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### **WILLISTON PARKS AND RECREATION**

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Ardean Aafedt, Williston's recreation director for 19 years, was named the 15th member of the NDRPA Hall of Fame. He was one of the pioneers of NDRPA and served on several committees during his career.

He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in physical education. Aafedt spent time in the military before joining the Williston Parks and Recreation District in 1958.

The city of Williston was proud of his achievements and named the city's baseball field in his honor. After his retirement in 1977, Aafedt continued to support Williston Parks and Recreation. He was the driving force in building a multipurpose indoor recreation facility, and Aafedt's fingerprints can be seen in the Raymond Family Community Center, which opened in 1986. Other accomplishments during his tenure include a new softball complex and indoor pool facility.

Aafedt was also one of the founding fathers of Babe Ruth Baseball in North Dakota and started the well-recognized Williston Baseball Committee. National Babe Ruth still uses many of the innovations and ideas developed by Aafedt.

He has been active in a number of civic and community organizations, including Williston Jaycees, American Legion, and Williston Lions Club. Aafedt has received many community and civic awards, including induction in the North Dakota State Babe Ruth Baseball Hall of Fame in 1993. He also served as a North Dakota State Representative for District 1 from 1969-1973.

*All NDRPA Hall of Fame members are recognized with plaques at the North Dakota Sports Hall of Fame in the Jamestown Civic Center.*

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