Bella Vista Vision

Newsletter of the Bella Vista Historical Society

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The Bella Vista Historical Society was founded in 1976 in order to "discover, collect, preserve or restore materials and artifacts concerned with our community's heritage."

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BELLA VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday November 21, 2026

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The public is invited to our celebration of the founding of our Historical Society in November 1976. We will be at the Linebarger Lodge, the log house that James Hale built in the late 1850s, which stands along Highway 71 in Bella Vista. The property was purchased by the Trout Farm LLC in 2020 and we appreciate their cooperation for our event. It is a fitting location since we believe that the original log house at the front of the building is the oldest structure standing in Bella Vista.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Karen Frankenfeld. She died on September 9, 2026. Karen was a lifelong educator and well known in Bella Vista for her music. She was a member of the Highlands Christian Church choir and director for many years of the Perfect Harmony women's barbershop chorus, pictured here. She was also former president of the Blowing Springs Questers chapter in Bella Vista.

This colorful photo is from the Perfect Harmony Facebook page. That's Karen in the center of the front row.

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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

A special Remembrance was held at the Mildred B. Cooper Chapel the evening of September 10 for the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Bella Vista Mayor John Flynn spoke at the conclusion of the ceremony.

"It was a beautiful evening of music, reflection, and remembrance as we honored the lives lost on September 11, 2001, and remembered the first responders, service members, and everyday Americans who answered the call in the days that followed," Flynn said. "Thank you to everyone who helped make this special evening possible and to all who continue to keep the memories of 9/11 alive."

Donations were accepted during the evening to benefit the Bella Vista Firefighters.

ANNIVERSARIES

We could have an entire newsletter devoted to special anniversaries this year. Here are ones that have been brought to our attention. Our apologizes for any we overlooked.

90 years: The present Dug Hill church was built in 1936. The Dug Hill Cemetery Association owns the property including the church and the cemetery behind it. They are doing fundraising to fix drainage issues and deteriorating ground supports. The church is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, so donations qualify as tax deductible. Pictured here are Kara & Sam Walker at their last bake sale at the church on August 1.
Their next **bake sale will be December 18-19** which we will host at the museum:

Friday December 18	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 19	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

60 years: Cooper Communities established the area later named Bella Vista Heights when it towed 200 mobile homes up the hill on the east side of Lake Bella Vista in March 1966 to establish suitable housing for visitors coming to look at lots. Since Cooper owned the area initially, it is part of the Property Owners Association, but after the City of Bella Vista was established in late 2006, the City was unable to get that area annexed, so it remains in unincorporated Benton County.

60 years: Beaver Lake east of Rogers is the water supply for most of Northwest Arkansas, including Bella Vista. After many years of planning and construction, the entire project was completed in June 1966.

50 years: 1) Helping Hands Thrift Store in Bentonville was established in 1976 as a partnership of 24 churches in the county, including several in Bella Vista, to help people all over the county who are in need. A number of Bella Vista residents have volunteered there over the years. 2) Bella Vista Fly Tyers started a club in 1976 and they are now a 501(c)3 nonprofit that also promotes lake conservation and recreational activities, as well as conducting service projects throughout NW Arkansas. 3) Bella Vista Men's Chorus was first "just some guys who met to sing in someone's home for the first year or so", then they got organized and became a chorus. They perform three concerts annually in addition to singing at local nursing homes and small events.

30 years: The Bella Vista Public Library opened in its present location in 1996. It was founded as a nonprofit in 1981, then became a department of the City of Bella Vista in 2014.

20 years: The election was held in November 2006 to change Bella Vista from the unincorporated Bella Vista Village to the City of Bella Vista. City Council and Mayor races are on the ballot this November, please get out and vote!

15 years: Crystal Bridge Museum of American Art in Bentonville opened in 2011. This past June they opened a major expansion, increasing the museum's footprint by 50%.

10 years: The Back 40 bicycle trails were opened in Bella Vista. The Weekly Vista of Sept. 23, 2026, stated that the trails "…were built after a record-fast nine months of construction, opening to be showcased that year as an international mountain biking event held in Northwest Arkansas…." A birthday party is scheduled for Oct. 22.

2 years: Rosita's Restaurant opened in July 2024 in their new location, next door to the museum. They are open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner Monday through Saturday. They close at 3 p.m. on Sundays.

NEW HIGHWAY WELCOME CENTER COMING TO NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

Since the intent of Highway Welcome Centers is to be located at strategic points of entry to the state, it made sense once I-49 was completed for the one in Bella Vista to move from its present location on Highway 71 across from the former Lake Bella Vista to a new site along I-49. It is now close to completion at Exit 100 on I-49, which is the exit for Gravette on Highway 72 across from the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. It is a much larger building than they have now in Bella Vista, and stands on close to 20 acres. The staff hopes to move in November from their present location, with a grand opening tentatively scheduled for mid-December.

Present Highway Welcome Center on 71

New Highway Welcome Center on I-49 nearing completion

Many years ago, John Cooper recalled how attractive and helpful toursts information centers were when he traveled in Virginia, and Joe Basore (who worked for John Cooper) recalled similar centers in Texas. So for his first retirement development, Cherokee Village which he opened in 1954, he donated the land and finances to have the first tourist information center in Arkansas built in 1963. His goal was to provide information on Arkansas for the general public and to encourage tourism in Arkansas.

In 1964, the State Publicity and Parks Commission, having been impressed with the center, decided to promote several of them around the state. Cooper opened Bella Vista's first one in 1965, located in the former Swan Lake Motel, a short distance south of the state line.

The first information center in Bella Vista to be operated by the State Dept. of Parks and Tourism was opened two years later, in 1967, on land that Cooper donated just north of the motel next to the state line on Highway 71. It was moved to its present location in 1986 and opened there with a celebration of the state's 150th birthday that year.

Eventually the State changed the name from Tourist Information Center to Highway Welcome Center. Today there are 13 Highway Welcome Centers around the edges of the state. They are jointly operated by the Arkansas Dept. of Parks, Heritage and Tourism & the Arkansas Dept of Transportation. In addition, there are 16 Rest Areas and Information Centers at locations across the state. *(This information was compiled from Weekly Vista articles and online websites.)*

ANIMAL SHELTER ANNUAL CHARITY SALE

The Bella Vista Animal Shelter held their 21st annual sale August 15 - 22 in the Bella Vista Historical Musem parking lot for the second year in a row. Shelter volunteer Anita Werts and Shelter Director Nancy Cullins headed up the team to make it happen. It was made possible by many members of the community who donated merchandise over the previous 12 months, the generous individuals and organizations who donated cash, the 27 Shelter volunteers who worked the sale and the 16 Museum volunteers who helped inside the museum and/or served as parking attendants. Special thanks goes to Dustie Meads who served as overnight "night watchman" for the entire sale. Thanks also go to Rosita's Restaurant next door to the museum for their cooperation and their taco breakfast served to volunteers, the Bella Vista Recycle Center for all their help, and to the Work Detail Team from the Benton County Jail who helped set up and take down the tents & tables. The Shelter hosted a thank you dinner at Rosita's for all the volunteers on Sept. 2 and presented a generous 'thank you' check for the museum's building fund at the Farmer's Market on Sept. 13.

Rain stayed away through most of the sale but the daily high temperatures kept some customers from spending as much time shopping as they might have done other wise. The total intake still broke all previous records set during the 21 years.

Shelter volunteers took breaks inside the museum throughout the day to escape the 100+ daily temperatures and also to enjoy lunch.

The Cockpit Catering Co. at the Rogers Municipal Airport donated lunch throughout the sale for the volunteers. Shawna Holman made the drive from Rogers every day to deliver the fresh lunches.

Susan Ferraro loaned this large fabric artwork that she made 50 years ago to display on tall ladders during the charity sale to attract donations of dog and cat food for the shelter. Her friend Rosie Floyd on the right helped her with the display on several days of the sale. They accepted cash donations for the shelter as well. The artwork is actually 12.5 feet tall but some of it had to be folded over the top of the ladders to make it feasible for display. Our thanks go to Habitat for Humanity and the County Jail for the loan of the ladders.

BELLA VISTA CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

The Civil War Round Table continues to meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. usually at our museum. The next meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 1 at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Davis Schieffler on the Battle of Helena, Ark. The program is free of charge but donations are accepted to cover travel costs of the speakers. We were pleased with the turnout for all 3 programs this quarter.

On July 2, Park Ranger Cody Faber from the Fort Smith National Historic Site spoke about what led up to *The Battle of Devil's Backbone* and the battle itself which took place on Sept. 1, 1863. It was a decisive clash that shaped the Arkansas River Valley and determined the future of Fort Smith.

On August 6, History Professor Tom Wing from the University of Arkansas Ft. Smith presented a program on the Confederate ambush and capture on June 15, 1864, of the steamboat J.R. Williams, which had been headed to Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, from Fort Smith in 1864 on the Arkansas River, loaded with supplies to be delivered to Fort Gibson.

On September 3, the topic of author Dan Masters of Perrysburg, Ohio, was the Stones River Campaign which took place in the area of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, over several days at the end of 1862. Masters has written a number of books about the Civil War, including *Hell by the Acre, a narrative History of the Stones River Campaign, November 1862 - January 1863.*

CONSTANCE WADDELL

We featured Constance in our June newsletter for being honored as a past (1995) Ms. Senior Arkansas at this year's crowning of the new Ms. Senior Arkansas. The pageant coordinator found out that in all the moves Constance has made over the years, her 1995 sash had been misplaced, so a new one was ordered for her. In a ceremony at our museum in July, Constance was presented with her replacement sash. She will turn 97 in November and has shared many stories about growing up in Bella Vista, including those in her book *Sally and Me* which we sell in the museum gift shop.

Constance Waddell (second from left) of Bella Vista, who was crowned Ms. Arkansas Senior America in 1995, receives a replacement sash on July 2, 2026, at the Bella Vista Historical Museum. Also pictured (left): Katy Phillips of Prairie Grove, Ms. Arkansas Senior America 2013, Sherry Marshall of Union Town, pageant administrator and Ms. Arkansas Senior America 2017, and Barbara Winningham, first runner-up in the Ms. Arkansas Senior America pageant 2018.

Rachel Dickerson/The Weekly Vista

Courtesy of the Weekly Vista, July 15, 2026

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BELLA VISTA WOODCARVERS CLUB

We hosted another Woodcarvers Club Demo Day at the museum on Saturday, Sept. 26. Visitors really enjoy seeing what these artists can produce. One member, Jean Visnich, also does soap carving, and encourages children to do it too.

HALLOWEEN PARTY COMING OCTOBER 24!

Families are invited to our third Halloween party at the museum on Saturday, October 24, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. We are hoping that finally we will have nice weather that day so that for the first time we can have the party on our grounds outside. We'll have games, treats, fortune telling and maybe even ghost stories!

This little girl was having fun at last year's party inside the museum.

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NEW TEMPORARY EXHIBIT

We are currently featuring the photography of Tim Robbins (www.backyardfalcon.com) in our temporary exhibit cases in the Cooper Room. His photographs are for sale, with a commission to the museum. Please come take a look!

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BELLA VISTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The former Bella Vista Business Association is becoming the Bella Vista Chamber of Commerce. Going back in history, the Bentonville Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1926 and became the Bentonville/Bella Vista Chamber of Commerce in 1979. The name was changed to the Greater Bentonville Area Chamber of Commerce in 2017.

The Bella Vista Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual Trick or Treat Town Friday evening Oct. 23 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the OZ Trails Bike Park at Mercy Way & Highway 71. Lots of displays and lots of candy for sure! We hope to see you there!

PLAY MUSIC ON THE PORCH

As part of the world-wide celebration of the annual *Play Music on the Porch Day*, the Southern Strings instrumental group did an hour-long concert Saturday morning, August 29. The group played tribute to the 250th anniversary of our nation this year by playing songs that ranged over the entire 250 years. Their performance was held behind the museum to reduce the effect of highway traffic noise. Mildred B. Cooper Memorial Chapel also hosted musicians on its grounds throughout the same morning as part of the annual celebration. *Play Music on the Porch Day* started in Los Angeles in 2014 and now includes performances in over 1,000 cities in over 70 countries the last Saturday in August each year.

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GROW NATIVE BELLA VISTA (www.grownativebellavista.com)

Grow Native Bella Vista is a new organization that was started by Ginny Vance and held its first meeting this past May. It is for gardeners who love native plants. Their theme is to "Grow Native and Beautify Bella Vista One Yard at a Time!" They invite everyone to learn and share knowledge, support pollinators and wildlife, create low-maintenance gardens and connect with like-minded friends. Their officers are Ginny Vance – President, Colleen Poplawksi – Vice President, Geri Hoerner – Secretary, and JB Portillo – Treasurer. Ginny and JB spent Saturday Sept. 26 preparing the flower bed in front of the museum, which took a great deal of work and is a big improvement in appearance. We send them and everyone who helped with labor or donations a very big thank you!

BUILDING EXPANSION

As reported in our previous newsletter, we have decided to focus on a less costly, smaller addition. After our previous architectural firm decided to move on to other projects, we hired Architects 226, Inc. to develop new plans for us while we continue to do fundraising. We now have those plans in hand and are preparing to take the next steps while we continue to seek donations for the project.

If you are interested in donating, checks or credit card donations are welcome. You may also donate online at our website, www.bellavistamuseum.org. Several individuals are helping us with recurring donations during our campaign.

GOLF FORE CHARITY

Photos by Rachel Dickerson/The Weekly Vista

Representatives of the Bella Vista Historical Museum accept a donation from the Bella Vista Foundation at the Bella Vista Country Club on July 29. $75,000 was donated to six nonprofits from the proceeds of the Golf FORE Charity event held on June 24. The nonprofit plans to use the funds for its proposed addition.

As previously reported, we were one of six Bella Vista Charities selected by the Bella Vista Foundation to receive money from the proceeds of the POA's Golf Fore Charity event and silent auction held in June. Checks were awarded on July 29. This picture is courtesy of the August 5, 2026, Weekly Vista.

The Bella Vista Foundation is a local nonprofit which began awarding grants in 2012. Donations are welcome to the Foundation, and its Board of Directors decides how those donations will be distributed. For more information go to **bellavistafoundation.com**. (*Please note that the domain extension is .com, not to be confused with another organization based in San Francisco with the same name but ending in .org.)*

BELLA VISTA
FOUNDATION

Since 2012, we have proudly awarded over half a million dollars in grants to residents, businesses, and programs.

Each initiative reflects our dedication to ensuring Bella Vista is welcoming, accessible, and built to grow.
By uniting people and resources, we are helping Bella Vista flourish and stay a place we are proud to call home.

POA CHARITABLE GIVING COMMITTEE

We have been notified that our grant application to the Property Owners Association Charitable Giving Committee has been approved and we will receive a check during their presentation at the BV Country Club on Monday, Oct. 5. That donation will also go to our building expansion fund.

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT: OCTOBER 9 – 11, 2026

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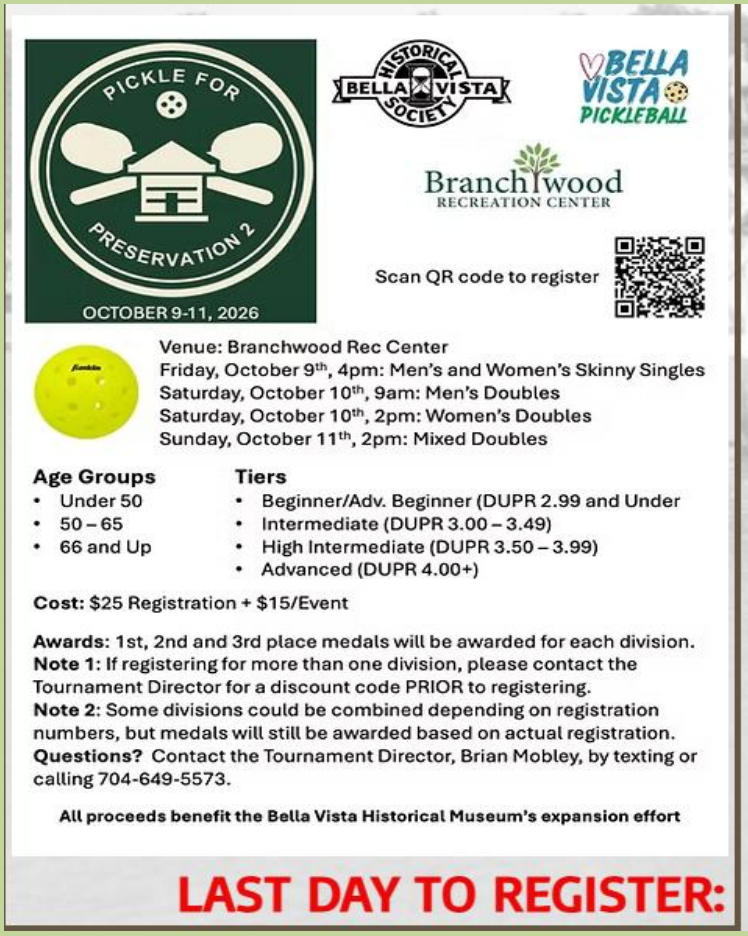

We appreciate the cooperation of the Bella Vista Property Owners Association and members of the local pickleball community to help make this tournament happen. Members of the tournament committee are Rosemary Davidson, Chairman Brian Mobley, Gina Kietzmann, William Juroff (seated), and (not present) Maeghan Cavener.

Our museum volunteer Brian Mobley, chairman of the Pickleball Tournament, is pictured below with the tournament banner. Brian and his team of volunteers are hard at work on the event to be held at Branchwood Rec Center in Bella Vista on Oct. 9-11.

MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

We have new pickleball shirts and hats at the Bella Vista Historical Museum gift shop, modeled here by Brian Mobley. These are being sold to raise funds for the museum's proposed building expansion and to draw attention to the upcoming pickleball tournament.

If you haven't checked out our gift shop recently, please stop in and take a look. Since we are all volunteers, any revenue from the gift shop goes toward our operating expenses. We have a variety of merchandise, including souvenirs, books, T shirts, sweatshirts, etc., plus arts and crafts from local resident vendors. For example, Jason Buss of JMB Custom Woodcrafts is now taking orders for a large version of his wooden bicycle. He cuts out each of the six layers one at a time and then builds up the layers …very detailed and precise work! They would make great Christmas presents.

This wooden bicycle is about 19" long

We will also be selling our gift shop merchandise at the POA's annual Holiday Market at the Bella Vista Recreation Center, 3 Riordan Road, on Saturday, November 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MUSEUM GIFT SHOP, cont.

We were just offered a new item that will be available later this fall from a local vender, Well Stated Clothing. Since our 250th anniversary year doesn't end until December 31, we decided to add it to our gift shop merchandise starting the first of November, and we will have it at the November 14 Holiday Market. It's a thick 100% cotton T-shirt that could be considered a very historic shirt since it includes the *Road to Liberty* timeline on the back. It also has the embroidered Roman numerals for "1776"– MDCCLXXV on the right sleeve. The pocket shape is modeled off the eagle's shield in the Great Seal of the United States.

VOLUNTEER DOCENTS

We welcome new docent Dana Peltier. If you know of someone who would be interested in being a docent at our museum, send them our way. Our goal is still to have enough docents available so that no one has to serve more than one afternoon per month (unless they want to, of course!). The docent role consists of welcoming visitors to the museum, giving a little information about Bella Vista history, explaining how the museum exhibits are laid out, and handling gift shop sales. We always have two docents per shift and start out new docents by having them partner with experienced docents for training. We look for men and women who like interacting with others and enjoy learning about Bella Vista history. We ask that they read Gil Fite's 1993 book on the history of Bella Vista, and our 2021 pictorial history book, Images of America Bella Vista. Anyone interested in becoming a docent is welcome to leave a message on our museum phone, 479-855-2335, on our email, bellavistamuseum@gmail.com, or to stop by in person during our open hours (Wed – Sun, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.).

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ANDREW MAGLIEVAZ

Our museum was opened in 1985 and with only one known exception, it has always been staffed by volunteers. The one known exception was Andrew (Andy) Maglievaz, who first spent 18 years in the US Navy, and then was hired as our full-time Director in December 1985 after receiving his Bachelor's degree in History from Oklahoma City University. He switched to part time in December 1986, and continued on that basis until leaving in the early part of 1988, by which time it was decided the museum would operate with volunteer staff only.

On September 26, 2026, Richard Maglievaz and his wife Tammy came into the museum and asked if we had any information on Andy Maglievaz, who was his father. They live in Beebe, AR, and were in the area for his 40th high school reunion from Bentonville High School when they decided to check out our museum. We pulled several pieces of information from our files about his father's time here. Andy died in 2011, and is buried in the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in North Little Rock. Richard said his mom died this past February. He was very appreciative that we had some information to share with him.

Tammy & Richard Maglievaz

PRESENTATIONS AND MUSEUM TOURS

Co-Presidents Xyta Lucas and Dale Phillips continue to make presentations about Bella Vista history related topics and give tours of the museum upon request from church groups, civic organizations, social clubs, etc. If you would like a presentation for your group at the museum or at the location of your choosing, please leave a message at the museum, 479-855-2335.

Dale welcomed the Model A Ford group on Sept. 9. We hope they return at a future date to display their cars. It was too hot to drive their cars that day but below is a picture of some of their cars from their website, www.nwamodelaclub.com.

Members of the Butterfield Trails Questers group pose prior to the start of the museum tour conducted by Xyta Lucas, center, on Monday, Sept. 28.

Dale Phillips agreed to do a presentation for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) in Fayetteville on Sept. 30 about the Civil War Battle of Pea Ridge.

SEP. 30 | THE CIVIL WAR IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS: THE BATTLE OF PEA RIDGE

DESCRIPTION: This program examines the Battle of Pea Ridge, fought March 7–8, 1862, a decisive Civil War engagement that determined control of Northwest Arkansas and Southwest Missouri. It was one of the largest battles west of the Mississippi River.

Participants will explore the strategic importance of the region and the campaign that brought opposing armies to the Wire Road in Pea Ridge.

Dale Phillips, a 41-year Ranger, Historian, and Superintendent with the National Park Service, will bring this pivotal battle to life through expert interpretation.

INSTRUCTOR: Dale Phillips
DAY/DATE: Wednesday, 9/30/26- (1)
TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
LOCATION: OLLI HQ

VETERANS WALL OF HONOR - NEW OWNERSHIP

In the spring of 2001, Leonard Eisert presented the idea of a monument to a group of six interested veterans. Out of the meeting was formed the Veterans Council. They incorporated as a 501(c)3 later that year, and broke ground on the Veterans Wall of Honor on Oct. 1, 2003. They dedicated the monument on Nov. 6, 2004, before an impressive crowd headed by the late Lt. Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller. There are now well over 4,000 veterans' mounted tablets.

Over the years, the Veterans Council membership began to decrease in size, so the decision was made to find another organization to take over the Wall. Sheep Dog Impact Assistance (SDIA), a nonprofit organization founded in Rogers AR in 2010 and now with membership in all 50 states, appeared to be the best fit. *(Author and retired Lt. Col. Dave Grossman is reportedly the first to begin using the term "Sheepdog" to refer to individuals ready to confront danger to safeguard the innocent, just as a sheepdog is ready to confront a wolf to protect the sheep.)* SDIA's literature states that they provide services to benefit the overall well-being of our nation's "Sheep Dogs" (Veterans, Law Enforcement, Fire & Rescue, EMS personnel, and their families). The organization was founded on Disaster Response, and it continues to be their primary service opportunity. They provide immediate impact assistance to devastated communities, including chainsaw work, tree and debris removal, and other meaningful tasks. They also provide outdoor adventures and alternative training to assist Veterans and First Responders who are dealing with past trauma and experiences.

A ribbon cutting event was held at the Wall on Friday, Sept. 25, marking the change in ownership. Speakers at the event included Mayor John Flynn, Raymond Brust, past president of the Council, and Lance Nutt, Founder and CEO of SDIA.

Raymond Brust

Lance Nutt

The SDIA's next fundraising event is the *19th Annual NWA Turkey Trot for Heroes* that will be held on Thanksgiving morning, November 27, starting at 900 a.m. It will include 5K and one-mile runs. For more information: https://sheepdogia.org.

MILDRED B. COOPER MEMORIAL CHAPEL'S NEW DIRECTOR

Kerri Thomson is the new director at the Chapel, following the retirement of Cindy Adams. (That is, Cindy retired from the director's position but she decided she still wanted to be involved in some way, so she's helping out in other roles on a part time basis.) Pictured is Kerri in her office in the new building overlooking the hillside of trees. The building also contains a special room built specifically for brides' use prior to their wedding. The Chapel was opened in 1988 and has been the site for many events, not just weddings, over the years.

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GARDEN CLUB DONATION

A thank you to the Bella Vista Garden Club for their $500 donation in July was accidently omitted from the last newsletter. We apologize for that oversight and again thank them for their donation, it is much appreciated.

Bella Vista Garden Club president Jamie Hooper (right) presents a donation for the Bella Vista Historical Museum to Bella Vista Historical Society co-president Dale Phillips on July 8.

Courtesy of the Weekly Vista July 22, 2026

2026 CORPORATE SPONSORS

Our membership form at the end of each newsletter offers the option of corporate sponsorship at the rate of $50 per calendar year or for services donated. If you or your organization or business is interested in supporting the museum as a corporate sponsor, we will publish the name in our newsletter each quarter and add it to our posted sign at the museum. We hope you will join us!

Acorn Realty – Linda Lloyd	*Blue Crane*
A-List Inspection Services	*City of Bella Vista*
Ahnimisha Consulting – Abby Foster	*Mayor John & Linda Flynn*
Allen's Food Market	*JMB Custom Woodcrafts – Lauren & Jason Buss*
Bella Vista Animal Shelter	*Kinco Construction*
Bella Vista Community TV	*Chuck Pribbernow*
Bella Vista POA	

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THANK YOU's

As you know, we have no paid staff, so it's up to our volunteers to keep the museum running smoothly. We just can't thank everyone enough who pitches in any time we ask for help, including our Board members and all of our docents. We also thank our technical support & security coordinator, Jack Kellogg, as well as the City of Bella Vista for its continued financial support, and the POA for their seasonal mowing and printing our newsletter for those members who want it mailed to them. Our thanks go also to the NWA Democrat Gazette and the Weekly Vista for continuing to publish information about museum events. And we thank…

--The many generous people who donated new and used luggage this year for the Travel Advisors of NW Arkansas luggage drive for foster children. We collected about 250 pieces!

--The Work Detail Team from the Benton County Jail under the supervision of Deputy Tom Hall for responding to our requests for help whenever we need it from groundskeeping to furniture moving.

--Becky Parmelee, the Farmer's Market Board and all of their sponsors for letting us again set up a table once a month through the season to sell our gift shop items. We also thank all of our museum volunteers who helped this year.

-- Jean Rhodes for her ongoing volunteer maintenance of Funk Cemetery.

--Our volunteer Jason Buss for representing us at the Arkansas Moves *Bike Friendly Business* workshop on Sept. 3.

--Randy Brucker for his donation of old Village Vista newspapers and clippings.

--Sue Kenny for her donation of an old Cooper Communities sales brochure.

--Jill & Steve Werner for their donation of a bicycle rack for our front lawn and a bicycle air pump.

--Jennifer Westphal for her donation of family items for our fundraising efforts.

--Randy Mincer, professional painter, who donated his services to replace and repair the leg on one of our front porch benches on which a squirrel had evidently gotten very fond of chewing.

We apologize for anyone we overlooked but please know that we are grateful for everyone's donations and support.

MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome! Membership in the Bella Vista Historical Society, which operates the museum, is on a calendar year basis, but if you pay during the last quarter of the year, Oct. 1 – Dec. 31, you are good for all of 2027 and renewal would not be due again until January 1, 2028.

If you are already a member, we appreciate your past support and hope you will continue your membership with us. You may mail your check to us or, when we are open, stop by in person to pay by check or card. **NOTE**: We also now offer the option of paying online at our website www.bellavistamuseum.org.

By becoming a member, you support the preservation of Bella Vista's rich and unique history, and help us educate the public. Benefits include receipt of our quarterly newsletter and an invitation to our annual membership meeting usually held each March. Our newsletter is available by email or snail mail, but of course we would prefer to have your email address so that we can avoid printing and mailing costs. If you don't have email however, we will mail our newsletter to your home address. We have no paid staff so all revenue, including membership dues and donations, is applied to our general operating expenses unless a particular project is specified. We very much appreciate the financial support we receive from the City of Bella Vista, which helps us pay for major operational expenses, but we still need your individual membership dues and donations to help us continue to improve the museum in every way we possibly can. Thank you!

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Individual $15 _____
Family $25 _____
Corporate $50 _____

Donations in excess of your membership dues are very welcome also.

The Bella Vista Historical Society is a 501(c)3 organization and donations qualify as tax deductible.

Thank you for your support!