



**Recreation & Parks
Department Report
March 2018** 21

- Thirteen (13) groups used the Hughes Center during February for a total of 296 hours. Events included Choco Palooza, the Delta Waterfowl Banquet and a River Valley Cattle Conference.
- For the month of February there were fifteen regular and six private parties held at the Aquatic Center for a total of 48 hours. There were four boot camp classes, 18 water aerobic classes, 18 Zumba classes and 12 swim lessons for a total of 52 hours. A Try Scuba class which is held monthly lasted 1 1/2 hours. The Office of Emergency Management held a training where they certified their emergency responders in rescue diving. The Russellville Swim Team also hosted a swim meet with a total of 6 teams and approximately 100 swimmers for 4 hours.
- The Parks Commission did not meet in February. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12 at noon in the Hughes Community Center.
- Registration for the Russellville Youth Baseball Association is currently underway for the upcoming season. Information on registering may be found at www.rybabaseball.org or at Mullen Team Sports and Feltner's Athlete Corner.
- Arkansas Valley Soccer Association held registration in February for their spring season. League play begins on March 10 with games being played on Saturdays.
- The Russellville Cyclones baseball and softball teams began using M.J. Hickey Park for the 2018 season. They are practicing on Field 1 and Field 6 held their first games on February 26.
- The A.A.R.P. tax assistance program has begun at the Hughes Center. They are volunteering to help file taxes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Their last day will be April 11.
- Advertising banners are now on sale at the Hughes Community Center for advertising your business at Pleasant View Park. The 4' x 4' metal signs are \$200 for the first year and \$100 annual renewal for the following years. The score booths are also available for sign advertising at Pleasant View Park. Those signs are 4' x 4' metal and are \$300 per year.
- Adult softball signups began on February 26 and will run through March 9. You can sign your team up at the Hughes Center. The entry fee for this summer's league will be \$425.
- The department would like to welcome September Penate as our new full time custodian. This position will split hours between the Hughes Community Center and the Russellville Aquatic Center.
- The press box on Field 1 at M.J. Hickey Park was updated with a new elevated platform with a handicap ramp. The platform was carpeted and the rest of the press box floor had water proof composite flooring installed.
- All of the department's mowers, tractors and equipment have been serviced and cleaned in preparation for the spring mowing season.
- Spring cleaning has begun at the parks department. Leaves were mulched, hedges trimmed and the shops were cleaned.
- A sign with a map of the Bona Dea trails was placed at the Washburn Park trailhead.