Free Mulch is Available at the Transfer Station
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A special thanks to Cumberland Farms, Abaré’s, Amgraph and residents who helped out so very much. You made the holiday season joyous!

Thank you!

Sewing Machine
HQ Stitch 210
$595. Value
New, still in original box.
$550.
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Honor Roll – Our Town

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High Honor Roll – 7th Grade
Katelynn Nowakowski
Kaden Pieniozek
Aurora Talbot
Skylar Anglin-Taylor

Honor Roll – 7th Grade
Wesley Clay
Isabella Koopman
Ryan Marden
Abigail Myers
Emma Newsom
Dave Patel
Eva Patnoad
Melainey Tackling

High Honor Roll – 8th Grade
Brendan Bezanson
Haylee Bronson
Emma Discola
Julia Feinglass
Kaylee Gray
Morgan Manning
Quest Negron-Ceron
Daniel Sims
Alexis Stamper

Honor Roll – 8th Grade
Gianna Bartha
Hunter Bittman
Nora Crowley
Mackenzie Gifford
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Zane LePage

Congratulations!!!

There is a mailbox placed up at the transfer station to be used for worn and torn Flags. Please place the flags there; when the mailbox is full the American Legion Post will remove them for proper flag disposal.

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, January 26th for the February issue, we will meet at the Town Hall at 10 am. Contact Cristian for details. If interested in volunteering email Cristian
@Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com
From the Desk of the First Selectman,

January ahh what is there to say but another year is starting to come around... I hope you all have plans that give you something to work towards. I am looking to get into better shape with walking around our beautiful Town, in particular the stunning reservoir! And yes I plan on walking!

The public works crew are hoping for a storm or two to come our way... I am hopeful that the white stuff stays far away... I would like to finish work on a trail up the river connecting River Park with Salt Rock Campground and some additional raised beds for the Community Garden. In addition, we are cleaning up around the reservoir, clipping between the trees and chipping the brush.

The Town has applied for a TIER II designation, we have passed the first step and are providing information dictating what our plans are to recover from the school overage. We will be required to provide documentation for the length of this designation for both sides of the budget. We did pass an ordinance requiring oversight on all boards and commissions that have fiscal responsibilities by the Board of Finance, thanks to all who came to the Town Meeting the ordinance passed unanimously.

We have been approved to submit a FEMA grant application to cover the costs of the September storm which damaged several roads and culverts around the Town. The Town’s granite from the Baltic Mills project has moved over to the Salt Shed area. We may expand this project to include remediation in the lot containing the 2 smokestacks, this will require purchase of this parcel which must be approved at a Town meeting.

The Town provided holiday gifts to children in need here in our Town. Special thanks to Cumberland Farms, and Abare’s in Taftville for helping out with donation boxes! Many residents dropped by with gifts, and monetary donations we were also a recipient of a $2,500 donation from Amgraph! Thanks so much Ken Fontaine you made this holiday special for so many children!

As always thanks for your support

Cathy
First Selectman

Open Positions as of 1/1/2019

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Sprague Democratic Town Committee Update

At the December meeting, the DTC met and celebrated the holiday season. Members from all Town Committees from every town in the 19th District were there together with Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, Lieutenant Governor-Elect Susan Bysiewicz, Secretary of the State Denise Merrill, CT State Senator Martin Looney, and Senator Bob Duff.

We are very pleased to have several new members but we are always eager to welcome more.

In November 2019 we will be electing municipal candidates. It is never too early to focus on candidates interested to run for elected office. 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 from top to bottom and for all boards & commissions. If you are interested in running for elected office, and would like more information, please call Richard Waterman, at 860-822-8932 or Claire Glaude at 860-822-9111 as soon as possible. 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.

Claire Glaude
DTC Secretary

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

The second installment of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes will become due and payable on January 1, 2019. Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax bills will be sent out by the end of December and become due and payable on January 1, 2019. You will have the entire month of January to pay your taxes.

Taxes not paid by February 4, 2019 shall become delinquent and will be subject to 1½% interest per month. Annual interest is 18% and minimum interest is $2.00.

Taxpayer’s needing an immediate clearance for the registration of a motor vehicle and owe a delinquent tax must pay by cash, money order or certified check. All others who pay by personal check must wait until the check clears.

If you pay by mail and would like a receipt please mail entire tax bill and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment.

If you have any questions regarding your tax bill, you may call the tax collector at 822-3000, ext. 224. Any questions regarding address changes, assessments, exemptions, or your correct tax town should be directed to the Assessor at 822-3000, ext. 222.

You may now pay your taxes online at CTSPRAGUE.ORG. There is a 2.95% charge to pay by credit card with a minimum charge of $1.95 and a flat fee of $.95 to pay by electronic check.

TAX COLLECTORS HOURS;

Mondays:  8:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON
Wednesdays:  2:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Thursdays:  8:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON

Mary B. Chartier, CCMC
Tax Collector
American Legion Post #85, Meeting minutes for December 4, 2018:

VCGR called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M., there were six officers and four regular members and three guests present. The Pledge of Allegiance led by the VCGR. CDR joined the meeting late, due to another commitment.

Member Alfred Zinavage introduced two Ladies who would be instrumental in the formation of a Ladies American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Earleen Morey and Mrs. LaCoursiere, a member of the Montville American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Mr. Zinavage gave a report of advances made to date in the formation of the Ladies Auxiliary. More information will be made available next month, as a couple of prospective members interested in the formation of the Ladies Auxiliary were unable to attend the December meeting.

FO read the Minutes of the November 6, 2018 meeting which were accepted as read. Financial Report by FO, currently there is a total of $218.90 in the checking account and $5,122.67 in the Memorial Fund. Presently the remaining amount owed to Brodin Studios for the purchase of the statue is $2,211.33.

ADJ reported that there are 43 members of Post #85, 23 members have paid, 4 members are PUFL and there are 16 members in arrears. JVCDR requested that letters be sent to members in arrears advising them of dues owed, letters to be mailed out before Christmas.

FO reported that the fundraiser Chicken Barbeque meal held at the Sprague Rod and Gun Club, Sunday, November 11, 2018, from 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. Profit was as follows: Meals $570.00, Donation of $50.00. T-Shirt Sales, $247.00, 50/50 raffle $66.00 (winner donated $33.00 to Post #85 towards purchase of the memorial statue) Total Profit $933.00. An anonymous donor donated $500.00 towards the purchase of the memorial statue.

FO reported that the CDR had arranged to have luminaries made in order to honor veterans ad would be placed at the Baltic Veterans Memorial on New Year’s Eve, Monday, December 31, 2018. Cost of the luminary is $10.00; interested parties can contact the FO at the Town Hall 860-822-3000, extension 206, or 860-822-8991, proceeds will be placed in the Memorial Fund.

Next month’s meeting to be held Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:00 P.M., at the Sprague Rod and Gun Club, due to New Year’s Eve, motion accepted by membership.

BALTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY

December 11, 2018

Members met on Tuesday, December 11th, at Occum Pizza for our holiday gathering and short business meeting.

The financial report for the Holly Jolly Bazaar was distributed and once again, it was a tremendous success. A sincere thank you to all who supported us in any way. We couldn’t do it without you.

Election of officers was held and following are the 2019 officers:

President – Tina Deschamps  Vice President – Earleen Morey
Secretary – Jeannette Deschamps  Treasurer – Meredith Savluk

Thank you to Lorraine Allen for her service as president this past year.

Pins for 5 years of service were awarded to Stephanie Allen, Morgan Deschamps, Taylor Rinbolt and Maureen Trudelle. Thank you to them also.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at the firehouse at 7 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.

Sincere best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and happy, healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Deschamps
Jeannette Deschamps,
Secretary

BALTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT
LADIES AUXILIARY
P. O. BOX 591
BALTIC, CT 06330-0591
January 2019

Weekly Drop-in Programs (no registration required)

Children’s Story Times
TUESDAYS at 10:30am AND WEDNESDAYS at 12:15pm
It’s never too soon to bring your youngster to the library! Join us for age-appropriate stories, early literacy activities, and social time. Prefer a mid-day program before naptime? Bring your lunch on Wednesday to enjoy with friends! (same program both days)

WEDNESDAYS at 12:00pm – Crochet & Knitters’ Club Want to learn or like to knit? Join our skein-ful group. It won’t take long to get you hooked! Help is always available.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9th at 6:00pm – Non-fiction Book Club: White Christmas by Jody Rosen. There’s still time to pick up a copy of this month’s book. Join us for an after holiday-rush discussion that will keep you in the holiday spirit!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12th at 11:00am – Kids’ Craft Saturdays: Jenga Block Keychains Drop in to design a one-of-kind keychain or backpack charm. A great way to hold your keys or spirit sticks. Registration helpful, but not required. Meet up with a friend at the library!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16th at 6:30pm – CT Author Visit: Martin Podskoch Are you looking for new adventures in the new year? Find them here in our great state of CT with help from East Hampton native/author, Marty Podskoch who will be sharing his new book “Connecticut 169 Club.” From town history to places of interest and famous eats, this discussion is sure to please travel lovers, readers, and adventure seekers alike. Signed books available for purchase; light refreshments will be served.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23rd 6:00pm – Resume Writing Workshop Invest in yourself in 2019. Let us help you make the first deposit! Whether you’re determined to find your dream job or making a resolution to finally update your resume, help is on the way! A representative from Chelsea Groton Bank Community Education will be here to answer questions, offer suggestions, and get you started in the right direction. Program registration helpful for planning purposes.

SAVE THE DATE

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd
Details coming soon!
“Like” us on Facebook for updates on this statewide event.

The library will be closed on Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. During inclement weather, the library follows Sayles School for all closing and delays.
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. You must be age 60 for lunches.

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

Movie – January 16th at 12:30 pm. No fee charged.

Monthly Meeting – January 31st at 1:00 pm

COME JOIN US!

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### 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. **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 average selling price of homes in Sprague is $235,000. What is your home worth?

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Town Hall | Commission on Aging, 9 am  
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American Legion  7 pm, Rod & Gun  
Library Bd.  6:30 pm, Grist Mill | Board of Selectmen, 5 pm,  
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Board of Ed  6 pm, Sayles |       |     |     |
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Town Hall | Deadline for all OUR TOWN Submissions | Water & Sewer Authority, 4 pm  
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Note from the Editor: Elizabeth Calderon

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