

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Christmas in Wayland is this Thursday, December 7th between 3:30 and 8 PM, a yearly event sponsored by the Wayland Rotary Club. The proceeds go for local Rotary Projects. This year's recipients are "Coats for Kids" and the "Wayland Little House". Renae Coley ([585-728-2721](tel:585-728-2721)) is the contact person this year. The Bake Sale is especially good. Start at the American Legion, take a wagon ride or walk down Main Street and stop in at all the businesses along the way toward the Historical Society Museum, where you can also start or end (Jerriane and I plan to be there with a display of wreaths, garland, kissing balls, mailbox huggies, and centerpieces from All Western Evergreen Farm and with wreaths constructed by Don Griffing, renowned wreath maker originally from Wayland.). Santa arrives at 5 PM at the Legion. The Living Nativity Scene is outside on the corner of Main and Route 63 near the 5-Star Bank, where you can purchase a ticket for the Vincent House Chicken BBQ, prepared by the Perkinsville Fire Department and served from 4 to 6 PM. Go early, as the tickets are pre-sold either at the bank or at Vincent House for \$10, but only held until 5:45 PM. The Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at 6 PM at the Legion, followed by the WCCS Carolers going down Main Street and into the Museum. Throughout the day the vendors have donated prizes to be auctioned off at the Legion.

The Springwater United Methodist Church Christmas Sale is scheduled for this Saturday December 9 at the Fire Hall. You might want to attend between 10 AM and 3 PM. Anyone wanting to set up a table should contact Sharon @ [585-857-7938](tel:585-857-7938) for information.

Between 2 and 4 PM on December 9th, the Webster's Crossing and Springwater Churches are planning to have a living Nativity scene at the four corners blinking light gazebo area. Plans are being formulated in the next few weeks. Each church will be in charge of a half hour block of time, so come enjoy the changes in the scenes presented. A loud speaker will be set up so you might also enjoy some familiar Christmas carols.

The Springwater Fire Department is hosting a Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 9th to kick off at 7 PM. We will start lining up before then at the Fire Hall and go down School Street, to Mill Street, to Main Street, and back to the Fire Hall. Contact people are Dave Holmes ([585-727-3103](tel:585-727-3103)) and Mike Edwards ([585-813-2021](tel:585-813-2021)). After the Parade, you can meet Santa and enjoy some refreshments. The All Western Evergreen Christmas Tree Farm is hoping to finish a flat bed wagon in time to have a lighted float in the Parade. Stanley Payne and his friend Dan Young are working hard to complete the planks and hardware necessary to finish the wagon.

The Christmas Cantata at the Springwater Church of the Nazarene is the place to be this Sunday, December 10th between 3:30 and 5:00 PM for some wonderful choir music. They are hosting the voices from the Springwater churches, including the United Methodist Churches and the Lighthouse Wesleyan Church.

Saturday, December 2 was crammed with many activities and events around our community. One such event was at the Springwater Fire Hall where Tom Canute, a 60 year active member of the Springwater Fire Department, was honored with many citations at the annual dinner. The dinner was catered by Steve from Steve's Place in Wayland and his wife. The food and service were outstanding and the program, complete with speeches and awards, was riveting. Every person attending left with a tall clear glass memento emblazoned with the Fire Department "54" logo as a reminder of the memorable occasion. Tom Canute was the recipient of a very special fireman's axe, the handle and storage stand made of wood fashioned by a local artist.

Jasmine Willis' article on Christmas trees last week prompted me to write her concerning doing an article on Trees for Troops, a division of the Christmas Spirit Foundation created by the National Christmas Tree Association. This year is the 13th year that Christmas Trees have been provided by some of our local Christmas tree growers, specifically by Alexander's Tree Farm in Dansville and by All Western Evergreen Nursery & Christmas Tree Farm in Springwater, along with the growers from all over New York State and the nation. 2017 is a special year because we hope to reach the 200,000 tree donation mark. Dick ([315-521-8779](tel:315-521-8779)) and Mary Ellen Darling of Clifton Springs, NY are the National Directors serving from New York State as Chairmen of the Trees for Troops initiative. There are many ways to support Trees for Troops: growers can donate trees, customers can donate money to help pay for trees and donations toward the program can be made on line at the Trees for Troops website or by donating into a collection jar at the tree farm. Over 140 NYS tree farms actively support this initiative year after year. At the All Western Evergreen Farm we have sent 7 trees every year and sometimes more when the Post 905 American Legion in Springwater has donated money toward trees for the project. Our customers have also contributed money into the collection jar which we send on to the Spirit Foundation via Dick Darling.

The Greening of the Church took place for Advent in many churches this past Sunday, December 3. All Western Evergreen Nursery & Christmas Tree Farm had the opportunity to provide either real Christmas trees or boughs to the following churches: Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church, Conesus United Church, Geneseo United Methodist Church, and Groveland Federated Church. At Webster's Crossing, the tree was put up and the lights placed by Jim Yarger and David Holbrook. Paula Longacre took care of putting the ivy, cedar, holly, fir, and pine branches in water and has taken orders for the Christmas Poinsettias. Pastor Dorothy gave the background information on each of the symbols (star, angel, candy cane, poinsettia) used at Christmas for decorations.

Regarding last Sunday's Springwater Trails hike on December 3 at Steege Hill above the Chemung River, Melissa planned the hike and reported that 7 people, all Climbers, enjoyed a beautiful fall hike. To read her report, and to see the many photos taken at the event, log into the Springwater Trails website. This coming Sunday, December 10th, the hike will be at the [Ganondagan State Historic Site, 7000 County Road 41 \(Boughton Hill Road\)](#) in Victor. "Ganondagan is the site of a large 17th century Seneca town, and offers hiking trails with interpretive markers illustrating the history and traditions of the Seneca people. The trails will take us through wooded rolling hills and meadows just south of the Village of Victor. Highlights will include the Granary Trail, where the Seneca protected and distributed their corn

supplies, and the Earth is Our Mother Trail, where interpretive markers describe local plants and their particular roles in Seneca life. The Seneca Art and Cultural Center (Interpretive Center) will be open for hikers to explore at the end if they wish, for a modest admission price. A portion of the hike will be in the Town of Victor's Dryer Road Park, adjacent to the Fort Hill (Granary) portion of Ganondagan. For details, please log in to the Springwater Trails website for time (usually just before 2 PM) and designated place of meeting closer to the date or ask a regular hiker.

Six to 8 people usually gather for the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Bible Study on Wednesday evenings, led by any one in the group. Bible Study at Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church will be continued in people's homes to save fuel for heating the church. For details or more information contact the person hosting the meeting by calling ahead: The schedule is as follows, at 7 PM: Dec. 6 at Sylvia's; Dec 13 at Mary & Jim's; and Dec 20, at Katherine's. Sunday service is at 9 AM at Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church followed by coffee hour and you are invited. The Webster's Crossing Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam by donation are scheduled for Thursday, December 21. We look forward to seeing you between 4:30 and 7 PM for the dinner and afterwards for music in the sanctuary.

Many thanks are extended to Harry Reynolds, well known one man band and musician from Webster Crossing and Wayland for over 50 years. Those in attendance at the Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society meeting on Thursday evening, November 28, 2017, enjoyed his narration punctuated with music from his days playing at Margaret's in Springwater with David Holbrook of Webster Crossing.

The Holiday Cookie Sale sponsored by the Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society had a deadline of December 3 for orders for trays to be picked up on December 16th at the Springwater Town Hall between 10 AM and Noon, unless other arrangements are made. Cookies cost either 3 dozen for \$12 or 6 dozen for \$20.00 with Pat Willsea [585-669-2376](tel:585-669-2376) or 728-5552 as the contact person.

Please share your news with me at kjth@allwesterntrees.com or mail it to Katherine Humphrey, PO Box 217, Springwater, NY 14560.

Birthdays:

December 7 – Cathy Walker, Kelly Bauer, Brent Parsons

December 9 – Carl Hoppough, Joyce O'Neil

December 10 – Iva Johnson, Jeffery Ross Mann

December 11 – Jessica Bogdon

December 12 – James Kober, Lexi Jobson

December 13 – Elizabeth Colegrove, C. Clyde Parsons Jr., Dwayne "Smitty"

December 15 – Amber Yeoman

Anniversaries:

December 8 – Jim & Kim Bowers