



# The *Communique*

Jan. 21, 2011

For employees of the Raymore-Peculiar School District

## Budget reduction process continues

The district's Budget Reduction Executive Committee met again this week to review potential budget reduction strategies and revenue enhancement opportunities.

The committee, and its associated subcommittees, has been working to identify \$4 million in cuts/cost savings/revenue enhancement that could be implemented over multiple years. As it creates the list of recommendations, it is dividing the list into tiers. The first tier would be the first cuts recommended for implementation.

An update on the process is scheduled on the Board of Education meeting agenda for Tuesday, Jan. 25, as an informational item.

You can review the nine-page report on the district web site at: [www.raypec.k12.mo.us/boarddocs](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/boarddocs)

**Jan. 23-29**

## School Board Recognition Week

Governor Jay Nixon has proclaimed the week of Jan. 23-29, 2011, as School Board Recognition Week. Missourians benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 3,600 men and women in every community across the state. These public servants are elected by local constituents and do not receive compensation for their efforts.

During the week of Jan. 23-29, communities across the state will honor the service of local boards of education. The goal is to build awareness and understanding of the important function an elected board of education plays in communities and schools.

School Board Recognition Week is sponsored by the Missouri School Boards' Association. MSBA is a private, not-for-profit organization that exists to help school boards succeed.

Members of the Raymore-Peculiar School Board are:

- President **Joe Anthuis**
- Vice President **Kyle Gillespie**
- **Leo Anderson**
- **David Crabtree**
- **Dana Hille**
- **Ryan Wescoat**
- **Kim Williams**

## School board meeting

The Ray-Pec school board is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, in the board of education meeting room at the Administrative Services Center, 21005 S. School Rd., Peculiar.

The meeting is open to the public.

To preview the agenda, please go to: [www.raypec.k12.mo.us/boarddocs](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/boarddocs)

## Snow make-up days

As a result of snow days this month, students will be in session on Friday, Feb. 18; Friday, April 29; Wednesday, May 25; Thursday, May 26; and Friday, May 27.

## High School pep band to perform Jan. 24

The Ray-Pec High School Pep Band is scheduled to perform next at the junior varsity (5:30 p.m.) and varsity (7 p.m.) girls basketball games against Raytown South on Monday, Jan. 24.

## City honors mentors

Raymore Mayor Juan Alonzo issued a proclamation on Jan. 10 recognizing Jan. as Mentoring Month. He presented a copy of the proclamation to representatives from the Ray-Pec Together We Can YouthFriends program. Thanks to everyone who serves as a mentor to a Ray-Pec student.

## Welcome

Please welcome these new co-workers to the Ray-Pec school district:

- **Rebecca Yates**, lunchroom monitor, Timber Creek Elementary
- **Stephanie Schwieterman**, teacher associate, Raymore Elementary
- **Michael Fisher**, custodian
- **Sandra Thiel**, child nutrition
- **Mark Johnson**, child nutrition
- **Jackie Guillory**, child nutrition

The board of education approved hiring these employees at the December school board meeting.

## News Briefs

### Sympathy

The district extends sympathy to **York Jewell** on the death of his mother, Velma Evaline (Eggen) Jewell, 92, of Nixa, who died Dec. 20. The funeral service was Dec. 29 at the Lockwood (Mo.) United Methodist Church. Burial was at the Old Arcadia Cemetery in Arcadia, Kan. The family suggested memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

York teaches at Ray-Pec High School.

### Sympathy

The district extends sympathy to Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle** on the death of his grandmother, Alverta Haldiman, 102, of California, Mo., who died Dec. 27. The funeral service was Dec. 31 at Annunciation Catholic Church in California with burial at Annunciation Catholic Cemetery. The family suggested memorials to Annunciation Catholic Church, 404 W. Patrick St., California, MO 65108.

Many employees probably remember hearing stories about Dr. Kyle's grandmother during his convocation messages.

### Sympathy

The district extends sympathy to **Jaime Maxwell** on the death of her mother, Jan Day, 65, of Clinton, Mo., who died Jan. 5, 2011.

The funeral service was Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Bradley-Hadley Funeral Home in Clinton. Burial was in the Clinton Memory Gardens Cemetery.

The family suggested memorial contributions to the Deepwater Church of the Brethren, Deepwater, Mo.

Jaime is a secretary at Ray-Pec East Middle School.

### Non-discrimination notice

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

## Seven file for election to school board

Seven people have filed for three school board seats up for election on April 5, 2011. The filing period ended Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Here are the candidates:

- **Kyle Gillespie** of Peculiar
- **Kim Williams** of Raymore
- **Ruth Johnson** of Peculiar
- **Mike Millard** of Peculiar
- **Louise Large-Gurin** of Raymore
- **Kim York** of Raymore
- **Chad Heggem** of Raymore

The seats are currently held by Ryan Wescoat, Kim Williams and Kyle Gillespie.

The top three vote-getters on April 5 will serve three-year terms. Each year, two or three of the seven seats are up for election.



### Pickleball champions

On the Jan. 4 work day for Ray-Pec staff, some teachers from Eagle Glen and Bridle Ridge intermediate schools participated in the first Intermediate School Pickleball Tournament over the lunch period. The champions, from Eagle Glen, are pictured here: **Andy Perkins**, fifth grade communication arts teacher, left, and **Stephen Rew**, music teacher. Physical Education Teacher **Josh Littrell** organized the event.

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## Sympathy

The district extends sympathy to **Matt Majors** on the death of his mother, Gail Majors, 63, of Kansas City, who died Jan. 15, 2011.

The visitation is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 21, and the funeral service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 21, both at St. Catherine's of Siena Catholic Church, 4101 E. 105th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64137.

The family suggested memorial contributions to The Gail Majors Memorial Fund at Union Bank and Trust, 9300 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64138.

Matt is a teacher at Ray-Pec High School.

## Sympathy

The district extends sympathy to **Cheryl Fries** on the death of her father, James Russell Still, 64, of Peculiar, who died Jan. 10, 2011, at his home. The funeral service was Jan. 15 at the Atkinson Chapel in Harrisonville, with cremation to follow. Burial will be at a later date in Peculiar Cemetery.

The family suggest memorial contributions to the Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church, Garden City, Mo.

Cheryl works for the Child Nutrition Department at Bridle Ridge Intermediate.

## Sympathy

The district extends sympathy to **Paul Carvan** on the death of his mother, Sheila Ann Carvan, 87, who died Jan. 9, 2011. The funeral mass was Jan. 13 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Harrisonville, with burial at Newcomer's Longview Funeral Home and Cemetery.

The family suggested memorial contributions to the Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L Street, Washington, D.C., 20037, or to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

Paul teaches at Ray-Pec High School.

## High School pep band invites adults to join

Ray-Pec faculty, parents and adults from the community are invited to join the Ray-Pec Pep Band to play at the Feb. 11 boys basketball game when Ray-Pec is host to Lee's Summit North. The junior varsity game is set for 5:30 p.m., with the varsity game beginning at 7 p.m.

## Team Ray-Pec prepares to plunge

Ray-Pec has a large team of staff and students preparing to take the Polar Plunge, which is a fundraiser for Special Olympics. For the past two years, the Ray-Pec School District has had at least one person from each building plunge into Longview Lake on the last weekend in January. The date for the plunge is Jan. 29, 2011.

This year, the team's goal is 110 people (to show an increase over last year's total of 109 people).

The staff members listed below have agreed to plunge for Special Olympics. If you cannot brave the cold, you can support them with donations or by coming out Jan. 29 to cheer them on. The team's fundraising goal is \$15,000 (because Ray-Pec raised a little more than \$14,000 last year). The team was



organized by the Ray-Pec Student Council.

You can donate on-line at: <http://somo.org/Page.aspx?pid=687&frtid=620>.

If you are interested in participating, contact Teacher **Jeff Moore** at: [jmoore@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:jmoore@raypec.k12.mo.us).

Here are the participants to date:

- Academy: **Adam Krohn**
- ASC: **Dr. Jeff Kyle**
- Bridle Ridge: **Dan Garrison, Melissa Darby**
- Eagle Glen: **Andrew Perkins, Nate Northcraft**
- High School: **Jeff Moore, Cara Hornbeck, Rebecca Justesen, Brett Johnson,**

**Jason Watermann, Macey England, Mike Williams, Tiesa Smith, Joe O'Neal, Scott Jermain, John Wilson, Heidi Lanksbury, Kevin Crean**

- Peculiar Elementary: **Emily Gartman, Michelle Proctor, Missy Lucas**
- Raymore Elementary: **Amy Leizer, Samantha Allen, Gina Grossman**
- Ray-Pec East Middle School: **David Mitchell, Eric Arnold, Chet Gooding, Erin Miller, Christina Ferrell, Janell Doudrick, and Sarah Maysent.**
- Stonegate Elementary: **Erica Stock, Jacqueline Lair**
- Timber Creek Elementary: **Jon Books**

Ray-Pec East Middle School also has a team participating in the Polar Plunge. The team was organized by the school's Student Leadership Team. It includes Teacher and SLT Sponsor **John Van Pelt** and 12 students. The team will be included in the overall Ray-Pec contribution.

To donate on-line to a member of the middle school team, go here: <http://somo.org/Page.aspx?pid=687&frtid=744>.

## Cleaning for a Reason

If you know any women currently undergoing chemotherapy, there is a cleaning service that provide FREE housecleaning, once per month for four months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming her treatment. "Cleaning for a Reason" will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire United States and currently has 547 partners to help these women. Feel free to pass this information along. Here is the web site for more information: <http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>

## Panther Market offers Ray-Pec apparel, gifts

Are you interested in some Ray-Pec or Panther apparel or gift items? Check out the Ray-Pec High School Panther Market. Check out the latest offerings, plus some clearance items, at: [www.raypec.k12.mo.us/panthermarket](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/panthermarket).

## Find us on Facebook

Ray-Pec has more than 2,400 fans on Facebook.

Check out the posts or become a fan of the Ray-Pec School District on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/raypec](http://www.facebook.com/raypec)



# January/February wellness opportunities

You can see a list of wellness programs on the district website. Log onto the Intranet (for employees) and select Health and Wellness. To log on, your username is usually your first initial and last name, and the password is "password" unless you have changed it. For more information, contact **Kate Zeysing**, Employee Health and Wellness Program Coordinator, at 892-1315 or [kzeysing@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:kzeysing@raypec.k12.mo.us).

## Tuesday Toning Classes

- Ongoing/on-site/FREE for all employees
- 500 Points to Blue per class!
- 3:15 p.m. at North HS
- 4:20 p.m. at Bridle Ridge
- Register anytime. Details & registration link @ : <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/CurrentEvents.aspx?EID=10395>

## Aerobics Class

- Ongoing/on-site/FREE for all employees
- 500 Points to Blue per class!
- Mon/Thurs
- 3 p.m. @ North HS Pod 700
- Fun music and zumba-like moves for all fitness levels
- Just show up!

## "Balanced Budget, Balanced Diet"

- Nutrition Class - **Webinar**
- FREE to ALL RPSD employees.
- 5,000 Points to Blue!
- Register by Feb. 15. Details & registration link @ : <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/877277755>

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## Birthday greetings

You can now have happy birthday greetings placed on the large lighted marquee sign in front of the Ray-Pec High School south building. The cost is \$5, and payment must be received at least one week before the birthday. The \$5 payment may be sent to **Dianne Harmon** at the high school. Names will be listed on the actual birthday only. Proceeds will help support student activities. For more information, you may contact Dianne Harmon at: [dharmon@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:dharmon@raypec.k12.mo.us).

## Mentors needed

Do you have an extra hour each week that you can spend with a student? Ray-Pec has a mentoring program called Together We Can YouthFriends. You meet with a student at school for lunch, reading, helping with school work, working on a hobby or just talking and listening. Training for new mentors is scheduled periodically throughout the school year. For information, contact Social Worker **Janet James** at [jjames@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:jjames@raypec.k12.mo.us) or 892-1459.

## Celebrating RP alumni

The Ray-Pec High School counseling department wants to celebrate the accomplishments of Ray-Pec grads by decorating its walls with photos and short bios of Ray-Pec alumni. They are seeking photos and information of people of all ages and professions. Please share the graduation year, any additional training (apprenticeship or college), and what they are doing now.

For more information, call the counseling office at 892-1422 or send an email to Counselor **Rachel Hagelin** at [rhagelin@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:rhagelin@raypec.k12.mo.us).

# Marketplace

*This is the place to advertise items to sell or trade, or to seek items you wish to buy. Employees and their immediate family members may place ads in the Marketplace at no charge. Business ads are limited to 25 words and must include a contact name. Employees may not list school telephone numbers in a business ad. As with any purchase or service, employees should seek references before buying or hiring services.*

## Want to buy a house

We are looking to buy a house in the Raymore-Peculiar-Harrisonville area. We can assume your note or purchase outright. Looking for a house with 3+ bedroom, 2+ bath, family room, garage, basement?, barn?, ranch-style preferred. Slight fixer-upper is ok. Contact me at: [grandpa\\_lon@yahoo.com](mailto:grandpa_lon@yahoo.com).

(See more Marketplace ads on next page)

## Love and Logic Parents for Early Childhood

The Parents of children from six months to 5 years old are invited to participate in a session titled "Love and Logic Parents for Early Childhood." Learn the "Uh-oh Song" and some practical parenting techniques that really work with toddlers. The class is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, in the library at Raymore Elementary School. Please RSVP to Social Worker Janet James at 892-1459 or [jjames@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:jjames@raypec.k12.mo.us) or Parents as Teachers Director Cindy Watson at 892-1938 or [cwatson@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:cwatson@raypec.k12.mo.us).

## Software discounts

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

Go to [www.raypec.k12.mo.us/foundation](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/foundation), and click on the software purchase link on the left. Select the sign-in link at the top. If you previously registered, you should still be registered. If not, click on the "register" tab. If you have questions, contact **Pam Steele** at [psteele@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:psteele@raypec.k12.mo.us) or 892-1311. Students, parents and patrons may also order the software, but they should send an e-mail to Pam Steele to obtain a registration code.



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## Need help organizing?

Start your new year neat and clean by letting me bring order to your disorder. I can help you with your organization needs. Call **Laura Goodwin**, (361) 249-6864.

## For sale: Mission loft bunk bed

For sale: Mission loft bunk bed. Great condition. Approximately 5 years old. Great for ages 6-14. \$350 OBO. Call **Kevin Daniel** at 816-935-0428.

## Experienced babysitter

Let me babysit for your children. I am available evenings or weekends at reasonable rates. I am experienced and am 16 years old with a driver's license. Daughter of Ray-Pec employee. Contact **Emily Wescoat** at 816-808-7444.

## For sale: Spinnet piano

Cable-Nelson Spinnet Piano with bench. Good Condition. I can send pics if needed. \$450. Call **Sandy Gowen** 816-519-0038 or [sgowen@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:sgowen@raypec.k12.mo.us)

## For sale: 2004 Ford Explorer

For Sale: 2004 Ford Explorer, Green Eddie Bauer edition. 95,000 miles. Sunroof, 6 CD player, leather interior. \$10,400. Call Jon at 816-853-4706

## House for sale by owner

For sale by owner - Realtors welcome. Custom-built home, 6 years old. Features 4 large bedrooms, 3 full baths, 3-car oversized garage. 3,000 feet of upgrades galore with custom window treatments, finished walkout to common area. Decorator's dream. Call Paula at 816-898-4903.

## Lia Sophia jewelry

Need gift ideas? Let me help. I love Lia Sophia jewelry. Great hostess rewards. Lifetime guarantee. Contact **Wanda Gordon** - Independent Consultant, 816-803-7067 or [LiaSophia.com](http://LiaSophia.com)

## For sale: Pop-up camper

For sale: 1987 Starcraft pop-up camper. Great condition, new tires, A/C, sleeps six comfortably. \$1,200. Camping gear can be purchased separately. Contact **Rhonda Weis** at 816-674-2750.

## For sale: 1940s cedar chest

For sale: Furniture. 1940s cedar chest (Lane, I think) in great shape inside with shelf, only damage is chipping of veneer on bottom front edge. \$125 or best offer. (Pictures are posted on Craig's List furniture.) Contact **Jo Anne Bohannon** at [jbohannon@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:jbohannon@raypec.k12.mo.us).

## For sale: Bakugan bedding sets

For sale: Bakugan bedding. Two full-size sheet sets and two full-size comforters. Less than 1 year old. \$15 for each set. **Amanda Wallace**: [awallace@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:awallace@raypec.k12.mo.us) or in the evening, call 506-5090 or 816-732-5366.

## For sale: Firewood

For sale: Seasoned oak firewood, split and delivered for \$200 a cord. Contact **Steve Hatfield** at [shatfield@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:shatfield@raypec.k12.mo.us).

## For sale: Desk, microwave cart

For sale: "Student" desk with 4 drawers and detached bookshelf with 2 shelves. Great for kid's bedroom. Medium brown wood grain. 36 1/2" wide, 74" high, 15 3/4" deep. \$25. Microwave cart with drawer and storage cabinet, on wheels. White with oak trim. 23 3/4" wide, 45 1/2" high, 15 1/4" deep. \$20. Pictures available. Contact **Carol Brandt**, 816-318-9655 or [cbrandt9999@comcast.net](mailto:cbrandt9999@comcast.net).

## For sale: 800 Polaris 4-wheeler

For sale: 800 Polaris 4x4 with winch. 70 hours. Silver anniversary. \$5,500 OBO. Call Daniel at 913-526-7570.

## Do you like Silpada jewelry?

How about 1/2 price Silpada jewelry? If you are interested in 1/2 price retired pieces and some current catalog pieces, contact **Karen Moore**, [kmoore@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:kmoore@raypec.k12.mo.us) or 331-0602.

## For sale: Sporting goods items

For sale: Century Heavy/Speed Bag stand: Looks new, bought at Dick's Sporting Goods a year ago April, hardly used. \$100. Rawlings 40-lb bag, \$40. Bought at Dick's Sporting Goods. Hardly used, still looks new. I have pictures of items, if interested. They would make excellent Christmas gifts. Contact **Joyce Sampson** at [jsampson@raypec.k12](mailto:jsampson@raypec.k12) or cell 816-585-1836.

## Painting and deck staining

Interior/exterior painting and deck staining. Contact **Dan Rangel** of Rangel's Painting at 816-718-6652.

## Letter jacket sewing

Letter jacket patch sewing available for less than the area competition. Contact **Kerri Reed** at [kreed@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:kreed@raypec.k12.mo.us). I will send you a price list itemized per patch. Jackets can be brought to the high school.

## For sale: Van

For sale: 2002 Dodge Chrysler Voyager. In great condition! Asking price, \$5,000. If interested, please call **Doug or Michele Halenbeck** at 816-392-9775.

## Need a gift?

Scentsy Warmers and Wax are the perfect gift. Safe around kids and pets. No harmful pollutants! 80+ scents. Over 100 warmers, for any decor. Call **Eva Flannagan**, 816-204-1853, [www.scentsifiedsisters.com](http://www.scentsifiedsisters.com)

## Antique furniture restoration

Antique furniture restoration. I have school employee references. For information, contact **Randy Norcross** at 816-258-2371.

## Scentsy Wickless Candles

Take a Scentsy Warmer or Plug-In, add one of 80+ fragrances, and enjoy! For the latest styles and scents: <https://england.scentsy.us/Home>. Contact **Macey England** at [mengland@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:mengland@raypec.k12.mo.us).

## I love to clean!

Let me clean for you. Schedule now for a neat, professional job. 26 years of experience. References available. Free estimates. Call **Linda McNeil**, 816-509-5296. Bonded.

## Silpada Jewelry

New 2010-2011 Silpada jewelry catalogs are in! Host a party and your jewelry is free! Contact **JoAnn Tinney** at [jrt.bling@live.com](mailto:jrt.bling@live.com), 816-806-2194, or [mysilpada.com/joann.tinney](http://mysilpada.com/joann.tinney).

## Got kitchen tools?

Need quick and easy meal ideas? The Pampered Chef can help! Contact **Karla Heinrich**: [karlaheinrich@juno.com](mailto:karlaheinrich@juno.com) or 331-7782. Place orders online 24/7 at: [www.pamperedchef.biz/chefkarla](http://www.pamperedchef.biz/chefkarla).

## I Run Errands for You

Need help with errands? Automotive appointments, licensing, deliveries, shopping, transportation, house sitting, more. Contact **Jay Johnson** at 816-721-1349 or go to: <http://irunerrands4u.com>.

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