

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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A snowman made out of Concolor fir kissing balls and a stove pipe hat carved out of a stump was made for All Western Evergreen Nursery & Christmas Tree Farm by Jasmine Lang, Stanley Payne Jr., and Laurent Taylor. The idea was in the making for several years. In order to keep the weight of each ball from crushing the one below it, Laurent used a threaded steel rod with a bolt and washer between each ball and a hook to hang on a eye bolt threaded through a bent aluminum pipe attached to a strong metal fence post. The Concolor fir was cut and sized with the help of Melissa Cohen. It took Jasmine 2 days to make the balls in three different sizes; Stanley to make the hat with lighted holes behind the headband and another day to devise a way to hang it by

Laurent. The candy cane ribbon theme, cones for eyes and nose and buttons, and a candy cane pipe were used for decoration. In order to find a home for the snowman, \$5 raffle tickets were sold to customers the second and third weekend in December, with the drawing at 5 PM on the 15th. The winner was Theo Canute and his two boys who purchased two tickets out of 42 sold.

Here is the downtown Springwater hamlet news from Pat Granger: “I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. I never knew there was a meaning to the Christmas Wreath. I received a Christmas card this year with the meaning of the Christmas Wreath written in it and I would like to share it with you. It was written by Holley Gerth.

The Meaning of the Christmas Wreath

Every Christmas wreath is more than just a decoration....
It's a special reminder of Jesus, the reason for our celebration.
The circle of a Christmas wreath is a never-ending ring,
a reminder of eternal love from our Lord and King.
The Christmas wreath is a sign of welcome, inviting all to enter in...
a reminder of Christ's invitation for all to come to Him.
The middle of a Christmas wreath is a bare and empty space,
a reminder of what life would be without Christ's love and grace.
So each time you see a Christmas wreath hanging from a door,
may your heart rejoice in the One that Christmas is truly for!

On Sunday, December 29th the Springwater United Methodist Church service will be the "Passing of the Light" and receiving Epiphany Stars with a Benediction moving us into the Fellowship Hall with Fireside Worship beginning on January 5, 2020. Please come and join us at 11:00 AM. Please keep Shane and Lisa Gascon in your prayers. Their house caught on fire Thursday night when they were not at home and I was told they lost everything, even their two dogs.

The Springwater Community Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, December 28th from 9:00 to 11:00 AM and every Saturday after that except when the Mobile Food Link truck is in town. Would like to remind you we are always taking donations and you can drop them off on Saturday's when we are open.

The Mobile Food Link Distribution was held on Saturday December 21st. Although the day was cold, it was well attended. Thank you, volunteers, for being out in the cold making sure the people in need were taken care of. The next distribution date is Saturday, January 11, 2020. Please mark your calendars. If you would like to volunteer please call Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223 by January 8th.

At Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church, the Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam was enjoyed by several regulars, the next one scheduled for the fourth Thursday in January on the 23rd. The Christmas Eve service will take place at 7 PM. The Sunday morning services will be in the sanctuary warmed by the new furnace installed in November. In January 2020, the floor in the dining room will be renovated and we will all be treated to the original floor boards that will be sanded and finished off with carpet runners.

Do stop into the South End Diner that opened in Springwater. Pat Granger had an opportunity to stop in and tried the Creamy Potato Soup and it was delicious and she added that the staff is very friendly and attentive. The diner is open Tuesday through Saturday from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM serving breakfast and lunch, and on Sunday from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM serving breakfast only. The Diner is closed on Mondays. The phone number is 585-669-4027.

The Greenway Trail at Cuylerville was the destination for the Springwater Trail's hikers on Sunday, December 22. This coming Sunday, December 29th, at 2 PM, the hikers will enjoy the trails at Camp Cutler in South Bristol off Gulick Road. The trails are well marked, with many scenic overlooks. Note also that John Larysz has organized a first day hike for January 1, similar to last year on Canadice Lake, starting at 10 AM. For details, log into the Springwater Trails website or ask a regular hiker.

In the New Year 2020, please share your news with me at kjth@allwesterntrees.com or mail it to Katherine Humphrey, PO Box 217, Springwater, NY 14560. Season's Greetings.

Birthdays:

December 26 – Carol Hoerner, Kurt Hass

December 27 – Phillip West, Terri White, Morgan Hoppough

December 28 – Amy Goodwin

December 29 – Larry Lippincott, Robert Fox

December 30 – John Swift, Alex Decker, Rick Tripp Jr., Eden Stephenson

December 31 – Juergen Lein

January 1 – Matt Hoppough, Alice Behnk, Jeremy Canute

Anniversaries: Congratulations!

December 31 – Ed & Sandra Freas #53