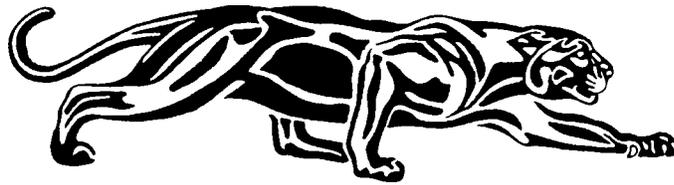




Raymore-Peculiar School News



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Performances are Oct. 13-16

Ray-Pec High School Theatre Department to present comedy

The Raymore-Peculiar High School Theatre Department announces its upcoming production of the heartwarming comedy *The Foreigner*.

Performances of the show will be in the Academy Theatre at Raymore-Peculiar High School at:

- 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13,
- 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14,
- 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15,
- 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16.

The Foreigner is a comedy about a pathologically shy Englishman named Charlie Baker. Because of his debilitating shyness and extenuating circumstances, Charlie finds himself forced to pretend that he doesn't understand English. As the intentions of the characters around him are revealed, Charlie must go to hilarious lengths to try and save the day.

Winner of two Obie Awards and two Outer Critics Circle Awards for Best New American Play and Best Off-Broadway Production, *The Foreigner* has delighted audiences for decades with its heartwarming story and sidesplitting comic inventiveness.

Cast

The cast includes **Bobby Turnbough** as Froggy Lesueur, **Dane Schnake** as Charlie Baker, **Nellie Maple** as Betty Meeks, **Alden**

Stockam as David Lee, **Hayley Farrell** as Catherine Simms, **Todd Bowles** as Owen Musser, and **Nate Weber** as Ellard Simms.

Crew

Working behind the scenes are Teacher **Todd Schnake** as the director, Teacher **Karla Penechar** as the scenic designer and technical director, and Teacher **Pam Schnake**, and patrons **Kay Connelly** and **Michael Connelly** as production assistants.

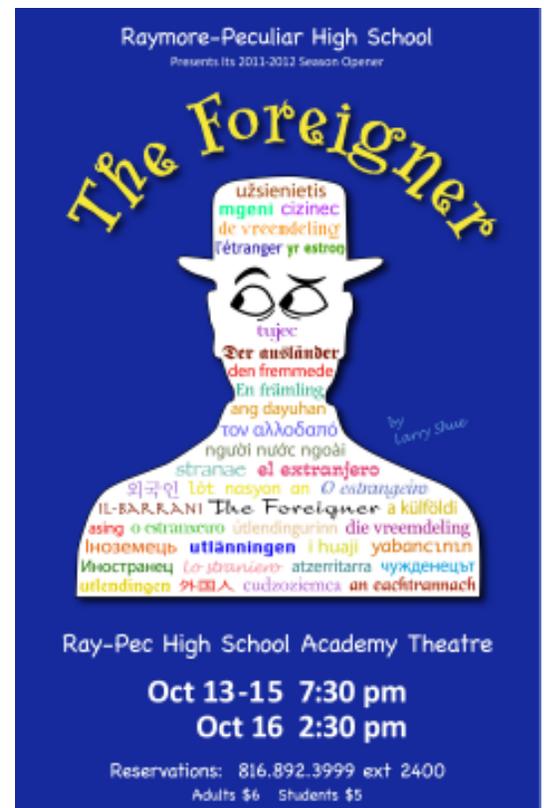
The assistant directors are **Abby Hockett**, **Megan Settle**, and **Madelon Wink**. The stage managers are **Jacob Trumbo** and **Michaela Wiehe**. The master carpenters are **Gabby Benson**, **Allie Kotzias**, **Dylan Powell**, and **Michaela Wiehe**.

The master electrician is **Allie Kotzias**. The sound engineer is **Gabby Benson**. Props masters are **Morgan Lyle** and **Sonia Jacobson**.

The costume, hair and make up crew includes **Andrea Ambam**, **Bracie Bradford**, **Hayley Farrell**, **Brooke Purvis**, **Nellie Maple**, **Logan Schoessel**, **Megan Settle**,

Megan Simmons, and **Emily Tranovich**.

Tickets may be reserved by calling the box office line, 892-3999, ext. 2400. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students. Free child care will be provided.



Show times

Here is the poster publicizing the Ray-Pec High School fall play, "The Foreigner."

The Raymore-Peculiar School District is a community of learners partnering to:
maximize each student's achievement,
encourage lifelong learning, and
develop productive citizens.

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Ray-Pec golfer qualifies for state tournament

Congratulations to Ray-Pec Senior **Alex Grossman**, who qualified for the state golf tournament. This is the fourth consecutive year of Ray-Pec golfers qualifying for the state tournament.

Alex finished in a tie for 11th position at the sectional tournament on Wednesday, Oct. 5, to qualify for the state tournament Oct. 17 and 18 at Sedalia Country Club.

Girls golf team was sixth at sectional tournament

Ray-Pec sent four girls to the sectional tournament, Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Fred Arbanas Golf Course at Longview Lake and finished sixth as a team among the best girls golf programs in the metro.

To qualify for sectionals, the team placed third at the district golf tournament on Sept. 28. For the second year in a row, they finished behind only Notre Dame de Sion and St. Teresa's. Ray-Pec had four sectional qualifiers: Senior **Alex Grossman**, 8th place medal; Junior **Shelly McClendon**, 14th place medal; Senior **Maddy Harrington**, and Junior **Brenna Dougherty**. Three of the four girls shot personal bests.

No school on Oct. 19-21; watch for parent/teacher conference information

Mark your calendars: Ray-Pec students are not in session on Wednesday, Oct. 19; Thursday, Oct. 20; and Friday, Oct. 21. Parent-teacher conferences are Oct. 19 and Oct. 20.

Watch for information from your child's school about the schedule for conferences.

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: Director of Human Resources, Raymore-Peculiar School District, P.O. Box 789, Peculiar, MO 64078. 816-892-1300.



Eagle Glen 6th grade Students of the Month

Here are the sixth grade Students of the Month for September at Eagle Glen Intermediate School. They were selected for exhibiting the character trait of responsibility for the month of September. In the front row, from left, are: **Brett Felz**, **Bailey Warnokowski**, **Bayleigh Barnes**, and **Aaron Fuller**. In the back row: **Jacob Bowen**, **Abbey Steggerda**, **Morgan McMinn**, and **Christina Sytkowski**.



Eagle Glen 5th grade Students of the Month

Here are the fifth grade Students of the Month for September at Eagle Glen Intermediate School. They were selected for exhibiting the character trait of responsibility for the month of September. In the front row, from left, are: **Payton Maier**, **Lauryn Wright**, and **Ian Van Horn**. In the back row: **Katelynn Jungling**, **Brandon Rayos**, **Skylar Roberson**, **Jessica Kies**, and **Aubrey Fielder**. Not pictured is **Foster Huggins**.

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Bridle Ridge 6th grade Students of the Month

Here are the sixth grade Students of the Month for September at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School. They were selected for exhibiting the character trait of responsibility for the month of September. In the front row, from left, are: **Damon Austin, Erin Woolf, Montana Prickett, and Ashley Dimarco**. In the back row: **T'Juan Warfield, Hayden Smith, Jenna Toone, and Miranda Howe**.



Bridle Ridge 5th grade Students of the Month

Here are the fifth grade Students of the Month for September at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School. They were selected for exhibiting the character trait of responsibility for the month of September. In the front row, from left, are: **Jacob Lopez, Breanne Blankenship, Will Greble, and Corey Morrison**. In the back row: **Caleb Stegner, Morgan McIntosh, Bailey Crabtree, and Caytlin McBride**.

Design-Build Institute presents three awards to school district

The Design-Build Institute of America four-state Mid-America Region selected Ray-Pec East Middle School as its top project in the category of Institutional Buildings over \$10 million, and as the overall top project of the year in all categories.

Jay Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, attended the institute's conference and awards ceremony and received the awards on behalf of the district.

In addition, Harris was presented with the Design-Build Leadership award, which is presented to an individual who has demonstrated leadership in the advancement of best design-build practices and promotion of the design-build process.

Softball at districts

The district softball tournament is this week at Shalimar Park in Grandview. Ray-Pec had a bye in the first round on Oct. 5. The Panthers are scheduled to play at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, against the winner of the Ruskin vs. Notre Dame de Sion game.

School board meeting

The Board of Education is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in the board room at the Administrative Services Center, 21005 S. School Rd., Peculiar. The meeting is open to the public. To preview the agenda, go to: www.raypec.k12.mo.us/boarddocs

You can also go to the web site to review action from past school board meetings and obtain copies of documents presented during meetings.

Stonegate CAMP night

Stonegate Elementary School invites third grade students and their parents to Third Grade CAMP Night and PTA meeting, scheduled from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11. The evening will include some computer, art, music and physical education activities.

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Homecoming is Oct. 7

Friday, Oct. 7, is Homecoming for Ray-Pec High School. The football game against Ruskin High School will begin at 7 p.m. Homecoming candidates will be introduced at half-time.

Homecoming t-shirts available for \$10

Support Ray-Pec Homecoming this Friday night. There are a limited number of homecoming shirts available for \$10. Email Cheryl Gray @ cgray@raypec.k12.mo.us to reserve your shirt for pick up at the game. Youth sizes to adult 2XL are available.

Kansas City Star story features 2011 graduate

The Kansas City Star on Wednesday, Oct. 5, published a feature story about 2011 Ray-Pec High School graduate **Seth Jones**. Seth received a scholarship and recognition from Starlight Theatre's Blue Star Awards and at the National high School Musical Theatre Awards competition.

Ray-Pec grad auditions for Glee Project

Here's another story about 2011 grad **Seth Jones**. He is auditioning for the television series *Glee* through *Glee Project* (another television series). You can view his audition, and you can "like" it once each day. There are many audition tapes posted, and Seth's is one of the top rated and most viewed. Go to: www.thegleeprojectcasting.com and scroll down to view the top rated auditions.

Dig for the Cure

On Oct. 6, the varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams are participating in their first Dig for the Cure at Ray-Pec High School. The match is against Liberty, so the theme is a River Battle – north of the river vs. south of the river. Fans are encouraged to wear pink to support breast cancer awareness. The team is selling pink t-shirts for \$10; pink bandanas for \$3; pink nail polish for \$2, and pink beads at \$1 per strand. Some items will be available for sale by silent auction.

2011 RPHS Homecoming candidates



Senior King and Queen Homecoming candidates

Here are the Ray-Pec High School seniors who are Homecoming candidates for king and queen. Pictured in the back row, from left, are: **Brandon Thompson, Spencer Vogelsmeier, Cameron Green, Jaccard Fears, and Zack Sargent**. Pictured in the front are: **Hannah Hegarty, Hannah Turos, Jami Stevens, Taylor Daniel, and Ali Watson**.



Junior Homecoming candidates

Here are the junior Homecoming candidates for attendant and prince. Pictured in the back row, from left, are: **Eli Unruh, Dylan Meyers, and Quade Hudson**. In the front row, from left, are: **Hailey Lueckenotto, Cassidy Kodas, and Cheyanne Lyons**.

2011 RPHS Homecoming candidates



Sophomore Homecoming candidates

Here are the sophomore Homecoming candidates for attendant and prince. Pictured from left, are **Cail Cooper**, **Megan Gutierrez**, **Antonio Ross-Jones**, and **Kelsey Shafer**. Not pictured are: **Sloan Delaney Young** and **Storm Rynard**.



Freshman Homecoming candidates

Here are the freshman Homecoming candidates. In the back row, pictured from left, are the freshman prince candidates: **Dekota Cornelius**, **Logan VanWinkle**, and **Kurt Kaiser**. In the front, from left, are freshman attendant candidates **Skyler Hime**, **Alex Lady**, and **Grace Anderson**.

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Eagle Glen Night at Culver's is Oct. 13

Eagle Glen Night at Culver's is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13. Teachers and staff assist with delivering food to families that evening and visiting with customers. A portion of the sales will be donated to Eagle Glen.

Little Cheer participants to perform on Oct. 14

Participants in the Ray-Pec Little Cheer Clinic will perform Friday, Oct. 14, before the varsity home game against Rockhurst High School. The children will learn a cheer and dance at the Oct. 10 clinic.

Drug take back event is Saturday, Oct. 15

Peculiar Pharmacy and the Peculiar Police Department will host a pharmaceutical drug take back from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 15, at the pharmacy, 219 Main Street, across the street from the Peculiar Police Department.

They will accept any prescription drugs, without question, that patrons of the school district area would like to discard. This is an opportunity for the residents of the area to properly dispose of unwanted and unneeded prescription drugs.

Sympathy notice

The district extends sympathy to the family and friends of **Danielle Trader**, who passed away on the morning of Sept. 19.

Danielle worked in the Panther Pride before and after school child care program at Stonegate Elementary School. She had been at Stonegate Elementary for two years. She touched the lives of students and staff members. The district will miss Danielle's contributions to our school community.

Private family Celebration of Life services were held under the direction of Mullinax Funeral Home, Butler, MO (660)679-0009. Memorial contributions in memory of Danielle may be made in lieu of flowers to her children's educational fund.

Arrowhead to host Ray-Pec vs. Joplin football game on Oct. 21

The Ray-Pec vs. Joplin football game on Friday, Oct. 21, will take place at Arrowhead Stadium, with all net proceeds from the game to benefit the Joplin Schools Tornado Relief Fund.

The game will be the KSMO62 High School Game of the Week and will be broadcast around the state in conjunction with a telethon to support the school fund. This football game was originally on the Ray-Pec schedule as a home game.

All attendees must have a ticket provided by Arrowhead Stadium. Adult tickets are \$15. Tickets for students

(K-12) and children ages 3-5 are \$5. Children age 2 and younger may attend free. No passes will be accepted. Parking will be \$15 (cash



only). Tickets can be purchased from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on school days in the front office at Ray-Pec south high school, at the gate on the night of the game, or through Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000 and

ticketmaster.com.

The parking lot will open at 4 p.m., and the gates will open at 5 p.m. Kick-

off is at 7 p.m. The tickets are general admission in the lower level area only. There will not be assigned seating.

To accommodate Ray-Pec fans, tickets for the Ray-Pec vs. Joplin football game may also be purchased at these additional times and locations:

- Tuesday, Oct. 4, 5 to 7 p.m. at Panther Stadium during the 8th grade football game;
- Wednesday, Oct. 12, 5 to 7 p.m. at Panther Stadium during the 9th grade football game; and
- Wednesday, Oct. 19, and Thursday, Oct. 20, noon to 7 p.m. at the south high school front office.

Please note: When purchasing tickets at one of the field locations, you must pay with cash or check.



Promo for Ray-Pec vs. Joplin game

During the Kansas Chiefs game on Oct. 2, there was promotional advertising for the Oct. 21 football game between Ray-Pec and Joplin high schools.

Jennifer Vacca surprised by \$1,000 in supplies

OfficeMax rewards teacher with 'A Day Made Better' program

Representatives from the Raymore OfficeMax store surprised **Jennifer Vacca** on Tuesday, Oct. 4, by visiting her classroom to present her with \$1,000 in classroom supplies. Vacca teaches fifth grade at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School.

Raymore OfficeMax manager Dwight Crosby and OfficeMax Operations Supervisor Jane Curry presented the rewards, which included a new desk chair and digital camera.

The presentation was part of a nationwide program by OfficeMax, in which the company surprised 1,000 teachers with \$1,000 each worth of school supplies. This is the fifth anniversary of the company's "A Day Made Better" program. The program is designed to provide economic relief

and encourage national support for teachers. Bridle Ridge Principal **Al Voelker** nominated Vacca for the award.

The award and presentation were a surprise to Vacca and her students.

New this year, OfficeMax stores also collected donations of school supplies from customers. When Crosby and Curry arrived at the school, they also had five large boxes of school supplies for use by the entire school.



The Raymore OfficeMax store honored Teacher **Jennifer Vacca**, second from left, with its "A Day Made Better" program. Principal **Al Voelker**, left, nominated Vacca for the reward, which included \$1,000 worth of classroom supplies.



'A Day Made Better'

Teacher **Jennifer Vacca**, flanked by two students, looks into a box of gifts from OfficeMax. Dwight Crosby, manager of the Raymore OfficeMax store, shows Vacca her new digital camera. The gifts also included a new desk chair. The supplies were part of the store's "A Day Made Better" program. OfficeMax donated \$1 million to teachers by surprising 1,000 teachers nationwide with \$1,000 worth of classroom supplies. Vacca teaches fifth grade at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School.



Bridle Ridge Teacher **Jennifer Vacca** holds a potted plant and flowers, another gift from OfficeMax as part of the "A Day Made Better" program. Vacca was surprised on Tuesday, Oct. 4, with a presentation of \$1,000 in classroom supplies, including everything from glue and pens to a printer, memory card, corkboard, a case of paper, a labeler and a graphing calculator.

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RPHS Trunk-or-Treat scheduled for Oct. 27

Ray-Pec High School Student Senate invites children to attend the 7th annual Trunk-or-Treat. The event is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, behind the north high school (former middle school).

There is no cost for admission, but you are asked to donate one non-perishable food item for each child who attends. The food will be donated to a local food pantry. In addition to the trick-or-treating at decorated vehicles, there will be a carnival, including a moon bounce, games, face painting and more.

School rolls for sale

You can buy some of the school's delicious cinnamon rolls and hot rolls at the Raymore Farmers Market from 4 to 8 p.m. each Tuesday through Oct. 25 on South Washington St. in Raymore. The Ray-Pec baked goods usually sell out within the first hour.



A cold reward

Jameson Brown, a student at Raymore Elementary School, dumps a Sonic Slushie over the head of Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle**. Jameson and other top readers during the school's recently-completed read-a-thon took turns dumping the icy drinks over Dr. Kyle during an Oct. 4 all-school assembly.



Peculiar Elementary recognizes students for showing respect

Peculiar Elementary School recognized students who did an outstanding job of demonstrating respect during the month of September. In the back row, from left, are: **Micah Novak**, **Jace Hadley**, **Savannah Elliott**, **T.J. Sharp**, **Kage Quick**, and **Tyler Brundage**. In the middle row, from left: **Alexandra Feeback**, **Sarah Armstrong**, **Kenny McDermed**, and **Alex Lasswell**. In the front row, from left: **Thomas Fager**, **Lily Morgan**, **Katie Stewart**, **Preston Bennett**, and **Connor McCale**.

More fundraisers to benefit Joplin

Spirit bus set for Ray-Pec v. Joplin game

High school students have the opportunity to take a spirit bus to Arrowhead for the game against Joplin on Oct. 21. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased during lunch or from room 600. All proceeds are going directly to Joplin. The bus will be leaving the school at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21. We will tailgate before the game begins.

Student Senate sells 'I Will' bracelets

Student Senate is selling 'I Will' bracelets. Such as I will support Joplin or I will make a difference today. Anything that you will do is what the bracelet can represent. They are black and gold. The bracelets cost \$3 and can be purchased during lunch or in room 600. All proceeds go to Joplin.

T-shirt sale begins to benefit Joplin relief effort

Joplin T-Shirts will also start being sold for \$15. They can be purchased during lunch, in room 600, or at the football game against Rockhurst on Friday, Oct. 14. Again, all proceeds benefit Joplin.

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Swim team results

The Ray-Pec boys swim team had a good competition against North Kansas City on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Standouts were **Caleb Peter**, who dropped 15 seconds off his 500 Free, and **Austin Smith**, who dropped 6 seconds. On Sept. 22, Ray-Pec competed against Lee's Summit and Lee's Summit North. The Panthers placed second and sixth in the 200 Medley Relay; and third and seventh in the 200 yard Free Relay. **Daniel Newton** placed fourth and **Austin Smith** placed sixth in the 100 yard Free.

The boys swim team had a great showing Tuesday, Sept. 20, at a meet with Belton, Pembroke Hill, Platte County High School and Barstow.

Panther swimmers finished second and fifth in the 200 yard medley relay; first and third in the 200 yard free; second and sixth in the 200 yard IM; second, fifth, 10th, 14th, 16th, 17th, and 18th in the 50 yard free; second and sixth in the 100 yard fly; third, seventh, 12th and 13th in the 100 yard free; second and third in the 500 yard free; first and fourth in the 200 yard free relay; third and fifth in the 100 yard back; second in the 100 yard breast; and third in the 400 yard free relay.

RPEMS students to sing at Mavericks games

The Ray-Pec East Blue Notes are scheduled to sing the National Anthem at two Mavericks hockey games. The dates are Nov. 12, 2011, and Feb. 3, 2012. Group pricing and information about ordering tickets will be shared as the dates near.

Sign-ups under way for youth basketball

Youth basketball sign-ups are taking place for boys and girls in grades K-7. The deadline for K-3 Panther Youth Basketball League applications is Oct. 14. A recreational league for boys and girls in grades 4-7 is offered through Raymore Parks and Recreation. Go to www.raymore.com and look under the Parks and Recreation Department for sign-up information. Youth in grades 4-7 may also tryout for competitive teams. For more information, go here:

<http://elearning.raypec.k12.mo.us/course/view.php?id=483>



Foundation donation

Todd Krass, chief executive officer of Research Belton Hospital, left, presents a check for \$500 for the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation to Ray-Pec Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle**.



Chewy's General Store

Chewy's General Store had its Grand Opening on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the Ray-Pec High School north building. The General Store is open every day during passing times, except between the fourth and fifth periods. Students in the Life Skills Class, under the direction of Teacher **Julie Vannatter**, operate the store. Chewy's General Store currently offers Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies and water.



Ray-Pec High School Assistant Principal **Jerry Edson** makes a purchase at Chewy's General Store. Pictured behind the counter, from left, are: Teacher **Julie Vannatter**, and students **Catherine Searle** and **Zach Brewer**.



A student, at right, makes a purchase at Chewy's General Store, located in the Ray-Pec High School north building. Like Skills students behind the counter are, from left: **Zach Brewer**, **Catherine Searle**, and **Kati Tines**.



8th grade Students of the Month

Here are the eighth grade Students of the Month for September at Raymore-Peculiar East Middle School. In the front row, from left: **Larry Combs, Johnnie Turman and Dawson Woodward.** Second row from left: **Taylor Koper, Stefania Smith and Karson Schroeder.** Third row from left: **Olivia Fogelsong, Keni White and Michael Titsworth.** Top row from left: **Mason Fox, Rachel Edington and Michaela Hooper.**



7th grade Students of the Month

Here are the seventh grade Students of the Month for September at Raymore-Peculiar East Middle School. In the front row, from the left: **Kristen Storms, Brelande Edmond and Karisa Krueger.** Second row from left: **Zoe Goodwin, Aria Townsend and Noah Ball.** Third row from left: **Zac Meyer, Ashley Sipu and Mohabat Bajwa.** Top row from left: **Bethany Walter, Brady Blede and Anna King.**

Cheerleaders place third at state

Congratulations to the Ray-Pec varsity cheerleaders, who placed third at state on Oct. 2 in Columbia. Ray-Pec competed against 23 other 5A schools at the Missouri State Cheerleading Championships at the Hearnes Center on the campus of the University of Missouri. The squad worked hundreds of hours on the routine, which included three minutes of non-stop tumbling, stunting, dancing and leading the crowd. To qualify for the state competition, the cheerleaders placed third at the Kansas City Regional Cheerleading Competition in July.

Squad members are: **Grace Anderson, Kirsten Bennett, McKenna Pyle-Brandenburg, Caitlyn Dickison, Ashlie Dishong, Kailey Elmore, Sami Howard, Ashley Hylton, Arian Krueger, Hannah Lehman, Hailey Lueckenotto, La'Kayla Micenhamer-Greer, Keishaunna (Sydney) Reynolds, Alicia Rodriguez-Smith, Kiki (Queatrice) Roper, Jami Stevens, and Haley Tripaldi.**

The cheerleading squad thanks all of the families and friends who attended the competition, making the Ray-Pec fans some of the loudest in the Hearnes Center. The squad's coaches are **Mallary Henry** and assistant coach **Nikki Jaspersen.**

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Cyber-bullying handouts available on web site

School Resource Office **Audra Ayers** presented information about cyber-bullying during an evening session Sept. 6 at Ray-Pec East Middle School.

The information is helpful for parents of children of all ages. You can find handouts from the session posted on the district web site.

Go to: www.raypec.k12.mo.us and select Schools, then Secondary Schools, and then Ray-Pec East Middle School. A link to the handouts is on the school's main page.

Softball players participate in community service projects



Ray-Pec softball players **Bridgette Sappington** and **Emily Ross** dump a water bucket at Circle O Horse Ranch.



Cleaning up

Ray-Pec softball players participated in several community service projects for a fundraiser. The girls collected donations for the completion of five hours of community service. Members of the varsity, junior varsity and C teams worked at Circle O Horse Ranch for an hour. They picked up trash, cleaned stalls, worked on a fence, brushed horses and completed other activities. This group of girls just cleaned out the wash bay for horses.

The girls also spent an hour picking up trash along School Road and another hour reading to students at Shull Elementary. The girls also completed two hours of community service of their own choice.



Ray-Pec softball players **Skyler Hime** and **Erica Carvan** read to students at Shull Elementary School.



Reading time

Ray-Pec softball players **Taryn Huskey**, **Kelley Duewel** and **Jessica Pygman** visit with students at Shull Elementary School after reading to the class.

RPHS volleyball team updates from some September matches

Sept. 20 vs. Lee's Summit

On Sept. 20, the Panthers won a three-set match against Lee's Summit at Lee's Summit High School. **Cheyenne Lyons** led the way with 24 kills, and **Molly Goulding** contributed 9 kills with no errors. **Jaime Butrick** had a double-double, contributing 30 assists and 10 digs for the Panthers. Scores from that match were 20-25, 25-18, 25-19.

Sept. 22 vs. Blue Springs

The varsity volleyball team lost at home vs. Blue Springs on Sept. 22. Scores from the match were 13-25, 23-25.

Sept. 24 at Blue Springs South Tournament

The Varsity Panther volleyball team faced extremely tough competition at the Blue Springs South tournament on Sept. 24.

St. James Academy, the Kansas 4A 3-time defending state champions, was the first opponent for Ray-Pec. The Panthers gave a great effort, but lost. Scores were 17-25, 16-25.

Cheyenne Lyons had 6 kills and 2 solo blocks, while **Brooke Renshaw** contributed 7 digs.

Up next were the Tigers from Ozark, Mo., who are currently ranked number two in the state, and were undefeated leading up to the match with the Panthers. The Panthers led the entire match from start to finish and stunned the 2010 state third-place finishers 25-23, 25-22. **Cheyenne Lyons** had a tremendous match, tallying 14 kills in the win.

The final team in pool play was Cor Jesu out of St. Louis, a private school known for its rich volleyball tradition. Its last trip to state was 2007-2008, when they took second. The Panthers came out strong the first set, winning 25-18, then dropped the second set 21-25. During the third set, Ray-Pec was unstoppable, defeating Cor Jesu, 25-14. Defense was huge for the Panthers—**Angela Brown** had 14 digs, while both **Brooke Renshaw** and **Cheyenne Lyons** had 13 digs. Cheyanne also had 16 kills, and **Molly Goulding** contributed nine kills as well as two solo blocks.

In the Championship bracket, the Panthers faced 2010 third-place Kansas 6A finishers St. Thomas Aquinas. Although the Panthers fought hard, they lost to the Saints 23-25, 17-25. **Cheyenne Lyons** had 11 kills and **Brooke Renshaw** contributed 8 digs.



Minute to Win It

Peculiar Elementary School had its second annual Minute-To-Win-It Family Night on Sept. 22. Students and families played games, earned tickets and won prizes. Prizes included a boy's bicycle, a girl's bicycle, boxed games and origami kits. The winners of the bicycles were **Paris Jackson** and **Wyatt Gorman**. In the picture at left, a young visitor tries to catch a balloon. In the picture at right, Kindergarten Teacher **Kristine Shuey** watches a student try another game.

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Ray-Pec offers before and after school care

The Panther Pride School Age Child Care program offers before and after school care for children (grades K-6). Sites are available at each elementary school and at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School. Sites are open from 6:15 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Students who attend Eagle Glen Intermediate may participate in the program at the Bridle Ridge site. A shuttle bus operates between Bridle Ridge and Eagle Glen.

For information, including tuition and fees, discounts and enrollment forms, go to: www.raypec.k12.mo.us/childcare or contact Sharon Perkins, School Age Child Care Coordinator, at 816-892-1668.

Project Grad announces ongoing fundraisers

The Project Graduation Committee has several ongoing fundraisers as it plans for the after-graduation party for the Class of 2012. You must mention Project Grad for the organization to receive donations.

Senior photos

Photographer Brett Pruitt with East Market Studios will donate \$100 (the sitting fee) to Project Graduation for every session of senior photos. To schedule your sitting, contact Brett at: www.bdpruitt.com or 816-674-3602.

Used toner cartridges

At Home Town Toner & Ink, you may turn in used toner and Project Graduation will receive a donation. Drop off at 107 N. Evans (same building as the orange storage office on M-58 west of Route J.

Massages

Unwind Massage will donate \$10 for each massage to Project Graduation, when you mention Ray-Pec Project Grad. Contact Bonnie Lesmeister at 816-678-6112 or www.yourtime2unwind.com



New Student lunch

The Ray-Pec High School Counseling Department and Student Council invited new students to a pizza and pop lunch on Friday, Sept. 30, in the library at the north high school building. The students were then divided into groups for some get-to-know-you activities. All of the students were invited to attend New Students groups that will be scheduled during first semester.



Make Room for Literacy

Two Ray-Pec teachers presented: "Make Room for Literacy" at the Annual Missouri Middle School Association Conference Sept. 23-25. At left is **Gina Johnson**, science teacher at Ray-Pec East Middle School. At right is Ray-Pec High School English teacher **Courtney Paul**. During another session, **David Mitchell**, Ray-Pec East Middle School principal, and **Karmin Ricker**, Ray-Pec Coordinator for Secondary Curriculum and Assessment, presented: "Get the Picture: How to Use Your Walkthrough Snapshots Effectively."

Prowlers win awards at dance camp

Congratulations to the Ray-Pec Prowlers Dance Team for its performance at NDA Elite Dance Team Camp, at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

The Prowlers earned the Showmanship award with its jazz home routine, and received team awards for both Outstanding Technique and Showmanship. The camp's Team Leader Award went to Prowler Captains **Hannah Hegarty**, **Melody Roberts** and **Chelsea Shaffer**.

Team members **Delaney Ardito**, **Jessica Gonzales**, **Hannah Hegarty**, **Melanie Parker**, **Melody Roberts** and **Chelsea Shaffer** were selected as All-American Nominees. Hegarty, Parker and Shaffer also made the All-American Team.

Senior **Hannah Hegarty** also received the Outstanding Leadership Award, a Top Gun Performance Award, and has been invited by the NDA to join its staff as an instructor during the 2012 dance team camp season.

The Prowlers are directed by Coach **Cheryl Gray** and Assistant Coach **Hayley Sexton**.



Prowlers Dance Team

Front row (from left): Samantha Hirt, Hannah Hegarty, Melody Roberts, and Jessica Gonzales. Middle row (from left): Delaney Ardito, Sabrina Justensen, Chelsea Shaffer, Britta Henkle, and Jenna Hirt. Back row (from left): Melanie Parker, Maci Hodges, Alex Lady, Destiny Roberts, Shelby Scrivener, and Joy Sharp.

Parents as Teachers offers screenings

The Ray-Pec Parents As Teachers program offers free developmental screenings to all families in the Raymore-Peculiar School District with children ages 4 months to 5 years.

The ASQ screening will be used for children under age 3, and the DIAL-III screening will be used for children ages 3-5.

The developmental screening is designed to give parents a clear picture of their child's strengths, weaknesses, and emerging skills in the areas of language, social-emotional, intellectual, and motor development. Screening is a quick and effective way to look at your child in comparison with other children his/her age. Call Parents As Teachers at 816-892-1938 to schedule a screening.

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Bank account to benefit teacher injured in fall

James Merrell, a longtime teacher and coach in the district, suffered multiple injuries to his leg, ankle and back in a fall while doing repairs at his home.

Because of the extent of the injuries, Mr. Merrell will travel to Columbia, Mo., to undergo a series of operations to repair his knee and to undergo other treatments for his ankle and back.

Community Bank of Raymore has established an account to help the Merrell family with expenses incurred while traveling and to cover medical expenses not covered by insurance.

Donations may be mailed to Pam Wofford, Community Bank of Raymore, 801 W. Foxwood Dr., P.O. Box 200, Raymore, MO. 64083.

Checks should be made payable to Paulia Merrell.

Software discounts

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

Go to 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 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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Birthday greetings

You can now have happy birthday greetings placed on the large lighted marquee sign in front of the Ray-Pec High School south building. The cost is \$5, and payment must be received at least one week before the birthday.

The \$5 payment may be sent to **Dianne Harmon** at the high school. Names will be listed on the actual birthday only. Proceeds will help support student activities. For more information, you may contact Dianne Harmon at: dharmon@raypec.k12.mo.us.

Parent Portal

Attention parents: You can electronically update information on file with the school district using Parent Portal.

After logging into Parent Portal, the screen that appears lists the current information and allows you to enter any needed changes. Once you have entered the changes, click the "Submit changes" button to send the changes to the district for approval.

You can enter phone numbers, emergency contacts, and other information for students. If you don't yet have access to Parent Portal, contact your child's school to complete a sign-up form.

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. There is a link on the left side of the home page for "Superintendent's Blog."

You can follow Ray-Pec news on Twitter

You can 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>.

To learn more about Twitter, visit 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 short messages delivered to cell phones or through the Internet.



Leadership Lab

These are some of the 38 Ray-Pec High School Freshman Mentors who spent the day on Friday, Sept. 30, at the Tucker Leadership Lab, located on the William Jewell College campus in Liberty. The students were divided into groups, and were presented with situations, both mental and physical, to develop problem solving, leadership, and team building skills. Here, the students are looking up at a segment of the physical challenge course. The Freshmen Mentors work in teams to help all freshmen feel a connection to high school. Freshmen Mentors are juniors or seniors who go through a selection process the year prior to serving as a mentor.



Rotary Student of the Month

Senior **Kayla Loar** was the Rotary Student of the Month for September at Ray-Pec High School. She is pictured with Matt Hocker, president of the Belton-Raymore Rotary Club. Kayla attended the Sept. 21 lunch meeting of the club. Each month, the club recognizes a student from Belton High School and Ray-Pec High School.

Panther Cub Academy offers child care for children ages 3-5

The Panther Cub Academy offers year-round educational experiences for children ages 3 to 5 who are potty trained. Panther Cub Academy is located on the lower level of Raymore Elementary School at 500 S. Madison St., Raymore.

Panther Cub Academy is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Panther Cub is closed for inclement weather if Ray-Pec schools are closed. It is also closed on specific holidays, winter break and spring break. 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.

Panther Cub Academy provides snacks, but does not provide breakfast or lunch. Children may bring 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.

For more information, contact Director **Marie Davis** at 892-1943 or mdavis@raypec.k12.mo.us.

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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. There is a link on the left. Each subscriber must self-enroll and submit an authorization code that will be provided during the enrollment process. Country Club Bank of Raymore sponsors the service.

RP Update

To receive e-mail news from the school district, send a message to: 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

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.

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.

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.



For more news and information about the Raymore-Peculiar School District, check out: our web site at: www.raypec.k12.mo.us

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: Director of 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.



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