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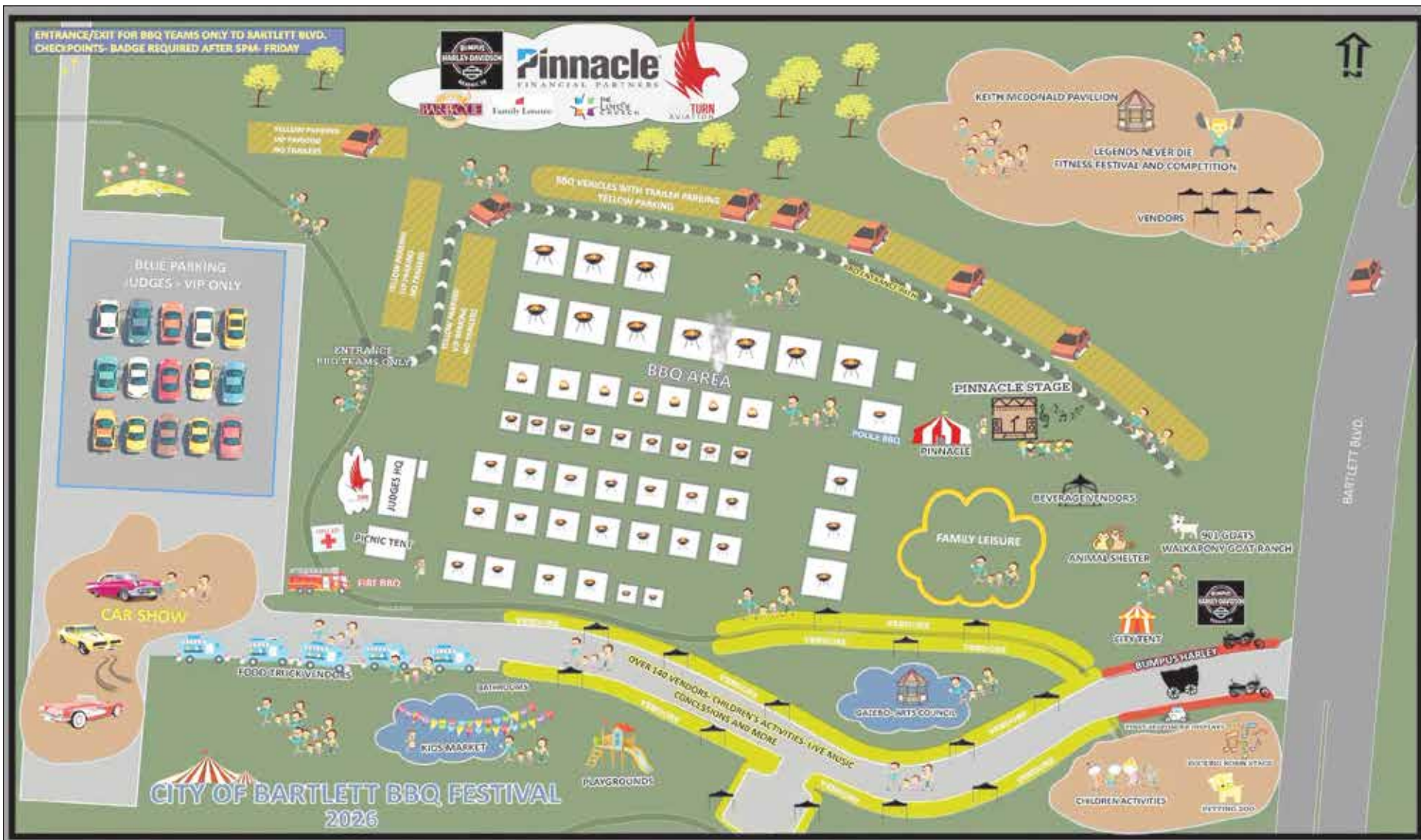
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BARTLETT FALL FESTIVAL BRINGS MUSIC, BARBECUE AND FAMILY FUN TO W.J. FREEMAN PARK

Staff Reports

The sounds of live music, the smell of barbecue and the rumble of classic cars will fill W.J. Freeman Park this weekend as the 2026 Bartlett Fall Festival returns for two days of food, entertainment and community activities.

The festival opens Friday, Oct. 2, and continues Saturday, Oct. 3, with vendors, food, music, cars, motorcycles and activities for all ages.

Friday's festivities run from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., with live music beginning at 6 p.m. Bruce Kee will take the stage first, followed by Your Mom's New Boyfriend

at 8 p.m. Vendors also will be open throughout the evening.

Saturday's activities begin early, with the Legends Never Die Fitness Competition at 7 a.m. and the Judge Freeman Marr Panther Pride 5K at 8 a.m. Race results are scheduled for 9 a.m.

The festival grounds will open at 9 a.m., with a full day of entertainment and activities planned.

The Mustangs of Memphis Car Show will be among the featured attractions, while performances throughout the day will include the Tennessee Twirlers at 9:30 a.m., Panther Pom Dance at

See *Festival*, page 2A

Festival Schedule At A Glance:

FRIDAY, OCT. 2

- 5:30-9:30 p.m.:
- Festival and vendors
- 6 p.m.: Bruce Kee
- 8 p.m.: Your Mom's New Boyfriend

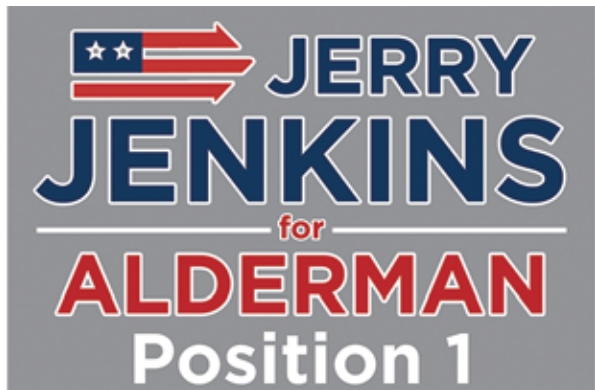
SATURDAY, OCT. 3

- 7 a.m.:
- Legends Never Die Fitness Competition

- 8 a.m.:
- Judge Freeman Marr Panther Pride 5K
- 9 a.m.:
- 5K race results
- 9 a.m.:
- Festival opens
- 9:30 a.m.:
- Tennessee Twirlers
- 10 a.m.:
- Panther Pom Dance
- 10 a.m.-4 p.m.:
- Rockin' Robin DJs
- 11 a.m.:
- Bartlett Community

Concert Band

- Noon:
- Bartlett Police Department K-9 demonstration
- 1 p.m.:
- Police & Fire Rib Eating Contest
- 2:30-4 p.m.:
- Bluff City Bandits
- 5 p.m.:
- BBQ Cooking Contest winners announced



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MAYOR PRESENTS KEY TO THE CITY TO 91-YEAR-OLD APPALACHIAN TRAIL RECORD HOLDER

Staff Reports

Bartlett Mayor David Parsons recently welcomed a familiar local adventurer to City Hall, presenting Dale “GreyBeard” Sanders with the Key to the City following Sanders’ record-setting Appalachian Trail hike.

Sanders, a Bartlett resident, completed the roughly 2,200-mile Appalachian Trail in August 2026 at age 91, reclaiming the record as the oldest person to complete the trail.

It was not Sanders’ first time setting the record. In 2017, he completed the trail at age 82. He returned to the challenge at age 90 and completed the trek again, officially reclaiming the record at Mount Katahdin in August.

Sanders’ accomplishments extend beyond the Appalachian Trail. At age

80, he solo-paddled the length of the Mississippi River and returned to complete the journey again at age 87. He also won a gold medal in spearfishing and was named Athlete of the Year in 1965.

During the meeting, Parsons presented Sanders with the Key to the City in recognition of his accomplishments and his connection to the Bartlett community.

Known by his nickname, “GreyBeard,” Sanders also shared what he describes as his four secrets to a long and happy life.

Sanders continues to document his adventures through his website, www.greybeardadventurer.com. He also said a book about his experiences is in the works.

Source: City of Bartlett



BARTLETT FIRE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW E-1 TYPHOON

Staff Reports

BARTLETT, Tenn. — After a four-year wait, the Bartlett Fire Department has welcomed a new addition to its fleet.

The department’s newest apparatus, an E-1 Typhoon Platform Truck, is now on the lot at Bartlett Fire Department Station 1, expanding the department’s equipment capabilities following an extended delivery period.

The public will have an opportunity to see the new truck up close during the annual Bartlett Fall Festival

at Freeman Park on Friday and Saturday.

Bartlett firefighters will be on site throughout the weekend to showcase the new apparatus, answer questions and give festival attendees a closer look at the department’s newest truck.

The arrival marks the completion of a lengthy wait for the department and provides Bartlett residents with an opportunity to see the new equipment before it begins serving the community.

Source: City of Bartlett

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READY, SET, EAT! The fourth annual Rib Eating Contest, presented by Fat Larry’s, returns to the Bartlett Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 3, at 1 p.m. The \$25 competition is open to everyone, with a cash prize on the line and all proceeds benefiting the Bartlett Police Charitable Foundation. The afternoon will culminate with a rib-eating showdown between the Bartlett Fire Department and Bartlett Police Department. Hungry competitors can <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/fat-larrys-4th-annual-rib-eating-contest-for-charity?> to register.

FESTIVAL, *Continued from 1A*

10 a.m. and the Bartlett Community Concert Band at 11 a.m. Rockin’ Robin DJs will provide music from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At noon, the Bartlett Police Department will showcase its K-9 unit in a demonstration in front of the main stage.

Food and competition take center stage at 1 p.m. with the third annual Police & Fire Rib Eating Contest, sponsored by Fat Larry’s

BBQ. Proceeds from the contest will benefit the Bartlett Police Charitable Foundation.

The Bluff City Bandits will perform from 2:30 to 4 p.m., bringing the afternoon to a close with live music.

The festival’s barbecue competition will wrap up the weekend at 5 p.m., when winners of the BBQ Cooking Contest, sponsored by Fast Turn Aviation

and the Lord’s Church, will be announced inside the barbecue tent.

With a mix of live entertainment, local vendors, family activities, competitions and plenty of barbecue, the Bartlett Fall Festival offers a full weekend of community celebration at W.J. Freeman Park.

Source: City of Bartlett

BARTLETT FIRE DEPARTMENT PANCAKE BREAKFAST SET FOR OCT. 17

The Bartlett Fire Department will host its 46th annual Pancake Breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at The Venue at Bartlett Station.

The annual event brings the community together over pancakes while raising money for the Bartlett Fire Department Reserves. Proceeds support fire education and community outreach efforts in Bartlett.

Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage and coffee.

Residents are invited to attend, enjoy breakfast and support the department’s ongoing education and outreach programs. Tickets are available through the



Bartlett Fire Department’s event page.

Source: Bartlett Fire Department

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By David Peel

DANGEROUSLY STOPPED?

A tractor-trailer sitting on the interstate shoulder is one of the most dangerous hazards a driver can meet, especially at night.

Truckers often treat the breakdown lane as a place to rest, wait on a mechanic, or check a map. The law treats it very differently.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulation 49 C.F.R. § 392.22 sets the rule. Whenever a commercial truck stops on the traveled lanes or the shoulder for any reason other than a necessary traffic stop, the driver must put out warning devices as soon as possible, and never later than 10 minutes.

On a divided highway such as an interstate, the triangles go at 200 feet and 100 feet behind the truck, plus one within 10 feet of the rear. Tennessee law adds its own requirement. T.C.A. § 55-8-158 bars leaving a vehicle on the main-traveled part of the highway when it is practicable to move it off.

It also prohibits stopping on entrance or exit ramps except for a disabled vehi-



cle awaiting repair or a tow. When a driver breaks these safety rules, a victim can argue negligence per se.

Since Tennessee is a comparative fault state, there can always be negligence assigned by a jury to the driver who does not realize that the truck is stopped.

But it doesn't take a lot of imagination to understand on a dark night, especially if it's raining or foggy, that you can follow brake lights

right into a stop truck before you realize what has occurred.

Mr. Peel seeks justice for those injured in tractor-trailer and car accidents, medical malpractice, and disability. He often addresses churches, clubs, and groups without charge. Mr. Peel may be reached through PeelLawFirm.com wherein other articles may be accessed.

Still Standing With the Vols



I went to Knoxville this past weekend hoping to come home with a Tennessee victory. Instead, I brought home a sunburn, some Greek baked goods and a reminder that a weekend with an old friend can still be a good one, even when the scoreboard doesn't cooperate.

A high school friend and I headed over Friday afternoon to watch the Vols take on Texas. We checked into our hotel, walked around town and enjoyed the atmosphere. There were quite a few Texas fans staying at the hotel, and we had some pleasant conversations with them. They were pretty decent people, despite their questionable choice of orange.

Saturday came with an extra layer of excitement because President Donald Trump attended the game. With additional security measures in place, the stadium gates opened early at 9 a.m., and fans were encouraged to arrive well ahead of kickoff. We took that advice and made the walk from our hotel in time to be there at 9.

Our tickets were for the social deck, which meant standing rather than having seats to return to. Normally, standing through a football game doesn't bother me. But by the time we added the early arrival to the game itself, I think we spent about seven hours straight on our feet.

That is a considerable amount of standing for

someone who wasn't even playing.

Thankfully, the weather was wonderful. I don't think it got much above 75 degrees during the game, which felt great after the heat we've had lately. The sunshine, however, made its presence known. My face is a little blistered, and I look more like I spent the weekend at the beach than at a football stadium.

As for the game, Texas came away with a 20-17 win. Losing by three points to the top-ranked team in the country is nothing to be ashamed of, but I still left feeling like that was one Tennessee could have won. A little more production from the offense could have made all the difference. Being close enough to imagine how it might have gone differently almost makes the loss more frustrating.

After the game, we walked back to the hotel and spent more than an hour doing something we had apparently taken for granted that morning: sitting down.

We talked about going back out and enjoying the downtown atmosphere, but neither of us seemed particularly eager to get moving again. Eventually, the hotel's Mediterranean restaurant won out over another walk around town. It turned out to be a good choice. We had a nice meal and each drank about two liters of water while we were sitting there.

After dinner, we considered going out again. Instead, we went back to the room, turned on more football and called it a night. Knoxville was an hour ahead of our usual time, so I think we were in bed by about 8 p.m. Central.

Apparently, this is what a big football weekend with a high school friend looks like once you're no longer anywhere close to being in high school. Still, there is something wonderful about the sleep that comes when you are completely exhausted and actually have time to stay asleep.

Sunday morning, we got up early and drove about three hours to Nashville to attend my friend's Greek Orthodox church. He had invited me, and I was interested in seeing what the service was like. It was certainly different from what I'm accustomed to on Sunday mornings, but the people were welcoming, and I appreciated their hospitality.

The Nashville Greek Festival was also taking place on the church grounds that weekend. There was a large bake sale, so I loaded up on bread and other baked goods to take home to Lena and the kids. At least I could bring something home besides complaints about Tennessee's offense.

It was a good weekend away, but I was glad to get back to my family and my own bed. The older I get, the more I appreciate both parts of a trip: having the opportunity to go somewhere and being happy to return.

I would still have preferred a win. But there is plenty of football left, and Saturday didn't give me any reason to stop believing in the Vols. If Texas really is the best team in the country, Tennessee showed it could stay in the game with them.

I'll keep standing behind this team. Next time, though, I might look for a ticket that includes a chair.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bartlett Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Annex located at 6382 Stage Road, Bartlett, Tennessee 38134.

The Commission will hear the request of Tameca Parker for approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a chimney removal. The property is located at 2978 Court Street within the Bartlett Historic District. A Certificate of Appropriateness is required by the Bartlett Zoning Ordinance, Article VI, Section 25.

A copy of this application may be seen in the Planning Office at the Bartlett City Hall Annex, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Comments may be addressed to the attention of Kim Taylor, Director, Planning and Economic Development, 6382 Stage Road, Bartlett, Tennessee 38134 or by calling the Planning Office at 901-385-6417, and are to be received no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 19, 2026. Individuals having an interest in this application may also address the Commission at the hearing.

David Parsons
Mayor

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Is God Dead? ... by Ty B. Kerley, DMin.

The Best Possible World?

Critics of Christianity contend that it is all well and good that Christians argue God is omnipotent, omniscient, and perfectly good, nonetheless, evil remains all the same. Last time we stated that the task of the Free Will Defense is to show no logical contradiction between two premises: 1), There is an omnipotent, omniscient, perfectly good God, and 2) there is suffering in the world. Even so, the question inevitably comes: “If God is the Creator of everything, and God is all-powerful, then couldn’t God have created a world with no evil?” When it comes down to it, this is the heart of the question, isn’t it? In response, skeptics lean one of two ways: either God is not all-powerful, or God does not exist. At any rate, the answer to the question is yes; God could have created a world with no evil. Having done so, however, the evil-free world that God could have created would have come at a great price—perhaps too great.

Instead, the better question might be this: “If ‘God is good,’ and ‘God is love,’ then what morally sufficient reason might God have for creating the world in which we live”—a world of immense suffering? Considering the amount of evil in the world, is this the best possible world God could have created? That is the question the seventeenth-century philosopher Gottfried Leibnitz asked and attempted to answer. Leibnitz, understanding God as all-powerful and all-loving, reasoned that of all the possible worlds that God could have created, this one in which we live must be the best of all possible worlds. Philosopher Alvin Plantinga summarizes Leibnitz’s argument: “Being perfectly good, He must have chosen to create the best possible world He could, being omnipotent, He was able to create any possible world He pleased, He must, therefore, have chosen the best of all possible worlds, and hence this world, the one He did create, must be the best possible world.” That

is, God was not derelict in His creation event.

Interestingly, the critics agree with Leibnitz but draw the opposite conclusion. Critics maintain that since the world is filled with suffering, God must not exist (or, as Nietzsche would say, “God is dead”). At any rate, while Leibnitz’s logic sounds credible, it is rejected when one can just as quickly envision a better possible world than the present one. After all, it isn’t that hard to imagine. Perhaps a world in which there were more angels. Wouldn’t that be a better world? What about a world in which there were more good people serving other people? Wouldn’t that be a better world? The point is that this is not the “best possible world” God could have created. Therefore, the best possible world theory is not a defensible position for the Christian to explain why an omnipotent God would allow evil to exist.

The bottom line is that suffering does exist, and the question is: ”Why does God allow it? Does He have a sufficient reason for allowing suffering in the world? What God did create, it is argued, was a “very good” world populated by beings He intentionally created with libertarian free will. The divine choice was simple: either create beings with free will, knowing they could misuse it, or create automatons (machines) that could only and always choose to do good. In that sense, yes, God could have created a world without evil, but it could only come about at the cost of human free will. It is argued, and accepted by most rational people, that a world in which beings have free will, along with the evil that entails, is far better than a world of beings who cannot do other than what they do. In fact, given a bit of thought, one can only conclude that every war in the history of mankind has been fought over the exercise of opposing free wills.

It would seem that God, though He is all-powerful, could not have created just any world He pleased. As philosopher John Hicks rightly notes, “God cannot make an infallible fallible

creature; to make an infallible creature would undermine the moral purpose for which God created the universe.” Just as God cannot create any possible world in which there is a square circle or a married bachelor, God could not have created a world where libertarian, free-willed beings always and only choose to do good. God can make sin impossible or make human beings significantly free, but He cannot do both. They are mutually exhaustive and exclusive states of affairs.

Okay, okay! This sounds all well and good except there still appears to be an incredible amount of evil in the world—an incredible amount of vicious and horrific evil! Could not God, in all His power, intercede in human affairs to reduce or eliminate evil in the world, all the while allowing beings to maintain their free will to choose good or evil anyway?

Unfortunately, evil and suffering are important topics, and there is much more to say about the Christian defense of why God allows evil. Join us next time as we continue to look into the Christian response to the coexistence of an all-powerful and all-loving God and the existence of evil in the world. Until then, consider your stance: *is God dead?*

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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2009 LINCOLN SGL 2LNHM82V49X636915

2001 BMW Z3 WBACN33481LM07324

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TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

HE NEEDS EXERCISE

IM TAKING HIM TO THE PLAYGROUND

HIGHER, TIGER

CATCH ME, TIGER

SPIN ME FASTER

HOLD ME UP

LIFT ME, TIGER

BUD BLAKE

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

GERALD, HONEY, IT'S GRANDMA'S BIRTHDAY THIS WEEKEND AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PARTY.

OOH, LIKE GOING TO ROCKET PIZZA WITH LASER TAG, A BIG CAKE WITH A MAGICIAN AND BALLOONS?

NO, DEAR, JUST A SMALL GET-TOGETHER, A NICE DINNER AND MAYBE HER FAVORITE PIE.

GEEZ, THIS IS WHY OLDER PEOPLE NEVER GET EXCITED ABOUT THEIR BIRTHDAY!!

FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Stay put

2. Australian city

3. Overshadow

4. Glowing coal

5. Pursue

6. Peace agreement

7. Bush

8. Texas capital

9. Laurel's sidekick

10. Ointment

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate

♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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See This Week's Answers In Next Week's Edition

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STICKELLERS

by Terry Stickels

Four of the five figures below can be folded back into the same cube. Which is the odd one out?

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: E equals W

EFSM V EVGG WGVDRSQ

USGZNSQX NVM DWZGGD V

GJVU UYQZMB QYDF FJYQ, UJ

XJY BSR DRYIJJ ZM RQVTTZI?

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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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WORD SPIRAL

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Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.

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S M O T A E R S T V A H K

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CryptoQuip

What could you call people in a legislative assembly? Anti bodies.

answer

CHRISTMAS

Today's Word

1. Anthem; 2. Prior

3. Honest; 4. Scout

Solution

SCRAMBLERS

IMMEDIATE

Answer

Word Spiral

1-d, 2-b, 3-e, 4-c, 5-a

Sticklers Answer

YAKI BOWL IMPROVES 16 POINTS AFTER HAND SINK, STORAGE VIOLATIONS CORRECTED

Follow-up scores 95; coolers still running above 41 degrees

BARTLETT — Yaki Bowl, 6045 Stage Rd., Suite 74, scored 95 in a follow-up inspection September 25, up from 79 on September 15.

The violations that drove the earlier score are gone from the report. The hand sink at the beginning of the cook line, which had no hot water, soap or paper towels, no longer appears, nor does the raw chicken stored over raw beef, the pink substance on the dining room ice machine chute, the

stained cutting board, or the unlabeled chemical spray bottles. The expired permit flagged in that inspection is also no longer cited.

Two cooling units by the large grill are still reading above 41 degrees, with the report again directing that units not maintaining proper temperature be repaired, replaced or removed. A bucket of soy sauce remains stored on the kitchen floor with a deli container used as a scoop, and the dumpster

lids are still open with cardboard overflowing.

Trompo Loko, a mobile unit at 5529 Summer Ave., scored a perfect 100 in a routine inspection September 24.

Those were the only two Bartlett inspections posted for the week of September 23 through 28.

Inspection reports are public record. Complete reports for all Tennessee establishments are available at inspections.myhealthdepartment.com/tennessee.

This Week’s Inspections at a Glance

Bartlett health inspections, September 23-28, 2026.
Source: Tennessee Department of Health / Shelby County Health Department.

Trompo Loko (mobile unit) — 5529 Summer Ave. *Food service, routine, September 24 — Score: 100*
No violations noted.

Yaki Bowl — 6045 Stage Rd., Suite 74 *Food service, follow-up, September 25 — Score: 95 (up from 79 on September 15)*
Two cooling units by the large grill are over 41 degrees. Corrective action: repair, replace or remove

the cooling units that are not maintaining the proper temperature.

A bucket of soy sauce stored on the floor in the kitchen.

A deli container used as a scoop in a bucket of soy sauce.

The dumpster lids are open and cardboard is overflowing the tops.

BARTLETT FIREFIGHTERS TRAIN TO STRENGTHEN SKILLS

Staff Reports

BARTLETT, Tenn. — With favorable weather providing an opportunity to train outdoors, members of the Bartlett Fire Department spent last Thursday sharpening skills essential to fire and rescue operations.

Station 3’s C-shift and Recruit Class No. 30 participated in hands-on training focused on developing, maintaining and improving skills required for the job.

Recruit Class No. 30 worked on various knots they have learned during training and applied those skills to real-world situations. Exercises included learning how to safely secure tools and equipment for use during fire scene operations.

Meanwhile, **Station 3’s C-shift** focused on aerial operations, including pumping, ladder placement for rescues and ladder maintenance.

The department said the training is part of its ongoing effort to ensure firefighters are prepared to safely and effectively respond to emergencies.

“Training is an important part of what we do,” the department said in a statement, thanking firefighters and recruits for their continued work and commitment to improving their skills.

Source: Bartlett Fire Department



BARTLETT UNEMPLOYMENT EDGES UP TO 3.9% IN AUGUST, STILL BELOW THE SHELBY COUNTY RATE

The suburb’s rate rose a tenth of a point but stayed well under Memphis and countywide levels.

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Staff Reports

Bartlett’s unemployment rate edged up to 3.9% in August, a tenth of a point above July’s 3.8%, according to figures released Sept. 24 by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The rate was up four-

tenths of a point from the 3.5% recorded in August 2025.

An estimated 1,074 Bartlett residents were counted as unemployed out of a labor force of 27,781, leaving 26,707 people working.

Rates moved higher across much of Tennessee in August, rising from July to August in 45 of the state’s 95 counties, the department said, even as the seasonally adjusted statewide rate held at 3.4%. City and county rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Bartlett’s rate ran well below Shelby County’s 5.0% and

the city of Memphis’ 5.6%. Among Shelby County’s largest suburbs, Germantown posted the lowest rate at 3.2%, followed by Collierville at 3.3% and Bartlett at 3.9%.

The broader Memphis metropolitan area, which spans parts of Mississippi and Arkansas, registered 4.6% in August, down from 4.7% in July.

The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development will release county unemployment data for September next month.

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CROSSING GUARD RECOGNIZED FOR SAVING CHILD IN SCHOOL ZONE

Staff Reports

BARTLETT, Tenn. — Melissa Denbow, a crossing guard praised for her quick thinking and bravery, was recently honored for saving a child who was struck by a pickup truck while crossing the street in a school zone.

The incident happened at the end of the last school year as Denbow was helping Lethias, a student, cross the street. According to information provided by the school, a Ford F-150 failed to stop or slow down for traffic signals in the school zone and approached the crossing.

As the truck moved toward them, Denbow acted quickly, pushing Lethias out of the vehicle's path in an effort to protect him. Both Denbow and Lethias were struck.

Officials said Denbow's actions helped shield the child from the full impact of the vehicle and saved his life.

Denbow suffered injuries in the incident and has been recovering since the crash. Despite her injuries, she returned to work for the first day of school, ready to continue helping students safely cross the street.

Denbow was formally recognized Thursday for her courage, quick response and selfless actions.

Her return to the crossing serves as a reminder of the important role crossing guards play in protecting students each school day — and of the extraordinary actions one crossing guard took when a child was in danger.

Source: Bartlett Police Department



PICTURED ABOVE, LEFT: Crossing Guard Melissa Denbow and Lethias, the young man standing to Denbow's left, were struck by a pickup truck at the end of the last school year. Denbow pushed Lethias out of the vehicle's path, taking the brunt of the impact and saving his life. Denbow was officially recognized last Thursday for her heroic actions.



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The Dynamix Power 10 Rankings presented by West 10 Media returns for the 2026 season. The teams from the coverage area for The Bartlett Express, The Collierville Herald-Independent, The Leader, The Millington Star, and The Germantown News & Shelby Sun Times, including Arlington, Bartlett, Cordova, Collierville, Germantown, Millington and Tipton County were eligible. With several residents from those cities attending Christian Brothers High School and Memphis University School, those two teams were also eligible for the rankings. Check out each paper throughout the season to stay updated on the rankings.

Here are the rankings going into Week 7

WEEK 7

1. Briarcrest (6-0) @ CBHS
W 38-30 vs. Southwind
2. St. George's (5-1) @ Northpoint
W 1-0 @ HW Byers (foreit)
3. Munford (4-1) vs. Kingsbury
L 40-13 vs. Whitehaven
4. Covington (5-1) vs. Bolivar Central
W 49-3 vs. Ripley
5. Arlington (5-1) @ Cordova
W 21-7 vs. Lakeland Prep.
6. Bolton (4-2) @ Hamilton
W 40-0 vs. Douglass
7. ECS (4-2) @ Lausanne
W 33-0 vs. Hardin County
8. CBHS (4-2) vs. Briarcrest
W 42-12 vs. PURE
9. Collierville (3-3) vs. Craigmont
W 49-14 @ Bartlett
10. Houston (3-3) vs. Oak Grove (Miss.)
W 46-0 vs. Cordova

WEEK 6

1. Munford
2. Briarcrest
3. St. George's
4. Covington
5. Arlington
6. St. Benedict
7. Bartlett
8. CBHS
9. Bolton
10. ECS









