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GIVE THEM SIX

Bolton winning streak continues with blowout of Memphis East

By Thomas Sellers Jr
Richardson Media Group

Participating in the TSSAA Class 3A State Football Playoffs is an old habit around Bolton High School.

The program led by Head Coach CJ Marshall has even turned hosting a November game into a tradition on the campus. But when the 2026 season began in August, Marshall's plan was to play larger programs White Station and Memphis Central on the schedule to get battle-tested.

Despite taking those two defeats to start the campaign, Marshall was focused on the bigger picture and the long game of winning Region 8-3A.

The Wildcats took another step in that direction Friday night in the Bolton Football Stadium dominating the Memphis East Mustangs 50-0 to increase their winning streak to six games.

"We talked about the preparation process," Marshall said. "I also told you last time I am very intentional about the teams we scrimmage and play to get ready for league play.

"When it came to our league play we knew the toughest test was going to be the first game we played — Melrose," he continued. "As you saw in that game, we imposed our will and dominated that game as well. On the back end it's about staying focused and committing to what we do as a team. And as a unit just finishing the job."



The Memphis East Mustangs have been scoreless all season and the trend continued Friday night with the Bolton Wildcat defense holding them scoreless.



Bolton Head Football Coach CJ Marshall (center) has his Wildcats rolling with a sixth straight win with the lastest coming over Memphis East this past Friday night.

After beating Fayette-Ware for win No. 1 of the streak, Bolton took a huge step toward a championship beating the defending champion Melrose Golden Wildcats 24-12.

Then Bolton (6-2, 3-0 in Region 8-3A) ended a losing streak to rival Millington 12-8. Since the Trojans scored on the Wildcats, the next three opponents went down 123-0. Douglass and Hamilton were first to go down.

East (0-7, 0-2) could never get any offensive rhythm with defenders like LeTerious Williams all

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RISING COUNTRY ARTIST BRITTNEY SPENCER PLAYS BPACC THIS SATURDAY

BARTLETT, Tenn. – Rising country music star Brittney Spencer will take the stage at the Bartlett Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Spencer is a genre-defying singer-songwriter known for her free spirit and remarkable ability to craft songs that blend life, truth, and imagination. Dubbed "Nashville's new star" by CBS Mornings, Spencer has earned widespread acclaim from Variety, Billboard, and Rolling Stone.

Since the release of her debut album, *My Stupid Life*, earlier this year, Spencer has been featured on the TODAY Show, NPR's Tiny Desk Concert, Austin City Limits, and more. She has also been recognized in prestigious lists such as the 2024 Grammy Artists to Watch, Variety's 2024 Most Anticipated Albums, People Magazine's One to Watch, and Rolling Stone's Future Artist.

Throughout her career, Spencer has toured and shared stages with notable artists including Reba McEntire, Willie Nelson, Jason Isbell, The Highwomen, Bob Dylan, Brandi Carlile, and Carrie Underwood. Her festival appearances include CMA Fest, CMC Rocks, Essence Festival, and Hyde Park's BTS Festival, where she opened for The Chicks and Bruce Springsteen.

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Courtesy Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce



BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND COLOR GUARD EARN GRAND CHAMPION HONORS AT POWERBAND CLASSIC

Staff Reports

BARTLETT, Tenn. — The Bartlett High School band and color guard brought home multiple awards, including first place overall and grand champion honors, at the Powerband Classic, capping months of preparation and hard work with an impressive competition performance.

The ensemble earned a sweep of special awards during preliminary competition, receiving recognition



for outstanding color guard, percussion, visual performance, music performance and visual effect. The band also was named the Class 7A champion.

The accolades continued during finals, where Bartlett earned awards for outstanding visual performance, outstanding musical performance and outstanding general effect before claiming first place overall and grand champion.

The results reflect the dedication of the students, who have spent countless hours rehearsing and refining their musical and visual performances. Their commitment was matched by the leadership of the band director and staff, who helped guide the ensemble throughout its preparation.

Preliminary special awards sweep:

* Outstanding color guard
* Outstanding Percussion
* Outstanding visual performance
* Outstanding music performance
* Outstanding visual effect
* Class 7a champion

Finals results:

* Outstanding Visual performance
* Outstanding Musical erformance
* Outstanding General Effect
* First place overall, grand champion!

FOOTBALL,

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over ball carriers. Williams got the scoring started with a fumble recovery leading to a 24-yard touchdown.

Bolton went ahead 8-0 after a safety because of a snap for a punt going out of the end zone. The Wildcat lead grew to 15-0 seconds later when the free kick flew into the hands of Gentry Hines Jr. Hines ripped through the middle of the field leaving dust and Mustangs in the air for the touchdown.

Still at the midway point of the first quarter, Bolton stayed on the attack this time using the offense with Kylan Bradford breaking loose for a 40-yard touchdown run to make the score 23-0 with 2:34 on the clock.

Johnathan Wilson closed out the touchdown parade for Bolton in the first quarter with a TD. Douglas Krueger added the two-point conversion to put the Wildcats up 31-0 going into the second quarter.

Bolton scored twice in the second quarter to ice the game with Hines scoring on a short run. Wildcat quarterback Kylon Gipson crossed the goal line on a keeper to make the halftime score 44-0. Both touchdowns were set up by big plays from Bolton athlete Calvion Wilford.

The first touchdown of the night came on the second half kickoff when Bolton's Lathaniel Henderson returned the kick to the house.

With another win in the books, Bolton left the field with a meekness and focus of a champion. Marshall reminded his players, next up are the Cardinals.

"For a championship team this week is very important," he said. "We have practice at 8 o'clock in the morning. The guys who have bought and who want to win a championship are going to show up and play for a championship.

"The guys that do not, are not going to be here," he concluded. "I definitely have faith in my boys and know they' all going to show up. We're going to be ready to roll next Friday."

Upcoming Events ...

BUCKMAN ART CENTER PRESENTS:
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Buckman Arts Center at St. Mary's, 60 Perkins Extd., Memphis, TN 38117

Join the legendary Urban Bush Women for a free community workshop open to the public on Friday, October 23 at 5:30 p.m., prior to the company's evening show. "Dance for Everybody" embraces the idea that each individual has a unique and powerful contribution to make and that bodies are a formidable source of agency. The goal is for "every body" to find their level of challenge and comfort and partake according to their abilities. This movement jam/dance class seeks to appreciacyounker@stmaryss-chool.org to reserve a spot.

BARTLETT FIRE DEPARTMENT PANCAKE BREAKFAST: 7-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at The Venue at Bartlett Station. The 46th annual breakfast features pancakes, sausage and coffee, with proceeds benefiting the Bartlett Fire Department Reserves and supporting fire education and community outreach. Tickets are available through the Bartlett Fire Department's event page. Source: Bartlett Fire Department



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FIRE PIT FRIDAYS ARE COMING OCTOBER 30

Staff Reports

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The event will run from 6 to 9 p.m. Fire pits will be available for roasting marshmallows, visiting with friends and neighbors and meeting new people.

Limited benches will be available, so attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs or other seating.

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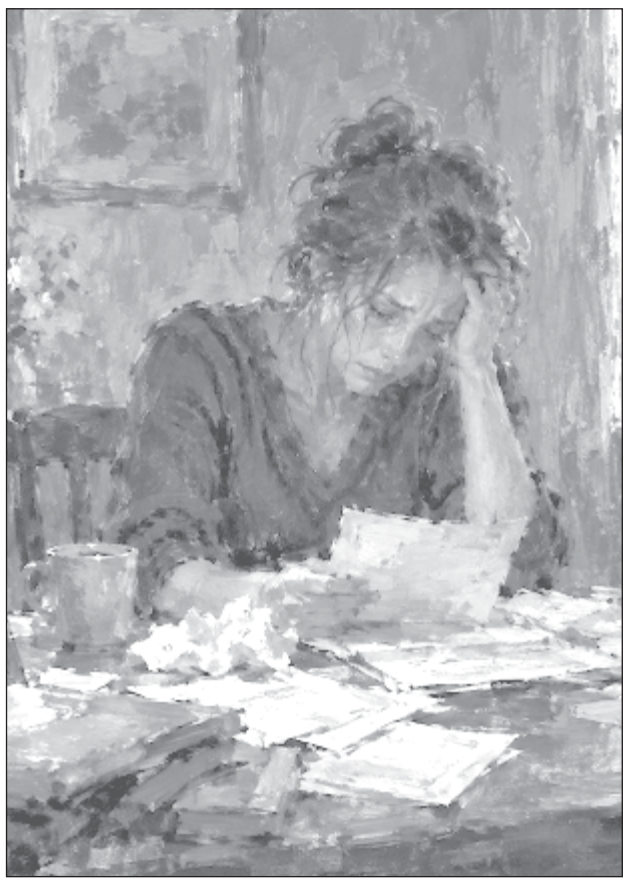
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Living with Purpose

By David Peel

The Gift of Preparation:
How Planning Ahead Can Spare Loved Ones Grief and Confusion



You may find yourself in this position one day—standing in a parent's house after they're gone, boxes everywhere, trying to make sense of a life that suddenly feels both familiar and impossible to sort through.

The grief is hard enough. What makes it harder is everything left unsaid and unwritten.

A will and last testament is the starting point. It does more than decide who gets the house or the bank accounts. It tells your family what you intended, reduces arguments, and gives them something clear to follow when they are least able to make decisions. Without one, even simple things can drag on for months or end up in court.

Beyond the will, a few ordinary lists can spare them hours of confusion:

A list of which accounts are still open—so they are not calling banks blind, trying to separate active accounts from ones closed years ago.

Access to your email, or at least a way for someone trusted to get in. One login can surface bills, subscriptions, insurance notices, and contacts that would otherwise stay hidden.

The names of people you would want contacted. Old friends, coworkers, neighbors—people who mattered to you but whom your children may not know.

Some guidance on which papers actually matter. Tax records, deeds, insurance policies, and a few key documents are worth keeping. Most of the rest is not. Without that distinction, every scrap of paper feels dangerous to throw away.

A note about any storage unit, safe deposit box, or place where something important is kept. One sentence can prevent months of guessing.

Permission to let things go. Tools, clothes, books, and ordinary objects carry weight when someone has just died. Hearing "it's okay not to keep all of this" can lift a burden no one should have to carry alone.

And finally, a short letter. Not instructions about money. Just a few honest words about family, what you hoped for them, and what you want them to remember when the house is empty.

None of this takes long. Most of us already know the answers. Writing them down is one of the quietest gifts you can leave the people who will one day have to close out your life without you.

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Additionally, Beyoncé invited Spencer to perform with her on the Grammy-nominated album *Cowboy Carter.*

"Brittney Spencer has a remarkable voice that goes on for days. She's an artist to watch!" said Michael Bollinger, artistic director for the Bartlett Performing Arts and Conference Center.

The concert will take place at the Bartlett Performing Arts Center, located at 3663 Appling Road in Bartlett. All seats for the event are reserved.

For tickets and additional information, visit BPACC.org or call the box office at 901-385-5588.



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Is God Dead? ... by *Ty B. Kerley, DMin.*

Where We Are

Since we began our journey several months ago, it seems to me a good time to take stock of where we are. Friedrich Nietzsche, the nineteenth-century German philosopher, first coined the bold phrase, "God is Dead" in 1883. In 1966, Time magazine, in startling fashion, asked the question directly: "Is God Dead?" After all, it's an important question! And it is an important question because everyone who is alive, or who has ever lived has given an answer to the question in the way they choose to live their lives. Our Bible skeptic, Michael, it seems, has also made a decision. If you recall, we began our conversation concerning the question, is God dead? with the Bible skeptic, Michael. Remember, Michael thinks the Bible is not the inspired work and Word of God, but rather a creation solely of man's imagination. Michael said of the biblical writer's inspiration that inspiration comes in many forms, *like artists who write songs because of inspiration. I think the Bible could be written in the same way just like any book, song, or other art. But I think it is in some ways art because it is a creation of man but it is also handpicked in certain ways because it has gone through different interpretations*. Consequently, Michael does not believe in Christianity, nor is he sure if God is dead or, if He ever existed in the first place. Michael says he does not know, but it turns out Michael, like everyone else in the world, has made a decision that reflects his indecisiveness, and that, we said, is *Michael's dilemma*. And so began our journey: a journey to present a cumulative case argument to the Michaels of the world. Not unlike a legal case presented in a court of law, each week we have been presenting and uncovering evidence that seems to indicate a Supreme Being who created all that exists. Our case started from the kalam cosmological Argument from which we determined there to be compelling evidence from cosmology and physics that there exists an uncaused, personal Creator of the universe, who in relation to the universe is beginningless, changeless, immaterial, timeless, spaceless, and enormously powerful.

But that was only the start of the case. We said that to know the artist, one needs to study their works of art. If you want to learn about Van Gogh, then you need to study Starry Night. If you're going to learn about Andy Warhol, then you need to study his self-portraits. If you want to learn about the Artist of creation, you must look at His creation. And it is from that perspective that looking at the teleological argument for the cosmos, plus the irreducible complexity found in biological systems provided much more compelling evidence for the case. From the design argument, further evidence of the Artist came into view: the design, unity, order, and complexity of creation itself implies the Creator of the universe is a highly intelligent Designer who purposefully designed and brought the universe into being.

Over the last few weeks, evidence has been presented, and the argument has been made that human beings are endowed with unique and sophisticated attributes—attributes found nowhere else in the animal kingdom; nowhere. The dualistic constitution of human beings. And it is the soul of man that houses many uniquely human attributes. One of the most fascinating is the human capacity of self-consciousness; often called the argument from consciousness. From the argument of self-consciousness, we have warrant in suggesting that the human beings God freely chose to create consist of two substances; one material, and one immaterial; one body being uniquely human, and one spirit being similar in substance to God, who is Spirit.

Given the present and cumulative evidence, we are driven to ponder a great question: why are humans so uniquely endowed? Philosopher Anthony O'Hear compels us to ask a simple question: could it be that the Creator, who is personal, intentional, and purposeful in His design and creation placed a particular and unique expectation upon mankind? After all, there are not a lot of expectations placed upon a skunk's behavior. Nor are there distinct obligations placed upon a dog, a cat, or any other non-human member of the animal kingdom. Once again, these are uniquely human attributes and they are attributes warehoused in the human soul. —Join us next week as we begin to look at human morality—its origin and purpose—as we continue to search for an answer to the question, *Is God dead?*

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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1FA6P0H75E5398166

2013 CHRYSLER 300
2C3CCAAG4DH517023

2020 CHEVY MALIBU
1G1ZB5ST0LF001794

2004 TOYOTA CELICA
JTDDR32T340171296

2019 MITIBISHI OUTLANDER
JA4AP3AUXKU017302

2011 CADILLAC CTS
1G6DJ1ED0B0155962

DTS TOWING
3930 THOMAS ST., MEMPHIS, 38127

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT AUCTION ON

NOVEMBER 15, 2026 AT 11 AM

4T1BE32K26U161229
2006 TOYOTA CAMRY

1HGCR2F30FA219755
2015 HONDA ACCORD

1G2JB34T0P7554732
1993 PONTIAC SUNBIRD

3N1BC1CP7CK805167
2012 NISSAN VERSA

3N1CP5CU7JL519364
2018 NISSAN KICKS

1HGCR3F90HA001490
2017 HONDA ACCORD

WDDGF4HB6EA958321
2014 MERCEDES-BENZ C-CLASS

KNMAT2MV9LP523588
2020 NISSAN ROGUE

5NMS2DAJ9PH625900
2023 HYUNDAI SANTA FE

1C3BC1FG1BN503475
2011 CHRYSLER 200

JTHBE1BL4D5001845
2013 LEXUS GS 350

KL1TD66E79B360222
2009 CHEVROLET AVEO

5N1ALOMM0EC501657
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KNAG64J73V5538019
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THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD FOR TO SATISFY TOW AND STORAGE FEES ON

NOVEMBER 5, 2026 @ 9:00 A.M.

2015 NISSAN VERSA
3N1CN7AP1FL842007

1998 FORD RANGER
1FTYR14X2PA54180

2015 NISSAN ALTIMA
1N4AL3AP5FC429043

2017 INFINITI QX60
5N1DLOMNXHC549628

2016 TOYOTA COROLLA
5YFBURHE1GP535937

DIRTY SOUTH TOWING
905 Estival Place, Memphis, TN 38126

The following vehicle will be sold to satisfy storage and tow fees on

NOVEMBER 5 AT 9 A.M.

2017 FORD TRANSIT CONNECT
NM0LS7E75H1321072

2024 TOYOTA CAMRY
4T1C11AKXRU254297

2007 NISSAN XTERRA
5N1AN08W97C528753

2026 VW JETTA
3VW5W7BU1TM034704

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905 Estival Place, Memphis, TN 38126

The following vehicle will be sold to satisfy storage and tow fees on

NOVEMBER 19 AT 9 A.M.

1993 HARLEY DAVIDSON FXS
1HD1BKL10PY010987

2013 CHRYSLER 200
1C3CCBCG4DN719595

2016 TOYOTA PRIUS
JTDKDTB35G1137445

2024 HYUNDAI TUCSON
KM8JECD18RU170411

B&B TOWING, LLC
2574 SUMMER, MEMPHIS 38112

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD TO SATISFY STORAGE AND TOW FEES ON 11/4/2026:

2007 HOND ACC
VIN# 1HGCM66597A016825

2007 INFI G35
VIN# JNKBV61E67M722789

2012 NISS ALT
VIN# 1N4AL2EP1CC116619

2007 HOND CIV
VIN# 1HGFA16897L055129

2011 CHEV IMPALA
VIN# 2G1WG5EK1B1239523

1995 GMC SI
VIN# 1GTEC14Z0SZ525070

2012 FRHT SPR
VIN# WDYPE8CC6C5666375

2004 DODG R15
VIN# 1D7HA18N14S736418

2012 NISS VSL
VIN# 3N1BC1CP5CK202850

1993 MERCURY CAPRI
VIN# 6MPCT0363P8647596

2008 NSSSAN ALT
VIN# 1N4BL24E98C252119

2011 KIA FORTE
VIN# KNAFU4A27B5452407

2012 MERZ GL3
VIN# WDCGG5GB4CF780238

2004 LINC
VIN# 1LNHM83W74Y685509

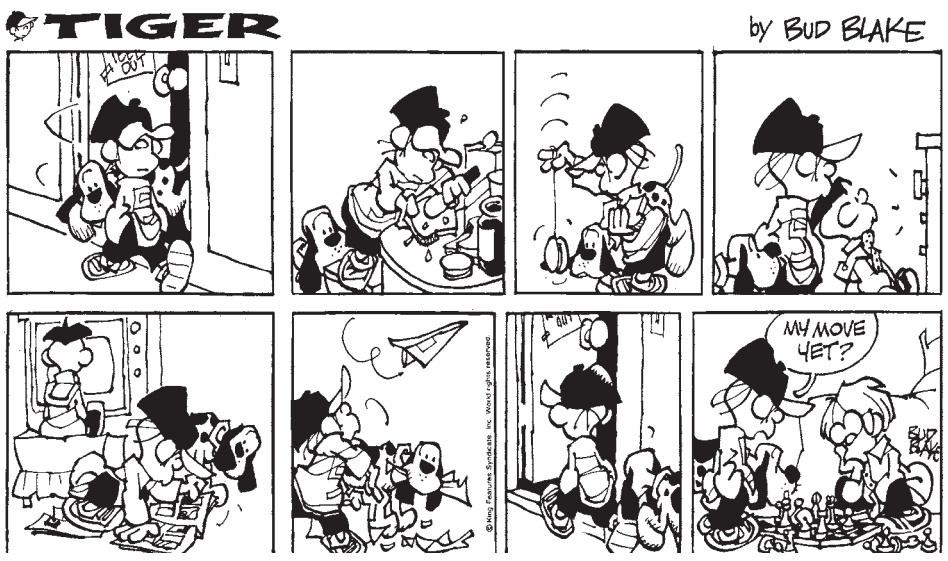
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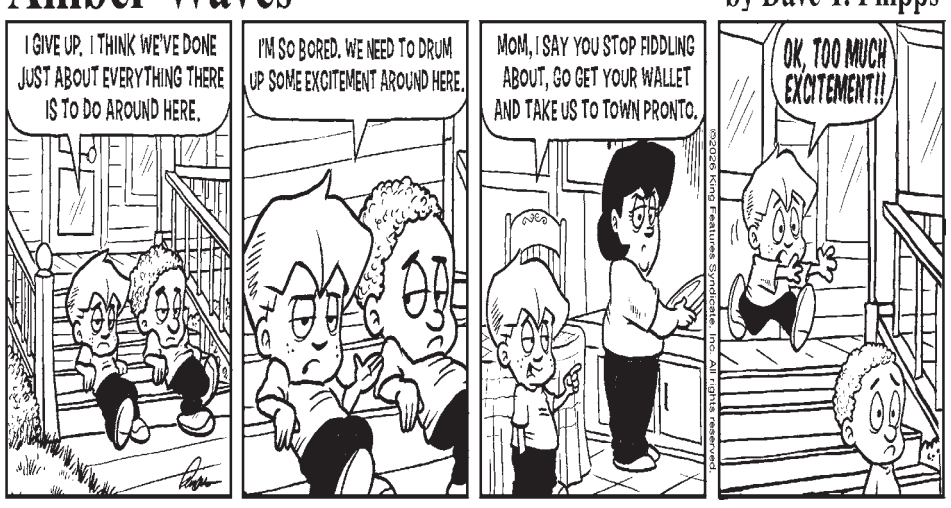
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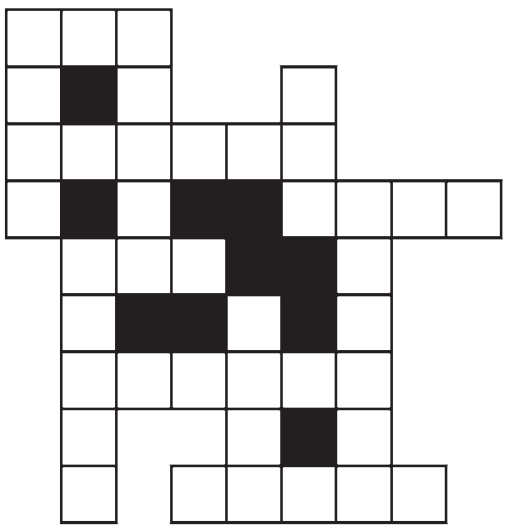


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By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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♥ ELSA
RINAUT
♥ LPA
UMNE
♥ PEMLA
♥ ETN
RYSTUE
REPGU
RMPI



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

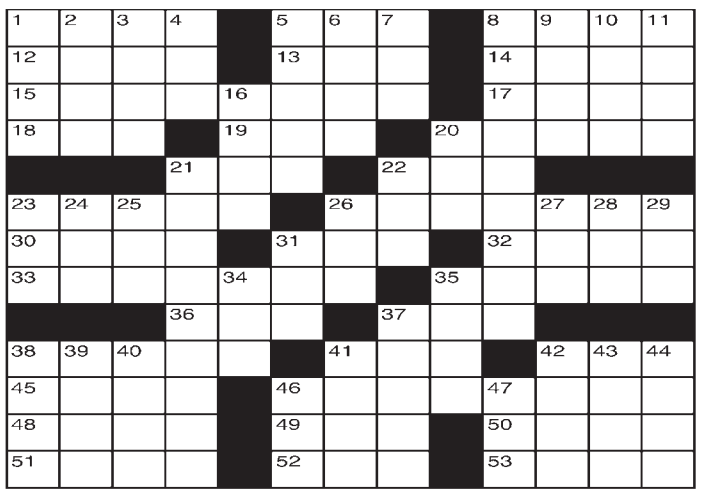
by Donna Pettman

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 M<u>A</u>STER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Recluse	H _ _ _ _ _	Sesame Street frog	K _ _ _ _ _
2. Translucent	_ _ _ _ R	Luster	_ _ _ _ N
3. Detonate	_ L _ _ _	Monster	_ E _ _ _
4. Wisconsin's animal	_ _ D _ _ _	Grocery store worker	_ _ G _ _ _
5. Bullwinkle	_ _ O _ _	Rat's smaller cousin	_ _ U _ _
6. Georgia's fruit	_ _ A _ _	Roost	_ _ R _ _
7. Thirsty fabric	_ E _ _ _	Linger	_ A _ _ _
8. Slapstick, e.g.	_ _ _ _ D _	Attractive	_ _ _ _ L _
9. Closet accessory	_ A _ _ _ _	Appetite	_ U _ _ _ _
10. Ditch	T _ _ _ _ _	Parisian language	F _ _ _ _ _

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King Crossword



ACROSS
1 Use a squeegee
5 ACLU concerns
8 Oodles
12 Valhalla VIP
13 — Jima
14 Slightly
15 Reveals by accident
17 California valley
18 LAX and JFK overseer
19 Bad spell
20 Playful sea critter
21 Young bloke
22 Used to be
23 Skewered Thai recipe
26 Beach robes
30 Four Corners st.
31 Gearwheel tooth
32 Barrett or Jaffe
33 Pond floater
35 Unclothed
36 Long lunch?
37 Tier
38 Teapot feature
41 Binge
42 Hiatus
45 Galley gear
46 Legendary gossip columnist
48 Vicinity
49 Soul, to Sartre
50 Eager
51 Drudge
52 PX patrons
53 Trawler gear

DOWN
1 Wild canine
2 Concept
3 Pocket bread
4 Em halves
5 Ticked off
6 Candy sold in twos
7 Soak (up)
8 Breaking point
9 Final notice
10 Clock reading
11 Swizzle
16 Horse-drawn carriage
20 Klutz
21 Revolving tray
22 Witty one
23 Bando of baseball
24 "Exodus" hero
25 Up to
26 Massachusetts cape
27 Fine, to NASA
28 Compass dir.
29 Blue
31 Taxi
34 Impose
35 Eggy drinks
37 Demolishes
38 Daytime drama
39 Rid of rind
40 Sweet sandwich
41 Rock's Hendrix
42 Donate
43 Bickering
44 Profs' degrees
46 Trail the pack
47 "Sheesh!"

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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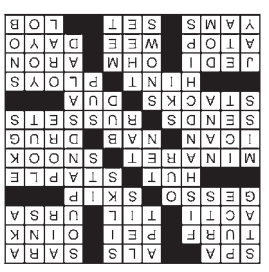
See This Week's Answers In Next Week's Edition

Answer — Weekly SUDOKU —

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6	5	7	3	9	2	4	1	8
1	6	3	4	5	8	7	2	9
8	4	2	6	7	9	5	3	1
5	7	9	2	1	3	6	8	4
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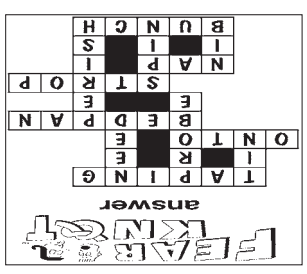
— King Crossword Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.



— Even Exchange answers

1. Shrimp, Scrimp
2. Bully, Billy
3. David, Davis
4. Prank, Frank
5. Yankee, Yanked
6. Bitter, Butter
7. Hoist, Moist
8. Chron, Onion
9. Market, Marker
10. Pocket, Picket



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: **T** equals **M**

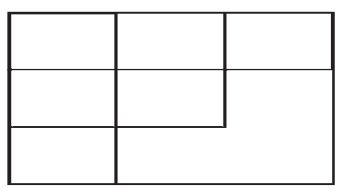
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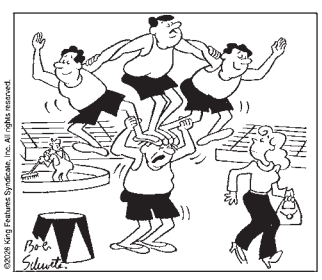
STICKELERS [sic].

by Terry Stickels

What is the fewest number of square sheets of paper of any size that can be placed over each other to form the pattern below? Consider the sheets to be transparent.



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"For gosh sakes, don't forget to bring back some _____!"

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!

Mull **ENDROP**

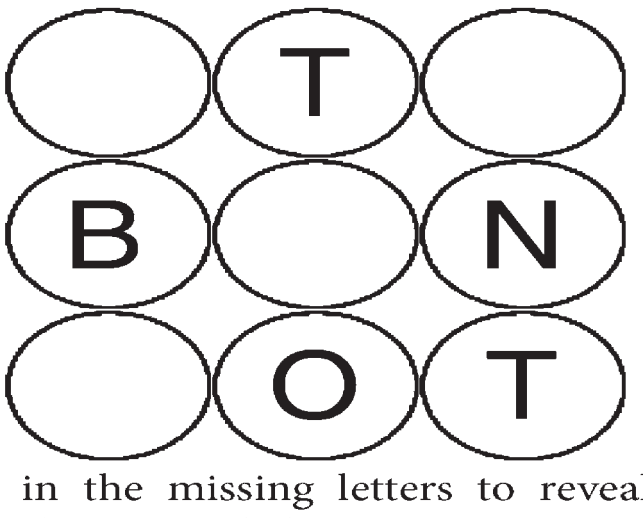
Shine **SHIPLO**

Bore **CREEPI**

Deli **MAILAS**

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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3	4	3	2	6	5	2	6	8	6	8	6	3
Q	O	U	E	I	B	R	N	I	Y	F	O	A
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6	2	7	8	7	2	6	8	7	8	7	8	7
F	A	A	G	T	S	E	E	I	A	O	R	N

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

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CryptoQuip answer

Baker who was compelled to precisely time to the second anything she cooked: Betty Clocker.

SCRAMBLERS Solution

1. Placid; 2. Loser; 3. Value; 4. Minor

DIVORCE

Today's Word

Word Spiral Answer

BATHROBES

SCRAMBLERS Solution

1. Placid; 2. Loser; 3. Value; 4. Minor

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Today's Word

THE GRASS IS ALWAYS MEANER

Tom Rieman
Special to Bartlett Express

In Memphis, the favored lawn grass is either Zoysia or Bermuda, and both of these grasses seem to grow best where we don't want them – in our ornamental beds. It has been brutally hot this summer, and there have been many days that I simply had to limit my time outdoors. For many gardeners, the heat has kept us from the task of weeding our landscape beds. It is frustrating and disheartening once you do venture outside to beds full of grass that is difficult to eradicate. So what is a gardener to do?

We don't have to give up, eliminate our beds, and grow "wall to wall" grass on our property. We can solve the problem of grass in our landscaped beds with good cultural practices and, if needed, some interventions. It helps to understand how these grasses end up in our beds. Both Zoysia and Bermuda grasses spread aggressively through two specialized stem systems. Stolons, sometimes called "runners," are stems that travel above ground, and wherever their nodes touch the ground, they will root to form new grass plants. The other is called a rhizome which is an underground stem which periodically will push new shoots up to the surface. Bermuda is a more aggressive spreader than Zoysia making it easier to keep in check.

To keep these grasses out of our beds, a physical barrier is the best defense. When installed, the barrier should extend below ground to defeat the rhizomes. Bury the edging six inches deep for best results. You can get acceptable results at a depth of three to three and one-half inches. Leave the top of the barrier about an inch or two above the soil level. The buried portion will keep the rhizomes at bay, and the exposed barrier gives you a surface that you can use to cut the stolons with a string trimmer as they try to climb over the barrier. For aesthetic reasons some gardeners prefer to use a 3-to-4-inch-deep trench rather than a physical barrier. This will also work well but requires more maintenance.

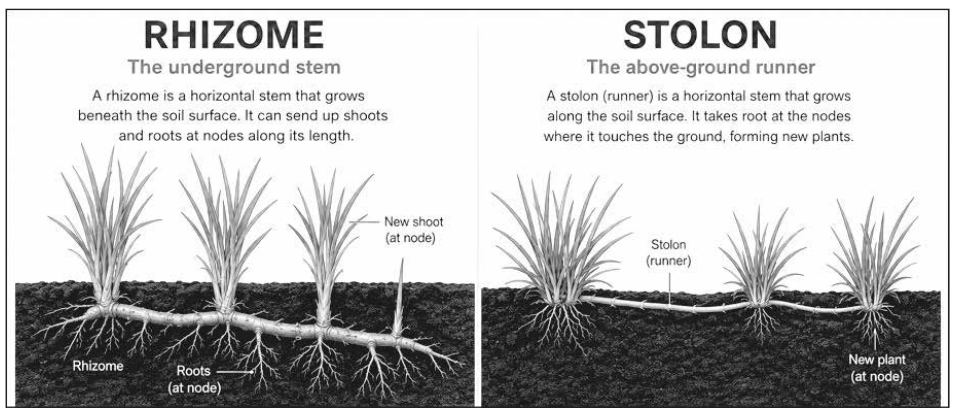

Trench barrier

When using a barrier consider adding a mowing strip. This is a hard surface installed on the grass side of the barrier to provide a path for lawnmower wheels to ride upon. When using metal, plastic, or non-mortared brick, be aware that where pieces are butted together, the grass will try to sneak through. Unfortunately no barrier is 100 percent effective, and you will need to patrol the borders of your beds regularly looking for intruders.

If grass has invaded your beds, you can remedy it by weeding it out, being sure to remove all of the roots and stolons. This is easy enough to do if it is just a few stray bits of grass among the mulch. When grass has invaded a bed of monkey grass, however, hand pulling is nearly impossible, so if you are not averse to using selective herbicides designed to kill only grass, you can restore your beds using chemotherapy. There are several to choose from.

Look for products containing the active ingredients clethodim, sethoxydim, or fluazifop-P-butyl. All of them are systemic with a short term soil residual of about 2 weeks. These products work best on actively growing, young grasses. Established plants may need more than one application. These products are available under a variety of brand names. Your favorite local independent garden center can advise you as to which may be the best for your situation. As always, be sure to read and follow all label instructions.

Your grass doesn't intentionally try to frustrate you; it just wants to reproduce and grow. We love it when it grows to fill in bare spots in the lawn. We just don't love it when it fills in our beds. By using a barrier and patrolling the borders with our string trimmer, we can keep it out of our beds. And the good news is that should you take a long vacation to beat the summer heat, you can easily control it by weeding or by using a little help from the garden center's chemotherapy section.



Type	Advantages	Disadvantages	Best use
Steel	Exceptional containment; very thin; strong; excellent curves; long life	Higher initial cost; careful installation required	Best overall permanent barrier
Aluminum	Rustproof; lightweight; easy curves; long-lived	Softer than steel; can deform; choose commercial-grade material	Excellent alternative to steel
Concrete curb	Very durable; excellent mowing edge; little movement	Expensive; difficult to modify; cracks can provide entry points	Formal lawns and permanent beds
Heavy plastic	Economical; flexible; rustproof; DIY friendly	Can warp/heave; joints are vulnerable; quality varies greatly	Budget installations
Brick / pavers	Excellent mower-wheel surface; durable; easily repaired	Poor underground rhizome barrier by itself	Best paired with steel
Wood	Easy DIY; works well for straight lines	Rots; joints allow grass through; difficult curves	Informal or temporary beds
Trench edge	Almost free; infinitely adjustable; no manufactured material visible	Frequent recutting; Bermuda can cross or tunnel underneath	Naturalistic beds where regular maintenance is acceptable

HEALTH INSPECTIONS — Bartlett — week of October 6–12, 2026

BARTLETT RESTAURANT WARNED OF CLOSURE LETTER AFTER CHICKEN DISCARDED

A J Fish & Chicken scores 89; raw meats found without date marking

BARTLETT — A J Fish & Chicken, 6337 Stage Rd., scored 89 in a routine inspection October 7, and the report warns that failure to fix priority violations in the time allotted may result in a closure letter.

The inspector found a bowl of chicken legs in a reach-in cooler without a date mark and with a strong odor. The person in charge discarded the chicken legs. All of the raw meats in the establishment were found without date marking, with the report directing that all prepared raw meats carry a seven-day expiration date. Buildup was also present on the floor around the chest freezers.

The Bartlett YMCA pool, 7700 Flaherty Pl., scored 94 October 8. The inspector found stains on the bottom of the pool, pH low at 6.8, alkalinity low at 40 and chlorine high at 5 parts per million.

Exline Pizza, 6250 Stage Rd., scored 97 October 6, cited for both cooks not wearing hair restraints, dust on a fan and a black spore-like substance inside a two-door reach-in cooler, and dusty and stained ceiling tiles in the kitchen.

Rockin Rodney's, a mobile unit at 2635 Larch Trail Dr., scored 99 October 12 for a cutting board with deep stained grooves and rust on its underside, and a rusted prep cooler rack.

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

Bartlett health inspections, October 6-12, 2026. Source: Tennessee Department of Health / Shelby County Health Department.

Exline Pizza — 6250 Stage Rd.
Food service, routine, October 6 — **Score: 97**
Both cooks not wearing hair restraints.
Dust on the fan and black spore-like substance inside the two-door reach-in cooler.
Dusty and stained ceiling tiles present in the kitchen.
Comment: the permit is paid.

A J Fish & Chicken — 6337 Stage Rd.
Food service, routine, October 7 — **Score: 89**
A bowl of chicken legs in the reach-in cooler without a date mark and with a strong odor. Corrective action: the person in charge discarded the chicken legs.
All of the raw meats in the establishment are not date marked. Corrective action: date mark all prepared raw meats with a seven-day expiration date.
The floor around the chest freezers has buildup present.
Comment: the permit is paid. Failure to fix priority violations in the time allotted may result in a closure letter.

Bartlett YMCA — 7700 Flaherty Pl.
Public swimming pool, routine, October 8 **— Score: 94**
Stains on the bottom of the pool.
Corrective action: remove the stains or resurface.
pH is low at 6.8. Corrective action: maintain the pH at 7.2 to 7.6.
Alkalinity is low at 40. Corrective action: maintain the alkalinity between 80 and 120.
Chlorine is high at 5 ppm. Corrective action: maintain the chlorine between 0.5 and 3 ppm.
Comment: the permit is paid.

Rockin Rodney's (mobile unit) — 2635 Larch Trail Dr.
Food service, routine, October 12 — **Score: 99**
Cutting board has deep stained grooves and the underside has rust present.
Corrective action: discard cutting board and remove rust from prep cooler surface.
Prep cooler rack is rusted. Corrective action: consider replacing.

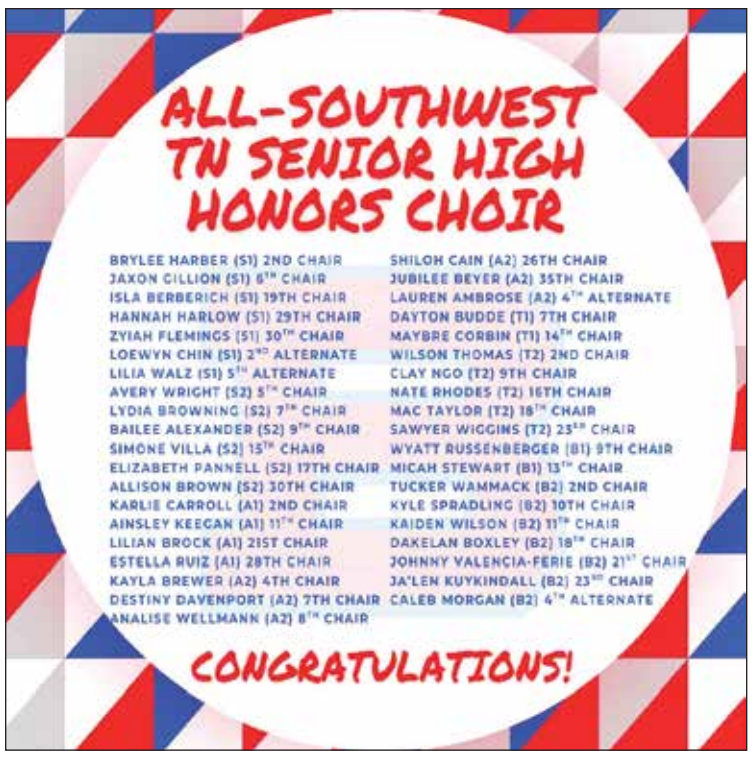


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Congrats go out to Kaleb Moretta for earning Bartlett, TN Fire Department Employee of the month. Kaleb was nominated after a thankful citizen contacted us regarding his performance at a house fire next door to her home. Check out the nomination attached. Well done, Kaleb. We have the best First Responders in the business

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Bartlett City Schools congratulates its talented students who recently auditioned for the 2026 All-Southwest Tennessee Senior High Honor Choir (All-West Auditions). Their hard work, dedication and hours of preparation reflect a commitment to musical excellence and make the district proud.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS:

The family conversation your estate plan is waiting for

Finishing your estate plan is a big step, but failing to notify the people involved can lead to confusion and complications when it's time to use it. Since the events that bring those plans into action, such as an accident, serious illness or hospitalization, rarely come with a warning, talking with your family about your estate plan before a crisis occurs can provide clarity and help reduce uncertainty, conflict and stress later

Would your loved ones know what to do?

About half of Americans turning 65 today will need some form of long-term care, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. If you became unable to make medical or financial decisions, documents such as powers of attorney and advance directives can help ensure someone you trust can step in. Just as important is making sure your loved ones know those documents exist and where to find them. Without access to them, even close family members may be unable to access bank accounts, pay bills or make medical decisions on your behalf without going through a court.

Who should be included in an estate plan conversation?

When you're ready to talk with loved ones, start with anyone named in a formal role in your estate plan, such as a financial power of attorney, health care proxy, trustee or executor. You may also want to include family members who are likely to be involved in your care or inherit assets.

Think about the dynamics of your family as you plan the conversation. Some families are comfortable discussing everything together, while others communicate more effectively through smaller group discussions or one-on-one conversations.

What should your family know about your estate plan?

Start with your values and the goals behind your decisions. Explaining what matters most to you can help family members better understand your wishes.

From there, review practical details, including who serves in key roles, where important documents are stored and how to contact your estate-planning attorney. You may also want to discuss your care preferences if you were to lose independence and any decisions that family members might find surprising. For example, if inheritances will not be divided equally, sharing your reasoning now may help prevent misunderstandings later.

Most importantly, leave time for questions. The goal is not to cover every possible scenario in a single meeting. It's to create understanding and give loved ones confidence about what matters to you.

If a single conversation feels overwhelming, consider breaking it into a few shorter discussions over time.

Need help starting the conversation?

Many people worry about how family members will react or feel unsure about where to begin. A financial advisor can help you prepare for the conversation and, in some cases, facilitate it. Having a neutral third party involved can help keep discussions productive and ensure everyone leaves with greater clarity about your wishes.



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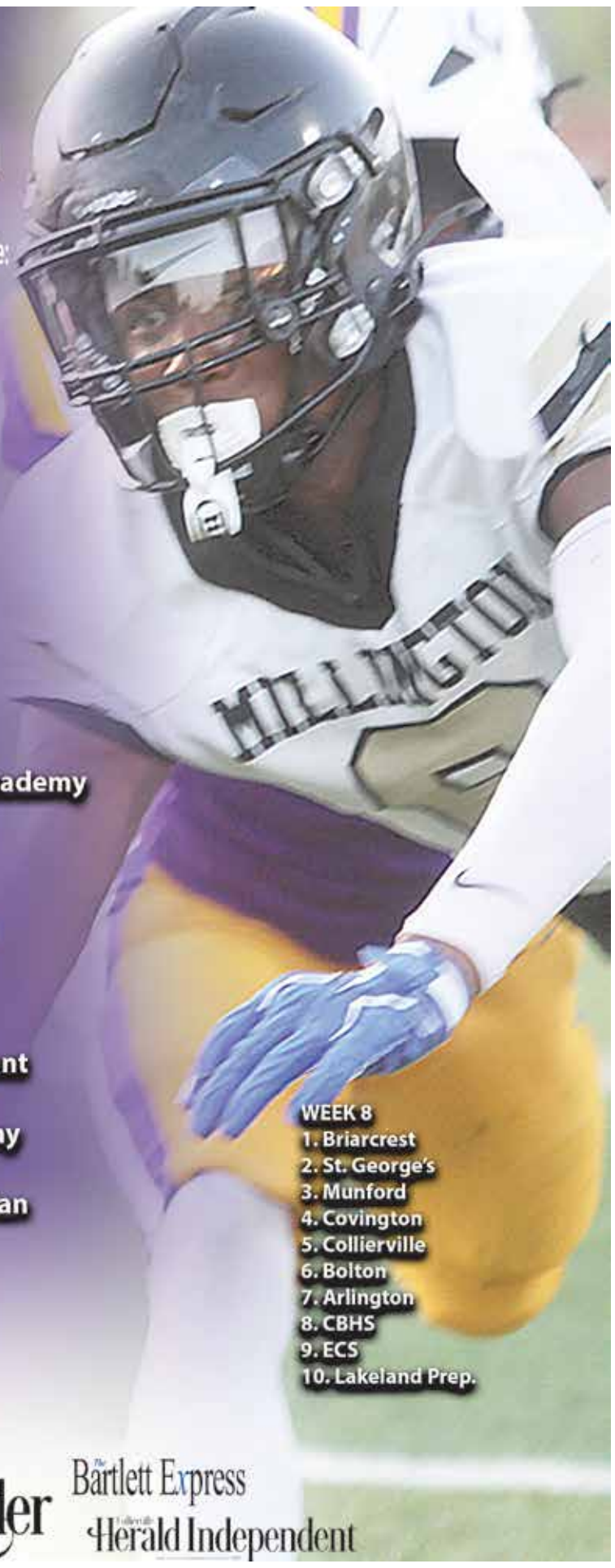
POWER 10

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 9

WEEK 9

1. Munford (6-1) @ Brighton
W 63-0 vs. Memphis Overton
2. Briarcrest (7-1) vs. Lipscomb Academy
L 42-7 @ Brentwood Academy
3. Covington (6-1) @ Dyersburg
W 50-0 vs. Bolivar Central
4. St. George's (6-2) vs. Lausanne
L 13-7 @ St. Benedict
5. Bolton (6-2) vs. Wooddale
W 50-0 vs. Memphis East
6. Lakeland Prep. (5-3) @ Craigmont
W 44-36 vs. Kirby
7. CBHS (4-3) @ Lipscomb Academy
L 29-28 vs. Briarcrest
8. ECS (4-3) vs. Northpoint Christian
L 50-6 @ Lausanne
9. Collierville (4-4) @ Cordova
L 49-35 vs. Lausanne
10. Houston (4-4) @ Collierville
W 41-6 @ Arlington



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

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