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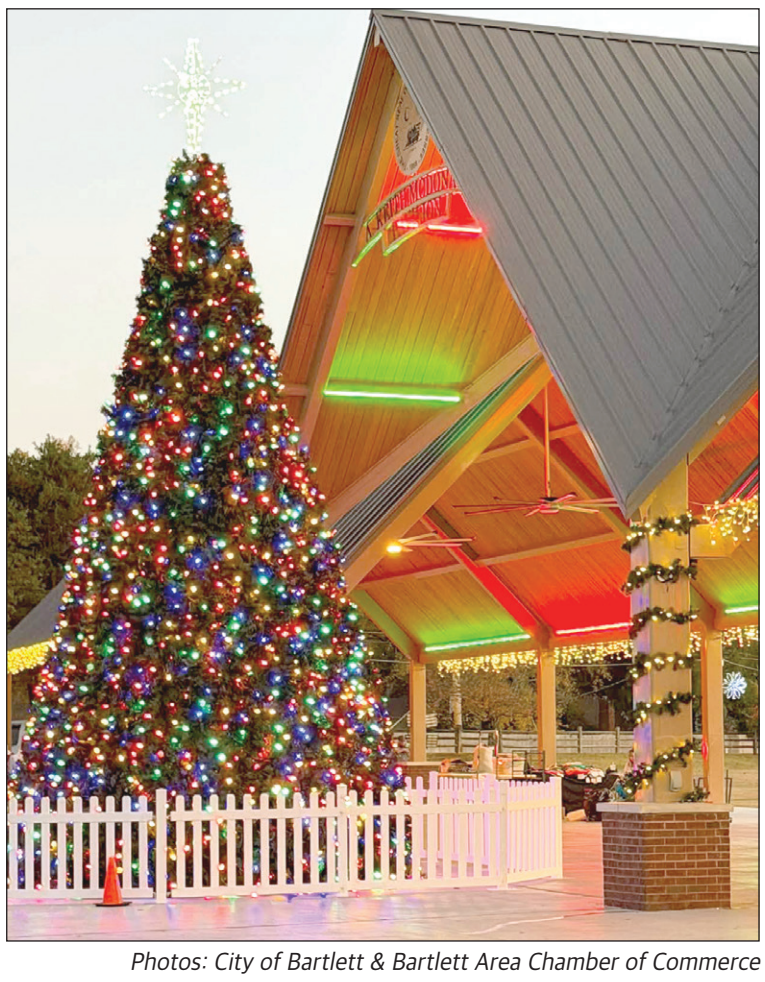
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BARTLETT CHRISTMAS MARKET KICKS OFF HOLIDAY SEASON WITH TREE LIGHTING AT FREEMAN PARK

Two-day holiday event featured local vendors, food trucks, visits with Santa and the city's annual Christmas tree lighting.







Photos: City of Bartlett & Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce

BARTLETT, Tenn. — The holiday season officially arrived in Bartlett as the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Market brought festive activities, shopping and community celebrations to W.J. Freeman Park on Nov. 20-21.

The two-day event opened Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. and continued Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the park, located at 2629 Bartlett Blvd.

One of Friday's highlights was the city's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus joined members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to help light the tree, marking the official start of the holiday season in Bartlett.

Throughout the market, visitors could browse vendor booths, shop for holiday gifts and enjoy

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Bartlett Fire Department welcomes newest firefighters as Recruit Class 30 graduates

Bartlett, Arlington fire recruits graduate together, prepare for service



Photo Bartlett Fire Department

BARTLETT, Tenn. — What began as a group of strangers brought together by a shared goal culminated Friday, Nov. 20, as Recruit Class 30 graduated from the Bartlett Fire Training Academy, marking the completion of months of intensive training and the beginning of their careers in the fire service.

The graduating class included recruits from both the Bartlett and Arlington fire departments, with two Arlington personnel completing the academy alongside their Bartlett counterparts.

Over the past several months, the recruits pushed themselves physically and mentally, developing the knowledge, technical skills and proficiency needed to serve as firefighters. Through countless hours of instruction, hands-on training and challenging exercises, they prepared for the responsibilities and demands of the profession.

Beyond the skills learned and the requirements completed, the academy offered something equally meaningful: the opportunity to build lasting relationships.

One of the most rewarding aspects of a recruit academy is watching individuals who arrive as strangers develop into a close-knit team. Through shared experiences, demanding exercises and the determination required to overcome obstacles, Recruit Class 30 became more than a group of trainees. They became a family.

The graduation also highlighted the partnership between the Bartlett and Arlington fire departments. Arlington officials expressed appreciation to Bartlett Fire Department leadership and officers for allowing their personnel to train alongside Bartlett recruits throughout the academy.

The two new Arlington firefighters are scheduled to take their state certification exams next week, with plans to begin serving on the streets of Arlington by the following weekend.

Both departments recognized

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