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COLLIERVILLE SCHOOLS CELEBRATES PRINCIPALS MONTH

Staff Report

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn. — Collierville Schools is recognizing its school leaders in October in observance of National Principals Month, honoring the principals who guide students, support employees and build relationships with families across the district.

Principals play a key role in school communities, helping students succeed academically, supporting teachers and staff, and ensuring schools remain focused on student growth and achievement.

Collierville Schools is recognizing nine principals serving its elementary, middle and high schools for their leadership and commitment to students, employees and families.

The district's principals are:

» Deanna Jones, Bailey Station Elementary School
» Dr. Beth Sansone, Collierville Elementary School
» Toni Flynn, Crosswind Elementary School
» Lisa Burton, Schilling Farms Elementary School
» Julie Manhein, SyCamore Elementary School
» Brandi Hynes, Tara Oaks Elementary School
» Brett Heinrich, Collierville Middle School
» Kimberly Shaw, West Collierville Middle School
» Roger Jones, Collierville High School

The district expressed appreciation for the principals' daily efforts to support their school communities and make a difference in the lives of students and families.

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION NOV. 8

Staff Report



COLLIERVILLE, Tenn. — The Town of Collierville will honor military veterans during its annual Veterans Day celebration at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at the Harrell Theatre.

The event is hosted by the town and its Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department to recognize and celebrate the service and sacrifices of military veterans.

Community members are invited to attend the celebration and join in honoring those who have served in the U.S. armed forces.

For more information, call 901-457-2770.



COLLIERVILLE REMINDS RESIDENTS OF POLITICAL SIGN REGULATIONS

Staff Report

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn. — The Town of Collierville is reminding candidates and residents to follow local regulations when placing political signs.

Signs must be placed behind the sidewalk or at least 10 feet from the curb. Political signs are prohibited on public property, and placement is limited to one sign per candidate, per lot, per street frontage.

Signs collected by the town's Codes Enforcement division can be retrieved at Town Hall on the north side of the building.

For complete regulations and additional election information, visit the town's Voter & Election Information page.

COLLIERVILLE PUMPKINS AND PORCHES TOUR CONTINUES THROUGH OCT. 31

Staff Report

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn. —Residents still have time to enjoy Collierville's annual Pumpkins and Porches Tour, a self-guided driving tour celebrating fall decorations throughout the community.

Sponsored by the Collierville Town Beautiful Commission, the tour runs through Saturday, Oct. 31, featuring homes and businesses decorated with pumpkins and other seasonal displays.

The self-guided tour allows community members to explore participating properties across Collierville using a Google map featuring the decorated locations.

The event offers residents an opportunity to enjoy the fall season while showcasing the creativity and seasonal spirit of Collierville neighborhoods and businesses.



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The Washington Street parking lot is getting new lighting following recent asphalt improvements. MLG&W crews are installing six new fixtures to supplement two existing lights, bringing the lot's total to eight. Work is expected to continue for the next week or two.

Photo Town of Collierville



Evangelical Christian School welcomed Collierville police officers to its "First Grade Loves Our First Responders" event Monday. Officers enjoyed spending time with students and expressed appreciation for the warm welcome and support shown to local first responders..

Photo Collierville Police Department



Mayor Maureen Fraser joined U.S. Sen. Bill Hagerty, Chamber of Commerce directors, elected officials and community leaders Monday to discuss public safety, economic development and shared community priorities. The discussion focused on ways the federal government can support local efforts to keep communities safe and create opportunities for businesses and families.

Photo Town of Collierville



COLLIERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT EARNS FIFTH STATE ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATE

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn. — The Collierville Police Department received its fifth Certificate of Meritorious Accreditation from the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police on Oct. 7 in Nashville, recognizing the department's continued commitment to professional standards and accountability.

The certificate is awarded through the Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, which recognizes law enforcement agencies that meet established standards for training, operations, policies and accountability.

In addition to its state accreditation, the Collierville Police Department is a longtime accredited agency through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, known as CALEA. The national program establishes professional standards for law enforcement agencies across the country.

Department officials said the recognition reflects the ongoing work of officers and staff to maintain professional standards and provide quality service to the community.

Accreditation involves more than earning a certificate, according to the department. It also reinforces the importance of following established procedures, maintaining accountability and continually working to improve police services.

The department credited its employees for their continued efforts to meet those standards while serving Collierville residents.

COLLIERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT URGES FIRE PIT SAFETY AS FALL WEATHER ARRIVES

Residents are reminded to keep fires small, maintain safe distances and avoid outdoor burning during windy conditions.

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn. — Cooler temperatures, football games and backyard fire pits are popular signs of fall, but the Collierville Fire Department is reminding residents to take precautions before lighting an outdoor fire.

With changing weather conditions creating potential fire hazards, Collierville Fire & Rescue is encouraging residents to follow basic safety guidelines when using fire pits and enjoying outdoor gatherings.

One of the most important precautions is to never leave a fire unattended. Residents should also keep water or another appropriate fire-extinguishing method nearby in case a fire begins to spread.

Fire pits should be placed on noncombustible surfaces and kept at least 15 feet from structures and other materials that could catch fire, the department recommends.

The type and amount of material burned also matter. The department advises residents to burn clean firewood rather than leaves, brush, trash or yard waste. Fires should be kept to no more than 3 feet wide and 2 feet high.

Weather conditions are another important consideration. Wind can carry sparks and embers beyond a fire pit, potentially igniting nearby grass, leaves, structures or other combustible materials. Dry conditions can increase those risks.

The department specifically cautioned residents about expected winds Friday and Saturday, recommending that they skip backyard fire pits when conditions are unfavorable.

For residents planning fall gatherings, the message is simple: Check the weather, keep fires small and maintain a safe area around the fire pit.

By taking these precautions, Collierville residents can enjoy the cooler weather while helping protect their families, homes and neighborhoods from preventable fires.

COLLIERVILLE TOWN BEAUTIFUL



HOME OF THE MONTH: Congratulations to the Daugherty family for winning the Beautiful Home of the Month award for October! We appreciate your efforts to keep our community beautiful!

Collierville Town Beautiful



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH: Congratulations to Southern Security for winning the Beautiful Business of the Month award for October. Thank you for keeping our community beautiful!

Collierville Town Beautiful

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

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?

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DROP-OFF LOCATIONS TO OPEN NOV. 16-23

Staff Reports

Volunteers across Tennessee are preparing to collect gift-filled shoeboxes for children in need around the world during Operation Christmas Child's National Collection Week, Nov. 16-23.

Nearly 5,000 drop-off locations will open nationwide to collect shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies and personal care items. Collection sites throughout Tennessee will participate in the annual effort, a project of Samaritan's Purse.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 244 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 175 countries and territories, including those affected by war, poverty, disease and natural disasters.

The organization hopes to reach 12.8 million children in 2026.

"Shoebox gifts may seem simple, but they have an eternal impact. Each box is an opportunity to tell a boy or girl in need about the true meaning of Christmas," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "I've delivered these boxes around the world, and I never get tired of seeing the joy that they bring — even in the midst of disasters, war, and poverty."

Individuals, families and groups can fill shoeboxes with gifts for children. Operation Christmas Child partners with local churches around the world to distribute the boxes and share the Christian message.



Participants also have the option to donate $10 per shoebox online through the organization's "Follow Your Box" program, which provides a tracking label allowing donors to learn where their gifts are delivered.

Drop-off locations and operating hours are available through the organization's online search tool, which allows users to search by city or ZIP code. Signs will identify participating collection sites.

Additional information, including shoebox packing instructions and drop-off locations, is available at samaritanspurse.org.

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Anchored in Truth
by Bill White

LESSONS FROM THE COACHING CHAIR:

WHEN TOMORROW TAKES OVER TODAY

There is a kind of tired that has very little to do with how much work we have done. We can spend an evening sitting in a chair and still feel worn out by bedtime. Our bodies have been resting, but our minds have been working overtime.

What if the money runs short? What if the job changes? What if someone we love needs more help than we can give?

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote about trusting God before we have the answers. As we continue reflecting on the theme of Charles Swindoll's little book, Perfect Trust, I want to spend some time on worry. It is familiar territory for most of us, including me.

I can take one concern and follow it down a dozen roads before breakfast. By the time I get to work, I have already lived through several problems that haven't happened.

Jesus understood how easily tomorrow can take over today. In Matthew 6:34, He said, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (KJV).

That older wording may sound strange to our ears, but the point is clear: today has enough trouble of its own.

When money is involved, that can be hard to accept. We are supposed to think ahead. We need to save, plan for retirement, and prepare for expenses. So how do we plan responsibly without spending our days afraid?

One thing that helps is noticing where our thinking leads. Planning usually gives us something useful to do. Worry often brings us back to the same question, with nothing settled.

Suppose you are concerned about a car repair. You can check your savings, call the mechanic, and ask for an estimate. Those steps give you information. Lying awake imagining every possible breakdown leaves you tired when it is time to make a decision.

A coaching conversation can help slow that cycle. Saying a fear out loud often makes it easier to examine. We can look at what is known, what still needs an answer, and what can reasonably be done this week. Sometimes the most helpful question is simply, "What are we actually facing today?"

There may still be a real problem. A budget does not make every bill affordable, and a prayer does not guarantee the answer we want. We can bring that honest need to God without pretending we feel calm.

I am learning to pray more plainly: "Lord, this is what I'm afraid of. Help me do what I can today, and help me trust You with what I cannot fix."

I may have to pray it again an hour later.

But each time, I am reminded that I can ask for help. And when tomorrow comes, I can meet it with God rather than spend all of today trying to live there.



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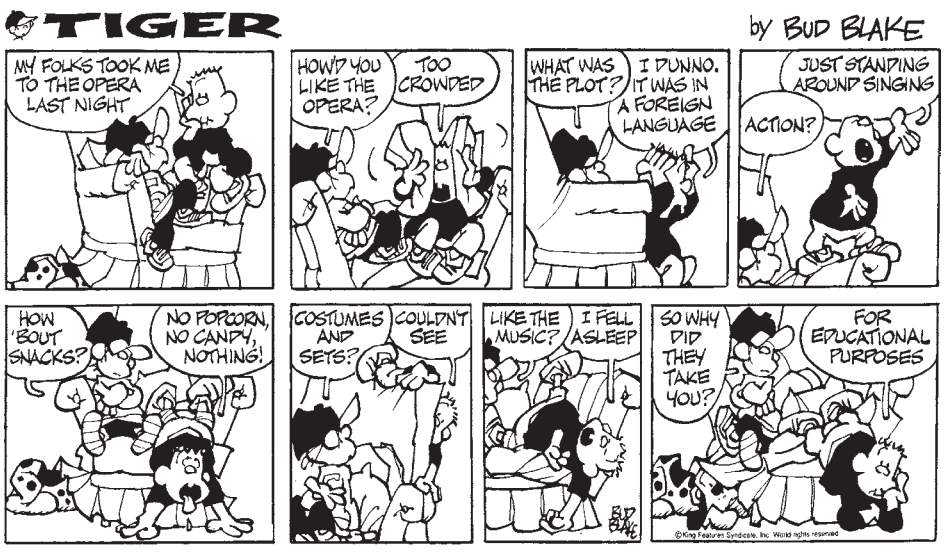
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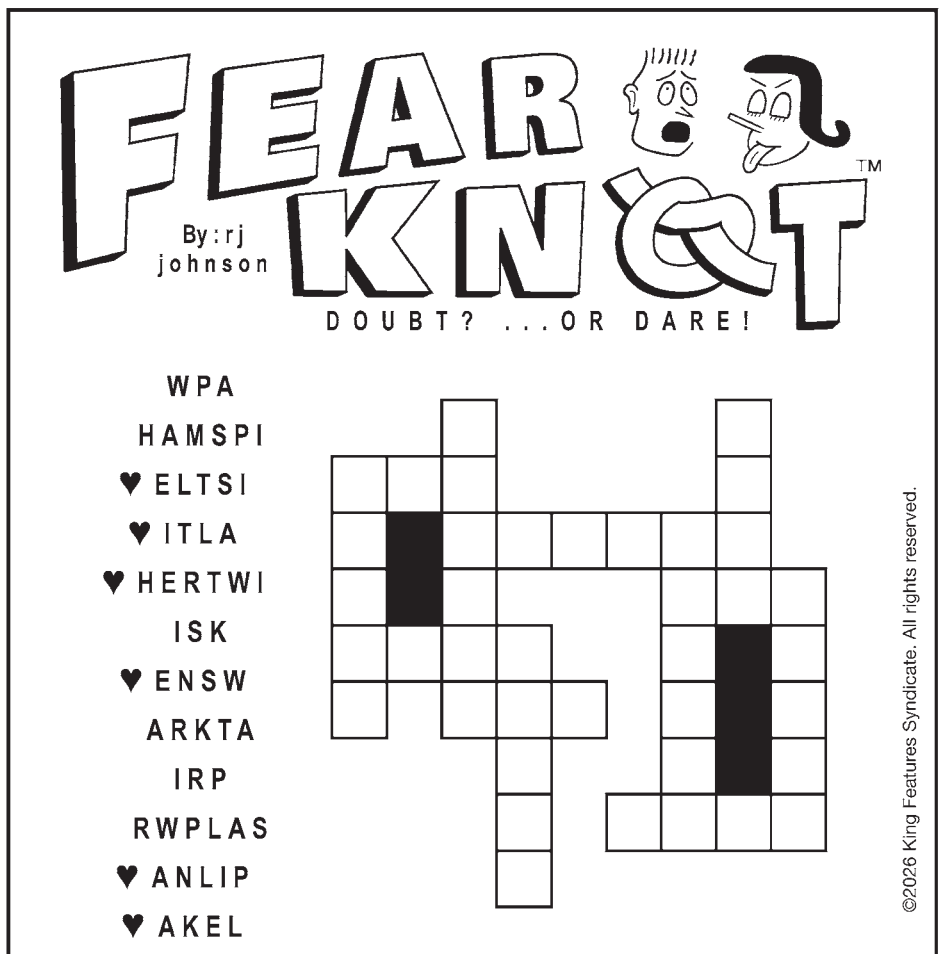
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART**). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

Even Exchange

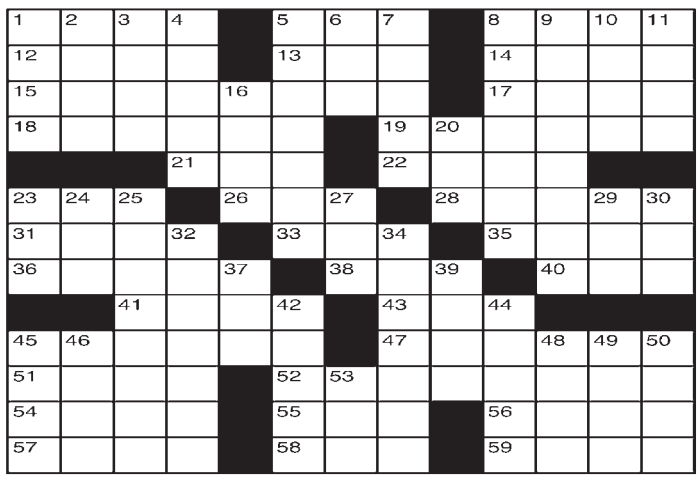
by Donna Pettman

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. Vegetable plot	G _ _ _ _ _	Prison keeper	W _ _ _ _ _
2. Admonish	_ _ O _ _	Burn with water	_ _ A _ _
3. Blue ribbon or trophy	_ _ _ Z _	Cost	_ _ _ C _
4. Chit chat	_ _ N _ _ _	Trade	_ _ R _ _ _
5. Kangaroo's pocket	P _ _ _ _	Feel	T _ _ _ _
6. H20	_ _ T _ _	Thin biscuit	_ _ F _ _
7. Pious	_ _ _ _ _ T	Alternate route	_ _ _ _ _ R
8. Ag	_ I _ _ _ _	Tray	_ A _ _ _ _
9. Pathway	_ _ _ _ L	Teach a dog	_ _ _ _ N
10. Corn cob segment	_ _ R _ _ _	Canine lodge	_ _ N _ _ _

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King Crossword



ACROSS
1 Havana's land
5 High tennis shot
8 Pitt of "Moneyball"
12 Spoken
13 Shock partner
14 Shakespearean villain
15 Military groups
17 Bar fight souvenir
18 Order by classes
19 Vehement protest
21 High school subj.
22 Poi base
23 Likely
26 Small battery
28 Cowboy in "Toy Story"
31 Indy winner A.J.
33 Away from SSW
35 Peevish fit
36 Seized vehicles
38 Business mag
40 Punker Vicious
41 Shacks
43 Cyclades isle
45 1912 Olympic legend
47 Relatives of loons
51 Mine, to Marcel
52 Spoofs
54 Dresses in
55 Org. with a style manual
56 Squad
57 Celeb's aide
58 Tummy muscles
59 Young fellows

DOWN
1 Club in a Manilow song
2 Web addresses
3 Sheepish remarks
4 Choir members
5 From Vientiane
6 Personal
7 Make drunk
8 Casual eateries
9 Masked mammals
10 Lab gel
11 "Finding Nemo" fish
16 Killer whale
20 Motor City labor org.
23 Ghana's cont.
24 "The Bells" writer
25 Violent storms
27 Blackbird
29 Nero's 502
30 Since Jan. 1
32 Sightseer
34 Bafflers
37 NASCAR advertiser
39 Business abbr.
42 1965 march site
44 Capital of South Korea
"I did it!"
45
46 Med. plan options
48 — fide (genuine)
49 Oklahoma city
50 Bygone jets
53 Cleric's tunic

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Weekly SUDOKU

8		6			7		5	3
	1	7	2	5	6	4		
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

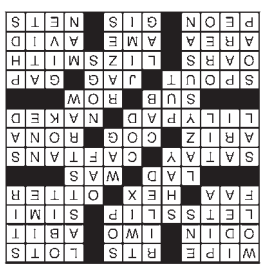
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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

Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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8	2	6	1	7	4	3	5	9
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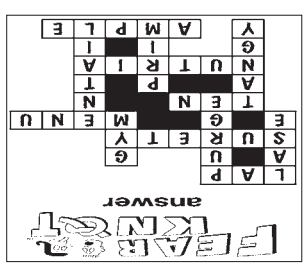


— King Crossword
Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

1. Hermit, Kermit	6. Peach, Perch	5. Moose, Mouse	10. Trench, French
2. Sheer, Sheen	7. Terry, Tarry	4. Badger, Bagger	9. Hanger, Hunger
3. Blast, Beast	8. Comedy, Comely	3. Blast, Beast	8. Comedy, Comely
4. Badger, Bagger	9. Hanger, Hunger	2. Sheer, Sheen	7. Terry, Tarry
5. Moose, Mouse	10. Trench, French	1. Hermit, Kermit	6. Peach, Perch

— Even Exchange answers



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: **B** equals **S**

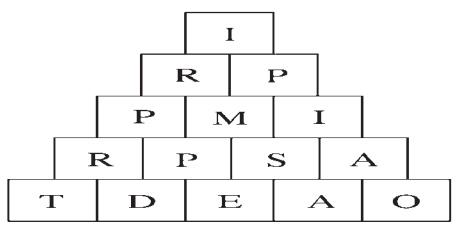
LIECUEAZ BRQJLRJQW MERP QJAZB RPFR QWLWEKWB OFUJIVJB QWKEWMB: F IFTTWQ VO QWLVCCWATFREVA.

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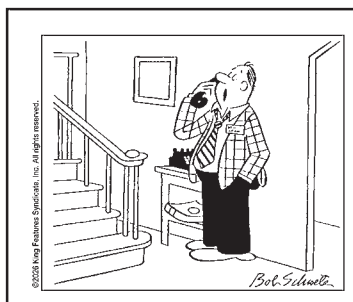
STICKELERS [sic].

by Terry Stickels

This is a common 15-letter word ending in the letter "D." See how long it takes you to identify it.



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"I can't go bowling, Al — I just got back from a convention in Vegas and my wife is demanding a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _!"

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!

Curve **MECABR** _ _ _ _ _ _

Balance **SOFFET** _ _ _ _ _ _

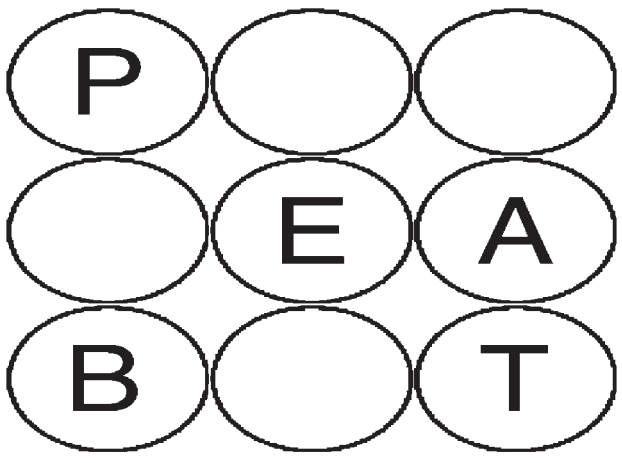
Cover **CEPTAR** _ _ _ _ _ _

Trend **DIET** _ _ _ _

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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D	O	K	I	A	U	O	L	U	L	U	L	N
5	8	5	7	4	8	2	8	5	8	4	2	5
L	I	I	D	T	L	R	L	F	S	H	S	E

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CryptoQuip answer

What might you assume is the favorite chocolate candy of cave-dwelling dwarfs? Tootsie Trolls.

SCRAMBLERS Solution

1. Ponder; 2. Polish
3. Pierce; 4. Salami

Today's Word

ASPIRINS

Word Spiral Answer

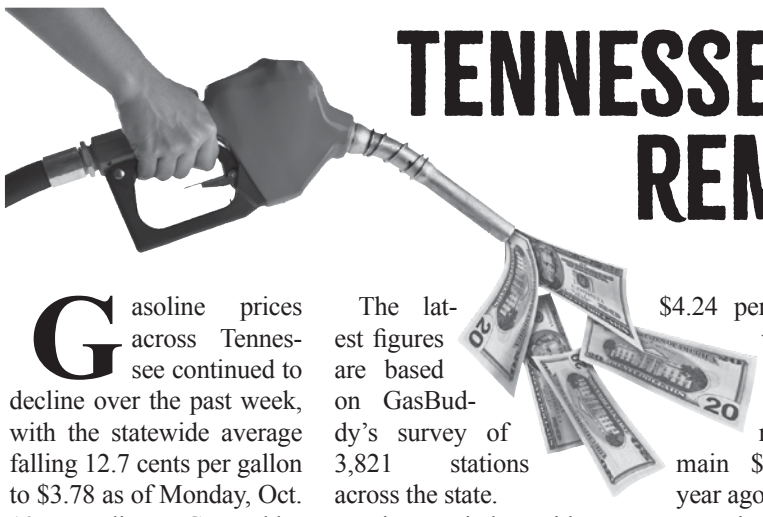
TOMBSTONE

SCRAMBLERS Solution

1. Ponder; 2. Polish
3. Pierce; 4. Salami

Today's Word

ASPIRINS



TENNESSEE GAS PRICES DROP 12.7 CENTS, REMAIN HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR

Gasoline prices across Tennessee continued to decline over the past week, with the statewide average falling 12.7 cents per gallon to $3.78 as of Monday, Oct. 19, according to GasBuddy.

The decrease marks a continued retreat from prices recorded earlier this fall. Tennessee motorists are now paying an average of 28.3 cents less per gallon than a month ago, although prices remain $1.13 higher than they were at this time last year.

The latest figures are based on GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations across the state.

Prices varied considerably throughout Tennessee on Sunday, with the lowest reported price at $3.35 per gallon and the highest at $5.59, a difference of $2.24 per gallon.

Tennessee's average remains below the national average, which fell 5.5 cents over the past week to $4.24 per gallon. Nationwide, gasoline prices are down 23 cents from a month ago but remain $1.26 higher than a year ago.

Despite the recent declines, Tennessee drivers are still paying considerably more than in previous years. On Oct. 19, 2025, the statewide average was $2.65 per gallon, compared with $2.77 in 2024, $3.09 in 2023, $3.33 in 2022 and $3.12 in 2021.

Gas prices also declined in several neighboring markets during the past week.

In Nashville, the average fell 14.1 cents to $3.80 per gallon, while Chattanooga saw a larger decline of 19.8 cents, bringing its average to $3.61. Across the state line in Huntsville, Alabama, gasoline averaged $3.83 per gallon, down 8.6 cents from the previous week.

While gasoline prices moved lower, diesel prices continued to climb. The national average price of diesel increased 5.2 cents over the past week to $6.30 per gallon.

Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy, said most states experienced lower gasoline prices during the week, with some of the declines tied to temporary state fuel tax suspensions and normal pricing cycles.

He cautioned that the downward trend could change depending on developments in global oil markets.

"For now, the outlook remains tied to geopolitical developments, and some price-cycling states could see upward swings in the days ahead if oil markets firm at all," De Haan said.

He added that motorists in states with temporary fuel tax suspensions may see some protection from broader price increases, although market conditions remain uncertain.

GasBuddy calculates its national averages using more than 11 million weekly price reports from over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Ask Them While You Still Can

Living with Purpose

By David Peel

There's a particular kind of regret that shows up at funerals. It sounds like, "I always meant to ask her about that." The stories our parents and grandparents carry usually aren't written down anywhere. When they go, the stories go with them, unless someone thought to ask.

The good news is that it doesn't take a formal interview. It takes a porch, a cup of coffee, and a few good questions. Here are some worth asking the older people in your life:

What did you look forward to most as a child?

Who did you admire growing up, and why?

Did you have any pets?

What were your grandparents like?

Who was the kindest person you ever knew?

What's the first big news event you remember?

What did summer look like when you were a kid?

What are you proudest of?

What do you think was the worst day of your life?

That last one takes courage from both of you. Ask gently, and be ready to simply listen. Let them wander, because the best stories usually come from the detour rather than the answer. Hopefully they'll let you record it. Even better if you can let them walk through some old photographs and label the photographs.

We put a lot of effort into preserving old buildings. The people who remember what those places meant deserve much more attention.

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



A GOOD DAY TO BE A VOL



Ad Veritas

Daniel Richardson

There are plenty of good ways to spend a Saturday afternoon, but having family over, eating a bowl of chili (or two) and watching Tennessee beat Alabama is pretty hard to improve upon.

My mother and brother came over to watch the game with us this year. After my recent experience standing for hours at the Texas game, watching this one from home had some advantages. Comfortable seating, good food and a considerably more satisfying outcome made for a great afternoon.

Tennessee's 26–10 victory was particularly enjoyable because of how the Vols earned it. This wasn't a last-second escape. Tennessee held Alabama scoreless in the second half and gradually took control of the game. It was fun watching our offensive and defensive lines push the Crimson Tide around instead of the other way around.

The numbers back that up. Alabama managed just 201 yards of total offense, including only 54 rushing yards. Tennessee recorded five sacks and forced four turnovers. Whatever reputation Alabama brought into Neyland Stadium, our defense was unimpressed by it.

On offense, DeSean Bishop carried the ball 32 times for 159 yards and two touchdowns. The drive that put the game away consumed nine minutes and 32 seconds of the fourth quarter—the longest drive of the Josh Heupel era. There is something deeply satisfying about watching your team keep moving the chains while the other team runs out of time to do anything about it.

I'll admit I had been a little jealous of the attention Alabama quarterback Keelon Russell was getting, even finding a place in the Heisman conversation. Meanwhile, our own young quarterback, Faizon Brandon, has been dealing with the shoulder injury he suffered against Texas. I'm still hoping to see Brandon healthy and playing like he did early in the season.

But Saturday was a reminder that an exciting quarterback is only part of a football team. Russell finished with 147 passing yards and two interceptions. I wouldn't write off a young player because of one bad afternoon, but I also wouldn't dismiss that performance as simply inexperience. Tennessee's defense deserves the credit for making his afternoon so difficult.

The historical perspective makes the win even sweeter. Tennessee has now beaten Alabama in three of their last five meetings, with all three victories coming in Knoxville. The last time the Vols won three consecutive home games against the Tide was in 1996, 1998 and 2000. Before that, you have to go back to 1956, 1958 and 1960 to find another such stretch.

Those victories in the late 1990s are part of the Tennessee football I grew up watching. The Vols actually won seven straight against Alabama from 1995 through 2001. As a kid, it was easy to believe that was simply how things were supposed to work. The 15 consecutive losses from 2007 through 2021 provided a rather unpleasant correction to that assumption.

That is why it meant something to have my own children watching this one. They got to see the version of this rivalry I remember so fondly, with Tennessee giving us plenty to celebrate. I hope some of these afternoons become the kinds of memories they carry into adulthood.

Of course, being a Tennessee fan, I couldn't quite let the weekend pass without finding something to complain about. The Vols moved up to No. 11 in the Associated Press poll. I had really been hoping for the top 10, but apparently I'll have to remain patient for at least another week.

Still, I'm not going to let one spot in the rankings spoil a Saturday like that. There will be plenty of time to debate where Tennessee belongs and worry about the next opponent. For now, I'm happy to enjoy a win that brought back good memories while giving our family a chance to make some new ones.

Lena's chili would have been good either way. It just tasted a little better with a win over Alabama.

I grew up a poor Alabama farm boy. I'm presently a Christian missionary in Japan, having lived in Japan since 1973. Please listen to my Radio Sermons Audio on my website: Christ-is-all.us Sermon Number 2024-1 is especially touching. Richard Yerby c/o Christ Is All, PO Box 490, Vernon, AL 35592-0490

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MAKING IT OFFICIAL: Collierville's Mayor Maureen Fraser (center) and the town's Aldermen cut the ribbon on Monday marking the official reopening of the Holmes Bridge.

Photo Town of Collierville

TOWN OF COLLIERVILLE REOPENS HOLMES ROAD BRIDGE FOLLOWING REHABILITATION PROJECT

Town of Collierville

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn. — The Town of Collierville reopened the Holmes Road bridge, east of Reynolds Road, on Monday, October 19, restoring a direct route for motorists and completing a project to address structural deterioration and extend the bridge's useful life.

The bridge closed on May 9, 2025, following an inspection by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) that identified significant deterioration of structural components. TDOT notified the Town that the bridge needed to close for public safety. On April 27, 2026, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved a construction contract for the necessary rehabilitation.

A Targeted Approach to Infrastructure Investment

An engineering assessment found that the bridge deck and supporting superstructure had deteriorated, while the underlying piles remained in good condition. With Town Engineer Dale Perryman's guidance, the Town selected a targeted approach that replaced the deck with precast concrete slabs rather than replace the entire bridge, marking the Town's first use of this method for bridge rehabilitation. A full replacement could have exceeded $3 million.

The $438,281.36 project was funded through the Town's General Fund and is expected to extend the bridge's useful life by approximately 15 to 20 years, according to the project's engineering assessment. This targeted rehabilitation addresses the bridge's current structural needs while allowing the Town to plan and budget for eventual full replacement as the bridge approaches the end of its extended useful life. The project also supports long-term transportation planning in the area, including consideration of potential future widening of Holmes Road.

"Maintaining our infrastructure is an important investment in Collierville's future," said Mayor Maureen Fraser. "This project demonstrates how careful planning and sound engineering can address infrastructure needs, make the most of existing assets, and maintain important connections for our community."

TDOT conducts bridge inspections on a three-year cycle to evaluate structural conditions and help guide decisions about maintenance and rehabilitation.

Restoring a Direct Route for Motorists

During the closure, motorists had to detour via Fleming Road, Shelby Drive, and Reynolds Road to reconnect with Holmes Road, adding approximately two miles to their trips. The reopening restores the direct route for residents, commuters, and other motorists. Construction began June 15 and was completed on schedule without significant challenges. All required inspections and approvals have been completed. Minor site cleanup may continue after reopening but is not expected to affect bridge use.

About the Town of Collierville

The Town of Collierville is committed to providing high-quality public services, maintaining essential infrastructure, and making responsible investments that support the community's safety, mobility, and quality of life.

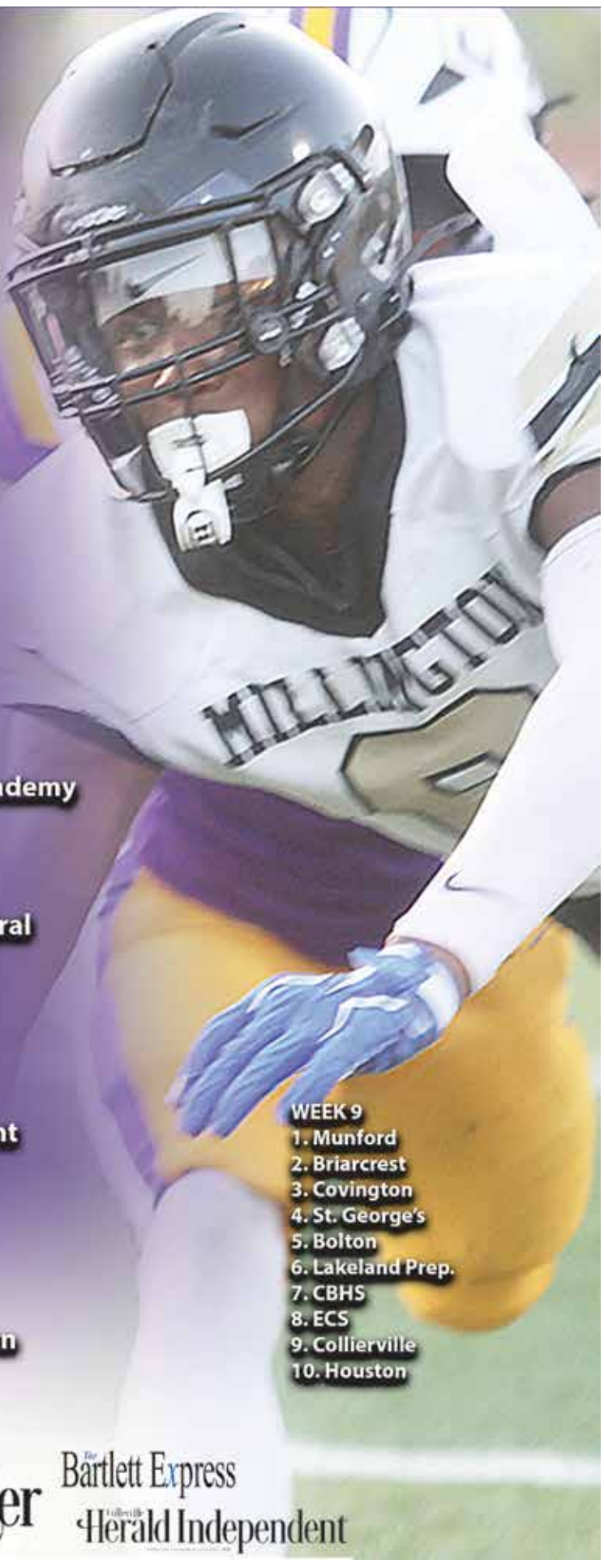
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POWER 10 2026

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 10

WEEK 10

1. Munford (7-1) @ Germantown
W 42-7 @ Brighton
2. Briarcrest (7-1) vs. Lipscomb Academy
L 42-7 @ Brentwood Academy
3. St. George's (6-2) vs. Lausanne
L 13-7 @ St. Benedict
4. Covington (6-2) @ McNairy Central
L 28-27 @ Dyersburg
5. Bolton (7-2) @ Raleigh-Egypt
W 12-6 vs. Wooddale
6. ECS (5-3) vs. St. Benedict
W 42-0 vs. Northpoint Christian
7. Lakeland Prep. (5-3) @ Craigmont
W 44-36 vs. Kirby
8. Collierville (4-4) @ Cordova
L 49-35 vs. Lausanne
9. Houston (4-4) @ Collierville
W 41-6 @ Arlington
10. Arlington (5-3) vs. White Station
L 41-6 vs. Houston



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1. Munford
2. Briarcrest
3. Covington
4. St. George's
5. Bolton
6. Lakeland Prep.
7. CBHS
8. ECS
9. Collierville
10. Houston

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