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Championship Showdown: Collierville and Houston squared up during Thursday night's Region 7-6A championship showdown. The Dragons held off the Mustangs 42-35 to finish unbeaten in league play.

Photos By Ryan Frazier playmakerporiats.com

THE SHOWDOWN

Collierville survives Houston challenge to capture Regional title

By Thomas Sellers, Jr.
Richardson Media Group

Coming into the game with a combined 9 wins after 17 games, the Houston Mustangs and Collierville Dragons walked into the Collierville Football Stadium Thursday night with everything on the line.

After both teams navigated tough schedules loaded with some of the best teams from Mississippi, the Mustangs and Dragons entered the regular-season finale unbeaten in league play.

The Region 7-6A championship was on the line for Houston Head Coach James Thomas and Collierville Head Coach Joe Rocconi. In a thriller, the Dragons repeat as Region champs pulling out a 42-35 win over Houston.

After both teams scored two touchdowns in the first quarter, Collierville (6-4, 4-0 in Region 7-6A) grabbed a 21-14 lead by halftime.





Hard-Fought Battle: Houston and Collierville players competed for every yard during their Region 7-6A championship matchup. The Dragons edged the Mustangs in a high-scoring 42-35 contest.

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With the Mustangs matching the Dragons score for score in the second half, that meant Collierville outlasted its rival for the championship.

Houston (4-5, 3-1) will be the No. 2 seed going into the playoffs and hosting a postseason game. In the big game to close the regular season, the stars shined with Mustang signal caller Canon Day passing for 199 yards and two touchdowns. His Collierville counterpart Dominic Rocconi tossed for 136 yards and a touchdown to Erik Walden Jr. The standout senior wideout caught two balls for 71 yards.

On the other side, Brennen Odle caught five passes for 91 yards and a score for Houston.

This game was won on the ground. Houston stayed in the game behind Raderius Robertson rushing for 157 yards on 33 carries and reaching the end zone once.

His Collierville counterpart Larry Johnson was the star of the game with 266 yards on the ground on just 13 carriers. Johnson reached paydirt three times in guiding the Dragons to the championship.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO LEAVE TOWN OF COLLIERVILLE

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn. — The Town of Collierville congratulates John Fox, Director of Public Utilities, who will be leaving the Town to accept a position with Tarpon Springs, FL. His last day with the Town will be January 4, 2027.

Fox has served as Collierville's Director of Public Utilities for the past five years, leading all aspects of the Town's water, wastewater and utility infrastructure. He dedicated 19 years to the Town, serving in Public Works and Utilities, beginning his career as a Project Manager in Public Works before serving 11 years as Public Works Director, where he oversaw a broad range of municipal infrastructure and operations.

Fox has also been very active in the Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Association (TCAPWA), where he has served as West Tennessee Director, Vice President and President.

"John has been a steady and dedicated leader for Collierville, and residents have benefited every day from his work keeping our water and utility systems safe and reliable. We congratulate him on this new opportunity and thank him for his years of service to our community." said Mayor Maureen Fraser.



JOHN FOX
Photo Tour Collierville Magazine

"It has been a privilege to serve the residents of Collierville for nearly 20 years. I'm proud of what we've accomplished and especially grateful for the dedicated employees I've had the opportunity to work alongside. Their commitment to this community is what makes the difference every day. I appreciate the trust and support of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and Town leadership, and I'm confident the department will continue to serve Collierville well," said Fox.

The Town of Collierville congratulates John on this new opportunity and thanks him for his years of dedicated service to Collierville.

Donal Davis will serve as Interim Director of Public Utilities. Davis previously served as the Town's Wastewater Treatment Manager, and has demonstrated exceptional leadership and sound judgement, effectively managing critical infrastructure and navigating regulatory requirements. The Town is confident in Donal's ability to lead the Public Utilities Department.

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The Collierville Middle School Dragons wrestling team celebrates its second consecutive Dragon Duals championship after finishing a perfect 5–0 at the six-team tournament. The Dragons outscored their opponents 294–101 to capture the 2026 title, continuing to build a winning tradition rooted in teamwork, toughness and camaraderie.

Photos courtesy of Su Photography and Jessica Old

COLLIERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAGONS CAPTURE BACK-TO-BACK DRAGON DUALS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Staff Reports

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn. — The Collierville Middle School wrestling team continued to build its winning tradition this weekend, capturing its second consecutive Dragon Duals championship with another impressive performance on the mat.

Hosting a six-team round-robin tournament, the Dragons powered their way through the competition, finishing a perfect 5-0 to claim the 2026 title and repeat as tournament champions after winning the championship in 2025.

Collierville's dominance was reflected in the final team scores. The Dragons outscored their opponents by a combined 294-101, showcasing the depth, determination and competitive spirit that have become hallmarks of the growing wrestling program.

While the championship trophy was the ultimate reward, the weekend represented something bigger for the Dragons and their coaching staff. Every match provided another opportunity for the young athletes to demonstrate the values being established within the program: teamwork, toughness, commitment and pride in representing their school and community.



The back-to-back championships also reflect the progress being made in developing a strong wrestling culture at Collierville Middle School. The commitment shown by the athletes, both in preparation and competition, is helping establish a foundation for continued success in the years ahead.

With the 2025 and 2026 Dragon Duals championships now secured, Collierville has another milestone to celebrate — and plenty of motivation to keep pushing forward.

The message from the Dragons remains clear: compete together, fight for each other and keep raising the standard.

COLLIERVILLE ROTARY CLUB ENCOURAGES COMMUNITY TO SPONSOR VETERANS' REMEMBRANCE WREATHS

Staff Reports

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn. — The Collierville Rotary Club is encouraging residents to participate in the annual Wreaths Across America program by sponsoring remembrance wreaths for veterans laid to rest at West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery in Memphis.

Wreaths are available for a donation of $17 each, with community members encouraged to purchase multiple wreaths to honor veterans who served the nation.

Wreaths Across America is guided by three central principles: Remember the fallen, honor those who serve and teach the next generation the value of freedom. The annual program brings communities together to recognize veterans by placing wreaths on their graves and saying each veteran's name aloud.

The 2026 Wreaths Across America ceremony at West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 19, at 11 a.m. Wreath placement will take place immediately following the ceremony.

The cemetery is located at 4000 Forest Hill Irene Road in Memphis. Local volunteers and community partners, including group TN0004 (For All Vets), help coordinate wreath sponsorships, volunteer participation and placement efforts.

Community members can support the effort by sponsoring wreaths, volunteering at the cemetery or partnering with local organizations to help make the annual remembrance possible.

Organizers encourage families, businesses and individuals to take part in honoring those who made sacrifices in service to the country while helping younger generations understand the importance of remembering America's veterans.



To sponsor a wreath or learn more about the 2026 campaign, visit https://givebutter.com/2026-wreaths-across-america.



RECOGNITION: Collierville Schools Vice Chair Wanda Chism was recognized during the October Board of Education meeting for more than 40 years of service to the district and community. Chairman Wright Cox presented her with a board resolution, while Tennessee State Rep. Kevin Vaughan presented a proclamation from the Tennessee House of Representatives honoring her contributions. All five original members of the Collierville Schools Board of Education were in attendance: Wright Cox, Wanda Chism, Mark Hansen, Cathy Messerly, and Kevin Vaughan. Former Board members Charles Green and Frank Warren were also in attendance, along with current Board members Tom Bailey, Paul Childers, and Wanda Gibbs, to celebrate Ms. Chism.

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Shawna Bell, Executive Director
The Millington Housing Authority

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THE COST OF BEING AWAY



When I think about Veterans Day, I think about the people who served, the work they did and the sacrifices that came with it. But one of the memories that comes to mind most readily has very little to do with the work itself. It is the memory of leaving a seven-month-old daughter at home.

I served six years in the Marine Corps Reserve, with about two of those years spent on active duty. I got to go places and do some interesting things. Some were fun, and some were considerably less fun. I'm grateful for the experience, but when it came time to consider reenlisting, something had changed.

I had become a father.

Our oldest daughter, Emmalyn, was about seven months old when I had to go to Antigua for two months. That might not sound like a terribly long time, particularly compared with the separations many military families experience. But leaving her broke my heart, and when I returned, it seemed like she had grown so much while I was gone.

At that age, two months is a considerable portion of a child's life. They change so quickly, and there is no way to put that growing on hold until Daddy gets home. I was glad to be back, of course, but I couldn't get back the time I had missed.

That experience made up my mind about reenlisting. I wanted to be home with my family. Emmalyn is 14 now, and Lena and I have four other children. Looking at her today, it is hard to believe that little baby is already a teenager. The years have gone quickly enough even when I've been here to see them.

I have always had a particular appreciation for service members who leave children and spouses behind for six months, a year, or longer. Having felt what I felt over two months, I have some small understanding of what they are being asked to give.

We tend to think about military service in terms of where someone went and what they did. Those things matter. But there is also the part of the story that stays at home: the child growing, the spouse carrying more responsibility, and the ordinary family life continuing without someone who very much wants to be there.

A long absence can mean missing birthdays, school programs, ballgames or a child learning something new. But I suspect it is often the smaller things that hurt most—the bedtime routine, a conversation over supper or simply being there when your child wants you. Those moments don't necessarily make it into the stories people tell about their service, but they are part of its cost.

The families deserve our appreciation, too. While one parent is away, someone still has to handle the meals, appointments, homework and difficult nights. Spouses, grandparents and others help keep life going while dealing with their own worry and loneliness. They may not wear the uniform, but they share in the sacrifices that come with it.

Of course, not every veteran is a parent, and no two people's service looks exactly alike. Separation from family is only one part of a much larger picture. It happens to be the part I came to understand most personally, and it reminds me not to assume I know everything another veteran gave simply because I know where or how long that person served.

This Veterans Day, I want to thank the men and women who accepted those responsibilities. I'm thankful there are people willing to serve even when doing so means leaving behind the people they love most. I know that willingness does not make the goodbye any easier.

When we tell a veteran, "Thank you for your service," I hope we give some thought to everything those words include. We are thanking someone not only for work performed, but for time given, plans changed and sacrifices we may never hear about.

I remember how much my little girl had grown when I came home. That memory has stayed with me all these years, and it gives those words of thanks a meaning I don't think I could have understood before.

To our veterans and their families, thank you. What you gave matters, including the things the rest of us never saw.



COLLIERVILLE CELEBRATES COMPLETION OF SHELBY DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Staff Report

COLLIERVILLE, TN – The Town of Collierville celebrated the reopening of Shelby Drive with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday, Nov. 2, 2026, marking the completion of a major roadway improvement project seven months ahead of its originally scheduled completion date.

Town officials, project partners and community members gathered at 11654 E. Shelby Drive to mark the occasion and officially open the improved roadway.

The Shelby Drive Improvements Project widened the former two-lane road between just east of Sycamore Road and Highway 72 into a four-lane, median-divided street.

The completed project included a replacement bridge just east of Fire Station 6, a major drainage culvert at Quinn Road and upgraded water, sewer and irrigation utilities. Additional improvements included new bike lanes, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and a modernized traffic signal at Shelby Drive and Highway 72. Memphis Light, Gas and Water will install street lighting in the medians at a later date.

The improvements represented a significant investment in Collierville's transportation infrastructure, providing an enhanced east-west connection in the southern portion of town while improving access, roadway capacity and safety for residents and Collierville Schools students.

The project also built on recent improvements to Sycamore Road, including the installation of a new traffic signal at Highway 72.

The Town completed the project through a partnership with the Memphis Metropolitan Planning Organization, Tennessee Department of Transportation, Collierville Schools, contractor Madden-Phillips, engineering firms Fisher & Arnold and Pickering, and town staff.

The Town oversaw construction in accordance with federal and state regulations and will receive reimbursement for 80% of eligible project expenses.

The completed Shelby Drive improvements marked another step in Collierville's ongoing efforts to maintain its transportation network and accommodate the community's long-term growth and mobility needs.

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.

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Anchored in Truth
by Bill White

LESSONS FROM THE COACHING CHAIR:

WHILE WE WAIT

There is something about waiting that makes me reach for my phone.

Maybe the email came. Maybe there is a message. Maybe something has changed in the five minutes since I last checked.

Usually, nothing has.

Last week, I wrote about taking the next faithful step without knowing the whole path. But sometimes we take that step, do what we know to do, and still find ourselves waiting.

The application has been sent. The appointment is scheduled. The conversation has happened. Now we want an answer.

And we would prefer it before lunch.

Some waiting is a small bother. Some of it weighs on us. Waiting for test results, for a loved one to get better, or for a job opportunity can make the rest of life feel like something we are just trying to get through.

We tell ourselves we will settle down once we know.

Psalm 27 speaks to that uneasy place. David describes trouble and fear, yet he also expresses confidence that he will see God's goodness. The psalm ends by urging us to wait for the Lord with strength and courage.

That tells me waiting can require more courage than we think.

It takes courage to keep showing up when we are discouraged. It takes courage to pray honestly when we have already prayed about the same concern many times.

In financial coaching, waiting is part of nearly every plan. A family can make a sound budget and begin paying down debt, but the balances will not disappear by Friday. Progress takes time, and there are plenty of ordinary Tuesdays between the decision to change and the day they reach their goal.

Those Tuesdays matter. That is when they pack lunch, pass up a purchase, and sit down together to review the numbers. The result is still ahead, but their choices today are helping them get there.

Other kinds of waiting give us less control over the outcome. We cannot make someone recover or cause an employer to call. But we can pay attention to the people and responsibilities in front of us.

There is still a child who wants to tell us something. A friend we could check on. A meal to share. A promise we can keep.

Worry can take up so much room that we overlook those moments.

This week, when you catch yourself checking for an answer again, pause and ask: "What needs my attention right here?"

Then give yourself to that one thing.

Before bed, notice one good thing from the day and thank God for it. Be specific. Perhaps someone made you laugh. Perhaps a difficult conversation went better than you expected. Perhaps you had the strength to do what needed doing.

You can still want an answer. You can still tell God you are tired of waiting.

And you can receive the good He has given you today.

The answer may take longer than you hoped. Today still holds people to love and gifts to notice.

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2023 DODGE CHARGER
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2017 NISSAN MAXIMA

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2017 GMC SIERRA 1500

MD2JUJ408LC262239
2020 HUSQ MD2

SHHFK7H49LU400888
2020 HONDA CIVIC GRAY

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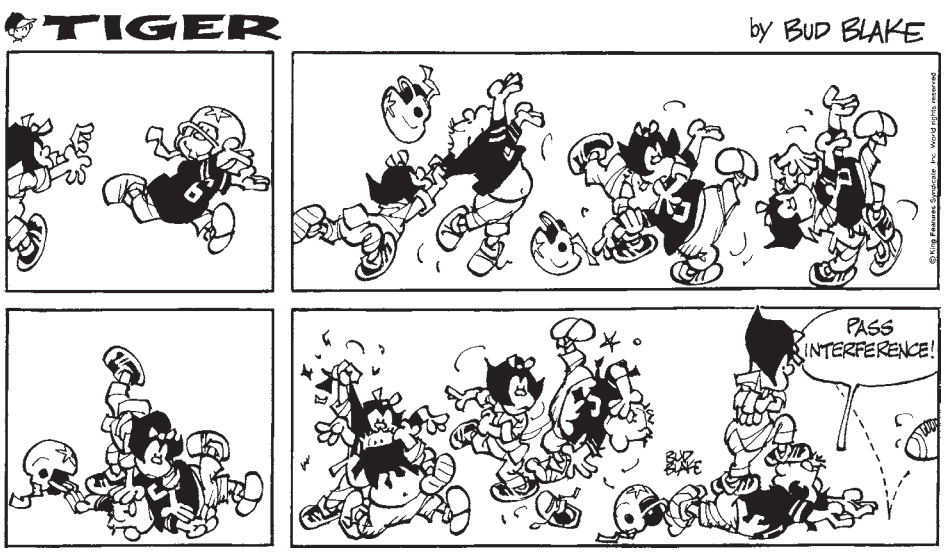
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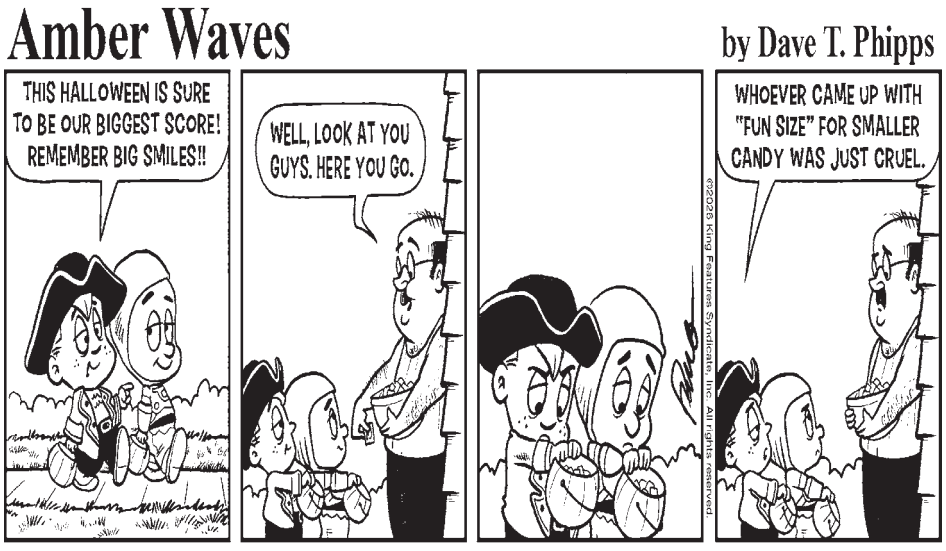
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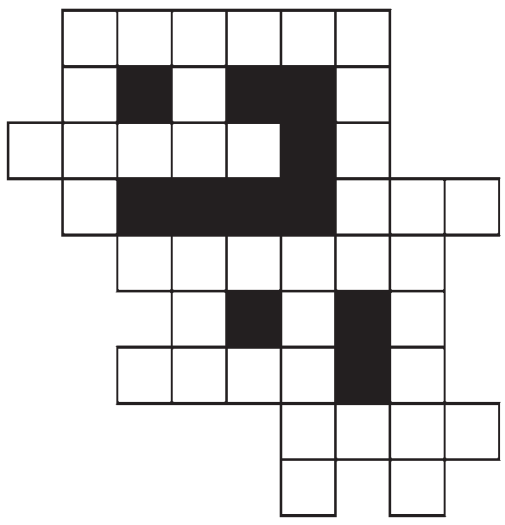


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♥ UTN
TENTUA
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♥ EDRO



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.

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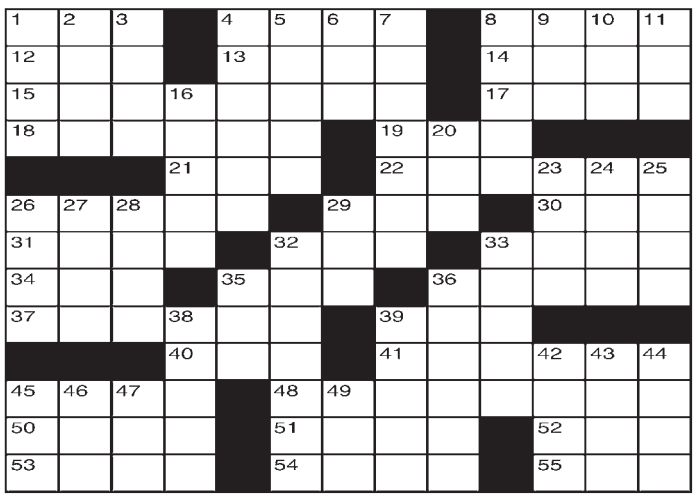
Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Young canine	__ U __ __ __	Fully of energy	__ E __ __ __
2. Fetch	__ __ __ __ G	Brim	__ __ __ __ K
3. Buy stocks & bonds	__ __ __ __ S __	Concoct	__ __ __ __ N __
4. Time regulator	__ __ __ C __	Mantle	__ __ __ A __
5. More rapidly	__ A __ __ __ __	Promote	__ O __ __ __ __
6. Instilled knowledge	T __ __ __ __ __	Seized the baseball	C __ __ __ __ __
7. More bleached out	__ H __ __ __ __	Author	__ R __ __ __ __
8. Outrigger	__ __ __ __ E	Tenet	__ __ __ __ N
9. Tiger or mako	__ __ __ __ K	Like cheddar cheese	__ __ __ __ P
10. Frontrunner	__ __ A __ __ __	Banker	__ __ N __ __ __

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King Crossword



ACROSS
1 Personal
4 Poi base
8 Fraud
12 Romance
13 — incline (tilted)
14 Unruly groups
15 Message from an admirer
17 Border on
18 On an angle
19 Vinyl records
21 Before
22 "Darn it!"
26 Scrabble pieces
29 Movie format
30 "Little piggie"
31 Rd. crossers
32 Grant's foe
33 1982 sci-fi film
34 "The Newsroom" actor Patel
35 Farm grazer
36 Resided
37 "I, Robot" author
39 Lanka lead-in
40 Storm center
41 Sculpted trunks
45 Sagan or Sandburg
48 Romantic Ella Fitzgerald song
50 Squad
51 — Stanley Gardner
52 PC linking system
53 Short cuts
54 Snitched
55 Vintage

DOWN
1 They give a hoot
2 Scarf material
3 De — (from the start)
4 Printer refills
5 Battery part
6 Squealer
7 Bob Marley hit song
8 Big hit
9 Corn core
10 — Dhabi
11 Rockies hrs.
16 Tools for duels
20 Third degree?
23 To be, in Tours
24 "Neato!"
25 Superman's alias
26 "There!"
27 Currier's partner
28 Jeans maker Strauss
29 Morning moisture
32 Mini-shutout at Wimbledon
33 Spin
35 Demure
36 Buzzed
38 Thaws
39 Unmoving
42 Aviator's milestone
43 Track shape
44 Email command
45 Young lion
46 Year in Spain
47 Chest bone
49 Granada gold

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Weekly SUDOKU

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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.

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◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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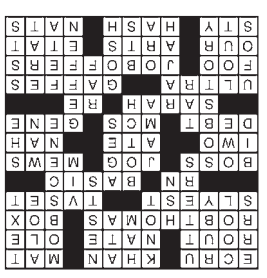
See This Week's Answers In Next Week's Edition

Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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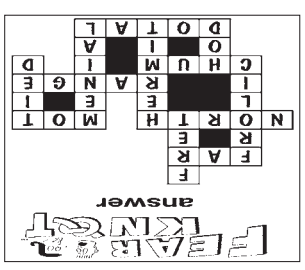
— King Crossword Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.



— Even Exchange answers

1. Lisbon, Liston
2. Aware, Award
3. Umpire, Empire
4. Summer, Simmer
5. Towel, Tower
6. Shove, Shave
7. Bother, Bather
8. Tiers, Tiegs
9. Rhine, Shine
10. Ponder, Powder



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: **U** equals **C**

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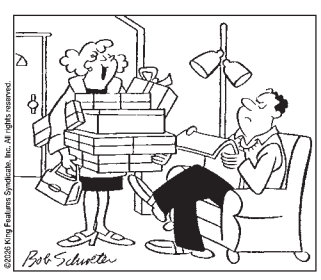
STICKELERS [sic]

by Terry Stickels

Mike's father-in-law has one daughter only. The daughter's mother-in-law has a son named Robert who has a son named Tyler. Tyler is Mike's:

A) cousin
B) nephew
C) uncle
D) son
E) father

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"I'm afraid that rainy day we saved up for turned into a _____."

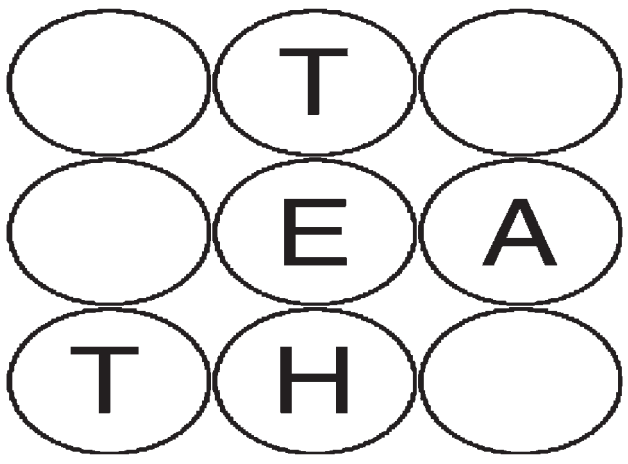
SCRAMBLERS

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!

Accord CUTER
Later NEECH
Repeat CORNEE
Break AUTHIS

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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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CryptoQuip answer

If famous singer Dion were storing contact lenses, what fluid might she use? Celine solution.

Stickelers Answer

The terms refer to railroading.

Word Spiral Answer

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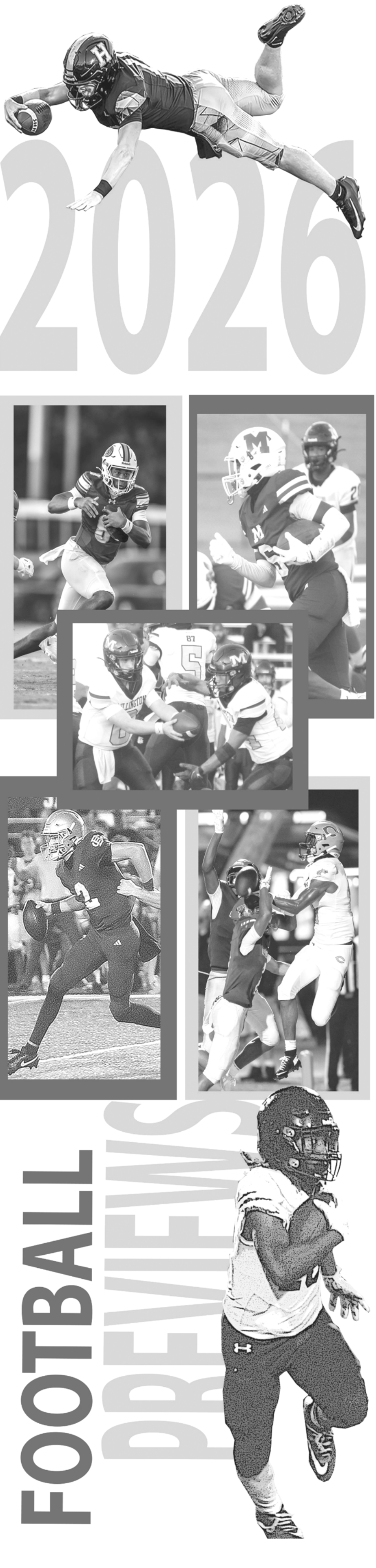
SCRAMBLERS Solution

1. Parson; 2. Crisp
3. Shrine; 4. Sponge

Today's Word

SHOPPING

PLAYOFFS



CLASS 3A PLAYOFFS

No. 4 Bolivar Central Tigers (4-6) @ No. 1 Bolton Wildcats (8-2)

The Bolton Wildcats are enjoying a eight game winning streak sparked by a defense that held Fayette-Ware, Douglass, Hamilton and Memphis East scoreless. Millington and Wooddale were held to single digits. The Wildcats offense has been paced by Gentry Hines Jr. and a powerful running attack. Bolivar Central started the season 2-6 before closing out the regular campaign with a road win at Loretto 28-21 and a blowout of Obion County 47-13. The Tigers have seen tough competition losing to Covington, Lakeland Prep., and the unbeaten teams Lexington and Westview. They will be ready for the challenge in Arlington.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Bolton 51% Bolivar 49%

No. 3 Covington Chargers (7-3) @ No. 2 Melrose Golden Wildcats (6-3)

The Chargers have the potential to run all over an opponent with six of their seven victories the team scoring 49 or more. Covington has three losses on the season coming to quality opposition, Haywood, Dyersburg and Westview. Coach JR Kirby's crew will be ready for the challenge in 'The Mound.'

Melrose prepared for this playoff battle scheduling outside of their Region Memphis Central, Kirby and Bartlett going 1-2 in those three games. The Golden Wildcats are on a five game winning streak averaging 49.2 a game only giving up 12 to Raleigh-Egypt. Two powerful offenses are on the marquee, but the Chargers have the defense to prevail.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Covington 78% Melrose 22%

CLASS 4A PLAYOFFS

No. 3 Jackson North Side Indians (7-3) @ No. 2 Lakeland Prep. Lions (7-3)

The Lions are in a good spot to make a playoff run. Head Coach David White has a senior leader behind center with Brett Godwin. The Lions have only suffered defeats to Covington, Haywood and Arlington, a Class 6A team. Lakeland has a powerful offense that features a balanced attack racking up 321 points in those seven wins.

The Indians are 7-3 as well with a 5-2 record in Region 7-4A play. Jackson North Side was one of the Lexington Tigers victims and dropped decisions to Crockett County and Giles County. When North Side has won a game, its offense has shined tallying 301 points. This game is very even.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Jackson North Side 52% Lakeland Prep. 48%

No. 4 Millington Trojans (3-7) @ No. 1 Lexington Tigers (10-0)

The Trojans have improved as the season has progressed under new Head Coach Scott Blair. With things trending in the right direction, here comes the unbeaten Lexington Tigers.

Millington has won three of the last four games to snatch up the final playoff spot in Region 8-4A. Cole Hawkins is an experienced quarterback with weapons like Christian Green. The Tigers are a machine and Lexington is eyeing a State title beating the likes of Decatur County, Crockett County and South Gibson. Lexington has scored more than 30 points in eight of its 10 wins.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Lexington 89% Millington 11%

CLASS 5A PLAYOFFS

No. 3 Brighton Cardinals @ No. 2 Henry County Patriots (5-5)

The Cardinals have navigated the season with a freshman quarterback operating with a solid running attack featuring Jakarion Burrell. The Cardinal defense is bend-but-don't break, only holding one opponent under 10 points. Brighton's quality wins have come against Dyersburg, PURE and Millington. Henry County has an impressive Region 7-5A record of 4-1. The Patriots played a quality out of league schedule going 1-4 (win over Haywood) losing to Giles County, Beech, Page and Brentwood.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Henry County 61% Brighton 39%

No. 4 Dickson County Cougars @ No. 1 Munford Cougars (9-1)

The Munford Cougars dominated their Region winning every game by 20 or more points. The Whitehaven Tigers are the only blemish on the record of Munford. Tay Starks is the driving force of the run attack with Jaheim Smith and Qua Bell being home run threats behind that powerful offensive line.

The Cougars from Dickson started the season 3-2, then came Kirkwood beating Dickson County 38-6. The Cougars have been 1-4 down the stretch beating Kenwood in the regular-season finale.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Munford 80% Dickson County 20%

CLASS 6A PLAYOFFS

No. 3 Germantown Red Devils (3-7) @ No. 2 Houston Mustangs (4-5)

The Germantown Red Devils have lost five games by a grand total of 14 points to the likes of Whitehaven, Memphis Central, DeSoto Central, Munford and Southwind. The Red Devils are battle-tested.

Across the road at Houston High School, the Mustangs started the season with a 40-6 win over their crosstown rivals Germantown. Then Houston went to play two solid Mississippi schools and challenge Whitehaven and Southwind. Collierville outlasted Canon Day and the Mustangs to earn the Region 7-6A title. This game will be closer than the August matchup.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Houston 57% Germantown 43%

No. 3 Bartlett Panthers (5-5) @ No. 2 Whitehaven Tigers (7-2)

The Tigers have bounced back in a big way in 2026 under new Head Coach Stan Collins. Ensworth and Southwind were the only two teams to outlast "The Haven." The Tigers have impressive wins over Munford, Houston and Fairley. Plus the Tigers earned a 19-7 victory against the Panthers on Oct. 23.

The Panthers have endured a roller coaster season that started 3-1. The stretch against Houston, Collierville and Pearl Cohn humbled the Panthers before Bartlett bounced back with wins over Cordova and Arlington to earn the third seed.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Whitehaven 67% Bartlett 33%

No. 4 White Station Spartans (4-6) @ No. 1 Collierville Dragons (6-4)

Don't let the record fool you, Collierville has the lineup to make a deep run in the playoffs. If the Dragons didn't play teams out of Mississippi, their record would be 8-2 possibly. Dominic Rocconi has been playing well under center and has two of the best weapons in the state with running back Larry Johnson and wideout Erik Walden Jr. The Spartans only have four wins but three of those are against playoff bound teams. White Station has seen the best playing CBHS, Memphis Central and their three league foes. They will play Collierville tough.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Collierville 72% White Station 28%

No. 4 Cordova Wolves (4-6) @ No. 1 Southwind Jaguars (9-1)

Cordova has made strides this past season picking up four wins, but when quality opponents were on the docket, the Wolves have come up limited on offense. In their six losses, Cordova has been shutout three times and tallied 20 points in the other three games.

Southwind is still building chemistry with new running back and standout Khamoni Williams toting the rock. Malcolm Jack is the senior quarterback expected to pace Southwind to another deep run in the postseason.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Southwind 87% Cordova 13%

DIVISION II-AA PLAYOFFS

Middle No. 4 Franklin Grace Lions (6-4) @ West No. 2 ECS Eagles (7-3)

The Eagles have flipped a switch to start flying high in 2026. ECS has won six of the last seven games only losing to Lausanne. ECS closed out with three streak wins outscoring opponents 121-7.

The Lions have had their switch flipped down to close out 2026. Grace Christian started the season 6-0 before losing four straight, giving up a total of 167 points. Which Lions team will show up in Shelby County.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: ECS 65% Franklin Grace 35%

West No. 3 St. George's Gryphons (6-4) @ East No. 3 Silverdale Seahawks (6-3)

The return of the Gryphons was apparent with a 6-1 start. Then St. George's dropped decisions to St. Benedict, Lausanne and ECS to close out the regular season. St. George's went from holding their first three opponents scoreless to allowing the final three to score 111 points.

Silverdale Baptist will be waiting on the Gryphons in Chattanooga with a four game winning streak. The Seahawks had the opposite start of the season going 2-3. Silverdale is catching St. Geroge's at the right time to make it five straight wins.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Silverdale 61% St. George's 39%

DIVISION II-AAA PLAYOFFS

East No. 5 CPA Lions (1-9) @ West No. 4 CBHS Purple Wave (6-4)

The Purple Wave are a quality four-loss team. CBHS were beaten by MBA, Brentwood Academy, Briarcrest and Lipscomb Academy. CBHS sophomore quarterback Nate Brick can be lethal when he's on. If he plays beyond his classification, CBHS wins this game easily.

Christ Presbyterian Academy won the right game beating Knoxville Catholic 14-13. The Lions did play MBA to a 14-10 decision. Pearl Cohn survived the Lions 18-13. McCallie, Ravenwood and Ensworth had to fight off the Lions winning by a combined 80-57.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: CBHS 55% CPA 45%

West No. 6 MUS Owls (4-6) @ East No. 3 MBA Big Red (8-2)

Montgomery Bell Academy fought tooth and nail with Baylor before losing 45-17. Ensworth outlasted the Big Red 15-14 dropping MBA to a No. 3 seed. The Big Red still has the capability to roll over an opponent averaging 33.3 points in their 8 wins.

The Owls have beaten four playoff teams in Memphis Central, White Station, Kirby and Northpoint. But the league and likes of Class 6A Bartlett got the best of MUS. The Owls have to travel to Nashville adding another obstacle in their First Round matchup.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: MBA 77% MUS 23%

West No. 2 Briarcrest Saints (bye)

HEALTH INSPECTIONS — Collierville — week of October 27–November 2, 2026

COLLIERVILLE RESTAURANT ORDERED CLOSED AFTER ROACHES FOUND CRAWLING IN FOOD

Bangkok Alley scores 64 and must stay shut until corrections are made and pest control reports

COLLIERVILLE — An inspector ordered Bangkok Alley, 2150 W. Poplar Ave., closed after finding roaches crawling inside cucumbers, fish, eggs, mushrooms and other toppings held in a prep cooler during a routine inspection October 29.

The restaurant scored 64, the lowest score posted in any community covered by these reports. Fifteen items were marked out of compliance.

The report directs that all food items the insects were in direct contact with be discarded, and records that the inspector discussed cleaning procedures with management going forward. Live insects were observed crawling in food, and dead roaches were found on the walls alongside brown buildup on walls and floors.

According to the report, the establishment must remain closed until every item listed on the inspection has been corrected, and pest control must visit and provide a thorough report indicating what services and procedures were implemented.

The inspector also found previously cooked noodles stored on prep counters at 68 degrees and ordered them discarded, chicken delivered that morning left at room temperature to thaw, cutting boards with excessive deep cuts and grooves, no probe thermometers in the building, multiple unlabeled seasonings, and bags of onions and rice stored on the ground. The manager was not aware of the employee illness policy and was shown where to find it.

Sakura of Collierville, 255 New Byhalia, Suite 111, scored 88 October 28, the second-lowest of the week, with eleven items cited including gnats and flies at the back of the kitchen, no thermometers in the kitchen prep coolers, unlabeled original containers, excessive dirty wiping cloths throughout the kitchen, no test strips, and grease buildup on the vent hood and kitchen appliances.

Twelve Collierville inspections were posted for the week of October 27 through November 2.

Casa Mexicana, 3751 S. Houston Levee Rd., and Huey's Collierville, 2130 W. Poplar Ave., Suite 101, each scored 91. At Casa Mexicana the inspector observed gloves not being changed between tasks, and cited missing thermometers and labels across the refrigeration units, boxes and buckets on walk-in floors, and open dumpster doors with trash around them.

La Hacienda, 255 New Byhalia Rd., scored 94. McDonald's, 852 W. Poplar Ave., scored 95 in a follow-up October 29, cited for employees working without hair restraints, sanitizer buckets reading zero parts per million, an ice scoop lying on top of the ice and a fry scoop lying on the fries. Paris Banh Mi, 255 New Byhalia Rd., Suite 116, also scored 95.

Maroon Brew Co, 642 W. Poplar Ave., scored a perfect 100 October 27.

Three establishments scored 96: StoryPoint-Collierville, 691 S. Byhalia; Sip & Spice Vegetarian Indian Cafe, 308 New Byhalia Rd.; and Maeve's Tavern, 78 N. Main St. Cville Social, 610 W. Poplar Ave., scored 97.

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, October 27-November 2, 2026. Source: Tennessee Department of Health / Shelby County Health Department.

Maroon Brew Co — 642 W. Poplar Ave.
Food service, routine, October 27 — **Score: 100**
No violations noted.

Sip & Spice Vegetarian Indian Cafe — 308 New Byhalia Rd.
Food service, routine, October 27 — **Score: 96**
Potatoes on the floor. Please keep potatoes six inches off floors on the shelf.
Excessive wipes on prep station. Please keep wipes in sanitizer bucket.
Microwave needs cleaning, has food debris inside.
Ceiling and floors stained. Please clean.

Huey's Collierville Restaurant — 2130 W. Poplar Ave., Ste. 101
Food service, routine, October 27 — **Score: 91**
Need labels on food containers.
Keep wipes in sanitizer bucket.
Please wash cutting boards.
Ice buildup in walk-in cooler. Please defrost, wash, rinse and sanitize.
Deep cleaning needed on all kitchen equipment.
Dumpster doors open, trash around dumpster.
Food debris on the floor throughout the kitchen.
Place bulb over vent hood.
Additional items marked out of compliance, no detail given: contamination prevented during food preparation, storage and display; personal cleanliness.

Maeve's Tavern — 78 N. Main St.
Food service, routine, October 27 — **Score: 96**
Flies and gnats at the back of the kitchen by the walk-in coolers. Please keep doors closed and maintain pest control.
Improperly stored wipes. Please keep wipes in sanitizer bucket.
Vents and kitchen floors need deep cleaning. Please clean and repair broken tiles in kitchen.
Please post current permit. Manager spoke with an agent in the permit office about permit mailing.

Sakura of Collierville — 255 New Byhalia, Suite 111
Food service, routine, October 28 — **Score: 88**
No thermometer provided in prep coolers in the kitchen.
No labels on original containers in walk-in coolers, freezer and prep cooler.
Gnats and flies at the back of the kitchen. Please keep doors closed and maintain pest control.
Boxes of food in walk-in freezer. Please keep food items six inches off the floor.
Excessive dirty wiping cloths lying around throughout the kitchen area. Please keep wipes in sanitizer bucket.
Plates need inverting.
Microwave dirty inside, and cutting boards. Please wash, rinse and sanitize.
No test strips provided.
Grease buildup on vent hood and all kitchen appliances. Please deep clean.
Floors wet with food debris and ceiling stained throughout kitchen. Please clean. Broom and pan improperly stored.
Light bulb missing under vent hood, dark in left corner. Please replace light bulb.

Cville Social — 610 W. Poplar Ave.
Food service, routine, October 28 — **Score: 97**
No hair restraints worn while preparing beverage items.
Ice buildup in top freezer. Please defrost, wash, rinse and sanitize.
Quaternary ammonium test strips not provided.
Please post current permit.
Please post no-smoking sign at the door.

Paris Banh Mi — 255 New Byhalia Rd., Ste. 116
Food service, routine, October 28 — **Score: 95**
Clean bottom of refrigerator.
Men's ceiling has a stain. Please repair.
Improperly stored broom and pan. Please hang broom and pan properly.
Please post current permit.
Additional items marked out of compliance, no detail given: utensils, equipment and linens properly stored, dried and handled; nonfood-contact surfaces clean.

La Hacienda — 255 New Byhalia Rd.
Food service, routine, October 28 — **Score: 94**
Unlabeled food containers in prep cooler. Please provide labels.
Food stored on the floors. Please keep food six inches off the floor.
Multiple wipes on the floor and prep area. Please keep wipes in sanitizer bucket.
Plates and bowls need inverting.
Food debris in bottom of freezer. Please wash, rinse and sanitize.
Ceiling in men's and women's restrooms stained. Please repair.

Bangkok Alley — 2150 W. Poplar Ave.
Food service, routine, October 29 — **Score: 64**
Manager in charge is not aware of the employee illness policy. Corrective action: educated manager and showed where to find the illness policy on the Shelby County health website.
Roaches observed crawling inside cucumbers, fish, eggs, mushrooms and other toppings located in the prep cooler. Corrective action: manager to discard all food items where bugs were in direct contact with products; cleaning procedures discussed with management going forward.
Cutting boards have excessive deep cuts and deep grooves. Surfaces must remain smooth and cleanable at all times. Corrective action: discard or repair all items.
Previously cooked noodles stored on prep counters reading 68 degrees. Corrective action: educate cooks that once a noodle is cooked it must go through proper cooling procedures and be stored hot or cold, not left in the temperature danger zone. Educate and discard.
Chicken delivered that morning sitting out at room temperature to thaw, reading 31 degrees.
No probe thermometers observed in house.
Multiple unlabeled seasonings on prep stations and inside large red bins on the seasoning racks.
Live insects observed crawling in food.
Multiple bags of onions and rice stored on the ground.
Wiping cloths improperly handled.
Red bins holding seasonings have excessive food buildup; interior of coolers has food splatter.
Racks have extreme dust accumulation; exterior of equipment needs deep cleaning from food splatter and spills.
Back door has multiple food boxes stored on the ground.
Ceiling tile over prep station is black with dust accumulation. Dead roaches found on walls and brown buildup observed on walls and floors.
Clean under and around all equipment.
Comment: the establishment must remain closed until all items listed on the inspection report have been corrected. Pest control must stop by with a thorough report indicating what services and procedures were implemented.

McDonald's — 852 W. Poplar Ave.
Food service, follow-up, October 29 — **Score: 95**
Employees working in the kitchen without hair restraints. Corrective action is to have all employees actively handling and preparing food wear hair restraints.
Sanitizer buckets for the wiping cloths reading zero parts per million. Please ensure all sanitizer buckets housing wiping cloths are at the correct concentration.
Utensils improperly stored or left in the food: coffee filters uncovered, ice scoop lying on top of the ice at the beverage station, fry scoop lying on top of the fries.
Dried milk splatters on the exterior underside of the ice cream machine. Please clean and maintain cleanliness.
Both restroom vents are dusty. Please clean.

StoryPoint-Collierville — 691 S. Byhalia
Food service, routine, October 29 — **Score: 96**
Flies at the back of the kitchen. Please keep doors closed and maintain pest control.
Use beard guard while preparing food.
Ice buildup in walk-in freezer. Please defrost, wash, rinse and sanitize.

Casa Mexicana — 3751 S. Houston Levee Rd.
Food service, routine, October 29 — **Score: 91**
No thermometer provided in refrigerator, prep coolers, walk-in cooler and freezer.
No labels on the original containers in prep coolers and walk-in coolers.
Several boxes and buckets on the floor in walk-in cooler and walk-in freezer. Please keep items six inches off floor.
Multiple wipes on prep counter and throughout kitchen. Please keep wipes in sanitizer bucket when in use.
Plates and bowls improperly stored; please invert.
Gloves not being changed between tasks. Please practice changing gloves.
Inside of refrigerator and prep cooler shelves, bottom of racks and walk-in freezer have food debris. Please wash, rinse and sanitize.
Dumpster doors open with trash around. Please keep doors closed.
Ceiling and floor tiles are chipped and stained. Please repair, wash, rinse and sanitize.

