

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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The hike at Mendon Ponds Winterfest was cancelled last Sunday due to high winds and Springwater Trails hike planned for the Devil's Bathtub was also cancelled out of an abundance of caution. Mark Hopkins, President, also wrote "With temperatures expected to fall 20 degrees from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, it should be an interesting day, one better spent close to home. Please safely enjoy the afternoon. We hope to reschedule this hike if the Winterfest is rescheduled." This Sunday, January 19th, the hikers will meet before 2 PM in Piffard and head north for about a 3 mile stretch to York Landing as part of the ongoing exploration of the Genesee Valley Greenway. Since the group splits into three skill levels and there is a hike, ski, or snow shoe group in each, come enjoy the outdoors with your choice. Interested persons are welcome to come and get acquainted with this group the endeavors to meet weekly.

Pat Granger writes "When I stepped out the door this past Saturday it was hard to believe that it was January 11th. I hope you got a chance to get outdoors and enjoy it. Pastor Dawn's service this week was titled "Time for the Right Time". She reminded us that Jesus always took time to go to the synagogues to pray and read scripture and he took time to rest. Do you take time to go to church and to rest? Perhaps that could be a New Year's resolution for you. We all need to follow in Jesus' footsteps. Parish notices: prayers for Luke and Chelsea Merritt as they prepare to become new parents very soon; prayers for college students that are traveling back to school; prayers for folks that are traveling South to spend the remainder of winter where it is warmer; and Jasmine Hannon announced how excited she is about becoming an Aunt. Everyone have a wonderful week.

The Springwater Community Food Pantry is open on Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The pantry would like to remind you when donating food items please check the dates on the items. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the pantry call Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223.

The Mobile Food Link Distribution this past Saturday at the Springwater Fire Department parking lot helped 143 families. The next distribution date is Saturday, February 8th from 10:00AM to 11:30 AM. Remember that the food is coming out of the warehouse in Rochester and there are times when it may arrive late. The volunteers will work as quickly as possible to get it unloaded and ready to distribute as soon as they can. Please bring your own containers. If you would like to volunteer please call Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223 by February 5th."

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is for those who need assistance with heating and utility costs and certain essential heating equipment repairs. If you receive Temporary Assistance, Food Stamp Benefits, if your income is at or below current guidelines, or if you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI). You may apply for

HEAP at www.mybenefits.ny.gov OR by calling Department of Social Services at (585) 243-7300 OR Office for the Aging at (585) 243-7520. This information from Linda Hopkins

Need help with taxes? There is free assistance for those who qualify for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. The VITA program will be providing a volunteer income tax service for eligible Livingston County residents. Qualifying taxpayers include seniors, persons with disabilities and those with annual incomes below \$56,000. This service will be provided on designated days during February and March 2020 at ABVI /Goodwill Community Center, 4119 Lakeville Road in Geneseo. Please call the Livingston County Office for the Aging at 243-7520 to confirm your eligibility and to schedule an appointment. There is no charge for this service.

The floor transformation in the dining room at Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church has been completed. While the floor is curing, the Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, January 23, 2020 is up in the air, so please enquire of any parishioner as to whether the dinner will be served before you make the trek to the church circa 4:30 to 7:00 PM.

The Springwater Fire Department has their Annual St. Patrick's Steak Roast and Comedy Show coming up on March 21. Presale tickets are required and are available now from any member.

The Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society will have a program in March besides their annual meeting. Plans are in the works on January 28th in the Town hall. If you have an idea for a program we might pursue, let any Board member know. Pat Willsea, Joyce O'Neil, Linda Hopkins or Brenda Haywood are good contacts.

Please share your news with me at kjth@allwesterntrees.com or mail it to Katherine Humphrey, PO Box 217, Springwater, NY 14560.

Birthdays:

January 16 – Sarah Clayson, Carol Tripp, Branden Vahn, Blake Fallwell

January 17 – Tracy Ingraham, Brian West Sr.

January 18 – Stephanie Whiteman

January 23 – Margaret Westurn

January 24 – Pastor Ray Shaw

January 25 – Bones Grey

Anniversaries: Congratulations!

January 16 – Al & Deborah Henry #10