VERSAILLES CHURCH
ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
4 Church Street, Versailles, CT
(across from Occum Dam)
7:00 pm – Imposition of ashes – February 14, 2018
Come and worship with us on Wednesday, February 14th
All are welcome

ASH WEDNESDAY

OUR TOWN
SERVING THE VILLAGES OF BALTIC, HANOVER, AND VERSAILLES
IN THE BEAUTIFUL SHETUCKET RIVER VALLEY
Information & News for February 2018

TVCCA
SPECIAL MEAL
COME JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
MENU:
PASTA W/ MEATBALLS MARINARA
GARLIC BREAD
GARDEN SALAD
STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

WHEN: Tuesday, February 13th, 2018
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY NOON WEDNESDAY, February 7th, 2018
PLEASE SIGN UP THROUGH YOUR SITE’S CAFÉ SITE SERVER
SUGGESTED DONATION AMOUNT: $4.50

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

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, February 24 for the March 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,

Winter has stayed far too long this year, ice, snow, school cancellations and did I mention the ice and snow? Oh well soon we will see what the groundhog has to say!

The budget process is again in full swing; as usual we will carefully look at every line item to ensure we are as frugal as possible. January’s meeting was the Board of Finance’s first review of prospective capital projects. In the next few months we will provide you with a review of all capital requests. Please let us know what you think!

We are hoping the weather will break allowing us to get three more gardening environments ready for next summer.

The public works crew has been far too busy plowing snow to be out cutting brush but are hoping to get out there soon opening up our roadsides.

We are soliciting students to provide a conceptual idea for the Baltic Mill site. This plan will be provided to the Town for comment before putting an RFP out to developers. This RFP will be put out as we get close to finishing the cleanup. The goal of this cleanup is to put this property out for reuse as taxable property.

We received good news on Versailles Pond. International Paper has submitted a remedial action plan which on first read through looks to address the concerns of DEEP. It looks like we will soon have a Town meeting on the plan moving forward. It will be nice to see the pond cleaned with fishing again allowed. Hold for more updates!

As always thanks for your support and stay warm,

Cathy
First Selectman

Open Positions as of 2/1/2018

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Sprague Democratic Town Committee Update

The Democratic Caucus was held on January 11th. Endorsed were new and returning members to the Town Committee. There are a few open positions; please let us know if you are interested in being a part of this team.

In the upcoming months we will have a selection of delegates to the State Conventions as well as Town Chair, Town Secretary, etc.

The Sprague DTC encourages residents to register to vote. 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

Parents and Residents Committee

BUDGET SEASON 2018-2019

Parents and Residents we encourage you to be involved in the budget process of Sayles School. Plan to attend the school and town meetings to speak out and voice your opinions, concerns and ambitions for our children’s education. The Library, world language and after school programs including bus transportation need to be re-instated and properly funded. The success of Sayles School is not just the responsibility of the town boards it is also the responsibility of each one of us.

Thank You for working together to improve the quality of education for our children.

Sayles School Advisory Committee meetings once a month for parents and residents
Board of Education Meeting February 14th 7:00 p.m. at Sayles School Media Center
For information (BOE meeting video) www.saylesschool.org www.ctsprague.org

TOWN OF SPRAGUE

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals of the Town of Sprague will meet in March for the purpose of hearing appeals on the October 1, 2017 Grand List, by appointment only. Applications for appeal can be found on the Town website (www.ctsprague.org) or may be picked up at the Assessor’s Office at 1 Main Street, Baltic and must be received there by February 20, 2018. Applicants will receive confirmation and notification of appointments by mail.

Board of Assessment Appeals
Richard Waterman
Geraldine Meadows
William Lynch
American Legion Post #85 Meeting minutes for December 5, 2017:

CDR called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M., there were six officers and nine regular members in attendance. Opening prayer was led by Frederick Zinavage, followed by the CDR reading the POW Preamble and the Pledge of Allegiance led by the ADJ.

FO read the Minutes of the November 7, 2017 meeting which were accepted as read. Financial Report by FO, currently there is a total of $167.79 in the checking account and $27,096.34 in the Memorial Fund. Also reported that a draft purchase agreement had been received from Brodin Studios, after discussion and review by several key members and officers in attendance, body voted unanimously to enter into purchase agreement with Brodin Studios, as the Company had added a one year interest free year to the three year payment schedule of $13,333.00 for two years and $13,334.00 for the third year. FO to complete the purchase agreement for signatures as well as issuance of a check to Brodin Studios in the amount of $13,333.00.

Members requested that the CDR contact both State and National Leadership in the American Legion to determine if there was the possibility of obtaining grant funding/and or advertisement seeking donations to aid in the completion of the purchase and installation of the Female Combat Soldier Statue to be placed at the Veteran’s Memorial Park in Baltic.

CDR closed meeting at 7:35 P.M., with closing prayer led by Frederick Zinavage and a salute to the colors.

Respectfully submitted:
Andre Trudelle, Financial Officer, Post #85

America Legion Post #85, Meeting minutes for January 2, 2018:

CDR called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M., there were five officers and ten regular members in attendance. Opening prayer was led by the Post Chaplin, followed by the CDR reading the POW Preamble and the Pledge of Allegiance led by the ADJ.

FO read the Minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting which were accepted as read. Financial Report by FO, currently there is a total of $143.79 in the checking account and $13,764.49 in the Memorial Fund. Also reported that a purchase agreement had been received from Brodin Studios, which was signed by the CDR and returned along with a deposit check in the amount of $13,333.00.

ADJ reported that Post #85 has forty five members, thirty seven have paid and six members remain in arrears. Notices have been mailed to these members reminding them that their dues are payable and in arrears.

Members requested any information on Veteran’s Identification cards which are currently being issued. This item will be researched in an effort to obtain all necessary information. Also information requested by some members regarding issuance and awards of Veteran’s Blankets. This will also be researched and reported on at the next regular meeting.

Spaghetti Dinner discussed, most likely to be held at the end of March or first weeks of April, dependent on the availability of the Sprague Rod and Gun Club. More information will be announced at February regular meeting.

CDR closed meeting at 7:32 P.M., with closing prayer led by the Post Chaplin and a salute to the colors.

Respectfully submitted:
Andre Trudelle, Financial Officer, Post #85
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**February Menu 2018**

TUCA Senior Cafe Menu is supported by senior resources - take pride in eating well. This menu meets the daily recommended dietary requirements. Contact: 406-888-2549.

810 Schoolhouse Road
Burlington, MT 59831

Telephone: Call us for details.

(24 hour meals available)
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Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1

Cordially invites you to
Our 1st annual

Sweetheart
Chicken
Breast Dinner

Tickets: $10 per person
Kids under 10 $6.00

February 10th
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

22 Bushnell Hollow Rd,
Baltic, CT

Please R.S.V.P. by February 5th to
Kevin Roe at
kevinroe24@yahoo.com or
call (860)-303-1976

OR

Fred Stone at
Campingman16@aol.com or
Proceeds to benefit
Sprague Food Pantry in appreciation for recent town support of our parish school.

All You Can Eat

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 18, 2018
8 am - Noon

FREE WILL OFFERING!
In advance or at the door

Academy of the Holy Family
Cafeteria - Hanlon Hall
(Next to St. Mary's Church)
Baltic, CT

For more information please contact Brian Daly
at BJDaly@aol.com or 860-822-1788

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DRIVEWAYS * ALL TYPES OF DRAINAGE WORK * APRONS * CURBING *
LINE STRIPING * SEAL COATING * CRACK FILLING
# BUS SCHEDULE FROM SPRAGUE TO OCCUM

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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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Note from the Editor: Elizabeth Calderon

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