This week’s column is dedicated to all the men and women of the armed forces; past present, and future…the Penfield Community thanks all of you for your service and sacrifices. Memorial Day began as a ritual of remembrance and reconciliation after the Civil War, by the early 20th century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as ordinary people visited the graves of their deceased relatives, whether they had served in the military or not. This past Monday our community of Penfield celebrated Memorial Day. I hope everyone took a moment out of their day to pause and remember all of those who have done so much to ensure our freedom and quality of life.

With the start of June comes the start of the budget process for the Town of Penfield. I recently sent a letter to all department heads requesting that their 2012 draft budgets be submitted by July 1, which will allow me to prepare the tentative budget for the town board. The preparation of the annual budget is one of the most important functions of the supervisor’s office. As I did last year, I will provide an update on all the steps of the process including the timeline that includes adoption of the 2012 Budget on October 19, 2011.

If you are looking to wrap up a busy work week with some fun activities this coming weekend, please consider joining us for the 6th annual “Taste of Penfield” on Friday June 3 at the Amphitheater and Kiwanis Stage. Local restaurants will be on hand so you may sample great foods and enjoy entertainment from the Penfield High School Jazz Ensemble and a raffle. If it’s music you are looking for, Saturday, June 4 will feature the annual Wegmans Penfield Music Fest from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM that includes the Penfield School District music departments. The day will end with the Penfield Symphony Orchestra POPS Concert at 4:00 PM. Bring your picnic basket and enjoy the concert. Food will also be available from our gourmet concession cart.

It is never too early to mark your calendar for the annual open house and pie social at Dayton’s Corners School on Sunday, June 26 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. This former one room school building was erected in 1857 and sits at the corner of Plank Road and Creek Street. It is the only one-room school house in the area that is still standing and has not been converted to some other use. Stop by for a tour of the facility which serves more than 1,500 fourth grade students annually, have a piece of pie, lemonade, and enjoy the old time fiddle music by Heartstrings. Karyn Tuner and her staff promise a wonderful experience at this designated Penfield Landmark.

Speaking of Dayton’s Corners Schoolhouse, I understand the Penfield Heritage Association is hosting a “bonus program” on Sunday, June 12 from 2:30 – 4:00 PM at the school. Miss Karyn or Miss June, the “school marm,” will be in charge, and will take you back to the 1800s to see what a school day was like then! You will have a chance to participate in an old-fashioned spelling bee, do some math on the caulk slates, and if you act up there will be a surprise “punishment.” Consider attending in vintage clothing. There will be time to browse through the various artifacts and ask questions of the school marm. If you plan to attend please contact Jean Casey at 585-7779, this will help in planning for refreshments. See you there!

Last week the Town Board attended an Eagle Court of Honor for Troop 310 members Kevin Krech and Matthieu Dora. Kevin’s eagle project was to design and build a community board and storage area for tools at the town’s Victory Garden on Five Mile Line Road next to Rothfuss Park. Matthieu’s project was to repair, refurbish and repaint six bookcases for Writers and Books. Both these young men’s commitment to their troop, families, and community is second to none. Kevin and Matthieu, on behalf of the entire community of Penfield, we congratulate you on obtaining the rank of Eagle.

Until next week, be well and be safe!

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