

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Note that even out here in the rural USA we are working on distancing ourselves from others in as many ways as possible. Please phone the contact person or someone you know that attends a regular activity before deciding to go, as many organizations and businesses are taking precautions to limit group socialization. Also, if you have traveled by plane or been away to other places where you know the virus has been found, please limit your contact with others. Usual activities are cancelled, postponed, or limiting exposure to others by resorting to computer meetings. Save time and money by not going places unless you absolutely need to go. Work on the things that need doing around your home. Schooling, gardening, cleaning (A disinfectant solution of 4 teaspoons of bleach in 1 quart of water can be used daily or as needed for surfaces like counters, faucets, and door knobs – using care and cautions on the bleach container), tackling long awaiting mail or plans for the future are good places to spend your waking hours. You will be surprised at the feeling of accomplishment that these tasks can take on to make the time well spent. Showering kindness on one another will bring us all back together in so many wonderful ways, maybe not today, but in the days to come. Use a phone call or social media or hand written letters to keep up with family and friends.

Group functions like Penny Socials are cancelled. Dinners are cancelled. Walking in the parks and on the trails is out in the fresh air and is possible on beautiful winter and spring days. Be grateful for what you have and help others when you are able. When you think about it, this virus may be helping us to think through what we are doing in life and make our days more Godly and content (see I Timothy 6:6).

Cancelled too is the Backyard Maple Day March 28, 2020 at Lagom Landing, 7966 Reeds Corners road, Dansville, NY 14437. You are invited to purchase maple syrup or help them collect and boil off the sap by getting on their email alerts or giving them a call at 585-727-1687. Lagom Landing is a place where young people (between 18 and 23 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. Go to their Lagom Landing web site for more details.

The monthly Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam by donation at Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church on Route 15 north of the hamlet of Springwater cancelled for this month. If you know anyone who regularly comes, please let them know.

Pat Granger from the Springwater United Methodist Church writes "Pastor Dawn was not feeling well today, Sunday, March 15, so Susan Walker filled in for her at the Springwater United Methodist Church. Sue did a wonderful job for filling in at the last minute. The Wayland UMC did not have services today either. We are all trying to do what is best with the Corona Virus being so active. Remember to wash your hands and use hand sanitizer many times throughout the day and if you are not feeling well to stay

home. Parish notices at the Springwater UMC are: prayers for healing for Pastor Dawn, Carol Fisher, Joyce O'Neil, and Pat Granger; Cathy Walker is getting married in six weeks and she would like prayers that the wedding service and reception will go on as planned; prayers for all medical staff that are attending to the people with the Corona Virus; prayers for the National Guard and all service men and women; prayers for the senior high school students that they will be able to go on their senior trip; and prayers for the college students that had just a couple days to move everything out of their dorms and take it home and for having to do classes on line until further notice. This epidemic has caused a domino effect. Everyone have a wonderful week and stay well.

Due to staff shortage, the Springwater Community Food Pantry will be closed on Wednesday evenings. The pantry will remain open on Saturdays from 9 to 11 AM, but you may want to check with Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223 to make sure before you go, as things are rapidly changing."

Statistical information regarding the Mobile Food Link Distribution on Saturday, March 14th at the Springwater Fire Department parking lot will be forthcoming from Teresa Langhorn, as will be the next Food Link distribution date when there will be one.

The Springwater Trails group hiked March 15th on the Greenway Trail between York Landing and Fowlerville Road with some continuing on to Batzing Road. The remnants of an old lock on the canal are seen on this section of the Greenway. Be sure to check the website for information on next week's hike. At present, the venue has been changed to do maintenance work on the Springwater Trails adopted portion of the Bristol Branch of the Finger Lakes Trail. Hikers will come prepared to work this coming Sunday at 2 PM. Bring gloves, loppers or shears or weed whackers. We will not be working close to each other and the clearing of debris on the path is a necessary job to keep the trails open and fun to hike. Be sure to put on the right clothing and tick repellent, as ticks are out there waiting for their next meal. For cancellations and details go to the Springwater Trails website or call a regular hiker.

If you are a land owner you may want to know 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> or contact your Cornell Cooperative Extension office, in Livingston County, David Thorp at (585) 335-1752.

The Springwater Fire Department has postponed its 2020 Comedy Show scheduled for March 21 due to the COVID-19 virus. "This decision doesn't come lightly, but it is the right decision to help protect the community, our supporters and our emergency response personnel," Springwater Fire Chief Mike Edwards and President Michelle Nadeau said in a statement. "The cancellation of public events is the best practice to slow the spread of this virus. This will help to not overwhelm our healthcare system. Postponing will also help protect our members who are the front line of all emergency response in our town. If your Springwater firefighters and emergency medical responders become infected, and are on quarantine, this will drastically reduce the number of responders available to

respond to town emergencies. The fire department will offer refunds to ticket purchasers. Those with a ticket are asked to contact the member from whom they purchased the ticket. Tickets must be returned to receive a refund. Please be patient with the refund process as it will take some time to coordinate with the 200 ticket purchasers. Those unable to reach their ticket sales-person, may contact Edwards at (585) 813-2021 or Nadeau at (585) 353-9474.

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 (are closed until further notice), 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 and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday or check with Noyes Health at 585-335-4358 if you have any questions on the Caregiver and Alzheimer's Association Support Groups programs, as most are going to be rescheduled.

Please share your news with me at kjth@allwesterntrees.com or mail it to Katherine Humphrey, PO Box 217, Springwater, NY 14560.

Birthdays:

March 20 – Renee Pauline, Margaret Ryan, Elaine Nadeau

March 21 – Emery Drake, Rory Banaszak

March 22 – Tyler Forrester, Jennifer Shutt, Ira Langhorn

March 23 – Ron Brown, Bryan Willard, David Sleuter, Karen Whiteman

March 24 – Adeline Doerrer

March 25 – Barbara Malone, Diane Akers, Justin Shutt, Terry Lee Kuznicki, Ward Reamer, Aidan Decker

March 26 - John Jacob Mastin, Ilene Washburn-Richards

Anniversaries: Congratulations!

March 22 – Dave & Carolyn Caron #51