

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Please add the delicious Roast Beef Harvest Buffet Dinner at the Webster Crossing Church onto your calendar for Saturday, October 14th, from 4:30 to 7 PM. This is our traditional harvest dinner complete with vegetables and home made desserts. We are holding this dinner in honor of our long time leader Pat Martindale, who is at the Livingston County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on Murray Hill in Mount Morris, and is with us in spirit. Gladys Weed is doing the soliciting for the food and we will be preparing real mashed potatoes, as usual. The price for a dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6 to 12 years, and 5 years old and under free. Take-outs will be available. Anyone wishing to help is requested to come to church on Sunday, October 8, as at the social following the morning message tables will be set and the final food preparation and serving plans will be made. If unable to attend this Sunday get-together, contact Katherine at [585-669-2659](tel:585-669-2659) to volunteer.

Springwater Trails leader Mark Hopkins writes about the hike last Sunday, October 1 near the Eagle Crest Winery: "This morning we woke up to frost on the grass, but by 2:00 PM the sky was blue, the sun was shining and temperatures were warm enough to hike in shirt sleeves. Twenty-six hikers joined Springwater Trails to hike on the Blank Road trails in the Hemlock-Canada State Forest. These trails were established by the City of Rochester for use management of the forest and in a few places needed some clearing work, but we ended walking along a beautiful creek with a series of water falls if there had been more water. We will need to return in the spring to get the full effect. Next Sunday, October 8, we are visiting the Keuka Lake Outlet trail from Penn Yan to Dresden NY." Details for our hikes are on the springwatertrails.org website by the middle of the week if not before, or ask a regular hiker.

We thank all who participated September 28th at the Spaghetti Dinner / Music Jam by donation at the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church. Special thanks go out to the family of Sylvia Pifer that helped our congregation prepare and serve the food. The meal is served from 4:30 – 7:00 PM and the music goes on into the night. We look forward to seeing everyone that can attend the next one on the fourth Thursday, October 26.

The last Friday and Saturday of September, I attended the Exotic Conifer Conference at Don Hilliker's arboretum on Blue Hill near Delevan, NY. This was an opportunity to visit and learn from some amazing Christmas tree growers who are willing to share their tips for growing Christmas tree species that no one else has in the neighborhood. Many of you know that my husband, William Humphrey, enjoyed attending these meetings and that we ended up propagating and growing such species as Concolor, Fraser, Canaan, Nordmann, Sub-alpine, Turkish and Korean firs. The great result of attending was seeing even more exotic species like Momi, Nikko, Siberian, Cilicica, Khinghan, Arizona Corkbark, and Noble fir. In addition, both on Saturday and Sunday evening I was able to host a tree grower to see our All Western Evergreen Farm. One grower, Dave Beck, is a train engineer turned exotic tree cross pollination expert, whose farm Bill and I visited close to the Delaware Gap in Pennsylvania many years ago when he hosted the Exotic Conifer meeting and we saw a real train car perched on the top of a

high hill on his farm. The story on how that car was placed there by a huge crane that was working on a steeple on a church in the community was captivating and long remembered. Then on Sunday evening after my hike with Springwater Trails, I gave a tour to a couple from North Carolina that has friends in Montour Falls, so it seems likely they are interested in some of our large wholesale Concolor fir trees and will be back later this month.

It is not too soon to put the next Springwater / Webster's Crossing Historical Society meeting on Tuesday, October 24 (6:30 PM dish to pass dinner, program at 7:15) on your calendar. We meet at the Springwater American Legion Post #905 at 7998 School Street in Springwater. The program "A Modern Day Native American Experience is being presented by Jason Pragle and his friend. Jason is the son of John Pragle and Gloria Hampson and lives on the Genesee County Seneca Indian Reservation. He is a government employee working on local gorge safety.

Seven people gathered for the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Bible Study last Wednesday evening, September 27. The meetings are on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. led by Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss or any one in the group. Come and enjoy an interesting evening of discussion and prayer for the next five weeks on "Getting the Most out of Spiritual Warfare". In addition, Sunday service is at 9 AM followed by socialization and you are invited, especially this week when we are putting the final touches on the Roast Beef Dinner.

Please share your news with me at kjth@allwesterntrees.com or mail it to Katherine Humphrey, PO Box 217, Springwater, NY 14560.

Birthdays:

October 5 – Dorothy Hotchkiss
October 7 – Craig Harter, Brad Brown
October 8 – Stephen Loop, Elaine Scott, Lyndsey Jordan, Betty Holden
October 9 – Marilyn Sheedy, Mike Sackett, Jordan Humphrey
October 10 – Laura Harter, Kaitilyn Berry
October 11 – Cole Warren West, Edward Vadney III
October 12 – Caitlyn Vhan

Anniversaries: Congratulations!

October 5 – David & Melba Johnson
October 6 – Bob & Sue Irizarry, Larry & Chris Lippincott
October 7 – Mike & Julie McGinnis #17