

THE BOLTON GAZETTE

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“THE LAND OF BOULDERS AND BEARS”

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*Season's Greetings
And
Best Wishes for the New Year!*

WINTER CARNIVAL AT SMILIE SCHOOL

Come to Smilie School on December 12th, 9 am – 12 noon, and get in the holiday spirit! There will be free pictures with Santa, arts and crafts for the kids, and a raffle with amazing prizes such as a Smuggler's Notch Bash Badge, goods from local businesses, and a brand new chair from Wendell's Furniture! There is also a delicious home-cooked breakfast buffet available for \$5 per person/\$20 per family. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors and help celebrate the holiday season with your community. This event is sponsored by the Smilie Community Association and is open to the public.



NEW “BOLL” IN TOWN!

A new little library at the Town Office is open for business; please come by to leave a book or take a book! Thank you to Will Peery who did such a great job on design, build, and installation of this Little Library, and to the decoration crew: Will Peery, Holly Rae Taylor, Rosa Ricketson, Jenn Dudley Gaillard, Loree Silvas, Tony Barbagallo, Steve Peery, and Amy Ludwin.

The Little Library that was near the bottom of the Bolton Valley Access Road was moved to 455 Duxbury Road to accommodate readers of all ages on the south side of the river. Thank you to our residents of Duxbury Road who helped make this happen, Ron Lafreniere who found the new site, and caretaker Kristine O'Malley.



CLERK'S CORNER

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MARK THE DATE FOR TOWN MEETING 2016!

2016 is a LEAP Year and we'll be LEAPING into Town Meeting on Monday, February 29th, followed by Australian Ballot and Presidential Primary voting on "Super Tuesday," March 1, 2016.

The following Town Office Positions are open for Election/Re-election in March 2016:

Justice of the Peace – 2 year term (would like to have 5 Justices, currently 4 Justices)
Town Moderator – one year term
Town Constable – one year term
Delinquent Tax Collector – one year term
Grand Juror – one year term
Town Agent – one year term
Select Board – three year term
Select Board – two year term
Select Board – two years remaining on a three year term

January 25, 2016 is the deadline to submit petitions and written consent forms for the ballot to the town office. We are happy to provide petitions and consent forms, just contact the town office.

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PHOEBE DREAMING OF 2016!

PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION

OF THE MONTH!

Here I am snoozing and dreaming about getting my new 2016 dog license and dog tag! I know that the kids at Smilie School voted for the dog head shape tag this year, and I can't wait to get my tag on January 1st! Hmm...why do our humans do that for us? Why do you think a dog needs to get a license and tag every year?

Find out in next month's issue!

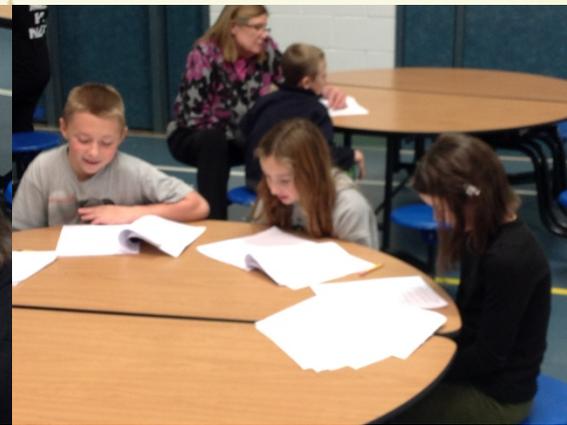
WOOF! WOOF!!

Last month's answer: Vermont's biggest blizzard ever? Well, it seems like humans can't decide between the "Great Blizzard of 1888" or the "Great Valentine's Day Blizzard of 2007!" My humans told me that in 1888 the town of Bennington got 4 feet of snow, and in 2007 the town of Stowe got 4 feet of snow! That would have been over my head! I bet there was a LOT of snow both times here in Bolton! Just think, in 100 years, humans will still be talking about the "Great Valentine's Day Blizzard of 2007!" See Page 7 for a picture of two of my humans (when they were little!) from the 2007 blizzard!



SMILE SCHOOL NEWS

The students in Ms. Cafferty's and Mr. Menz's writing classes have been learning how to write effective informational pieces in order to teach each other something we know a lot about. We have studied mentor texts to learn how real authors use tables of contents, glossaries, pictures, captions, and maps among other things. We've also practiced making our writing more interesting by asking our readers questions, including personal stories and varying the way we present our facts along with developing strong leads and endings. Last week students had the opportunity to read each other's final information pieces and comment on them. We had a lot of fun with this genre of writing and are looking forward to working on more informational writing during the school year.



The Kindergarten class is learning to copy, construct and extend patterns! Patterns are everywhere in the world. They can be found in nature, they are in reading, spelling, math, science and social studies. Challenging children to observe patterns in their world helps them make connections to learning.



NOT YET....

“Not yet....” was the focus of the first bulletin board of the school year—illustrating for students that having a growth mindset means that you know you can train your brain to get smarter. With a growth mindset, intelligence and character can be developed and a person’s true potential is unknown. With a growth mindset, challenges are embraced and setbacks are stepping stones.

Congressman Peter Welch recently visited and held a press conference at Camels Hump Middle School to discuss concerns around dropped calls in Vermont and the impact on our rural communities. Joined by industry members and school representatives, students at Camels Hump were able to observe and hear government in action. For more information on this topic please visit the following

link: <http://www.ntca.org/advocacy/call-termination.html> .To see a video of Congressman Welch's presentation, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMWmoStbu-0&feature=youtu.be>

During the last week in October, Camels Hump Middle School was featured as a “Cool School” on television stations Local 22 and Local 44. A big shout out to the students who nominated CHMS: Emily, Kane, Audrey and William as well as all the individual students who participated in the events of the morning. The news reporter was treated to a cheer by the girls’ field hockey team, a performance by the select chorus, and even heard a rap about the school by Team Summit! Students nominated CHMS as “cool” because of technical education, the art program, and the hands-on science curriculum as well as the soft-service ice cream machine and the weekly omelets served in the cafeteria.

We had a great Fall sports season! The boys’ soccer team was undefeated. The girls’ soccer team gave a stellar performance. The girls’ field hockey team won the spirit award at the district tournament—their cheer was even featured in the “Cool School” broadcast. Camels Hump runners participated in the first ever Vermont Middle School State Cross Country Championship. The course at Trapp Family Lodge was muddy and hilly, but our runners delivered fantastic results against strong competition.

Pumpkin Chuckin' Gold Sponsors, Ralph and Rachel Towers, are shown with Mark Carbone celebrating the success of CHMS' second annual Pumpkin Chuckin'. The generosity of the Towers made the day possible--as they provided the pumpkins. Rachel was concerned about the health and welfare of the pumpkins and was assured by Mr. Carbone that "all was well with the squash." As the event's motto states, "No Guts, No Glory!" A HUGE thank you to all the participants and families for making the event a success. The best throw of the day, 168 feet, was hurled by Team Moultroupe, making a new event record.

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Many thanks to the MMU Leo Club, Will Wright, and the entire high school community for their substantial support collecting donations for the CHMS food backpack program. Three trucks loaded with granola bars, canned tuna, boxed macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and canned soup, among other items, were delivered recently to help out families in need.

This month, students on the Phoenix and Navigators teams will attend the Flynn Theater performance, *Andes Manta: Traditional Music from South America*. For this show, the performers who are natives of the Ecuadorian Andes mountains call the sounds of ancient life out of more than 35 traditional instruments, interweaving vibrant music, folklore, birdcalls, and the cycles of planting and harvesting into a joyous celebration of cultural life. In December, Team Summit will experience the Improvised Shakespeare Company performance, *Shake It Up*, a fully improvised play in Elizabethan-style, based on a title suggested by students.

The next CHMS/MMU school board meeting will be held on **December 7, 6 pm** at Brewster-Pierce Memorial School. Budget preparation for the Mount Mansfield Union School District fiscal year 2016-17 has commenced. For a schedule of the finance committee meetings, please visit the CESU Website: <http://cesu.k12.vt.us>. The public is welcome, and encouraged, to attend.

Mark Carbone, Principal



"SPIRIT OF BOLTON" ART CONTEST

The Bolton Planning Commission is holding an art contest! Submit any kind of 2-dimensional artwork (e.g., photos, paintings, drawings) that captures "The Spirit of Bolton." All artwork will be displayed at Town Meeting, on the website and at Smilie and/or the Town Office. There will be two winners in each category. Winners will receive a prize and their work will be featured in the new Town Plan. Work will be judged in three age groups: Kindergarten-Grade 4, Grades 5-8, and High School/Adult. All artwork must be dropped off at the Town Office or Smilie School by Thursday, January 28, 2016. The Planning Commission thanks Arts' Mediums at 300 Cornerstone Drive in Williston for sponsoring the contest. For more information about the contest, call Carol Devlin, Assistant Town Clerk, at 434-3064 ext. 221 or visit BoltonVT.com/TownPlan or email her at assistbolton@gmavt.net



CALLING ALL BOLTON BUSINESS OWNERS!

Do you own a business in Bolton? Whether you manage employees or work alone, we want to hear from you. On Tuesday, January 26 at 6pm, join the Bolton Planning Commission at Smilie School for a discussion about how Bolton could be more business friendly. As we work on the economic development section of the 2017 Bolton Town Plan, we'd like your thoughts, comments and suggestions. What you would like to see in Bolton 10 years from now. How the town can attract and keep businesses? Are there changes the Town can adopt that would facilitate doing business in Bolton? At the same meeting, we will start collecting information for a Bolton business directory. To RSVP or for more information, please call Carol Devlin, Assistant Town Clerk, at 434-3064 ext. 221 or email her at assistbolton@gmavt.net

MEETING: SENIORS AND THE 2017 BOLTON TOWN PLAN

If you're a Bolton senior citizen, get out your 2016 calendar and save the date! On February 6 at 2pm at Smilie School, join the Bolton Planning Commission at a senior forum for snacks and a discussion about how the 2017 Bolton Town Plan can benefit seniors. What do you like about being a senior in Bolton? What are the challenges? Are there ways the Town can support seniors and their caregivers? What would you like to see change? We want to hear about your ideas. Your opinions will help us decide on priorities for our new town plan. To RSVP or for more information, please call Carol Devlin, Assistant Town Clerk, at 434-3064 ext. 221 or email her at assistbolton@gmavt.net

Smilie School Evacuation Plan: Per building use requirements, in the event of an emergency during a meeting, 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.

BOLTON UP AND DOWN TOWN CLUB SENIOR DINNER

See you in January 2016! Happy Holidays!

FOOD DRIVE REMINDER!

Bring your non-perishable food items to Smilie School for the Bolton Senior Holiday gift Baskets!



TWO GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS!



Stop by the town office to pick up "A TASTE OF WEST BOLTON" cookbook created by West Bolton resident Bradlee Westie for only \$11, or to make a DONATION TO THE RICHMOND FOOD SHELVE by purchasing \$1, \$2, or \$3 Foodshelf bucks (for lack of a better term!)

PROPERTY TAXES

Thank you to all of the Bolton property owners who paid their second installment of property taxes that were due on November 16th. Your prompt payments help the town to meet its financial obligations. Please note: 1% interest is applied monthly on any unpaid principal balance.

BOLTON GAZETTE INFORMATION

Reminder: The deadline for submissions in the 15th of the month for the following month's edition. Your submissions of any type and in any format are more than welcome!!! 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

THE GREAT VALENTINE'S DAY BLIZZARD OF 2007!

Do you think we'll get this much snow in 2016??



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Pre-Kindergarten Opportunities in
MMMUSD/Chittenden East Supervisory Union
For the 2016-17 School Year



For immediate release 10/28/15 Richmond, VT

MMMUSD/CESU Central Office

MMMUSD/CESU is pleased to announce PreK opportunities for the 2016/17 School Year. These opportunities are available to residents of Bolton, Huntington, Richmond, Underhill and Jericho. In 2014 the Vermont Legislature passed a Universal PreKindergarten bill (Act 166). This bill entitles all 3, 4, and 5 year olds (not attending kindergarten) to receive 10 hours per week, for 35 weeks, of publicly funded PreK. This education can be in any Prequalified program which includes, Schoolbased PreK, Private Community PreK, or Home Based PreK. If a child attends a prequalified Private Community or HomeBased PreK, \$3000 for tuition will be provided to pay for at least 10 hours per week of PreK for 35 weeks during the school year. If a child attends a Schoolbased PreK it is free of charge.

To ensure funding for your child's private PreK or to enroll in a school based option (offered at RES, SMS, BPMS and UCS) parents/guardians should complete an enrollment form and return it to our MMMUSD | CESU offices in Richmond by January 30, 2016. You can download an enrollment form or fill one out online by going to <http://prek.cesuvt.org>. Enrollment forms can also be found at CESU Central Office in Richmond or your local school.

Through a federal early childhood grant CESU is also offering a full day, tuition free, 5 day a week option for 4 year olds based on household income eligibility. These classrooms are located at Richmond Elementary School and Underhill Central School. To apply to one of these programs and to find more information about eligibility guidelines please visit our website at <http://prek.cesuvt.org>.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Lianne Petrocelli at CESU's Richmond office at (802) 4342128 or email her at lianne.petrocelli@cesuvt.org.

End-of-life planning and care:
Where to begin?

A free community discussion presented by:
UVM College of Medicine Family Medicine Interest Group
Hosted by **Richmond Rescue**

Monday, December 7th
6:15pm – 7:45pm

Richmond Rescue
216 Railroad St., Richmond

Learn more about:

Identifying personal goals in end-of-life planning,
Advance Directives, Do Not Resuscitate orders (DNRs),
Clinician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment orders (COLSTs)

“What should I ask my doctor?”
“What happens if 911 is called?”

“How do I bring this up with family?”
“Who should I appoint as my agent?”

Educational resources available and questions welcome!

Panelists include:

Cindy Bruzzese, MPA
Executive Director of the Vermont Ethics Network

Kat Ioannou, Paramedic
Vice-President of Richmond Rescue

Hannah Rabin, MD
Family Physician, Richmond Family Medicine

Patricia Whitney, MD
Hospice and Palliative Care Family Physician



Space is limited, please RSVP to reserve a spot by emailing or calling
Richmond Rescue, director@richmondrescue.org, (802) 434-2394