Come and hear the Commissioner of Agriculture – Steven Reviczky and a USDA representative – Javier Cruz on March 11, 2013 at 7:00PM at the Sprague Town Hall. They will share about Programs available to us farmers. There will be a Q & A session and light refreshments will be served. Don’t miss this opportunity. Sponsored by the Sprague Agriculture Commission.

Versailles United Methodist Church Breakfast
4 Church Street, Versailles, CT 06383
Join us for breakfast!

March 2nd from 7-10am
$6 per person
Pancakes ~ Eggs ~ Sausage
Home Fries ~ Coffee, Tea & Juice
1st Saturday of every month!

The club will meet on Wednesday, March 6 at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center.

We will be making scrapbooks using some of our many pictures.

Please bring any extra scrapbooking supplies, scissors, and pictures you would like to share with the club. Past members are invited to attend.

If you enjoy scrapbooking and would like to share your knowledge with the club, please join us for an evening of fun.

Jan Settje, Secretary

Many thanks to the following volunteers that have helped collate the newsletter since I’ve become editor: Diane Fraiter, Selena Calderon, Cristian Calderon, Jasmeen Calderon, Liana Pike, Pamela Russo, Marisol Melendez, Chelsea Bertocki
Thank you your help has been greatly appreciated.

If interested in volunteering email Elizabeth @ our-town@ctsprague.org
From the Desk of the First Selectman

We have been as busy as ever and boy are we proud of our public works crew, we used our regular crew along with our seasonal workers and water and sewer guys. While we were down 1 truck (now back on line) we were able to clear the Town in record time!

We had a capital project review which went well. We gathered ideas inserting additional projects into the list of needed or desired capital projects. We also are diligently preparing budget documents for a special Our Town edition which will be sent in mid-March. This will have all these capital plans, salary schedules and other information pertinent to budget discussions. These documents will be put in one edition rather than squeezed in to several months of the Out Town.

We have entertained FEMA for the 6th time in 3 years, as much as I like the FEMA folks I am hoping that we will have a quiet spring and summer.

We are starting to prepare for summer events please let Craig Staggs know if you are interested in helping out with the recreation committee, in particular the summer recreation program.

As always thanks for your support.

Cathy Osten
First Selectman

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday April 6th, 2013
11:00AM
River Park
Thousands of eggs will be hidden
Come join us rain or shine
The Town of Sprague in conjunction with First Light Power Resources will resume the wildly popular Ride the Shetucket events for 2013.

Once monthly, during the warm weather season a scheduled water release from Scotland Dam will take place, allowing a water level high enough to paddle or tube from below Scotland Dam to River Park in Baltic.

The Town of Sprague will provide a free shuttle from River Park and the Scotland Dam. Water release is scheduled for approximately 10:00 am on the 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 1-2 hours depending on water volume.

Dates for 2013 are: April 27th, May 25th, June 29th, July 27th, August 31st, September 28th, and October 12th. Since Ride the Shetucket is weather sensitive even, 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

Additionally, this year, a full moon night paddle is scheduled for October 18th as part of the Last Green Valley Walktober series. Please consult the LGV Brochure and the Sprague website for details as they become available.

SEE YOU THERE

Also, Bill Reid, Chief Ranger from the Last Green Valley will be leading a paddle on Sunday, June 2nd from the Plains Road launch location in Windham to Sprague River Park. This paddle is part of CT Trails Weekend organized by CT Forest & Park Association.

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**EARTH DAY 2013 IS MONDAY, APRIL 22ND, 2013**

**THE TOWN OF SPRAGUE WILL BE CELEBRATING EARTH DAY**

**SATURDAY APRIL 27TH, 2013**

**STARTING @ 10AM FINISHING @ 2PM**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ADOPT A ROAD FOR CLEANUP BAGS AND GLOVES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GRIST MILL PARKING LOT**

**PIZZA WILL BE SERVED @ 1PM IN THE GRIST MILL PARKING AREA**

**PLEASE CALL CATHY OR BARBARA @ 860-822-3000 X 201 & LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO TO HELP OUT**

**THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!**
Come and participate in a Historical Investigation

Come and participate in an educational historical investigation at the Sprague Land Preserve.

On Sunday March 17, 2013 the Sprague Conservation Commission and Sprague Historical Society will come together at the Sprague Land Preserve to do the first phase of investigation at an historical site on the preserve. Become part of the research team, measure and plot out. All ages welcome. Meet at the Gristmill parking lot at 11:00 am on Sunday March 17, 2013. Pre register 860 822 9808 or questions email donaldbou-shee@sbcglobal.net

~SPRAGUE COMMUNITY CENTER~

Let’s turn our thoughts from blizzards to a sure sign of spring is coming and that is our 3rd annual St. Patrick’s Dinner. Our Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be held on March 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at Sprague Community Center (SCC). The price is $ 10.00 for adults and $ 5.00 for children under 5 years old. We also will have Irish music entertainment with an Irish band! We need to have reservations made by March 12th. Reservations can be made by calling 860-822-6595 or dropping by SCC on Fridays from 1-3:00 p.m. to pick up your tickets. So make it a night at SCC and enjoy delicious food, great music, and wonderful fellowship!

As always our hall is available for rental for private events. If you are having a birthday party, bridal/baby shower, anniversary gathering etc., and would like to rent our hall, please call me at 860-822-6595 for further information. Take care and blessings to all,

Sincerely,
Brenda J. Keefe
Outreach Coordinator
860-822-6595

Our “Food Friday” food distribution program is held every Friday from 2:00-3:00 p.m. If you would like to register for this free food program, please call 860-822-6595.

SAINTS LAWN 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
Sprague Democratic Town Committee Update

The Sprague Democratic Town Committee (DTC) met for its monthly meeting on February 7, 2013.

The DTC always encourages people to participate in their community by volunteering for boards and commissions, whether they are by appointment or elected office. This time of the year is of particular focus, as the DTC is seeking candidates to run for elected office this November.

Interested persons should take note that the DTC seeks qualified candidates to run for office regardless of their party affiliation, if any. The DTC’s nominating sub-committee is currently reviewing positions to be filled. If you are interested in running for elected office, and would like more information, please call Richard Waterman, at 860-822-8932. The deadline for contacting the DTC concerning your being included on the November slate of candidates is March 15, 2013.

If you are interested in getting involved, but are not interested in any of the elected positions for this coming election cycle, or if you are only interested in positions that are filled by appointment rather than election, you can submit an application to the Town of Sprague by going to the Town website (www.ctsprague.org) or by stopping at the Town Clerk’s office for an application.

The Sprague DTC always encourages residents to register to vote. Any registered Democrats interested in joining the DTC sound contact me or the DTC secretary Claire Glaude at 860-822-9111.

You can also visit the Sprague DTC website at: sprague-democrats.org for more information.

Catherine Osten

Grand Marshall Search

The selection committee would first like to thank everyone for their submissions for last year’s Grand Marshal Nominations. It’s now time to send in your recommendations for this year’s parade.

If you know of someone who has served in the United States military and living in the town of Sprague he or she could be nominated. In about 300 words or less please explain why you think this person should be this year’s Grand Marshal. Include anything that you feel might help with the selection process such as special deeds, helping others, volunteering somewhere; you get the idea. Also include contact information so we may let them know of their selection.

Send your letters to: Town Hall 2013 Parade Committee, P.O. Box 162, Baltic, CT 06330. Entries need to be postmarked by May 15, 2013. Remember, your candidate must have served in the United States military.

Representatives from American Legion Post 85, the Town of Sprague and Baltic Fire Department will look over all of the entries received and make a decision as to who will be the Grand Marshal for our 2013 Memorial Day Parade.

Good luck to all the entrants.

COOKIE BOOTH
Girl Scout Daisy Troop 63090
will be selling delicious Girl Scout Cookies and taking donations for Gifts of Caring.
Cookies sent to US Troops in The US and on Duty Overseas.

SATURDAY MARCH 9TH
10AM -1PM
In Front of Sprague Public Library.
Please support our girls!

Contact Leader Shannen Patnaude
spatnaude@hotmail.com
American Legion Post 85 (2/5/13)

The Commander opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m. 6 of the 7 officers were present. 9 members were noted in attendance to conduct official business. The minutes for January 3rd were read and accepted.

The Financial Officer reported that the Post had donated over $250.00 to the Christmas Charity Drive. The Drive collected over $1,500.00 for the needy families in town.

The Adjutant presented an overview of the Memorial Day planning to the members. The Commander reported that the ammo for the parade had been ordered. He also inquired to the F.O. why the minutes for last month’s meeting had not been included in the February Our Town Edition.

New fund raising ideas were presented. One was to attend the VFW Carnival in June and have a booth. Another was to have a spaghetti and meatball dinner at the Senior Center. More information is to follow.

The F.O. (Town Selectwoman), presented the Town Budget to the membership. The session was informative on the upcoming budget.

The Commander closed the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held at the Rod and Gun Club, March 5th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully,
Tom Coletti

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Sprague Public Library Presents

**MUSIC & FUN!**

with Stan Munslow

Sing a song of silliness! Join musician and author Stan Munslow, along with “Otis” (his guitar) for an hour of music and fun and a zany story or two. This FREE show is perfect for the young child (3 - 8) as well as the young at heart. You’ll learn a few cool things about music along the way, too!

**When:** Saturday, April 13th, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Sprague Public Library
75 Main St., Baltic, CT
860 822-3012

**FREE!**

Personalized autographed copies of Stan Munslow's children's book, "Young McDonald Has A Farm" will be available for $10 (cash only).

Stan Munslow is a musician, author, and private music instructor. His children's book "Young McDonald Has A Farm" is now available at amazon.com, bn.com.
SABIA USTED?  DID YOU KNOW? by Ana Lazu

SABIA USTED?
Como mantener su hogar economicamente con calefacion? Esta usted teniendo dificultad con los costos altos de calefacion? Atienda a este entrenamiento de una hora y media y escuche sobre como mantener una cuenta y aprender tecnicas de como conservar energia y mucha mas informacion. Pregúntele por mas informacion a su trabajador en la oficina de TVCCA en el programa de energia.

Atienda este entrenamiento y usted automaticamente puede recibir $200.00 de beneficio añadido a su cuenta de energia o calefacion lo que usted use para calentar su hogar. Esto es cortesia de TVCCA.

Este entrenamiento proveera tecnicas y herramientas necesarias para analizar y mantener cuentas de gastos en el hogar, habitos de gastos y tecnicas de como conservar energia que le ahoraran dinero.

*Se le proveeran detalles de el programa cuando complete este entrenamiento.

Sabia Usted? que mucho de los aparatos domesticos que tenemos en nuestros hogares aunque esten apagados todavia usan electricidad. Tambien insolacion a su casa en el calor o el frio le economiza a usted hasta 30 porciento de gasto.

DID YOU KNOW?
The ABC's of Home Heating affordability: Analyze, Budget, Conserve

Are you having difficulty affording rising heating and energy cost? TVCCA can help. Attend this free one and half hour workshop to hear about how budgeting skills and energy conservation techniques can strengthen your household's budget when you need it the most! Ask your Energy worker for more information. Attend this free workshop and automatically be in the running to receive an additional $200.00 benefit towards your utility account. Courtesy of TVCCA.

This workshop will provide techniques and tools necessary to analyze and track your household expenses, spending habits, the techniques to build the strongest budget for your household, and practical energy conservation techniques that will help you save money.

*Details to be provided upon completion of the Analyze, Budget, and Conserve Workshop.

Did you know? that many of your appliances use electricity even when they are turned "off". CFL lights bulbs may cost more but last 10 times longer than regular incandescent light bulbs and, sealing and, insulating your home can reduce heating and cooling costs by as much as 30 percent.

Ana Lazu

The Friends of the Sprague Public Library Are introducing a New Program at the Library
We are calling it Memory Keepers
Memory Keepers is a program for scrapbooking.
It will be the second Wednesday of each month beginning Wednesday March 13th. The session will be:
3PM to 9PM for a cost of $10.00 per person.
3PM to 6PM for a cost of $5.00 per person.
6PM to 9PM for a cost of $5.00 per person.
Some cutting supplies stickers and paper will be available for use.
There will also be raffle tickets available for prizes.
For more information please call the library at 860-822-3012
**TVCCA SENIOR COMMUNITY CAFE MARCH 2013**

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<td>Go to: tvcca.org for more Information or call 860-886-1720 x 10</td>
<td>Is to generate public awareness, recruit new volunteers and increase local fundraising. Mayors and Town Officials will be delivering meals this day in support of Meals on Wheels.</td>
<td><strong>Ethnic Celebration</strong></td>
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1% milk and whole grain bread are served with each meal. Menu is subject to change with out notice.
Boards and Commissions Questionnaire

Name: ____________________________________________
Residence Address: __________________________________
Mailing Address: ____________________________________
Occupation: _________________________________________
Phone number: __________ Business __________ Cell: __________
E-Mail Address: _____________________________________

1. How long have you lived in Sprague? __________________________

2. Are you a registered voter in the Town of Sprague? ________________

3. What is your party affiliation? Republican  Democrat  Unaffiliated  Other __________

4. Which Board or Commission appointments are you seeking? ________________

5. Would you prefer appointment as a member, as an alternate or it doesn’t matter?
(Please circle one)

6. Why are you seeking appointment to the Board or Commission? ________________

7. What is your experience or knowledge regarding this Board or Commission? ____________

8. State your philosophy in regard to this Board of Commission: ________________

Date: ____________________________
9. Some Boards and Commissions meet at least once each month. It is important for all members to be in attendance to insure a quorum. Are you able to devote this amount of time? 

10. Have you attended any meetings of the Board or Commission for which you are seeking an appointment? If so, how many times in the past twelve months?

11. Would there be a possible conflict of interest if you were appointed to the Board or Commission? If so, explain

12. Have you ever come before or dealt with a Board of Commission to which you would be seeking appointment? If so, please explain

13. Have you ever served on a local government Board or Commission in this or any other Town? If so, please explain

14. If no openings exist on the Board or Commission to which you are seeking appointment, would you accept appointment to a different Board or Commission? If so, please list the Board(s) or Commission(s) in priority order:

1. 
2. 
3. 

Please note that the Boards and Commissions for which candidates are applying are volunteer positions. The positions, whether elected or appointed, are not hourly paid positions or salaried positions.

Note: If additional space is required to complete answers to the questions, please continue on the reverse side. Return to: Sprague First Selectman, Sprague Town Hall, One Main Street, P.O. Box 677, Baltic, CT 06330. If you have any questions, please call: 860 822-3000 x 202
Sprague Public Library Newsletter March 2013

Meet the Author!

The Sprague Historical Society and Sprague Public Library present author Diana Perkins. Her book is titled Jenny’s Way.

She will be presenting Saturday April 6 at 4PM in the Sprague Historical Society (located on the third floor). There will be a reception following the presentation in the Community Room.

The newest novel written by Diana K. Perkins, titled “Jenny’s Way,” is a fictional book based on a local legend based in Baltic, CT. Diana looked through hundreds of photos at the Sprague Historical Society which she uses in her slide presentation, reading.

Snapshot Day

Saturday, April 13

Throughout the day we will have programs for all to take part in.

From 10AM to 12PM we will have Wii gaming and traditional board games in the community room.

From 11:30AM to 1:30PM we will have Knitting Club in the library.

From 1PM to 2PM we will be hosting author and musician Stan Munslow.

Hope to see you there!

Magazines
- Outdoor Life
- Field & Stream
- Birds & Blooms
- Food Network Magazine
- Garden Design
- More
- Smithsonian
- Real Simple
- Crochet World
- Parenting
- Ladies’ Home Journal

NEW Books, Magazines, and more!

Adult Books
- Bring Me Home for Christmas by Robyn Carr
- Black Tide by Antonia Juhasz
- Liam’s Story by Tommy Coletti

Children’s Books
- Alex the Parrot by Stephanie Spinner
- The Herd Boy by Niki Daly
- Unspoken by Henry Cole
- The Long, Long Journey The Godwit’s Amazing Migration by Sandra Markle
- One Year in Coal Harbor by Polly Horvath
- Nelson Mandela by Kadir Nelson

DVDs
- Downton Abbey Season 2
- Downton Abbey Season 3
- Taken 2
- Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
- A Little Bit of Heaven

Children’s DVDs
- ZowZoo
- Molly An American Girl on the Home Front
- Around the World in 80 Days

Book Clubs

Afternoon Delight Book Club

Our next meeting will be March 6 at 3:30PM in the library. We will be discussing A Land Remembered by Patrick D. Smith.

Fiction Addiction Book Club

We will be meeting March 25 at 5:30PM in the library. We will be discussing Beautiful Creatures by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl.

Weekly Preschool/Toddler Story Time

Thursday mornings from 10:30AM to 11:15 AM in the Children’s room.

Each week a story is read accompanied by a craft, snack, game, or video. Registration is not required unless posted.

All are welcome.
VNA East
34 LEDGEBROOK DRIVE, MANSFIELD CENTER, CT  06250
PH: 860-456-7288          FAX:  860-456-4267

VNA East will hold the following clinics:

Blood Pressure Screenings:

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Deadline for Our Town submissions is the 15th of each month. Submissions will be no more than 200 words and may be e-mailed to OurTown@ctsprague.org. No series will be accepted. Longer articles may be submitted and used based on room at the Editor’s discretion. The focus of Our Town is community events, articles, commission notes and other items of town-wide interest. Annual budget considerations may affect page appropriations. Ads have no restriction on word limit and 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. Sprague~ Our Town is a free monthly publication of the Town of Sprague, serving the communities of Baltic, Hanover & Versailles. Primarily funded by the Town, support is also provided by paid advertisements. Opinions expressed in Sprague~ Our Town are not necessarily those of town officials or the community at large, but solely reflect those of the writer. Submissions may be edited for clarity and formatted as necessary. Libelous or obscene materials are not permitted.

Note from the Editor: Elizabeth Calderon