

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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This is the week to come to the Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam by donation at the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church on Route 15 north of Springwater. The food is served from 4:30 to 7 PM and the music goes on into the night. If you don't like spaghetti, just ask for meatballs and sauce to go on the Italian bread served on the Salad and Dessert and Beverage bar. Thanks to one of the regulars that attend the Spaghetti Dinner, a variety of additions like tomatoes, cucumbers, pickles, and olives are now served. There is garlic butter or regular butter for the sliced Italian Bread. The desserts contain choices like Anna's Carrot Cake and Sylvia's Chocolate Cake, and pies donated by Gladys. Beverages range from Lemonade and unsweetened iced Tea to Water and regular or decaffeinated Coffee. The best part is that this Thursday, January 30, we are dedicating the new dining room flooring spruced up with new paint and a clean-up job from top to bottom in the kitchen. Come join our regulars for a social time and music – bring your instrument and donate your time to playing it and singing with those who regularly attend. If you can't make it this week on Thursday evening, then come next month on February 27th or any fourth Thursday until November and December when we change to the third Thursday of the month. We are in our 16th year, going on 17, for a dinner every month! Invite your family and friends and take a break from making dinner and doing dishes.



The hike on the Springwater Trail in East Springwater off Schribner Road on Sunday, January 26th was enjoyed by fourteen hikers (photo attached) as the snow melted almost to the ground. Attached is a map of the hike by the slow group in Schribner valley. It was not at all what was planned, but thanks to John Larysz we had a photo at the beginning of the hike and his phone tracked the slow group's progress and clearly showed the direction to follow. The total was 2.36 miles in 1:52 hours, most of it bushwhacking. The elevation was fairly even, between

1620 and 1707 feet. The hike coming up this week on Sunday, February 2 with a start time of 2 PM will be at Hi Tor near Naples planned by Linda. Log into the Springwater Trails website later this week to view the details or ask a regular hiker.

Middleton Tire is celebrating being in business for 50 years! The business is on Eelpot Road between North Cohocton and Naples and is having an Open House on Monday, February 3 with lunch at noon and they have a 7% discount for cash. Give Susanne Middleton a call at 585-534-5192 if you plan to attend or if you are interested in more information.

The Schefflera plant (also known as umbrella plant) growing in my houseplant collection will be 53 years old this year. It lives near the west windowsill in my dining room. It cleans the air, looks like a forest and is a great talking point for visitors as it curves left and right and up and out across the double window panes. For many years I did not know the name of the plant. Then one of my hiking friends told me what it was and I wrote the name on a piece of scratch paper and rolled the paper up and stuck it through the handle of the flower basket given to me by Tim & Sandra Lee James. I've referred to this note numerous times and finally remember the name of the plant. The flower basket held my wandering Jew plant pot for many years. When I transplanted the wandering Jew plant, I changed the flower basket pot to a spider plant. I also inherited a prayer plant from my mother-in-law. Christmas plants of several varieties have been added along the way as gifts from friends, along with an orchid plant that is now 6 years old and hasn't bloomed which tells me it needs different care. All my plants need repotting. Are yours at that point too? This spring I intend to do the repotting, so if you are in need of any cuttings, let me know. Perhaps we can trade some different varieties or species, give each other a boost to get the job done, or help each other out by taking a few species away for good or in exchange.

Pat Granger from Springwater United Methodist Church writes "I am sitting here thinking that already it is the last week of January and I have just got to make it through February and March. Have you noticed it is staying light outside until after 5 o'clock now? What a blessing. Pastor Dawn reminded us that Jesus taught in public places and at impromptu moments. He was very open and was not afraid to spread the word of God. Why are some of us today afraid of doing the same? We have freedom of speech. We need to teach and spread the word of his love, kindness, and forgiveness. Parish notices: Pastor Dawn is going on vacation to visit her daughter and family in New Jersey, and her son in Virginia and be there for the birth of her new grandson so we are asking for travel mercies for her; prayers for Bob Snyder, Rick Tripp, Jr., and all other people who are need of healing; prayers for my granddaughter Tayler to have a successful semester at college as she heads back today; and prayers for the Springwater Community and all of its churches. Everyone have a wonderful 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. Starting March 1st you will have to bring your own bags to put items into. Plastic bags will not be available at the pantry. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the pantry call Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223.

On Saturday, February 8th the Mobile Food Link Distribution will be at the Springwater Fire Department parking lot from 10:00 to 11:30 AM or until all food is gone. Please bring your own containers. If you would like to volunteer, please call Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223 before February 5th."

The Little Lakes Community Center is having a volunteer appreciation luncheon on Sunday, February 9 from 1 to 4 PM. Make reservations by February 1st. For more information about the Little Lakes Community Association, you may visit their website LittleLakesNY.org or check out their Face Book page @littlelakesNY. You may also call their office at (585) 367-1046 and leave a message for a volunteer to return your call.

While you have your calendar out, mark the New York Farm Show at the NY State Fairgrounds in Syracuse on your calendar now for February 27, 28, and 29, Thursday through Saturday, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Indoors and outstanding, the Farm Show is in 5 buildings. No pets are allowed. The show is co-sponsored by American Agriculturist & Northeast Equipment Dealers Association.

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 30 – Jim Bowers, Elaine Jacobs

January 31 – Kyle Schnitzer, Kendra Jacobs, Kyle Haas

February 1 – Deryl Westurn

February 2 – Valcia Holden Taylor, Traci Cartwright

February 3 – Rachel Van Scooter, Debbie Shull

February 4 – Kathy Lewis, Lori Davis, Ashley Parsons

February 5 – Stacy Gilson, Tiffany Longacre, Dona Cowley

February 6 – Tom Bogdon, Steven Whiteman