

## SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Hello, readers! Have you sent out those Valentine greetings yet? You have one week to catch up and so do I. Nancy Healy writes “Save the date next Thursday! Snuggle up with your sweetie (2- or 4-legged) at 8:00pm on Valentine’s Day and enjoy Trevor’s third Symphonic Band concert, live-streamed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZNcfzrO7g&app=desktop>”

A reader from Nunda talked to me in the TOPS grocery store at the Citizen’s Bank desk last Sunday around noon, mentioning that he enjoyed reading the column each week. He then shared some of his woodworking talents (unique wooden crosses made from exotic pieces of wood) to give away. They already came in handy in the parking lot where I found a front right flat tire on my van, called AAA and was awaiting Lowry’s to come to my assistance. Lena and Harper from church offered to help me out and I shared three of the wooden treasures with them. My tire turned out to be just fine, but the rim had a broken off valve stem, so Lowry’s put on the donut tire for me and the tire repair is on the agenda for this week. I was definitely counting my blessings that the tire did not go flat when I was on the road from home to Dansville, that I had a paid up membership with AAA, and that Linda and Mark were coming to give me a ride to the Springwater Trails hike at Harriet Hollister Spencer Recreation Area and the social.



For the Springwater Trails hike on Sunday, February 3, we had 15 hikers and several of these were new people that saw the hiking opportunity in the columns that Dena writes in the Genesee Valley Pennysaver and in the Lake Country Weekender. Six of us had a great social time afterwards at the Boat House Restaurant on the East side of Honeoye Lake. The weather was beautiful and the photography opportunities amazing. John took many

photos and these will be posted on Facebook. If there is room in this column for a photograph, one will be posted here. This coming Sunday, February 10th, the hike will be on the All Western Evergreen Nursery & Christmas Tree Farm at 6840 Liberty Pole Road (GPS Dansville, NY 14437) starting just before 2 PM. Details can be found on the Springwater Trails website or contact a regular hiker.

Pat Granger from Springwater United Methodist Church wrote me the following to share with you: “Oh what a beautiful day the Lord has made after having below zero temperatures and bitter cold winds. Spring is getting closer as each day goes by. This

month we are following the 1939 Methodist Church 'Order of Worship IV'. Did you know people were allowed to kneel or bow in silent prayer upon entering the Sanctuary and for each song sung, they stood? The order of worship went as follows: the Prelude, Scripture sentences read by the Minister and the people, a Hymn, Call to Confession, General Confession, Prayer of Pardon, the Lord's Prayer, singing, lesson from the Old Testament, singing, lesson from the New Testament, singing, Declaration of Faith, Collect for Grace said by all, Prayer, the Offertory, Sermon, and Benediction. There definitely were changes made from 1905 to 1939. Everyone have a good week.

On Wednesday, February 6, Lagom Landing's mentors and year 7 students present to the Trust in the Lives of Older Women's group and anyone else interested in attending at 1 PM at the Wayland Library on Main Street. The gap year between high school and college or the working world is the perfect time for young people between the ages of 18 and 22 to learn not only hands-on skills, but also be exposed to many people in different walks of life in order to open their minds to the possibilities in their own life. Lagom Landing is a live-in program on Reeds Corners Road in the Town of Sparta designed to help young people learn more about themselves and their talents. If you know any young people who don't have a clue as to what they want to do in life, this program can be life changing. Details of the program can be found on the Lagom Landing website. Rock Castor and Laurel Nelson are the mentors for this wonderful program.

Sunday morning, if a church in the neighborhood is your destination to gather together with others to learn more about the real reason we are on this Earth, there are many churches in the neighborhood from which to choose. The Genesee Country Express devotes over half a newspaper page to the local houses of worship most every week. If you see any errors, contact the main desk in person at 113 Main Street in Dansville or call 585-335-2271 during office hours Monday 10 to 11 AM and 2 to 5 PM, Tuesday through Thursday from 8 to 11 AM and 2 to 5 PM, and Friday from 8 AM to 3 PM. It helps if they have the opportunity to get to know you. I would be glad to help make the corrections, if you prefer to contact me at 585-669-2659 or 585-737-5205 or by e-mail at [kjth@allwesterntrees.com](mailto:kjth@allwesterntrees.com).

Auditions for the play "A Piece of My Heart" will be at the Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 Main Street in Hemlock on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 12 and 13 from 6:30 PM until finished. This play by Shirley Lauro portrays women's experiences in the Vietnam War. Roles for both women and men of various ethnicities are needed. For more information, call Director Bonnie Sykes at 585-703-7536 or email [jmsykes1971@gmail.com](mailto:jmsykes1971@gmail.com).

The Little Lakes Community Association series on Ecological Sustainability kicks off on Thursday, February 21 at the Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 Main Street in Hemlock. The event is free and is being presented by the Rochester Peoples Climate Coalition on Climate Change and Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). CCA is a local government tool to reduce carbon emissions and allow residents and small businesses to use their buying power to jointly contract for renewable electricity that is less expensive.

The New York Farm Show is scheduled for February 21-23 at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse. It is cosponsored by New York Forest Owners Association, New York State DEC, and Cornell Cooperative Extension. I have four free tickets to give away so if you are interested, contact me.

The Food Link Truck is coming to the Springwater Fire Hall on Saturday, February 23rd at 10 AM. Volunteers are needed to help with the food distribution, and if you are able and wish to help, please call Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223. The food is available to anyone and everyone in an orderly manner. Pat Granger writes that there is an application that has to be filled out and safety rules that must be explained to all the volunteers. Pat also mentioned "Due to the weather and cold temperatures last week the Springwater Community Food Pantry was closed Wednesday evening. The closing was put on WHEC-TV Channel 10. If the time should come that there is bad weather again please check WHEC-TV to see if it is listed as being closed before you leave your home. Otherwise we are open regular hours on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM and Saturdays from 9 to 11AM except for when the Food Link truck is in town." Donations to the Springwater Community Food Pantry are gladly accepted during these hours. Although to qualify for assistance income guidelines and proof of identification with current address in the Wayland Cohocton School District are needed, a one-time emergency situation may be filled.

The Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society is having a Penny Social at the Springwater Fire Hall on Saturday March 23rd starting at Noon when the doors open and bidding begins at 1 PM. Donations are currently being accepted by Brenda Haywood at 585-669-2478 or Pat Willsea at 585-669-2376 or 728-5552 or send a check or money order to: SWCHS, PO Box 68, Springwater, NY 14560. A historical program for March is in the planning stages and anyone with knowledge of metal working in Springwater is asked to contact Katherine.

Contact Katherine Humphrey at PO Box 217, Springwater, NY 14560 or [kjth@allwesterntrees.com](mailto:kjth@allwesterntrees.com) or phone 585-669-2659. Please let me know your news for the Springwater Party Line. Thank you.

#### Birthdays:

February 7 – Aubrie Jordan, Sean Irwin, Abbey Decker, Barbara Pilato

February 8 – Teresa Langhorn, Jessica Valenti

February 9 – Gary Colangelo

February 10 – Lorna Teed

February 11 – Kathleen Gammell

February 12 – David Herbert Jr.

February 14 – Kristie Schnetzer, Ann Jobson, Harper VanScooter