OUR TOWN
SERVING THE VILLAGES OF BALTIC, HANOVER, AND VERSAILLES IN THE BEAUTIFUL SHETUCKET RIVER VALLEY
Information & News for December 2013

Sprague Historical Society

Booklets of Christmas Carols are for sale by the Sprague Historical Society

Donation of $5.00

Can be obtained at
Sprague Town Hall –
Mon, Tues, Thurs: 8:00am-4:30pm; Wed: 8:00am-5:30pm
Sprague Historical Museum – Tues, Thurs: 4:30pm-7:00pm; Wed, Sat: 10:00am-1:00pm
Sprague Library –
Mon, Tues: 2pm-7pm;
Wed, Thurs: 9pm-7pm;
Sat: 9am-2pm

Academy of the Holy Family Open House

The Academy of the Holy Family will be holding an Open House on Wednesday, December 4th from 6-8 PM, for 7th and 8th grade girls and their families. The Academy of the Holy Family is a college-preparatory, Catholic High School for day and boarding students, serving young women, both from throughout the United States and internationally. Through a challenging curriculum built on a supportive spiritual foundation, we empower our students to achieve their full God-given potential. Please come and see why we say, "Where friends become family!"
The Academy is for grades 9-12 and is located at 54 W. Main Street, Baltic, CT. For more information, please call 860-822-6279. Hope to see you there!

Versailles United Methodist Church Breakfast
Join us for breakfast!

December 7th from 6:30-10am
$6 per person

Pancakes ~ Eggs ~ Sausage
Home Fries ~ Coffee, Tea & Juice

Sayles School
8th Grade Class Basket Raffle
Friday December 6th
Viewing 5:30 – 7:00
Raffle 7:00pm

December Deadline:

There will be no late submissions accepted for the Our Town for the January issue due to the holidays.

As a reminder, the Our Town deadline is the 15th of every month.

The newsletter will be collated during the last weekend of every month at the Town Hall. Contact Elizabeth for details.

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

Happy Holidays
**From the Desk of the First Selectman**

Prepare yourself we have many fun filled holiday events planned this season – including caroling, gingerbread house construction, and sharing and caring with residents who have little. The seniors will also be taking a light tour around Sprague and the surrounding towns; please let us know if you have a “special” light show for them to see!

In the vein of giving we are looking for help in providing gifts for those in need—last year the American Legion Post 85, Town Hall employees, and several businesses and individuals donated the funding necessary for us to provide clothing and toys for 23 children here in Town. In addition we supplied Holiday dinners including all the trimmings for 50 families also from the Town.

This year we suspect the need will be as great as ever can you help us out with donations either monetary or unwrapped gifts. Any donation is appreciated! I want to thank you in advance for your giving natures.

At the recommendation of the Dzialo’s in Hanover (thanks for inviting me in your house to sign your wall!) I am suggesting two luminary nights this year December 6th (our caroling night put on by the library) and December 16th (for the senior light tour). Let’s light up the roadsides of Sprague in all 3 villages!

As always, thanks for your support.

Cathy Osten  
First Selectman

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.

Battery operated tea light or votive candles and paper lunch bags are a simple and safe way to create your own paper luminaries.

Please take the time to line the roadsides with luminaries this season, consider the dates of the 6th of December, the 16th of December and the 24th of December.
An open letter to the citizens of Sprague from Cathy Osten, Sprague First Selectman

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the voters of Sprague for choosing to support the entire Democratic slate at the polls and in me. Your vote and your trust means a great deal to me and you should know that I will honor and protect that trust by working to the full extent of my abilities and always making choices in the best interests of our community. Your expectations of me are exceeded only by my expectations of me.

Many people throughout town were extraordinarily generous with their time, effort, energy and money to support our campaign and I would like to thank those individuals. I really am overwhelmed by the support I received from all of you and it is with deep emotion that I offer my gratitude.

Campaigns are a team effort and can be a unifying force within a community which can draw people together. That happened here in Sprague thanks to the efforts of a great many people and in the end, your vote. Municipal government itself is also a team effort and I look forward to your input, ideas and contributions as we all move forward together.

Thank you once again,

Cathy

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Baltic, CT 06330

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Email: michaelgermain@sbcglobal.net

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Repairs, Upgrades and Spyware & Virus Removal

Joseph N. Sardo - Owner
Phone: 860-202-4337
Email: jsardo1@att.net
November 5, 2013 Post 85 Minutes

At 7:05 PM the CDR opened the meeting. The Chaplain led in prayer. 10 members were present. October 1st meeting minutes were read and accepted. There was no Treasurer’s report. 5 of 7 officers were present.

The CDR stated that he is waiting for final numbers from the Financial Officer pertaining to the Duck Race. Memorial Day will be held on Monday, May 26th. The CDR also asked for a volunteer to chair the parade committee. There were no sick members reported.

The Sergeant at Arms Trudelle reported that the Post Spaghetti and Meatball Supper netted $345.18. The CDR reported that he is waiting for correspondence from the U. S. Army on the Post’s request to obtain new weapons.

The Post voted to approve payment on the leased property.

The By-laws and Constitution were discussed and voted on.

The District 5 Meeting will be held by the Post on April 16th. The December 3rd meeting will be attended by the District Officers.

The CDR asked that all attending the Veteran’s Day memorial dress as requested. A small reception will be held at the Grist Mill.

Meeting closed with a salute to the colors and a prayer. The next meeting is on December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Sprague Rod and Gun Club.

Respectfully, Tom Coletti,
Join us for our Annual Carol Sing at the Grist Mill

December 6, at 5:30 followed by Soup, Chili, hot chocolate, and cookies in the Community Room on the second floor of the Grist Mill.

Hey kids!! we’re making Gingerbread Houses
On Saturday December 14th at 10:30am. Please sign up at the library or call at (860-822-3012) we are limited on space.

Please note our holiday hours:
December 23rd and 24th open 9am to 2pm
Closed December 25th and 26th and 28th Merry Christmas!!
December 30th and 31st open 9am to 2pm.
Closed January 1st Happy New Year!!

Sprague Public Library

"At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better."
-- President (then Senator) Barack Obama
Sprague Democratic Town Committee Update

We cancelled our November meeting, as we all took a day off from campaigning and running the normal election activities. It was a well-earned reprieve.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all who came out to vote. Our country is such a great place and the freedoms we have and enjoy are a true gift. The right to vote for those who represent us is basic freedom given to us by our forefathers. It was fought for by the men and women who sacrificed for us on the battlefield, in the skies and on the seas. Your vote is a gift from the past and represents our future. Thank you again for voting!

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

The Sprague DTC encourages residents to register to vote. Registered democrats interested in serving on Town boards or joining the DTC should contact me or DTC secretary Claire Glaude at 860-822-9111.

Branching Out….Notes from the Tree Warden

After a great community turn out to plant the pine trees at the Reservoir in September when one half, or 125, of the white pines got placed in the ground, the remaining 125 trees fought root and needle to get planted. However, shovels won out and the last of all the 250 pines obtained with a grant are planted. Only a handful have died so far – not enough rain, too many rocks or too strong winds – most have withstood all obstacles to stay green so far. Again, I thank all that had a hand, and shovel, getting this significant task accomplished.

If you haven’t ventured around the Reservoir lately, you will see that about three quarters of the reservoir has been replanted with various species of pines. Some are 5-6 foot conservation pines, some are 2-3 ‘footers’ and most are, or were started as 6-12 inch seedlings. Many that started as the first seedlings are now 3-4 feet tall. Almost all of the larger trees were obtained and planted with grant funds. About half of the seedlings were provided and planted by Conwood Forest Management Company. The rest of the seedling were planted by me and many volunteers. I estimate nearly 3,000 pines have been planted over the past 4 years.

Why all the pine trees? State and Federal regulations for a public water supply require that a pine forest surround the water supply to act as a leaf screen, or a barrier to help keep deciduous leaves from blowing into the water. In addition to forming a layer of muck in the reservoir, the leaves turn the water ‘black’ and make it taste bad. The job of the pine trees is to eliminate those problems.

The ultimate goal is have a mature pine forest by the time the reservoir is put back into service as the Town’s water supply. Any one interested in assisting in future plantings (next seedlings should arrive by May) should contact me or Town Hall.

Dave Gustafson ~Sprague Tree Warden
Sprague Historical Society is offering a 2014 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.

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**For Sale**

⇒ Rogers silver plate silverware - set for 15. Product of International Silver.
⇒ 3 - PlayStation2 disks...$5 each 860-822-8578

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, LOST/FOUND, ETC. DEADLINE IS STILL THE 15TH OF EVERY MONTH.

Email submissions to spragueourtown-newsletter@gmail.com
BALTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY

Members met at the Baltic Firehouse on Tuesday, November 12, for their regular meeting.

Plans for the annual Holly Jolly Bazaar were finalized. This event is scheduled for Saturday, November 30, 2013, from 9 am to 3 pm, at the Baltic Fire House.

All of our table space has been rented and we have a good variety of vendors.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 6 pm at T J’s Cafe.

Please remember that anyone interested in joining the Auxiliary is welcome. We are always looking for new members and new ideas for fund-raising. You need not be a Sprague resident or have a spouse or family member in the Fire Department to join the Auxiliary.

Our sincere best wishes for a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Sprague Garden Club

The club met Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center. The speaker for the evening was Peter Picone, DEEP Wildlife Biologist. He spoke on invasive plants, native plants and native birds. He warned that the house sparrow is an non native species that is taking over. It is the only sparrow that uses cavities and nest boxes. It is known to kill the native nesting birds and destroy their eggs. It is recommended we discourage their nesting sites by monitoring our nest boxes and disturbing their nests so they don't lay eggs or removing their eggs. There are estimated to be over 150 million house sparrows in the U.S. and the females lay 4 to 7 eggs 3 or 4 times a season. See the internet or the library for more info on these invasive birds.

There are no meetings in December, January or February. A Holiday Luncheon is tentatively planned for December 7 at Buon Appetito in North Stonington. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sprague Senior Center.

Wishing everyone safe and happy holidays,
Jan Settje,
Secretary
The Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1 recently held their annual EMS dinner & awards night. At the dinner members were given the department pins designating the number of years with the Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1.

The following members were recognized for outstanding work in our department and were awarded plaques by Chief Les Shull:

Joe Lussier Sr., who has served with the Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1 for fifty years, was awarded many proclamations from state and local dignitaries; a gold badge designating his fifty years of service; along with a fifty year pin for his uniform; a crocheted quilt made by his sister with a photo of Joe in the center; and a New Bullard fire fighting helmet with a special hat shield that has his name, years of service and “engineer 124”—which is our new pumper.

Harry Segerstrom Sr. was awarded the 2013 EMS award from our department for the number of EMS runs that he responds to and for performing duties that go above & beyond regular EMS duties to serve our community. An example of such duties is being part of the bi-monthly meetings with the senior citizens and everything associated with that program.

Marc Filiatreault received the “Firefighter of the Year” award for 2013. Marc was awarded this distinction for all of the extra training that he has undertaken; as well as, his knowledge and ability to fix almost anything. He is often called upon to test his skills in this area.

Frank Narciso received the “Officers Award” for 2013. For the past few years, Frank has been called upon by the officers to undertake the department’s new fire prevention and safety demonstrations at the local schools and day care centers. Frank has prepared a program which is oriented towards children of different age groups. Frank is also called upon to assist with the driver training of our members. Frank has the knowledge, patience, common sense and personality to be able to assist anyone within our department with any question pertaining to the safe operation of our vehicles; as well as, with any other issues that may arise at the station.

Reg Patchell
"Patch"
DID YOU KNOW?
The holidays are near and some of us may be in need of help with food, toys, or both.
Some of us may be in a situation to help someone else. In that case we have put together
a small list of places where you may be able to do either, give or receive.

Food Baskets Toys
Sprague Community Center (860) 822-6595
Catholic Charity (860) 889-8346
T.V.C. C.A. (860) 889-1365
Salvation Army (860) 889-2329
Norwich Bulletin (TOMMY TOYS) (860) 887-5582
(Also check your local churches)
You may also call 211 for telephone numbers to Toys for Tots, Adopt a family programs,
among other places that may help you. If you are able to help with donations it will be
greatly appreciated, always ask what type of donation they are in need of. And if you are
in need get in touch with these places as soon as possible. Some toy programs have age
limit.

THESE SERVICES HAVE DEADLINES
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

SABIA USTED?
Los dias de fiestas se acercan y algunos de nosotros necesitamos ayuda con comida,
jugetes o las dos cosa. Tambien algunos de nosotros que estamos en una Buena situacion
podemos ayudar a otros. Por esta razon es que hemos puesto una pequena lista de
lugares a donde puede dar o recibir ayuda.

Canastas de comida y juguetes
Sprague Community Center (860) 822-6595
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Tambien llame a el 211 para los numeros de telefonos de Toys for Tots, Adopta Una familia (Adopt a Family), y de otros lhuares que le puedan ayudar. Si usted puede ayudar
con donaciones sera agradecido. Siempre pregunte que tipo de donacion necesitan. Y si
usted esta en necesidad pongase en contacto con estos lugares lo mas pronto posible.

ESTOS SERVICIOS TIENES TIEMPO LIMITADO
Feliz Dia De Fiesta
Sprague Historical Society

COME TO THE SPRAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM (LOCATED ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE GRIST MILL) AND CHECK OUT OUR ANTIQUE TOY EXHIBIT FROM THANKSGIVING THROUGH NEW YEAR'S DAY.

MUSEUM HOURS:
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY:
4:30PM – 7:00PM
WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY:
10:00AM – 1:00PM

Food Pantry

A Bountiful Thank You once again to all who have donated food.
A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Cub Scout Pack #19 and all others who participated in collecting non-perishable food items for the Sprague Food Pantry.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU also to the volunteers for sorting through and stacking the food in the Food Pantry.

Be an Angel

Salvation Army Angel cards will be available as a way for village members to donate to their friends and neighbors who are in need. They will be invited to give a gift card which the Salvation Army can use in Bozrah, Franklin, Lisbon, and Sprague. The card can be left at the Town Hall or sent to The Salvation Army Upper New London County Unit, P.O. Box 304, Versailles, CT 06383. If any questions, please call Dennison Allen at 860-884-3588.

ATTN: Sprague Residents --> Employee friends and family deal --> EARLY BLACK FRIDAY SPECIAL!!! (OFFER ENDS 12/02/2013)

GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON with COHEN’S FASHION OPTICAL (Crystal Mall Waterford)!!!!

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Stop in the store and see Elizabeth or CALL Elizabeth@ Cohen’s Mon-Thursday 10-4 and Sunday 11-6 (860)444-7360 to order your gift certificates. Hurry offer expires 12/02/2013!

Can’t reach me during these hours... you can call me @ (860)204-6286 and leave a message if necessary.
Sprague Conservation Commission November update

Last month during “Walk October Weekend”, we sponsored and led a full moon kayak paddle down the Shetucket. WOW!! What a gas! The moon was stunning over the river. What a great team effort of all involved. Thanks everyone. We had 35 kayakers on the river under the full moon. We also recently had another hike to peruse the new and improved Sprague Preserve. What a great walk!! It was a grand effort for all. We will try to give an estimated rating and time frame in the future. We walked through the Watson section, over to the Mukluk section, over the top of the falls, to the overlook and back down the switchback, and passed the big fall in the “honey pot” section. We had a great time. There were about 25 hikers of all ages including a group of webloes of Baltic pack 19. The next day I met with the surveyors of the Watson property to check out the boundaries so we can accurately mark the perimeters. We will be meeting on December 1st at 8 am at the Watson property to hang preserve boundary markers. Anyone who might be available to help, please meet us or call me at donaldboushee@sbcglobal.net.

Also we are excited to announce that we are working together with the Friends of the Shetucket River Valley to acquire another property adjacent to the Preserve known as the Robinson property. It would give us approximately 600 acres of contiguous open space on our Preserve. We will be writing an Open space acquisition grant and holding fundraiser to help us continue our efforts of preserving open space for present and future generations.

Also I would like to clarify the Sprague conservation markers that some people might see on private resident’s acreage around town. We have some open space conservation developments such as Noah’s Way and other properties that have entered into agreement with the town to preserve up to fifty percent of their land for open space. This land is not owned by the town. We of the Conservation commission just agree to monitor it to insure for the town that there are no encroachments or dumping, etc. If you have any questions come to our meeting on the second Monday of every month or stop by the town hall and ask.

Let’s keep working together to continue to make Sprague a great place to live and bring up our families.
Don Boushee ~ Chairman Sprague Conservation Commission

Sprague Community Center (SCC) NEWS~

Greetings from SCC! I hope everyone is taking some time to enjoy the colors of this beautiful fall season. What a glorious fall we are having in our neck of the woods!

SCC has now included the United Way Mobile Food Pantry Van on the 2nd Friday of every month. The food distribution time is the same as all of the other “Food Friday” times—2:00-3:00 p.m. It is recommended that any new people wanting to get food come early and register. There are no requirements other than making out a card with name, address, telephone number, and family size with ages of family members. People can call 860-822-6595 and give that information over the phone for any of our “Food Friday” food distribution times.

Every Friday from 2-3:00 p.m. SCC offers this “Food Friday” program.

In addition, Backus Hospital Staff is available every Friday during the “Food Friday” time for Blood Pressure Screening, Glucose Screening, and at times Lead Screening for children. We also have representatives from the SNAP Food Program for those who want to apply for that program. Beginning this year SCC will also be hosting an opportunity to apply for heating assistance. A representative from TVCCA will be on site during the “Food Friday” food distribution time.

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Every 1st and 3rd Friday the Backus staff is present for free Primary Health care in the Backus Health Van. This service is open to all.

Our Pecan Sale is in full swing! If anyone would like to but a one-pound bag of Pecan halves, please call 860-822-6595 or stop by on Fridays anytime between 12:30–3:30 p.m.

As always our SCC Hall is available to rent for private events. If you are interested, please call 860-822-6595.

Happy fall and blessings to all. Brenda J. Keefe ~Outreach Coordinator
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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](http://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.

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### The Salvation Army

**Upper New London County Service Unit**

**Dennison Allen, Town of Sprague Representative**

I want to thank those who have donated checks to the Upper New London County Service Unit. 90% of the donations are used in our area. Your donations provide community action.

If you would like to donate to support the Salvation Army, checks can be sent to: The Upper New London County Service Unit, P.O. Box 304, Versailles, CT 06383. If you need food, call Town Hall and speak to Colette. Thanks to Scouting for Food, there is food to help you.

Have you as a family made a plan of what you would do if we had another bad storm or storms this year? Do you have a 72 hour emergency kit? Have you, as a family, met and discussed your evacuation plan in case of an emergency? Who will take what with them, etc…? Do you have important papers in a safe place? Hope you will not need to follow up on your plans.

May the Lord bless you!

Dennison Allen
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 COMMUNITY CAFE** **DECEMBER 2013**

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<td>2 Cheese Ravioli w/ Marinara</td>
<td>3 Swedish Meatballs Buttered Noodles</td>
<td>4 Stuffed Chicken w/ Broccoli &amp; Cheese</td>
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<td>9 Baked Cod w/ Tomato Garlic Compote Macaroni &amp; Cheese Italian Vegetable Medley Fresh Orange</td>
<td>10 Baked Ham Mashed Sweet Potatoes Chuck Wagon Vegetables Peach Cup</td>
<td>11 Eggplant Rolette Penne w/ Marinara Green Beans &amp; Tomatoes Orange Juice &amp; Danish</td>
<td>12 Hungarian Chicken Paprika Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Fruit Cocktail</td>
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<td>16 Beef Hot dog w/ bun Baked Beans Carrots Applesauce Cup</td>
<td>17 Chicken Marsala Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Pineapple Cup</td>
<td>18 Braised Pork Loin w/ Gravy Sweet Potatoes Bean Medley Fresh Fruit</td>
<td>19 Crispy Fish Patty Rice Pilaf Mixed vegetables Pears w/ mandarin oranges</td>
<td>20 Spanish Beef Stew Seasoned Rice Green Beans Orange Juice &amp; Sugar Cookie Ethnic Celebration</td>
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<td>26 Meatloaf w/ Gravy Roasted Potatoes Peas &amp; Carrots Grape Juice Cupcake Birthday Celebration</td>
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<td>30 Western Omelet Roasted Potatoes Chuck Wagon Vegetable Medley Pineapple Cup</td>
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1% milk and whole grain bread are served with each meal. Menu is subject to change with out notice.
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<td>4 Academy of the Holy Family Open House 6-8 pm</td>
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<td>6ield Night 6:30pm-10pm</td>
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<td>10 SMILERS Chorus to St. Joseph Living Ctr, 2:00 pm</td>
<td>11 Board of Selectmen 5:00 pm, Town Hall</td>
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