

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Since the last time I wrote my column, where have I been, what have I learned, who have I visited with, and why would people like to know about these answers? Perhaps we all like a good story, and the story of my life in a beautiful area and relatively small town might be boring to some who live in large cities; however, it adds to the history of life in our area. Besides, staying active in a community brings life challenges of interest to several who read this column and shared with this author.

Monday I participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day at SUNY Geneseo. Fortunately, I had a ride with Linda Hopkins and we met people like Paula McClure, many students, speakers, singers, the IT guy at SUNY Geneseo, and two teachers involved with the Migrant Center. All these were great models of how to get along with each other and yet listen for new ways and ideas for working together on projects to help others, embracing our diversity with respect. We look forward to another opportunity there next year on the third Monday in 2020.

Tuesday the tire light on my van was still on from my trip to Syracuse for the Christmas Tree Farmers Association Winter Meeting the week before. I took the van to Keene Automotive in Dansville for diagnosis - an air leak repair to the connection on the stem valve to the sensor on one tire and three days later on a different tire. These problems are showing up on new tires purchased at the beginning of January when I went off the road in Lee Center on black ice, running into a downed sign that cut the right front tire to shreds. Come to find out my four tires were almost bald and this was a wake-up call to check tires before going off on any trip (have you given your tires the penny check?) Late Tuesday afternoon I attended the Springwater – Webster Crossing Historical Society Board meeting to discuss programming and newsletter topics for the spring season – March, April, and May. A new member-at-large is sought, therefore, if you or someone you know may be interested in serving on the Board, please have them contact Donna Walker at 585-737-7345 or any board member. The Penny Social for March 23 at the Fire Hall was planned with doors opening at noon and bidding starting at 1 in the afternoon. (Note that this is the same day as the Food Link truck comes to the Fire Hall at 10 AM.) Persons to contact regarding donations for the Penny Social 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. As for volunteering to work at the Food Link truck distribution, contact Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223 if you are interested.

Wednesday I joined a group of seniors at the Trust in the Lives of Older Women at the Wayland Free Library. We had hoped to see the folks from Lagom Landing, a gap program for youth ages 18 – 23, now scheduled for Wednesday, February 6 at 1

PM. The public is invited, so if you are interested in helping young people learn about this wonderful program, do attend. There is no charge.

Thursday January 24th, I repaired my pound-in signs for the Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam at Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church on Route 15 between Conesus and Springwater. I went down early to set tables around 1 PM, just before Anna came with her two wonderful Carrot Cakes and her Mom Sylvia's delicious Chocolate Cake and a Yellow Cake with Caramel Coconut frosting. Soon others came to help set up the food and we were blessed with plenty of help like Mary and Greg Rogers from Sparta to take advantage of a good meal and joyous music. 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 share their talents. I hope to see you there on February 28 when we do it all over again. This is the 15th year that Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church has provided a Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam most every fourth Thursday of each month for any one to attend by donation (third Thursday in November and December).

Friday and Saturday were spent doing the usual laundry, letters, bills, and clean-up work. Although Friday I had an appointment with my general doctor in Henrietta as a pre-op requirement for cataract surgery to take place in February and March. The best part was using a gift card I received for Christmas to purchase food at Wegman's on Friday evening.

Sunday morning, January 27, Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss delivered a wonderful sermon on the Holy Spirit. She explained that though Jesus is not here on the earth with us, the Holy Spirit is. She went on to explain the concept and gave us plenty of food for thought. Our congregation is small, but the Holy Spirit dwells among us. Come at 9 AM next Sunday to find out more.

The hike on Sunday afternoon (January 27) was at Canadice Lake. I'd volunteered to ferry hikers from the southern entrance to the northern entrance off Purcell Hill Road so as to leave cars for ferrying people back to their cars at the end of the hike along the shore from north to south. Saralinda and her sister Alice, and Wendy and I proceeded to the northern entrance to meet others. Nine of us hiked, with seven going the complete four mile route and two of us hiking a mile and a half and then back to the parking area at the north end. Timing was perfect and circa 4 PM those interested in meeting for the social at the marina on the east side of Honeoye Lake proceeded to the eating location. There John D. met Dena, Saralinda, Alice, John L. and me for a giant bowl of New England clam chowder that was amazingly good. We enjoyed much good conversation. Our next hike will be some good skiing or snowshoeing or hiking at Harriett Hollister Spencer Park on Sunday, February 3rd in the Town of Canadice planned by Wendy. Come join us at the start just before 2 PM. The social will be at the lean-to near the privies where a nice fire will be built in the fireplace. Although hot dogs and buns will be provided, you might want to bring some fruit or vegetable salad to share as well. For a calendar of up-coming hikes, pick up a copy of the Lake Country

Weekender for January at the Springwater Post Office or log into the Springwater Trails website.

Sunday evening, I received the information for Pat Granger's Springwater United Methodist Church News. Pat writes: "This was our last week of the 1905 'Order of Worship'. Going back to 1905, and worshiping as they did, has been very interesting. Starting next week we will be moving ahead to the 1939 Methodist Church 'Order of Worship'. I sit here wondering what changes were made. Come join us next Sunday and find out. Our fireside services are being held in the dining area every Sunday at 11 AM. Please enter through the side door at the rear. We have some joys and prayer requests for this week. Our joys are as follows: Amy Goodwin came through her surgery and is recuperating at home, but needs continued prayers because she has a long road ahead of her. Sue and Bob Sahrle became great grandparents on Friday. Jackie Malone's brother got a good report from his doctor. And, the little North Carolina boy that was missing was found after two days and was unharmed. Our prayer requests are as follows: for the family of Ann (Lyle) Lawrence of Ellicottville who passed away this morning, for the family of William "Bill" Hoppough of Hemlock, for Eddie and Sue Holmes because their daughter Jennifer passed away, for the family of Doreen Lathrop, for the families of the victims that have been killed in attacks, and for families that lost loved ones in 2018. We would also like travel mercies for Tom Canute, Sr. It has been sad to go by Sammy's Place and not see any vehicles there. The restaurant has been purchased. The new owner is doing some remodeling and the word is out for us to watch for the opening day in March. Everyone please be very careful this week if you have to go out in the extremely cold temperatures – single digits below zero. For 2019, remember to keep your focus on Jesus."

The Springwater Community Food Pantry continues to be open on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm and on Saturday mornings from 9-11am except for when the Food Link Truck is in town. The next Food Link truck delivery will be on Saturday, February 23rd at the Springwater Fire Department parking lot from 10:00 AM until gone. Mark your calendars. Volunteers are needed to help distribute the food so please contact Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223 if you are interested.

The New York Farm Show is scheduled for February 21-23 at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse and cosponsored by New York Forest Owners Association, New York State DEC, and Cornell Cooperative Extension. I have four free tickets to give away so if you are interested, contact me.

Contact Katherine Humphrey at PO Box 217, Springwater, NY 14560 or kjth@allwesterntrees.com or phone 585-669-2659. Please let me know your news for the Springwater Party Line. Thank you.

Birthdays:

January 31 – Kyle Schnitzer, Kendra Jacobs, Kyle Haas

February 1 – Deryl Westurn

February 2 – Valcia Holden Taylor, Traci Cartwright

February 3 – Virginia Mastin, Rachel Van Scooter, Debbie Shull

February 4 – Kathy Lewis, Lori Davis, Ashley Parsons

February 5 – Stacy Gilson, Tiffany Longacre, Dona Cowley

February 6 – Tom Bogdon, Steven Whiteman

February 7 – Aubrie Jordan, Sean Irwin, Abbey Decker, Barbara Pilato