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OUR TOWN

SERVING THE VILLAGES OF BALTIC, HANOVER AND VERSAILLES
IN THE BEAUTIFUL SHETUCKET RIVER VALLEY

INFORMATION * NEWS

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING REFERENDUM

To be held **Tuesday, May 4** at the Baltic Firehouse, Route 138, Bushnell Hollow Road, Baltic. Voting tabulators will be used. A vote of "YES" being a vote for approval, and a vote of "NO" being a vote for disapproval.

The question on the ballot is

"Shall the 2010-2011 budget, totaling \$8,493,840 with \$2,652,166 for total General Government and \$5,841,674 for Board of Education, be approved?"

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots are available in the office of the Sprague Town Clerk, 1 Main St., Baltic, CT

Citizens qualified to vote, in accordance with Sec. 7-6 are Any person who is an elector of the Town of Sprague, and any citizen of the age of eighteen years or more, who is liable to the town for taxes on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of the Town Clerk during normal business hours and at www.ctsprague.org.

Any questions, please call Claire Glaude, Town Clerk, at 860-822-3000, ext. 220

~Claire B. Glaude, Town Clerk

Sayles School Honor Roll 2nd Marking Period

High Honors Grade 8

Rachel Fish, Anne Woronecki, John Baldino, Jacob Provost, Lawrence Ejchorszt, Kevin Zeller, Timothy Jorsz

Honors Grade 8

Noah Eaton, Sara Tiffany, Timothy Paz, Daniel Briggs, Gregory Dziekan

High Honors Grade 7

Pamela Russo, Selena Williamson

Honors Grade 7

Dylan Crider, Kyle Grills, Kellse Ericson, Kyleigh Manfredi, Sarah Warzecha, Ryder Choti, Charles Phipps

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Sprague Senior Center

June 15 and 16

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Attendance at both sessions required

Cost: National AARP Members \$12

Non-Members \$14

Register with Buddy Meadows, Senior Center Coordinator,
(860) 822-3000, ext. 203

COLETTI BOOK PUBLISHED

Tom Coletti's new book, *Special Delivery To Me*, an adult fiction, was released by House of Walker Publishing Company on **April 30**. This is a first in a series written by Colletti. The book is scheduled to be available in paperback through Amazon.com by April 30. Hard cover copies will follow, and are expected to be available at Barnes and Noble by mid-summer.

The book can also be purchased at hwpublishing.com.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 31, AT 12:30 P.M.

The parade will start at the former Baltic Mill lot and will go approximately 1.1 miles through the village of Baltic on Main Street, River Street, and part of High Street, ending at the War Memorial Park.



SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

OUR TOWN

SENIOR RAFFLE - SHOWERS, EASTER, AND SPRING BASKET

We would like to fill nine baskets by September 30, 2010. Each month will have a different theme. May is "Gardening." Raffle tickets will be available October 1 thru November 30. Tickets are three (3) for \$1.00. Tickets will be drawn at our annual Smilers Christmas Party on the first Saturday in December.

State guidelines are as follows: Each basket cannot be worth more than \$100 and the baskets cannot contain cash, lottery tickets, alcohol, or any form of gift cards. Also, an itemized list of the contents of the basket must be submitted. Items for basket can be placed in the wagon located in rear of Senior Center Hall.

Come to our Smilers meeting held on the last Thursday of each month for more information. There isn't a committee for this project. Let us all, Smilers rally together and make this Raffle a success.

~Project Co-Chairmen – Marie A. Davis & Pauline Charron

HEALTH SCREENINGS

Blood pressure screenings will be held at Sprague Town Hall on **Tuesday, May 25** from noon to 1 p.m. Health screenings, including blood pressure, and other services, which carry a nominal fee, will be held on Tuesday, May 25, noon to 12:30 p.m.

Call (860) 456-7288 for appointments, cost and information on other services.

These services are provided by VNA East, 34 Ledgebrook Drive, Mansfield Center.

BUS SCHEDULE**Points of Departure**

Shetucket Village: 8:45 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m.

Playground Brookside and High Street: 8:52 a.m., 9:52 a.m., 11:52 a.m.

TJ's Parking Lot, Route 97 and Main Street: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and Noon

Arrival in Occum Corner of Hooper Street and Route 97, by Red McKeon Park: 9:10 a.m., 10:10 a.m., and 12:10 p.m.

Return

Stop as needed for return trip

Express Return: 3:15 p.m. to Senior Center

Service runs Monday through Thursday except holidays. For more information call Buddy Meadows, Sprague Senior Center Coordinator, (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 information, visit www.seatbus.com.

Winter Weather: Bus schedule will follow school closing schedule. Turn to channels 3, 8, and 30 for information.

SENIOR VAN SCHEDULE**Lisbon Super Wal-Mart and Kohl's**

Bi-weekly, Monday

1 to 3 p.m.

Norwich Big Y and Wal-Mart

by request.

Norwich Stop 'n Shop and

surrounding stores

Thursday, 1 to 3 p.m.

Norwich Shop Rite

Tuesday, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Willimantic Super Wal-Mart and

Food Co-op by request.

Medical appointments require a 48-hour notice. Please contact the Senior Center for availability before making your next appointment. (860) 822 3000, ext 203.

POST 85 NEWS

DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Post 85 meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Senior Center, 1 Main Street, Baltic, beginning at 7 p.m. All veterans of all wars are invited to participate. The next meeting is **Tuesday, May 4.**

At the April meeting, a quorum was present, so official business could be conducted. It was noted that Legionnaire John Adams from California will have his membership transferred to Post 85. It was noted that Conrad Sheffer died recently. The post offers their condolences to friends and family. Connie will be missed. The post wished to thank him for his past service to his country and his membership with the post.

The town is still looking for information of veterans whose names should be included on the new memorial plaque they are designing. Any veteran who served during WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon/Granada, Panama, or the Gulf Wars is asked to contact Town Clerk Claire Glaude, (860) 822-3000, ext. 220. A fundraising raffle is being organized. Legionnaire Will Chabotte exhibited one of his custom guitars that will be available. More details will follow.

Taken from the minutes

~Respectfully submitted by Tom Coletti, Financial Officer

The work of the Sprague Democratic Town Committee continues to focus on candidates for state-wide office. On March 31st, SDTC co-sponsored with the Quiet Corner Democrats a forum for candidates for State Treasurer, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and Secretary of State. First Selectman Cathy Osten formed a candidate committee to run for the office of state representative for the 47th district. Delegates to the conventions were elected at a special meeting on March 30.

DTC members were also involved in the town budget process through the various boards and commissions on which they serve.

If you have any questions or wish to know more about the work of the Democratic Town Committee, please contact Susan Zimmerman at 860-822-6767 or susanpzimmerman@sbcglobal.net.

~Susan Zimmerman, Chairman

Knights of Columbus

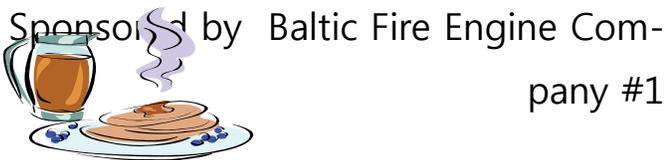
Please note: the Knights of Columbus will be meeting at St. Joseph School on **Wednesday, May 5, 7:30 p.m.**

*Graduation Congratulations to
Jessica (Lance) Odyanik*

*For making the Dean's List first and second
year at Boston Institute of Art*

*Best of Luck!
Love,
Meme*

MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Sponsored by Baltic Fire Engine Company #1
Sunday, May 9
7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

At the Fire House, 22 Bushnell Hollow Road,

OUR TOWN

SPRAGUE GARDEN CLUB

The garden club will hold a business meeting on **Thursday, May 13, 7 p.m.** at the Senior Center.

Our April speaker was Dave Candler, consulting rosarian. We enjoyed a lively and informative presentation on raising healthy roses in our area.

Did you know tree roses will not survive Connecticut winters without being fully protected? The bud union (graft) is located well above the ground and cannot be easily protected from freezing. The best way to protection the tree is to plant it in a large wheeled container that can be rolled into an unheated garage or shed for the winter.

Some tips for growing happy roses:

Optimal planting time for roses is mid-April.

Dig a hole 18" x 18". Add a mixture of 1/3 soil, 1/3 peat moss/compost, 1/3 sand to the hole and water as you plant.

Place a banana peel in the bottom of the hole. Roses like the potassium.

Plant roses with the bud union 3" underground in our area.

Do not fertilize the first year.

Make sure roses get one inch of water during dry periods and in July and August.

Once established fertilize with 10-10-10 at the rate of one cup/month during May, June, July and August.

Use the least toxic methods of pest/disease control that is effective.

Contact David Candler at DavCandler@aol.com. for additional help and be sure to check out the Connecticut Rose Society Website at www.ctrose.org

We will not hold a May Plant Sale this year. We hope to be back next year. Interested in joining the garden club? Please call for more information or attend one of our meetings.

~Jan Settje, Secretary, (860) 822-6520

POSTAL SERVICE CUT UNDER CONSIDERATION

According to Business Week April 12, 2010, Ruth Y. Goldway, chairman of the Postal Regulatory Commission, public comment is being sought regarding the possible change to five-day mail service. For more information, and to share an opinion, visit online at www.prc.gov, "contact PRC", or write to Ruth Y. Goldway, Postal Regulatory Commission, 901 New York Ave., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20268, or call (202) 789-6800.

~ Submitted by Tracey Medling, Postmaster, Hanover

LADIES AUXILIARY

We hope everyone had a safe and healthy winter and survived the recent rain deluge without too much damage. It's nice to see the grass turning green and the trees budding.

Several fund raising ideas were discussed. Our main event of the year will again be our Holly Jolly Bazaar. The date this year is Saturday, November 27. We will have table space available for rental. Please mark your calendars for this fun event.

Be sure to watch upcoming issues of "Our Town" for any additional information on our activities.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 8, at 7 pm** at the fire house.

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.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Deschamps, Secretary

Dear Readers,

On April 15, 2010, I submitted my resignation to the Board of Selectmen as editor of the Our Town newsletter.

I appreciate having had an opportunity to serve the community of Sprague for these past three years.

Submissions may continue to be emailed to OurTownNews@gmail.com, or dropped off or mailed to Town Hall, 1 Main St., PO Box 677, Baltic, CT 06330. Deadline remains the 15th of the month until further notice.

If you are interesting in becoming part of the newsletter staff or volunteer committee, contact Town Hall at (860) 822-3000.

Wishing you peace,

Amy Lynn Reifsnnyder



**CHARITY EVENT
FOR LINDA ALLEN (LAVIGNE)**

PASTA DINNER and D.J.

At MOOSE LODGE

950 FITCHVILLE ROAD, BOZRAH

SUNDAY, MAY 2 * 4 TO 7 P.M.

Tickets: \$10.00 per person

CARDS AND DONATIONS:

c/o TJ's Café, PO Box 86, Baltic, CT 06330

FROM THE EDITOR: THANK YOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO MEET THE Deadline for submissions on the 15th of each month. Submissions may be e-mailed to OurTownNews@gmail.com, or mailed to Town Hall, P.O. Box 677, Baltic, CT 06330. Information: (860) 822-3000. The writer's name, address and a contact phone number must be included with each submission. Because the focus of Our Town is community events, articles, commission notes and other items of town-wide interest will take priority over personal opinions. Annual budget considerations may affect page appropriations as well.

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED THESE PAST THREE YEARS!