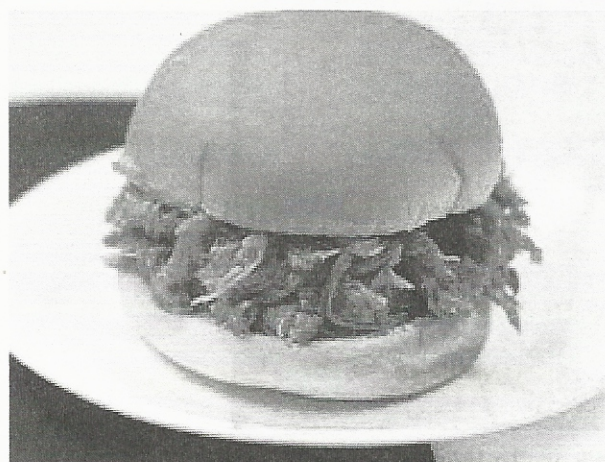


SPRINGWATER-WEBSTER CROSSING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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ANNUAL PULLED PORK DINNER

Sunday, September 2, 2018

12 Noon until gone

**SWCHS Museum 8130 Main Street, Route 15,
Springwater 14560**

The \$10 Dinner includes Salt Potatoes, Vegetable in Season, dish-to-pass Dessert, and Pink Lemonade. Society members will have tables set up in front of the Museum which is open for tours. Everyone is invited to enjoy the occasion, the good food, and the pleasure of knowing they are helping to preserve our history.

FALL MEETING SERIES:

SUNDAY, September 23, 2018

Trip Coordinator, Brenda Haywood
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Wayland Historical Society
100 S. Main St.
Wayland NY 14572**

Tour the Wayland Historical Society

Join the September kick off of our Fall programs. This meeting we are going on a field trip, something that we have not done for several years. The Wayland Historical Society has turned the old Morsch Motors building located on South Main Street in Wayland into an outstanding local history museum. Because Wayland and Springwater are bordering neighbors much of the history of Wayland is of importance and interest to the citizens of Springwater. We will meet at the Wayland Museum a 2 p.m., but feel free to come at any time from 2 to 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, October 23, 2018

Coordinator, Pat Wilsea

Dish to pass dinner 6:30 p.m.; program 7:15 p.m.
Legion Post 905, 7998 School Street, Springwater

Ellen North, Business Woman in the 1890s

David Parish, Geneseo Town Historian, will present a talk about Ellen North's nationally recognized jam making business.

TUESDAY, November 27, 2018

Coordinator, Donna Walker

Dish to pass dinner 6:30 p.m.; program 7:15 p.m.
Legion Post 905, 7998 School Street, Springwater

Special Music from Wayland Cohocton School

We will be delighted by music performed by the students from Wayland Cohocton Central School District. Come and enjoy music making from our local students.

Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society Remembers one of our Founders, Marion Walker



SWCHS Founders, left to right: Marion Walker, Jo White, June Perkins

Marion W. Walker, age 95, passed away peacefully Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at her home.

Marion was born April 7, 1923 in Wayland, a daughter of Maynard & Mildred (Keeler) Warner. She was a graduate of Wayland High School and attended business school. Marion married Burl B. Walker on April 14, 1944 and they enjoyed 58 years of happy marriage. She was proud to have supported the World War II effort as an employee of Foster Wheeler and was a study hall monitor and assistant librarian at Wayland Central School as well as the book keeper for Walker Farm for many years.

Marion was an active member of the Springwater United Methodist Church, a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Springwater Grange, the Lowell Club, a leader of the Flying Fingers 4-H Club of Steuben County, a board member of the Livingston County

Cooperative Extension and a founding member of the Springwater-Webster Crossing Historical Society. She enjoyed knitting, making quilts and sewing clothing for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren along with being a wonderful baker, especially of Cinnamon Rolls. But most of all, she loved spending time with her family and friends. Marion loved her home and was grateful to be able to stay there because of the care provided by family and friends, especially Sue Walker and Melonie Coley.

In addition to her parents & husband, she was predeceased by her son, Richard Walker in 2006 and two brothers, Milford "Bud" Warner and Ardean Warner. She is survived by her sons, Donald Walker, Mark (Susan) Walker, her daughter-in-law, Suzanne Walker, 6 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, sister Elsie Wallace, sister-in-law Virginia "Virgie" Warner and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

*Please save your recyclable bottles and cans, rinse, and take them to Dansville Redemption Center, 22 Ossian Street, an alley way with a small sign (unless you have been there it is hard to find. Phone 585-335-8510 to request the hours they are open and for directions). **Ask that the proceeds be posted to the Springwater / Webster Crossing Historical Society.***

Springwater Seniorama Honoree 2018 - Judy Tripp-Neu

Judy Tripp-Neu was born in Monterey, CA, and for the first 19 years lived there with her family. She married in 1967 and relocated to NYS. Judy went to work for the Rochester Police Department in 1973. She remained on that job



for 22+ years. In 1981, she remarried and together she and Harold Neu raised a blended family of 10 children. They remained married until his death in 2011. The family now numbers more than two dozen grandchildren and 8+ great

grandchildren. Judy first came to Springwater in 1968 as a seasonal resident at Holiday Hill. In 2000, she relocated to Springwater and became involved in the community's activities, including:

- Member of Kern-Robinson Springwater American Legion Post 905;
- Town Historian as of 2018
- Deputy Town Historian from 2007-2017;
- 1st Deputy Town Clerk appointed in 2017;
- Chairman Democratic Committee for Springwater Members since 2005;
- Secretary for the TRIAD board and Springwater representative;
- Member of Springwater Planning Board since July 2011;
- Community Advisor to the Hand Up Committee, a mission of the Springwater United Methodist Church since 2009;
- Secretary for the town's Bicentennial celebration from 2013 until its commencement in 2016.

Judy is currently writing an updated history of the Town of Springwater through the 20th century with Emeritus Town Historian Havilah Toland. In researching her own family's genealogy, Judy learned that some of her paternal ancestors were actually some of the first settlers in Springwater before it became a town. Until then, no one knew that the family had any New York ties. The Town of Springwater appreciates Judy's many contributions.

Mystery picture from the Avery Barnum collection.



If you have any information about this picture, please contact Donna Walker at dlw2@cornell.edu or 585-737-7345

Honoring America's unsung heroes

August 14th is designated as Navajo Code Talkers Day. Shortly after the United States entered World War II, the Marine Corps began recruiting and training Navajo men to develop and use an unbreakable military code based on their native language. "More than 400 Navajo men were subsequently recruited to develop and utilize this native language code which was used primarily to transmit military messages," according to the National Museum of the American Indian.

Fighting in the battles of the Pacific theater at Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Tinian and Saipan, the Navajo Code Talkers were responsible for saving many lives by signaling enemy movements, transmitting orders and coordinating attacks under fire. Despite earning the respect of their fellow soldiers and Marines, the Navajo Code Talkers received no formal recognition on the home front and their efforts were classified. The code was never broken by the enemy.

These code talkers served in 6 Marine divisions from 1942 to 1945 during the Second World War. These divisions included Marine parachute units and Marine Raider Battalions. The use of native speakers was considered faster than using Morse code which required several hours to get transmitted. The native messages were relayed within a few minutes. Even today, there are less than 30 non-Navajo people who can understand this unwritten language. The code and work of the Navajo Code Talkers was finally

declassified in 1968 by the government of the United States.

Navajo was the preferred code language during the Second World War and it was also utilized during the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War. Use of the code talkers ended right after the war in Vietnam.

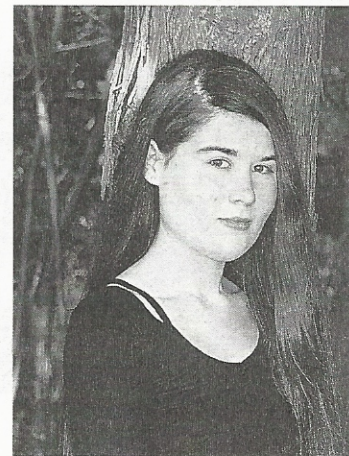
Navajo was not the first time a native language was used by the military; Cherokee troops that belonged to the American 30th Infantry Division serving alongside British troops during the 2nd Battle of Somme in September 1918 used their native language successfully to convey sensitive information during the war, and Choctaw Indian servicemen contributed their efforts in winning numerous battles during the First World War in France in the Meuse-Argonne Campaign.

The Comanche code talkers were awarded the *Chevalier of the National Order of Merit* medal by the French government in 1989 in recognition of their work during World War II. The Meskwaki men successfully utilized their native language against the Germans that were based in North Africa. The Basque Indians were not used often except in Australia and Hawaii. This was because it was known that Basque Jesuit missionaries had been in China, Asia, the Philippines and Hiroshima prior to World War II and it was assumed some of their contacts or converts might have picked up the missionaries' native language.

SWCHS 2018 Scholarship Winner

Morgan Hoppough
2018 Graduate
of

Wayland-Cohocton Central School



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March 2018 – March 2019

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AT A GLANCE, Fall Historical Society Events:

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September 23, 2018 Sunday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Trip Coordinator, Brenda Heywood

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Tour of the Wayland Historical Society and ties to the Springwater community.

October 23, 2018 Pat Willsea, Coordinator

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November 27, 2018 Donna Walker, Coordinator

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Music program from the students at the Wayland Cohocton Central School District

December Pat Willsea, Coordinator

Don't miss our famous **Annual Holiday Cookie Sale!** Watch for details in your mailbox, on posters and in the media.

For some, the time for beginning or renewing SWCHS membership is today!

New Members are always welcome.

The membership year runs from January-December (Easy sign-up membership form on last page of newsletter).

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

Springwater-Webster Crossing Historical Society Membership form

Name _____

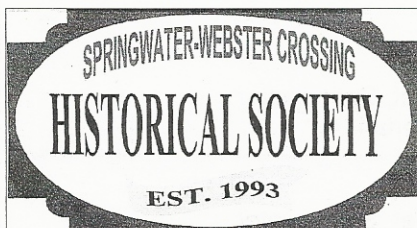
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Membership Levels

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| () Individual | \$10.00 | () Family | \$ 15.00 |
| () Sponsor | \$25.00 | () Life Membership | \$100.00 |
| () Donor of Artifacts or Memorabilia | | () Additional Donation() | |
| () Donation valued more than \$50 Patron Level for one year | | | |

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