

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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by Katherine J. T. Humphrey

December already! Advent season is here and many are working hard to decorate outside with lights and inside with aromatic Christmas trees. At All Western Evergreen Farm a tour can result in the sale of a Christmas tree, a stand, garland, a wreath, and a centerpiece. The most fun is seeing friends and family. Even my nephew Charlie came all the way from Iowa by way of Chicago to pick up wreaths and spend a day seeing what a day in the life of a tree grower can be this time of year. We are so grateful to have the young people working on the farm. Job Theobald and Noah Gibson are greeting customers, shaking and drilling and baling trees, son-in-law Stephen or grandson Theodore may be ferrying people up the hill in the Case utility vehicle, grand daughter Isabel is making table-top Christmas tree centerpieces and cashiering, while Brianna Richardson is making kissing balls, Amara Jerome is making garland, and Jerrienne is making wreaths. All of us are cutting and sizing greens. We are grateful for our customer base and the many new people that are coming to the farm to enjoy the once a year experience on a tree farm.

The last FOODLINK (free food) distribution for 2022 is Tuesday, **December 6**. The start time is 3:30 PM at the Springwater Fire Department parking lot on South Main Street. There is also a continued need for donations to the Springwater Food Pantry. Contact person is Teresa Longhorn (585-245-1223).

Holiday Jam Tasting is being offered by Kim Cunningham from Black Feather Jam at the Little Lakes Community Center. How about trying Strawberry Rhubarb, Black Berry Plum, Rhubarb Ginger or Orange Marmalade as a gift or at your Christmas morning breakfast? All these and more will be available to sample on **December 10th** from 10:00- 1:00 PM at the Little Lakes Artisan Gift Shop, 4705 S. Main St., Hemlock. All three shops will be open from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for your Christmas shopping pleasure! Make the LLCC your destination for holiday shopping.

Make it breakfast at the Springwater American Legion Post #905 on Saturday, **December 10th** from 8:00 to 11:00 AM. Cost is \$8, and there will be pancakes, eggs, home fries and sausage! Saturday evening, December 10, 2022, is also the date that musician Trevor Donlon is scheduled to play from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the Legion and everyone is invited.

The **Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church** is hosting another **Spaghetti Dinner** by donation on the third Thursday of the month, **December 15**, just two weeks away from 4:30 to 7 PM! Bring a friend and enjoy dining in or come for a take-out dinner complete with Spaghetti, Meatballs, Sauce, Parmesan Cheese, Italian Bread and Butter, Tossed Salad, Dressing, and choice of Carrot, Chocolate or Vanilla Cup Cake for dessert. Note that the **regular Sunday Services** are at 9 AM with Social Hour after, and that the Christmas Day, **December 25th** service will be at **7 PM**, not on Christmas morning.

The next meeting of the 6 churches will be on Saturday, **January 14, 2023** at Noon at the Conesus United Church, with a Dish-to-Pass Luncheon. The Pastor / Parrish Relation

representatives from each church are attending, as well as any interested parishioners. Pastors Dorothy Hotchkiss and Dawn Merritt are the leaders for the group at the next meeting. At this meeting we were assured that closing any of our churches was not the goal by any means. The goal is to work together toward the common goal of providing spiritual encouragement to each other and to others in our community during these trying times. “One person can make a difference and everyone should try.” (Quote attributed to John F. Kennedy.)

A reminder that the **Springwater United Methodist Church** on Main Street has started their Fireside Services and are meeting in the dining hall in front of the fireplace. The side door along the sidewalk that goes into the fellowship hall is the entrance. The service starts at **11 AM** on Sunday mornings. Everyone is welcome to join the friendly group.

Photos shared by John Larysz from the **Springwater Trails** hike held on Sunday, November 27, in the historic High Falls neighborhood, overlooking the Upper Falls of the Genesee, can be accessed here: <http://larysz.com/Images/2022/November%20-%20Rochester%20River%20Walk/index.php>. The next hike on Sunday, **December 4**, will be at Hopkins Home in the Schribner valley. Details can be found at the Springwater Trails website or ask a regular hiker.

The **Overeaters Anonymous** group that meets weekly on **Thursday evenings** at 6:30 PM in the Dansville Public Library would like to invite anyone with food issues to come and join them. There are no fees, no weigh-ins, no required food plans and definitely no guilt; just a group of people who have been overcoming food issues for decades. If you have any questions, please call 607-968-0381. Information supplied by Dan Finch, pastor at Wayland United Methodist Church. Lifespan of Greater Rochester
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John Dady and Friends will delight us with their music for a **Holiday Concert** at the Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main St., Hemlock, on Saturday, **December 10**, at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30). The evening's theme, “Santa Claus is Coming To Town”, will put smiles on your faces. The cost is \$22.00 a person and includes a snack. Tickets can be purchased online at www.littlelakesny.org or at the LLCC gift shop which is open Tue., Wed., Thurs. and Sat. 10-2. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available to purchase. Raffles will include - 50/50, two gift baskets, and a lovely gently used Virginia House Rocker. Gift Shops at the center will be open before the concert, during intermission, and at the end of the show.

Come join the Hemlock Community at the Little Lakes Community Center 4705 S. Main St. for the **annual Cookie Exchange** on **December 21** at 7:00 PM in the gymnasium. If you enjoy a nice mixed assortment of holiday Christmas cookies this event is for you. We are all short of time during the holidays. Bring two dozen homemade cookies and take home a lovely assortment. Also, bring a wrapped Christmas tree ornament so as to play the swap game with others. This is a lovely holiday event.

Happy Birthday to:
December 1 – Amanda Case

December 3 – Michael Barry
December 4 - Barbara Boardman, Lilianna Marie Gibson-Tripp
December 5 – Vickie Orgar, Elvira Lein. Levi Wormuth
December 6 – Arn Martindale, Samantha Yeoman, Henry Marlowe
December 7 – Cathy Walker, Kelly Bauer, Brent Parsons
December 9 – Carl Hoppough, Joyce O’Neil

Anniversaries:

December 1 – Robert and Cheryl Parker #30
December 2 – Robert & Sue Strassner
December 5 – Mike & Kim Sackett #35
December 9 – Jim & Kim Bowers

Please do not hesitate to let Katherine Humphrey know of any errors you find or information you wish to share from the Webster Crossing area in this Springwater Party Line. Contact kjth@allwesterntrees.com or by mail to PO Box 217, Springwater, NY 14560. Thank you.