

THE BOLTON GAZETTE

THE TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

"THE LAND OF BOULDERS AND BEARS"

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A SPRING CROCUS BLOOMS IN BOLTON



GREEN UP VERMONT

GREEN UP Day is Saturday May 3rd! Pick up **GREEN UP** bags at the town office (they should be available soon) and choose your area in Bolton to **GREEN UP**! Bags can be dropped off at the town garage, or left roadside for pick up by the town.

THANK YOU! (Reminder: this is NOT appliance/tire amnesty day)

An April Day

"The sun was warm but the wind was chill.

You know how it is with an April day...

When the sun is out and the wind is still.

You're one month on in the middle of May.

But if you so much as dare to speak.

A cloud comes over the sunlit arch.

A wind comes off a frozen peak.

And you're two months back in the middle of March."

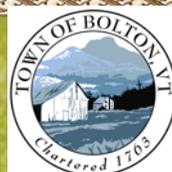
From Two Tramps in Mudtime

By Robert Frost



Launched in 1970

GREEN UP VERMONT
Green Up Day, First Saturday in May
Live the Green Up Way Every Day!



CLERK'S CORNER

AMY GROVER • TOWN CLERK & TREASURER
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MMU DISTRICT #17 BUDGET RECONSIDERATION

The Chittenden East Supervisory Union has scheduled the reconsideration of the MMU District #17 budget vote for **Tuesday, May 6, 2014**. Voting will take place at our district polling place, Smilie School, from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Any registered voters that requested absentee ballots *that were not voted in the town office will be mailed absentee ballots for the budget reconsideration vote.* From the Secretary of State's Elections division:

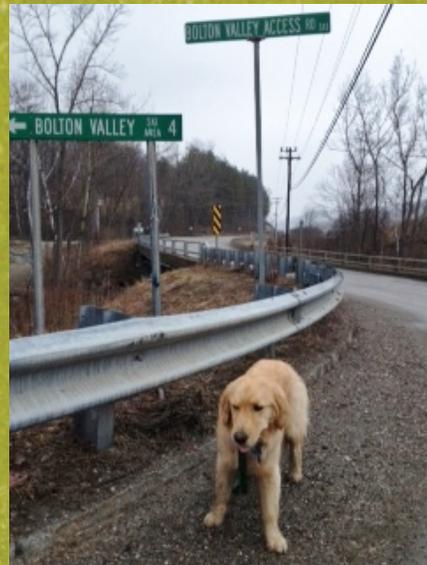
"We suggest that fairness dictates that you send absentee ballots for the reconsideration to all voters who had requested absentee ballots for Town Meeting.

Reconsideration is really an extension of town meeting.

It is likely that a court would find that the obligation to send a ballot to a voter would continue until the voting on the issue is complete."

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR DOG?

If you have registered your dog, thank you! If you have not, Vermont law requires that dogs be licensed annually by April 1st. The fee is \$11 and requires proof of current rabies. If you have not registered your dog, expect a reminder phone call. We are happy to issue licenses by mail. Please contact the town office if you need more information, and remember Bolton does have an Animal Control Ordinance in effect, along with a new Constable, Chris LaBerge ready to address animal control issues and concerns. You can contact Chris at 802-598-1698.



**PHOEBE VISITS THE BOLTON VALLEY
ACCESS ROAD SIGN**

PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION

OF THE MONTH!

Can you guess how many road signs there are on the Bolton Valley Access Road? Why are they there?? Find out in next month's issue!

WOOF! WOOF!!

Last month's answer: Our town vault has birth records that go back to 1883 in a special records book where the person's name and date of birth was written down, but the oldest actual *birth certificate* is that of Remben Clyde Whittemore who was born on January 7, 1909. So, how old is that birth certificate from 1909? Did you guess the right year, and discover the birth certificate is 105 years old?

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

The winner of the free 2015 dog license is

BARLEY!

Barley's "human" is Margaret Bonham.

Thanks for coming into register by April 1st and for showing us your amazing tricks Barley!

SMILIE SCHOOL NEWS

MRS. COLE'S CLASS - KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten Math! By using games, computer software, math journals and more, the Smilie Kindergarten class is learning many new things in math!



MRS. CAFFERTY'S CLASS - GRADES 2 & 3

Westward Ho! Scholars have been studying "Westward Expansion". The class simulated the journey along the Oregon Trail, enduring hardships from rattlesnake bites, to fires on the prairie. Each scholar assumed a "new" identity and wrote daily in a journal to explain their adventures. The Westward Expansion was a special time in American History that opened the doors to technological advances and opened eyes of the ever optimistic emigrants searching for a better life.

Covered Wagons created by Hector & Joss



SMILIE NEWS CONTINUED NEXT PAGE



MRS. LEFRANCOIS' CLASS – GRADES 1 & 2

First & second grade authors are learning how to write narrative with a deliciously descriptive beginning, middle and end. Here are some of their stories!

The Lonely Mermaid

By Gabrielle

Once there was a mermaid. She was sad and lonely and had no friends because nobody liked her. She lived alone and had a beautiful, beautiful, beautiful rainbow tail! Her hair was so black. Her name was Alisa.

One day, she ran away from her home. She was tired of being lonely. She swam until she found an old abandon shipwreck. Alisa looked around. It needed some work, but it would do the trick!

She worked on it every day. "Tomorrow will be a great day!" she thought.

Soon the boat was perfect with diamonds and other minerals and stars. It was too good; she had to share it with someone...

BUT NOBODY LIKED HER!

Then she had an idea. She built a town and left some scrumptious food near the end of the town.

By the end of the day, all the mermaids were eating the scrumptious food. And the best thing was, the mermaids love the town and decided to find a place to live in.

And now she has friends living with her! **The End!**

About the Author:

I live in Bolton, Vermont. I live with my mom, my dad and my brother. I am six years old. I am a fabulous author!

The Castle And The Wish

By Ebbe

Once there was a castle. There was an archer on the castle's tower. The archer's name was Bill. Bill had a quiver of arrows that were so shiny.

Suddenly, Bill heard a spearman yell, "Hey Bill, fire your arrows and watch out for that one that is flying toward us!"

Bill looked up. An arrow was speeding straight toward him! He jumped at the last second...

He fell so far down, it almost felt like he was flying. Bill hit a smooth hard apple tree and rolled down into the soft leaves among the apple tree's branches.

Bill looked down from his high perch. He saw the army retreating! Without warning...

HE WAS FLUNG HIGH INTO THE AIR!...

He hit a cave and was knocked out.

When Bill woke up, he saw green above him and he felt a spot of smooth hard rock below him. He sat up. He saw a blur of silky brown, don, don, don...

He leaped up and shot one of his shiny arrows at the flash of brown!

When Bill peered through the bushes, he realized that he had accidently shot a silky brown deer.

Suddenly Bill realized the deer's head was in the arrow, and the arrow was in a cliff. He saw something pouring out of the cliff. It was lava! Bill ran like the wind out of there!

When the enemy saw the lava coming toward them, they ran, but not as fast as Bill.

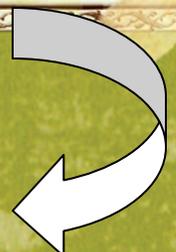
The enemy was blasted up by a mountain coming out of the ground!

Bill was blasted up by a mountain on the other side of the castle. The king and his guards jumped onto another mountain.

They stayed there for days protected from the lava. Both armies wished for rain.

On one of those blistering hot days... they saw rain clouds!!! The rain started washing away the lava! The next day...the armies had a big party in the rain.

After that, they built a house out of strong wood and bricks and lived there happily together. They all knew the war was over.



The Happy Bear

By Isaiah

One night the black bear strolled on Creep Mountain. He lived alone on Creep Mountain. Creep Mountain was creepy and dark because it had bones all over it; and that's creepy!

The bear was lonely and sad because he didn't have any friends. The bear cried each night alone in his cave.

One afternoon, some other bears came into the dark cave and became friends with the lonely bear. They played every day. They built a house together. They lived happily together from that day on.

The Three Powerful Superheroes

By Jared

Once upon a time there were three superheroes who lived in Antarctica. One was a BIG STRONG MUSCLE MAN! The second was a guy who could shoot lasers from his chest. And the third was a guy who could shoot tigers from his chest.

Then... THE BELL RANG at their black secret hideout in a rock cave! The computer told them that people in Spain were being attacked by bad guys.

THE SUPERHEROES RUSHED TO THE GRAY COLORED JET! THEY GOT IN THEIR GRAY COLORED JET AND FLEW OFF to help people in Spain.

Then they landed in Spain with a crash. They fought for two hours.

Then another evil bad guy came and had two axes. He was very evil!

But the superheroes still won. They beat the bad guys by fighting them. Then they ran to their jet and flew home

The Poor, Poor Dog

By Morgan

One sunny morning a dog named Rob was playing in the golden sun! Did the dog have a fabulous time? Yes!! After he played, he wanted his owner; so he dashed inside...

But all he found was his owner's... dead body! The dog sobbed through the scary dark night. The next night, the dog slept and slept...

The next morning, he ended up in a crate...

"Ruff, ruff!" barked the dog ferociously and loudly! People had put Rob in the crate because he was going to a kennel. It would be a year before he would get let out of the crate.

One year later he got let out of the crate by a guy at the kennel. He felt like he was in H.E.A.V.E.N. He got let out because he was getting... a new owner! Someone adopted Rob.

But it was hard. The owner was mean and evil!

So a month later, Rob ran away as fast as a cheetah! The owner didn't care about the beautiful dog.

Rob's collar glimmered in the sun. He dashed into the forest where nobody could see him!

But... then Rob saw this magnificent dog! The dog's name was Megan.

Rob dashed to Megan; and once their eyes met, they fell in love.

Rob married Megan! They lived happily in a cave.

Weeks later, Megan had five puppies! The puppies' names were Fiz, Emily, Bob, Daisy, and Pip!

The family lived happily ever after!

About The Author:

I am Morgan. I grew up as a writer! I live with my mom and Dad, and my big sister. I go to school at Smilie School. I am seven years old!

The Elegant Lady

By Rosa

Once upon a time there was an elegant and swift lady. Her name was Samantha. She was as elegant as 1,000,000 queens. She lived with her elegant and rich family.

One dark and rainy day, Samantha was all alone in her house. Suddenly, Samantha heard the door open. It was a robber! The robber was swift, very swift, swifter than Samantha!

He snatched her up and ran! He brought Samantha to a dark, deep, scary, rotten-smelling, cave where evil robbers lived and locked the scratched black rotten smelling icky door. The robbers had a humungous, loud, and smelly meeting about Samantha's coming death. They decided they'd hang her the next dark month. Samantha was in the cave for five long dark days when...

An elegant prince came and fought the evil scary robber. The prince suddenly stabbed the evil scary robber. The robber's body steamed with blood. The prince unlocked the scratched black rotten smelling icky door.

Samantha strolled out of the dark, deep, scary, rotten-smelling cave. Samantha was smiling. Samantha threw her arms around the prince's neck. Then Samantha and the prince happily kissed. That year they went on a roller coaster together and lived happily ever after.

About The Author:

My name is Rosa. I live in Bolton, Vermont. My birthday is December 20th. I have two cats, five chickens, one mom, one dad and a thousand friends!

I have a humungous family! I have an awesome teacher! I like to write and play in snow and hike and ski.

I also write Rosa's Nonfiction Feature Book, Sculptures, "I Am From", Rose the Photographer, Strong, My Cat Jam, and Poems. My teacher said that I am an awesome person and she is an awesome person too!

The Hamster

By Will

One bright sunny morning in Massachusetts, a hamster ... WAS GOING TOO FAST IN HIS HAMSTER WHEEL AND FLUNG HIMSELF OUT OF HIS CAGE!

As soon as he touched the floor, he dashed through the house and then he strolled right outside. When he was about two feet away from the house, he found a deer by tall grass. The deer asked, "What brings you here?"

"I got flung out of my cage and I want an adventure!"

"Hop on!" said the deer. So he did.

After they had been going for awhile, they introduced themselves...

"My name is Larry!" announced the deer. "My name is Jack." Replied the hamster.

Jack asked, "Where are we going?" "I can't tell you." Said Larry.

He brought Jack to his cave. Larry introduced Jack to his family. Then one deer asked, "...Where is your mother?"

"Mother? W... w... what's a mother?" asked Jack.

"You know. The hamster that takes care of you."

"Oh... I don't.... I don't have one."

Suddenly Jack remembered his mother got kidnapped! "Maybe she's still alive." thought Jack.

Then he asked Larry, "Can you help me find my mother?"

He told Larry that his mother had been kidnapped. Don, don, don!

They decided to have a big search. They walked up and down hills, through snowstorms, and then...

There was something in the distance. They got closer, and...Could it be? Was it?

It was! Jack and Larry dashed over to...to a stupid old rabbit!

"He'll be no help!" said Larry. They walked on. Every now and then Larry would say, "maybe that rabbit could help."

"Let's go back." Said Larry.

It took them a whole day to find the rabbit. Once they found him, Larry asked, "Have you seen a bigger hamster that looks like him?" The wise rabbit said, "Yes. She went that way." As he pointed toward Larry's cave.

"What? She's in the cave!" they both said loudly and excitedly! They ran over to the cave and...

There was his mother!

Jack ran over. "Mother!"

"Jack!"

So all of them lived happily ever after, including Larry's whole family.

PROPERTY REAPPRAISAL

Kermit Blaisdell and Linde Emerson, the Town Assessor and Lister, have resumed reappraisal visits. They are continuing reappraisals on Notch Road, Duck Brook Circle, Creek Lane, York Road, Black Fly Hill, Mill Brook Road, and Nashville Road. They are starting appointments on Stage Road, Stone Hill Road, and Leary Road.

Appointments are on Wednesdays between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Please contact Carol at 434-3064, ext. 221 or assistbolton@gmavt.net to set up your appointment.

REAPPRAISAL FAQS

1. **Why are properties reappraised?** Properties are reappraised regularly in order to ensure that the values used for the Grand List are accurate.
2. **When are properties reappraised?** Bolton does rolling reappraisals on a 5-year cycle. This means all properties in town are reappraised every 5 years. We are in the third year of the current 5-year cycle.
3. **When do reappraisals go into effect?** All reappraisals go into effect at the same time. New appraisals from the current cycle will take effect in the 2016 Grand List (effective date is 04/01/2016).
4. **What does a reappraisal visit involve?** A reappraisal visit consists of a brief walk around inspection of the property. It includes the interior, exterior and any accessory buildings.
5. **Do I need to be home for a reappraisal visit?** Yes. A home owner (or representative) should be present.
6. **How long does a reappraisal take?** Approximately 15 to 30 minutes.
7. **Who does the reappraisal?** Kermit Blaisdell (the Town Assessor) and Linde Emerson (the Town Lister) visit properties for the reappraisals.
8. **When do reappraisals take place?** Reappraisal appointments are on Wednesdays, between 10:00 and 12:00 and between 1:00 and 3:00. Other appointments on Wednesdays are available, if necessary.
9. **How do I schedule an appointment for a reappraisal?** Call the Bolton Town Office at 434-3064 ext. 221 or email Carol Devlin at assistbolton@gmavt.net

FINAL INSTALLMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES
DUE ON THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014

Reminder: late payments of the final installment of property taxes incur an immediate 8% late penalty and are turned over to the delinquent tax collector for collection.

There is no grace period. Postmarks of May 15, 2014 are accepted as on time.

SENIOR DINNER NEWS

Bolton Up and Down Town Club Senior Dinner

Date: Thursday, April 24, 2014

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: Bolton Fire Station

Menu: Pork Roast, Rice, Steamed Green Beans, Rolls & Cupcakes (created by Don & June Kenney – thank you!)

See you there! Doris Wheelock 434-3769



FINAL REMINDER FOR THE WHEELER TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS

This is the final reminder that the *Wheeler Trust Scholarship* application deadline is April 30th. Overseen by the Board of Civil Authority, the Wheeler Trust Scholarship annually awards funds to 1 - 4 full time college students from Bolton. See the town website or call the town office for the full guidelines on applying.

MMU DISTRICT #17 BUDGET RECONSIDERATION VOTE, TUESDAY MAY 6, 2014

Evacuation Plan: Per building use requirements, in the event of an emergency during the budget reconsideration vote, attendees will evacuate the building via the three doors in the gym. Attendees will wait in the parking lot until notified it is safe to re-enter the building. In the event the building is not cleared for re-entry, attendees will go home and the election staff will contact the Elections Division to guide the town in the process of moving the polling place to the town office.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all of our volunteer board members. You make a valuable contribution to our community by sharing your time, ideas and expertise, thank you! Board updates: *Development Review Board*: Thank you to Stephen Diglio and John Devine for stepping forward to serve as Alternates. *Conservation Commission*: “We would welcome interest, especially from the southern and eastern sections of town. Thanks!”

FLOOD RESILIENCY

The “Property Owner’s Guide to Re-Building for Flood Resiliency” handbook is available in the town office and has great general and resource information.

BOLTON GAZETTE INFORMATION

Reminder: The deadline for submissions in the 15th of the previous month for the following month’s edition. To OPT IN to receive the Bolton Gazette electronically and in color (help the town save \$ on paper and postage costs!) email boltongazette@gmavt.net.

We welcome all submissions, in any format: stories, news, events, art, poetry, photographs. Drop submissions at the town office or, you’ve got it, email them to boltongazette@gmavt.net!

PRESS RELEASE APRIL 11, 2014

Route 2 Road Work to Resume on the Bolton-Waterbury AOT Project

Submitted by: Francine Perkins
Project Outreach Coordinator

The week of April 21st, 2014, work on the reconstruction of US 2 will resume between Bolton and Waterbury. The project started last fall with crews focusing on the Waterbury end of the project between Parro's Gun Shop and Little River Road. This year, crews will extend their work zone from Little River Road in Waterbury to the end of the project just beyond Latham Mobile Home Sales in Bolton. Work will be performed on the entire 7.3 miles of the project throughout the summer.

Like last year, construction along Route 2 will consist of milling, concrete slab removal, ledge removal, road widening, reclaiming, underdrain installation, paving, new traffic signs and other incidental items. This project calls for three layers of new pavement to complete the reconstructed roadway.

All work performed on the project will occur during daytime work hours. Saturday work may be necessary to remain on schedule.

Travel will be reduced to one lane throughout the project. Motorists may experience traffic delays while traveling through the construction zone. Traffic control will be present to maintain traffic flow. Motorists are encouraged to plan for traffic delays accordingly.

Work updates will be issued and distributed to various media sources. Information will also be available on www.roadworkupdates.com

Francine Perkins of FRP Enterprises, LLC has been assigned as Project Outreach Coordinator to work with the Vermont Agency of Transportation and FW Whitcomb on this project. Anyone with questions or concerns about this project should contact Francine Perkins at [802-479-6994](tel:802-479-6994).

THANK YOU FROM THE FARNSWORTH FAMILY

It is hard to put into words the thanks we would like to give to our friends, family, neighbors and community for all the support, thoughtfulness and sympathy you have given us during this difficult time of loss for our family. We are very grateful for your support and friendship, and we greatly appreciate the fundraising that took place in honor of Kasey. Laurie & Rusty, and Brian Farnsworth

Need An Escape From Mud Season?

Bolton's Own Little Libraries can help you through mud season in our town. Bolton is lucky to have little libraries throughout the town. All of the libraries are accessible year round and each caretaker keeps an eye on and cares for the library. Visit Bolton's Own Little Libraries on Facebook for information on each of the little libraries.

As a caretaker of our little library it's fun to see what books are brought back in the take a book, leave a book system. Max and I often find books that we borrow to read, so the choices can be for all ages depending on what people share. Visit your closest Bolton Little Library and escape in a book that can take you on an adventure and soon enough we will begin to see more sure signs of spring besides mud!

Respectfully Submitted, Linda & Max Schindler
Caretakers of the Fernwood Manor Little Library



CHMS Expands After School Offerings

By Mark Carbone, Principal, CHMS

The after school program at CHMS is expanding to address the changing needs of children and families. A twenty student pilot effort starts this spring, running from 2:45 to 5 or 5:30pm. Twenty CHMS students will participate--providing academic support for remediation and work completion, exploratory learning through creative activities and intramurals, and healthy snacks and dinner. Richmond Elementary School will be running a parallel program for younger students.

Research has shown that robust after school programs improve student grades and test scores as and increase school attendance. Student participants are more engaged in learning and have improved social and emotional behavior (lower truancy, drug use, violence, and teen pregnancy). These youth develop leadership, critical thinking, self-confidence, and teamwork as well as improve their health and wellness through increased activity and nutritious meals.

It is our hope that with success, both the CHMS and RES after school programs will be widely available to all of our students in the future. The next CHMS/MMU school board meeting will be held on April 10, at 7pm, at Mt. Mansfield Union High School. The public is welcome, and encouraged, to attend.

