

SPRINGWATER-WEBSTER CROSSING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

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Note from President Donna Walker

We wish you a Happy New Year, members and friends of the Springwater - Webster Crossing Historical Society. This has been a long winter. I hope you are staying warm. Spring will be here soon. We have a nice slate of programs lined up for the upcoming months and hope you will join us for one or all (on the initial pages of this newsletter).

We had a good year in 2014. Although having to replace the roof on the building was an unpleasant surprise, it showed us how many people truly care about our society and museum. Thank you to everyone who helped with that effort. (Your continued help is requested in the recycling of bottles and cans – see note on page 2 from Pat Willsea)

We will continue to improve the museum in 2015. People have been very generous with donations of historical artifacts (Do you have any Miller lures around that you are willing to donate? See page 3 from Doug Morgan). There really is something new to see every time you come to the museum.

Springwater's Bicentennial will be celebrated in 2016. We will spend time this year preparing for that. We would like to have more information and a display about Springwater's businesses. Regarding any contributions in this area, please give the information to a board member (contact information page 6).

If you have not paid your 2015 dues, your address label is circled in red (thanks to

Brenda Haywood and her committee that do the newsletter printing, collating, and addressing). Please continue to support our organization with your membership. We keep our dues inexpensive because we would like to include as many people as possible. One of the best deals around is a Historical Society membership (hence the information repeated from last issue at the back of this newsletter).

Three Terrible Crimes in Livingston County

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Dish-to-pass Supper, 6:30 PM

Program 7:15 PM including Annual Meeting
Springwater American Legion Post 905 on
School Street

David W. Parish, Geneseo Town and Village Historian, will present three stories from his book Terrible Tales, Livingston Geneseo Ghosts and Livingston Legends which includes 130 area ghost stories, legends and tales dating from the early 19th century to the present. This book is one in a series he has authored and is available for \$15.00 at the Town of Geneseo Office (Millenium Drive), Village of Geneseo Office (119 Main Street), or B&D Art and Framing (118 1/2 Main Street) in Geneseo. Mr. Parish is both knowledgeable and entertaining to people of all ages.

Historically, the first meeting in March is also the date for a short Annual Meeting, complete with recap of the year and voting on the Board.

Coordinator: Donna Walker
Questions, call 585-737-7345

Once Again Nut Butter



Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Come learn about a business formed in Nunda, how it was established, what they produce and how successful they have become.

This program will be presented by Gael Orr, Communications Manager for Once Again Nut Butter, a 100% employee-owned company in Nunda, NY. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in International Business Management and her Master of Science in Human Resource Development from Rochester Institute of Technology. Gael has worked in the field of sales and marketing for 15+ years. She is also an adjunct faculty member, teaching Economics for the past 8+ years, at Genesee Community College. A world traveler, Gael is an avid tri-athlete and enjoys her 3 horses.

Coordinator: Pat Willsea
Questions, call 585-669-2376

Mother's Day Bake Sale – where the gift is already displayed and wrapped beautifully

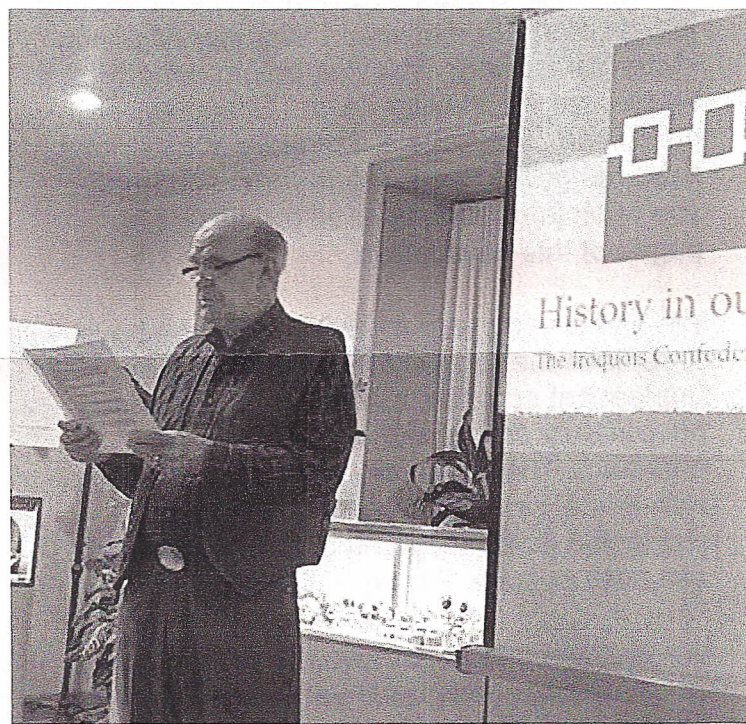
Saturday, May 9, 2015
10 AM – 5 PM

Like other years, Pat Willsea and her SWCHS helpers prepare home-made baked goods, presented on collectable plates or dishes or baskets and wrapped ready to go as a gift for your mom, grandmother, wife, sister, significant other, daughter, niece, or cousin. When you purchase one of these gifts you are spreading cheer, good eating, and a memento to last for years. There might be a few houseplants or perennials to share as well.

History in Our Backyard – The Iroquois Confederacy in the 17th Century

Tuesday, May 12, 2015
Dish-to-pass Supper, 6:30 PM
Program 7:15 PM
Springwater American Legion Post 905 on
School Street

Harvey Limbeck, a treasured Ganondagan volunteer trail guide, interpreter and outreach representative for two decades, and a World War II veteran, will bring some Iroquois artifacts when he presents his program to our community.



On the internet, Ganondagan State Historic Site shared this photo of Harvey Linbeck taken by Rochester Museum & Science Center on January 7, 2015.

Coordinator: Douglas Morgan
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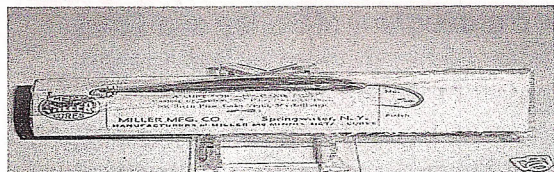
Bottle and Can Fund Raiser for SWCHS

Please remember to return your cans and bottles to the Dansville Redemption Center on Ossian Street and tell them to credit SWCHS!

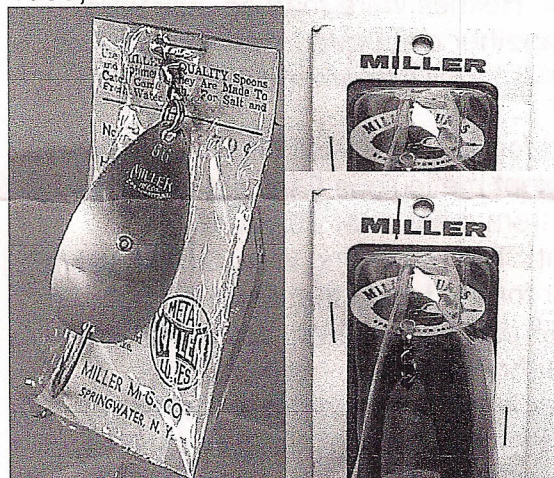
Wanted – Photos and Lures

Submitted by Doug Morgan

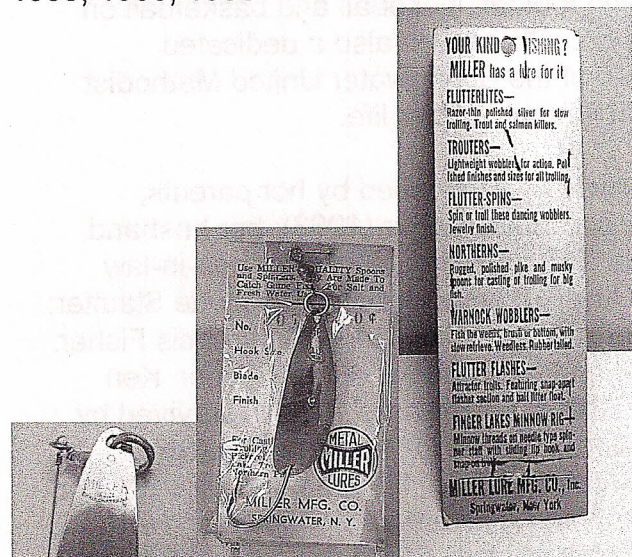
With fishing season opening soon, perhaps you are looking at an old tackle box or reviewing old fish stories or photos from the past with family or friends. If you come across any pictures of the building (southeast corner of the four corners junction of 15 & 15A, now owned by Emil Hosenfeld) that housed Miller Lures, have Miller Lures in your possession, or see some at an auction or antiques store, consider donating them to the museum for a permanent exhibit. Examples of what to look for include:



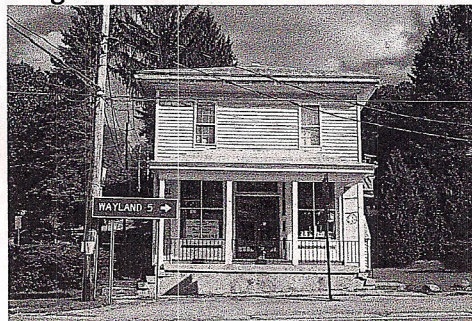
1950, 1950



1955, 1950, 1950



Building photos courtesy of Emil Hosenfeld via Doug Morgan



Currently, the following information and more from the Miller family is available at the Hemlock and Canadice Lakes website hosted by Rick Osiecki:

http://www.hemlockandcanadice.com/hcl_people_miller_edmund_and_toale_ethel.htm

Obituary of Edmund J. Miller, Sr. (1887 – 1971)

From Genesee Country Express, 19 August 1971

A funeral service will be conducted in the Baird Funeral Home, Wayland, at 2 p.m. today for Edmund J. Miller Sr., 83, of Springwater who died Tuesday, 17 August 1971 in Wayland.

Mr. Miller moved to Springwater from Buffalo in 1919 and started the Cannon and Miller Co. partnership there which operated until dissolved in 1930. He then formed the Miller Manufacturing Co. which he operated until his retirement in 1958.

He was a member of the Springwater United Methodist Church; Warren Patching Lodge 883, F. and A.M.; and was charter member of the Springwater Fire Department.

Surviving are a son, Edmund J. Miller of Addison; two daughters, Mrs. Clair (Dorothy) Wambold of Rochester and Mrs. John (Betty) Goodell of Springwater; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A Masonic memorial service was conducted in the funeral home last evening. Burial will be in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Springwater.

From the Springwater Valley News, 26 August 1971

Sympathy is extended to the family and relatives of Edmund Miller, Sr., age 83, who passed away at the Kline Nursing Home in Wayland last Tuesday.

Mr. Miller and his late wife, Ethel, were owners of the Miller Lure Co. until he retired in 1958. He was a charter member of the Springwater Fire Co. and was a former Fire Commissioner. He also held the office of Justice of the Peace, Town of Springwater several years ago.

He is survived by a son, Edmund Jr., of Addison, 2 daughters, Mrs. Betty Goodell of Springwater and Mrs. Dorothy Wambold of Rochester.

Springwater's Oldest Citizen Dies at 102

by Judy Tripp-Neu, Deputy Historian, 2015



Grace E. Holmes (L) with daughter Joyce O'Neil
2012 file photo

President William Howard Taft was in the third year of his administration when Grace Emma Fisher made her debut in 1912. Automobiles were in their infancy and rural electrification would not arrive until she reached adulthood. This diminutive lady was remembered lovingly on Saturday, January 17, inside the Springwater United Methodist Church by family, friends, neighbors and former neighbors who recalled her warm hugs, love of sports, pitch parties that left every attendee in fits of giggles and her fastidious housekeeping.

Great niece, Rev. Dawn Merritt of the Nunda/West Sparta Methodist churches spoke lovingly of her great aunt and her uncanny ability to "befriend" the ailments that came with her senior years. She attributed her great aunt's longevity to her optimism and humor.

Other mourners remembered her as an avid sports fan that saw her first professionally played game in her 80's. She also took her first plane ride at that time. Long time church members commented on her conscientiousness and availability to help with the annual Christmas festivities. Amid the laughter and the few tears Grace was remembered with much love.

Through eighteen presidential administrations,

the Great Depression, two World Wars, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam and the wars in the Middle East; the onset of aviation, jet travel, space travel and putting a man on the moon; Grace prevailed and forged on in faith and with much love. She loved her community and the community loved her as evidenced by the many folks who filled the small church on Saturday morning when the temperatures were in the single digits.

Grace Emma Fisher Holmes died early Tuesday morning, January 13, 2015 at MM Ewing Continuing Care Center in Canandaigua. She was born June 18, 1912 in Springwater the daughter of Purley and Edith (Wilklow) Fisher. She grew up in Springwater, was a graduate of the 1932 Class at Springwater Union School and remained a life resident of the Springwater area. Grace and Francis "Bill" Holmes were married July 23rd, 1932 and together celebrated over 47 years of marriage prior to Bill's death in 1979.

She worked for the Conesus Milk Producers where she kept meticulous financial records and retired from there after 20 years of employment. The remaining time, Grace was a homemaker for her family that included her husband, Bill and her children, Joyce, Bill and Wayne. Her hobbies were many as she enjoyed needle work, playing cards, both solitaire and pitch (which included many pitch parties with different couples). She enjoyed watching football, baseball and basketball on television. Grace was also a dedicated member of the Springwater United Methodist Church for most of her life.

Grace was pre-deceased by her parents, Purley and Edith Fisher (1963); her husband, Francis "Bill" Holmes (1989); her son-in-law John O'Neil; a granddaughter, Babette Stauffer; and her siblings, Claude Fisher, Francis Fisher, Art Fisher, Eva Benson, Winnie Fisher, Ken Fisher and Marge Adams. She is survived by her children, Joyce O'Neil of Springwater, William (Martha Sue) Holmes of Cadiz, KY, and Wayne (Vada) Holmes of Springwater; her grandchildren, Jeff (Shirley) O'Neil of Wayland, Jan O'Neil (Jackie Malone) of Springwater,

Christine (Michael) Haefner of Dallas, TX, Theresa (Kevin) FitzPatrick of Penfield, Gregory (Bobbie) Holmes of Gouvenour, NY and David Holmes of Locke, NY; 17 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren; along with several nieces and nephews.

The Reverend Ray Shaw concelebrated her memorial service with the Reverend Dawn Merritt on Saturday, January 17.

Springwater Loses another Beloved Resident

by Judy Tripp-Neu, Deputy Historian, 2015



Lila Boyer Collins, mother of former town councilperson (and 2014 Senior Citizen of the year), Florence Perkins, and grandmother of Chief Charles Perkins of Dansville passed away on January 31, 2015.

Mrs. Collins was 94 years of age and had in recent years had several health issues that were lovingly addressed with care and devotion by her family and the staff at the Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Mt. Morris.

She was predeceased by her husband, John, in 1987; son, James in 2003; parents, Charles and Florence Sattora Boyer; siblings, Charles Boyer, Arlene Marks, Elwood, Richard, W. James and Walter Boyer; and son-in-law, Charles "Buster" Perkins in 2005.

Besides Florence, Mrs. Collins is also survived by her son, John (Darlene) Collins of Groveland, seven grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, 7 great-great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Shirley Boyer of Skaneateles, NY; several nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends and the staff at the Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Lila was born March 8, 1920, in Leicester, NY to Charles and Florence Sattora Boyer. Before she married, she worked in the Geneseo Jam Kitchen and after her marriage to John on November 15, 1941; she devoted herself to caring for the farm and their children. When the children were grown she resumed working outside the home, first at the Hainsworth Farm and Country Store, then the Four Seasons Store in Lakeville, and retired from the Bread and Butter Shop in Groveland when she was 76 years old.

She was a loving mom, grandmother and great grandmother devoted to her family. She enjoyed people and always made them feel welcome. She enjoyed gardening, knew most of the flowers by name and even in Springwater, where there are more rocks than soil, she took great pleasure in working in the yard.

Services were handled by Rector Hicks Funeral Home in Geneseo on Friday, February 6, with burial in the Lakeview Cemetery in Groveland.

Memorials in her name can be made to the Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation (Activity Fund), 11 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY 14510 or the Springwater Fire Department, PO Box 289, Springwater, NY 14560.

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Everyone can be a part of the **Springwater Bicentennial** (200th anniversary in 2016) in several ways. One is to fill out the Family Tree form provided here and giving it to a Board member or mailing it in to PO Box 68, Springwater, NY 14560:

Please share your family's history in celebration of the:

Springwater Bicentennial

1816-2016

Family Tree

great-grandmother

grandmother

great-grandfather

great-great-grandfather

Mother

Father

grandfather

great-grandmother

great-grandfather

great-great-grandfather

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*Please include any additional interesting information about your Family's History in Springwater.
Return completed documents to the: Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society, PO Box 68, Springwater, NY 14560.*

Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society – Membership List

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2013 Memberships				
Gladys Weed	Joyce O'Neil	Kay Johantgen	Wendy Karen	Matthew J. Mott Family

Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society – Membership List

For some of us, it is time to renew our membership.

We welcome new members to join with us.

The membership year runs from January-December.

Membership carries the satisfaction of knowing that you are doing some small thing to preserve artifacts and historical stories of the community of Springwater.

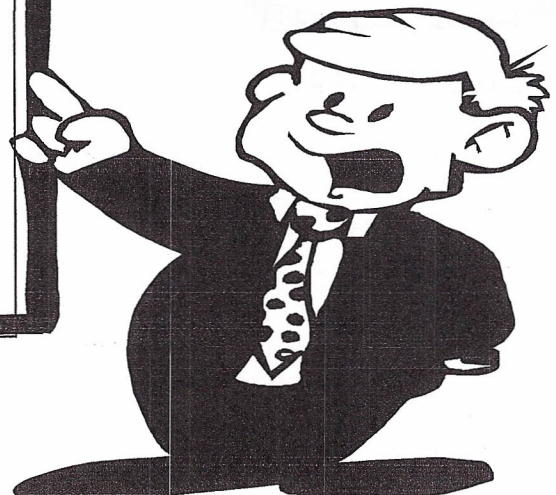
The Society presents special programs for your pleasure!

A sampling of the programs offered this past year:

- Honor Flights - presentation by Steve Rapp of Honor Flight Program which flies WWII Veterans to Washington DC to view WWII monument plus other historical sites.
- Antique Show and Tell - all were encouraged to bring an item from home and tell us what it was, its purpose and its history. A truly fun and interesting evening.

Up-Coming March 10, 2015

David Parish, Geneseo Historian will share his new talk
"Three Terrible Crimes in Livingston County."



Springwater-Webster Crossing Historical Society

Membership form

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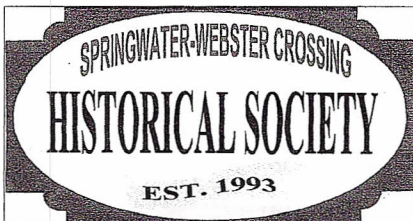
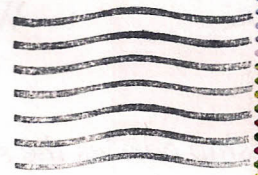
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