

THE BOLTON GAZETTE

THE TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

"THE LAND OF BOULDERS AND BEARS"

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**HERE'S TO A NEW
YEAR FILLED
WITH PEACE AND
PROSPERITY,
HEALTH AND
HAPPINESS FOR
ALL!**

TOWN MEETING 2015

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015

Town Meeting 2015 is just around the corner – look for more information about Town Meeting in the February Gazette.

Petitions for offices can be picked up at the town office, and are due back to the town office by 5 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2015.

The last day to register to vote is Wednesday, February 26, 2015 by 5 p.m.

Offices terms open and up for election/re-election are:

Constable – 1 year term

Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 year term

Grand Juror – 1 year term

School Moderator – 1 year term

Select Board – 2 year term

School Board Director – 2 year term

School Board Director – 3 year term

Town Agent – 1 year term

Town Constable – 1 year term

Town Moderator – 1 year term

Please plan on joining your community at Town Meeting 2015. We will begin our meeting with our traditional community potluck dinner – hope to see you there!



CLERK'S CORNER

○ AMY GROVER * TOWN CLERK & TREASURER ○
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TOWN WEBSITE BACK ONLINE!

With thanks to our residents Steve Barner and Deb Shelby, and with assistance from the Snelling Center, we are very pleased to announce the January 1st re-launch of the town website: <http://boltonvt.com>. With the website back up, minutes and agendas from all board and commissions will be posted there, and will no longer be posted on the Town's Facebook page or Front Porch Forum. Check out the website for announcements and loads of information. We will be continuing to add additional information & history. Have a great idea for content or a photo to share? Let me know!

REAPPRAISAL ON WINTER HIATUS

Due to Bolton's often times difficult winter access, we are taking a short break in scheduling appointments for the Bolton's rolling reappraisal. We will start calling in late winter to schedule appointments for Duxbury Road, Mountain View Drive, Country Club Condominiums, Sharkeyville Road, and Rosewood Lane.

WHEELER TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

The annual *Wheeler Trust Scholarship* application deadline is April 30th. Overseen by the Board of Civil Authority, this scholarship annually awards funds to 1 - 5 full time college students from Bolton. See the town website for information on applying for a scholarship (under Forms & Documents) and application form, or call the town office.

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**PHOEBE TAKING HERSELF FOR A WALK
ON A TOWN ROAD!**

PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION

OF THE MONTH!

Here I am out for one of my many walks! I like to walk all around our town and find new places to explore. Can you guess how many miles of Town Highways there are in Bolton? What if you included all the State Highways too, which would be Route 2 and Interstate 89? Find out in next month's issue!

WOOF! WOOF!!

Last month's answer: The town treasure that I was pointing to is a special map of Bolton! The words on it say "Map of Bolton VT, drawn from original surveys by E. Hildreth, Burlington, September 21, 1907. Scale 25 chains to the inch." The map shows east, west, north and south, along with all of the original 50 - 400 acre lots that were laid out Bolton; that's what all the rectangles are! It also has lots labeled for "School," "Minister," "Society," "Glebe," and "Governor's Rights!" Do you think I might try to chew it? I would, because it was drawn on a big piece of leather... YUM!

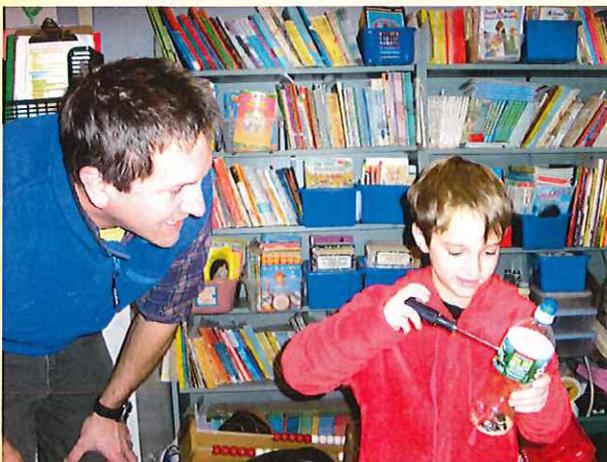


SMILIE SCHOOL NEWS

First grade math students have been learning about geometry for the past few weeks. They have learned about rectangles, trapezoids, squares and quadrilaterals. They especially enjoyed using the "Power Polygons" to create intricate designs!



First and second graders have begun learning about sound!
Students made instruments to begin exploring how sound is created and if it can be altered.



Students at Smilie were able to participate in The Hour Of Code activities during their library time. "The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries."



Students had the opportunity to work on fun puzzles and problem solving activities using technology and basic computer skills. All of the students really enjoyed this event and were actively engaged in the problems they were presented with. You can learn more about The Hour of Code at this link;

<http://hourofcode.com/us>

As it happens, our current math units in both third and fourth grades are all about measurement and angles. During math, students in both grades continued working on their coding skills by utilizing a program called LogoPaths. This program invites students to use what they know about angles, perimeter and area to solve problems related to geometry by inputting commands, (such as distance, direction and measurements of angles) and then check their results.

The students in both classes are having a great time with this and learning a lot about geometry as well as technology!



Smilie School recycles! Mrs. Cafferty's and Mrs. Cole's classes "upcycled" packaging paper into wrapping paper!



WILD GAME STEW & CHILI DINNER

VENISON, BEAR, & MOOSE

Dessert and beverage included!

Saturday, January 31st, 4 p.m. ~ 7 p.m. 

Smilie School, Bolton

Hosted by the Lake Champlain Longbeards Chapter of the
National Wild Turkey Federation

LIMITED SEATING ~ RESERVATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!

\$10 per person

\$5 for a child under 12

\$ 25 for a family of four



For reservations or more information call RON LAFRENIERE at 802-434-4274

Save the Date ~ Tuesday, February 3, 5 – 9 pm
Community Supper to Support Our Community Cares
Camp

Join the Hinesburgh Public House on the first Tuesday of
February for a special Community Supper. We will be serving
a locally sourced, four-course meal for an inclusive price of
\$20. Half of the proceeds raised from the Community Supper
will be donated to Our Community Cares Camp (OCCC).
Reservations are accepted but not required. (802) 482-5500
Vegetarian options are available!



Visit the OCCC website to learn more: www.ourcommunitycarescamp.org.
P.O. Box 503, Richmond VT 05477 434 -6006.

All donations are tax-deductible.

Please come and enjoy a meal and support your community.

*Our Community Cares Camp – Creating a Caring Community Where Every Child
Can Find Success!*

News from Camel's Hump Middle School
By Mark Carbone, Principal

Camels Hump Middle School hosted hundreds of middle-school students and their families over two nights in celebration of winter and their progress midway through the school year. At the gatherings on January 14th and 21st attendees were entertained by the talented chorus and band. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and families were also able to ice skate under the lights. Art work from all grades lined the halls of the school. Student projects were in abundance throughout classrooms and in display cases. Open house gave our students the opportunity to share their accomplishments with family and friends.

No child should have to go without meals--we know nutritious meals play a crucial role in a child's health, development and learning. Furthermore, family mealtimes and the time spent together preparing and cooking healthy foods fosters and maintains family stability--provides nourishment well beyond protein, vitamins and minerals. For the fifth year, CHMS students and teachers collected food donations for those in need. This year the efforts support two important efforts: "Break Boxes" and weekly "Food Backpacks". So far, 3-4 backpacks are given out weekly. For the winter break, 15 break boxes were distributed with each containing: 20 bananas, 15 apples, 4 lbs of cheese, 2 gallons of milk, 2 loaves of bread, cereal, granola bars, canned vegetables (corn, beans), peanut butter and jelly, fruit snacks, canned soup, applesauce/fruit cups, boxed mac and cheese, raisins, oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup, and canned tuna. We anticipate that this program will continue to grow as students learn that food is needed throughout the year for families in their community.

Mark your calendars for the annual CHMS theatrical performances, March 19, 20 and 21. We are excited to announce that this year's production is "Peter Pan". With the talents of about twenty percent of our student body involved, the show will be a huge success!

The next Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District board meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Camels Hump Middle School. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Mark Carbone, Principal, Camels Hump Middle School

News From The Richmond Land Trust

We are happy to announce that the Richmond Land Trust, on behalf of the Friends of Gillett Pond, has entered into an agreement with the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains to acquire Gillett Pond, adjacent land and the rights to the dam. The Land Trust and the Friends have until January 31 to raise \$90,000 to cover the purchase price and associated acquisition costs. We have raised \$50,000 to date but will



be heavily dependent on donations from the surrounding communities over the next few weeks. Once the \$90,000 goal has been met, we will be focused on a longer range goal of raising \$250,000 to renovate the dam. To read the Press Release [click here](#).

Please help us to preserve the Pond and send your donations (checks) to The Richmond Land Trust, PO Box 605, Richmond, VT 05477.

For more information on the Pond preservation project please contact Nancy Stoddard at gillettpond@gmail.com or by phone at 434-2048.

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BOLTON UP AND DOWN TOWN CLUB SENIOR DINNER

After the holidays do you want to just relax and have dinner served to you? Do you want to be with friends and meet new friends? Then come join fellow seniors for dinner!

When: Thursday, January 22, 2015

Where: Smilie Elementary School

Time: 5:00 PM

Menu:

Prime Rib

Baked potatoes

Fixed vegetables

Rolls and butter

Light dessert



Donations appreciated. Please RSVP to Doris at 434-3769 by January 18th



**GET YOUR 2015 DOG LICENSE &
BE ENTERED FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A FREE 2016 DOG LICENSE**

The 2015 golden bone dog tags (chosen by the Smilie School students' vote!) are in and we are ready to license your dog by April 1st. License your dog by April 1st, and be entered into the drawing to win a free 2016 dog license. Winner will be announced on April 2, 2015! A current rabies certificate is required for a license, the fee is \$11, and VT law requires licensing. There is no late fee, and we are happy to issue licenses by mail. Please contact the town office if you need more information, or get your license form (under Forms and Documents) from the town website: <http://boltonvt.com>

STILL OPEN: DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD ALTERNATE

Yes, still seeking a volunteer to serve as an alternate on the DRB. Please contact the town office if you are interested in volunteering to serve your community.

THANK YOU FROM THE MMU ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

Thanks come from the MMU Academic Boosters to the Bolton Store and Bolton Valley for their support of the 2014 – 2015 Honor Roll Rewards Program. This program recognizes the academic achievement of students who make the MMU honor roll by enlisting local businesses to offer free products or special pricing to those students. Many thanks to both the Bolton Store and Bolton Valley for their continued support of this program.

THANK YOU TO DARLENE AUTERY, VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS

A special thank you to Bolton resident Darlene Autery and volunteers for all their hard work to make the Bolton Holiday Senior baskets such a great success! Thank you to all of the generous donors who filled those baskets to the brim! Thank you all!

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