On Saturday, February 13 the Penfield Trails Committee hosted an “indoor hike” with featured speaker Larry Staub, the Director of the Monroe County Parks Department, along with several members of his staff.

This was a successful event with more than 50 residents in attendance to hear Mr. Staub highlight all 21 parks within the County system totaling more than 12,000 acres used for hiking, biking, picnicking, sports activities, camping, and much, much, more!

Additionally, those in attendance had the opportunity to see preliminary plans for the Abraham Lincoln Park in Penfield off Empire Blvd., just south of the Plank Road/ Empire Blvd. intersection. The plans include a formal trail head, parking lot, covered picnic tables, a playground, and a handicap accessible walkway.

I had the honor of working with Legislator Dan Quatro to help secure the funding for this project and want to give a special thanks to County Executive Brooks, Director Staub and their respective staff for supporting this wonderful initiative in Penfield.

While most of us were sleeping earlier last week, a team was out at 4:00 AM starting to hang Bicentennial banners in our six business districts. Many of our local businesses have sponsored these banners and are supporting the Bicentennial celebration running throughout 2010. As you frequent these businesses, please thank them for their support of our Bicentennial.

Also coming up is the Penfield Rotary Bicentennial Charity Euchre Tournament, proceeds will benefit the Shepherd Home and projects associated with Penfield Rotary. There will be prizes, a 50/50 raffle, and a Chinese Auction. The event will be held Sunday, March 14 at 1:30 PM at St. Joseph’s Parish Resource Center. Space is limited to the first 200 to sign up, to register online go to www.penfieldrotary.org.

Lastly, I close on a sad note…last week the Community of Penfield lost a bit of our heritage with the passing of James L. Rothfuss. The Rothfuss Family Name is synonymous with Community and Penfield.

Rothfuss Park on Five Mile Line Road, which opened in 2007, is on the Jim and Lois Rothfuss homestead. The Rothfuss family did not want to see this land developed with homes, but rather used for the entire community as part of our recreation programs. This area is truly one of the many gems in the Town of Penfield.

On behalf of all the residents of Penfield, our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Rothfuss family.

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