

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Many thanks are extended to everyone that participated in Christmas in Wayland on Thursday December 7, 2017. All that attended enjoyed the ambiance especially at the Wayland Historical Society Museum, at the Living Nativity Scene by the Assembly of God; at the Legion, and at the many vendors. The Chicken BBQ sold out and the Vincent House prospered. The Rotarians were happy that the turn out was better than last year making it possible to share a larger amount collected with "The Little House" that needs repairs and the "Coats for Kids" at Wayland Cohocton Central School (WCCS). Ads were sponsored by the St. George - Stanton Funeral Home, and the wagon rides were provided by Cory Mark Farms. The WCCS third grade choir performed on the north side of the Museum, and Santa appeared at the Legion. Renae Coley ([585-728-2721](tel:585-728-2721)) was the "go to" person this year.

Between 2 and 4 PM on December 9th, the Webster's Crossing and Springwater Churches live Nativity Scene was moved to the Fire Hall to accommodate the participants with a warm place, a bathroom, and hot chocolate. The Springwater United Methodist Church was having their Bazaar there so they profited as well. Pat Granger said there was a good turnout of people for the 30 + vendors. There was a continuous flow of people, something for everyone, and the kitchen was busy serving food. Many thanks are extended to everyone that participated with special thanks to the Fire Department for the use of their hall and the extensive parking area.

The Springwater Fire Department Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 9, 2017 kicked off a little after 7 PM. The weather was cold and crisp. The Firemen had decorated the trucks beautifully with lights. Unfortunately the All Western Evergreen Christmas Tree Farm truck electric lighting system was overloaded and all the work on the tree decorations and light-boards with the theme were for naught. The disappointment was great. However, Stephen with the bell ringing tree backpack, Nathan, Isabel and Edgrr, the golden retriever, walked the Parade route of a little over 2 miles behind all the Fire Department vehicles. Dave Holmes let me know the Parade winners: Dansville Fire Department came the farthest, Conesus Fire Department had the Best Appearing Apparatus while the Legion Riders had the Best Appearing Float. The folks getting prizes for lighted homes were the Gazcon residence with the Crazy Grizwold Award; Don & Brenda Haywood with the Traditional Award; and Pete Faith won the lighting contest.

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

Saturday, December 16th between 9 and 11 AM, the Springwater Community Pantry at 8148C South Main Street, Springwater (where Sammy's Place was originally) will have an Open House with a Bake Sale. This is being called a "Soft Opening" by Teresa Langhorn (245-1223), as the official opening of the Pantry will be in January. People in the Town of Springwater

encompassing Springwater, Webster Crossing, Canadice area are invited to visit the Pantry to become knowledgeable and to either help serve or be served. Those in need of emergency food can fill out an application. Those behind this effort are Teresa Langhorn, Pat Granger, Terri White, and Ginny Heckman, the same people that are involved with obtaining the Food Link Truck in September and November. The difference between the two programs is that Food Link food is open to anyone, whereas the Food Pantry food is for those having a special need for it. Donations to Food Link are made primarily by the large food vendors, while donations to the Food Pantry are made by the people right in our community who wish to share what they have with those less fortunate.

Last Sunday, December 10th, the hike was at the [Ganondagan State Historic Site](#), 7000 County Road 41 (Boughton Hill Road) in Victor. Melissa wrote me that although it was cold, being out in the woods with light snow falling made it seem Christmassy. Today we had a larger group than expected, about 20 hikers. Nannette divided us into 2 groups, Naturalists and Climbers/Tourists. Most of us started out from Dryer Park, traversed that area, then headed up into the Ganondogan area. Our leader, Saralinda had a good sense of the area as did Douglas who hikes there often. The trails were a mite slippery due to snow covered leaves and frozen patches. Fortunately there were no injuries despite a couple of tumbles. Some folks wore traction devices. The trails were well marked/blazed. Although the views from the top were not available today, we enjoyed the landscape covered in snow. Douglas took us off the trail a short way to view a small waterfall. Along the trail are several signs, explaining the history of Fort Hill as well as significant plant life. It was easy to imagine what life might have been like on those hillsides all those years ago. Nice walk in the woods. I would say we got our money's worth. Our hats are off to Nannette for organizing this afternoon's ramble." Next Sunday, December 17th, our hike will be at Bristol Hills Branch of the Finger Lakes Trail, the 6th in a series done the third Sunday of each month. This Sunday, the sunset will officially start to get later. We will take advantage of the extra minute of daylight for a hike from Dunn Road up on Italy Hill for 5 miles down to Italy Valley. We will pass through Italy Hill State Forest, and follow an old logging road on a gradual descent of nearly 1000 feet. The Climbers will end with a short (0.2 mile) road walk on Italy Valley Road. In addition to the forest all around us, we will pass the "Outback Inn Shelter" which was rebuilt in 2011 by the Boy Scout Troop 37 and has a picnic table, privy and fire ring.

As usual on our Bristol Hills Branch hikes, this hike is a one way hike for Climbers and Tourists, so we will have some car driving to do at the beginning of the hike. All hikers will meet at the parking area on Italy Valley Rd (42.626312, -77.281368) just north of the Flint Creek crossing at 1:45. All hikers will then carpool up to the top of Italy Hill. Further details are on the website for Springwater Trails.

Six were at Bible Study at Sylvia's last Wednesday evening, December 6: Pastor Dorothy, David, Mary, Jim, Katherine, and Sylvia. The decision was made not to meet again until the first Wednesday in January, as this coming Wednesday all the school concerts are on and we'd like to attend to hear our friends and relatives sing or play their instruments. I'm planning to be at the Honeoye Central School where Trevor Healy is playing the French Horn on Wednesday, December 13 at 7 PM.

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.

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 15 – Amber Yeoman

December 16 – Kayle Chandler

December 17 – Brian West Sr.

December 19 – Howard Harris

December 21 – Steve Anstre

December 22 – Roger Humphrey, David Sanders, Jr., Chad Irwin

Anniversaries: Congratulations!

December 18 – Dana & Frances Colegrove #69

December 19 – Phillip & Jeannine Moyer #47

December 20 – Andy & Roxanne Stevens #35