

# Raymore-Peculiar School News



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## Issue set for April 6 ballot

### Board approves asking Ray-Pec voters for 80-cent operating tax levy increase

The Ray-Pec Board of Education on Jan. 21 approved a resolution to place an operating tax levy increase on the April 6 ballot. Voters will be asked to consider adding 80 cents to the district's tax levy. The issue requires a simple majority to pass.

The current tax levy is \$5.0397. It is divided into two parts: the operating levy of \$3.75 and the debt service levy of \$1.2897. The debt service portion of the levy is used to pay off bonds that were issued to construct new facilities. If the tax increase is approved, the total levy would increase to \$5.8397.

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### Explaining the need

Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle** talks about the challenges in school district finances and why the district is seeking a tax levy increase in April. He spoke Jan. 28 at the meeting of the Ray-Pec Student Success Council. Pictured facing the camera is **Al Voelker**, assistant principal at Ray-Pec Middle School.

### Makeup day on Feb. 12

Reminder: Friday, Feb. 12, will be a full day of classes for all Ray-Pec students. On the district calendar, the day was scheduled as a non-attendance day or for use as the first makeup day. There will be a three-hour early release on Thursday, Feb. 11; a full day of school on Friday, Feb. 12; and no school on Monday, Feb. 15, in observance of Presidents' Day.

### Last day of school is now May 27

The district has missed five school days due to inclement weather. One snow day will be made up on Friday, Feb. 12. The other snow days will be made up on May 24, 25, 26 and 27. High school graduation remains, as scheduled, on Friday, May 21, at the Community of Christ Auditorium in Independence.

### School board election

Four candidates are vying for two school board seats up for election on April 6. The seats are currently held by Board President **Joe Anthuis** and board member **Sharon Shores**.

Shores did not file for re-election. The four candidates are: incumbent **Joe Anthuis** of Raymore; **Chad Heggem** of Raymore; **Leo Anderson** of Raymore and **Harry Gurin** of Raymore.

The top two vote-getters will be elected to three-year terms.

### School board approves calendar for 2010-2011

The school board on Jan. 21 approved the calendar for 2010-2011. The calendar is posted on the district web site: [www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us).

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*"Through collaboration among parents, students, staff and the community, the Raymore-Peculiar School District will ensure that each student masters specific and challenging learning objectives that maximize achievement and lead to lifelong productivity."*

## News Briefs

### Ray-Pec Citizens for Children Committee

The Ray-Pec Citizens for Children, a committee of patrons and parents, has begun to form. Once the ballot issue is identified, the committee plans to work to support the district's efforts. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, in the board of education room at the Ray-Pec Administrative Services Center, 21005 S. School Road. If you're interested in serving on this committee, please RSVP to Tim Stidham at (816) 536-1974 or [tviper56@aol.com](mailto:tviper56@aol.com) or Ray-Pec Communication Director Michele Donahoe at (816) 892-1314 or via e-mail at [mdonahoe@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:mdonahoe@raypec.k12.mo.us).

### Mentors needed

If you are interested in mentoring a student in the Ray-Pec School District, Thursday, Feb. 4, is the last time for training this year.

Together We Can YouthFriends connects Kindergarten through 6th grade students with caring adult volunteers in the Ray-Pec School District. The purpose of Together We Can YouthFriends is to promote success, encourage healthy behaviors and build stronger communities.

Mentors are encouraged to sign-up for at least one year and meet weekly for one hour with a student in their school. The training will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, in room 117 at the Administrative Services Center, 21005 S. School Rd., Peculiar.

If you are interested in making a difference in a student's life, please RSVP to School Social Worker **Janet James** at [jjames@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:jjames@raypec.k12.mo.us) or 816-892-1459.

#### Non-discrimination notice

The Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs or activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Dr. Terri Jamison, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Raymore-Peculiar School District, P.O. Box 789, Peculiar, MO 64078. 816-892-1300.

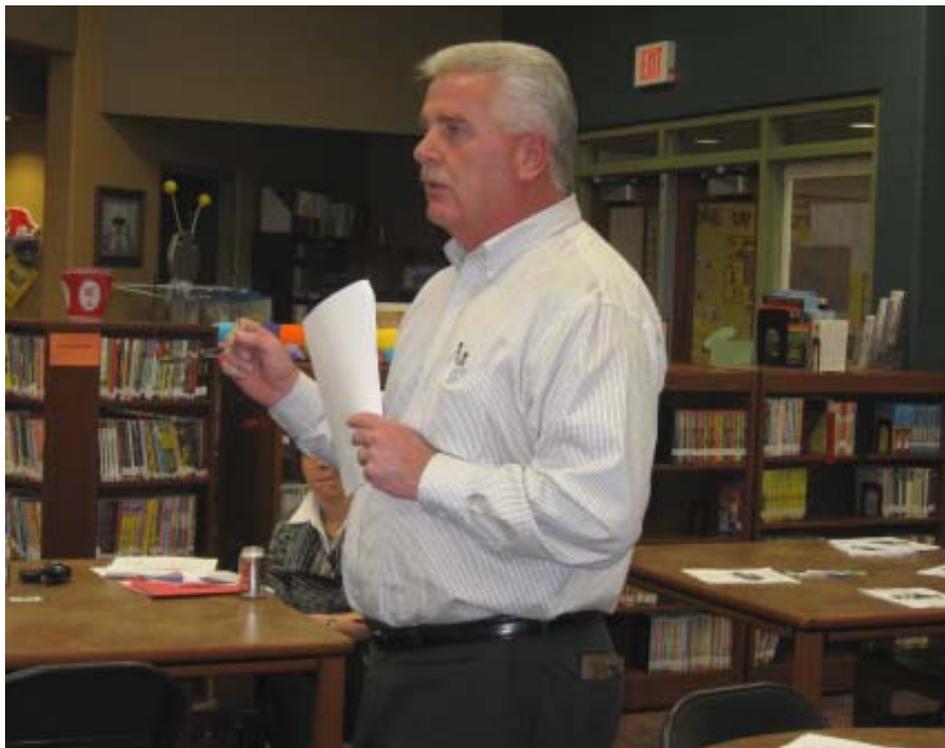
## Board approves asking Ray-Pec voters for 80-cent operating tax levy increase

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Each cent of the district's tax levy generates \$45,590.84 in revenue for the school district. If approved, the 80-cent increase would generate \$3.6 million, which would be used to maintain teacher salaries, classroom supplies, and operational expenses, including transportation, utilities, support staff and purchased services. The district intends to also build its reserves, although Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle** said that may be difficult with the current economy and financial constraints. The state recommends a minimum reserve level of 10 percent. A district with reserves of 4 percent or less is considered financially stressed. On Dec. 31, 2009, Ray-Pec had reserves of 12 percent, and is expected to end the school year with reserves just under 14 percent.

The cost of the tax levy increase for a property owner in the district varies according to the value of the property. On a \$150,000 home, the homeowner would pay another \$228 in yearly taxes, or \$19 per month. On a \$200,000 home, the homeowner would pay an additional \$304 in annual taxes.

Basic information about the tax levy ballot issue can be found on the district web site ([www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us)). At the home page, there is a link on the left for "April 6 Levy Issue." The information includes the ballot language and a table that compares the tax levies of 28 area school districts. Hickman Mills has the highest levy, at \$6.2717, and West Platte the lowest at \$3.1078. Ray-Pec ranks 18th on the list.



### In support of the levy issue

At the Jan. 28 meeting of the Ray-Pec Student Success Council, district patron Tim Stidham encouraged support of the tax levy increase. Stidham is chairman of the Ray-Pec Citizens for Children Committee, which is separate from the school district and formed to support the ballot issue. Stidham said the increase was vital for the district to continue to provide a high-quality education for all students. He also cited the importance of a great school district to property values and the business community.

## Attend a presentation to learn about levy

Learn more about the tax levy issue. Representatives from the school district and the Ray-Pec Citizens for Children Committee will present information at these times and places:

- Wednesday, Feb. 3 - Shull Elementary School staff meeting.
- Friday, Feb. 5 - Ray-Pec Middle School Trivia Night. Presentation at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 9 - Peculiar Chamber of Commerce meeting. Short update.
- Wednesday, Feb. 10 - Peculiar Elementary School staff meeting.
- Wednesday, Feb. 10 - Ray-Pec Middle School staff meeting.
- Thursday, Feb. 11 - Shull Elementary PTA meeting. 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 17 - Timber Creek Elementary School staff meeting.
- Thursday, Feb. 18 - Ray-Pec Board of Education meeting. 7 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 22 - Public Forum in the board of education room at the Administrative Services Center, 21005 S. School Rd., Peculiar. 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 23 - Raymore Elementary School PTA meeting. 6:20 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 23 - Raymore Chamber of Commerce. 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 24 - Bridle Ridge Intermediate School staff meeting.
- Tuesday, March 2 - Ray-Pec Sunrise Optimist Club. 6:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 2 - Peculiar Elementary School PTA Board, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 2 - Stonegate Elementary School PTA Board, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 3 - Raymore Elementary School staff meeting.
- Friday, March 5 - Creekmoor Elementary School. Presentation at 6:15 p.m.
- Monday, March 8 - Ray-Pec High School Band Boosters. 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 9 - Stonegate Elementary School staff meeting.
- Tuesday, March 9 - Peculiar Chamber of Commerce, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 10 - Eagle Glen Intermediate School staff meeting.
- Wednesday, March 10 - Emerald Club at Community Bank of Raymore.
- Wednesday, March 10 - Ray-Pec Freshman Center and Ray-Pec Academy staff meeting.
- Wednesday, March 10 - Ray-Pec High School staff meeting.
- Thursday, March 11 - Raymore Lions Club, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 16 - Public Forum in the board of education room at the Administrative Services Center, 21005 S. School Rd., Peculiar. 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 17 - Belton-Raymore Rotary Club, noon.
- Tuesday, March 23 - Raymore Chamber of Commerce. Short update.
- Wednesday, March 24 - Creekmoor Elementary School staff meeting.
- Tuesday, March 30 - Morningview residents meeting.

## News Briefs

### School board week

Last week, Jan. 24-30, was School Board Recognition Week in the state of Missouri. Thanks to our board of education members: **Joe Anthuis**, president; **Dana Hille**, vice president; **David Crabtree**; **Kyle Gillespie**; **Sharon Shores**; **Ryan Wescoat** and **Kim Williams**.

### RPHS students qualify for AP Scholar Award

Nine students at Raymore-Peculiar High School qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more Advanced Placement Exams with grades of 3 or higher on a 5-point scale this past May.

The AP Scholars are: **Ariel Carpenter**, **Mary Chambers**, **Bailey Grim**, **Benjamin Jones**, **James Kennedy**, **Andrew Mueller**, **Nisha Sharma**, **Alaina Sharp** and **James Taylor**.

The College Board's AP Program provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. Approximately 18 percent of nearly 1.7 million students worldwide who took these exams performed at a sufficiently high level to earn an AP Scholar Award.

### Talent show is Feb. 4 at Timber Creek

You are invited to the Timber Creek Elementary School talent show, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, in the Timber Creek gymnasium.

### Trivia Night is Feb. 5 at Middle School

Family Trivia Night, sponsored by the Ray-Pec Middle School PTA, is Friday, Feb. 5. An "upside down" dinner of pancakes, sausage, and juice served by Chris Cakes for \$2 per person will be served from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the cafeteria. The trivia challenge will take place from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Please RSVP by Feb. 2. For additional information, contact Karen Henry at 816-322-4336 or k3henry@yahoo.com.

## Ray-Pec accredited with distinction

For the fourth consecutive year, the Ray-Pec School District has earned Missouri's "Distinction in Performance" recognition. Ray-Pec is one of 18 districts in the Kansas City area, and one of 319 districts statewide to receive the recognition from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The award honors districts for academic achievement and progress during the 2008-09 school year. The award is based on 14 academic performance standards that are the basis of the state's accreditation program. The standards include scores from the state MAP tests, high school end-of-course exams, graduation rates, and ACT scores.



# Ray-Pec High School to present dark comedy, *The Front Page*

The Raymore-Peculiar Theatre Department announces its coming production of Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur's *The Front Page*. Performances of the play will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11; Friday, Feb. 12; and Saturday, Feb. 13; and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14.



*The Front Page* is a fast-paced dark comedy about two newspaper men obsessed with exposing the corrupt political figures of Chicago in the 1920s. The Mayor and the Sheriff of Chicago have decided to hang Earl Williams, a well-known Communist supporter who is on death row for shooting a cop. Although the governor issues a reprieve for Earl Williams, the Mayor and Sheriff decide to pretend the reprieve never arrived. They want to hang Earl Williams to please the constituents of Chicago, and with the upcoming election around the corner, the Mayor and the Sheriff consider votes more important than a man's life.

Hildy Johnson and Walter Burns are the two news men who will stop at nothing to get the exclusive story and the inside scoop for their newspaper, *The Examiner*. A psychiatrist is giving Earl Williams his last psychiatric evaluation, and he asks Williams to reenact the crime exactly as it occurred. The Sheriff gives his own gun to Earl Williams to create a play-by-play of the shooting. In the midst of the reenactment, Williams escapes.

When Hildy discovers that the Sheriff gave his gun to Earl Williams to reenact his own crime, Hildy calls Walter Burns, his managing editor, to give him the scoop. As Hildy is leaving the press room, Williams comes into the press room looking for a place to hide. Hildy cannot believe his luck; he hides Earl Williams, so he can provide his newspaper with the best front page story. Eventually, Walter Burns

arrives and the two are able to keep Williams hidden until the Sheriff discovers where he is hiding. Fortunately, the man that brought Williams's reprieve does not accept the Mayor's bribe and he exposes the Mayor and the Sheriff for the corrupt individuals they are.

The high school cast includes:

**Alex Miller** as Hildy Johnson, **Josh Wagner** as Walter Burns, **Hayley Farrell** as Peggy Grant, **Nicollette Thompson** as Mollie Malloy, **Rebekah Youmans** as Mrs. Grant, **Brooks Mackender** as The Mayor, **Mike Nolan** as Sheriff Hartman, **Ron Stephenson** as Woodenshoes Eichorn, **Jacob Meireis** as Diamond Louie, **Dane Schnake** as Mr. Pincus, **Jacob Trumbo** as Earl Williams, **Kelli Bullard** as Miss Endicott, **Todd Bowles** as Mr. Murphy, **Elyssa Lemay** as Miss McCue, **Andrew Kreiling** as Mr. Wilson, **Nate Weber** as Mr. Bensinger, **Charles Koonz** as Mr. Kruger, **Antonio Booker** as Mr. Schwartz, **Ellie Fowler** as Mrs. Schlosser, **Katie Thompson** as Jennie, **Bridget Hoffman** as Carlie, and **Jayson Wellman** as Frank.

Working behind the scenes are:

Teacher **Kelly Freeland** as the director and Teacher **Karla Penechar** as the scenic designer and technical director. The assistant directors for *The Front Page* are students **Shawn Adams** and **Megan Billman**. The stage managers are **Katie Donahoe**, **Mike Nolan**, and **Ron Stephenson**. The master carpenters are **Shawn Adams**, **Jacob Meireis**, **Mike Nolan**, **Megan Segars**, and **Ron Stephenson**. The master electrician is **Heather Dyreng**. The sound engineer is **Marie Whelan**. Props master is **Sonia Jacobson**. The box office managers are **Tyler Shipley** and **Makayla Dunscombe**.

## Make reservations:

Call the ticket reservation line at 892-3999, ext. 2400

## Ticket prices:

Adults \$5

Students \$5

Children under 5 will not be admitted. Free child care will be available.

## Band presents Father/Daughter Dance

The Ray-Pec High School Band presents the 7th annual Father/Daughter Dance. The dance is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Ray-Pec Middle School. Girls in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to attend with their father or special male companion. If you register by Feb. 5, the cost is \$17 per couple, plus \$8 for each additional daughter. (At the door, the cost is \$21 per couple, plus \$10 for additional daughters.) For more information and the registration form, go to: [www.raypecband.org](http://www.raypecband.org).

## Prowlers dance team offers Mini Prowler Camp

The Prowlers dance team at Ray-Pec High School invites girls ages 4 to 14 to participate in Dance Party 2010, a mini Prowlers camp. The dance camp is scheduled from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the high school auxiliary gym. A performance is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Ray-Pec varsity girls basketball game. The cost of \$25 includes a camp T-shirt. Registration forms were sent home with students. If you need a form or more information, contact Prowlers coach **Cheryl Gray** at: [cgray@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:cgray@raypec.k12.mo.us).

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### Project Grad plans golf, sporting clays tournaments

Project Grad will host a golf tournament on Tuesday, April 6, at Loch Lloyd Country Club, and a sporting clays shooting tournament Saturday, April 17, at Powder Creek. These will be the two largest fundraising events of the year for Project Graduation. The Sporting Clays Committee is chaired by Eric Arnold and Dan Olsen. The Golf Tournament Committee is chaired by Paul Tranovich. For more information, call Sisie Folkers at 816-365-0437.

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### Blood drive at RPHS

The Community Blood Center will sponsor a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in the high school auxiliary gym.

For an appointment, please email Teacher **Joe O'Neal** at [joneal@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:joneal@raypec.k12.mo.us) with your preferred times, or call 892-1449 and leave a message.

### Senior video

Attention parents of high school seniors: It's time to do the 2010 senior video. Please submit any pictures or videos to Teacher **Brett Barbarick** in room 300 at the high school, or email them to [bbarbarick@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:bbarbarick@raypec.k12.mo.us) by Feb. 12.

### Father/daughter dance is Feb. 5 at Creekmoor

Creekmoor Elementary will host its own Father/Daughter dance from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5. The event will include a live DJ, snacks and refreshments, activities, and each "couple" will receive a free photo.

Tickets are \$20 for the first couple and \$5.00 for each additional child. Tickets can either be purchased before the event, or at the door. Please contact Julie Phillips at [julies0903@yahoo.com](mailto:julies0903@yahoo.com) with questions.

### Project Grad meeting

Parents of seniors: Please mark your calendars for the next Project Grad meeting at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 2, 2010, in the high school commons. The group has many events planned, and seniors will walk across that stage soon. If you have any questions or would like to sign up to help out before our meeting, please contact [chair@raypecprojectgrad.com](mailto:chair@raypecprojectgrad.com).

### Printer/ink cartridges

Project Grad needs your old printer/ink cartridges. You can deliver them to Home Town Toner & Ink, 1262 W. Foxwood Dr., in the Willowind Center on M-58 in Raymore.

It is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Proceeds will benefit Ray-Pec Project Grad.



### Polar Plunge

Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle**, center in swim cap, was one of the top fundraisers at the Jan. 30 Polar Plunge at Longview Lake. The Ray-Pec team of about 100 employees and students was one of the top fundraising teams. At the time of this newsletter's publication, final totals were not yet available. (Photo courtesy of Allen Edmonds, *The Star Herald* newspaper)



### Hoop help

The Raymore Elementary School PTA helped out a young man named Matt for Christmas by purchasing a basketball hoop for his driveway. Over the break, the Ray-Pec High School varsity boys basketball team worked before and after practice to assemble the hoop. On Dec. 23, the team delivered the basketball hoop with a couple basketballs to the boy's house in Raymore.

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### RPHS graduation date

High school report cards were mailed home in January. On the transcripts, May 28 was listed as the graduation date for students. Graduation for the Class of 2010 remains unchanged. It is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, May 21, at the Community of Christ Auditorium in Independence. The graduation date for the class of 2011 will be announced when it is scheduled.

### Robotics team receives corporate sponsorships

The Ray-Pec Robotics Team had its season kick-off meeting on Jan. 9. The team learned about this year's robotics competition challenge. The team has received some corporate sponsorship funding. The team received \$1,000 from Cerner Corp. with the help of Dave O'Larte. The team received \$1,000 from Black & Veatch with the help of Roy Bravo.

## Sympathy notice - Kody Jordan

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Kody Jordan**, 19, a Ray-Pec High School senior, who died Sunday, Jan. 24, from a pre-existing medical condition. A celebration of life service was Jan. 30, at the Belton Assembly of God Church. Kody was a Christian rap artist and performed at Belton Assembly of God. He was known around the school as "Buck Fiddy" for his rap performances. After graduation from high school, he aspired to become an auto mechanic and loved working on his Trans Am. Kody was a student at Ray-Pec High School for two years.

## Wellness coordinator joins Ray-Pec

New to the school district this year is **Kate Zeysing**, the employee health and wellness program coordinator. Kate joins Ray-Pec from Saint Luke's Health System as part of the district's Blue Cross Blue Shield "A Healthier You" program.

With expertise in health promotion, Kate will work eight hours each week to bring a variety of health and wellness initiatives on-site. These include an annual health screening; nutrition and fitness challenges, incentive programs, and seminars; stress management opportunities, and more. Kate is located at the Administrative Services Center. She usually works on Tuesdays and can be reached at 892-1315 or [kzeysing@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:kzeysing@raypec.k12.mo.us).



**Kate Zeysing**  
Wellness  
Coordinator



### January 8th grade Students of the Month

Here are the Ray-Pec Middle School January eighth grade Students of the Month. In the back row, from left, are: **Mackenzie Mota**, **Keton Smith**, and **Kaleb Schuler** from Team Jets; **Stephanie Retzke**, **Caleb Peter** and **Noah Goodwin** from Team Ruby. In the front row are: **Grant Elliott**, **Audrey Cetto**, and **Maci Hodges** from Team Emerald; and **Allie Grove**, **Paige Dosch**, and **Devon Kincaid** from Team Sapphires.



## January 7th grade Students of the Month

Here are the Ray-Pec Middle School January seventh grade Students of the Month. In the back row, from left, are: **Aspen Booker**, **Ben Sinclair**, and **Matt Barton** from Team Voyagers; **Ashley Payton**, **Grace Anderson** and **Montell Chang** from Team Solar Storm. In the middle row are: **Cole Keiper**, **Maddie Jones**, and **Danielle Adams** from Team Star Blazers; and **Katie Denny**, **Evan Wetsch**, and **Tim Fisk** from Team Comets. In the front row are **Jazmen Groves** and **Dakota Cornelius** from Team Shooting Stars.

## District outlines procedures for inclement weather

The Raymore-Peculiar School District may close school due to inclement weather. The district may also delay the opening of school by two hours when it appears transportation conditions will improve. The decision to close school or to delay the opening of school will be made by 5:30 a.m. to allow time for media to broadcast this decision prior to most students preparing for the school day.



School closing information will be available on television stations 4, 5, 9, and 41 and most major radio stations. The information will also appear on the school's website at [www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us). You may also call the school district cancellation information line at 892-3988 to hear a recorded message. An e-mail message will be sent to subscribers of "RP Update." Subscribers to the text messaging service will receive a text message. (To subscribe to RP Update, visit [www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us) and use the RP Update link.)

It is a good idea to listen to a radio or television station any time weather conditions are changing or in question. The district phone line and website will carry early school dismissal information as soon as decisions are made.

It is important to have plans for younger children when school is dismissed early. If a parent is not or cannot be home, arrangements should be made for the child to stay with a friend or relative. Parents should have children dress for protection against exposure to the weather as a safety precaution.

The decision to close school is always a difficult one. Every effort will be made to consider the safety of the students and faculty and the convenience to parents when making such decisions. Your cooperation and assistance is appreciated.

It is always the parent or guardian's decision to determine the safety for their child during inclement weather. If you have questions regarding school dismissal, call the building in which your child attends or the district office at 892-1300.

## Local student wins Lions Club Peace Poster Contest

**Jeana Scott**, a sixth grader at Eagle Glen Intermediate School, won a peace poster contest sponsored by the Raymore Lions Club. By winning the local contest, she advanced to the district competition and placed second.

At the Lions District 26M5 Mid-Winter Rally on Jan. 16 in Blue Springs, Jeana was honored for her second-place finish. Lions District Governor Tom Rayfield presented Jeana with a \$250 savings bond.

Lions Clubs around the world sponsored the Lions International Peace Poster Contest and worked with local schools to encourage young people ages 11 to 13 to creatively express what peace means to them. Art Teacher **Cheryl Schmidt** and Principal **Lisa Hatfield** of Eagle Glen Intermediate School encouraged students to enter the poster contest. More than 30 local students entered the contest.



**Jeana Scott**, a sixth grader at Eagle Glen Intermediate School, won a peace poster contest sponsored by the Raymore Lions Club and advanced to the contest sponsored by Lions District 26M5, where she won second place and a \$250 savings bond. This picture was taken at the Lions District 26M5 Mid-Winter Rally on Jan. 16.

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### RPHS theatre students fare well at festival

Congratulations to Ray-Pec theatre students for a great showing at the Missouri State Thespian Festival.

Of the 30 students cast in the Missouri All-State production of "Jekyll and Hyde," four are from Ray-Pec. Junior **Taylor Lininger** is part of the ensemble; Junior **Connor Branson** is the Bishop; Sophomore **Hayley Farrell** is Emma; and Junior **Seth Jones** is cast in the title role of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

The show will perform at next year's state theatre festival in front of more than 1,400 theatre students and teachers from across the state. The festival will be held in early January, 2011, at Missouri State University.

Ray-Pec also won the costume quick-change portion of the Tech Challenge Competition at the festival.



### Employee of the Quarter

Congratulations to **Sean Evens**, left, the Custodial Employee of the Quarter for fall 2009. Sean is the night lead custodian at Ray-Pec High School. He is pictured with Custodial Supervisor **Doug Halenbeck**. In addition to the certificate, Sean received a \$25 gift card.



**December 8th grade Students of the Month**

Here are the December eighth grade Students of the Month at Ray-Pec Middle School. In the back, from left, are: **Matt Lemos**, **Jason Fambrough** and **Lindsay Clark** from Team Emerald; and **Mekaila Jackson**, **Morgan L. Smith** and **Collin Schmidt** from Team Jets. In front are: **Jesse Edington**, **Anthony Lobina** and **Katlyn Wulff** from Team Sapphires; **Nicole Hickok**, **Daenara Burgess** and **Shaun Stack** from Team Ruby.



**December 7th grade Students of the Month**

Here are the Ray-Pec Middle School December seventh grade Students of the Month. In the back row, from left, are: **Marisa Lang**, **Catherine Searle**, and **Aaron Moore** from Team Comets; **Manver Bajwa**, and **Amanda Blackwell** from Team Shooting Stars; and **Emma Allen**, **Kelsey Cunningham**, and **Dustin Pruitt** from Team Voyagers. In the front row are: **Dakota Oberto**, **Morella Williams**, and **Anthony Hedges** from Team Solar Storm; and **Miranda Willis**, **Tommy Renfro**, and **Connor Berry** from Team Star Blazers.

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# Ray-Pec Middle School announces first semester honor rolls

**David Mitchell**, principal of Raymore-Peculiar Middle School, announces the first semester honor rolls.

## Principal's Honor Roll 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Kaleigh Allen, Delaney Ardito, Noah Baird, David Barberis, Marissa Barnhart, Jeremiah Baskin, Jamie Berry, Jonathan Boos, Kristin Bradford, Jake Brown, Chase Brumback, Trisha Bussell, Jordanne Cahill, Kennedy Collins, Cail Cooper, Ryan Corkill, Brandon Crane, Elizabeth Daugherty, Paige Dosch, Logan Downey, Jesse Edington, Grant Elliott, Kailey Elmore, Jason Fambrough, Natalie Fenaroli, Sarah Fletcher, Rachel Folkert, Joshua Fultz, Andrew Geer, Aleksander Gokhman, Abigail Goulding, Nicole Hickok, Jordan Hill, Jennifer Hirt, Derek Hockett, Maci Hodges, Amy Hohman, Olivia Hornbeck, Brandon Jungling, Logan Jungman, Jeremy Kauffman, Mathew Keith, Haley Lampione, Hannah Lang, Christopher Leonard, Valerie Lightle, Carter Mackender, Alondra Marin, Brock Masters, Rebecca Millard, Gabriel Miller, Kaytlynn Miller, Paige Moore, Kathryn Mueller, Rebekah Mueller, Melanie Parker, Aaron Patterson, Kieran Payne, Patricia Pollard, Micah Redding, Kelly Repschleger, Thomas Rexroad, Kaitlin Roberts, Kaitlynn Roberts, Salvatore Sablan, Brenna Sanders, Gabriella Sansom, Logan Schoessel, Haleigh Schroeder, Shelby Scrivener, Cody Selley, Zachary Setzer, Joy Sharp, Sarah Shatford, Megan Simmons, Keaton Smith, Morgan Christine Smith, Morgan Lynn Smith, Savanna Smith, Shaun Stack, Alex Sutton, Delaney Swanson, Daichi Tadokoro, Misty Tomosieski, Jordan VanTrump, Kaitlin Wathor, Amanda Wharton, Alee'Ha Williams, Katelyn Williams, Lauren Wilson, Laura Wiseman, Tyler Wornell, Franklyn Yoakum and Katelynn Young.

## 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Chandler Ahlbom, Andrea Ambam, Grace Anderson, Emily Argotsinger, Michelle Atkinson, Aaron Barth, Robert Bates, Shelby Bates, Abigail Beck, Erin Becker, Melissa Becker, Mara Beedle, Connor Berry, Colyn Brackhahn, Benjamin Brenizer, Bridgett Brennecke, Cole Brooks, Taylor Byrnes, Erika Carvan, Carly Clisso, Thomas Davis, Nathaniel Dudley, Danica Dupuis, Hayden Eater, Lauren Ellsworth, Bailey Emry, Timothy Fisk, Grace Fowler, Jacob Fulk,

Jeffrey Golden, Zhahn Gonzalez, Holly Green, Rhett Hammers, Kaitlyn Hansen, Cash Hauptmann, Hailey Heman, Sawyer Henkle, Kimberly Henry, Kaitlyn Henuber, Dallas Hille, Skyler Hime, Devin Hudson, Raegan Hughlett, Lauren Lewell, Derek Johnson, Jaxson Johnston, Madelyn Jones, Zachary Jungling, Cole Keiper, Aaron King, Grant King, Stephanie Krass, Alexandra Lady, Brenden Lang, Marisa Lang, Blair Lauvstad, Paige Lehman, Shelby Lines, Jordan Little, Quincy Martin, Miranda McClish, Nicholas McCord, Madelyn Meehan, Corey Meyer, Justin Mooney, Logan Moore, Sarah Moore, Nathaniel Morgan, Rachel Murphy, Caitlin Nachbar, Braden Niswonger, Samuel Osborne, Aashay Patel, Ashley Payton, Natalie Peck, Dustin Pruitt, Kylee Reichman, Thomas Renfro, Jennifer Repschleger, Emily Robnolte, Shelby Rutland, Gabrielle Sandoval, Addie Schwartzman, Haley Scorza, Sarah Scott, Joshua Scribner, Benton Sinclair, Bradley Slaubaugh, Brooke Spalding, Brandi Stackelbeck, Deja Starling, Kaylee Story, Alexander Taylor, Joshua Toler, Emily Tranovich, Antonia Trusk, Emily Tusa, Lauren Vannatter, Logan VanWinkle, Shae Vaughn-Erhard, Derek Walkingstick, Ashly Weight, Shelby Weight, Morella Williams, Morgan Wilson, Shannon Wright.

## Honor Roll 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Hayden Ahlbom, Dylan Anderson, Gabrielle Anderson, Kelsie Anderson, Christian Baumgarten, Adriana Booker, Andrew Bosley, Elizabeth Botka, Kyle Brown, Cody Clemmons, Isaiah Cornelius, Jacob Crabtree, Wyatt Craker, Brandon Dickerson, Cory Dye, Baylie Edwards, Sierra Faulds, Chad Garver, Noah Goodwin, Kaci Guerra, Dejaa Gunnels, Megan Gutierrez, Kara Guyton, Kaylie Hester, Chastin Hoover, Samantha Howard, Molly Hoye, Devon Kincaid, Meghan Koenig-Riley, Arian Krueger, Matthew Lemos, Suzie Lottie, Briana Macari, Dominic Maiuro, Austin Malone, Brandon Mansur, Tristen McCord, Ryan McKinzie, Austin Mezzacasa, Alyssa Moore, Kiarrah Moore, Keeaira Morgan, Mackenzie Mota, Justin Mozee, Austin Murkin, Zachary Newton, Pepper Norvell, Caleb Peter, Curstin Powell-Blythe, Kimberly Ramirez, Stephanie Retzke, Alexander Ritchie, Cristian Rivas-Ramirez, Francesca Rooney, Storm Rynard, Rashad Saidu, Dylan Schien,

Addison Schubert, Kaleb Schuler, Travis Scott, Alisha Shackelford, Micah Sherwood, Dalton Shumaker, Joshua Sipu, Blake Skeed, Hannah Smalley, Jackson Smith, Kendra Smith, Bailey Stevens, Amber Sutton, Dominick Tamayo-Myers, Spencer Teegarden, Haley Tripaldi, Robert Turnbough, Khiala Tyson, Levi VanDyne, Tracy Vest, Katelyn Wulff, Sloan Young.

## 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Danielle Adams, Tynasha Adeshina, Emma Allen, Kyle Anderson, Loren Anderson, Rachel Anderson, Shaughnessy Armenta, Kayla Bardezbain, Matthew Barton, Jordan Benemann, Brandi Bivens, Katelyn Bledsoe, Kyle Bogar, Lynnsey Boldt, Austin Bollinger, Augustus Boos, Travis Brackman, Tatum Branson, Cali Brown, Cierra Brown, Colin Brown, Donovan Bumgarner, Haley Burdick, Denisa Butas, Tyler Camp, Montell Chang, Sean-Luke Clark, Khayree Collins, Dylan Copeland, Alexis Couron, Jared Crane, Drew Crouch, Kelsey Cunningham, Ryann Cunningham, Mattathias Davis, Reed Davis, Darrian Dean, Katie Denny, Woodrow Derry, Jeffrey Dillon, Geneva Eckerle, Noah Eidson, Hunter Fawcett, Britynn Ferguson, Katie Fletcher, Mackenzie Foss, Shyann French, Kacy Gardiner, Brant Giudici, Travis Gray, Jazmen Groves, Haylee Hankins, Trey Hecker, Anthony Hedges, Taylor Hersel, Andrew Hess, Taryn Huskey, Victoria Johannes, Caitlynn Johnston-Ward, John Kincaid, Dustin Knight, Sara Kranz, Michael Kroll, Alyson Ladd, Kimberly Lancaster, Ali Landrum, Alexana Leinbach, Allison Linn, Austin Loar, Breanna Maddox, Jeremy Manker, Alyssa May, Nathan May, Morgan McBride, Justin McClain, Andrew McCullough, Ashley McNiel, Alexander Meissen, Lindi Monteer, Aaron Moore, Kristian Morgan, Gabrielle Newell, Dakota Oberto, Conner Orrick, Joslyn Ortiz, Bailey Oser, Jady Page, Sydney Paulic, Sarah Perfect, Jeffrey Perkins, Rachel Pope, Jacine Pugh, Brooke Purvis, Tyler Putney, Timothy Quinlan, Daniel Rashaw, Evan Rathburn, Brooke Renshaw, Nathan Richey, Catherine Searle, Christopher Severt, Jeremy Shane, Taylor Sims, Samantha Spears, Brandon Spidle, Reed Stark, Lauren Stowe, Benjamin Teter, Andrew Thomas, Carli Thurman, Jasmine Turley, Christina Vaters, Lauren Walker, Zackery Whetstine, Kelsie Wiese, Miranda Willis.

## News Briefs

### Daniel Breit named Outstanding Wrestler

Ray-Pec High School wrestler **Daniel Breit** won the Outstanding Wrestler award over two weekends of competition. In those two weeks, Daniel defeated a two-time state champ, the number-one ranked wrestler in the state, won the St. Charles West tournament, and won the Winnetonka tournament. You can see the Ray-Pec wrestlers in their final home meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2.

### 3rd grader wins national youth wrestling tourney

Congratulations to third grader **Jacob Vassar** for placing first at the Tulsa Nationals youth wrestling tournament in Tulsa, Okla. Jacob attends Shull Elementary School.



### Rotary Student of the Month

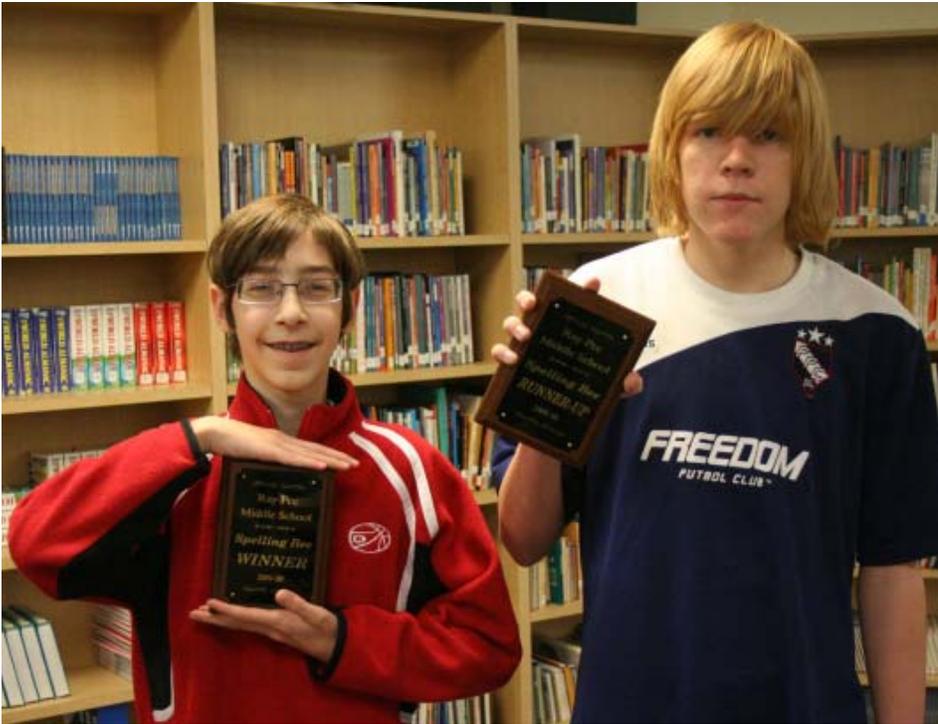
Mark Cox, president of the Belton-Raymore Rotary Club, left, congratulates Ray-Pec senior **Mary Chambers**, who was honored as the club's January Student of the Month from Ray-Pec High School.



### Students honored for virtue of empathy

These students at Peculiar Elementary School were honored in January for showing the virtue of empathy. They were given a certificate and honored by wearing the Good Character T-shirts. In the back row, from left, are: **Cassidy Wisely**, **Jolie McClellan**, **Ellie Lucas**, **Kira Florece**, **Kaitlyn Marsh** and **Britini Bronson**. In the middle row, from left, are: **Sydney Lecuru**, **Grace Romine**, **Chloe Ford**, **Billy Blurton**, **Jessica Wilson** and **Sydney Brown**. In the front row are: **Caleb Walker**, **T.J. Sharp**, **Bryce Brown**, **Brennon Barnhart** and **Eli Walker**.

## School spelling bee winners to compete Feb. 9 in district bee



### Eighth grade spelling bee winners

**Derek Hockett**, left, was the winner of the eighth grade spelling bee at Ray-Pec Middle School. **Kieran Payne**, right, was the runner-up. Both will represent Ray-Pec Middle School at the district spelling bee on Feb. 9.



### Seventh grade spelling bee winners

**Andrea Ambam**, left, was the winner of the seventh grade spelling bee at Ray-Pec Middle School. **Paige Lehman**, right, was the runner-up. Both will represent Ray-Pec Middle School at the district spelling bee on Feb. 9.



### Timber Creek

Fourth grader **Hannah Minks** won the Timber Creek Elementary School bee.



### Raymore Elementary

Fourth grader **Kyndal Bowie** won the Raymore Elementary School bee.



### Stonegate

Fourth grader **Katie Carlisle** won the Stonegate Elementary School bee.

## School spelling bee winners to compete Feb. 9 in district bee



### Bridle Ridge spelling bee winners

**Cara Sibert**, right, was the winner of the spelling bee at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School. **Madelyn Riehs**, left, was the runner-up. Both will represent Bridle Ridge at the district spelling bee on Feb. 9.



### Peculiar Elementary

Fourth grader **Chaz Taibi** won the Peculiar Elementary School bee.



### Shull Elementary

Fourth grader **Wesley McCullough** won the Shull Elementary School bee.



### Eagle Glen spelling bee winners

Fifth grader **Dalton Gilmore**, left, was the winner of the spelling bee at Eagle Glen Intermediate School. Sixth grader **Jasmine Nissanka**, right, was the runner-up. Both will represent Bridle Ridge at the district spelling bee on Feb. 9.



### Creekmoor Elementary

Fourth grader **Elizabeth Montrose** won the Creekmoor Elementary School bee.

# Ray-Pec marching band wins big at Jan. 2 Alamo Bowl

The Ray-Pec High School band traveled to San Antonio, Texas, over winter break to participate in the Alamo Bowl.

Band members left Dec. 29 and returned home on Jan. 3. As part of the trip, the band participated in a field show competition, a parade performance and performed during half-time of the Alamo Bowl football game on Jan. 2. Band members also had the opportunity for some sightseeing.

**John Wilson** is the band director. **Dillon Jarrett** is the assistant band director. **Linda Pierson** is the middle school band director. **Amber Hess** is the color guard coach.



## Alamo Bowl

Here's a picture from the half-time show at the Alamo Bowl on Saturday, Jan. 2, in San Antonio, Texas. The Ray-Pec marching band was one of the high school bands performing during half-time.



Ray-Pec placed first in the parade competition on Dec. 31, along with awards for outstanding music, drum major, auxilliary, general effect, percussion, and marching. The band also placed second in the field show competition.



With all points totaled, Ray-Pec was the Alamo Bowl Sweepstakes winner for the entire competition.



## Band receives trophies

Student band leaders show the trophies the Ray-Pec band received at the Alamo Bowl competition for high school bands. From left: **Leah Brown-Meeker** and **Alyssa Bird**, captains of the color guard; **Parker Worden**, **Katie Heenan** and **Jordan Smith**, drum majors; and **Brandon Clark** and **Cody Ferguson** from the drumline.

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### Athletic Booster Club

The Ray-Pec Athletic Booster Club provides financial support for athletic teams at the Ray-Pec middle and high school levels.

The booster club provides funding beyond the school district's budget to enhance the curriculum and experiences of Ray-Pec student athletes. The booster club funds thousands of dollars annually in uniforms, equipment, and special event fees, as well as the building of new school facilities.

These funds are generated through membership dues, concession sales, spirit apparel sales, the annual golf tournament and other activities. There are many volunteer opportunities for parents and other adults interested in providing support and assistance.

For more information, contact Ron Severt, Ray-Pec Athletic Booster Club president, at 816-322-8391.



### Rotary Student of the Month

Mark Cox, president of the Belton-Raymore Rotary Club, left, congratulates Ray-Pec senior **Kristen Galant**, who was honored as the club's December Student of the Month from Ray-Pec High School.



### Students honored for virtues of kindness and compassion

These students at Peculiar Elementary School were honored in December for showing the virtues of kindness and compassion. In the back row, from left, are: **Kathryn McCauley**, **Marissa Dick**, **Tyler Brundage**, **Hannah Hoenshell**, **Olivia Espino**, and **Ali Ervin**. In the middle row, from left, are: **Kendra Kincaid**, **Brooke Desneux**, **Brandon Ball**, **Cheyenne Hibdon**, and **Cooper Bien**. In the front row are: **Jasmine Collier**, **Morgan Ryan**, **Aimie Keesler**, **Austin Gardiner** and **Chloe Kampe**.

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## Project Graduation

Attention 2010 Senior Parents: Project Grad needs your help to plan and raise money for the Seniors to have a safe and fun night with a alcohol- and drug-free party after graduation on May 21, 2010. The after-graduation party will be at PowerPlay Entertainment Center. The event includes use of the facility, as well as unlimited food and drinks.

Visit the Project Graduation web site at [www.raypecprojectgrad.com](http://www.raypecprojectgrad.com). For more information, contact Chair Julie Osborne at [chair@raypecprojectgrad.com](mailto:chair@raypecprojectgrad.com) or Sisie Folkers, Co-Chair, co-chair@raypecprojectgrad.com.

You can also follow Project Grad on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/rpprojectgrad> and Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=115781047343>.



## Snowy friend

This photo was taken on Dec. 30 in front of Shull Elementary School.



## Eagle Glen service project for needy families

Students at Eagle Glen Intermediate School collected food, toys, household products and other items for needy families. They collected more than 1,500 items to donate. The Eagle Glen Student Council organized and coordinated the project. In the bottom row, from left, are: **Mohabat Bajwa, Adam Wallace, Taylor Holbrook, Ashley Ahrens, Darby Webb, Conner Malone, and Noah Chiarelli**. In the middle row are: **Margaret Brown, Tory Ledbetter, Angelica Lang, Sierra Hartsell, and Kate Schuler**. In the back row are: **Griffin Vincent, Courtney Finnegan, Ally Walter, Alyssa Folkers, Chaldler Richerson, Krissa Albert, and Marissa Hood**. Eagle Glen Intermediate School is one of two schools for fifth and sixth grade students in the Raymore-Peculiar School District. This was just one of many service projects conducted throughout the district this holiday season.

# News Briefs

## Superintendent's Blog

Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle** has a blog. A blog is an online journal, or "web log." To read Dr. Kyle's blog, go to the district web site: [www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us). There is a link on the left side of the home page for "Superintendent's Blog."

## New post office box

The Raymore-Peculiar School District has a new post office box. Please send correspondence to: Raymore-Peculiar School District, P.O. Box 789, Peculiar, MO 64078. Mail sent to P.O. Box 366 will be forwarded for a few months.

## Recycling program

Recycling bins are now available throughout the school district. Smaller bins are placed in classrooms and offices, and larger bins are available in cafeterias and other locations.

You may commingle your recyclables in the bins. This means that you may place aluminum, paper, plastic, and cardboard in the same container. Please do not place glass in the recycling bins.

Town and Country will sort the recyclables at its plant in Harrisonville.



## Superintendent in the square

Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle**, center, participated in a square dance demonstration in October at Ray-Pec High School. The Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs had its 50th anniversary state dance festival Oct. 16, 17 and 18 at the high school.



## Shull basketball team

This picture was taken at a practice of a youth basketball team that includes second and third-graders from Shull Elementary School. The team practiced at Shull and played games on Saturdays at various Ray-Pec schools. The team participated in a league through the Raymore Parks and Recreation Department. The league was a program that partners with the Ray-Pec High School basketball program.

## Ray-Pec Foundation offers discounts on software programs

You may purchase software at special prices through the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation.

Go to [www.raypec.k12.mo.us/foundation](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/foundation), and click on the software purchase link on the left. Select the sign-in link at the top. If you previously registered, you should still be registered. If not, click on the "register" tab. If you have



questions, contact **Pam Steele** at [psteele@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:psteele@raypec.k12.mo.us) or 892-1311. Students, parents and patrons may also order the software, but they should send an e-mail to Pam Steele to obtain a registration code.

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## Job openings

Employment opportunities in the School District are posted at the Administrative Services Center and on the district web site at: [www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us).

If interested in a position, obtain an application in person or on-line, complete it, and submit it to: Ray-Pec Schools Human Resources, 21005 S. School Rd., P.O. Box 789, Peculiar, Mo. 64078.

You may also sign up via the web site to be notified when job openings are posted.

## Find us on Facebook

Find us on Facebook! You can now become a fan of the Raymore-Peculiar School District on Facebook.



It's free to create an account at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com). Search "pages" for the Raymore-Peculiar School District.

## You can follow Ray-Pec, RP boys basketball and Project Grad on Twitter

You can also view Ray-Pec information and become a follower of Ray-Pec School District news updates by clicking on "join today" at <http://twitter.com/raypec>.



You can follow Ray-Pec boys basketball on Twitter. Go to: <http://twitter.com/rpbasketball>. You can view the basketball information at that web site, and you can sign up to receive "tweets" on your cell phone.

You can also follow Ray-Pec Project Graduation on Twitter. Go to: <http://twitter.com/rpprojectgrad>. You can view the Project Graduation information and sign up to follow Project Grad.

To learn more about Twitter, visit [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com). You can create an account and view a video. Twitter is a free online service. Through Twitter, users may update family, friends or professional peers in 140-character messages delivered to cell phones or through the Internet.



## Ugly sweater/sweatshirt day

Staff at Timber Creek Elementary School had an Ugly Sweater/Sweatshirt Day on Dec. 17.

## Panther Cub Academy offers child care

The Panther Cub Academy offers year-round quality and affordable educational experiences for children ages 3 to 5 who are potty trained.

The Panther Cub Academy is located on the lower level of Raymore Elementary School at 500 S. Madison St., Raymore.

## Schedule and holidays

Panther Cub Academy is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. PCA is closed on these holidays: Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Good Friday, President's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day and Independence Day, as well as during the Ray-Pec School District winter break and spring break.

Panther Cub Academy is closed for inclement weather if the Raymore-Peculiar School District is closed.

## Tuition

Tuition is \$110 per week for full-time status, or \$30 per day with a two-day minimum. A non-refundable enrollment fee of \$40 is required before enrollment is complete.

## Meals and snacks

Panther Cub Academy provides nutritious snacks, but does not provide breakfast or lunch. Children may bring their own breakfast or lunch, or they can open a lunch account with the school district. When school is not in session, Panther Cub children must bring breakfast and/or lunch.

The mission of Panther Cub Academy is: to educate children using creative curriculum and hands-on activities to help them achieve their maximum potential.

The program seeks to provide developmentally appropriate educational experiences based on individual needs, in order for a child to grow intellectually, socially, physically and emotionally.

To read more about Panther Cub Academy, visit the district web site at: [www.raypec.k12.mo.us/panthercub](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/panthercub)

For more information, contact Director **Marie Davis** at 892-1943 or [mdavis@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:mdavis@raypec.k12.mo.us).

## Standard Complaint Resolution Procedure for Improving America's Schools Act Programs

This complaint resolution procedure applies to all programs administered by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

A complaint is a formal allegation that a specific federal or state law or regulation has been violated, misapplied, or misinterpreted by school district personnel or by Department of Education personnel.

Any parent or guardian, surrogate parent, teacher, administrator, school board member, or other person directly involved with an activity, program, or project operated under the general supervision of the Department may file a complaint. Such a complaint must be in writing and signed; it will provide specific details of the situation and indicate the law or regulation that is allegedly being violated, misapplied, or misinterpreted.

The written, signed complaint must be filed and the resolution pursued in accordance with local district policy: The Board recognizes that situations of concern to parents/guardians or the public may arise in the operation of the district. Such concerns are best resolved through communication with the appropriate staff members and officers of the school district, such as the faculty, the principals, the Superintendent or the Board.

The following steps are proper procedures to be followed by persons with questions or complaints regarding the operation of the school district:

Matters concerning individual students should first be addressed to the teacher.

Unsettled matters from (1) above, or problems and questions concerning individual schools, should be directed to the principal of the school.

Unsettled matters from (2) above, or problems and questions concerning individual schools, should be directed to the Assistant Superintendent.

Unsettled matters from (3) above, or problems and questions concerning the school district, should be directed to the Superintendent.

If the matter cannot be settled satisfactorily by the Superintendent, it should be brought to the Board of Education. Questions and comments submitted to the secretary of the Board in letter form will be brought to the attention of the entire Board. If necessary, a Board hearing will be scheduled to resolve the complaint. However, the decision of the Board shall be final.

The Board considers it the obligation of the professional and support staff of the district to field the questions of parents/guardians or the public.

If the issue cannot be resolved at the local level, the complainant may file a complaint with the Missouri Department of Education. If there is no evidence that the parties have attempted in good faith to resolve the complaint at the local level, the Department may require the parties to do so and may provide technical assistance to facilitate such resolution.

Any persons directly affected by the actions of the Department may file a similarly written complaint if they believe state or federal laws or regulations have been violated, misapplied, or misinterpreted by the Department itself.

Anyone wishing more information about this procedure or how complaints are resolved may contact local district or Department personnel.

## News Briefs

### Activity telephone line

Call 892-3988 for daily activities and sports information updates and cancellations. Call after 1 p.m. for weather-related cancellations.



### Text messages

To sign up for text message alerts from the School District, visit the district web site at: [www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us)

There is a link on the left side.

Each subscriber must self-enroll and submit an authorization code that will be provided during the enrollment process. Allen Bank and Trust of Raymore is sponsoring the service.

### RP Update

To receive e-mail news from the school district, send a message to: [rpupdate@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:rpupdate@raypec.k12.mo.us). In the body of the message, type "Subscribe RP Update." You may enroll yourself by following a link at: [www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us)

## Safe and Drug Free Schools Federal Grants Title IV Annual Report

School districts in Missouri are required to present an annual report to the public describing school programs that were funded with Title IV, Safe and Drug Free dollars, and to identify how these programs support the district's Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) objectives.

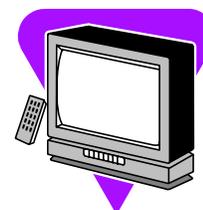
The Ray-Pec School District provided the following programs and activities, which were selected and designed to address district CSIP objectives for student achievement and safe and productive learning environments.

Stop Violence Now programs on bully prevention, prevention of violence in school, prevention of substance, alcohol and tobacco abuse and anger management skills were presented throughout the school year.

Funds also supported instructional supplies and materials for classroom and small group guidance lessons with students. Small groups and some after-school groups focused on such topics as: stress management, friendships, diversity, tolerance, peer pressure, conflict resolution and building social skills.

At the secondary level, funds also helped support an online alcohol education program to help tutor students to make good decisions regarding social pressures dealing with alcohol use or experimentation.

Title IV funds also helped support the mentoring program "Together We Can," which provides adult mentors for elementary students. Adult volunteers meet with students on a weekly basis to offer assistance with school work, or just be a friend to a student identified at-risk socially or academically.



*For more news and information  
about the  
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check out:*

*Comcast Cable Channel 15*

*and our web site at:  
[www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us)*



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# Raymore-Peculiar School District Public Notices

## Children with Disabilities

All responsible public agencies are required to locate, evaluate and identify children with disabilities who are under the jurisdiction of the agency, regardless of the severity of the disability, including children attending private schools, highly mobile children, such as migrant and homeless children, and children who are suspected of having a disability and in need of special education even though they are advancing from grade to grade. The Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District assures that it will provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 under its jurisdiction. Disabilities include: autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disorders, hearing impairment and deafness, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment/blindness, and young child with a developmental delay.

Raymore-Peculiar School District assures that it will provide information and referral services necessary to assist the State of Missouri in the implementation of early intervention services for infants and toddlers eligible for the Missouri First Steps program. Raymore-Peculiar School District assures personally identifiable information collected, used or maintained by the agency for the purposes of identification, evaluation, placement or provision of FAPE of children with disabilities may be inspected and/or reviewed by their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians may request amendment to the educational record if the parent/guardian believes the record is inaccurate, misleading or violates the privacy or other rights of their child. Parents have the right to file complaints with the U.S. Department of Education or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education concerning alleged failures by the district to meet the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The Raymore-Peculiar School District has developed a Local Compliance Plan for implementation of State Regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This plan contains the agency's policies and procedures regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, retention and destruction of personally identifiable information and the agency's assurances that services are provided in compliance with the General Education Provision Act (GEPA). This plan may be reviewed at Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District, Administrative Services Center, 21005 School Road, Peculiar, Missouri, 816-892-1300, during business hours.

This notice will be provided in native languages as appropriate.

## Americans with Disabilities Act

It is the policy of the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District to make our services, facilities, programs and accommodations accessible to all individuals, including individuals with disabilities. The District continues to upgrade its facilities in accordance with its ADA Transition Plans.

If a disability prevents you from fully using our facilities or enjoying our services and programs, we would like your input and ideas on how we can better serve you.

Please direct your input in writing to:

ADA Coordinator, Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District  
P.O. Box 789, Peculiar, MO 64078

## Non-Discrimination Statement

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Title XI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended), Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, P.L. 93-112, and Section 504 of The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the regulations hereunder, it is the policy of the Ray-Pec School District that no person shall, because of age, sex, race, disability or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any district education program or activity, including employment. Written policies about the rights and responsibilities of employees and students are available for inspection at the district's administrative offices. Inquiries about protection against discrimination under the above-named acts may be directed in writing to: Dr. Terri Jamison, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Raymore-Peculiar School District, P.O. Box 789, Peculiar, MO 64078.

## Notification of Asbestos Plans

Asbestos Management Plans for the Raymore-Peculiar School District include two components: a general plan for the entire district and a specific plan for each school. The entire plan is located at the Administrative Services Center, 21005 S. School Rd., Peculiar, MO 64078. Each school office has a copy of plans for that school. Plans may be viewed during regular business hours. To view plans, make an appointment with the Asbestos Program Manager at least one (1) working day in advance. Any request to view the plan must be honored by the Asbestos Program Manager within five (5) working days of the receipt of such request. Document copies are available from the Administrative Services Center at a cost of 25 cents per page.



## Raymore-Peculiar School News

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