Congratulations to the two Bay Trail Middle School teams that competed at the Science Olympiad Midwestern Regional Competition at St John Fisher College in March. The two teams earned 23 medals in 21 events. Of the 30 students who participated, 26 earned at least one medal. Team 8 brought home the second place trophy, while Team 7 finished tenth out of 20 teams. This means that for the eighth time in the last nine years, Bay Trail will be sending a team to the New York State Tournament, which will be held in Syracuse on April 17 and 18. Congratulations to all of the Olympians, their teacher volunteer, and community member coaches. Good luck in the state tournament!

I recently attended an Eagle Court of Honor for Edmund Stubbing of Troop 360 at St. Joseph's Church. Edmund's Eagle Project consisted of removing, designing, and rebuilding the boardwalk on the Red Trail in The Writing Road Nature Preserve. The old boardwalk was in a state of disrepair and unsafe. Edmund's new blueprint was designed so that the boardwalk could be raised off the ground and the old boardwalk removed. On behalf of the town board and the entire community of Penfield, I want to congratulate Edmund on attaining the rank of Eagle.

The Penfield Volunteer Emergency Ambulance (PVEA) held its annual awards banquet celebrating forty-eight years of service. I had the honor, on behalf of the town board, to present a recognition award to George (Tom) McCollough for Outstanding Service. This is PVEA’s highest award that recognizes a member who, over a period of time, has consistently worked to maintain the integrity and vision of the organization. Additionally, Clancy McMahon was recognized as member of the year. This award recognizes a member who went above and beyond to serve PVEA during 2014. The 2014 Service Hours Award went to Richard Sperduto, who logged 1,206 volunteer hours, and the Years of Service Awards went to Marv Bielicki and Hugh Franklin for 45 years of service. The next time you see one of these individuals or any member of PVEA, please take a moment to say thank you for their service to our community.

I ask that you join me in congratulating the Woodward family and Woody Acres Farm for recently celebrating their golden anniversary. The Woodward family acquired their Harris Road farm in 1915. Dave and his family have grown and expanded the operation over the years to provide much enjoyment to the Penfield community. During the various season you will see many of your friends visiting the farm for a Christmas tree, pumpkins, and many other wonderful products. Dave Woodward continues to support many of our community functions from hay rides at our family Halloween gathering to participation in the July fourth celebration. He is also active with several committees and boards to help Penfield be the best community in Monroe County. Thank you for all your family does to support this great community!

Until next week, don’t get to discouraged, spring is on the way!

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