

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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This news came from Pat Willsea, Town Council member: Town of Springwater is having a Christmas festival at the Town Park behind the Legion on School Street this Saturday afternoon, December 11, 2021. Amish workshop is delivering and setting up a few of their buildings for the exhibitors. One will be sponsored by the Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society. Stop by and enjoy seeing and visiting with people in the community, and you might find a Christmas gift or two to share with others. If you know anyone in need, the American Legion Post 905 (contact Pat at 585-669-2376) is requesting the details in order to make a Christmas box delivery.

Webster Crossing has lost another long time member of the community, Brian William West (Brian Senior) on November 30, 2021. His obituary may be found in the Livingston County News. He was buried on Monday, December 6 with military honors at Oak Ridge Cemetery, South Livonia, NY.

Despite of the freak thunderstorm with winds, hail, and rain that came right in the middle of the Wayland Rotary sponsored Christmas in Wayland, the evening was successful.

Ralph Hamilton is a guitar and banjo player of Country Gospel Bluegrass music. He plays for the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church events, nursing homes, and wherever there is a group of musicians with similar interests. He will entertain the Trust in the Lives of Older Women's group at the Wayland Free Library on Wednesday, **December 9, 2021** at 1 PM.

Game of Logging level 1 class taking place this **December, on the 11th** in the Springwater area! Game of Logging combines lecture with a hands-on component, so students can practice their newly learned skills. Game of Logging is widely recognized as a leader in logging safety. Classes are subsidized through a generous grant from the New York State Department of Health. Available on a limited basis, "Tailgate" workshops cover safe chainsaw use at an introductory level. Participants do not use a chainsaw during these sessions. This workshop is not adequate preparation for felling trees. Contact NYCAMH directly at (800) 343-7527 or email chainsawsafety@bassett.org for more information about Game of Logging and "tailgate" workshops.

For professional logger safety courses, visit the [Empire State Forest Products Association](#).

Springwater Trail's hikes every Sunday are not only good exercise, but also an opportunity to visit with some interesting people. This past Sunday, December 5, 2021, the hike was led by Saralinda at the Canandaigua Vista, the new Finger Lakes Land Trust property on Jones Road, overlooking Canandaigua. Here are some pictures from today's hike taken by John Larysz. You can find the full set here:

[The Finger Lakes Land Trust Property at Canandaigua Vista and Quiet Meadows \(larysz.com\)](#). There were 17 people and one dog on the hike. The next hike will be **Sunday December 12** starting at 1:45 PM at Mendon Ponds Park. To join the group, log into the Springwater Trails website for details or ask a regular hiker.

Enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner by donation, Thursday, **December 16** between 4:30 and 7:00 PM at the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church. Dine In or Stop In for Take-out! The dinner is a generous serving of Spaghetti, three Meat Balls, Spaghetti Sauce, Parmesan Cheese, Tossed salad & dressing, and a Cupcake for Dessert. Dine In people will have a choice of Water or Coffee. Being short of clean-up staff, take-out containers will be used both inside and for take-outs. The Music Jam is being held in the sanctuary. Jot it on your calendar for next week and skip the food preparation and dishes.

The Christmas season is here! Take the opportunity with your family to get outdoors and pick out your perfect Christmas tree, maybe even cut it yourself! In our area these are some of the Choose and Cut tree farms: Alexander's in Dansville, All Western Evergreen Farm in Springwater, Hober's in Wayland, and the Letson II Tree Farm in Groveland and Springwater. Growers and their employees have worked hard most of the year to produce New York State grown, top-quality Christmas trees (with God's expert help), as it takes 7 to 12 years to grow a saleable tree. We invite you to come out to one of the farms to cut your own, or to select a fresh-cut New York grown tree from the fresh-cut trees displayed and purchase wreaths and other decorations made from natural greens. For the freshest tree or wreath, buy a locally grown tree or hand made wreath. This is a safe, fun outdoor activity for the entire family.

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 or phone (585) 367-1046.

Upcoming Events for November and December 2021 include:

(1) Winter Solstice Spiral Walk, Saturday, **December 18th**, 3:00 - 5:00 PM. The suggested Donation is \$10 to \$40 (families are welcome to make a group donation). No one turned away for lack of funds. This is a Winter Solstice celebration and fundraiser for the Little Lakes Community Center hosted by Yoga Bhoga, Barefoot Ecological Design and Jivapoint. Do direct reservations and inquiries to Audrey Harpe audrey@yoga-bhoga.com.

(2) Dady Christmas Concert, Saturday, **December 11, 2021**, 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30. Tickets: \$18 per person, including a treat; reservations at www.littlelakesny.org, Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main St., Hemlock, 585-367-1046. We at the Little Lakes Community Center are once again excited to be presenting our Dady Christmas Concert! This is the highlight for our guests every year as we "deck the gymatorium" making it special to put us all into the spirit of the season. The wonderful John Dady will be performing with his musically talented friends John Ryan, Perry Cleveland and Gary Holt. To make this evening even more festive, Deer Run Winery will have holiday spirit for all to purchase. Won't you set aside this Saturday evening in December to gather at the Little Lakes with family and friends, sharing in the joys of this holiday season? Masks are recommended, but required if non-vaccinated via CDC regulations. Reservations are appreciated as seating is limited to 124.

(3) Annie's Ukulele Hour, **1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, December 16**, 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Registration: \$5 at Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main St., Hemlock. We will

enjoy playing well-known or new tunes that are easy to play on the ukulele. Popular and simple chords will be used and taught. You may bring tunes to share with the whole group. If you are new or seasoned, you will leave the session with a smile on your face for having made music with others. Although not a virtuoso, Annie O'Reilly has great fun playing the ukulele and enjoys it even more while playing in a group. She was fortunate to receive lessons from our late friend, Joe Dady, who will be smiling down on us while playing and having fun! Annie also enjoys playing for children at her volunteer job at Humphrey Nature Center.

Happy Birthday to:

December 9 – Joyce O'Neil

December 10 – Iva Johnson, Jeffery Ross Mann

December 11 – Jessica Bogdon

December 12 – Lexi Jobson

December 13 – Dwayne "Smitty"

December 15 – Amber Yeoman

December 16 – Kayle Chandler