

- Thirteen groups used the Hughes Center during May for a total of 166 hours. Events included Matt Duffield for State Senate Rally Mania, Breanne Davis for State Senate with guest Sarah Huckabee, Russellville Police Department Police Memorial, Arkansas Blood Institute Blood Drive, Prince Repast, Miss Arkansas Celebration, Felder Celebration of Life and a first birthday party for Maverick Stumbaugh.
- For the month of May the Russellville Aquatic Center had 20 regular parties and six private parties for a total of 58 hours. Classes held in May included Water Aerobics, Deep Water Aerobics, Silver Sneakers Splash and Aqua HIIT for a total of 11 hours and taught 38 hours of swim lessons. The Western Yell County sixth grade class visited the aquatic center on May 12 for a fun pool day. A lifeguard training class was held May 9 - May 12 and a water safety instructor class was held May 23 - May 28. The Sharks Swim Team held tryouts on May 16.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in May. Minutes from previous meetings are available for viewing at www.russellvillearkansas.org.
- The Department had 24 pavilion rentals and 21 practice field reservations for Shiloh Park and Pleasant View Park in May.
- In safety matters, all fire extinguishers in all vehicles, heavy equipment and park buildings were inspected. Self-inspection office forms were completed for the month of May. Maintenance staff continued their weekly safety talks in May.
- New epoxy floors were installed in the bathrooms and lobby of the aquatic center. The floors will help reduce slips and falls, which makes the areas safer for everyone using the aquatic center.
- The construction on the playground at Sequoyah Park was finished, and the park was re-opened to the public. The playground now has slides, swings, toddler swings and a merry-go-round.
- Pleasant View Park was the host site for two tournaments that brought 30 teams to the River Valley.
- The Russellville Aquatic Center is pleased to announce that the goal of 100 free swim lessons has been reached through the Learn to Swim program. Please join us in thanking the sponsors for their generosity. The list includes Kathy Knudsen, Helen Stephens, Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center, LaRae Bradford, Francis Ferris, Polly Hardin, Robin Johnson, Glenn Mixon, Vickie Newman, Judy Olson, Feltner's Athletes Corner, Van Kleef & Vaughn, Lynn Callaway, Bryan Fisher, Rockline Industries, Sherry Polsgrove, Pottsville Premier Family Medical, Sarah Stephens, Robert Veach, Darrell Williams, Little John Trucking, Valley Medical Services and Billy Newton with the Stan Newton Foundation.
- The final phase of the James School Park construction has started on the basketball courts. Artists have been laying out the design work and will begin painting the courts soon.
- The Department would like to welcome Jason Millsaps to the maintenance crew.