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Information & News for December 2015



FOOD PANTRY



A Bountiful Thank You
to all who donated food.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Cub Scout Pack #19 and all others who participated in collecting and sorting non-perishable food items for the Sprague Food Pantry.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU also to Paula and Richard Waterman for dating and stacking the food into the

Food Pantry.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO COLLABORATE THE OUR TOWN. With the holiday season approaching more help is needed getting the Our Town out on time. The deadline for submission for the month of December (for January publication) will be Sunday, December 13th. There will be absolutely no late submissions accepted in December. We will be meeting December 19, at 10 am at the Town Hall for collating.

If interested in volunteering email Elizabeth @ Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com

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Sisters of Charity

Bottle & Can Drive

Saturday, December 5



From the Desk of the First Selectman

The temperature has started to drop and the air has a bite to it that is a portent of things to come! The yards have been rid of fallen leaves, the garden tools are tucked away for another year, and the trees' bare limbs create a dramatic scene with a backdrop of a pale blue sky. Long winter walks are more comfortable when accompanied with woolen hats and gloves. And the wily turkeys are hiding from hunters who are busy looking for a holiday dinner.

The Town continues with roadside mowing, chipping fallen debris and preparing roadsides for the winter. We have finished Sunrise and Grandview and a little road project fixing curbing and damaged guide rail. The vehicles have been washed, greased, oiled and made ready for any activity old man winter has to throw at us. The salt shed is filled with a mixture of salt and sand, standing ready to keep the roads safe for travel.

The Town will be helping out families in need with gifts to make their holidays as bright as yours and mine. If you would like to participate you can donate either a new unwrapped toy or monetary donation with the Town Clerk. It will be put to good use; each year we have helped 60 Sprague children enjoy the holidays!

Remember this is a time for family; take some time to enjoy each other, it is what really matters!

As always thanks for your support!

Cathy Osten ~ First Selectman

Open Positions as of 12/1/2015

Zoning Board of Appeals Two alternate members	Recreation Committee Unlimited numbers allowed
Inland Wetlands One alternate member	Baltic Mills Committee Unlimited numbers allowed
Water & Sewer One regular members	Conservation Commission One alternate member
Regional Tourism Board One appointment	Planning & Zoning One alternate member



THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all who voted for me for the Planning & Zoning Commission. I look forward to being a part of it. I am a student at this point, but hope to soon be a productive member. ~Phyllis Arpin Nelson

The Town of Sprague provides Turkey Dinners at Holiday time, if you can help we will be accepting donations of turkeys and the fixings. They can be dropped off at the Town Clerk's office.

Sprague Democratic Town Committee December Update

The Sprague Democratic Town Committee would like to thank all the voters in Sprague who voted in the recent election on November 3rd. Turnout was great at 49 percent!

Because of your support, the Osten-Dembinski Democratic team can look forward to another two years of continually working to improving Sprague.

We would also like to thank all candidates who put themselves out there for us to have a choice. Thank you for caring for Sprague!

At our November meeting Tom Gouin was approved to fill a vacancy as a Justice of the Peace.

A reminder that the January caucus is the time to join the DTC. If you have an interest in becoming part of the work in Sprague, please contact us. Registered democrats interested in serving on Town boards or joining the DTC should contact DTC secretary Claire Glaude at 860-822-9111.

Claire Glaude ~ DTC Secretary

CALLING ALL BUSINESS PEOPLE IN SPRAGUE!!

The Sprague Economic Development Commission will be hosting a business summit on Tuesday, December 8th from 6:30-8pm in the Grist Mill meeting room. Refreshments will be served. We are planning to hear from Van Selden from the IESC about how their mentoring services can be an asset for the SEDC and for our town as we work to build a strong economic base. Call 860.822.6416 or email balancedliving45@gmail.com to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you and ask you to please share this with anyone you know that would be interested in attending the business summit.

SPRAGUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION INFORMATION LOOP

The SEDC would like to put together an email information loop for all parties interested in resources and services that we become aware of on an ongoing basis. There are workshops, seminars, networking events, opportunities and services available to business owners, that may help you grow your business, streamline parts of your work, etc. If you would like to be a part of this loop, please email balancedliving45@gmail.com to be added to the list. Share this with anyone who may be interested in joining this information list.

- ◆ Do you need a hand writing a business plan?
- ◆ Are you looking for financial backing for a project?
- ◆ Would having someone to bounce ideas off of be helpful?

Resources for these and more are available. Join the SEDC email list to get the scoop!

Thank you,

Phyllis Nelson

Chair SEDC

Sprague Conservation Commission update.

Hello Sprague residents, yes, we are still alive and well. We have been busy preserving and maintaining our open space in our beautiful town. We are almost finished on our latest big project of raising money in conjunction with the Friends of Shetucket River Valley for the Robinson Property which abuts the Sprague Preserve. We have raised \$255,000 of the \$289,000 of the purchase price for the additional 125 acres to add to our wonderful Preserve. WOW!! Great team work. That will give us over 600 acres. **Anybody have any extra cash for a worthy cause?** Also anyone who wants to join a great team, please let me know. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month. There is also another Eagle Scout project in progress being done by an eagle scout from Lisbon. The boy scouts have been a great asset to the preserve. He has been blazing trails and putting up signs. Come up and check them out.

Also, if anyone would like to do anything up at the Preserve, Please make sure you contact us before you make any changes or plan any events. There is a process so we can get things approved through the SCC and the Board of Selectman so that we can all work together to continue to keep our preserve beautiful and keep all of us on the same page. If anyone would like to go on a hike with us, our next **hike will be on December 6th at 12:00 pm.** Meet in the field on the left at the end of Holton Rd. in Franklin. Any questions email me at donaldboushee@sbcglobal.net.

Basket Raffle

- Sayles School Basket Bash
- Date: December 4, 2015
- Time- 5:30- 7:00
- Drawing starts at 7:00
- Place- Sayles School Gymnasium - 25 Scotland Rd. Baltic, CT
- Baskets, Door Prizes and Silent Auction Items.
- Thank you for Supporting the Class of 2016.



Basket Raffle

- St Joseph School
- Annual Auction and Basket Raffle
- 10 School Hill Rd
- Baltic, Ct. 06330
- Saturday December 5th, 2015
- Viewing to begin @ 4:30
- Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus @ 5:00
- Basket Raffle to begin @ 6:15
- Silent Auction To follow.
- Fully loaded Theme baskets, Museum memberships, Gift certificates and Much MORE!!!!!!



2015 SECMSAC Co-Champions

The Sayles School soccer team finished the 2015 season as co-champions in the SECMSAC (South Eastern Connecticut Middle School Athletic Conference) Small Division tying Franklin 0-0 in the championship game. The Mustangs ended their season with an overall record of 7-4-2.



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SPRAGUE GARDEN CLUB

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year from the members of the Sprague Garden Club. We want to extend a belated welcome to two of our newest members, Jeanne Howard and Pat Simkowski. At our November meeting they represented **Mares Head Farm & Sprague Sugar Shack**. The farm raises broilers, layer chickens, goats, ducks as well as pigs. The Club sampled maple syrup and goats milk almond lotion. At our November meeting, Jeanne & her daughter taught us how to make goat's milk soap and brought some of the different scents they use in the soap making process .A final raking of leaves was done at the Grist Mill. The town will become a bit more festive as the barrels about town will be overflowing with greenery and wreaths will be decorating the buildings. Our guest speaker at our December 2nd meeting will be Andy Rzeznikowicz from the Audubon. We will be attending our annual luncheon on December 6th. We will return to our monthly meeting the first Wednesday of the month in March. All are welcome to attend. Enjoy the holiday season with your friends & family!

Cindy Rutigliano, Secretary



Attention Town Residents:

Looking to form an education coalition for our town. All interested parties can email:

Educationcoalitiontownofsprague@gmail.com

I want to establish the coalition focused on benefiting the children and community.

The goals of this coalition are:

- **A community/ parent/ student based forum to discuss how we can improve the educational experience in town. Focused on teamwork, communication and collaboration to bring about positive change for our children and community.**
- **A place to network for assistance and resources.**
- **Learn more about how the school functions in our community and how it affects the community as a whole.**

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Sprague Historical Society 2016 Birthday and Anniversary Calendar.

If you have not submitted your order yet, please do so immediately.

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.

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 \$			

The Sprague Historical Society is now taking orders for the 2016 Calendar!

Your support in our annual calendar fundraiser is appreciated! See order form inside the Our Town.

We are working on a new exhibit about Sprague Schools, opening date will be announced soon.

If anyone has any items or pictures you would like to donate, scan or lend it would be appreciated.

Please help us keep the History of Sprague alive!!

Check us out on Facebook!!

You can email us at historicalsociety@ctsprague.org

Write to us at 76 Main St. Baltic, CT 06330

Call us at 860-822-6867

Our hours:

Tues. 2:30 to 5:00

Thurs. 3:30 to 6:00

Wed. & Sat. 10:00 to 1:00

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.

Grace Fellowship Church
OF BALTIC

Sunday
10 am
5 pm

**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

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Baltic, CT



OUR TOWN

BUSINESS PAGE:

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Blue Christmas Worship: A Service of Remembrance and Hope

DECEMBER 16 – 7:00 PM

VERSAILLES CHURCH – 4 CHURCH STREET – ACROSS FROM OCCUM DAM

Christmas is a joyful season for most of us. For others it is time of deep despair. There are times in everyone’s life when the Christmas Season involves coping with the pain of broken relationships, unemployment, ill health, the pain of isolation, divorce, or the first Christmas without a beloved family member or pet. This worship will remind you that you are not alone. God is present for those who struggle and grieve. God’s light still shines in the darkness. If you are hurting, alone, or feeling blue this Christmas Season, this worship is for you. Scripture, music, candle lighting, and meditations will focus on the comfort God offers during dark times.

For some, Christmas carries with it a meaning that does not always bring comfort or joy. Grief and loss can be a difficult thing to navigate when the world is gearing up for the excitement of the season. At Versailles Church, we recognize that, for many people, Christmas is simply Blue.

On **December 16th at 7:00 PM**, we invite you to join us in the sanctuary for a **Blue Christmas Worship: A Service of Remembrance and Hope**.

With a message of hope, we will worship together to remember, and to believe. No matter who you are or what your story is, whatever you grieve and whatever you have lost in your life: this will be a place for healing and for hope, above all. You are welcome to hang an angel ornament on our Tree of Remembrance.

Come as you are and join us. **All** are welcome here.



Be an angel this holiday season! Purchase a Gift Card to an area store for donation to friends and neighbors in need in our town (Sprague) and surrounding towns (Bozrah, Franklin and Lisbon). Often small gifts are very important. They can often pay for things like diapers, toilet paper, personal hygiene items and other items that food stamps and other assistance may not cover.

**The card can be left at the Town Hall or mailed to:
The Salvation Army
Upper New London County Unit
34 Riverside Dr.
Baltic, CT 06330.**

Questions call Dennison Allen at 860-884-3588

SPRAGUE FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 19 and our volunteers, the Town of Sprague food pantry has been replenished with non-perishable food items.

If you happen to have missed the Boy Scout’s pick up please drop off your non-perishable food items at the Town Clerk’s office. These items will be put to good use supporting those who have a great need.

During these tough economic times, Town Residents are encouraged to use the food pantry.

For those in need of food assistance, please call 860 822-3000 ext 223 or 220.





A luminary is a small paper lantern (commonly a candle set in some sand inside a paper bag) which is of significance in the United States at Christmas time, especially on Christmas Eve. Electrically-lit luminaries are also used, consisting of a string of standard incandescent "Christmas lights" with the bulbs covered with a tan plastic sleeve, made to about the size and shape of a small paper bag. Please take the time to line the roadsides with luminaries this season; consider the dates of December 12th and December 24th.



~BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT SCC~

The holidays are fast approaching and Sprague Community Center is getting ready for their 6th Annual Breakfast with Santa event to be held on December 5, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Our breakfast menu will be: Scrambled Eggs, French Toast Sticks, Bacon & Sausage, Home Fries, served with Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice and Milk. We will have ornament making, pictures with Santa, face painting, and Christmas music. Ticket prices: Adults: \$ 6.00 per person; Children under 5: \$ 3.00. Notices will be going home with all students at Sayles School and St. Joseph's School.

We look forward to another year of good food, fun times with ornament making, face painting, lots of Christmas music, and of course a visit from Santa! So mark your calendars and join us for a special morning at SCC.

I wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Blessings,

Brenda J. Keefe
SCC Outreach Coordinator



The Holiday Season and Your Dog

By Denise Dembinski

During the holiday season your dog is likely to beg tidbits from you and your guests. Although turkey, potatoes, and green beans are fine in small quantities, there are many foods which are not. The ingestion of the following food items can result in pancreatitis and gastrointestinal upset. These are painful conditions that can result in the death of a dog depending on its size.

Chocolate – Sweet chocolate may only result in a stomach ache; however, unsweetened baker's chocolate or dark chocolate can result in severe blood sugar problems, seizures, weakness, and depression.

Alcoholic Beverages – Poisoning in dogs occurs when a dog drinks between 5 and 8 ml of alcohol per kilo of bodyweight. To clarify this means that an ml of alcohol can result in poisoning; not necessarily an ml of whiskey or wine. Your company may set a glass on the floor next to the couch which may prove too tempting for Fido to resist.

Macadamia Nuts – Although the actual toxic ingredient is unknown, these nuts affect the skeletal muscles of a dog. Tremors, weakness, and/or paralysis of the hindquarters can result. Limbs can swell.

Raisins and Grapes – In small dogs especially, raisins and grapes can result in acute renal failure. Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, and shaking.

Onions and Garlic – These dangerous food ingredients contain thiosulphate which result in haemolytic anemia which means the dog's red blood cells are affected causing them to burst while they circulate throughout the body. Cats and livestock can also be affected.

Candy, Sugarless Products (including gum) – Xylitol is a sugar-free ingredient frequently found in chewing gum, candy, and baking supplies.

Poultry Bones – Chicken and turkey bones splinter resulting in sharp, long, pieces which can cut, scratch, and become stuck in the dog's throat, stomach, or intestines.

"Regular" food isn't the only problem dog owners need to be aware of as the non-food holiday items such as tinsel, garland, ornaments, and drinking tree water in the living room can seriously irritate a dog's stomach. Angel hair, although soft and harmless looking, is really spun glass. Poinsettia plants are poisonous. Rock salt and other de-icers will result in vomiting and diarrhea when ingested. It will also burn your dog's paws.

We've all been told that, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." This is especially true when it comes to dogs and the holiday season. Maintain your dog's regular feeding schedule, exercise them regularly, and keep high-risk items out of reach. When you're busy is most likely when your pooch will get into trouble. Keep an eye open for symptoms of tremors, seizures, vomiting, diarrhea, and restlessness. Seek immediate veterinary treatment if necessary and have a happy, and safe, holiday season.



October 6, 2015 American Legion Post 85 Minutes

At 7:10 p.m. the Sr. Vice CDR opened the meeting. 11 members were present. 6 of 7 officers attended. The minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting were read and accepted. The Financial Officer reported \$755.85 in the checking account and \$3,671.58 in the Memorial Fund.

A Poppy Day will be November 7th. Sayles Elementary School is holding a salute to Veterans on November 10th. The Memorial Committee delivered the KIA bricks to the Town workers. Sprague Veteran's Day observance will be November 11th.

The November 15th chicken take out dinner has been cancelled. A search has started for candidates from Sprague for Boy's and Girl's State. The parade committee stated letters have been sent out to local bands and drum corps for next year's parade. The subject of an author's knight was discussed for 2016. Poker Run T-shirt styles and sizes were discussed but tabled until next month. Legionnaire Emile LaPorte has been reported ill.

With no further business to discuss, the Sr. Vice CDR then ended the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held at the Sprague Rod and Gun Club on December 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Coletti, Adjutant and Financial Officer



BALTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY

Our meeting was held on Tuesday, November 10, at the firehouse.

Plans for the annual **Holly Jolly Bazaar** were finalized. It will be held on **Saturday, November 28**, at the firehouse from 9 am to 3 pm. We are pleased that all of our tables for this event have been rented and we have a good variety of vendors coming. Stop in and get some of your Christmas shopping done! We are also planning on having our raffle table thanks to the generosity of area businesses and our members. Members will also be meeting at the firehouse at 4 pm on Thursday, November 19 to do the baking for our baked goods table.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at TJ's Café at 6 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.

Our sincere best wishes for a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Deschamps

Jeannette Deschamps, Secretary

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*Town of Sprague Parks and Recreation Commission
Cordially Invites You to*

Kringle's Kraftacular Holiday Gifts and Craft Show

Sunday, December 6th
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sayles School Gymnasium
25 Scotland Rd., Baltic, CT

*Free Gift Wrapping with the donation of a toiletry item to
our community pantry.*

*Make time to enjoy Brunch with Santa,
hosted by Sayles School PTO*

**Browse and shop with local vendors and artisans while the
kids make a holiday craft in our Workshop.**

**Try your luck in Kringle's Raffle for a chance win great
prizes.**

**All proceeds from our event will help needy families in Sprague during the holiday
season.**

“Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!”

– Dr. Seuss, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*

Sprague Public Library

Merry Christmas

New Books in the library:

Death in Salem by

Diane E. Foulds

Rumor by Elin Hildebrand

Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter

by Kate Clifford Larson

Killing Reagan by Bill O'Reilly



OUR HOLIDAY HOURS:

DECEMBER 24TH 9AM-2PM

DECEMBER 25TH CLOSED

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

DECEMBER 31ST 9AM-2PM

JANUARY 1ST CLOSED

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Three Kings Day or whatever you believe or celebrate!

We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year in 2016!

LIBRARY HOURS

**MONDAY & TUESDAY
1PM-6PM**

**WEDNESDAY &
THURSDAY 9AM-6PM**

SATURDAY 9AM-2PM



**HOLLY JOLLY BAZAAR
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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2015
9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

**HOLIDAY GIFTS, CRAFTS AND
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**COME JOIN US FOR LUNCH,
DO SOME CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
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PROJECT SAFE HALLOWEEN PHOTOS:



The Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1 recently hosted their 8th annual Project Safe Halloween Program on October 31st, 2015 at their fire house. Our Safe Halloween Program runs ENTIRELY on the donations received from many throughout our community, we use NO tax dollars to host this event, NO money from the town hall is used for this event and it is through the hard work of many members and volunteers to run this program. That being said we would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who made a donation for this year's program and to all who worked so hard to help us run this event. After watching the news it came to light once again why this program is in such demand. There were several cases of candy being tampered with in communities in CT and this is one reason why this volunteer fire department voted to host this event, to help to make sure that we could provide our community with a safe haven and to allow the children to have fun while being able to Trick or Treat and get a lot of candy, we believe that we have accomplished this and with this year's record numbers it appears that many others feel the same way.

This program is held as a way to provide a safe environment for the children & parents of our community to Trick or Treat throughout our firehouse, gathering as much candy-- if not more than they would have received if they had gone door to door in a neighborhood-- BUT with the knowledge that all of our candy that we pass out has NOT been tampered with in anyway while it was in our possession. Our program also allows all of the children (& Parents) in our community to Trick or Treat in a safe environment without the threat of a speeding car or some person hiding behind something to take a person's candy away.

Our program starts off with a costume parade starting at the Sprague Town Hall and they parade up the hill to our firehouse where they begin the Trick or Treat throughout our firehouse. At the end of the night we do have many prizes for the costumes that the children and parents wear such as six (6) bikes for three different age groups for both boys & girls. The bikes are donated by Sharky's Pizza here in Baltic and we provide the bike helmets. We also give away several movie passes which are donated by the Lisbon Landing Cinemas and this year we had a dinner for 2 at a top restaurant at the Mohegan Sun Casino which Mohegan Sun did donate. WE also handed out 150 LED flashlights to the first 150 to come through our doors, 3 pickup loads of candy and chips, photos were taken of everyone and we also had a fortune teller available for all who dared to enter her special area. On top of that we also gave away 75 pumpkins which were all donated from Malerbas Farms in Norwich, CT.

Along with the members of the Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1 manning some of the candy tables we also had a crew from the Lisbon Walmart store come to assist with this chore, The Lisbon Walmart also made a donation of candy for our program. The Sprague Senior Citizens also sent a contingent of help to pass out the candy (and to watch for their grandchildren,) and we had assistance from the Baltic Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. This year the parade stretched from the Town Hall all the way up to the doors of our firehouse, that being said- we broke our previous records which had been 1,3000, unfortunately we did not have enough help to have anyone keep a count of the people BUT just by looking at the crowd we knew we were a very popular place to be.

This whole Safe Halloween Program is run entirely with the donations of many with the money being used to purchase the candy and all of the other items needed to run this program and to make sure that we offer this safe environment for our community. We would like to say Thank You to all who made a donation for this year's program. If anyone would still like to make a donation we are accepting them for the 2016 event. WE would like to say thank you to some who gave above & beyond all others to help to make sure that this event was able to be held, this year we had only one bag of candy left after everyone had gone through but we were able to make sure that everyone did have a good time and a Safe Time!

The following is a short list of those who gave above & beyond and we would like to say a special Thank you to these as well as all others who made a donation. #1 sponsor was : AMGRAPH Inc.,#2; Sharky's Pizza (Al & Connie Lehoux),#3; Riley's Plumbing, #4 Affordable Air LLC, Walmart (Lisbon Store) , Lowes (Lisbon Store) Stop & Shop (Norwich Store), S&S Worldwide (Colchester), Rhode Island Novelty (Fall River, Ma), Mohegan Sun Casino, Malerbas Farm, Frito Lay (Dayville Plant), Jeanne Miller, Kolar family, Fox Hollow Enterprises LLC, Baltic Wine & Spirits, Robert Spuul, Albert & Anice Bastien, Knight of Columbus, Guillot Funeral Home, Edwin Muenzner CPA, Smelser Family, Bob's Discount Furniture (Charitable Foundation), Bubbles to Butterfly Swim School, Margaret Campanelli, Barbara Alfiero, Sprague Senior Citizens Smile Program and so many other families and businesses who helped to make this year's Safe Halloween Program such a hit.

Submitted by Reg Patchell, Photographer Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1, 860 822 6228, reggiepatchell@comcast.net



Future Problem Solvers

This year at Sayles School, twenty-one 7th and 8th grade students will participate in the Future Problem Solving (FPS) Program of Connecticut. Future Problem Solving is a yearlong educational program that challenges students to “think outside” the box and requires dedication and commitment on the part of both student and coaches. The program “prepares Connecticut’s students for the future by teaching them essential problem solving skills. The challenging materials of the Future Problem Solving Program are designed to help students learn how to think, not what to think. Future Problem Solving motivates and assists students to develop an active interest in the future, improve written and oral communication skills, work cooperatively, develop research skills while learning about complex, social and scientific issues, and think creatively, critically and analytically (fpspofct.org).” Students will work on the following topics throughout the year: Treatment of Animals, Disappearing Languages, Recovering from Natural Disaster, and The Global Workforce. A state bowl will be held in the spring for teams across Connecticut to compete against each other.



There is now a mailbox placed up at the transfer station to be used for worn and torn Flags. Please place the flags there; when the mailbox is full the American Legion Post will remove them for proper flag disposal.



We have word in Town that Santa will be coming through December 13th with a bad weather date of December 20th! Mark your calendars!



Christmas Caroling

Saturday, December 12th, 2015

5:00pm

Grist Mill

Songs, Santa, Hot Chocolate and Cookies

Come join us! Caroling will be outside so dress warmly!

TVCCA's Senior Nutrition Program is supported by Senior Resources-Area Agency on Aging with Title III funds made available under the Older Americans Act. This menu meets 1/3 RDA and conforms to U.S. Dietary Guidelines. Certified by Lindsay D'Amato, MPH, RD.



TVCCA SENIOR CAFE DECEMBER 2015

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY


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

7
 Cuban Braised Pork Loin
 Yellow Rice & black beans
 Chuck Wagon Medley
 Fresh Fruit



14
 Beef Stroganoff
 Mashed Potatoes
 Mixed Vegetables
 Applesauce Cup

21
 Chicken Cordon Blue
 Rice Pilaf
 Stewed Tomatoes
 Orange Juice
 Danish



28
 Pineapple Glazed Ham
 Mashed Sweet Potatoes
 Zucchini & Diced tomatoes
 Fruit Cocktail

1
 Western Omelet
 Roasted Potatoes
 Stewed Tomatoes
 Cranberry Juice
 Oatmeal Cookie

8
 Cheeseburger Noodle Casserole
 Broccoli
 Carrots
 Fruit Cocktail

15
 Chicken Parmesan
 Penne Pasta w/ marinara
 Zucchini
 Pears w/ mandarin oranges

22
 Pub Burger w/ bun
 Mashed Potatoes
 Peas & Carrots
 Applesauce Cup

29
 Beef & Bean Chili
 Steamed Rice
 Corn & Lima Beans
 Fresh Orange
Ethnic Celebration

2
 Meatball Grinder w/ sub roll
 Mozzarella Cheese
 Italian Vegetable Medley
 Fresh Orange

9
 Stuffed Chicken w/ Broccoli
 Roasted Potatoes
 Capri Vegetable Medley
 Peach Cup

16
 Glazed Ham
 Rice Pilaf
 Green Beans Almandine
 Grape Juice
 Sugar Cookie


Christmas Celebration

23
 Cheese Manicotti w/ marinara
 Wax Beans
 Green Beans
 Pears w/ mandarin oranges

30
 Chicken Stew
 Garlic Roasted Potatoes
 Baby Carrots
 Pineapple Cup

3
 Chicken Cacciatore
 Parsley Potatoes
 Capri Vegetable Medley
 Fruit Cocktail

10
 BBQ Pulled Pork w/ roll
 Baked Beans, Snap Peas
 Pineapple Cup

17
 Swedish Meatballs
 Buttered Noodles
 Chuck Wagon Medley
 Pineapple Cup

24
 Crispy Cod Party
 Rice Pilaf
 Broccoli
 Fresh Fruit

31
 Hot Dog w/ Roll
 Baked Beans
 Yellow Squash
 Orange Juice
 Chocolate Chip Cookie

4
 Mexican Baked Cod
 w/ corn salsa
 Seasoned Rice
 Broccoli
 Peach Cup

11
 Stuffed Pepper Casserole
 Cumin & Garlic Rubbed Potatoes
 Long Bean Medley
 Cupcake
 Grape Juice

Birthday Celebration

18
 Tuscan Baked Chicken
 Seasoned Rice
 Broccoli
 Fresh Orange

25
 Christmas Holiday

 Program Closed





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			
Points of Departure to Sprague			
	Time		
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**



This is the Christmas Season. You may help those in need this year in a number of ways. Donate whatever you can to the Salvation Army Upper New London County Service Unit by sending check to 34 Riverside Dr., Baltic, CT 06330. 90% of that money will be used to help your neighbors. There are Angel gift cards at the Town Hall, take one or more and get a gift card that can be used for anything: food, gas, gifts, things food cards don't cover. Donate food to the food pantry at the town hall. The Boy Scouts do a great job in their food drive. If you need food stop by the town hall and see Colette and she will help you. Be thankful for all you have been given, no matter how things seem to be going. Our Heavenly Father LOVES YOU!

Dennison (Denny) Allen



December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 American Legion 7 pm, Sprague Rod & Gun Club	2 Board of Ed 7 pm, Sayles Knights of Columbus, 7pm Fire House P&Z Comm. 7 pm Town Hall	3	4 Sayles School Basket Bash 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm 25 Scotland Rd.	5 St. Joseph's School Annual Auction & Basket Raffle 4:30 pm 10 School Hill Rd.
6 Kringle's Kraftacular Holiday Gifts & Craft Show 11 am to 4 pm Sayles School Gymnasium	7 Inland Wetlands 7 pm, Town Hall ZBA, 7 pm Town Hall	8 Economic Development Comm., 6:30 pm Town Hall Library Bd. 6:30 pm, Grist Mill	9 Board of Selectmen 5:00 pm, Town Hall	10	11	12 Christmas Caroling 5:00 pm Grist Mill 
13 Deadline for all OUR TOWN Submissions "Santa is coming through Town." 	14 Agric. Comm. 7 pm, Town Hall Conserv. Comm. 7 pm, Town Hall	15	16 Water & Sewer Authority, 4 pm Town Hall	17 Board of Finance 7 pm, Town Hall Recreation Comm. 8 pm, Town Hall	18	19 Our Town Collating, 10am Town Hall
20	21	22	23 Reg. Animal Control Mtg 10:30 am Sprague Town Hall	24  Christmas Eve	25  Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30 Housing Auth. 7 pm, Town Hall	31 New Year's Eve		



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