

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Last week I heard that a bicyclist was looking for the All Western Evergreen Nursery & Christmas Tree Farm in beautiful Springwater. Unfortunately, I did not hear the person come, though I was prepared by a friend up the road that called about the person asking for directions. Perhaps I will find out who it was in due time, since the friend did say the person mentioned reading this column. A phone call to 585-669-2659 in advance is helpful. All Western Evergreen Farm has been fortunate to receive orders for seedling and transplants and has referred people to Meadowview Tree Farm & Nursery, office on Lawrence Hill Road, Springwater and trees in Naples on State Route 21. This coming week is still a good time to plant trees and we will be doing some planting yet this week as well. A warm slow rain after planting is ideal and chances look good that we will have that.

From Springwater United Methodist Church, Pat Granger writes “This week Pastor Dawn used the 1964 Methodist Church Order of Worship and Prayers and the 1966 Methodist Hymnal for her service that she emailed to her parishioners. It is wonderful that she is taking the time to do this. It still keeps us in touch with God when we are unable to hold services in His church. Maybe soon we will be able to attend church again. We just have to be patient. Thank you for the travel mercies for Teresa Langhorn and her granddaughter. They made it back safely to Springwater. Keep in your prayers the folks that went south for the winter and have not been able to come back home. If anyone is in need of pastoral care, call Pastor Dawn Merritt at 585-346-5303 or 585-519-5524. You can also email her at merrittdf@gmail.com. Please continue to use safety precautions. The numbers are going down but we still need to be careful. Everyone stay safe and have a good week.”

“I would like to remind folks that if you are cleaning out closets and getting rid of clothes that the family has outgrown you can take good used clothing, shoes, purses, belts, bedding (no pillows), and curtains to the drop boxes. Please do not leave items outside of the drop boxes that they will not take. Take the items back with you to dispose of them. The Springwater United Methodist Church has a drop box and the money that is earned goes to their “Hand Up” mission which helps provide book bags and school supplies for students in the Springwater Community whose parents are unable to purchase them. It also helps at Christmas time.”

“The Springwater Community Food Pantry still remains open on Saturday mornings from 9 to 11 AM. If you have any questions please call Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223.”

Do you need a birthday, graduation or anniversary present? A present that would go over well is the purchase of Robin Nesting Boxes (\$20) or Bluebird Houses (\$20) to benefit the Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society. Both are available from Pat Willsea by calling 585-669-2376. Another idea is to give a membership in the Society which carries the satisfaction of knowing that you are doing some small thing to preserve artifacts and historical stories of the Town of Springwater. And a third idea is to check out The Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society Bake Less Bake Sale. You don't have to bake and you don't need to purchase

any baked goods. Instead, the Society requests that you consider donating to SWCHS the amount you might have spent baking or buying baked goods by sending donations to the Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society, PO Box 68, Springwater, NY 14560. As soon as it is safe to open the Museum, resume programs, and our annual fundraisers, the Society will do so. The Society appreciates the generosity of the community.

The Springwater Trails group is coming closer and closer to a time we can once again be together on a hike. We are thinking of doing hike path maintenance on Bristol branch of the Finger Lakes Trail or on Wheaton Hill Road in Springwater. We will be using distancing, face masks, work gloves and our own tools. Hand sanitizer will be on hand if needed. Go to the Springwater Trails website where you can find a calendar of hikes, some good reading about past hikes, many beautiful photographs, and ideas for places to hike on your own.

By logging into the HemlockandCanadiceLakes.com website, and clicking on “columns” and then on Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss’ column where she is sharing both a Wednesday and a Sunday message, you will enjoy some good food for thought. Thanks to Rick Osiecki, webmaster for the site, there is plenty of history of the area to pursue as well.

Now is the time to think about gardening and there is no shortage of people in our Springwater Community that are in the business of plants, both flowers and vegetables and more. Last week I mentioned Fruition Seeds in Naples, NY at 7921 Hickory Bottom Road, 585-374-8903 as a place to frequent. However, Hu-Gen Farms, 8284 Carney Hollow Road (County Road 60) in Springwater at 585-669-2773 has a wonderful assortment, as does Steuben Landscaping 585-728-3500 on Route NY-415, just outside of Wayland 14572 with all manner of plants, vines, garden décor, and landscaping services. If you are looking for wild perennials native to our area, contact Ellen Folts 585-750-6288 at Amanda’s Garden at 8030 Story Road, Dansville 14437.

The Lagom Landing class of 2019-2020 is about to graduate. This class includes three unique young people, John, Natalie, and Noah. If you would like to send them graduation congratulations, do so before May 30th to Lagom Landing, 7966 Reed’s Corners Road in Sparta, 585-727-1687.

Do share your stories and thoughts – contact me at kjth@allwesterntrees.com or by phone at 585-669-2659.

Happy Birthday to:

Valliere Thompson – May 14

Brian West, Jr. – May 15

Renee Smith, Rob Parker, Sam White – May 16

Jamie Van Durme, Amy Graves, Kris Reamer – May 17

Breanna Foster, Lawrence Grouse, Mark Hopkins, Eugene Binder, Jane Humphrey – May 18

Morgan Van Scooter, Carl Lewis, Laura Keough – May 19

Stephanie Ann Grimsley, Brenden O’Neill – May 21

Happy Anniversary and congratulations to:

Aaron & Sabrina Motzer - May 19

Brian & Wendy West #26; Rob & Renee Pauline; David & Tina Schleuter – May 21