In this week’s Farm Market/Garden Center series, I would like to highlight Welch’s Greenhouses located at 1271 Webster Fairport Road, operated since 1959 and now owned and operated by Bill and Laura Vendel. Welch’s Greenhouses take an active interest in the needs of home gardeners and the greater community. They offer a full range of trees, flowers, plants, gardening tools and supplies, pots, and planters. Bill and Laura are always ready for a new challenge and are ready to help whether you simply want to spruce up your garden or create a whole new look. They remind us all it is never too early to start planning for the next growing season. For more information about Welch’s Greenhouses and their products and services go to www.welchsgreenhouses.com...and remember to shop locally, it does make a difference for the entire community.

This year’s late summer transition to fall has given us some of our nicest weather to date! As the leaves begin to fall our DPW offices asked me to remind everyone to help keep gutters or catch basins free of leaves so that when we receive the next rains, water may flow freely into storm water drains. Blocked storm drains may cause localized neighborhood flooding. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

The Penfield Library has a full fall schedule of programs for our youngest residents including Lego Lab, Stories ‘N’ Crafts, Halloween Magic Show, playtime, bedtime story time and more. You may register in person or by telephone at 340-8720. For more information about these programs and many more, please visit www.penfieldlibrary.org.

The Young, Open & Honest Players are holding auditions for “Fools,” a comic fable by Neil Simon, on Monday, October 5 at 4:00 p.m. for teens ages 13-18. This very popular drama group is open to interested junior high and senior high school youth, and no experience is necessary. Give it a try...bring a friend! The YOHP perform three shows a year. For more details about the program and upcoming productions call Pam at 340-8664.

To date, the QR Fit Trail at Rothfuss Park has been a big hit with our residents. This free wellness F.I.T. Trail is a series of signposts featuring QR codes that link to workout instructions and more than 150 instructional videos for core, upper, and lower body workouts. This system works directly with users’ smartphones and QR code readers. Users scan a QR for a workout, choose their intensity level, view a short video, and then perform the exercise. Exercise videos change monthly so frequent visitors won’t get bored with the same routine. The QR F.I.T. trail system is located along the paved trail in Rothfuss Park on Five Mile Line Road. This program is sponsored by the Recreation Department and our wellness partner Wegmans to support the Penfield residents. For more information on QR F.I.T. Trails, please log on at www.qrfittrail.com.

This week’s shout out goes to the Penfield-Perinton Kiwanis Club for taking first place in both the “judged” and “people’s choice” categories for the chili cook-off at last week’s Tastin’ the Blues event at the Penfield Amphitheater and Kiwanis Stage. The rain held off for most of the event and approximately 500 people enjoyed great blues music, Dundee ales and lager samples, and of course a variety of chili recipes from several individuals and organizations. The Penfield-Perinton Kiwanis Club is the team to beat for next year’s competition, and you can be assured I will be tweaking my recipe to help knock them off! Congratulations Kiwanis Club on both your wins—great job and thank you for your service!

Until next week, enjoy the fabulous weather!