

THE BOLTON GAZETTE

THE TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

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THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO GREEN UP BOLTON!

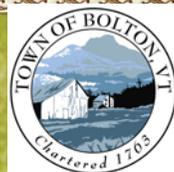
Sunshine and blue skies, burgers and dogs hot off the grill, and Woodstack, the band, helped to make for a fantastic turn out on Green Up Day in Bolton! A big thank you to Tony Barbagallo, Green Up Day coordinator for organizing this year's festivities, to Loree Silvis and Darlene Autery for manning (woman-ing?) the grill, to Woodstack the band for to their toe tapping music, and to everyone who helped Bolton cleaner and greener by picking up roadside litter! **THANK YOU!**



SALE OF THE PRESTON LAFRENIERE HOMESTEAD

The Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and the Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services are again requesting bid proposals for the purchase of the 30 acre Lafreniere property. The property is located in Camel's Hump State Park on the southwest corner of Duxbury and Honey Hollow Roads and includes approximately 25 acres of woodlands, several acres of open meadow, and an early 19th century farmhouse. The property will be sold subject to restrictions that would prohibit further subdivision and development, and protect the open space and historic character of the property.

The property will be open for inspection on **Wednesday, May 27, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon**. The deadline for submittal of proposals to the Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services is 4:00 P.M. on **June 10, 2015**. For more information see the sales brochure at: <http://bgs.vermont.gov/propman/landsale/preston-lafreniereproperty>



CLERK'S CORNER

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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 current list of unregistered dogs has been turned over to the Town Constable for follow up.

THE WINNER OF THE 2016 FREE DOG LICENSE, LAZARUS!



Lazarus (his humans are John and Lindsay Parnagian) graciously posed with his award!

THE FINAL INSTALLMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES IS DUE ON MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015

Reminder: late payments of the final installment of property taxes incur an immediate 8% late penalty and are turned over to the delinquent tax collector for collection. There is no grace period. May 18, 2015 postmarks are accepted as on time.



PHOEBE VISITS SMILIE SCHOOL

PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION

OF THE MONTH!

We have such a great name for our school, don't we? SMILIE MEMORIAL SCHOOL! It sounds like the happiest school in America! But do you know why it has the name Smilie? Did you think that it was spelled Smiley? Find out about Smilie Memorial School's name in next month's issue! **WOOF! WOOF!!**



Last month's answer: Green Up Day celebrated its 45th anniversary in 2015! Can you believe it? That's 45 years of making Bolton & Vermont a greener, cleaner state...thank you for helping to keep Bolton & Vermont green & beautiful!

SMILIE SCHOOL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

On World Autism Awareness Day, April 2nd, the Kindergarten class participated in the international **Light It Up Blue** celebration. All around the world thousands of landmarks, communities, businesses and homes participated by shining blue lights in support of the millions of individuals and families affected by autism. The Smilie Kindergarten class dressed in blue to show our support!



The snow is gone at Smilie School and despite the colder than normal weather and occasional flakes (of that which will not be spoken of), spring is finally here!! To celebrate, the whole school was able to spend the day repotting plants in preparation for our garden and the upcoming plant and yard sale on May 16th. Thank you to Virginia Haviland, Amy Poor and Mary Woodruff for sharing their gardening skills and patience. We're looking forward to seeing you all on the 16th at the 9th annual Smilie School Plant/Yard/Bake Sale!



9th Annual Smilie Memorial School Plant/Yard/Bake Sale Saturday May 16th, 9 a.m. -2 p.m., rain or shine



Where: Smilie School Parking Lot or Gymnasium (in case of rain)

- Yard Sale: \$15 for a yard sale spot, contact: Leslie at lesliepelch@gmail.com or 882-3002. Send check with contact info to: 2321 Notch Rd., Bolton, VT 05465.
- Plants for Sale: Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplant, Zinnias and Marigolds grown with Smilie students!
- UVM Extension Master Gardener Advice Table
- Food for sale and free activities for kids
- Live Music with Bolton's own Woodstack



Enjoy a day with the community while emptying your closets of outgrown items and filling your gardens with locally grown plants. All proceeds support the Smilie Community Association which supports extracurricular activities, field trips, the Smilie Garden, and teacher's expenses!



CHMS UPDATE

Spring is here at last, and with it comes warmer weather, muddy roads, and longer days. At this time of year, students at Camels Hump Middle School have more time for exploration and discovery on campus, in the community and on field trips.

Hearty congratulations to CHMS student, Ben Weinstein, who recently took third place in the Vermont Scripps National Spelling Competition at St. Michaels College. Ben competed against 37 students from across the state, all who won their school's competition.

The Camels Hump Middle School Junior Iron Chef team used their culinary skills to prepare a dinner for the weekly Richmond "Friday Food Affair." For their first public cooking experience, the team cooked, plated and served 68 guests to a menu of Caesar salad, roasted roots, chili rellenos, and apple crisp—made with local ingredients. This year's Junior Iron Chef Team members are Layla Drinkwater, Jesse Freegard, Adyen Dube, Tony Fuller; their instructor is CESU food service director, David Horner.

Field trips at this time of year give students the opportunity to learn outside the classroom. CHMS sixth graders will soon make the annual trek to Ottawa, Canada. In May, Team Sequoia will explore the Nulhegan Basin, part of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Our 8th graders travel to Lowell, Massachusetts to explore the woolen mills as part of their studies of the industrial revolution.

Again this spring, CHMS educator Sandy Fary and her 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.



The MMMUSD board meets at 6:30 pm on May 4th at Camels Hump Middle School. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Thank you for your time,
Mark Carbone, Principal

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BOLTON UP AND DOWN TOWN CLUB SENIOR DINNER

Are you looking forward to summer cookouts?

Let's get it started!



Date: Thursday, May 28, 2015

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: Bolton Fire Station

Menu: Hot Dogs, Pasta Salad, Fruit Salad, Chips, Pickles, and Strawberry Shortcake for dessert!

See you there! Doris Wheelock 434-3769

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in environmental issues (e.g. erosion, landscaping), planning for emergencies (e.g., floods, washouts) or community building? If so, please contact Carol Devlin in the Town Office at 434-3064 ext. 221. There may be several opportunities in these areas developing in the next few months.

FUNDING FOR FAILED POTABLE WATER & SEPTIC SYSTEMS

The Agency of Natural Resources has a new funding opportunity for the repair and/or replacement of failed on site potable water and septic systems. For more information on eligibility and how to apply, contact Bryan Redmond at 802-585-4900 or by email: bryan.redmond@state.vt.us

REAPPRAISAL VISITS TAKING A MAY HIATUS

Reappraisal visits by Bolton's Assessor and Assessor Assistant will be on hiatus in May as they work to complete Bolton's 2015 Grand List.

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!