

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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The weather this past week lent itself to those who like to work outside. Harvesting the fall crops is underway. Having an opportunity to attend an open house at Hargrave Farms on Route 21 between Wayland and North Cohocton was a delight. The entrance to the farm had two large rolls of wheat straw painted with pumpkin faces. The extended family, wearing pumpkin designed masks, was on hand to help answer questions, show people around, and help customers pick out the produce to purchase. The display of pumpkins, gourds, and squashes was unmatched – different colors, sizes, species on pallets and raised boxes looked so inviting. Tomatoes and corn were in abundance. Greg Hargrave introduced me to his children's pet animals. There were two different species of rabbits, three of chickens, two of pigs, and 5 sheep. Greg even petted the pigs! Not having grown up on a farm, I had no idea that you petted pigs or pigs would let you pet them. No, I did not attempt to touch any of the animals. I did, however, purchase a pie pumpkin to make pumpkin pie from scratch from "Granny", learned that "Auntie" was harvesting the pumpkins using the utility vehicle, and the "girls" were in 4-H and had large show animals too, only because of no Fairs due to the virus they did not work with the large animals as much this year. When asked for some farm history, Greg mentioned the Hargraves are the fifth generation and the farm was under other names like Parks in year's past.

The Webster's Crossing United Methodist church congregation is delighted to announce that the Drive-through Roast Beef Dinner (\$12/adults, \$6/children under 12 years, 5 and under free) will be on Saturday, October 10 from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. There will be pre-sale tickets available at the next Drive-through Spaghetti Dinner by donation on Thursday, September 24 from 4:30 to 7:00 PM; however, a pre-sold ticket will not be mandatory for the Roast Beef Dinner. The goal is to provide nourishment to the community, in more ways than one.

Seven Springwater Trail's hikers enjoyed visiting the Wayland Historical Museum on Sunday, September 13th with the opportunity to view the in-depth historical collections including Sally Patchin's Baskets, the Woodcroftery wooden products, Bennett Buick vehicles, Gunlocke chairs and other historical items from businesses in the community. John Larysz took photos and you can see them at <http://larysz.com/Images/2020/September%20-%20Wayland%20Historical/index.php> Afterwards, the hike led by Rick took us behind the new Town buildings and the Wayland Cohocton Central School, ending at the Belt in the Eye Restaurant on Main Street where 4 stayed to try the varied menu. This coming Sunday, September 20th, the Mushroom hike will be at All Western Evergreen Nursery & Christmas Tree Farm in beautiful Springwater, NY. Participants are asked to arrive early circa 1:45 PM for the hike and bring a lawn chair to stay distanced after the hike during the Mushroom Identification by Rochester Area Mycological Association experts Dr. Randy Weidner, Don Tuminelli, and Gene and Georgia Binder outside behind the house at 4 PM. Afterwards, Take-out Soup by donation will be available from the farm to go with the sack lunches brought by each participant. Details are on the Springwater Trails website or ask a regular hiker.

Be sure to stop by the Park on the corner of Main and Mill Streets at the blinking light in Springwater for the weekly Farmer's Market. 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. Winter squashes and tomatoes were in abundance this past week. It is time to prepare canned tomatoes, therefore, please remember to add bottled lemon juice in the proper amount for pints and quarts by utilizing the information from Cooperative Extension at the National Center for Home Food Preservation at the University of Georgia or from your own County Cornell Cooperative Extension office, in Livingston County on the campus in Mount Morris, 3 Murray Hill Dr, Mt Morris, NY 14510 or phone (585) 335-1752 and in Steuben County 3 E Pulteney Square, Bath, NY 14810 Phone: (607) 664-2300.

Young people aged 18 to 23 that are between decisions on how to spend the next year of their life, might want to check out what life looks like in the 9th year of the Lagom Landing program on Reed's Corners Road in the Town of Sparta. Go on line or give a call to Rock or Laurel at 585-727-1687 for more information or a tour of the establishment.

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 Feeney from the Little Lake Community Association in Hemlock writes about the many upcoming events in September, 2020 at the Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main Street, Hemlock, www.littlelakesny.org, or call (585) 367-1046. They include "Everyone Is a Storyteller!"; "BYOP – Partner Swing Course"; "Food Preservation Workshop: Pressure Canning with Barbara Brenner" and "Food Preservation Workshop: Dehydrating Veggies, Fruits and Meat with Barbara Brenner"; "Line Dancing with Instructor: Kerri Vaughn. No prior dance experience is necessary." Indoor Tennis Instruction 101 with Instructor: Charles Szymanski. Sign up on Face Book @littlelakesny.org or www.littlelakesny.org.

There is a Wild Wings Bird Sanctuary Tour planned for Tuesday, September 22 between 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM starting at the Little Lakes Community Center in Hemlock. Wild Wings Bird Sanctuary is a not-for-profit organization located in Mendon Ponds Park, Honeoye Falls, NY. It is an established wildlife sanctuary for birds like hawks, eagles and falcons that can no longer survive in the wild on their own. The mission of the Wild Wings is to teach environmental stewardship through education featuring their residents. The cost for this tour is \$25 per person and will include lunch provided by LLCA during the tour. Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is September 21.

Sustainable Sassy's Framed Pine Cone Art is on Saturday, September 26 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the LLCC. Pine cones can be used for a variety of crafting projects. You might want to join Sassy with this project. She will be making some lovely fall decor or even a treasured Christmas present. What to Bring: 8x10 inch frame with backing. All other supplies provided. Cost: \$5 per person

The latest news from the Christmas Tree Promotion Board tells us that the Christmas tree segment is targeted to air the week of Thanksgiving and, unlike network television opportunities, remains available to view throughout the season and for years to come. Go

to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOaof-3dr6b7dFIxNP_1Wlw to check out “TRUE FOOD TV and its intriguing How Does it Grow?” segments.

Students and teachers starting or returning to school or university need our best wishes for safe schooling, travel and wise decision making.

Happy Birthday to:

September 18 – Betty Jo Van Scooter, David Johnson, Mark Dusablon

September 19 – Chelsea Posick

September 20 – Roger Colegrove, Dawson Vadney, Lisa Wilson

September 21 – Cheyenne McKinney, Holly White, Jeffrey Mason

September 22 – Jessica Parsons

September 23 – Chase Teed, Barbara Williams

Anniversaries: Congratulations!

September 19 – Tim & Lilia Vadney #17

September 22 – Cliff & Linda Brown #64, Roger & Alice Colegrove #58

September 23 – Bernie & Karen Briceland #42