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Taking Flight

Millington and TCAT celebrate groundbreaking to new school

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor

For the past few years the City of Millington has grown leaps and bounds from retail to residential and industry.

On the afternoon of Oct. 21, one of the most important groundbreakings in Flag City history took place on 8497 Veterans Parkway. The Tennessee College of Applied Technology purchased property from the Millington Industrial Development Board to construct an aviation-related facility.

Dr. Gwen Sutton, president of TCAT Memphis, was the master of ceremonies for the groundbreaking ceremony with dozens and dozens of well-wishers.

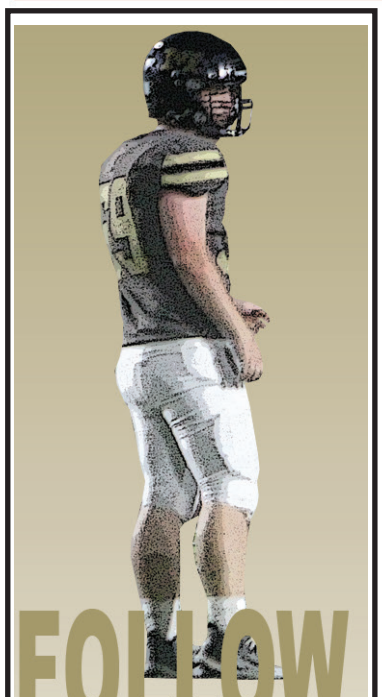
The invocation was delivered under the tent by Bishop Darryl Wynn, Pastor of Historical First Baptist Church in Millington. Sutton then reflected on the process and journey to breaking ground for the TCAT campus coming to Millington.

Keynote speakers were Lt. John Garcia, Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Mike Gill Executive Director of the Millington-Memphis Airport and James Warberg, Chairman of the Millington IDB. On the stage with Sutton throughout the event were Tennessee Board of Regents Regent At-Large Nisha Powers, Dr. Kim McCormick (Vice Chancellor of External Affairs), Logan Stafford (Congressman David Kustoff Field Rep.), Dr. Joann Massey (President of EDGE), Millington Mayor Larry Dagen and Shelby County Mayor Mickell Lowery.

"Today is not just a groundbreaking of a new campus, we're building pathways to good paying jobs, economic independence and a brighter future for generations to come," Lowery said. "That's something for all of us to celebrate."

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13-31L

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vs. LAKELAND Lions
8-35L

Oct. 16
@ FAYETTE-WARE Wildcats
36-28W

Sept. 18
vs. BOLTON Wildcats
8-12L

Sept. 25
vs. KIRBY Cougars
10-22L

Oct. 2
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Homecoming '26
48-0W

Oct. 23
vs. BRIGHTON Cardinals
13-34L

Oct. 29
@ RIDGEWAY Roadrunners

Games Kickoff at 7 p.m.

GOOD LUCK TROJANS

Oakley sworn in as city's new police chief

By Bill Short
The Millington Star

As family members, friends and city officials watched, retired Memphis police officer Joe Oakley was sworn in on Oct. 20 as Millington's new police chief.

With City Clerk Karen Findley administering the Oath of Office in the Board Chamber at City Hall, Oakley vowed to "faithfully discharge" the chief's duties, and to "uphold" the Constitution and laws of Tennessee and the United States, as well as the Millington Charter and city ordinances.

He also affirmed that he will perform his duties "without favor or partiality" and will "not be affected" by "personal consideration of gain or conflict."

Oakley is replacing Chris Stokes, who will retire on Nov. 6.

"Chief Stokes has done a great job," he declared. "We started working together this morning, and I look forward to the time that he has left. I appreciate what he's doing and what I have to look forward to."

At its Oct. 12 regular monthly meeting, the Millington Board of Mayor and Aldermen unanimously adopted a resolution approving Oakley's appointment, which was effective on Oct. 19.

In accordance with Section 5.02 of the City Charter, he was recommended for his new job by City Manager Frankie Dakin, who told the board that this decision was approached with the "seriousness" it deserved.

He noted that, with assistance from The University of Tennessee's Municipal Technical Advisory Service, the city conducted a "competitive" process that attracted "more than a dozen" applicants.

"Five candidates completed interviews at an assessment center," Dakin said. "Three finalists received additional consideration."



He noted that Oakley was employed for more than 36 years with the Memphis Police Department, where he served in "senior leadership roles."

Those included "working his way up" to a precinct commander position before retiring as deputy chief of Information Technology.

Dakin said Oakley's career has been marked by "strong community engagement" through youth sports, faith-based outreach and "partnerships" with Neighborhood Watch groups.

The city manager thanked Stokes for his "nearly 30 years" of service, including four years as chief, and for his "leadership and cooperation" throughout this transition.

Oakley said he has been retired "a few months." But, when this position became "open," he felt the urge to "come back."

"When you're a policeman," he noted, "you're a policeman for life."

He is "very impressed" with the "forward-thinking" of the "fine men and women" of the Millington Police Department.

"I think that you've got a great department," he said, "and I look forward to leading it to greater heights."

Because Millington is growing, with new businesses opening, Oakley said that will be addressed by the department, which wants to keep the city safe.

"We want to keep our visitors coming in," he noted, "and they need to know that they're going to be safe doing so. But if someone comes to Millington to commit a crime, we're going to catch them and send them to jail where they belong."

Oakley said he was "looking forward" to working with Stokes during the transition period.

"I've known him for years," he acknowledged. "I've seen him at a lot of the meetings that we have, and Millington needs a seat at the table."

His "mission" is to keep the city safe and to employ the "best" police officers it can acquire.

"We want them happy," he concluded. "We want them to have the best equipment. We want them to come here, and we want them to stay."

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GENEVIEVE 'GENNY' CLAIR CAREY

Genevieve "Genny" Clair Carey, 67, of Millington,passed away on October 14, 2026. Munford Funeral Home had charge.

TED DAVID COLE

Ted David Cole, 86, of Memphis, formerly of Munford, passed away on October 19, 2026 at his home. He was a retried over the road truck driver and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Graveside services were held Oct. 24 at Magnolia Gardens Cemetery.

LESTER 'BUCK' FORRESTER

Lester "Buck" Forrester, 86, of Burlison, was called home to be with his Lord and Savior on October 18, 2026. Funeral services were held Oct. 21, at Covington Funeral Home with interment in Morrison Memorial Cemetery in Brighton.

ROBBIE NELL 'ROBIN' SPENCER HALLING

Robbie Nell "Robin" Spencer Halling, 77, passed away on October 14, 2026. The family received friends on Oct. 20, at Munford Funeral Home - Munford Chapel with funeral services. Interment took place at Randolph Cemetery.

BARBARA ANN HURST

Barbara Ann Hurst, 92, passed away on October 16, 2026. The family received friends at Munford Funeral Home - Millington Chapel on Oct. 21, until the service with the graveside service at Northridge Woodhaven Cemetery.

OLIVER GENE LOFT

Oliver Gene Loft, 96, passed away on October 16, 2026. The family received friends on Oct. 21, until the service and the interment was at West Union Cemetery in Millington.

JOHNNY 'HICK' LEE PERRY

Johnny "Hick" Lee Perry, 59, passed away on October 16, 2026. The family received friends on Oct. 22, at Munford Funeral Home - Munford Chapel with graveside services at Randolph Cemetery.

HAZEL MARIE SPENCER

Hazel Marie Spencer, 80, passed away on October 19, 2026. The funeral service was held on Oct. 24, at Oak Spring Baptist Church in Arlington. Burial took place at Oak Spring Baptist Church.

RODNEY KEITH WALLACE

Rodney Keith Wallace, 71, of Atoka, passed away on October 19, 2026 at his home surrounded by his family. Funeral services was held Oct. 22 at the Covington Funeral Home with interment in Magnolia Gardens Cemetery.

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related facility near Veterans Parkway.

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.

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

It will include a combination of "functional" spaces, such as: an aircraft hangar, instructional classrooms, laboratories, administrative offices; and an outdoor airplane maintenance area.

"This represents an exciting investment in the future of Millington and the entire region," Dagen said. "TCAT coming to Millington is another important step for our city's steady, responsible growth and our commitment to creating opportunities for our residents.

"We are proud to welcome TCAT as a longtime partner in our community," he concluded. "Our students deserve multiple pathways to success whether that means a four-year degree or a technician education. Entering the workforce with an in-demand skill."





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.

Veterans Day Car Show

TIn honor of our hometown heroes, Cruisin' For Freedom Jeep & Car Show will be held Nov. 7 at Discovery Park located at 5152 Easley Street starting check-in at 9 a.m. Judging will be at 10 a.m. with awards 30 minutes later (categories Most Patriotic, Most Unique and People's Choice). For more information or interested in volunteering, email parks4you@millingtontn.gov.

Veterans Day Ceremony

The City of Millington will honor local veterans with Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 11, Every hometown has a story. Today, we celebrate the ones who stand tall, lift others and makes our community stronger.) Join Millington as the city gathers to honor veterans of our community and reflect on the many forms of courage demonstrated through courage, sacrifice and everyday life. The event will be held at the Millington Performing Arts Center 5006 School Street 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Light refreshments in lobby and breakfast available for veterans. For more information visit parks4you@millingtontn.gov or call 873-5763.

Bicycle Parade

In honor of our hometown heroes, Bicycle Parade and Community Mural will be held Saturday Nov. 7 at 10:30 a.m. at Discovery Park located 5152 Easley Street. Decorate your wheels and join everybody at the Park for a bicycle parade. There will be free supplies available for decorating and stick around to help paint the crosswalk from Discovery Park to the Lone Sailor Monument. For more information or interested in volunteering, email parks4you@millingtontn.gov.

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The Lady Cardinals pose Thursday night with their freshly won Regional plaque on the turf of Southwind Stadium after beating the Ridgeway Lady Roadrunners 6-0. Below: Brighton senior Autumn Mink advances the ball up field against a Ridgeway defender.

RETURN TO THE TOP

Brighton flies back to the front of the Regional with stellar week

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor

MEMPHIS — The worlds of the Brighton Lady Cardinals and Ridgeway Lady Roadrunners collided Thursday night for the Regional Championship game on the pitch of Southwind High School.

Under the lights, the Lady Roadrunners earned their spot on the grand stage with city and district championships under the guidance of third-year Head Coach Yaschia Dillard. Ridgeway hosted Brighton undefeated and won its first Regional Semifinal game, 2-0 over the Millington Lady Trojans, for the first time in 25 years.

Meanwhile the Lady Cardinals traveled all over West Tennessee competing against high-level teams preparing for an October run. Brighton outlasted Millington for its district title and survived the Kirby Lady Cougars 1-0 in the Regional Semifinals.

Thursday night in the Southwind Stadium, Brighton controlled the tempo and emerged victorious 6-0 to win the Regional championship.

"They started to put it all together," Brighton Head Coach Kelsi Williams said. "All season we've had really good moments, but we hadn't been able to complete it for the full game. Millington really brought it all out of them. It clicked for them. They had a really hard 80 minutes plus overtime and everything else.



"Even tonight we were still off a couple of times, for the most part we had a majority of good moments," she added.

Brighton led 3-0 at halftime against Ridgeway and added three more scores in the second half to put the Lady Roadrunners away. Brighton senior Brooke McClelland led the way with a hat trick. Emily Lind added a pair of goals and Sierra Williams closed out the scoring, netting a goal.

With Coach Williams demanding so much out of her players all season, after one game in September she declared, 'They will be a championship team.'

"I told you so," she said, hugging the golden plaque. "I told you it was coming. We were working and I was just waiting for it to click. It means a lot that they progressed and we never regressed. They've been able to show that they can improve and work hard for it. It wasn't given to them. They worked hard for it."

Dillard said her Lady Roadrunners still leave the Southwind field champions reaching the Regional title game unbeaten and earning a Sub-State birth.

Ridgeway was led by senior and district MVP Elizabeth Montero all season. Defensive Player of the Year for District 16-2A was Yatzil Reyes and the Lady Roadrunners were sparked by the stellar play of goalie Kya Robinson.

"My girls are moving the program in the right direction," Dillard said. "I have a really young team. I am losing eight seniors However I did grow my goalie and I will have her for three more years. She's only a freshman.

"No. 13, Olivia Walker is my wing and she's only a freshman," she continued. "We have some growing to do with just fundamentals. They're going to be awesome. I told them. It's not over with. We can upset the world on Saturday. People always underestimate the underdog. 'Let's go get that thing.'"

Dillard took over the Ridgeway program in 2024 and with the help of her coaching staff, players and administration, she is building a competitive soccer program.

"Essentially I didn't want to take the team because I never had experience with coaching soccer," she acknowledged. "My background was physical education. However I don't teach. I am currently the graduation coach. So when I was asked, I was like 'I guess.' Because I didn't want the program to leave the school. When I came in we worked together and grew with the girls."

The Brighton Class of 2027, McClelland, Mia Rodriguez, Tianna Farrie, Abby Young and Autumn Mink, grew together.

Farrie, the District 15-2A Defensive Player of the Year, was the driving force of the defensive line that kept both opponents scoreless during the Regional Tournament.

"It's been good to grow with the team since our freshman year," she said. "We've all been playing together for a really long time. Where we are right now just feels good.

"Just being able to support on the backline is so important," Farrie added. "Just working together and being able to connect our passes. Rewarding, because every year we've just had a good defensive line. As the years go on, everybody graduates. It's like one leaves and I've been able to step up and hold the line."

The Lady Cardinals held the line until midfielder Young could return. Young was one of the most versatile players on the Brighton roster handling the ball all over the field, setting up the offense and providing flexibility for the defense.

"It just feels great that the hard work I put in paid off to get this far," Young said. "Recovering from injury is not easy. My hard work paid off."

Williams said all the hard work her Lady Cardinals poured into the 2026 season was validated walking out of Memphis champions.

"It really truly is a team effort," she said. "I am hard on them because every position on the field is important. I harp on my backline. I know they don't get the glory but I am hard on them. Then I harp on them.

"They know I mean business and I am not just hard on them," Williams concluded. "Everybody is expected to get back. Everybody is expected to know how to play every position at practice. I told them they need to be versatile and be able to go in at any point."

Brighter Day Ahead

Cardinals and Trojans clash as both teams prepare to make a November run in the playoffs

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor

With things trending upward at Millington, the Trojans entered Friday night ready to celebrate the Class of 2027 on the turf of Mooney Boswell Field.

Area rivals the Brighton Cardinals came to town ready to play spoilers and ruin the festivities in order to build momentum for a November postseason run.

Head Coach Keith Setler's Cardinals took a couple of haymakers from the Trojans early on and punched back in a big way to eventually prevail 34-13.

"That's the plan, I hasten to say that we stumbled last week because we had a really good game plan last week," Setler reflected on the previous 42-7 defeat to Munford. "But anytime you have four turnovers in the first half, no team in America is supposed to win that game. But the game plan was solid."

Putting the Munford game in the rearview mirror, the next game was against a Millington team coming off back-to-back wins over Craigmont and Fayette-Ware.

"We just wanted to execute that same game plan this week and get on the board against a good team," Setler said. "I don't care what the record is, they have some good players over there. John Thomas is a football player. There's some other dudes over there like Baron Martin Jr.

"I said, 'Guys don't look at the record,'" he continued. "'We have to come and play today.' We wanted to get some momentum going into an important Region game next week. That region game next week where we play next week. Whether we're playing the No. 1 seed or the No. 2 seed."

Brighton (4-5) faces the Overton Wolverines Thursday night in the regular season finale and will host its Senior Night trying to earn a No. 3 seed going into the Class 5A playoffs. Meanwhile the Trojans head to Halle Stadium to close out the 2026 regular season on Thursday night against the Ridgeway Roadrunners with a playoff berth on the line.



The Trojans (2-7) traded fumbles with the Cardinals early in the first quarter. Then Millington's defense stopped Brighton's first drive coming off the turnover. The Trojans capitalized on their fumble driving down the field leading to a Noah Barrentine 12-yard touchdown run.

Millington's 7-0 lead was brief with the Cardinals using a Jakarion Burrell 38-yard touchdown run to answer back. Burrell added the two-point conversion to give the Cardinals an 8-7 advantage.

Brighton jumped ahead 16-7 late in the first quarter when quarterback Michael Gilliland tossed a 12-yard touchdown pass to tight end Brett Cothran.

The Trojans started the second quarter with some fireworks. Signal caller Cole Hawkins dropped back and fired a pass over the middle hitting Christian "CJ" Green in stride. Green broke a couple of tackles on his way to the end zone for the 49-yard touchdown.

The tally was 16-13 in favor of the Cardinals. Brighton settled down from the Millington big play and closed out the first half with a pair of touchdowns.

Burrell was at it again with a 9-yard touchdown run to make the score 22-13. Gilliland to Bentley Mullins from 10 yards out made the halftime score 28-13.

Early in the third quarter Brighton iced the game when Nasir Hill took a handoff 51 yards to the house to make the final score 34-13.

"The last couple of weeks we've executed," Setler said. "If you had told me that Brighton would have become a Ground N' Pound team, I don't know if they would have happened. That goes to my coaches. Coach Jones with the offensive line doing a great job. Coach Potter with those backs doing a great job.

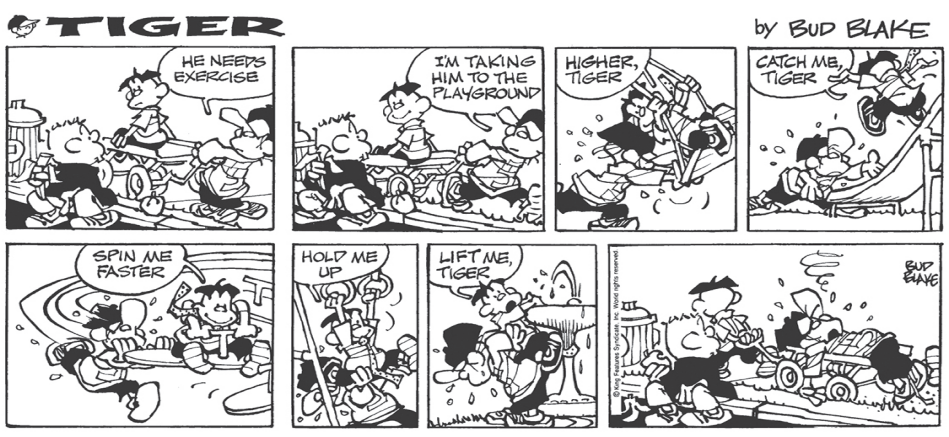
"That offensive coaching staff have gotten those guys to have a hard-nose mentality," he continued. "We've got some kids back there who will tote the rock, Nasir Hill and Jakarion Burrell are both players who have been players of the week. They've been doing a great job of running the ball."

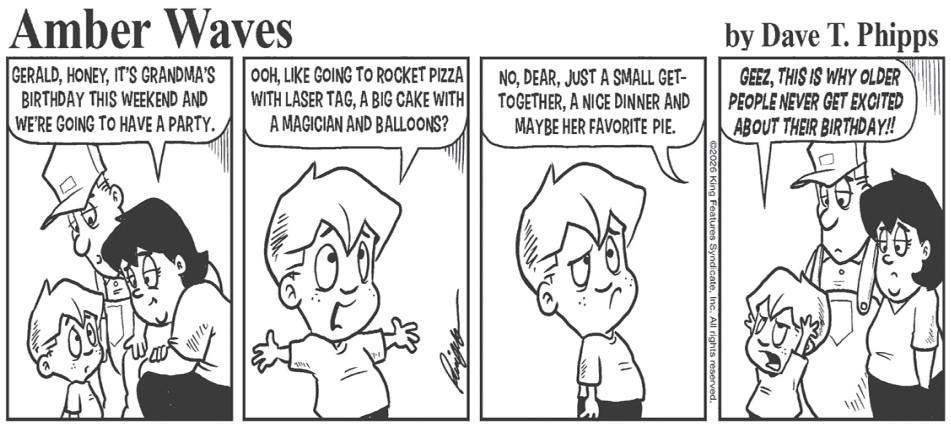
The Brighton defense adjusted and locked down Millington in the first two and half quarters.

"Trying to defend them, we knew they would come in with some Wing-T principles," Setler said. "So you have to prepare to stop that. They will also pass it. So when you have certain personnel on the field to stop the run you get yourself in trouble on the pass. That's what happened early.

"We had to go back to our base and figure out how to stop both," he concluded. "We found a way. We found a way to get the quarterback a couple of times."

Brighton defenders like Izayah Austin, Andre Wynn, Jaylen McDonald and Jonathan Matthews will have to continue to shine in order for Brighton to finish third in Region 8-5A.



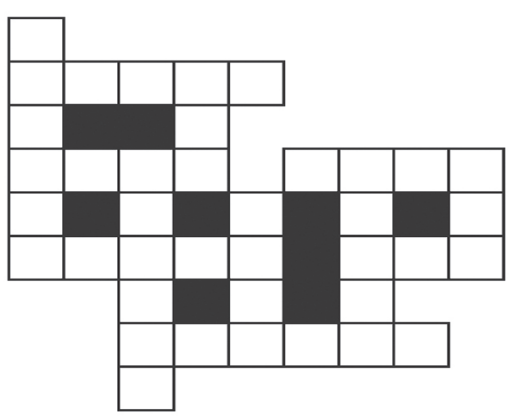


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By: rj johnson

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♥ ECRPA
♥ IBD
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♥ ADBU



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ **RATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART**). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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Even Exchange

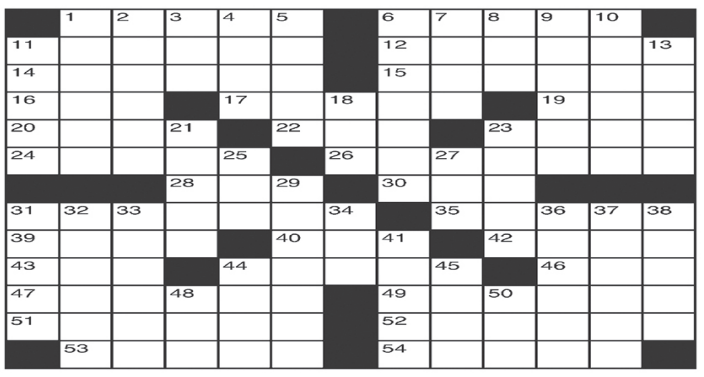
by Donna Pettman

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

1. Stay put	__ __ M __ __ __	Hold on to	__ __ T __ __ __
2. Australian city	__ Y __ __ __ __	Poitier or Sheldon	__ I __ __ __ __
3. Overshadow	__ __ __ __ D	Power and infuence	__ __ __ __ T
4. Glowing coal	E __ __ __ __	Rose or Heard	A __ __ __ __
5. Pursue	C __ __ __ __	Segment	P __ __ __ __
6. Peace agreement	__ __ __ __ __ Y	Halloween goodies	__ __ __ __ __ S
7. Bush	__ __ __ __ B	Shoulder movement	__ __ __ __ G
8. Texas capital	__ __ __ __ I __	Authoress Jane	__ __ __ __ E __
9. Laurel's sidekick	__ __ __ D __	Prince George's uncle	__ __ __ R __
10. Ointment	L __ __ __ __ __	Movement	M __ __ __ __ __

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King Crossword



ACROSS
1 Bath powders
6 Selected
11 Patronize, as a bistro
12 Cuts at an angle
14 Long-haired cat
15 Rise in defiance
16 Montmartre Mrs.
17 Wide
19 Big fuss
20 — ale
22 Rocker Nugent
23 Raced
24 Nosh at midnight
26 Bishop's district
28 Free (of)
30 Spanish gold
31 Pianist Arrau
35 Slowpoke
39 Fireplace shelves
40 Ump's call
42 Old U.S. gas brand
43 Balloon filler
44 Impetus
46 Weeding tool
47 Roma's land
49 Pub perches
51 Pay off
52 Digital greetings
53 Lasso
54 Afternoon hour

DOWN
1 Dorothy's friend
2 Germany's Merkel
3 Sign before Virgo
4 Keto restriction
5 Kick off
6 Trucker's device
7 Obey
8 Eggs
9 Mexican shawl
10 Shakes off
11 Muffles
13 Fine china brand
18 British ref. work
21 Beige shades
23 Tea biscuit
25 Tease
27 Choice words?
29 Museum display
31 Desk go-with
32 Hang around
33 Rub the wrong way
34 Gigi's "yes"
36 On the beach
37 Tristan's love
38 Windblown soil
41 Sports bar fixture
44 Food regimen
45 Engrave
48 Meadow
50 Rowing need

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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

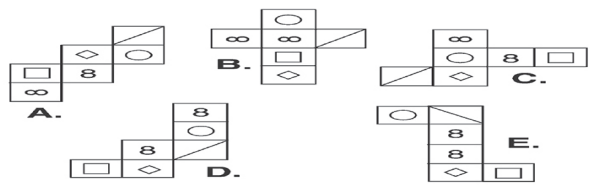
Solution time: 26 mins.

1. Dover, Diver	6. Carve, Curve	10. Throne, Throng	
2. Tamper, Temper	7. Amble, Ample	5. Patton, Pardon	
3. Badge, Barge	8. Hilly, Holly	4. Saint, Faint	
4. Saint, Faint	9. Squeal, Squeak	3. Badge, Barge	
5. Patton, Pardon	10. Throne, Throng	2. Tamper, Temper	
6. Trucker's device	7. Obey	8. Eggs	9. Mexican shawl
10. Shakes off	11. Muffles	13. Fine china brand	18. British ref. work
21. Beige shades	23. Tea biscuit	25. Tease	27. Choice words?
29. Museum display	31. Desk go-with	32. Hang around	33. Rub the wrong way
34. Gigi's "yes"	36. On the beach	37. Tristan's love	38. Windblown soil
41. Sports bar fixture	44. Food regimen	45. Engrave	48. Meadow
50. Rowing need			

STICKELERS [sic]

by Terry Stickels

Four of the five figures below can be folded back into the same cube. Which is the odd one out?



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CryptoQuip

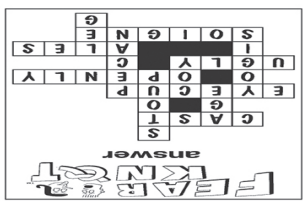
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **E** equals **W**

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GJVU UYQZMB QYDF FJYQ, UJ
XJY BSR DRYIIJ ZM RQVTTZI?

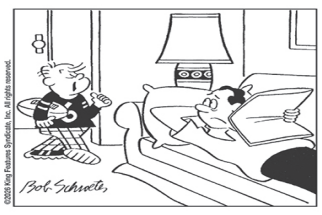
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Even Exchange answers



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!



"The nerve of that guy next door claiming a _____ is worth $200."

Write **CRAWLS** ____ ____ ____ ____ [ ] ____
Gift **WORDE** [ ] ____ [ ] ____ ____
Idiom **LOGIN** ____ ____ [ ] ____ [ ]
Thing **TIME** [ ] ____ ____ ____

TODAY'S WORD ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____

SCRAMBLERS Solution
1. Anthem; 2. Prior
3. Honest; 4. Scout
Today's Word
CHRISTMAS

CryptoQuip answer
What could you call people who vote "no" on something in a legislative assembly?
Anti bodies.

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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7	5	3	8	4	8	3	6	4	6	2	4	7
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Y	N	U	I	I	L	S	L	E	I	E	D	L
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S	F	S	O	I	F	W	R	T	N	O	G	T
7	4	8	7	8	4	7	4	7	4	7	8	7
N	H	A	E	M	E	E	R	D	S	E	E	D

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Word Spiral Answer IMMEDIATE

Stickelers Answer 1-d, 2-b, 3-e, 4-c, 5-a

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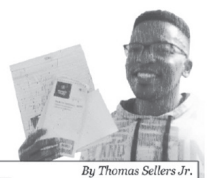
Music that help shape our classic movies came from these awesome creators

Until I reached my 30s, I didn't realize how important composers were to my life.

Great musical scores are the soundtrack of our everyday existence. Just think about it for a second, take the background music from one of your favorite films. Then realize how some of the sounds give you a boost at work, in the gym or while driving.

I started downloading some of my favorite scores like Ludwig Emil Tomas Göransson from the Creed franchise. Classics like Mission Impossible, 007 and The Godfather are on my playlist.

I have to give some appreciation to pioneers like the legendary Duke Ellington. For more than five decades, he composed from his piano and was a big band leader. He was a master at the blues, gospel and swing. Let's not forget Ellington's jazz collection.



It's something to be admired about music that doesn't need lyrics in order to convey emotions and tell the story.

Let's rank the 10 best film composers to ever do it.

10. Leonard Bernstein

The foundation of great movie scores were laid down by pioneers like Bernstein. Because I am not a huge fan of most of the films he scored, he ranks lower on my list. He evangelized classical music to televised audiences and shattered its boundaries in "West Side Story." Bernstein mixed operatic ambition, jazz rhythms and Puerto Rican music traditions. Bernstein's honors and accolades include seven Emmy Awards, two Tony Awards, and 16 Grammy Awards.

9. Rachel Portman

She is a pioneer in her own right. Portman made history in 1997 by becoming the first female composer to win an Oscar in the Best Score category. She did the soundtrack to the adaptation of Jane Austen's Emma. Critics say Portman's style is sweeping with pastoral scores.

8. Aaron Copland

If you are having a road trip heading out West, play a score from Aaron Copland. He knows how to build up the impact with changing harmony. Copland's music evokes the vast American landscape and pioneer spirit. He is best known for the works he wrote in the 1930s and 1940s in a deliberately accessible style often referred to as "populist." Some of his notable works are Appalachian Spring, Billy the Kid and Rodeo, his Fanfare for the Common Man and Third Symphony.

7. George Gershwin

One of the most famous names in composing is George Gershwin. All you have to do is list the movies associated with Gershwin's contributions like "Rhapsody in Blue" and "An American in Paris." Another classic is "Porgy and Bess." Those films highlight Gershwin's style of classical and jazz music. He used symphonies to deliver an operatic flow.

Among his best-known works are the songs "Swanee" (1919) and "Fascinating Rhythm" (1924), the orchestral compositions Rhapsody in Blue (1924) and An American in Paris (1928) and his Piano Concerto (1925), the jazz standards "Embraceable You" (1928) and "I Got Rhythm" (1930) and the opera Porgy and Bess (1935), which included the hit "Summertime". His Of Thee I Sing (1931) was the first musical to win the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.



Courtesy Photos

Above: Bill Conti used his equipment to create the iconic sound of "Rocky" 50 years ago. Top: When it comes to the best scores and soundtracks in movie history was John Williams.

6. Bernard Herrmann

Another Hollywood pioneer in composing was Herrmann. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest film composers of all time. Herrmann is pure suspense. He imposed his own peculiar harmonic and rhythmic vocabulary. Some of his most popular films scored were "Vertigo," "Psycho," "The Man Who Knew Too Much," "North by Northwest," and "Taxi."

5. Thomas Newman

Thomas Newman had it in his genes to be a great composer as his father Alfred was an Oscar winning composer. Thomas has his own style with synthesisers, before beginning to incorporate electronic and orchestral instruments.

Thomas racked up a pretty impressive career that spanned four decades. Newman wrote and composed The Shawshank Redemption and The Green Mile. The younger Newman knew how to compose a reflective, emotional piece. His music reflects the heart-wrenching, emotional intensity of the narrative like in American Beauty.

4. John Barry

John Barry composed the music for 11 Bond movies. I can stop right there. He found a lane and drove all the way to the top. Barry is vital to the identity of Bond with his brass, jazz and lush sound. In his nearly 50 year career, Barry added other notable film scores like Dances with Wolves and Out of Africa.

3. Hans Zimmer

German composer Hans Zimmer captures the emotional depth and drama of a movie with thick textures of ostinato strings, sweeping brass lines and relentless. One of his trademarks is synthesised percussion. He has been blessed to be a generational talent composing movies like "Interstellar," "Gladiator," "Inception," "The Lion King," and "Dune: Part One." The two latter films nabbed Zimmer Academy Awards. He has received numerous accolades including those two Oscars, a BAFTA Award, three Golden Globe Awards, and five Grammy Awards, as well as nominations for seven Primetime Emmy Awards.

2. Bill Conti

Working on a tight budget, the film Rocky needed a musical score for a fair price. Bill Conti came to the rescue and the discount he took paid off with a legendary song "Gonna Fly Now," and a long productive career.

Conti ended up scoring my youth with some of my favorite films of the 1980s. He is best known for his film scores, including Rocky (1976), Rocky II (1979), Rocky III (1982), Rocky V (1990), Rocky Balboa (2006), The Karate Kid (1984), The Karate Kid Part II (1986), The Karate Kid Part III (1989), The Next Karate Kid (1994) and For Your Eyes Only (1981).

He had a little something for the ladies too with the theme from Dynasty.

Conti has come close to winning an Academy Award for Best Original Score but his classics "Gonna Fly Now" from Rocky and for the title song of For Your Eyes Only came up short. His constellation prize was being the musical director at the Academy Awards a record nineteen times.

1. John Williams

The greatest to do is John Williams. I can guarantee he has composed a film you love and you hum his sounds during the summer (Jaws), spring (Harry Potter), winter (Home Alone) and fall (Indiana Jones). Williams has set the standard for movie music, creating deeper connections between audiences and the cinematic narrative. Williams has the ability to take over the movie without taking away from the film.

Jaws, with just two notes, he created an iconic, ominous, repeating ostinato. The man nominated for 54 Academy Awards has a few honors including 27 Grammy Awards, five Academy Awards, seven BAFTA Awards, three Emmy Awards and four Golden Globe Awards.

To close out, some of Williams' notable classics are from Superman, Jurassic Park, JFK, E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial, Star Wars, Rosewood, Schindler's List, Saving Private Ryan and The Patriot.

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Making It Count

Photos By Thomas Sellers Jr.



The Millington Lady Trojan Soccer team of Head Coach Jerrett Everson traveled to Cordova Stadium Tuesday night for the do-or-die Regional Semifinal contest against host the Ridgeway Lady Roadrunners.

Millington, the District 15-2A runner up, had a tough challenge with District 16-2A champions the Lady Roadrunners. Despite the Lady Trojans possessing the ball a majority of the game, Ridgeway got a goal in the first half on a crossing pass for a shot.

Then the Lady Roadrunners added a penalty kick goal early in the second half to eventually prevail 2-0, ending Millington's 2026 campaign.

"Same thing that happened in the first Covington game," Everson noted. "We took 18 to 20 shots and scored zero. They took two shots and had a PK. We dominated the game, but their keeper had 15 saves. She's pretty good and kept them alive."

Everson noted the season came to an early end and he is grateful to his senior class for their contributions keeping Lady Trojan Soccer strong.

The Lady Roadrunners advanced to host the Brighton Lady Cardinals in the Regional title game and secured a spot in Sectionals.

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Shawna Bell, Executive Director
The Millington Housing Authority

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Dave's Raves

BY DAVID PEEL

There's a particular kind of regret that shows up at funerals. It sounds like, "I always meant to ask her about that." The stories our parents and grandparents carry usually aren't written down anywhere. When they go, the stories go with them, unless someone thought to ask.

The good news is that it doesn't take a formal interview. It takes a porch, a cup of coffee, and a few good questions. Here are some worth asking the older people in your life:

•What did you look forward to most as a child?

•Who did you admire growing up, and why?

•Did you have any pets?

•What were your grandparents like?

•Who was the kindest person you ever knew?

•What's the first big news event you remember?

•What did summer look like when you were a kid?

•What are you proudest of?

•What do you think was the worst day of your life?

That last one takes courage from both of you. Ask gently, and be ready to simply listen. Let them wander, because the best stories usually come from the detour rather than the answer. Hopefully they'll let you record it. Even better if you can let them walk through some old photographs and label the photographs.

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Bible Study &
Prayer: 6:00 pm
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Along the Journey

I do not think it is overly dramatic to say that Western civilization appears to be in a state of spiritual emergency. For religion to be effective in linking us with the Creator Being, it must create a hopeful, symbolic universe that both settles and liberates the human soul. When "God reigns," the many disparate parts are held together in one coherent "totality" … the way things work is clear, even if demanding. But we no longer live in such a world. The cosmic egg has broken.

In the practical order, the result is polarization at every level. The rifts and chasms between even good people sometimes seem impossible to bridge. Groups are unable to respect one another, engage in civil dialogue, act in service and justice for the common good, or basically honor what the Creator is apparently quite patient about: the human struggle and the essentially tragic nature of all life.

Christianity proclaimed this symbolic pattern mythically and brilliantly as the Paschal Lamb: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!" The Eucharistic (Communion) ritual continues to name this pattern as the mystery of faith, but a people obsessed with progress, consumption, and the quick-fix no longer has the appropriate software to decode the message. The hardware, I believe, is still waiting in the vast unconscious.

The breach is no one's fault in particular, but now it is our responsibility together to mend it. I cannot imagine what else would please and honor the Creator of us all. When we no longer know how to constellate a symbolic universe, all we have left are private pathologies and storylines to explain ourselves. Each group proclaims and protects its "rights" and moral superiority to the other. A common life is no longer possible except in an ever-shrinking enclave of folks who think like we do. While quite appropriate for our protection of the ego, such self-insulating ideas usually have little to do with the daring and wonderful search for God. Mere credal or civil religion does not give us access to the rich and revelatory world of the Spirit. In fact, it blocks the journey into grief, into the Mystery, into the Paradox, into ecstasy, into Universal Compassion … into a relationship with the Universal Christ!

I believe that the one who walked upon the earth as Jesus, who became the Christ, still stands as the perfect mediator of all that is human and good. The symbol of the cross invites us as followers of the "Way" to stand at the intersection of opposites … heaven and earth, inner and outer, hate and love, light and darkness … revealing at the same time the price of the intersection. It seems the universal law is that something must always die for something else to live. It feels especially tragic and unacceptable when that thing is not bad but good and seemingly necessary! Such is the "pattern that connects" all things in our journey …

… in the journey with you!
Kenneth S Uselton



National Treasure

Millington Battalion Fire Chief's service across the country nets him Firefighter of the Year

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor

Millington Fire Department Battalion Chief Alan Starnes has attended several of the Smith/Lowry Foundation Fire Department Appreciation Breakfast at Glen Eagle over the nearly 20 years history.

Normally he quietly grabs a plate, fixes his breakfast and proudly celebrates one of his colleagues or a company. This year Starnes was going about his normal routine speaking to familiar faces like Millington aldermen, Millington Mayor Larry Dagen, City Manager Frankie Dakin and Tennessee Rep. Tom Leatherwood.

Then Millington Fire Chief Robbie Franks grabbed everyone's attention to shine a spotlight on the contributions and continuous service of Starnes.

"The love the men and women have for him is undoubtable," Franks said. "You see it everyday. This is to show appreciation for Chief Starnes. 'We appreciate you Buddy.' I appreciate you. It's an honor to work with you everyday."

Starnes received his proclamation from Leatherwood and quickly flipped the attention back to his colleagues.

'I am humbled by it," he said. "This is not a job where you isolate one person. It's not an organization where you single out just one person. It's a group effort. Without these men and women, we work as a team. There's no way we can do this job alone. This recognition needs to go to the whole Department, the City and the City's administration."

Franks said the MFD appreciates the leadership of Starnes and the high standard of training he instituted. Dakin echoed those sentiments and gave praise to the overall department for earning great reviews from residents of Millington.

Starnes has dedicated his life to serving the communities and nation for more than 40 years as a volunteer, part-time and full-time firefighter.

"When I started my career in 1976 as a high school student in Munford, I had some very good leaders," Starnes said. "Some of those leaders I had are still my friends today. I always come to work trying to accomplish two things. I want to teach something and I want to learn something.

You never get too old to learn something, and I have seen a lot of changes."

Starnes has seen equipment improvements, the MFD serving more medical calls and rescue efforts as part of Tennessee Task Force One.

"It's definitely a team effort," he noted. "There's no 'I' in the team or in the department. You cannot operate any other way. We have a theme, two in and two out. We don't do anything without two people. We've always had two people ready to go.

The annual recognition from the Smith/Lowry Foundation, founders Greg Smith and the Lowry Brothers of Don, Tommy and Bobby, honors the City of Millington officer and firefighter of the year with the Millington Police Department attending in June.



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WEEK 11

1. Munford (8-1) @ Memphis Central
W 15-13 @ Germantown
2. Briarcrest (8-1) vs. MUS
W 28-22 vs. Lipscomb Academy
3. Covington (7-2) vs. Westview
W 63-28 @ McNairy Central
4. Bolton (7-2) @ Raleigh-Egypt
W 12-6 vs. Wooddale
5. ECS (6-3) @ St. George's
W 44-0 vs. St. Benedict
6. Lakeland Prep. (6-3) vs. Humboldt
W 49-6 @ Craigmont
7. Collierville (5-4) vs. Houston
W 45-0 @ Cordova
8. St. George's (6-3) vs. ECS
L 63-35 vs. Lausanne
9. Houston (4-4) @ Collierville
W 41-6 @ Arlington
10. CBHS (5-4) @ Father Ryan
W 35-14 @ MUS

WEEK 10
1. Munford
2. Briarcrest
3. St. George's
4. Covington
5. Bolton
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