

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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The place to be this Thursday evening is 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.

Update at Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church: On Sunday, February 7 at worship the decision was made to attend Conesus United Church service on Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 6 PM where there is ample room to distance from each other. In addition, Webster Crossing UMC is looking forward to hosting the Take-out Spaghetti Dinner once again on Thursday, March 25th and not in February. Thank you to all who have inquired and spring season will cheer us on to helping each other.



Last Sunday, February 7, 2021, the Springwater Trails hike was moved to Harriett Hollister in Canadice from the Rochester Art Guild due to the icy conditions. Nine people braved the icy cold weather with three skiing and 5 hiking. See attached photo of the view of Honeoye Lake shared by Mike Tremblay.

On Valentine's Day, the Springwater Trails hikers will be on the All Western Evergreen Farm in beautiful Springwater starting close to quarter of 2 PM. Mark will lead the skiers, Melissa the snowshoers, and

Katherine the slow folks that like to learn all about tree farming on the hike up through the farm with stops in the nursery, the Z lot Grand & Concolor fir plantation, the Cathedral Red Pines past the pond, Nordmann fir, Fraser fir, Douglas-fir, the deer plots, the woodlot and back through the forest. At the end, Take-out Soup by donation will be available.

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 all about 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.

Want to enjoy the month of February? 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 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. Docents 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." There is so much more to learn about - like the Book Club, or the History buffs meeting, 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.

Happy Birthday to:

February 11 – Kathleen Gammell

February 12 – David Herbert Jr.

February 14 – Kristie Schnetzer, Ann Jobson, Harper VanScooter, Susan Hart, Richard Jemison

February 15 – Stephen Scheiderich

February 16 – Max Markle, Jace Clifford

February 17 – Betty Engle (90 in 2020!), Kelly Nicometo

Anniversaries: Congratulations:

February 15 – Michael & Joyce Croston #40

February 16 – Mike & Mona Bovee

February 18 – Joe & Allyn Canute #37