

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Note that Eastern Daylight Time falls back 1 hour on November 1 at 2 AM.

Whoever said that nothing is going on in the beautiful Springwater area probably did not know about the following activities:

The American Legion Post #905 at 7998 School Street would appreciate your support at the Election Day Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Dinner Take-out, November 3, 2020 from 4:00 PM until gone sponsored by the Auxiliary for \$8/plate. Remember to vote! Also on November 14th the Sons of the American Legion are preparing a Chicken BBQ Take-out from Noon until gone for \$12 to benefit the Legion in sponsoring Vincent House, Bath & Canandaigua VA, Family of Veteran's Christmas Baskets, and Trees for Troops.

The Western Finger Lakes Chapter of the New York Forest Owners Association Raffle Winners were announced by Mike Seager. The winners were selected by random drawing from the many entries for the prizes. John Keebler won the Stihl chainsaw, Marty Reeners won the Stihl Personal Protective Equipment, and Matthias Reisen won the Dryshod Boots. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all who bought tickets. Also, our sincere appreciation goes to both Stihl and Dryshod for donating the prizes. Our programs are paused due to the pandemic, but our expenses - chiefly producing our quarterly newsletter - are ongoing. The money we take in from these raffles helps ensure we can keep the WFL newsletter a high-quality resource for our members. Visit the New York Forest Owners Association online at <http://www.nyfoa.org>.

The place to be once a month on a Thursday evening, is the Drive-through Take-out Spaghetti Dinner between 4:30 and 7:00 PM at Webster Crossing United Methodist Church on Route 15 between Conesus and Springwater. The dinner is by donation and includes Spaghetti, Meat balls, Sauce, Parmesan Cheese, a tossed Salad, Dressing, Italian bread, Butter, and a Cupcake made by the Pifer sisters. It may be a snowy or rainy night and not having to cook or do clean-up after is enticing for those hard working people on their way home from work. The goal is to nourish people in the area. Pastor Dorothy provides an outstanding sermon at 9 a.m. every Sunday morning, so come enjoy the time at church. Face masks are recommended and the pews are marked to make it easy to attend. Last Sunday, October 25, the sermon was on the background of the hymn "What a Friend we have in Jesus" given by lay leader, Joice Kelly-Biek. You are invited to come and learn about the stories in the Bible that will make your week better.

This past week the All Western Evergreen Nursery & Christmas Tree Farm was "rented" for a day by a Boy Scout troop from Rochester. The "rent" was a donation toward Trees for Troops. The Scouts had a 5 mile hike on the farm, picked up red pine cones for the farm to dry and use on wreaths, and enjoyed a picnic lunch they brought, removed invasive plants like honeysuckle and multi-flora-rose bushes from the front yard at the farm entrance using saws and loppers, and built a campfire for the evening meal. The farm owners gave a bit of farm history; set up a tree bough exhibit with many of the species on the farm showcased as a game to share

conifers that are evergreens (pines, firs, and spruces), evergreens that are not conifers (holly and boxwood), conifers that are not evergreens (larch), cedars (Alaska yellow cedar, Western redcedar, and Eastern white cedar), Russian micro-biota and juniper; and showed a cone exhibit from western trees like sugar pine and Coulter pine, and cones from red, Austrian, Scots, eastern white pines, southwestern white pines; Norway, Black Hills, white spruce and hemlock; and Douglas-fir (a false fir because its cones grow downwards, have bracts and do not shatter, while true firs have cones that grow upwards and shatter leaving an unsightly stick about an inch to 2 inches long, mostly on the upper branches).

Barbara Brenner writes: “My last class went well, but as you mentioned I am glad to wrap up the list of classes as the packing and unpacking does take a toll. This time seems to be a turning point in my activities now that the farmers markets and the food preservation classes are done for the season. Also, my own food preservation activities are starting to wrap up. It has been a busy food preservation season but definitely a fun (and yummy) one.”

The Annual Public Hearing for the Livingston County Office for the Aging will be different this year due to COVID 19. Anyone interested may submit questions or comments through the 31st of October, 2020 by contacting the Director at the Office for the Aging. There will be a Public Hearing Video conference call which you may attend by calling the Office for the Aging at 585-243-7520. This shared by Livingston County Council for the Aging member Linda Hopkins.

Twenty four hikers enjoyed a beautiful fall day, October 25, 2020 walking on the fallen leaves on the trails at the East Hill Farm Rochester Folk Art Guild Hike in Middlesex, NY. We broke up into groups with Mary from the Farm leading the Climbers and Saralinda leading the others. There was a chill in the air. After the hike, the people had an opportunity to shop in the Gallery for beautiful pottery, jewelry and papers and some stayed to socialize afterwards. This coming Sunday, November 1, the Springwater Trails hike will be on the Letchworth branch of the Finger Lakes Trail starting at 2 PM. Details are on the Springwater Trails website, posted by Thursday, or ask a regular hiker.

Tawn Feeney from the Little Lake Community Association in Hemlock writes about the many upcoming events in November at the Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main Street, Hemlock, www.littlelakesny.org, or call (585) 367-1046. There is an Open Community Meeting on Monday November 2, 2020, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM to which all interested people are invited. Little Lakes Book Club meets monthly on the first Wednesday. On November 4th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM the discussion will be on Beloved by Nobel Prize Winner for Literature, Toni Morrison. For a donation of \$5, you are welcome to join the discussion, even if you have not yet read the book or read it previously.

The History Club will meet Tuesday November 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM for a \$5 donation. It is a monthly meeting for fans of local history, family genealogies, and other topics of historical interest led by Linda Auble. Last, but not least, there is a self-driving tour of the Marilla Country Store on Wednesday, November 18 from 8:15 AM to 2:00 PM at a cost of \$5. Come join us at the LLCC for a shopping tour with lots of extra information that promises to be fun-filled for everyone. There are lots of little rooms to explore with unique merchandise, as well as a small

museum. The Marilla Country Store is a historic mercantile building that has been open since 1851, the oldest continuously operating general store in New York.

Happy Birthday to:

October 29 – Gladys Weed, Zeke Lang, John Czak, Beverly Johnson

October 31 – John Sick, Bernie Briceland Jr., Jean Kitson, Nicole Croston

November 1 – Samantha McGinnis, Herb Humphrey, Jessie LeVesque

November 2 – Carol Fisher

November 4 – Paula White Lunn, Vanessa Motzer, Carol Carberry

November 5 – Daniel Dale, Jr., Karen Schnetzer