

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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The place to be this week on Thursday, June 28th is the next Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church Spaghetti Dinner & Music Jam, as I look forward to seeing you there if you are able. Food service by donation begins at 4:30 PM and music goes on into the night after food service ends at 7 PM.

On Earth, the final resting place for Marian Walker at the age of 95 this past week is the Ashley Cemetery not far from the Walker Dairy Farm just off of Walker Road. Marian was a role model for me back in the 1980's as she served on the Cornell Cooperative Extension Human Ecology Program Advisory Committee. Her sewing and cooking skills were the kind to learn whenever you had the opportunity. Her legacy will live on in the family, Home Economics and 4-H connections that she made.

Just in case you missed it or did not have time last week, I want to repeat that Havilah Toland, Springwater's Historian, is at the Livingston County Nursing Transitional Care Unit, 11 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY 14510. He welcomes cards and visitors and you will not be disappointed if you ask for a story about Springwater.

Teresa Langhorn came for the All Western Evergreen Nursery & Christmas Tree Farm for a 1 hour tour on Monday, June 25th. Although this is not the ideal time to visit a Christmas tree farm because the trees have not hardened off their new growth yet and they look so different from the actual tree at Christmas. The new growth is soft and floppy and a different color green or blue than the old growth part of the tree. To me, the trees look like they have new dresses, as all the tips are a different color, usually a lighter color. The birds, especially large heavy birds that land on the leaders usually break the tops. On some farms, T top poles higher than the trees have been the answer to this problem. Because we have so many trees taller in the woods surrounding our tree lots, we have had minimal damage from birds. Still, at this time of year, the plantations do not look as good as they will in the fall after the trees have "hardened off" and we have gone through, tied tops, sheared properly, and cleaned out the weeds under the trees and cross-mowed the rows of trees.

The first in a series of 6 presentations on "Imagine No Racism" was held June 7th, at the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church sponsored by 7 area churches. Bob Lewis sent out this schedule for the remaining meetings, all at 7 PM: (2) Springwater United Methodist Church, Thursday, July 12th; (3) Conesus United Church, Thursday, August 16th; (4) Sparta Center UMC, Monday, September 17th; (5) Groveland Federated Parish, Thursday, October 18th; and (6) West Sparta UMC, Monday, October 29th. This series is open to the public and of great interest to those involved.

As promised, regarding the Abbey of the Genesee CSA, my third box had only lettuce. By washing the individual leaves well on each side and then placing them in a plastic bag with paper towels all around, I've found them to crisp up nicely and become delicious salad ingredients.

The hike for Springwater Trails this past Sunday, June 24 at 4 PM was planned by John. Eight Springwater Trails hikers turned out to help do trail maintenance on the portion of the Bristol Branch of the Finger Lakes Trail that our group maintains off Seman Road in Naples. Afterwards seven of us enjoyed socializing at John's favorite pizza place (he likes those anchovies!). Next week we will be kayaking on Hemlock Lake. For more details, look on line at the website, send inquiries to Springwater Trails, PO Box 162, Springwater, NY 14560 or ask a regular hiker.

Pat Granger from the Springwater United Methodist Church writes: "The Springwater UMC this past week was saddened by the loss of our very dear sister Marian Walker. She had been a long time member. I haven't checked the membership book but I believe she was a member for close to 70 years. She will be missed.

In the next chapter of "The Story" it talked about God's Messengers. Elijah became one of God's messengers. Elijah was tested by Ahab and Elijah proved to Ahab that when he prayed to his God his prayers were answered. Elijah gave Ahab a chance to pray to his God Baal and his prayers were not answered. After that Ahab realized that Elijah was one of God's prophets and sent messages through Elijah. Elijah and his servant Elisha traveled to Bethel. When they got to the Jordan River Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and hit the water. The water split and they were able to cross on dry land. Before Elijah died he asked his servant Elisha if there was anything he could do for him and he asked to be given a portion of Elijah's spirit. Shortly after that Elijah died. Elisha had received what he had asked for and was left to carry on Elijah's work and he became a messenger. With his miracles he performed it was truly clear to him that his God was one of unspeakable power and glory. Israel and Judah had many kings during Elisha's time. He had difficulties getting people to believe in his God. There were still people that believed in false gods. After Elisha died Hosea became a messenger. He tried to convince the people of northern Israel to ask his God for forgiveness of their sins and be faithful to his God. He warned them that if they didn't there would be consequences. But again they didn't listen. There were 5 kings that didn't listen. All of them came into power and/or had their reigns ended through assassination. How long would people keep turning their backs on the true God and not listen and be faithful to him? What is it going to take for people to love and be faithful to the true God? Even now we can become messengers of God.
Have a fantastic week."

If you are celebrating this 4th of July with an outdoor picnic, remember to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold and refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours. The quickest way to chill soups and stews is to stir them in metal bowls or pots that are surrounded by cold running water. Refrigerate them when they are cooled. In this way you do not bring the temperature up over 40 degrees F. in your refrigerator.

Those following the Little Lakes Community Center (Old Hemlock School) doings will want to save the dates, register & invite friends, and often check for new listings for the summer 2018 on the [www. LittleLakesNY.org](http://www.LittleLakesNY.org) website or contact by text/cell 585-455-2518. The first Monday of every month is the information/steering committee meeting open to everyone interested at 6:30 PM at the Community Center. The next one will be July 2nd. Friday, July 15th, Dick Jobson & the Northerners will be presenting at the Livonia Center American Legion at 2 PM.

Birthdays:

June 28 – Alex Irwin

June 29 – Karin Tripp, Dave Holmes, Dana Teed

June 30 – Matt Stewart, Ronda Stevenson, Blayne Hoffman

July 1 – Gloria Briglin

July 2 – Alexys Martindale, Greg Kurelko

July 4 – Bonnie Harris, Trevor Healy

July 5 – Lisa Wilkinson, Willie Gibson, Brenda Robinson

Anniversaries: Congratulations:

June 28 – Michael & Carrie Delany #10

July 1 – Scott & Deb Van Scooter