

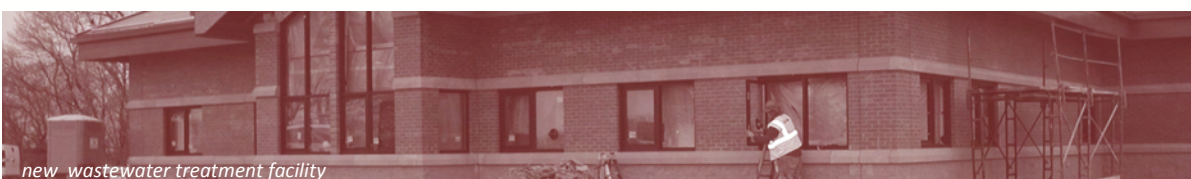
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2009
Annual
Report

Community Education
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Jim Nicholson – ABE Coordinator Report

Illiteracy Statistics

- *42 million American adults can't read at all; 50 million are unable to read at a higher level than is expected of a fourth or fifth grader.*
 - *The number of adults that are classified as functionally illiterate increases by about 2.25 million each year.*
 - *20 percent of high school seniors can be classified as being functionally illiterate at the time they graduate.*
- Source: National Right to Read Foundation*

If these national numbers are not shocking to you, our local numbers might be. According to statistics from *ZIP skinny*, zip code 56201: *18.5 % of our population over 24 years of age has less than a high school diploma including 11% with less than a ninth grade education.*

At Willmar's Adult Basic Education we work hard to change those statistics. We offer free classes in three levels of English as a Second Language, Citizenship, GED preparation, basic skills in reading, writing and math, driving test preparation and basic computer. We partner with MN Workforce to offer a credential in Work Readiness and provide transitional programming to post secondary opportunities at Ridgewater. We also offer a Pre-C.N.A. class that meets 5 times a year, Citizenship classes both during the day and in the evening, online programs for the GED (GEDi and Mind Quest) and reading evaluations using the Star Reading Program.

We also have a Family Literacy program, where we partner with the Early Childhood program at Jefferson Learning Center, to help families understand the importance of education and provide parenting skills.

Our main site is at Jefferson Learning Center (JLC) where we are open forty-three hours each week. Our student numbers have increased with the expansion into additional room at Jefferson. We have reached a daily attendance high of sixty-nine students. At our previous location our daily attendance high was forty-eight students.

Willmar's Adult Basic Education (ABE) is also a member of the Glacial Lakes Consortium. Willmar is the fiscal agent for the consortium. On February 5th, we had a meeting with the Community Education Directors from each school district (ten in our consortium). At this meeting we talked about the direction of the consortium and the future funding picture. Our funding comes from three sources: per capita monies based on the school district census and state and federal funds, which are based on the number of student hours generated at each site. Although our student population continues to increase, we are expecting and planning for our funding to decrease.

Julie Mischke – Hutchinson ABE Report

Adult Basic Education has filled an educational need for the community and the surrounding area for the past thirteen years under the umbrella of Community Education. This year the increase in participation has been noteworthy due to the competition for jobs; applicants must be fully prepared to enter the job market with the needed skills. The need for GED and post secondary education has caused ABE to have increased by over 1,300 student hours or 14% for the first six months of the current school year.

During the 2008-09 school year

- 412 students attended for 12,898 classroom hours. ABE works closely with Workforce and CMJT programs.
- 83 unemployed clients participated in a thirty hour basic computer class in the first half of the school year.
- ABE has offered special classes to prepare workers for the National Retail Federation Certification and the National Workforce Certification tests to better prepare them for employment.
- Eighty-five people age 16 to 54 achieved their GED during 2009 with an average age of 25.
- The ACCUPLACER placement test for Ridgewater has brought many people to the ABE door for refresher before they test and enter into college programs. We have assisted many students in their transition into college.
- Employment tests for HTI, 3M, and the military have also been a reason for student's attendance.
- The English as a Second Language part of the program continues to be important with 110 participants reporting English as their second language.

In a time of concern about maximizing economic value, Adult Basic Education offered twelve months of four days per week individualized education time to over 400 people. The location in Ridgewater College is an asset for working with the Ridgewater counselors and instructors, as well as the Workforce and CMJT programs.

The Minnesota Department of Education has determined Hutchinson's ABE educational costs to be 25% below the state average spending per student. Hutchinson's Adult Basic Education continues to grow and has an economic and emotional impact on our learners. The Adult Basic Education program is a worthy investment, and we are grateful to Hutchinson Community Education for providing this opportunity to the community.

The Hutchinson Adult Basic Education program's instructors are: Susan Anderson, Carla Benson, Kathy Eggimann, Shari Johnson, Ann Springer, and Julie Mischke as Lead Instructor and Glacial Lakes Consortium Co-Director.

Tammy Rudningen – Coordinator Report

The past year has been another busy one! Among the highlights was the move that everyone made from Washington Learning Center to our new space at Jefferson Learning Center.

The Rainbow Learners After School Tutor Program was a hit! The group gathered at Lincoln in the early parts of 2009 and at Kennedy during the later part of year. It is a program that is designed to help students who are falling behind in Math and Reading. The written test results from the Lincoln group indicate that every participant showed some level of improvement, with some of them making great strides in catching up to their age mates. It is too early to tell with the larger Kennedy group, but visual observations indicate a similar positive result.

I have continued teaching the high school Youth Service class at Willmar Senior High. One hundred eleventh and twelfth grade students enrolled for the 09-10 school year. These students learn while they volunteer in our pre K- 8 classrooms. The classroom teachers enjoy the extra hand in the classroom and the Youth Service students benefit from the many learning opportunities that occur. Over 3,000 volunteer hours will take place during these four terms.

Prairie Fire Theatre returned to Willmar for the thirteenth year in a row to put together two successful shows. The popular shows involved about 120 local youth. The touring actors were also able to visit all of the first and second grade classrooms in the district as a result of a cooperative effort with the Willmar Area Arts Council.

A collaborative effort continues with Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center that allows for several outdoor hands on learning experiences for children and their families.

As a STRIVE mentor, I am again paired with a student who is falling behind academically. This mentor program has proved to be quite valuable to students who struggle academically and are at risk of not graduating. My student is working hard towards earning her diploma and graduating with her class.

Camp Brainiac took on a new location for 2009. The Middle School proved to work out just fine despite the many moves that staff were making within the building. Attendance was down overall- but the 45 students and teachers who attended called it a success.

General adult enrichment offerings continue to evolve as the needs arise in the community. Several new classes were offered in each activity brochure. There has been a trend in decreased enrollment in adult enrichment classes.

Danae Sischo – Cardinal Place Coordinator Report

Cardinal Place school age care program is offered before and after school, on non-school days, and over the summer to grades K-6 and to the Cardinal Kids Preschool students. Cardinal Place programming is offered at Kennedy and Roosevelt Elementary Schools, with students from Lincoln bussed to Roosevelt throughout the fall of 2009 and students from CCS bussed to Kennedy. Over the last year, Cardinal Place served around 250 kids and their families by providing quality school age care.

It is the goal of Cardinal Place staff to provide a caring and fun environment for children that meets their social, physical, and emotional needs through a variety of experiences and activities. We encourage children to make positive choices while promoting self awareness, fostering creativity and providing leadership opportunities. Our before and after school programming includes arts and crafts, outdoor and gym games, science experiments, computer lab, cooking, homework help, community service projects, and more.

2009 brought many positive changes to Cardinal Place. In 2008, changes were focused on our summer programming, offering enrichment opportunities with our afterschool programming, and making Cardinal Place more efficient and family-friendly. In 2009, our main focuses for change were on providing a safe environment, building a healthy program at Roosevelt and moving from a 3 site program to 2 sites, evaluating programming, and creating and maintaining a website containing relevant information and forms about Cardinal Place and the rest of WCER.

Throughout 2009, Cardinal Place collaborated with many area programs to offer our kids additional learning opportunities. These programs included 4H, the Barn Theater, the Willmar Police Department and Bike Safety group, Hormel/Jennie-O, the Minnesota Zoo, Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, and other WCER programming.

Rob Baumgarn – Coordinator Report

Softball WCER joined together with the Softball Association. We helped with the administrative portion of the league. We were in charge of registration, field maintenance, finding umpires and schedules. Members of the league are NLS, Marshall, MACCRAY, Paynesville, BOLD, KMS, EVW and Willmar.

Baseball Numbers continue to stay steady. We have seven 3rd & 4th grade teams and we added a new Willmar team to the 5th and 6th grade baseball league, to make it six teams from Willmar. Our league consists of NLS, BBE, Atwater and Prinsburg. This gives the participants a great opportunity to play and to travel to other communities.

T-ball (for 4 and 5 year olds) had over 120 participants as a stand alone program.

Football We have teams from Morris, ACGC, MACCRAY, BBE, Hancock and NLS to make up a 14 team league. Willmar has four teams. With a new football coach at the high school, we have been talking about how to improve the league. Look for some “new” ideas for this fall. Youth Football will continue to grow and is one of our most successful programs.

Basketball We partnered with Ridgewater College to do drills and skills with grades 3-6. We also provide assistance to the Willmar Basketball Boosters. In the future, we will be working more on their basketball tourney.

Wrestling Our relationship with the Willmar Take Down Club continues to grow. We were able to host a youth tournament in December and we had great numbers. Also, we worked with the Willmar Wrestling Team on the Jaycee Tournament this past March.

Soccer Numbers continue to grow. We are working together with the Summer Soccer Association on fields and schedules. Also, we partner with Ridgewater Soccer Coaches on Fall and Spring soccer programs for grades K-6. Soccer has become a very popular sport in Willmar.

Facilities Our facilities continue to be used an overwhelming amount. Classrooms, theaters and gyms are used on a daily basis. We have been able to host Lorie Line Music, Tonic Sol Fa, Robert Brule and C. Willie Myles.

Collaborations We are very fortunate to work with many organizations and groups through the year. Without these groups, we would not be able to offer as many great programs as we do.

These groups include Willmar Youth Football, Willmar Basketball Boosters, Willmar Takedown Club, Willmar Wing Foot, Willmar Baseball/Softball Boosters, Willmar Soccer Association, Ridgewater College

Brad Bonk – Coordinator Report

The Adult Recreation program continues to produce high numbers of participants in the three programs offered. These programs have benefited from the large amount of facility space that the program has been allowed to use. In the winter alone, adult recreation used 40% of the gym space available in the community after school. The following is a break down of the 3 categories in which adult recreation was offered starting Nov. 08 through Oct 09.

The 2008/09 Basketball program contained 24 teams in the 3 winter leagues with an additional 7 teams competing in the spring leagues. The 31 teams match that from the previous year. Once again a successful basketball Winter Classic tournament was held with 12 teams participating. That total is up 2 teams from the previous year.

The Volleyball program in 2008/09 contained 69 winter volleyball teams participating in 7 leagues with an additional 4 spring volleyball teams participating in one league. These leagues started in early November and concluded in late April. These numbers in total match those of the previous year. The winter league was up 4 teams and the spring league was down 4 teams. The Co Rec Winter Classic Volleyball tournament did not take place in 2009 due to low number of teams registered. This tournament will be moved to a different date in the future. We are hoping this move will give the tournament a fresh new start. The Women's Winter Classic Volleyball tournament did take place with 12 teams participating in two divisions. This is up 4 teams from the previous year.

There were 68 teams that competed in the summer softball leagues that ran from early May to late August, Monday through Thursday. This was up 13 teams from the previous year. The major change for this year was moving the Church League from Friday nights to Thursday nights. We felt that Friday nights was limiting participation because of individuals leaving town for the weekend. The fall softball league contained 20 teams in three divisions (Co Rec., Men's Upper and Men's Lower). This league was up 8 teams from the previous year.

The City of Willmar's Public Works employees produce some of the nicest outdoor ice in the state, and the time and effort that they put in is utilized by a number of citizens in the community. The rinks and warming houses were open from mid December through February. These warming houses were staffed from 4 to 9 on the weekdays and 1-9 on the weekends.

Currently WCER has two staff members, myself and Kevin Madsen, serving on the newly formed Willmar Lakes Area CVB Sports Committee. The group's focus is to promote and market the Willmar Lakes Area as a great place to host or attend a sporting event, game or tournament. The committee works with area and state-wide sporting organizations to bring more sporting events to our area as well as to enhance existing ones.

WCER adult athletics are currently working with the Green Mill to provide gift certificates to teams that win our winter adult sports leagues.

WCER continues to have a part in the West Central Dairy Days. Brad Bonk has taken over the duties previously held by LeAnne Freeman. Those duties include the dairy day's track meet, and various radio interviews throughout the week.

Jodi Wambeke – Early Childhood Report

Early Childhood Family Programs (ECFP) had a very busy 2009!

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) continues to serve over 200 children and parents at Jefferson Learning Center with traditional parent/child classes. In addition to all the parent/child classes we also collaborate with **Public Health** to provide Incredible Years classes at **ALC** with teen moms, at **Kandiyohi County Jail** with incarcerated dads and moms at the **Somali Women's Center**.

Staff also teamed up with **Willmar Public Library** to provide 'Baby Lap Sit' and 'Bringing Stories to Life' which are story times with an added parent information component for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. This program has been very successful with numbers of participants ranging from 18-36.

We still continue to visit **Rice Hospital** weekly to hand out over 700 new baby bags and enroll interested families into the **Follow Along Program**, visit **WIC** clinics monthly to connect with parents, monthly parent/child events with **Bethel Church**, and monthly visits to **JOTS** to connect with parents during break time. We have developed an exciting partnership with **Child Care Resource and Referral** and **United Way Grow Mobile** to provide monthly visits to Family Friend and Neighbor (FFN) care providers. These visits include a mini preschool and curriculum that is left for providers until the next visit.

ECFP continues to provide community wide parent child events that have been very successful. Starting in April of 2009 we again worked closely with **Ridgewater College Student Senate**, **Early Childhood Education program** and **Kandiyohi County IEIC** to host the annual Family Fun night at the college which had over 700 participants. In September we held our first Open House at Jefferson Learning Center to welcome families to our new site. With the addition of 2 more **Head Start** classrooms, we were excited to have had close to 400 people walk through our doors that evening.

In October ECFP works alongside the **Willmar Early Childhood Initiative (ECI)** and **Willmar Fire Department** to host the annual 'Story Time' at the Fire Station. It was an exciting event this year as we unveiled the book that was written and illustrated by ECI members, members of WFD and Kelly Welch. We hosted over 650 people that night.

Two weeks after the Fire Station event we worked closely with **Head Start** and the **ECI** to host our 1st F.R.E.D. (Fathers Reading Every Day) event. There were over 70 participants that joined us that evening. Another great partnership we developed that came out of the **Willmar ECI** is with **WRAC 8**. WRAC 8 is a significant partner in developing and implementing the 'Read Along'. This show has had such great success that we are now connected with **Encyclopedia Britannica** to produce a spin off show 'Ben and Bella' Read Along.

In addition to all the wonderful parent/child classes and outreach, we have great internal collaborations with preschool, family literacy and early childhood screening. **Kids Together Preschool and Cardinal Kids Preschool** have a great partnership with **Early Childhood Special**

Education and Family Literacy. Creative Kids Preschool also collaborates with **Head Start** as well as ECSE and Family Literacy. We see over 130 children in preschool.

Family Literacy continues to serve families. 38 children and parents have been part of this program. We continue to best meet the needs of families in our community.

Early Childhood Screening has screened 333 children in 2009. One area of ECS that we are working to improve is with the Social/ Emotional component to the screening. Currently we have parents fill out the paper version of the ASQ-SE form. We have found it difficult for our Somali and Latino families to complete this form accurately. So we are starting to implement the ASQ-SE computer version to our Somali families. This is being done by collaboration with **PACT 4** and Public Health and the Infant/Toddler Mental Health grant that PACT 4 received. We are very excited to see how this will work for families.

2009 CIVIC CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

CIVIC CENTER PERSONNEL:

Manager	Kevin Madsen
Maintenance	Keith Hendrickson
	Jeremy Marcus
Clerical	Lynette Christenson

FLOOR ACTIVITIES AND REVENUES:

The Civic Center Arena continues in its purpose of meeting the wide range of community needs as a multi-purpose facility providing indoor ice skating and a large event and exhibition space. The facility overall, attempts to provide a well-balanced blend of rentals, public options and access to most groups during ice season, and works to maintain a balance between ice and dry floor. Scheduling ice time between user groups and using maximum available time for promoting a healthy list of dry floor events requires considerable cooperation from all renters.

Dry floor activities continue to fill most weekends in March and April, with the Sunshine Festival the largest single event. Other dry floor events continue to represent a variety of endeavors, both for private business activity or community use.

Total ice usage by major hockey programs declined once again, by 200 hours, with Willmar Youth Hockey dropping 171 hours for the year 2009 as compared to 2008. Willmar Senior High School dropped 30 hours for 2009 as compared to 2008. Willmar Youth Hockey's ice usage per year has dropped 300 hours comparing 2006 to 2009. On the positive side, Diamond Edge Figure Skating has increased ice usage by 70 hours per year, and the Willmar Curling Club has become a full rate ice user, moving through a graduated rate start-up plan in 5 years. This occurred despite moving from a Monday night league to a Wednesday night league in 2006, to accommodate skating time for Willmar Youth Hockey, as they have dropped all Wednesday ice usage. The time change resulted in a loss of 6 curling teams but the league has since recovered to a full slate of teams for the Wednesday league. While curling occupies the Blue Line Arena, a new program to utilize the Cardinal Arena on Wednesdays has been successfully launched; the Adult Hockey League. The league has 6 teams, 100 players, and a strong fan following. This league, as was with curling, is helped by a graduated rate plan to help establish and keep participants in the program. It is expected to be a full rate user in less than 5 years.

In an effort to increase participation numbers, Willmar Youth Hockey has asked for the help of Willmar Community Education and Recreation to provide an affordable entry-level program for mites (ages K-3 grade). Staff has attempted to put in place Recreation Hockey reminiscent of the '80's and '90's, which benefitted from high participation numbers. The effort is judged a "good start" with an increase of 5 more skaters for 2009 as compared to 2008.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ISSUES:

Maintenance and upkeep of the facility and equipment continued including painting of major use areas, and the replacement of the lighting in both arenas to energy efficient fluorescents. The challenges of maintaining this facility with 73,000 square feet of space are many and varied, however, staff continues to improve the facility by finishing projects, and maintaining existing space and equipment to an excellent degree.

SUMMARY:

2009 realized a total revenue decline in the amount of \$17,017.00. Areas of concern are; 1) Continued lower annual hours of rental by hockey users, 2) Lower vend/concession revenues related to fewer hockey teams, fewer players per team, fewer games, and canceled hockey tournaments, (two in 2009), 3) Reduced interest in new dry floor inquiries due to the economic down-turn.

Positive signs include: 1) Growth in the figure skating and curling programs, 2) The addition of an Adult Hockey League, 3) An expansion of the event days for the Sonshine Festival, our largest dry-floor customer.

Highlights include the Civic Center's hosting of the 2009 State High School Curling Tournament, a first for such an event on "arena ice" and not at a dedicated curling facility. Feedback from those involved indicated a successful tournament, and has helped to further the development by staff of new ice preparation to accommodate curling on skating ice. Several communities in the State that have skating arenas inquire and ask for assistance to offer curling at their facilities. To date Alexandria, Brainerd and Walker are sites that staff have helped and have established clubs. Litchfield and Buffalo have also held curling events aided by staff, and Crookston and Rogers are on the waiting list for planned curling events at their arenas. It should be mentioned that the Arena Manager uses no City paid time to promote and produce these out-state activities, it is strictly on a volunteer basis.

Also, the Diamond Edge Figure Skaters presented famed Olympic guest skater, Kurt Browning in their annual show. This event was extremely entertaining and achieved what was desired in promoting and growing the figure skating program.

Staff looks to re-evaluate season start-up times, and eliminate any open ice time slots by compressing scheduled usage, so that staffing costs and energy can be reduced. Looking for more desirable public skating times will also be considered, as its popularity seems to be growing and ice time is available.

REVENUE	2008	2009
SERVICE CHARGES	\$ AMOUNT	\$ AMOUNT

Miscellaneous	\$ 541.49	\$ 647.82
Tournament Fees (Commission)	\$ 3,191.00	\$ 1,386.80
Skating Programs	\$ 1,045.00	\$ 4,785.00
Ice Arena Rent	\$136,133.00	\$130,165.00
Dry Floor Events	\$ 59,554.21	\$ 53,915.30
Skate Rentals/ Skate Sharpening	\$ 1,468.63	\$ 1,237.95
Open Skating Public Fees	\$ 3,119.24	\$ 3,841.04
Advertising Sales	\$ 6,975.00	\$ 3,631.28
Vending Machine	\$ 12,088.19	\$ 9,319.94
Concessions	\$ 50,888.53	\$ 44,116.95
Hockey Games	\$ 12,619.00	\$ 17,515.00
Accessories Sales	\$ 39.25	\$ 83.13

TOTAL SERVICE CHARGES	\$287,662.54	\$270,645.21

	2008	2009
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ AMOUNT	\$ AMOUNT

Sonshine	\$.00	\$ 46.81
Kandiyohi Power Cooperative	\$.00	\$ 22.81
Blue Line Club	\$.00	\$ 164.65
Camping	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Novelties	\$ 300.00	\$.00
Copies	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.25
Concession Reimbursement-Curling	\$ 176.49	\$.00
Willmar Youth Hockey	\$.00	\$ 79.80
Equipment Usage Fees	\$.00	\$ 245.00
Light Bulb Recycle	\$.00	\$ 38.50

TOTALS	\$ 541.49	\$ 647.82

	2008	2009
TOURNAMENT FEES (Commissions)	\$ AMOUNT	\$ AMOUNT

WYH Tournament	\$ 3,191.00	\$ 1,386.80
Diamond Edge Show	\$.00	\$.00
H.S. Holiday Tournament	\$.00	\$.00

TOTALS	\$ 3,191.00	\$ 1,386.80

	2008		2009	
SKATING PROGRAMS	HOURS	\$ AMOUNT	HOURS	\$ AMOUNT

Learn to Skate	8	\$ 635.00	8	\$ 1,960.00
Curling	14.25	\$ 90.00	11	\$ 390.00
Learn to Play Hockey	18.5	\$ 320.00	7	\$ 480.00
Mite/Mini Mite Hockey	0	\$.00	24	\$ 1,955.00

TOTALS	40.75	\$1,045.00	50	\$ 4,785.00

	2008		2009	
ICE USERS	HOURS	\$ AMOUNT	HOURS	\$ AMOUNT

High School/Practice	294	\$ 34,715.00	263.5	\$ 32,460.00
Miscellaneous	48.25	\$ 4,866.00	39	\$ 4,000.00
*Senior High				
Phy Ed Classes	55	\$.00	34.25	\$.00
Adult Curling League	103	\$ 3,450.00	66	\$ 4,380.00
H.S. State Curling Bonspiel	0	\$.00	18	\$ 1,000.00
WYH Tournaments	111.25	\$ 12,452.50	51.5	\$ 6,180.00
Willmar Youth Hockey	628	\$ 63,154.50	517	\$ 58,385.00
Figure Skating Club	150.75	\$ 15,930.00	220	\$ 23,760.00
WCER	18.5	\$ 1,565.00	0	\$.00

TOTALS	1,409	\$136,133.00	1,209.25	\$130,165.00

DRY FLOOR SHOWS	2008 \$ AMOUNT	2009 \$ AMOUNT
Ag Show	\$ 2,360.00	\$ 2,477.00
KWLM Spring Show	\$ 2,355.00	\$ 2,385.00
Builders Home Show	\$ 2,825.00	\$ 3,100.00
Tribune Garage Sales	\$ 1,768.00	\$ 1,866.00
Jose Cole Circus	\$ 1,233.90	\$ 1,815.20
Sonshine	\$25,212.69	\$24,930.00
Camper Show	\$ 2,544.12	\$ 2,620.00
Community Christian School	\$ 1,870.00	\$ 1,912.00
Kandiyohi Horticulture Society	\$ 100.00	\$ 132.00
Extreme	\$.00	\$ 846.00
Ridgewater College Graduation	\$ 2,202.00	\$ 2,969.75
Zuhrah Shrine Circus	\$ 1,855.00	\$ 2,295.00
Tribune Senior Show	\$ <u>2,018.00</u>	\$ <u>2,058.00</u>
	\$46,343.71	\$49,405.95
Lobby Rental	\$ 612.50	\$ 193.00
Meeting Room Rental	\$ 350.00	\$ 25.00
Clothing Concepts	\$ 580.00	\$.00
Auto Value Show	\$.00	\$ 800.00
ARC Spring/Fall Dance	\$ 679.50	\$ 740.50
Indoor Practice	\$.00	\$ 300.00
Quilt Show	\$.00	\$1,025.00
Willmar Municipal Utilities	\$.00	\$ 130.00
Cummings Tool Show	\$ 580.00	\$.00
KCP Customer Appreciation	\$ 1,639.50	\$.00
Monaco International Chapter	\$ <u>7,937.50</u>	\$ <u>.00</u>
Miscellaneous Shows Total	\$12,504.00	\$ 3,213.50
Stage, Chair, & Table Rental	\$ 706.50	\$ 1,295.85

TOTALS	\$59,554.21	\$53,915.30

SKATE RENTALS/ SKATE SHARPENING	2008		2009	
	NUMBER	\$ AMOUNT	NUMBER	\$ AMOUNT
Skate Rentals	494	\$ 703.57	567	\$ 807.75
Skate Sharpening	284	\$ 765.06	160	\$ 430.10
TOTALS	778	\$ 1,468.63	727	\$1,237.95

OPEN SKATING PUBLIC USAGE	2008		2009	
	HOURS	\$ AMOUNT	HOURS	\$ AMOUNT
Leisure Time Hockey	29.5	\$ 721.49	25.5	\$ 703.40
Open Skating	31.5	\$ 2,248.21	36	\$2,710.32
Open Curling	28	\$ 65.43	74	\$ 373.12
Hockey For All Ages	6	\$ 84.11	2	\$ 54.20
TOTALS	95	\$ 3,119.24	137.5	\$3,841.04

ADVERTISING SALES	2008	2009
	\$ AMOUNT	\$ AMOUNT
Advertising Sales	\$6,975.00	\$3,631.28

VEND REVENUE	2008	2009
	\$ AMOUNT	\$ AMOUNT
Pop Machines	\$ 9,688.59	\$ 7,182.62
Candy Machines	\$ 1,644.87	\$ 1,346.32
Gum Ball Machine	\$ 754.73	\$ 791.00
TOTALS	\$12,088.19	\$ 9,319.94

CONCESSIONS REVENUE	2008 \$ AMOUNT	2009 \$ AMOUNT
Hockey Tournaments	\$ 9,241.98 includes a state & regional tournament	\$ 3,770.23
H.S. Holiday Tournament	\$ 4,913.13	\$ 794.04
High School Games	\$10,007.08	\$12,286.76
Dry Floor Events	\$21,531.00	\$20,681.20
WYH Games	\$ 3,554.27	\$ 4,703.87
Figure Skating Show	\$ 1,641.07	\$ 1,880.85
TOTALS	\$50,888.53	\$44,116.95

HOCKEY GAMES	2008		2009	
	ATTEND.	\$ AMOUNT	ATTEND.	\$ AMOUNT
H.S. Hockey Games	4,278	\$12,619.00	6,512	\$17,515.00

ACCESSORIES SALES	2008	2009
	\$ AMOUNT	\$ AMOUNT
Tape, Laces, Mouth Guards, Pucks	\$ 39.25	\$ 83.13
TOTALS	\$ 39.25	\$ 83.13

2009 ANNUAL REPORT BY LEANNE FREEMAN CENTER COORDINATOR



Two thousand and nine was the year of transitions; January saw the Center Council changing the name of the building to Willmar Community Center, this change came after much thought as the Center Council worked through a Strategic Plan. An open house was set for April to kick off the name change. The event was a week long open house with different activities going on throughout the week. The week started off with an "open mike" from KWLM it was broadcasted from the Center, a Minnesota Author was on hand to talk about writing a book, a Park Naturalist from Sibley Park and a photographer from Little Crow Photography rounded off the week. The week was a success until the duct work in the ceiling started coming down and some activities had to be cancelled.

Another transition was a program committee who worked hard on new programs that would get the boomer population looking towards the Center for activities and programs. "Knowledge University" was revealed as a humanities based program to encourage learning opportunities for adults of all ages, the Willmar Public Library comes out once a month to lead our book club and Rice Hospital schedules "Your Health Topics" monthly at the Center. Then you throw in our health and wellness opportunities such as: Sit, Stand and be Fit Class, Drivers Safety Classes, Blood Pressure Checks, Exercise Equipment at the Center and Robbins Island Walkers.

Intergenerational programming has become a strong part of the Center. For eleven years we have worked with a second grade class from Jefferson School, twice a month during the school year. These children along with their teacher come out to the Center, so that seniors can become teachers and mentors to these young children. Mrs. Isaacson and I try to make the activities go either with the school curriculum or important holidays. Our knitting and musical series continues to be a big hit on Mondays during the summers. Our newest intergenerational programs that took place this summer was Grandma and me Spa Day and Grandpa and me Build a Bat House. Both these programs were a big hit and the children were able to spend special time with their grandparents.

Computer Classes boomed at the Center, seventeen out of twenty-one classes were held during the summer months. Along with the classes we had open computer lab in the afternoons when seniors could come and ask questions or get help with their computer problems.

The High Ave Community Garden added a new transition to the mix, I am not a gardener but I still had to be the person to oversee all those plots and gardeners. There was twenty-nine plots at the garden with all ages participating. The Special Needs Boys Scouts grew and donated mini pumpkins for my "Pumpkin Patch" Carnival held in October. The Kandiyohi County Horticultural Society had their garden tour in July and the High Ave Community Garden was on their list of gardens to visit. This was a honor for us and many of the gardeners were on hand to help answer questions and, of course, to give out produce. There were many favorable comments on how well the garden was kept up and many of the visitors were interested in a plot for 2010. To cap off the gardening season, two Boy Scouts did their Eagle projects at the garden, one was a compost system and the other a double-sided shaded bench.

Another Highlight of 2009 was to have two articles published by my state association, Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association in their official state association magazine. The "Sit, Stand and Stay Fit" class for seniors and the Memorial room at the City Auditorium were the pieces published.

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Willmar Community Center Mission Statement

The Willmar Community Center is a multi-faceted facility that provides social, educational and recreational services to enhance the quality of life for the community

Goals for 2010

Ethnic programs for our diverse elder population

Reach out with community service programming at other locations

Continue to seek community partners and pursue grants for funding programs & events

A note from the Chair of the Willmar Community Center Council

Anne Miller

Based on a community wide survey in 2008 a long range Strategic plan was developed early 2009. The Community Center Council wanted to meet the current and future needs of the community which resulted in several changes. The first project was to change the name to the Willmar Community Center from Willmar Area Senior Citizens Community Center. This change reflected a more descriptive name to avoid the Center being identified exclusively as the Senior Citizens Club versus the entire 50+ population. Next a descriptive Tri-fold brochure was developed and distributed throughout the Willmar Area. A coffee bar was built and equipped with an automatic coffee system.

A new community event that was developed this year was a "Volunteer Fair," twenty three agencies were on hand and had the opportunity to highlight their programs and recruit volunteers. A Volunteer Handbook was developed which included; job descriptions, applications and interest sheet for the "Volunteer Fair."

Education programs known as "Knowledge University" offered a variety of humanities based topics and activities throughout the year. The Center continues the usual seasonal events such as: Pumpkin Patch Carnival, Grandparents Celebration, Holiday Blitz and many more programs in which the whole community could participate.

The Center Council reviewed and approved various policies including rental rates and rental policies.

The Center Council plans to continue following and expediting the 2009-2011 strategic plan to reach the goals and objectives of the Willmar Community Center. Throughout the year the Center Council was expertly guided by LeAnne Freeman, Center Coordinator.

Statement of Support for 2009

Sources of Support

City of Willmar	\$ 150,153.00
Rentals	\$ 7,720.00
*Sr. Club Donation	\$ 1,000.00
Programs & Activities	\$ 2,747.11
Donations/Contributions	\$ 50.00
<i>Total Financial Support:</i>	\$ 161,670.11

***Acknowledgement:** The Senior Citizens Club also purchased for the Center; Tables and Chairs valued at \$2,279.28 and Exercise Equipment valued at \$3,595.00

Uses of Funds

Programming/Special Events	\$ 5,101.42
Management & Operating	\$ 95,909.48
<i>Total Expenses:</i>	\$ 101,010.90

Capital Expenditures: Approved capital improvement projects (\$31,500.00) were put on hold with LGA (Local Government Aid) cuts and will be done as monies are available.

Partnerships & Community Involvement

Senior Citizens Club	L.S.S. Meal Site Program	Senior Coalition
Drivers Safety Program	Willmar School District	Boy Scouts
Compassionate Care	West Central Barbershop Chorus	WA-AARP
YMCA	Willmar Public Library	Willmar Fests Committee
KAT Operation Board	U Care of Minnesota	Life Connections
L.S.S.—Foster Grandparents	Willmar Bus Service	Senior Network
MRPA	NRPA	Minnesota Tops
Kandiyohi Country Health	Ombudsman	L.S.S.—Senior Companion
Master Gardener Program	Q102	Let's Go Fishing
Early Childhood Coalition	West Central Tribune	Willmar Police Department
	Ridgewater College	

Senior Council 2009

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Steve Brisendine

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Willmar Community Center Volunteer Hours

Volunteers are very vital to the operation of the Center, when I'm not at the Center they are on hand to greet and help the people that are coming into the building. Even if I'm in the building they continue to help out by greeting people and answering the phone for me and giving me time to get work done.

Volunteers require just as much time to supervise as a part-time employee, they need to be trained, mentored, monitored and praised to continue to do a great job. The only difference between a volunteer and part-time employee is the pay. The cost saving for having a volunteer is \$20.40 a hour every time they volunteer.

Morning Greeters
1,029.5 Hours

Afternoon Greeters
438 Hours

Greeters are the volunteers that open and close the Center, answer the phones, take messages for me. They also are responsible for making the people feel welcome and answering questions that people have regarding the Center.

Special Events
108.5 Hours

Maintenance
100 Hours

Special Events volunteers have helped out at events such as; Pumpkin Patch Carnival, Willmar Fests, Holiday Blitz and Volunteer Fair.

The Maintenance volunteers help during our annual volunteer clean-up day and we have one senior gentleman who takes care of the lawn during the summer.

Cost Saving for having volunteers at the Center $1,676 \times \$20.40 = \$34,190.40$

**A SNAPSHOT OF PROGRAMS AND EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE
WILLMAR COMMUNITY CENTER**



Christine Hilbert – Child Guide Report

Referral Data, November 2009

Enrollment Totals from December 8, 2009; Referral Totals from November 15, 2009

	Total Youth	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	Native American	Asian	Hispanic
Birth – Preschool, About – 1,200 (15 families)	19	4	15	2	3	2	0	12
Kinder – 8 th grade								
Enrolled	2,695	1,384	1,311	1,577	185	14	27	892
Referred	479	255	224	171	54	2	0	252
Referral percentage of K-8 total enrollment	18%	18%	19%	11%	29%	14%	0%	28%
Free/Reduced	1,469							
9 th – 12 th grade								
Enrolled	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	Na
Referred	4	2	2	1	0			3
Referral Total	502	261	241	174	57	4	0	267
Referrals living in single parent homes	(36%) 182							
Referred for Academic Need	143							
Referred for Social Need	179							
Referred for Basic Need	230							
Referred but with no connection	22							
Resources used for connections –								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCER sponsored : Rainbow Readers, Art Club, Fun Club, Swimming, Soccer, Wrestling, Sisters Club, Football Skills; • YMCA sponsored : Youth in Government, Football, Basketball, Mentor Program; • Community sponsored : Boy Scouts, Enterprising Kids, CHAOS Club, Military Kids Retreat, SWAT, Golden Gloves, Chic Chat Club, Just for Kix Dance Club, KAT Bus, West Central Industries Resource Center and Support Group, Warm the Children, Head Start, Community Meal, School Supply Drive, ALC Taiko Drumming, Ridgewater Lunch Buddy Program, Rotary Reader Program, Foster Grandparents, Radical Reading and Math Mind Clubs; and donations from churches, individuals; • Child Guide sponsored Clothing Donations, Toy Donations, Service Clubs, Angel Club, in-school mini-mentorships, and Roosevelt Readers. 								
Current Child Guide Initiatives: Activity Surveys, Community Connections								

