

TIME TO FALL BACK

Set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 1, at 2 a.m.

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UDA MID-SOUTH REGIONALS: The Collierville Dragon Dancers showed up to the UDA Regionals, brought the energy, and brought home: 1st Place -Junior High Pom; 2nd Place - Junior High Game Day, Best Choreography Award (Game Day); and 1st Place - Junior High Spirit Program Performance. We are so proud of our dancers and all the hard work, dedication, and heart they put into every performance!

Collierville Dragon Dancers

COLLIERVILLE DRAGON DANCERS EARN TOP HONORS AT UDA MID-SOUTH REGIONALS

Staff Report

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn. — The Collierville Dragon Dancers earned multiple awards at the Universal Dance Association Mid-South Regionals held Oct. 24-25.

The team placed first in junior high pom and junior high spirit program performance, and second in junior high game day. The dancers also received the Best Choreography Award for their game day routine.

The results reflect the dancers' preparation and dedication throughout the competition season, according to the team's announcement.

Coach Carol Lloyd was recognized for her encouragement and leadership, while sponsors Rebecca Secrist and Tiffiney Cheairs were thanked for their continued guidance and support.

The team also credited family members, friends and the Collierville Dragon community for supporting the dancers throughout the season.

The Dragon Dancers plan to build on their regional results as they continue competing this season.



RUSSELL'S FARM SUPPLY MOURNS LOSS AND BELOVED PARROT AFTER FIRE, COMMUNITY SUPPORTS 75-YEAR-OLD BUSINESS

Staff Report

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn. — A fire damaged Russell's Farm Supply last Thursday evening. Popeye, the store's longtime parrot and a familiar presence to generations of customers, died in the fire.

Collierville Fire & Rescue A-Shift crews responded to the reported structure fire at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, at 136 S. Center St., according to the department.

Engine 81 arrived within three minutes and encountered heavy fire conditions, with flames coming through the roof. The main body of the fire was concentrated in the center of the building.

Firefighters quickly worked to contain the blaze, bringing it under control about 10 minutes after the first crew arrived. Crews remained at the scene to extinguish hot spots and complete overhaul operations. No injuries were reported.

The cause and origin remain under investigation by the Collierville Fire Marshal's Office.

The Collierville Fire Departmetn department thanked the Collierville Police Department's officers and dispatchers for their assistance, and the Germantown Fire Department for sending crews to help, in a post on Facebook.

For the family behind Russell's, the fire represents a painful setback for a business woven into the fabric of the Collierville community for three-quarters of a century.

In a message to customers and supporters on Facebook, the owners reflected on the store's history and their hopes for its future.



"For 75 years, Russell's has been a part of the Collierville community," the family wrote. "When we took over last November, our dream was to preserve its history while building a future for generations to come."

The owners said their first year has brought more challenges than they anticipated but expressed faith that the business' story is not over.

"We may not understand His plan right now, but we trust that He is not finished with our story," they wrote.

Despite the damage, the family said its fall festival and concert, scheduled for Saturday, would go on, provided the grounds are deemed safe.

With the event less than 48 hours away when the family shared its announcement, the owners said they were determined to continue with plans that had taken considerable community effort to organize.

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