

THE BOLTON GAZETTE

THE TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

“THE LAND OF BOULDERS AND BEARS”

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WEST BOLTON FIREWORKS & COOKOUT

Mark your calendars for the Streeter’s annual
Fireworks Display and Cook Out on July 12th!

John Streeter will begin collecting donations towards the cost of the fireworks on Memorial Day weekend ~ look for the donation jars at local stores. Donations are also welcome by mail ~ send to John Streeter, 30 Cemetery Road, Jericho, VT 05465. For more information please contact John at 434-6454, or Vicky at 310-8876.

Thank you, hope to see you there!



BARLEY GRACIOUSLY

ACCEPTS HER AWARD

Thank you to Barley and her “human” Margaret Bonham, for registering with the town by April 1st! Not only did Barely get her blue 2014 shield shaped tag (chosen by vote of Bolton’s Smilie students!), but by registering by April 1st she was entered into and won the drawing for the free 2015 dog license! Congratulations Barley!



CLERK'S CORNER

AMY GROVER • TOWN CLERK & TREASURER
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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 (Bolton does not charge a late fee) and requires proof of current rabies.

We have completed making reminder phone calls, and have turned the current list of unregistered dogs over to the Town Constable, Chris LaBerge for follow up. You can contact Chris at 802-598-1698 about registering your dog, or about animal control issues. Thank you to Chris for already responding to multiple animal control issue calls this spring.

NEW IDLING LAW

Vermont has passed a new idling law. Drivers who leave their car idling for more than five minutes run the risk of being fined. There are safety exemptions. See more information at:


<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullsection.cfm?Title=23&Chapter=013&Section=01110>

ROUTE 2 RECLAMATION PROJECT

As I'm sure you have all noticed, the Route 2 reclamation project is underway! Updates for the week are posted on the town's website and Facebook page, and on Front Porch Forum. Completion is expected in mid to late August. While we all recognize that the construction delays and varied surfaces can be frustrating, the end result of being able to say goodbye to those Route 2 potholes is most welcome!



PHOEBE ENJOYS A JOINER BROOK SWIM

PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION

OF THE MONTH!

I love to swim, do you? I really like to swim in Joiner Brook near my house, but sometimes “my humans” say it’s too cold to go in! They won’t even put their paws in! Silly them! What do you think the water temperature of Joiner Brook is this time of year? Find out in next month’s issue!

WOOF! WOOF!!

Last month’s answer: There are 149 road signs on the Bolton Valley Access Road! Did you even think there were that many? I sure didn’t! Can you guess why they are there? If your answer included the word “safety,” you are right! All the signs help to keep everyone using the road safe by letting users know about curves & stops, and reminding users of rules, especially speed limits and where you can park! Parking is really important – especially as it starts to get warmer and people start swimming at the Bolton Potholes and other places along Joiner Brook! Please remember that nobody can park on the “traveled portion” of the road. That is not safe for anyone, and risks getting your vehicle towed away!

SMILIE SCHOOL NEWS

SMILIE SCHOOL CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY

For our Arbor Day celebration this year, Smilie School students helped to plant a new Japanese Crabapple tree on the playground. Just as the tree was planted it started to pour, giving our new tree the water it needed to get a wonderful start. Many thanks to Virginia Haviland and all of the parent volunteers who helped to make this Arbor Day tree planting happen!



SMILIE READS! PROGRAM...WE ARE "DRIVEN TO READ 2014"

Students at Smilie got revved up to read during their annual Smilie READS program. This year the theme is "Driven To Read"! Not only do students get to read lots of great books during Smilie READS, but they get to keep two books forever and meet some local race car drivers like Kyle Streeter and Jen Getty! Smilie READS comes to an end on May 19th; every Smilie student will get to sign Kyle Streeter's race car! Look for Kyle and Jen at Thunder Road! Thanks to everyone for helping to foster Smilie students' love of reading!



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MRS. CAFFERTY AND MR. MENZ - GRADES 2, 3 & 4

During the past few weeks the 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders in Ms. Cafferty's and Mr. Menz's class have been studying "organisms" for our science unit.

We learned that any living thing is an organism and that all organisms have a life cycle and structures that help them to survive.

We learned the difference between habits and ecosystems. A habitat is a specific place where an organism lives and an ecosystem is not just the place but the interactions between other organisms as well as non-living things within that habitat.

Students learned the difference between food chains and food webs. Both food chains and food webs contain "producers," organisms that can make their own food, such as a plants, and "consumers," organisms that eat those plants (herbivores), organisms that eat other animals (carnivores) and organisms that eat both plants and animals (omnivores).

Students had the opportunity to model a food web on paper and discovered that without "producers" the web falls apart.

We spent some time outside trying to identify organisms within the ecosystem around Smilie School and then trying to determine the structures that help those organisms survive. Some examples include the bark on a tree and the wings on a bird.



BOLTON UP AND DOWN TOWN CLUB SENIOR DINNER

A group of MMU students would like to honor us with their time and cooking expertise by preparing a lasagna dinner for our meal this month! Thank you MMU students!

Date: Thursday, May 22, 2014

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: Bolton Fire Station

Menu: Lasagna, chicken caccitore, salad, garlic bread, and dessert

See you there! Doris Wheelock 434-3769

THANK YOU TO BOLTON VOTERS AND POLL WORKERS

Thank you to the 151 registered voters who came to the polls to cast their ballots on the MMU Union District #17 budget reconsideration. Voters approved the \$27,573,796 budget 1858 - 1012.

And...thank you to our poll workers; Carol Devlin, Linde Emerson, Brenda Mckeown, and Paula Gervia, our poll "setter-uppers" Eric Andrews and Corky Armstrong, our BCA ballot transporters and counters, Josh Arneson and Ron Lafreniere, our poll worker pizza deliverers, Andrew and Mike Gervia, and last but not least, Smilie School for sharing their space with us.

PEREGRINE FALCONS NESTING IN BOLTON

As many of you know, Bolton's soaring cliffs are prime nesting sites for Peregrine Falcons. Please be aware that access to some cliffs is restricted during the Peregrine Falcons' breeding/nesting season (April - July/August) to minimize human disturbance and maximize the chance of chicks being fledged. Please be aware and watch for warning signs indicating nesting sites. Learn more about the Peregrine Falcon's recovery in Vermont at <http://vt.audubon.org/peregrine-falcon-recovery-project>

WHAT ARE THE "WARRANTS" THE SELECT BOARD IS ALWAYS SIGNING?

No, they are not the warrants for arrests! Signing a "warrant" or an "order" simply authorizes and instructs the town treasurer to pay the town's bills. The treasurer has no independent authority to disburse money without a signed warrant. Review of warrants prior to signing gives the Select Board the opportunity to scrutinize every penny being spent, or to even disallow an expenditure. As with any other action or decision, the Select Board must act together to approve and sign a warrant. That means that no single member may authorize payment and that the board (or a quorum of the board) must meet and concur to sign a warrant, providing for a system of checks and balances with the town's expenditures.

ANCIENT ROADS IN BOLTON

The Select Board is currently reviewing options the town has to identify or to formally discontinue Bolton's ancient roads, or a portion thereof. What are your thoughts about Bolton's ancient roads? Do you have an ancient road on your property? Would you like to assist the Select Board in this process? Time is limited – the deadline to add “unidentified corridors” to the town highway map is February 2015, and the process is complicated. Please contact the town office if you would like to give your input or assist.

THANK YOU

“My apologies for not sending this to the Gazette sooner...I want to thank the town of Bolton for the lovely flowers and cards that I received when I had my recent surgery. I enjoyed looking at them, they brightened my day! I would also like to say thank you to Amy for her cards and visit. Thank you!” Joan Pecor

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!

Spring Is Here, CHMS Boasts Four Environmental Awards, and Successful PROSPER Program

By Mark Carbone, Camel's Hump Middle School Principal

Spring is finally here, and with it comes warmer weather and longer days. The season gives Camels Hump Middle School students ample opportunity for exploration and discovery.

Students will be working on amphibian crossing species inventory and rescue on Sherman Hollow Road and Wes White Hill Road in Huntington for the Huntington Conservation Commission and Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas Program.

Three teams of CHMS students will be travelling west with CHMS teacher, Maryann Horton, to Iowa State University for a competition at the National level

of Odyssey of the Mind (OM). OM students compete by solving problems creatively, using their imaginations, while learning skills that will provide them with the ability to solve problems large and small.



This season's athletic activities include inter scholastic baseball and softball as well as after school mountain biking.

The community gardens at CHMS offer students, staff and members of the community the opportunity to get their hands dirty while connecting with nature and learning life skills. Volunteers are needed for this summer. Please consider a one week commitment to weed, water, and nurture the gardens.

Should you have leftovers after splitting home perennials, we are always looking for additions to the campus gardens. Please contact the school to arrange a drop off.

Spring weather means the school's solar array is ramping up production. Over \$46,000 has been saved over the past two years as a result of this technology.

The MMU school board meets on June 12th at 7pm at Camels Hump Middle School. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

I am pleased to share that CHMS has won four prestigious environmental awards this school year: Energy Star, Vermont Green Ribbon, Vermont Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence and National Green Ribbon.



Camels Hump Middle School was **Energy Star** recognized as being one of the top 25% of schools in the country in terms of energy efficiency. Congressman Peter Welch and EPA Representative Michael Kenyon were part of an awards ceremony presenting Energy Star flags to each of the 11 schools that "met or exceeded rigorous standards for healthy ventilation, thermal comfort, and lighting quality." This event marked the launch of Project Green School, a statewide collaborative designed to help Vermont's K-12 schools move to a more sustainable energy future.

One of three **Vermont Green Ribbon** Schools for 2014, CHMS was chosen for being exemplary in reducing environmental impact and costs; improving the health and wellness of students and staff; and providing effective environmental and sustainability education.

The **Vermont Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence** recognizes the actions taken to conserve and protect natural resources, prevent pollution, and promote environmental sustainability; which in turn, contributes significantly to protecting the environment, conserving energy and reducing the production of greenhouse gases. CHMS was one of forty-eight schools nationwide to be honored with the US Department of Education **Green Ribbon** School Award. The award honors schools for "demonstrating ways to simultaneously cut costs, improve health, and engage students with hands-on learning that prepares them with the thinking skills necessary to be successful in college and careers."

We have had a very successful pilot initiative this spring. CHMS, in partnership with UVM Extension and PROSPER Partnerships, offered the APEX program to provide hands-on learning opportunities through evidence-based programs. Participants experienced a weekly seven-session program which included family dinner, games and activities, and childcare for younger siblings. For a portion of the time, parents attended workshops on topics such as setting limits and computer/Internet safety, while the student group learned about saying no, advocacy, and problem solving. Participating families enjoyed quality time together; parents gained more confidence in their parenting and communication skills; and students had fun and learned tips for surviving and thriving in middle school.

Since the pilot program was such a success, we would like to continue to offer this program to more CHMS families. To help support this program, and enjoy a fun night out at the ballpark watching the Vermont Lake Monsters game, discounted tickets are available for \$6 to the game on Wednesday, June 18th at 7:05pm at Centennial Field in Burlington. A portion of the proceeds will go toward the CHMS/PROSPER program. If you have questions about tickets or game night, phone 802.655.6611.



Artists in Huntington, Richmond, Bolton, and all CESU towns!

Imagine having a photo of your artwork on a 2015 calendar!

The Community Center in Jericho publishes and sells a wonderful calendar each year as a fund-raiser. The focus for next year's will be LOCAL ART.: 13 photos of artwork by artists in the CESU will be featured.

Calendars are 11 by 8 1/2 inches, in full color, one photo per month. Your photograph can be the art itself or you can photograph a sculpture, painting, weaving, or whatever art you create. Entries will be judged and chosen by a committee of the CCJ.

Deadline for submission of photos is June 13. This first step is to send in a 4x6 photo for the committee to use in judging; send to J. Blake, 18 Leary Rd. Jericho, VT 05465. If your entry is chosen you will be asked to send a photo as either a pdf file or a jpeg - 200 to 300 pixels (preferred) per inch is best. Email

juliyablake@comcast.net if you have questions. It will be a great calendar!

