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Oct. 29 @ RIDGEWAY Roadrunners	

Games Kickoff at 7 p.m.

GOOD LUCK TROJANS

Clifton unopposed for second term in School Board Position 2

By Bill Short
The Millington Star

Position 2 School Board member Debra Clifton is unopposed for a second term in the Nov. 3 Millington city elections.

A 1996 graduate of Millington Central High School, she is in her seventh year with Cornerstone Prep: Denver Elementary/Capstone Education Group, where she serves as Administrative Specialist.

She is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Millington, where she served as director of the Children's Ministry for more than 15 years.

She stepped down from that role in June 2023 to devote more time to her service on the School Board.

In 2019, Clifton was *The Millington Star* Readers' Choice for Woman of the Year in recognition of her involvement with Millington Central High School athletics and church youth ministries.

She recently joined the Millington chapter of the National Exchange Club to continue serving local families and making a "positive" impact beyond her responsibilities on the School Board.

She has a grown son and daughter who both graduated from MCHS.

In the 2022 election, with Position 2 board member C. J. Haley not seeking a fourth term, Clifton was unopposed for the open seat.

She thinks the newly elected school board should adopt additional policies on: (a) student mental health and wellness; (b) school safety and "reunification;" and (c) Special Education inclusion and co-teaching.

The first policy would include strategies across three "tiers" that provide:

(1) a safe, healthy and positive environment throughout the school district;

(2) more "personalized" interventions; and

(3) "intensive" interventions for students with identified needs.



Clifton

She said the second policy would focus on what happens after an "emergency."

It would include how families are notified, where students are taken, if necessary, and how they will be safely reunited with their parents/guardians.

The third policy would "clearly define" expectations that include class size and dedicated planning time, so that "Special," general and co-teachers, as well as those in self-contained classrooms, can collaborate.

Asked to list three "significant" issues in this election, Clifton cited: (1) student achievement and academic growth, (2) employee recruitment and retention; and (3) student retention and community confidence.

There are several ways she would like to deal with these issues:

(1) Because the students' needs are "always changing," she believes it is "crucial" that the board is "open-minded" and ready to make necessary changes to educate all children.

(2) She would support conducting anonymous "stay" surveys and "exit" interviews to help the board better understand what the employees value, why they stay and why others choose to leave.

(3) Clifton thinks the board should annually receive information that helps it better understand why families initially choose this school district and why they choose to stay or leave.

"Building community confidence requires more than simply asking people to trust the district," she noted. "We need to show them why they should."

One way to do that, Clifton said, is through regular reporting on academic progress, such as "reading and math growth."

It would also involve updates on the Five-Year Strategic Plan that "clearly identify" each goal, its current status and the "next steps."

Clifton thinks the "biggest" concern facing the municipal school system at this time is making sure the students are "growing" academically and receiving a "strong" educational experience.

"When students are successful," she noted, "it also helps build confidence among families, staff, students and the community in the direction of our school system."

She thinks the most important goal in the school system's new Five-Year Strategic Plan is to achieve "measurable" improvement across all tested grade bands and ACT performance indicators by 2031.

This would involve "reaching or exceeding" Tennessee averages and demonstrating "competitive" performance among comparable districts.

Clifton said this goal "impacts" all the students in the district and requires teachers, staff and administrators to work together toward student success.

She also noted that it emphasizes "matching" instruction and intervention to students' individual academic and behavioral needs.

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TCAT buys IDB property to build aviation facility

By Bill Short
The Millington Star

The Tennessee College of Applied Technology has purchased property from the Millington Industrial Development Board to construct an aviation-related facility near Veterans Parkway.

At its Aug. 24 regular monthly meeting, the IDB approved an "option" agreement for the sale/purchase, and the sale was "closed" two days later.

The TCAT facility will be constructed on 36.7 acres zoned M-P, Planned Industrial District.

The property is bordered by Veterans Parkway on the north and east, vacant land owned by the IDB on the south and the Canadian National Railroad tracks on the west.

On Feb. 26, the IDB unanimously approved the sale of the property for $910,000, with the condition that TCAT Memphis would obtain a building permit from Shelby County within one year from the sale transaction date.

At its July 20 meeting, the Millington Planning Commission unanimously approved the Site Plan and Final Plat for the facility.

Both documents were submitted by Joel T. Johnson of Burr & Cole Consulting Engineers Inc. on behalf of Dr. Gwendolyn Sutton of TCAT.

The development will consist of a 49,000-square-foot aviation-related educational building located adjacent to the Millington-Memphis Airport.



Photo By Thomas Sellers Jr.

Driving along Veterans Parkway in 2026, a motorists can see existing businesses, lane changes and area being cleared for future development including TCAT.

After the IDB approved the sale, the state of Tennessee prepared an Option to Purchase for acquisition of the property.

The option gave the state a 180-day period to complete required "due diligence" activities and internal approvals before the sale closing.

On Aug. 11, IDB Secretary/Treasurer Kenneth Uselton executed the Option to Purchase on behalf of the board.

The executed agreement was transmitted to Sutton and TCAT representatives on Aug. 18 for processing through the state's acquisition procedures.

Deanna Long, the city's Economic Development manager, told the IDB at the Aug. 24 meeting that the option did not alter the previously approved purchase price or "materially change" the terms of the transaction approved by the board.

She noted that it served as the "mechanism" through which the state could complete the review, survey verification, environmental due diligence, funding approvals and related acquisition requirements prior to the sale closing.

Cole Yoders, Engineering, Planning and Stormwater manager for the city's Department of Planning and Economic Development, has said the facility will support workforce development and technical education in the aviation sector.

It will include a combination of "functional" spaces, such as:

(1) an aircraft hangar

(2) instructional classrooms

(3) laboratories

(4) administrative offices; and

(5) an outdoor airplane maintenance area.

Yoders said the site layout "adequately accommodates" the operational needs of the aviation maintenance technology and avionics programs, while maintaining "compatibility" with surrounding land uses.

Long said the TCAT Aviation "campus" will represent a "significant" workforce development investment for the city and the surrounding region.

She noted that the project "complements" existing airport operations, supports aviation-related employers and advances the city's "vision" for a technology and innovation "corridor" along Veterans Parkway.

TCAT Memphis has invited the public to attend a special groundbreaking ceremony at 11 a.m. on Oct. 21 at 8497 Veterans Parkway.

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areaOBITS

Terry "Devon" Fleming, 66, of Tipton County
Ron Murray, 63, of Brighton,
Nancy Monette Stephens, 84, of Tipton County
Doris Rebecca Trumbo, 84, of Millington,
Carol Moore Vardell, 83, of Millington,
Thurman Sullivan Willis, 73, of Millington,

FIRE reports

SEPTEMBER 20-26

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49913713: Hazardous Situation - Investigation - Smoke Investigation, on Sept. 26 @ 19:20
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49910246: Medical - Illness - Convulsions / Seizures, on Sept. 26 @ 17:40
49906469: Medical - Illness - Breathing Problems, on Sept. 26 @ 15:34
49905715: Medical - Injury / Trauma - Motor Vehicle Collision, on Sept. 26 @ 15:00
49898891: Medical - Illness - Unknown Problem, on Sept. 26 @ 11:19
49897571: Fire - Structure Fire - Confined Cooking / Appliance Fire, on Sept. 26 @ 8:45
49891699: No Emergency - Cancelled, on Sept. 26 @ 5:42
49887930: Public Service - Alarms (Non Medical) - Fire / Smoke Alarm, on Sept. 26 @ 0:36
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49883479: Medical - Illness, on Sept. 25 @ 21:06
49882876: Public Service - Citizen Assist - Lift Assist, on Sept. 25 @ 20:58
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49864708: Public Service - Citizen Assist - Lift Assist, on Sept. 25 @ 11:23
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49852060: Medical - Illness, on Sept. 25 @ 8:26
49843919: Medical - Illness - No Appropriate Choice, on Sept. 24 @ 23:02
49836622: Medical - Injury / Trauma - Fall, on Sept. 24 @ 21:30
49835310: Medical - Illness - Sick Case, on Sept. 24 @ 20:01
49831858: Fire - Outside Fire - Vegetation / Grass Fire, on Sept. 24 @ 18:26
49823409: Medical - Illness - Breathing Problems, on Sept. 24 @ 14:02
49822418: Medical - Illness, on Sept. 24 @ 13:00
49820512: Medical - Illness - Chest Pain (Non-Trauma), on Sept. 24 @ 12:37
49820111: Medical - Illness, on Sept. 24 @ 8:57
49811766: Medical - Injury / Trauma - Other Traumatic Injury, on Sept. 24 @ 7:45
49803846: Medical - Illness, on Sept. 23 @ 21:44
49799041: Medical - Illness - Unknown Problem, on Sept. 23 @6 17:05
49796012: Medical - Injury / Trauma - Fall, on Sept. 23 @ 16:33
49778126: Medical - Injury / Trauma - Fall, on Sept. 23 @ 11:34
49760250: Medical - Illness, on Sept. 23 @ 8:51
49750290: Public Service - Citizen Assist - Lift Assist, on Sept. 21 @ 23:55
49748705: Medical - Illness - Sick Case, on Sept. 23 @ 6:03
49745987: No Emergency - Cancelled, on Sept. 23 @ 1:55
49737852: Medical - Illness - Abdominal Pain / Problems, on Sept. 22 @ 16:26
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49733642: Medical - Illness - Sick Case, on Sept. 22 @ 16:18
49730412: Medical - Injury / Trauma - Fall, on Sept. 22 @ 14:48
49728512: Medical - Illness - Convulsions / Seizures, on Sept. 22 @ 12:50
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49714321: Medical - Injury / Trauma - Assault, on Sept. 22 @ 3:51
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49706219: Medical - Illness - Stroke / CVA, on Sept. 21 @ 18:13
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49686108: Hazardous Situation - Investigation - Smoke Investigation, on Sept. 21 @ 6:43
49685510: Medical - Illness - Chest Pain (Non-Trauma), on Sept. 21 @ 8:01
49683087: No Emergency - Good Intent - Investigate Hazardous Release (Nothing Found), on Sept. 21 @ 5:59
49681403: Medical - Illness - Chest Pain (Non-Trauma), on Sept. 21 @ 3:57
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49651970: Medical - Illness - Sick Case, on Sept. 20 @ 3:41

Millington cafe scores 75, ground beef permit expired

Haystack Cafe cited on 15 items as Millington posts 10 inspections after two quiet weeks in September

Star Staff Reports
Special to The Star

Haystack Cafe, 6560 Hwy. 51 N., scored 75 in a routine inspection September 15, the lowest of 10 Millington inspections during the week of September 15 through 22.

An inspector found ground beef stored over iceberg lettuce and cheese in a prep cooler; the ground beef was discarded. Raw eggs in a rear cooler were stored over iceberg lettuce and bell peppers, and the owner was educated on proper food storage with a fact sheet emailed afterward. Improper cold holding was also observed, and those items were discarded as well.

Heavy black buildup was found inside the ice machine, with the report directing that the ice be discarded and the interior washed, rinsed and sanitized. The prep cooler cutting board was excessively stained with deep grooves.

The person in charge told the inspector eggs are offered cooked to order, but no consumer advisory was on the menu. The report also cites unlabeled containers, employees prepping food without hair restraints, uncovered utensils, heavy buildup on the microwave, oven, grill, fryers, coolers and freezers, no quat test strips, and grease buildup on vent hood filters. The permit is expired, with the fee due within 24 hours.

El Veracruz, 4816 Navy Rd., scored 86 September 21. Improper food storage was observed in the cooler under the grill and corrected during the inspection, with a fact sheet emailed. Black buildup was found inside the ice machine, and a large outer opening was noted at the side entrance door.

Millington posted 10 inspections this week after two consecutive weeks with none.

The Potters Cup, 8323 Highway 51 N., scored 97 September 18, cited for wiping cloths on the three-compartment sink, ice buildup in a small prep cooler, no chlorine test strips, and an expired permit due by September 22.

SB Donuts, 4966 Navy Rd., scored 95 September 21. Nothing Bundt Cake Millington, 8570 US Hwy. 51 N., scored 98, and Milano's Pizza, 7936 Hwy. 51 N., scored 96.

901 Birria Station, a mobile unit at 3901 Crenshaw Rd., scored a perfect 100 September 21; the report notes the operator provided the new 2027 permit during the inspection.

Woodstock Middle School, 5885 Woodstock Cuba Rd., scored 99 September 16, cited only for a damaged thermometer in a cooler. Mirimichi, 6195 Woodstock Cuba Rd., also scored 99, and Rock & Roll Nutrition, 8584 US-51, scored 99.

Inspection reports are public record. Complete reports for all Tennessee establishments are available at inspections.myhealthdepartment.com/tennessee.

That week's inspections at a Glance

Millington health inspections, September 15-22, 2026. Source: Tennessee Department of Health / Shelby County Health Department.

Haystack Cafe — 6560 Hwy. 51 N.
Food service, routine, September 15 — Score: 75
Ground beef observed stored over iceberg lettuce and cheese in prep cooler. Ground beef was discarded.
Raw eggs in rear cooler observed stored over iceberg lettuce and bell peppers. Owner educated on proper food storage; fact sheet emailed.
Improper cold holding of time/temperature control for safety foods observed during the inspection. Those foods were discarded.
Cutting board on prep cooler excessively stained with deep grooves.
Heavy black buildup observed inside of the ice machine. Discard ice; wash, rinse and sanitize the inside of the ice machine.
Person in charge stated eggs are offered cooked to order; no consumer advisory observed on the menu.
Food containers observed in coolers without labels.
Employees observed prepping food without wearing proper hair restraint.
Ice scoop and other utensils observed not covered throughout food prep area.
Heavy buildup observed on the interior and exterior of equipment — microwave, oven, grill, fryers, coolers and freezers.
No quat test strips observed during the inspection.
Floors, walls and ceiling observed dirty with heavy buildup throughout the kitchen.
Grease buildup observed on vent hood filters.
Permit is expired. The permit fee must be paid within 24 hours.
Asked to provide and post no-smoking signs at all entrances.

Woodstock Middle School — 5885 Woodstock Cuba Rd.
Food service, routine, September 16 — Score: 99
Thermometer in cooler damaged. Provide new thermometer to monitor proper cold holding.

Mirimichi (Food Services) — 6195 Woodstock Cuba Rd.
Food service, routine, September 16 — Score: 99
Food debris observed inside of the microwave and oven.

Milano's Pizza — 7936 Hwy. 51 N.
Food service, routine, September 16 — Score: 96
Foods observed stored in containers without labels.
Employee observed prepping food without wearing hair restraint and beard guard.
Several sheet pans observed stored upward under prep table; pans were inverted during the inspection.
Single-use food containers observed stored upward on shelf over prep coolers; containers were inverted during the inspection.

Nothing Bundt Cake Millington — 8570 US Hwy. 51 N., Suite 103
Food service, routine, September 18 — Score: 98
Containers stored under prep table observed not labeled.
Food container observed not labeled next to chunky apple container.
Employees observed handling food without wearing proper hair restraints; employees added hair restraints.
Comment: person in charge instructed to provide a food allergen list and post it in customers' view.

The Potters Cup — 8323 Highway 51 N.
Food service, routine, September 18 — Score: 97
Wiping cloths observed stored on three-compartment sink; provide sanitizer bucket when wiping cloths are not in use.
Ice buildup observed in small prep cooler.
No chlorine test strips available.
Permit is expired; asked to pay permit by Tuesday, September 22, 2026.
Comment: person in charge instructed to provide a food allergen sign and post it in public view.

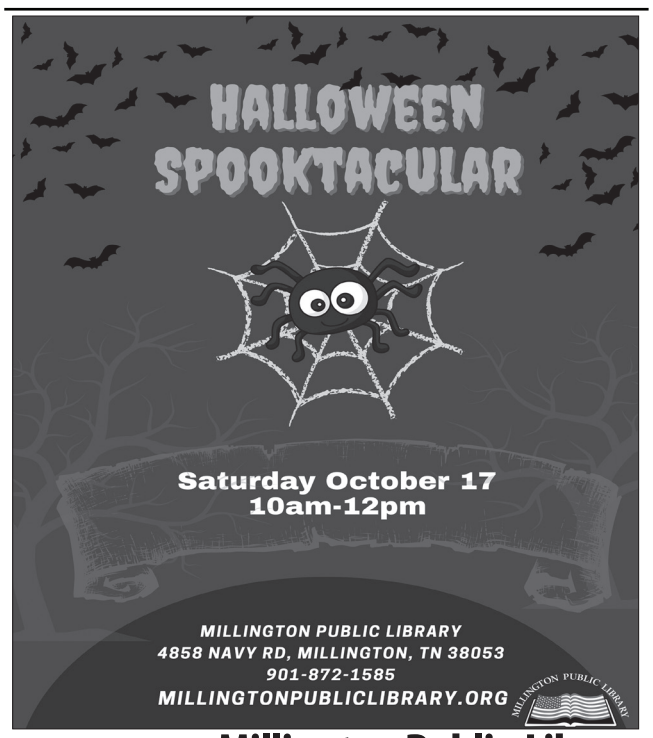
Rock & Roll Nutrition — 8584 US-51
Food service, routine, September 18 — Score: 99
No thermometer observed in cooler.

El Veracruz — 4816 Navy Rd.
Food service, routine, September 21 — Score: 86
Improper food storage observed with time/temperature control for safety foods in cooler under the grill. Person in charge educated on proper food storage; foods were moved. Fact sheet emailed.
Black buildup observed inside of ice machine. Discard ice; wash, rinse, sanitize the inside of the ice machine.
Foods observed in containers not labeled throughout the food prep area.
Large outer opening observed at side entrance door; provide weatherstrip to prevent pest entry.
No chlorine test strips available in dishwashing area.
Dumpster doors observed open.
Asked to provide no-smoking signs at entrance.

SB Donuts — 4966 Navy Rd.
Food service, routine, September 21 — Score: 95
No thermometer observed in cooler or freezer.
Outer opening observed at rear door; repair opening to prevent pest entry.
Employees observed prepping food without wearing proper hair restraints.
Dumpster lid observed missing.

901 Birria Station (mobile unit) — 3901 Crenshaw Rd.
Food service, routine, September 21 — Score: 100
No violations noted.
Comment: 2026 permit posted; operator provided the new 2027 permit during the inspection.

aroundTOWN



@ Millington Public Library

STORYTIME Every Wednesday 11am

Every Wednesday at 11am Millington Public Library has a Storytime for 0-5 years old. Storytime includes stories, songs and a craft! Is your little one still struggling to sit still? No problem! Storytime is a great way for littles to learn how to sit still, before preschool, in a low stress environment the includes breaks to dance those wiggles out!

Every Monday at 11 a.m., the Millington Public Library has a Seniors Computer Class. If there is a specific skill you are wanting to learn, you can call the library at 901-872-1585 to make sure you attend the correct date.

Every Monday at 4 p.m., the Millington Public Library has Lego Club for ages 6–12. This program has a challenge each week but free building is always allowed.

For area preschool and toddlers, the Millington Public Library have two programs weekly both at 11 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday is Storytime and Thursday is an educational playtime called Literacy Gym.

The Millington Library Boosters will be hosting a book sale August 13-16 in the library meeting room. Come out and discover your next great read. The Millington Public Library is located at 4858 Navy Road in Millington.

October @ Millington Library

October 17 10 a.m. to noon, the Millington Public Library will be holding its annual Spooktacular. This is a trick-or-treat style event where families are welcome to come and celebrate Halloween in a fun and safe environment. If you are a business or club and want to participate and hand out candy, contact our programs coordinator by emailing amanda.bucher@lsslibraries.com.

Lions Club

The Millington Lions Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at noon. For more information, contact President Linda Overstreet at 286-2094 or email millingtonlions@outlook.com

MPD Spookacular Oct. 24

Get ready for a Spooktacular evening Oct. 24 with the Millington Tennessee Police Department.

Join the MPD for the Annual Trunk or Treat at Discovery Park located at 5152 Easley Street. Bring the whole family out for an evening filled with candy, spooky trails, and plenty of Halloween fun. Annual Trunk or Treat is from 5 to 7 p.m.

.And don't head home just yet! Movie Night will follow Trunk or Treat, so stick around and keep the Halloween fun going! Want to join the fun and set up a booth? We'd love to have you! Email t.russell@millingtontn.gov for more information. Grab your costumes, bring your candy buckets, and join us for a fun evening with Millington PD!

Fall Festival set for Oct. 24

The City of Millington Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat for Saturday, October 24, at 5152 Easley Street. For more details, call 873-5770.

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SEE YOU IN OCTOBER

Lady Trojans and Lady Cardinals have intense battle leading to a deadlock

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor

The outcome of the District 15-2A soccer showdown on the turf of Millington Stadium lived up to the hype.

But for Brighton Lady Cardinals Head Coach Kelsi Williams and Millington Lady Trojans Head Coach Jerrett Everson their teams head into the postseason this October still with something to prove.

"In the first half we did not produce," Williams acknowledged. "We were not very focused. We couldn't connect our passes together. We had to move a couple of people around because of injuries. We do have players in different positions. But we didn't take it seriously enough in the first half. We had to come out in the second half and work that much harder."

Millington grabbed a 1-0 lead less than 5 minutes into the game when Lucy Deutscher located her teammate Aaliyah Wood streaking toward the Brighton goalie box. Wood released a shot from Deutscher's assist to make the score 1-0 in favor of the Lady Trojans.

That score held until the 76th minute of the 80-minute contest. The Lady Cardinals tied the game when Brooke McClelland crossed the ball from the sideline while taking a bump from Millington's Joselyn Peralta.

As McClelland headed toward the turf, the ball found the foot of her teammate Emily Lind for the game-tying point.

"How I feel, not too bad because Brighton definitely played better than we did tonight," Everson said. "I am not upset with the draw. I feel like we're not improving on the things we've been practicing. Because our biggest thing is progressing the ball from the midfield to the attack. Every time that ball gets into the midfield we're not kicking it, we're toeing it."

The Lady Cardinals had more shots on goal, testing the skills of Millington senior goalie Kiersten Ware. Her defensive line of Layla Batts, Alyssa Nix, Tori Brooks, and Hayllie Dockery did a solid job throughout the night of preventing Brighton scores.

"Six corners they sent through, not a gold jersey touched it first a single time," Everson noted. "We've worked on it. We're acting like we're scared of the ball. They've got to get out of their own heads and find a little bit of confidence.

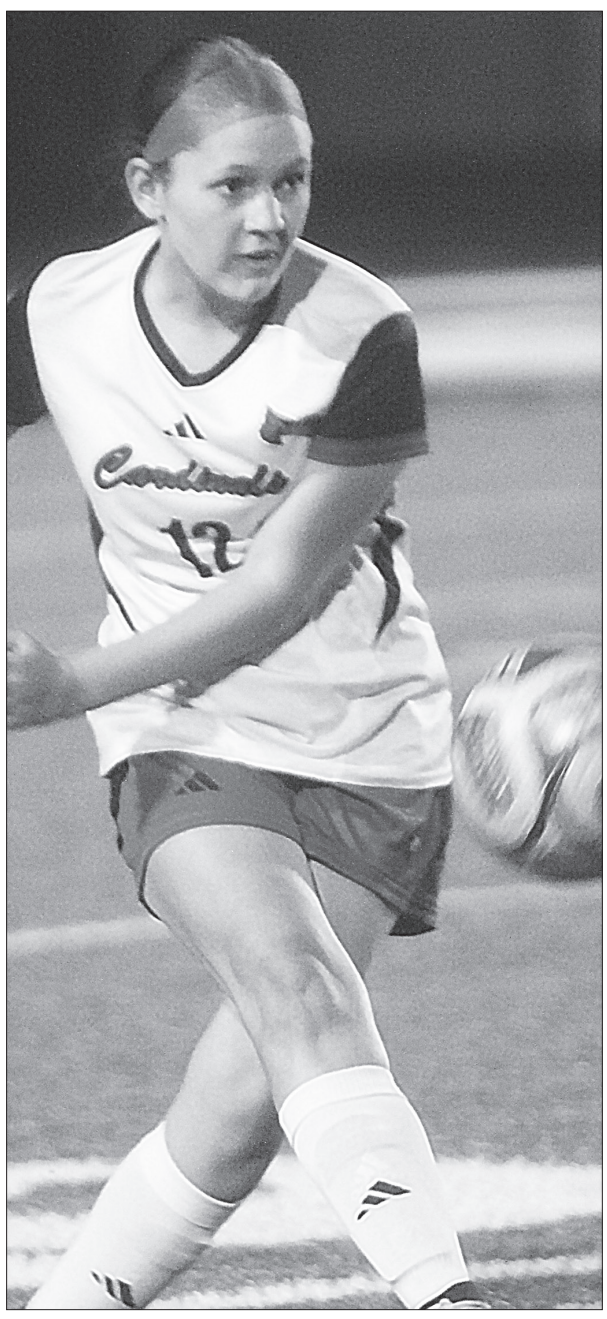
"It goes to show the importance of chemistry in the game," he added about his veteran defense. "Without them, we did get lucky that they threw away a lot of shots. They had about 35 to 40 stops. Without having those players in the back who I can trust, no telling how this game would have ended."

The 1-1 ending assured Brighton of the regular-season district title and the privilege of hosting the tournament.

Millington has to take on one of the best teams in the league in the Covington Lady Chargers to start the postseason. Meanwhile Williams wants her squad to realize the closing moments of the Millington game is the team she wants to see throughout October.

"If they would play the whole 80 minutes like they did the last 20 minutes, they would be unbeatable," she concluded. "But that's been the thing this season, they will have great time periods like 20 minutes here or 20 minutes there. But we're struggling to put it all together. Whenever that clicks for them, they will be able to put it all together and be unstoppable."







Candidates Respond: *Tammy Sneed*

Position: Alderman Position 2



By Brian McGovern

School Funding and the Half-Cent Sales Tax

In 2012, Millington voters approved a half-cent increase in the local sales tax during the effort to establish and fund a new municipal school system. Although the City is not legally required to direct all revenue generated by that half-cent tax to Millington Municipal Schools, the tax was closely associated with funding the creation and operation of the municipal school system.

Regardless of the City's legal obligation, do you believe the City has an obligation to honor the intent under which voters approved the tax by directing all revenue generated by the half-cent increase to Millington Municipal Schools? Why or why not?

Yes. All funds required to effectively operate Millington Municipal Schools should be directed to school administration, operations, and maintenance. As a former non-profit treasurer and executive leader, I recognize that organizational leadership requires fiscal flexibility to address unexpected needs.

While the 2012 referendum created a public expectation that sales taxes were structurally joined to school funding, the legal and statutory reality of Tennessee municipal governance requires a different financial strategy. Millington has actively funded the district's growth through this flexibility. We successfully absorbed multi-million-dollar USDA loans for the $35 million middle school transformation and consistently cleared state-mandated Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements. The school system receives the financial backing needed to elevate operational excellence and performance, regardless of the specific fund source.

The bridge between fiscal flexibility and public confidence is absolute transparency, clarity, and open communication, with a rigorous, fair voting process. When fund reallocations become necessary, I will collaborate with the BMA, city manager and school board to proactively communicate changes and rationale with residents to align voter expectations with the legal realities of municipal tax governance. The primary goal is to preserve public trust while maintaining flexibility our city needs to balance school support with city-wide growth.

Vision for Millington

Conversations about Millington's future can sometimes focus more on why something won't work here than on what we could become. What specifically do you believe Millington should become?

Looking 15–20 years ahead, describe your vision for Millington. Who should we be trying to attract and retain, what should distinguish us from surrounding communities, and how would that vision guide your decisions as an alderman?

Millington is on the trajectory to potentially double its population over the next 15 to 20 years. Families are drawn here by our municipal schools, housing affordability, lower tax rates, and irreplaceable small-town atmosphere. However, to sustain long-term fiscal solvency, residential growth must be balanced with commercial development. While housing taxes fund some services, expanding our commercial revenue base is essential to ensure residents can find retail, entertainment, and jobs right here in Millington.

As alderman, I will champion smart growth through developer accountability and managed development. We can preserve our community charm by balancing traditional single-family neighborhoods with high-quality townhomes and duplexes. To ensure new growth pays for itself, we will encourage developers to fund upfront utility extensions and pay dynamic impact fees, protecting current taxpayers from infrastructure burdens.

We can proactively secure the resources needed to expand our police and fire forces, upgrade water infrastructure, advance our education systems, and legally protect our predefined municipal borders for future growth. By raising design standards through fair, strategic zoning, we can protect established neighborhoods and local businesses with consideration of upfront burdens to meet new standards, grow our sales tax base, and keep Millington efficient, affordable, and secure for generations.

Structure of the Board of Aldermen

Millington has seven aldermen, all elected at large. Do you believe seven is the right number, or would a smaller Board create more competitive elections and a stronger pool of candidates?

Should aldermen be subject to term limits? If so, what limits would you support, and would a smaller Board change your view?

Millington's current Board of Mayor and Aldermen structure is sufficient to govern our expanding city. Our seven-member format avoids legislative stalemates (unlike surrounding areas). The mayor acts as an executive release with veto power but only votes legislatively to break a tie. Reducing the board size will not necessarily create more competitive elections, nor will it automatically strengthen the candidate pool.

Because members serve staggered four-year terms, at least half the board retains institutional knowledge necessary for leadership continuity. The BMA acts strictly as a policy-making body, where an appointed professional city manager executes daily operations, isolating municipal administration from shifting political cycles.

As Millington's population expansion continues, evaluating the validity of a hybrid board structure combining designated geographic districts with at-large seats, ensuring fair representation across all residents may be a viable option for review. However, any structural adjustments legally require a charter audit via the Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service, and a formal amendment passed by the Tennessee General Assembly.

Ultimately, term limits already exist through the "ballot box". Residents remain the definitive decisionmakers when elected officials no longer adequately serve the needs of the citizens.

City Government Structure

In 2012, Millington changed its form of government, shifting significant responsibility for the City's day-to-day administration from the elected mayor to a professional city manager who is accountable to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

More than a decade later, do you believe this remains the right structure for Millington? Why or why not?

Yes, under the leadership of a skilled, qualified professional, the Council-Manager form of government is efficient for Millington. This structure was originally adopted to prevent corruption and concentration of power in the full-time mayoral position. This structure removes the mayor from direct administrative authority over city departments and day-to-day administration. By utilizing a non-political city manager, municipal infrastructure, public safety, and budget forecasting are insulated from volatile political cycles.

However, because the city manager is an appointed contract employee, residents cannot directly vote them out over controversial decisions. As a result, this structure demands rigorous oversight by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. As alderman, my distinct duty is to act as an agent and voice for our citizens by demanding absolute transparency, accountability, and cooperation from all aspects of city administration.

The board can implement strong oversight and collaboration on behalf of the citizens, ensuring administrative authority remains perfectly aligned with city goals, public sentiment, and resident needs.

New Growth and Existing Neighborhoods

Millington is experiencing significant new residential and commercial development, while many of our existing neighborhoods and commercial areas are aging.

How should the City balance encouraging new development with reinvesting in and improving what is already here? As Millington grows, how would you ensure that existing neighborhoods receive the same attention to appearance, code enforcement, parks, infrastructure, traffic safety and quality of life that often accompanies new development?

Balancing new development with the preservation of existing Millington neighborhoods is vital for the city's future. Attracting new residential and commercial growth generates new municipal revenue, which can directly fund the long-term maintenance of aging

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Candidates Respond: *Ann Turner*

Position: Alderman Position 7



By Brian McGovern

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Millington voters approved the half-cent sales tax increase in 2012 with a clear purpose: to help fund the newly proposed municipal school system. Although, the schools are being funded, and the city has since amended how those funds may be allocated, I believe the original voter intent should be honored. The referendum was passed with the understanding that the revenue would support Millington's schools, and maintaining that commitment is essential for voter trust, transparency, and respecting the community's decision.

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Looking 15–20 years ahead, describe your vision for Millington. Who should we be trying to attract and retain, what should distinguish us from surrounding communities, and how would that vision guide your decisions as an alderman?

Millington should grow into a safe, connected, family-centered community with strong schools, thriving local businesses, and modern infrastructure. The city's future depends on attracting families, young professionals, long-term residents, and local entrepreneurs who value stability, opportunity, and a small-town feel with big-town access.

Millington should distinguish itself through transparent government, strong public safety, a revitalized Navy Road, active community engagement, and smart, responsible growth. As Alderman, my decisions would follow three commitments: community first, transparency and accountability, and long-term planning that strengthens neighborhoods and supports Millington's future.

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With the growing population in Millington, I believe a seven-member Board remains the right structure for Millington. It provides broad representation, stability, and ensures that a wide range of perspectives are included in decision making, helps distribute the workload, encourages collaboration, and allows more residents to feel represented.

While a smaller Board can intensify competition, it can also reduce diversity of viewpoints and limit the number of leaders available to engage with neighborhoods, businesses, and civic groups. I would not be in support of a smaller board.

On the question of term limits, it could be good to avoid stagnation-I would support term limits. I believe term limits can be healthy when designed thoughtfully. A structure such as two consecutive four-year terms is commonly used in municipalities and provides a balance: enough time for aldermen to learn, lead, and complete long-term projects, while still ensuring regular opportunities for new leadership to emerge.

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Millington voters elected a Mayor to lead the city, represent residents, and remain directly accountable to the community. After more than ten years under the current structure, it is time for Millington to re-examine whether this model still reflects the will of its citizens.

The Mayor should remain the city's visible, day-to-day leader. Residents expect to see and hear from their elected Mayor and major authority should rest with someone citizens can hold accountable.

My position is that a more appropriate administrative structure would be to shift the current City Manager role to a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). In this role, the CAO supports leadership rather than replacing it, ensuring both professional management and democratic accountability.

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Millington can balance new growth and existing neighborhood reinvestment by treating them as parallel priorities, not competing ones. New development should never come at the expense of long-standing neighborhoods or legacy businesses, because those areas are the backbone of Millington's identity and economy.

Millington should use a dual-track growth strategy—one track guiding responsible new development, and another delivering consistent reinvestment in older neighborhoods and commercial corridors. This ensures the city grows without leaving behind the people, businesses, and communities that built Millington.

A key part of this approach is targeted reinvestment plans for aging areas, including resurfaced streets, improved drainage, upgraded lighting, sidewalk repairs, refreshed parks, and stronger traffic-safety measures. These improvements must occur alongside new development approvals so older neighborhoods receive the same level of attention, safety, and maintenance as new subdivisions.

Motivation and Priorities

What motivated you to run, and how does that motivation translate into specific priorities you would pursue as an alderman? At the end of your term, what would need to have changed or been accomplished for you to consider your service successful?

My decision to run and my motivations are rooted in public service, accountability, and a lack of transparency, with specific priorities I would pursue as Alderman: ensuring safe, supported communities, strengthening schools, and a desire to rebuild trust between citizens and local leadership. After more than 22 years in city and county government, I've seen firsthand that communities thrive when residents are informed, engaged, and confident that decisions are made openly and responsibly. At the end of my term, I would like to have changed or accomplished the following to consider myself successful: Citizens are more informed, trust in leadership is strengthened and restored, transparency becomes standard practice, education partnerships show visible impact, and public safety & neighborhood safety improve.

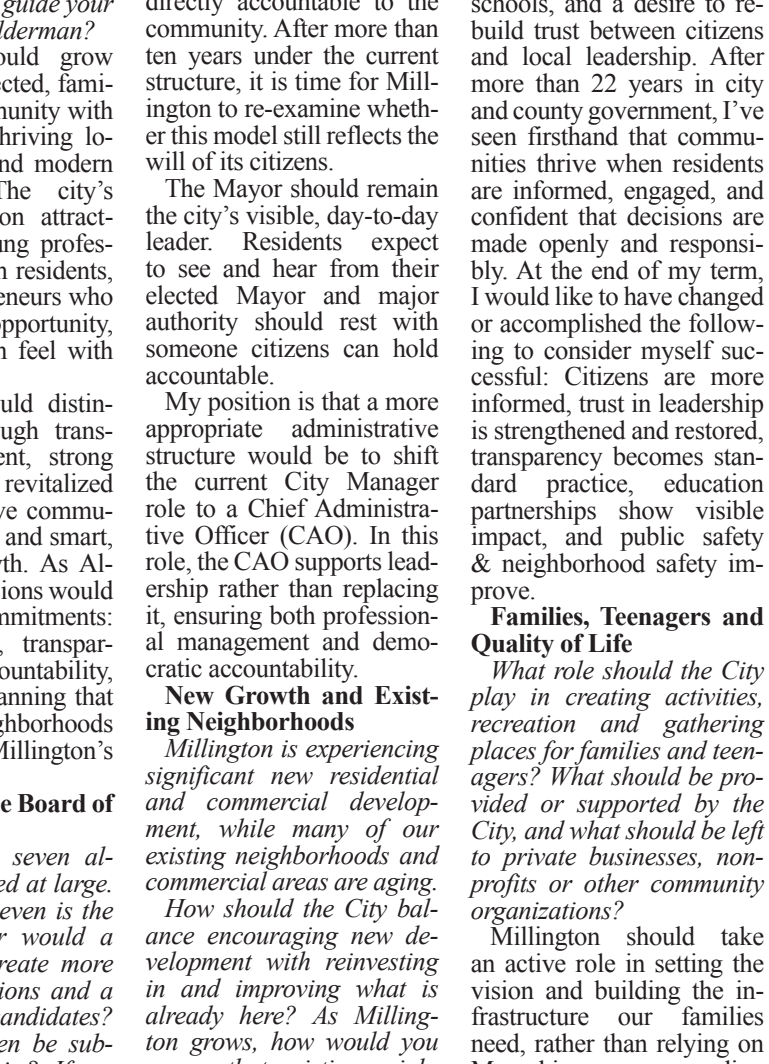
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Millington should take an active role in setting the vision and building the infrastructure our families need, rather than relying on Memphis or surrounding suburban areas. By creating

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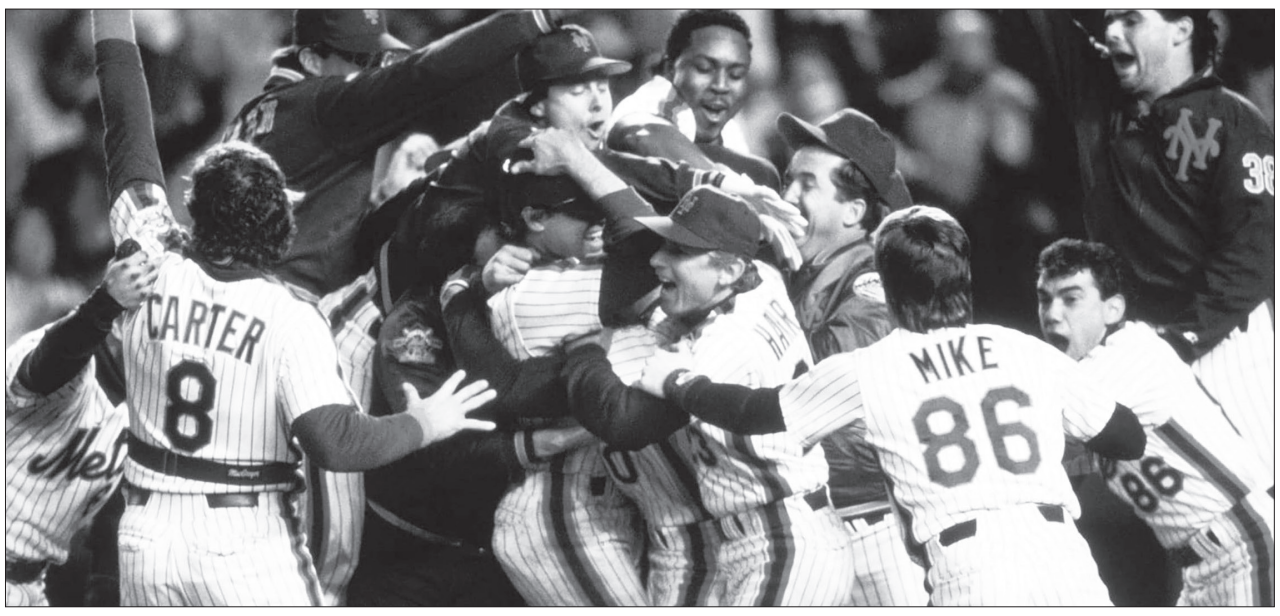




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Still 'Mazin

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of New York's 'Bad Guys' winning the World Series



October is here and for some U.S. Americans that still means postseason baseball.

I have to admit I have lost interest in fall baseball as I have aged. There was a time in the 1990s I watched the Championship Series and World Series religiously. The 1991 Fall Classic between the Minnesota Twins and Atlanta Braves deserves a 35-year anniversary Best Sellers' List of its own.

Right now I am trying to regain my love of October baseball by going back 40 years to one of the most colorful and memorable Major League Baseball teams of all time — the '86 Mets.

To summarize how crazy the New York Mets were 40 year ago, let's go back to July 19, 1986. Four Mets spent a night in a bar and then behind bars.



After suffering a rare loss in Houston, four Mets players celebrated the birth of infielder Tim Teufel's first child at Cooter's Executive Games and Burgers. The bar closed at 2 a.m., but the Mets wanted to keep the party going by continuing to drink.

When Teufel tried to depart with an open beer, security tried to stop him. An altercation ensued, Teufel's teammate Ron Darling rushed to his defense by delivering what he called a "world-class sucker punch." Darling ended up going through a plate-glass window.

The final results were Rick Aguilera and Bob Ojeda joining Teufel and Darling in the slammer that night. The four Mets spent 11 hours in a holding cell inside the Houston City Jail before being released. That's the '86 Mets in a nutshell.

10. One Team Gave Them a Real Boost

The Mets went 17-1 against the Pittsburgh Pirates. That year the Pirates were in a rebuild with rookie Barry Bonds on the roster. The '86 Pirates were the opposite of the Mets going 64-98 that season. Amazingly the Pirates did sneak out one win against those Mets.

9. Six Pack of Winners

The Mets pitchers did more than make babies, drink beers and go to jail. Ojeda, Dwight "Doc" Gooden, Sid Fernandez, and Darling all won at least 10 games each. Toss in Aguilera and full-time reliever Roger McDowell, the Mets had six pitchers reach the 10-win mark. McDowell won 14 games that year.

To understand how impressive the accomplishment was, since 1986, only four teams in baseball have had six pitchers with double-digit win totals with the 1998 New York Yankees winning the World Series.

8. ERA monsters

The '86 Mets had quality on the mound from the starting rotation to the arms coming out of the bullpen. Seven New York pitchers were at least 10-percent better than league average, measured by ERA- (in a minimum of 30 innings pitched). Those magnificent seven were Jesse Orosco, Bobby Ojeda, Rick Anderson, Ron Darling, Dwight Gooden, Roger McDowell, and Doug Sisk.

7. Team Effort

The Mets were a total team. Davy Johnson had one of the best lineups in baseball history with a dozen players with a 2.5-fWAR player is a quality, productive major leaguer.

The '86 Mets had half the roster with an impressive WAR including standouts like Keith Hernandez, Gooden, Lenny Dykstra, Ojeda, Fernandez, Gary Carter, Darling, Darryl Strawberry, Wally Backman, Mookie Wilson, Mitchell, and Ray Knight.

6. Triple-Slash Triple Crown Winners

What is the Triple-Slash Triple Crown? It is leading the league in batting average, on-base percentage and slugging percentage. The '86 Mets did that by batting .263, having an on-base percentage of .339, and slugging .401. They were the best National League team in nearly every major offensive category.

5. National League Best Offense

The Mets had power and speed. The lineup had six players with 120-plus hits. Keith Hernandez led New York by batting .310. Strawberry added the pop with 27 home runs and Carter wasn't too far behind with 24 dingers. Carter added 105 RBIs and Dykstra paced the lineup with 31 stolen bases. Wilson was lethal on the base path with 25 stolen bags.

4. Best in Pitching

Back to the mound, the '86 Mets would have been dominant in the American League that season. The Mets rotation was in the top three in every pitching category including ERA (first), ERA- (first), FIP (first), FIP- (first), strikeouts (second), K/9 (third), K/BB (third), HR/9 (first), and WHIP (second).

3. One Out From Runner-Up

With all that dominance in 1986, Game Six of the World Series had the American League champions Boston Red Sox one out from ending a curse that dated back to 1918. Boston held a two-run lead over the Mets going into the bottom of the 10th inning. The extra-inning thriller had a couple more memorable chapters left to write.

After recording the first two outs of the inning, the Red Sox had a win expectancy of 99 percent. The celebration was being prepared in the Boston clubhouse. Even after stringing together three base hits and plating a run, New York still had just a 19% chance of winning the game.

Then Mookie Wilson stepped up to the plate against Boston reliever Bob Stanley. If you haven't seen the iconic moment after Wilson hit a chopper along the first base line, I suggest you go to Youtube and type in Bill Buckner.

2. Good Everywhere

The '86 Mets were hard to beat at their home park Shea Stadium winning 55 games and only losing 26. On the road, if they weren't busy going to jail, New York picked up 53 victories to only 28 defeats.

1. One of the Best of All-Time

Quick math, the New York Mets won 108 games in 1986. Some Mets fans still hold the 1969 Miracle Mets on a higher platform, but the Amazin' Mets go down as one of the top teams in MLB history. Those Mets won more games than any other team in National League history besides the 1906 Chicago Cubs and 1909 Pittsburgh Pirates.

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streets, parks, water systems, and overall quality of life, while objectively protecting local homeowners from unfair tax burdens.

As alderman, collaborating with the Planning Commission and the Industrial Development Board (IDB) to implement smart planning strategies ensures code enforcement, future zoning boundaries, and infrastructure needs dynamically scale with growth. Rather than burdening current taxpayers, new commercial and residential projects can integrate the incremental costs of their impact directly into their planning via developer impact fees. Embracing alternative housing options, including multi-family townhomes, duplexes, and apartments, further drives local density, property and sales tax collections while securing market affordability.

Since rising service demands can outpace municipal capacity, working closely with the city manager to secure state and federal grants will be a central priority. Targeting external grant funding specifically toward the older, established sections of town allows Millington to revitalize its historic footprints while allowing new growth pay for itself.

Motivation and Priorities

What motivated you to run, and how does that motivation translate into specific priorities you would pursue as an alderman? At the end of your term, what would need to have changed or been accomplished for you to consider your service successful?

As a civic minded, active long time Millington resident running for the vacated Position 2, I want to effectively contribute to ensuring our city is secure, sustainable, and solvent for generations. My extensive executive and corporate leadership uniquely qualify me to handle complex financial, development, legal, and governance issues on day one. Having served three Millington mayoral administrations, I possess local government insight, alongside 11 years managing a $1.2 billion corporate enterprise spend with zero audit failures or improprieties.



Tammy Sneed

As alderman, I will focus on four core priorities: Transparent Leadership: Bringing three decades of people management to build trust through strict fiscal responsibility, Smart Economic Growth: Collaborating with the Planning Commission and IDB to expand the sales tax base, reduce homeowner tax burdens, and establish business friendly relationships with a comprehensive one stop city service offering for residents, Educational Advocacy: Partnering with the school board, teachers, and residents to address early performance gaps with clear metrics, and Quality of Life: Boosting public safety and enhancing multigenerational recreational spaces.

If successful, my leadership will deliver increased revenues, on-time capital projects/budgets, improved school outcomes, enhanced public safety, and a fully transparent city government.

Families, Teenagers and Quality of Life

What role should the City play in creating activities, recreation and gathering places for families and teenagers? What should be provided or supported by the City, and what should be left to private businesses, nonprofits or other community organizations?

Millington is uniquely positioned to improve residents' quality of life by prioritizing civic infrastructure over basic zoning, connecting young families, teenagers, and seniors through shared, high-impact spaces without overextending municipal budgets.

As our neighborhoods grow, developers can integrate usable pocket parks and green spaces directly into development packages. Constructing pump tracks, tennis courts, and skate parks near schools provides vital youth recreation, while joint-use spaces increase multigenerational interaction, which can also address critical ADA concerns, simultaneously.

To fund these assets without raising residential property taxes, the city can leverage several external funding mechanisms like: TDEC LPRF Grant- a 50/50 state match providing up to $1,000,000 for inclusive playgrounds and walking loops, Developer Exactions: dedicated amenities built into subdivision regulations at no cost to the city, TDOT Multimodal Grant- a 95/5 state-to-local match for pedestrian paths connecting neighborhoods to civic corridors, Municipal Impact Fees- assessed for new residential building permits to offset growth costs, and private philanthropy, corporate grants, and developer partnerships - that can secure multi-age amenities and recreation, like bowling, tech arenas, climbing walls, etc.

Every strategy must be carefully evaluated to ensure long-term maintenance and sustainability costs, while successfully expanding recreational spaces across generational lines.

Public Meeting Transparency

Some Millington public meetings are currently recorded and made available online. Do you believe the City should require all public meetings to be recorded and made available online? Why or why not? Should any meetings also be required to be streamed live?

Under the Tennessee Open Meetings Act, all governing body meetings must remain open to the public. If two or more elected officials are deliberating or deciding city policy or business, the meeting must be open to the public and is eligible for live streaming.

This covers Regular and Special-Called Business Meetings, Board work sessions, retreats, and advisory bodies like the Planning Commission and Industrial Development Board (IDB). Some legal exceptions allowing closed sessions involve litigation strategy, collective bargaining strategy, school security vulnerabilities, audit committee reviews, and initial director-level interviews.

If Millington adopts all live streaming options, the city must establish strict operational protocols to ensure transparency and legal compliance. Implementation requires careful planning around high-quality audio/digital setups, dedicated meeting facilitation, strict public records retention guidelines, and the allocation of additional budgetary resources/staff time. By addressing these technical and fiscal issues upfront, the city can successfully expand public access without risking compliance failures.

Surveillance and Traffic Enforcement

Millington uses both red-light cameras and automated license plate readers. What are your views on the use of these technologies? How do you weigh their potential public safety and traffic enforcement benefits against concerns about privacy and government surveillance?

I will advocate for responsible, regulated digital technology to enhance public safety while protecting Fourth Amendment rights under strict Tennessee statutory limits.

Automated traffic enforcement effectively augments local police crime prevention, provided it follows existing state safeguards. As an example, citations must be reviewed by a certified officer, and vendor contracts cannot be tied to ticket revenue percentages.

As Millington continues its expansion, Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) deployed at city entry points (i.e. Flock Safety systems) require even higher oversight. ALPR metadata must automatically purge within 30 days (unless tied to an active criminal investigation), and the data remains confidential and exempt from public records requests.

Public safety can also extend to our recreational infrastructure. I support deploying highly visible, well-lit surveillance arrays at public trailways and active green spaces to deter vandalism and crime, strictly without the use of invasive facial recognition software. By implementing clear guardrails and distinct scrutiny of laws and guidelines, we can leverage technology to protect our expanding communities while ensuring total data privacy and public trust.

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safe, accessible, and supervised gathering places for teens and families after school, the city provides reliable options close to home.

Any development in Millington goes through City planners, and utilizing Baker's Community Center as a HUB would create a structured, dependable space where youth can learn, participate, and stay connected.

The City's responsibility is to set the vision, build the foundation, and bring partners together for meaningful collaboration. Private businesses, nonprofits, and community groups can then add specialized activities such as bowling and arcades, tutoring and youth clubs, and indoor recreation space. This partnership model strengthens public safety, expands access, and increases recreation choices for Millington families.

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Ann Turner

Yes, I believe all public meetings in Millington should be recorded and made available online, ensuring residents can review discussions and decisions at any time. In addition, I support live streaming for the Mayor & Board of Aldermen and Planning and Zoning meetings, giving citizens real time access to the most impactful public discussions. This level of openness strengthens public trust, keeps residents informed, and ensures taxpayers can clearly see how decisions about their dollars are being made and a clear window into how government operates. This aligns with the Sunshine Rule, which holds that government business should be conducted openly and remain accessible to the public. The only exception should be attorney–client discussions, where legal confidentiality is required.

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My position is that both red-light cameras and automated license plate readers (ALPRs) are needed in Millington, but their use must be balanced with strong privacy protections. These technologies are most valuable along heavily traveled corridors like Highway 51and Raleigh Millington Road, where speeding, collisions, and pass-through criminal activity are more likely. In these areas, ALPRs and red-light cameras can reduce dangerous driving, support law enforcement, and provide consistent enforcement even when officers are not present.

At the same time, I recognize that residents have valid concerns about privacy, data collection, and government surveillance. People want clarity on how long data is stored, who can access it, and what safeguards prevent misuse or abuse. Because of these concerns, I believe strong transparency, clear policies, and oversight are essential to assist with maintaining a safe Millington.

Dangerously Stopped?



Dave's Raves

BY DAVID PEEL

A tractor-trailer sitting on the interstate shoulder is one of the most dangerous hazards a driver can meet, especially at night.

Truckers often treat the breakdown lane as a place to rest, wait on a mechanic, or check a map. The law treats it very differently.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulation 49 C.F.R. § 392.22 sets the rule. Whenever a commercial truck stops on the traveled lanes or the shoulder for any reason other than a necessary traffic stop, the driver must put out warning devices as soon as possible, and never later than 10 minutes.

On a divided highway such as an interstate, the triangles go at 200 feet and 100 feet behind the truck, plus one within 10 feet of the rear. Tennessee law adds its own requirement. T.C.A. § 55-8-158 bars leaving a vehicle on the main-traveled part of the highway when it is practicable to move it off. It also prohibits stopping on entrance or exit ramps except for a disabled vehicle awaiting repair or a tow. When a driver breaks these safety rules, a victim can argue negligence per se.

Since Tennessee is a comparative fault state, there can always be negligence assigned by a jury to the driver who does not realize that the truck is stopped.

But it doesn't take a lot of imagination to understand on a dark night, especially if it's raining or foggy, that you can follow brake lights right into a stop truck before you realize what has occurred

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When you have had an encounter with death — a near-death experience of your own or the sudden passing of a close love one … it inevitably leads to a few essential questions: What is life really all about? Why am I alive? Or, What I am living for?

In differing ways we might be asking, what gets me out of bed in the morning? What gets my blood pumping? Is it an alarm going off or a calling that gets "you" up each and every day? Every one of us needs some motivating passion, some ideal, something that gives our lives purpose and that drives us on. Unfortunately some people do not know what they are living for.

Many people are merely marking time instead of enjoying their lives. Their favorite day of the week is "someday." Someday my ship will come in! Someday my prince (or princess) will arrive! Someday, it is all going to be better! Someday, my life will change! … we have all heard or even made these statements and others like them in reference to our lives.

A recent study revealed that 94 per cent of the people surveyed were simply enduring the present while "waiting for something better to happen." Think of the overwhelming thrust of this statistic … almost nine and one/half people out of ten are waiting for something better. They are waiting to re-act, hoping someone else will provide, make it better, bring change, or alter things in some way which will move the needle in a more positive manor for them. Unfortunately the "church" has fed this mentality by saying God will … and then offered the "feel-good" concept of blessing in the church which requires me only to believe. I disagree with this theology. We are asked to believe; yet we are also asked to be obedient, to be a people of action and service which request "risk" of us … the risk of being and doing more than just waiting. We are to be vision casters. We are to be servants. We are to be the hands, feet, the very presence of God … and therein will we find blessing.

There is one thing that will come for all of us … death. Very few plan for death. It is as if they do not expect it to come to them and certainly never unexpectedly. When we are young we tell ourselves that we do not need to worry about that for fifty or sixty years. That may be true. But then death knocks at every door. The Sacred Writings share that "each of us have a destiny with death" (paraphrase of Hebrew 9:27a).

That appointment may come later than you expect. Or on the other hand, it may come sooner, much sooner. Statisticians tell us that 250,000 people die everyday. What then is the bottom line?

LIVE every day as though you may never have another one. Live ready to step into God's presence at any moment. Realize the brevity of life that you may grow in wisdom … claim a benefactor's heart that you may offer thanksgiving … for thanksgiving wins a victory over everything that makes life difficult for us. In this thanksgiving the harshness, crookedness, and injustice on the earth cannot harm us. For God protects us with His light, which gives wisdom for all situations and which lifts us above everything that is base and meaningless and must pass away. It also gives us the ability to celebrate today! … rather than wait for "Someday" in our journey …

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One Last Catfight

Arlington finally overwhelms Munford and standout goalie Walker in season finale

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor





ARLINGTON — If District 15-3A awarded Goalie of the Year to the performer with the most saves and a high save rate by shots faced, Munford Lady Cougar sophomore Emma Walker would be the runaway winner.

She proved her skills and ability Thursday night in the regular-season finale against the Arlington Lady Tigers. Munford traveled to Shelby County to face another high-level squad for the league. Although Arlington prevailed 7-0 over Munford, Walker had another All-District performance with multiple stops of Arlington attempts on goal.

Before arriving at the pitch of Arlington Soccer Stadium, the Lady Cougars forced top-tier teams like Collierville and Houston to play nearly the entire 80 minutes because of Walker's performances.

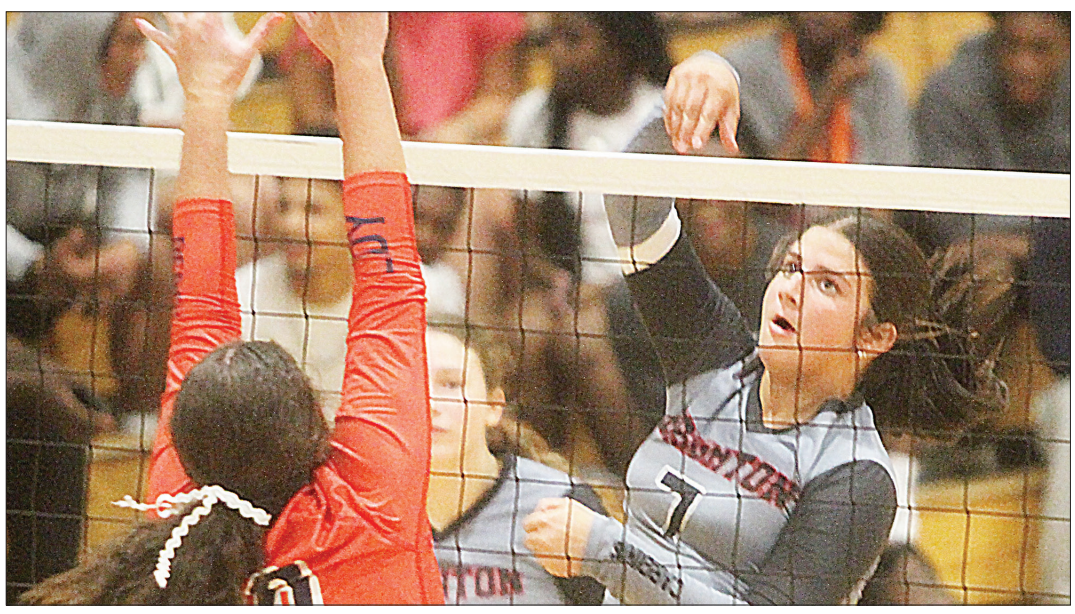
Walker has saved nearly 150 shots at a 70 percent rate heading into the Arlington contest. Meanwhile the Lady Tigers entered the contest with a sub .500 record, having faced teams like ECS, St. George's, Sacred Heart (Ky.), Bethlehem (Ky.), Lakeland Prep., USJ and Georgetown Prep. (Maryland) before going into district play.

The Lady Tigers validated those tough tests by grabbing an early 2-0 lead against Munford behind a pair of goals from freshman Adriana Ospina. Arlington built a 4-0 lead by halftime. Walker's movement in the goalie box led to several offside calls on Arlington. Walker's positioning made the Lady Tigers limit deep passes.

By the middle of the second half the Lady Tigers wore down Munford and added three more goals for the league victory.

This is Just a Drill





Photos By Thomas Sellers Jr.

As the 2026 regular season came to a close, two area teams came together for a postseason tune up. The Brighton Gymnasium was the setting for the Lady Cardinals' Senior Day but the guests Tipton-Rosemark Academy Lady Rebels were rude by taking the match 20-25, 25-16, 25-14 and 25-14. Brighton took advantage of the TRA lineup change and formation shift by attacking the Lady Rebels with Greta Garrett setting up her hitters like Aeryl Potter, Emma Smith and Briley Bennett. Then TRA Head Coach Misha Butler put her rotation back to the regular formation with Caroline Roland going from setting to being a hitter. The Lady Rebels were paced by libero Kaitlynn Crull and senior Bailey Treadwell with multiple saves. Roland was joined by Lauren Pickett, Elizabeth McCall, Hailey Crull and Andi Richardson in scoring at the net.

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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 8

WEEK 8

1. Briarcrest (7-0) @ Brentwood Academy
W 29-28 @ CBHS
2. St. George's (6-1) @ St. Benedict
W 14-7 @ Northpoint Christian
3. Munford (5-1) vs. Memphis Overton
W 68-0 vs. Kingsbury
4. Covington (6-1) @ Dyersburg
W 50-0 vs. Bolivar Central
5. Collierville (4-3) vs. Lausanne
W 55-0 vs. Craigmont
6. Bolton (5-2) vs. Memphis East
W 33-0 @ Hamilton
7. Arlington (5-2) vs. Houston
L 24-21 @ Cordova
8. CBHS (4-3) @ Lipscomb Academy
L 29-28 vs. Briarcrest
9. ECS (4-3) vs. Northpoint Christian
L 50-6 @ Lausanne
10. Lakeland Prep. (4-3) vs. Kirby
W 49-0 vs. Ridgeway



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

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