

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Have you seen the Owl News story out of Honeoye submitted by Grace Wood, Honeoye Senior high Band Director Music Department Choir that has Trevor Healy's story? "Trevor, French Horn player, has been accepted to National Association for Music Education All National Symphony Orchestra! He will be going to Florida to rehearse with the top high school musicians from all over the country under the direction of Dr. Margery Deutsch, Professor Emeritus from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The three day comprehensive musical experience will culminate in a performance at the Disney Coronado Resort. Recently Trevor was a member of the NYS Summer School of the Arts of Orchestral Studies at Skidmore College and was accepted and performed with the NYS School Music Association Conference All State Orchestra." Parents, Nancy & Rus Healy and Trevor's sister Gwen must be really happy for Trevor since they have shuttled him back and forth to the city and encouraged him for years.

One of the most interesting and delightful luncheons I attend twice a year is that of the retired Cornell Cooperative Extension Educators in the Finger Lakes area of the state. This past week on October 5th I had the pleasure of having Paula McClure from Geneseo to ride with me to Himrod, NY to the 1830's home of Robin Travis and her husband. More than a dozen of us each shared a dish-to-pass and our stories from the last half year. Mine was the news that I would be stepping down from teaching the Master Food Preservers, as Diane Whitten of Saratoga County has gracefully taken over my part. At the end of October I will be sending in my resignation after working full time 1969 to 1991 as Home Economics Program Leader in Livingston County and part time as an expert in home food preservation since then teaching those that want to be Master Food Preservers. Hard to believe that a quarter century went by so fast and was so rewarding! Judy Price, retired educator from Monroe County Cornell Cooperative Extension will be continuing teaching with Diane.

Also, on October 5th in the evening I attended the Lagom Landing Speaking with Bread Program. This, too, was a dish-to pass affair with an excellent speaker. Rock Castor's son presented and gave us all excellent advice. He shared his love of flint making (that of making arrow heads primarily from stones) as a prime example of focusing on whatever goal one might have, and staying focused to achieve that goal.

The delicious Roast Beef Buffet Dinner at the Webster Crossing Church is this Saturday, October 14th, from 4:30 to 7 PM. Ralph Hamilton and his musician friends will be sharing their talents into the evening. The dinner is complete with vegetables, rolls, and home made desserts (pies and Sue Strassner's Carrot Cake are among the choices). 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. I look forward to seeing you there. The more the merrier.

Our 2 p.m. Sunday Springwater Trails get together this past Sunday, October 8th, Wendy planned a choice of biking the Keuka Lake Outlet Trail from Penn Yan to Dresden NY or hiking a section of it. Three people chose to bicycle the 7 mile trail from Seneca Lake to Keuka Lake. Six of us chose the hike. Three Climbers hiked the full path while three did a little over a 3 mile section from the falls halfway back to the beginning. Our next hike, October 15th planned by Mark, will be part four of the Bristol Hills Branch of the Finger Lakes Trail. 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 are having new people join us as a result of the announcements in the Lake Country Weekender and in the Pennysavers written by Dena. Those who like to hike are also encouraged to lead one of our hikes so as to present variety in the places we explore.

Seven people gathered for the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Bible Study last Wednesday evening, October 4. The meetings are on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. led by Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss or any one in the group, this time it was Jim Yarger. 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.

Another Spaghetti Dinner / Music Jam by donation at the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church is coming up in two weeks. 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 on the fourth Thursday, October 26.

Wednesday, October 18, the Trust in the Lives of Older Women's Group will meet at the Wayland Free Library at 1 PM. The program is open to the public, so do come if you are interested in hearing Nicole Walker from the Steuben County Office for the Aging presentation regarding NY Connects. It is never too soon to think about this subject for seniors who wish to stay in their own place instead of a Nursing Home.

Saturday October 21 at 4 PM until gone is the Springwater United Methodist Church Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings at the Fire Hall on Main Street(Route 15). Food is also available at Sammy's Place on Main Street. Note that Sammy's is now open to hunters for breakfast early each morning at 5 AM.

The next Springwater / Webster's Crossing Historical Society meeting is on Tuesday, October 24 (6:30 PM dish to pass dinner, program at 7:15). 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.

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

Birthdays:

October 12 – Caitlyn Vhan

October 15 – Brittany Stewart, Jamie Posick, Ed Drake

October 16 – Mark Humphrey

October 17 – Dan Sly, Christopher Naczynski, Lee Babbitt, Lena Storrs

October 18 – Jacob Schnetzer, Jennifer Crane

October 19 – Kellan O’Neill

Anniversaries:

October 13 – Dale & Sherry Codding

October 14 – Alan & Kelly Dale #26

October 15 – Rus & Nancy Healy #24