

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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What happened this week on the All Western Evergreen Farm reminds me of life lessons the young and old people that work here encounter. It is the end of the work day – almost 3 PM and time to leave the fields. They'd been cleaning up stumps and brush along one of the fence lines up off Story Road. As they are coming up the field to the top gate, a giant pop is heard. Jerrienne stops the truck and finds out she went over a bottle with the right front tire. She has a bag in the car and picks up the pieces of glass with her gloves on. Three young people sitting distanced in the large tree wagon are staying in the wagon, two young people, brothers that live together, are driving down the south field road in the opposite direction to the house in the 4-wheel drive Case utility vehicle. When arriving at the house, equipment needs to be cared for and stored properly so it's a busy time and 6 foot distancing is the norm. So it is a hectic time. The wagon is unhooked up in the parking area near the old pine and Jerrienne drives the truck to its usual spot in front of the garage at the house, goes about her work with the young people before and after everyone leaves. I am on my way to the post office and don't notice anything unusual. When I return, Jerrienne has now found a flat right front tire and is trying to remove it and put on the spare which she is also having a time unhooking from underneath. After trial and error and not having the strength to remove the nuts that were put on by air blast type equipment, plus a stuck on cross wrench, after struggling a good hour, she recalled that she is a member of AAA. Under an hour later the Bald Hill Automotive people from Honeoye solved the tire exchange, but too late to take the flat tire for repair. Early next morning I go to VanHyning's in Dansville with the tire. At first, no one was there at 7AM, but soon Mr. VanHyning elder himself appeared and I explained our predicament before he could even enter the building. Though he explained that the day was scheduled to the max, I countered with the need for a tire that will be put on to make the 2 ½-3 hour trip to Lee Center and if need be that a new one be installed on the rims before 3 PM. If he could not do it, I was willing to go elsewhere. I went to VanHyning because for as long as I can remember we have taken the farm tires to either be repaired or purchased there. You guessed it! A new used tire of the right size was available for \$50.00. In the end, I asked for both tires back so Jerrienne could see the problem herself. Lessons shared with young people: 1. when cleaning up plantations, glass bottles need to be put in the truck right when found, not left for a later time. 2. Running over a glass bottle with a tire, can ruin a good tire and cause unnecessary work, stress, and expenditures. 3. Learning by "the school of hard knocks", works! Then there was the lost and found story about the ear pods just purchased a week ago by one of the youth. After spending working hours looking for a single ear pod (like looking for a needle in a haystack) can take hours or days or maybe never! However, perseverance and prayers and encouraging crew members and employers can work a miracle. Ear pod was found on the brush wagon. On the farm, good ear protection gear is given yearly to each crew member to use whenever chain sawing is going to be done, so expensive ear pods can stay home.



On Sunday, June 28, Springwater Trail's Honeoye Lake Paddle and Sandy Bottom Park Nature Trail Hike were enjoyed by seven. John writes: "The hike was fun. We had 2 people walking and 5 boats kayaking. The weather was lovely. The power boats and the jet skis buzzing about made the usually placid water more interesting. We kept out of their way. We had a socially responsible picnic afterwards and attempted to play volleyball; it was not a pretty sight." Sunday, July 5 there is no formal planned hike with the group,

as everyone is celebrating Independence Day at home or at their own pace over the weekend. This is why it is imperative to check for details on the website www.springwatertrails.org or ask a regular hiker even up to an hour before the hike, as changes are sometimes inevitable.

At Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church this coming Sunday, June 28th, Pastor Dorothy's sermon was once again enjoyed outside at 11 AM. At the Ad Council meeting a week ago, the decision was made to meet in the sanctuary once again at the regular Sunday service time of 9 AM starting Sunday, July 5th. Several items need to be done before we meet and all interested parishioners and friends are requested to come and make light the work this week. In addition, the Spaghetti Dinner will be served as a Take-Out starting the fourth Thursday of July, if possible. You might like to jot it on your calendar on July 23 for a change of food from a Chicken BBQ at this time of year. On the day, July 23, call the church number 585-669-9071 to make sure all is going smoothly before you make the trip.

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

When driving down South Main Street across from the Fire Department in Springwater, you will note that the Ice Cream Cone sign is out at Pheebler McGees Ice Cream Shop. Enjoy a cone, sundae, or shake Wednesday through Sunday from 4 to 9 PM. Masks are required as six foot social distancing cannot be maintained so take-out is recommended.

At the corner of the blinking light in Springwater, the Legion Post #905 is announcing Friday evening fish fries from 5 – 8 PM. Call ahead to 585-669-2300.

The July activities at the Little Lakes Community Center in Hemlock have been posted to the Association's website and it is not too early to take advantage of the programming. Be it Low Impact Aerobics, family interaction at Talking Tots on each Tuesday, dance Choreo Class "Country Girl Shake" or indoor tennis instruction and Clinic, there is something for

everyone. Check out the details and sign up to learn new things (the spice of life) on Face Book@littlelakesny.org.

Hopefully there was a good voter turnout on Tuesday, June 23rd, at the Springwater Fire Hall along with plenty of mail-in ballots. It will take time to receive the results.

A meeting was held Tuesday, June 30, 2020 in Springwater at the Amish Workshop to discuss whether or not to have the Gala (Family Community Day) in August and the decision was made to cancel primarily because of the difficulty in having the ability to follow distancing and masking rules; keeping the facilities at the park sanitized; and the great possibility of being overwhelmed with numbers of people that are unable or unwilling to distance themselves or wear masks and come in droves because there might not be anything else to do and people are going “stir crazy”. The safety and health of our families is of primary importance. We felt the activity was too risky to take this year and will meet early next spring to decide next steps in 2021.

Do share your stories and thoughts – contact me at kjth@allwesterntrees.com or by phone at 585-669-2659. No known anniversaries this week. If you would like to have your birthday or anniversary in my column, send me an e-mail with the information or give it to me over the phone. Thank you.

Happy Birthday to:

July 2 – Alexys Martindale, Greg Kurelko

July 4 – Bonnie Harris, Trevor Healy

July 5 – Lisa Wilkinson, Willie Gibson, Brenda Robinson

July 6 – Joshua Conrad, Jan O’Neil

July 7 – Laurie Remming-Williams

July 8 – Kristie Stevenson, Sandra Freas, Randall Willard

July 9 – Alivea Rose Barnum