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Photos: Bartlett High School

BARTLETT MARCHING BAND CAPTURES THIRD CONSECUTIVE BANDMASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Staff Report

BARTLETT, Tenn. — Bartlett High School's marching band, known as Neon Nation, captured its third consecutive Bandmasters Championship on Saturday, Nov. 7, earning an impressive score of 94.788 and claiming the Grand Champion title.

Hosted annually by the University of Memphis Band Alumni, the Bandmasters Championship recognizes and honors some of the region's most outstanding high school marching bands.

Despite a chilly 40-degree evening and a steady breeze, Bartlett's students delivered an award-winning performance, sweeping all five caption awards: Outstanding Music, Outstanding Visual, Outstanding Percussion, Outstanding Guard and Outstanding General Effect.

The victory marks another milestone for the Bartlett marching band program, which has now claimed the championship three years in a row.

With just seven days remaining in the season, Neon Nation will turn its attention to the Grand National Championship in Indianapolis, where the students will have another opportunity to showcase their talent on a national stage.

'AMERICAN IDOL' WINNER HANNAH HARPER BRINGS NATIONAL TOUR TO BPACC SATURDAY

Rising country artist to perform two shows in Bartlett following breakout television victory

Staff Report

BARTLETT, Tenn. — Fresh off her landmark victory on television's "American Idol," country singer-songwriter Hannah Harper is set to perform two concerts at the Bartlett Performing Arts & Conference Center on Saturday, Nov. 14.

Harper, who won the 24th season of "American Idol" in May, will take the BPACC stage for a matinee performance at 2 p.m. and an evening show at 7:30 p.m. Her victory marked a historic milestone for the competition show, making her the first female country-influenced singer to win the title since Carrie Underwood.

Harper's musical journey began long before her national television audition last February. Raised in Southeast Missouri, she started performing at age 9 alongside her family band, The Harper Family. Steeped in generations of bluegrass gospel traditions, those



early years of touring shaped her musical foundation and fueled her passion for songwriting.

Now balancing the demands of a rising musical career with raising a young family, Harper focuses her music on personal reflection and life experiences. Her song "String Cheese," a heartfelt tribute to motherhood, gained significant traction online and resonated with audiences nationwide during her run on the show.

Since winning the title in May, Harper has maintained a rigorous nationwide touring schedule, making appearances at prominent venues including the Grand Ole Opry, the Ryman Auditorium, Dollywood, and the Cavern Sessions.

"I am so pleased that BPACC is one of the first theatres to present Hannah," said Michael Bollinger, artistic director at the Bartlett Performing Arts & Conference Center. "I predict Hannah Harper will have an exceptional career!"



BARTLETT CITY SCHOOLS NAMES 2026-2027 TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS OF THE YEAR

Staff Report

BARTLETT, Tenn. — Bartlett City Schools announced its district-wide honorees for the 2026-2027 academic year on Nov. 4, recognizing three division Teachers of the Year alongside the district's Principal of the Year and Supervisor of the Year.

The annual awards highlight educators who demonstrate leadership, instructional excellence, and commitment to student achievement across elementary, middle, and high school divisions.

Elementary Division Teacher of the Year: Mary Cartwright



Mary Cartwright, a kindergarten through fifth-grade reading interventionist at Rivercrest Elementary School, was named the Elementary Division Teacher of the Year.

Cartwright, an alumna of Rivercrest Elementary, has seven years of teaching experience. She holds credentials as a licensed Reading Specialist and CERI-certified Structured Literacy Classroom Instructor. This fall, she completed Orton-Gillingham+ training and is currently pursuing an Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in Reading.

Throughout her career, Cartwright has championed the science of reading by leading professional development sessions and implementing research-backed instructional methods. Beyond her role in literacy intervention, Cartwright serves as a K–5 cheer coach, tutor, teacher ambassador, and member of the school's leadership committee.

"Literacy is more than an academic skill; it is a foundation for opportunity, confidence, critical thinking, and lifelong learning," Cartwright said.

Middle Division Teacher of the Year: Sara Ann Black



Sara Ann Black, an eighth-grade mathematics teacher at Elmore Park Middle School, was selected as the Middle Division Teacher of the Year.

Black has served students and families at Elmore Park for 13 years. Her teaching philosophy centers on building supportive classroom environments that encourage risk-taking, problem-solving, and personal accountability.

In addition to her classroom instruction, Black serves as the school's Athletic Director following several years as the head coach for the girls' basketball team. District officials noted her ability to mentor students both academically and through extracurricular involvement.

High School Division Teacher of the Year: Kelly Szczepanski



Kelly Szczepanski, a special education educator in the Functional Skills program at Bartlett High School, received the High School Division Teacher of the Year award.

Szczepanski specializes in individualized instruction focusing on academics, communication, behavioral growth, life skills, and post-secondary transition planning. During her tenure at Bartlett High, she helped establish Panther Pals, a student initiative designed to foster peer relationships and social inclusion between general education and Functional Skills students.

Colleagues nominated Szczepanski in part for her work with a nonverbal student facing significant communication and behavioral challenges, guiding the student to high school graduation.

Szczepanski also serves as a track coach for Elmore Park Middle School, promoting sportsmanship and confidence among student-athletes.

Administrative Recognition

In addition to the teaching awards, Bartlett City Schools formally announced its 2026-2027 administrative honorees. Brennan Harrison was named Principal of the Year, and Dr. Chris Maley was named Supervisor of the Year. District leadership expressed gratitude for both administrators, citing their ongoing guidance, operational leadership, and dedication to the school system's broader educational objectives.



Brennan Harrison

A proud Bartlett native, Mrs. Harrison earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Austin Pay State University and dual master's degrees in Education and Educational Leadership from Christian Brothers University.

With 15 years of experience in education, Mrs. Harrison began her teaching career at Ross Elementary in Memphis, TN, and has steadily advanced into leadership roles. She served as a Professional Learning Coach at Ross Elementary for three years, followed by three years as Dean of Instruction and Assistant Principal at Rivercrest Elementary. She has served as the Elementary Lead Instructional Coach at the District Office, where she supported instructional excellence across all our elementary campuses. Mrs. Harrison currently serves as Principal of Altruria Elementary School.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Harrison has held numerous leadership roles, including Instructional Chair, Instructional Leadership Team member, RTI² Lead, Building Testing Coordinator, RTI-B Lead, and Title I Facilitator. Her leadership at Rivercrest Elementary contributed to significant accomplishments, including earning Reward School recognition for two consecutive years, achieving Level 5 status, and becoming the first Bartlett City School to receive a STEAM Designation from the Tennessee Department of Education.



Dr. Chris Maley

Dr. Christopher Maley serves as the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning for Bartlett City Schools, where he oversees the district's academic programs, curriculum and instruction, professional development, and accountability efforts. He earned his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Union University and has dedicated his career to advancing instructional excellence and student achievement.

Throughout his career, Dr. Maley has served in numerous leadership and instructional roles, including Principal and Vice Principal of Bartlett High School, Assessment & Accountability Supervisor, high school lead instructional coach, and high school math teacher. In his current role, he established Bartlett City Schools' Aspiring Leaders Cohort, a leadership development program designed to prepare educators for future leadership opportunities. Since its inception, the program has provided professional learning and leadership experiences for 40 educators across the district.

Dr. Maley believes that strong relationships and collaboration with families, the community, and BCS faculty and staff are essential to educational excellence and student success. Through his leadership, expertise, and commitment to developing future educational leaders, Dr. Male exemplifies excellence and is a well-deserving recipient of the Bartlett City Schools Supervisor of the Year recognition.



TURKEY SHOOT SET FOR NOV. 14

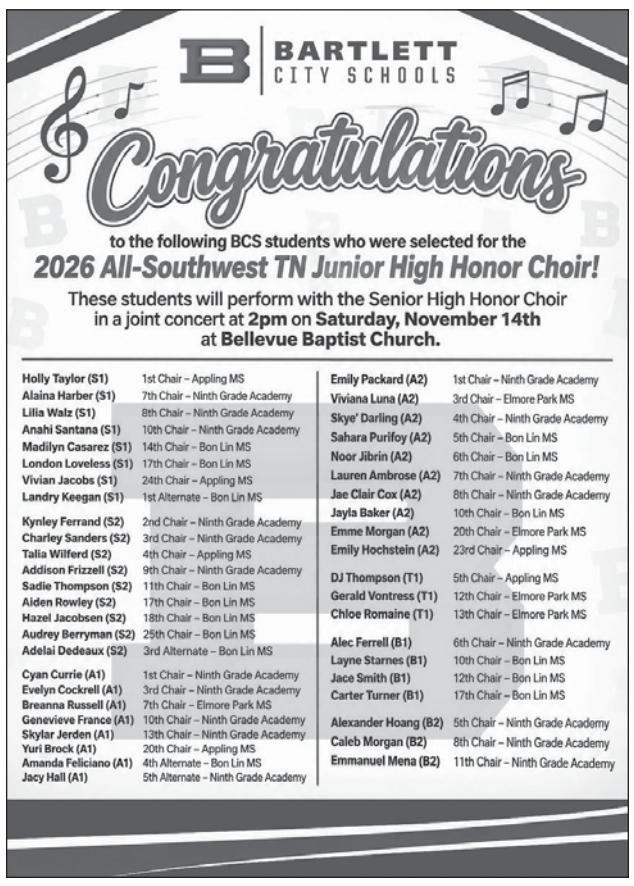
The annual Turkey Shoot will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Singleton Community Center. Participants will have a chance to win their Thanksgiving dinner by testing their aim with BB guns provided by the Parks & Recreation Department. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded in multiple categories. The cost is $1 for five shots. No targets will be sold after 1 p.m.



BARTLETT PROPERTY TAX BILLS MAILED THIS WEEK

BARTLETT, Tenn. — Bartlett property owners should receive their real estate and personal property tax bills in the mail this week. The bills feature a redesigned format intended to make important information easier to find and understand.

Although taxes are due Dec. 1, 2026, payments may be made without penalties or interest through Feb. 28, 2027. Property owners are encouraged to review their bills and submit payments before the penalty-free deadline.



CONGRATULATIONS — Congratulations to the BCS students who were selected for the 2026 All-Southwest TN Junior High Honor Choir.

Bartlett City Schools

BARTLETT POLICE DEPARTMENT INVITES CHURCH LEADERS TO JOIN 2027 CLERGY ACADEMY

Staff Report

The Bartlett Police Department is inviting pastors, ministry leaders and other church leaders to express interest in its 2027 Bartlett Police Clergy Academy, an opportunity to learn more about local law enforcement and issues affecting the community.

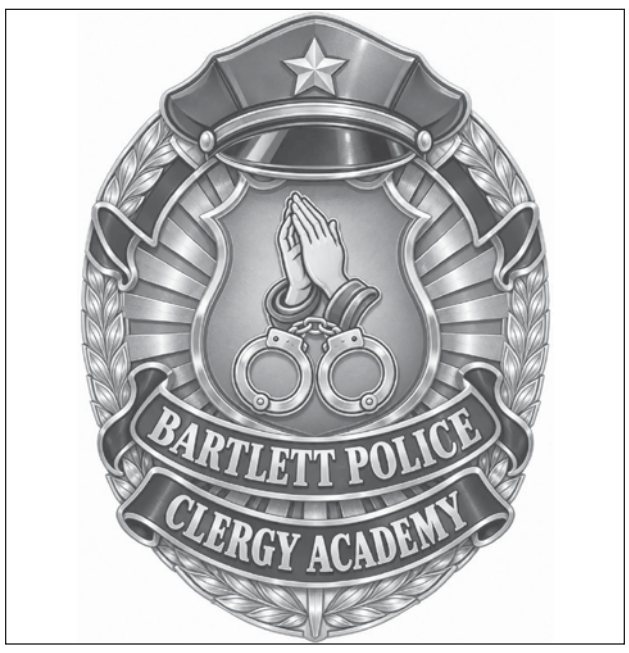
The academy will offer participants a behind-the-scenes look at 911 dispatch, hands-on police scenarios and information about topics that may impact members of their congregations, including online scams, child exploitation, domestic violence and mental health crises.

Participants will also have opportunities to meet the Bartlett police officers and dispatchers who serve the community, share concerns they are seeing within their congregations and build relationships with law enforcement.

Organizers say the goal is to help church leaders recognize potential challenges, know where to turn for assistance and serve as informed, steady voices when tensions arise in the community.

The academy will meet Tuesdays from January 5 through February 16, 2027, from 6 to 9 p.m. Graduation and family night will be held February 16.

Church leaders interested in learning more are encouraged to email the Bartlett Police Department at **Lminch@cityofbartlett.org**.



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BEFORE WE RUSH PAST NOVEMBER



Ad Veritas

Daniel Richardson

Before I say anything about rushing past Thanksgiving, I should confess that we're planning to put up our Christmas decorations before it gets here. So I'm probably not the right person to lecture anyone about waiting until the turkey is finished before plugging in the Christmas lights.

I like Christmas. With five children, there is plenty of excitement in our house over the gifts, the decorations, the traditions, and everything that comes with the season. Watching your children enjoy it is a large part of the fun, and I'm certainly not suggesting we should have less of that.

But I also really like Thanksgiving, and I hate to see it treated as little more than a stop on the way to Christmas.

There is something refreshing about a holiday that focuses so much on simply being together. You gather with family, enjoy a good meal and spend some time visiting. There isn't a stack of presents to get through or much concern over whether someone received exactly what was on a wish list. The gathering itself is the occasion.

And the food, of course. I wouldn't want to overlook that important detail.

Christmas is about family, too, and I don't mean to reduce it to shopping and presents. But Thanksgiving has a different feel. There seems to be a little more room to appreciate what we already have rather than think about what we still need to buy. Instead of wondering what to get someone, we can enjoy having that person at the table.

That is worth making time for.

Of course, I recognize that what looks like a simple family gathering can involve quite a bit of work for the people planning the meal, cooking it and cleaning up afterward. A table full of good food doesn't appear by itself. Part of our gratitude ought to involve helping with that work, rather than just showing up hungry and asking when everything will be ready.

Still, there is something special about sitting around after a meal without needing to immediately move on to the next thing. A conversation wanders. Someone tells a story that most of the family has heard before. The children find something to do together, and eventually someone decides there is room for dessert after all. Those ordinary moments can be the best part of the day.

With five kids, I'm becoming increasingly aware of how quickly those moments pass. Emmalyn is 14 now, which is difficult enough for me to believe. The younger ones are growing just as quickly, and it doesn't seem to matter how often I notice it or wish things would slow down. Another week goes by anyway.

That is really what concerns me about rushing through November. It isn't the decorations. It's the habit of always looking ahead.

We look forward to the weekend, then the holiday, then the next season. We tell ourselves we'll have more time after a deadline passes or the schedule settles down. Meanwhile, the ordinary days keep moving along, full of things we may someday wish we had appreciated more.

For me, Thanksgiving offers a welcome interruption to all of that. It is an opportunity to thank God for the people in our lives and the blessings that have become so familiar we sometimes forget to notice them. Gratitude doesn't require everything to be perfect. We can have worries, unfinished work and things we wish were different while still having plenty of reasons to be thankful.

So put up the Christmas tree whenever it suits your family. We probably will. Enjoy the anticipation and let the children get excited about what is coming.

But let's leave some room for Thanksgiving, too. There are people to visit with, stories to hear and a good meal to enjoy without treating the whole occasion as something to get through before the next celebration.

Our decorations may already be up, but I'm in no hurry to clear the Thanksgiving table—especially if there's still dessert.





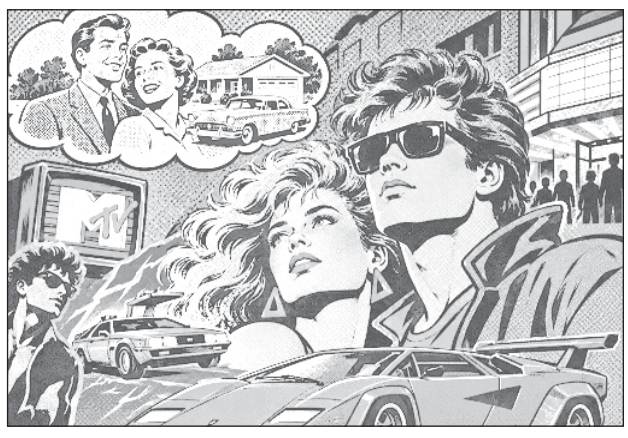
The Bartlett Police Department was honored to participate in Ellendale Elementary School's Veterans Day celebration this week, recognizing and honoring the men and women who have served our nation. Representing the department were two U.S. Marines, Inspector B. Thornton and Captain D. Stewart. Thank you to Ellendale Elementary for the invitation and for helping celebrate our veterans!

Bartlett Police Department

Living with Purpose

By David Peel

The 1980s: When the World Still Made Sense



We look back at the 1980s the same way our parents looked back at the 1950s: not because either decade was perfect, but because both felt like the last clear version of the world we already understood.

The 1950s, for the generation that came of age then, stood for prosperity after hard times, stable families, a shared culture, and a sense that the rules were known. The music was new, the cars were bold, and the future still felt like something you could step into without losing your footing. Later decades brought real gains, but also upheaval. When people said they missed the 1950s, they were usually missing the feeling that life had a center.

We do the same with the 1980s. I had Alpine posters with Lamborghini Countachs splashed across my walls. Back to the Future was playing at the theater, and my girlfriend's hair was extra large. Music still lived on the radio and MTV. Movies still filled theaters on Friday night. News arrived once a day, not every few minutes. You could walk into a room and assume most people had seen the same TV shows or heard the same songs. That common ground is harder to find now.

Nostalgia is selective on purpose. We edit out the high interest rates, the Cold War tension, and the things we got wrong. What remains is the texture of our own youth—the cars we wanted, the songs that marked certain summers, the feeling that technology was still mostly a tool instead of an environment. Every generation eventually does this. The 1950s looked simple from the 1980s. The 1980s look simple from here. The next generation will do the same with whatever decade shaped them, once the pace of change makes their own youth feel like a different country.

We are remembering a world imperfectly, but recalling a time when it still felt navigable.

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

Nietzsche and Moral Law

The German philosopher Karl Marx once stated that Christianity was "the opium of the masses." Sure enough, religion in general, and Christianity in particular, has often been portrayed by nonbelievers as "a way to control society." Friedrich Nietzsche concurred. Nietzsche considers that because society is composed of two classes of people: good and bad, or good and evil, there are two types of morality. The good class (of high value) is known as the master and is composed of noble, intelligent aristocrats. The bad or evil class (of low value) is known as the slave and is composed of the common or the lower class, which is directly antithetical to the master. For Nietzsche, this master/slave structure touches all aspects of society, but is most evident in what might be called the moral compass of a society. In the master-ruled society, moral boundaries and values are established in accordance with the master's preference and then forced upon the slave. You see, master morality is the morality of the strong-willed who define good as "whatever is useful." After all, Nietzsche said that the purpose of life itself was nothing more than "will to power." Considering that the aristocrats are more often than not the rulers of power, it stands to reason (or so they say) that something needs to be put in place to "subdue the masses" in the slave class. In that way, Nietzsche not only agrees with Marx but also argues that Christian slave morality is actually destructive to all that is noble because it is against the powerful master by extolling weakness, suffering, kindness, and peacefulness, all the weak qualities of a society. In short, according to Nietzsche, slave morality (Christian morality) is hard against master morality because it "is a sort of tyranny against [human] nature" and is a "magnificent stupidity" because it represents a "narrowing of perspectives," or so he believed. This narrowing, he argued, results in a belief that there is only one true morality rather than whatever the aristocrat wants. It is simply a herd morality that the slave clings to, and it hinders the aristocrats 'will to power."

Nonetheless, it seems to me Nietzsche argues in a circle. He argues that Christian morality is oppressive and unnatural, but at the same time, he argues in The Madman that without Christian morals (in the case were God truly dead), the world would be a horrific place. But this is not the point: this is not the root of the matter. Shall we ask then what truth is? Let's start there. Is there such a thing as natural morality? Nietzsche says "no," the atheist says no, the naturalist says no, the humanist says no, and the Darwinist too. Are there objective truths that moral standards are built upon, a truth that is true for all people, in all places, at all times—absolute truth? Perhaps there is.

Now, based upon the previous argument from consciousness, we could say:

The human beings that God freely chose to create consist of two substances: one material and one immaterial; one body being uniquely human, and one spirit being similar in substance to God, who is Spirit. However, another characteristic can help us answer the truth question, and it is a characteristic found exclusively within the consciousness of man. The Moral Law. Christians hold that there is a Moral Law "written on the hearts of men," given by the Creator as an endowment of our creation. That means that the Moral Law is seated in the human consciousness. It is a nonnegotiable law, a law that everyone recognizes, a law that "just is," a part of being human. It is an objective truth, meaning it is true whether we like it or not, whether we follow it or not, whether we agree with it or not. The Moral Law applies to all people, across all cultures, and across all time. That is also the definition of an absolute truth; it is something that is true for all people in all places across all of time. Further, it is sometimes called Natural Law because it is in accordance with the natural world, with human moral obligations, and that sense of right and wrong written on the human heart. Absolute truth. But the atheist claims there are no absolute truths. He claims that your truth is your truth and my truth is my truth because there is no absolute truth that applies to all people. All truth is relative. The atheist says that truth is only relative to the person who believes it, not everyone else. Christianity is true for the Christian, and atheism is true for the atheist, and that is okay as long as we respect each other, because there is no absolute truth anyway, or so it is said.

That notion is best illustrated by a popular bumper sticker that spells out COEXIST, implying that all moral truth claims are equally true. According to this scheme, "c" is the symbol of Islam, "o" is the symbol of the peace movement, "e" is the symbol of transgenderism, "x" is the Jewish star of David, the dot on the "i" is the Wiccan symbol, the "s" is the Taoist yin/yang symbol, and the "t" is the Christian Cross of Christ. One big happy family, they say. But that cannot be true because each one makes an exclusionary truth claim; each one claims to be the ultimate and exclusive moral truth. Join us again next week as we continue to look at moral truth claims. Until then, *is God dead?*

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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1D8HN54P68B154190
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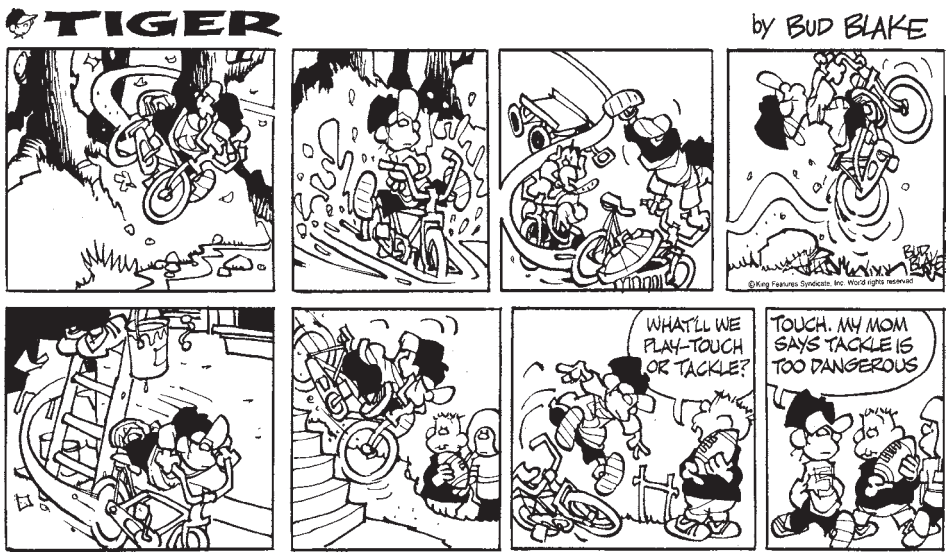
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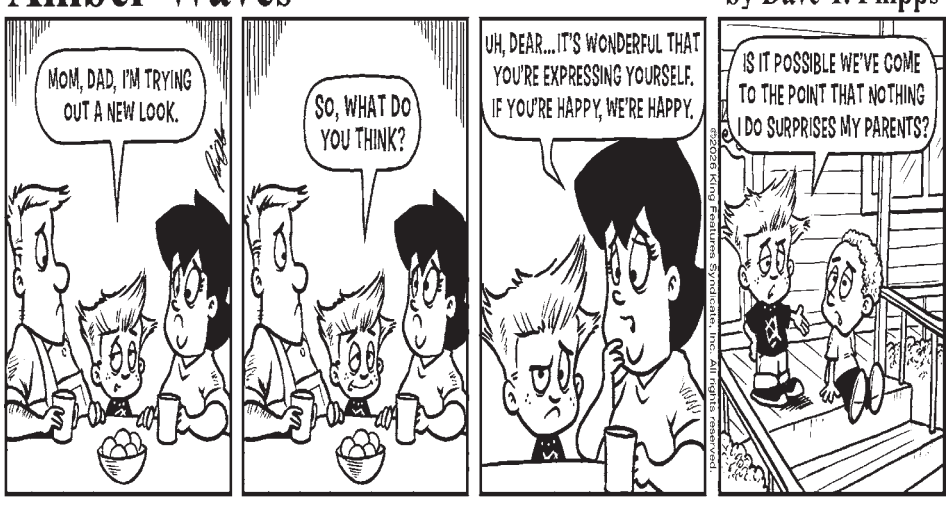
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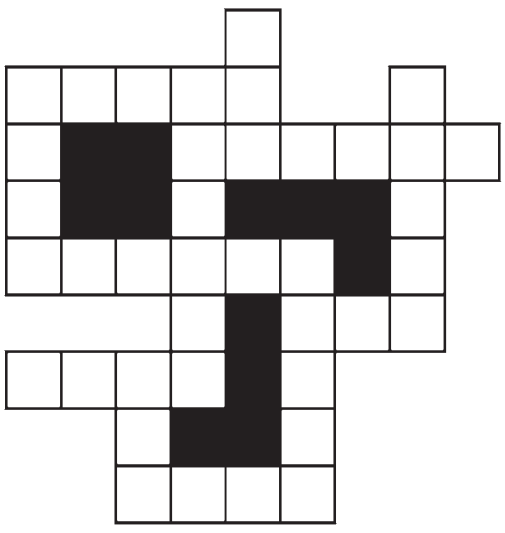


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Even Exchange

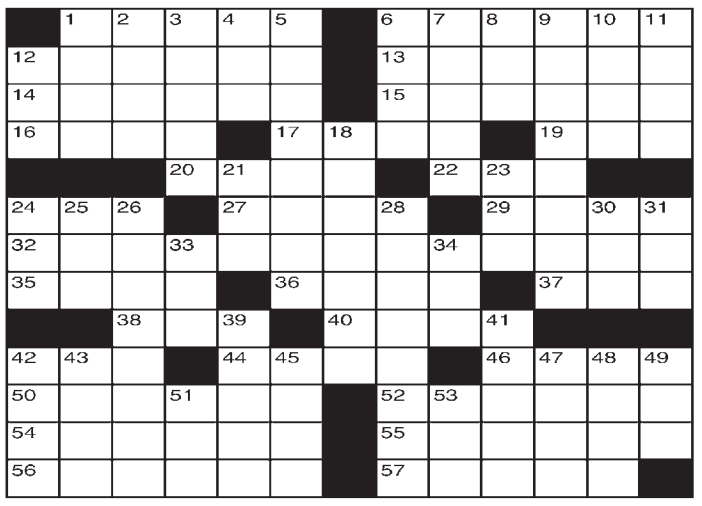
by Donna Pettman

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. Streams	_ _ _ _ _ S	Model Shields	_ _ _ _ _ E
2. Rigid	_ _ N _ _	Make fun of	_ _ A _ _
3. Mailbox find	_ E _ _ _ _	Brood of puppies	_ I _ _ _ _
4. Oust from school	_ _ P _ _	Outshine	_ _ C _ _
5. Spring harbinger	_ _ B _ _	Cue stick residue	_ _ S _ _
6. Small body of water	P _ _ _ _ _	Nestle	C _ _ _ _ _
7. Identical siblings	_ _ _ _ S	Hemp	_ _ _ _ E
8. Fred's spouse	_ _ _ M _	Authoress Cather	_ _ _ L _
9. Young cat	K _ _ _ _ _	Fingerless glove	M _ _ _ _ _
10. Shudder	_ H _ _ _	Cobra or anaconda	_ N _ _ _

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King Crossword



ACROSS
1 Interior design
6 Views
12 Made over
13 "Phooey!"
14 Aromatic herb
15 Found out, to Brits
16 Party pooper
17 "Dream on!"
19 Prof's helpers
20 Poker pot money
22 Covert agent
24 Jungfrau, for one
27 Melodies
29 Emmy winner Falco
32 Paintings of artists, say
35 Dessert fruit
36 Not even one
37 Mom's mate
38 "— -hoo!"
40 Grant basis, at times
42 Home for mil. jets
44 Horse's halter?
46 Eight (Pref.)
50 Illusionist David
52 — app
54 Boris of tennis
55 Hearth remains
56 Gardeners, at times
57 Synthetic fabric

DOWN
1 Woodland grazer
2 Writer Buchanan
3 Line dance
4 Small bill
5 Affinity
6 Pieces for one
7 Kitchen VIPs
8 Coach Parseghian
9 Bowlful served with chips
10 Sicilian spouter
11 Swift jets
12 "Mayberry —"
18 Hot chili pepper
21 Snooze
23 Pod dweller
24 Nile viper
25 Director Spike
26 Listen to a recording
28 Football game prankster
30 Judge Lance
31 Mentalist's claim
33 Swing to and —
34 Deli bread
39 Proprietor
41 Surround sound name
42 Shortened wd.
43 Dog bane
45 Towel word
47 Jazz singer Laine
48 Shore bird
49 Hosp. areas
51 Mamie's man
53 "— Little Teapot"

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Weekly SUDOKU

			6				1	
1		5						8
					1	5	9	6
	3			4		7	5	9
					3		8	
	9			1	5	6	3	
		6		3			7	
9			1	7			6	
	8						2	3

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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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: **V** equals **N**

FMJ VJFDB RLRFDGZ BDFDWFASD CZJFNDZI MNJ KASD AV R BAIFAVWFKU CJNDLARV WGKFGZD: FND RZFU CJUI.

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

Answer — Weekly SUDOKU

3	5	8	6	1	2	7	9	4
9	1	7	5	8	4	3	6	2
2	4	6	7	9	3	5	8	1
6	9	2	4	5	8	1	7	3
5	8	4	1	3	7	2	9	6
1	7	3	9	2	6	8	4	5
4	3	9	2	6	5	4	1	7
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— King Crossword — *Answers*

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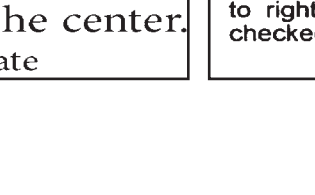
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E	R	E	O	H	H	E	C	K	T	O	E
A	V	E	S	L	E	E	T	R	O	N	T
D	E	V	C	O	W	D	W	E	L	T	O
A	S	I	M	O	V	S	R	I	S	O	R
C	A	R	L	S	O	I	N	L	O	V	E
U	N	I	T	E	R	L	E	A	N	D	O
B	O	B	S	T	O	L	D	O	L	D	O

— Even Exchange —
answers

1. Puppy, Peppy
2. Bring, Brink
3. Invest, Invent
4. Clock, Cloak
5. Faster, Foster
6. Taught, Caught
7. Whiter, Writer
8. Canoe, Canon
9. Shark, Sharp
10. Leader, Lender

— Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

4	9	2	7	1	6	3	5	8
2	6	3	9	4	8	5	1	7
1	8	5	3	9	7	6	4	2
3	7	1	8	5	4	2	9	6
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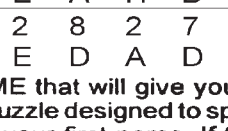


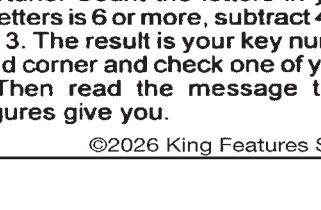
STICKELERS [sic].

by Terry Stickels

Using these three identical squares, can you create eight squares?

The answer:





"When I was in college, I used to dream of the _ _ _ _ _ _ I won't be able to get by on this year."

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Vast **COMICS** _ _ _ □ _ _ _

Human **TRAMOL** _ _ _ _ □ □

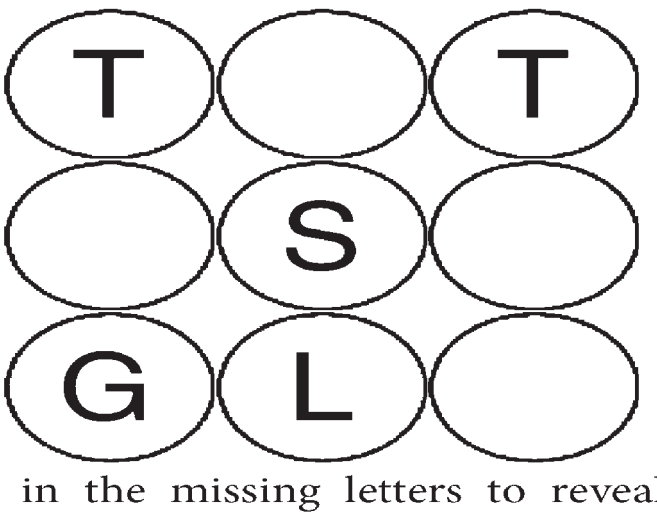
Lane **LEYLA** □ _ _ _ □

Delay **RELIGN** _ _ _ _ _ □

TODAY'S WORD

_ _ _ _ _ _

WORD SPIRAL



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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7	2	5	4	3	4	5	2	3	2	4	6	8
U	E	D	D	T	E	O	I	R	S	L	E	V
2	5	3	5	7	2	5	6	3	7	3	5	8
U	M	U	I	E	R	S	R	S	S	T	G	E
3	7	7	3	3	5	6	4	5	2	8	6	5
I	K	I	N	G	A	G	I	I	E	U	Y	N
4	2	7	2	5	7	5	8	6	4	6	2	4
G	T	E	I	E	S	D	P	R	H	E	M	T
2	8	4	7	4	6	4	6	8	2	7	4	7
E	H	F	A	U	N	L	E	E	A	H	D	E
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A	L	W	Y	E	H	A	D	E	D	A	D	D

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CryptoQuip answer

If actress Stone and her clones filled up a theater, I suppose one would see rows of Sharon.

Stickelers Answer

The answer is R.I. nonhalou

Word Spiral Answer

TOOTHACHE

SCRAMBLERS *Solution*

1. Truce; 2. Hence
3. Encore; 4. Hiatus

Today's Word

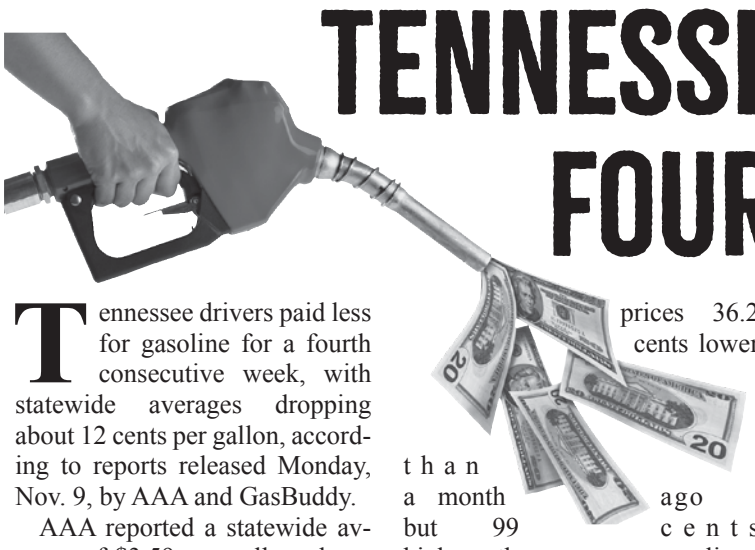
HURRICANE



On November 9, the Bartlett Senior Center had the honor of celebrating our veterans in recognition of Veterans Day. We are incredibly grateful for the men and women who have served our country and for the sacrifices they and their families have made to protect our freedoms. It was a special day to come together, show our appreciation, and recognize the heroes within our community.

Courtesy of City of Bartlett, TN Parks & Recreation Department

TENNESSEE GAS PRICES FALL FOR FOURTH CONSECUTIVE WEEK



Tennessee drivers paid less for gasoline for a fourth consecutive week, with statewide averages dropping about 12 cents per gallon, according to reports released Monday, Nov. 9, by AAA and GasBuddy.

AAA reported a statewide average of $3.59 per gallon, down 12 cents from the previous week and 37 cents from a month ago. Prices remain 99 cents higher than at the same time last year. Tennessee ranked as the seventh least expensive gasoline market in the country, according to AAA.

GasBuddy's separate survey of 3,821 Tennessee stations placed the statewide average at $3.56 per gallon, down 11.2 cents over the past week. Its figures showed prices 36.2 cents lower than a month ago but 99 cents higher than a year earlier.

"Drivers are continuing to see relief at the pump this week as gas prices continue to fall," said Megan Cooper, spokeswoman for AAA — The Auto Club Group. "We're still paying nearly a dollar more than we were this time last year, but if market conditions hold, we could see prices continue to come down as we get closer to Thanksgiving."

At AAA's statewide average, filling a 15-gallon tank costs nearly $54, compared with approximately $39 at this time last year.

In West Tennessee, Memphis and Jackson remained among the state's most expensive metropolitan markets. AAA reported an average of $3.75 per gallon in Memphis and $3.73 in Jackson. Chattanooga averaged $3.33, Clarksville $3.38 and Nashville $3.56.

Individual station prices varied widely. GasBuddy reported that the lowest price recorded in Tennessee on Sunday was $2.69 per gallon, while the highest was $5.29.

National prices also declined. AAA reported that the national average for regular gasoline fell 16 cents to $4 per gallon, while GasBuddy placed the national average at $3.96, down 15.9 cents. GasBuddy said its national average was 39.3 cents lower than a month ago but 92.2 cents higher than a year earlier.

Diesel prices moved lower as well, with GasBuddy reporting a 9.5-cent weekly decrease in the national average to approximately $6.19 per gallon.

Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy, said gasoline prices fell in every state during the past week. He attributed the declines largely to seasonal changes as refineries finish maintenance and increase production while fuel demand typically eases with cooler weather.

AAA also reported that benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude oil fell $7.97 to $88.12 per barrel in the previous Wednesday's trading session. De Haan said increased oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz could help keep national gasoline prices below $4 in the coming weeks, although the outlook remains subject to market conditions.

Despite the recent relief, fuel costs remain significantly above historical levels. GasBuddy reported Tennessee's average gasoline price was $2.57 per gallon on Nov. 9, 2025, compared with $2.74 in 2024 and $2.95 in 2023.

IRS ANNOUNCES TAX CHANGES FOR 2027, INCLUDING HIGHER STANDARD DEDUCTION AND CHILD TAX CREDIT

The Internal Revenue Service has announced inflation adjustments for the 2027 tax year, including increases to the standard deduction, child tax credit and several other tax benefits for individuals and families.

The changes, announced Nov. 5, affect nearly 70 tax provisions and generally apply to tax returns filed in 2028.

For married couples filing jointly, the standard deduction will increase to $33,200, up $1,000 from 2026. Single taxpayers and married individuals filing separately will have a standard deduction of $16,600, while the deduction for heads of households will rise to $24,925.

The maximum child tax credit will increase by $100 to $2,300 per qualifying child. The refundable portion of the credit will also increase by $100 to $1,800.

"Hardworking American taxpayers will continue to benefit from the Working Families Tax Cuts (WFTC) and will see WFTC credits and deductions increase with this adjustment," said IRS Chief Executive Officer Frank J. Bisignano.

The IRS also announced adjustments to federal income tax brackets. The top individual income tax rate will remain at 37% for single taxpayers with taxable incomes exceeding $661,375 and married couples filing jointly with taxable incomes exceeding $793,650.

The lowest tax rate of 10% will apply to taxable incomes of $12,800 or less for single filers and $25,600 or less for married couples filing jointly.

Other tax rates will remain at 12%, 22%, 24%, 32% and 35%, with income thresholds adjusted for inflation.

Families with lower incomes may also see changes to the Earned Income Tax Credit. The maximum credit for qualifying taxpayers with three or more qualifying children will increase to $8,496, compared to $8,231 in 2026.

The maximum adoption tax credit will rise to $18,250, up from $17,670. Of that amount, up to $5,280 may be refundable.

Several adjustments will also affect retirement and health-related financial planning. The annual contribution limit for health flexible spending arrangements will increase to $3,500, up $100 from 2026. The maximum amount of unused funds that qualifying plans may allow participants to carry over will increase to $700.

The monthly limit for qualified transportation benefits and qualified parking will rise to $350, an increase of $10.

The IRS also announced changes affecting estates, gifts and business deductions.

The federal estate tax exclusion will increase to $15.48 million for individuals who die in 2027, compared to $15 million in 2026. The annual gift tax exclusion will increase from $19,000 to $20,000.

For businesses, the maximum amount of qualifying property that may be expensed under Section 179 will increase to $2.64 million, compared to $2.56 million in 2026.

The maximum employer-provided child care tax credit will also increase to $515,943.67, with a higher limit of $619,132.40 available to eligible small businesses.

Some tax provisions will remain unchanged. Personal exemptions will continue at zero, while the income thresholds for the Lifetime Learning Credit will remain the same.

The Lifetime Learning Credit will continue to phase out for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross incomes between $80,000 and $90,000, or between $160,000 and $180,000 for married couples filing jointly.

The IRS outlined the adjustments in Revenue Procedure 2026-35, which provides additional details on the tax provisions and income thresholds taking effect in 2027.



CALM UNDER PRESSURE: DISPATCHER HANNAH FRAZER NAMED EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING LIFESAVING CPR CALL

Recognized for exceptional professionalism, Frazer guided a frantic caller through cardiac arrest instructions and recently earned national training officer certification.

Staff Reports

When a high-stakes emergency call comes into a dispatch center, the steady voice on the other end of the line can mean the difference between life and death. For one local family in crisis, that reassuring voice belonged to Dispatcher Hannah Frazer.

Frazer's expert coaching, calm composure, and professional resolve helped turn a critical emergency into a story of survival. In recognition of her extraordinary actions and consistent dedication to her team, Frazer was named Employee of the Month for September.

A Lifesaving Connection

The incident unfolded when Frazer answered an emergency call from a deeply distressed woman whose husband had collapsed in sudden cardiac arrest.

Maintaining poise amidst the panic, Frazer delivered clear, step-by-step CPR instructions over the line, coaching the frantic wife through continuous chest compressions until first responders arrived at the scene.

Her rapid intervention and steady guidance sustained the patient during the most critical moments of the medical crisis, directly contributing to his survival.

The profound impact of Frazer's work was underscored days later when the patient's wife made a special visit to the Justice Center. Seeking out the dispatcher who had stayed on the line during her family's darkest moment, she met face-to-face with Frazer to personally express her immense gratitude—a powerful reminder of the human connection behind every emergency dispatch call.

Mentoring the Next Generation

Beyond her daily work on the console, Frazer is actively helping shape the future of emergency communications. She recently earned her National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Center Training Officer certification, a professional credential that prepares experienced dispatchers to train and mentor incoming personnel.

Stepping into a training role within a high-stress, fast-paced communications center requires exceptional patience, adaptability, and deep operational knowledge. Frazer is already putting her certification to work, pouring her experience into onboarding the department's newest dispatchers.

A Model Public Servant

Department leadership praised Frazer as a dependable, compassionate, and phenomenal team player whose work ethic sets a benchmark for public service.



BARTLETT POLICE DEPARTMENT HONORS MONTHLY PERSONNEL SERVICE MILESTONES

Staff Reports

BARTLETT, Tenn. — The Bartlett Police Department celebrated key service anniversaries across its ranks this month. The department extended sincere gratitude and congratulations to these dedicated individuals for their continued commitment, leadership, and public service to the Bartlett community.

20-Year Service Milestones

Reaching two decades of dedicated service is a remarkable achievement. Congratulations to Inspector B. Thornton and Captain W. Bierbrodt for celebrating 20 years with the department this month.

5-Year Service Milestones

The department also honored four officers reaching their five-year milestone this month, demonstrating valuable dedication and ongoing service to the community:

Officer T. Willis, Officer P. Rosser, Officer J. Young and Officer E. Mendez.

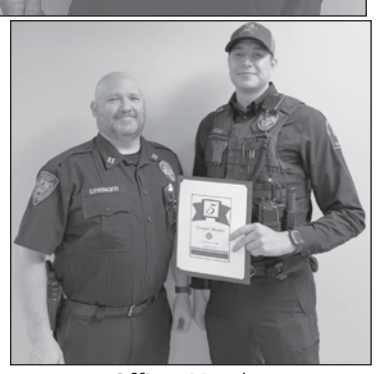





Officer Willis


Officer Rosser


Officer Young


Officer Mendez



Bartlett High School Principal Shannon Abraham has been named the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association's (TSSAA) A.F. Bridges Principal of the Year. The recognition honors his leadership and contributions to education and student success. Bartlett City Schools congratulated Abraham on the well-deserved honor.

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