

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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This Saturday, November 9th the Food Link Distribution will be at the Springwater Fire Hall parking area from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please remember to bring your own containers.” This food is distributed to those in need in the community, as well as to those who help to distribute it. The food is to be shared so you can also pick some up to give away or to take to someone that will benefit. If you would like to volunteer please call Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223.

The Webster’s Christmas Bazaar last Saturday, November 2, 2019 had a slow start, but ended up being successful, especially over the luncheon, bake sale, and craft sale. The daughters of Mary White donated their time and serving skills to prepare delicious soup and chili, sandwich fillings on choice of bread, and baked goods with each item going for \$2. Hand painted wooden items, cutlery, and hundreds of odd items were picked up by the early shoppers. Many thanks are extended to all who attended and helped in any way.

The Springwater Town Supervisor Deb Babbitt-Henry told about her favorite celebration of the year: the Halloween Party at the Springwater Town Hall. Town Board members were dressed up in Halloween costumes having just as much fun as the children that came for arts and crafts, cider and donuts, and Halloween Candy given out by the fire Department. A fire truck was parked in the parking lot and children learned about the items a firefighter must carry for both fighting the fire and for safety.

John sent photos and Linda sent a report on the Springwater Trails Sunday, November 3 hike: “Stony Brook State Park was enjoyed by ten hikers seeing the fall colors with the backdrop of the luscious gorge of running water and waterfalls. Hikers enjoyed the rim trails and parts of the snowmobile trail which makes use of the concrete stairs built during the depression by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Also enjoyed was the cell phone tour which provided information about the Lackawanna Railroad remains as well as the history of the white pines and white oak that are abundant in the forest.” If there is room, you may have a photo or two of the gorgeous fall landscapes around the park. The 2 PM hike on Sunday November 10, 2019 will be at the Wesley Hill Nature Preserve, a Finger Lakes Land Trust property. The Wesley Hill tract covers 390 acres and includes stands of northern hardwoods, red and white pines, a woodland pond, and the northern edge of Briggs Gully, as well as the Wenrich Cabin, set in an old forest overlooking the gully, deep in the woods. A network of trails through the preserve offers excellent hiking routes of various lengths and levels of difficulty. Afterwards, the social will be at the Neapolitan Pizzeria in Naples. For additional details, ask a regular hiker or log into the Springwater Trails website.

The next Webster’s Crossing United Methodist Church Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam by donation is Thursday, November 21, the third Thursday, at the Church, 7250 Webster Crossing Road, Springwater, NY 14560. We hope to see you there.

Here is the downtown Springwater hamlet news from Pat Granger: “Did you mark your calendars to attend the soup and sandwich luncheon on November 16th from 11:00AM-1:00PM hosted by the Springwater United Methodist Church in the dining room at the church? The cost is \$5.00. Please come and join us and bring a friend. This Sunday Pastor Dawn talked about the story that Isaiah told about the planting of the seed. If you plant the seed in good soil and nourish the seed you will have a good crop. As Christians we are the seed and we need to nourish others by showing our faith and kindness so they will grow. Every day, spread some kindness. Parish notices: Carol Fisher, Pastor Dawn’s mom, turned 82 on Saturday; Carol Hoerner, with the help of her family, moved from Dansville to Wayland and is now closer to her family; Scott Granger, my nephew from Colorado, drove to Pennsylvania for his friend’s funeral and then came to New York to visit me and other relatives and he is leaving on the 4th so I would like travel mercies for a safe trip back; and continued prayers for Amy Goodwin and Paul Kelly. Everyone have a wonderful week.

The Springwater Community Food Pantry is open on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM and on Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Due to the Mobile Food Link Distribution on Saturday, November 9th, the Food Pantry will be closed. We are still looking for donations. Once again thank you to everyone who has donated.”

Is Your Home Safe from Radon? According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Livingston County is one of many counties in New York State considered to have a high potential for high radon levels. Radon is a cancer-causing radioactive gas that you cannot see, taste, or smell. It can be present in your home without your knowing and has been identified as the second leading cause of lung cancer in the US. The only way to determine if radon is a concern in your home is to test for it using a radon detection kit. These kits are available free of charge to Livingston County residents who are homeowners. Call 585-243-7280 in Mount Morris for more information and to obtain a radon detection kit. This information and the next paragraph about the Caregiver Retreat are from Linda Hopkins, Springwater representative to the Office for the Aging in Livingston County.

Are you caring for someone with Alzheimer’s, dementia, or other chronic health condition? A Caregiver Retreat might be the answer to the many challenges you encounter as a person caring for someone else. An opportunity to restore strength and be re-charged is available at the Caregiver Retreat on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 to 2:00 PM at the Celebrate Family Church, 74 Mount Morris Road, Leicester, NY 14481. Community vendors, complimentary lunch; speakers, door prizes; and mobile mammography are being offered. To register or to obtain more information, call 585-335-4249 or use email at caregiver@noyeshealth.org.

Be sure to check the Little Lakes Community Association website for their many activities and plan to attend or to volunteer to help this outstanding organization. Carol Williams (585-727-2230) sent detailed information on the Walking Wisdom Groups being co-sponsored by LLCA and 3 in 1 Yoga that are now forming. There are Wednesday and Saturday times starting on November 6 and 9 respectively. The groups

will meet at the Little Lakes Community Center and will walk inside or outside depending on the weather. Registration and a cost of \$5/week is required. Further details can be found on the website.

This week I had the pleasure of visiting with Jim Yarger for a story about his birthday. He was born on November 12, 1958 at Rochester New York General Hospital (now Flight Square on Main Street!) and had 2 siblings, a brother Dale (1950-2012) and a sister Elaine (1952). Their father was Harry J. Yarger (from Canandaigua) of Pennsylvania Dutch descent and their mother Clarabel (Brasted) Yarger (from Springwater) who were married in 1946. The Brasted Dairy Farm was located at the intersection of Pokey Moon Shine Hollow Road and Carney Hollow Road, and Jim spent all his summers growing up there. Jim told about the water in the woods drawing people to the area from miles around and how it was also used to cool down the milk in the large milk cans in the milk house. He remembered ice cream being made from scratch in the crank ice cream container. Bill Didas and Ward Teed put in the bathroom at the house in the fall of 1962. The 80th Yarger family reunion was held this past August. Many of Jim's family are buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Moose Road. Jim now lives on Carney Hollow Road not far from the Brasted / Yarger Farm House which is now in Amish hands.

Birthdays:

November 7 – Edward Vadney, Georgia Robinson, David Mack, Francis Tripp

November 8 – Jerry Carney, Nanette Fox Riffe, Joice Kelley-Biek

November 10 – Robert Harder

November 11 – Sarah Hoppough

November 12 – Jim Yarger, Clifford Yeoman

November 13 – Alaric Gricius, Francis Colegrove

Anniversaries:

November 9 – Skip & Heather Cleveland #28

November 10 – Tom & Melody Bogdon #, Juergen & Elvira Lein #57