I recently had the pleasure of joining Dayton’s Corners School Coordinator Barbara Quinn and members of the volunteer teaching staff for their annual recognition luncheon. This dedicated group of women has continued the long tradition of holding fourth grade classes as they were in the mid-1800s in this wonderful one-room school house that is Penfield’s own “teaching museum.” Each year more than one thousand students from many area school districts visit Dayton’s Corners to experience this rich learning opportunity. Also joining the group were former coordinators Nancy Zinn and Karyn Turner, who continue to support the school in many ways. So here is a special shout-out to all the volunteer members of Dayton’s Corners School teaching team—you make an important contribution to our community. Thank you for all your time and dedication to the school.

Are the holidays coming too quickly? Are you feeling pressure that you have not finished, or worse, not even started your Christmas shopping? Are you stressing about what to give that person who has “everything”? Well, your holiday gift-giving just got easier! Gift certificates from Penfield Recreation are available in any denomination and can be used for anything we offer including classes, wellness merchandise, performances, lodge rentals, and much more. To purchase with your credit card call the office at 340-8655 and press option 6, or stop by the office, we would love to see you!

This holiday season I plan to give something that can make a difference in many lives; I plan to donate blood at the next Penfield blood drive on Monday, December 23 at the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. Please consider joining me for just an hour of your time. The drive runs from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m., and anyone who last donated on or before October 28 is eligible to donate at this drive. To schedule your appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or just stop in. Please remember, one blood donation—just an hour of your time—can help save the lives of up to three people. Now that is what the holiday season is all about from my perspective!

During this time of year, the Monroe County Sheriff’s Department reminds you to “watch out” for those who want to do your holiday shopping at your expense. Vehicle break-ins are at their highest level during this season. Make sure your vehicle is always locked, and do not leave gifts or valuables in your vehicle overnight. If you are out at the store or mall consider locking gifts out of sight in your trunk or cover them up to disguise. Also, vehicle break-ins at gyms, the Y, and other sports facilities are higher this time of the year. Be aware of your surroundings, park in a lit area, have your cell phone in hand, and do not place your purse or wallet in the trunk at the facility before you walk in to exercise, you never know who is watching!

The Penfield Rec Winter/Spring 2014 Brochure hit our mail boxes within the last week. It is filled with an exceptional variety of wellness opportunities for all ages to stay active and get involved in our community. Registration begins January 2. Many programs fill up quickly due to their popularity, so log-on to www.penfieldrec.org to sign up first thing in the New Year. Recreation Director Chris Bilow and his team are always looking for new ideas for programming to best serve our residents. If you would like us to consider a new program please contact Chris at bilow@penfield.org and we will evaluate interest by the community.

As we close in on December 25, I want to take a moment and wish all our residents a happy holiday season and a very Merry Christmas from all the town employees and their families.

I hope to see you out in the community before the holidays. If you see me, please stop me to say hello and let me know what you like best about Penfield and also tell me what we can do better or differently in 2014 to make our community better for all our residents!

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