



## Students are split on McCain, Obama

### Ray-Pec students participate in mock elections online

Students at six schools in the Ray-Pec School District participated in an online mock election through [www.KidsVoteOnline.org](http://www.KidsVoteOnline.org).

With 2,664 votes cast, the results showed Democrat Barack Obama with 49 percent of the vote; Republican John McCain with 49 percent; Libertarian Bob Barr with 1 percent; and Independent Ralph Nader

with 1 percent. Chuck Baldwin of the Constitution Party received no votes.

Participating schools were Ray-Pec Middle School, Bridle Ridge Intermediate School, Creekmoor Elementary School, Raymore Elementary School, Stonegate Elementary School and Timber Creek Elementary School.

Students also voted on the gubernatorial race. When voting for governor, students at all schools except Creekmoor selected Jay Nixon as the top vote-getter.



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### Mock election

**Hannah Ewbank**, a fifth grader at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School, participates in a mock election Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the school. Students completed voter registration cards, and then presented their cards before voting (privately) on an on-line voting site called Kids Vote Online. Hannah is the daughter of Ted and Anna Ewbank. To see the results from Bridle Ridge and other participating schools, go to: <http://www.KidsVoteOnline.org/results>.

Fifth grader **Hannah Ewbank** shows the "I voted" sticker she received after participating in the election at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School. Students voted through Kids Vote Online, an online mock election site. Students at Bridle Ridge selected McCain for President.

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

## News Briefs

### Bridge Ridge schedules 'Fan Fever' family dance

Bridle Ridge Intermediate School has scheduled its "Fan Fever" family dance from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, in the Bridle Ridge gymnasium. The dress code is jeans and your favorite team attire. Admission is one two-liter bottle of soda.

Organizers are still seeking donations of balloons, streamers and sports theme decorations.

### School board attends conference

All members of the Raymore-Peculiar School District Board of Education attended the 2008 annual conference sponsored by the Missouri School Boards' Association in cooperation with the Missouri Association of School Administrators. The event was Oct. 24-26 at the Lake of the Ozarks.



The conference featured speakers, workshops and clinics designed to improve the leadership skills of school board members and superintendents. The event focused on ways school board members and administrators can influence the improvement of school achievement in public schools.

Ray-Pec school board members who attended were:

**Sharon Shores**, board president; **Joe Anthuis**, board vice president; **David Crabtree**; **Kyle Gillespie**; **Dana Hille**; **Ryan Wescoat** and **Kim Williams**. Also attending the conference were Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle** and **Pam Steele**, executive secretary to the superintendent and Board of Education.



### Middle School Students of the Month

Here are the October Students of the Month at Ray-Pec Middle School. In the back row, from left, are eighth graders: Edward Heuber, Emerald Team; Logan Smith and Brittney Maddox from the Ruby Team; and Aaron Howard and Hannah Roth from the Jets Team. In the middle row are seventh graders: Paige Dosch and Logan Jungman from the Comets Team; Gabriella Sansom and Scott Schaffner from the Voyagers Team; Elizabeth Daugherty and Aleksander Gokhman from the Solar Storm Team; and Daichi Tadokoro and Alondra Marin from the Star Blazers Team. In the front row are eighth graders: Alyssa Carver and Jason Henkel from the Diamond Team; and Alex Lozano and Alexa Storms from the Sapphires Team. Not pictured is Angela Brown from the Emerald Team.

## Parents invited to attend: 'Protecting Kids and Teens in the Real World'

Parents are invited to attend an educational sessions titled "Protecting Kids and Teens in the Real World." The session is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Eagle Glen Intermediate School. A free pizza supper will be available at 5:30 p.m., and the session is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.



The program, developed by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, is designed to acquaint audience members with the threats faced by children in becoming the victims of crimes and abduction. Prevention strategies and parenting tips will be stressed.

Presenters will be Teresa Hensley, Cass County Prosecuting Attorney, and Mary Gutierrez, a nurse for the Cass County Health Department and president of CHART

(Community Health Assessment Resource Team).

Free child identification kits will be available at the session, and child care will be provided for children ages 3 to 12.

If you plan to attend the session, please RSVP by calling 892-1459 or 892-1580.

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### Family Literacy Night is Nov. 6 at Bridle Ridge

Bridle Ridge Intermediate School will host a Family Literacy Night from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, in the school's cafeteria.

Dinner will be served afterward from 7 to 7:30 p.m. The focus will be on reading aloud with your children. Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle** will read aloud to the group, as will School Board Member **Joe Anthuis**.

Families are asked to bring a book to read with their child and are invited to bring pillows and blankets. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the school by notifying your child's teacher.

### District offers mentor training on Nov. 6

A Together We Can YouthFriends Mentor Training has been scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 6.

Together We Can has been a community based mentoring program for the Raymore-Peculiar School District for ten years. Last year, Together We Can partnered with YouthFriends to strengthen the program.

The training is from 6 to 8 p.m. in the library at Eagle Glen Intermediate School, 100 S. Foxridge Dr., Raymore. RSVP to School Social Worker **Janet James** at [jjames@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:jjames@raypec.k12.mo.us) or 892-1459.

### Family Literacy Night at Raymore Elementary

Raymore Elementary School will host a Family Literacy Night from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, in the school's gym. The focus will be on writing. Families will write and illustrate books and read them to friends. A free book will be given to each child attending. Bring blankets or sleeping bags and pillows. There is no cost to attend.

### Artwork on display

Timber Creek Elementary School students have artwork on display at the Administrative Services Center. The display includes pieces by first-, third- and fourth-graders who are students of Art Teacher **Jenifer Monahan**.



### Stonegate beautification

Workers from Lowe's in Raymore volunteered time to install plants on Monday, Oct. 27, in the grassy area in front of Stonegate Elementary School.



Bridle Ridge Intermediate School Principal **Jamie Mackender** cooks breakfast for the Students of the Month.



The October Students of the Month at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School enjoy a breakfast cooked by Principal **Jamie Mackender**. This year, Mr. Mackender is preparing a breakfast each month to reward the Students of the Month.



### **Bridle Ridge October Students of the Month**

Here are the October Students of the Month for Bridle Ridge Intermediate School. In the front row, from left, are: **Zhahn Gonzalez**, sixth grade; **Monica Santiago**, sixth grade; **Rachel Edington**, fifth grade; **Mackenzie Foss**, sixth grade; and **Stefania Smith**, fifth grade. In the back row are: **Alex Pittman**, sixth grade; **John Thompson**, fifth grade; **Shelby Rutland**, sixth grade; **Addison Crabtree**, fifth grade; and **Joslyn Ortiz**, sixth grade.

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## Restaurant Mania is Nov. 5 at Wendy's

Project Graduation is beginning Restaurant Mania. On certain dates, restaurants will donate a portion of sales to Ray-Pec Project Graduation. Wendy's Restaurant in Belton will donate 10 percent of drive-thru and walk-in sales from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5.

## Football playoffs

With last week's 56-28 win over Belton, the Ray-Pec varsity football team advances to the playoffs. Ray-Pec has a bye on Nov. 5, so the team will play at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at home. Ray-Pec will play the winner of the Nov. 5 game between Lebanon and Springfield Glendale played at Glendale.



## Headed for state

**Devon Young**, left, and **Dane Olsen** of the Ray-Pec High School Boys Cross Country Team qualified for the state cross country meet based on their performance Nov. 1 at the Kansas City sectional race at Longview. They were both medalists, with Young placing fifth and Olsen placing 30th. They are pointing to the results board.



## Girls Cross Country headed to state

The Ray-Pec Girls Cross Country Team placed second Nov. 1 at the sectional race at Longview, qualifying for state for the third time in four years. Pictured, from left are: **Courtney Dickerson**, **Alyssa Carlson**, **Kaitlyn McLeod**, **Sam Forrest**, **Megan Fox**, **Kailea Bogner**, and **Megan Forrest**. Medalists in the meet included: Dickerson, ninth; Megan Forrest, 10th; McLeod, 19th; Carlson, 29th; and Sam Forrest, 30th.

## Eagle project includes beautification at Creekmoor



### Patio pavers

**Matthew Leary, Austin Loar, Ethan Wilson, Caleb Scott and Tommy Steigmeier** lay paver bricks down for a new patio at the entrance of Creekmoor Elementary School. This was part of Ethan's Eagle Scout project at Creekmoor Elementary. Austin is the son of **Karie Loar**, secretary at the Middle School. Ethan is the son of **Penny Wilson**, secretary at Creekmoor Elementary.



### Memorial bench

On the completed patio is a memorial bench in recognition of Larry Baucom, father of third grade Teacher **Becky Oshel**. Mr. Baucom passed away last October. He and his wife, Barb, had been regular volunteers at Creekmoor Elementary since it opened.



### Flower bed

Some Creekmoor Elementary School staff members built a flower bed around a tree as part of **Ethan Wilson's** Eagle Scout project at Creekmoor.



This photo of the entrance to Creekmoor Elementary School shows some of the landscaping that was part of Ethan Wilson's Eagle Scout project.

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### Soccer at districts

With its 7-0 defeat of Belton on Monday, Nov. 3, the Ray-Pec varsity soccer team advances in the Class 3, District 13 championship tournament. The Panthers were scheduled to play Lee's Summit High School at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Rockhurst High School. The winner of that game will play at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, for the District 13 Championship.

### Two Ray-Pec students win go-kart racing series

Two Ray-Pec students placed first and second in the five-state go-kart racing series championships.

Congratulations to seventh grader **Natalie Fenaroli**, who placed first in points, and eighth grader **Gregory Gerst**, who was second in the SKUSA CSC TAG Jr. Championship for 2008.

## Kriedeman family thanks Band Boosters

On Oct. 25, several parents and students from the Ray-Pec Band and Band Boosters dedicated the day to painting the home of fellow student **Kurtis** and his parents, **Keith and Tina Kriedeman**.

Upon hearing news that Tina has been diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer, the parents and students immediately wanted to know what they could do to help. Along with co-workers and friends of the Kriedemans, everyone painted the exterior of the home in one day! It was a great example of community caring and giving.

The Kriedeman family wishes to extend an extreme "thank you" to **Donna and Patrick Sumner; Christy, Kayla and Sami Conn; Alan, Parker and Seth Worden; Jordie Smith; Jenny Everson; and Tracy and Makayla Maslanka**.

## Nov. 7-9 - Project Grad family portraits

Ray-Pec Project Grad again offers an opportunity for family portraits. Kerry of The Associates will take the portraits from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7; from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8; and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at Ray-Pec Middle School. Package A, with one 5x7, two 4x5s and eight wallets, is \$27. Package B, with one 8x10, one 5x7, two 4x5s and eight wallets, is \$32. Package C, with one 8x10, two 5x7s, four 4x5s and eight wallets, is \$37. You may make an appointment by calling Tammy at 318-1293. The sittings are open to anyone, and proceeds benefit Project Graduation.



### Team of the Week - again!

Jason Burkett, general merchandise manager for the Belton HyVee store, congratulates Ray-Pec Head Football Coach **Tom Kruse**, left, on Ray-Pec's selection as the HyVee KCTV 5 Team of the Week. Burkett also presented a trophy to Coach Kruse. The presentation took place after a team breakfast Thursday, Oct. 30, at Community Bank of Raymore. This is the second such presentation for Burkett to make to Ray-Pec. On Sept. 9, he also presented the Team of the Week and Athlete of the Week awards at Ray-Pec football practice.



Jack Hopkins, president of Community Bank of Raymore, congratulates the Ray-Pec football team on a great season during a team breakfast Oct. 30 at the bank. Community Bank of Raymore sponsored the meal for the team.

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### Raymore Elementary Father/Daughter dance

Raymore Elementary School PTA has planned a father/daughter dance from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the school. The cost is \$5 per person for advance tickets. Send check payable to Raymore Elementary PTA to your child's teacher or the school office. Tickets will be \$6 at the door.

### Veteran's Day ceremony

The city of Raymore has scheduled a Veteran's Day Ceremony for 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the council chambers at Raymore City Hall. The public is invited to attend. The keynote speaker will be Captain Darryl Dean Hutson of the Grandview Police Department. Capt. Hutson also serves as an Army Lieutenant Colonel attached to the 5150<sup>th</sup> Special Marksmanship Unit. He has served in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Iraq. After special remarks and the keynote address by Capt. Hutson, all veterans present will be invited to introduce themselves and share information about their service to our country.

### Exchange student night

You are invited to attend the fifth Annual Exchange Student Night from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, in the library media center, second floor, Lee's Summit North High School. There will be information about hosting an exchange student and becoming an exchange student. You will have an opportunity to meet exchange students and host families and speak to representatives from exchange student organizations.

### Project Grad is selling smoked hams, turkeys

Project Graduation is working with Kurzweil's Meats to sell smoked hams and turkeys for Thanksgiving. Each item will come freeze-wrapped, boxed and thawed and will be delivered the week of Thanksgiving. Large turkeys are \$50, and small are \$30. Whole hams are \$55, and half-hams are \$30. For information, contact Cindi Grim at 377-8215 or email [cindigrim@comcast.net](mailto:cindigrim@comcast.net).



### Pumpkin Day with Dads

Michael Humke helps first graders Jillian Humke and Ayana Richard carve a pumpkin on Pumpkin Day with Dad, Oct. 23 at Stonegate Elementary School.



### Pumpkin Day with Dads

Shon Hatfield, at right, shows off a pumpkin with first graders Hunter Hatfield, left, and Josh Camp on Pumpkin Day with Dad, Oct. 23 at Stonegate Elementary School.



## Trunk-or-Treat

It's the Tin Man, the Scarecrow, the Cowardly Lion, Dorothy, and **Lamonte Henderson** (second from right). The Drama Club entry at Trunk or Treat featured characters from *The Wizard of Oz*. Ray-Pec High School Student Council estimates that 800 children from the community turned out for the annual Ray-Pec High School Trunk-or-Treat event Monday, Oct. 27, in the high school parking lot. High school clubs, organizations and teams, as well as community organizations, distributed treats from decorated trunks and parking spaces.



Students in different groups and clubs decorated vehicles and wore costumes to give out treats. This Sumo wrestler costume received a lot of attention.



Senior **Jordie Smith** (hand in foreground) uses controls to move the cloaked figure and raise the arm holding the scythe. This was part of the Robotics Team display.



Ray-Pec's annual Trunk-or-Treat event is free, but those attending are asked to contribute non-perishable food items for donation to a local food pantry. The event is sponsored by the Ray-Pec Student Council.

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## Order your Washington and Coffman jerseys

Ray-Pec High School is selling Chase Coffman (#45) and Derrick Washington (#24) Mizzou jerseys. Both are standout players for the University of Missouri and are Ray-Pec graduates.

To place an order, send check made payable to RPHS Football to RPHS, c/o Tina Misner/Jersey Order, 20801 S. School Rd., P.O. Box 366, Peculiar, MO 64078. When ordering, include your name, phone number(s) where you can be reached, e-mail address, sizes and color (black or white) needed, and which player's jersey you want.

The deadline to order is Friday, Nov. 21. The order will be sent to the vendor on Saturday, Nov. 22, to ensure delivery by Christmas. The cost for each jersey is \$70. Payment is due with order. If payment is not received by Nov. 21, order will not be placed.

For more information, contact **Tina Misner**, Activities Administrative Assistant, at 892-1411, 365-8970, or [tmisner@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:tmisner@raypec.k12.mo.us).



## Pumpkin auction

Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle**, right, was the master of ceremonies at the Raymore Chamber of Commerce annual pumpkin auction on Tuesday, Oct. 28. Here, he gets a little help from KC Wolf, the Kansas City Chiefs mascot, and Tom Circo of Tom Circo Farmers Insurance, as a pair of Chiefs tickets were added to the auction. **Steve Meyers**, Ray-Pec Director of Facilities and Support Services, was the successful bidder for the tickets.



## Pumpkins in disguise

Thanks to district employees who contributed pumpkins, baked goods and fall-themed items for the Raymore Chamber of Commerce annual pumpkin auction. The event on Oct. 28 raised money for scholarships for Ray-Pec students. Items donated by Ray-Pec staff sold for prices ranging from \$13 for a painted pumpkin to \$155 for a fall floral arrangement donated by Timber Creek Elementary School. The Ray-Pec fan pumpkin, above left, was donated by **Cheryl Tipton** at the Administrative Services Center, and sold for \$60. The SpongeBob Square Pants pumpkin, above right, was donated by Shull Elementary School and sold for \$75.

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## Swim team fares well at Conference meet

Congratulations to varsity and junior varsity swimmers on their performance at the Conference meet Oct. 30 through Nov. 1.

### Varsity

- **Kevin Briner** placed 11th in the 200 IM with a new personal best time of 2:17.27.

- **Eric Brewster** medaled by placing eighth in the 50 free with a time of 23.72. He also medaled by placing eighth in the 100 Backstroke with a time of 1:00.47.

- The Ray-Pec team of **Liam McElroy, Brent Kelly, Adam Ellis** and **Taylor Morris** placed sixth in the 400 Free Relay with a time of 3:58.02.

- The Ray-Pec team of **Eric Brewster, Aaron O'Reilly, Eric Hiles** and **Kevin Briner** placed seventh in the 200 Free Relay with a time of 1:37.88.

### Junior Varsity

- **Austin Baumgartner** medaled by placing sixth in the 100 Freestyle with a time of 1:02.05.

- The Ray-Pec team of **Gage Borgfield, Tyler Cahoon, Ren Hecker** and **Austin Baumgartner** placed fifth in the 200 medley relay with a time of 2:14.03.

- **Ren Hecker** placed 12th in the 200 IM with a new personal best time of 3:12.59. He also placed 11th in the 100 Fly with a time of 1:25.19.

- In the 50 Free, **Austin Baumgartner** placed 11th with a time of 27.73; **Gage Borgfield** placed 20th with a time of 29.33; and **Mikey Sansom** placed 24th with a time of 33.24.

- **Mikey Sansom** also placed 22nd in the 100 Free with a time of 1:15.82.

- **Taylor Cahoon** placed 14th in the 500 Free with a time of 6:40.20. He also placed 14th in the 100 Breast with a time of 1:29.25.

- The Ray-Pec team of **Austin Baumgartner, Gage Borgfield, Tyler Cahoon** and **Ren Hecker** placed 14th in the 500 Free with a time of 6:40.20.

- **Gage Borgfield** placed seventh in the 100 Backstroke with a time of 1:15.39.

Total is up 51 percent

## Ray-Pec School District staff, students increase giving to United Way in 2008

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2008 United Way campaign. Contributions by Ray-Pec employees and students totaled \$6,372.76, which is an increase of \$2,137.76, or 51 percent, over last year's total of \$4,235.

Communication Assistant **Dana Terry** coordinated the district-wide campaign by working with a representative from each building. Some of the contributions were made through payroll deduction forms. Other contributions came through special activities at each building, including jeans days. Timber Creek Elementary gave students the opportunity to contribute \$1 to chew gum during Jaguar time one day. The Freshman Center planned a "Torment the Teacher" event, which culminated in Principal Eric Arnold kissing a goat.

There were a variety of special prizes, donated by Kansas City area businesses. The prizes included meals, entertainment packages, and tickets.

Here is the total donated by building:

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| Administrative Services Center   | \$1,216.48 |
| Ray-Pec Freshman Center          | \$ 678.63  |
| Ray-Pec Middle School            | \$ 350.00  |
| Bridle Ridge Intermediate School | \$ 910.00  |
| Eagle Glen Intermediate School   | \$ 180.82  |
| Creekmoor Elementary School      | \$ 517.52  |
| Peculiar Elementary School       | \$ 256.00  |
| Raymore Elementary School        | \$ 790.27  |
| Shull Elementary School          | \$ 101.00  |
| Stonegate Elementary School      | \$ 140.00  |
| Timber Creek Elementary School   | \$1,232.04 |

(Ray-Pec High School did not participate in the campaign.)



United Way of Greater Kansas City

## Thanks for supporting Eagle Glen fundraiser for sixth grade choir trip

The Eagle Glen Sixth Grade Choir thanks everyone who attended the Eagle Glen spaghetti dinner and cake auction on Tuesday, Oct. 28. Special thanks to the patrons, parents and Eagle Glen staff for contributions and hard work on the night of the dinner.



Vocal Music Teacher **Jennifer Gibson** said that the spaghetti dinner and cake auction raised approximately \$4,200 to help the choir raise funds to attend the Missouri Music Educators Association Conference in January.

The event included performances by the Central Missouri State University Jazz Ensemble and the Ray-Pec

High School Jazz Band.

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### Faculty basketball game

The Ray-Pec High School and Belton High School DECA chapters invite you to attend a faculty basketball game at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Ray-Pec High School gym. Admission will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and will be available at the door.

Proceeds will benefit Project Graduation and DECA scholarships.

### Virtual food drive

The Freshmen Center Health Department and students are starting a Virtual Food Drive through Harvesters Food Pantry. To donate, go to this site: [www.rpfchealthfooddrive.harvesters.org](http://www.rpfchealthfooddrive.harvesters.org). As a department, they are trying to raise \$600 dollars online in an effort to support food for three students through Harvesters BackSnack Program.

The BackSnack program provides school children with a backpack filled with nutritious, child-friendly food to take home every Friday. Just \$200 will provide a backpack for a hungry child every week for an entire school year. To learn more about the program click here: <http://www.harvesters.org/WhoWeAre/Index.asp?Reference=BackSnack&~>.

### Thanks, Price Chopper

The Raymore Elementary PTA thanks Cosentino's Price Chopper and Casey's General Store, both in Raymore, for their generous donations to its Oct. 18 Scrapbooking Crop event.

### Ray-Pec Foundation offers software

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

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

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



### Ray-Pec wins radio cheer-off

Senior members of the Ray-Pec High School varsity cheerleading team appeared on the evening programming of Kansas City's 95.7 the Vibe on Oct. 22. The radio station hosted both Ray-Pec cheerleaders and Lee's Summit West cheerleaders for the Oct. 24 game. During the broadcast, the two teams faced off in a cheer competition. The Ray-Pec Cheer program was victorious. The Vibe's DJ Lenny is pictured with with senior varsity cheerleaders **Lindsey Sharp**, **Stephanie Neumann**, and **Katie Mincher** in the back row, and **Christina DeCarlo** and **Rachel Hegarty** in front.



### Freshman Center Students of the Month

Here are the October Students of the Month at Raymore-Peculiar Freshman Center. In the back row, from left, are: **Molly Goulding**, **Ian Olsen** and **Zack Miller**. In the front row are: **Jeremy Horner**, **Hannah Troxel** and **Nicole Mathis**.

## Ray-Pec volleyball players receive honors

Congratulations to the following Raymore-Peculiar varsity volleyball players for these honors:

- **Hanna Bertram** - All-District second team.
- **Aubri Renshaw** - All-Conference second team; All-Region second team.
- **Camille Coffman** - All-Conference second team; All-Region first team; All-District second team; member of the Missouri All-Star Team.
- **Katelyn Barnes** - All-Conference first team; All-Region first team; All-District first team; member of the Missouri All-Star Team.



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### School psychologist intern to present project

**Aaron Moss**, Ray-Pec school psychologist intern, recently learned that a research project he completed last year has been approved for presentation at the National Association of School Psychologists annual conference in February in Boston.

### Panther Cub Academy

Panther Cub Academy has a few additional openings for full-day child care and preschool for the 2008-2009 school year.

Panther Cub Academy, located in the lower level of Raymore Elementary School, offers year-round, quality and affordable educational experiences and full-day child care for children ages 3 to 5.

For more information, call 892-1943 and ask for **Marie Davis** or **Susan Shuler**.

### PAT offers screenings for 4-year-old children

The Ray-Pec Parents as Teachers program offers comprehensive early childhood screenings for four-year-olds in the district.

The screening is for children who will not be attending kindergarten in fall 2009. (A different screening is administered following Kindergarten Roundup in the spring for children who will enter school next fall.) The free screening includes vision, hearing, speech, and the areas of motor, language, cognitive and social development.

Screening takes 60 to 90 minutes, and is by appointment only. Children who have turned 4 by the screening date listed may be scheduled for a screening. The next screening dates are Jan. 21 and March 18, 2009. To make appointments, call Parents as Teachers at 892-1938.

### RPHS 1989 reunion

The RPHS Class of 1989 has scheduled its 20-year reunion for July 31 through Aug. 2, 2009. Please see the Facebook "Ray-Pec Class of 1989" web page for updates and details as they develop.

## Boy Scouts offer chili dinner with Osage Vigilantes

Boy Scout Troop 427 invites you to a chili and baked potato dinner with the Osage Valley Vigilantes at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Rock Brook Church, 1617 E. 173<sup>rd</sup> St., Belton.

Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children ages 3 to 10. Children ages 2 and younger are free.

The dinner will include chili, baked potatoes and toppings, drinks and dessert. There will be raffle items, and tickets are available for \$1 or six tickets for \$5.

This fundraiser is to help offset the cost of monthly campouts, with a portion of the proceeds to go to the Troop fund. The goal is to entertain the public about gun safety while performing a show about the old west.



### Candidate can count

The Peculiar Elementary School CPA firm counted more than 500 cans for candidates at Peculiar Elementary School during Red Ribbon Week. Students could vote, with canned goods, for a presidential candidates. John McCain was the winner, and the cans were donated to a local food pantry. In the front row, from left, are: **Jesse Turos**, **Breanna Birkett**, **Cole Ellis**, **Brittinie Morrison**, and **Daily Bennett**. In the back row, from left, are: **Chase Bronson**, **Jace Rutledge** and **Brooke Crabtree**.

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### Superintendent's stories

Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle** has started a blog. To review his blog, which is called "Superintendent's Stories," go to the district web site:

[www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us). There is a link on the righthand side of the home page.

### Job openings

Employment opportunities in the Raymore-Peculiar School District are posted at the Administrative Services Center and listed on the district web site at: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us>.

If interested in a position, obtain an application in person or on-line, complete it, and submit it to: Ray-Pec Schools Human Resources, 21005 S. School Rd., P.O. Box 366, Peculiar, Mo. 64078.

## TAKE to offer self-defense class at RP

The Ali Kemp Educational (TAKE) Foundation is bringing its hands-on, self-defense training to Cass County, with a TAKE Defense class scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Raymore-Peculiar High School.

Women ages 12 and up are encouraged to attend.

To register for the class, go to: [www.takedefense.org](http://www.takedefense.org), and select "Classes and Events" on the left side. Then select Register. When you complete the registration information, you will be given an opportunity to select the Dec. 17 class at Ray-Pec High School as your session.

Scheduling of the program was a coordinated effort of the school district, Cass County Prosecuting Attorney Teresa Hensley, Peculiar Police Chief Dean Kelly, Raymore Police Chief Kris Turnbow and local citizens interested in crime prevention.

The event is sponsored by the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation and Community Bank of Raymore.



### Responsible students

These students at Peculiar Elementary School were announced during an all-school assembly as outstanding examples of the virtue of responsibility. Each month, the school emphasizes a particular virtue. For October, the school emphasized responsibility. The students wore their "Good Character" t-shirts to school. In the front row, from left, are: **Isaac Pritchett, Nathan Caskey and Sierra Stackelbeck**. In the middle row are: **Heather King, Jolie McClellan, Brenan Shea, Kathryn McCauley, Breanna Birkett and Jade Davis**. In the back row, are: **Matthew Argotsinger, Nathan Johnson, Britini Bronson, Jesse Turos, Courtney McDowell, Jordan Wise and Miranda Howe**. Not pictured are: **Trinity Pruett and Dominic Sanders**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## News Briefs

### Activity telephone line

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



### Text messages

To sign up for text message alerts from the Ray-Pec School District, visit the district web site at:

[www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us)

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

### RP Update

To receive e-mail news from the school district, send a message to: [rpupdate@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:rpupdate@raypec.k12.mo.us). In the body of the message, type "Subscribe RP Update." RP Update is sent out on Tuesday.

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

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

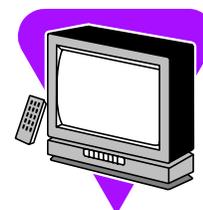
The Ray-Pec School District provided the following programs and activities, which were selected and designed to address district CSIP objectives for student achievement and safe and productive learning environments.

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

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

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

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



For more news and information  
about the  
Raymore-Peculiar School District,  
check out:

Comcast Cable Channel 15

and our web site at:  
[www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://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 366, Peculiar, MO 64078

## Non-Discrimination Statement

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Title XI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended), Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, P.L. 93-112, and Section 504 of The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the regulations hereunder, it is the policy of the Ray-Pec School District that no person shall, because of age, sex, race, disability or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any district education program or activity, including employment. Written policies about the rights and responsibilities of employees and students are available for inspection at the district's administrative offices. Inquiries about protection against discrimination under the above-named acts may be directed in writing to: Dr. Terri Jamison, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, Raymore-Peculiar School District, P.O. Box 366, 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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