

## SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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Have you ever wondered about how words can be spelled incorrectly? When writing about the Springwater Trails hike and kayak news this week, I discovered that “The Marrow Beds” description just did not make sense to me, as I am familiar with the word “marrow” in bones. At first I thought perhaps dinosaur bones were found in the water, but then I saw that the description included the sentence that “the morrow was loaded on a small set of railroad tracks and sent across town to the cement works.” This time the word “morrow” was used, and when I looked up that word the meaning was an archaic way of saying “tomorrow” which now made no sense at all. So I decided to look up the ingredients for making cement, and to my surprise, found that marl is an ingredient. Now, like me, my hiking friends will go on a hunt for what marl is in geology! They will learn, as I did, that another clue is in the sentences “This pond was excavated during the late 1800s and was reported to be as deep as 45 feet. The pond has silted in over time and the deepest spot is about 4 feet.” So now you know the Springwater Trails description should read that we were to kayak on “The Marl Beds” and “The marl was loaded into rail cars and moved across town on narrow gauge railroad tracks that led to the cement works.” Add to this my knowledge of living in a mining camp outside the city of Chihuahua, Mexico where crushed stone (iron ore, another ingredient for cement) was moved by tramway buckets to rail cars and then to the smelter! Seven people enjoyed a gorgeous afternoon kayaking on “The Marl Beds” and ten braved the 3 mile hike hosted by Rick in Wayland for Springwater Trails on Sunday, May 31, 2020. A few stayed afterwards to visit at the social.

On Sunday, May 31, despite a light rain in the morning, a small group of parishioners once again met with everyone staying in or near their vehicles, except Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss who braved the rain and led the Sunday service behind Webster’s Crossing United Methodist Church at the playground. Ralph and Mike brought their guitars, but the rain squashed that idea. Gladys Weed was taken to Noyes Hospital this week. Prayers were raised for solving the social unrest throughout the country. Pastor served communion by having the bread placed in individual paper muffin cups and the juice in the individual glass cups.

The Finger Lakes Region reopening guide is available by logging into the Livingston County Health Department website, clicking on the Covid-19 logo, and reading the statistics of our region of NYS. The guide for “Reopening New York and Building Back Better” plan is lengthy (over 190 pages), well written, and helpful to those that want to find the information in writing to try to make sense of the new

normal: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/NYForwardReopeningGuide.pdf>. Every one can make a difference, and we should all try. There seems to be more evidence that wearing a mask in public spaces, social distancing, hand washing frequently, and staying at home and avoiding others can slow the spread of this virus. Keeping or having a record of who you encounter in the course of your day will make tracing easier, should it be needed. “It is us together versus the virus” said our state governor on May 4, 2020.

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

At this time of great need for many families, the Little Lakes Community Association has stepped up to help out the Hemlock Food Pantry by processing 36 dozen local farm eggs for donation. Rob Gallagher, the owner of Prometheus Farm on Decker Road in Livonia, contacted LLCA to request volunteers to process a large number of eggs recently "donated" by his 60 hens. Four volunteers, Carol Williams, Marie Peterson, Sherry Gendreau and Tawn Feeney, gathered at the farm on Saturday morning, May 23, to learn the ropes of collecting, washing, checking for "floaters" (spoiled eggs), candling, and packing the eggs. Laurie Parfitt, the manager of the food pantry picked up the cartons to refrigerate at the Little Lakes Community Center until distribution to families-in-need on Thursdays. She was very grateful to Rob and the "eggstra-special" volunteers for their donation! This was shared by Tawn Feeney from LLCA.

Do share your stories and thoughts – contact me at [kjth@allwesterntrees.com](mailto:kjth@allwesterntrees.com) or by phone at 585-669-2659.

Happy Birthday to:

June 4 – Andy Wester, Laura Sue Perkins, Jean Kimmel

June 5 – Pam Sheedy, Catherine Tripp

June 6 – Kim Bowers, Kim Czak

June 7 – Jason Hamilton, Rachel Wagner, Krystin-Marie Gibson

June 8 – Ron Ingraham, Alissa Nicometo, Matt Herbert

June 9 – Gustavus Gricius, Isabel Nora Gibson

June 10 – Jeff Wagner

Anniversaries: none