

Recreation Board Report
November 10th – February 10th
Kevin DeVries

Programs: Youth wrestling started on December 4th. We ended up with 72 kids, which is up about 20 from last year. We co-sponsor that program with the Mitchell High School Wrestling team.

-Youth tennis lessons finished December 16th. Both age groups were filled up and it was held at the 4H building.

-Our Youth 5/6 grade Travel Basketball League Started up on January 4th. We have 6 boys and 6 girls' teams this year, which is also up 2 teams from last year. That league runs for 7 weeks at the Rec Center on Tuesday & Thursday.

-Men's Basketball League starts up on January 12th. We filled up that league with 25 teams. We run on Wednesday nights at the Rec Center and Middle school through March.

-We started working on the summer brochure. We plan on the same schedule as last year with distribution to schools the week of April 4th and registration starting April 18th.

Recreation Center:

-It was very busy in the month of December with the Holiday's. We sold quite a few memberships as Christmas gifts and had a lot of day pass activity with family visitors. January and the start of February have been good as well.

-Filling in of the old pool is complete. We plan on using the space for our after school program and preschool kids for now. We are working on bidding the 2nd phase of the project now and hope to have that out by March. That will include opening the north wall for an entrance and furring out the walls and putting up new sheet rock, new flooring, ceiling, lighting and painting.

-Our birthday parties are still doing well. With the closing of the Ramada we've had several calls for parties that were already booked. Some we were able to accommodate some we were already full.

-The aquatic club hosted their meet Dec 3-5. They had around 325 swimmers. Things went good. We will be hosting the state meet March 3-6. They plan on around 350 swimmers.

We are also in the process of getting our 2 pools re-plastered. We are working with Puetz and Acapulco on finalizing the details. The plan is April 11th.

**Parks & Forestry
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- Starting our removals of dead boulevard and parks trees
- Cut down and cleaned up trees in the ditch on east side of the Kelly property along 406th Ave.
- Cleaning up trees piles around the lake that our volunteers have been trimming and removing some trees
- Erickson's is still working at the Campground and pond at the golf course
- Brad and Alex attended the Arborist conference in Aberdeen
- Cutting and splitting firewood for Campground
- Rebuilding the boat dock for the Day Camp
- Put and new deck boards on one trailer and replace some boards on another
- Starting to work on equipment getting it ready for next summer
- Cleaning and organizing our shop and storage buildings
- Three of the staff had to renew their commercial applicators licenses
- Snow removal

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ICE ARENA:

- Been busy with tournaments. Every weekend in January and Pink the Rink. Tournament Feb. 5-6th, figure skating competition this weekend and we host the PeeWee B state tournament Feb. 18-20.
- Games will slow down after that, 4 games last weekend in Feb. Then just practices and drop hockey.
- Staff has been working on: daily cleaning, ice maintenance, some snow removal, trimming trees when weather was good, going through weed eaters and push mowers, rink maintenance and working on the middle school room.
- Good year, 2021, at the ice arena. Total revenue was \$97,031.86, with \$33,451.24 coming from Open Skate/Bumper Cars and rentals.
- Kyle Gillespie, President of Rinktec, called last week. All parts are in for compressors. They were going to finish putting it together, pressure test, insulate and finish wiring. Once it is done and here it will take them about 3 weeks to install and very small chance of losing ice if things don't go right so we are going to wait until after the season.

CADWELL:

- Scoreboards and posts are pulled on west softball fields. Two sets of posts are re-set then the ground froze. Had a few issues with field light wires. We have 3 of the scoreboards and the fourth should be here first part of March.
- Staff was doing work on counter tops and shelves at softball concessions.
- Turf was supposed to be here Jan. 21. Now it is going to be shipped here Feb. 23. If that is true, we can put it at the Kelley property. They have a heated shed with concrete floor. Still have to wait for good weather to be installed but at least it will be here.