

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE  
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The evening of January 14th I had the privilege of attending the “Speaking with Bread” presentation at Lagom Landing by Rick French, an outdoor enthusiast and story teller. Using impressive and colorful photographs taken on his six trips to Mount Everest Base Camp, he explained his life philosophy and how he is able to survive these treks by being open to the possibilities. If you would like to know more about Lagom Landing on Reeds Corners Road in Sparta, an informational meeting is scheduled for the Trust in the Lives of Older Women’s Group at Wayland Free Library at 1 PM on Wednesday, February 6. If unable to attend, go on line to the Lagom Landing website to find out about this amazing “hands-on” gap program for young people between high school and college.

Next week, Thursday January 24th, is the day to be at Webster’s Crossing United Methodist Church on Route 15 between Conesus and Springwater. Starting at 4:30 PM you can have a delicious Spaghetti Dinner for a donation and then stay on into the evening for music donated by musicians that wish to bring their instruments and play “Round Robin”, that is one after the other or with one another. Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss is very likely to be there and also leading our Sunday service beginning at 9:00 AM on Sundays.

Pat Granger writes the Springwater United Methodist Church News: “We are continuing our 1905 Methodist Episcopal Church “Order of Worship” during our Christian Season of Epiphany. Pastor Dawn is even finding music played back then. She also gave us a little history lesson on the town of Springwater. Did you know that back in 1905 the population in Springwater had dropped down from earlier years to a population of only 1600 people? We had joys and concerns. I am happy to report that Florence Perkins is doing fine - there is nothing wrong. Also everyone was thankful the electric was out only for a few hours on Wednesday night. We lifted up in prayers travel mercies for the students headed back to college and starting a new semester, people being hit by the storms, our communities, people having difficulties in their lives, and employees of the federal government. Pastor Dawn talked about how the month of January is a beginning of a new year and not knowing what to expect just like in Genesis when God started a new beginning and did not know what to expect. What new beginnings might you experience this year?”

Pat continues: “Just a reminder the Springwater Community Food Pantry (SCFP) is open on Wednesdays from 6:30 PM-8:00 PM and Saturdays from 9:00 - 11:00 AM except when there is a Food Link distribution. The Food Link distribution was held this past Saturday January 12th at the gas station across the road from the fire hall (as the Memorial Service for David Holmes was the same morning). We apologize for any confusion this may have caused. Although the temperature was cold, we did have a good turnout (100+ served). A thank you goes out to the

owner of the gas station for letting us hold the distribution there. The Food Link truck is scheduled for February 23rd, March 23rd and April 20th at the parking lot of the fire hall. If you would like to volunteer to help distribute the food, please contact Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223.”

The Youth Bureau/Board of Livingston County is asking for assistance in their annual Teen Recognition Awards nomination process. The goal is to recognize and award youth in our County who have demonstrated community involvement, exceptional leadership, or have positively influenced others by overcoming a significant challenge. To be considered eligible, the exemplary teens must be age 15 by February 8, 2019. Youth are eligible while in school and up to high school graduation. Community members are asked to identify the teens whose actions and behaviors over time make the community a better place. The electronic submission form and downloadable form are both available under the Youth Bureau Department at [livingstoncounty.us/youth.htm](http://livingstoncounty.us/youth.htm). You may contact Mary Guldenschuh (243-6909) at the Youth Bureau, or the Town Clerk (585-699-2545) in Springwater if you have any questions or need additional information regarding this award. This information shared by Town Council member Mark Hopkins.

The Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society is now accepting donations for the Penny Social, the date for which has been changed to Saturday, March 23, 2019 so as not to conflict with the annual Comedy Steak Roast at the Fire Hall on March 16. Persons to contact regarding donations include Brenda Haywood at 585-669-2478 or Pat Willsea at 585-669-2376 or 728-5552 or send a check or money order to: SWCHS, PO Box 68, Springwater, NY 14560.

News from our Springwater Representative, Linda Hopkins, to the Livingston County Office for the Aging: On Martin Luther King Jr. DAY OF LEADERSHIP and SERVICE, Monday, January 21, 2019, MacVittie College Union from 9:45 AM to 3:00 PM adults are invited to participate as community members by registering through the Office for the Aging at 585-243-7520. Limited spaces are available. Event is FREE, but is by advance reservation only. The event includes keynote speaker, workshops, a luncheon and service projects. Carpooling is available from the Springwater Town Hall meeting at 9:00 AM.

The Springwater Trails hike at Mendon Ponds (a portion of the 2,500 acres of woodlands, ponds, wetlands and glacially created land forms: kames, eskers, and kettles) was well attended by over 18 hikers. All enjoyed the well kept trails, the tame chickadees that seemed to be way too full of bird seed by mid-afternoon; and some hikers saw a line of tame white-tail deer standing almost close enough to touch! The Nature Center was left open for our group to see the live turtle, bearded dragons, snakes, and also some preserved stuffed animals like a muskrat and a turtle. Afterwards most hikers stayed for the social at the Brewery Pub and Grill in Honeoye Falls, where the food was delicious and the ambiance conducive to good conversation. This coming Sunday, January 20th, we will hike another

section of the Letchworth branch of the Finger Lakes Trail beginning at 2 PM.  
Log into the Springwater Trail's website or ask a regular hiker for details.

Please let me know your news for this column. Thank you. Contact Katherine  
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**Birthdays:**

January 17 – Tracy Ingraham, Brian West Sr.

January 18 – Stephanie Whiteman

January 23 – Margaret Westurn

January 24 – Pastor Ray Shaw

January 25 – Bones Grey