The Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf will host a picnic Friday, May 31 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. to honor Joe Gersitz as he retires from many years of service. The event will be held at the Food Shelf, 1618 Jackson Road. Joe is one of the founding members of the Food Shelf and has donated countless hours and resources to help those in need in our community. Many Saturdays throughout the year I have seen Joe at the public market picking up donated or low-cost fruits and vegetables to stock the Food Shelf each week. Consider stopping in Friday to say thank you to Joe for his efforts over the years. If you would like to stay for the picnic please RSVP at penfieldfoodshelf@gmail.com by May 24. The Food Shelf will provide the main dish, cake and beverages; please bring a dish to pass. On behalf of the entire community of Penfield, congratulations Joe on your retirement and thank you for everything you have done for the Ecumenical Food Shelf!

If you’re looking for something to do Sunday, June 9 here are a few great options for your calendar.

Please join Town Historian Kathy Kanauer and Ann H. Stevens for the book launch of “Calvin Wooster Owen: Diary of a Nineteenth-Century American” on Sunday, June 9 at 2:00 p.m. The program will be held at the Braman Room, Penfield Library, 1985 Baird Road. Beginning at 2:30 p.m. Cynthia Howk, Landmark Society of Western New York’s Architectural Research Coordinator and granddaughter of Calvin Wooster Owen, will speak about the book and Mr. Owen. Books will be available for purchase at $34.50 for soft cover and $49.50 for hard cover. Payment may be made by cash or check, no credit cards please. Books may also be purchased at the Penfield Local History Room, the Town Clerk’s Office or the Recreation Department. For more information or to place an order, call 340-8740 or email historian@penfield.org.

Dayton’s Corners School will be holding its annual open house and pie social on Sunday June 9, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This historic 19th century one-room schoolhouse is a learning and teaching museum located at the corner of Creek Street and Plank Road. It is staffed by many generous volunteers who conduct more than 50 classes per year giving 1,200 fourth-graders the experience of attending school in 1800s. Please join the staff of Dayton’s Corners and tour the school, listen to the music of Heartstrings Country Fiddlers, enjoy free pony rides for the children, and of course sample fantastic pie and lemonade. Fun for the whole family!

The Finger Lakes Regional Burn Association will be holding its 2013 Summer Burn Camp Three-Mile Walk on Sunday, June 9 starting at 9:30 a.m. Registration and parking will begin at 8:00 a.m. at Seabreeze Park with shuttle service to the starting point at Camp Eastman. Registration is free, pledge card donations are appreciated, and all walkers will be given a ticket to Seabreeze. Online registration, pledge cards and additional information is available at www.flrba.com. You may also e-mail questions to info@flrba.com.

It’s not too late to join Penfield Recreation’s June “Walking Challenge.” The challenge is to walk at least 10,000 steps per day—the equivalent of walking roughly five miles, meeting the Surgeon General’s recommendation of 30 minutes or more of moderate intensity physical activity on all or most days of the week. Stop by the Recreation Department to pick up a Walking Challenge packet. Submit your results by July 9. Participants who walk at least 200,000 steps for the month will receive an award; those who walk at least 300,000 steps will be entered into a drawing for a special raffle. Did you know…walking 10,000 steps a day will help to lower the risk of developing heart disease, stroke, Type-2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and colon and breast cancer; prevent weight gain; reduce depression; and improve cardio-respiratory and muscular fitness.

Until next week, let’s get walking!

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