

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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This week on Monday, June 1, from 4 to 6 PM, a free milk distribution to those that are first come, first served will take place at the Craig's Station Creamery, 1840 Craig Road in York. Take a leisurely drive past newly planted cornfields and freshly mowed alfalfa, through the Craig's Station Campus to receive a free gallon of milk, bottled by Pittsford Farms Dairy. Thanks to the generosity of ReFed, a nonprofit food waste reduction organization, the Livingston County Farm Bureau is partnering with Natural Upcycling, Craig's Station Creamery, and Dairy Farmers of America to offer a free community milk distribution in honor of World Milk Day and June Dairy month. It is their way of giving back to the local community that continues to be impacted by the COVID-19 crisis and to honor the hard working dairy farmers of our area.

By meeting outside and bringing their own lawn chairs, parishioners attended a Sunday service held by Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss behind Webster's Crossing United Methodist Church at the playground. If the weather holds out this Sunday, we will try it once more. Ralph and Mike brought their guitars and did a rendition of "I'm proud to be an American", Lena sang "How Great Thou Art", and we all chimed in for "My Country 'Tis of Thee". Pastor Dorothy's food for thought challenged us to think of our "Once Upon A Time" stories to bring attention to Jesus' story telling using parables to make a point. We shared blessings and prayers for people in our community, especially Gladys Weed, as she now is on oxygen 24/7.

Every week since January of 2018, Pat Granger has shared information from the Springwater United Methodist Church for this column. Please join me in thanking her and wishing her well, as last week she shared that this would be the last time she would be sending me her part. Hopefully, someone else will be interested in sharing their expertise. If you are so inclined, please give me a phone call at 585-669-2659 or write me an e-mail at kjth@allwesterntrees.com.

From Springwater United Methodist Church, Pat Granger writes "As we give tribute on Memorial Day to the service men and women that have lost their lives fighting for our country Pastor Dawn also gave tribute in her service on Sunday. If we had been able to attend church we would have been singing "America the Beautiful", "The Star Spangled Banner", and "My Country 'Tis of Thee". Pastor Dawn had the words to each of these songs written in the bulletin. Until today, when I read through the verses, I did not realize that God is mentioned in each one of these songs. Did you know that even in the United Methodist Book of Worship there is a prayer written specifically for Memorial Day? She also shared with us information as to when each branch of the armed forces was established:

U.S. Army-"This We'll Defend." The continental Army was created on June 14, 1775 by the Second Continental Congress, their goal was not to fight for sovereignty, but to defend liberty.

U.S. Navy-There is no official motto. "Non sibi sed patriae" (Not for self but for country) is often cited. The Navy came into being October 13, 1775 and was established by the Continental Congress. The Department of the Navy was established on April 30, 1798.

U.S. Air Force - “Aim High: Fly-Fight-Win”. It was officially established as a separate branch on September 18, 1947 through the Security Act.

U.S. Marine Corps -“Semper Fidelis”, “Always Faithful”, established on November 10, 1775 by the Continental Congress (as part of the Navy). In 1798, it was established as a separate branch.

U.S. Coast Guard- “Semper Paratus”, “Always Ready”, founded on August 4, 1790.

U.S. Space Force (USSF)-a new branch of the Armed Forces. It was established on December 20, 2019 within the Department of the Air Force.

We need to continue to remember our fallen soldiers. The men and women that are now serving we must keep in our thoughts and prayers. With the reopening of our country please continue to use safety precautions so that we do not end up where we were back in March. Everyone have a wonderful week.

The Springwater Community Food Pantry still remains open on Saturday mornings from 9 to 11 AM. If you have any questions please call Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223.”

Seven people enjoyed a gorgeous afternoon kayaking with the Springwater Trails Group on Sunday, May 24, by meeting at Hemlock Lake north boat launch site before 4 PM. Simultaneously, five hikers took off hiking on the wide trail heading south from the boat launch. The kayak trip south was against the wind, but coming back north the trip required special balancing with oars to keep from tipping over. The social was held at the shelter at the head of the lake with everyone (eight stayed to enjoy conversation) bringing their own picnic lunch and sitting over 6 feet apart.

The 8th cohort of young people is graduating from Lagom Landing on May 30 using an “on line format” due to the COVID 19 circumstances. The three unique young people, John, Natalie, and Noah, have grown both in skills and in their characters. On Saturday, May 30th, you can link to Facebook Live from 1 to 2 PM and from 2 to 3 PM link to a Zoom Reception. This is an opportunity to hear the young people speak about their growth, view their woodworking projects and celebrate their stories! Also a small version of Bobby & the Einsteins will play some tunes and a few other special guests like Sam Harper will be featured. If you would like to send graduation congratulations, do so before May 30th to Lagom Landing, 7966 Reed’s Corners Road in Sparta, 585-727-1687.

Do share your stories and thoughts – contact me at kjth@allwesterntrees.com or by phone at 585-669-2659.

Happy Birthday to:

May 28 – Ralph Hamilton

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

Anniversaries: Congratulations to:

June 1 – Ken & Diane White #35

June 3 – John & Kim Czak #30