

Grade Level Vertical Team is honored

The Missouri Staff Development Council named the Ray-Pec Grade Level Vertical Team as the 2011 Outstanding Professional Learning Team.

The Grade Level Vertical Team includes about 100 teachers from kindergarten through high school. The group began working in the fall of 2009 to develop essential understandings in math, communication arts, science and social studies.

Ray-Pec defines essential understandings as the conceptual knowledge that is transferrable to other content areas and experiences. The goal is to increase the rigor and depth of knowledge so that students leave Ray-Pec as thinkers and problem solvers. The team is now working to align grade level or course level expectations with the essential understandings. To read more, go to www.raypec.k12.mo.us and select "Departments" and "Instruction and Student Achievement."



Learning Team award

The Ray-Pec School District Grade Level Vertical Team was honored with a state-wide award for effective instructional practice and improvement. The Missouri Staff Development Council selected the Ray-Pec team as its 2011 Outstanding Professional Learning Team. The award was presented during the MSDC annual conference March 13-15 in Branson. The group pictured was in attendance to accept the award: **Dr. Kevin Daniel**, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services; **Karen Hurst**, Director of K-6 Curriculum and Assessment; Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle**; **Tammy Novak**, computer teacher at Peculiar Elementary School; and **Al Voelker**, principal of Bridle Ridge Intermediate School. More than 100 staff members have been involved on this team.

Welcome

Please welcome these new co-workers to the Ray-Pec school district. The board of education on March 22 approved hiring these employees.

- **Richard Kralicek**, maintenance
- **Nicole Compton**, Child Nutrition
- **Marla Medsker**, Timber Creek lunch monitor
- **Nate Heinicke**, custodian

Resignations

The board of education on Feb. 22 approved these resignations (effective June 30, unless noted otherwise):

- **Cheryl Schmidt**, Eagle Glen art teacher
- **David Bourey**, custodian, effective Feb. 18
- **Michael Koder**, Peculiar Elementary teacher

The board March 22 approved these resignations:

- **Rebecca Yates**, Timber Creek lunch monitor, effective April 4
- **Emily Gartman**, Peculiar Elementary teacher
- **Michelle Proctor**, Peculiar Elementary teacher
- **Gina Grossman**, Raymore Elementary teacher
- **Stephen Williams**, custodian, effective March 7
- **Brian Johnston**, custodian, effective March 4
- **Paula Powers**, Child Nutrition, effective March 4
- **Charla Ronnberg**, Bridle Ridge secretary, effective March 11
- **Stephanie Morrison**, Shull teacher
- **Jonathan Books**, Timber Creek teacher
- **Ian Ondera**, maintenance, effective March 15

News Briefs

Work to continue through 2011-2012

District begins process to revise CSIP

As part of Ray-Pec's continuous improvement process, work is under way to revise and enhance the district's Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). Over the course of the next 12 to 18 months, the revision process will include input from a wide array of district stakeholders.

Retirements

The board of education on Feb. 22 approved these retirements, effective June 30 (unless otherwise noted):

- **Alane Cromer**, middle school physical education teacher
- **Janet Agnew**, ASC custodian
- **Margaret Cook**, Eagle Glen teacher
- **Nancy Parkman**, Raymore Elementary speech therapist
- **Marcia Rangel**, ASC payroll clerk
- **Paula McMillin**, Bridle Ridge librarian
- **Linda Pierson**, middle school band teacher
- **Cathleen Herigon**, Peculiar Elementary teacher

Thank you

Beverly Gaddy, custodian at Timber Creek, is currently on medical leave. She sent this message to share with all district employees:

"I want to let the Ray-Pec community know how blessed I feel with all the prayers, flowers, cards, letters and caring so much at this time for me. It has been overwhelming all the thoughts and prayers that you have been doing. I wouldn't be able to make it without ALL of you.

"All the cards and letters the children have sent mean so very much to me. I read them over and over, and they lift my spirit more than anyone will ever know. I love all the kids; they are the greatest. I will fight this, and WILL NOT GIVE UP.

"I am planning on making a trip to Houston, Texas, to check on more options. I will keep you all informed as soon as I know. Thank you, and God bless. Keep on keepin' on

"Love ya all, Bev."

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.

Spring semester 2011

- The district's mission statement will be reviewed so that district stakeholders can make important personal connections about why we exist as a professional learning community.
- The district will draft a vision statement that describes who we hope to become as a district over the next five years.
- The district will take agreed-upon values that will be written into collective commitments. This is part of an effort to clearly communicate what the adults in the district are willing to do to help students achieve success at the highest levels possible.

2011-2012 school year

The district will use the Malcolm Baldrige/Missouri Quality Award performance excellence criteria to revise and improve the district's CSIP by doing the following:

- Continue to work on goal-setting by developing SMARTer goals. SMART goals are: S=Specific; M=Measurable; A=Attainable; R=Results focused; and T=Time bound.
 - Work to develop better measures to identify successful practices and programs within the district so that they can be shared and implemented across
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Data presentation

Karen Hurst, Director of K-6 Curriculum and Instruction, was a presenter at the Missouri Staff Development Council annual conference March 13-15 in Branson. She talked about using data to drive good decisions and instruction.

District begins process to revise CSIP

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all schools.

- Revise the current program evaluation procedures to more thoroughly analyze what is working and what is not working. Program evaluations take place each month at the board of education meetings.

The Malcolm Baldrige/Missouri Quality Award will help evaluate the performance of the district in these areas:

- Leadership
- Strategic planning
- Customer service
- Measurement, analysis and knowledge management
- Workforce focus
- Process management
- Results

The work has already begun

On Jan. 27, approximately 50 parents, students, teachers, principals and district leaders met as part of the Ray-Pec Student Success Council. The council, formed in 2005-2006, meets three times each year to provide input on instruction and student achievement matters and to review the CSIP. Participants on Jan. 27 participated in a five-step process to review the district's mission and to begin the development of the district vision and collective commitments.

Since then, staff meetings have taken place at many of the district's schools and at the Administrative Services Center to go through the same process.

Frequently asked questions about the CSIP

- **Why do we have a CSIP?**

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requires the district to develop a strategic plan called a Comprehensive School Improvement Plan. Organizations that improve and obtain better results have a strategic plan that guides decisions and measures success.

- **Why revise the CSIP now?**

The district is required to review the CSIP annually. The district is in a constant state of improvement. The district is seeking to focus its efforts with dwindling and limited resources.

- **What stakeholders will be involved in the revision process?**

Students, teachers, parents, community members, principals, district leaders and members of the board of education. The board of education will ultimately approve the revised CSIP in June-August 2012.

- **How can I stay updated about the CSIP revision process?**

The district plans to provide a CSIP link on the web site that will keep stakeholders informed of the revision process through completion.

- **How can I provide input, despite my busy schedule?**

Watch for timely updates and opportunities for input through the district's web site. Attend meetings that will take place over the next 12 to 18 months.

If you are interested in assisting the district in the CSIP revision process, please contact **Dr. Kevin Daniel**, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, at: kdaniel@raypec.k12.mo.us.

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Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to **Lori Johnson** on the death of her father on Feb. 20. Lori is a teacher at Timber Creek Elementary School.

Engagement

Ray-Pec High School 2006 graduates **Scott Dobson** and **Rebecca Norman** are engaged and plan a May 2012 wedding. Scott works for the district as an electrician in the Buildings and Grounds Department. Rebecca is an elementary physical education teacher in the Raytown School District.

Rebecca's mom is **Juline Norman**, a fourth grade teacher at Shull Elementary School, and her father is an assistant fire chief with the South Metro Fire Protection District. Scott's dad, **Larry Dobson**, is a former Ray-Pec teacher and school board member. His mom, **Mary Dobson**, is a past library media specialist for the district. Rebecca's parents and Scott's parents also graduated from Ray-Pec.

Thank you

Dr. Kevin Daniel, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, sent this message following the recent MSIP mini review. MSIP is the Missouri School Improvement Program.

"A big thank you and kudos to you for your contribution to our very successful MSIP mini-review March 10 with Dr. Tony Stansberry, DESE Area Supervisor. The documentation you provided and your preparation was appreciated.

"A special thank you to those who participated in the March 1 mini-review prep session meeting (**Dr. Jeff Kyle, Pam Steele, Renee Freers, Karen Hurst, Karmin Ricker, Dr. Sherri Miller, Steven Miller, Michelle Moore, Linda Bass, Arla Emerick** and **Linda Portman**). That prep meeting was invaluable toward the success of the mini review.

"Dr. Stansberry was complimentary of many systems and processes at Ray-Pec as he reviewed the documentation. During school visits, he was particularly impressed with the tornado drill at Raymore, how well students were behaving, and the organization of the drill. Kudos to **Michelle Hofmann** and the Raymore Elementary staff. He was also complimentary of the classroom visits at our south high school. Kudos to Dr. Miller and the staff at the south building.

"Thanks again for all you do!"

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Teacher of the Year and Support Staff finalists

Thanks to everyone who submitted nomination letters for the Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Employee of the Year awards.

Finalists for both awards will be announced early next week.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Mary Walker**, who won the grand prize from the health screening event. Mary works at the south high school.

All participants of the on-site health screening and health risk assessment had an opportunity to enter a prize raffle for a chance to win one health-related item worth \$450 or less. Mary selected the Xbox 360 Kinect Bundle as her prize.

Congratulations

High School Senior **Paige Peterson** was recently selected to the Suburban Big 6 All Conference Girls Basketball first team and to the District 13 - First team. Paige led Ray-Pec's team in scoring and rebounding. She is the daughter of **Kathy Peterson**, attendance secretary at the south high school building.

Congratulations

JoEllen Flanagan, a 2007 Ray-Pec graduate and student at Truman State University, was selected to serve as a Missouri Government Intern this spring. She is spending the semester in Jefferson City earning up to 15 hours of college credit while working with a legislator, public official or state agency.

JoEllen was also named to the 2010-2011 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. She is majoring in political science at Truman State University.

JoEllen is the daughter of **JoLynne Flanagan**, counselor at Stonegate Elementary School.

Euro Trip 2012

Have you always wanted to travel to France and Spain? Here's your chance! A trip to Paris, Provence, Madrid and Barcelona is being planned for the summer of 2012. For additional information, contact Teacher **Valerie Green** at vgreen@raypec.k12.mo.us.

Lisa Hatfield to be new HR Director

Congratulations to **Lisa Hatfield**, who will be the new Director of Human Resources for the Ray-Pec School District, effective July 1.

Lisa is currently the principal at Eagle Glen Intermediate School. Currently, **Dr. Terri Jamison** is the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources. She is retiring at the end of this school year.

Lisa has been principal at Eagle Glen since fall 2005. From 2003-2005, she was a teacher at Eagle Glen. From 2000-2003, she was a teacher at Shull Sixth Grade Center.

Before coming to Ray-Pec, Lisa was a teacher at Smith-Hale Middle School in the Hickman Mills School District.

Lisa received her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1994 from Avila University. She earned a master's degree in elementary/middle school administration from Central Missouri State University and her education specialist degree in superintendency from William Woods University. She is currently working toward a doctorate degree in educational leadership.

Lisa's husband, Steve, is a teacher at Ray-Pec High School. They have two children, Katie and Garrett, who both attend Ray-Pec schools.



Lisa Hatfield



Program presentation

Dr. Kevin Daniel, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, was a presenter at the Missouri Staff Development Council annual conference March 13-15 in Branson. He talked about educating students from poverty or disadvantaged backgrounds.

New students appreciate RPHS staff

New students at Ray-Pec High School have an appreciation for their teachers at Ray-Pec. Counselor **Rachel Hagelin** met with a new student group on Wednesday, March 23. She asked how Ray-Pec was different from their previous schools.

Here's what they said, with no prompting from Rachel:

- It's more challenging than their previous school. It is manageable, but there are higher expectations here.
- Ray-Pec is stricter. "If you take a test here, your parents are e-mailed your score before we know!" They said that helped them stay on top of their work. "You can barely get out of class without writing your name down saying you're leaving." They said that they felt safer here because of this and that fights were prevented because of it.
- "Everything at my last school was completion. Here they actually take grades."
- "All my teachers here are involved and care." (There was agreement among the group.)
- They all agreed that teachers here worked much harder to make sure that the kids understood concepts than at their previous schools.

Rachel sent the comments out to high school staff and teachers, saying "Though I can't take credit for the excellent teaching here, it made me proud of where I work."



VIP Breakfast

The Raymore Elementary School PTA hosted a VIP breakfast from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, March 4, in the school's gym. The menu included pancakes and sausage, coffee and milk. Approximately 250 parents and students attended the event, which was chaired by PTA Vice President Rustalyn Kirchhoff. Raymore staff and PTA members helped in setting up, serving and cleaning up after the event.

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Pancake breakfast and rummage sale is benefit for Project Graduation

A rummage sale and Chris Cakes pancake breakfast is planned for Saturday, March 26, at Peculiar United Methodist Church to benefit Project Graduation.

The all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast is from 8 to 11 a.m. and includes pancakes, sausage and beverages. Tickets are \$5 per person in advance and are available for purchase now. Breakfast tickets will be \$6 at the door.

The rummage sale will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rummage sale items can be dropped off between 9 a.m. and noon March 21-25 and from 5 to 7 p.m. March 21, 23 and 25 at Peculiar United Methodist Church.

If you have questions, or to volunteer to help, please call LeAnn Branson @ 816-213-7088 or Heather McDaniel @ 816-582-8937.

Test drive a Lincoln and benefit Project Grad

Test drive a Lincoln, and help raise money for Project Grad. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 26, you can participate in the Rob Sight Lincoln "Drive Smart for Your School" event.

The event will take place at the Peculiar United Methodist Church, located on School Road.

For every test drive taken, Rob Sight will donate \$20 to Project Grad.

Purchase meat boxes as fundraiser for track team

The high school track team fundraiser featuring Kurzweil's Country Meat Boxes is under way. You may place an order with a track team member or order online at:

www.kurzweilscountrymeats.com. At the web site, go to the Fundraiser tab and click on current fundraisers. Look for the Ray-Pec page.

After making a selection, go to the drop-down box to select an athlete's name or "no student" and then proceed to the page to enter your information.

Orders will be taken through March 31. Delivery to the track team members will be on April 14. For information, contact Coach Alane Cromer at acromer@raypec.k12.mo.us.

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Charming Charlie event for band booster

The Ray-Pec Band Boosters are hosting a Charming Evening at Charming Charlie from 6 to 8 p.m. April 10. Charming Charlie is a women's fashion accessories store at 840 NW Blue Parkway, Lee's Summit.

You can use a coupon good for 20 percent off your purchases. There will also be door prizes. There is a \$5 per person entry fee. Children age 4 and younger will be admitted free. (The entry fees will go to support the Ray-Pec High School band program.)

The coupon may only be used during the event on April 10. To print a copy of the coupon, go to: www.raypecband.org.

Spring Fling 5K

On Saturday, April 9, the Ray-Pec High School Cross Country Team is sponsoring the Spring Fling 5k walk/run. It will start and finish at Ray-Pec stadium. This fast, flat and closed course will wind through the roads on our campus.

Awards will be given to the overall winner of each race, and there will be recognition to the top three in each age group.

Registration is open to the first 300 entrants. For more information, visit: www.raypecCC.com. To register online, visit: <http://www.active.com/running/peculiar-mo/spring-fling-5k-2011>.

Software discounts

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

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



Pam Steele at

psteele@raypec.k12.mo.us or 892-1311. Students, parents and patrons may also order the software, but they should send an e-mail to Pam Steele to obtain a registration code.

School board hears information about renewal of employee benefit plans

The Ray-Pec School Board on March 22 heard about proposed employee benefits renewal for 2011-2012. The item was listed as informational on the March 22 agenda, with action by the board possible at the April 19 board meeting.

Nicole Osborn, benefits coordinator, explained the proposed changes for 2011-2012. The district works with Cbiz, an insurance broker, to negotiate insurance plans and pricing. Cbiz initially projected a rate increase of 8.9 percent from Blue Cross Blue Shield for employee health insurance. In an effort to reduce the amount of the rate increase, Cbiz negotiated with BCBS and then presented two options.

Option 1: Zero percent increase on the base plan, and a 15.5 percent increase on the buy-up plans, including the Health Savings Account. This is a 7 percent overall increase.

Option 2: Zero percent increase on the base plan, and an 11 percent increase on the buy-up plans, including the HAS. This is a 5 percent overall increase. There would be one plan change under Option 2: The drug co-pay would increase from \$10/\$30/\$50 to \$10/\$50/\$70, with a 2x increase for mail order prescriptions.

Nicole said that the district is recommending Option 1. Team Ray-Pec on March 10 met and discussed the benefit renewal options. After considering the two options, Team Ray-Pec recommended Option 1. Team Ray-Pec also recommends that the board of education continue to pay the monthly premium for the employee-only base coverage.

Cbiz representatives said the renegotiation saves the district approximately \$277,258. (Under the renegotiation, the district's cost for the premium does not increase. Any increases are paid by individual employees who choose specific plans.)

To see details about the proposed increases, go to the district web site: www.raypec.k12.mo.us/boarddocs and select the March 22 meeting.

You can review a document showing the various benefits and the plans for renewal.

For example, the initial projected rate increase for Delta Dental was 3.5 percent. Cbiz negotiated a renewal rate of 2.5 percent.

Upcoming wellness programs

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.

5K Walk/Run Training Program

For beginners (even couch potatoes!) and active people alike

April 4-June 18

Train to complete the Ray-Pec Cross Country Lucky 5K on June 18

Details at: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/CurrentEvents.aspx?EID=11131>

Register by March 29 at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/>

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Kindergarten roundup

It's almost time for kindergarten roundup!

All parents of children who will be 5 years old before Aug. 1, 2011, are invited to attend informational meetings from 2 to 3 p.m. or 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, at each elementary school. Parents should attend a meeting to obtain enrollment information and to schedule your child for kindergarten screening.



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.

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, enjoy! For the latest styles and scents: <https://england.scentsy.us/Home>. Contact **Macey England** at 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.

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

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, 816-806-2194, or mysilpada.com/joann.tinney.

Got kitchen tools?

Need quick and easy meal ideas? The Pampered Chef can help! Contact **Karla Heinrich**: karlaheinrich@juno.com or 331-7782. Place orders online 24/7 at: 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>.

(More ads on next page)

Helping at Harvesters

Members of the Cass County Association of Educational Office Professionals helped at Harvesters Community Food Network on Saturday, Feb. 26. The organization plans several service projects each year. Pictured above left is **Belinda Redwing**, secretary at Eagle Glen Intermediate School. Pictured above right is **Leanne Dial**, administrative assistant for the Ray-Pec Human Resources Department. The group learned that 76 percent of Harvester's work force is volunteer. The organization is always seeking additional individuals or groups to help.

Discounts for Ray-Pec employees

Kansas City Chiefs season ticket offer

The Kansas City Chiefs are offering a limited number of \$250* and \$390* season tickets to Ray-Pec School District faculty/staff, as well as their friends and family, for the 2011 season. (*All seating is subject to availability.)



If you reserve seats now, you may take advantage of a multi-month payment plan, start your seniority to improve future upgrade chances, and take advantage of one of the best home schedules in years. There will be a refund on games if any are missed due to an NFL lockout.

All seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contact Matt Montgomery at 816-920-4704 or

mmontgomery@chiefs.nfl.com with any questions or to reserve seats. You can also ask Matt about VIP Club Level and Field Level seating.

Discounts at Jos. A Bank Clothiers

Employees of the Ray-Pec school district may apply for the Jos. A. Bank corporate card and receive a 20 percent discount on all regularly priced merchandise. The card is free. The discount does not apply to sales merchandise, gift cards, alterations, monogramming, embroidery or rental services. The discount is valid for in-store, catalog and internet orders.

To request your free corporate card, visit a Jos. A. Bank store and show proof of association with the Ray-Pec School District. This can be your I.D. badge or business card. Remember to mention Raymore-Peculiar School District and our corporate company number 442786 when applying for the card.

You can also request the card by calling the toll-free catalog number at 800-285-2265 or by emailing a request to: corporatecard@jos-a-bank.com.

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Ray-Pec has more than 2,600 fans on Facebook.

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



www.facebook.com/raypec

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For sale: Saxophone

For sale: Selmer S300 Saxophone, light use, great condition. \$1,400 new. Asking \$950. Call **Jenny Everson** at 816-318-4301.

For sale: Earth-friendly products

For sale: Save money with earth-friendly household products. If you're looking for a change to improve your life, contact: **Shelley Crane** at 816-804-2749 or scrane@raypec.k12.mo.us.

Pet sitting

Pet sitting available! We would love to give your pets TLC while you're away from home! Call **Shelley Crane** at 816-804-2749 or scrane@raypec.k12.mo.us. Great rates.

For sale: GameCube system

For sale: GameCube game system with 13 games, \$60. Call **Cristie McCullough** at 816-786-2920 or cmccullough@raypec.k12.mo.us.

Wanted: Pickup truck

Wanted: Chevrolet Colorado or Toyota Tacoma pickup. May be willing to take over payments. Call **Nancy Schultz** at 816-318-8171.

For sale: 1997 Chevy Suburban

For sale: 1997 Chevy Suburban, 4x4, fully loaded, all power seats and windows. Leather interior. Used only seasonally. 197k miles. Age and mileage do not reflect the condition of this truck. In great shape! Call Mat at: 816-779-1063 or 417-459-9714.

For sale: Beijo Bags

Affordable designer handbags and accessories, great hostess rewards, personal shopping appointments. Life is too short to not LOVE your purse! Contact **Gina Prowell** at 816-679-8347 or gprowell@gmail.com.

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.

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.

BeutiControl

Is your skin looking dull and tired? BeutiControl offers products that tighten, firm and brighten your skin. For info and discounts, contact **Adreanna Wescoat** at: honey74@comcast.net.

For sale: Commercial lawn mower

For sale: Commercial lawn mower. 52-inch Gravelly zero-turn hydrostat walk-behind mower. 17 hp Kawasaki motor, electric start, 6 years old, 522 hours on the unit. Well-maintained, great condition, ready to mow. \$2,000. Call **Bob Zaner** at 721-7031.

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. Available evenings or weekends at reasonable rates. Experienced. I am 16 years old with driver's license. Daughter of Ray-Pec employee. Contact **Emily Wescoat** at 816-808-7444.

For sale: Spinet 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

House for sale by owner

For sale by owner - Realtors welcome. Custom-built 6-year-old home. 4 large bedrooms, 3 full baths, 3-car oversized garage. 3,000 feet of upgrades. 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

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: 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 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.

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.

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 or 331-0602.

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. I will send you a price list itemized per patch. Jackets can be brought to the high school.

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