

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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The Little Lakes Community Association is having an Antiques Appraisal Fair at the Center, 4705 Main Street, Hemlock, NY with Michael Deming as the Antique's Expert on Saturday, August 8 from 10 AM until 1 PM. There is a cost of \$5 for each item to be appraised, and a limit of 3 per person. Refreshments will be available. Covid-19 guidelines will be in effect. For more details, go to littlelakesny.org or phone 585-367-1046.

Last week Springwater Wayland Baseball Cyclone's Coach Dave Cotter called with an invitation to attend a baseball game at Larry Canute Memorial Park in Springwater. A list of the players was provided by Baseball Mom, Jade Perkins who added: "For the first time in decades, youth baseball has returned to the baseball field at the Springwater Park. The Cyclones are a 13U Wayland Youth Baseball team now calling the Springwater field home. The team began improving and bringing new life to the field last summer and it was used as a practice field in the fall. The spring game season was met with delays and uncertainty due to the pandemic, but July brought a green light for baseball to resume and the field is now hosting home games on fresh, new infield clay. The future of the field looks bright, as additional youth teams have now expressed interest in using it. The Cyclones wish to express their sincere thanks for the support they have received from the local community and the Town of Springwater!" Cyndy Semmel detailed the positions and favorite uniform numbers for the Team. Chris Neitz #21 was the first to be on the pitcher's mound, followed by sub pitcher Anthony Shirmer #44, 2nd Baseman Braiden Brining, and Short Stop/Sub Pitcher Zackary Semmel #4. Charlie Caskey #11 was Catcher, Charlie Mulford #22, 1st Base, Dolan Cotter #9 Sub, John Gawel #43 Centerfield, Josh Conrad #42 Sub, Sam Clark #8, 3rd Base, and Zaiden VanDurme Blackman #7 in Left Field. Joseph O'Neal and Owen Wolfanger were not in attendance, though they are on the Team. The Cyclone's in Maroon and Gold uniforms were playing a team from Pittsford in Blue and White and the final score was 3 to 6, so the young players were pretty evenly matched and it was a good game to watch.

On this 5th week at the Springwater Farmer's Market on Friday afternoons from 3 to 6 PM, the green beans were ready. Blanching and freezing 8 pints for eating at another time was the order for the day. Fresh corn-on-the-cob for dinner with sliced fresh sweet red tomatoes and fresh basil should make you hungry and ready to appear next week at the corner of Routes 15 and 15A in downtown Springwater. Kim Georgia was there for the first time selling her preserves. She is the 7th vendor to be selling her wares. Also available were summer squash, green peppers, Sunflowers and colorful bouquets of wild and domestic flowers, soap, honey, maple syrup, eggs, walking sticks, kitchen towels, and masks. Be sure to stop by the Park on the corner of Main and Mill Streets at the blinking light. Great customer service and delicious home grown food are reasons to support the local Springwater Farmer's Market every Friday afternoon from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.

The Spaghetti Dinner Drive-through Take-out by donation at Webster Crossing United Methodist Church on July 24 was well attended and many thanks are extended to everyone that participated. The next one will be on Thursday, August 27 from 4:30 to 7 PM.

This past Sunday, August 2, the Webster Crossing United Methodist Church service was held inside the sanctuary with lay leader Joice Kelley Biek stepping in to share her thoughts on preaching to the choir while Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss is taking much needed time away. Next Sunday morning service is at 9 AM and lay leader Jim Yarger will be bringing the message.

Young people between the ages of 18 and 23 who are interested in learning hands-on carpentry skills, gardening, raising pigs and chickens; building furniture, decks, stairs, and much more; learning shopping and cooking skills, including making jerky, canning venison, applesauce, and vegetables; doing community service in far off places like Puerto Rico; are urged to look at the Lagom Landing website for details on a year spent with a small group of other young people under the guidance of Rock and Laurel. Taking time to reflect on one's skills, growing a work ethic, and learning to get along with both adults and youth are all part of the Lagom Landing year long program. Check out the website at Lagom Landing and refer a young person to this program.

Nine hikers took advantage of the opportunity to hike at the Wesley Hill Preserve on Sunday, August 2. The weather was ideal. The Climbers walked most of the trails, while the slow group stayed on the red trail. This being a bad year full of gypsy moth, scraping egg masses off the hardwood trunks along the red trail was accomplished. Afterwards seven enjoyed socializing afterwards next to the new living willow structure at Cummings Nature Center. The Monday evening paddle to see the moon had to be postponed due to the overcast skies until the blue moon at the end of August when the group will try once more. This coming Sunday, August 9, @ 4 PM is the Keuka Lake Paddle and Hike from Branchport - Finger Lakes Museum. Please note – boat rentals are available for this event, but we need advance notice by the end of the day Thursday the 6th. Details will be on the Springwater Trails website or ask a regular hiker. I hope to see you there. The Springwater Trails Annual Meeting, along with a paddle and hike from the south boat launch at Hemlock Lake, has been rescheduled for August 30th at 4 PM. This will be an outdoor meeting, weather permitting.

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.”

Tawn Feeny writes: “The Little Lakes Farm Market is growing each week, with more vendors, offering all local products, such as fresh produce, honey, maple syrup, plants, jams, and baked goods. More folks are learning about its bounty and are pleased with the selection. On August 1, LLCA also offered a flea market, with items from the organization, as well as private vendors. Numerous usable items have been left in the building over the years that were offered for sale. There is a great deal more that is still available, such as sporting goods, furniture, barn wood, and other items. Another sale is planned in the near future, but appointments can also be made to take a look at the items by calling (585) 367-1046. No reasonable offer will be refused!” Go to the LLCA website to check out the many activities in August. You are sure to find something you would like to attend and enjoy in these COVID times.

Blood donations are needed now more than ever. The blood you donate today can save someone else tomorrow. To be a donor, you must bring valid photo or signature ID, wear a face covering, weigh at least 110 pounds. Be between the ages of 16-75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and older need a doctor's note). Eat well and be hydrated prior to the appointment, have not gotten a tattoo within the past 3 months. Appointments are required. Please visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment Thursday, August 20 from 2 to 7 PM at Sparta Center United Methodist Church, 8455 Route 256, Sparta, NY

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:

August 6 – Randi Briceland, Candy Foster, Diane Olson

August 7 – Jordyn Quackenbush

August 9 – Savannah Conrad

August 10 – Tom Rossman

August 11 – Jacob Markle, Jennifer Willard

August 12 – Trinity Button

August 13 – Ralph Wagner, Samantha Slack, Ellen Drake, Ava Marie Orsini

Anniversaries: Congratulations:

August 8 – Matt & Tammy Stewart

August 13 – Jamie & Patti Posick