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Congrats Millington Playoff Bound!

GOOD LUCK TROJANS



LIL MONSTERS of Millington

The Millington Education Foundation held a new Halloween event for the city of Millington Saturday morning on the campus of Millington Central High School. Members of MEF set up at 7:30 a.ml. and opened gates for the Millington Trick or Treat at the Track. Dozens of area children in customs hit the track at Mooney Boswell Field for the fundraiser benefiting Millington Municipal Schools. Soon the Foundation will be handing out nearly $15,000 in grants adding to the grand total of more than $200,000 given back to Flag City schools the past 13 years. MEF will award 27 grants later this month and join representatives from all area school for the annual MMSD Grant Presentation.

Board approves company to update city's Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance

By Bill Short
The Millington Star

The Millington Board of Mayor and Aldermen has adopted a resolution authorizing a company to update the city's Comprehensive Plan and rewrite its Zoning Ordinance.

Board members took the action during their Sept. 14 regular monthly meeting on a motion offered by Alderman Thomas McGhee and seconded by Alderman John Perales.

The motion was passed by six affirmative votes, with Vice Mayor Chris Ford absent.

The resolution states that Millington issued a Request for Proposals to provide "planning services" and received responses from seven companies.

It notes that a Selection Committee "independently evaluated and scored" each proposal in accordance with criteria established in the RFP.

The two "highest-ranked" companies were then invited to participate in interviews with the committee, which subsequently voted to recommend Freese & Nichols Inc.

During separate meetings on Aug. 17, the Millington Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals also voted to recommend the company.

The resolution authorizes Mayor Larry Dagen to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Freese & Nichols, subject to "review, approval and modification" by City Attorney Gerald Lawson.

When the agreement is implemented, the company will provide the first update to Millington's Comprehensive Plan since 2018, as well as "rewrite and modernize" the city's Zoning Ordinance and official Zoning Map.

It will also assist in the development of an "interactive zoning ordinance platform" to improve public accessibility and understanding of the adopted zoning regulations.

John Zeanah, representing the Freese & Nichols team, told the board that it will be an 18-month process, with the "initial stages" involving "community engagement."

He said one of the first things the team will need to do is prepare and "finalize" a community engagement plan.

"But, as a part of our proposal and a part of the scope," he noted, "we are already committed to a significant public engagement process."

Alderman Don Lowry said the "process" had been going for "about 18 months" to reach the current point.

"We had a 10-year plan," he recalled. "We started trying to get another 10-year plan about seven years into that plan, because we had completed that plan."

Zeanah said the Freese & Nichols team will be "substantially leading" the "engagement scope" of the project, which will include "everything" from stakeholder involvement to surveys and in-person engagement.

"There are a number of different ways that we are prepared to engage the community," he acknowledged. "But again, that will take up a good chunk of the first portion of this project."

In response to questions by McGhee, Zeanah said that "product" will "drive" how the team moves forward.

He also noted that the person the board employs as the city's next Planning director will have an opportunity to review the team's work and provide "input" on it.

Zeanah reiterated that the beginning of the process involves gathering a lot of "objective" information, such as Census, demographic and permit data.

"By the time we have much of that compiled," he concluded, "I imagine you will have a new leader in place."

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FIRE reports

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areaOBITS

ROBINSON FALLORINA

Robinson Fallorina, 63, of Millington, passed away on October 24, 2026. The family will receive family and friends for a visitation on Nov. 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Munford Funeral Home – Millington Chapel. Rosary service to begin at 6:30 p.m. Arrangements have been entrusted to Munford Funeral Home - Millington Chapel. 7450 Raleigh Millington Rd Millington, TN 38053 (901) 440-1541

LARRY DEAN HARDEN SR.

Larry Dean Harden, Sr., 73, of Brighton, passed away on October 27, 2026 at his home. Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6 at the Covington Funeral Home. The family will receive friends two hours prior to the service at the Covington Funeral Home. The family requests that memorials be made to the Three Star Volunteer Fire Department.

MAE ELIZABETH JORDAN

Mae Elizabeth Jordan, 86 of Brighton, passed away on October 18, 2026, at Shelby Gardens in Cordova. There was a viewing for Mrs. Jordan on Oct. 24 at Jefferson Mortuary, Inc., in Millington. Interment took place at Restvale, Cemetery in Alsip, Ill. Jefferson Mortuary, had charge.

BEVERLY KEITH

Beverly Keith, 85, passed away on October 20, 2026 surrounded by loving family and friends at Methodist North Hospital. Services for Beverly were held on Oct. 27 at the Covington Funeral Home. The internment followed at the Indian Creek Cemetery in Brighton.

DAVID M. LAWLER

Rev. David M. Lawler, 93, went to his heavenly home on October 23, 2026, where he is now rejoicing in the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made directly to Mrs. Jane Lawler to help with expenses, or to Tennessee Baptist State Missions or Samaritan's Purse. Services were held Oct. 29, at Charleston Baptist Church. Burial followed at Covington Memorial Gardens.

BENJAMIN DAVID McDOW

Benjamin David McDow, 87, passed away on October 26, 2026. A proud United States Army veteran of the Vietnam era, he served his country at Fort Jay, New York. The family received friends on Oct. 29 until the service at Munford Funeral Home – Munford Chapel. Interment followed in R.H. Munford Cemetery.

VERNON D. PAIRMORE SR.

Vernon D. Pairmore, Sr., 88, passed away unexpectedly the morning on October 26, 2026. Funeral services were held Oct. 31 at the Covington Funeral Home with intermen in Poplar Grove Cemetery in Drummonds.

WANDA LYNN VAN SICKLE

Wanda Lynn Van Sickle, 67, passed away on October 21, 2026. The family received friends on Oct. 27, at Munford Funeral Home – Munford Chapel until the service with the gravesideat Helen Crigger Cemetery.

RANDALL CLEVE SMALLWOOD

Randall Cleve Smallwood, 80, passed away on October 23, 2026. The family received friends on Nov. 2, with a Celebration of Life Service at Munford Funeral Home – Munford Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Wounded Warrior Project in Randall's memory.

HAZEL MARIE SPENCER

Hazel Marie Spencer, 80, of Millington, 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.

THOMAS 'TOMMY' SUTPHIN

Thomas "Tommy" Sutphin, 70, passed away on October 24, 2026. The family received friends on Oct. 30, until the funeral service at Munford Funeral Home – Munford Chapel. Interment followed in Helen Crigger Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor Tommy's memory by taking the time to help another individual through an act of kindness or a "pay-it-forward" gesture, carrying on his lifelong spirit of generosity and compassion.

aroundTOWN

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.

@ 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.

Millington Food Pantry

The Millington Food Pantry is located on the grounds of Millington First United Methodist Church at 8029 Wilkinsville Road, is available to qualified residents of 38053 living in Shelby County. Hours of operation are each Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., every first Thursday and the third Saturday of each month 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call 901-872-2771 to make an appointment. Appointments are not made in advance of the day the pantry is open.

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 millingtontnlions@outlook.com

Senior Exercise

The senior exercise club meets Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Baker Community Center located at 7942 Church Street in Millington. For more information, call 873-5770.

Senior Club

The Millington Senior Citizen's Club is meeting again Wednesdays at 10 a.m. with entertainment weekly. The club meets at the Baker Community Center located at 7942 Church Street. For more information, call 873-5770.

CBC Monthly Meeting

The Millington City Beautiful Commission meets monthly on the first Tuesday of each month at the Millington Public Library located at 4858 Navy Road. The public is welcomed to attend. Meetings begin at 5:15 p.m. Call 901-385-9858



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PLAYOFFS



CLASS 3A PLAYOFFS
No. 4 Bolivar Central Tigers (4-6) @ No. 1 Bolton Wildcats (8-2)

The Bolton Wildcats are enjoying a eight game winning streak sparked by a defense that held Fayette-Ware, Douglass, Hamilton and Memphis East scoreless. Millington and Wooddale were held to single digits. The Wildcats offense has been paced by Gentry Hines Jr. and a powerful running attack. Bolivar Central started the season 2-6 before closing out the regular campaign with a road win at Loretto 28-21 and a blowout of Obion County 47-13. The Tigers have seen tough competition losing to Covington, Lakeland Prep., and the unbeaten teams Lexington and Westview. They will be ready for the challenge in Arlington.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Bolton 51% Bolivar 49%

No. 3 Covington Chargers (7-3) @ No. 2 Melrose Golden Wildcats (6-3)

The Chargers have the potential to run all over an opponent with six of their seven victories the team scoring 49 or more. Covington has three losses on the season coming to quality opposition, Haywood, Dyersburg and Westview. Coach JR Kirby's crew will be ready for the challenge in 'The Mound.'

Melrose prepared for this playoff battle scheduling outside of their Region Memphis Central, Kirby and Bartlett going 1-2 in those three games. The Golden Wildcats are on a five game winning streak averaging 49.2 a game only giving up 12 to Raleigh-Egypt. Two powerful offenses are on the marquee, but the Chargers have the defense to prevail.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Covington 78% Melrose 22%

CLASS 4A PLAYOFFS
No. 3 Jackson North Side Indians (7-3) @ No. 2 Lakeland Prep. Lions (7-3)

The Lions are in a good spot to make a playoff run. Head Coach David White has a senior leader behind center with Brett Godwin. The Lions have only suffered defeats to Covington, Haywood and Arlington, a Class 6A team. Lakeland has a powerful offense that features a balanced attack racking up 321 points in those seven wins.

The Indians are 7-3 as well with a 5-2 record in Region 7-4A play. Jackson North Side was one of the Lexington Tigers victims and dropped decisions to Crockett County and Giles County. When North Side has won a game, its offense has shined tallying 301 points. This game is very even.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Jackson North Side 52% Lakeland Prep. 48%

No. 4 Millington Trojans (3-7) @ No. 1 Lexington Tigers (10-0)

The Trojans have improved as the season has progressed under new Head Coach Scott Blair. With things trending in the right direction, here comes the unbeaten Lexington Tigers.

Millington has won three of the last four games to snatch up the final playoff spot in Region 8-4A. Cole Hawkins is an experienced quarterback with weapons like Christian Green. The Tigers are a machine and Lexington is eyeing a State title beating the likes of Decatur County, Crockett County and South Gibson. Lexington has scored more than 30 points in eight of its 10 wins.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Lexington 89% Millington 11%

CLASS 5A PLAYOFFS
No. 3 Brighton Cardinals @ No. 2 Henry County Patriots (5-5)

The Cardinals have navigated the season with a freshman quarterback operating with a solid running attack featuring Jakarion Burrell. The Cardinal defense is bend-but-don't break, only holding one opponent under 10 points. Brighton's quality wins have come against Dyersburg, PURE and Millington. Henry County has an impressive Region 7-5A record of 4-1. The Patriots played a quality out of league schedule going 1-4 (win over Haywood) losing to Giles County, Beech, Page and Brentwood.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Henry County 61% Brighton 39%

No. 4 Dickson County Cougars @ No. 1 Munford Cougars (9-1)

The Munford Cougars dominated their Region winning every game by 20 or more points. The Whitehaven Tigers are the only blemish on the record of Munford. Tay Starks is the driving force of the run attack with Jaheim Smith and Qua Bell being home run threats behind that powerful offensive line.

The Cougars from Dickson started the season 3-2, then came Kirkwood beating Dickson County 38-6. The Cougars have been 1-4 down the stretch beating Kenwood in the regular-season finale.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Munford 80% Dickson County 20%

CLASS 6A PLAYOFFS
No. 3 Germantown Red Devils (3-7) @ No. 2 Houston Mustangs (4-5)

The Germantown Red Devils have lost five games by a grand total of 14 points to the likes of Whitehaven, Memphis Central, DeSoto Central, Munford and Southwind. The Red Devils are battle-tested.

Across the road at Houston High School, the Mustangs started the season with a 40-6 win over their crosstown rivals Germantown. Then Houston went to play two solid Mississippi schools and challenge Whitehaven and Southwind. Collierville outlasted Canon Day and the Mustangs to earn the Region 7-6A title. This game will be closer than the August matchup.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Houston 57% Germantown 43%

No. 3 Bartlett Panthers (5-5) @ No. 2 Whitehaven Tigers (7-2)

The Tigers have bounced back in a big way in 2026 under new Head Coach Stan Collins. Ensworth and Southwind were the only two teams to outlast "The Haven." The Tigers have impressive wins over Munford, Houston and Fairley. Plus the Tigers earned a 19-7 victory against the Panthers on Oct. 23.

The Panthers have endured a roller coaster season that started 3-1. The stretch against Houston, Collierville and Pearl Cohn humbled the Panthers before Bartlett bounced back with wins over Cordova and Arlington to earn the third seed.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Whitehaven 67% Bartlett 33%

No. 4 White Station Spartans (4-6) @ No. 1 Collierville Dragons (6-4)

Don't let the record fool you, Collierville has the lineup to make a deep run in the playoffs. If the Dragons didn't play teams out of Mississippi, their record would be 8-2 possibly. Dominic Rocconi has been playing well under center and has two of the best weapons in the state with running back Larry Johnson and wideout Erik Walden Jr. The Spartans only have four wins but three of those are against playoff bound teams. White Station has seen the best playing CBHS, Memphis Central and their three league foes. They will play Collierville tough.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Collierville 72% White Station 28%

No. 4 Cordova Wolves (4-6) @ No. 1 Southwind Jaguars (9-1)

Cordova has made strides this past season picking up four wins, but when quality opponents were on the docket, the Wolves have come up limited on offense. In their six losses, Cordova has been shutout three times and tallied 20 points in the other three games.

Southwind is still building chemistry with new running back and standout Khamoni Williams toting the rock. Malcolm Jack is the senior quarterback expected to pace Southwind to another deep run in the postseason.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Southwind 87% Cordova 13%

DIVISION II-AA PLAYOFFS
Middle No. 4 Franklin Grace Lions (6-4) @ West No. 2 ECS Eagles (7-3)

The Eagles have flipped a switch to start flying high in 2026. ECS has won six of the last seven games only losing to Lausanne. ECS closed out with three streak wins outscoring opponents 121-7.

The Lions have had their switch flipped down to close out 2026. Grace Christian started the season 6-0 before losing four straight, giving up a total of 167 points. Which Lions team will show up in Shelby County.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: ECS 65% Franklin Grace 35%

West No. 3 St. George's Gryphons (6-4) @ East No. 3 Silverdale Seahawks (6-3)

The return of the Gryphons was apparent with a 6-1 start. Then St. George's dropped decisions to St. Benedict, Lausanne and ECS to close out the regular season. St. George's went from holding their first three opponents scoreless to allowing the final three to score 111 points.

Silverdale Baptist will be waiting on the Gryphons in Chattanooga with a four game winning streak. The Seahawks had the opposite start of the season going 2-3. Silverdale is catching St. Geroge's at the right time to make it five straight wins.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: Silverdale 61% St. George's 39%

DIVISION II-AAA PLAYOFFS
East No. 5 CPA Lions (1-9) @ West No. 4 CBHS Purple Wave (6-4)

The Purple Wave are a quality four-loss team. CBHS were beaten by MBA, Brentwood Academy, Briarcrest and Lipscomb Academy. CBHS sophomore quarterback Nate Brick can be lethal when he's on. If he plays beyond his classification, CBHS wins this game easily.

Christ Presbyterian Academy won the right game beating Knoxville Catholic 14-13. The Lions did play MBA to a 14-10 decision. Pearl Cohn survived the Lions 18-13. McCallie, Ravenwood and Ensworth had to fight off the Lions winning by a combined 80-57.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: CBHS 55% CPA 45%

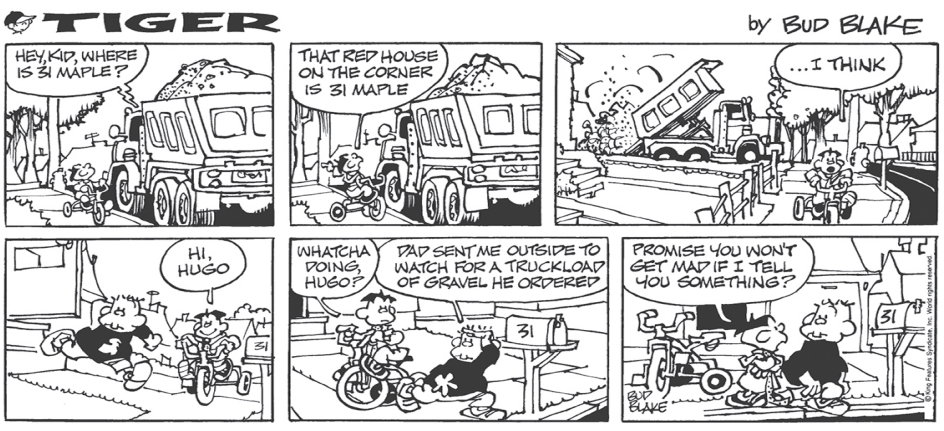
West No. 6 MUS Owls (4-6) @ East No. 3 MBA Big Red (8-2)

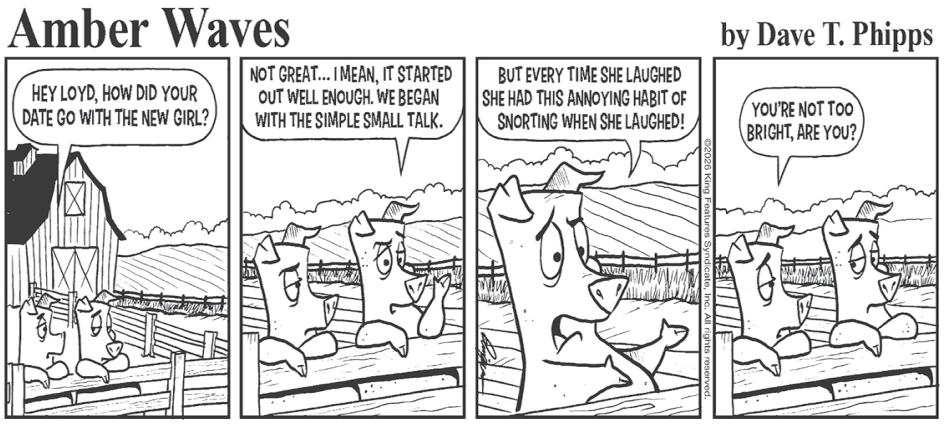
Montgomery Bell Academy fought tooth and nail with Baylor before losing 45-17. Ensworth outlasted the Big Red 15-14 dropping MBA to a No. 3 seed. The Big Red still has the capability to roll over an opponent averaging 33.3 points in their 8 wins.

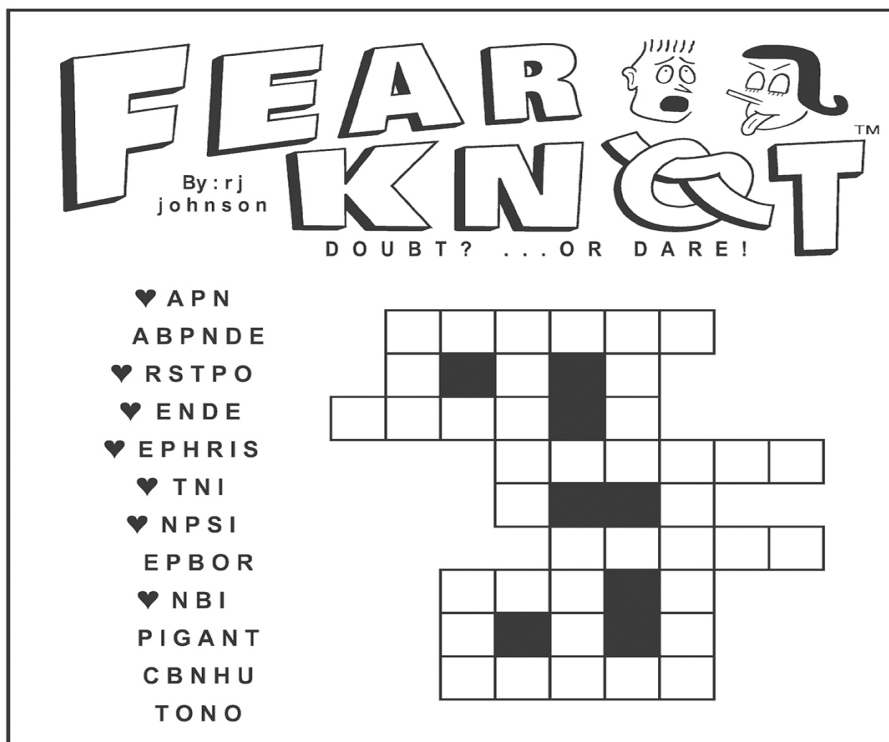
The Owls have beaten four playoff teams in Memphis Central, White Station, Kirby and Northpoint. But the league and likes of Class 6A Bartlett got the best of MUS. The Owls have to travel to Nashville adding another obstacle in their First Round matchup.

PERCENTAGE TO WIN: MBA 77% MUS 23%

West No. 2 Briarcrest Saints (bye)







Even Exchange

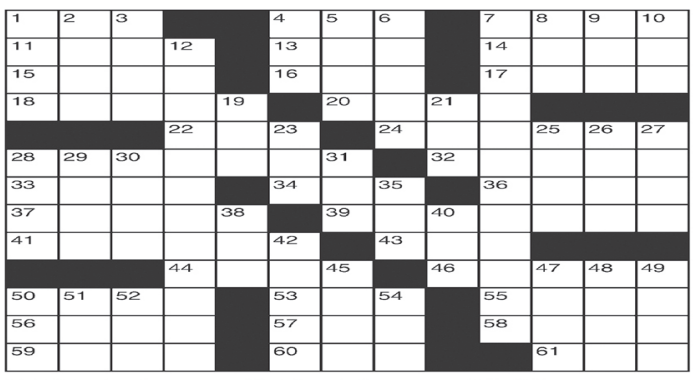
by Donna Pettman

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. Prawn	__ H __ __ __ __	Economize	__ C __ __ __ __
2. Playground menace	__ U __ __ __	Nanny's mate	__ I __ __ __
3. Beckham or Bowie	__ __ __ I __	Geena, Viola, or Bette	__ __ __ __ S
4. Practical joke	P __ __ __ __	Open and honest	F __ __ __ __
5. NYC player	__ __ __ __ __ E	Tugged quickly	__ __ __ __ __ D
6. Resentful	__ I __ __ __ __	Oleo's competition	__ U __ __ __ __
7. Crane	H __ __ __ __	Damp	M __ __ __ __
8. Night sky hunter	__ R __ __ __	Pungent bulb	__ N __ __ __
9. Stock or flea ____	__ __ __ __ __ T	Felt-tip pen	__ __ __ __ __ R
10. Pouch	__ O __ __ __ __	Fencepost	__ I __ __ __ __

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King Crossword



ACROSS
1 Hot tub
4 Gore and Pacino
7 Poet Teasdale
11 Sod
13 Architect I.M. —
14 Sty cry
15 Play opener
16 Up to
17 — Minor (bear constellation)
18 Bas-relief medium
20 Leave out
22 Grass shack
24 Paper fastener
28 Mosque tower
32 Florida game fish
33 Optimist's credo
34 Apprehend
36 harmaceutical
37 Transmits
39 Baking potatoes
41 Orders of pancakes
43 "Don't Start Now" singer Lipa
44 Intimate
46 Tactics
50 "Star Wars" knight
53 Resistance unit
55 "East of Eden" twin
56 At the summit of
57 Pint-sized
58 Belafonte song
59 Orange veggies
60 Matching pair
61 Arced tennis shot

DOWN
1 Men-only
2 Brownish purple
3 — and crafts
4 Likely
5 Floral rings
6 Sari fabrics
7 Light lunch order
8 Televise
9 ICU pros
10 Rap sheet letters
12 Popular British dish
19 Owned by us
21 The "I" of TGIF
23 Sawbuck
25 Skin opening
26 Lummox
27 Heart charts (Abbr.)
28 Avoid
29 "Rhyme Pays" rapper
30 "Peter Pan" pooch
31 Roofing goo
35 Future flower
38 Enjoy Vail
40 "How's it goin'?"
42 Bamboozles
45 Biblical pronoun
47 Exam format
48 Vacillate
49 Elitist
50 Comic Leno
51 JFK info
52 — Perignon
54 Bumped into

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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

King Crossword — Answers



Solution time: 21 mins.

Even Exchange answers

1. Remain, Retain
2. Sydney, Sidney
3. Cloud, Clout
4. Ember, Amber
5. Chase, Phase
6. Treaty, Treats
7. Shrub, Shrug
8. Austin, Austen
9. Hardy, Harry
10. Lotion, Motion

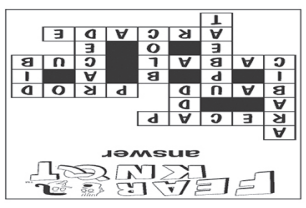
CryptoQuip

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: **O** equals **R**

AVSPO YGW YVR JWHKPUUPQ DW KOPJBRPUX DBHP DW DGP RPJWIQ VIXDGBIM RGP JWWSPQ: APDDX JUWJSPO.

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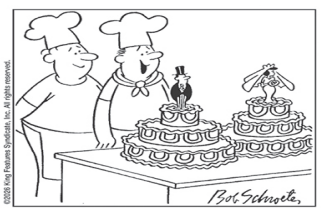


STICKELERS [sic].
by Terry Stickels

Since the Earth takes 365 1/4 days to complete its path around the sun, we add an extra day to the calendar every fourth year to compensate for this, and call it a leap year.

Looking beyond every four years, what do you guess happens to the leap year every four centuries?

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"I hope this catches on — it's something new — _____ cakes."

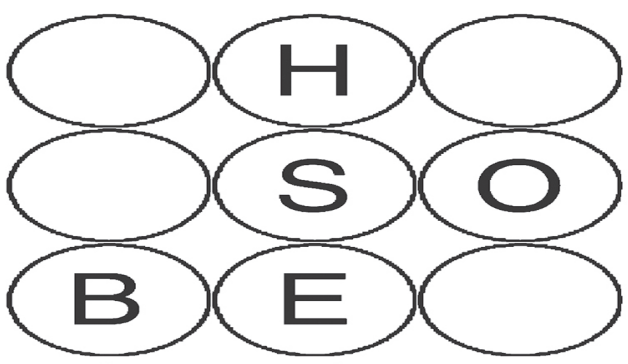
SCRAMBLERS

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!

Gentle CAPLID
Flop ROLES
Worth EAVUL
Slight NORMI

TODAY'S WORD

WORD SPIRAL



Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.

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7	5	3	7	2	3	8	4	2	3	7	8	6
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N	N	F	F	I	E	A	B	L	O	S	T	D
7	2	7	5	2	5	4	6	8	2	6	2	8
I	E	D	E	S	S	N	N	E	I	E	R	B
7	4	8	2	8	7	2	8	4	7	4	8	7
E	E	R	E	A	N	S	V	A	C	R	E	E

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CryptoQuip answer
When a wall plaster delivery van spills a load during rush hour, do you get stucco in traffic?

SCRAMBLERS solution
1. Scrawl; 2. Dower
3. Lingo; 4. Item
Today's Word
WINDOW

Word Spiral Answer
PACIFIERS

Stickelers Answer
The answer is Figure D.

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No-Term Leaders

These men made a major impact on the United States never holding the highest office

Tuesday was Election Day and the results of the "Mid-Terms" are still to be settled.

Many U.S. Americans rolled out to vote the past few weeks understanding the importance of a non-Presidential race.

Here in Tennessee we elected a new governor and many local races will determine our everyday lives for years to come. Control of the Senate and Congress were on the line determining the type of control the White House will have for the next two years.

The days leading up to Nov. 3, 2026 got me thinking about the most influential and important statesmen in our country's history. Let me define what I mean.



Who are the individuals who helped shape the political landscape of our nation without ever holding the seat in the Oval Office.

Not only do these 10 names sound presidential, but some of you would swear up and down they held the highest office in our country.

10. William Randolph Hearst

Hearst wasn't even primarily a politician. He made his fortune as a newspaper publisher. Hearst helped shape how we cover politics over the past 140 years. The man who laid the foundation for the Hearst family media empire, created the coverage methods of yellow journalism. This form of journalism influenced the nation's popular media by emphasizing sensationalism and human-interest stories.

That's why we saw Bill Clinton playing a saxophone and later we had to learn about his alleged extra-marital affairs.

9. George Wallace

He might be the most infamous person on my countdown with his famous quote of "segregation now, segregation tomorrow, and segregation forever."

The man in Alabama rose to the office of governor. Then he reached more power and notoriety as a pro-segregationist. Wallace personified the split within the Democratic Party that led Southern conservatives to migrate to the GOP.

He did try to run for president in 1986 winning five states and earning 46 electoral votes.

When that fell, Wallace went back home and was reelected as governor (1963–1967; 1971–1979; 1983–1987).

In his later political career, Wallace was a champion for all and prove you can change in office.

8. Henry Clay

Definitely the best historic nickname on this list belongs to Henry "The Great Compromiser" Clay. Clay held just about every major political job except president. He was a senator, House speaker, and secretary of state at various times. His day job was being a lawyer and that led him to being one of our country's greatest statesmen. He did try to hold the highest office running for president in 1824, 1832 and 1844. This diplomat represented Kentucky in both the United States House of Representatives and Senate. He was the seventh House speaker as well as the ninth secretary of state.

7. Daniel Webster

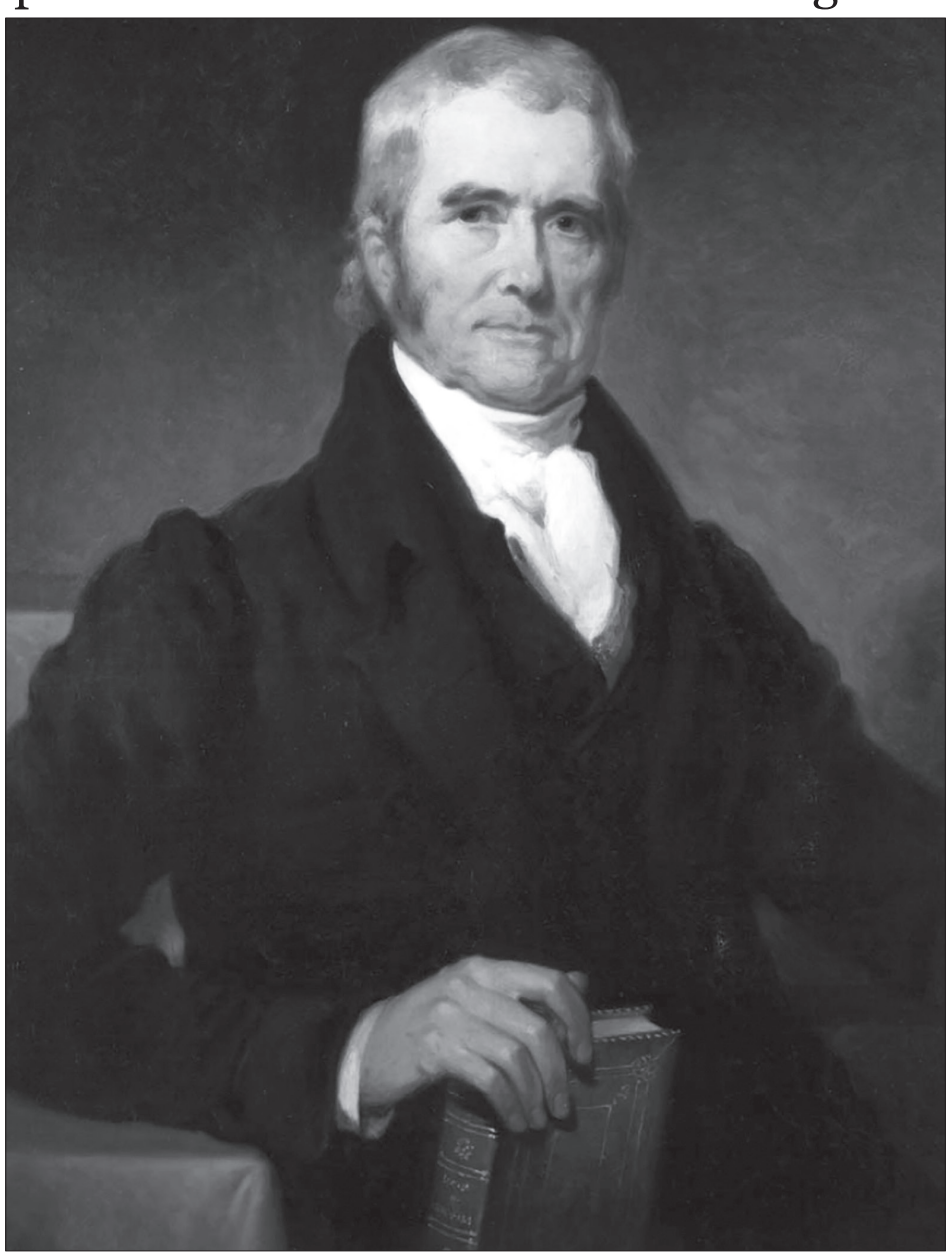
One of Clay's peers, Webster carved out his spot in U.S. history as a lawyer, statesman. Webster was a diplomat representing New Hampshire and Massachusetts in the U.S. Congress. He also served as the 14th and 19th U.S. secretary of state under presidents William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, and Millard Fillmore.

Webster is notable in history for spending more time at the Supreme Court than the justices. He argued more than 200 cases at the U.S. Supreme Court. Webster was a member of the Federalist Party, the National Republican Party, and the Whig Party.

6. John C. Calhoun

The Great Triumvirate in America were Daniel Webster, Henry Clay and John C. Calhoun. Out of the trio, Calhoun came the closest technically by holding the seat of vice president under both John QuincyAdams and Andrew Jackson.

Calhoun began his political career as a champion of a strong federal government. In the late 1820s, Calhoun shifted to states' rights and limited government. Calhoun was the first of two vice presidents to resign from the position Spiro Agnew joined him about 150 years later.



Courtesy Photos

Above: John Marshall made his mark on this country as a Supreme Court Justice during the 'Founding Fathers' era. Top: Earl Warren was a significant figure in the 20th Century through the Supreme Court.

5. Alexander Hamilton

He has risen to fame thanks to a Broadway production. But the man on the $10 bill is famous for a duel with Aaron Burr and being a Founding Father. Hamilton helped write the U.S. Constitution. He earned a spot on the money by being the first treasury secretary. Hamilton helped establish the U.S. financial system.

Hamilton's resume includes military officer, statesman, and finding America's first political party, the Federalist Party, in 1789.

4. William Jennings Bryan

This man was deem worthy of being president as a three-time nominee. He was a \force in the Democratic Party, receiving those nominations in 1896, 1900, and 1908 elections. Bryan served in the House of Representatives from 1891 to 1895 and as the secretary of state under Woodrow Wilson from 1913 to 1915. Bryan was noted for his common sense and faith. The Great Commoner and the Boy Orator was the youngest nominee for president and his rhetoric spoke for the common man.

3. Barry Goldwater

Another man who tried to be president but it wasn't meant to be. Goldwater was crushed by Lyndon Johnson in 1964. Hard to run against a man who was the vice president of the president who was shot in public.

Goldwater was born in Phoenix and managed his family's department store before flying aircrafts in World War II. In 1952, Goldwater was elected to the U.S. Senate and repelled the New Deal of Franklin Roosevelt. Goldwater also challenged his party's moderate to liberal wing on policy issues. He supported the Civil Rights Acts of 1957 and 1960 and the 24th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution but opposed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, disagreeing with Title II and Title VII.

2. Earl Warren

When you're on the Supreme Court you have a chance to directly influence the country for decades and decades to come. Warren was a conservative governor in California and then he matured into Chief Justice Warren.

His legacy in Washington D.C., ended up forging a progressive consensus that ended the Red Scare and decided Brown v. Board of Education, Gideon v. Wainwright, Miranda v. Arizona, and Loving v. Virginia."

Warren was an attorney, politician, and jurist who served as the 14th chief justice of the United States from 1953 to 1969. Warren's reign in the Supreme Court helped America transition into a modern era. One case ended segregation and Jim Crow. Loving v. Virginia instituted interracial marriage and Miranda v. Arizona gave us our rights when being arrested.

Toss in there, he led the Warren Commission, a presidential commission that investigated the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

1. John Marshall

Before there was an Earl Warren, there was John Marshall. He gets the No. 1 spot as the best statesman on this list because he was part of the Founding Fathers. If George Washington established the executive branch, Marshall created the blueprint for the judicial branch of our government.

Marshall served as the fourth chief justice of the United States from 1801 until his death in 1835. He remains the longest-serving chief justice and fifth-longest-serving justice in the history of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Prior to joining the court, Marshall briefly served as both the U.S. secretary of state under President John Adams and a U.S. representative from Virginia.

Marshall held an office in all three branches of the U.S. federal government.

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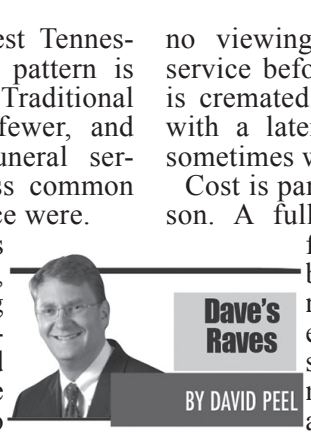
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Shawna Bell, Executive Director
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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

The Quiet Shift in How We Say Goodbye



Dave's Raves

BY DAVID PEEL

Around West Tennessee, the old pattern is changing. Traditional burials are fewer, and even full funeral services are less common than they once were.

Families still gather, but the long casket visitation and graveside service is no longer the automatic choice.

National numbers make the trend plain. The National Funeral Directors Association projects that about 63 percent of U.S. deaths in 2025 will end in cremation, while burial sits near 32 percent.

More families here are choosing cremation, and a large share of those cremations are direct: no viewing or formal service before the body is cremated, sometimes with a later memorial, sometimes without.

Cost is part of the reason. A full traditional funeral with burial often runs several thousand dollars more than a simple cremation. Families are also more scattered, more concerned about land and upkeep, and more open to simpler ways of remembering.

Scripture never forbids cremation or commands a particular method. Burial was the common practice in biblical times, yet the central promise is not the condition of the body but the power of God to raise the dead. Whether a body rests in the ground or returns more quickly to dust, the same hope remains: the person we loved is not defined by the vessel that held them here. What matters is the life they lived, the love they gave, and the trust they placed in the One who holds every soul.

In our corner of Tennessee the old cemetery rows still speak of long lives and deep roots. New choices simply mean the ways we honor those lives are growing more varied.

The gathering can still be warm, the stories still told, and the comfort of faith still present—whether the service is traditional or quiet, whether the final resting place is a plot or an urn. The love endures either way.



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God saw all God had made, and indeed it was very good. (Genesis1:31)

Every year since I have been old enough to understand the "value of harvest" in reference to the needs of humankind, I have embraced the season of fall in a unique and new way. I have always been captured by its beauty, the hues and colors of the collage of creation, the changing of the temps, as well as any of the other invitations of the season. It has historically since those early days of my youth re-focused me to the stories of creation.
During my seminary days another important punctuation mark was added.

One of my Old Testament professors was Rabbi Eli Silverstein. He was a leading thinker about spirituality and the environment long before it came to the forefront of today's conversations. He taught us that in Judaism their is no concept of "original sin." Instead of believing humans are born in sin, Judaism affirms our place in a "very good" creation. Commenting on Genesis 1, he spoke of humanity's responsibility to manifest the "goodness" that is our birthright.

On the sixth day, God designs the land creatures, creates the first human couple, and completes the entirety of creation. In and of itself, an individual creation may be good, but when it can contribute to a larger interdependent ecosystem, it is very good. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

The goodness of this day is further emphasized through the language used to describe it. While all the other days are referred to as "a" day, the sixth day is referred to as "the" day. This day is distinguished among all the rest: it is whole. Wholeness rests in the complete web of life.

Both from an ecological perspective and from a Genesis' point of view, goodness resides in the community, the web of life, in the relations of the whole of creation. All organisms interact constantly with their surroundings, in an endless cycle of giving and receiving. No creature, human or otherwise, can live in isolation. No matter how sophisticated and complex and powerful our institutions, we are still exactly as dependent on the earth as the earthworms. Ultimately our individual happiness rests on the health and well-being of the larger earth, its ecosystem and the common good of all human-kind.

The Garden of Eden is (was) not a place of perfection so much as a place of wholeness and the unfolding of life itself. Creation is the result not of destruction, but of God's goodness overflowing … God looks upon creation and says, "It is very good." It is a declaration, over and over, of creation's goodness. If we imagine creation to be something as simplistic as a utopian happy-go-lucky place where nothing will ever go wrong, we disparage the beauty and harmony illustrated in the Genesis stories. God's goodness is not shallow and neither is God's creation. I wonder if there is not something immature about our desire for the garden to be perfect …

A more appropriate view of creation would not be perfection but potential. God designed the world to develop and function in a certain way, while allowing for creation to live freely into its potential. Sometimes creation will live up to and into its potential, while at other times it will renounce it. Potential reminds us once again that goodness is both an origin and a goal. It is given to us as a gift, but it is also given to us as a calling … thus is our journey in the garden …

… in the journey with you!
Kenneth S Uselton

Munford clinches Region over Central

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor

MEMPHIS — Last year the unbeaten Munford Cougars hosted the Memphis Central Warriors with the Region 8-5A title on the line.

Fast forward to Friday night, Head Coach Slade Calhoun and his crew made the trip from Tipton County to Crump Stadium with one blemish on their record. But the stakes were still the same — winner of the Munford/Central game would be the No. 1 seed heading into the playoffs.

After Central jumped out 7-0 early in the first quarter, the Cougars locked in and dominated the line of scrimmage the rest of the game to leave Memphis champions and 41-21 winners.

"I am just so proud of them," Calhoun said. "They came to play. That's probably the best they've played all year — at the right time. I felt like we were a little bit in a flat spot last week. So we were primed for a good emotional high in a good high-level game. I think we came out on fire. The offensive line was playing tremendously.

"What can you say about Tay Starks, Joakim Smith, Dixon Mooneyham and all the rest of those guys,' he added. "They're some soldiers."

Once the Warriors used a long run from Derreon Martin to jump out 7-0 with 5:52 remaining in the first quarter, Munford employed a ground-and-grind attack to answer the Central score.

The Cougars (9-1, 4-0 in Region 8-5A) used Tay Starks runs to set up a Dixon Mooneyham to Treshuwn Jones touchdown pass to even up the score at 7-7.

Munford seized control of the game in the second quarter with a pair of touchdowns. Qua Bell broke loose on the outside to set up his own 6-yard TD run to give the Cougars the lead for good.

Bell's running mate, Jaheim Smith used his speed to reach paydirt from 20 yards out to make the score 20-7 by halftime.

Calhoun and the Munford coaching staff exited the locker room for the second half chanting 'zero to zero.'

The Cougars kept the momentum by using the power running of Starks. The junior running back tossed Warriors off of him and bulldozed others. Then Munford threw a curveball at the Central defense giving the ball to fullback Garrett Ballard.

His big run placed the ball at the 6-yard line. Starks powered the ball over the goal



line on the next play for the 27-7 advantage.

By the end of the third quarter Starks was back in the end zone with a 3-yard touchdown to make the tally 34-7.

Meanwhile the Warriors couldn't get any offensive flow with the Cougars limiting Central signal caller Brooks Wright.

"I thought we executed our plan pretty well," Calhoun said. "A lot of time and effort went into that. The kids had a pretty good understanding of what they're trying to do to us. They're going to make some plays. They have a great running back. Brooks Wright is a tremendous quarterback. They've got some deadly receivers. I was kind of mad. We should have held them to seven. I'm not too happy about the 21, but as long as the good guys have 40-something it will be OK."

Central (8-2, 3-1) outscored Munford 14-7 in the fourth quarter. Smith scored his second rushing touchdown of the night with a 16-yard run. Martin finished the night with three touchdowns scoring twice in the final 12 minutes.

Now the Warriors drop to the No. 2 seed for the upcoming Class 5A playoffs. Central will host a game. As for the Cougars, every game they could possibly play heading to State will be in Munford.

"That's pretty exciting to have be at home," Calhoun concluded. "They like to remind you that Munford hasn't been out of the Second Round since 1997. That's all I ever hear about. We'll see. It will likely be Dickson County next week."

Trojans playoff bound after Ridgeway win

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor

MEMPHIS — Mission for the Millington Trojans arriving at Halle Stadium Thursday night was simple — win and you are in.

The obstacle standing in the Trojans' way for reaching the Class 4A Playoffs in November were the Ridgeway Roadrunners. Millington Head Coach Scott Blair and staff kept the game plan direct by running at the Roadrunners. Then pound Ridgeway into submission with an attacking defense.

That combination did the trick giving Millington a treat of a 37-0 victory and spot in the postseason.

"Im happy for the kids," Blair said. "They really wanted this. I really wanted this. It was one of our goals to start the year off. Do I wish we had played better early and our record be a whole lot better? But going to the playoffs, I know we'll probably have Lexington next week.

"Lexington is really good, really big and really strong," he continued. "They've got a good team. We're going to have to work our butts off to be there and earn it. My message to them, 'Let's earn this.' We're going to get there and take it one game at a time. Hopefully it leads to two and anything else would be nice. We're definitely going to worry about one at a time."

In order to have another game Millington (3-7, 3-3 in Region 8-4A) had to beat Ridgeway. Baron Martin Jr. got his Trojans rolling with a 16-yard touchdown run for a 6-0 in the first quarter.



Later in the period, Millington quarterback Cole Hawkins connected with Christian "CJ" Green for a big gain to the 3 yard line. Moments later Chris Duckworth had the honors of crossing the goal line for the score leading to a 14-0 advantage.

Ridgeway (1-9, 1-5) gave up nearly 250 yards of offense while being held under 50 yards by the Trojan defense. Millington's defense put points on the board late in the second quarter when senior defender Ayden Folson exploded through the Roadrunner line.

Folson separated the Ridgeway quarterback from the ball leading to his teammate Jayden Fryerson scooping up the rock. Fryerson raced from the 25-yard line to the end zone for the 21-0 advantage.

Blair said Millington's 0-6 start not only humbled his players but made them stronger for situations like that.

"It did toughen them up," he said. "It also gave them, well life is never easy. You're going to have bumps in the road in everything you do. I tell them several times in those first few games, 'I believe God has a plan for everybody. Especially His children.'

"All those bumps in the road, taught us a lesson each game," Blair added. "It taught us something like we need to be better at doing this or better at doing that. The second half of the year, we've been focused on doing those little things that gave us trouble in the first half of the year. That's what we're going to continue to do, grow and get better maturing as a team."

Millington led 28-0 at halftime recovering a fumble on the kickoff. With 10.3 seconds remaining in the first half, Hawkins tossed a swing pass out to Green. The speedster did the rest of the work navigating through the Ridgeway defense for the 44-yard touchdown.

In the second half Hawkins used his leg to add more points to the Trojans' total with a 35-yard field goal in the third quarter.

Closing out the scoring for the night, Kaleb "Batman" Clark took a break from his stellar linebacker player to receive an offense snap. Clark blasted through the line for the 1-yard touchdown and 37-0 victory.

It was time to celebrate for the Trojans earning a playoff spot in Blair's first season in charge. Blair said credit goes to the players, Trojan supporters and his coaching staff.

"I love these guys," he concluded. "This is one of my favorite coaching staffs I've ever been on. Everybody's got a personality and brings something different. They all added something and they truly gave their all to the kids."

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FINAL

1. Munford (9-1)
W 41-21 @ Memphis Central
2. Briarcrest (9-1)
W 49-0 vs. MUS
3. Bolton (8-2)
W 20-14 @ Raleigh-Egypt
4. ECS (7-3)
W 35-7 @ St. George's
5 Collierville (6-4)
W 42-35 vs. Houston
6. Covington (7-3)
L 63-27 vs. Westview
7. Lakeland Prep. (7-3)
W 44-22 vs. Humboldt
8. CBHS (6-4)
W 14-13 @ Father Ryan
9. St. George's (6-4)
L 35-7 vs. ECS
10. Bartlett (5-5)
W 38-6 @ Arlington

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2026



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1. Munford
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4. Bolton
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6. Lakeland Prep.
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