

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Breath-taking photos along the Hemlock Lake southern and eastern edge were taken by John Larysz on the Sunday, January 3 Springwater Trails' walk along the shore. Fourteen people came out for the low water stroll over the rocks and shells.

For all of John Larysz' photos of the highlights from the Springwater Trails' Hemlock Lake hike visit <http://larysz.com/Images/2021/January%20-%20Hemlock%20Lake/index.php>. Saralinda writes "Now that we've seen the southeast corner of Hemlock Lake from the beachfront, on Sunday January 10 we will explore the opposite corner of Hemlock Lake on the Bur Oak Trail and the Walnut Trail, both on State land within the Canadice Hemlock State Forest. One section is a snowmobile trail, and the other follows in the woods parallel to the shoreline. For those who enjoy stony beach walking, there will be an opportunity for that too." In both cases, the Zebra Mussel shells are evident along the shoreline as pictured in one of John's photos. You will want to learn more about these invasive species in our lakes.

Tawn Feeney sends the upcoming events for the Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main Street, Hemlock, (585) 367-1046, www.littlelakesny.org which follow:

The Little Lakes History Club with Linda Auble meets on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 6:30 to 7:30 PM for a \$5 donation. This is a monthly meeting for fans of local History, family genealogies, and other topics of historical interest. Log into the HemlockandCanadiceLakes.com website or visit the Little Lakes Community Center to learn more about the history of the region and the people.

The Sixth Annual Ecological Sustainability Series, Session 1 will be a Round-Table Discussion about Regenerative Farming, Thursday, January 21, 6:30 to 8:00 PM in person and via Zoom. There is a cost of \$10 for registration in advance at www.littlelakesny.org. Participants include: Erin Bullock, Wild Hill Farm CSA, Steve Melcher, Odonata Sanctuary, and Deborah Denome, Shimmering Light Farm and Renewal Center, and Facilitator: Nikolas Varrone, Flying Bucket Farm and SUNY Geneseo Instructor. Several local farmers and gardeners will share their creative insights and current practices using regenerative farming techniques. The benefits and challenges of adopting this approach will be discussed, with ample opportunity for meeting participants to ask questions and share their ideas as well.

National Nutrition Month® is an annual nutrition education and information campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The campaign, celebrated each year during the month of March, focuses on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. This year dietitians all over the country are featuring the 2021 theme "Personalize Your Plate". You can get ahead of the game by logging into <https://www.myplate.gov/>

What is left to do in January on a Christmas Tree Farm? Plenty, as the paperwork piles up, like the tax records (W-2's) and payments (Trees for Troops, Christmas Tree Promotion Board, Sales

Tax), the inventory of trees and equipment, the shop clean-up, the planning for ways to save on labor costs and equipment maintenance, and deer management by 8 foot fencing which seems to be the best way to keep the animals from destroying many seedling and grown tree buds in the spring. Figuring the illusive “what it costs to grow a Christmas tree” is a yearly mystery, as it takes 7 to 12 years to grow a tree for sale and accounting is not a skill easily mastered. Fortunately the answers are there and they only need to be acted upon. Looking back on 2020, we can say it was a good year on the All Western Evergreen Nursery & Christmas Tree Farm and we thank all our retail and wholesale customers for their patronage and our staff of high school youth and family for their perseverance in the face of Covid and weather challenges.

Happy Birthday to:

January 7 – Amy Jacobs, Bessie Bourgoine, Melissa Wormuth

January 10 – Jennifer Humphrey Cooke

January 11 – Caleb Moose, Brad Markle

January 12 – Raymond Tripp, Jennifer Dale, Trisha Henry

January 13 – Mary Parsons Pilato