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The following took place during the months of July/August:

- Hunter Bolin was hired as Program Coordinator. He has previously worked at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Abilene Christian University and Nicholls State University in Facilities and Game Operations. He has a Bachelor's degree in Sports Management and a Master's degree in Athletic Administration, both from Mississippi College, where he played four years of baseball for the Choctaws.
- Matt Martin was promoted to Assistant Director. Matt has 14 years of experience in Parks and Recreation and has spent the last 6 years with Bryant Parks as Grounds & Maintenance Superintendent. He has his Bachelor's degree in Turf Management from the University of Arkansas and holds multiple certifications with the National Recreation and Parks Association.
- 276 participants enrolled in Group Swim Lessons this Summer.
- 144 participants enrolled in Swim Babies this Summer.
- Approximately 60% of BYA children who have participated in swim lessons have passed the Water Competency Test; we started the Summer at 42%.
- The BASS Swim Team had 16 members qualify for Junior Olympics and 6 of them were able to attend and compete in Greensboro, NC.
- Hosted AFO Class on August 6-7 with 12 Aquatics professionals from around the state.
- Made necessary repairs to the A/V system in the upstairs meeting rooms in The Center. The spaces now have fully functioning surround sound and bluetooth capabilities for wireless connectivity to the screens and speakers. We have already seen this become beneficial in making us a more desirable location as a host for professional meetings.
- Hosted our annual community garage sale on August 17 in the Center Gymnasium; we had 40 vendors set up and saw hundreds of shoppers come through.
- Hosted the Saline County Salt Bowl Blood Drive on August 22 in the Center Gymnasium.
- Hosted the Bryant Athletic Association Night of Champions on August 25. This year the banquet celebrating the BAA baseball teams saw over 600 attendees.
- Salt County Lacrosse delivered a concession stand to Alcoa 40 Park, framing and electrical work has begun.
- Worked with Salt County Lacrosse to level out the multipurpose field area that is adjacent to the lacrosse field at Alcoa 40 Park.

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- Shade structure installed on Dog Park at Alcoa 40 Park.
- Replaced thirty 55 gallon plastic trash cans at Bishop Park. Plan to replace the rest next year when the budget allows.
- Performed field maintenance on Midland soccer fields during CASC break.
- Repaired Midland irrigation system from damage caused by a lightning strike.
- Rebuilt pitching mound on Field A1 at Bishop Park.
- Made improvements to plumbing at Alcoa 40 Park Bathrooms to help with flushing issues.
- Worked with Stormwater Dept. to find a solution for erosion at the tennis/pickleball courts at Mills Park. Backfilled the washouts and sodded the hillside. Also backfilled and sodded the washouts leading to the rain garden in Mills playground.

The following sporting events were held at Bishop Park:

- Center Gymnasium hosted a HopStep Basketball tournament on July 13th and 14th. We had 2200 visitors from Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.
- TRAXX disc golf course hosted a PDGA tournament on July 19.
- Center Gymnasium hosted a HopStep Basketball tournament on August 3rd. We had 1300 visitors from Arkansas, Louisiana, Indiana, California, Texas, Florida and South Carolina.
- Center Gymnasium hosted a Hoop Play Basketball tournament on August 10. We had 800 visitors from around Arkansas.
- Softball Complex hosted a USSSA Softball tournament on August 10th and 11th in conjunction with the Amplify Festival. We had 2400 visitors from Arkansas, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida and Kentucky.
- Softball Complex hosted a FASA Softball tournament on August 17. We had 2400 visitors from Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Kentucky.