

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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To those who like to come to the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church Spaghetti dinners by donation on the fourth Thursdays of the month, the January 28 dinner will not be held for several reasons including staff shortage, still dark early in the evening, continued cold weather with ice and snow, and senior staff not vaccinated against the Coronavirus to date. Do check back next month for the traditional Stone Soup and service on Ash Wednesday, this year on February 17, 2021 and for the Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, February 25, 2021.

Ten people were in church the Sunday (01/24/21) after the 2 week pause at the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church. Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss' sermon was on whether or not we follow the path set before us by a loving and gracious God and the consequences using the story of Jonah in the Bible as an example. Sure you know the story of being swallowed and tossed back up on dry land, but do you know the rest of the story and why? Do you show your faith in action, in prayer, in love, in labor and your hope in courage? Study the book of Jonah in the Bible for answers.

DeAnna Croteau, Family & Consumer Education Resource Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension in Livingston County is offering a FREE on-line parenting series that is geared towards parents/caregivers of children ages 7 – 17 (or thereabouts). It is the evidence-based Strengthening Families Program home-based version. Children 10 are encouraged to participate with their parents. Deanna will send the families that pre-register the handouts and activities that go with each class. There are 10 sessions and participants can choose to attend as many as they wish, as they need to register separately for each session. Each one hour class is being offered on Tuesdays starting February 2 at noon and again in the evening the same day at 7 PM. The topic on February 2nd is Noticing and Complimenting Good Behavior. Registration is required at <http://ccelivingstoncounty.org/events/2021/02/02/strengthening-families-programming>. For more information, call 585-406-2738 or email parentingccee@cornell.edu.

The Little Lakes Community Association enjoyed a successful opening night for the start of the 6th Annual Ecological Sustainability Series on January 21, 2021. Twelve Participants Zoomed in with questions for guest regenerative farmers Erin Bullock, Wild Hill Farm CSA; Steve Melcher, Odonata Sanctuary; and Deborah Denome, Shimmering Light Farm and Renewal Center. Nikolas Varrone, Flying Bucket Farm and SUNY Geneseo Director of Support Services with an interest in horticulture facilitated the discussion with LLCA Series Producer Tawn Feeney. Other local farmers and gardeners shared their creative insights and current practices using regenerative farming techniques. The benefits and challenges of adopting this approach was discussed, with ample opportunity for meeting participants to ask questions and share their ideas. Rob Gallagher of Prometheus Farm was present, mentioning to Gabe Costanzo of Harrow and Harmony Farm, "that we covered in one evening the main ideas of an entire course . . . at Penn State." NYS legislative representatives, Assembly Member Marjorie Byrnes and State Senator George Borrello, joined in for the evening asking questions and meeting community members. Tech and programming consultant Kerri Vaughn made for a smooth

evening accommodating on-line and in-person people during the program. From the number of people that turned out it looks like LLCA may need to move February's (second of six) to the Gymnasium! Find out about how you, your community, and your municipal government can save money on energy costs and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Present will be Community Choice Aggregation and Community Solar, now allowed to be combined under New NYS regulations. Ben Frevert, of Rocricity, will attend with the latest understanding on how this new effort is working in near-by communities. Save the date, Thursday, February 18, 2021 and register online or in the LLCC office by February 16, 2021 for in-person and Zoom attendance. Details are at the LLCA website: www.littlelakesNY.org. Information for this column was adapted from Carol Williams and Tawn Feeney, LLCA Communications.

Fourteen people joined the hike at the Reservoir Golf Club in Naples on Sunday, January 24, 2021. The day was gorgeous, as was the scenery as we hiked higher and higher over the snow covered drumlins on one side and along the Reservoir Creek on the other side. The view from the top of the course was breathtaking. Many animal tracks and trees kept us entertained and guessing. Mike Tremblay posts his photos to Springwater Trail's website and on Facebook. Mike did send me some photos and we thank him for sharing. The next hike on Sunday, January 31, this Sunday starting at 2 PM, we will have a snowy ramble in the woods and fields overlooking Honeoye Lake on the west side. Meet at 5422 County Road 37, about 2 miles south of Route 20A and 2 miles north of Canadice Town Hall. Do park in the driveway or on the shoulder of the road. Our hikes will take us up the ridge, through wooded trails and along gully rims, partly following snowmobile routes. Enjoy a scenic vista of the whole expanse of Honeoye Lake. There should be ample fresh snow for snowshoe hiking, although boots with traction devices will work too. Poles are recommended. Log into the Springwater Trails' website for details posted toward the end of the week and check back on Sunday morning for any changes or ask a regular hiker.

Happy Birthday to:

January 28 – Teffenie & Heather Bovee

January 29 – Pat Parkhouse, John Stevenson

January 30 – Jim Bowers, Elaine Jacobs

January 31 – Kyle Schnitzer, Kendra Jacobs, Kyle Haas

February 1 – Deryl Westurn

February 2 – Valcia Holden Taylor, Traci Cartwright

February 3 – Rachel Van Scooter, Debbie Shull

February 4 – Kathy Lewis, Lori Davis, Ashley Parsons

Happy Anniversary:

January 28 – Tom & Georgia Robinson