One of the increasingly popular POA amenities is the Highlands Gun Range. Located on the far west side of Bella Vista, the range is set-up for both trap/skeet and rifle/pistol. Over the past year, numerous classes have been held at the range including: Basic Pistol Class; Concealed Carry Class (State of Arkansas); and Arkansas Enhanced Concealed Carry (see class descriptions on page 2). Beginner Days was a very popular event where safety training and basic gun use was taught. These and other classes and events will be available starting in the Spring of 2019. Plus, the Trap and Skeet Range is available for rent for community events.

New to the Trap and Skeet Range is shotgun rental and shotgun ammunition sales. Want to try trap or skeet but don’t have a shotgun? The friendly and experienced staff will get you set-up and show you the basics to get started. To rent a shotgun, you must be 18 years of age, possess a valid ID and legally able to possess a firearm. Trap and Skeet Range winter hours through March 31 are Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, contact John Urquhart at (479) 855-5067 or johnu@bvvpoa.com
Rifle Pistol Range
The Highlands Rifle and Pistol Range is an outdoor range that features a 100-yard rifle range with six covered shooting positions with permanent shooting benches. Permanent target stands are set at the 100-yard line, however portable target stands maybe set at any safe distance within the hundred yards.

The Pistol range features eight covered shooting positions with permanent target stands set at the 25-yard line. Shooters may place portable target stands at any safe distance with the 25 yards. Paper targets are available for purchase at the Range Officer.

Shooters may not shoot from beyond the designated firing lines and may not cross the firing lines until a cease fire is called. All posted range rules must be followed at all times. Shooters should report directly to the range on Friday, Saturday and Sunday as there is an attendant on duty on those days. Monday – Thursday, a gate key must be checked out at the Branchwood Recreation Center.

The Highlands Rifle and Pistol Range is currently operating under winter hours through March 31 and is open 8 a.m.–5 p.m. every day. For more information visit our website at bellavistapoa.com/thingstodo/gun-range/ or call John Urquhart at (479) 855-5067.

Highlands Gun Range Classes
Basic Pistol: This course is designed with beginners in mind and will teach the fundamental skills and knowledge for responsibly owning and operating a pistol. Participants will learn gun safety, pistol parts and operations, ammunition types and will learn the foundation for safe and accurate shooting.

Concealed Carry: This course includes four hours of classroom time followed by a live fire qualification at the pistol range. The class is designed for those who have experience with firearms with focus on the laws and procedures to apply for a concealed carry permit for the State of Arkansas.

Arkansas Enhanced Concealed Carry: This class reintroduces students to the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for owning and using a handgun for personal protection. It also covers how to correctly and responsibly interact with law enforcement; what to do when confronted with an active shooting situation; and Arkansas laws pertaining to carrying a concealed handgun in volatile situations.

Spring Class Schedules will be posted online and announced in the Sporting Update. To sign-up for this monthly update, go to bellavistapoa.com/signup

No Wake Signs
Boaters, please be aware of our no wake signs. We are having ongoing issues of boats going full throttle in the boat ramp coves of Granton and Stoneykirk on Loch Lomond, London Landing on Lake Windsor and the boat ramp on Lake Ann. There are multiple no wake buoys in each of these coves, so please be sure that you have passed the last one near the mouth of the cove before creating a wake. No wake zones are declared in lakes near the shore. Any vessel operating in a speed zone posted as “Idle Speed - No Wake” must operate at the minimum speed that allows you to maintain steering and make headway.

Lake Windsor Drawdown
The drawdown will begin on November 7 and should be complete by December 1 barring rain. The lake will remain down until March 1. Minor dredging will occur on POA property at Pontoon Park and London Landing. Lakefront residents will be able to make more convenient repairs to seawalls and docks. Building permits will be required through the City of Bella Vista for docks and seawalls and a permit is required through the POA for dredging. For permit and other information go to bellavistapoa.com/windsor-drawdown.

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Get Ready for 2019 and Improve Your Game
Bella Vista’s new Golf Instructor Hillery Sence can help players of all abilities! Young, old and in-between can learn a new shot or technique that will improve your game. Hitting it too low? We’ll show you how to hit it a little higher. Ball going too far to the left or right? We can help take some of the curve out. Need to get a little more distance? There are a few tricks to getting some yards back.

- Are you a beginner in golf? Get introduced to basic golf etiquette, rules, how to play and the simple, basic swing fundamentals.
- Are you a casual golfer? Conquer stress, anxiety and those pesky slices to get you ready to hit the course.
- Are you a seasoned golfer? Look for more advanced instruction on shot making, short game and course strategy.

To inquire about golf lessons or to ask questions, contact Hillery Sence: (479) 855-8133 or email at hillerys@bvvpoa.com

November 11 • Veterans Day Tournament
Bella Vista Country Club/Kingswood • The Lone Soldier (designation rotates throughout round) - 11 a.m. Shotgun. 3:30 p.m. Lunch and Awards at Riordan Hall. Entry fees: $240 per team ($60 per player) plus applicable green/cart fees. Entry Fee includes Team Emergency Ration. You may register by phone at (479) 855-5079 or visit one of the Pro Shops.

Golf’s New Rules: Major Changes
The following are the main changes to the Rules of Golf taking effect January 1, 2019 that are expected to have the most impact on the game and to be of most interest to golfers.

1) Ball at Rest
2) Ball in Motion
3) Taking Relief
4) Areas of the Course
5) Equipment


Dr. Jim Myers, O.D. (formerly of Boozman-Hof) has moved and is now accepting patients at Jeffries Eye Associates.

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Christmas Bazaar
Come to Riordan Hall on Saturday, November 10 from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Over 50 vendors and local crafters: Homemade Soaps and Scrubs, Homemade Fudge (lots of flavors), Wood Crafts, Cutting Boards, Crosses, Bird Houses, Art, Oil Paintings, Christmas Ornaments, Jewelry, Doll House Furniture, Doll Clothes, Farm Fresh Eggs, Homemade Breads, Stain Glass Art, Leather Items, Essential Oils, Children’s Furniture, Crochet and Knitted Items, Greeting Cards and Authors with their books (signed copies).

Total Body Workout class offered at Metfield Clubhouse on Saturday mornings
Start your weekend out with a total body workout that will build strength from the inside out. Exercises will be a mixture of pilates, hand weights, core building, stretching and balancing work. This fitness class will be a bit challenging at first, but students will adapt quickly; bring an exercise mat and water bottle for class. Instructor Lucy Quarti will assure that everyone has a good time and a great workout. $4.00 per class or purchase a 10-class Universal Fitness punch card for $30. (Additional $2.50 without POA photo ID). For additional information on these and all fitness classes contact the Recreation office at (479) 855-5073.

Tai Chi: Demo Class and 8-Week Session at Branchwood
This is your chance to learn a gentle form of the Martial arts, Tai Chi. The Yang form of Tai Chi is typically done with slow, steady movements, which help practitioners relax and feel the flow of energy within their bodies. The movements are large enough to foster a sense of exuberance and freedom. Master of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, Erik Hardin, L.Ac, has studied qigong with Master Yang for over 15 years and is the certified teacher of qigong/tai chi.

The class will meet on Wednesday evenings 6–7 p.m., from December 5 – January 30 at Branchwood Recreation Center (no class on December 26). This is an 8-week program with no drop-in options and a maximum of 30 participants.

If you are uncertain Tai Chi is the right program for you, plan to attend a free Demo Class on Wednesday, November 28 at Branchwood Recreation Center beginning at 6 p.m. Attendance in the demo class is not necessary to register for the 8-week session.

Please stop by Branchwood Rec Center to register for the 8-week program or call (479) 855-8181 to get your name on the class roster as spots fill up quickly. Fees (including tax) for this 8-week program are $71 with a POA Photo ID Member card or $82 without. Class fees must be paid in advance of the start of the program or on the first day of class.

These classes are brought to you by Ozark Integrative Medicine and POA Recreation Department:

Beginner Tai Chi - Wednesdays, December 5 – January 30  •  6 p.m.
For additional information on these and all fitness classes contact the Recreation office at (479) 855-5073.

BOOM Fitness class offered for Silver Sneakers Participants
BOOM is a new class format offered to Silver Sneakers participants. BOOM provides a diverse format and is aimed at Baby Boomers and older adults who want an active workout. It will incorporate dance based fitness moves, yoga, pilates and team concepts.

There are two criteria for these classes:
1. All participants must be able to transition from standing to the floor (mats are used) and back
2. No chairs are used in these classes for assistance

BOOM class meets on Monday from 9–10 a.m. at Branchwood Recreation Center. Bring your own mat and water bottle and join the fun. Your Silver Sneakers pass is the required fee. If you do not have a Silver Sneakers pass, you will be required to have a Universal Fitness punch card or pay a drop in fee of $4 per class plus facility charge of $2.50 without a POA Photo ID. For additional information on these and all fitness classes contact the Recreation office at (479) 855-5073.
Spanker Creek Bridge Closed December 3, 2018 (Not a POA Project)
Benton County will be completely replacing the current Spanker Creek Bridge. The new structure will be 100 feet long, which will increase the current length by about 50 feet. The plans include raising the bridge height & roadway approaches to the bridge. This will result in optimal flow during heavy rains and increased safety for drivers. The construction of the new bridge also means we must close the current Spanker Creek Bridge on December 3, 2018. The work will be completed in May 2019. You may want to start taking a new route now to approximate for time changes. As a reminder, Mercy Way at U.S. 71 is already a very busy intersection with usual traffic. Thanks for your patience during this project. Questions? Call the Benton County Road Department at (479) 271-1052.

Gameday Specials at BV Bar & Grill
Enjoy $9 Domestic 60 oz Jumbo Pitchers and 1/2 off select appetizers along with other restaurant and bar specials during both college and pro football games throughout the season. For specifics on these and other specials as well as happy hour: facebook.com/bvbarandgrill

Veterans Day Specials at Lakepoint
Sunday, November 11 • Free select brunch item for Veterans

Veterans Day Specials at BV Bar & Grill
Monday, November 12 • Free select menu item for Veterans

Thanksgiving Buffet at Lakepoint Restaurant
Thursday, November 22, 11am – 2pm • $26 Adults / $15 ages 6-12

Help a Local Child - Donate a Coat
The Coat Drive will take place the month of November. Save your gently used children’s coats or purchase a new one to donate to the Community Involvement’s Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) Coat Drive. Accepting coats from toddler to adult sizes. All coats must be in new or very good, freshly laundered condition. Drop off at these BELLA VISTA locations:
- Arvest Bank: Highlands, Sugar Creek or Town Center
- POA Recreation Centers
- POA Pro Shops
- Lakepoint Restaurant
- Allen’s Food Market
- Harp’s Food Store
- Java Dudes Coffee Shop
- Cooper Elementary School

2018 Badger Water Meter Installation Status Update
Bella Vista POA Water Utility is currently in the middle of the 2018 Badger Water Meter Installation. With this project, every water meter in the system is being replaced with a Badger water meter with an Orion cellular endpoint. This allows the Water Utility to read meters and analyze consumption data remotely with a cellular signal, rather than sending out a person to each individual meter to acquire the data. There are approximately 13,600 service connections in our system and the project is about 55% complete. We anticipate the final meter being installed around mid-January 2019. The Water Utility is contracting the installation with Henard Utility Products of Searcy, AR. They are using R&R Backhoe Services, a local utility contractor, as their subcontractor. Customers can expect a very brief service outage while the new water meter is installed.

Once the project is completed, customers will have access to EyeOnWater. EyeOnWater is a service that allows the customer to monitor their water consumption, all the way down to a 15 minute interval. It is available on any internet based device (computer, smartphone, tablet, etc.). Customers will also be able to set up alerts to notify them by email or text message if they have a continuous flow at their residence, indicating a possible water leak. This is a powerful tool when trying to understand unusually high water consumption and troubleshooting water leaks. A 1 gallon per minute water leak over a 31 day period can add approximately $445 to a customer’s monthly bill! As we approach the end of this project, information will be published on how to register and login to EyeOnWater. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Water Utility staff at (479) 855-5060.

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