

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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You guessed it. The place to be this Thursday evening, July 26th, is the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church "life saving" Spaghetti Dinner & Music Jam. Food service by donation begins at 4:30 PM and music goes on into the night after food service ends at 7 PM. Come and enjoy the good food, delightful music, and friendly fellowship. Plan to join us Sunday morning at 9 AM for Pastor Dorothy's great sermons and any left over desserts at fellowship afterwards.

Save the dates August 6 - 9 for Vacation Bible School at Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church, Route 15 Webster Crossing Road. The activities are Monday through Thursday evenings 6 to 7:30 PM for ages 4-12 years and over 12 for helpers of all kinds. The theme this year is "Shipwrecked" and "Lifesavers" are the undercurrent. Contact person is Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss who can be reached at the church on Sunday mornings circa 9 AM.

The Hemlock Fair (Tuesday, July 17 - Saturday 21, 2018) was the first time in several years that the Christmas Tree Growers in Livingston County set up an exhibit. All Western Evergreen Nursery & Christmas Tree Farm, owners from Springwater; Grzenda Farm from South Livonia; and Don Griffing, CTFANY Board member and wreath maker from Ossian set up on Monday and took turns manning the exhibit each evening. Take down was early Sunday morning so as not to contend with the traffic and inebriated fair goers the night before at closing time. Several hundred coloring books, educational tree species pamphlets, and posters were available for those willing to stop to talk to the growers. I was fortunate to arrive early Sunday, as I hit something not 2 miles from the Fair and saw my tire light up, so pulled into the gas station across the street from the northern Fair entrance. God was looking after me, as Don Griffing was willing "to go the extra mile" to help me out. After taking down the exhibit, he found and changed my tire to the spare and loaded the flat tire into the trunk. On Monday, Bob Keene of Keene Automotive in Dansville did the repairs, stowing, and tire installment needed to put me on the road again. Many thanks go to Don and Bob for their kindness and hard work.

Teresa shared that we had 116 people receive food from the Foodlink truck last Saturday (7/21) at the Springwater Fire Hall on South Main Street. Pat Granger will know when the next delivery will take place.

The seventh week of the Abbey of the Genesee CSA, we all received fresh beets with greens, yellow summer squash and zucchini, green beans and a dozen fresh whole wheat rolls. The rain has been a blessing. Many thanks go to Sandra Lee for picking up my share.

Melissa planned our Sunday hike in the Houghton Land Preserve in Corning, a part of the Finger Lakes Land Trust. This was our first excursion to this nature preserve. We had 13 hikers, 3 of which enjoyed two miles of the trails. The other 10 traveled all the trails which were very well marked and maintained. They saw a bear, while the 3 of us saw emerald green moss, a large

green caterpillar, several types of trees and mushrooms, beech, maple, oak, ironwood, and Eastern white pine. At the bench, we could see the tops of at least four ridges . . . a treat because the Naturalists are usually relegated to the lower flatter regions of each hike. Melissa works on these FLLT trails as a volunteer. All of us thank those involved in donating and volunteering their time for creating these wonderful areas that we all can enjoy. See more at the website FLLT.org. This coming week, come walk among the Dutch Hill Wind Farm windmills, part of the 125-Megawatt wind farm located in Cohocton NY, on Sunday, July 29, 2018 at 4pm. For details, log into the Springwater Trails web site, 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: “I forgot to mention last week that Pastor Dawn’s aunt from out of state came to church. We had more visitors this week and were happy to see Ron and Sharon Ingraham back. This week we did Chapter 19 in “The Story”. It was about people exiled to Babylon returning to Jerusalem. King Cyrus of Persia told the people they could return home and build a new temple for their God. Cyrus encouraged others to provide gold, silver, goods, livestock, and freewill offerings for the temple of God in Jerusalem. Cyrus sent back the valuables that were taken out of the first temple. Fifty thousand people returned with 5,400 gold and silver items. The altar was built first so they could sacrifice burnt offerings to the Lord. Then work was started on the foundation. Resistance and fighting came about when building the temple. The workers stopped and worked on their own homes. The temple stood still for 16 years. The Lord became unhappy. Haggai, God’s messenger, told the people the Lord was with them and they again started working on the temple. Zechariah, another messenger, said the temple was important and it was a sign and symbol of something greater coming. He said one day God would bless Jerusalem again. God called Jerusalem the Faithful City and the mountain the Holy Mountain. God would take care of His people and do good again for Jerusalem and Judah. God told them to love truth and peace. Pastor Dawn reminded us that God’s love never ends and wants us to have a relationship with Him. Have a good week.”

This past Friday I finally had the opportunity to visit the Springwater Farmer’s Market, open between 3 and 6 PM. I purchased green beans, wax beans, basil and beets which I promptly came home and froze. The items were beautifully displayed and there were three different vendors at the four corners with crafts, baked goods, and flowers, too. Vendors are needed! There is no fee to set up, but you must obtain an application on line at springwaterfarmersmarket.com. This market in Springwater at the 4 corners Gazebo is open every Friday until October 26th. Musicians have been heard to be jamming in the Gazebo during

this time as well. Bring a lawn chair, enjoy fruit or baked goods, play or listen to the music, and visit with friends and family.

The Fiddler's Picnic at Long Point Park is on Saturday, August 4, 2018 from 11 AM to 7 PM. Old time country music is on stage, there are off stage jam sessions, food concessions and Chicken BBQ (run by the Geneseo Kiwanis). Although parking and admission are free bring along some money to donate to the organizers so we can enjoy the music for years to come.

Birthdays:

July 26 – Randy Willard

July 27 – Diane White

July 28 – Wayne Loop, Sue Sahrle, Kelsey Kober

July 29 – Wendy West

July 30 – Phillip Zeh

July 31 – Hayleigh Grace Nadeau, Christina Langhorn

August 1 – Jake Coddling, Faye Gricius, Joyce Humphrey, Sherry Bruno

August 2 – Theresa Moore, Gail Wagner, Jacob Willard

Anniversaries: Congratulations:

August 1 – Pat & Marilyn Sheedy, Randy & Lisa Wilkinson-Moore