

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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The place to be this Thursday evening, March 25th is the Spaghetti Dinner at Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church by donation. The Boxes will contain Sauce, Spaghetti and Meat Balls, Parmesan cheese, Bread, Salad, Dressing, and dessert. Come drive through and take out meals for yourself and others. Then put Saturday, April 10, on you calendar for the spring Roast Beef Dinner, real mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green beans, Corn, Roll and Butter, and choice of fruit Pie or carrot Cake. We look forward to serving everyone that comes between 4:30 and 7 PM at both dinners.

The first full day of spring in 2021, Sunday, March 21, a dozen people enjoyed hiking a portion of the Finger Lakes Trail near Canaseraga followed by a social attended by seven at the Canaseraga Park. John Larysz was back. You can see John's photos of Slader Creek <http://larysz.com/Images/2021/March%20-%20Slader%20Creek/index.php> . On the last Sunday of March on the 28th, we will hike at Stoneybrook State Park near Dansville starting at 2 PM. For more details, towards the end of the week, log into the calendar at SpringwaterTrails.com or ask a regular hiker. We will not be hiking as a group on Easter Sunday the following week, as we encourage families to hike on their own.

The Livingston County Historical Office Heritage Tours are in full swing for the 2021 Bicentennial (200 years). Keep checking the <https://www.livingstoncounty.us/162/County-Historian> website for the latest Bicentennial calendar and take part in the Covid-19 Documentation Project.

For anyone interested in a hands-on chainsaw safety training the course Game of Logging Level 1 will be on Monday, May 24 at the Genesee Valley Conservancy Property, Mill Creek Nature Preserve, 10651 State Route 21, in Wayland with instructor Bill Lindloff. The Game of Logging provides hands-on chainsaw safety training focusing on open-face felling, personal protective safety equipment, and saw safety, including such features as bore cutting, pre-planning and hinge wood strength. Each participant will fell a tree under the trainer's guidance. [Email Pauline Boyer](mailto:Pauline.Boyer@NYCAMH.org) at NYCAMH (or call 800-343-7527) for course details and to sign up. A new series for would be Master Foresters will start soon. Be sure to check the Master Forest Owner website this week, as the educational series begins on Tuesdays for 9 weeks.

Do log into the Little Lakes Community Center activities at <https://www.facebook.com/littlelakesNY/> as there is something to do everyday of the week at 4705 S. Main St. in Hemlock.

Tawn Feeney is following up with this information on sustainability from Kristen L. Van Hooreweghe, Director, Collaborative Action 646-522-0583 mobile / www.climategfl.org that you might like to know about. "What changes can be made in agriculture that may have mitigating effects on climate change? One of the best measures is to improve overall soil health - as good soil health helps to improve plant productivity and yield (hence reduced need for

fertilizers) and also helps to sequester carbon. The [NY State Soil Health Roadmap](#) provides a lot of good information on building soil health and its economic and environmental value. There are also other on-site measures, such as feeding livestock from pasture instead of grains (corn and soy) that help reduce methane emissions and adopting more energy efficient technologies to operate farm equipment and buildings. We are putting together a climate change and agriculture in the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region fact sheet that isn't finished yet. Check our website. In the meantime, [Cornell Cooperative Extension's Climate Smart Farming](#) is a helpful resource."

This week's tip: March is Nutrition Month. Work on eating at least 5 vegetables and 5 fruits a day, as a whole foods plant based lifestyle will increase your health in every way. The more whole foods as opposed to processed foods you consume, the better your health will be. Science now shows that the antioxidants in whole foods are what will help keep us healthy for years to come.

The people of Webster Crossing join family and friends in celebrating a life well lived and extend thoughts and prayers to all who knew Sylvia Mae Pifer, Life long member of the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church. Sylvia's obituary is on line at the Baird Funeral Home website. "Sylvia Mae (Harter) Pifer, age 92, passed away on Monday, March 22, 2021 at Noyes Memorial Hospital in Dansville. Sylvia was born on July 17, 1928 in Bolivar NY to the late Merlin & Alta (Potter) Harter. On December 3, 1946, she married Harmon Pifer Sr. Sylvia was a seamstress and worked with several organizations over the years. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Sylvia is predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Harmon, who passed away in 2006; 6 brothers, and 1 sister. Sylvia is survived by her children: Anna (Jim McMahan) Kline, Linda Beuter, Harmon (Diane) Pifer Jr., George (Liz) Pifer, & Daniel (Shirley) Pifer; her siblings: Edith Stout, Fred (Vicki) Harter & Frank (Kathleen) Harter; 8 grandchildren, & 14 great-grandchildren. Family & friends are invited to call from 4-7 on Friday, March 26, 2021 at the Walter E. Baird & Sons Funeral Home in Wayland. A graveside service will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at Pleasant Valley West Cemetery on Moose Road. Everyone is reminded that facial coverings, social distancing and no-contact policies will be in place at the funeral home and at the cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial contribution to the Webster Crossing UMC (PO Box 190, 7260 NY-15, Springwater NY 14560)."

<https://bairdfuneralhomes.com/tribute/details/1508/Sylvia-Pifer/obituary.html#tribute-start>

Happy Birthday to:

March 25 – Barbara Malone, Diane Akers, Justin Shutt, Terry Lee Kuznicki, Ward Reamer,

Aidan Decker March 26 - John Jacob Mastin, Ilene Washburn-Richards

March 27 – Weaver Holley

March 29 – Samantha Allan

March 30 – Justine Gricius, Matthew Galuski

March 31 – Sarah Clement Shull, Mike Croston

April 1 – Chris Lippincott

Anniversaries: Congratulations!

April 1 – Stanley & Wendy Stek