



## **RECENT EVENTS**

### **JULY 2015 TOWN FAIR**

Following one of Raymond's most severe winters in years, spring finally arrived and Society members opened its season on April 12<sup>th</sup> with the first organizational meeting of the year. Despite problems with burst pipes in the bathroom and the storage railroad car door in disrepair, members began to collect donations and store them for the Abigail's Attic Sale held during Town Fair weekend. Our thanks to Greg Bemis for the use of his trailer for three months to store attic sale items. Due to a lack of manpower, it was decided to abbreviate the fair by one day, beginning Friday instead of Thursday. Members stepped up to the plate to provide coverage for all three days, while Marge Desjardins manned the kitchen serving hot dogs, sodas, root beer floats, home-baked brownie and ice cream sundaes, and strawberry shortcake with fresh picked berries, real biscuits, and whipped cream! Proceeds of the town fair were close to \$4,000!

### **TIME CAPSULE**

The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Time Capsule was buried in the Main Street garden at the Depot with an engraved brick placed over the spot. For those who are around in 2039, it will be fun to uncover it! The Society has acquired one of each of the 250<sup>th</sup> souvenirs for display in its museum and there are still some items for sale.

### **THANK YOU**

During the town celebration in 2014, Pastor Ken Bosse and the Men's Group of the New Life Church had offered to restore the old town jail (setting it on a permanent foundation), along with refurbishing Raymond's first fire hydrant (from 1894, setting it on a cement pad), as well as donating stocks placed near the Farm Museum area as an attraction thus fulfilling the Society's mission to educate future generations about happenings that took place 250 years ago.

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The Society's annual Pancake Breakfast was held on Saturday, August 22. Kudos to Jonathan Wood and his fine crew, as well as the Boy Scouts of Troop 101. Katarina Vogel, Miss Raymond 2015, and Maggie Paris, Junior Miss Raymond 2015, were on hand to sell tickets for the event. Nearly 100 people enjoyed strawberry, plain, blueberry, or Red, White and Blue pancakes (blueberry pancakes with strawberries and whipped cream) with real maple syrup, sausage, and juices. It was a good day all around, boosting the Society's treasury by over \$500.

### **BOOK SELLS OVER 4,000 COPIES**

"A Brief History of Raymond, New Hampshire" authored by Paul Brown and several local writers continues to be sold in town at the Society for \$19.99 and at: Pines Seafood Restaurant, Raymond Town Office, Tuckaway Tavern, and Radio Grove Hardware. Last spring, communication from the History Press in Charleston, South Carolina (the book publisher) to the author indicated that over 4,000 copies of the publication had been sold nation-wide and the book is still available at Costco.

### **HOUSE SIGNS**

Handmade wooden house signs, indicating the date the structure was built, are still available through the Society at a cost of \$15.00. Different styles can be viewed by visiting the Society's website at [www.raymondhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.raymondhistoricalsociety.org) where there is an order form. The signs, cut and sanded by the high school wood-working class students, are painted white and the numbers in black are done by a local calligraphist. Instead of the year the house was built, some have ordered signs to show their house number.





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**OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this Society shall be to cultivate and encourage an interest in historical and antiquarian research of Raymond and the vicinity, to collect and catalogue significant historical matter, antiquarian items, and relics, to fund and maintain a museum where such collections shall be preserved and exhibited, and to fund projects that meet at least two of the following criteria as allowed by a vote of members:

1. For historical purposes
2. For educational purposes
3. To promote interest in the Raymond Historical Society

We will maintain all presently owned property and any properties that may be acquired in the future in a manner that is creditable to the town, serving as a resource to the town government whenever necessary and cooperating with the schools, library, and other local organizations in developing educational programs involving Raymond's history.