

TOWN ADDRESSES ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE OF FIRE CHIEF

Special Called Meeting Moved; Date TBD

BY JENNIFER PRESTON
*Town of Collierville
Public Information Officer*

The Town of Collierville recognizes the community interest surrounding the recent decision to place the Fire Chief on administrative leave. We understand that in the absence of detailed public information, speculation can arise; however, the Town is committed to handling this matter with the objective professionalism and due process that our employees and residents deserve.

The special-called public meeting originally scheduled for, August 14 at 2:00 p.m. was moved to a date to

be determined to allow both parties to meet a resolution.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen held a closed attorney-client privilege consultation Friday, August 14 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

To provide clarity on how this process is governed, the Town operates under a specific charter structure. Per the Town of Collierville Charter, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (Article IV) serves as the legislative body, while the Town Administrator (Article V) is charged with the day-to-day administration of the Town, including personnel matters. The decision to place the Fire Chief on leave was an administrative action executed within that authority and in accordance with established personnel policy. The Town Administrator has maintained continuous communication with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen throughout the process to ensure complete transparency among Town leadership.

The Collierville Fire Department continues to operate without interruption, and the Town remains fully confident in the department's leadership team and the dedicated personnel who serve our community every day. Public safety remains our top priority, and emergency services are fully operational.



COLLIERVILLE FIRE & RESCUE PROMOTES RICK OVERLAND TO DRIVER

STAFF REPORT

Collierville Fire & Rescue has promoted firefighter Rick Overland to Driver, where he will be assigned to Ladder 86.

Overland began his fire service career in 2010 as a volunteer firefighter. What started as a desire to help people through some of the most difficult moments of their lives eventually became a lifelong career.

"I started as a volunteer firefighter so I could help people through the worst days of their lives, and then I realized I could get paid to

do the job I love," Overland said.

He joined Collierville Fire & Rescue in 2022, bringing years of experience from other fire departments. Throughout his career, Overland has developed a particular passion for technical rescue and set a goal of becoming a technician-level rescuer in every available discipline — a goal he accomplished over the past several years.

Among the aspects of the job he enjoys most are challenging rescue calls, including vehicle extrication, rope rescue and swift-water

rescue.

"My favorite part of the job is a good rescue situation, whether it's a vehicle extrication, rope rescue, or swift water rescue," he said.

Away from the fire station, Overland has been married to his wife for 25 years. The couple has two daughters, ages 25 and 20.

Collierville Fire & Rescue congratulated Overland on his promotion and recognized his years of service, experience and commitment to rescue operations.

Source: Collierville Fire & Rescue.



CONSTRUCTION ZONE ESTABLISHED AT HALLE PARK FOR COLLIERVILLE LIBRARY EXPANSION

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Following Wednesday's official groundbreaking ceremony for the Lucius E. and Elsie C. Burch, Jr. Library expansion and renovation, the next phase of the project is underway.

Crews are installing safety fencing to establish a secure construction perimeter in Halle Park around the library footprint (pictured). To ensure the safety of all park visitors, pedestrians, and pets, this designated section

of Halle Park will remain closed to the public for the duration of construction.

As site preparation and grading work begins, visitors will notice heavy equipment on-site and the necessary removal of select trees within the immediate building and grading footprint.

The Town recognizes the community's appreciation for its tree canopy and green spaces. An intentional, extensive landscaping plan has been developed to replant a significant number of new, native shade and ornamental trees upon the project's completion.

The Collierville Library expansion project includes a 300-person Civic Center, an Adult Reading Center and Conservatory, modernized teen and children's literacy areas, and flexible community rooms, with full completion scheduled for Spring 2028.

Residents and park patrons are asked to observe all posted construction signage and stay outside fenced areas. For ongoing construction updates, renderings, and project milestones, visit colliervilletn.gov/CivicCenter.



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Please be advised that the soccer fields at Progress Road will be closed until September 11, 2026, due to ongoing construction. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Chris Rowell, Engineering Inspector, at 901-457-2349 or crowell@colliervilletn.gov.

Courtesy Town of Collierville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department



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Towns,” putting the historic town in the running to be crowned Hallmark’s Merriest Christmas Town of 2026.

Notably, Collierville stands as the only town in the Mid-South region to earn a spot on the coveted Top 25 list.

The nationwide contest, hosted by the Hallmark Channel, celebrates communities that embody the heart, wonder, and joy of the holiday season. The community that earns the top title will receive national recognition and the opportunity to serve as the filming location for an upcoming Hallmark holiday movie.

While Collierville previously appeared as a picturesque backdrop in Hallmark’s *Wedding at Graceland*, this honor gives the town the opportunity to take center stage as the primary setting for a future holiday film.

“Anyone who has ever visited Collierville during the holidays knows that our town doesn’t just look like a holiday movie set, our community truly lives the spirit of the season,” said Ashley Carver, Tourism Director for the Town of Collierville. “Being the only town in the Mid-South selected is an incredible honor, but we need everyone across the region to rally behind us. This is our chance to turn that festive magic into a starring role on screens nationwide.”

- How to Vote:
- » Vote now through September 4, 2026

» HallmarkChannel.com/Merriest

» Anyone 18 and older can cast one vote per person, per calendar day.

Collierville is widely known for its signature holiday celebrations, including a quarter-million lights illuminating the historic Town Square, horse-drawn carriage rides, Dickens Carolers, and much more.

The Town encourages residents, neighboring communities, and regional visitors to come together to make Collierville the merriest Christmas Town of all!

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There’s just something about high school football season in Tennessee.

The weather is still hot, the days are still long, and technically summer isn’t over yet. But once the lights come on over the football field on Friday night, it feels like fall is just around the corner.

For a lot of people around here, myself included, high school football is one of the best parts of the year.

Part of that is simply because it’s fun.

There’s something exciting about walking into a stadium on a Friday night, hearing the band warming up, seeing the cheerleaders along the sideline, watching the players come through the gate, and looking across the stands at a crowd filled with people you know.

High school football has a different feel than almost any other sport.

It is local.

These are our kids. Our schools. Our towns.

The player carrying the

football may be the same kid who bagged your groceries last week. The lineman making a big block may sit two pews behind you at church. The cheerleader on the sideline may be your neighbor’s daughter. The band member playing the fight song may be your grandchild.

That connection makes the game mean a little more.

But football is about far more than what happens on Friday night.

For the young men playing the game, there are lessons being taught every day at practice that they may not fully appreciate until years later.

Football teaches that hard work matters.

You don’t become stronger by talking about lifting weights. You don’t learn a playbook by carrying it around. You don’t become a better player without repetition, discipline and doing the same difficult things over and over until they become second nature.

It teaches teamwork.

Eleven players have to do their jobs at the same time. A quarterback can make the perfect throw, but somebody has to protect him long enough to make it. A running back can be talented, but he still needs

blockers. A defense falls apart quickly when one person decides he would rather chase the football than carry out his assignment.

There are plenty of lessons about life hidden in all of that.

Football also teaches accountability.

If you miss practice, someone notices. If you don’t know your assignment, your teammates may pay the price. If you make a mistake on Friday night, there is usually no hiding it.

Then you line up and play the next snap.

That may be one of the most valuable lessons of all.

Life is full of mistakes, disappointments and losses. Learning at a young age that you can get knocked down, get back up and keep playing is worth far more than whatever the scoreboard says at the end of the night.

And then there are the coaches.

Good coaches do much more than teach football. They teach discipline. They set expectations. They demand effort. They correct bad attitudes and encourage young people when they need it.

For some players, a coach may become one of the most important positive male influences in their lives.

That responsibility should never be taken lightly, but when it is done well, the impact can last far beyond graduation.

Years from now, most of these players probably won’t remember the score of every game they played.

But they will remember the locker room.

They will remember summer workouts when it was nearly too hot to breathe. They will remember long bus rides home after a win—and probably the really quiet ones after a loss.

They will remember their teammates.

They will remember their coaches.

They will remember running onto the field wearing the colors of their hometown.

And many of them will eventually come back to those same stadiums as adults. They’ll sit in the stands with their own children and cheer for another generation of players wearing the same uniform.

That is one of the things I love most about high school football.

It ties generations together.

It gives young people a stronger connection to their school and community, and it creates memories that

stay with them for the rest of their lives.

So as another football season gets underway across Tennessee, I hope everyone has a great year.

To the players: work hard, listen to your coaches, take care of your teammates and enjoy it. These seasons go by faster than you think.

To the coaches: thank you for the time you invest in these young people and for recognizing that what you are teaching goes far beyond football.

And to the parents, grandparents and fans: fill up the stands. Encourage these kids. Cheer hard, but remember that they are still kids playing a game.

Most importantly, I hope everyone stays safe.

Football is a physical sport, and injuries are always a possibility. Play hard, play clean, watch out for one another and never lose sight of what really matters.

The lights are coming on. The bands are warming up.

And another Tennessee high school football season is here.

Good luck to all of our local teams.

Have a great—and safe—season.

What Happened to Me

By David Peel

Late on Thursday, July 23, I took a bad line on our property riding a 700lb Honda 500 swamper four-wheeler and it flipped forward. I came down on my right shoulder crushing it; the atv continued rotation and my knee was well behind me when it hit and shoved my femoral head through the front of my dislocated hip. My

son was right behind me and got to work fast, stabilizing my leg and getting the paramedics to me. My grandson, thankfully, had already turned back toward the house minutes before — he wasn’t there to see any of it.

From there it was one blessing after another: the first responders who got me out fast, a great surgical team, traction to hold things steady, then surgery to clear the loose fragments of the fractured acetabulum.

Hurt Thursday night, home with my family Tuesday evening. My shoulder’s too torn up for a walker or crutches, so I’m in a wheelchair for now — good friends made sure I had a power chair, and it’s been a lifeline.

Lying still in traction reminded me of a traffic jam I

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sat in over thirty years ago, next to a young man in a Porsche who was furious, beating the wheel like he meant to break it — same delay I had, same powerlessness, but I’d made my peace with it and had a sermon of Dr Rogers playing. Your character isn’t built by what happens to you.

It’s revealed by what you do with it. As the old saying goes, every man is either in a storm, coming out of one, or headed into the next.

Even from this chair, I’ve already been out handing out settlement checks to my clients, and I’m praising God that with time

I’ll be out of this wheelchair and back on my feet for good.

What’s been hardest is being served so lovingly by my wife, my kids, my grandson, my staff, when I can do so little for them.

But I praise God for surrounding me with such a wonderful support system, and for His grace.

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.

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Anchored in Truth

by Bill White

LESSONS FROM

THE COACHING CHAIR:

Not Everything Unexpected

Is an Emergency

One of the first things I encourage people to do when getting their finances in order is build an emergency fund.

The reason is simple: life happens.

Cars break down. Air conditioners quit in July. People get sick. Jobs disappear. When those things happen, having money set aside can turn a potential financial crisis into an inconvenience.

But I've learned something else from the coaching chair.

A surprising number of our "emergencies" aren't really emergencies at all.

Christmas comes every December.

The car needs tires eventually.

The annual insurance premium will come due.

Children need school clothes.

The refrigerator won't last forever.

None of these expenses is truly unexpected. We may not know exactly when they'll occur or precisely how much they'll cost, but we know they're coming.

There's an important distinction between an emergency and an expense we simply haven't prepared for.

That distinction matters because constantly treating predictable expenses as emergencies keeps us in a reactive cycle. We solve today's problem, breathe a sigh of relief, and then wait for the next one to arrive.

Financial peace requires looking farther down the road.

Proverbs 27:12 tells us, "The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty."

That's really what financial planning is about. We can't predict everything that will happen, but we can pay attention to what's ahead.

If your car has 150,000 miles on it, you probably don't know which repair will come next. But you can reasonably assume something will.

If your roof is 20 years old, replacing it someday shouldn't be a complete surprise.

And if Christmas spending puts you into debt every January, Christmas isn't the problem. The calendar gave you twelve months' notice.

One of the simplest tools I recommend is creating savings categories for expenses you know are coming. Put a little aside each month for car repairs, home maintenance, vacations, Christmas, or other irregular expenses.

Fifty dollars a month doesn't feel like much. But when the bill eventually arrives, having several hundred dollars waiting changes the entire experience.

That's the power of preparation.

An emergency fund should be reserved for the things we genuinely couldn't see coming. For everything else, we can practice the biblical principle of looking ahead and preparing wisely.

Of course, no amount of planning will eliminate every surprise from life. That's not the goal.

The goal is to become less fragile.

I've learned from the coaching chair that financial peace isn't the absence of problems. It's reaching the point where every problem doesn't become a financial crisis.

So take a look down the road.

What expense can you already see coming?

Start preparing for it today.

Your future self will be glad you did.

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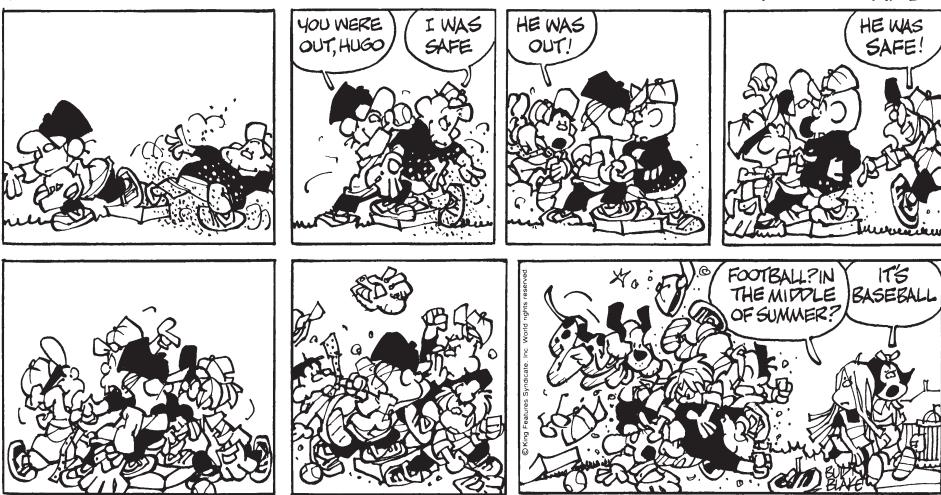
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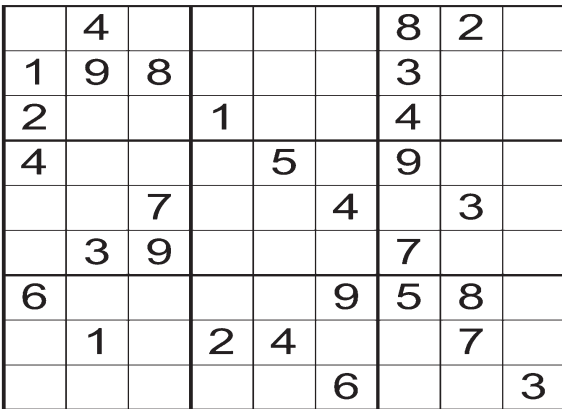
by Donna Pettman

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. Heavenly	— — — — V —	Divvy up	— — — — D —
2. Certain quartet	— T — — —	Planting season	— P — — —
3. Express gratitude	— — A — —	Mull over	— — I — —
4. Coronet	— — — — N	Multitude	— — — — D
5. Pendant	— — — — T	Student's closet	— — — — R
6. Beehive	— P — — —	Bird sanctuary	— V — — —
7. Lombard or Burnett	— — — — L	Chocolate alternate	— — — — B
8. Arrogance	P — — — —	Groom's mate	B — — — —
9. Stockholm native	— W — — —	Velvety leather	— U — — —
10. Rowling's character	— — T — —	Composer Cole	— — R — —

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Weekly SUDOKU



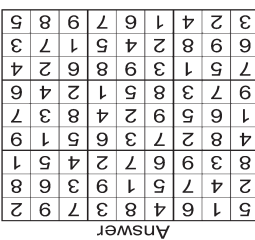
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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Answers

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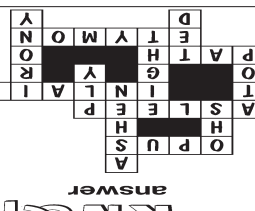
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **W** equals **P**

RXSO B WBIYDHFABI
HMODZSIMFQ YISS ZSAY B
ZISBNV WIDHNAV QSOQBYDMO,
YXBY RBQ WDOS-YDOCADOC.

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Even Exchange



Answers

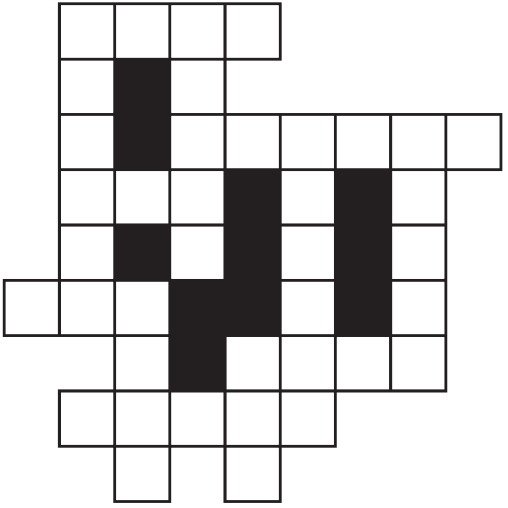
Answers

FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

GIW
WEPORD
AILEK
PEKL
WULOAT
♥ ADW
♥ AEGP
DALPI
♥ RKI
KADLET
ROLGW
♥ ERWE



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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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Sheepish "Hello!"
4 Out of control
8 Regretted
12 U.S. Navy vessel
13 — Crunch (breakfast cereal)
14 Singer Guthrie
15 Mel of baseball
16 Manitoba tribe
17 The same
18 Cold-hardy salad veggie
21 Whatever amount
22 Green shade
23 Kick out
26 Send electronically
27 Extinct bird
30 Sunrise direction
31 Future flower
32 Border on
33 Tippy
34 A Bobbsey twin
35 Dish
36 Cat's coat
37 Three, in Rome
38 Young person, metaphorically
45 Mideast airline
46 Bern's river

DOWN

1 Gust
2 Wine region
3 Envelope abbr.
4 Emphasize
5 Tie the knot
6 Autobahn
7 Skateboarder's protection

8 Indian yogurt dish
9 Language of Pakistan
10 Power co. supply
11 Stadium top
19 Diplomacy
20 — -Mex cuisine
23 Long, skinny fish
24 — alai
25 Proposal fig.
26 Gaiety
27 CEO's degree, often
28 Chic no more
29 Chowd down
31 Shopper's quest

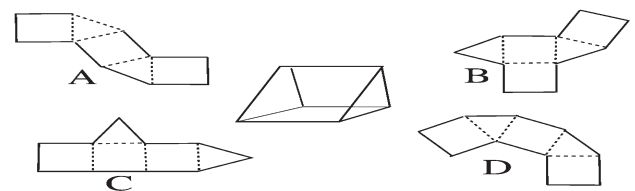
32 Novelist Waugh
34 Mother Teresa, for one
35 Mass celebrant
36 Mailed a tax return
37 Toss
38 Beheld
39 Stage show
40 Grate
41 Superhero's garment
42 Vegas game
43 Always
44 D.C. baseball team

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STICKELLERS

by Terry Stickels

Two of the four figures below will fold into the prism shown in the middle. Which two?



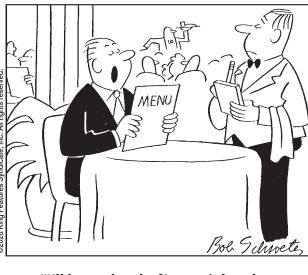
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SCRAMBLERS

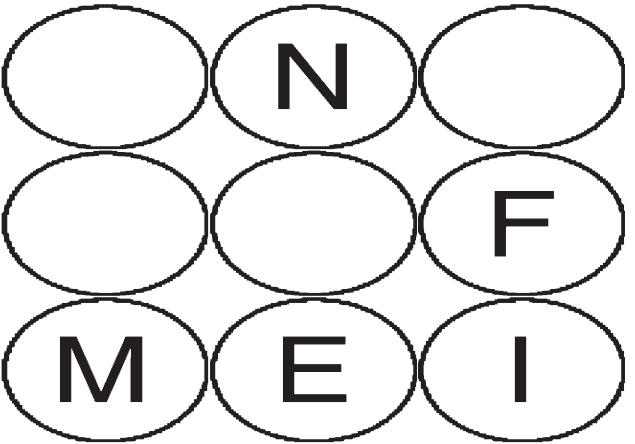
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Student RENTIN
Rural SIRCUT
Slime GLUDES
Anarchy HAMMEY

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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Word Spiral Answer

The U.S. states are Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

SCRAMBLERS

1. Hedge; 2. Sate
solution
3. Scenic; 4. Trail
Today's Word
CHEATING

CRYPTOQUIP

Answer
If there were a pious religious group founded by one of the Beatles, would they be Lennonites?



BUCKMAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

SEPTEMBER 2026 EVENTS

Event: Floral Infusion: New Works by Vera Feldman and Bobo Huettel **Date:** August 7 to September 21, 2026
Opening Reception Friday, August 14, 2026, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Gallery: Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Buckman Arts Center at St. Mary’s Episcopal School
60 Perkins Extended, Memphis, TN 38117
Contact: (901) 537-1483 or cyounger@st-marysschool.org
More info: huettelart.com, [instagram.com/ericavericartn](https://www.instagram.com/ericavericartn), buckmanartscenter.com
Ticket Price: Free

Description: Floral Infusion: New Works by Vera Feldman and Bobo Huettel will be on exhibit in the Levy Gallery of the Buckman Arts Center at St. Mary’s Episcopal School.

Event: BoDeans
Date: September 18, 2026
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Buckman Arts Center at St. Mary’s Episcopal School
60 Perkins Extended, Memphis, TN 38117
Contact: (901) 537-1483 or cyounger@st-marysschool.org
More info: bodeans.com or buckmanartscenter.com
Ticket Price: \$45

Description: Launching Buckman’s 29th season, BoDeans arrive in Memphis as part of its nationwide 40th Anniversary Tour. Known for its high-energy live performances and enduring roots-rock sound, the band has spent four decades crafting songs that have become part of the American musical landscape. Led by

founder, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and producer Kurt Neumann, BoDeans’ catalog includes beloved favorites such as “Good Things,” “You Don’t Get Much,” “Idaho,” and “Closer to Free,” the iconic theme song from Party of Five. Throughout its storied career, the band has shared stages with U2, Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, Tom Petty, The Pretenders, and David Bowie, earning a reputation as one of the most enduring live acts.

Event: Magic Carpet Presents Shake, Rattle, and Roll: A Musical History of Memphis with Brad Birkedahl
Date: September 19, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Buckman Arts Center at St. Mary’s Episcopal School
60 Perkins Extended, Memphis, TN 38117
Contact: (901) 537-1483 or cyounger@st-marysschool.org
More info: buckmanartscenter.com
Ticket Price: Pay what you can with donations accepted.

Description: Kids ages two and up are invited to grab their poodle skirt and leather jacket to bebop and sock-hop on over for a swell time! Legendary guitarist Brad Birkedahl will take us on a Memphis music magic carpet ride celebrating everyone from Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, the King, and everything in between! Thank you. Thank you very much.

Event: A merging: New Works by Lauren Cannon
Date: September 25 to November 2, 2026
Opening Reception Friday, September 25, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Gallery: Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Buckman Arts Center at St. Mary’s Episcopal School
60 Perkins Extended, Memphis, TN 38117
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Ticket Price: Free
Description: A merging: New Works by Lauren Cannon will be on exhibit in the Levy Gallery of the Buckman Arts Center at St. Mary’s Episcopal School.

Event: Lightwire Theater
Date: September 27, 2026
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Buckman Arts Center at St. Mary’s Episcopal School
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More info: lightwiretheater.com or buckmanartscenter.com
Ticket Price: \$45

Description: Join Lightwire Theater, semi-finalists on NBC’s America’s Got Talent and recipients of the prestigious Jim Henson Foundation Grant, for an electrifying evening of wonder for audiences of all ages. Illuminated by electroluminescent wire, this glow-in-the-dark adventure combines puppetry, technology, dance, and music in a visually stunning theatrical experience. With dazzling imagery, heartfelt storytelling, and innovative choreography, Lightwire Theater transforms beloved stories into unforgettable family entertainment.

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2026

The West 10 Media Power 10 Rankings 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 the 2026 season.

PRESEASON RANKINGS

1. Collierville

2. Munford

3. Briarcrest

4. St. George’s

5. Covington

6. Houston

7. Germantown

8. Arlington

9. MUS

10. Bolton

WEST 10
MEDIA

The Millington Star

GERMANTOWN NEWS
& SHELBY SUN TIMES

The Leader

Bartlett Express

Collierville
Herald Independent

Collierville students invited to enter Fire Prevention Week poster contest

BY STAFF WRITER

Collierville students are being invited to put their creativity and fire-safety knowledge to work in the annual Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest hosted by Collierville Fire & Rescue.

This year’s contest focuses on the National Fire Protection Association’s 2026 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.”

The contest encourages students to create artwork that promotes safe practices involving lithium-ion batteries, including how to buy, charge and recycle them safely.

The contest is open to K-12 students in Collierville, including those attending public and private schools as well as homeschool students. Posters must be handmade, no larger than 11 by 17 inches and focus on the 2026 Fire Prevention Week theme and related safety messages.

Winners will be selected by grade level, with an Accessible Arts Division also available.

Entries must be submitted by 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21.

Collierville Fire & Rescue encourages students to get creative while helping spread an important fire-safety message throughout the community.

More information about Fire Prevention Week and lithium-ion battery safety is available at fpw.org.

Source: Collierville Fire & Rescue.

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WHAT: Create an original handmade poster (not to exceed 11x17") showing this year's Fire Prevention Week theme from the NFPA: *Safe Charging Is a SUPERPOWER™*

WHEN: Entries due **Monday, September 21st, 2026 @ 4:00 PM**

WHERE: Turn in your poster at either:
• 1251 Peterson Lake Rd.
• Your school's front office

IMPORTANT: The Parental Release Form must be completely filled out and attached to the back of the poster to be considered.

ACCESSIBLE ARTS DIVISION: Students who receive services through an IEP are encouraged to enter. Entries will be judged in a separate Accessible Arts division.

AWARDS:
• Awards given for EACH GRADE (K–12)
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