

Splashdown in Belfield

It's time to splash, down at the Belfield Public Pool

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Last-week's temperatures soared into the 80s and low-90s, and with the onset of summer comes a little bit of fun thrown into the mix. The Belfield Public Pool is open, as of last weekend on May 30, but so is the city's free "splash pad," and there is a host of activities that are on the coming calendar for area residents to enjoy.

"It's nice to see the town communicating – first and foremost, because a lot of this has been word-of-mouth – and I see a lot of people mentioning these things on social media, like the park board is doing a good job posting about it," Belfield auditor Sovi Herring said. "I'm exploring other ways to get the word out, other than social media, so everybody has some information."

The pool is open seven days a week with a morning and afternoon session that runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and an evening session from 4 to 8 p.m. with an hour break in the middle for staff training and pool maintenance. The daily pass to enter the pool is \$5, but there is a season pass available for \$75 and a family pass for up to six people that costs \$200.

Children 8-years-old and younger must be supervised by a person 16 or older, who are required to be in the water with them at all times, and to enter the deep



end of the pool youths must pass a competency test by swimming one length of the pool – on their stomachs or backs – treading water for two minutes and exiting the pool without using a ladder.

The pool is open as long as the air temperature is at least 66 degrees by 11 a.m. and the pool closes immediately in the event of thunder or lightning. Towels, sunblock and goggles must be provided by the visitor, and there are no glass containers or pets permitted. Swimming lessons also are available with open slots available throughout the week, and there will be two "adult swim" dates open on Saturday, June 13 and June 27 from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The splash pad is open 24 hours per day and offers a way for young children to take a break from the heat with a special material that doesn't burn their feet. Visitors must be barefoot to activate the sensor

and it has become very popular.

"It's quite lovely, and I take my kids over there a lot," Herring said. It's super cute, and it's nice for bare feet."

Also, the Belfield Pavillion is getting ready for their weekly Wednesday gatherings, and the next upcoming event will be on June 10. The William C, Blair American Legion Post 144 Auxiliary will be hosting – or hostessing – on June 17 with a spaghetti-and-meat-sauce-meal and serving starts at 5:30 p.m. They also will be serving pig ears and freshly made snowballs. The cost for meals is \$10 for adults. City staff recently planted some new flowers and other renovations and performed a thorough cleanup of the amenities, Herring said. Charities generally offer a variety of meals for fundraising purposes.

Summer recreational softball season also is resuming, and the Billings County Pioneer

is planning to stop by and occasionally take some photos of these burgeoning stars.

"It'll be jam-packed over at the baseball field, so look out for traffic that way," Herring added.

For more information about activities in and around Belfield, please keep reading the Billings County Pioneer and/or visit the Belfield Parks & Recreation Facebook.



Submitted photo
Belfield city staff recently discovered this 1967 public notice announcing a call for bids for construction of the Belfield Public Pool.

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