

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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On Memorial Day tributes were held in all the Springwater Cemeteries, one after the other. The American flag is held high, our legionnaires provide a gun salute, the names of all the fallen soldiers buried at each cemetery are read, youth recite the poem "In Flanders Fields" and taps are played as the flag at the cemetery is raised from half mast.

The largest small parade in Springwater on Monday, Memorial Day May 27th, traditionally has Fire Engines, floats, horses, and the Wayland Cohocton high school Band. Our little town pays tribute to the men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. We also pay tribute to their spouses, children, family members and friends who live with their loss. The Springwater Fire Department, the American Legion Post 905, the Springwater United Methodist Church, and the Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society all have some form of food to serve to those who come out to celebrate. Even the Pheber Ice Cream place is open. Thanks go to all who participated.

On Sunday, May 26, the Springwater Trails Maintenance hike at the Bristol Branch of the Finger Lake Trail split up into several groups. Melissa and Marty did not realize the time was changed to 4:00 PM, so they went right ahead and took care of many of the fallen branches and fallen trees along the trail. The people that showed up at 4:00 PM split into two groups so as to start on the trail at both ends of this day's hike to work toward the middle. There were many invasive honeysuckle bushes and multiflorarose bushes to cut back. Much progress was made in weed whacking along the path by the two John's and Mark. All that is missing now is rerouting a portion of the trail with permission from the private owners so as to stay away from the 8 foot fence and to enjoy the twisting path with good scenery. The next hike will be in Italy Valley. For details, log into the Springwater Trails website or ask a regular hiker.

The Spaghetti Dinner and Music Jam at the Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church was well attended last Thursday, May 23rd, thanks are given to all who came to enjoy the good food and social time. The next one is on Thursday, June 27, 2019.

Pat Granger writes the news from the Springwater United Methodist Church, the Food Pantry and the Food Link distribution: "Monday was a beautiful day for the parades and family picnics. A thank you goes out to the folks that stopped by at our Memorial Day Luncheon at the church. For Sunday Jackie Malone decorated the church honoring our fallen soldiers. Pastor Dawn also did a service honoring our fallen soldiers. We sang verses from "America the Beautiful, Battle Hymn of the Republic, Let There Be Peace on Earth, Onward Christian Soldiers, Eternal Father! Strong To Save, My Country 'Tis of Thee, God of the Ages, The Star Spangled Banner, and God Bless America. We were told that God sang and he wanted us to sing so we did. By reading scripture,

spreading joy, and singing we are bound together. Also Jackie gave a message honoring fallen soldiers and a time was opened up for members to share stories about their family members that had served our country. Parish Notices: prayers go out to the families of Sue Holmes and Kelly McConnell that went to be with the Lord, prayers for all of the folks in other states that have been hit by tornadoes and lost everything, travel mercies for Teresa Langhorn as she flies to Texas and for everyone that is traveling this holiday weekend, and praises for my granddaughter Makenzie arriving back home safely. Have a great week.

The Springwater Community Food Pantry would like to thank the Springwater American Legion for their donation and to everyone else that has donated and want to remain anonymous. God bless you all. We are still open from 6:30 to 8:00 PM Wednesday evenings and 9:00 to 11AM on Saturday mornings except when the Mobile Food Link distribution is scheduled.

The next mobile Food Link Distribution will be on June 22nd in the parking lot of the Springwater Fire Department from 10AM-11:30AM or until everything is gone. If you would like to volunteer to help you must contact Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223 at least one week prior to the next delivery on June 22nd.”

The weather is turning warm and the grass and flowers are thriving. Already lawns are in need of mowing every week to keep everything looking good. The trilliums have bloomed; the Jack-in-the-pulpit, the purple wild geranium, and the lilacs are in full bloom; and the iris will be blooming soon. People are planting their vegetable and flower gardens, and the rest of us might be waiting for the local farm market to open or we might be purchasing a farm share in a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). If you are interested in a farm share one is available from the Abbey of the Genesee in Piffard by emailing farm manager, Porter Hunt, at Porter@geneseeabbey.org. In addition, if you have not been to the Abbey recently, you will be surprised at the new store they have built. Visit the Abbey of the Genesee at 3258 River Rd., Piffard, NY 14533 or give them a call at 585-243-0660.

Lagom Landing is having their Pig Roast and Graduation Speeches on June 2, 2019. Graduating are Jacob Hagen and Matthew Simone, the 7th cohort to do so. The speeches will be given circa 4 PM. For more details, log into the website at Lagom Landing.

Birthdays:

May 30 – Sue Walker, Brett Willard, John Coley

June 1 – Carigan Miceli, Ryan Bowers, Alana Wyatt, Linda Hopkins

June 2 – Alan Dale

June 3 – Sabrina Bowes, Josiah Parker, Matthew Colangelo

June 4 – Andy Wester, Laura Sue Perkins

June 5 – Pam Sheedy, Catherine Tripp

June 6 – Kim Bowers, Kim Czak

Anniversaries: Congratulations to:

June 1 – Ken & Diane White #34

June 3 – John & Kim Czak #29