



## ***Recreation & Parks Department Report January 2010***

- Twelve (12) groups used the Hughes Center during December for a total of 154 hours. Events included a trout fishing clinic on December 1, the PACA Christmas Gala on December 4 and 5, Russellville Pee Wee Football League Banquet on December 8, Corps of Engineers Christmas Party on December 14 and the Ducks Unlimited Banquet on New Year's Eve.
- The Parks Commission met on December 9. The Commission changed the meeting day from the second Wednesday of the month to the second Tuesday. Chloe Lieblong was elected commission chair for 2010. The commission discussed lighting the middle field, of the three large soccer fields, if any funds are available after the completion of the capital tax projects. The commission voted to apply for a \$20,000.00 grant to fund a sprinkler system upgrade on Fields 2, 3, and 4 at Hickey Park. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9 at noon.
- The annual Russellville Christmas parade was held on December 3 through downtown Russellville. The event was a huge success and was worked by City of Russellville employees, Leadership Russellville and C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteers. We thank everyone for the hours of volunteering in the cool weather which made the parade such a success.
- Trout Day was held on December 5 at Pleasant View Park's fishing pond, to a large crowd of enthusiastic young trout fishermen hoping to land that big rainbow trout. The very cold morning was endured by the volunteers from Caddis Fly Fishing Club and the Arkansas Game and Fish to make sure all had a good time.
- One incident of illegal dumping at Shiloh Park was reported in December.
- New carpet was installed in the main office of the Hughes Center.
- The concrete pad for the new pavilion at the soccer complex was poured. The arrival date for the pavilion is January 18. The projected completion date is the first part of February depending on the weather.
- The concession building at Hickey Park is in the dry and approximately 60% complete. The projected completion date is late February depending on the weather. A grand re-opening ceremony will be in April in conjunction with the opening of the R.Y.B.A. baseball season.
- Design work has begun on the shop and bullpen for the soccer complex (Capital Project 20). This much needed facility will enable us to place an employee at the complex full-time. All equipment will be able to be stored onsite which will save travel time and fuel cost.
- The fence on Hickey Park Field 3 was replaced with six foot fence. A new drive gate was also installed on the third base side of the field to make access easier for maintenance.
- A safety meeting on ergonomics was conducted in December by Mark Lawrence of the Arkansas Department of Labor.