were many awards given, including 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each of the following categories: Youth to age 12, Youth to age 18, Amateurs, Intermediate, and Professional level, plus Best in Show.

Out of these awards, Laura Powers King came home with a blue ribbon 1st place at the Intermediate level for an exclusive fairy house on consignment at the Cry of the Loon in Casco. The National Arts Program has a web page with all its recognized exhibits in 43 states across the country, plus the District of Columbia: http://www.nationalsartsprogram.org/venues.php

If you see Laura, congratulate her on an award well-deserved and on a job well done.

**Windham High School presents**

The Crucible

*Come see our 9 Raymond students!*  

By Arthur Miller

**Show Dates:**
May 2 and 3 at 7:30 & 7:30
May 5 at 2:00 & 7:30

**Ticket Prices:**
$10 for Adults & $8 for Seniors and Youth/Students
Tickets sales begin one hour prior to each show

**Windham Performing Arts Center**
For more information call 892-1810 X277

**Rep. John Robinson Proposes Bill to Help Pay for Infertility Treatments**

State Rep. John Robinson (R-Raymond) has presented a bill to the Legislature’s Insurance and Financial Services Committee that would help families defray the high costs associated with infertility treatments.

“The difficulties for families on the issue of infertility are painfully emotional topics,” Rep. Robinson said during a public hearing on the legislation held April 10th. “You will hear compelling, heartfelt testimony of the struggle families experience as they try to conceive. Many of us have witnessed these struggles.”

The original language of LD 842, An Act to Require Insurance Coverage for Infertility Treatments, would have required health insurance policies issued in Maine to include coverage for infertility treatment if pregnancy-related benefits are provided. According to Rep. Robinson, 15 other states currently have laws addressing infertility treatment, including Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Realizing that mandates on insurance companies may ultimately lead to higher insurance premium rates, Rep. Robinson is proposing the administration of a grant process to be overseen by the Bureau of Insurance. He would like to see $500,000 in each year of the biennium utilizing new revenue in the Fund For Healthy Maine to be invested to seed the Infertility Treatment Grant Fund.

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News from Jordan – Small Middle School

by Randy Crockett, Principal

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North Yarmouth Academy holds Spring Inquiry Day/ Open House

North Yarmouth Academy (NYA) will host Spring Inquiry Day in the school cafeteria for grades 6-12 on Thursday, May 2, 2007, beginning at 10:30 am. Spring Inquiry Day is for families who may be interested in admission to NYA’s Middle School and Upper School for Fall 2007 or Fall 2008, including the newly expanded Middle School. It will provide information on the school’s overall program and topics including the academic curriculum, athletics, the arts, admission procedures and financial aid. Families will have the opportunity to meet current parents, tour the school, visit classrooms and ask questions of faculty and current students.

Schedule:
10:30 am – Welcome Reception, Safford Center, in the Curtis Building. 148 Main Street
10:45 am – Campus tour, classroom visits
11:45 am – Reception Q&A with faculty and current NYA students

The event is free to the public, and interested families may call the Admission Office at 207-846-2376 to RSVP or for more information.

North Yarmouth Academy is an independent, college preparatory, coeducational day school serving students in grades six through twelve. NYA is dedicated to fostering integrity, character and intellect in young adults. For more information, please contact NYA at 207-846-2380 ext. 9327, or visit our website at www.nya.org.

Kindergarten Screening at the Raymond Elementary School

Appointments are now being taken for kindergarten screening. If you are a current Raymond resident and have a child who will be 5 years old on or before October 15, 2007, and will be entering kindergarten in the fall, then please call the Superintendent of Schools office at 655-8666 to schedule a screening appointment. Kindergarten screenings this year will be held on Thursday, May 17, and Friday, May 18.

Proof of Raymond residency, your child’s birth certificate and immunization record are required to register your child for kindergarten. A kindergarten physical is also required prior to starting school.

“March for Parks” at RES

Benefits Raymond’s Parks

Mr. Dennis Woodruff is once again coordinating the March for Parks program at the Raymond Elementary School. From April 24 – May 4 students will be asked to donate donations of pennies and other coins. All of the donations will be presented to the town to support our local parks. In past years the children’s efforts have helped to purchase a beach wheelchair for Tassel Top Park and to make improvements to Sheri Gagnon Park. This is a great time to clean out spare change from winter pockets, under car seats, and from desk tops and kitchen drawers. The children and staff would like to thank everyone in advance for helping with March for Parks.

Benefit for Explorer Scouts

May 16th

The Raymond Fire/Rescue Department depends on volunteers. Some of those volunteers are young people from the ages of 14 to 18 who are Explorer Scouts, which is an extended part of the Boy Scouts of America. Even though it’s the Boy Scouts, girls are invited to join. This program is set up to work in helping young people learn good ethics and good life experiences. Michael Dyer is the Executive Director of the Explorer Scouts of the Boy Scouts and can be reached at 207-797-5787.

On May 16th there will be a Benefit Auction to raise funds for the programs of the Explorer Scouts. This will be held in Portland, at the Portland Club. Tickets are complimentary and may be obtained from Michael Dyer at the number above. There is both a silent auction and a live auction.

We do need items for the Silent Auction and the Live Auction. If you have an item to donate, please contact Shirley Fielder 207-655-7395 (home) or 207-655-5524 (cell), or by e-mail shirleyl@maine.rr.com. Funds received from the auction and reception will be used to support the Explorer Program in Maine. Everyone is welcome, so come and enjoy the event and the refreshments!
The 2007-2008 proposed school budget the School Board has developed is the culmination of our efforts to effectively allocate resources while ensuring the highest quality of education for our students. This budget includes the addition of a health teacher at JSMS and other initiatives to support student needs.

### Simplified School Budget for 2007 - 2008

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PTO News

by Deb Cutten

Request for Funds

At our April 10th meeting we voted to support a request to help fund the third grades’ annual trip to the Portland Museum of Art. The cost of this trip is $1 per student. By supporting this project it helps us to fulfill our mission of enriching educational programs.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, May 7-11th

It was decided that the PTO would sponsor a Wellness Fair for teachers and staff to show our appreciation. The Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 9th, from 2 to 5 pm in the RES gym. Some of the ideas discussed were chair massages, chiropractic evaluations, polarity therapy, aroma therapy, yoga, stress management, facials, pedicures, yoga training, stress reduction/management, foot massage, healthy cooking, Reiki, acupuncture, postural evaluation, nutrition counseling, etc. If you know anyone who could help us with the above-mentioned areas, or if you could help with the Fair, please contact the PTO at PTO@raymondmaine.org or contact me directly (655-2877 or dcutten@maine.rr.com).

By-law Update

The final revisions to the by-laws were presented and accepted at our April 10th meeting. The final change was to Page Five, Article Five, regarding Officers. Instead of a President and a Vice President, each serving a two year term with the Vice President moving up to the role of President, we will now have a Senior Co-Chair and a Junior Co-Chair, each serving a one year term. This will provide a more team approach as well as only requiring a total commitment of two years instead of the current four. The By-laws are available on our website at www.raymondmaine.org/civic_groups/pto.

Nomination of Officers

At the close of the academic year, the following positions will be vacated: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Hospitality Chair. At our April 10th meeting Lisa Doughty was nominated as Treasurer and Alizah Shiver was nominated as Co-Chair. Volunteers are still needed to fill the other positions: Senior and Hospitality. If volunteers do not come forward, the PTO may no longer be able to continue as it has in the past.

The End of the PTO as You Know It?

By Deb Cutten, outgoing President

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Think of all the things you will be missing. This past year alone we have had make possible the following enrichment programs for Raymond’s children: the 4th grades’ overnight trip to the Pine Tree Conservation School, the 3rd grade’s trip to the Portland Museum of Art, the 5th grade’s Camp Kieve experience, the 6th grade’s “Chewonki” Owl presentation, and the 7th & 8th grades’ Chamber Repertory Theater fieldtrip. We gave the 8th grade class $500 toward their class trip. We helped sponsor seven Raymond students for the Windham High School Band trip. We brought a Circus Smirkus residency program to the elementary school for two weeks.

We collaborated with community organizations like the Eagle Scouts to provide beachers, scoreboards and field goals at our schools, with the Raymond Village Library to provide programming for our children and with the Wellness Committee to provide Safety Education. We helped sponsor a Family Valentine Dance and a Holiday Fair for the community.

The PTO provided monthly breakfasts for K-8 students and their parents this year. We supplied the food and service for Fall Field Days and Spring Field Days at the middle school. We provided teacher and staff appreciation in the form of Welcome Back breakfasts and holiday staff appreciation activities/grifts and end-of-year goodies.

And last but not least, we will give $3000 in college scholarships to deserving Raymond students this year.

PTO might no longer be able to continue as it has in the past.

You can see just how much the PTO does, but it needs a new staff of willing volunteers to continue its good works. Key people within the organization will be retiring after many years of service, and it is time for new parents, community members and teachers/staff to step up to the plate and get involved in your Parent Teacher Organization; or else it may be the end of the PTO as you know it.

If you would like more information on how you can help, please contact me at 655-2877 or dcutten@maine.rr.com.

The Giving Tree

These are items teachers and staff need for their classrooms. If you have extra at home, or would be willing to pick something up when you are out shopping, please bring/send in items and put them in the drop boxes near the school front doors labeled “Giving Tree,” or you can leave them in the Office. We will deliver them to the teachers within 2 days. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Deb at 655-2877 or e-mail me at dcutten@maine.rr.com.

Town Office

Lost and Found

A very pink polar fleece hat, 1 year size.
A pair of hand-knit brown/tan/pink mittens, small child.
An LL Bean red polar fleece jacket, size 4T with hood.

Ballroom Dance Class

Friday, May 4th, at 7pm

Beginners ballroom dance class at Faith Lutheran Church
988 Roosevelt Trail
North Windham

Free-will donations accepted and refreshments available. For more information, call Dee 839-4257.

Hebron Academy to Host EntrePrep Summer Institute

July 15 - July 20, 2007

Hebron Academy has been awarded a grant to host a week-long, residential summer program designed to develop entrepreneurial skills in high school students who have completed their junior year and who demonstrate creativity, academic effort, and the drive to excel in entrepreneurship. This new program, the EntrePrep Summer Institute, will be accepting applications for 24 places in what planners hope will become the model for similar programs across the country.

Developed by the National Council on Economic Education and funded by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, the program will also include a strong local component. Hebron Academy has a successful entrepreneurship program, which features a lecture series by alumni and parents who have gone on to become successful entrepreneurs; and the school has a long tradition of college preparatory education. The summer program will focus on a broad definition of entrepreneurship: the transformation of an idea into an enterprise that creates value.

EntrePrep students will live in supervised residence halls on the Hebron campus and have access to the school’s dining hall, classrooms, library, computer center and fitness center. In addition, plans are under way to partner with the Kieve/Wavus campus on Damarcisaca Lake for leadership training.

The classroom portion of the program will run from July 15 to July 20, 2007, and present a curriculum including topics such as Opportunity Recognition, Market Research, Sales and Marketing, Accounting and Finance, Negotiation Skills, Legal Issues of Small Businesses, Business Plan Development, and Teamwork and Leadership Development.

Classes will include presentations, case studies, hands-on activities and projects.

After attending the classroom portion of the Summer Institute, participants will engage in a team project by setting up a “Business-for-a-Day.” Actually opening and running a Business-for-a-Day will give students a keen understanding of the reality of what it takes to be in business, think as an entrepreneur and work in a team environment to accomplish goals set by the group. The key to success will be their choice of business, coming from analysis of the market and effective brainstorming with their partners to determine an idea that will innovatively satisfy a need in the marketplace.

The conclusion of the Summer Institute will bring the participants back together to make a formal presentation on their ‘Business-for-a-Day’ so when they return to school they learned from conceptual classroom teaching in the context of running a real business for a day.

Additional information on this EntrePrep Summer Institute session will be forthcoming on the Hebron Academy website at http://www.hebronacademy.org and at http://www. entreprep.org.

For more information, please contact Dave Inglehart at 207-966-2100 or Susan Geismar at 207-345-9754.

Hebron Academy is located in the foothills of western Maine twelve miles west of Lewiston-Auburn and has a rich history of social and business entrepreneurs. Hebron Academy, founded in 1804, is a small, independent, college preparatory boarding and day school for boys and girls in grades six through postgraduate. At Hebron students from across the United States and around the world are challenged and inspired to reach their highest potential in mind, body, and spirit through small classes, knowledgeable and caring teachers who provide individual attention, and a friendly, respectful, family atmosphere.

The NCEE is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to improving economic and financial literacy both directly and through its unique nationwide network of state Councils and more than 200 university-based Centers for Economic Education. NCEE’s programs reach more than 50,000 K-12 teachers and over 15 million students in more than 70,000 schools each year.

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Raymond Road Runner

Deadline Reminder

Articles for the June issue are due Thursday, May 17th.
Intervention – How and When to Get Involved
by Steve Danziger, LSW, LADC

There are times in our lives when we witness a certain situation or behavior that is so powerful we feel moved, or almost obligated, to respond to it. For example, when you see a car accident happen…you react. That is because it’s our human nature to feel compassion for and to want to help those in need. We all have it. It’s instinctual. Accidents, catastrophes, natural disasters, and acts of God are all unfortunate situations that cause us to instinctively drop everything and dive in to help our fellow man. In these situations, the fight or flight response instinct kicks in and we do it. An excellent example of this is the response to September 11th. It was such a powerful event that everyone across the country and even around the world stopped what they were doing to refocus their efforts on how to help their fellow men and women through this tragic event, many of whom lost their own lives because of their deep desire and commitment to help “strangers” in dire need.

But what happens when the catastrophe is slow moving? How do we react when we know that there is something wrong but we can’t quite put our finger on it? Or when we think we see something that others don’t? This can be the case when we suspect that someone we know is depressed, angry, or isolating themselves from others. When you think something is wrong, but we aren’t sure. Or we encounter someone we don’t know very well acting strangely and we disregard them. The danger in doing nothing is that people who exhibit these feelings and behaviors may actually be suffering from a much more serious mental health issue. And they could pose a danger to themselves or others.

There can be many “red flags” that are revealed during the progression of a mental health disorder. Sometimes these people will “self-medicate” with excessive alcohol or drug consumption. Others with more serious mental disorders will sometimes hear voices, see things, and appear disorganized in their thoughts or behaviors. Some will have an inexplicable hatred and rage which is revealed through writings, artwork, or other creative outlets. Unfortunately, when we witness these events, most of us don’t do anything in response. There is the much-believed myth: if we ignore it, it will go away; but in reality: if we ignore it, it can and probably will get much worse! Remember, if you are worried, you can always say you are sorry. But if you are right and didn’t say anything, you may have to live with the consequences of wondering: “If you had done something, would it have made a difference?”

However, please be cautious in your choice of response. It is not recommended that you “do something” on your own (i.e. without the help of a mental health professional) like confronting that person directly. In the best case scenario, they may try to convince you that they will know when ‘it’ gets worse and will get help then, or they may try to convince you that they will take care of it on their own, or they may outright deny knowing what you are talking about and make you feel bad. But in the worst case scenario, they may get angry or violently toward you. Therefore, it is best to take a non-confrontational approach. Go on the internet, research the signs and symptoms you are witnessing, and if you find that these are the signs of a defined mental disorder, contact a mental health professional immediately.

Mental health professionals have dealing experience with people with all types of mental disorders, from those suffering from mild depression to those with more serious mental health conditions to those on the verge of a full-blown mental breakdown. They are trained to know the signs and symptoms of a variety of mental health disorders and can usually provide assistance if they are brought in to intervene in time. If they are unable to personally treat the person, because they lack experience in that area, or if the person they are treating has escalated to a more dangerous level, that therapist will refer that person to another therapist or to a facility that can provide a more appropriate level of care.

Swim Instructor Position Open
RRA Summer Swim Program 2007
Dates: July 2 – 27, 2007
(no class July 4)
Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm
Registration at JSS on Wednesday, June 6
Certification required:
- ARC Water Safety Instructor
- Raymond Rec may reimburse cost of WSI course upon certification
Compensation: Begins at $12 per hour of teaching, depending upon experience

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:
- Registration, class assignments, course finances
- Red Cross Contracts, record keeping
- Managing and storing equipment
- Instruction of Levels 1 through 6 and Instructor Aid
- Testing and issuing cards
- Completing records
- Handling questions from parents

The Raymond Rec Board is hiring a Lifeguard to assist with instruction and safety. There will be a volunteer parent present at Crescent representing the Raymond Rec Board to assist with any concerns that may arise.

Contact Pat Smith for more information or an application: pat@campwavenock.com or 655-4657

Fire and Rescue Department News
May 20-26, 2007, is National EMS Week
This year celebrates “Extraordinary People, Extraordinary Service.” EMS Week is part of a year-round effort in the US and Canada to honor EMS personnel for the extraordinary work that they do every day.

Did you know…
- An Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) must complete 140 hours of training and pass the National Registry written and practical exam to be licensed in Maine. Raymond currently has 16 EMT-Basics on the roster.
- An EMT-I must complete an additional 200 hours of classroom and 150 hours of clinical training, and pass a written and practical exam to be licensed. EMT-I’s can perform certain ALS (Advanced Life Support) skills, like administering medication, intubation, IV access, and treating cardiac arrest. They are also trained to provide advanced care for victims of serious traumatic injuries. We currently have 5 EMT-I’s on the roster.
- An EMT-Intermediate must complete approximately 600 in-field hours, 150-300 in-field hours, and 300 in-hospital hours of training to be eligible to take the exam. Paramedics are trained to identify and start treating life-threatening injuries. They can get to the hospital. Paramedics can perform advanced cardiac care, administer medication, and perform advanced airway procedures. We have 5 Paramedics in the town, 2 of whom are full-time Paramedic/Firefighters.

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

Did you know that Raymond has a new community recycling program? We have 55 recycling boxes located throughout town. Please use them responsibly and consider the environment. Recyclables include: newspaper, #1 and #2 plastic, aluminum, and glass. Please separate the recyclables in the boxes and do not place glass in the #1/2 plastic box. With the new program, the Raymond Fire Department is no longer responsible for transporting recyclables. Please remember to check your trash can regularly to ensure that it is not overflowing. For more information, please contact the Fire Department at 655-7851.

Life Support), ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support), PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support), PEPPE (Pediatric Education for Pre-hospital Professionals), NALS (Neonatal Advanced Life Support), Critical Care Interfacility Certification, and Wilderness EMS certification. Twelve EMS providers are also certified at the Firefighter I (SCBA/interior) level. That’s another 120 hours of class!!! The Town of Raymond is served by over 300 years of EMS experience!

Help Us Help You
The best way to help is to make sure your house number is clearly visible. Please number both sides of your mailbox or place reflective numbers at least 3 inches high on a prominent place on your house. If you number your mailbox, please number both sides, as we could be approaching your home from any direction. It makes a huge difference for Fire, Rescue, and Police to have a clear marker before we drive down a dark and narrow driveway! In times like the recent storm, it may not be just Raymond coming to help; it could be mutual aid from another town, and they aren’t always familiar with our roads. A few minutes make a huge difference in fires and medical emergencies. If you aren’t sure about your address visibility, give us a call. We are always available to check it out.

Vial Of Life
You may have seen “Vial of Life” posters around town. What is this about? RFRD has a program to make your important medical information available to us in the event you or a family member have a medical emergency. The Vial of Life package contains instructions, information forms, and the vial - all for free. You can pick them up at the Public Safety Building, or we can deliver them if you are unable to get here. This program is for ANYONE, young or old, who has any serious medical issues. EMS and hospital personnel need this information in order to treat you appropriately.

AND your information stays private because it stays with you. Please call 655-7851 if you have any questions or would like a Vial of Life kit.
Raymond Village Community Church News

By Rev. Nancy Foran

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 2nd! Watch for more details!

The Presumpscot Parish Union Church of Christ churches will be honoring their choirs, music directors, and music ministry with a progressive supper for the music folks, ending with a hymn sing and musical entertainment along with dessert for EVERYONE! Here’s the tentative schedule:

- Casco Village Church – appetizers*
- Raymond Village Church – salads*
- North Windham Union Church – Main Course*
- North Windham Union Church – sing-a-long and dessert (EVERYONE IS INVITED)*

*Just for the choirs and their directors

Shalom Club News

The youth in Shalom Club (for 5th and 6th graders) have been hard at work collecting donations and making dog toys for the Pet Packs, which they intend to contribute to an area animal shelter. They are making the Pet Packs to be sent home with adopted dogs and their new families.

Shalom Club meets on the last Sunday of each month after church from 11:30-1pm. Lunch is always included – and everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a friend!

Special Worship Services Coming Up!

May 13th – Mother’s Day. All women in the church will be honored and receive a special remembrance, as we thank them for the ways they have been role models, nurturers, comforters, people of strength and courage in our lives.

May 27th – Pentecost Sunday. The church will be afire with amazing plants for the Flea Market, and Andy Morrison has volunteered to be our Grill Master!

This year, we’re holding the Flea Market the same day as the Raymond Village Library’s Plant Sale. So save the date, and some spending money, for a morning trip to Raymond Village for plants, lunch, and Flea Market treasures!

Raymond Flea Market

By Shannon Nichols

The Raymond Flea Market, a summer fundraiser for RVCC, is scheduled for June 16, 2007, 8am to 2pm, at the church. Join us for a fun day of shopping, where you may find some treasures that only a Flea Market can provide.

If you would like to rent a table for the Flea Market ($15 for the day) or a 10-foot space ($10 for the day), please contact Shannon Nichols at shannonn@maine.rr.com or 776-4866.

If you have items that you want to donate for the church to sell at the Flea Market, please bring them to the church on June 3rd and/or June 10th. Someone will be on hand to accept them from you. Sorry, we can’t accept items at any other time due to the lack of storage space. Smaller items seem to sell well. No computer equipment or appliances please.

I’m looking for helpers to make baked goods, volunteer on the day of the event, make signs to help market the event and control traffic, and someone(s) to help organize the silent auction.

Charlotte Rowe is growing some of her amazing plants for the Flea Market, and Andy Morrison has volunteered to be our Grill Master!

Selectmen’s Meetings

Tuesday, May 1st, 7pm
Tuesday, May 15th, 7pm
at the Broadcast Studio next to the Jordan-Small Middle School

Raymond Shopping Day

Shop and support the Raymond Village Library on June 2nd! Look for the sign in the window of your local participating businesses in Raymond and help support the library’s efforts to expand the book collection and programming activities for the entire family. A percentage of the store earnings on that day will go directly to the library. Go shopping, pick up your dry cleaning, and have lunch with friends and family, while supporting the library at the same time.

The following businesses will be participating:

- Anytime Subs & Wraps
- Auto Werke
- Chipman Farm Stand
- Community Pharmacy
- Cottage Industries
- Cricket’s Corner
- Danielle’s Sebago Diner
- The Good Life Market
- J.C. Mobility Solutions
- Jordan Bay Marina/Port Harbor Marine
- Lake Region Wireless/Cingular
- Raymond Laundry
- Raymond Village Florist
- Sebago Sign Works & Truck Lettering
- Sebago Pirate’s Galley
- Tailfeathers Upland Store
- Ultimate Hair and Tanning Salon

Raymond-Casco Historical Society

By Anne Miller

Raymond-Casco Historical Society welcomes the public to attend their May 14 monthly meeting at the Casco Public Library at 7pm. After a brief business meeting, guest speaker Jean Hankins, Ph.D., a member of the Otisfield Historical Society, will present her research paper on “Casco Nutrition Camps During the 1920s,” a time when over half the children of the Holy Spirit back home with you!

Raymond-Casco Historical Society will be participating in the Raymond Village Library’s Plant Sale. So save the date, and some spending money, for a morning trip to Raymond Village for plants, lunch, and Flea Market treasures!
Androscoggin County Chamber Hosts Reception for the Center for the Prevention of Hate Violence

The Center for the Prevention of Hate Violence Executive Director Steve Wessler (center) welcomed members of the Lewiston and Auburn community at a recent reception held at the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce offices. Wessler described the Center’s work with students and staff at Lewiston and Edward Little high schools and the cities’ middle schools, which participate in the Unity Project, an intensive, multi-year, school harassment prevention program. Created to engage the entire school community in supporting positive changes within its culture, the Unity Project is made up of workshops that identify the roles that students, teachers and administrators can each play in turning the cultures of their schools away from bias, harassment and violence and toward unity, respect and safety.

The Center for the Prevention of Hate Violence is a non-profit organization that develops and implements training and educational programs to prevent bias, harassment and violence. For more information, contact Susan Geimaris, Coordinator of Development, at (207) 780-4756 or by e-mail at susan@preventinghate.org.

Community Service Updates

By Barb Loux

Once again it has been a very busy few months for the Community Service classes.

You may have seen the Penny Collection going on around town for leukemia. We are in the process of counting up the pennies to see how much was collected. Thanks for the help!

We also had a class run an indoor yard sale to benefit The Leukemia Foundation. Tables were rented and we raised around $150 for a great cause. Thanks to all the people who rented tables. Let’s hope for a better customer turnout next year!!!

Several classes continue to mentor at the Elementary School. This is a wonderful way to build compassion and learn how to be a good role model.

As you can see, the ice rink is down. Thank you, thank you, to all who helped in this project. I was so pleased to see so many children and families using it on the weekends and after school. The weather was not very cooperative this year, but we hope to get it up earlier next year so we can enjoy it for even longer!! A special thanks to Andy Emery and Josh Beeler, who have put in a lot of time taking the rink down.

There was a group of 10 children who went to visit the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital. We decorated cookies and had an egg hunt. This valuable experience is one that they will be passionate about. It might be about leukemia, or puppy mills, or the environment. If you miss their debut on Media Night, stay tuned to Channel 2 or 3, and you might be able to catch these rising stars there!

We are hoping to combine “Media Night” with a “Chinese Auction.” This would be to continue some fundraising for the town skatepark. If you have anything of value or a service that you provide that could be auctioned off, please contact me at 655-4743x107 or barb.loux@raymondmaine.org.

Speaking of skateparks, we are still looking for land for the half pipe. We are in the process of having the town help assemble it, with high hopes that we can use it as a part of land for its temporary home.

Also, back by popular demand, another Talent Show is in works for May 11th.

Many kids will be walking for the Make a Wish foundation on May 31st. If you would like to sponsor someone, please feel free to contact us. Thanks!!!

Fire/Rescue Dispatch Asks Your Help

When you lose your dog or cat, you can call Dispatch and ask them to notify Don Alexander, our Animal Control Officer. When you lose your horse, llama, or cow, it’s a bit more involved since they won’t fit in an animal carrier. The place to call is Dispatch, but more information is necessary in order to rescue your livestock.

We are asking that you fill out a Livestock Location form for Dispatch’s use. If you have already filled one out, please review it so that the information is current. The forms can be obtained at Dispatch in the Public Safety Building, 1443 Roosevelt Trail, the Town Office, or online at Raymond’s website www.raymondmaine.org.

These forms are most important in order to better identify the horse(s) running down the road or the llama visiting someone’s backyard. It’s for the safety of the animal and the person who might hit it with his car.

Property Tax and Rent Relief “Circuit Breaker” Program

DEADLINE MAY 31, 2007

Applications are available at the Town Office or online at www.maine.gov/revenue or write to:

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

General Information:
207-626-8475 weekdays 8am to 5pm
Call for forms: 207-624-7894
Refund Information: 207-626-8461

(Have your Social Security number and total income amount available.)

NexTalk (TTY service):
888-577-6690 weekdays 8am to 4:30pm.

Household Trash Pickup

By: Louise Lester, Town Clerk (the trash lady)

As a reminder, Raymond provides curbside household trash pick and recycling. Pine Tree Waste is our contract trash hauler. If you wish to call them about an issue, their phone number is 888-857-0800. If you have any complaints, you can call them directly or call the Town Office at 655-4742 ext. 21. You can also e-mail me with complaints or suggestions at louise.lester@raymondmaine.org. Your day of pickup for the western and southern parts of town is Tuesday and the northern and eastern parts is Wednesday. If you have a question about your day of pickup, please call the Town Office or look at the map on our website www.raymondmaine.org.

Each household is allowed two 32-gallon containers (each not more than 50 pounds) per week. It is necessary that you have your street address on your trash barrels along with an orange sticker which you can get at the Town Office free of charge. You can recycle as much as you wish. A list of recycling items is available at the Town Office, as are blue recycling bins for $6.15 each. If you have more than the two 32-gallon containers for a week, there are bag stickers for sale at the Town Office for $1 each. You may put out as many stickered bags as you wish. All trash and recycling must be curbside in barrels by 7am on the day of pickup.

The household waste transfer station in Casco is NOT for our use. We are a part of the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility but not the Casco/Naples Transfer Station.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Maine Environmental Depot, Lewiston Solid Waste Facility
424 River Road, Lewiston
www.envdepot.com or www.avcog.org or 783-9186

Open the FIRST and THIRD Saturdays of each month from APRIL through NOVEMBER Hours 8am to noon.

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 turmpike; northbound, take a RIGHT off the ramp). About ¼ 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.
**RWPA - 2007 Goals and 2006 Accomplishments**

By Noralee Raymond, Executive Director

The Annual Raymond Waterways Appeal is underway, and every contribution helps to achieve this year’s goal of $30,000. We would like to thank everyone who was able to support us in 2006, and we hope to hear from you many of you this season.

As we plan for our 2007 season, we are looking for volunteers to assist us with the following:

- **Boat Inspections**: Assist in educating boaters at the ramps. Volunteering as a boat inspector can be as simple as one four-hour shift twice a month for the summer.
- **Milfoil Remediation Projects**: Assembling benthic tarps, assisting divers from shore, or pulling plants in the shallow areas.
- **Plant Patrol**: Attend our July 10th invasive plant patrol workshop and learn how to survey a section of your lake for invasive plants.
- **Erosion Control Projects**: If you know how to use a shovel or a rake, you can help us install many of the simple erosion control practices, from planting vegetation to constructing infiltration steps and water diverters.

We hope you can find the time to help us in protecting Raymond’s lakes.

Our goals for 2007 are to increase milfoil remediation efforts at six areas on Sebago Lake, continue boat inspections and boater education, and conduct invasive plant surveys on our lakes. Additionally, we will begin the Raymond Pond Conservation Project and continue to assist Panther Pond Association with the Panther Pond Conservation Project. Both federally funded projects are aimed at helping individual landowners reduce erosion on their properties.

We want to remind you of three important upcoming dates:

- **Saturday, June 2nd 9am - 2pm at Camp Sunshine**
  - Casco and Raymond Community Watershed Forum
- **Tuesday, July 10th 3:30pm – 9pm at Raymond Public Safety Building**
  - Invasive Plant Patrol Workshop

**Boat Inspection Totals**

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*Of the 25 invasive Variable milfoil plant fragments found, 23 were found on out-going boats, 2 were on incoming boats. The incoming boats had previously launched in Sebago Lake at other locations (Jordan Bay Marina and Sebago Lake State Park).

**Maine is being invaded! We need your help. Please join Maine’s Invasive Plant Patrol today!**

We welcome you to attend two important workshops that will provide everything needed to get started.

The workshops are free! All are welcome to attend!

**INVASIVE PLANT PATROL WORKSHOP**

**Tuesday, July 10th, 3:30pm to 9pm**

**Raymond Public Safety Building**

**The workshop will provide . . .**

- An overview and update of the threat of invasive aquatic plants in Maine
- Introduction to "Maine’s Eleven Most Unwanted" invasive aquatic plants
- An opportunity to practice plant identification with live plants
- The fundamentals of conducting an invasive aquatic plant screening survey
- The IPP Handbook, a three-ring binder full of useful information, including a free copy of the Maine Field Guide to Invasive Aquatic Plants

**The workshop includes a half-hour meal break.**

**FIELD TRAINING WORKSHOP**

**Saturday, July 14th, 8am to 12pm**

**Lake Location: To Be Decided**

(Attendance at July 10th workshop or prior IPP training needed to attend the field training)

Maine’s lakes, rivers and streams are increasingly threatened by non-native invasive plants. Once established in a lake, stream or pond, early detection of an invasive aquatic plant provides the best hope of eradicating the invader. Trained volunteers play an extremely important role in this effort. The work is interesting, rewarding and fun.

Presented by the **Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants**

Hosted by the Raymond Waterways Protective Association, University of Maine Cooperative Extension and the Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District

**IMPORTANT: Pre-registration is required for all workshops. Please contact the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program at vlp@mainevlmp.org or (207) 783-7733 or Raymond Waterways Protective Association at lakes@raymondmaine.org or (207) 671-3329 to register, or for more information.**

The Invasive Plant Patrol workshops are made possible with support from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and by boater participation in the Maine Lake and River Protection Sticker program.
Mystery Theater

“A Spirited Night in Swanson Manor,” a presentation of the Good Shepherd Players, is scheduled for May 4th and 11th at 6:30 pm at the Spring Meadow Golf and Country Club in Gray, Maine.

You have been cordially invited by Ms. Laurie Swanson to spend the night in a genuine haunted mansion. You’ll be treated to deluxe accommodations compliments of Alfred Dollarworth, her personal valet, and will enjoy a delicious meal prepared by her cook Betty Crockpot. The highlight of your evening is sure to be a midnight séance by the mysterious Madame Laveau. Of course, the Amazing Sandi, who delights in debunking the claims of the supernatural, will do her best to discredit Madame Laveau. You will also meet Dr. Levon Spengman from the local university and his graduate assistant Rita Venkler. They’ve been invited to “bust” any ghosts that might show up unexpectedly. Little do the guests realize that something dastardly is in the works - other than the séance. Match wits with our celebrity detective, and if your table is the first to correctly identify the murderer, you will win a wonderful gift basket.

Tickets for the evening are $30 per person and may be reserved by calling 657-3980 or by going to our website: www.goodshepumc.org and clicking on the Mystery Theater link. Be sure to inquire about the special pricing for a table of eight.
Maine Blues Festival Returns in 2007

By Mike McClellan, Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce

The Maine Blues Festival returns for the second year of this event in Naples, Maine, on Saturday June 16. The Maine Blues Festival is the creation of Mike Bray of Bray’s Brew Pub and Restaurant in Naples. He has assembled a hard-working committee of local business people and volunteers to make Naples the Blues Capital of Maine for one weekend each year. We are extremely excited that first-year sponsors Norway Savings Bank and P&K Sand and Gravel have returned at the Event Sponsor level. Evergreen Credit Union moves up to a Platinum Sponsor and the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce and Mark Babbitt, Massage Therapist, also return as sponsors. The Maine Blues Festival is an all-day event (some locations will offer Friday and Sunday activities), with 10 or more music venues, over 30 awesome Blues acts and a family-oriented area at the Naples Village Green. Many thanks to the committee overseeing this event as well as to the Town of Naples for their support in this endeavor. Tickets are now on sale at Bray’s Brew Pub and Restaurant and the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce Information Center. Tickets are only $10 and support this event. Your purchase gives us the confidence to add more to the Maine Blues Festival. Learn more about the events and sponsors at www.mainebluesfestival.com.

Boat Registrations Due as of January 1st, Expire December 31st

Boat registrations have not changed: 0-10 hp $10; over 10-50 hp $16; over 50-115 hp $22; over 115 hp $30; and personal watercraft $30. Milfoil stickers are required for all motorized boats: resident $10 and non-resident $20 (boats not registered in Maine). Maine Sales Tax is collected at 5% of the purchase price.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife collects the milfoil sticker funds to use for programs to study and prevent these water plants, especially the Eurasian milfoil, from permeating Maine fresh waters. The Eurasian milfoil plant is an invasive plant that eventually chokes fresh water lakes, ponds, and rivers. Once established in a lake, it can become impossible to control. Maine is trying to keep milfoil from its waters, and this program endeavors to keep our lakes, ponds, and streams from becoming clogged. For anyone with a non-motorized boat who wishes to participate, the stickers are also available at the established fee.

LRFM continues to look for additional producers; our specific needs: baked goods, preserves and fresh fruit. The LRFM would like to invite Maine-based acoustic musicians to play and will be having special events throughout the market season. Also, individuals and organizations are encouraged to contact us about volunteer opportunities.

Our board members are available to answer specific questions and provide detailed information about how to participate with the Lakes Region Farmers’ Market in Windham. We will have fresh Maine products waiting for you.

For more information, contact us at:
P.O. Box 111, Raymond, ME 04071-0111
Allen Pollock, Market Manager – 318-9106 or marketmanager@lrfm.org
Scott Libby, Treasurer – 831-1623 or treasurer@lrfm.org
Bob Wehmeyer, Secretary – 892-0293 or secretary@lrfm.org

Want to Learn About Digital Broadcasting?

The Technology Committee and Kevin Woodbrey, Network Administrator, are looking for interested people who would like to learn how to operate the digital broadcasting studio and run the cameras for meetings in Raymond. If you would like more information, please e-mail Kevin at kevinwoodbrey@raymondmaine.org or call Louise Lester at the Town Office at 655-4742 ext. 21.

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.

Raymond PTO Scholarship Application

Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Mailing Address: ___________________________
Telephone: ___________________________
Parent’s Name, Address and Telephone number: ___________________________

How many years did you attend Jordan-Small School?

How many years have you been a Raymond resident?

Are you currently a Raymond resident?

What college or university do you plan to attend?

Please attach the following:

1. Three personal recommendations from teachers, employers, coaches, etc.
2. High school transcripts
3. A brief description of school-related extracurricular activities and community-related activities. Describe in detail your involvement in at least three of these activities.
4. Write an essay stating your reason for pursuing a college education and include a description of your personal and career goals. Include the following in your essay:
   a. State why you have chosen the college(s) listed above and how you decided on your career goals.
   b. Explain how your past experiences (extracurricular and community activities) have helped you develop your career goals.
   c. Describe how the college you have chosen will help you attain your goals.
   d. Identify barriers that could affect your ability to achieve your goals and how you plan to overcome these obstacles.
   e. Describe why your achievements and values would make you a good candidate for receiving a PTO scholarship.

DEADLINE: May 1st, 2007

Please send your completed application to: Raymond PTO Scholarship Committee c/o Raymond Elementary School
434 Webb’s Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071

Recipients of scholarships will receive the scholarship money after the PTO receives their first semester college transcripts indicating an overall GPA of 2.5 or above.
Raymond Pond Conservation Project Begins

Raymond Waterways Protective Association applied for and received a grant from the Maine DEP and US EPA under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act for the Raymond Pond Conservation Project. We are proud to announce that the $95,603 ($54,238 federal/$41,363 match) 319 grant funds are now available.

Over the next two years, Raymond Pond watershed residents will have the opportunity to participate in the Raymond Pond Conservation Project to reduce erosion problems in their watershed. Financial assistance and free technical assistance will be made available. Workshops will be offered to help landowners learn conservation techniques to use on their own property. We estimate that funding will be available to fix 30 erosion sites.

Through the grant, landowners and road associations will receive free technical assistance and funding of up to 50% of the cost of the entire project. The remaining 50% can be matched either in cash, materials or labor. If you are interested in this financial assistance, call Noralee Raymond to get your name on the list of possible sites.

We are currently seeking volunteers interested in serving on the Raymond Pond Conservation Project Steering Committee. The steering committee will meet 6 times over the next two years to help guide the project activities, and assist with planning workshops and organizing volunteers on a site by site basis for planting, digging infiltration areas, spreading mulch, or building water diverters.

If you are interested in receiving technical assistance, are able to volunteer, or want to learn more about the project, please fill out the form below or contact Noralee Raymond at 207-671-3329 or lakes@raymondmaine.org.

Raymond Recreation Needs Swimming Instructor

Raymond Recreation has a summer job opening for a Swim Instructor for the Learn to Swim Program at Crescent Beach. Dates and details can be found at www.raymondmaine.org/RedCross.

Interested candidates who need certification should inquire about instructor course availability in June. Pay begins at $12 per hour depending upon experience.

Our goal: Every Raymond Child - A Swimmer!!!

Hebron Academy Middle School Announces Winter Honor Roll

By Christine Hemmings, Middle School Office Administrator

Hebron Academy Middle School Director Paul Brouwer and Headmaster John King recently presented certificates for the winter trimester honor roll.

Highest Honors (A- average or higher): Matthew Fensore, Adria Hughes, Lindsey Hughes, Rebekah Jett, Isabel Kannegieser, A.J. Keith, Rosalyn Moisan, Sydney Randall, and Harry Trask.

High Honors (B+ average or higher): Annalyn Bachmann, Thomas Cummings, Bradley Geismar, and Garrett Van Wie.

Honors (B average or higher): Matthew Fensore, Maxwell Middleton, and Paul Webster-Pact.

These students were honored for academic achievement at the Middle School, which includes history, English, math, science, and languages, supplemented by music, art, outdoor skills, and physical education. For more information about the Middle School, interested families should check the Middle School section of the Hebron Academy website at www.hebronacademy.org.
Oklahoma! Knocks Their Boots Off!
The residents of Raymond and the Lakes Region were treated to an extraordinary performance at Jordan-Small Middle School the weekend of April 6-7, Oklahoma!, directed by Marilee Dunklee, produced by Mary Thornton and choreographed by Patricia Feeney, was a musical delight. Once again, Mrs. Emily Wall traveled from Georgia to play piano for the show, and Scott Gordan (father of eighth grader Cassi Gordan) arranged music for drums, played by Brenda Stevenson, clarinet, played by Melinda Rankin (mother of eighth grader Madison Rankin), flute, played by music teacher Morgan Riley, trombone, played by Principal Randy Crockett, and Scott played the trumpet. The pit provided foot-stomping music to accompany the wonderful singing of the ensemble and principal players. Josh Christy and Molly Keane-Dreyer were terrific as Curley and Laurey, the young lovers in the play. Both have beautiful voices and were able to blend together in a heart-warming way. Audience members might actually have believed they were in love (they are not!).

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Laurey’s girlfriends, played by Molly Cloutier, Delaney Kenny, Madison Rankin and Cassi Gordan, charmingly sang “Many A New Day,” and with Georgia Noonan sang “Out of My Dreams” and accompanied Ado Annie in “I’m Just a Girl Who Can’t Say No.” They and other girls from the ensemble also danced beautifully in several scenes. The choreography of the show was terrific. There was more dancing in this show than in any previous musical at JSMS, and Patricia Feeney is to be applauded for her work with the cast. There were tap, ballet, two-step and group dancing scenes.

Many, many parents are involved in getting this production up and running. Costumes, tickets, concession, raffles, flowers, backstage help and of course food—snacks during rehearsals were all taken care of by parents. Helene Gagnon, for the last time, provided the meals for dress rehearsal and performance nights, thanks to the generous support of the Raymond PTO.

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Written by Jeri Keane, mother of eighth grader Molly Keane-Dreyer

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By Jack Fitch
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James Wiley, a student at Gray-New Gloucester High School, recently finished his projects, which were a sports scoreboard and two field hockey nets. With the money that was left over he was able to purchase a timer used for cross-country meets, soccer matches, and field days. James received funds from the Raymond Parent Teacher Organization.

Congratulations to both young men for a job well done.

Free Technical Assistance Visits Available to Thomas Pond Watershed Residents
The Thomas Pond Conservation Project is in full swing and FREE technical assistance visits are available to all Thomas Pond Watershed residents. This offer includes a site visit by Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and written recommendations and instructions for water quality conservation practices that can be applied. Typical recommendations may include the creation and installation of a variety of erosion control practices such as infiltration steps, water diverters, drywells, and many other common soil and water conservation methods. Advice may also be given as to the need of planting native vegetation for simple water filtration and absorption purposes. Any recommendations made are strictly voluntary and many sites may qualify for up to $300 in cost-share funds for the implementation of suggested water quality improvement practices.

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