

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE
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The place to be on this evening, Thursday, November 15 is the Webster Crossing United Methodist Church Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam by donation. Skip the cooking and clean-up and come and enjoy an evening off with good food, good service, and good music. The food is served from 4:30 to 7 PM and the music goes on into the night. This past Sunday, November 11, Pastor Dorothy requested that our Webster's Crossing Church join in the ringing of the bells 21 times at the 11th hour on the eleventh day in the eleventh month of the year in honor of the observance of the 100th anniversary of Veteran's Day. Ralph Hamilton offered to ring the toll bell. Special prayers were given for Jim Yarger, Brian West Jr., and Sylvia's great-grandson Aiden from Dansville as he faces more chemotherapy. Joice Kelley-Biek told us that her son KC Kelley passed his school exams for which we have all been praying.

Melissa had this hike report from Sunday, November 11, 2018: The seven Springwater Trails hikers who made the trek to Big Flats were rewarded with an afternoon of pleasant Fall weather in which to explore the Steege Hill Preserve. Although some trails were soggy from all of the recent precipitation, the skies were clear, and the temperature was almost toasty. Sadly, we did not have the benefit of our usual guide Bob and longstanding steward at the preserve. We created our own script, recalling some of the tales Bob has shared with us in the past. We did encounter the manager of volunteer patrols, John Abbott, who thanked us for visiting and contributing over two hours to the patrol schedule. At this season of the year, the forest is quieter. The sounds of gurgling streams were prominent. Instead of the cries of hawks, the droning of small planes from the nearby airfield filled the air. We saw a glider being towed through the sky. No wildlife was evident. The rattlers and mound ants were tucked safely away in their nests. Although the foliage was significantly diminished in color, new forest color emerged. The delicate yellow flowers of the witch hazel shone through in many places. In one section of the woods, brilliant red barberry shrubs burst with color. The sun was already low in the sky when we picked our way down that steep hill to the parking area. The setting sun lent a lovely glow to the surrounding hillsides as we departed Steege Hill Preserve. As always, Tag's Restaurant provided a fine feast for famished hikers. The small group size made it easy for conversation.

Mark has posted on the Springwater Trails website the information for the next hike at the Letchworth branch of the Finger Lake Trails for this Sunday, November 18. This month, our third hike in our Letchworth Series covers a relatively short section of the trail from Access D to Access E. The main trail is just 2.3 miles with 0.6 miles of access trail since we will park on the road. There are several park trails to views of the river which will afford us opportunities to adjust the route to accommodate hikes of different lengths. Since this is a through hike, all hikers will meet at the southern end, Access E. From there, we will car pool back to Access D, in the Naturalists cars (and others if

needed), leaving cars at Access E to pick up the Climbers and Tourists at the end of the hike.

Remember the Springwater / Webster Crossing Historical Society is having their Christmas Program on Tuesday, November 27th at the Legion Post #905 on School Street starting with a dish-to-pass supper at 6:30 PM. The Wayland Cohocton Central School Chorus will be the highlight of the evening starting at 7:15 PM. Do come and join us for a delightful evening of music.

Pat Granger writes News from the Springwater United Methodist Church: “Today, Sunday November 11, 2018, we sang “God of Ages”, “America the Beautiful”, and “Let There Be Peace on Earth” and said a responsive prayer for our Veterans. We are much honored that the Commander at the Springwater American Legion asked Pastor Dawn to give the opening and closing prayers at their Veteran’s service and dinner. Our joys were learning that Jackie’s grandson Gavin will be singing at the RPO in Rochester the weekend before Christmas. Also my granddaughter Tayler was accepted into Keuka College next fall and was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$81,000 over four years of undergraduate study. Jeanette’s great granddaughter that she hasn’t seen in eight years has moved back to the area. Another joy was that Pastor Dawn’s mother does not have a fractured or broken hip. Our prayers are for David who was taken to the hospital this morning, travel mercies for Jeanette’s daughter that is driving to Florida by herself, and the students in the Lego competition next weekend. We are still collecting money for flood relief buckets until November 30th. You can send your donation to the Springwater UMC, PO Box 207, Springwater, NY 14560 and write flood relief on your check. Please mark your calendars for our Annual Christmas Bazaar on December 1st at the Springwater Fire Hall from 10:00am – 3:00pm. If you have any questions please contact Sharon at 585-857-7938. Hope to see you there. Have a great week.

You don’t want to miss this . . . the infamous Christmas Concert with the Dady Brothers on Friday, December 7, 2018 at the Little Lakes Community Center in Hemlock. The whole family is invited at \$12.00 per person which includes light refreshments and non-alcoholic beverages with the option of purchasing wine from the Deer Run Winery. Go to the LLCA website for more information about the Little Lakes Community Association events.

Be preparing your float for the annual Springwater Fire Department Christmas Parade to be held on Saturday, December 1 at 7 PM starting on School Street and proceeding round to Main Street and back to the Legion. Check out their activities on the web at www.springwaterFD.org. If you have not already done so, please send in your annual donation to the Springwater Fire Department and/or consider joining the Fire Department as a volunteer.

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

Birthdays:

November 13 – Alaric Gricius, Francis Colegrove

November 16 – Mark Walker, Justin Willard

November 17 – Jeff Lilley, Renee Roche

November 19 – Taylor Quackenbush, Colleen Liggett, Meghan Hilligar

November 23 – Emilee Pauline

Anniversaries:

November 18 – Ray & Korin Tripp #16