

HENRY COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION

ANNUAL REPORT
2003

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ADULT ATHLETICS

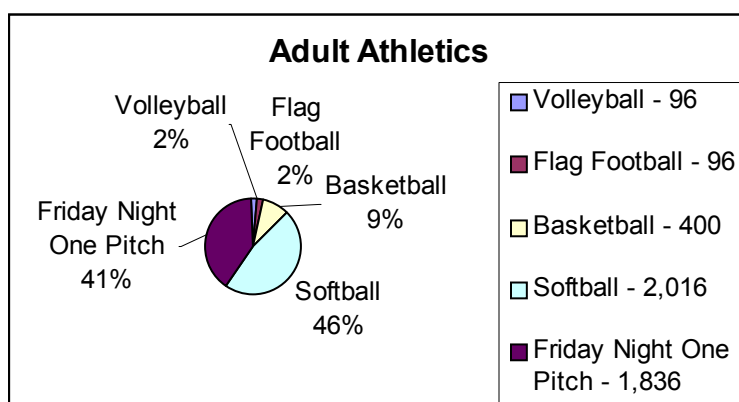
Volleyball – The Recreation Department had approximately 96 players to participate in volleyball. Volleyball games were played in the surrounding school gyms.

Flag Football – The Recreation Department had 96 players to participate in flag football. There were a total of 8 teams and two of those teams went on to District and one of those teams went to State. Flag football games were played at Richard Craig Park.

Basketball – The Recreation Department had 400 players to participate in four leagues. There were a total of 36 teams. Basketball games were played in the surrounding school gyms.

Softball – This year the Recreation Department had two seasons of adult softball. Within the spring season there were a total of 1,422 participants in six different leagues. In the fall season, there were a total of 594 participants in four different leagues. Three teams went to participate in District. Softball games were held at Heritage Park.

Friday Night One Pitch – The department held 11 Friday Night One Pitch Tournaments with a total of 1,836 people participating in these tournaments. Friday Night One Pitch tournaments were held at Heritage Park.





Women's Softball League
Champions

Salem Baptist Church



Men's Softball League
Champions

New Hope Methodist
Church



Men's Summer
Basketball League
Champions

Lakers

YOUTH ATHLETICS

Baseball – There were a total of 4,958 participants that were involved in 415 teams throughout the county over the spring and fall seasons. Baseball was played in the following parks: Big Springs, Richard Craig, Cochran, North Ola, North Forty, Warren Holder, Sandy Ridge and Hidden Valley. McDonough Youth Baseball hosted the World Series for the third year in a row.

Softball – There were a total of 1,387 participants that were involved in 112 teams throughout the county over the spring and fall seasons. Softball was played in the following parks: Alexander, J.P. Moseley, Hidden Valley, North Forty, Warren Holder and Ola 81. The North Henry Youth Softball 12 & Under Slow Pitch All-Star team took first place at the GSA World Series.

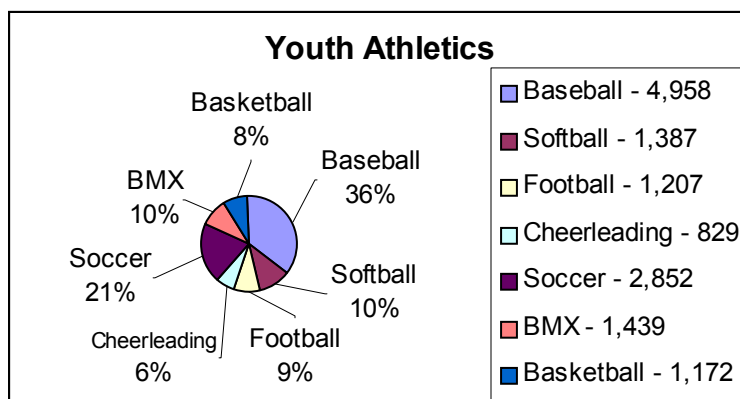
Football – There were a total of 1,207 participants that were involved in 75 teams throughout the McDonough, North Henry and Locust Grove communities. The following parks were the host of these games: Richard Craig, Warren Holder and Mickie D. Cochran.

Cheerleading – There were a total of 829 participants that were involved in 62 teams throughout the McDonough, North Henry and Locust Grove communities. The following parks were the host of these games: Richard Craig, Warren Holder and Mickie D. Cochran.

Soccer – There were a total of 2,852 participants that were involved in 293 teams for the spring and fall seasons. Soccer was played at the Henry County Soccer Complex and private fields at Vulcan Materials.

BMX – There were a total of 1,439 participants that participated in 30 races. All races were held at the Sandy Ridge Park.

Basketball – There were a total of 1,172 participants that were involved in 134 teams throughout the county. Basketball games and practices were held in the surrounding county school gyms and churches.





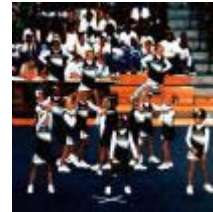
North
Henry
Softball



Soccer



Cheerleading



Football



Baseball

PROGRAMS

Drop In Volleyball – Each Tuesday night the Fairview Elementary School gym is open for any adult who wishes to play volleyball. This year we had 399 people to participate in this activity.

Step Aerobics – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at either Wesley Lakes Elementary or Austin Road Elementary Schools, there is step aerobics taking place. Both of these classes combined had a total of 520 men and women who participated in this type of exercise.

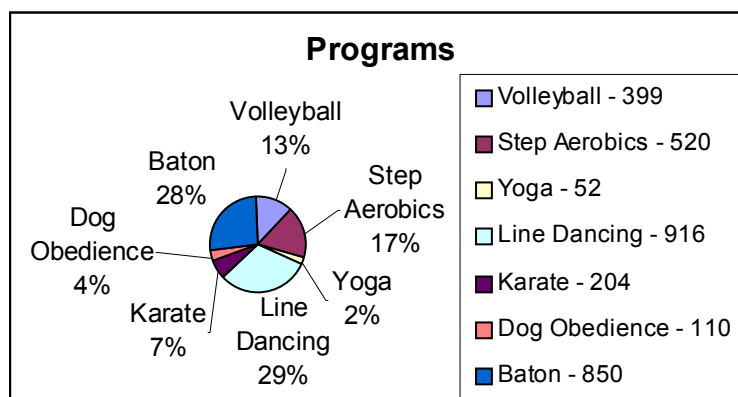
Yoga – Monday nights at Wesley Lakes Elementary School is were yoga took place this year. During this year there were 52 people who took advantage in this exercise.

Line Dancing – This activity took place at the Windy Hill Activity Building on Tuesday and Thursday nights. There were a total of 916 people who participated in this program.

Karate – On Monday and Wednesday nights you will find karate going on in the Windy Hill Activity Building. This program had a total of 204 participants.

Dog Obedience – On Wednesday nights you will find dogs and their owners learning how to be obedient. There were a total of 110 people and their dogs that attended this program.

Baton – Georgia's Youth On Parade held baton and pom pom classes in the Windy Hill Activity Building on Sunday and Monday nights. There were a total of 850 girls that participated in these classes. These girls also had the opportunity to march in the McDonough and Forest Park Christmas Parades. On December 31, 2003, this group also marched in the Orange Bowl Parade and then on January 2, 2004, they marched in the Peach Bowl Parade.



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Yoga

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Line Dancing

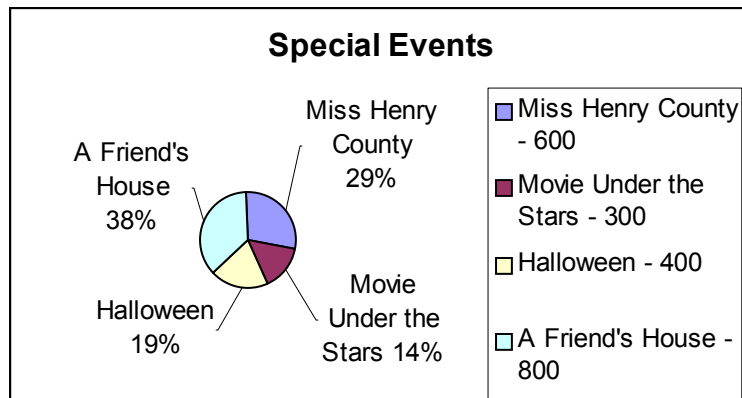
SPECIAL EVENTS

Miss Henry County Scholarship Pageant – There were a total of 9 contestants for Miss Henry County and 7 for the Miss Teen Henry County. The pageant was held at the Henry County Performing Arts Center and there were approximately 600 people that attended the pageant.

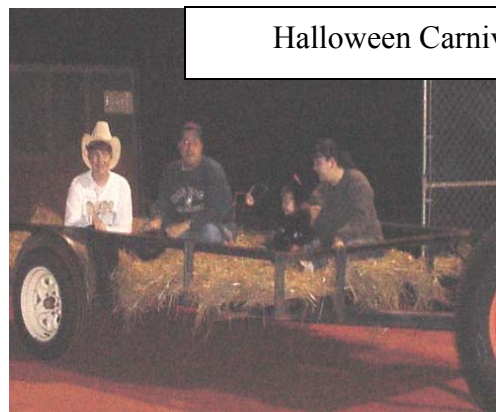
Movie Under the Stars – On October 11, 2003, the Henry County Recreation Department with Star 94 hosted Movie Under the Stars. This event took place at the Henry County Soccer Complex. There were approximately 300 people that showed up in the cold to watch “Shrek”.

Halloween Carnival & Trail – On October 28, 29 & 30, 2003, the Recreation Department put together a Halloween Carnival and Spook Trail. This event took place at Heritage Park and there were approximately 400 children and adults dressed up in their Halloween costumes and went through the Spook Trail.

One Pitch Tournament for A Friend’s House – On November 8, 2003, the Recreation Department hosted a One Pitch Tournament to benefit A Friend’s House. Instead of paying an entry fee, each team member was asked to bring a new unwrapped toy. All the toys were donated to A Friend’s House on Dec. 4, 2003. There were approximately 800 people who were either a spectator or a participant in this tournament.



Miss Henry County



Halloween Carnival

THERAPEUTICS

Special Olympics - The Henry County Special Olympics again had a successful year and won many more medals than anyone could have expected. In terms of participation, fun and the implementation of new athletes we were very successful.

The S.O. Volleyball team attended Summer Games and brought home a gold medal. We also brought home gold in singles tennis and skills.

Henry County Special Olympic Basketball team (Hurricanes) participated in the 2003 Winter Games and did an outstanding job.

The 2003 S.O. tennis team went to the Southeast Hilton Head Competition to compete against other tennis programs. Our athletes did awesome and brought back a lot of gold and silver.

Dale Jones was chosen to participate in the 2003 Torch Run Final Leg Team in Dublin, Ireland. He was one of ten athletes with the responsibility of carrying the Flame of Hope across Dublin. The high intense run lasts over a week and much training and dedication to running is a necessity. We are very proud of Dale and his accomplishments as a Special Olympic athlete.

Our 2003 Special Olympic Softball Invitational at Heritage Park went great. We had 12 teams for a total of approximately 150 athletes. Both of our Henry County Softball teams did a great job. The "Big Dogs" brought home the gold and our "Funky Dogs" took the silver.

The Henry County "Big Dogs" and "Funky Dogs" participated in a softball tournament in LaGrange, GA on October 18, 2003. This is the first time in **history** that both teams brought home first place together.

The Henry County Softball Teams will participate in Fall Games October 24-26 in Gainesville, GA. This is a big event for our S.O. athletes. The "Big Dogs" brought home a silver medal and the "Funky Dogs" brought home a bronze medal.

P.G. Griffin was invited to Good Day Atlanta October 21, 2003, where he promoted S.O. He did a great job.

Circle of Friends - The Circle of Friends group continues to grow. They attend outings and special events throughout the year. Among events attended in 2003 were the GA Hall of Fame, Movie Night in Morrow, GA, Dixie Land Fun Park, etc. The annual formal, the biggest and most expensive event of the year, was held at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Over 100 participants dressed in their finest, ate and danced the night away. To make the night extra special they rode to the event in a limo.

BlazeSports - We are providing a wheelchair tennis team through BlazeSports. The team is doing a great job and has participated in several tournaments and brought home several gold medals and trophies. Our wheelchair basketball team is rebuilding and trying to find a gym.

Special Population Day - Over 400 students, athletes and volunteers attended the Special Population Day at the Henry County Fair. This event, sponsored by the McDonough Kiwanis Club, Special Olympics and the Recreation Department, continues to grow each year.

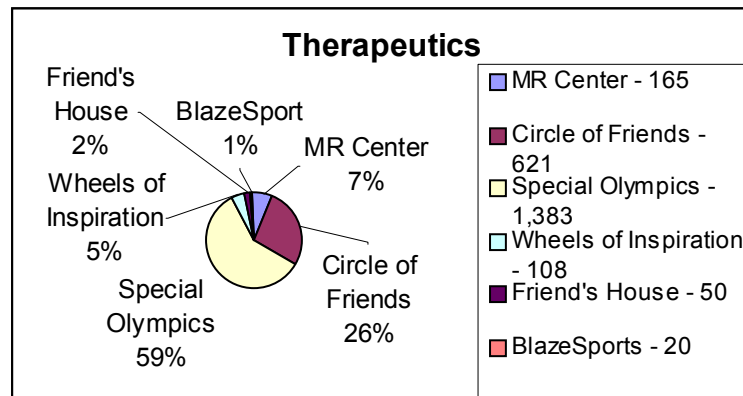
Fundraisers - The Kiwanis Club gave us \$500.00 to help with our Special Olympic Softball tournament.

The Southern Cruisers held a car show fundraiser to help raise money for our S.O. program. They raised over \$2,000.00, which will be used for travel, uniforms, and equipment.

We provided a 2003 Henry County Special Needs Pageant for children and adults. We had 25 participants and hope to have more next year. The participants had a wonderful time and received many nice gifts that were donated by various organizations throughout Henry County. The event was a fundraiser for our therapeutic program. We raised over \$2,000.00.

Share the Joy Day was held on December 6, 2003. This fundraiser brought in over \$2500.00 in one day.

Needs - The T.R. Department is in dire need of an SUV or fifteen-passenger van with a lift to transport wheelchair athletes to various sporting events. In view of the fact that the average wheelchair for basketball cost \$1800 - \$2500 and the costs for travel, i.e. motels, meals, etc. is very expensive; we are requesting as much money as possible initially to cover these expenses.



Blaze
Sports



Circle
of
Friends

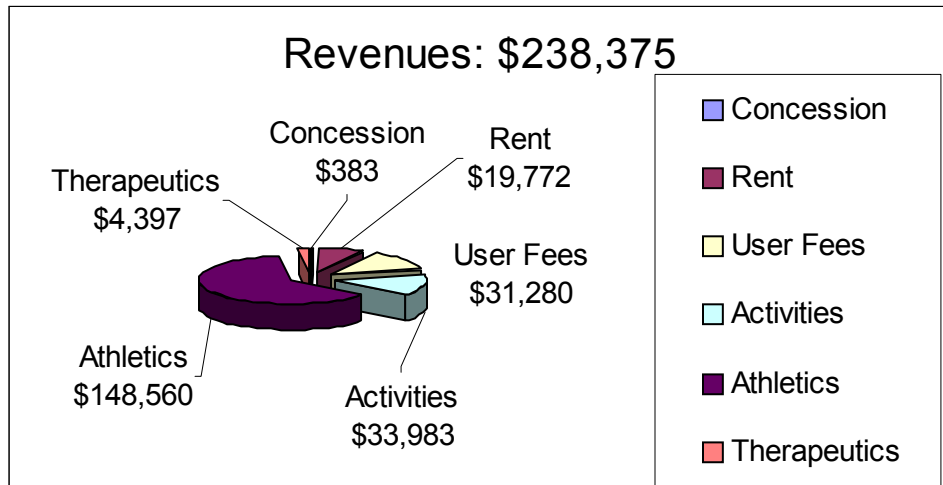
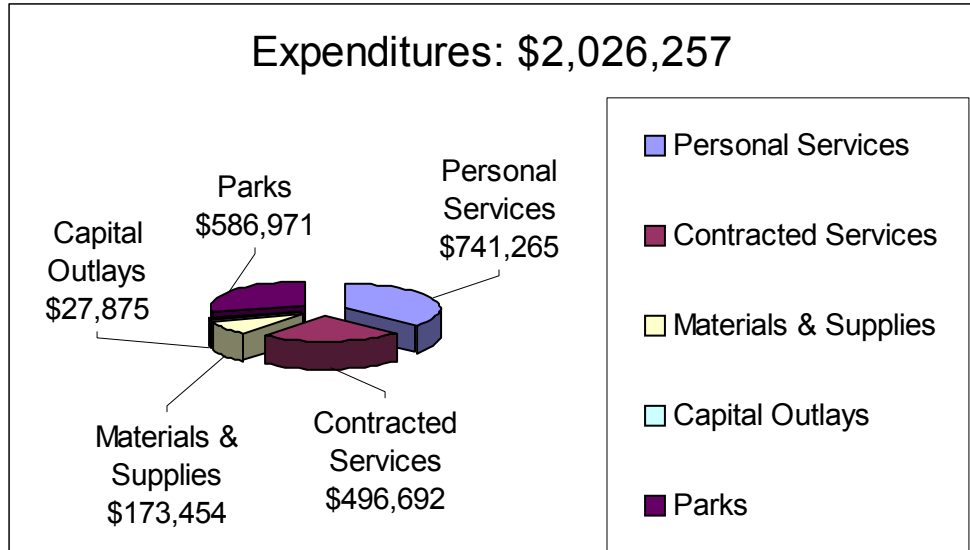


Mr. and Miss
and
Mr. and Miss
Teen Special
Henry
County



FINANCIAL REPORTS

Fiscal Year 2002-2003



OVERVIEW CHART

