OUR TOWN
SERVING THE VILLAGES OF BALTIC, HANOVER, AND VERSAILLES
IN THE BEAUTIFUL SHETUCKET RIVER VALLEY
Information & News for December 2016

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.

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.

PUT YOUR GARDEN TO SLEEP FOR THE WINTER
FREE MULCH AVAILABLE
AT THE TRANSFER STATION
YOUR BRUSH AND SCCRA’S TUB GRINDER WORKING TOGETHER
ALLOW US TO PROVIDE THIS PRODUCT
AVAILABLE DURING REGULAR HOURS

Newsletter Deadline:
There will be no late submissions accepted for the Our Town. As a reminder, the Our Town deadline is the 15th of every month. The newsletter will be collated on Saturday, December 31 for the January issue, we will meet at the Town Hall at 10 am. Contact Elizabeth for details. If interested in volunteering email Elizabeth @ Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com
From the Desk of the First Selectman

We are all waiting anxiously for a little bit of the white stuff so that Santa and those oh so cheery elves can arrive in style! That red sleigh brimming with joy stuffed with gifts, elfin made I can only hope! The stockings with a gingerbread man and candy cane or two, yum! I don’t know if I can contain my excitement!

The Town crew continues to tidy up the Town by clearing brush, straightening guide poles, mowing, trimming trees, etc.. We are waiting to clean out our catch basins as our vendor has been tied up elsewhere. The fleet stands ready for that first snowfall. In addition they took some time to decorate the Town, with lights and wreaths. Thank them for the work they do as they continue to buzz around our Town.

The Recreation Committee is preparing for a fun filled night of caroling on December 17th, meeting at the Sayles parking area at 5pm. Please join us for a great night.

Please support our local businesses as they support us! We have folks in Town who make soap, wool blankets, maple syrup, honey and craft items. All great deals and made locally!

As always thanks for your support!
Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman

Open Positions as of 12/1/2016

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Shetucket Village Is Accepting Applications
8 Wall Street – Baltic, CT
Must be 62 years of age and/or Disabled
No Pets Allowed; No Section 8 Housing
If you would like an application sent to you, please call 860-822-1512 and leave your name and address.

Due to a generous grant from the Edward & Mary Lord Foundation
The Tdap vaccination Will be available to any senior Free of Charge
Please call Sue Dubbs, RN at Uncas Health District 860-639-5139 To schedule your appointment

Attention Seniors
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE POSITIONS
Any unaffiliated or minor party voter who would like to become a Justice of the Peace may apply to the Town Clerk, in writing by November 1st. In Sprague, up to ten unaffiliated Justices of the Peace may be appointed. If more than ten applications are received, the Town Clerk must conduct a lottery at a ceremony open to the public. The four-year term for Justices of the Peace will be from January 2, 2017 through January 4, 2021. Unaffiliated and minor party voters who miss the Nov. 1 deadline may not apply again until 2021. No one who is or has been a registered Democrat or Republican on or after May 1, 2016, may apply for one of these appointive unaffiliated or minor party justice of the peace slots. For the suggested form or questions, please call me.

Jennifer M. Synnett, Town Clerk
860-822-3000 Ext. 220

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 8th. Turnout was great!
Our Guest Kate Donnelly, candidate for 47th State Representative, attended and answered questions.
Corey Wignal who was also present, was chosen by the DTC to be recommended to the Board of Education to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Terri Woronecki.

National election discussed in length.
Claire Glaude
DTC Secretary

Spargue Garden Club

The holidays are here and the barrels about town are bursting with fresh greens, winter-berry & white branches. The wreaths will be gracing our town buildings soon. For our November meeting, we had a guest speaker, Molly Check, from the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. The slide show was “Predators in our Backyard”. She brought pelts of various predators to include gray and red fox,isher and coyote.
We were joined with three members from the Franklin Garden Club. We made wreaths for fall or Christmas at LaFrancois to decorate our homes. A Christmas gathering is scheduled for December 4th. A wish is extended to all for a very happy holiday and new year. Members are always welcome and we meet the first Wednesday of the month at the Sprague Senior Center. Come join us!

Town of Sprague Parks and Recreation Commission
Cordially Invites You to Join Us for
Christmas Caroling
Saturday, December 17th
5:00 p.m.
Meet at Sayles School
Help us spread Christmas cheer as we carol through town. We will be caroling outside so dress warmly!
Sayles School PTO will host a reception of Cookies and Cocoa with Santa immediately following the event.
November 1, 2016 American Legion Post 85 Minutes

The CDR opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. 12 members were in attendance. 6 of 7 officers were present. The minutes from October were read and accepted. The Financial Officer reported that there was $37.24 in the checking account and $13,312.6 in the Memorial Fund. The Financial Officer requested that $400.00 be transferred from the Memorial Fund to the checking account to continue Post business. The request was approved.

A BBQ Dinner netted a profit of $1,548.14 at the Sprague Rod and Gun Club. Profits included T-Shirts and sweatshirt sales that day. More fund raisers will be discussed after the holiday season including next year’s Memorial Day Parade.

The CDR reminded the members that there will be a ceremony at the Memorial Park to observe Veteran’s Day. All Post members are encouraged to attend the 11 a.m. ceremony. There were no sick members reported.

The meeting closed at 7:40 p.m. with a salute to the colors and a prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sprague Rod and Gun Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Coletti ~ Financial Officer

BALTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT
LADIES AUXILIARY
P. O. BOX 591
BALTIC, CT 06330-0591
November 1, 2016

OUR TOWN NEWSLETTER

Our regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, November 1, a week earlier than normal due to the presidential election. We discussed our annual fund raiser – the Holly Jolly Bazaar – to be held on Saturday, November 26, from 9 am to 3 pm at the firehouse.

Menu for the kitchen will be hot dogs, hamburgers, peppers & onions, French fries, cheese fries, nachos & cheese, American Chop Suey, baked muffins, and hot and cold beverages. Come join us for breakfast and lunch. We have 18 different vendors coming – jams, jellies, Tastefully Simple products, jewelry, hand made crafts and items, fleece blankets and many other items. Stop in and visit us. We also will have our raffle prizes – donations made by our members, vendors and local businesses in the area. Members will be meeting at the firehouse on Thursday, November 17, to do the baking for our baked goods table. We welcome new member Stephanie Deschamps to the Auxiliary. Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, at T J’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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The Staff at the Library would like to wish everyone

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year! Happy Hanukkah! Happy Kwanzaa!
And Happy whatever you celebrate
Pitchers and Catchers Clinic
WHERE: Sayles Elementary School Gymnasium
WHEN: Tuesday Evenings from 6:00-7:00pm
1/10/2017
1/17/2017
1/24/2017
1/31/2017
2/7/2017
2/28/2017
3/7/2017
WHO: Ages 7-12
(Boys and Girls interested in learning how to pitch and catch)
THIS IS AN ACTIVE CLINIC
Please have your child bring their baseball glove and wear sneakers
(No cleats please!!!)
This is an opportunity to prepare your child for the upcoming baseball season
No Registration Required
We will be accepting paper registrations at the clinic for the 2017 SFC season

Winter Baseball/Softball Clinic
WHERE: Franklin Elementary School Gymnasium
WHEN: Saturday Evenings starting 1/7/2017
Ages 5-8 5:30-6:30pm
Ages 9-12 6:30-7:45pm
Your child will learn and practice the fundamental skills of Baseball and Softball
This Is An Active Clinic
Please have your child bring their baseball glove and wear sneakers
(No cleats please!!!)
This is an opportunity to prepare your child for the upcoming baseball season.
No Registration Required
We will be accepting paper registrations at all SFC clinics for the 2017 season
Any Questions, please contact Tina Bourdon
Call or text 860-884-0538
e-mail: tinahiscox@msn.com
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.

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Sprague Historical Society  
2017 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.

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Calendars @ $5.00 ea

Total paid $

Please help the Sprague Historical Society. Place your calendar order today.
Our Town Business Page:

Ads must be pre-purchased at rates of: Business Card $21; Double Business Card $40; Half Page $70; Full Page $100. Purchase 11 months and receive the 12th month free. All payments for ads are made in the Town Clerk’s Office at Town Hall. All payments must be made prior to the submission deadline. All ads must be emailed to the editor by the 15th of the month @ Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com
$50 OFF
Any Seal Coating Job

$100 OFF
Any Driveway Installation

Licensed and Insured
Free Estimates
Locally Owned
Owner Operators

HASTEDT BROS. LLC
ASPHALT PAVING
860.848.0545
Baltic CT

ANDY'S CELL: 860.234.3541   JOE'S CELL: 860.234.3543
Email: estimates@hastedtbrothers.com   Web: www.hastedtbrothers.com

DRIVEWAYS * PARKING LOTS * GRADING * CRUSHED STONE * OIL AND STONE
DRIVEWAYS * ALL TYPES OF DRAINAGE WORK * APRONS * CURBING *
LINE STRIPING * SEAL COATING * CRACK FILLING
YOU’RE INVITED!
TO A FUNDRAISING SHOPPING EVENT FOR
Sayles School PTO

DATE: Nov 21-27, also Dec 5-11
TIME: Mon-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 10am-6pm (call for holiday hours)
WHERE: Lisbon Landing

it’s simple! 10% of the purchases made by members of your group will be donated back to your organization.

all we ask is that this flyer is presented to our cashier at the time of purchase.
please note that we do not allow flyers to be handed out in our store or shopping center at any time before, during or after your event.

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PURCHASE AMOUNT (PRE-TAX) $ ____________
REGISTER: 1 2 3 4 5 6 (circle one)
ASSOCIATE NAME ________________________________________________
Branching Out….  
Notes from the Tree Warden  

It has been a very busy fall – at least from “a tree” viewpoint.  

I completed the ash tree survey and report for the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). I inventoried a total of 546 ash trees along the town roads. Several of the most hazardous ash trees have already been removed. Although no evidence of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was present in these trees, they were either in decline or were a safety concern because of their location. A formal plan will still need to be created to deal with all of the ash trees before they start to succumb to the EAB infestation.  

Asplundt, the Eversource tree contractor has been very busy for the last two months conducting enhanced pruning and removals on Inland and Westminster roads. They removed about 70 trees on Westminster and about 30 trees on Inland. I expect they will complete all of their tree work by early December. Just as a reminder – anyone ‘scavenging’ firewood must get the property owners permission to take wood from land along the road, especially wood that is in yards or over stone walls. Additionally, because a lot of the trees that were cut down were ash trees, all wood taken for firewood should not be transported out of town. If the EAB is here, we don’t want to help the bug make any extra progress in it’s spread through the state.  

Finally, the road crew and I are working to get many new and replacement trees planted before the real cold weather gets here. We are replacing trees that have either died (for various reasons) or have been struggling to survive. I have also been removing some of the last hardwood trees at the South end of the Baltic Reservoir in preparation for planting additional pines and firs.  

Dave Gustafson  
Sprague Tree Warden  

SPRAGUE SENIOR CENTER  

Join us by stopping in or calling Buddy Meadows (Coordinator/Municipal Agent) at 860-822-3000, ext. 203. Buddy can also be reached by email: seniorcenter@ctsprague.org.  

Requirement: age 55 and over  

Might you be interested in one or all offered: health services, programs, trips, informational presentations, luncheons, and more?  

Transportation is available to attend Senior Center lunches, shopping, and senior events as well as medical appointments.  

Lunch is served at the Senior Center Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 11:45 am. Make a lunch reservation by calling Denise Lance at 860-822-3000 ext. 210. On Monday & Tuesday you must be age 60. For lunch on Thursday there is no age requirement.  

TVCCA “Meals on Wheels” program delivers hot meals Monday through Friday. Call the TVCCA Senior Nutrition Program at 860-886-1720.  

Membership Dues for 2017 of $5.00 is due and payable to “S.M.I.L.E.R.S.”  

There will be no monthly meeting in December.  

PLEASE COME JOIN US!!  

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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 the 24th of December and the 31st of December.

The Town of Sprague and TJ’s Café are working in concert to provide Sprague children with Holiday gifts. There is a box at TJ’s for collection purposes or simply drop your donations off with the Town Clerk.

**Santa Run**

We have word in Town that Santa will be coming through December 11th with a bad weather date of December 18th! Mark your calendars!

**Sayles School**

**Basket Bash**

**Date:** December 2, 2016

**Viewing Time:**

5:30-7:00

**Place:** Sayles School

**Gymnasium**

**Baskets, door prizes and 50/50 raffle.**
St. Joseph School
Annual Christmas Basket Raffle & Auction
10 School Hill Road
Baltic, CT 06330
860-822-6141

BREAKFAST
Versailles United Methodist Church
Across from the Occum Dam
4 Church St.
Versailles, CT 06383
Call 860-822-9439 for more information.
Saturday December 17th
from 7 am – 10 am
All You Can Eat!
Adults $8.00
Children - $3.00
Scrambled eggs, Pancakes, Sausage,
Home Fries, Toast, Juice, Coffee, and Tea.

PARENTS AND RESIDENTS OF SAYLES SCHOOL COMMITTEE
spragueschoolparents@hotmail.com
We would like to thank all the parents and residents who had been involved in this committee for your hard work and dedication for the education of our children. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Reminder: Next Board of Education Meeting Wednesday, December 7th 7:00 p.m. at Sayles School Media Center.

Please stay informed:
facebook like page: Parents of Sprague Public School & Veronica Sanchez Cabello

Blue Christmas Worship: A Service of Remembrance and Hope.
At Versailles Church, we recognize that, for many people, Christmas is simply Blue.

On December 14th 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 music and scripture, prayer and 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. Come as you are and join us. All are welcome here.
NOTICE TO VISITORS

The Sprague Land Preserve is

CURRENTLY OPEN TO HUNTING
PLEASE USE CAUTION –
WEAR BLAZE ORANGE
KEEP DOGS ON LEASH
--Sprague Board of Selectmen

Sprague Land Preserve open to hunting

As you know, we will be again allowing permit -only hunting in the Land Preserve this year 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 exceptionally beautiful winter, 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.

HELP WANTED
Town of Sprague
Housing Authority – Shetucket Village
Maintenance Associate

Duties include maintenance responsibilities for complex and resident units, basic landscaping, snow removal, maintenance logs, and tenant interactions. Minimum of at least 20hrs per month at $14.00 per hour. 2-3 years maintenance experience preferred. Applications can be picked up and dropped off at Sprague Town Hall, Town Clerk’s office. Interviews will occur accordingly.

Transfer Station
Kitty Litter will now be included with regular household waste. Kitty Litter must be contained in a bag and placed in the household trash chute for proper disposal. Kitty Litter may not be poured into the household trash chute - it must be bagged. Kitty Litter is absolutely prohibited from the Single Stream chute. Only dry and clean ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLES are allowed in the Single Stream chute - no Kitty Litter.

Single Stream
Please remember to break down ALL cardboard boxes and cut or tear (not crushed) large cardboard to less than three feet in any direction. Also remember that ALL BAGS are prohibited except 100% PAPER. Also prohibited are soft paper products such as paper towels, tissue paper and paper plates. Garbage, trash, scrap metal (put in metal bin), batteries, dirt, most plant nursery items and plant waste and most mailers are also prohibited. Only Willimantic Waste ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLES are allowed - any other waste is PROHIBITED.
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,

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<td><strong>TO CANCEL A MEAL</strong> Please Call: 1-860-934-1006 or 1-860-886-1720 x1006 72 hours notice is appreciated <em>(24hr voice mail available)</em></td>
<td>1 BBQ Pulled Pork w/ roll Baked Beans Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Cup</td>
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<td>Express Return to Senior Center</td>
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## Time Notes
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**

This is the Christmas Season. Be an angel this holiday season! Donate whatever you can to the Salvation Army. Purchase a gift card to an area store for donation to friends and neighbors in need in our town 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 Service Unit, 34 Riverside Dr., Baltic, CT 06330.

If you need food call Town Hall 860-822-3000 and speak to Colette; thanks to Scouting for food there is food to help you.

If you have a little money extra you could bring some food to Town Hall for others.

May the Lord bless you with all the things you ask for and are needed for you and your family.

**Questions, call Dennison Allen at 860-884-3588.**
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Note from the Editor: Elizabeth Calderon

The deadline for Our Town submissions (and corresponding payments for ads) is the 15th of each month. Submissions will be no more than 200 words and must be e-mailed to spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com. 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. All payments for ads are made in the Town Clerk’s Office at Town Hall. 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.