This past Sunday may have been a bit dreary with spotty showers and gray skies, but the sun was shining on Dayton’s Corners School for its popular annual pie social. This authentic 1857 Sunday social was another hit for all who attended. Baker Street Bakery provided 25 of the most delicious pies you could have imagined and kids of all ages delighted in free pony rides, music, and fun playground equipment. Many families toured the schoolhouse/museum and spent time with the teachers on hand.

A special thank you to Dayton’s Corners School coordinator Barbara Quinn and her team of teachers who make visiting the schoolhouse a wonderful event for fourth grade classes each year and fun for the rest of us at the annual pie social. Mark your calendar for the first week in June 2017 — I am already trying to decide which kind of pie(s) I’ll try next year!

As another school year winds down and we start thinking about graduation parties, vacation plans, and all of the other fun activities that go on during the summer months I would like to remind everyone that the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf (PEFS) — which operates entirely on donated food and monetary gifts — serves members of our community 52 weeks a year. Historically, each summer as we all get busy their shelves tend to become a bit bare. Please do what you can to help keep the shelves stocked for our neighbors in need. For more information about the PEFS and their current wish list, please go to www.penfieldecumenicalfoodshelf.org. Thank you in advance for all you do to support this wonderful facility in our great community.

It seems like more and more people are talking about wellness whether at home, work, with friends, at sporting events, or while shopping the aisles of our local supermarkets. Wellness is a great topic for residents of all ages. Penfield Recreation has put together a variety of programs for the summer months to suit many age groups and schedules. One of the newest offerings is “Penfield’s QR F.I.T. Trail” located along the paved path at Rothfuss Park. Signs display QR codes that link to fitness videos. Users can simply scan the codes with a smartphone QR code reader app and view the videos for a guided workout. Videos change monthly so you will not get bored. For more information on QR F.I.T. Trails, go to www.qrfittrail.com.

Daytime Education at Recreation (DEAR) programs continue to be a big hit at Penfield Recreation. Popular offerings include the Wednesday tea salon, Friday film marathon, pickle ball, euchre instructions for beginners, cyber security 101, e-commerce 101, history, and the history of religion and politics. See what you find interesting in the Pen-Rec brochure pages 29-35 or visit www.penfieldrec.org.

Penfield Librarian Bernadette Brinkman reminds me that the 2016 Children’s Summer Reading Game begins Monday, June 27 and runs through Wednesday, August 3. For complete Reading Game and all summer program information, please contact the library at 340-8720, x4016 or visit www.penfieldlibrary.org. Many thanks to the Friends of the Penfield Public Library and the many local businesses that are providing prizes for the summer reading program.

The next Penfield Trails Committee hike is Saturday, June 11 at the Wild Iris Trail & Veterans’ Memorial Park. Please join our community naturalists in exploring the pathways along preserved flora habitats unique to Penfield. Meet at the west end of Broughtham Drive off Jackson Road and look for the hike signs. The hike runs from 9 to 11 AM; although all hikes are free, you are asked to register by calling 340-8655, option 6.

Until next week be well and be safe!

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