

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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How nice to see the flags with the stars and stripes hanging along the streets in our towns! A big thank you goes to those who put them up and take them down. The beautiful spring days are here in full swing. The trees have their new leaves or needles and the tulips are blooming, with iris not far behind. The wild phlox might soon be seen along the roadways. Hiking, biking, kayaking, boating or gardening is in store for many of us. Enjoy the sunshine and the rain and be grateful for living in beautiful Western New York, thanks to our military men and women who have served or are serving to keep our country free.

Congratulations are due to two of the young crew members at the All Western Evergreen Nursery & Christmas Tree Farm for their school achievements a few days ago. Jesse Cronk, a senior at Dansville Central School, accompanied three others from his class at BOCES to Morrisville for a day of showing off their skills along with youth from other BOCES districts across the state. Jesse excelled in the Skid Steer Rodeo winning first place among the 700 contestants! When we asked how he did it, Jesse said “I remembered to use tunnel vision and concentrate on getting the job done.” That is Jesse’s best quality – He focuses on “getting the job done right”. We could not ask for any more than that. Then we also heard that the Wayland Central School Chorus and Chambers Orchestra won first place in their competitions as well, and who should be among the young chorus members, but Gavin Brooks, who also works on the Farm. These two are among the farm team of youth that includes, Erin Elwell, Sawyer Barron, Peter Carr, and Nathan Gibson, all exceptional young citizens in our community. Thank you to their parents and teachers.

Over 100 people enjoyed celebrating Marian Crawford’s 90th birthday (5/13) at the Wayland Museum on Sunday afternoon, May 19, 2019. Marian’s daughter Susie was the mastermind behind the preparations, helped out by her sister, brother, and Marian’s sister. Marian wanted everyone to know about the Museum and the beautiful venue available in Wayland for celebrations. Museum Board President John Landino and other members were highlighted. The Museum exhibits are preserving the memories of businesses like Gunlocke and Bennett’s Buick and the Wayland Post Office. The exhibits were open to everyone to enjoy, along with visiting with family and friends over superb food.

On Sunday, May 19, hike leaders Mark and Linda did a pre-hike of the section of the planned Letchworth Branch series of the Finger Lakes Trail. They found the trail so muddy that their shoes were sinking into the mud over an inch or two! The group of 5 that arrived for the 2 PM hike decided to hike on the western side of the Genesee River instead. They saw spectacular waterfalls and views along the way and enjoyed a social at a pizza place in Portageville. If there is room, you will see one of the spectacular photos

taken by John Larysz. Coming up on May 26th, John is leading a maintenance hike at the Bristol Branch of the Finger Lakes Trail that Springwater Trails maintains. For details, log into the Springwater Trails website or ask a regular hiker, bring your snips or loppers and gloves and join us in the fun of clearing the hiking path of invasive plants like multiflorarose and honeysuckle. With the weather turning so warm and the long daylight into the evenings, the hikes from now until Labor Day will begin at 4 PM.

On Thursday, May 23rd the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church, Route 15 N out of Springwater is once again serving a delicious Spaghetti Dinner by donation, featuring a Music Jam afterwards led by Ralph Hamilton. Sylvia Pifer is feeling much better and her Chocolate Cake and her daughter Anna's Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese frosting will be on the dessert menu, along with an assortment of cakes, pies and cookies. Do come and enjoy a day in the middle of the week where you don't need to cook or do the dishes if you don't want to. Besides the usual Spaghetti, Sauce, Meatballs, tossed salad with all the fixings, and Italian Bread with plain or Garlic Butter, the beverage line-up includes unsweetened Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water, or regular or decaf Coffee. Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss will be delighted to visit with you, as will the rest of the congregation that is able to help that evening.

Remember the Office for the Aging Free Diabetes Wellness and Information Fair is on Thursday, May 23, 2019. The Fair will be from 3 to 7 PM at Noyes Hospital Conference Center, 111 Clara Barton Street, Dansville, NY 14437. Topics to be covered include diabetic foot screening (appointment needed by calling 585-335-1732), eye and teeth health, area transportation options, navigating insurances, medication questions answered, exercise and you, nutrition information, how to deal with blood sugar highs and lows, preventing falls, and living healthy with chronic disease. This information is from Linda Hopkins, our Springwater senior representative to the Office for the Aging in Mount Morris.

The places to be on Memorial Day, May 27, 2019 will hopefully include a stop at one of the cemeteries during taps and gun salutes, and/or a walk to the Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society Museum on Main Street. Besides being able to see the new exhibits set up by the volunteers, a delicious Chicken BBQ for \$10 will be available until they run out. The Memorial Day Open House at the Museum is from 10 AM to 2 PM, and the summer hours on the first and third Sundays in June, July, and August are from 2 to 4 PM. Come, enjoy, and if you are able, participate.

Pat Granger writes the news from the Springwater United Methodist Church: "Today (5/19/19) we thank the Lord for this beautiful day. The service was about the reading Acts 11:1-18: how Peter received a vision and went to a house of a Gentile and sat down with him and ate the food that he had prepared. Most of the food prepared was forbidden by the Jewish laws. While Peter was there the Holy Spirit came down and baptized everyone, including the Gentiles. In God's eyes he wanted everyone to be equal. Pastor Dawn explains that God wants unity of all people. We are to love one another no matter what race, color, religion, etc. that you might be. We, as Christians,

are to unite together. Next Sunday Pastor Dawn will be honoring our servicemen. If you would like to honor a family member for their service, bring a picture and put it at the altar. On Memorial Day you are invited to our luncheon where we will be serving hot dogs, macaroni salad, and bags of chips, desserts, and beverages. Parish Notices: praises that Teresa Langhorn does not have a mass on her lung, but an infection. She is on medication and feeling much better, though she would like prayers to help her stop smoking; Jeanette Jones has a new great grandson; praises to Ron Ingraham and Jan O'Neil for building a new flower box around our sign; praises to Jackie Malone for cleaning out the flowers on the side of the church; prayers for my granddaughter Sarah Hart that was hit in the jaw by a softball and received injuries to her mouth and has a concussion; travel mercies for my granddaughter Makenzie King and some of her classmates that are flying home this week; travel mercies for everyone traveling for the long holiday weekend. Please don't forget a number of towns will be having a parade on Memorial Day, Springwater's will be at Noon.

The Springwater Community Food Pantry will remain open on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8PM and Saturday mornings from 9AM-11 except on the Saturday that the Mobile Food Link Distribution is at the Springwater Fire Department parking lot.”

Birthdays:

May 23 – Sabrina Motzer, Karen Wheaton
May 25 – Jan Longacre
May 26 – Logan VanScooter
May 27 – Mary Brooks, Fred Kitson, Nancy Healy
May 28 – Ralph Hamilton
May 30 – Sue Walker, Brett Willard, John Coley

Anniversaries: Congratulations to:

May 24 – Howard & Bonnie Harris #27
May 26 – Mike & Dianne D'Ambria #56, Mark & Linda Hopkins