

**BAC NEWSLETTER**  
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### *BAC News*

October was a busy month for the Bartlett Activities Center and it all started on October 4th. The BAC was lucky enough to be chosen as one of the five area historic sites for the Seahorse Sprint which was part of the Fin Fest 2025. Modeled after a poker run, registered vehicles were given clues to 5 different locations on a map which they in turn had to drive to. At each location they received a stamp on their map and a token that they drew from a bag. Each token was assigned a value which was revealed at the end of the race. The vehicle with the highest token value was declared the winner. Several workers set up in our parking lot and waited for the contestants to arrive. The Activities Center was the second stop on the race and the first car to arrive came in about 8:30 am and the last one showed up just after 9 am.



October 18th was an especially busy day for the BAC with both the low-cost vaccination clinic and pumpkin patch going on. In addition, the WilCo kids came to clean the building.

The annual vaccination clinic was held from 10—Noon with Dr. Zach Stephenson of the Coupland Vet Clinic and his staff on hand to do the vaccinations. Approximately 93 animals were vaccinated, some receiving multiple vaccinations. During the clinic, the American Legion sold breakfast tacos. The BAC has sponsored this event for over 20 years. The response from those who took advantage was positive with so many thanking us for making it possible. As in past years, it was a drive-through clinic with owners signing in and ordering vaccines for their animals at a registration table and Dr. Stevenson administering vaccines to animals in their vehicles. This practice was started during COVID years and has proven to be a very safe effective method since animals don't have to be removed from their vehicles and risk getting loose.



In addition to vaccinations and breakfast, Bartlett Animal Control Officer Chey White, pictured above with her family, was on hand with City of Bartlett registrations. Animals registered with the City can be identified by the tag number and returned to their owners much faster if they should get lost.

While the vaccination clinic was going on at the back of the building, the Pumpkin Patch was being held in front of the building and along the sidewalk.

The Pumpkin Patch was held on Friday evenings from 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. during the entire month of October. Coloring pages, games, and treats were provided for the kiddies. We also offered baked goods and pumpkins for sale. Since this was the first year we've done a Pumpkin Patch, we were pleased to show a slight profit when it ended.

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games, decorations and signs will be used from year to year. Bales of hay were donated by Steglich Feed & Farm Supply of Bartlett.



Along with the good comes the bad. On Wednesday, December 3, 2025, several members were meeting at the building to make sure everything was in order for the December 6th Cortez Family Christmas rental. Upon arriving, Kimberly Dunn discovered a screen torn loose and the window behind it open. Not knowing if someone was inside at the time, she waited for other members and entered together. Sometime between October 22, 2025 (last meeting date) and that day, vandals had broken into the building and done damage to almost every downstairs room and some

upstairs.

A white powder, later determined to be the spray from a fire extinguisher covered the hallway leading to the back entrance. The other back door, near the restrooms, was left open and the door closer destroyed. In the Sports Museum, trophies were overturned and some broken. In the parlor, an artificial plant was thrown to the floor and broken. In the first grade museum room, a poster was thrown on the floor and items turned over in a display case. In the third grade museum room, an empty beer can was left on an antique sewing machine. One of the front doors had been egged, and egg shells were found around the building. The China cabinet in the parlor was left open, A drawer was open on the buffet in the hallway where our postcards are stored. A dining room screen was torn loose at the bottom and has to be reattached. Some of the damage will be simply cleaning, but it will be labor intensive cleaning to remove all the fire extinguisher residue from between the floorboards from the recently refinished hall floor and beadboard walls. Recent photos taken will help to determine if anything was stolen during the vandalism.

The bells that hang on the front door to alert us if the door is opened while we are in the building, were found on the front porch. Upstairs, a mannequin was found armless on an antique bed. One arm was later found in a bookcase. A weather vane was moved onto the upstairs balcony. A window was found to be unlocked in every downstairs room, and most of the upstairs classrooms. It seems that every time we enter the building, we find something we hadn't noticed before.

The police were called and came immediately. We were first told it had been too long to get fingerprints, but later they came back and dusted for prints on the window the vandals apparently entered through, the back door, and several other locations throughout the building. The fire extinguisher that was sprayed in the hallway and the beer cans left inside and outside the building were taken for fingerprinting. We received word the beer cans revealed no prints, but no news so far on the fire extinguisher.

The vandalism was covered by Fox 7 Austin, KWTX Waco, and the Temple Telegram and an anonymous reward has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those involved.

***Wilson Hardware's Cash Register***

I was talking to my best friend, Julie, about my opening a new business in Perryton, TX. She mentioned she had an antique cash register that had been in her garage for several years. It came with her marriage to Carl. He had been in Salado in an antique shop and a young boy was playing on it. His mother was contemplating buying it for his toy room! Carl couldn't stand the idea  
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The top left photo shows the fire extinguisher spray that covered the back entry hallway. Top right shows the northwest back door with the broken closer holding the door open.

Row 2 Photo: Kimberly Dunn pointing out one of the display cases with overturned and broken trophies. Another case also had overturned and broken trophies. Row 3 Left Photo: The hook was removed from the upstairs balcony door and jammed into the keyhole. Row 3 Right Photo shows the front door with dried egg dripping down onto a second pane

### *BAC Dues*

Don't forget to mail your dues if you haven't already. Dues are \$25 per person, per year, and should be mailed to P.O. Box 724, Bartlett, TX 76511. Our membership year starts 10/01/2025 and ends 09/30/2026.

### *CCC Camp 3805 part 2*

Life at Camp 3805 Bartlett was vastly different from what most of the enrollee's were used to. In fact, most of the Camps across the nation were structured the same way. Camp routine was modeled after the military with a few exceptions.

Several men have told their stories about what being there was like and they all have pretty much told the same tale. Let me summarize what was written in the camp newsletter written by Herbert Carter about just what a day consists of the in CCC.

5:45 am- Bugle wake up

5:50 am- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bugle wake up

6:00 am- you had better be out of bed and ready to do some calisthenics. Not bad, it consists of stretches, bending, breathing exercises and the ever-popular side-straddle-hop. Now if this didn't wake you up cleaning up the campgrounds will. Now we are ready to shower before breakfast.

Breakfast bugle call- Most of the men enjoyed the food in camp. Almost all of them describe the amount of food offered being more than they have had in their life. This is during the depression, and most of the boys have been raised on a farm. Once fed it is time to "go clean up the Barracks. Beds made, floors swept, Lockers dusted, and the barracks given a general cleaning,"

6:45 am- Time for work 12:00- Lunch time- If you are in the field, your lunch would probably be a boxed lunch featuring a sandwich or two. If you are one of the lucky ones who were still in camp then you got to eat in the mess hall with a lineup of soup, baked beans, Roast Veal with gravy, potatoes, spinach, coleslaw, and banana pudding for dessert.

1pm- 4pm- Back to work

4pm- Time to head back to camp and get cleaned up the sunset formation bugle at 4:45. Then it's off to the mess hall for more food.

At 5:45 pm it's time for school. Enrollees were encouraged to take classes that would further their education and teach them new skills that would help them later in life. Classes lasted until 8:45, at which time you have a few minutes to relax until time for some shut eye.

But life wasn't all work and no play. During the weekends the men had the chance to get leave for visiting family, going to town to the movies or events or signing up for one of the many sporting events that the camp offered. Most camps had their own baseball teams with competed with other camps and at times with the local schools. Boxing was a favorite past time also. Camp life was not bad for the average youth whose previous prospects in life only led to working on the farm.

*Kimberly Dunn*

**Deaths**

**Sandra Cameron Newell**  
8-26-1941—12-16-2024  
*Class of 1959*

**Gayle Guyton Daniel**  
10-21-1937—11-3-2025  
*Class of 1956*

**Jackie Wolbreuck Almond**  
12-30-1963—11-15-2025  
*Class of 1982*

**Johnny Pospicil**  
11-4-1941—11-30-2025  
*BHS*

**Louis Ray Walker**  
2-27-1963—11-25-2025  
*Class of 1982*

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***In Memory of***

**Sandra Cameron Newill**  
*by*  
Myrna Herber

**Brennan Pitts**  
*by*  
Debra Caldwell

**Marguerite & Gentry Powell**  
*by*  
Carol Powell Loatman

**Melba & Stanley Schwertner**  
*By*  
Lisa & Sonny Kretschmar

**Harry Ragsdale White**  
*by*  
Linda Carole White

**Donations**

- American Legion Post 183
- Candance Andrews
- John Brooks
- Julia Buss
- Debbie Caldwell
- David L Cocke
- Gayle Daniel
- Jane Daugherty
- Gerald Daugherty
- Ted Douglas
- Kimberly Dunn
- Susan Edens
- Bill Evans
- Susan Fauss
- Milam Gerick
- Joy Gray
- Sally Gray
- Eugene Helms
- Myrna Herber
- Janis Johnston
- Kathy Jones
- Randy & Louise Lawton
- Pamela Lyerla
- Wanda & Lewis Lynds
- Joyce Miller
- Sonny & Lisa Kretschmar
- Susan Monds
- Bill Moore
- Harry Perkins
- Joyce Pavelka
- Margorie Peters
- Jane Rable
- Beatrice Cortez Ramon
- Ellis Ramsey
- Howell Robbins
- Dean Roome
- John Schwertner
- Butch & Linda Smith
- Jane Leatherman Van Praag
- Sally and Dan Volney
- Carole White
- Cari Wible
- Judy Wible
- Eric and Elaine Woods

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of this beautiful register being a child’s toy so, he bought it. When they married, it ended up in their garage for 15 years. Needless to say I bought it and named my store,” The Brass Register”, and used it daily.

When I closed my store I moved it home to a special spot in our den. In 2003, we downsized and the register was covered in my garage for 16 years. Then we retired to a smaller home in Austin in 2019. Four more years in our Austin garage and we came to the conclusion that I needed to finally part with this beautiful 1906 antique. It has some original tape in the wheel and four or the five drawers still work and each drawer has a different ring. The original instruction booklet and keys are still with the register. A note with the booklet has information about the register and the sale to Wilson Hardware, it’s original owner. As far as I know it has never been refinished. We felt this beautiful cash register needed to go back home to Bartlett where it started its journey in Wilson Hardware.

The Bartlett Museum is finally, deservedly so, the resting place for this beautiful brass cash register which has been loved for so many years. This original 1906 register can now be admired by all.

***Linn & Mike Riley***

BAC meetings are held the fourth Saturday of each month at 1:30 p.m. January through October. The November/December meetings are combined and the date determined at the October meeting. So many of you live out of town, but if you could schedule a meeting, we would love to have you join us. We encourage new members to help with the preservation of our architecturally unique 1909 building.



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