

200 Attend Pool Opening Ceremonies

November 9, 1970

More than 200 persons attended dedication ceremonies Sunday for the new Wheeling Park District swimming pool at Wheeling High School.

During the ceremonies, which started at 2 p.m., park district officials announced the name of the new pool would be "Neptune's Pool." The name was chosen in a contest among local children.

The pool, decorated in yellow, white and blue, will open for regular swimming and for WHS swimming classes later this week.

A schedule of the various swimming classes and recreational swimming times will be distributed in schools sometime this week, according to Ray Kittendorf, aquatic director.

Sunday's dedication ceremonies included speeches by Park District Pres. Robert Ross, School Dist. 214 board member Arthur Aronson, and Wheeling Village Pres. Ted C. Scanlon.

Ross told the audience at the dedication that the pool was being dedicated to "the people of the Wheeling Park District."

Ross called the pool "the best all-around building in the midwest," because it can be used for a variety of recreational activities.

Aronson, a former park district commissioner, lauded the district for making a pool at Wheeling High School possible. He reminded the audience that attempts by Dist. 214 to get a pool had failed.

Scanlon told the audience, "I'm sure you must share some of the feeling I have today, how proud we are to be a part of this community."

"Again today Wheeling has created another first. . . This is the best pool and this community deserves the best," Scanlon said.

The WHS Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps presented the colors at the beginning of the ceremony while WHS student Dave Lark sang the national anthem.

Following the ceremonies an aquatic show was presented featuring divers from the Elk Grove Park District, a demonstration of handicapped swimming classes presented by Caryl Crouch of the Northwest Community YMCA, and water ballet presentation by a group of WHS students. Britt Magneson and Karen Janazic starred in a skit entitled "H2O Bums" and Shelly Pagenkopf and Faye

Passes Being Sold For 'Neptune Pool'

Swimming passes for the new "Neptune's Pool" at Wheeling High School are currently on sale at the Wheeling Park district offices, 222 S. Wolf Rd., Wheeling.

Yearly passes are good for year-round swimming in the indoor pool and for summer swimming at the Community Pool in Chamber of Commerce Park.

Yearly family passes cost \$35 for residents of the park district. Individual adult passes are \$20. Individual passes for children and teen-agers under 19 cost \$10.

Also available are passes good only at the indoor pool from now until June. Family passes of that type sell for \$20, while individual adult passes cost \$10 and individual children's passes cost \$7.50.

Non-residents of the park district may also purchase passes by paying double what residents are charged.

Magneson weree featured in an act titled "The Dawn of Man."

Following the water show refreshments were served by the Wheeling Womens' club in an all-purpose room on the second floor of the pool building.

Facilities in the new pool building include sauna baths, a muscle building room, locker rooms, public washrooms, a pool office, first-aid room, cashier's office, bleachers, an all-purpose room which can be divided into smaller rooms by sliding panels, and the pool.

\$658,000 Spent On New Pool

Approximately \$658,000 was spent on construction of Wheeling Park District's new indoor swimming pool at Wheeling High School.

The figure was included in a breakdown of how funds from the 1969 park district referendum were spent. The funds were also used for the purchase and renovation of the outdoor Community Pool at Chamber of Commerce Park.

Although the referendum authorized the issuance of \$850,000 in bonds, the park district actually spent \$925,000 on the two pools. The difference in those figures was paid through interest earned by investing the bond funds, park officials said.

The largest single expenditure from the referendum was the \$658,000 spent on constructing the new indoor pool.

Other expenditures which brought the total up to \$925,000 included \$160,000 for the purchase of the Community Pool, \$8,500 for blacktopping roads at the Community Pool, \$3,000 for repairing the water leak at the Community Pool, and \$1,500 to repair the underwater lighting system at the Community Pool.

Also included is \$94,000 for miscellaneous expenses.

"In viewing our park facilities, we feel we have received excellent facilities for the money spent," the park board said in its statement itemizing the expenditures.



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