

# SPRINGWATER-WEBSTER CROSSING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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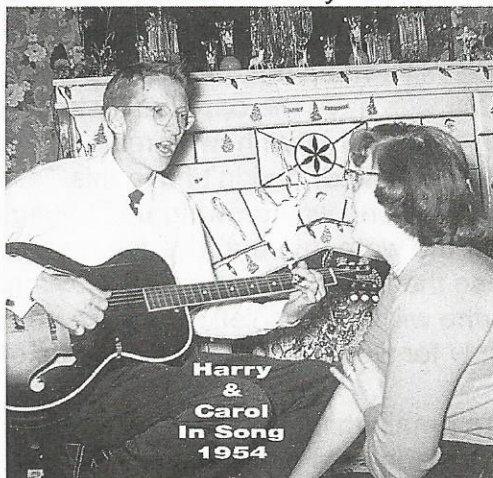
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**Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society Program**  
**"How to Get Started in the Music World"**  
**Presentation by Harry Reynolds**  
**Tuesday, November 28, 2017**

Come to enjoy an evening of entertainment and information that will keep you on the edge of your seat all evening. Those of us who are acquainted with Harry know he will have a memorable evening planned for you. Harry Reynolds is a local celebrity well known for the many years he partnered with John Holbrook to form "The Mavericks". Today he is a "one man band" singing and accompanying himself on the guitar. Harry along with Carol, his wife, compiled a comprehensive pictorial music history of the Livingston and Steuben County area which can be enjoyed by getting it from the Gunlocke Library.

Harry has done other programs for the Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society in the past. One time he took us on a journey upon the Genesee Canal System of topic of interest to him and local history for all of us; and another was a presentation of the radar tower here in the west hills of Springwater; as well as singing and playing the guitar for us. Carol enhances these presentations writing hand-outs with pictures and other supporting data. The two of them have contributed much to enhance life in our area. Harry and Carol reside in Wayland. They lived in and raised their family in Webster Crossing.

Please join the Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society for a dish-to-pass dinner at 6:30 and program at 7:15 p.m. at the American Legion Post #905, 7998 School Street. All programs are free and open to the public. Donations for the support of the Historical Society are welcome.



Harry  
&  
Carol  
In Song  
1954

Many  
Years  
Later



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Brenard Weed

The Original Mavericks 1962

Harry Reynolds

John Holbrook

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## A Modern Day Native American

SWCHS October Program

SPRINGWATER — Many community members gathered to learn about what it is like to be a "Modern Day Native American" on the Tonawanda Seneca Reservation. Jason Pragle is a native of Springwater who discovered he has Seneca in his family tree. Pragle gave a presentation with his son Jackson Bob, 9, on what it is like living on the reservations these days. He is drawn to his Native American roots, and has honored them for many years. Pragle worked maintenance at the Gannagaro Historic Village for several years. It is a 17th Century Seneca Village. It was destroyed a long time ago. Archeologists have been fascinated by it for years.

"I transferred to Stony Brook, but I was still traveling a long way from home," he said. "I wanted to be with my kids, so I transferred to Darien. Family is the most important thing to me."

Pragle got involved in Lacrosse, which is more than just a game to the Native Americans. "Lacrosse to Native people is not just a game," he said. "It is a way of life." "In the Native Community it is not custom for women to play Lacrosse," Pragle continued. "There is medicine in the wood, and it gains more strength in the community. Lacrosse was given to the people by the Creator. Five tribes came together. The game was given to the people, but it was played in the sky world. Animals used to play against one another too." The male children start playing this game at a very young age. "Many children are moving away from Football and going to Lacrosse. In Football you get a hit every time," Pragle said. "Lacrosse starts with the ball on the ground, and it is a game of hide and seek with the goalies."

In the tribe there is a Clan System that the mother passes down to her children. Jackson Bob and his siblings are of the Snipe Clan.

The State Fair is all reservation land, and on this land they hold a Native American Dance. Pragle helped in making a genuine longhouse at this land. He also helps with the Snow Snake games.

The Seneca Nation is pushing now to have their children learn and hold onto the daily language of their people. "The daily language is being lost,"

Pragle said. "The older generations were told they could not speak it. I had a friend who was beat in school for speaking Indian, and beat at home for speaking English. He went and joined the military." Pragle said his children can go to public school in fourth grade, and they are given lessons in Seneca language. "We are bringing back the daily Seneca language," he said. "It is important for our tribe and our culture."

Pragle said when he chose to move to the reservation with his family he was amazed by how the people did things. "They fish with a spear and a net," he said. "They drag the net at the bottom of the lake and pull the fish on the boat they separate the eggs from the fish, so the lake can be rejuvenated." Pragle met his wife Sesiley, at a social dance. Sesiley's mother is Seneca and it is from her she gets her clan. Pragle's oldest son is from another woman of Mohawk Nation

The one thing that is bothersome to the Native Americans is the horrible drug epidemic. "The drug epidemic is disturbing, and that is what concerns me the most right now," Pragle said. "I got all of the trouble out of me when I was young, and I didn't go to the reservation with all of that baggage."

Pragle explained he does not belong to any tribe or clan. His children have their mother's clan and nation. Pragle did some digging in his family genealogy and found Native American roots there. However, he was never enrolled into any tribe or clan. Sesiley Pragle said that although her father is not a native she is considered full Seneca since the roots run through the mother. "I chose him (Jason) as my husband and we took him into our community," she said. "I am considered full blooded regardless. The roots run through the mother."

"My kids have the opportunity to speak their language and learn how to read and write it," Pragle continued. "I didn't have this opportunity when I was growing up." Pragle explained the women are above the men in the culture, so the line follows the mother. Women decide who will be the chief. There are certain things only for women, and certain things only for men.

The main thing now on the reservations is to save the language and preserve the culture.

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Most meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month and begin at 6:30 PM at the Springwater American Legion building with a pot luck supper.

Just bring a dish to pass and join us.

## It' Time for our

### Annual Membership Drive.

If you are not a Life Member, it's time for your renewal.

*Membership carries the satisfaction of knowing that you are doing some small thing to preserve artifacts and historical stories of the community of Springwater. Not only are they preserved but as space and opportunity provide many items are on display at the museum.*

The Society presents 8 programs per year of interest to the community.

Most program nights a pot luck supper is offered for your enjoyment and fellowship with others of the community.

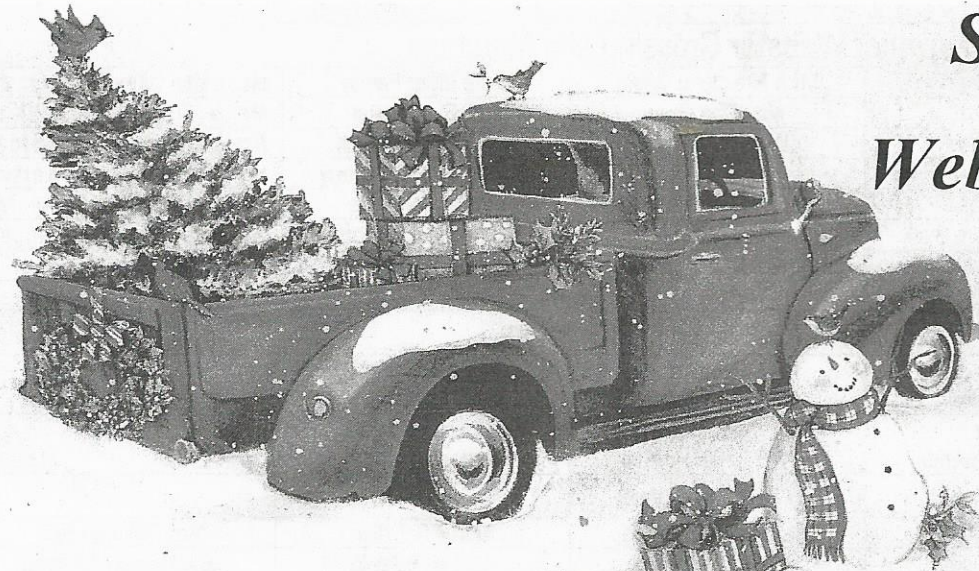
Examples:

Genesee Valley Fox Hunt.

In March a pancake supper and talk on maple syrup by the Clark's from Wheaton Hill.

Jan Fox talked and presented samples of Historic Letters with a Springwater connection.

## Renew your membership today!



*Springwater  
Webster Crossing  
Historical  
Society*

# HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE

3 Dozen Cookies \$12.00

6 Dozen Cookies \$20.00

*Holiday FUND RAISER to support the Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society*

## No Time to Bake? Relieve Holiday Stress!

Order cookies prepared by some of our town's best bakers!

*Cookie trays are great for businesses, offices, social gatherings, hostess gifts or family gatherings.*

Orders must be RECEIVED by: Sunday DECEMBER 3, 2017

Trays may be PICKED UP on: Saturday DECEMBER 16, 2017

*10 AM to 12 Noon at the Springwater Town Hall 8022 South Main Street*

*(unless other arrangements are made)*

To order: Fill out the attached form and enclose payment to SWCHS. Mail to: SWCHS, P.O. Box 68, Springwater, NY 14560 or call Pat Willsea 585-669-2376, 585-728-5552

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### SPRINGWATER WEBSTER CROSSING HISTORICAL SOCIETY COOKIE ORDER

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

3 DOZEN COOKIES @\$12.00 (# OF ORDERS) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

6 DOZEN COOKIES @\$20.00 (# OF ORDERS) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER = \_\_\_\_\_



Do You Know?

Can you name the men?

What building is in the background?

What is the significance of the ambulance pictured?

Answers found elsewhere in the newsletter



**The Mavericks  
John Holbrook - Harry Reynolds  
Appearing with Tex Ritter  
at Geneseo State Collage 1967**



**The Mavericks  
30 Years Later  
"Jamming": at Conesus Legion**

Answers to questions above: 1. Don Haywood, Dick White, Jerry Fox, Fran Holmes, Harmon Pragle 2. 7962 Mill Street, east of the creek, owned by Joe Canute. 3. S.A.V.E.S. first ambulance entered service in 1967, converted from a hearse. Don Haywood, Jerry Fox, Fran Holmes, Dana Colegrove did the majority of the work in Harold Fox's body shop. (now Spring-Way Baptist Church.

# Springwater-Webster Crossing Historical Society Membership form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

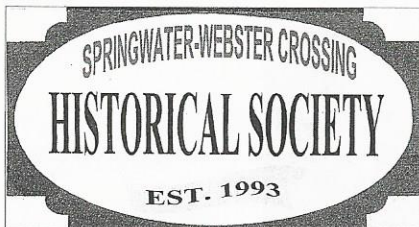
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## Membership Levels

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual   | \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family                    | \$ 15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor  | \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership           | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donor of Artifacts or Memorabilia                        |         | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Donation(    ) |          |
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