

THE BOLTON GAZETTE

THE TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

“THE LAND OF BOULDERS AND BEARS”

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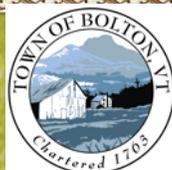
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A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE TOWN OF BOLTON!

The faculty and staff of Smilie Memorial School want to express our appreciation for your continued generosity and support. We love being an integral part of the Bolton community. Your children inspire us and we sincerely enjoy working with them and watching them grow both socially and academically through their elementary years and beyond. Please know that you are encouraged and welcome to visit the school at any time.



CLERK'S CORNER

AMY GROVER • TOWN CLERK & TREASURER
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REMINDER – DOG LICENSES ARE DUE BY APRIL 1, 2014

A current rabies certificate is required for a license, and the fee is \$11. There is no late fee, and we are happy to issue licenses by mail. License your dog by April 1, 2014 and be entered into the drawing to win a free 2015 dog license. Winner will be announced on April 2, 2014! Please contact the town office if you need more information, and please remember Bolton does have an Animal Control Ordinance in effect.

REAPPRAISAL IN WEST BOLTON GETTING BACK UNDERWAY

We have started calling this month to begin scheduling appointments again after the winter hiatus. Appointments are scheduled on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

WHEELER TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

TOWN OF BOLTON SHIRTS

Forest green Town of Bolton T-shirts (perfect for summer!) and sweatshirts are for sale at the town office. "Town of Bolton" is printed in white on the left front, as is the town seal that is printed on the back. Call for sizing and pricing information!



PHOEBE VISITS THE TOWN VAULT!

PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION

OF THE MONTH!

Have you ever visited the town vault? The vault is a special small fireproof room inside the town office made of concrete and metal! The vault is where the town stores all kinds of important papers, like birth and marriage certificates, maps, and land records. If your family lived in Bolton when you were born, your original birth certificate is in the vault! Can you guess what year is on the oldest birth certificate in the vault? Find out in next month's issue!

WOOF! WOOF!!

Last month's answer: That building is the *Bolton Lodge*! It was built by the Green Mountain Club in 1928 as a shelter for hikers on the *Long Trail*, and was built to look like an English cottage with a thatched roof! The lodge is located on the state owned "Nordic Lands" at Bolton Valley. Read more about the Bolton Lodge on page 8!

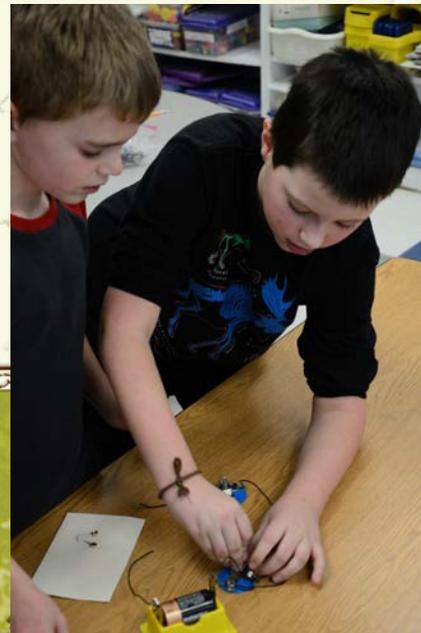
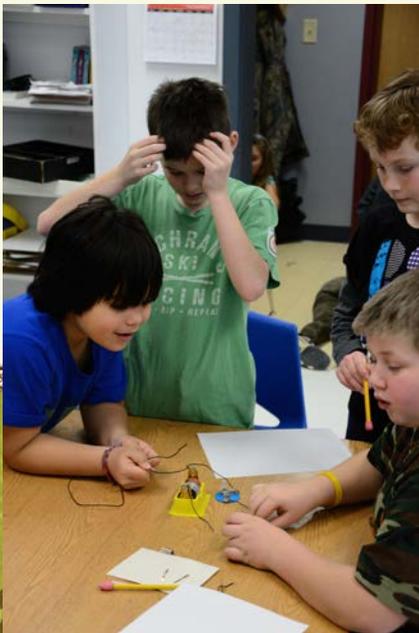
SMILIE SCHOOL NEWS

PRE-SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION Smilie Memorial School 2014-2015

The Pre-school is open to children who reach their 3rd or 4th birthday on or before September 1, 2014. The Kindergarten is open to children who reach their 5th birthday on or before September 1, 2014. Registration packets are available by calling Sherry Mahoney at school, 434-2757. Birth certificates and immunization records are required.

We've Been Having an Electrifying Time In the 3rd And 4th Grade!

Our most current science unit was Electricity. The essential question asked was; "How does electricity flow?" Students brainstormed what they knew about electricity and then tried to make a bulb light with 1 piece of wire and 1 battery. They discovered that electricity travels through a continuous loop or "circuit." Students also experimented with different objects that allow electricity to pass through them (conductors) as well as objects that did not allow electricity to pass through (insulators). They played a game on the Smartboard that focused on electrical safety. Students learned that light switches worked by either allowing electricity to flow or by interrupting the electrical circuit. They examined several different types of light bulbs and discovered that even though they looked different, they essentially had all of the same parts, i.e., filament, glass support, threaded base and a clay insulator, although they needed different numbers of batteries to make them light. We learned that a regular 120 volt bulb required at least 20 "D" size batteries just to make it glow while 3 "D" sized batteries was enough to make a 1.5 volt bulb burn out. Students worked in pairs to try to make several bulbs light with one battery and then had the option to make complex circuits with multiple bulbs and batteries. The class examined a cut-away flashlight to see the how it worked. Afterwards each student had the opportunity to build their own flashlight using what they had learned during this unit of study. We then partnered with Ms. Cafferty's class who had been researching famous inventors. Our culminating activity was to integrate these two units and have the students create "Electronic Quiz Boards" that their peers could use to learn about the inventors.



TOWN MEETING 2014 WRAP UP**MONDAY MARCH 3, 2014 TOWN MEETING**

Over 100 people attended Town Meeting and many of those came earlier to enjoy our traditional community potluck dinner. There were some divinely  delectable entrees this year, along with what will be the new traditional Town Meeting cake! As usual our representatives Rebecca Ellis and Tom Stevens were on hand, and it was interesting to hear from them that representing Bolton has really given them a window into understanding the financial struggles that small schools are facing – in our case, Smilie School. Rebecca and Tom reiterated their accessibility, and that residents were welcome to contact them anytime with questions or concerns; Rebecca: 802-839-0515 or ellisvermont@yahoo.com and Tom: 244-4164 or tstevens@leg.state.vt.us

Thanks to technology and Steve Peery's expertise, we enjoyed presenting Deb Lariviere with the 2014 Good Citizen of the Year award via Facetime to her at her and Arnie's home in Nevada! Thanks to Steve for arranging, to Deb's children Kate Gagner and Mark Lariviere for attending and accepting the actual award on Deb's behalf, and to Select Board chair Ron Lafreniere for presenting. We know we surprised Deb, and she handled the surprise with her usual grace and good humor. Congratulations Deb!

The town budget of \$849,900 passed from the floor without question or comment. All other articles (town and school) also passed without question or comment.

TUESDAY MARCH 4, 2014, AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING RESULTS

296 people out of 934 registered voters came to the polls to vote. All of the school & town officers in uncontested races were re-elected:

Joss Besse – Town and School Moderator; one year

Andrew Pond – School Director; three years

Amy Turner – School Director; two years



Linde Emerson – Lister; three years

Amy Grover – Town Clerk & Treasurer; three years

Amy Grover – Town Agent and Grand Juror; one year

Joan Pecor – Delinquent Tax Collector; one year

Betty Wheelock, Penny Tinker, Cheryl Mendicino – Cemetery Commissioners; three years

Town Constable – Christopher LaBerge was appointed to the office of Constable at the March 10th Select Board meeting, and will be responsible for addressing animal control issues in Bolton. There were no candidates that ran for this office, so we thank Chris for stepping forward to serve in this capacity for our town. You can reach Chris at 802-598-1698 for animal control complaints, issues or concerns.

Contested races:

Select Board – two years remaining on a three year term: Sharon Murray elected with 198 votes, David Parot, 98 votes.

Select Board – two year term: Jen Dudley-Gaillard elected with 194  votes, Tom May, 102 votes.

Conservation Fund ¼ cent: approved: 155 (yes) to 140 (no)

Smilie School Budget approved: 156 (yes) to 135 (no)

MMU District Budget defeated: 1471 (yes) to 1573 (no)

Information on the MMU District budget revote will be made available as soon as there is notification of the date from CESU central office.

Petition regarding preserving the right to own and bear arms brought forward by Tom Benoit approved: 51 (yes) to 29 (no) to ask the Select Board to consider and act upon the petition as written. (See the Town Meeting minutes on the town of Bolton website if you would like more information on the petition wording and the town meeting discussion.)

TOWN MEETING THANK YOUS!

Thank you to all who participated in our town meeting and cast their ballots, and thank you to...Smilie School for hosting our meeting, Debbie Nadeau, Eric Andrews and Corky Armstrong for their help in setting up, Steve Peery for his technological and sound system expertise, microphone runners Casey and Hayden Fuller, and Andrew Gervia, babysitters Carly Hanson, Margaret Thompson and Miranda Grover, T shirt seller Ted Grover, and especially to our poll workers and election officials; Linde Emerson, Susan Bralich, Paula Gervia, Brenda McKeown, Carol Devlin, Jen Andrews, Tim Grover, Ron Lafreniere, Gene Armstrong, Dan Champney, Rod Wheelock, and Josh Arneson.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION & THANKS...

...Go to our former Select Board members Dan Champney and Rod Wheelock for their commitment and service to our town during their terms of office. Thank you Dan and Rod. To all the candidates who ran for office ~ win or lose, we appreciate that you stepped forward to seek office and serve our town, thank you.

ACCEPTING BIDS FOR TOWN MOWING CONTRACT

The town is accepting bids for the town mowing contract for 2014: the town garage, fire station, & town office – mowing and trimming. Bids must be submitted in writing to the town office by 4 p.m. Monday, April 7, 2014.

SENIOR DINNER NEWS – FAITH AND BEGORRAH 'TIS IRISH!

Come enjoy some traditional Irish fare!

Date: Thursday, March 27, 2014

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Bolton Fire Station

Menu: Corned beef & cabbage, boiled potatoes & carrots, Irish soda bread, key lime pie.

While we aren't expecting any leprechauns, we are expecting a representative from CVAA to join us.

Questions? Call Doris at 434-3769



Please see the Richmond Community Senior Center Spring program Calendar on page 8 of the Gazette for upcoming programs.

YOUR TOWN NEEDS YOU! YES...STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

To serve as Alternates on the Development Review Board. Please contact the town office.

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 boltingazette@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 boltingazette@gmavt.net!

OUR COMMUNITY CARES CAMP IS TICKLED PINK



Linda Parent and Marie Thomas were pleased to accept a check for \$1,200 on behalf of OCCC from Tickled Pink representatives Holly Scudder Chase, Byrd Prentiss and their long-legged friends recently. Tickled Pink raised the money to support OCCC's summer food service program and enrichment camp that serves children from Bolton, Richmond, & Huntington through the sale of their whimsical calendar featuring pink flamingoes visiting iconic local locations throughout the year.

Left to right: Holly, Linda, Marie, & Byrd

CHMS Students Continue Academic Exploration

By Mark Carbone, Principal, Camels Hump Middle School

The second half of the school year has begun--students and teachers of Camels Hump Middle School continue their academic exploration. As principal, I have the privilege to report on the outcome of these efforts. From test scores to campus programs to community connections, our students engage in robust learning on and off campus.

Recent New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) tests scores of CHMS 8th graders resulted in 58% *Proficient with Distinction* or *Proficient* which is higher than the district (54%) and statewide (33%) results. CHMS science scores are ranked fifth in Vermont when compared with schools of similar size and demographics. When we correlate our school's results to the results of the **Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS)** we find that CHMS science scores are higher than the TIMSS average, the High Benchmark, and the scores of 43 other countries. In math, CHMS scores are higher than the TIMSS average and the scores of 41 other countries (five countries in the Pacific Rim scored higher). TIMSS provides reliable and timely data on the mathematics and science achievement of U.S. 4th- and 8th-grade students compared to that of students in other countries. In 2011, more than 60 countries including the United States, participated in TIMSS.

Partnerships continue with a variety of community groups and agencies as part of the CHMS science and social studies curriculums: Vermont Amphibians/Reptile Atlas, Vernal Pool Association, Monitor Barn, and the Richmond Conservation Commission. The after-school Engineering/Robotics Alliance program gives students the opportunity to work alongside engineers from Richmond business, Greensea Systems, as well as IBM of Essex. CHMS students participate in the Odyssey of the Mind (OM) annual competition which encourages students to think divergently by providing open-ended problems that appeal to a wide range of interests. OM Students learn how to identify challenges and to think creatively to solve those problems. In 2013, three teams from CHMS competed at the national level.

In its second year, the mountain biking after school program affords CHMS students the opportunity to explore local and area communities under the supervision of teachers and parent volunteers. Over 200 students participate in the CHMS music program, consisting of various grade level bands, a jazz band, grade level choruses and a select chorus. CHMS students play in large numbers on one of the numerous sports or intramural teams: cross country running, boys' and girls' soccer, field hockey, intramural basketball, intramural flag football, intramural field hockey, and intramural kick ball. Our students also have the opportunity to work academically after-school in homework club.

We are always looking for help with after-school programs for our students. If you have a knack for knitting or a love of Legos, give me a call to discuss the endless possibilities. I can be reached by phone 434-2188 or email mark.carbone@cesu.k12.vt.us.

Here is the schedule.

The Richmond Community Senior Center
Serving Richmond, Bolton, Huntington
Spring 2014 Program Calendar
Programs open to all!

Fun and Free!!

Unless otherwise noted, the programs will be held in the Community Room of the Richmond Free Library and run from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Light refreshments are provided.



Should you require transportation, please call:

Jean: 434-3822 or John / Pam: 434-3658 (Richmond)
Debbie: 434-3169 (Huntington)

Wed., March 19: "A Travelogue about Bhutan" - Presented by Jim Hagan

Wed., April 2: Spring Fever Movie ~ "Notorious" with Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman
Time: 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Free popcorn!

Wed., April 23: A visit to the Emile A. Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd, Jericho
Enjoy a preview of a show by Harald Aksdal, a Vermont artist who does detailed landscapes in watercolor and pen and ink. Harald will talk about his work and also present a hands-on activity for the audience.

You can see some of Harald's work at www.aksdalart.com

Travel options: Meet us inside the library no later than 12:40 to carpool, or drive directly to the Gallery by 1:00 p.m.



Wed., May 7: Spring Fever Movie ~ "Top Hat" with Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers
Time: 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Free popcorn!

Wed., May 21: Marijke Niles discusses Perennial Gardens
A Master Gardener and owner of Marijke's Perennial Gardens Plus in Starksboro, Marijke will speak about native plants and butterflies.

Wed., May 28: "Into the 20th Century" - A Piano Recital Preview
7:30 p.m. in the Richmond Free Library Community Room
This fundraiser for the Richmond Community Senior Center will feature local pianists under the tutelage of local instructor Norine Grant. Suggested donation: \$10

Wed., June 4: Spring Fever Movie ~ "Adam's Rib" with Spencer Tracy & Katherine Hepburn
Time: 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Free popcorn!

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P.O. Box 508
Richmond, VT 05477
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Wed., June 18: TBA

BOLTON LODGE CONTINUED... The relocation of the Long Trail in 1984 stranded the Bolton Lodge far off the trail, but the Green Mountain Club is planning (with help from some other groups!) to *restore* the lodge and to even to find a way to unite it with the Long Trail again by a *side trail*. So, sometime in the not too distant future, the Bolton Lodge will once again be welcoming and sheltering hikers and skiers! And maybe some 4 legged friends too! **WOOF!**