

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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On learning that Marilyn Swick, previous owner and editor of the Valley News for over 50 years, was the victim of a house fire and lost many of her favorite pets, I was sad for her. If you are so inclined, I wish you would join me in sending her well wishing cards to: 7228 Mill Street Extension, Springwater, NY 14560.

Fifteen people attended the Springwater Trails hike at All Western Evergreen Nursery & Christmas Tree Farm in beautiful Springwater, NY on Sunday, February 9, 2020. At least 5 were new to hiking on the farm. The sun was shining on the snow and ice that encased many of the tree branches. The views of the trees and landscape were spectacular. Afterwards most everyone stayed to enjoy visiting over the dish-to-pass social at the house. Three soups, biscuits, and desserts were enjoyed by all. This coming week the Springwater Trails hike will be at Cummings Nature Center. Log into the Springwater Trails website to view the details or ask a regular hiker.

Pat Granger from the Springwater United Methodist Church writes “Pastor Dawn is still on vacation so Sue Walker filled in this past Sunday. She followed what Pastor Dawn already had in the bulletin as far as prayers and worship, hearing and responding to the word of God, songs, old and new testament readings, giving back to God with gratefulness, and going out into the world. For her message she talked about the happenings that took place in the book titled “The Shack”. If you have not read this book please do so. It is an amazing story. Parish notices: travel mercies for Pastor Dawn, Amy and Joel Goodwin and their children; prayers for Marilyn Swick and family whose house caught on fire and they lost their pets; praises for the firemen that assisted in saving what they could of the house; and praises for the highway departments in trying to keep up with clearing the roads of ice and snow this past week.

The Springwater Community Food Pantry is open on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Starting March 1st you will have to bring your own bags to put items into. Plastic bags will not be available at the pantry. Right now the pantry is in need of cereal, canned fruit, canned meats, healthy snacks for children, and pasta sauce. 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 at the Springwater Fire Department parking lot gave donations of food out to 101 families. I would like to say thank you to all the volunteers for coming out in the cold to help these families. The next Mobile Food Link Distribution will be on Saturday, March 14th. If you would like to volunteer please call Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223 by Wednesday, March 11th.

Just want to remind you that this Friday is Valentine’s Day so don’t forget about your sweethearts. The American Legion Post #905 in Springwater on School Street is having a Valentine’s Day Dinner and Music as posted on the Springwater signboard at the blinking light

at the 4 corners of Route 15, 15A, East Avenue, and Mill Street. Cost is \$20/person for tickets purchased ahead and \$25/person at the door.”

Sunday, February 16th at 1:30 PM Springwater Town Councilman Mark Hopkins will be presenting town history at one of the monthly 2020 Livingston County Museum Series being offered at 30 Main Street in Geneseo. Details can be found at lchistory@frontier.com or 585-243-9147.

Tuesday, February 18th, the New York Christmas tree growers are having a winter meeting in Batavia at the BEST Center at Genesee Community College from 2 to 8 PM at 1 College Road, Batavia, NY 14020. The cost is \$40/person and includes dinner. Sign up with the CTFANY (Christmas Tree Farmers Association of NY), PO Box 24, Greenwich, NY 12834. For more information phone 518-854-7386.

Among many other activities and events, Emergency Preparedness Workshops are being sponsored by the Little Lakes Community Association. They will be at the Little Lakes Community Center in Hemlock on the last Thursdays of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 PM presented by Kevin Niedermaier, Director of the Livingston County Office of Emergency. There is no charge to attend, however, donations are welcomed. The subject on February 27 is on “Preparing a Home Shelter in Place” and on March 26 the subject will be “Are you prepared for floods?” 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.

Please put February 27th on your calendar now as the date for the next Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam at Webster’s Crossing United Methodist Church or any fourth Thursday until November and December when there is a change to the third Thursday of the month. This is the 16th year, going on 17, for a dinner every month! Invite your family and friends, take a break from making dinner and doing dishes, and enjoy singing some gospel and country music songs led by those who generously offer their talents each month (if you play an instrument, bring it to play and sing along).

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. There is a detailed poster in the Springwater Post Office on the bulletin board and a big sign along the road in front of the Department on South Main Street.

Educating people about trees is interesting and enjoyable. Spring is the best time to plant trees because they have an opportunity to grow a better root system than in the fall. The Arbor Day Foundation works with individuals and with the U.S. Forest Service to plant trees in America's

national forests in need of reforestation. Since 1990, the Foundation, through the generous donations of its members and corporate partners, has helped plant 50 million trees in national, state, and county public forests. For details, go on-line to https://www.fs.fed.us/forestmanagement/documents/reforestationpartnership/History_of_PAT.pdf. The Little Lakes Community Association is planning an Earth Dance again this year on Arbor Day, April 25. Details will be available soon for vendors and for visitors. 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.

Please share your news with me at kjth@allwesterntrees.com or mail it to Katherine Humphrey, PO Box 217, Springwater, NY 14560. Oh yes, and Happy Valentine's Day to you also!

Birthdays:

February 14 – Kristie Schnetzer, Ann Jobson, Harper VanScooter, Susan Hart, Richard Jemison
February 15 – Stephen Scheiderich
February 16 – Max Markle, Jace Clifford
February 17 – Betty Engle (90 in 2020!), Kelly Nicometo
February 19 – Wendy Stek, Ed Hamsher

Anniversaries: Congratulations:

February 15 – Michael & Joyce Croston #39
February 16 – Mike & Mona Bovee
February 18 – Joe & Allyn Canute #36