Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
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This past Friday night was the 10th annual Strike Out Cancer (formerly known as Coaches vs. Cancer) baseball game between the Fairport and Penfield Baseball teams. Due to the unusually wet conditions the game was moved to the Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua. It was a great hard fought game that saw Fairport beating Penfield 1-0. However, the highlight of the game was when a check for $3,300 was presented to the American Cancer Society. In total, $3,800 was raised and donated by Penfield-Fairport families.

The American Cancer Society is on a mission to free the world from cancer. Until they do, they will be funding and conducting research, sharing expert information, supporting patients, and spreading the word about prevention. They are doing all of this so we can live longer—and better. There were many winners Friday night...both teams and their families, people from both communities who donated to this great cause, and the American Cancer Society. Since 1946, the American Cancer Society has invested more than $4.8 billion in cancer research to find more—and better—treatments, uncover factors that may cause cancer, and improve cancer patients’ quality of life. Thank you to all who participated, you are awesome!

Mark your calendars for the next scenic trek sponsored and guided by the Penfield Trails Committee on Saturday, June 8 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the Webster Arboretum. Explore this unique garden of natural beauty in a park-like setting dedicated to quiet reflection, beauty, and the sights, sounds and smells of nature. Meet at Kent Park, 1700 Schlegel Road in Webster and look for the hike signs. All events are held rain or shine. While all hikes are FREE, please register by calling Penfield Recreation at 340-8655, option 0.

The Penfield Public Library is a “Safe Place” community partner. Young people seeking assistance with housing, safety or other crisis situations will be connected at the library with outreach workers from the Center for Youth, who will assess the needs of the young person in question and access necessary services.

Adventure Camp a week-long camp intended for adventurous participants ages 10 to 14 who enjoy being outdoors. Every day will include a different adventure with activities like hiking, rafting/paddling, biking, climbing, and other outdoor excursions. Every participant will receive an adventure camp itinerary one week prior to the start of adventure camp. Drop off/pick up will be at Harris Whalen Lodge. The dates and times are as follows: Reg # 313005-01, August 19-23, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, fee $200.00; Reg # 313005-02, August 19-23, early drop-off 8:00AM to 9:00 AM, fee $30.00. For more information on this program and many more offered by the Penfield Recreation Department, please go to www.penfieldrec.org.

The new lineup for Daytime Education at Recreation (DEAR) is amazing! Programs are offered Monday through Friday on a variety of topics that include history, science, forensics, star trekking, food history, landscape architecture, art/painting, geology and much, much more. Please note that while most classes are FREE, registration is required. And remember...if you do not have a way to get to the programs, you can contact Bri-Pen Senior Rides. This service is for adults 65 and older who live or pay taxes in Penfield or Brighton. Bri-Pen also provides rides to medical appointments and religious services. Simply call 340-8674.

I just learned that Penfield Little League will hold its “opening day” ceremonies on Saturday, June 1 starting at 9:00 AM. As you may recall Mother Nature interfered with opening day on April 27 with wind, rain and a snow squall! We will be optimistic that it will be a wonderful sunny day with dry fields for the enjoyment of all the ball players and families watching the games.

Last reminder...our Memorial Day Ceremony of Remembrance will be held next Monday, May 27 at 10:30 AM at the Penfield Amphitheater and Kiwanis Stage in Veterans’ Memorial Park behind the town hall. If you, a member of your
family, or your organization would like to present a rose in the “Presentation of Roses” ceremony to honor men and women who have served our country, please register by calling 340-8651 or email srenner@penfield.org. I hope to see you at this very special ceremony.

I close with a call-out for historical artifacts! Town Historian Kathy Kanauer and the local history room are continuously looking for new and different displays for those visiting this wonderful resource located within the Penfield Public Library. If you have materials that include photographs, tools, clothing, and like items please contact Kathy to see if your materials are candidates for a future display. The number of the Local History Room is 340-8740. Thank you in advance for helping to share some history of Penfield or this region with our residents and visitors to our community.

Until next week, enjoy the milder and somewhat drier weather!

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