

## **Springwater Gala celebrates bicentennial with two-day event**

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The Springwater Gala Committee and the Springwater Bicentennial Committee have teamed up to present a special two-day gala event this year to celebrate the town's bicentennial. The Springwater Gala will be on Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5, at the Larry J. Canute Memorial Park at 7998 School Street in Springwater. Admission and parking are free. Join the fun as Springwater celebrates 200 years!

Events for each day includes: a pancake breakfast from 7:00 to 10:30 a.m., a chicken barbecue (starting at noon on Saturday, 11:00 on Sunday), live music, a Kiddie Carnival from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and several games and raffles. Several food vendors and a variety of other vendors will be on the grounds. Town Historian Havilah Toland will be in the historian's cabin with a supply of envelopes specially stamped with postal "cachets" that he designed to commemorate past galas, and CDs of special historical presentations made from presentations to the Springwater-Webster Crossing Historical Society through the years, with all proceeds to benefit the SWCHS Museum. There will also be copies of local histories for sale.

The Saturday events will include sack races, watermelon-eating contests for kids, a pie-eating contest for the adults, and visits from the Buffalo Soldiers and Friends of Ganondagan, the Seneca Longhouse. Members of the Atlanta-Cohocton Historical Society will don period costumes and mingle throughout the grounds; Rusty and Brenda Yeoman, fifth-great-grandchildren of the original settler who named Springwater, will also be there in costume. Enjoy live music by Gemini from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., and Mort and the Inner Tubes from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The winner of Canadice Lake Outfitters' kayak raffle will be announced (\$5 tickets can be bought ahead of time from members of the Springwater American Legion Post 905 or the Springwater Bicentennial Committee, or call Canadice Lake Outfitters at 585-669-9512). Also, winners of the Springwater Bicentennial Photo Contest will be announced and cash prizes awarded.

Another event on Saturday, in conjunction with the gala, is the Springwater Bicentennial Arts and Crafts Show and Sale from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Springwater Fire Department, 8145 South Main Street, where you can view and shop the works of local artists and crafters.

On Sunday only is a church service from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., a classic car show—often with as many as 100 cars—from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., antique tractor pulls from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and live music by Lucky Number from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Also on Sunday, the Livingston County Sheriff's Department will offer a child safety seat inspection starting at 9:00 a.m. and continuing throughout the day.

As a tribute to Springwater's 200-year history, the Springwater-Webster Crossing Historical Society Museum will be open to all on both days. The museum is located at 8130 South Main Street.

Please note that no coolers or containers are allowed in the park; also no dogs or bicycles.

Many more events are planned to celebrate the Springwater Bicentennial throughout the year. Coming in July: a Townwide Yard Sale on July 2, an Old-Fashioned Baseball Game at Larry Canute Memorial Park on July 3, and much more. For more information and updates, visit [www.townofspringwaterny.org](http://www.townofspringwaterny.org), or [www.hemlockandcanadicelakes.com](http://www.hemlockandcanadicelakes.com).