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## New pool features will spew water

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Aquatic designer Aldo Coronado got his first look at the toys spewing water in the leisure pool at the new Campbell County Recreation Center on Tuesday morning.



The pools in the new Recreation Center are two or three weeks away from completion. Workers began testing the pool's new features in the water park section of the building Tuesday, while others worked on the finishing touches in the lap pool area. - News-Record photo by Nathan Payne

The director of aquatic design for Ohlson Lavoie Collaborative in Denver, Coronado and several other architects of the 189,000-square-foot facility reviewed the progress of construction Tuesday.

"It turned out pretty well," he said of the two new pools he designed, including the 10,750-square-foot leisure pool area with the lazy river and the adjoining lap pool.

The leisure pool holds 138,000 gallons of water. The lap pool includes 255,000 gallons of water and a 3-meter jump tower.

His company also designed the Spearfish, S.D., outdoor pool, which has just finished its first full season.

By comparison, the indoor leisure pool has an additional 500 square feet.

"I hope they enjoy it like Spearfish has," Coronado said.

Despite the toys, the leisure pool isn't just for children. Some of the water aerobics classes will use the lazy river for resistance training.

And for the first time, water ran through the toys designed with a distinctive Western flavor. They include a sea dragon or sea snake painted to look like a rattlesnake. There's a tractor painted with the colors of John Deere, a windmill, a railroad water tank, a water barrel, water cannons and several large steppingstones through the leisure pool that will have netting overhead to help swimmers who cross over them.

The two water slides also will empty into the leisure pool. One is big enough to ride down in a raft. The other is a speed slide. There's even a fountain spouting water designed to look like a boulder from Devils Tower.

That theme actually unites the two pool areas and runs throughout the Recreation Center, especially with the 42-foot climbing wall.

"When we came here to Gillette two or three years ago, we took a trip out to Devils Tower and decided to design it around that," Coronado said.

"This is probably the biggest one (recreation center) we've done so far."

In between the lap pool and the leisure pool is a spa that will fit an estimated 20 adults in separate groups and water heated to 102 and

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The lap pool includes several lanes for swimming, an area for swim lessons and the jump tower.

"There's something for everyone," Coronado said.

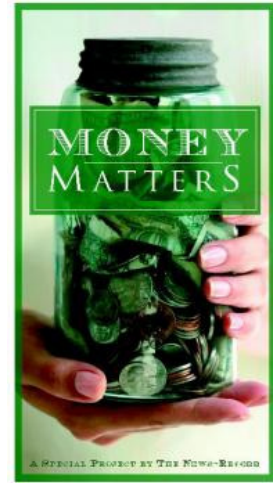
By comparison, the pool in the Recreation Center on South Douglas Highway is tiny.

Kay Friedlan, the Campbell County Parks and Recreation Department aquatics manager, said several more lifeguards will need to be on duty each day once the new facility opens. First, they have to earn their water park certification, a new requirement with the two pools. Training is scheduled in mid-March.

Although Friedlan said she can cover both pools with the 15 to 20 lifeguards she now uses, they'll have to work more hours.

The pool at the old Recreation Center, which was the focus of needed repairs that eventually led to the push for a new center, has just two lanes available for lap swimming or water aerobics for two hours a day.

"It's so crowded," said Friedlan. Only one or two lifeguards are needed at a time to cover that pool. At the new facility, two lifeguards will be needed in the lap pool, but she estimated it will likely take eight to 10 to cover the leisure pool.



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