

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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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 scheduled for Friday, July 12 at 7 PM at the Springwater Fire Hall is the place to be as advertised on the Springwater blinking light corner at Rt 15 and 15A. 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 currently held on the first and third Monday evenings each month.

Why is it that people think our youngsters no longer want to work? On the All Western Evergreen Nursery & Christmas Tree Farm in beautiful Springwater, we have employed, part-time, high school young people for many years working from April through December. Most of the time, we have found that high school youth, starting at age 14, usually stay anywhere from all 4 years of high school (and sometimes longer and even come back in later years or their children come to work on the farm) down to the time they find either the work no longer appeals to them or they find work in a field more to their liking and abilities learned. Young people enjoy working outdoors, like seeing the results of their work, and like working together to help others succeed in spite of the weather and equipment breakdowns, especially when they have good leaders and mentors. We have found the monetary pay is important, but honesty, fairness, teaching, leading also have a value. We appreciate and thank our young people for their hard work. The young people employed on the farm this year include Jesse Cronk who just graduated and has gone on to work in the large equipment automotive field. Staying on through the summer is Nathan Gibson, who is going on his 5th year, has several other jobs, and has made it a priority to work here through the summer and then is going on to college in Ohio. The rest of the crew staying through December if all goes as planned include Gavin Brooks, Erin Elwell, Peter Carr, and Sawyer Barron.

The weather was beautiful on Sunday, July 7, when the Springwater Trail's hike was held at Dryer Road Park, a change of venue. Ten hikers enjoyed the cool of the forest and the early summer flowers along the way. We broke into two groups, the Climbers and the Naturalists. Gene and Georgia joined the usual group and we had a super visit. After the hike we pulled out all the stops for a delicious dish-to-pass dinner. This coming Sunday, July 14, we will hike the Keuka Outlet Trail as planned by Wendy. For information and details, ask a regular hiker or google the SpringwaterTrails.org website.

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.

Springwater 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 people in businesses, organizations and churches are working together to help make the day enjoyable for all. Contact Chairperson Judge Haywood at the Springwater Amish Workshop (585-669-9710) between 9 and 5 Monday through Friday or 9 to 3 on Saturday for help or if you have a question.

Here is the downtown Springwater hamlet news from Pat Granger: “Pastor Dawn is back from her vacation. Great news! She is going to be a grandmother again in February. Congratulations. Pastor Dawn gave us a little bit of a history lesson. There have been a number of different religious groups and today she talked about The Shakers. Back around 1784 The Shakers settled into the area now known as Sonyea. They were a small group, but they believed in using their hands for God and giving their hearts to God. They made items with their hands that made life easier for them and took in orphans and children that were disfigured and gave them lots of love. They put to use everything God had given them. Then we read 2 Kings 5: 1-14 where Naamon, a great warrior, had leprosy and was sent to be healed by the prophet Elisha, a man of God in Samaria. Elisha told him to go to the Jordan River and wash himself 7 times. Naamon became upset and wasn’t going to do it. But his officers that went with him convinced him to do it. So he did and to his amazement he was healed. Praise the Lord for another miracle. Pastor Dawn ended the message today with “What is God asking us to do?” We all need to think about that. Pastor Dawn also performed a reaffirmation of our faith by reaffirming our baptism. Parish notices: Kenneth Malone went to be with the Lord on Saturday so we are asking for prayers for the Malone family, Carol Hoerner’s grandson and other family members came to visit her, the Walker family reunion was well attended, and Pastor Dawn’s Aunt Lois and her friend Bobby are here for the summer. Have a great week.

The Springwater Community Food Pantry is open this Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 PM and Saturday morning 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

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. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Teresa Langhorn at (585)245-1223 by Saturday, July 13th.

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 on the Springwater Town Board is needed, so if you are interested in serving in the position, let your desire be known at the next Springwater Town Board meeting, the third Monday evening, July 15, at 7:00 PM.

Birthdays:

July 11 – Jason Nadeau, Bethanie Storke

July 12 – Jim Louis

July 13 – Florence Perkins, Sarah Canute, Mark Parsons, Natalie Loop

July 15 – Courtney Smith

July 16 – Kristen Canute, Andreanna Bowers, Kaitlin Harter, Alexander Canute, Jan O'Neil

July 17 – Sylvia Pifer (Congrats on your 91st!), Staley Stek, Vincent Yakono

July 18 – Nathan Shull

Anniversaries: Congratulations:

July 13 – Herb & Joyce Humphrey #56, Brad & Michelle Markle #16

July 14 – Dave & Mary Beth Herbert #28

July 15 – George & Beverly Johnson

July 17 – John & Beth White, Rob & Val Harter #19

Please communicate your birthdays, anniversaries, events to:

kjth@allwesterntrees.com or call 585-669-2659 and speak to Katherine or leave a message. Deadline is Monday morning for Thursday's column.