

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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The place to be in Springwater on St. Patrick's Day is at the American Legion Post 905 at 7998 School Street for Corned Beef Dinner at a cost of \$9. The serving begins at 4 PM and ends when food is gone.

Want to help preserve history in Springwater? The Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society will host Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian, at their Tuesday, March 24th program. Amie will present information on the County plans for the Bicentennial Commemoration in 2021 and how local communities can work with the County Historian to produce the "Local History Out Loud: Part 2", a Bicentennial Geocaching Trail, and new Audio Tours for cell phone viewing and listening. All Society programs are free and open to the public so mark your calendar and plan to come the fourth Tuesday of the month for the 6:30 PM dish-to-pass supper followed by the 7:15 PM program to be held at the American Legion Post 905, 7998 School Street, Springwater, NY, 14560.

If you are planning to rid your home of usable items you no longer want or need, please consider donating them to the Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society's annual Penny Social by calling Brenda at 585-669-2478, Pat at 585-728-5552 or Linda at 585-259-4505. Neither clothing nor furniture is accepted for this event. The Penny Social is not until Saturday, April 4th at the Springwater Fire Hall when doors open at noon and the bidding begins at 1:00 PM.

Backyard Maple Day is March 28, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Lagom Landing, 7966 Reeds Corners road, Dansville, NY 14437. YOU are invited to this place where young people (between 18 and 22 years of age) have the opportunity to learn how sap is made into syrup as one of their activities in their September through May experience in building their life. Come enjoy a plate of piping hot pancakes drenched in sticky, deliciously sweet syrup for a nominal fee! They'll show you how trees are tapped, give you a tour of the sugarbush, and share fun activities for the children!

Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church on Route 15 north of the hamlet of Springwater is the place to be on Wednesday evenings. Come and join us for Bible Study starting at quarter of 6 PM. We'll have a bowl of soup ready for all. Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss is leading the group. You are also welcome to attend Sunday Morning Worship at 9 AM. Not only does Pastor Dorothy lead us in singing the hymns, we have retired music teacher Margaret Matteson at the piano and Ralph and Michael accompanying on guitar. Every Sunday the message presented by Pastor Dorothy is food for thought that is encouraging and useful in the world today. There is an opportunity to share prayer requests and tell how faith has helped individuals throughout the week. Most Sundays there is food and beverages at the social afterwards. The monthly Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam by donation is set for Thursday, March 26, 2020 from 4:30 PM into the evening.

Pat Granger from the Springwater United Methodist Church writes “I want to say that I am very saddened that the old Springwater Town Hall (on Mill Street – Rt. 15) has been torn down. There were many memories made there. I can remember taking part in a Firemen’s Queen Contest, my daughters and many other children roller skating there on Sunday afternoons, the Boy Scouts with their pine wood derby races, Halloween and Christmas celebrations and many basketball games that were played there (others mentioned square dances and archery). It was the Community Hall. I wonder what will happen with that corner of Springwater. Pastor Dawn’s message this week was about loving beyond. Don’t hate your enemy, love them. Always try to find some way to reconcile. Be grateful and love beyond. Parish notices: prayers for Linda Conrad’s family as she went to be with the Lord; prayers for Joyce O’Neil as she is having surgery on Tuesday; prayers of peace, patience, and hope for Carol Fisher as she waits for the results of a test she had done; prayers for me as I start my treatment for MDS; prayers for people who have the Corona virus; Carol Hoerner’s grandson, Dwayne Parson, Jr., will be home visiting for a week before he goes to Afghanistan at the end of this month; Jackie Malone’s grandchildren Tegan and Gavin will be in the play Mama Mia in Dansville and travel mercies for Gavin and his mom Rose. Everyone have a good week.”

The Mobile Food Link Distribution is on Saturday, March 14th at the Springwater Fire Department parking lot from 10:00 AM until all food is distributed, which is usually by 11:30 AM. Bring your own containers.



The weather was sunny and cool on Sunday, March 1, when many people attended the Springwater Trails tour of historical sites in the Village of Naples (if there is room, a photo is attached showing those in attendance at the beginning of the hike. Several others joined along the way.) Town

Historian John Murphy was the guide from the Municipal Parking Area, nearby to the Historical Society’s Morgan Hose Building and the Old Mill, then north along Main Street past the Maxfield Inn, Memorial Town Hall, a view of the Widmer Winery, the old cemetery behind the Square near Bob & Ruth’s and on to a tour at the 1794 Cleveland House. Because locally famed musician Alan Ladd with his never-the-same group of musicians was performing, the social convened once again at the Hollerhorn in Naples afterwards. The next hike will be another in the series along the Greenway, this time the section between York Landing and Fowlerville Road. We’ll meet 15 minutes before 2 PM off Route 63 on dirt road called York Landing Road. For more details, check the Springwater Trails website or ask a regular hiker.

The evening of March 7th was the 17th Annual “Boop” Chili Cookoff. The proceeds benefit Kern Robinson Post 905 American Legion. Anyone can attend either to enter the contest by bringing a Chili and/or by selecting a crowd favorite. John Fredericy shared the prize winners

for the most Original (Christie Saxton), Hottest (Justin Becker), & Crowd Favorite (Margaret Ryan). Congratulations.

If you are a land owner, learn more about the Western NY Forest Owners Association that provides educational information to help you manage your trees and forests. For details, go to the Western NY Forest Owners Association website <https://www.nyfoa.org>.

Livingston County Office for the Aging offers many programs to assist the elderly in staying in their homes as long as comfortable. Among the services: Personal assistance with aging services, Congregate Meals in 3 sites, Home Delivered Meals, Subsidized transportation to nutrition sites, personal care and housekeeper chore aid services, assistance in determining in-home service needs, respite information/assistance for caregivers, legal counseling by appointment, Information and assistance on Long-term services and supports, health insurance counseling assistance and more. Please call the office at 585-243-7520 during office hours 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. This information shared by Linda Hopkins, Springwater representative to the Livingston County Office for the Aging.

Back by popular demand . . . An Evening of Jazz with the Honeoye Jazz Ensemble on Friday, March 20 when doors open at 6:30 PM at the Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S Main Street in Hemlock. Cost is \$7 and includes admission and refreshments with lots of room for dancing and meeting your friends. On Saturday, March 21, at the same venue and time, there is a Family Friendly Roller Skating Party with an admission price of \$7.50 that includes the skate rental. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Local skating party experts, Be-Mar Skating, will provide the skates, so do not bring yours, as only those provided by Be-Mar are acceptable.

Birthdays:

March 12 – Phillis Shepard

March 13 – Jonathan VanDurme, Shelley Quackenbush

March 14 – Sandra Lee James, Jeffrey Vadney, Richard Jamison

March 15 – Rodney Holden, Chris Sackett, Sarah Hart

March 16 – Carly Miceli

March 17 – Zack Smith

March 18 – Brendan Willard, Alexis Carnrite, Cheyenne Carnrite

Anniversaries: Congratulations!

March 17 – Ron & Sally Brown #64, Jerry & Barbara Carney #64, Dwayne “Smitty” Smith & Renee Smith