

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Although the place to be on the fourth Thursday of every month is the Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam at Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church, this month of January we will not have it until the following week on January 30 due to dining room renovations. The transformation from rug back to original wooden flooring is amazing. The polyurethane satin finish needs to cure another week before we place the tables and chairs back into the dining room. So do put the dinner by donation back on your calendar a week hence and come and see the transformation for yourself. If you read this and want to help with cleaning up the fine saw dust all over the kitchen and in the cupboards, we are having a cleaning bee on Friday, January 24th starting at 3:30 PM. "Many hands make light work" so come and enjoy working together. Oh, yes, and the Paint Party is Wednesday evening, January 22 at 7 PM if you see this before then.

The hike on the Genesee Valley Greenway on Sunday, January 19th was enjoyed by three skiers and two hikers. The trek from Piffard to York Landing goes through the land owned by the Abbey of the Genesee. The three mile portion of the Greenway is nice and flat and is among the hedgerows which cuts the wind and makes for a pleasant path. At one place along the way a detour has been made due to the Genesee River eating away the soil all the way to the old rail bed. There are benches about every half mile for those who like to stop to view the landscape. Mile markers are on posts. After the hike and ski all five enjoyed the social afterwards at the Yard of Ale. The cost of soup and salad was circa \$11. The warmth felt good and the food was delicious. The hike coming up this week on Sunday with a start time of 2 PM will be on the Springwater Trail in East Springwater. Log into the Springwater Trails website later this week to view the details or ask a regular hiker.

Pat Granger writes "The Springwater United Methodist Church would like to again invite everyone to their Fireside Worship in the dining hall every Sunday at 11:00AM. We are meeting out there until April 5th. On Easter Sunday, April 12th, we will be back out in the sanctuary. Pastor Dawn spoke about how faith can work miracles even today and we need to believe and that things can be different. Christ has given us miracles of an abundant life, how to be kind and generous to others, and how to give out his love that he has given us that is within us. Parish notices: travel mercies for people that have to travel on snow covered roads; Carol Fisher received her new hearing aids and is amazed on how well she can hear things now; prayers for Bob Snyder as he awaits the results of medical tests; and prayers for the people and animals in Australia. At this time I would like to remind everyone to check on their neighbors to make sure they are okay. Everyone have a good week.

The Springwater Community Food Pantry is open on Saturday mornings from 9:00 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 next Mobile Food Link Distribution located at the Springwater Fire Department parking lot will be on Saturday, February 8th from 10:00 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 volunteers would like to thank the Springwater Fire Department for allowing the use of their parking lot.”

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 and that in the next paragraph is from Linda Hopkins, Springwater representative to the Office for the Aging Board of Directors.

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 Little Lakes Community Center now has its name on a new sign (photo attached) that was just installed on the front of their building in Hemlock! The sign was generously donated by Donna Jopson, in memory of her late husband, Dick Jopson, a local country music legend. The volunteers who are the life-blood of LLCA are pleased to now have a sign on front of their building that signifies their hard work not only to provide the community with great educational and entertainment events, but also to preserve and restore the building which they acquired from the Town of Livonia, when it was known as the Jack Evans Community Center. They are currently in the midst of a Capital Campaign to restore the building and the public is especially invited to contribute in Dick Jopson's memory at this time. Anyone who would like to contribute to the Capital Campaign can do so by visiting the

website, littlakesny.org or by sending a check to The Little Lakes Community Center, P.O. Box 82, Hemlock New York 14466.

The Ecological Sustainability Series sponsored by the Little Lakes Community Association will meet on the third Thursday evenings from February through May, 2020. Each presentation is scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m. at the Little Lakes Community Center at 4705 South Main Street in Hemlock. The series will be initiated on February 20. Each meeting will include interactive activities and plenty of time for your questions and comments, as well as a time for informal socializing with refreshments after the presentations. For more information about the Little Lakes Community Association, you may visit their website LittleLakesNY.org or check out their Face Book page @littlakesNY. You may also call their office at (585) 367-1046 and leave a message for a volunteer to return your call. This and the preceding paragraph are information from Tawn Feeney.

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. This information is from the Fire Department website.

The Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society Board is meeting on January 28 at 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, and 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 23 – Margaret Westurn
January 24 – Pastor Ray Shaw
January 25 – Bones Grey
January 26 – Ezra Parker, Opal Fox
January 28 – Teffenie & Heather Bovee
January 29 – Pat Parkhouse, John Stevenson
January 30 – Jim Bowers, Elaine Jacobs

Anniversaries:

January 26 - Norris & Carol Rowley #68 Congratulations!
January 28 – Tom & Georgia Robinson