

## SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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The Spaghetti Dinners at the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church are by donation on the 4th Thursday of every month from January through October, then on the third Thursday in November and December so as not to conflict with Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. On May 27, the drive-through take-out dinner will be from 4:30 to 7 PM. The weather is beautiful so we are hoping everyone that wants a break from cooking and dishes to come for a meal of Spaghetti, Meat Balls, Sauce, Tossed Salad and dressing, Italian Bread and sisters Anna and Linda's Carrot, Chocolate, or Vanilla Cupcakes cooked in honor of church nonagenarian Sylvia Pifer. Webster Crossing is a hamlet on State Route 15 between Conesus and Springwater. Sunday morning service is at 9 AM with Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss sharing a message of hope, courage, and example. Come and see for yourself.

Five hikers enjoyed the Finger Lakes Trail hike planned by Mark Hopkins for the section encompassing Short Tract Road and Smith Road on Sunday, May 16. In the fields the peas were up about 10 inches, while in the woods the trees were budding out. The trail was an easy hill climb with many twists and turns and the group turned around just before a deep gully and chose to hike the town roads on the way back so as to have time to enjoy the social after at the Nunda Historical Society pavilion where a pamphlet on the walking tour of Nunda's historical area was displayed. The next hike will be this Sunday, May 23, at the [Wesley Hill Nature Preserve](#) on Gulick Road in the town of South Bristol (Naples mailing address). The group will meet at the parking area on Gulick Road. Plans for a social gathering following the hike will be announced just prior to the hike, weather permitting and following social distancing guidelines. Please bring lawn chairs if you have them. Check out a [history](#) of the Wesley Hill property on the Finger Lakes Land Trust [website](#). Toward the end of the week, check for details by logging into the Springwater Trails website or ask a regular hiker.

This Saturday, May 22, at 1 PM at Dansville Moose Club, many people will be attending the Celebration of Life for Lyman Clayton Babbitt Jr. of Webster's Crossing. Lee passed away suddenly, most likely from not being able to breath properly (he was on oxygen daily). The parishioners at Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church will miss his many good deeds and pleasant personality. We mourn with the family he leaves behind and will celebrate by having so many good memories, for example, the times he drove the hay wagon for the fall bible school children and their families.

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 shots. 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, 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 for many virtual programs directed to seniors. A computer and an internet connection is a must. To sign up contact the Office for the Aging at 585-243-7520.

With so much attention being given to Health and Fitness these days, the May 26, National Senior Health and Fitness Day will be observed by the Livingston County Office for the Aging with a program from 2:00 to 3:30 PM. Included is an Introduction to Tai Chi; information about Wellness/Safety Programs for Older Adults, and Be Well in Livingston. Cornell Cooperative Extension will have a Master Food preserver (Barbara Brenner) to answer any home food preservation questions, a Master Gardener demonstrating adaptive gardening tools; and an introduction to the Healthy Livingston Program. The event will be held at 3 Murray Hill Drive, Mt. Morris, NY. RSVP to Office for the Aging 243-7520. (This is an outdoor event-weather permitting. In case of inclement weather it will be rescheduled.)

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, website [www.littlelakesny.org](http://www.littlelakesny.org), and phone (585) 367-1046. Gift Shop Box Office hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturdays 10 AM to-2 PM and Sundays 1 to 3 PM.

Not to be missed is another in the 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.

On Friday, May 21, the LLCC is sponsoring another one of their historical tours, this time to the Granger Homestead in Canandaigua. The meeting time is 9 AM and the cost is \$16. Save a spot or two by calling (585) 367-1046. If there is room the flyer will be attached.

Upcoming Events in June 2021 include (1) the Little Lakes Book Club on Wednesday, June 2, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. \$5.00 donation, refreshments included. The club meets the first Wednesday of each month. This month the discussion is on the book Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout. Anyone is welcome to join in the discussion, even when not yet reading the book or having read it previously. (2) An Open Community Meeting is on Monday, June 7, 2021 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The Community Room is dedicated to community input the first Monday of each month. All are welcome to join in, to learn about the organization, to ask questions and make suggestions. (3) Little Lakes Farm Market is open Saturdays 10 AM to 1 PM starting June 5 and will go through mid October. The market vendors are local farmers, gardeners and artisans. They offer locally grown seasonal produce, perennial and house plants/garden items, baked goods and an array of hand-made items by local crafts people. (4) The Little Lakes History Club with Linda Auble is on Tuesday June 8 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. This is a monthly meeting for fans of local History, family genealogies, and other topics of historical interest. Cost: \$5, collected at the meeting. 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.

Regenerate NY Cost-Share Grants are available for forest landowners. If you own between 10 and 1,000 acres of forest land and have interest in improving your woods, the Department of Environmental Conservation's Regenerate NY program provides cost-share grants to New York landowners looking to enhance forest regeneration on their property. Landowners who want to plant trees, control competing vegetation, restore a degraded forest stand, or exclude deer are encouraged to apply for project funding. [Click here to find out more about getting funding for your forest.](#) Applicants will need to apply through [Grants Gateway](#). DEC will be hosting a Grants Gateway training webinar on Friday, May 21 at 10am to assist applicants in navigating the grant process. Private landowners are encouraged to team up with a [cooperating forester](#) who may provide application support. Check out the [Regenerate NY webpage on the DEC website](#) for more information.

Happy Birthday to:

May 21 - Stephanie Ann Grimsley, Brenden O'Neill

May 22 – Jose Otero Tripp, Katelynn Teed

May 23 – Sabrina Motzer, Karen Wheaton

May 25 – Jan Longacre

May 26 – Logan VanScooter

May 27 – Mary Brooks, Fred Kitson, Nancy Healy

Happy Anniversary and congratulations to:

May 21 - Brian & Wendy West #27; Rob & Renee Pauline; David & Tina Schleuter

May 24 – Howard & Bonnie Harris #29

May 25 – Scott & Terri White

May 26 – Mike & Dianne D'Ambria #58, Mark & Linda Hopkins #42