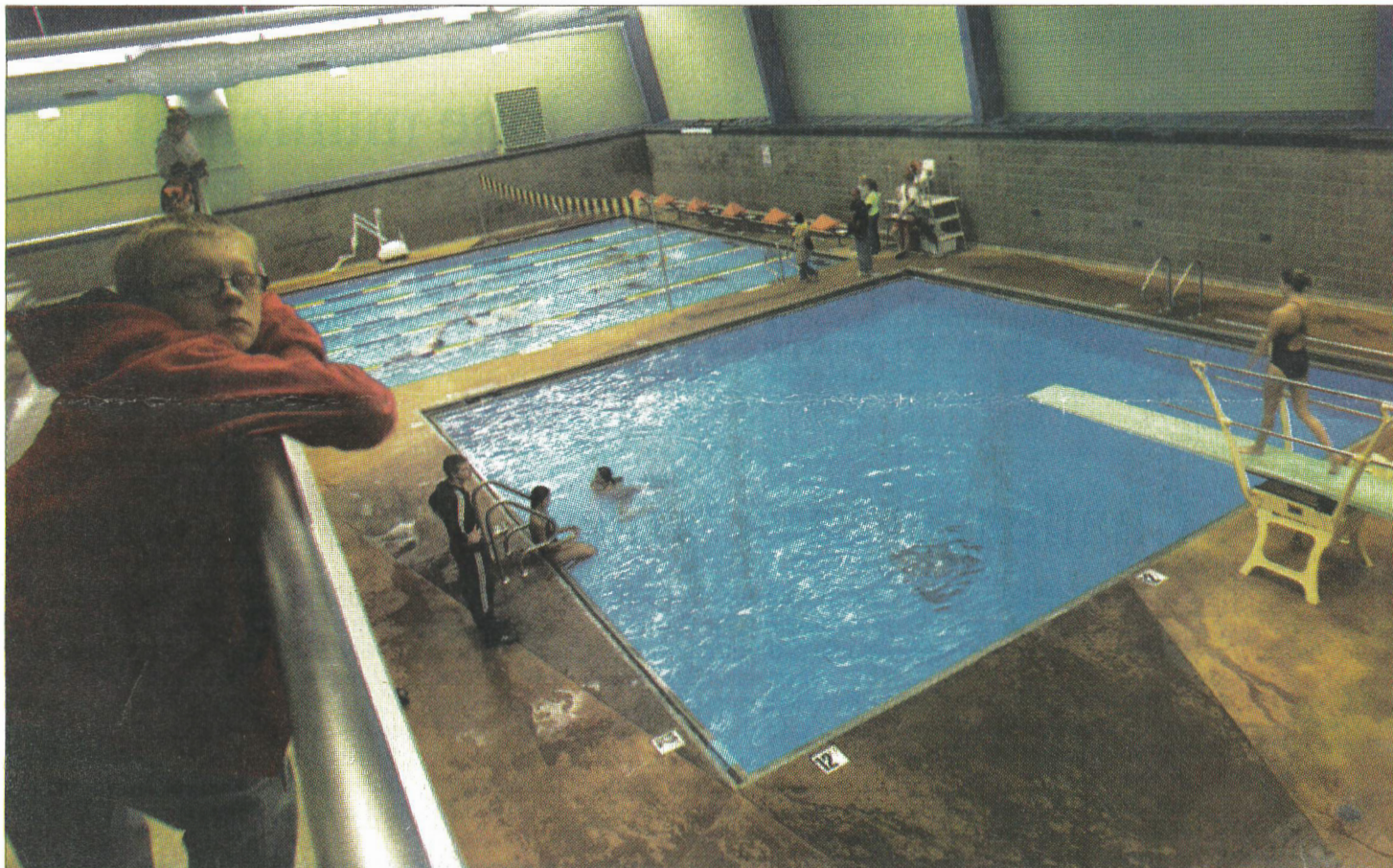


# Duis Center updates shine



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Caleb Walls, 12, of Rock Falls watches swimming and diving practice from a new observation deck at the Frank R. Duis Recreation Center. The Sterling Park District facility underwent a \$3.5 million renovation, unveiled during an open house Oct. 29.

## 42-year-old rec facility gets a \$3.5M facelift

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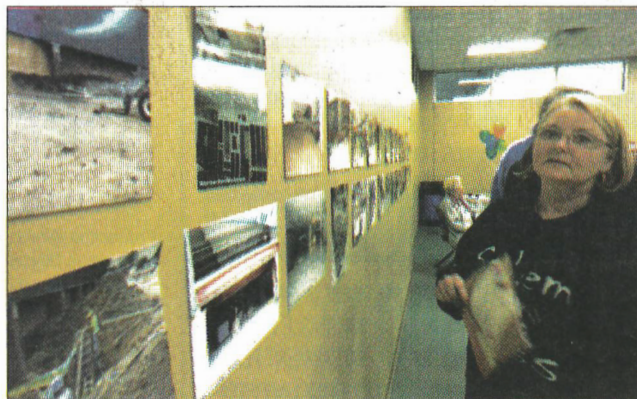
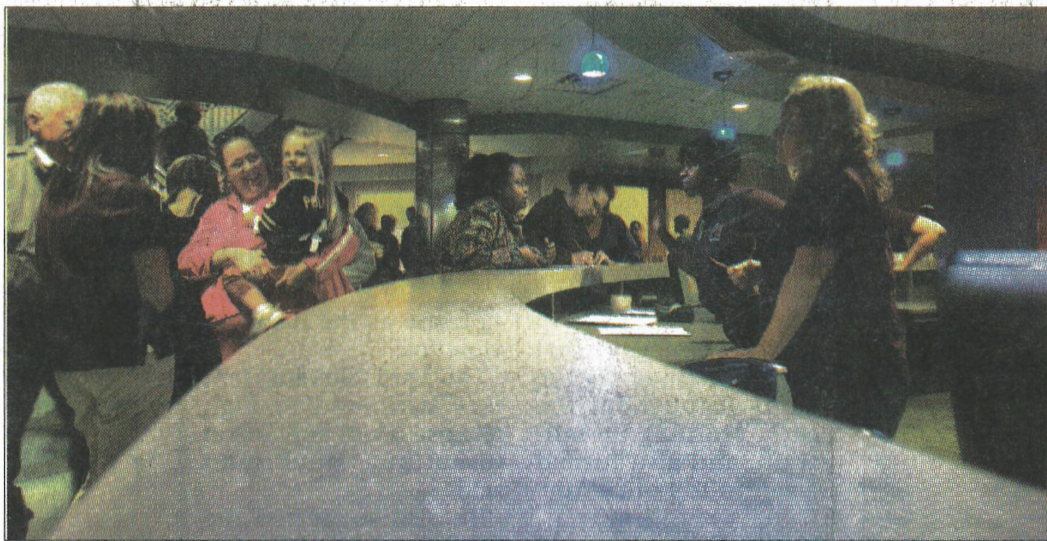
**STERLING** – The Sterling Park District's Frank R. Duis Recreation Center has a new look and a modern sensibility.

Inside and out, the facility at 211 E. St. Mary's Road has undergone a \$3.5 million renovation, the first major remodeling since it was built 42 years ago.

Inside the two-story facility, an elevator has been installed and the lobby has been completely redesigned, and now sports a sleek new registration desk.

The locker rooms, fitness center, multipurpose room, staff offices and restrooms have been updated, and viewing areas for the refurbished pool and the gym have been added.

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**ABOVE:** A modern, curved registration desk is part of a completely redesigned lobby at the Sterling Park District's Duis Center. Bonds were issued to pay for the bulk of the project. **LEFT:** At the open house, Kathy Mitchell looks over photos of the Duis Center as it underwent renovation. Kathy's husband, Bob, worked on the masonry of the facility for Sjostrom & Sons Construction.

# **Frank R. Duis Recreation Center**

**A Facility of the Sterling Park District**



**Dedicated April 5, 1970  
Renovated April 1 - October 28, 2010  
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