

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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The place to be this Saturday, April 10 between 4:30 and 7:00 PM is the Webster's Crossing Church on Webster Crossing Road out of Springwater on Route 15 North. We hope you have the opportunity to come to enjoy the spring Roast Beef Dinner, Real Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green beans, Corn, Roll and Butter, and choice of Pie or Cake. The cost is nominal at twelve dollars for adults, six dollars for youth 6 through 12 and free for children 5 and under. We look forward to seeing you.

This week the ditches were being cleaned out and the driveway culverts were being replaced on Liberty Pole Road at my home and others. I was delighted to have been asked if the daffodils were to be saved that were growing along the bank here at 6840. Oh yes, I said. Before I could say much more, the young lady on the Livingston County road crew was not only digging them up, but planting them along my side yard where the others are. That reminds me, if you are in the neighborhood please stop to pick a few daffodils to take home. Just bring a container and scissors and enjoy the blooms for days. There is no cost.

On Sunday April 11 the Springwater Trails hike will be in Webster, NY led by a couple of new members. Details will be posted closer to the hike date or ask a regular hiker.

On April 2 and 3, the All Western Evergreen Nursery & Christmas Tree Farm high school crew made up of Gavin Brooks, Peter Carr, Sawyer Barron, Aiden Mangano-Mays, and Abram Barron returned. The work accomplished included taking apart wreaths, loading up wood and invasive honeysuckle bushes cut down in side yard under walnut trees, greasing and checking tires on flatbed and red wagons, going through wood pile behind Morton building and cutting pieces to size for making new nursery beds, loading up ash logs onto flatbed wagon to be sawed into lumber, loading brush from under Western redcedar onto wagon, putting away pin stands in back yard, and painting the tops orange on willow sticks to be used for marking new plantings. Cleaning up plantations will be next, as stumps and boughs left from last season need to be loaded on wagons and taken to the compost pile. This is hard work, but is enjoyable as it is satisfying to be able to see the lots cleaned up and readied for mowing. Fertilizing trees by the bucket and measuring cup method will be next, then planting trees. The crew will work on Saturday, April 10, and April 24.

Christa Barrows, volunteer coordinator for the Caregiver Resource Center at Noyes Health in Dansville (585-335-4358) has announced that the Rochester and Finger Lakes Alzheimer's Association has released several new free community resources. You might like to get in touch with her either by phone or email christa_barrows@urmc.rochester.edu if you know anyone in your community living with or caring for someone with Alzheimer's or dementia. Personal care consultations are available 24 hours per day/365 days of the year.

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. Contact Pauline Boyer at NYCAMH (or call 800-343-7527) for course details and to sign up.

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.

You might like to plant a few trees for Earth Day or Arbor Day. The Little Lakes Community Association is giving away free Trees to celebrate these days Saturday, April 24, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main St., in Hemlock. Just give a call or register on line. Pick up your order of free trees LLCA ordered from the Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District! Order deciduous or evergreen trees, shrubs and ground covers by noon on April 17 at www.littlelakesny.org or call 585-367-1046. Suggested limit: 3 plant specimens. Additional orders may be requested, and will be distributed at the discretion of LLCA. Donations for the plants and workshop are welcomed! Join them for a free tree-planting workshop that day from 11:00 AM to noon on the grounds of LLCC with Robert Stryker, the director of the Soil and Water Conservation District. Sign up in advance if you would like to attend. Limit: 20 participants.

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 has sent the upcoming events at the Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 South Main Street, in Hemlock, website www.littlelakesny.org, and phone (585) 367-1046:

The Little Lakes History Club with Linda Auble is on Tuesday, April 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. The club has a monthly meeting for fans of local History, family genealogies, and other topics of historical interest. \$5 donation, collected at the meeting.

On Wednesday, April 14th, there is a self-driving tour of Vidler's Five and Ten, Inc. The group meets at Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main St., Hemlock between 8:45 AM and 4:30 PM. Located in East Aurora, NY, the historic Vidler's 5 and 10, Inc. is said to be the largest "Five and Ten" in the world. Come join us for a wonderful day of shopping and lunch at the Globe Restaurant across the street. Then we visit the Millard Fillmore Museum. We travel as a "caravan" to each destination. Registration is \$16.00, includes museum admission. Lunch and shopping are on one's own. The registration deadline is April 11 at www.littlelakesny.org ; 585-367-1046.

7 Keys to Resilient Gardening in a Changing Climate will be presented by Petra Page-Mann of Fruition Seeds in Naples NY on Thursday, April 15, 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main St., Hemlock. Registration: \$10. Using the right attention, techniques, timing & seeds, our gardens will surround us with beauty and abundance even as our

seasons grow more unpredictable. Come laugh and learn the keys to surround yourself and your community with abundance for generations to come with Petra Page-Mann, a life-long gardener of the Finger Lakes. Fruition Seeds will also be available for purchase for in-person participants. Register for in-person and Zoom participation by April 14 at www.littlelakesny.org.

Fifth Annual "Take Pride in Hemlock Day" is Saturday, April 17 between 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM at Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main St., Hemlock. Join us as we participate in a "Community Clean-up" Day, with supplies and safety equipment provided. Pot-luck lunch following clean-up. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Questions: 585-367-1046.

Happy Birthday to:

April 8 – Kyle Martindale, Michael Stephens

April 9 – Bonnie Drake, John Jordan, Jr

April 11 – Scott Jacobs

April 13 – Justin Rossmann

April 15 – Michelle Markle