Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column  
Week of May 18, 2015

I would like to give a big shout out to Sarah Jane Clifford and The Gymnastics Training Center for winning a 2015 Telly Award. The Telly Award is the premier award honoring outstanding local, regional, and cable TV commercials and programs, as well as the finest video and film productions, and web commercials, videos and films. The Telly Awards annually showcases the best work of the most respected advertising agencies, production companies, television stations, cable operators, and corporate video departments in the world. The Telly Awards is a widely known and highly respected national and international competition and receives over 12,000 entries annually from all 50 states and many foreign countries. Sarah Jane submitted their "Grow through Movement" video because she was convinced it had winning potential and it turns out she was right! GTC was a “Silver Telly” winner (the highest honor) in the “Health and Fitness” category. Congratulations to Sarah Jane and her entire team for receiving this award and for being such a positive influence on Penfield and the surrounding communities.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 27, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., for the Penfield Pharmaceutical Waste Collection to be held at Wegmans, 2157 Penfield Road. No appointment is necessary. The purpose of this event is to collect pharmaceutical waste only. This includes controlled substances and any pharmaceutical or over-the-counter waste that is no longer needed, wanted, or has expired. Please note, no household hazardous waste will be accepted. This collection event is a residential collection only; therefore, pharmacies, veterinarians or any other pharmaceutical business wastes will not be accepted. Privacy issue: The medications and containers will be incinerated under the supervision of law enforcement, you may block out any personal information on containers if you so choose. Through these types of collections with local law enforcement agencies, the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services and the Sheriff’s Department have collected more than 82,000 pounds of pharmaceutical waste and serviced over 31,000 residents. The information for this event is on our website at www.penfield.org.

I hope to see you at the Memorial Day Ceremony of Remembrance to be held on Monday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m. at the amphitheater in Veterans’ Memorial Park. If you would like to present a rose in honor of a veteran, please contact Sabrina at 340-8651 to participate in the Presentation of Roses.

Last Saturday a group of 35 family members and friends gathered for the inaugural “Terry Rothfuss Good Neighbor Day.” These volunteers visited five properties in Penfield to lend a helping hand to neighbors who needed support cleaning up and clearing out debris. The event coincided with Penfield spring drop-off days and the group was able to bring over many truckloads of debris, branches and other old household items for disposal. This event was a wonderful tribute to a man who helped define community involvement in Penfield—neighbor helping neighbor! As we approach the first anniversary of the passing of Terry Rothfuss, we should all challenge ourselves to continue to look for ways to make a difference each and every day in whatever we do—that would be a celebration of Terry’s life and would help to keep his legacy alive and growing in Penfield. Terry always made a difference!

Until next week, please be well and be safe.

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