

## **SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE**

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The weather keeps changing here in Springwater. Last Tuesday the ground was so soft and muddy that the Case Utility 4-wheel drive I was using to transport people into the fields for a tree looked like it went through the pig sty. We used a shower curtain with grommets on one side to help shield the tree, but even then it was a bit muddy and I know the buyer's needed to wash the tree down before taking it inside. Cleaning of the Case and tree hauler was another story, as the mud froze on! Now the ground is finally frozen up more, and I am in hopes it will stay that way for this coming weekend, though I do hope for a bit warmer breezes. Weekend sales have been good on the farm. Our young crew greeting customers, shaking, baling, and tying on trees are Nathan Gibson, Benjamin Beckley, Jesse Cronk, and Gavin Brooks; kissing ball maker and craft teacher Jasmine Lang; and tree centerpiece maker and cashier Isabel Scheiderich have been awesome at preparing the wares and dealing with customers. This experience is good for anyone wishing to hone their customer skills. Thankfully most customers come for a traditional good time selecting a tree and other decorations made from natural greens.

Sunday morning, December 9th at 9 AM, the Kid's Christmas Program during worship service at Webster's Crossing UMC was a huge impromptu success, thanks to Pastor Dorothy and many in the congregation. Following worship an outside tree was decorated on the playground and everyone sang Christmas Carols and enjoyed snacks. On the third Thursday, December 20th, the next Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam by donation will begin at 4:30 PM. Food will be served until 7 PM and the music will go on into the night. Christmas Eve Service, Monday December 24th will be at 7 PM and all of the people in the area are invited to come for Pastor Dorothy's Food for Thought message and singing of traditional carols.

Last Thursday, December 6, Christmas in Wayland sponsored by the Wayland Rotary and the Wayland Historical Society was held between the Legion and the Museum. The vendors at both the Legion and the Museum and in between at the businesses on Main Street appreciated all who participated. All Western Evergreen Christmas Tree Farm exhibit was at the very end of the Museum building along with the Clark's with their Goose Run Maple Products and a couple from Cayuga Creamery serving homemade ice cream which was delicious. We saw many people we recognized there having fun, listening to music and the children's chorus singing, eating Chicken BBQ, or purchasing delicious Christmas cookies or other for sale items.

Thanks go to all who gave local, and supported Livingston County Charities through United Way of Livingston County during the drive last week from Dec 3-9.

Pat Granger reports from downtown Springwater: "We are pleased to have Pastor Dawn back with us after visiting family in New Jersey. Our joys for this week are that we had

two visitors join us, Joyce O'Neil celebrated her 86th birthday, Ron and Sharon went to Williamsburg to spend time with their son, Teresa and Terri finished shopping for A Hand Up, and hearing about different organizations in the area that are trying to give those that are less fortunate a Merry Christmas. Our prayers are for David Holmes who is still recuperating at home, for my brother-in-law Alfred in Arizona, travel mercies for Rene Coley's friends, organizations that are trying to do their best in helping individuals, for healing and a job, and prayers for our churches and communities. We celebrated the second week of Advent which is peace. Pastor Dawn reminded us that the prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". The lighting of this candle is that through him we can find peace. She also wrote that "we thank God for the hope he gives us and for the peace he bestows", as written in John 14:27 'My Peace I give you'.

Pat also wrote that there will not be a Food Link delivery in December. It is a short month for Food Link because they are closed the last week of December. We are still waiting for dates to be confirmed with us for January, February, March and April. Will keep you posted on this. We are looking for donations of venison. The venison has to be processed by a USDA approved facility and wrapped with the date stamped on the package. If you might know of anyone that we could contact, please call Teresa at 585-245-1223.

The Springwater Community Food Pantry is open Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8 PM and on Saturdays from 9 – 11 AM. Contact person for the Food Pantry is Teresa. Looking back, I notice that the Springwater Community Food Pantry will be a year old on December 16th. Many thanks go to those that have made it a reality and work hard to keep it open for people in need of food.

Many attended the Christmas Concert with the Dady Brothers on Friday, December 7, 2018 at the Little Lakes Community Center in Hemlock. The whole family was invited at \$12.00 per person which included 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.

The Christmas Cantata at the Springwater Church of the Nazarene was the place to be for some wonderful choir music last Sunday, December 2 between 3:30 and 5:00 PM. They hosted the voices from the Springwater churches, including the United Methodist Churches and the Lighthouse Wesleyan Church.

Regarding Springwater Trails hiking, I made an error in reporting last week. On Sunday, December 2, the group went to Ontario County Park and the hike planner was Linda. This past Sunday, December 9, Wendy led the hike of the Geneseo Historic District landmarks and properties as described in the Association for the Preservation of Geneseo brochure – "A Walking Tour of Geneseo, New York Village Center". Mark wrote the Springwater Trails hikers enjoyed having John taking the walking tour of Geneseo event though he is struggling with his speech, but it was good to see him out. Sixteen to eighteen hikers joined the group for the historic tour of the village. The

tour included 20 homes, 2 former schools that have been converted to new uses, several banks, including the first bank in Geneseo, at least 3 churches and other businesses and public buildings. The weather was sunny which made it perfect for a brisk 3 mile walk around town. Next week, Sunday, December 16th, we are returning to Letchworth Park for the fourth hike in our series on the Letchworth Branch of the Finger Lakes Trail. Information will be available on the Springwater Trails.org website or ask a regular hiker.

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

**Birthdays:**

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

December 15 – Amber Yeoman

December 16 – Kayle Chandler

December 17 – Brian West Sr.

December 19 – Howard Harris

**Anniversaries: Congratulations!**

December 18 – Dana & Frances Colegrove #70

December 19 – Phillip & Jeannine Moyer #48

December 20 – Andy & Roxanne Stevens #36