

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Starting this week is a story about one or more of the people having a birthday or anniversary as suggested by one of our readers when we asked if there was anything they would like to read about in this column. If you like these stories, then give us yours. Send information to kjth@allwesterntrees.com. Thank you.

This August 29th birthday person, Amanda Pifer, is turning 36 and is one of Harmon and Sylvia Pifer's grand-daughters. Sylvia is originally from Bolivar, NY in Allegany County where her Dad worked the oil fields 91 years ago. Harmon was from Cohocton. Harmon and Sylvia Pifer worked the Erwin farm (1948 to 1956) on shares with Theodore and Eva Humphrey, now owned by Ed Petraitis at the foot of Carney Hollow Road. In 1956, Harmon and Sylvia purchased the Ed Wright Farm on Carney Hollow Road where they had a dairy farm which is now owned by one of the Amish Hershberger families save for that portion with the house still owned by Sylvia Pifer. One of Sylvia Pifer's sons, Daniel, is Amanda's father and her mother is Eileen Washburn, now divorced. Amanda's 2 sons, Dakota Pifer and Jacob Pifer, are now among Sylvia's great grandchildren. Sylvia is 91 years old. Amanda works in Rochester for FTT, a company that does metal working and has built a reputation in the machining industry for providing high precision innovative solutions for full production industrial contract manufacturing, precision machining of complex medical or aerospace components, prototype and design services, or when considering adding an automation system to an existing manufacturing operation.

We also heard from Colleen Liggett re: John Kerr, who is celebrating a birthday on September 2: "We came to Springwater 15 years ago because of the dark skies and the many visible stars overhead. John had never lived so far from the city, but soon grew to love a quiet country life. He spent days exploring the dirt roads and scenery on his motorcycle. Though music is never far away, he is currently putting his energy into stargazing, photography and writing."

Birthdays:

August 29 – Amanda Pifer, Rebecca Ann Parsons

August 31 – Braydon Reamer

September 2 – Rodney Schleuter, John Kerr, Tricia Johnson

September 3 – Kyle Stewart, Lilia Vadney, Brittney Rizzieri, Lori Naczynski

September 4 – Ed Freas

September 5 – Melba Johnson, Adrianna Irwin

Anniversaries:

September 4 – Joel & Amy Goodwin #15

Thanks go to everyone that participated in the Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam at the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church on Thursday, August 22. We had a great turn-out and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. The next one will be on Thursday, September 26, 2019.

Fourteen people showed up for the Springwater Trails hike on Sunday, August 25 on the Railroad Bed Trail between Avon and Geneseo planned by Jane with the social at the 3-Legged Pig in Lakeville attended by 8. It was a gorgeous day along the tree lined trail bordering rich farm land near the Genesee River. All were treated to seeing two stately horses and their riders traversing the same trail. This coming Sunday, September 1, the Springwater Trails hike will be at Conklin Gully in the High Tor area of Naples, NY. In addition, Springwater Trails has a couple of new hiking venues in the plans coming up. The hikers will be hiking in the Allegheny mountains in western New York for an extended camping trip the second week of September and a group will go to see Taughannock Falls falling 215 feet past rocky cliffs that tower nearly 400 feet above the gorge near Cayuga Lake on Sunday, September 8. For details, check the website <http://Springwatertrails.org> or ask a regular hiker. And those people interested in a Hike and Mushroom Foray, please put the hike on September 22 at the All Western Evergreen Farm in Springwater, NY on your calendar now.

Here is the downtown Springwater hamlet news from Pat Granger: "After attending family reunions it is great to be back attending church and being with my church family. Today we dedicated backpacks that were filled with school supplies to assist families that needed help. We were reminded again that there are going to be changes coming in Christian Churches. Where are we headed? People need to know that God is our authority and that we need to walk humbly with him. We need to be kind to others and when we have received kindness remember to thank that person. Don't you think that if people were to do more of this it might be a better world? Parish notices: Pastor Dawn was able to see her little granddaughter; Jeanette would like prayers for her sister Mary Hoffman and travel mercies for her son and grandson; travel mercies for Mark and Sue Walker and their daughter Cathy and fiancé Travis as they travel to Austria and then back to Maine; Amy Goodwin has completed her radiation treatments; I would like prayers for my sister-in-law Esther Crane that is in hospice care at home and prayers of healing for my daughter Susan Hart and her daughter Tayler; travel mercies for my nephew Scott Granger and son Skyler as they travel back to Colorado; and continued prayers of healing for Karen Webster. Everyone enjoy the long weekend coming up. Don't forget to watch the skies for the hot air balloons coming up out of Dansville.

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, September 21. . If you are interested in volunteering please contact Teresa Langhorn at (585)245-1223 by Wednesday, September 18th.

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. Green bean season is over and tomato, zucchini, and corn season are in progress. Cut flowers are zinnias and sunflowers.

If you are a forest owner or plan to be one, then the Yates County Woods Walk scheduled for Saturday, September 7th from 9 AM to 1 PM will be of interest to you. The private woodlot for the Walk will be west of PennYan, the address will be provided upon registering for the event. At this event you will learn about releasing wild apple trees and about crop tree management practices. Guest speakers include Peter Smallidge, NYS Extension Forester and Director of the Arnot Teaching and Research Forest, and Bruce Robinson, practicing forester and forestry consultant of Bruce Robinson, Inc.. Peter Smallidge will share a variety of information on crop tree management practices that help promote the growth of more favorable trees through removal of less desirable trees, increasing the health and current value of a stand, while also enhancing the stand's future value. Bruce Robinson will cover several factors to consider when thinking about releasing wild apple trees, such as assessing the value of inventory before cutting and the need for competition management. This workshop is free and is open to the public, but please register to let your planned presence known so we can plan accordingly and provide you with the address to the woodlot. For registration and more information browse https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/MFO_257 or call Laura Bailey at the Yates County Cornell Cooperative Extension at (315) 536-5123.

Another activity that will be of interest is the Big Church Picnic planned by the Little Finger Lakes Area United Methodist Churches on Sunday, September 15, 2019 at the pavilion at the Town of Springwater Larry Canute Memorial Park (7998 School Street, Springwater NY 14560) starting around Noon after church. Bring a dish-to-pass, your tableware, drinks, and games to play – Lawn Games, Board Games, or Card Games, lawn chairs and bag chairs. Come participate in this fun time to meet and socialize with church friends from all over the area.

Now is the time to register for the Fall Prevention Workshop Free Event on Friday, September 20, 2019 from 10:00 to 1:30 PM, lunch included; at the Lakeville Training Grounds, 5939 Stone Hill Road, Lakeville. Topics to be covered include: Connect with Local Fall Prevention Resources; Medication Review with Pharmacist; Eye Glass Adjustments by Optician; Car Fit: Senior Car Safety Event – following workshop. Registration is required by September 13. Call 585-335-4359 or email – lifeline@noyeshhealth.org.