

**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
PROGRAM INFORMATION
MARCH 2016**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Submitted by David Karlson, Asst. Recreation Director

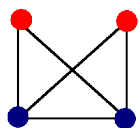
Preschool Playtime met 8 times in February and had an average of 20 kids and 15 adult attending each session. Our Preschool Playtime also hosted a Papillion La Vista School Head Start Program Day that had 30 kids and 27 adults.

Preschool Story Time and Sing-a-long met the first Thursday in February and had 18 kids and 12 adults attend. The last two months, Ms. Jennifer from the Library has also added a song and movement component in addition to a story time.

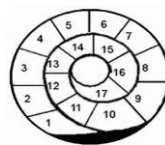


Preschool Playtime Valentine Craft & Cookie Decorating Day had a great turn-out with 24 preschoolers and 15 adults participating. For the craft this year, the children made several valentines cards to their friends and family along with decorating and eating several valentines cookies. Discover Play Games of the World Part I had 17 K-4th graders, 3 teens, 9 preschoolers and 8 adults. The children learned about different cultures by playing “active” games from various countries. The games included Odd Man Out from Ireland, Dragons Tail form China, Hull I Hatten from Holland, British Bulldogs from Great Britton and Bees and Butterfly from France.

Discover Play Games of the World Part II had 23 K-4th graders and 11 adults learn about various cultures from around the world by playing board games from different countries. Some of the games available were Draughts from Great Britton (checkers) , Two Stones from China, Generala from Latin America (similar to Yahtzee and Escargot (snail) or Marelle Ronde “French Hopscotch”.



Two Stones



Escargot

On Wednesday, February 10th I did an outreach program at the library called “Airplane Challenge”. It was a variation of the very successful Discover Planes program I did last summer at the Community Center. There were 16 kids and 10 adults.

On Friday, February 19th I did a collaborative program at the Library called “Imagination Station” for preschool age kids and their parents. There were 13 different stations where kids could use their imagination in play and creating different craft projects to take with them. We had 47 preschoolers and 27 adults attend.



Our **Tween Adventure Series** hosted its first Adventure on Wednesday, February 17 with 7 boys and 3 girls. The Tweens learned about the science and fun of playing with catapults. The science included learning about stored kinetic energy and the differences between, tension, torsion and elasticity and the use of a protractor to help determine their projectiles trajectory.

YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS

Submitted by Ryan South, Program Coordinator

Current Programs

Women’s Volleyball is in week 10 of a 12 week season. Their season will end on March 23.

Adult Softball The registration deadline is March 19 or until leagues are full. We have already filled a few of our leagues and other spots are filling fast! The season will tentatively begin on April 10.

Youth Basketball League teams our currently in tournament play. The season will end on March 13 for all age divisions.

3 Year Old Soccer Clinic registration deadline was March 28th, however, the league is full. We will have five, one-hour sessions held on Saturday mornings beginning on April 2 and ending on April 30.

La Vista 4/5 Youth Soccer Academy & 6/7 Youth Soccer League registration is currently open with a registration deadline of March 19. The season will begin on April 5 and end on May 7 with sessions taking place on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Spring Flag Football League registration is currently open with a registration deadline of March 19. The season will tentatively begin with practices the week of April 4 with games starting on April 16.

Youth Baseball for age’s 7 – 12 will begin their season in April. We will take registrations through March 12 and begin forming teams the following week.

Youth Softball for age’s 7 – 18 registration is open until March 26. All of our youth softball teams will play in the Rainbow Softball League again this season.

Youth Coed T-Ball registration is currently open with a deadline of May 14. This will once again be an in-house league for boys and girls ages 5 & 6. They will begin practicing in late May and start games in June.



Pitch, Hit & Run

The Recreation Department has teamed up with Sarpy County Tourism to offer our first ever Pitch, Hit & Run competition on **Saturday, April 16 at 2:00 PM** at the La Vista Sports Complex. Major League Baseball Pitch Hit & Run (PHR) is a **FREE**, exciting skills event providing boys and girls ages 7-14 to compete

separately against their peers. Boys and girls in four separate age divisions compete against each other in pitching, hitting and running in a fun and engaging forum. There are two separate divisions of PHR: baseball and softball. Participants may compete in either division. Registration is **FREE** and can be done online on the PHR website or in person the day of the event.

LA VISTA SENIOR CENTER

Submitted by Rich Carstensen, Program Coordinator

Monday, March 7th we had 25 seniors enjoy our White Elephant Bingo. Seniors brought in a prize worth \$10 or less from home.

Wednesday, March 9th Speaker Kathy Gast will give a brief talk about Life-Lines and Hospice.

Friday, March 11th Cari Hartford from Connect Hearing will be available for hearing aid cleaning and testing. Cari will also bring prizes and call Bingo that day for the seniors.

Tuesday, March 15th we will be going to see the La Vista Jr. High Show Choir perform at their school. We will also take treats to enjoy after the show.



Friday, March 18th *Rockin' Woody* (Tom Strohmeyer), from Merry Makers will perform for the Senior Center. After graduating from Kearney State College

in 1983, Tom took to the road with the band the "*Rockin' Hollywoods*". In 2013, Tom went solo and started performing as *Rockin' Woody*. In a typical show, Tom puts to work his multi-instrumental ability by playing piano, guitar, trumpet, sax, and harmonica. He has plenty of material to put on a great show.



Friday, March 25th Methodist nurses will be here to do blood pressure checks and also give us a report on the Norovirus and also on diabetes. After lunch, we will also enjoy a Blackjack tournament.

Wednesday, March 30th, we will take the seniors to the movies.

Coming up in April, we are looking forward to taking a trip to the Petersen Senior Center in Kearney, Nebraska and then going to see the cranes. This has been an annual trip for the La Vista Senior Center and one that is much enjoyed.



Wednesday, April 13th John Worsham from Merry Makers will perform for the seniors. This is an adult contemporary collection of original music from one of the most versatile songwriters of our time. Worsham’s work ranges from pop, rock, jazz, and country.

Wednesday, April 20th Volunteers Assisting Seniors (VAS) will have a presentation about the Homestead Act and a “question and answer” session following.

Recently the City of La Vista just purchased and received our new Special Services Bus. This is a picture of the new bus that you may see going up and down our streets.



LA VISTA FALLS GOLF COURSE
Submitted by Denny Dinan, Golf Course Services Manager

Golf Rounds February 2016	= 219 (+217 rounds from February 2015)
FootGolf Rounds February 2016	= 0 (0 rounds in February 2015)
Total Rounds February 2016	= 219 (+217 rounds from February 2015)

Golf Rounds fiscal year 15/16 thru January	= 2,342 (-8 golf rounds from fiscal 14/15)
FootGolf Rounds fiscal year 15/16 thru January	= 104 (+104 footgolf rounds from fiscal 14/15)
Total Rounds fiscal year 15/16 thru January	= 2,446 (+96 total rounds from fiscal 14/15)

The course remained closed from February 1st through February 18th due to the weather and the course being snow covered. During the last 11 days of February, we had 219 rounds, which is the 3rd highest number of rounds in February for the past 16 years.

League registrations were emailed to last years' members and many of them have responded that they are coming back this year.

Mailings to businesses, schools, soccer clubs, bars and taverns along with flyers and free round coupons will be mailed out in March.