Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
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Mother Nature has dealt her share of wet weather this spring and early summer, and Saturday’s Independence Day celebration was not any different. The morning parade saw participants and audience look for creative ways to stay dry. However, that did not deter many hardy souls from coming out for the annual celebration. As the day went on the weather got better and the music played for five hours at Harris Whalen Park. The exceptional fireworks display went off in its usual fashion lighting up the sky for miles around.

I would like to recognize and thank parade emcee Don Alhart; the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf and Dave Woodward who were this year’s parade marshals; all the organizations that participated in the parade considering the damp weather; and our Penfield Rec, Parks and Security staff for all their support in making this year’s event the best it could be...great job to all!

The clock in the Four Corners is now right more than just twice a day! As I reported months ago, the March wind storm damaged the clock. When the clock manufacture started making repairs technicians found “more than some damaged parts.” The electronics also required some significant upgrades. The work was completed more than a week ago and the clock is once again providing everyone traversing through the Four Corners the correct time. Thank you for your patience during the repair process; I received many comments, emails and phone calls asking about the status of the clock.

One last plug! The next guided hike of the Penfield Trails Committee is scheduled for this Saturday, July 8 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at Abraham Lincoln Park. Explore the ups and downs of this county park from wooded uplands to the bay shore trail connections. Meet at the playground parking lot off Empire Blvd, and look for the hike signs.

The Penfield Players Readers’ Theater presents “Farce of Nature,” a Jones Hope Wooten comedy on Saturday, July 29 at 2:00 PM and Wednesday, August 2 at 7:30 PM. Performances are free and will be held at the Penfield Community Center. The non-stop hilarity of this Southern-fried farce highlights one day in the life of the Wilburn family of Mayhew, Arkansas. By the delightfully chaotic climax of this one outrageous day, love blossoms, truths are revealed, and the lives of all—family, guests and gangsters alike—change in incredible and surprising ways!

Build a better world at the Penfield Public Library...there is still time to sign up for some of the wonderful programs sponsored by the library, the Friends of the Penfield Public Library, and many local businesses throughout the town. Please check out www.penfieldlibrary.org for all the program listings or go to page 41 of the summer 2017 Pen-Rec brochure.

Important dates and events in history: July 8, 1775 – the Second Continental Congress passes the “Olive Branch Petition.” This was a letter to King George III, from members of the Second Continental Congress, which represented the last attempt by the moderate party in North America to avoid a war of independence against Britain. July 11, 1798 – The United States Marine Corps is established. July 11, 1955 – US Air Force Academy dedicated. July 14, 1862 – Congress creates the Medal of Honor.

Until next week enjoy this short stretch of nice weather, and be well and be safe!

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