

THE BOLTON GAZETTE

THE TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

“THE LAND OF BOULDERS AND BEARS”

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THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO GREEN UP BOLTON!

Sunshine and blue skies, burgers and dogs hot off the grill, and *Woodstack*, the band, helped to make for a fantastic turn out on Green Up Day in Bolton! A big thank you to Tony Barbagallo, Green Up Day coordinator for organizing this year's festivities, to Loree Silvis and Dylan Barbagallo for manning and “woman-ing” the grill, to *Woodstack* the band for their toe tapping music, to Smilie School for hosting, to the road crew for collecting and transporting, and to everyone who helped to make Bolton cleaner and greener by picking up **1860 pounds** of roadside litter!

THANK YOU!



SEE MORE PICTURES FROM
GREEN UP DAY
ON PAGE 6!



CLERK'S CORNER

AMY GROVER • TOWN CLERK & TREASURER
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COMPLETION OF THE REAPPRAISAL CYCLE

Bolton's five year appraisal cycle is close to being completed. In early June, every property owner will receive an appraisal report via the USPS, which will include information on the grievance process (how to grieve your property's assessed value), and the new/current and prior year property values for the entire town.

Grievance hearings will be held **by appointment only**. All property owners, have the right to grieve their property's assessed value, which of course is the basis for calculating the property tax, and may grieve their property's assessed value in person or in writing.

Find out more about this formal process at:
<http://www.sec.state.vt.us/municipal/pubs/Appealing.pdf>



Preston Pond
Lady Slippers
are in full
bloom!



PHOEBE ON THE LONG TRAIL

PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION

OF THE MONTH!

You know me, spring is here and I love being in the woods and hiking with my humans! On this day we were hiking on the Long Trail north in Bolton (see the white blaze on the tree?) to check on a special place. What kind of special place? I'll give you three hints, we see it in the spring, it's wet, and there are more than one of them in Bolton! Do you have any ideas of what this special place could be?

Find out the answer in next month's issue!

WOOF! WOOF!!

Last month's answer: Did you figure out what the "mystery structure" was? If you guessed part of an old house cellar, you are wrong...if you guessed part of an old fish hatchery, you are right! Sometime, and I think it was a long time ago, there was a fish hatchery by the edge of Preston Brook, and this was part of it. I thought that was pretty neat, I didn't know that there was once a fish hatchery in Bolton!

SMILIE SCHOOL NEWS



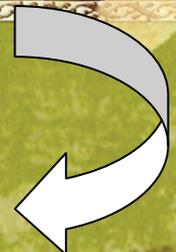
CARD SHOWER FOR ANNE LABOMBARD!

Our wonderful food manager, Anne Labombard, is retiring and moving south to a much warmer climate. Please help us celebrate Anne by participating in a card shower for her. Please send cards by JUNE 10th to Anne at Smilie School:
 2712 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
 Waterbury, VT 05676

The students in Mr. Menz’s and Ms. Cafferty’s classes have new pets! As part of our new science unit, Organisms: Life Cycles and Traits, we are taking care of 6 Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches! Madagascar is a tropical island off the coast of Africa. These insects are about 2-3 inches long and thankfully, don’t fly. The kids are having a great time taking care of them by feeding them fruit and vegetables, misting them with water (their natural habitat is a rainforest) and cleaning their cages. As part of our theme, students are using the “hissers” to learn some of characteristics of all insects, such as having 3 body parts, (head, thorax and abdomen), antennae, 6 legs and being cold blooded. The class pets don’t mind being held and really do “hiss” at times. Sadly, not all of the staff are as enamored with our “pets” as the kids are, (our librarian refuses to come into the classroom) so don’t be alarmed if you happen to see a Smilie staff member or two running down the road away from the school. It just might mean we’ve had an escape.



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LUNCH BUNCH! Students at Smilie often have “Lunch Bunches” with adults. Here’s a Lunch Bunch playing a fun-filled UNO game as they eat lunch!

HIGH FIVE FOR CHAMP! Champ, the mascot of the Lake Monsters baseball team visited Smilie School, and got us all excited about going to see a Lake Monsters’ game this summer!



AROUND THE WORLD! Smilie students enjoyed hearing local author, Linda Cruise, read her new book titled Around the World From A – Z, and hearing about different countries and their unique traditions.



BAGELS AND BOOKS! The 2nd – 4th grade classes have enjoyed our yearlong “Books and Bagels” celebrations where families, staff, and students gather together to celebrate the joy of reading with, you guessed it, bagels and books!



The Kindergarten class has been learning about poetry. Here are two class poems we wrote together...

The Fire Drill



Scared to Death
Surprised
Almost Cried
Ran out of the Bathroom
Jumped like a Jack-in-the-box
Worried
We thought it was real!
Mrs. Cole didn't tell us - AHHHHHHH!!!!

Fin the Fish

Fin swims around
Fin is blue and very nice
Fin is cute too
Fin swims across and looks at us
Fin is shy today

Let's write poetry outside so we can be inspired by nature!



**SMILIE SCHOOL NEWS WILL RETURN
IN THE FALL.
HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!**

BOLTON UP AND DOWN TOWN CLUB SENIOR DINNER

Summer BBQ season is here!

Date: Thursday, June 23, 2016

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: Bolton Fire Station

Menu: BBQ Chicken, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Carrots & Strawberry Pie

Hope we'll see you there! Doris Wheelock 434-3769



CONGRATULATIONS 2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

The Board of Civil Authority had an extremely difficult time awarding the 2016 Wheeler Trust and Town Of Bolton Scholarships this year due to the high number of very deserving, outstanding applicants. The BCA thanks each applicant for their time and effort in applying, wish all well in their academic endeavors, and recognize and congratulate this year's recipients: Gabriel Chase, Kathryn Devlin, Casey Fuller, Jordyn Gosselin, Theodore Grover and Kurtis Swahn.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR BOLTON GRADUATES!

June is graduation and recognition month and we want to congratulate and recognize our Bolton students...Smilie School 4th graders, CHMS 8th graders, MMU High School and Technical Center seniors and beyond; congratulations! Here's to your continued academic success and a lifetime love of learning.



PROPERTY TAXES

Thank you to all the property owners who have completed payment of their 15-16 property taxes. Your prompt payment allows the town to meet its financial obligations. Any unpaid taxes have had the 8% penalty and 1% interest added, and have been turned over to the Delinquent Tax Collector for collection. Some folks have asked if there is a grace period, or "way to get out of" paying the penalty and interest. The answer to that is no, unless Bolton voters vote to change that process; the due dates, penalty and interest charges were all approved by Bolton voters at Town Meeting 2016.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Linda Benoit for donating a beautiful Gardner Lane landscape painting of a stream and our Green Mountains to the Town Office. Stop by to see it!



BOLTON GAZETTE INFORMATION

Reminder: The deadline for submissions in the 15th of the previous month for the following month's edition. We welcome all submissions in any format: stories, news, art, photographs! For submission or 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.



**SCENES FROM
CELEBRATING
GREEN UP DAY
2016!**





Once again, Smilie students took their annual walk to the East Bolton cemetery where they were honored to place American flags at the graves of Bolton's veterans in time for Memorial Day.



With our thanks to Betty Wheelock, Cemetery Commissioner, for arranging for the purchase of the flags.



*And I love you
- you navy blue
like, size garden
for all fans*