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Northern Pines News

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Celebrating June

Adopt-a-Cat Month

Automotive Service

Professionals Week

June 3–9

Watermelon

Seed Spitting Week

June 27–30

Go Barefoot Day

June 1

Tailors Day

June 5

National Doughnut Day

June 7

Nature Photography Day

June 15

Happy Birthday Jane!!!

June 17

International Day of Yoga

June 21

Day of the Seafarer

June 25

National Bingo Day

June 27

God's Never-Ending Love For You

He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command." Matthew 22:37-38. When my boys were little and they were punished for doing something wrong, they would occasionally say, "you don't love me". This was not true and I would explain to them the importance of being obedient and that my love for them had not changed. As adults, there are times in our lives when we might feel like God does not love us. But this is not true. Henry Blackaby writes in his book, Experiencing God "People who struggle to spend time with God, don't have a scheduling problem, they have a love problem" (p.59). In whatever relationship we have with others, when we spend time with them, we not only get to know them more, we desire to be with them more and we develop a deep love for them. In our relationship with God, the more time we spend with him, the more we will experience his vast, deep love and the more we will love him. But love is not just a one-way street. God is pursuing a love relationship with us. God takes the initiative. He chooses us, loves us and reveals his eternal purposes for our lives. A love relationship with God is personal and practical. God is a Person pouring His life into yours. Christianity is a personal, progressive, practical relationship with God. Ask God to bring you into the kind of relationship he desires for you (Blackaby p. 61). God's presence is always with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you (Deuteronomy 31:8). God's love is deep and wide (Ephesians 3:18-19) and it never runs out! Like the shepherd who goes out to find the one lost sheep, Jesus will pursue you with his love until you find him. You are not alone in this life. You are LOVED by a God whose love has no boundaries. Keep pursuing him because he continues to pursue you and when you meet, His love will overwhelm you and your life will be changed! Praising God from whom all blessings flow!

Chaplain Val

Inbox Insights



This might be good news or bad news depending on your relationship with your email inbox, but the second week of June is Email Week. No doubt about it, email has

forever transformed the way we communicate. The question is, has it transformed our communication for better or for worse?

Email truly is a communication miracle. It has shrunken space and time, making communication global and instantaneous. In both our personal and business lives, we can now keep in touch more easily, saving time and money in the process. (Just ask your postal carrier.)

Through email, we can correspond using more than just words. We share documents, pictures, videos, and music. Email allows us to work from home rather than commute to the office each day. It also enables us to reach hundreds of people at the click of a button. And thanks to smartphones and other mobile devices, we can access our email on the go—anytime, anywhere.

Yet studies show that most people can handle a maximum of only 50 work emails per day. Any more than that and they feel overwhelmed. In fact, many people feel “inbox anxiety,” a deep pressure to respond to every email they receive. When you consider that over 361 billion emails are sent around the world each day, that’s a lot of inboxes to clear!

This brings us to spam. No, we’re not referring to the canned meat product that has become a pop culture phenomenon; we’re talking about those junk emails flooding your inbox: advertisements, forwards, and even fraudulent scams. As much as 85 percent of all email falls into this category. Perhaps the best way to celebrate Email Week is to not read email at all. After all, some believe that email is passé, and that the communication of the future is texting and social media sites like Facebook, Instagram, and X.

June Birthdays

If you were born between June 1–21, you are a Twin of Gemini. Geminis make communicative and lively companions. Intellectual and imaginative, they are the ones to sit near at a party. Those born between June 22–30 are Crabs of Cancer. Crabs love family and nurturing others. They may be emotional, kind, and gentle, but they are never soft. Cancers are strong-willed and tenacious in their search for peace and homeyness.

Pat Boone (singer) – June 1, 1934
Rafael Nadal (tennis player) – June 3, 1986
Suze Orman (financial advisor) – June 5, 1951
Dai Vernon (magician) – June 11, 1894
Stan Laurel (comedian) – June 16, 1890
Prince William (British royal) – June 21, 1982
Meryl Streep (actress) – June 22, 1949
Larry Blyden (TV host) – June 23, 1925
Slim Pickens (actor) – June 29, 1919
Lena Horne (entertainer) – June 30, 1917

Northern Pines Yard Sale Fundraiser!!!

We are excited to announce that it is time again for our second annual yard and bake sale fundraiser!! We have already been receiving some amazing donations and are gathering up quite a bit of stuff to sell. Last year we had not only Northern Pines families that donated items to sell but, also members of our amazing Grayling community as well. Last year we raised over \$2,000!!! We are still accepting donations and anticipate seeing them continuing to come right up until our fundraiser begins. We will be starting our yard and bake sale on Thursday, June 27th and will be ending on Sunday, June 30th. We can’t wait to see you all there!!

