

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Sixteen Springwater Trails' hikers enjoyed the Wesley Hill tract on Sunday, November 10, 2019. John sent photos and if there is room you will see a photo taken by John Larysz. The 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

offered excellent hiking routes of various lengths and levels of difficulty. Afterwards, the social was at the Neapolitan Pizzeria in Naples. The next hike will be on the Finger Lakes Trail between the Bristol Branch and the Letchworth Branch depending on the vagaries of nature. Please check the website later this week to make sure of location and meet-up time. Ask a regular hiker or log into the Springwater Trails website.

Please note that the next Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam by donation is Thursday, November 21, the third Thursday instead of the fourth, at the Church, 7250 Webster Crossing Road, Springwater, NY 14560. Many items from the Bazaar are still set up; therefore, you may find a gift or two for a friend or family member. We look forward to Thanksgiving time.

Here is the downtown Springwater hamlet news from Pat Granger on November 11th: "I would like to first say Thank You to all veterans. Pastor Dawn's message this week was about choosing Grace. Asking Jesus for forgiveness is hard to do, but with his help we can forgive. Also spreading kindness is not always easy to do, but as Christians we are called to do it. We are to trust what God tells us and to love one another and "to love your neighbor as yourself". We are to do the right thing and work together to bring justice. Remember to pray and trust in the Lord. Parish notices: Amy Goodwin started a new treatment and came through it very well and things are looking good; prayers for Paul Kelly's family as he passed away last Friday and for Diane and Ken White's family as Diane's mom passed away on Saturday. The Springwater UMC is having a homemade soup and sandwich luncheon this Saturday, November 16th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and the cost is \$5.00. Come and have lunch and bring a friend. The people that will be out deer hunting this Saturday please be careful. Everyone have a good week.

The Springwater Community Food Pantry is changing the hours of operation. Starting November 27th it will be closed on Wednesday evenings and will reopen on March 11,

2020. This is being done for safety reasons so people are not traveling in the dark on snowy roads. It will continue to be open on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 AM except when the Mobile Food Link Distribution is in town.

The Food Link Distribution this last Saturday, November 9, served approximately 140 families. Even the cold didn't stop people from coming and getting food so there is definitely a need. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers for being there and helping out. The next Food Link Distribution will be on Saturday, December 21st at the Springwater Fire Hall parking area from 10:00 to 11:30 AM or until all food is gone. 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. If you would like to volunteer please call Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223 before Wednesday, December 18th."

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. This week Tawn Feeney is calling all crafters saying: "Would you like to make some extra money this Holiday Season and share your talents with others? Sign up to teach a class in our community room. Partner with Little Lakes Community Center and make Christmas merrier for yourself and fellow crafters. You have the talent! We have the space! Call 585-367-1046 for more information and leave a message for a volunteer to return your call. You can also email me, tawnfeeney@gmail.com and I will connect you to the right person to arrange for your space. Thanks and Happy Thanksgiving!" Further details can be found on the website.

This week I had the pleasure of visiting with Mark Walker. He was born November 16, 1957 at the old Wayland Hospital that closed in 1964 of parents Marian (Warner) and Burl Walker. Mark's grandparents were Maynard and Mildred Warner and Erwin and Maud Walker near Loon Lake. Most of his family is from the Springwater/Wayland area. Mark's favorite birthday recollection was of his 16th birthday on the 16th of November 1973, the day he could obtain a deer license. He shot a small 6 point buck at 7:30 AM and he purchased his license from Minnie Duffy who was the Town Clerk at the time. Mark is the youngest of three siblings. His brothers were Dick Walker born in 1947 (school teacher near Ithaca passed away), and his brother Don Walker (dairy farming in Springwater) born in 1949. Mark was Springwater Town Supervisor from 2000 to 2007 and was mentored by his father (Burl, who served as Springwater Town Assessor and on the Town Board for many years) and by Town Supervisor Howard Kramer. Mark lived in Batavia for 6 years, married Sue Wagner from Loon Lake on October 20, 1984 at St. Joseph's Church in Wayland. They have two children, both working and living in Virginia at this time. Catherine Walker was born December 7, 1986 and Daniel Walker was born June 16, 1989. Catherine works for the National Science Foundation and Dan is a Field Engineer for Hanley Energy. Mark's hobbies include hunting, playing basketball, and traveling with his wife. Some of the favorite places they have been include Austria, Hawaii, Key West FL, Sedona AZ, and Virginia.

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. 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.

Birthdays:

November 16 – Mark Walker, Justin Willard

November 17 – Jeff Lilley, Renee Roche

November 19 – Taylor Quackenbush, Colleen Liggett, Meghan Hilligar

November 23 – Emilee Pauline

Anniversaries:

November 18 – Ray & Korin Tripp #16