

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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The 4th of July means different things to different people, though freedom comes to mind. Pastor Dorothy put it so well when she penned this prayer for the congregation at Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 30th: "Lord, we enjoy the thought of freedom, but we confess we do not know how to enjoy freedom itself. Forgive us for interpreting freedom as a privilege to do as we please. Deliver us from the misery we have caused by yielding to our human nature. Fill us with your Spirit to live the life that gives pleasure not only to ourselves, but to you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

Young people looking for community service this coming week, might think about going up and down their street or road and picking up all manner of items laying there, like bottles and cans, papers and car parts. There is money to be collected by cleaning out the bottles and cans and taking them to the recycling center, but the best part is learning how not to throw these items out the windows of your vehicle when going down the highways. Cleaning up the neighborhood takes hard work, but the opportunity to see it all picked up and leaving a beautiful landscape is worth the time and work. If our young people take pride in their surroundings, they will grow up doing the community a favor and learn to lead a healthier life style.

Another pastime that a young person that is unemployed this summer, or looking for an interesting way to use their free time, might be to go to the local post office or store to pick up copies of, for example, the Lake Country Weekender, Penny Saver, Owl Light News, or Eagle News, to read. Taking part in a few or many available events will increase their ability to converse, to enjoy the beautiful weather, and to fill their memory banks.

Springwater Gala Community Day Committee Meeting at the Town Hall is Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 7 PM. Those usually involved are Carl & Judy Brehm, Larry & Teresa Gnau, Don & Brenda Haywood, Pat Hillyard, Katherine Humphrey, Ron & Sharon Ingraham, Erin Moore, Harvey Teed, and Don Walker though everyone in the community interested and able to help is appreciated. The Gala Community Day is set for Sunday, August 11, 2019 at the Larry Canute Memorial Park behind the American Legion Post #905 on School Street and will include a Pancake and Egg Breakfast, Church Service, Music, Line Dancing, Chicken BBQ, vendors, and the Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society Museum will be open for tours. Local businesses, organizations and churches are urged to participate. Come to the meeting on July 9 to help wrap up the planning arrangements and volunteer to help make the day enjoyable for all.

Want to make a difference in your community? If you can't attend a caucus, then participate often in a Town Board meeting. The importance of participating in the caucus at the local level cannot be over emphasized, as it is an opportunity to make a difference in the politics of your area at the "grass roots level". The Republican Caucus

is scheduled for Friday, July 12 at 7 PM at the Springwater Fire Hall. To vote, nominate, or second you must be registered to vote in the Town of Springwater. The purpose of the Caucus is to nominate candidates for five open Springwater Town offices this year. Consider being a candidate and helping to bring change to the area where you live and work. Springwater Town Board meetings are held on the first and third Monday evenings.

The Hemlock "Little World's" Fair is coming up on July 16-20, 2019. The booklet with the detailed schedule is now available in many places, among them in the Springwater Post Office. Pick up your copy today and make plans to attend. The Christmas Tree Growers from All Western Evergreen Nursery & Christmas Tree Farm from Springwater, Grzenda Tree Farm from Livonia, and Don Griffing, wreath maker from Nunda will be setting up an exhibit representing the Christmas Tree Farmers Association of NY in the Ag Expo Building. Do come and learn more about the popular Christmas tree species available for 2019, how real trees are better for the environment than artificial trees, and come with your questions about growing, caring for, and marketing real evergreen trees and their boughs.

Many thanks are extended to everyone that participated by donation in the Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam at the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church on Thursday, June 27th. The next one will be on Thursday, July 25th beginning at 4:30 PM with music into the night.

The weather was beautiful on Sunday, June 27, when the Springwater Trail's hike was held on the east Shore of Hemlock Lake. There were 10 of us. Melissa and Cheryl brought their kayaks and had a fun time on the lake. The rest of the group split into two groups, one hiking the length from the boat launch to the bench and up Rob's Trail to the new parking area off Route 15A, while the other group drove up to the parking area on 15A and hiked down Rob's Trail and along the shore to the parking area at the boat launch. Afterwards, seven stayed for the dish-to-pass social at the Hemlock Park. Next week on July 7, 2019, the plan is to meet at the New York State Transportation trails in Rush, NY. For details, check the website <http://Springwatertrails.org> or ask a regular hiker.

Here is the downtown Springwater hamlet news from Pat Granger: "Pastor Dawn is on vacation for two weeks and will return on July 7th. I was unable to attend church June 30th, so Sue Walker sent me the following information. Betty Holden served as our guest minister today. She brought the message of Elijah and Elisha. They were great friends and shared their love of God with the Kingdom of Israel. When Elijah knew his time on earth was soon ending, he wanted to spare Elisha the pain this would cause. Elisha asks for a double portion of Elijah's spirit, much like the first born son was entitled to his father's inheritance. Elijah explains this is a difficult request, but if Elisha believes and sees Elijah taken up to heaven, God will grant him that power. Elijah's cloak slips off him in the whirlwind that takes him up to heaven. Elisha picks up the cloak, approaches the river Jordan on his return to his people and touches the cloak to the river. The river separates so he may cross on dry land. He has inherited Elijah's power! God calls on us to act as prophets and pass the mantle of ministry to one

another. We are called to serve as disciples and to share God's word with our friends and to serve God through friendship with each other. If we follow God's leading, we will experience the miracle of selfless love on this earth and what He can do through it. Confidence in our faith gives us the courage to serve others like it gave Betty courage to come and bring the message to us today. Thank you, Betty! Parish Notices: Sharon Ingraham asked for prayers for her great grandson Everett, who has an infection in his lungs and is in intensive care; praises and prayers for the Class of 2019 as they move on to the next stage of their lives. Everyone have a good week and have a safe and enjoyable July 4th.

The Springwater Community Food Pantry will be open this Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 PM and Saturday morning 9:00 to 11:00AM. Continued thanks go to all who have supplied items to the Pantry. The next Mobile Food Link Distribution will be Saturday, July 20th in the parking lot of the Springwater Fire Department from 10 to 11:30 AM or until everything is gone. Please remember to bring your own containers."

Tawn Feeney writes about two local opportunities for vendors (the Barn Fest on 9/28/2019 and the Festival of Wreaths Craft Show on 12/7/2019) sponsored by the Little Lakes Community Association. Vendor fees are \$25 for businesses and \$10 for not-for-profits, and both indoor and outdoor spaces are available. In addition to vendors, there will be music, food, and family-friendly activities all day. Details are available on line from the Little Lakes Community website or by contacting Linda at 585-367-2496 before 9 PM.

Great customer service and delicious home grown food are reasons to support the local Springwater Farmer's Market every Friday afternoon from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.

Be sure to stop into the Springwater Webster Crossing Museum on the first and third Sundays of July and August between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. Sign up to receive the newsletter and make a donation to keep the history of Springwater and Webster Crossing going. Are you interested in history in the community? A town historian is sought, so let your thoughts be known at a Town Board meeting.

Birthdays:

July 4 – Bonnie Harris, Trevor Healy

July 5 – Lisa Wilkinson, Willie Gibson, Brenda Robinson

July 6 – Dana Colegrove, Joshua Conrad, Jan O'Neil

July 7 – Laurie Faith

July 8 – Kristie Stevenson, Sandra Freas, Randall Willard

July 10 – Angela Wyatt

July 11 – Jason Nadeau

Anniversaries: Congratulations:

July 10 – David & Crista Sanders