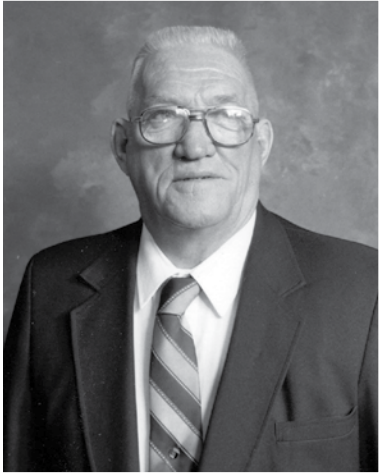


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Wendell Langendorfer of Wahpeton was one of the first two individuals nominated to the NDRPA Hall of Fame. Langendorfer spent more than 31 years as the Wahpeton park superintendent and was one of the members who planned and organized the association.

Langendorfer was instrumental in keeping the Chahinkapa Zoo running in its early days. He was especially fond of the bison and formed the Buffalo Club, which meets once a year and helps fund the bison habitat. He was one of the originators of the Zoo Association.

Langendorfer was actively involved in the construction of a softball complex, picnic facilities, campgrounds, skating and skiing areas, and the John Randall Baseball Field. He spent many years gathering resources to build the park levee and prevent flood damage to the park. During his time as superintendent, Wahpeton was also home to the Wahpeton-Breckenridge Twins, a minor league baseball team, which required regular updates and maintenance to the baseball facilities.

For many years, Langendorfer assumed the roles of zookeeper, swimming pool manager, and baseball and softball field supervisor, in addition to his superintendent duties.

Active in the community, Langendorfer was involved in the American Legion, Wahpeton Eagles Club, Red River Area Sportsmen's Club, and the North Dakota League of Cities.

He received many awards, including the Eagles Club State Civic Service Award, Breckenridge Slowpitch Softball McIntosh Award, Wahpeton Buffalo Club Outstanding Service Award, and the Wahpeton Area Chamber of Commerce Extra Mile Award. In 1986, the Wahpeton Park Board dedicated the Langendorfer Shelter to honor his 30 years of service. The Wahpeton Breckenridge Area Chamber of Commerce posthumously awarded Langendorfer with the Mark Werre Award in 2010 to honor his commitment to the community.

He passed away in 2009.

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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