

## **R-9 COMMUNITY CENTER**

### **PARK HISTORY**

The Center was originally constructed in 1955-1957 through volunteer efforts by area citizens, led by Wayne C. Kennedy, who later became director of County Parks. It was intended to serve young people in the R-9 or Mehlville School District, hence the name. Due to increasing financial problems, St. Louis County agreed to purchase the area in 1962 and following its acquisition, did extensive remodeling. The Center was is used throughout the year for a variety of programs.

After teen programs lost popularity in the 1960s, the Center is was leased to the Mid-East Agency for the Aging which provided meals to Senior Citizens on a weekday basis until 2002 when they relocated to the Affton White-Rogers Community Center. The Center closed when Mid-East vacated the premises.