

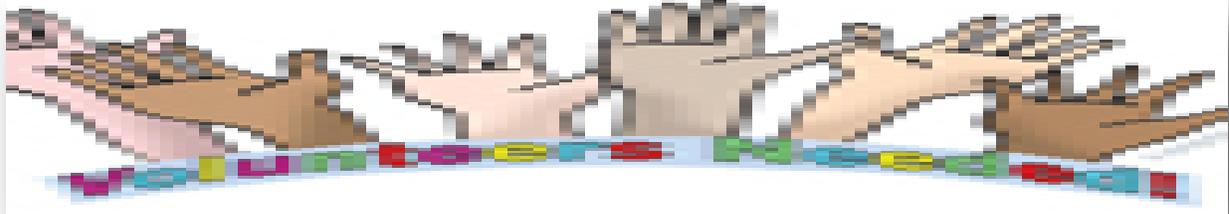


OUR TOWN

SERVING THE VILLAGES OF BALTIC, HANOVER, AND VERSAILLES

IN THE BEAUTIFUL SHETUCKET RIVER VALLEY

Information & News for October 2014



Save the Our Town... VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Did you know that the Our Town is collated every month by unpaid volunteers? Unfortunately, the volunteer pool has dwindled and it has become very hard to keep the publication going out to the townspeople.

We need you... You don't have to commit to come every week; come and volunteer for the morning or for an hour. I appreciate whatever time that you can give. We are asking community organizations, readers, townspeople young and old, to come and help collate the Our Town, the more volunteers that show up, the quicker the process goes. Bring a dish to share and we can make it a social occasion.

We will be collating the next issue on Saturday, October 25, starting at 10am at the Town Hall. Call Elizabeth @860-204-6286 to sign up.



THANK YOU!

Newsletter Deadline:

There will be no late submissions accepted for the Our Town. As a reminder, the Our Town deadline is the 15th of every month. The newsletter will be collated on Saturday, October 25 for the November issue, we will meet at the Town Hall at 10 am. Contact Elizabeth for details. If interested in volunteering email Elizabeth @ Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com

From the Desk of the First Selectman

Well it is that time of year when the trees are adorned with color, the air is crisp with apples and cider filling refrigerators and pumpkins decorating our front porches.

This has been a very busy construction season for the Town, we have finished working on the garage and are planning an open house for you to see the beautiful work done to update Shetucket Village (this will be completed early November). This open house has been pushed back to the middle of November.

We have started to work on Pautipaug Hill Rd and hope to complete this project before the snow flies! The bridge near Dimitri's is being replaced with the work being funded by the State. The current target date for completion has been moved up to December 2014. There is also a new pavilion contracted by the state that was recently finished at Salt Rock Campground.

We continue to work on roadside mowing, and will be rebuilding a few headwalls and cleaning out some of the swales in preparation for winter. Please be mindful of the workers when you are driving around.

Please enjoy the fabulous colors that currently are adorning our roadsides!

As always thanks for your support.

Cathy Osten ~ First Selectman

Absentee Ballots

On or after October 6th, absentee ballots will be available for the November 4th election.

You may also request Permanent Absentee ballot status if you are permanently disabled.

This requires a note from your Doctor and a completed Absentee Ballot Application.

Please call or stop into the Town Clerk's Office (822-3000 ext. 220) to request an application or for more info.

Thank You, Jen Synnett

Open Positions as of 10/1/2014

Zoning Board of Appeals Two alternate members	Recreation Committee Unlimited numbers allowed
Inland Wetlands One regular member Two alternate member	Baltic Mills Committee Unlimited numbers allowed
Economic Development Commission Five regular members	OUR TOWN VOLUNTEERS: UNLIMITED NUMBER WELCOME

Sprague Democratic Town Committee

In August, the DTC endorsed the following candidates running for election November 4, 2014:

Dannel P. Malloy	-	Governor
Nancy Wyman	-	Lieutenant Governor
Joe Courtney	-	U.S. Representative
Catherine Osten	-	State Senator 19 th District
Brian Sear	-	State Representative 47 th District
Denise Merrill	-	Secretary of State
Denise L. Nappier	-	Treasurer
Kevin Lembo	-	Comptroller
George Jepson	-	Attorney General
Kathleen Boushee	-	Registrar of Voters

"The endorsements made by the Sprague DTC reflect our enthusiastic support of the full field of Democratic Candidates on the ballot in 2014. We are particularly pleased to support the candidacy of our home grown State Senator and Town Committee member Cathy Osten whom we feel has done a great job and should be returned to that position. Similarly, the endorsement of the entire slate—Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, Joe Courtney and Brian Sear—as well as the Constitutional Officers speaks to our strong belief in what we view as the best course of action for the State of Connecticut. We ask registered Democrats to follow our lead and support this strong Democratic slate," – Jack Malone, DTC Chairman.

At its September meeting the DTC approved Austin Deschamps, Jr. as a member.

On the Trail with Troop 19

- Troop 19 would like to remind everyone that the annual Scouting for Food collection is coming up soon. On Saturday, November 1, we will distribute plastic bags to every home in Sprague. You can put nonperishable food items in the bag and leave it by the curb before 9 am the following Saturday, November 8, when we will pick the bags up. If your donation is too large for the bag, please use additional bags or boxes. Be sure that all items are unexpired, since we are required to discard all expired items. All food donations remain in town food bank to help the citizens of Sprague.
- If you are near the Potash Hill Cemetery, stop by to take a look at the fence, painted by Troop 19 as a service project.
- Finally, if your son is between the ages of 11 and 18 and is interested in outdoor adventure, leadership training, and community service, consider checking out Troop 19. Either contact me at [860-334-2245](tel:860-334-2245) or just stop by a meeting. We meet every Tuesday at 6:30 pm at Camp Deslandes on Hanover-Versailles Rd.



Grace Fellowship Church
OF BALTIC

Sunday
10 a.m.
5 p.m.

Come as you are.
All are welcome.

Jesus said "Come to me, all who are
weary and burdened and I will give you rest."

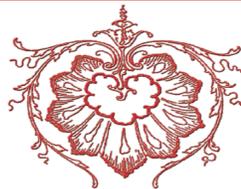
Pastor John Gilmartin
860-208-1027

118 W. Main St.
Rt. 207
Beaver Brook Mill
Baltic, CT



**OUR TOWN
BUSINESS PAGE:**

AUTO - CYCLE - WATERCRAFT - HOME



**Spitale
Insurance**

860.822.0818

www.spitaleinsurance.com

LIFE - MEDICAL - DISABILITY - BUSINESS

Ads must be pre-purchased at rates of: Business Card \$21; Double Business Card \$40; Half Page \$70; Full Page \$100. Purchase 11 months and receive the 12th month free. All payments for ads are made in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall. All payments must be made prior to the submission deadline. All ads must be emailed to the editor by the 15th of the month @

Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com

(860) 887-1998
Fax (860) 886-8091

MATTERN CONSTRUCTION INC.
GENERAL CONTRACTING / CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

GEORGE MATTERN
PRESIDENT

26M BUSHNELL HOLLOW RD.
BAL TIC, CT 06330

georgem@matternconstruction.com

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CARE

*Mowing, Yard Work,
Brush Cutting,
Spring and Fall Clean Ups*



Mike St. Germain

280 High Street, P.O. Box 532,
Baltic, CT 06330
Phone: 860-213-1629

Email:

michaelgermain@sbcglobal.net

NRA PISTOL SAFETY CLASS

I will be conducting the NRA safety class that you need to get the Connecticut State Pistol Permit.

With the new legislation passed by the lawmakers of Connecticut, this permit will be the **ONLY** one that will allow you a single permit for buying **HANDGUNS, SHOTGUNS, RIFLES & AMMUNITION.**

FOR DETAILS CONTACT WARREN BAKER



shooter@starshinephoto.com





Project Safe Halloween

DONATIONS NEEDED!!!

Last year we had over 1,300 people walk through our doors during the two hours that we are open and gave away well over \$4,000.00 in candy, chips & assorted prizes. However; two businesses who used to make considerable candy donations, have closed the doors or been bought out and can no longer make any kind of donation . **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS YEARS PROGRAM A SUCCESS.**

YOU CAN HELP IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

1) Make a monetary donation by check:

Please make the checks out as follows: In the area marked "Pay to the order of" Please write "Baltic FD Safe Halloween" and you can also notate "Safe Halloween Program" in the area marked "for" in the lower left corner. Please mail your checks to "Baltic FD, P.O. Box 314, Baltic, Ct. 06330.

2) Make a candy donation:

ALL candy MUST be in its original sealed bag with your name and phone number written on a piece of duct tape, which is attached to the bag. The bags of candy can be dropped off at the Sprague Town Clerk's office, Sprague Town Hall, or at the Baltic Volunteer Fire Department at 22 Bushnell Hollow Road or contact Reg Patchell (860-917-5064/ regpatchell@comcast.net) if you have a quantity of candy to be picked up and I will come to your business or home.

3) Donate Coupons for candy/Halloween item coupons:

Coupons can be mailed to "safe Halloween Program" , "Baltic FD, P.O. Box 314, Baltic, Ct. 06330. They can be mailed along with any check donation and can be dropped off at the Town Clerk's Office or Fire Department.

Your help is appreciated and you can help in one or more of the above ways.

We look forward to hearing from you.

The men and women of Baltic Fire Engine Company #1.



American Legion Post 85 of Baltic will be hosting a Poppy Distribution Drive on Saturday, October 25th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the intersections of Main Street (Rt. 97) and West Main Street (Rt. 207) in front of the War Memorial in Baltic. Donations will be greatly appreciated. Legion members will be wearing legion caps and reflective vests for safety. Please drive safely. Thank you very much.

Miscellaneous:

NOTE FROM EDITOR:

I AM LOOKING TO ADD THIS MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORY EVERY MONTH AS A HALF PAGE... ENTRIES LIMITED TO "1 LINE" FOR SALE, FOR SWAP, YARD SALES, HELP WANTED, HELP NEEDED, ETC. DEADLINE IS STILL THE 15TH OF EVERY MONTH.

Email submissions to:

spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com

For Sale:

Snare Drum Kit \$75 obo

Clarinet \$200 obo

Call (860)204-6286



Project Safe Halloween

Baltic Fire Department

P.O. Box 314

Baltic, CT. 06330

To the Residents & Businesses,

The Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1 will be sponsoring their annual Safe Halloween Program again this year. **This program is open to all youths of Sprague who accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.** During the years when we are not hit with blizzards, hurricane winds with power lines down, etc we have averaged approximately 1300 people walking through our fire house doors. We sponsor this program each year as a way to offer ALL of the children (and of course the parents,) the opportunity to do all of their Trick or Treating in a safe environment, free of speeding cars on a dark street, free of anyone trying to cause a problem by taking the candy that belongs to someone else and knowing that the candy that we pass out has not been tampered with in any way while in our possession. This program involves hundreds of man hours to plan, set up, run and then to take down and we do all of this to help insure that we can provide a safe and a fun environment for all of Sprague to go Trick or Treating at.

The event will start off with the annual Costume Parade which starts at 6PM at the Sprague Town Hall and will be escorted up to the Baltic Fire House by a fire truck where the candy will be waiting.

All that we ask in return is that everyone acts in a polite manner, do not walk to each table and grab piles of candy just because it is there, there are hundreds of children coming in behind you so PLEASE be polite, the other thing that we must ask for is a donation which in turn allows us to run this program, a program that uses NO tax dollars. Each year we give out close to two pickup truck loads of candy and chips. This is on top of the pumpkins and other prizes that are given away at our event BUT without your donation, we could not and would not be able to continue on with this community program.

Since our first year of hosting this program there have been a few who have really come through for us each & every year and we would like to recognize a few of the top sponsors; they are as follows, listed by the amount of donations;

AMGRAPH Inc, Mr Ken Fontaine has been the top donation and all the while only asking that we make sure that ALL of the children in town have a good time.

Connie & Al Lehoux, owners of Sharkys Pizza have donated six(6) bikes since our first year which we in turn have given away for the costume contest.

Malerba Farms has donated all of the pumpkins every year for the children.

Walmart Lisbon Store has provided a grant each year which in turn we use to purchase so many items needed for this event. Affordable Air LLC, Baltic Wine & Conveyance Store as well as many businesses and families.

We are asking that you please send a donation, in the form of a check, made out to the Baltic Fire Department Safe Halloween Program and mail it to PO Box 314, Baltic, CT. 06330. If you want to also make a donation of candy, ALL candy MUST be in its original sealed bag with your name written on it or on a piece of duct tape which is attached to the bag. The bags of candy can be dropped off at the Sprague Town Clerk's office, Sprague Town Hall, or at the Baltic Volunteer Fire Department at 22 Bushnell Hollow Road or contact me if you have a quantity of candy to be picked up and I will come to your business or home.

The men & women of the Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1 want to say thank you for your donations!

Sincerely, Reg Patchell Cell # 860 917 5064

Chairman Safe Halloween Program for the Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1

P.O. Box 314, Baltic, CT. 06330

regpatchell@comcast.net

SAVING OUR SHETUCKET RIVER TRAILS (FoSRV) BENEFIT RIDE 2014

October 11, 12, 13th, 2014 (light rain or shine)

Sponsored by NEW ENGLAND ARABIAN TRAIL ORGANIZATION

Sat. 10/11/21/22 & Sun. 10/11/21/22 & Mon. 10

NEHT/NEATO affiliated miles

Sign in at 8:30 - lunch at @12:30 on Saturday and Sunday. On Monday riders must be back by 5:00pm and there is no lunch on Monday.

Benefit ride to assist the Friends of the Shetucket River Valley and help purchase an additional 111 acres for preserving trails along the Shetucket River. Open land is disappearing fast but our trails and woods can be preserved. Let's make a difference.

“Please come and ride these beautiful trails and help save them for our future”



Paid entry fee includes lunch on Saturday and Sunday only. No lunch on Monday.

Additional lunches are \$5.00 each

Free T-shirt to the first 15 pre-registrations

Raffle prizes will be drawn after the ride on Monday.

Tickets for the raffle table are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for 6 tickets.

Secretaries for sign in: Sandy Andrews and Cathy Gluck.

Ride manager: Celeste Santos 860-564-6522 morgan.cb@att.net

Linda Krul 401-397-5768 dakrul@hotmail.com

Ride contact on trails and camping: Phyllis Alexander 860-608-3915

Camping is available on Friday, arrival after 12:00pm, Saturday & Sunday night. Camp parking is in a large hay field. **NO camp fires or grills.** A main fire pit and wood will be available near the barn for cooking. Also a Port a potty near barn is available. There is a \$5.00 per camper charge per night.

Ride is on dirt roads, single-track trails, view of waterfalls, fields and some hills. Some of the trails follow the Shetucket River, through Sprague Land Preserve and Konow's Fish Camp. Ride or hike or just attend and have lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

Please remove all manure and hay from your area.

Parking at Ayer Mt. Farm, Ayer Road, Franklin, CT., 06254

Directions:

I-395 South

Exit 82, Take right off the exit ramp onto Route 32 North, and then Right onto

Route 207, go 2.5 miles, then take a left onto Ayer Road, follow the signs to the parking area in the field.

SAVING OUR SHETUCKET RIVER TRAILS (FoSRV) BENEFIT RIDE 2014

Sponsored by NEW ENGLAND ARABIAN TRAIL ORGANIZATION
FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY NIGHT CAMPING- RIDE October 11, 12, 13th, 2014

SATURDAY MILES 10/11/21/22- SUNDAY MILES 10/11/21/22-Monday 10

NEHT / NEATO affiliated

Park and camp at Ayer Mt. Farm, Ayer Road, Franklin, CT 06254

Name _____ Phone _____

Street _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Horse's Name _____ Coggins# _____ will be checked at secretary's table

Breed _____ Adult/Junior Rider NEHT # _____ Horse# _____

Email: _____

Ride Fees: Pre-entry and payment must be received by October 1st to guarantee lunch.

Pre-entry consist of a completed entry form, payment and signature by the date stated above. 1 entry per person.

Mail to: Celeste Santos-Rivera, 964 Ekonk Hill Road, Voluntown, CT 06384 Make checks payable to: NEATO

Pre-entry: \$20.00 All Per day: Post entry: \$25.00 Junior (rider 18 and under) \$10.00

******(All Juniors must ride with an experienced adult)**

Lunch for non-rider: \$5.00 T-shirt sales \$10.00 each Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each OR 6 for \$5.00

Camping \$5.00 per night per camper Friday- Saturday -Sunday (circle day)

Amount Enclosed: _____ Check in time: 8:30.

The above fees include lunch on Saturday and Sunday ONLY. Lunch @ 12:30. Monday riders must be back by 5:00pm and there is no lunch on Monday.

Coggins and rabies certificates required. All riders are encouraged to wear protective headgear and appropriate footwear

****For safety reasons we strongly recommend a red ribbon in the tail of horses that kick, a green ribbon in the tail of green horse or rider and a yellow ribbon in the tail of a stallion.**

Refund Policy: Rider must contact the Ride Manager seven (7) days prior to the ride notifying the Manager they will not be attending in order to have their pre-entry check returned to them. Refunds will be given after the cut-off date in the event of a medical emergency provided that Event management is notified prior to the start of the ride. No refunds will be made after the cut-off date for non-medical reasons. Refunds will be given if the event is canceled for any reason

Waiver of Liability -Under Connecticut law, each person engaged in recreations equestrian activities shall assume the risk and legal responsibility for any injury to his person or property arising out of the hazards inherent in equestrian sports.

THE NEW ENGLAND ARABIAN TRAIL ORGANIZATION OR THE OWNERS OF Sprague Land Preserve, Owners or Konow's Property/Fishing Camp, Ayer MT. Farm, Seymour Adelman and Sarah Ayer, David Ayer.

WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR INJURY TO RIDER, SPECTATOR,

Signature of this form consents agreement to these conditions as well as the NEATO event rules. A representative who is of age must sign the entry blank and who, by such signature, individually accepts responsibility and risk as stated above.

ASTM/SEI approved helmets strongly suggested, required for riders under 18 years.

Please be advised that photos may be taken at this event for use in NEATO publications as well as the Equine Journal magazine. Please indicate below if you do not consent to have your picture published in this manner.

Signature _____ Date _____ including permission of photos taken on this weekend

Signature of Parent/Guardian of minor child _____

Emergency # _____

Allergies/Medical Issues _____

Mail entries to: Celeste Santos-Rivera, 964 Ekonk Hill Road, Voluntown, CT 06384. Website: www.orgsites.com/ct/neato email morgan.cb@att.net or call 860-564-6522 If you wish we are taking donations of horse related items for future sales at the Federation of Riding Clubs Flea Market in March 2015. Please bring items to Gail on this weekend or contact her.

2014 Shetucket River CTR

25-Mile Competitive Trail Ride — Pass/Fail Division

Sponsored by **NEATO** — Sanctioned by Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association

Date: Saturday October 4, 2014

Ayer Mt. Farm, Ayer Road, Franklin, CT 06254

Entry Requirements: Entries open to all members of the equine family four years and older. No stallions in the junior division. Entry fee must accompany entry form. Entries must be received by September 20, 2014. Ride management reserves the right to refuse entries. **CTR** Ride limited to the first 35 paid entries by postmark with a waiting list thereafter. Any still on the waiting list by ride date will receive a full refund. No refunds after September 27, 2014, unless spot can be filled from the waiting list. Entry fee includes ECTRA drug testing fee of \$1.00.

Divisions:

CTR Juniors	17 and under as of 1/1/2014
CTR Senior	18 and over
CDR	Open

Camping & Stabling: Overnight camping is available. No hookups or stabling on grounds. All dogs are to be leashed and have proof of current rabies vaccine. Call Tammy for reservations for Friday night. Camp parking is in a large hay field. NO campfires or grills. A main fire pit and wood will be available near the barn for cooking. There is also a port-a-potty near the barn. There is a 5.00 per camper charge per night.

Food: The entry fee includes pre-ride coffee & muffins, on trail snack, and a meal after ride. Extra meal tickets are available. Pizza Party Friday night! Chip in \$5.00 and we will deliver!

Pre-ride Exams: **CTR** Numbers and packets will be available Friday afternoon @ approx 1:00 pm. Vetting will begin Friday afternoon at 3:00 pm and continue till dark.. Any horse not camping overnight must be on grounds no later than 6:30 am for vetting or will be disqualified. Pre-ride briefing will be held approximately ½ hour prior to start. The start will be at 8:00 am SHARP on Saturday morning.

CDR Horses may be vetted Friday afternoon or Saturday morning prior to the ride out at 9:00 am sharp. Leg protection and alternative hoof protection are acceptable but must be removed for hands on pre and post ride inspections. See ECTRA 2013 Rules Handbook for other specific rules.

Trail, Time & Distance: **CTR** Approximately 25 miles to be completed in 4:10 to 4:40 hours. This includes a 20-minute hold back at camp. The exact distance and timing to be announced at the pre-ride briefing. Trails are mostly rolling hills, woods trails and sandy/gravel dirt roads. (Some connector trails may be rocky) Please bring your horse well shod. Course will be well marked and have mileage markers every 5 miles with the last 5 miles being individually marked.

WATER: Natural water and stock tanks will be accessible on trail.. Ride Management will supply water for the hold. If possible, bring water for your horse at your trailer and potable drinking water for yourself. Ride management will also provide bottled drinking water for riders and volunteers.

Awards: Completion awards to all horses that complete trail and pass the judging exam. Champion, Reserve Champion, 1st through 10th place for Adult divisions, Junior Division 1st through 6th. Plus, prizes and additional awards such as for breed, Rookie Horse, and Rookie Rider.

Team Division: Any two riders with highest combined score. Entry for team division is optional and requires an additional fee of \$5 per person or \$10 for team. Awards to both team members for first, second, and third placings. Sign up and pay when you arrive.

Rules: All ECTRA rules apply. It is your responsibility to know them. All competitors must wear an ASTM/SEI certified helmet at all times while mounted. Forward progress only while mounted with the exception of loss of shoe. Any rider going off course for any reason must return to same location in order to continue. No salves, liniments, or medication of any kind. No devices for leg protection. No hosing of horses. Water for washing may not be artificially heated or cooled. No Crewing. Fly spray and electrolytes are permitted. A copy of ECTRA rules, procedures and requirements can be viewed at www.ectra.org .

Ride Management:

Ride Manager: Tammy Lamphere; PO Box 28 Hopkinton, RI 02833; 401-862-8579; tlamphere1@verizon.net

Ride Secretary: Wanda Stazick, 109 Grassy Hill Road, East Lyme, CT 06333 860-447-3976 wstazick@sbcglobal.net

Judges: Dr. Nick Kohut DVM and Linda Levitre (lay judge)

2014 Shetucket River NEATO CTR/CDR Entry Form

25-Mile Competitive Trail Ride — Pass/Fail Division

Sponsored by **NEATO** — Sanctioned by Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Assoc. (**ECTRA**)

Date: Saturday October 4, 2014

Ayer Mt. Farm, Ayer Road, Franklin, CT 06254

Rider name: _____ Riders ECTRA # _____ Age (if Jr.) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Owner of horse: _____ Owner's ECTRA# _____

Owner's address: _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Horse's name: _____ Horse's ECTRA# _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____ Breed: _____

Registration number: _____

Is your horse a rescue horse? _____

Is this your first ride? _____ Is this your horse's first ride? _____

Are you a member of ECTRA? _____ Are you a member of NEATO? _____

If you wish to start with a friend, please name: _____

Starting positions will be assigned in order by postmark with special requests honored if possible. Do you have a preference for starting order? _____ If yes, where? _____

Are you bringing someone that can help during the ride? (Helpers eat for free.) What would this person like to do?

Please read carefully, and sign the following release:

I hereby enter the above horse at my own risk and subject to all rules of the NEATO and of the Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association. I agree to accept full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding, and for any persons and/or vehicles I may bring with me. I further agree that if any damage be occasioned by or loss occur to any of the aforementioned, I will hold the ride management, all ride personnel, and all property owners over whose land the ride crosses blameless for any accident, injury, or loss due to my participation in the ride, and free from any liability for such injury or loss. I hereby grant permission to have my horse drug-tested at the discretion of Ride Management.

I have read and understand this liability release.

Rider's signature: _____ Dated: _____

Owner's signature: _____ Dated: _____

Parent/Guardian if Jr. Rider: _____ Dated: _____

Emergency contact: Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Check payable to **NEATO** must accompany entry:

CTR Entry	\$70.00	_____
CTR Juniors Riders Deduct	(\$10)	_____
CDR (11 miles)	\$50.00	_____
Extra dinner(s) _____ @ \$10.each:		_____
Total:		_____

Please include copy of negative coggins and proof of rabies with entry and check.

Mail to: Wanda Stazick, 109 Grassy Hill Road, East Lyme, CT 06333 860-447-3976 wstazick@sbcglobal.net

Please note: E-mails will be sent acknowledging receipt of your entry. If you do not receive notification within two weeks of mailing your entry, please call Wanda.

Directions from I-395 South

Exit 82, Take **right** off the exit ramp onto **Route 32 North**, and then **right** onto

Route 207, go **2.5 miles**, then take a **left** onto **Ayer Road**, follow the signs to the parking area in the field.



September 2, 2014 Post 85 Minutes

At 7:09 PM the CDR opened the meeting. There was an official quorum. The minutes of the June 3, 2014 meeting were read and accepted. The Financial Officer stated that there was \$616.73 in the checking account and \$4239.64 in the Memorial Fund. The report was accepted as read.

The Commander announced that \$4656.64 had been made by the Poker Run held in July. He stated that \$633.00 is still needed before ordering the memorial.

A new date was suggested and then accepted for October 25, 2014 for the Legion Poppy Sale in Town. Another fund raiser was set for October 11, 2014. for the Legion Spaghetti Supper at the Sprague Community Center. Tickets were set at \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 10.

The Post sick call included Al Girard. The Commander added that he was interested in having different speakers speak at the meetings. The Commander finished with the announcement that the 3VFF will be held at the Blanchette Field on October 4, 2014.

The Commander then ended the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Osowski
Chaplain

Don Bastien
Commander



Ride the Shetucket River - October 18th

The Town of Sprague will provide a free shuttle between River Park and Scotland Dam.

Water release is scheduled for 10:00 am on days of the event. Participants can put in any time between 10:00 and 12:00. You can ride the river as many times as water level allows. The ride is 4 miles long and takes approximately 2 hours. Since Ride the Shetucket is weather sensitive, check the Town website on the Thursday prior to the event for any cancellation postings. Paddlers need to have PFD's and a distress whistle. www.ctsprague.org

**Sprague's Fall Cleanup on
Saturday, October 18th**



Celebrate Fall with fellow town members by **ADOPTING-A-ROAD** for trash cleanup and planting bulbs. Meet at the Grist Mill at 10 am to pick up trash bags and flower bulbs. A token gift will be available for participants.

Also, the Town of Sprague is offering a **"FREE DUMP DAY"** on October 18th at our Transfer Station from 8 am – 4 pm. Bring your ID showing Sprague residency to the Transfer Station on this day. Blue Bag usage will be waived for the day please remember to recycle as that is an important part of our transfer station system.

Sprague Public Library



Our Wreath Silent Auction is back!

Some of you may remember the Wreath Auction. The wreath auction is handmade wreaths of all kinds made by volunteers who gather at the library to make whatever kind of wreath they like. They are then hung up in the Grist Mill with papers under them and anyone can write down what they want to pay for that wreath. People can come and bid a higher amount so you will want to come and check on your bid if you really want that wreath.

If you would like to come and make a wreath, we will have a workshop on Tuesday October 28th from 5-7pm. Sandwiches and soft drinks will be provided. Please bring a glue gun, wire, wreath form, ribbon or any other supplies you have. Or you can just donate a wreath.

Bidding ends the day of the drawing on Tuesday November 18th at 6pm. If you are the highest bidder you win the wreath for that amount of money.

All proceeds benefit the library

Yarn Club: If you are experienced or just want to learn consider coming to our Yarn Club, everyone is welcome. Bring your friends.
Schedule: Saturday October 11, Saturday October 25, and Saturday November 22 from 11:30pm to 1:30pm

Our Basket Raffle Drawing will be Thursday, November 6, at 6:00pm. Ticket prices are 3 for \$1.00 and 15 for \$5.00. You don't have to be present to win. Winners will be called!

All proceeds benefit the library.

TAIZE WORSHIP SERVICE

(every 1st Sunday of the month)

October 5th - 6:00 PM

VERSAILLES CHURCH
4 Church Street, Versailles, CT
(across from Occum Dam)

Come as you are. "ALL" are welcome.

Our ecumenical service includes candlelight, prayers, readings, silence, and soft music with repetitive words. This peaceful service offers a wonderful opportunity to be silent and center on the Lord. No sermon. Come as you are and listen. Sit in sanctuary pews or on floor or pillows. Everyone is welcomed here.

Next service dates 2014: Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7.





3 VILLAGE FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday October 4, 2014

NEW time 12pm-6pm

Babe Blanchette Field

Bring the whole family for a great day of food, fun, and games!

Sisters of Charity Can & Bottle Drive

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH



Please drop off items on the porch in the back driveway area of the Motherhouse between 9am and noon. For more information please call 860-822-8241.



Calling all Vendors

Hanover Congregational Church is looking for Vendors to attend the Community Tag Sale and Craft Fair on Saturday October 4th, 2014
8am-2pm
\$10.00 per spot
Setup at 7am
Please call Jen at [\(860\)-822-9977](tel:860-822-9977) to register or with questions.

Spaghetti Dinner



October 11, 2014



Serving 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Sprague Community Center, West Main St.,
Baltic, CT

Sponsored by American Legion Post #85

Adult **\$8.00**, Children under 10 **\$5.00**

Spaghetti with Meatballs/Sausage, Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread, Dessert and Beverages

St. Joseph School
Annual Auction and Basket Raffle
10 School Hill Road
Baltic, CT

Saturday, November 15th

Viewing at 4:30 pm

Dinner at 5:00 pm

Basket raffle at 6:00 pm

Live auction at 6:30 pm

Fully loaded theme baskets, museum memberships, gift certificates to local attractions and area services are some of the evening's highlights.

Homemade food and desserts will be available for purchase.



Sprague Land Preserve open to hunting...

As you know, we will be again allowing permit-only hunting in the Land Preserve in the fall all information can be found in the Town Clerk's office. We remain confident that all visitors will still be able to enjoy what promises to be an exceptional fall, not only at the Preserve but all over town. If you get a chance, please visit the Preserve remember to wear orange—and make your pets wear orange too; as has been said before it's just good sense to do so in all parks this time of year.



Sat. Oct 4th Registration starts at Noon. Divisions for Intermediate, Advanced & Best Trick \$12 to enter the contest & \$8 for best trick. Best Halloween costume prize. Raffle. Be there.



photo - Pete Capone

Sprague Historical Society is offering a 2015 birthday and anniversary calendar.

We want to include your family's big dates! They'll want to be part of this historical calendar.

Fill out the form below with the names and dates of people you'd like to see in the calendar.

Birthdays and anniversaries - \$1.00 each; Calendar- \$5.00 each

Send this form and your donation to: "Sprague Historical Society" P.O. Box 162- Baltic, CT 06330.

SHS will use the money to preserve Sprague's history. This calendar is part of that history.

Calendars will be available for pick up at Town hall in December. You'll be notified when they're ready.

Please help the Sprague Historical Society. Place your calendar order today.

Person ordering:	B OR A	Date	Name(s)
Phone:			
(B) Birthdays @ \$1.00 ea			
(A) Anniversaries @ \$1.00 ea			
Calendars @ \$5.00 ea			
Total paid \$			

BALTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT

LADIES AUXILIARY, P. O. BOX 591, BALTIC, CT 06330-0591

Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 9, at the firehouse. Main topic of discussion was the annual HOLLY JOLLY BAZAAR which is scheduled for Saturday, November 29 at the firehouse from 9 am to 3 pm.

Table rental letters have gone out to those already on our mailing list. If you are interested and would like more information, please call Jeannette at 860-822-8331 and leave your name and address.

Rental fee is \$25.00 for an 8 foot table which we provide. Tables are reserved upon receipt of payment.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at the firehouse at 7 p.m.

Please remember that anyone interested in joining the Auxiliary is welcome. We are always looking for new members and new ideas for fundraising. You need not be a Sprague resident or have a spouse or family member in the Fire Department to join the Auxiliary as a regular member. We have recently added Junior Members – young women between the ages of 16 and 18 who have a parent or guardian in the fire department or auxiliary.

~ Jeannette Deschamps

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TVCCA SENIOR CAFE OCTOBER 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Don't forget to check the Batteries in your smoke detectors!</p> <p>Sweedish Meatballs Buttered Noodles Mixed Vegetables Orange Juice Chocolate Chip Cookie 6</p>	 <p><i>New Meal!</i> Chicken Sausage, Peppers & Onions w/ Bun Rice Pilaf Green & Wax Beans Pineapple Cup 7</p>	<p>Sloppy Joes w/ Bun Rice Pilaf Peas & Carrots Fresh Orange 1</p>	<p>Cod Newburg (no shrimp) Buttered Noodles Capri Vegetable Medley Grape Juice Oatmeal Cookie 2</p>	<p>Hungarian Chicken Paprika Seasoned Rice Broccoli Peach Cup 3</p>
<p>Columbus Day  Program Closed 13</p>	<p>Saltisbury Steak Buttered Noodles Peas & Carrots Pears w/ mandarin oranges 14</p>	<p>Chicken Parmesan Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Peach Cup 8</p>	<p>Eggplant Rolette Penne w/ Marinara Italian Vegetable Medley Applesauce Cup  9</p>	<p><i>New Meal!</i> Monti Cristo Egg Patty, Turkey Sausage, American Cheese & French Toast Chuck Wagon Vegetable Medley Applesauce Cup 10</p>
<p>Beef & Bean Chili Seasoned Rice Capri Vegetable Medley Fresh Orange 20</p>	<p>BBQ Chicken Leg Quarter Baked Beans Chuck Wagon Veg Medley Cranberry Juice Danish 21</p>	<p>Broccoli & Cheese Stuffed Chicken Roasted Potatoes Capri Vegetable Medley Cupcake Grape Juice Birthdays Celebration 15</p>	<p>Cuban Braised Pork Loin Yellow Rice & Black Beans Green Beans Fresh Orange Ethnic Celebration 16</p>	<p><i>New Meal!</i> Lazy Man's Lasagna Broccoli Wax Beans Pineapple Cup 24</p>
<p>Baked Cod Italiano Macaroni & Cheese Stewed Tomatoes Fruit Cocktail 27</p>	<p>Western Omelet Roasted Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Fresh Fruit 28</p>	<p>Pineapple Glazed Ham Mashed Sweet Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Peach Cup 22</p>	<p>Pesto Cream Chicken Rice Pilaf Green Beans & Diced Tomatoes Applesauce Cup 23</p>	<p>Chicken Cacciatore Seasoned Rice Italian Vegetable Medley Apple Juice Sugar Cookie  31</p>

1% milk and whole grain bread are served with each meal. Menu is subject to change with out notice.



BUS SCHEDULE FROM SPRAGUE TO OCCUM

<u>Points of Departure to Occum</u>	<u>Time</u>		
Shetucket Village	7:45am	9:45am	11:45am
Playground	7:48am	9:48am	11:48am
Brookside & High Street			
TJ's Parking Lot	7:50am	9:50am	11:50am
Arrive Occum- SEAT Connection Site	8:10am	10:10am	12:10am
Red McKeon Park, Hooper St. & Rte. 97			
<u>Points of Departure to Sprague</u>	<u>Time</u>		
Red McKeon Park, Hooper St. & Rte. 97 (stop as needed for return trip)	8:15am	10:15am	12:15pm
Express Return to Senior Center		2:15pm	

Times are approximate and may vary several minutes earlier or later. Service runs Monday through Thursday except for holidays. For more information call Buddy Meadows, Sprague Senior Center Coordinator at 860-822-3000 ext. 203. *The Sprague to Occum Bus is a courtesy of the Town of Sprague and the Sprague Senior Center. For seat schedule visit www.seatbus.com. **Winter Weather Schedule:** The bus will follow the school closure schedule during the winter. Watch early morning television on Channel 3, 8 or 30 for closures.*

**The Salvation Army
Upper New London County Service Unit
Dennison Allen Town of Sprague Representative**



DOING THE MOST GOOD

Fall is here... I know that money has been tight this year, but if you can find a little extra to help those in need, you will be blessed. Send no matter what you can give to by mailing a check to the Upper New London County Service Unit, PO Box 304, Versailles, CT 06383.

Keep your fuel tanks full, keep food/water and other supplies on hand in case of bad weather. Do you follow a budget, to know where your money goes every month? Do you have a 24 hour emergency kit ready?

By the way have you sat down with your family and talked about where to go if you need to leave your home in case of an emergency? Set up time together to develop a disaster plan, so everyone is accounted for.

If you need food, call Town Hall and speak to Colette. Thanks to "Scouting for Food" there is food to help you. May the Lord bless you with all the things needed for you and your family.

~Dennison Allen



October

2014

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 BOE, 7 pm Sayles School</p> <p>Garden Club 6:30 pm Senior Ctr</p> <p>Knights of Columbus 7pm, Fire House</p> <p>P&Z Comm. 7 pm Town Hall</p>	2	<p>3 Little Miss & Mr. Sprague Pageant 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm at River Park</p>	<p>4 Breakfast 6:30am-10am Versailles Methodist Church</p> <p>Hanover Congr. Church Community Tag Sale 8am to 2 pm</p> <p>3 Village Fall Fest. 12 pm to 6 pm Babe Blanchette Field</p>
5	<p>6 Inland Wetlands 7 pm, Town Hall</p> <p>Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 pm Town Hall</p>	<p>7 American Legion 7 pm, Rod & Gun</p>	<p>8 Board of Selectmen 5:00 pm, Town Hall</p>	9	10	<p>11 Spaghetti Dinner Community Ctr West Main St. 4:30pm to 6:30pm (American Legion Post #85)</p>
12	<p>13 Agriculture Comm., 7 pm, Town Hall</p> <p>Conservation Comm. Mtg., 7 pm, Town Hall</p> <p>Columbus Day</p>	<p>14 Library Bd. Mtg. 6:30 pm, Grist Mill</p>	15	<p>16 Water & Sewer Auth., 4 pm, Town Hall (Rescheduled)</p>	17	<p>18 Fall Cleanup Meet at Grist Mill 10 am</p> <p>Free Dump Day 8 am to 4 pm</p> <p>Ride the Shetucket, 10 am River Park</p>
19	20	21	22	<p>23 Regional Animal Control Mtg. 10:30 am Bozrah Town Hall</p> <p>Recreation Comm. 7 pm, Town Hall</p>	24	<p>25 OUR TOWN COLLATING: MEET AT TOWN HALL 10AM</p>
26	27	<p>28 Historical Society 6:30 pm, Grist Mill</p>	29	<p>30 Board of Finance 7 pm, Town Hall (Rescheduled)</p>	<p>31 Safe Halloween Parade @ 6 pm Town Hall to Fire House until 8 pm</p> <p>Halloween</p>	



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