

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Do check back next week if you like to come to the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church for the traditional Ash Wednesday Stone Soup and Service this year on February 17 besides the Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, February 25, 2021.

There is no way you can be bored during the month of February if you can take advantage of the activities at the Little Lakes Community Center in Hemlock. Most recently the dedicated travel team has searched out some of the most fascinating places within an easy driving distance of Hemlock to explore together. These include a tour of the Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport on Tuesday, Feb. 9, the George Eastman House in Rochester on March 11, and Viddler's 5 & 10 in East Aurora on April 14. If you would like to sign up in person, consider stopping by during the Gift Shop and Box Office Hours MWF's 5-8 PM and TThSa's 10-2 PM. Documents are there to help you register online for any LLCA offering, welcome visitors to the area, or assist in picking out a "just because" gift! New Vendor products are arriving, favorite products are being restocked. Valentine's Day is fast approaching and "shopping local research" shows ~80% or more of every dollar stays local. Customers are saying the products "are unique, reasonably priced, and they love supporting local artisans." Note: The Sixth Annual Ecological Sustainability Series, Session 2, Combining Community Choice Aggregation and Community Solar with Ben Frevert from Roctricity is on Thursday, February 18, 2021, 6:30 to 8:00 PM in person and via Zoom, \$10 registration in advance at www.littlelakesny.org Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main St., Hemlock. New NYS regulations are allowing Community Choice Aggregation and Community Solar to be combined, yielding benefits to customers in the communities and to their municipal governments, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This presentation will highlight the two programs, the recent changes making their combination workable, and the benefits, with a focus on two communities in our area that are currently implementing this strategy. There is so much more to learn about - like the Sunday Family Fun Day, the Technology Lunch-n-learn, or Annie's Ukulele hour where you can learn to play, bring tunes to share, or come to jam together for the joy of making music with others.

DeAnna Croteau, Family & Consumer Education Resource Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension in Livingston County is offering a FREE on-line parenting series that is geared towards parents/caregivers of children ages 7 – 17 (or thereabouts) on Tuesdays in February, March and April. The classes are the evidence-based Strengthening Families Program home-based version. Children 10 are encouraged to participate with their parents. Deanna will send the families that pre-register the handouts and activities that go with each class. There are 9 sessions left and participants can choose to attend as many as they wish, as they need to register separately for each session. Each one hour class is being offered on Tuesdays starting at noon and again in the evening the same day at 7 PM. The topic next week on Tuesday, February 9 is Communicating with Love & Understanding. Registration is required at <http://ccelivingstoncounty.org/events/2021/02/02/strengthening-families-programming>. For more information, call 585-406-2738 or email parentingcce@cornell.edu.



Seventeen people came to the Springwater Trails hike on the Affolter Farm overlooking Honeoye Lake from the west side on Sunday, January 31, 2021. The weather was cloudy, cold and crisp with snowmobile packed snow underfoot on part of the trail. Several people brought their snow shoes. Both Mike Tremblay and John Larysz took photos. John shared this

link <http://larysz.com/Images/2021/January%20-%20Affolter%20Farm/index.php> and if there is room a photo of the group. On Sunday February 7 we return to East Hill Farm, home of the Rochester Folk Art Guild, to ski and snowshoe the trails of their 350-acre hilltop farm and woodlot. The Guild is a community of craftspeople, producing fine quality handmade products in wood, pottery, fabrics, paper, toys, books and more. For more information about the Guild see: <https://www.folkartguild.org/about-us/ee> . The Pottery studio will be open after the hike (no more than 10 people at a time) if you would like to tour or shop. Log into the Springwater Trails' website for details posted toward the end of the week and check back on Sunday morning for any changes or ask a regular hiker.

Happy Birthday to:

February 4 – Lori Davis, Ashley Parsons

February 5 – Stacy Gilson, Tiffany Longacre, Dona Cowley

February 6 – Tom Bogdon, Steven Whiteman

February 7 – Aubrie Jordan, Sean Irwin, Abbey Decker, Barbara Pilato

February 8 – Teresa Langhorn, Jessica Valenti

February 9 – Gary Colangelo

February 11 – Kathleen Gammell