

## **SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE**

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The Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society is having a Penny Social at the Springwater Fire Hall at 8145 South Main Street, 14560 on Saturday March 23rd starting at Noon when the doors open and bidding begins at 1 PM. President Donna Walker writes "Take a chance on "new-to-you" items and many baskets donated from local businesses. There is something for everyone. Please call Pat Willsea 585-669-2376 or Brenda Haywood at 585-669-2478 to donate gently used items.

Are you looking to help someone out today? Then send a Thinking of You note and a story to someone who would really appreciate it: Lisa Pfuntner, 9966 Ess Road, Wayland, NY 14572.

"Un-wrap the incredible wonders of spring" says an e-mail trying to sell clothing. Do notice the snow drops, sunny twinkles, and other crocus type plants coming up. Like you, I can't wait for spring to come. There is something about this season that wakes us up. So, Happy Spring wishes go to you, even though spring is still nearly a week away on the calendar.

In Springwater, agriculture is intertwined with our history, heritage, and values, and remains an important part of our daily lives. We have an annual tradition every March to celebrate spring and agriculture. In New York, March is now Ag Month according to mail sent to me by Farm Bureau. Ag month is celebrated to recognize the entire food and agriculture industry and better appreciate agriculture's breadth and beauty. At farms in our town, we can't wait for the frost to go out of the ground, the weather to allow for harvesting maple sap, or for putting in our crops. Gardeners are looking through catalogs or on line, watching what and how to plant videos like the ones from Fruition Seeds in Naples or the seed packets we see walking through our grocery and farm supply stores. All Western Evergreen Nursery & Christmas Tree Farm (585-669-2659) is requesting high school youth between the ages of 14 and 16 to apply in March for yearly part-time outside work for Saturdays starting in April, Easter vacation, and three weekdays in July and August, and Saturdays again after school starts, and weekends after Thanksgiving.

Thirty eight people attended the Ash Wednesday Stone Soup and service at March 6, 2019 at Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church. Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss will host the 6 session Bible Study based on the "Overcomer" study guide by Dr. David Jeremiah on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 PM. Everyone interested is invited to join in the Bible Study if not at Webster Crossing then at one of the following times elsewhere as follows: Canadice UMC on Wednesday mornings between 10:30 AM and noon March 13 to April 10; Springwater UMC on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 PM March 7 to April 11; Groveland Federated Parish on Friday mornings from 10:30 AM

until noon from March 8 to April 12; and Conesus United Church from 9 to 11 AM from March 9 to April 13.

Despite the rainy weather, nine people attended the March 10 Springwater Trails' hike at Harriett Hollister Spencer Park in Canadice planned by Jane. They broke into two groups, one led by Melissa and the other by Jane. Because of the wind the night before, the hikers cleared their paths of large branches. The social at the Cornerstone Market in Honeoye was an enjoyable experience of delicious food and stimulating conversation. The hike planned for March 17th start time is 2 PM at the Letchworth branch of the Finger Lakes Trail between access E and access F with a stop at Fiddler's Elbow River Outlook and Owl Forks Ravine. For details, log into the Springwater Trails website or ask a regular hiker.

Pat Granger from Springwater United Methodist Church wrote me the following to share with you: "I was unable to attend church Sunday, March 10 so the following information was sent to me by Pastor Dawn Merritt and Sue Walker. We worshipped in the 1960's fashion of worship and the sharing in the love of Christ's journey into the wilderness. Discussion centered on Jesus' fasting and prayer for forty days in the desert, which is why Christians observe 40 days of Lent. Sometimes it is good to walk away from your life as you know it, and give time to prayer and renew your connection with the amazing natural world God created. Unfortunately, the devil is always waiting to tempt us when we are at our weakest point. We must remember Jesus is there for us both in our brightest times and our darkest times. Praises and continued prayers are as follows: I am doing well and looking forward to a full recovery, Jackie Malone's sister-in-law Barb Malone received good test results and is still pursuing answers, Amy Goodwin's 1st chemo-therapy treatment went well, Sue Sahrle's brother Tim is recovering in the "Transitional Care Unit" at Livingston County Nursing Facility and may be coming home soon, and continued prayers for the strengthening of Teresa's ribs. Gavin is Lurch "ing" in the DCS play. Missy & Autumn's pups are doing well! Thanks from Amy and Joel for the dinner and movie basket we provided to them. Will is enjoying making and serving popcorn. Please consider coming to the Bible Study (Dr. Jeremiah "Overcomer" about the armor of God) if you are available this Thursday 7-8 PM.

The Springwater Community Food Pantry would like to report that donations are still being brought to us. Our prayers have been answered. Thank you to all of those who have donated to us. Please keep the donations coming so that we can provide to those folks that are less fortunate than others.

Mark your calendars for the Food Link delivery on March 23rd starting at 10 o'clock and going until 11:30 or until all the food has been distributed, whichever comes first. It will be held in the parking lot of the Springwater Fire Department. We would like to thank the fire department for the use of their parking lot. Remember if you want to volunteer you must contact Teresa at 585-245-1223 by Saturday March 16th.

The Annual Springwater Fire Department Steak and Comedy Night are being held on Saturday, March 16, 2019 starting at 6 PM. The cost is \$30 and includes dinner, beverages, and the comedy program. For tickets, contact Mike at 585-813-2021 or Michelle at 585-353-9474. Be prepared for raffles and door prizes throughout the evening. The venue address is 8145 South Main Street, Springwater, NY 14560.

On Wednesdays, March 20, April 17, May 15, and June 19, “Eating Right for Life” is scheduled at the Wayland Free Library with Lorraine Wichtowski, Community Health and Wellness educator, UR Medicine Noyes Health, presenting at the Trust in the Lives of Older Women’s Group at 1 PM. This series is in perfect timing to highlight March which is Nutrition Month. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn how to live happier and healthier. Lorraine will have plenty of tips you can incorporate into everyday living, reinforced by two companion books (\$10) available at the presentation.

From the Office for the Aging our Springwater representative, Linda Hopkins, writes: “Many programs to help Senior Citizens living at home are available through the Livingston County Office for the Aging. If you, a neighbor, friend or loved one have questions, please call the office at 585-243-7520. Also, Newsletters with the latest information are available at the Springwater Town Hall and the Dansville Library. Watch for postings in the Springwater Town Hall and the Springwater Post Office bulletin boards.”

A Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society program on Tuesday March 26, 2019 is entitled “Metal work in Springwater, Past and Present”. From tin, copper, steel, iron and aluminum, many useful and decorative articles have been made in Springwater. Come learn about the history of metal work for business and enjoyment. Please feel free to bring your own examples of Springwater metal working to share or come and share stories about your own knowledge of the subject. Come and enjoy learning something new about the past or take away something about metal working in Springwater today. The event is at the American Legion Post 905, 7998 School Street, 14560 and begins with a dish-to-pass supper at 6:30 PM followed by a 7:15 PM program. All programs are free and open to the public. Donations for the support of the Historical Society are welcome.

Mike Seager from Western NY Forest Owners Association writes that on Saturday, March 30 from 9:00 AM to noon an Enhancing Wildlife Habitat workshop is being presented at Yates County Building, 417 Liberty Street, Penn Yan. Michael Zagata will talk about how to improve wildlife habitat in your woodlot; Patty Wakefield-Brown will address impacts of invasive species; Jim Engle will discuss selecting native trees and shrubs to plant; and Judy Wright will talk about the habitat, biology and control of ticks. This event is free, but registration is required. For more information or to register call Laura Baily at the Yates County Cooperative Extension, 315-536-5123, or see <https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/wildlifehabitat> 257 .

To celebrate Earth Day, Livingston County is organizing events on April 27th and 28th across the county. On April 28th at 2 PM, the hikers of Springwater Trails will head north on Route 15 in Springwater picking up trash and litter that has accumulated along the Webster Crossing Road over the winter. For safety reasons, road cleanup is limited to adult participants. Other organizations in Springwater are encouraged to plan cleanup projects for other sites, from parks and cemeteries to private businesses, churches or neighborhood yards. You can register your event at <http://www.livingstoncounty.us/cleanuplivco>, and communicate with Springwater Trails at [info@springwatertrails.org](mailto:info@springwatertrails.org). This information shared by Springwater Council member Mark Hopkins, Springwater Trails' president.

**Birthdays:**

March 14 – Sandra Lee James, Jeffrey Vadney

March 15 – Rodney Holden, Chris Sackett, Sarah Hart

March 16 – Carly Miceli

March 17 – Zack Smith, Robert W. Hill, Sr.

March 18 – Brandan Willard, Alexis Carnrite, Cheyenne Carnrite

March 20 – Margaret Ryan, Elaine Nadeau

March 21 – Emery Drake, Rory Banaszak

**Anniversaries: Congratulations!**

March 17 – Ron & Sally Brown #62, Jerry & Barbara Carney #62, Dwayne “Smitty” Smith & Renee Smith