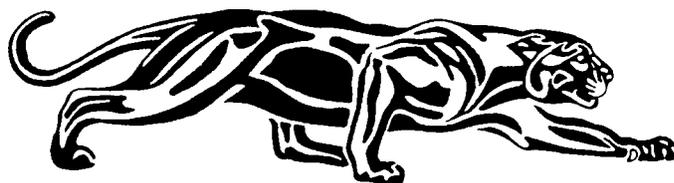


Raymore-Peculiar School News



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Dr. Carter Ward with the Missouri School Boards Association, left, congratulates the Ray-Pec School Board on achieving the Leadership Team Award. Pictured with Dr. Ward, from left, are: Board President **Kim York**, Board Member **Dana Hille**, and Board Member **Ruth Johnson**. (See more MSBA awards on Page 2.)

Board receives leadership award

The Ray-Pec School District Board of Education achieved the Missouri School Boards' Association 2012 Leadership Team Award. Only 11 of Missouri's 523 public school districts earned this award this year.

Some of the criteria for the award include: all seven board members have obtained Essential certification from MSBA; at least two board members have attained the Advanced level of certification from MSBA; at least one board member has attained the Master's level of certification; a quorum of the board and superintendent attended MSBA's 2011 Annual Conference; a quorum of the board and superintendent attended either MSBA's 2011 Fall Regional or 2012 Spring Regional meetings; the district was represented at MSBA's 2012 Legislative Forum in Jefferson City; and a representative participated in MSBA's Delegate Assembly.

The board was formally recognized at MSBA's Leadership Summit June 15 in Columbia.

July 4 holiday

School district offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Regular monthly board meeting is July 19

The school board is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 19, for its regular monthly meeting in the board meeting room at the Administrative Services Center, 21005 S. School Rd. The meeting is open to the public.

Ray-Pec to host July 18 Joint Cities meeting

School board members and school district officials will host the Joint Cities meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, at the Ray-Pec Administrative Services Center. This is a quarterly meeting that includes representatives and elected officials from Cass County and the cities of Raymore and Peculiar. The entities take turns hosting the meeting.

Registration scheduled for July 25-26 and Aug. 2

Registration for all K-12 students will be at the Ray-Pec High School south building, 20801 S. School Rd., Peculiar.

Registration is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 25 for families with last names beginning with A-G; July 26 for families with last names H-O, and Aug. 2 for families with last names P-Z.

If you cannot attend on your designated day, you may attend either of the other two dates. If you cannot attend any of the three registration dates, contact your child's school after Aug. 2. (For more information, see Page 4.)

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



Congratulations to Ray-Pec School Board President **Kim York** on receiving the Advanced Certification Award from the Missouri School Boards Association June 15 at the 2012 MSBA Leadership Summit.



Congratulations to Ray-Pec School Board Member **Dana Hille** on receiving both the Master and Advanced Certification Awards from the Missouri School Boards Association June 15 at the 2012 MSBA Leadership Summit.

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Bid approval for laptops and carts

The board approved a bid of \$177,174 from CDI for 360 Dell laptops with a 4-year warranty, 14 laptop carts and shipping. The laptops and carts will be used in the south high school building and in Ray-Pec East Middle School. Technology Director Arla Monroe said that an increase in demand for laptops during End-of-Course testing and for general classroom use led the district to seek a proposal to purchase the laptops and carts. The district received five bids, and CDI was the low bidder.

Storage Area Network bid approval

The board approved a bid of \$133,652.29 from Alexander Open Systems for a modular Storage Area Network (SAN). The district needs a data storage solution to allow for more storage capacity, especially in the areas of finance, student records, and special education. The modular storage system will provide a base storage system and allows for expansion in the future. The district received two bids, and AOS was the low bidder.

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.



Congratulations to Ray-Pec School Board Member **Ruth Johnson** on receiving the Advanced Certification Award from the Missouri School Boards Association June 15 at the 2012 MSBA Leadership Summit.

Ray-Pec to present play at International Thespian Festival

The Ray-Pec Theatre Department has been invited to present the comedy *The Foreigner* at the International Thespian Festival June 25-30 at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

This is a distinguished honor for our school, as only eight shows have been selected from across the United States and Canada for performances at the festival. Ray-Pec will perform the play twice during the festival, which is the premiere event of high school theatre.

This is the fourth time in school history for Ray-Pec to present a play at the international festival. Previous plays and performances were: *The Diviners* in 1995, *Broadway Bound* in 1998, and *Sylvia* in 2002.

To help performers prepare for the festival, there were public performances of the show on June 8 and 9 at the Academy Theatre at Ray-Pec High School. To publicize the June performances, Theatre teacher **Todd Schnake** and theatre students ap-

peared in June on Foxwood Springs TV, the television station that serves Foxwood Springs Living Center in Raymore.

Ray-Pec presented this play in October 2011. The Theatre Department presented it again in January 2012 before taking it to the Missouri state festival.

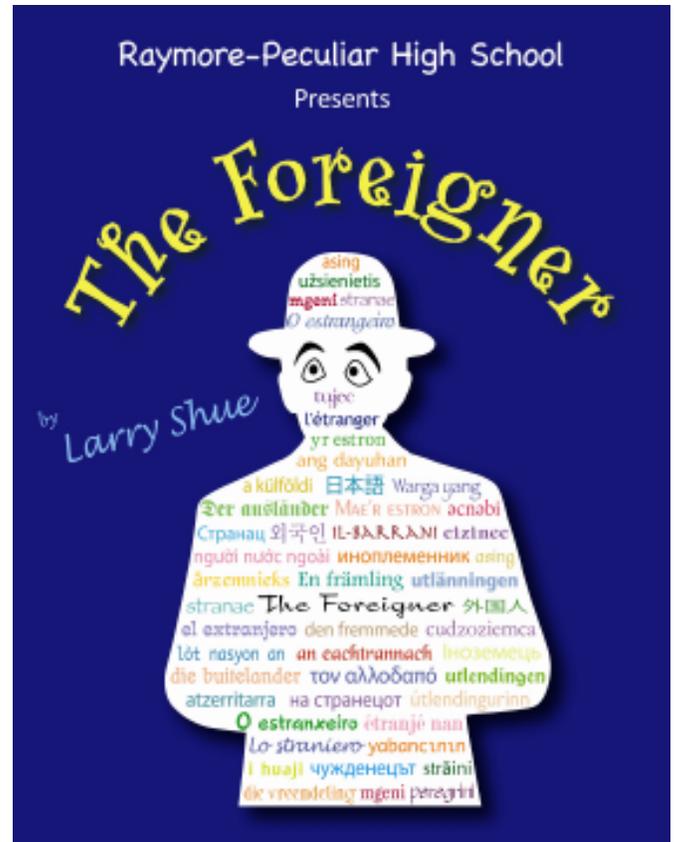
In addition, Ray-Pec won some awards from the Kansas City Cappies chapter for the play. (See page 11 of this newsletter for a list of those awards.)

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 to 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 **Autumn Perry**, **Megan Settle**, and **Madelon Wink**. The stage manager is **Jacob Trumbo**. The master carpenters are **Allie Kotzias** and **Dylan Powell**.

The master electrician is **Allie Kotzias**. The sound engineer is **Zach Taylor**. Props masters are **Andrea Ambam**, **Thomas Davis**, and **Sonia Jacobson**.

The costume, hair and make up crew includes **Hayley Farrell**, **Nellie Maple**, **Logan Schoessel**, **Megan Settle**, and **Dalton Shumaker**.

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School hot rolls for sale at Farmers Market

You can buy some of the school's delicious cinnamon rolls and hot rolls at the Raymore Farmers Market from 4 to 7 p.m. each Tuesday. The Farmers Market is on south Washington Street, about one block south of First Baptist Church of Raymore, which is located at M-58 and Washington St. Hot rolls are \$2 for six or \$4 for a dozen. A small loaf of bread is \$2. Cinnamon rolls are \$1.50 each. Arrive early, because they sell out quickly!

School supply lists

School supply lists for grades K-8 are posted on the district web site: www.raypec.k12.mo.us. Go to the page for your child's school, and a link to the supply list is on the left side of the page.

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Committee gears up for Project Grad 2013 party

Planning has begun for Project Grad, the alcohol-free and drug-free graduation party for all 2013 Ray-Pec seniors on the night of graduation. Project Grad is an opportunity for seniors to celebrate with fellow classmates in a fun and safe environment at Power Play.

The Project Grad Committee is a group of parent volunteers who conduct fundraisers throughout the year to cover the cost of the party. In lieu of volunteering at fundraisers, a parent buy-out option is available for \$125. Send checks to: Project Grad, P.O. Box 1513, Raymore, Mo 64083. Please write your student's name in the memo section of the check.

High school students who need A+ community service hours may also help with Project Grad fundraisers.

Contact information

You can find Project Grad on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/RayPecProjectGrad2013. Senior parents: If you do not receive emails about Project Grad, contact **Holli Berry** at: hollimberry@msn.com. The Project Grad email address is: raypecprojectgrad@gmail.com.

2013 Steering Committee

Here is the 2013 Project Grad Steering Committee:

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Get ready for Back to School for the 2012-2013 school year

Remember to save a July utility bill! When you register your students for the 2012-2013 school year, you need to bring one document to verify residency. Acceptable proofs of residency include: utility bills (water, electric or gas) in the resident's name, showing the service address. The documents must be recent (within 30 days). A final notice or disconnect notice is not an acceptable proof of residency.

For more information about residency verification, contact Pam Steele, Superintendent/Board of Education secretary, at 892-1311.

Registration forms available online

The registration process for 2012-2013 is changing. This year, each family will NOT receive a packet full of forms and announcements in the mail.

Families will receive an email notification mid-July with instructions about registration. The email will include a link to complete many of the registration forms online.

You still must attend registration to prove residency, pay fees and pick up school schedules. But you won't have to complete and sign numerous paper forms.

Online availability of the forms should speed the process up considerably!

Registration set for July 25-26, Aug. 2

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be centralized for all K-12 students at the Ray-Pec High School south building, 20801 S. School Rd., Peculiar. Please enter the south doors (to the Commons).

Registration is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 25 for families with last names beginning with A-G; July 26 for families with last names H-O, and Aug. 2 for families with last names P-Z.

If you cannot attend on your designated day, you may attend either of the other two dates. If you cannot attend any of the three registration dates, contact your child's school after Aug. 2.

Computer access available at schools

To accommodate parents who may not have computer/Internet access at home, the district is providing computer access on specific dates in July at three schools. Parents may come to the school to complete the online forms before the registration dates. The computer sessions are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Computer labs will be open on July 16 at Eagle Glen Intermediate School, July 17 at Peculiar Elementary School, and July 23 at Ray-Pec High School south building.

School board approves balanced budget for 2012-2013

The Ray-Pec Board of Education on June 27 approved a balanced budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, which begins July 1.

Revenue and expenditures

The district's budget for 2012-2013 includes estimated total revenues of \$57,295,117 and estimated total expenditures of \$57,261,916.

From an operating perspective, the district is estimating total revenue of \$51,318,794 and expenditures of \$51,946,766. Operating funds include the

general fund, teachers fund, activity fund, and the capital projects fund (non-bond issue funds). A transfer of \$1 million from the general fund to the capital projects fund is estimated.

A transfer of \$2,244,845 from the general fund to the teacher fund is estimated.

The school district receives most of its revenue from property taxes, the state's foundation formula, the state Classroom Trust Fund, and sales tax. Additional funding comes from some other federal, state and local sources.

Debt Service

The debt service fund includes amounts needed to pay principal, interest and fees on outstanding bond issues from 2005, 2007, 2008 and 2011.

Total principal payments, fees and interest payments for 2012-2013 are scheduled and budgeted for \$5,315,150.

Major expenditures

The budget includes funds to cover district software licensing, curriculum support, the purchase of 360 laptops, replacement of teacher computers in various schools, and an electronic storage area network.

The budget also includes purchases of curriculum and resource materials to support the enrollment growth at the middle school and high school levels, and support for increased sections at elementary schools to keep class sizes at appropriate levels. There are no major textbook adoptions this school year, except for English II texts at the high school.

Capital project funds are budgeted for improvements to several district facilities. Funds are also allocated in the capital projects funds to make capital lease payments. Capital improvements planned for 2012-2013 include building exterior improvements at Creekmoor Elementary; carpet, flooring and ceiling replacements across the district; asphalt and concrete repairs and improvements; fire and security system upgrades; classroom cabinetry; playground improvements; and repairs to the gym floor at Peculiar Elementary.

Operating expenses include moving each employee on the salary schedule, increased pay for employees who earn additional education, and increased health insurance premiums.

You can review the budget on the district web site: www.raypec.k12.mo.us

Vision for Missouri Public Schools

The board approved a resolution supporting the Missouri Public Education Vision Project report, which developed out of a partnership between the Missouri School Boards' Association and the Missouri Association of School Administrators. As part of the approval, the district agrees to determine areas of transformation for the Ray-Pec district as part of continuing efforts to improve educational opportunities for all students. To learn more about the vision project, go here: <http://www.visionformpublicschools.org/>



Ray-Pec bull rider

Skyler Sims an upcoming Ray-Pec senior, will compete July 15-22 in Rock Springs, Wyo., as the 2012 Missouri High School Bull Riding State Champion. He will compete against the top four high school competitors from each state, Canada and Australia. Skyler will also travel July 31-Aug. 5 to Abilene, Texas, to compete in the Jr. Bull Riding World Finals as the Kansas Jr. Bull Riding Champion. This photo of Skyler was selected to be displayed on several billboards in Wyoming for the Boot Barn company. Boot Barn selected five high school boys and five girls who will be competing at the High School Rodeo Finals in Wyoming. Boot Barn plans to start a contest on its Facebook page, and the boy and the girl with the most votes will win a trip for four to see the Rodeo World Finals in December in Las Vegas.

District announces administration changes at high school

The Ray-Pec School District announces several administrative changes at Ray-Pec High School for the 2012-2013 school year.

The changes are effective July 1, which is the start of the fiscal year for the school district.

Mark Cook is the new assistant principal at Ray-Pec High School. Cook has been a special education teacher at the high school since 2005. He also worked for the Ray-Pec School District during the 2000-2001 school year as a special education teacher and assistant football coach.

Cook received his bachelor's degree in education from Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kan. He received a master's degree in special education from Pittsburg State, and his educational specialist degree in superintendency from William Woods University. Cook's wife, **Toni Cook**, is a special education teacher at Stonegate Elementary School.

Mark Cook replaces **Ryan Gooding**, who has been named associate principal for Ray-Pec High School. Gooding has been an assistant principal at the high school since 2006. From 2000 to 2006, he was a business teacher and coach in the Ray-Pec School District.

Gooding received his bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Missouri. He obtained an Arizona teacher's certificate through Ottawa University. He received his master's degree in secondary administration through Williams Woods University, and also received an education specialist degree with an emphasis in secondary administration from Williams Woods. Gooding's wife, **Rebecca Gooding**, teaches at Eagle Glen Intermediate School. His brother, **Chet Gooding**, teaches at Ray-Pec East Middle School. His mother, **Susan Gooding**, is a former counselor at the middle school.

Ryan Gooding replaces **Steven**



Steven Miller
High School
Principal



Ryan Gooding
Associate
Principal



Mark Cook
Assistant
Principal



Sherrie Miller
Middle School
Teacher

Miller, who is the new principal of the high school. Miller was the associate principal of the two-building high school since 2010. He came to Ray-Pec from the Rockwood (Mo.) School District, where he was assistant principal at Eureka High School in Eureka, Mo., from 2007-2010. Before working in the Rockwood district, he was a teacher and coach in the Butler and Warsaw school districts.

He received his bachelor's degree in education with an emphasis in

secondary mathematics from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He also received a master's degree in curriculum and instruction and an educational specialist degree with an emphasis in secondary administration from UMKC.

Steven Miller replaces **Dr. Sherri Miller**, who resigned as principal, but will continue to work for the school district as a math and physical education teacher at Ray-Pec East Middle School.



Campout fun

Children in the Panther Cub Academy had a campout on June 8, complete with campfire songs and s'mores. Panther Cub Academy offers year-round, full day care for children who are potty trained and ages 3 to 5. The program is offered on the lower level of Raymore Elementary School, 500 S. Madison. Call Marie Davis at 816-892-1943 for more information or to schedule an appointment or a tour.

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Eagle Glen computer students show off speed in keyboard contests

Students at Eagle Glen Intermediate School participated in a Fast Fingers Contest or a Fingers Frenzy contest during the last full week of school. Congratulations to the winners!

Fast Fingers Contest

In the sixth grade, students qualified by typing 35 or more words per minute (wpm). There were 24 contestants. The top four places were:

- First place: **Tiffany Wylde**, 65 wpm
- Second place: **Martina Hamerle**, 62 wpm
- Third place: **Alex Ubaldo**, 56 wpm
- Fourth place (tie): **Emily Enyeart** and **Song Waltz**, 55 wpm

In the fifth grade, students qualified by typing 30 or more words per minute. There were 20 qualifiers. The top four places were:

- First Place: **Riley Dunsworth**, 66 wpm
- Second place: **Carson Zimmerman**, 51 wpm
- Third place: **Katie Gregory**, 45 wpm
- Fourth place: **Collin McDonald**, 44 wpm

Finger Frenzy Contest

This school-wide contest tested how fast students could type the alphabet. The top four places were:

- First place: Sixth grader **Alex Ubaldo**, 2.04 seconds
- Second place: Fifth grader **Riley Dunsworth**, 2.671 seconds
- Third place: Fifth grader **Lauranna Mitchell**, 3.453 seconds
- Fourth place: Fifth grader **Josh Putney**, 3.515 seconds

The computer teacher at Eagle Glen Intermediate School is **Debbie Raukar**.



Battle of the brains

A group of Ray-Pec High School teachers competed against the school's Scholar Bowl team on May 8. The students won by eight questions. The team of teachers, from left, included: **Lisa Roberts**, **Jeannie Frazier**, **Kevin Crean**, **Joe O'Neal**, and **Patrick Hemmingsen**.



Students defeat staff in competition

The Ray-Pec High School Scholar Bowl Team participated on May 8 in one final competition - against some of their teachers. The students won by eight questions. Student participants were: **Justin Mooney**, **Zac Miller**, **Drew Geer**, **Becca Barron**, **Mat Keith**, **Derek Hockett**, and **Jesse Edington**.

Bridle Ridge students receive recognition in online math competition

Sixth graders Shane Bruflat and Logan Mangrum were honored for their performance in an online math league competition. The two boys were among 15 students at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School who participated in the 6th grade Math League Team with Teacher Lezlie Waltz.

Three times during the school year, the students had the opportunity to compete to demonstrate mastery of sixth grade math materials. There were 1,230 sixth graders across the country who competed in all three matches. All Math League Team members received participation certificates, and Josh Figge received a certificate for most improved scores. Logan Mangrum placed second at Bridle Ridge and received a medal for scoring in the top 10 percent of all sixth graders in the competition. Shane Bruflat placed first at Bridle Ridge and scored in the top 5 percent in the competition.

Participants in the Bridle Ridge 6th Grade Math League Team were: Shane Bruflat, Logan Mangrum, Noah Novak, Jacob Sibert, Austin Hacker, Adam Seshier, Brittany Walkingstick, Molly Johnson, Zack Kerfoot, Josh Figge, Brandon Carvan, Lawson Sumler, Hayden Smith, Hannah Hornbeck, and Wesley McCullough.



Bridle Ridge Intermediate School sixth graders Shane Bruflat and Logan Mangrum are pictured with Principal Al Voelker after they received recognition for their performance in an online math competition.



Basketball camp

More than 200 campers attended the Ray-Pec boys basketball camps earlier this month. The campers had the opportunity to learn the fundamental skills of the game and compete against their classmates. These camps are a fundamental tool for Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach **Scott Jermain** and his staff. The players learn valuable skills to help them be a part of the Panther Youth Basketball League, competitive teams, or Ballers. For information on these programs please visit www.tinyurl.com/youthbasketball.



Lucky 13.1 5k and Half-Marathon

More than 200 people participated in the fourth annual Lucky 13.1 5k and Half-Marathon June 16. The event is a fundraiser for the Ray-Pec Cross Country Team. To see results and photos, go here: <http://mo.milesplit.com/meets/120113-lucky-131-half-marathon-and-5k>



Sizzle sighting

When the Panther Pride Summer Camp students went to the Kansas City T-Bones game on June 13, Kenadi Oldani met Sizzle the Bull, the team's mascot. The T-Bones are an independent professional baseball team that play in Kansas City, Kan. Ray-Pec offers the Panther Pride child care program for children in grades K-6. For information, call 816-892-1668.

Other school board action

During the June 27 school board meeting, Activities Director Tom Kruse presented a report about athletics and activities in the district. (Each month, specific departments or programs review their programs for the Board.)

Athletic Trainer Trevor Volkland explained about the ImpACT concussion testing. He showed actual results from an ImpACT baseline test completed by Kruse, and explained how health care professionals use the data to help evaluate students after a suspected concussion. All athletes for 2011-2012 participated in a pre-season screening. These test results were used as a baseline comparison after a suspected head injury. For the 2012-2013 school year, the testing will be expanded to include middle school athletes.

Kruse said that gate receipts increased by \$7,370 over the prior year. There was also an increase of \$19,079 in activity fees.

Kruse noted the use of the website to help improve communication with parents. People may sign up for notification bulletins on the Ray-Pec web site. When there is a change in time or location or an event cancellation, subscribers receive a text or email notification. To sign up for these notifications, go here: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/list.aspx>

Kruse showed grade point average summaries for students who participate in athletics, band, choir, drama and Scholar Bowl. The annual average GPA for students involved in activities is higher than the annual average GPA for all enrolled students.

Approximately 700 students were involved in one or more Missouri State High School Activities Association-sponsored activities throughout the 2011-2012 school year.

The high school offers a variety of co-curricular, extra-curricular, and non-curricular clubs. Approximately 340 students are members of a club, including Student Senate. Kruse shared a list of some of the service projects completed by clubs.

He also shared lists of accomplishments for band, vocal music, forensics/debate and theatre, athletics, pomp on, cheerleading and Special Olympics.

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Ray-Pec grad drafted by Los Angeles Angels

Ray-Pec graduate **Mark Sappington** was drafted by the Los Angeles Angels on June 5 in the fifth round of the Major League Baseball draft. Sappington was a pitcher at Rockhurst University.

Here is a link to a story from The Kansas City Star: <http://www.kansascity.com/2012/06/05/3643633/rockhurst-pitcher-drafted-in-fifth.html>

Baseball player receives post-season award

Congratulations to **Ray-Pec High School's Jacob Boylan** for being named to the Missouri Class 4 First Team All-State as an infielder.

RPHS baseball players selected for All-Star team

Congratulations to Ray-Pec baseball players **Christian Arnold, Jacob Boylan, Garrett McKinzie, and Seth Parker** for being selected to the West All-Star team for the East vs. West All-Star game on June 9. Ray-Pec Coach **Gary Renshaw** was selected to coach the West team, which beat the East squad 6 to 4.

Christian Arnold was named the game's Most Valuable Player. **Seth Parker** came in and closed the game and got the save. **Garrett McKinzie** and **Jacob Boylan** each had a great game and contributed to the West side win. All four Ray-Pec players shined in the victory.

You can change alerts about lunch accounts

Attention parents: Do you have your child's meal account set up to notify you about low balances?

If you would like to modify or delete those notifications (particularly over the summer), here are the instructions. Log into your account at www.mynutrikids.com. Select "edit profile," select "lunch balance alert set," select "edit," and select "alert status." You may discontinue the alert at this step. Select "update" to complete the process. If you have any questions, please contact the Child Nutrition Office at 892-1370.



Young leaders

Ray-Pec High School student **Elizabeth Daugherty** (front row, center) attended the Missouri Leadership Seminar, Inc. June 8-10 on the University of Central Missouri campus in Warrensburg. Elizabeth, who will be a junior this fall, joined more than 200 other young leaders representing as many high schools from throughout Missouri.

Selected to represent Ray-Pec High School, Elizabeth is the daughter of Ken and Barb Daugherty. The Raymore-Peculiar Sunrise Optimist Club sponsored her participation.

The mission of the Missouri Leadership Seminar, Inc. is to introduce future leaders to the values of leadership, citizenship, and community service. They learn while interacting with other potential high school sophomore leaders (both public and private schools) from every background and community throughout the state.

Service projects are utilized both during the seminar and afterward as a way to introduce young leaders to the personal and social values of service as well as volunteerism.

Ray-Pec School District offers summer athletic camps

Ray-Pec offers a variety of summer athletic camps for students.

For more information and registration forms, go to the Ray-Pec web site at:

<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?NID=385>

- July 9-12 - Swim camp for grades 9-12
- July 10-12 - Softball camp for grades K-7 and grades 8-12
- July 13-14 - Volleyball camp for grades 2-5
- July 16-19 - Swim camp for grades 1-8
- July 16-19 - Co-Ed Soccer for grades 2-6, Boys soccer for grades 7-12, and Girls soccer for grades 7-12
- July 19-21 - Volleyball camp for grades 9-12
- July 23-26 - 6 to 7:30 p.m. Football camp for grades 2-7 and grades 8-9

Ray-Pec wins 12 Cappies awards, including Best Play

The Ray-Pec Theatre Department won 12 Cappies awards, including honors for best play for “The Foreigner.” The Kansas City Chapter of the Cappies is a critics and awards program for high school theatre.

Ray-Pec received nominations for the musical “Legally Blonde The Musical,” and the play “The Foreigner.” Each participating school was able to enter two shows.

Winners were announced at the 10th annual Kansas City Cappies Gala May 26, at Blue Springs South High School.

Cappies awards are given in 37 different categories. Here are the Ray-Pec Cappies awards:

- Best Play, “The Foreigner;”
- Props: **Sonia Jacobson** and **Morgan Shea Lyle**, The Foreigner;
- Best Critic Team;
- Best Female Critic, **Michaela Wiehe**.
- Featured actor: **Bobby Turnbough**, The Foreigner;
- Female dancer: **Hayley Farrell**, Legally Blonde;
- Comic actor in a play: **Nathaniel Weber**, The Foreigner;
- Supporting actress in a play: **Nellie Maple**, The Foreigner;
- Supporting actress in a musical: **Haley Crane**, Legally Blonde;
- Lead actress in a play: **Hayley Farrell**, The Foreigner;
- Lead actor in a play: **Dane Schnake**, The Foreigner;
- Lead actress in a musical: **Nellie Maple**, Legally Blonde.



Field trip

Students and staff from the Panther Pride Summer Camp Program visited the Shatto Milk Company on June 7. After a tour, they tried chocolate, strawberry, orange, banana, root beer and cotton candy flavored milk. The child care program offers special activities and field trips each week.



Dairy farm

During the June 7 field trip to the Shatto Milk Company, students in the Panther Pride Summer Camp Program toured the dairy and the bottling operation. This girl pets a Holstein calf.

Ray-Pec theatre students win two Blue Star awards

Congratulations to **Haley Crane**, who won the award for Outstanding Actress in a Featured Role; and **Bobby Turnbough**, who won the award for Outstanding Male Ensemble

Member in the Blue Star awards program through Starlight Theatre. Winners were announced May 24 at the Blue Star Awards ceremony.



During the ceremony, Ray-Pec theatre students performed a song from “Legally Blonde the Musical,” which was one of the six musicals nominated for “Outstanding Overall Musical.” Forty-eight musicals from around the metro area participated in the program this year.



Selected poet

Katie Gregory, a student at Eagle Glen Intermediate School, was selected to have a poem included in the Creative Communications Anthology. She is pictured here with Eagle Glen Principal Randy Randolph.



Poems to be published

Six students from Bridle Ridge Intermediate School entered a national poetry competition and had poems selected to be published in the Creative Communications Anthology. The students are pictured here with Bridle Ridge Principal Al Voelker. Pictured, from left, are: David Stutzman, Principal Al Voelker, Molly Johnson, Ashlee Loomis, Megan Strauss, Bailey Crabtree, and Kamryn Martin.

Poems by Ray-Pec students selected for publication

Seven intermediate school students have had poems selected for publication in an upcoming poetry anthology.

The students include Katie Gregory, a student at Eagle Glen Intermediate School, and these six students from Bridle Ridge Intermediate School: David Stutzman, Megan Strauss, Bailey Crabtree, Molly Johnson, Ashlee Loomis, and Kamryn Martin.

The students entered a poetry competition for students in grades 4-6 in the United States and Canada. The top 10 winners will receive a \$25 check, special recognition in the book, and a free copy of the anthology that is created from the contest.

The purpose of the Creative Communications poetry contest is to recognize student writers. Winners

share thousands in cash and prizes. In addition to the winning entries, other entries of high merit are accepted to be published in the hard-bound anthology. The contest is selective so that it is an honor to be accepted, yet not so exclusive that it is discouraging to enter. There is no entry fee and no required purchase in order to become published.

Ray-Pec students selected for Boys State and Girls State

Fourteen students from Ray-Pec High School will be among more than 2,100 juniors attending the American Legion Boys and Girls State program this summer at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg.

The week-long educational program teaches young men and women the duties, privileges, responsibilities and the rights of American citizenship.

The delegates nominated by the

high school staff to participate this year in Girls State are:

Kylie Bain, Kelsei Bowie, Julia Craig, Larissa Dougherty, Emelia Gwin, Emma Howlett, and Kaylen Fowler. The alternates are **Makayla Dunscombe** and **Ashley Newson.**

The delegates nominated by the high school staff to participate this year in Boys State are:

Austin Coop, Dane Schnake, Brooks Mackender, Rodney

McDuffie, Gavin Kiger, Jacob Gurera, and Josh Paschen. Alternates are **Brandon Dick** and **Dylan Schwindt.**

Sponsors for this year's students are: Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation, Community Bank of Raymore, Raymore Chamber of Commerce, Optimist Club of Raymore, Peculiar Chamber of Commerce, and the American Legion Post #488-Belton.

DELTA WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL BLUE SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT



Scholar Bowl

Sixth graders from Bridle Ridge and Eagle Glen intermediate schools won a Scholar Bowl competition on May 10 against sixth graders from Delta Woods Middle School in the Blue Springs School District. Last February, fifth and sixth grade gifted students in the Raymore-Peculiar School District competed in the first-ever Ray-Pec Intermediate School Scholar Bowl competition. Eagle Glen narrowly defeated Bridle Ridge in the competition. Later, the 15 top-scoring sixth graders from Bridle Ridge and Eagle Glen were combined to form a Ray-Pec team to compete against gifted sixth graders at Delta Woods. The students are pictured here with **Lezlie Waltz**, standing, second from right, the teacher for gifted fifth and sixth graders at Ray-Pec. Student team members (not listed in order pictured) were: **Lawson Sumler, Shane Bruflat, Trevor Diepenbrock, CJ Russom, Molly Johnson, Tyler Kudron, Elizabeth Montrose, Mason Anhuis, Alex Shafer, Will Reicher, Song Waltz, Peter Dyreng, Sarah Poisner, David Stutzman, and Kira Horton.**



Kansas City Zoo

Students in the Panther Pride Summer Camp Program visited the Kansas City Zoo on June 5. The child care program offers special activities and field trips each week.

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Kansas City Star names Amanda Johnson as RPHS Scholar-Athlete

Congratulations to 2012 Ray-Pec graduate **Amanda Johnson**, who was named the Ray-Pec Scholar-Athlete for 2012 by *The Kansas City Star*. Scholar-athletes from schools across the metro area were featured in the June 3 edition of the newspaper. Amanda had a 4.7 grade point average and earned three varsity letters each in volleyball and swimming. She plans to attend the University of Central Missouri.

Tdap immunization required for 8th graders

The state of Missouri requires students entering eighth grade in August 2012 to have a Tdap immunization and to give documentation to the middle school nurse before starting classes on Aug. 15.

The Tdap vaccine may also be documented as Adacel or Boostrix. The Tdap vaccine helps protect adults and adolescents against three diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough. Tdap is recommended as a booster to the Dtap vaccine in people ages 11 to 64.

You may bring or fax the documentation to Ray-Pec East Middle School after Aug. 1, 2012. The fax number for the middle school is: 816-388-4001. If you have questions, you may call Nurse **Phyllis Fox** at 388-4011.

The middle school health room will not be staffed from May 22 through Aug. 1.

Fireworks tent to benefit Creekmoor Elementary

Sparkie's Fireworks Tent will donate a portion of its earnings to Creekmoor Elementary. This is a new fireworks tent to the area and will be located on M-58, next to the Rush Hour Gas Station across from Price Chopper. The tent will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., June 28 to July 4.

A+ students needed

The Raymore Parks and Recreation Department is looking for A+ students to help out with the city's July 4 fireworks event. For more information, please call the Parks and Rec office at 322-2791.

Middle School announces second semester honor rolls

Seventh Grade Principal's Honor Roll

Cooper Allan, Matthew Anderson, Alyvia Archambeau, Grant Ardito, Rachel Argie, Matthew Argotsinger, Kirstin Arnett, Dawson Bailey, Josiah Baird, Noah Ball, Cory Barton, Erin Beauchamp, Daily Bennett, Matthew Berry, Abigail Bertz, Brucker Betts, Breanna Birkett, Brooke Birkett, Malone Blaich, Brady Bledde, Grant Bosley, Haley Bossert, Cooper Branson, Lori Breece, Jarrod Brooks, Matthew Brown, Garrett Browne, Nathan Butcher, Nicole Byrnes, Lilly Carroll, Nicholas Caskey, Saige Coin, Kevin Conner, Brooke Crabtree, Rebecca Crabtree, Autumn Crandall, Kayla Crouch, Felecia Cummons, Camden Darby, Tanner Davis, Matthew Demers, Peyton Dick, Rebeka Dickerson, Jessica Dillon, Jordan Doss, Lindsey Dunbar, Raegan Edwards, Matthew Feith, Derek Fields, Ian Fleming, Chad Fox, Alexander Fries, Samantha Fries, Matthew Garver, Caleb German, Delaynie Getty, Dalton Gilmore, Matthew Gomez, Zoe Goodwin, Emily Goulding,

Allison Graber, Joshua Gray, Matthew Greble, Jordan Gregory, Daniella Grossman, Dalton Gutierrez, Emily Harris, Grace Hart, Sierra Hartsell, Parker Hauptmann, Katelyn Hays, Samantha Heggem, Nicholas Herren, Dylan Houghton, Andrew Houston, Kelly Hulsey, Samantha Jacobson, Lauren Johnson, Nicole Johnson, Caleb Jones, Carl Jones, Justice Jones, Parker Kaifes, Kaitlyn Kent, Anna King, Jaden King, Karisa Krueger, Angelica Lang, Justin LaPlante, Tori Ledbetter, Hannah Leimkuhler, Darby Lewis, Jeramiah Lewis, Taryn Lininger, Aspen Livengood, Mercedes Lopez, Spencer Lueckenotto, Sarahann Marsh, Callie Martin, Alec McClendon, Chad McElfresh, Tanna Miller, Kayla Miller-Brown, Molly Moore, Brittne Morrison, Austin Moulder, Akira Murphy, Tyler Musgrave, Noah Newman, Zachary Newman, Jacob Newton, Emily Nice, Benjamin Osborne, Sydney Palmer, Alexandria Pasternak, Zachary Patterson,

Amber Payne, Quinn Peery, Joshua Peters, Shannon Phillips, Tabitha Phipps, Sara Poe, Maxwell Poisner, Marley Polka, Emily Purnell, Joshua Putthoff, Parker Ramirez, Mary-Kate Rice, Jordan Robertson, Lauren Rook, Cassidy Roper, Bryce Rose, Dalton Russell, Jace Rutledge, Makayla Schrock, Kate Schuler, Sarah Scieszinski, Christina Scott, Aleena Shahid, Samantha Shakes, Kelley Shanahan, Jacob Shriner, Brenna Snyder, Peyton Snyder, Nicki Stackelbeck, Ericka Stansbury, Emma Stark, Jordan Stephens, Kristen Storms, Matthew Thomas, Emma Thompson, Kelsie Thompson, Madison Thurman, Jensen Tillotson, Emily Tompkins, Aria Townsend, Abigail Trautman, Jesse Turos, Cameron Valdiviez, Colin Valdiviez, Anna Marie Vaters, Tessa Velez, Erin Vlasak, Cooper Wallace, Bethany Walter, Valiante Waltz, Audrey Warters, Raegon Wasson, Blake Wells, Taylor Wethington, Jace Whitney, Lauryn Whitney, Carter Wilhite, Easton Williams, and Connor Woodward.

Eighth Grade Principal's Honor Roll

Hailey Abbott, Hannah Abbott, Ashley Ahrens, Cassandra Allen, Calvin Bailey, Morgan Bain, Matalin Barberis, Josie Beaven, Marliah Blackmon, Zandri Bredenhand, Abigail Brown, Margaret Brown, Reice Brown, Ashley Bruegge, Megan Bua, Madeline Buasri, Haley Burge, Abby Cambridge, Dylan Cambron, Logan Campos, Kamran Choudhry, Jordan Clarkin, Nadaisha Conn, Briana Cottingham, Addison Crabtree, Jordan Crane, Kaylee Cunningham, Caleb Daniels, Victoria Delphia, Emily Denney, William Dickerson, Lacey Duley, Rachel Edington, Alexander Edmonds, Kevin Edmonson, Tre Ellegard, Kathryn Elliott, Laura Fambrough, Taylor Felz, Courtney Finegan, Erin Fish, Alyssa Folkers, Brian Freeman, Jesse Gibson, Alison Gillespie, Autumn Green, Lanie Harmon, Taylor

Harshbarger, Kathryn Hatfield, Reed Heinrich, Christen Henderson, Ryan Herren, Andrew Hille, Taylor Holbrook, Alexandria Hosman, Clifford Hoye, Rachel Hutchings, Nathan Janssen, Nicholas Janssen, Kaitlyn Johns, Hannah Johnson, Alanna Justice, John Kampe, Kayley Keo, Micayla King, Adalley Kloth, Brendan Knight, Taylor Koper, Cole Kruse, Nicholas Lanza, Cameron Leonard, RYanne Linn, Meghan Maher, Noah Martin, Toni Martin, Toni Martin, Hannah Mast, Allison Melhorn, Preston Misemer, Taylor Moore, Rebecca Moorhead, Sarah Morrison, Tyler Mossman, Jasmine Nissanka, Shelby Parker, Jacob Paszkiewicz, Katriana Payne, Madyson Quest, Jasmine Raines, Jason Rankin, Madelyn Reihls, Brayden Roberts, Cade Rogge, Hannah Rose, Ian Russell, Kevin

Russo, Zachary Salter, Alexander Sanchez, Perla Sanchez, Nicholas Schneider, Karson Schroeder, Robert Schultheis, Jeana Scott, Alyssa Shaffer, Andrea Shaw, Race Shepherd, Cara Sibert, Blake Smith, Stefania Smith, Jackson Sparks, Rebecka Stephens, Rainey Stoll, Kami Tabor, Andrew Tait, Alexa Taylor, Jacob Taylor, Jonathan Terry, Sean Thomas, Tasjia Thomas, John Thompson, Emily Thuss, Michael Titsworth, Emily Tribolet, Johnnie Turman, Paytyn Tusay, Haley Tutorino, Kennedy Van Trump, Cole Vanbrunt, Natalie VanHorn, Alyson VanWinkle, Katelyn Vestal, Thomas Villarreal, John Wallace, Allyson Walter, Paxton Weatherly, Darby Webb, Jamison Wharton, Guinevere Wright, and Youxing Yang.

Middle School announces honor roll lists

Seventh Grade Honor Roll

Brody Abbate, Dondre Amrine-Mitchell, Mohabat Bajwa, Hayley Batchelder, Meghan Bayers, Brianna Beaver, Audrey Bennett, Ryan Bias, Chase Bollinger, Cheyenne Boos, Mariah Brim, Maren Cahill, Ryan Carlson, Deven Collins, Nicholas Cook, Haley Crawford, Natalie Cummings, William Delphia, Christopher Desneux, Kylene Dover, Ryan Downey, Elizabeth Dubois, Emma DuBray, Dustan Dvergsten, Brelande Edmond, Cassidy Eggers, Jacob Espinoza, Laurel Fager, Jacob Fields, Mia Fleming, Maryann Fortmann, Hanna Fuller, Jacob Gaynor, Brandon George, Tyler George, Margie Gish, Cole Graf, Madison Grimm, Spencer Haake, Robert Hacker, Kaitlynn Hall, Fatimah Hamlett, Austin Hammell, Kobe Hammers, Josie Harmon, Zachary Hartman, Melina Hartnett, Destiny Hatfield, Cheri Hedges, Emily Herndon, Kailee Hogan, Mya Houdyshell, Marchai Hudson, Layla Hyatt, Elizabeth Johnson, Jana Jones, Clayton Kearney, Joshua Kelley, Johnna Kincaid, Lucas Kinder, Alexis Kormanec, Kelsey Lehman, Sydney Lottie, Trea Loveland, Connor Malone, Kayden Maloney, Taylor Marolt,

Allison May, Khayla McClinton, Theresa McElliott, Lee McGinnis, Taylor Mendenhall, Sadie Mercier, Joshua Milewski, Angel Miller, Sydnee Miller, Trent Mitchell, Bailey Moses, McKenna Noirfalise, Alyssa Northern, Dillon Owens, Jacob Padgett, Marissa Palmay, Nicholas Payne, Anna Penafiel, Elysabeth Pennington, Cameron Perry, Chadd Pollock, Mickaile Price, Matthew Rhoads, Colton Rogers, James Ronnberg, Charles Ryle, Emma Sanders, Sarah Sasser, Riley Schanda, Sierra Schulz, Key'Vaughn Shockley, Payton Simpson, Brady Skeed, Lydia Slaubaugh, Keith Slider, Destinee Smethers, Josephine Smith, Kayleigh Smith, Andrew Snider, Zackery Sorrells, Tyler Stockhorst, Jimmy Suttles, Erica Theiling, Joshua Thomas, David Thompson, Hanna Thornburgh, Zachary Thurston, Shyan Tracy, Jocelynn Treolo, Sabrina Ustic, Marcus Vandendaele, Landon Vannatter, Kaitlin Ward, Nicole Ware, Taylor Watts, Kyle Wiggins, Joseph Williams, Kelsea Wise, Shawn Wright, Tabitha Wright, and Madison Young.

Eighth Grade Honor Roll

Jacob Aswegan, Scott Bassett, Natasha Beauchamp, Garrett Bell, Andrea Bennett, Jessica Bishop, Madison Blackwell, Zachary Brewer, Maddilyn Brusick, Corina Buechler, Hailey Burnett, Zachary Collins, Kimberly Deal, Collin Diggs, Kayli Dosch, Hannah Ewbank, Drake Fawcett, Kaylee Foulke, Mason Fox, Alexandria Gray, Josie Hilsabeck, Alex Holsman, Bryce Holsman, Michael Homer, Michaela Hooper, Madison Hopkins, Emily Johnson, Hailey Johnston, Brooke Kelly, Carter Lanning, Justin Loman, Alexis Lovelace, Andrea Maiuro, Emilie Mallory, Gabrielle Mallory, Mariya

Martin, Justin Meinershagen, Lillian Meuret, Keyonna Morgan, Michael Morgan, Lindsey Morrison, Madison Morrison, Jordan Myers, Kylee Nelson, Kylie Perry, Mina Pittman, Alyssa Randol, Chandler Richerson, Ian Riley, Miles Robinson, Emma Rockman, Sophia Sadaro, Austin Sampson, Bonny Scott, Shelby Shatford, Lucy Simpson, Elizabeth Smallwood, Cole Sydney, Logan Tarter, Steven Tekesky, Courtney Tomblin, Levi Vacca, Miranda VanRie, Austin Vargas, Adam Wallace, Christopher Wasson, Alexis Williams, Dominique Williams, Mercedes Willis, and Megan Youngs.

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Panther Pride program offers Summer Camp

The Panther Pride School Age Child Care program provides full-day child care for children grades K-6 at Summer Camp 2012. Summer Camp care is provided at Stonegate Elementary School. Special activities and field trips are planned each week throughout the summer.

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. Full-time and limited part-time care is available.

During the school year, the program offers before and after school care at each elementary school and at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School.

Sites are open from 6:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. The program offers care for children on some days when school is not in session, as well as during the summer. Special activities and field trips are planned on the no-school days.

Students in fifth and sixth grade 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.

Birthday greetings

You can have birthday greetings placed on the large lighted marquee sign in front of the Ray-Pec High School south building for \$5. Payment must be received by **Dianne Harmon** at the high school at least one week before the birthday.

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.

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District offers snack and party catering

Here's something new: The Child Nutrition Department now offers Birthday/School Party Snack catering! You can order snacks for your child's birthday or for a class party. Snacks with milk or juice are available for 75 cents or \$1 each. For more information, go here: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?nid=69>

Panther Cub Academy offers preschool care

The Panther Cub Academy offers year-round, full-day for children ages 3 to 5 who are potty trained. Contact Director **Marie Davis** at 892-1943 or mdavis@raypec.k12.mo.us for more information and to schedule a tour.

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

PCA is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The program is closed on specific holidays, but is open over 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.

Follow RP 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



update family, friends or professional peers in short messages delivered to cell phones or through the Internet.



Rotary Student of the Month

Senior **Meghan Duane** was the Ray-Pec High School Rotary Student of the Month for May. Matt Hocker, president of the Belton-Raymore Rotary Club, presented Meghan with a certificate at the May 9 lunch meeting. Each month, the club honors a senior from Belton High School and Ray-Pec High School.



Mother Goose visits Creekmoor

Mother Goose, also known as **Peggy Yoakum**, the children's librarian for the Cass County Public Library, visited Creekmoor Elementary School on April 30 for the school's first Mother Goose and Friends Tea Party. The event included kindergartners, student helpers (pictured here), parents, and **Jana Stidham**, library media specialist at Creekmoor. After a monthlong study of Mother Goose, the tea party was a celebration that included rhyme-themed treats and games.



Mega Gym

Here is **Jace Altman** during the Panther Pride Summer Camp visit to Mega Gym on May 29. The summer camp program has weekly field trips.

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.

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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

If you applied for employment with the Raymore-Peculiar School District prior to Nov. 22, 2011, or wish to apply for future openings, you must complete a new application as our application management system has changed. You can access the new system, called AppliTrack, by visiting the district web page at: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?NID=753>



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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: 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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