Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
July 15, 2019

There is still time to participate in the 9th annual Shepherd Home Golf Tournament next Monday, July 22 at Penfield Country Club. If you are not a golfer, why not come for dinner and participate in the fantastic live auction? The Shepherd Home is a comfort care home that provides compassionate end of life care in a way that cherishes the dignity of each individual and meets their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. For more information please contact Stephanie at Stephanie.kendrick@shepherdhome.org or call 381-0890.

A quick reminder that the next amphitheater event will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, July 16. The Alfred St. John Trinidad & Tobago Steel Drum Band will be on stage to entertain you. The following Tuesday, July 23, will feature Jumbo Shrimp. All programs begin at 6:30 PM at the Penfield Amphitheater on the Kiwanis Stage located behind the town hall, and food is be available for purchase. I hope to see you there!

One last reminder for all baseball fans...Penfield Little League will host the NYS Little League Championship for 10-12 year olds at the town hall baseball complex the week of July 22. Teams arrive from all across New York State to compete to determine who will be going to Williamsport for the Little League World Series. Games begin Tuesday, July 23 and run from 10:00 AM through 7:30 PM. For a complete schedule of events, please go to www.penfieldbaseball.com.

Our Daytime Education at Recreation (DEAR) programs run through the summer months for your enjoyment. DEAR programs are diverse and engaging, delivering on the promise of presenting opportunities for “wisdom at its finest hour.” Most classes are FREE with a few exceptions as noted in the Pen-Rec brochure and on-line. Registration is required for all programs. I would like to recognize and thank the 2019 DEAR Advisory Board: Lisa Hibner, John Schmeelk, Pat Schmeelk, Sandy Wurzer, Nels Carman, Melinda Falkoff, Diane Robbins, Rosemary Irwin, Joan Albany, Jim VanMeter, and Marcia Lewis. If you would like to be part of the 2020 advisory committee, please contact Pam Gerace in the Penfield Recreation Department.

Coming soon...Exploring Chautauqua with Star Travel & Tours on Sunday, August 11. Depart from Irondequoit at 6:45 AM and spend the day at the Chautauqua Institute. The day includes transportation, admission, and a lunch buffet at the famous Athenaum Hotel. Pam Gerace and fellow DEAR board members will meet you there and offer an optional personal tour of the grounds. Please register directly with Star Tours by calling 585-797-9044. Please let them know you are with Penfield Recreation. Space is limited so register early, the fee for this program is $82.00.

If you occasionally drive Old Penfield Road from Brookhill Apartments up to Gentles Farm Market you will begin to see a lot of road work occurring over the next month. Beginning this week our DPW crews are cutting back the overgrowth and bushes along this stretch of roadway. Next week, the road will be milled and a new base added to the current road; by mid-August a new top will be added and the road will be striped. This work is long overdue and a portion is being paid for by a grant given to Penfield by Assemblyman Mark Johns. Construction signs and flag people will help direct traffic. Please drive safely in this construction zone and all construction zones as fines are doubled for violations.

I close this week’s column recognizing the life of Thomas C. Falk, who passed on July 6. Tom was predeceased by the love of his life—his wife Margie—who worked for the Town of Penfield as the Confidential Administrator to the Supervisor’s Office. Tom was a proud member and class president of the 1948 graduating class at Aquinas Institute. Tom signed with the Detroit Tigers out of high school and played four years in their organization until he was drafted into the U.S. Army. Following his discharge he played in the Washington Senators organization, and was a graduate of the University of Detroit. After his playing days Tom and Margie returned to Rochester and raised their five children in Penfield. He worked for Allstate as a Sales Agent for more than 40 years with the company. Tom shared
his love of sports with his children and the town of Penfield. He coached countless years of Penfield Little League and Pop Warner football. He was a board member for Penfield Little League and President of the Senior League. He was a member of the Penfield Parks and Recreation Committee for 30-plus years and served as its chairman for most of that time. He is a member of the Aquinas Hall of Fame and Section V Baseball Hall of Fame. Tom worked out at the Penfield YMCA and maintained his “mayor” of Penfield Wegmans status. He was a gentle man with an infectious smile... I am honored to have known him and worked with him over the years... rest in peace Tom!

Until next week... be well and be safe.

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