



Subscribers Like *You*
Make the Difference

New Subscribers pay only \$39 for 12 months of local news delivered weekly to your mailbox! Ask about our Senior Citizen's Discount!

Call 901.476.7116



Collierville

Herald Independent

Collierville's hometown news since 1870

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

\$1

VOL. 156 ISSUE 41

OH NO, BROTHERS!

Saints hold off CBHS with late two-point conversion, remain unbeaten

By Thomas Sellers, Jr.
Richardson Media Group



MEMPHIS — Riding high off a win over previous unbeaten Southwind, the Briarcrest Saints knew a rivalry showdown was next on the

agenda before a clash of titans with Brentwood Academy. Boarding the bus on campus Friday evening to leave Eads, Saints Head Coach Phil Massey gave his players a not so subtle reminder about their opponent the Christian Brothers High School Purple Wave. “We tried to tell our kids that they’re a very competitive, very physically tough team,” he said. “They do a great job. Their coaches do a great job so I knew they would be very prepared.” The textbook October conditions of mild temperatures and a mist gave the backdrop to Tom Nix Stadium on Landers Field for a classic. By the time the final whistle blew, the Saints marched out of Memphis still undefeated and survivors of a 29-28 decision. “They played a hard fought game,” Massey said of the Purple Wave. “That’s what we told our kids before we even got on the bus to leave Briarcrest. It’s going to be a dogfight. I wasn’t too sure how much they believed it, but I know they believe it now. Certainly it was a hard-fought high

school football game.” Briarcrest (7-0, 2-0 in Division II-3A West) struck first with a Octavius Flynn 5 yard touchdown run to make the score 7-0 just 4 minutes into the game. The Brothers (4-3, 0-2) came out the corner swinging a haymaker when quarterback Nate Brick threw a picture-perfect deep ball hitting receiver Christian Harris in stride. The connection deadlocked the game at 7-7 midway through the first quarter. Before the opening period concluded, Saints quarterback Cayden Dixon toss a pitch to Flynn leading to his second TD of the night. Briarcrest was ahead 14-7 entering the second quarter. The Purple Wave continued the trend of answering back with its passing attack. Brick’s next target was Trey Burse. The TD pass tied the game at 14-14 just a minute into the period. As both defenses held the opposition for most of the quarter, Briarcrest had a breakthrough when Caden Sage caught a pass from Dixon setting up the Saints at the 1-yard line. Dixon did the



Purple Wave athletes (above) fight for a couple of extra yards Friday night on the turf of Landers Field at Tom Nix Stadium against rival Briarcrest. The Saints were able to leave Memphis victorious 29-28; A Briarcrest player looks for an opening to throw the ball (inset, left) during the game Friday night. honors a couple of plays later to regain the lead for Briarcrest. With 2 minutes and 36 seconds on the clock, CBHS had plenty of time to answer back again. Brick threw his third touchdown pass of the night. Ezra Caswell was on the receiving end of the TD with a minute and 24 ticks on the clock before halftime. The tally was deadlock at 21-21 at the break. The Brothers received the ball first in the second half and made a statement. Brick tossed his fourth touchdown pass of the night. The 45-yard strike to Burse made the score 28-21 in favor of CBHS with 8:19 on the clock. “Our head coach actually told us that before the game that we were going to be in for a dogfight,” Dixon acknowledged. “So we were ready for it.” Briarcrest was stopped time and time again in the second half. The Purple Wave was neutralized

See Football, page 8

COLLIERVILLE POLICE OFFICER RECEIVES LAW ENFORCEMENT MEDAL

Staff Report

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn. — When Collierville Police Officer Ethan Stewart arrived at the scene of a crash shortly after midnight July 5, there was little time to think. A vehicle lay upside down on Houston Levee Road, south of Poplar Avenue, engulfed in flames. Inside, an unconscious man was trapped in the wreckage. Stewart, working the midnight patrol shift, was the first officer to arrive. He initially tried to pull the driver through the driver’s-side window but was unable to free him. With smoke and flames spreading through the wreck, Stewart moved to the passenger side, crawled through the window of the overturned vehicle and reached the unconscious man. Grabbing the driver’s ankles, Stewart pulled him through the front passenger window and out of the burning vehicle. A second Collierville officer arrived moments later and helped Stewart move the unconscious man farther away from the wreck. The driver was taken by ambulance to Regional One Health in Memphis, where he was initially



Collierville Police Officer Ethan Stewart, left, receives the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal from Mark Norris, president of the Isaac Shelby Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, on Sept. 9. Stewart was honored for rescuing a man from a burning, overturned vehicle on July 5. (Courtesy Photo)

listed in critical condition. After receiving treatment, his condition was upgraded to stable. Stewart also required medical attention. He was taken to Baptist Memorial Hospital-Collierville for evaluation for smoke inhalation. The rescue ultimately saved the man’s life. For his actions, Stewart was recognized Sept. 9 with the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal from the Isaac Shelby Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution during the chapter’s monthly meeting. Chapter President Mark Norris presented Stewart with the medal and a certificate during the ceremony. The award recognizes Stewart’s actions at the July crash, where he entered a burning, overturned vehicle and pulled an unconscious stranger to safety. In doing so, Stewart put himself in danger as he worked through smoke and flames to reach the trapped driver. What began as a routine midnight patrol became a life-or-death rescue — one that earned Stewart recognition for his courage and his willingness to put another person’s life ahead of his own.

CHRISTMAS IN COLLIERVILLE HONORED WITH DOWNTOWN DESTINATION AWARD

By Town of Collierville

The Town of Collierville’s Christmas in Collierville program was honored with a Downtown Destination (Non-Business) Award at the Main Street Collierville Preservation Party on Saturday, Oct. 3.

The award recognizes the role Christmas in Collierville plays in creating memorable experiences, supporting local businesses and helping define the character of the community.

From Public Services crews who spend weeks hanging hundreds of thou-

sands of lights to Parks and Recreation staff who create holiday programming, along with employees who promote and support the event throughout the season, it takes a townwide effort to make it happen.

Christmas in Collierville is an example of what can happen when town employees work together to create something special for the community.

The 2026 Christmas in Collierville lineup will be announced Monday, Nov. 2.

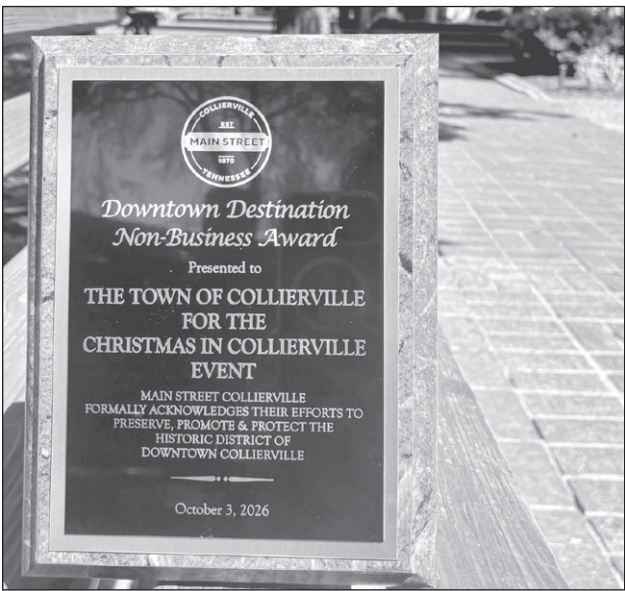


Photo Town of Collierville



LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION TO BEGIN OCT. 12

Staff Reports

Annual loose leaf collection will begin Monday, Oct. 12, earlier than previously announced, because of prolonged heat and drought conditions this year.

The collection season will run through Feb. 26. Residents should place leaves within 5 feet of the curb but keep piles out of streets and storm drains.

Only leaves will be collected. Pine needles, sticks and other debris should not be included.

Residents also should keep leaf piles away from water meters, mailboxes, fire hydrants, light poles and other structures. Water meters

should be kept completely clear of leaves. Residents may be responsible for water meter repair costs of up to \$300 if a meter is damaged during collection.

Collection will follow residents’ regular waste pickup schedules, although high leaf volumes or inclement weather could cause delays.

Collected leaves will be ground into compost and made available to the public from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the Solid Waste Transfer Station, 476 E. South St.

Residents are encouraged to place leaves correctly to help keep collection operations safe and efficient.

SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY STEM TEACHER JENNA BURKE NAMED 2026-27 TENNESSEE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Courtesy Collierville Schools

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Department of Education announced tonight during the annual Excellence in Education celebration that Jenna Burke, a STEM teacher from Sycamore Elementary School, has been named the



2026-27 Teacher of the Year. Burke’s selection marks the second consecutive year a Collierville Schools educator has earned Tennessee’s highest teaching honor, following Collierville High School math teacher Dr. Brandi De La Cruz’s recognition as the 2025-26 Tennessee Teacher of the Year. With Burke’s selection, Collierville Schools becomes the first Tennessee school district in 50 years to produce back-to-back Tennessee Teachers of the Year.

Burke, who has been teaching at Sycamore Elementary since 2017, is known for her energetic, creative, and deeply intentional STEM classroom where students feel seen, challenged, empowered, and excited to learn.

Throughout her career, she has remained committed to developing innovative instructional practices that empower students to think critically, persevere, and prepare for a future that has yet to be defined. In her time at the school, she has transformed learning into a dynamic, engaging, and hands-on experience for all students. Burke emphasizes the importance of creating classrooms where mistakes are not feared but valued, and she believes the most meaningful learning happens when students struggle, reflect, and try again. Through STEM education, Burke encourages students to develop curiosity, problem-solving skills, and a sense of responsibility.

“I’m honored to represent the incredible educators I work alongside every day,” said Burke. “There are so many fantastic teachers in our district, which makes this recognition especially meaningful. I love working with the people at Sycamore Elementary and across Collierville Schools, and it has

been an amazing opportunity to continue growing as an educator. I’m excited for the chance to keep learning, stay curious, and hopefully make an even bigger impact through this role.”

“Jenna is the kind of teacher every student hopes to have,” said Director of Schools Dr. Russell Dyer. “She genuinely loves working with children, believes deeply in their potential, and works incredibly hard to create meaningful learning experiences that prepare students for the future. Her innovative approach to teaching, combined with her unwavering dedication to her students and the profession, has made a lasting impact on countless children. We are proud to celebrate this recognition and grateful that she is representing Collierville Schools and the state of Tennessee.”

Burke will represent Tennessee in the National Teacher of the Year competition and serve as an ambassador for education in the state throughout the 2026-27 school year.



WORK COMPLETED: Pedestrian Bridge Maintenance Complete. The pedestrian bridge near Cox Park is officially back open as of Friday, October 2. The bridge recently underwent scheduled maintenance, including redecking, as part of ongoing improvements to the Eastbrook Trail. And here’s something worth celebrating: our employees completed all of the work in house, saving the Town more than \$20,000! – From planning to completing the work, our team continues to find ways to take care of our parks and trails. The Town thanks everyone for their patience while the bridge was temporarily closed. We hope you enjoy getting back out on the trail.

Photo Town of Collierville

COLLIERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS COMPETE IN ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Staff Report

The third annual Collierville Schools Elementary Championships brought together runners from six Collierville elementary schools for a day of cross country competition hosted by the Collierville Middle School and West Collierville Middle School cross country teams.

Collierville Elementary School captured the girls team championship, while Schilling Farms Elementary School won the boys title.

Collierville Elementary finished first in the girls competition with 36 points, followed by Crosswind Elementary with 48 and Tara Oaks Elementary with 51. Schilling Farms finished fourth with 82 points.

Evelyn White of Collierville Elementary won the girls individual race with a time of 6 minutes, 53.12 seconds. Tara Oaks’ Garner Hardwick finished second in 7:20.15, followed by



Young runners display their medals at the third annual Collierville Schools Elementary Championships, which brought together cross country athletes from six elementary schools. Schilling Farms Elementary won the boys team title, while Collierville Elementary captured the girls championship.

Crosswind’s Callie Harrell in 7:27.05.

Other girls runners in the top 10 were Xena Mallahan of Crosswind, Evie Bauleke of Collierville Elementary, Sammie Workman of Tara Oaks, Olivia Parker of Collierville Elementary, Cecelia Owens of Sycamore, Julie Byrd of Crosswind and Smera Uppuluri of Schilling Farms.

Photos Collierville Schools

Owens of Sycamore, Julie Byrd of Crosswind and Smera Uppuluri of Schilling

Farms.

Schilling Farms won the boys team championship with 31 points, edging Crosswind Elementary by two points. Collierville Elementary finished third with 95 points, one point ahead of Tara Oaks.

Crosswind’s Noah McClellan won the boys individual race in 6:08.38. Schilling Farms runners Pranav Sudhakar and Kaushik Poli Reddy finished second and third, respectively.

The remainder of the boys top 10 included Sycamore’s TJ Stage; Crosswind’s Pearson McWatters; Schilling Farms’ Aiyen Madhan Kumar and Viraraj Arjun; and Crosswind’s August Kuehner, Zachary Cline and Reid Bryant.

Organizers thanked the elementary school coaches, parents and volunteers, as well as the middle school athletes who helped host the championship

MORTON MUSEUM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY ART GALLERY

Staff Reports

Local artists are invited to apply for an opportunity to showcase their work at the Morton Museum of Collierville History through the museum's Community Art Gallery.

The program is open to artists working in a variety of mediums, including painting, photography and mixed media. The gallery provides local artists an opportunity to share their work and creative perspectives with the Collierville community.

Applications are currently being accepted. Artists can find the application on the Town of Collierville's website or through the LinkTree in the museum's Instagram bio.

More information about the Community Art Gallery and the application process is available on the Morton Museum's Community Art

APPLY TO EXHIBIT IN THE CAG

The Morton Museum invites artists to submit original artworks for consideration for solo community art Gallery exhibitions starting January 2027! Exhibitions should consist of original 2D artworks that work as a cohesive series.



APPS DUE ON
29 NOV 2026

COMMUNITY ART GALLERY
196 N Main Street,
Collierville, TN



Galleries webpage: <https://www.colliervilletn.gov/government/town-departments/morton-museum/exhibitions/community-art-galleries>.

The museum encourages local artists interested in participating to submit their work for consideration.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 11TH ANNUAL RACE FOR THE ‘VILLE

Staff Reports

Registration is open for the 11th annual Race for the ‘Ville Glow Run, scheduled for Nov. 7 at West Collierville Middle School.

The event will feature a timed 5K Glow Run and a one-mile Family Fun Run. Participants who do not want to run can register as Spirit Runners.

Proceeds from the event

Race for the ‘Ville

2026

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 • 6 PM

START AND END AT WEST COLLIERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

will benefit the Collierville Schools Family Resource Center, which provides support to local students and families.

Early-bird registration pricing is available through Oct. 9.

FIRST ALERT
WEATHER

10 DAY FORECAST

GOLD STRIKE

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
85	87	89	89	84	80	84	84
58	60	62	62	64	64		



COLLIERVILLE

FOR YOUR DAILY
WEATHER FORECAST
LOG ON TO
wmcactionnews5.com

RON CHILDERS

WMC ACTION NEWS 5 CHIEF METEOROLOGIST

SUBSCRIBE TO
COLLIERVILLE'S
COMMUNITY
NEWSPAPER

THE COLLIERVILLE
HERALD
INDEPENDENT

AND RECEIVE IT
EVERY THURSDAY
IN YOUR MAILBOX.

SUBSCRIBE
TODAY!

901.476.7116



SHELBY COUNTY
EXTENSION
INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Chris' Corner

MONTHLY ARTICLE

DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR LAWN THIS FALL

Fall is finally here! After a hot and dry summer, I am sure we are all looking forward to some relief from the extreme heat. Over the past couple of months, I have noticed that many lawns have suffered due to the excessive heat and lack of moisture. I have also seen this in my non-irrigated Bermuda lawn as well.

Fall is the perfect time to give your lawn a head start for the spring and summer growing seasons. One of the most important components of lawn maintenance is choosing the correct fertilizer. The best way to determine the levels of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K) your lawn requires is by soil testing.

Fall is also an ideal time to apply lime if recommended by your soil test. Potassium can aid in improving a lawn's ability to tolerate environmental stresses, including cold temperatures and disease, when applied according to soil-test recommendations. There is generally no need to apply nitrogen fertilizer to warm-season grasses as they begin to slow their



growth in the fall. Nitrogen applications are best timed for periods when the grass is actively growing.

Additionally, winter weeds will be emerging soon! Applying a pre-emergence herbicide in the fall can help prevent many winter annual weeds from becoming established in your lawn. Both granular and liquid products are available. Always read and follow the product label carefully, and make sure the herbicide is appropriate for your particular type of grass.

Keep in mind that warm-season grasses, such as Bermuda and Zoysia, will begin to slow down as temperatures become cooler. Continue mowing at the recommended height

for your particular grass. As temperatures cool and grass growth slows, reduce the frequency of irrigation while continuing to monitor your lawn for drought stress.

A little fall maintenance goes a long way toward helping your lawn enter winter in good condition and be ready for a healthy start in the spring.

For questions about fall lawn care, please call me at 901-752-1207. Enjoy fall and happy gardening!

© 2026. Written by Dr. Chris Cooper, Horticulture Specialist, UT Shelby County Extension. Host of The Family Plot: Gardening in the Mid-South (WKNO/Channel 10).

Chris' Auto Body
& Towing

3711 Highway 302, Byhalia, MS 38611

901.854.0204

Collision Repair and Towing
Specializing in Tow-A-Ways
We Will Remove Cars
FREE OF CHARGE!

INTENT TO SELL
OCTOBER 9, 2026

2019 Nissan Rogue SV
JN8AT2MT3KW264331

PUBLIC NOTICE: Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) is proposing to construct a 49-foot (overall height) replacement concrete street light pole located at 679 Wolf River Blvd - SCELL, Collierville, Shelby County, Tennessee 38017 (35° 5' 4.2576"N, 89° 41' 2.0256"W). This is a second notice being published to provide the finalized overall height. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30-days from the date of this publication to A. Broadhurst, Terracon, 11555 Clay Road, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77043; 713-329-2529; ashley.broadhurst@terracon.com. Reference Terracon Project No. 92257279.



CHECK MALCO.COM OR THE MALCO APP
TO VIEW THE CURRENT SCHEDULE

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

@MALCOTHEATRES / @MALCOTHEATRES1915

D-BOX

Feel it all

BRINGING MOVIES TO
LIFE THROUGH MOTION

EXPERIENCE IT NOW

PARADISO CINEMA GRILL
POPLAR @ MENDENHALL

COLLIERVILLE CINEMA GRILL
380 MARKET BLVD - COLLIERVILLE

Malco

MARQUEE REWARDS
EARN. REDEEM. REPEAT.

NOT A MEMBER?
ENROLL FOR FREE TODAY!



RELAX and RECLINE
LUXURY RESERVED RECLINER SEATING

NOW FEATURING IN-SEAT ORDERING & DELIVERY

at select locations



CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS WITH US!

Book Yours Today!
www.malco.com

Celebrate Your Little Star with a Birthday Party at Malco Theatres!

*Children under 12



MALCO THEATRE EXPERIENCE

COLLIERVILLE CINEMA
GRILL & MXT

POWERHOUSE CINEMA
GRILL & MXT



PARADISO CINEMA GRILL
POPLAR @ MENDENHALL

I LOVE TUESDAYS

CHECK OUT MALCO'S
TUESDAY
BARGAIN TICKETS!

Limited Time Offer.
Specially Priced Tickets Available
Tuesdays At Participating Locations.

Collierville
Herald Independent

Collierville's hometown news since 1870

USPS 122300

The Collierville Herald Independent is published by Richardson Media Group, 7731 Hwy. 70, Suite 102, Bartlett TN 38134, weekly on Thursday.

Annual subscription for Shelby Co. residents is \$39.00. Periodicals postage paid at Collierville Post Office.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Richardson Media Group, 7731 Hwy. 70, Suite 102, Bartlett TN 38134; or P.O.Box 529, Covington, TN 38019

© 2026

RICHARDSON
MEDIA GROUP

Staff:

Daniel Richardson, Publisher
Email: daniel@richardsonmediagroup.net

Vicki Clark, Advertising Mngr.
Email: vicki@magicvalleypublishing.com

Thomas Sellers, Jr., Writer
Email: thomas@magicvalleypublishing.com

J. Pleasants-DeShazo, Graphics/Production
Email: jenniferdeshazo@magicvalleypublishing.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The Collierville Herald Independent welcomes letters to the editor and guest columns (300 words limit). We reserve the right to edit letters for length and clarity. All letters/columns must be signed. Anonymous letters will not be published. Letters may be mailed to: Collierville Herald Independent, 7731 Hwy. 70, Ste. 102, Bartlett, TN 38134; or PO Box 529, Covington, TN 38019.

SAY YOU READ IT IN THE
COLLIERVILLE HERALD-INDEPENDENT!



Scan This Code
to visit us
online, or go to:

www.colliervilleherald.news

Anchored in Truth

by Bill White

LESSONS FROM

THE COACHING CHAIR:

Trusting God Before We

Have the Answers

I like to know how things are going to turn out. If there is a problem, I want a plan. If there is a decision to make, I want enough facts to feel good about it. And if I'm honest, I would prefer that God show me the whole road before asking me to take the next step.

Life rarely works that way.

A car breaks down. A bill arrives that we weren't expecting. Someone we love needs help, and we don't know what kind of help to give. We pray, but by bedtime we are still turning the same questions over in our minds.

Charles Swindoll's little book, Perfect Trust, deals with trusting God in those unsettled places. It raises a question worth sitting with: Can we trust Him when we cannot see what He is doing?

That question hits close to home for me. I can talk about faith on Sunday and still spend Monday trying to carry every concern myself. Sometimes I catch myself thinking that if I worry long enough, I will somehow find the answer.

Usually, I just lose sleep.

Proverbs 3:5–6 tells us, “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths” (KJV).

I notice that the passage does not promise a full explanation. It tells us where to place our trust and whom to seek as we go.

That matters when we talk about money. A family can make a careful budget and still face an unexpected expense. Someone can work hard and still wonder about the future of a job. Doing our part does not give us control over every outcome.

We still need to do our part. Open the bills. Look at the numbers. Have the conversation we have been putting off. Ask for help when we need it. Trusting God belongs right there in those ordinary choices.

In financial coaching, we often begin by sorting out what a person can do today. Suppose someone is worried about paying off debt. We can put the balances on paper and find room for a payment this month. The entire debt may take years to clear, but today's task becomes a little easier to see.

I need that reminder in my own life, too. When I lump every concern together, even a small task feels heavy. Prayer helps me bring those concerns to God and ask for wisdom about what comes next.

Some questions will still be unanswered when I turn out the light tonight. I may wish I had more certainty. But I can thank God for carrying me through today, ask for His help tomorrow, and get some rest.

There will be time for the next step when morning comes.

About the Author:



Bill White is a financial coach and founder of Peacebridge Financial Coaching. He helps individuals and families gain clarity, create a practical plan, and move forward with confidence. He can be reached at 901-205-9674, bill@peacebridgecoaching.com, or peacebridgecoaching.com.

WANT TO ADVERTISE HERE?

CALL 901.476.7116



Joyce McKenzie

CRYE-LEIKE, REALTORS®

Collierville's #1 Top Producing REALTOR® - 20+ Years

901.335.8460 • 901.854.5050

JOYCEMCKENZIE.COM





(901) 853-1400

279 Market Blvd.
Collierville, TN 38017

patriot-bank.com



Jason Overton

Branch Manager & Loan Officer

NMLS# 2450164

ckincheloe@downdhomebank.com





Member FDIC

Equal Housing Lender



NEED A PLACE TO WORSHIP? CHOOSE ONE OF THESE LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

CHURCH DIRECTORY	CHRISTIAN	METHODIST
ASSEMBLY OF GOD	COLLIERVILLE CHRISTIAN 707 S BYHALIA RD (901)853-4176	BETHEL METHODIST 3730 HWY 194 (901)853-4389
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD 730 S BYHALIA RD (901)853-9952	KIRKS CHRISTIAN 6070 RALEIGH-LAGRANGE DR (901)853-0867	COLLIERVILLE UNITED METHODIST 454 W POPLAR AVE (901)853-8383
BAPTIST	NEW DIRECTION CHRISTIAN 114 E US HWY 72 (901)854-7145	COLLIERVILLE UNITED METHODIST 104 N ROWLETT ST (901)853-4945
CHRIST COMMUNITY BAPTIST 850 PETERSON LAKE RD (901)853-0031	OAK LANE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 10611 COLLIERVILLE ROAD (901)757-0921 SENIOR PASTOR JEFF WHITLOCK THE FORMER MEMPHIS KOREAN CHURCH OF CHRIST LOCATION	PEACE TREE UNITED METHODIST 9315 E SHELBY DR (901)737-3776
COLLIERVILLE FIRST BAPTIST 830 NEW BYHALIA RD (901)853-2668	PEOPLE'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 628 CHANEY DR (901)854-2264	PIPERTON UNITED METHODIST 785 HWY 57 E (901)853-2654
COLLIERVILLE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST 339 E POPLAR (901)848-7945	CHURCH OF CHRIST	ST. JAMES CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL 569 HARRIS ST (901)853-2074
COVENANT BAPTIST 3170 S HOUSTON LEVEE RD (901)853-0700	COLLIERVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST 575 SHELTON RD (901)853-9827	MORMON
EMMANUEL BAPTIST 945 QUINN RD (901)854-2411	EAST SHELBY CHURCH OF CHRIST 4700 MAYFIELD RD W (901)759-1242	CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS 580 COLLIERVILLE ARLINGTON RD (901)861-0541
FOREST HILL BAPTIST 3645 FOREST HILL IRENE RD (901)754-5418	POWELL RD CHURCH OF CHRIST 326 W POWELL RD (901)854-6816 CHURCH OF GOD	PENTECOSTAL
GERMANTOWN BAPTIST 9450 POPLAR AVE (901)756-9450	CORNERSTONE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 1350 HWY 196 S (901)853-9117	COLLIERVILLE FIRST PENTECOSTAL 10545 COLLIERVILLE RD (901)850-2131
KIRK BAPTIST 6365 RALEIGH-LAGRANGE RD (901)813-8419	FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 451 QUINN RD (901)854-0312	PRESBYTERIAN
KOREAN BAPTIST 9650 E SHELBY DR (901)755-5737	NEW LIFE CHURCH OF GOD 261 S COLLIERVILLE-ARLINGTON RD (901)850-1771	COLLIERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN 202 W POPLAR AVE (901)853-4226
LANDMARK BAPTIST CHURCH 10540 COLLIERVILLE RD (901)231-4141	EPISCOPAL	ST. PATRICK PRESBYTERIAN 710 W WHITE RD (901)861-3803
MT OLIVE #1 BAPTIST 92 S COLLIERVILLE-ARLINGTON RD (901)853-0354	HOLY APOSTLES EPISCOPAL 1380 WOLF RIVER BLVD (901)937-3830	WOLF RIVER PRESBYTERIAN 261 S COLLIERVILLE-ARLINGTON RD (901)853-5556
MT OLIVE BAPTIST 283 KEOUGH DR (901)853-0821	SAINT ANDREWS EPISCOPAL 106 WALNUT ST (901)853-0425	NON-DENOMINATIONAL
MT. ZION #1 MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 300 MT. ZION RD (901) 853-0380	EVANGELICAL	ABUNDANT GRACE MINISTRIES 9239 HOLMES RD (901)753-8772
MT ZION BAPTIST #2 45 GOOD SPRINGS LOOP (901)853-0534	REDEEMER EVANGELICAL 3100 S HOUSTON LEVEE RD (901)861-6910	CENTRAL CHURCH 2005 E WINCHESTER BLVD (901)888-4673
NEW SHELBY MISSIONARY BAPTIST 1059 BRAY STATION RD (901)853-9302 PETERSON LAKE BAPTIST 832 PETERSON LAKE RD (901)277-6062	HOLINESS	COLLIERVILLE BIBLE 806 WOLF RIVER BLVD (901)854-2500
PIPERTON BAPTIST 205 E OLD STATE LINE DR (901)853-1711	BETHEL TABERNACLE 235 PATRICK DR (901)853-3739	COMMUNITY 1185 E SCHILLING BLVD (901)853-7973
ST LUKE MISSIONARY BAPTIST 685 KNOX RD (901)853-1959	JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES	DWELLING PLACE 449 US HWY 72 (901)620-5730
ST MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST 363 SYCAMORE RD (901)853-9271	JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES 850 N COLLIERVILLE ARLINGTON RD (901)861-1927	GRACE CROSSING 10576 COLLIERVILLE RD (901)853-3503
UNITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST 132 E POPLAR AVE (901)854-2618	LUTHERAN	HIGHPOINT CHURCH COLLIERVILLE 1035 WINCHESTER BLVD (901)850-0012
WRIGHT CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST 1085 HWY 193 (901)853-7020	EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH 202 W. POPLAR AVENUE	ORCHARD FELLOWSHIP 3690 S HOUSTON LEVEE RD (901)316-5664
CATHOLIC	FAITH LUTHERAN – LCMS 507 NEW BYHALIA RD (901)853-4673	TOWN SQUARE VINEYARD 360 NEW BYHALIA RD
CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION 360 BRAY STATION RD (901)853-7468		





(901) 853-1400

279 Market Blvd.
Collierville, TN 38017

patriot-bank.com



Jason Overton

Branch Manager & Loan Officer

NMLS# 1222945

joverton@downdhomebank.com





Member FDIC

Equal Housing Lender



2082 W Poplar Ave • Collierville, TN

901.854.3600

landersfordmemphis.com



212 W. HWY 72
Collierville, TN 38017

901.853.2200
www.maximusbuildingsupply.com

Locally Owned & Operated by Richard Cooper with Michael Head and Steve Martin as his business partners

To Place Your Ad, Contact Us
Today! 901.476.7116
adrianna@magicvalley
publishing.com

SHOPPER NEWS

Classifieds

To Place an Ad:
476-7116

STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADS

Reaching more than 591,000 Readers Every Week!

For placement information, contact this newspaper's classified advertising department.

Auctions

GET THE WORD OUT about your next auction! Save Time & \$\$\$.

One Call For All. Your ad can appear in this newspaper + 104 other TN newspapers. For more info, contact this newspaper's classified dept. or call 931-624-8916.

Cable / Satellite / Wireless

Choose EarthLink Fiber Internet for speeds up to 5 Gigs, no data caps, no throttling. Prices starting at \$54.95. Plus, a \$100 gift card when you make the switch. Call 1-855-481-3340

DIRECTV- All your entertainment. Nothing on your roof! Sign up for Direct and get your first free months of Max, Paramount+, Showtime, Starz, MGM+ and Cinemax included. Choice package \$84.99/mo. Some restrictions apply. Call DIRECTV 1-844-230-4803

Get DISH Satellite TV + Internet! Free Install, Free HD-DVR Upgrade, 80,000 On-Demand Movies, Plus Limited Time

Up To \$600 In Gift Cards. Call Today!

1-844-274-6074

Health / Beauty

Audien Hearing. The world's first hearing aid with touchscreen controls. No tiny buttons, apps or prescriptions. 45-day risk free trial. Free shipping. Lifetime support. More than 1.5 million happy customers. Call Audien 1-888-297-2079

Safe Step Stairlifts. Enjoy greater independence and stay in the home you love. Feel safe on every level. \$750 off plus FREE installation. Made in the U.S.A. Call today for a free quote. 1-866-432-3409

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 400 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-844-278-8285 www.dental50plus.com/tnpress #6258

Home Improvement

Olshan Foundation Solutions. Your trusted foundation repair experts since 1933. Foundation repair. Crawl space recovery. Basement waterproofing. Water management and more. Free evaluation. Limited time up to \$250 off foundation repair. Call Olshan 1-866-265-5932

Wanted - To Buy

We Buy Houses for Cash AS IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy three step process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Get your fair cash offer today by calling Liz Buys Houses: 1-877-551-1426

Advertise Throughout Tennessee

YOUR LOW COST ADVERTISING Solution! One call & your 25 word ad will appear in 105 Tennessee newspapers for \$275/wk or 28 West TN newspapers for \$120/wk. Call this newspaper's classified advertising dept. or go to www.tnpress.com

SERVICES

Special!! General yard work, leaves raked, Putting down mulch. Free Estimates. Reasonable. PaCerno 901-323-2822

AUTO AUCTIONS

A Ladies Wrecker Service:
709 S. Dudley, Memphis, TN 38104

The following vehicles will be sold at auction on
OCTOBER 11, 2026

2017 FORD FUSION
3FA6POHD0HR156912

901.686.3737

Paul & Crew Towing LLC

711 S. Dudley, Memphis, TN 38104

The following vehicles will be sold at auction on
OCTOBER 11, 2026

2010 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN
2D4RN5DX9AR379782

2013 NISSAN PATHFINDER
5N1AR2MN0DC651060

2023 NISSAN SENTRA
3N1AB8DV3PY257191

2001 BUICK
1G4HP54K014271945

2016 NISSAN SENTRA BLUE
3N1AB7AP0GY267046

2010 FORD F-150
1FTFX1EV6AKE60866

901.632.2320

B&B TOWING, LLC

2574 SUMMER,
MEMPHIS 38112

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES
WILL BE SOLD TO SATISFY
STORAGE AND TOW FEES ON
10/28/2026:

2009 NISS ALT
VIN# 1N4AL21EX9C119984

2013 NISS ROG
VIN# JN8AS5MT9DWO06340

2005 TOYT SNA
VIN# 5TDBA22C8S5048438

1997 CHEV THA
VIN# 1GNEK13R2VJ382993

2019 VOLK JET
VIN# 3VVWCB7BU2KM162239

2015 FORD FUSION
VIN# 3FA6POHDXFR207149

2012 HARLEY-DAVIDSON
VIN# 1HD4LE216CC439670

2012 INF G37
VIN# JN1CV6AP5CM627211

2015 VOLK PAS
VIN# 1VWAT7A36FC086156

DTS TOWING

3930 THOMAS ST., MEMPHIS, 38127

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES
WILL BE SOLD AT AUCTION ON
NOVEMBER 8, 2026 AT 11 AM

JH4CU2F66AC000205
2010 ACURA TSX

3FADP4BJ9GM137977
2016 FORD FIESTA

WDDHF8J8XDA670855
2013 MERCEDES-BENZ E-CLASS

2T3W1RFV0RW358772
2024 TOYOTA RAV4

1FAHP24W386151108
2008 FORD TAURUS

KNDJT2A60D7612058
2013 KIA SOUL

3VV5C7B23SM060568
2025 VOLKSWAGEN TAOS

2GTEC29D49112961
2009 GMC SIERRA 1500

3N8AP6DC8SL336528
2025 NISSAN KICKS

16CNCPEXOCZ188224
2012 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500

1N4AL2EP8CC253444
2012 NISSAN ALTIMA

4K7S81357WC004244
1998 HOND 4K7

SHOPPER NEWS

Classifieds

To find out more information
about placing your ad in our next
publication call Vicki today!

VICKI CLARK
ADVERTISING MANAGER
662.404.4895
VICKI@MAGICVALLEYPUBLISHING.COM

YOUR
CLASSIFIED
AD COULD
BE HERE!
CALL
901.476.7116

Sell It
With The

CLASSIFIEDS

Your low-cost classified ad in *The Bartlett Express, The Germantown News & Shelby Sun Times, The Collierville Herald Independent* or *The Millington Star* will help turn your unwanted items into **CASH**.

Line classifieds are only \$30/week for up to 5 lines (140 characters) to run in all four papers. Display ads are also available for \$28/column-inch/week for all four papers or \$12/column-inch for individual papers (4-inch minimum).

Find A Job • Sell A Car • Rent A House

I Want My Ad To Read:

Please be sure to include your name and phone number as well as a check or credit card information for payment.

REMIT TO: 7731 HWY 70, SUITE 102, BARTLETT TN 38134

CALL (901) 476-7116

ADVERTISE
WITH

The Bartlett Express,
The Collierville
Herald-Independent,
The Millington
Star and The
Germantown News
& Shelby Sun Times

BY PLACING
AN AD IN
The Shopper News
Classifieds!

(901) 476-7116

YOUR SERVICE
AD COULD
BE HERE!
CALL
901-476-7116

Call to place
your ad today!

RICHARDSON
MEDIA GROUP

901.476.7116

WE'VE MOVED! OUR NEW LOCATION IS:
7731 HWY 70, SUITE 102, BARTLETT TN 38134

HAVE LOCAL NEWS TO SHARE? EMAIL IT TO:
JENNIFERDESHAZO@MAGICVALLEYPUBLISHING.COM

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

HEY, KID, WHERE IS 31 MAPLE?

THAT RED HOUSE ON THE CORNER IS 31 MAPLE

... I THINK

HI, HUGO

WHATCHA DOING, HUGO?

TAD SENT ME OUTSIDE TO WATCH FOR A TRUCKLOAD OF GRAVEL HE ORDERED?

PROMISE YOU WON'T GET MAD IF I TELL YOU SOMETHING?

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

HEY LOYD, HOW DID YOUR DATE GO WITH THE NEW GIRL?

NOT GREAT... I MEAN, IT STARTED OUT WELL ENOUGH. WE BEGAN WITH THE SIMPLE SMALL TALK.

BUT EVERY TIME SHE LAUGHED OUT WELL ENOUGH. WE BEGAN WITH THE SIMPLE SMALL TALK.

YOU'RE NOT TOO BRIGHT, ARE YOU?

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. Prawn _ H _ _ _ _

2. Playground menace _ U _ _ _ _

3. Beckham or Bowie _ _ _ I _

4. Practical joke P _ _ _ _ _

5. NYC player _ _ _ _ _ E

6. Resentful _ I _ _ _ _

7. Crane H _ _ _ _ _

8. Night sky hunter _ R _ _ _ _

9. Stock or flea _ _ _ _ _ T

10. Pouch _ O _ _ _ _

Economize _ C _ _ _ _

Nanny's mate _ I _ _ _

Geena, Viola, or Bette _ _ _ _ S

Open and honest F _ _ _ _ _

Tugged quickly _ _ _ _ _ D

Oleo's competition _ U _ _ _ _

Damp M _ _ _ _ _

Pungent bulb _ N _ _ _ _

Felt-tip pen _ _ _ _ _ R

Fencepost _ I _ _ _ _

© 2026 King Features Synd., Inc.

Weekly SUDOKU

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

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!

© 2026 King Features Synd., Inc.

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

Weekly SUDOKU

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

Answers

King Crossword

Even Exchange

T								
A	R	O	A	L				
C	A	B	A	L				
I	A	V	B					
A	R	O	A	L				
R	E	C	A	P				

Answers

Even Exchange

© 2026 King Features Synd., Inc.

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: O equals R

AVSPO YGW YVR JWHKPUUPQ

DW KOPJBRPUX DBHP DW DGP

RPJWIQ VIXDGBIM RGP

JWWSPQ: APDDX JUWJSPO.

© 2026 King Features Synd., Inc.

WORD SPIRAL

	H	
	S	O
B	E	

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.

© 2026 King Features Syndicate

Wishing Well®

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

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

© 2026 King Features Syndicate

FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

♥ APN

ABPNDE

♥ RSTPO

♥ ENDE

♥ EPHRIS

♥ TNI

♥ NPSI

EPBOR

♥ NBI

PIGANT

CBNHU

TONO

© 2026 King Features Syndicate. All rights reserved.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Hot tub

4 Gore and Pacino

7 Poet Teasdale

11 Sod

13 Architect I.M.

14 Sty cry

15 Play opener

16 Up to

17 — Minor (bear constellation)

18 Bas-relief medium

20 Leave out

22 Grass shack

24 Paper fastener

28 Mosque tower

32 Florida game fish

33 Optimist's credo

34 Apprehend

36 harmaceutical

37 Transmits

39 Baking pota-toes

41 Orders of pancakes

43 "Don't Start Now" singer

44 Intimate

46 Tactics

50 "Star Wars" knight

53 Resistance unit

DOWN

1 Men-only

2 Brownish purple

3 — and crafts

4 Likely

5 Floral rings

6 Sari fabrics

7 Light lunch order

8 Televis

9 ICU pros

10 Rap sheet letters

12 Popular British dish

19 Owned by us

21 The "I" of TGIF

23 Sawbuck

25 Skin opening

26 Lummo

27 Heart charts (Abbr.)

28 Avoid

29 "Rhyme Pays" rapper

30 "Peter Pan" pooch

31 Roofing goo

35 Future flower

38 Enjoy Vail

40 "How's it goin'?"

42 Bamboozles

45 Biblical pronoun

47 Exam format

48 Vacillate

49 Elitist

50 Comic Leno

51 JFK info

52 — Perignon

54 Bumped into

© 2026 King Features Synd., Inc.

STICKELERS [sic].

by Terry Stickels

Since the Earth takes 365 1/4 days to complete its path around the sun, we add an extra day to the calendar every fourth year to compensate for this, and call it a leap year.

Looking beyond every four years, what do you guess happens to the leap year every four centuries?

© 2026 King Features Syndicate

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!

Gentle

CAPLID

Flop

ROLES

Worth

EAVUL

Slight

NORMI

TODAY'S WORD

© 2026 King Features Synd., Inc.

CryptoQuip

When a wall plaster delivery van spills a load during rush hour, do you get stucco in traffic?

answer

MODWIM

Today's Word

1. Scrawl; 2. Dower

3. Lingo; 4. Item

Solution

PACIFIERS

Answer

Word Spiral

The answer is Figure D.

Sticklers Answer

HEALTH INSPECTIONS — Collierville — week of September 29–October 5, 2026

THREE COLLIERVILLE RESTAURANTS ORDERED TO STOP USING COOLERS

Firebirds prep unit reads 60 degrees, Sonic 52; Kami Ramen dishwasher still unfixed

COLLIERVILLE — Inspectors ordered refrigeration units out of service at two Collierville restaurants on October 1 and found a third still operating a dishwasher that does not sanitize, all during follow-up inspections.

Firebirds Wood Fired Grill, 4600 Merchants Park Cir., Suite 101, scored 94 after prep cooler #4 was found reading 60 degrees. The report directs that the cooler not be used until it is repaired and can consistently maintain 41 degrees or colder. The inspector also found a scoop stored with its handle lying on cooked pasta, clean plates and bowls not inverted, a leaking dishwasher, damaged floor tiles, and dust and food buildup through the kitchen.

Sonic Drive-In, 3790 S. Houston Levee Rd., scored 93 after prep cooler #2 was found reading 52 degrees, with the same instruction not to use it until repaired. The report also cites wiping cloths on the counter, rusty walk-in cooler shelves, syrup residue on the slush machine, grease on kitchen equipment, stained walls and ceiling tiles, rusted air vents, an unshielded light, and an expired permit that must be paid within 48 hours.

Kami Ramen, 875 W. Poplar Ave., Suite 22, scored 94, up from 73 on September 21. The raw squid found stored in the kitchen hand sink, the raw chicken stored above produce and the date marking spanning August 2 through

September 10 are all gone from the report. But the dishwasher is still not dispensing sanitizer, carrying the same instruction to repair it and sanitize only in the three-compartment sink in the meantime — the identical finding from two weeks ago.

The three inspections were the only Collierville reports posted for the week of September 29 through October 5. 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

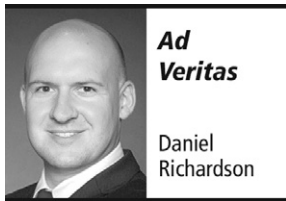
Collierville health inspections, September 29-October 5, 2026. Source: Tennessee Department of Health / Shelby County Health Department.

Sonic Drive-In — 3790 S. Houston Levee Rd.
Food service, follow-up, October 1 — Score: 93
Prep cooler #2 reading 52 degrees. Asked not to use the prep cooler until it is repaired and can maintain 41 degrees or colder at all times.
Wiping cloths stored on the counter in the kitchen.
Rusty shelves in the walk-in cooler.
Syrup residue buildup on the slush machine.
Grease buildup on the exterior of the kitchen equip-

ment.
Stained walls throughout the kitchen.
Stained ceiling tiles throughout the kitchen.
Rusted air vents with dust buildup throughout the restaurant.
Unshielded light in the kitchen.
Permit is expired and must be paid within 48 hours.
Asked to provide a no-smoking sign at the entrance.
Kami Ramen — 875 W. Poplar Ave., Suite 22
Food service, follow-up, October 1 — Score: 94 (up from 73 on September 21)
Missing internal thermometers in all coolers and freezers.
Unlabeled food containers.
Wiping cloths stored on a rolling cart.
Clean bowls not properly inverted.
Dishwasher not dispensing sanitizer. Asked to re-

pair the dishwasher and sanitize dishes only in the three-compartment sink until it is repaired.
Food buildup on the floors.
Firebirds Wood Fired Grill — 4600 Merchants Park Cir., Suite 101
Food service, follow-up, October 1 — Score: 94
Prep cooler #4 reading 60 degrees. Asked to ensure the cooler maintains 41 degrees or colder at all times and not to use it until it is repaired.
Scoop used for cooked pasta stored with the handle lying on the pasta.
Clean plates and bowls not properly inverted.
Dishwasher leaking; asked to repair to prevent water on the floor.
Damaged floor tiles throughout the kitchen.
Dust buildup on the ceiling tiles and walls.
Food buildup on the floors throughout the kitchen.

THE PAPER WE KEEP



Most weeks, a newspaper has a fairly short life on the kitchen table. You read it, perhaps pass it along to someone else, and eventually make room for the next one. But every so often, something in those pages becomes worth keeping.

Maybe it is a photograph of your grandchild at a ballgame, a story about the family business or an obituary that captures something of a person you loved. What we put together on a deadline becomes something a family holds onto for decades.

This is National Newspaper Week, observed Oct. 4–10, and it seems like a good opportunity to reflect on what newspapers mean to the communities they serve—not just as business-

es, but as a part of everyday life that is easy to take for granted.

At *Richardson Media Group*, our newspapers serve communities across Tennessee. Each town has its own identity, its own concerns, and its own stories worth telling. Sharing a printing plant and other resources helps us get the work done, but the purpose of each newspaper remains local. Readers want to know what is happening where they live.

A few weeks ago, I wrote about the storm that knocked our printing plant in Huntingdon out of commission. We worked through a power outage, internet problems and equipment trouble before finally getting newspapers rolling again. It was frustrating for our staff and for readers whose papers arrived late.

But there is a considerable difference between a newspaper arriving late and a newspaper never arriving

again.

Across the country, that second situation has become painfully common. Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism reported in its *2025 State of Local News* study that nearly 3,500 newspapers had ceased printing since 2005—almost 40 percent of the nation’s local newspapers over those two decades.

Some publications have moved online, and not every lost newspaper leaves a community without reporting. But Medill identified more than 200 counties with no locally based news source and more than 1,500 others with only one remaining, usually a weekly newspaper. Nearly 80 percent of those “news desert” counties were rural.

That term sounds rather clinical until you consider what it means.

A town doesn’t stop having news just because its newspaper closes. There are still school events, ball-

games, new businesses, emergencies, and families with stories worth sharing. Public meetings still happen, and decisions still need explaining. The question becomes who will do the work of finding out what happened and telling everyone else.

It is tempting to assume the internet will handle that. Digital journalism certainly has an important place, including in our own work. But Medill found that digital-only local news outlets remain concentrated in metropolitan areas and have not replaced the reporting lost elsewhere. A website can deliver a story, but somebody still has to produce it.

The same is true of social media. Sharing information is useful, but sharing a report and reporting it in the first place are different jobs. Someone has to make the calls, check the details, ask the follow-up questions and take responsibility when something needs correcting.

That work is not always glamorous. Neither is designing pages, selling advertising, running a press or preparing newspapers for delivery. Our recent printing troubles were a reminder of how much effort happens out of sight, and how dedicated our people are to getting the finished newspaper into readers’ hands.

I’m grateful for that dedication. I’m also grateful for the subscribers and advertisers who make it possible. National Newspaper Week recognizes all of those contributions, because local journalism depends on more than the person whose name appears above a story.

We also have a responsibility to earn that support. A newspaper should be useful, accurate and interested in its community. We should listen when readers suggest a story, raise a concern or point out something we missed. Supporting local journalism should not mean lowering expectations for it.

But appreciation has to become participation somewhere along the way. Buying an issue because your child is pictured in it is wonderful. A subscription helps make sure someone will be there to photograph the next group of children, too.

So, to our subscribers, thank you. Encourage a friend or family member to join you. To our advertisers, thank you for choosing to reach your neighbors through these pages. And when readers patronize those businesses, mentioning an advertisement they saw helps those businesses understand the value of their support.

I don’t believe small-town newspapers are something we should simply accept losing. The communities we serve are still full of people worth knowing and stories worth telling.

Keep the clippings that matter to your family. Help keep the newspaper that makes them possible.

Huey’s Wins at Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association’s Stars of the Industry Awards

MEMPHIS (September 25, 2026) - Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association (TNHTA) celebrated the outstanding individuals and teams driving the state’s hospitality sector at the annual Stars of the Industry Awards, held Sept. 17 in Gatlinburg, TN.

Huey’s was honored to represent Memphis in front of hundreds of hospitality professionals from across the state of Tennessee, with three of their team members chosen out of 375K hospitality employees statewide. Huey’s was awarded: Restaurant Employee of the Year (Brian Davis, 20+ years with Huey’s), General Manager of the Year (Reiko French-Whittington, nearly 20 years with Huey’s), and Restaurateur of the Year (Ashley Boggs Robilio, 30+ years with Huey’s).

Ashley Boggs Robilio, President of Huey’s, shared, “It’s really an honor for our team to be recognized throughout the whole state of TN. It’s a testament to the work they put in, and to the city of Memphis, which continues to lift us up. We’re



Huey’s representatives celebrate three honors at the Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association’s Stars of the Industry Awards, held Sept. 17 in Gatlinburg. Brian Davis was named Restaurant Employee of the Year, Reiko French-Whittington earned General Manager of the Year, and Ashley Boggs Robilio received Restaurateur of the Year..

very grateful for everyone’s support and hope we can continue representing our city’s incredible hospitality industry for years to come.”

From hotel housekeepers to executive chefs, front desk agents to tourism leaders, the awards highlight those who go above and beyond to deliver unforgettable experiences across the state.

In 2025:

- 150 million visits were made to Tennessee.
- \$32.5 billion was generated in direct visitor spending, up 2.7% year over year.
- \$89 million was spent by visitors each day.
- \$3.3 billion in state and local tax revenue was generated by tourism.
- \$1,180 was saved in annual taxes by the average Tennessee household as a result of tourism-generated revenue.

The long-standing event underscores the industry’s vital role not only in Tennessee’s economy, but in shaping the millions of travel experiences that define the state’s signature spirit of hospitality and unmatched service.

About Huey’s

Huey’s has been serving up blues, brews, and burgers since 1970. In this local, family-owned restaurant, you’ll find a casual setting and laid-back atmosphere, where entertainment includes writing on graffiti walls and listening to live music every Sunday. Huey’s has been voted

Best Burger in Memphis every year since 1984 in Memphis Magazine and is also known for their commitment to the Memphis community that supports and sustains them.

Website: <http://www.hueyburger.com/>
Facebook: facebook.com/HueysRestaurants
Instagram: [@HueysRestaurant](https://instagram.com/@HueysRestaurant)

About the Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association (TNHTA)

The Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association is the voice of the state’s hospitality industry, representing hotels, restaurants, attractions, and tourism partners across all 95 counties. TNHTA advocates for policies that support industry growth, provides professional development and workforce resources, and celebrates the people and places that make Tennessee a world-class destination. Through collaboration, education, and recognition, TNHTA empowers its members to thrive and helps ensure the continued success of Tennessee’s vibrant hospitality and tourism economy.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

CALL 901-476-7116 TO INCLUDE YOUR BUSINESS

 **First
National
Bank and Trust**
a Division of First National Bank of Eastern Arkansas

Bill Samisch
Senior Vice President
NMLS #1159244

511 Market Blvd, Ste. 101
Collierville, TN 38017
www.fnbtmemphis.com

Phone (901) 460-8678
Direct (901) 460-8679
Cell (901) 606-3951
bsamisch@fnbea.com



Dunigan Fence & Painting

- Private Wood Fences
- Arbors & Decks
- Fence Repair
- Pressure Washing
- Staining
- Interior & Exterior Painting

FREE ESTIMATES!

Call:
(901) 491-6132

Ronnie Dunigan
rdunigan2@comcast.net

BBB
A+ Rating

An advertisement for Cox Law Office. The background is a dark, textured surface. In the foreground, there is a wooden gavel resting on a stack of three books. To the right of the books is an open book with a small wooden scale of justice resting on it. The text is arranged as follows: 'GREAT NEWS!' in large, bold, white capital letters at the top; 'IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS, WE HAVE HELPED 30 FAMILIES OBTAIN MEDICAID BENEFITS FOR THEIR LOVED ONES WHO REQUIRE NURSING HOME CARE.' in white capital letters below it; 'DON'T WAIT UNTIL A CRISIS OCCURS. LET US HELP YOU PLAN TO ESTABLISH MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY.' in red italicized capital letters below that; 'Call Cox Law Office today for a consultation.' in white italicized capital letters below that; 'COX LAW OFFICE' in large, bold, white capital letters on the left; and on the right, a phone icon followed by '901.853.3500', a location pin icon followed by '149 S. Rowlett, Collierville, 38017', and a globe icon followed by 'coxelderlaw.com'.

VFW OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH YOUTH ESSAY CONTESTS

Staff Report

Local high school and middle school students have an opportunity to compete for scholarships through two annual Veterans of Foreign Wars youth contests.

The VFW Voice of Democracy audio-essay contest is open to students in grades nine through 12. This year's theme is "What a Veteran

Taught Me About America." Students must submit a three- to five-minute recorded essay along with an official entry form. The national first-place winner receives a \$35,000 college scholarship, with additional national awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$21,000.

Middle school students in grades six through eight can enter the VFW Patriot's

Pen essay contest, which also uses the theme “What a Veteran Taught Me About America.” Essays must be 300 to 400 words. The national first-place winner receives \$5,000, with more than \$1 million in awards available nationwide.

The deadline for both contests is midnight Oct. 31, 2026. Entries for the local VFW Post 5066 competition

should be submitted to 347
S. Center St. in Collierville.

Entry forms are available through the VFW youth scholarship program - Visit: [https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships?](https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships)

For assistance with either contest, contact Dave at (901) 277-4710 or Teresa at (901) 848-4440.



CBHS quarterback Nate Brick escaped the clutches of Briarcrest linebacker Conner Ferguson Friday night during the Saints 29-28 win.

FOOTBALL,

Continued from A1

the rest of the game by the Saints' defense.

The Saints took over

possession one more time late in the fourth quarter.

"It was fourth down and about 18," Massey recalled. "We just wanted our offensive line to give (Dixon) some protection. If we give him time, we know

JD could get open. We had to have proper spacing and all the receivers did their responsibilities. We have confidence in Cayden in that moment to deliver the ball.”

On the 33-yard line and

facing fourth and long, Dixon hit a leaping JD Donaldson over the middle in front of a pair of Purple Wave defenders. Donaldson caught the



POWER 10

2026

DYNAMIX

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Now serving communities throughout West Tennessee with elite manual therapy and sports medicine.

Four area locations including Arlington, Covington, Millington & Somerville:

8586 Highway 51 North, Millington, TN (901) 430-8100
 973 Highway 51 North, Suite 12, Covington, TN (901) 617-0100
 17760 Highway 64 Suite A, Somerville, TN (901)-593-0083
 6225 Quintar Street, Arlington, TN (901) 467-2800

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 8

WEEK 8

- Briarcrest (7-0) @ Brentwood Academy**
W 29-28 @ CBHS
- St. George's (6-1) @ St. Benedict**
W 14-7 @ Northpoint Christian
- Munford (5-1) vs. Memphis Overton**
W 68-0 vs. Kingsbury
- Covington (6-1) @ Dyersburg**
W 50-0 vs. Bolivar Central
- Collierville (4-3) vs. Lausanne**
W 55-0 vs. Craigmont
- Bolton (5-2) vs. Memphis East**
W 33-0 @ Hamilton
- Arlington (5-2) vs. Houston**
L 24-21 @ Cordova
- CBHS (4-3) @ Lipscomb Academy**
L 29-28 vs. Briarcrest
- ECS (4-3) vs. Northpoint Christian**
L 50-6 @ Lausanne
- Lakeland Prep. (4-3) vs. Kirby**
W 49-0 vs. Ridgeway

WEEK 7

- Briarcrest
- St. George's
- Munford
- Covington
- Arlington
- Bolton
- ECS
- CBHS
- Collierville
- Houston



WEST 10
MEDIA

The **Millington Star**
GERMANTOWN NEWS
& SHELBY SUN TIMES

The **Leader**

The **Bartlett Express**
Collierville
Herald Independent