Town of Penfield Supervisor's Column
Week of January 18, 2016

A “hat trick” in hockey is when a player scores three goals in a game. Last weekend for Troop 260 the “hat trick” meant that three more young men received the rank of Eagle! I had the honor and privilege of attending the Eagle Court of Honor for Luke Kusmierek, Timothy A. Reyda, and Martin L. Petrauskas. This makes Eagle Scout number 81, 82 and 83 for Troop 260—a real tribute to the scouts, parents, and leaders.

Luke’s Eagle project consisted of the construction of a go-green composting structure for the Ronald McDonald House. This structure provides organic compost for use in their vegetable garden. Luke also built a potting bench to aid in the planting process.

Tim’s project was to organize volunteers to clean and repaint the hallways at St. Joseph’s School. The project used 350 man hours to complete 20,000 square feet of walls, which saved the school approximately $5,000 in overall costs.

Martin’s project benefitted the St. Irenaeus Center on Blossom Road, where he built two compost bins, created a path through the flower garden, and extended another area of the garden for the residents’ enjoyment.

Penfield continues to be a leader in the number of Eagle Scouts recipients across the county. On behalf of the entire community of Penfield, I would like to congratulate Luke, Tim, and Martin on attaining the rank of Eagle, you should be very proud. Also a special recognition to the parents, family members, fellow scouts, and scout leaders for their support, encouragement, and involvement with these three young men. You have made a difference!

We are fortunate that the winter weather has been mild to date. As we are starting to see a light dusting of snow in the mornings for our commutes to work and school, I am reminded by our DPW employees that parking on any roadway in the town from 2:00 to 7:00 a.m. is not permitted through April 1 to allow our crews too effectively salt and clear the roadways for safe travel. Thank you in advance for your support on this important safety matter.

I have previously mentioned the topic of Penfield TV in this column and at several town board meetings; however, it bears repeating for everyone’s information. In late September 2015 our Penfield Community TV (PCTV) station experienced a failure of its playback system. While we are still able to broadcast town meetings live and make them available on the website for viewing at any time, we are unable to re-broadcast on channels 12 and 15 at this time. The replacement costs are approximately $65,000 for this failed equipment. We are exploring different options including working with other towns in a partnering effort with playback equipment to ensure we are best managing tax dollars. I will continue to keep you updated on this matter in the coming months.

Not an outdoor enthusiast at this time of the year with the snow and cold, but you do not want to be a couch potato? Consider the many aquatic wellness programs offered through Penfield Recreation such as lap swim and water walking, water yoga, family open swim, group and private swim lessons, competitive swim, and more! For more information please review the PenRec brochure pages 8–11 or go to www.penfieldrec.org and sign-up!

Reminder…there is a great lineup of programs for our young residents during February and April breaks. You may register the week-long program or by the day. For more information check out all of the offerings at www.penfieldrec.org.

The Daytime Education at Recreation (DEAR) programs continue to grow and expand. I encourage you to look at the variety of topics offered. We receive wonderful feedback on the quality of these programs. For more information, please consult the PenRec brochure or www.penfieldrec.org.

Until next week, be well and be safe!

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