The week of May 19-25 recognizes two very important services in all communities. The first is Emergency Medical Services Week, with this year’s theme being “EMS: More Than a Job, a Calling.” EMS providers are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills to provide specialized care to Penfield residents. I would like to recognize and thank all of our residents who choose to serve the community as volunteer emergency medical service providers. Additionally, next week is National Public Works Week. Public Works employees are involved in so many systems and programs that impact our lives such as roads and highways, sewers, water, parks, public buildings and sustainable practices. These groups of skilled men and women work in all kinds of weather and hazardous conditions to ensure the health, safety and comfort Penfield residents greatly depend on in their day-to-day lives. I would like to recognize and thank all of Penfield’s Public Works employees for their dedicated service to our community.

From time to time we all look for a different or meaningful gift to give a friend or loved one. Why not consider a gift certificate for Penfield Recreation? These gift certificates come in any value and can be used towards a program, the purchase of merchandise, lodge rentals, and much more. For more information please log on to recreation@penfield.org or call 340-8655.

A special shout-out to Penfield High School’s official student newspaper “The Pendulum” for taking first place honors in the American Scholastic Press Association’s annual review and Contest Awards for scholastic newspapers. Congratulations to editors-in-chief, seniors Lindsay Igoe and Elizabeth Wilkins, and the entire club. The Pendulum was among only five school newspapers from New York State to be recognized and honored. Congratulations to all the newspaper staffers and their advisor and journalism teacher, William Unterborn.

If you have not had a chance to attend the Penfield Players annual spring melodrama “The Villain Took a Chip Shot…or Thar’s Gold in Them Thar Greens,” you still have two more dates. Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18 performances have available seats as I write this column. The program begins at 8:00 p.m. at the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. You may purchase tickets at the Recreation Department or on-line by visiting recreation@penfield.org and clicking on “Registration & Reservation.” You may sign in, or if you do not have a log-in, click on “browse tickets” then select a performance and follow the prompts.

Last week the Penfield High School baseball team played Fairport in the “Coaches vs. Cancer” game. Some of the proceeds collected were donated in memory of Roger Wolfe, the father of Jesson Wolfe, one of Penfield’s varsity baseball players who lost his battle with cancer last year. The remaining proceeds were donated in memory of Blake Cognata, a Fairport senior who lost his battle with cancer earlier this school year. Fairport won this outing over Penfield by a score of 5 to 3. Congratulations to both teams, their coaches, and all the parents for making this Coaches vs. Cancer game so successful!

Mark your calendars for the following programs: Memorial Day Ceremony of Remembrance, Monday, May 27, 10:30 a.m. at the Penfield Amphitheater & Kiwanis Stage; new Jazz and Food Rodeo, Friday, May 31, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. to kick-off the 2013 music season. For more information and details about these programs and many more, please log on to www.penfield.org.

Until next week, be well and be safe!

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