

## SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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First of all, did you notice that Thursday, February 20 in the year 2020 contains all zeros and twos like February 2, 2020? This is an unusual happening that will not take place again until March 3, 3030 and March 30, 3030, with none of us being around then. However, it is quite possible that someone born on February 2, 2020 or February 20, 2020 would live to be over 100 years old to experience that happening. Certainly, digital arithmetic is food for thought.

Those interested in attending an Ash Wednesday event may wish to partake of the free Stone Soup, Bread, and Water before the service at Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church on Wednesday, February 26 at 6 PM. Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss and husband Rev. David Hotchkiss may lead all who attend through thought provoking information leading up to one of the most important Christian days at Easter. For the Lenten Service schedule, see Pat Grangers information in the next paragraph.

Pat Granger from the Springwater United Methodist Church writes "Pastor Dawn is back from vacation. She announced that her grandson was born on January 31st and his name is Theodore Rylan and everyone was doing fine. In her service we were again asked, "What is Christ asking us to do?" Think about it. Parish notices: travel mercies for the Goodwin family coming home from vacation and for Teresa's daughter Michelle and her daughter Kayden traveling to Florida; prayers of healing for Bob Snyder, Carol Hoerner's daughter Julie, and for Kayden; continued prayers for Marilyn Swick and for the family on Stagecoach Road that had a house fire; prayers for the family of Dayle Jester that went to be with the Lord; and praises for all the volunteer firemen that are out there battling the fires in these cold temperatures. Everyone have a good week.

On Ash Wednesday, February 26th there will be a Soup Supper held at 6 PM and Worship (with ashes) at 7 PM at both the Webster's Crossing UMC located at 7260 Webster Crossing Road, Rt. 15, Springwater 14560 and the West Sparta UMC located at 4287 Redmond Road, Dansville 14437.

The Lenten season is approaching and the following churches will be using the study series "Captured By Grace" by Dr. David Jeremiah: Groveland Federated Church Wednesday mornings from 10 AM to Noon (with lunch) beginning March 4 to April 1, Webster's Crossing UMC Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 PM beginning March 4 to April 1, West Sparta UMC Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 PM beginning March 5 to April 2 and Conesus United Church Saturday mornings from 9 to 11 AM beginning March 7 to April 4. This will be a 5 week study on how we can apply God's grace to our life, as he talks about the journey of two self-proclaimed wretches that were changed by the saving power of God. It is open to anybody so come and be part of this Lenten study.

On Tuesday, March 10th the new Board of Trustees for the Pleasant Valley Cemetery Association (West) located at the corner of Moose Road and Carney Hollow Road in

Springwater will be holding an organizational and planning meeting. The meeting will be held at the Springwater United Methodist Church dining hall at 6:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to attend.

The Springwater Community Food Pantry is open on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. 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.

Mark your calendars. 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.”

The Springwater historical presentation by Linda and Mark Hopkins on Sunday, February 16th at one of the monthly 2020 Livingston County Museum Series being offered at 30 Main Street in Geneseo was delivered to a packed audience. A high-light of the presentation was the information regarding the topography of the land and how the Town waters drain into many of the lakes surrounding to the west and North (Conesus Lake, Hemlock Lake, Canadice Lake, Honeoye Lake) and eventually ends up in Lake Ontario. Whereas the water shed in the southeastern part of the town goes into the Cohocton River and flows southeasterly through Steuben County until it enters the Chemung River is joined by the Tioga River and flows into the Susquehanna River watershed, flowing southeast to the Chesapeake Bay.

“A clean community is a happy community,” announces the Livingston County-wide Clean-up Event. Organize one of your own clean-up events or join one of many upcoming scheduled events April 24th through 26th at parks, roadsides, community gardens, local town / village halls, schools, cemeteries, historic properties and public spaces. To register a clean-up event or to see where you can volunteer, visit <http://www.livingstoncounty.us/cleanuplivco> or contact Shawn Rooney at the Livingston County Planning Department for more information at 585-243-7550 or on social media #cleanuplivco.

Fourteen people attended the Springwater Trails hike at Cummings Nature Center on Sunday, February 16, 2020. Afterwards, ten attended the special social provided by Another World B&B at 8404 French Hill Road in Naples. Over several cups of tea, all had a choice of outstanding Squash Soup or spicy Tomato Soup, scones with clotted Cream or heart shaped Butter and three kinds of Jelly, a sponge Cake with butter frosting and fresh Raspberries, topped off with Chocolate and nut frosted Meringues. This coming week the Springwater Trails hike will be on a northern section of the Genesee Valley Greenway. Toward the end of the week, log into the Springwater Trails website to view the details or ask a regular hiker.

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, visit their website [LittleLakesNY.org](http://LittleLakesNY.org), check out their Face Book

page @littlelakesNY or 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.

Also, on Thursday, February 27 at Noon, the Springwater Church of the Nazarene is having their monthly senior luncheon with a presentation by Lifespan on protecting yourself from scams, ID theft and fraud. This event is open to all seniors and there is no charge. If you have questions, please call 585-669-2173.

Last Wednesday night, I had the opportunity to go to the Little Lakes Community Center for the Open Stage night and the presenters were awesome. Many of you that read this column would be able to present also, or enjoy being there to listen and/or participate. The Open Stage night will be the second Wednesday of March (the 11th) at the Center, 4705 S Main in Hemlock 14466 and if it is successful like this first night, will probably be offered the second Wednesday nights of each month. Each person has 5 minutes to present teen/adult appropriate songs, poems, music, dance, comedy and more. The LLCA provides basic sound equipment and a headphone jack for music. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. It is an unscripted community performance and will be different each time.

Please share your news with me at [kjth@allwesterntrees.com](mailto: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 21 – Colin Stevenson, Samantha Irwin

February 22 – Mike Bovee, Derek Sutton

February 23 – Julia Graves

February 24 – Lisa Vadney

February 25 – Tayler Hart, Pastor Dawn Merritt