

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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After many years of not seeing Isabelle Weir, we connected while grocery shopping this week. She informed me that she was still involved in the Livingston County Children's Protective Association. Then as I was doing my column for this week, I received this message. "Does your family need financial assistance for a necessary expense that cannot be met elsewhere? This past year has been unlike anything we have experienced in recent times. The Livingston County Children's Protective Association is reaching out proactively to provide financial support to families with children in our county. This may include: food, utilities, housing costs, transportation expenses, education, and educational equipment – to families who cannot meet these needs from other County or State agencies." This organization is able to assist ANY family with children in Livingston County that needs some extra help. For details, contact either Nita Hawkins, President at (585) 704-7511 or NitaHawkins2015@gmail.com: and Isabelle Weir, Referral Contact (585) 468-5515.



Over the last weekend in April, Springwater Trail's hiking volunteers picked up trash along three miles of NY Route 15 south of the hamlet of Springwater. This Adopt-A-Highway clean up project is in its sixth year and has been completed in the spring through the support of the NYS DOT which provides the personal protective equipment and bags and then picks the bags up for disposal. It is hoped that this clean up will encourage people to

appreciate the natural beauty of the area and stop littering. Sad to say, littering on this section is on the increase - this year 14 huge garbage bags were filled. If there are other groups in the community that would like to start their own Adopt-A-Highway project on other sections of NYS highway they should contact NYS DOT's, Lakeville Road, Geneseo office at 585-346-3036. Currently the Town of Springwater and Livingston County do not have similar clean up programs for town or county roads. Home and business owners can help by monitoring their own roadsides.

Thanks to friends in Springwater Trails hiking groups on May 2, I learned there were 15 participants that did maintenance work on the Finger Lakes Trail which goes from Seman Road Nature Conservancy entrance to the Mt. Pleasant Street in Naples. The trail was extremely muddy and had running water in many places from the previous 2 days of rain, but using tools for the job, this large group of volunteers was able to clear the main trail of 7 downed trees and to trim back the multi-flora-rose and other invasive plants. After about 15 minutes of sprinkling rain, the sun cleared to a blue sky and the water in the gorge was providing a stunning cascade of shooting water for those nearby to enjoy. Many thanks are extended to Gideon Hanggi for

allowing the hikers to park cars on his property which made it closer for the folks with chain saws to get onto the trail. Photos were taken by both John Larysz (see attachments) and Mike Trembley. Of the 15 participating, 9 hikers did a one-way hike, while the remainder went as far as they could in the first hour and returned to the beginning of the trail where the majority parked. This trail is close to 4 miles in length. The Springwater Trails will meet again this Sunday, May 9, 2021 @ 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Mertensia Park in Farmington. Mother's Day is traditionally the peak time for the Virginia Bluebells along Mertensia Creek. For details, log into the Springwater Trails website or ask a regular hiker.

From the Livingston County Office for the Aging our Springwater representative, Linda Hopkins, sent the following information about Covid Vaccine appointments. The Office for the Aging continues to assist the Department of Health with scheduling vaccine appointments. The goal is to have a vaccine for every senior who wants to be vaccinated. If you know of any senior that wishes a vaccine to please call 585-243-7520. On a different note, the Office for the Aging will be part of a 6-month pilot program for a Virtual Senior Center program. This program is free and allows access to many virtual programs directed to seniors. A computer and access to internet is a must. To sign up contact the Office for the Aging at 585-243-7520. In addition, on May 15 from 11 AM to 2 PM, a Safety and Wellness Community Fair is being held on Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris. Vendors with fun activities for all ages and Special events such as a Silent Auction, Scavenger Hunt, Sheriff's Mounted Patrol, K0 team, Drug Take-Back Program, Car seat check events, NYS trooper Roll-Over Simulator, Safety on Wheels Contest and Bike Helmet fitting station will be offered. For more information: www.GVHP.org or TrafficSafetyCCE@cornell.edu.

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. Find upcoming events at the Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 South Main Street, in Hemlock, website www.littlelakesny.org, and phone (585) 367-1046 like this one about the Tulips for Mother's Day, May 9, 2021 A limited amount of tulip bouquets will be available and sold until gone. You can guarantee your bouquet's by ordering them directly on line. Note pick up day is the day before Mother's Day (May 8) between 10 AM and 2 PM at the Little Lakes Community Center in Hemlock. Gift Shop Box Office hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturdays 10 AM to-2 PM and Sundays 1 to 3 PM.

Other events of interest at the Little Lakes Community Center include the following: Introduction to Digital Photography or/and Intermediate Digital Photography with Lance Michel; Ecological Sustainability Series: Session 5 - Planning Meeting for LLCC Landscape Design, Thursday, May 20, 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Share your ideas with the on-going group for the design of the four acres to the rear of the Little Lakes Community Center. We will present our action plan for immediate implementation and volunteer opportunities, as well as our more long-term dreams for the property. This meeting will be in person only, outdoors if possible; Barn Quilting Talk, Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Come join us at the Little Lakes Community Center for a great evening of historical content concerning barn quilting and its history. Leah, from the Finger Lakes Barn Quilters Organization will be speaking about these great outdoor pieces that can now be found on the Barn Quilting Trail, founded in 2015, throughout New York State. Light refreshments will be served. Be sure to contact the Little

Lake Community Center by phone at 585-367-1046 or the Little Lakes Community Center website to register and to look at all the details on these events.

Happy Birthday to:

May 6 – Breanna Graves

May 8 – Amanda Lippincott, Dorothy Englert, Sarah Moore, Dylan Swift

May 9 – Jacob Fox, Theresa Gnau

May 10 – Debbie Van Scooter, Matthew Sackett

May 11 – Helen Bowes, Tom Martindale, Brenda Romero

May 12 – Gary Colligan

May 13 – Marian Crawford

Anniversaries:

May 8 – Pat & Toni Tremblay #50

May 9 – Gary & Kelly Bauer #40

May 12 – Jim & Jeri Kober

May 13 – Richard “Smerf” & Kathy Kurtz #33