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Ordinance amends Municipal Code to create sidewalk repair program

By Bill Short
The Millington Star

The Millington Board of Mayor and Aldermen has passed an ordinance on final reading that creates a sidewalk repair assistance program.

Board members took the action during their Aug. 10 regular monthly meeting on a motion offered by Alderman Bethany Huffman and seconded by Alderman John Perales.

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

The ordinance was passed on first reading at the board's July 20 meeting.

It states that the board considers sidewalks part of the "essential" public safety infrastructure that promote "walkability, accessibility and neighborhood quality of life."

But it acknowledges that some homeowners face "financial barriers" to correcting sidewalk code violations.

So, the board has created a program that "supports compliance, improves public safety and strengthens neighborhoods," while remaining subject to annual budget appropriations.

The ordinance amends Title 16, Chapter 3 of the Municipal Code by adding Section 16-307.

It establishes a program to provide financial assistance to eligible residential property owners for the "reasonable cost" to repair or replace sidewalks that is required by the city's Code Enforcement notices.

The ordinance notes that the program will only be operated during fiscal years in which funds are appropriated by the board.

It states that the property must be "owner-occupied" within the city and the owner's "primary residence" for a minimum of three years.

The owner must have received a sidewalk repair notice from the city or must demonstrate that repairs required by the Municipal Code were completed to correct a sidewalk "condition."

Income eligibility will "mirror" the qualifications of the Shelby County property tax relief program for primary residences.

Along with annual income limits established for that program, the qualifications will include age, disability or veteran status, as applicable.

Subject to available funding, the city may increase the income eligibility threshold by up to 50 percent.

Any adjusted income thresholds will be published on the city's Website.

City Manager Frankie Dakin or his designee may require documentation verifying ownership, occupancy, income and compliance with city sidewalk standards.

Eligible applicants may:

(a) receive a grant covering up to 100 percent of the "reasonable" cost of the sidewalk repair or replacement; or

(b) have the sidewalk repaired by the city or its contracted agents.

Dakin or his designee will determine the "reasonableness" of costs based on contractor bids, prevailing market rates and project scope.

Assistance will be provided only to the extent that funds remain available.

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Huffman unopposed for fifth term as Alderman in Position 1

By Bill Short
The Millington Star

Position 1 Alderman Bethany K. Huffman is unopposed for a fifth term in the Nov. 3 Millington city elections.

A 1990 graduate of The University of Memphis, she has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in accounting. Since 2003, she has been the owner of Huffman CPA in Millington.

Huffman

Huffman is a graduate of Leadership Millington's 1996 inaugural class and, since 1999, has chaired its Steering Committee for program content and delivery.

She has been a member of the Millington Rotary Club since 2005 and served as its president from 2008-09. She was the District 6800 treasurer from 2011-13 and its governor for the 2017-18 year.

A member of the Millington Area Chamber of Commerce since 2001, Huffman served as chairman of its Board of Directors in 2004 and received its Person of the Year Award in 2007.

She is a founding member of the Patriot Bank's Board of Directors and has chaired its Audit Committee since 2001.

As a lifelong member of the Millington First United Methodist Church, she currently serves on the Connectional Table of the Tennessee Western Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church, assisting with the administrative services guide team responsible for finances, pensions, benefits, buildings and equitable compensation.

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Brewing Up

The number of coffee stops in Millington will grow soon with the upcoming arrival of 7 Brew Coffee at 8273 Highway 51 North right next door to Abandoned Antiques. There are currently 5 locations in the Memphis area including Bartlett and Germantown. Those interested in employment at the the establishment can visit https://7brewmemphis.7brewcareers.com

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Millington Parks and Recreation Dance Nights 2026 kicked off in July with DJ Fernando and Russ Vaiden. The next two dates will be in August with Jim Mahannah Band on the Aug. 4 and Gary Abbott on Aug. 18. The rest of the year is scheduled and see Around Town inside to make future plans at the Baker Community Center located at 7942 Church Street from 6 to 9 p.m. There is a fee and for more information, call 873-5770 or visit parks4you@millingtontn.gov

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46309856: Medical - Illness - Unconscious Victim, on Aug. 17 @ 22:57

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46260701: Medical - Illness - Cardiac Arrest 8, on Aug. 17 @ 1:16

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Huffman is a member of the Alumni Advisory Board for the Crews School of Accountancy in the Fogelman College of Business at The University of Memphis.

In July 2026, she was selected as 2nd Vice President for the Tennessee Municipal League, having served as TML District 8 Director from 2022-2026.

Huffman was unopposed for re-election to a fourth term in the November 2022 election.

In January 2025, her fellow aldermen appointed her as a voting member of the Millington Planning Commission.

Regarding ordinances or resolutions that should be passed or amended, Huffman believes rebuilding "public trust" in local government must be the board's "immediate focus."

She noted that public confidence is essential to effective leadership, community engagement and long-term planning.

"As our city begins the 10-year comprehensive planning process later this year," she said, "we should engage residents, review current policies and update zoning, growth and planning ordinances where needed."

She also thinks the board should simultaneously develop a 10-year "strategic plan" for Millington. while conducting regular public work sessions to gather community input and set priorities for the future.

Asked to list three significant issues in this election, Huffman cited (a) responsive, transparent government, (b) fiscal responsibility and stewardship, and (c) long-term planning and sustainability.

Regarding transparency, she believes effective government requires open communication, both internally and externally, active public participation and a commitment to ensuring that every resident's voice is heard and considered in the decision-making process.

Huffman supports a "comprehensive review" of city and school finances from the past 10 years that is presented in a "clear and understandable" format for the public.

This analysis would evaluate how taxpayer dollars have been invested, identify future funding needs and help guide decisions that maintain the city's strong financial position, while delivering "quality services."

Huffman will work with fellow elected officials to use resources available through The University of Tennessee's Municipal Technical Advisory Service and other "professional partners" to engage a "municipal planning consultant."

She believes the "biggest concern" currently facing Millington is managing growth responsibly, while preserving the "qualities" that make the city an "attractive" place to live, work and raise a family.

She acknowledged that the "significant growth and investment" the city has experienced during the past decade has created both "opportunities and challenges."

Huffman believes Millington must maintain strong financial stewardship, invest strategically in infrastructure and public services, and plan thoughtfully for future growth.

She considers it "equally important" to continue promoting the city as a "safe, welcoming community," while clearly communicating its "vision," accomplishments and opportunities to residents and prospective businesses.

"By balancing growth with fiscal responsibility, public safety and long-term planning," she said, "we can ensure that Millington remains a thriving community for future generations."

To help recruit more businesses and industries to locate here, Huffman will continue "partnering" with the Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Development Board and Airport Authority to promote Millington as a "great place to do business."

She will also work with the municipal school system to improve academic performance and make the district the "top choice" for families living in Millington or considering a move to the area.

Huffman pledged to continue representing all the city's residents with "integrity, transparency and a commitment to results."

Her "priorities" include retaining and supporting the city's "valued" employees, public safety personnel and first responders through competitive compensation and benefits.

She will also continue pursuing "grant" opportunities that enhance "quality of life" through recreational amenities, trail systems and projects like the Big Creek recreational area.

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Applicants will be required to submit documentation that may include:

(a) proof of identity and occupancy

(b) a property deed or tax record

(c) income verification

(d) contractor estimates or invoices

(e) a Code Enforcement notice; or

(f) proof of completed repair

Applicants must certify that all information submitted is true and correct.

The city will reserve the right to reject applicants who fail to meet all stated application requirements.

This program may be administered as a "direct grant" program through a non-profit partner with which Dakin or his designee is authorized to enter into an agreement.

Homeowners who completed qualifying sidewalk repairs on or after Aug. 1, 2024 may apply for reimbursement under this program, which will be subject to:

(a) verification that the repair met city standards

(b) availability of funds; and

(c) approval by Dakin or his designee.

The program will not be implemented prior to Jan. 1, 2027.

Subject to the appropriation of funds, the specific date of implementation will be determined by Dakin or his designee within Fiscal Year 2027.

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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.

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.

Warrior's Heart Donations

The Warrior Hearts Foundation has donated toys to LeBonheur annually, along with clothes and, more recently, infant nursery equipment to the Cardiac Unit. The foundation's goal is to raise awareness of congenital heart defects and make a long-lasting difference. With your support, the Warrior Hearts Foundation has, and will continue to, carry out its mission of aiding and assisting children with congenital heart defects and their families. To donate visit, warriorsheart.org

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

Chamber Golf Tourney in September

The Millington Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament Let Freedom Swing (Education Fundraiser) will be held Sept. 26 at Glen Eagle Golf Course with check-in at 11 a.m. The shotgun start will be noon at 6168 Attu St. in Millington. For more information and to register visit millingtonchamber.com or call 872-1486.

Goat Days Sept. 12

The 2026 International Goat Days will be held Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ed Haley Sports Complex located at 4885 Bill Knight. Parking is $5. For more information on events and entertainment, call Millington Parks and Recreation at 873-5770

and visit the Goat Days page on Facebook.

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The Munford Cougar defense dominated the Millington Trojan offensive unit Friday night holding the Trojans scoreless in the 2026 M&M Bowl in the Munford Football Stadium. Meanwhile the Cougars racked up 61 points to improve to 2-0 on the young season.

COUGAR CRUISE CONTROL

Cougars use all three phases of the game to control Millington in M&M Bowl

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor

The phrase "number two" has a double meaning entering the annual M&M Bowl between the Millington Trojans and Munford Cougars.

The host Cougars entered the Munford Football Stadium with a high ranking across the state of Tennessee. Meanwhile the Trojans made the trip up Highway 51 Friday night for the second game of 'The Scott Blair Era.'

When the final whistle sounded under the full moon shining over Munford, the Cougars were owners of a 61-0 victory over their rivals.

"Awesome and beautiful crowd here tonight," Munford Head Coach Slade Calhoun said. "Millington fans really showed up. Our fans showed up. Very important to win these rivalry games, and local games."

Blair's first M&M Bowl as head coach of the Trojans was humbling for the leader of a young program.

"They showed why they're the No. 2 team in the state," Blair noted. "They showed what we need to do and what we need to fix — things we need to work on. Again, we're just a young team. We made too many mistakes. We thought we had a good game plan going in. It just didn't work out tonight."

Munford's game plan was working in all three phases against Millington. The Cougars (2-0) took the opening drive down the field concluding in a Tay Starks 3-yard touchdown run. Qua Bell added the two-point conversion for an 8-0 lead less than 2 minutes into the game.

After the Trojans (0-2) turned the ball over on downs, Starks took the first handoff 29 yards to the house. Jaheim Smith had the honors of the two-point conversion to make the score 16-0 at the 7:27 mark of the first quarter.

Munford's not-so-secret weapon of kicker Lucas Crowell shined for the next few minutes of the M&M Bowl. Crowell executed two onside kicks that resulted in Cougar recoveries.

The first turnover led to a Nathan Messer 1-yard TD run to make the score 22-0. The next onside recovery set the table for Dixon Mooneyham. He exploded through the Trojan defense for a 50 yard TD run. Tyrynn Jones' two-point conversion made the score 30-0 with 5:51 remaining in the opening period.

"We want to find guys who want to play aggressively," Blair acknowledged. "One of our problems the past couple of weeks has been our aggressiveness. We'll make tackles and things, but we have to have guys who are getting after it.

"We can do it," he added. "We do it in practice. We've been spending a lot of time reacting to what people are doing to us, instead of doing it to them, forcing them to react."

The Cougars led 38-0 at the end of the first quarter closing out things in grand fashion with a Smith 88-yard touchdown. After Smith navigated through the Millington defense for the score, he added the two-point conversion.

Munford scored twice in the second quarter with Qua Bell crossing the goal line with a 6-yard TD run. Messer added the two points to make it 46-0.

Before halftime Starks added his second touchdown of the night with a 4-yard run.

The only touchdown of the second half came courtesy of Germarione Turner to make the final 61-0.

"Experience can fix a lot of this and the only way to get it is to do it," Blair said. "We had some things that definitely didn't go our way. We learned a couple of things about ourselves. We definitely outsmarted ourselves with some of the things we were doing.

"They definitely took advantage of us on the onside kicks earlier," he added. "That will get fixed. We felt like we had chances on a couple of the deep balls. We were close to a couple of them. Close doesn't help when it's 61-0. Moving forward we have a lot to do."

Millington moves forward with its home opener for 2026 welcoming league foe Lakeland to town for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

Munford had a bye week before welcoming Woodford County (Ky.), Haywood and Whitehaven to Tipton County.

"We've just got to work on us," Calhoun said. "We have to rebuild our depth because we've had some injuries. We will reinstall things on offense and defense next week during the bye week. We'll use the Woodford script or the Whitehaven script to get ready for that. The No. 2 5-A school in the state of Kentucky is coming down here with a bunch of D-I commits. Guys who coached and played in the NFL, they're not coming down here six or seven hours to lose.

"We were very, very fortunate to win that game last year," he concluded. "They don't turn the ball over late, I don't know if we come out with that one. The next three weeks are just going to be brutal. That's why you do it because a real competitor wants to play the toughest opponents. We're trying to get ready for the end of the year and the playoffs to achieve our goals."

35-33

Epic first set is latest chapter in the classic volleyball rivalry of Munford vs. Brighton

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor

When the score of the first set between the rivals Munford Lady Cougars and Brighton Lady Cardinals was tied at 30-30, those in attendance in the Brighton Gymnasium knew they were witnessing an epic.

Once Brighton's Briley Bennett was able to push the ball over the net and it hit the court, the Lady Cardinals' 35-33 first set victory was one for the record books.

"I've coached for 10 years, played for seven before that and I have never, never seen or been part of one," Munford Head Coach Shayna Stewart said. "So that was crazy."

The next two sets were competitive with the youthful Lady Cardinals earning their second win of the young season 35-33, 25-21 and 25-21.

"We had Bartlett out the gate in the first game and they just kind of reload over there," Brighton Head Coach John Garrett said. "Right now we're in that learning, growing stage. We're young across the board. I have 11 freshmen on the team varsity and junior varsity. Tonight we played four freshmen on the varsity. My libero "Molly Q"is a freshman this year and she's getting after it. She's holding that libero spot down."

Molly Quirarte contributed alongside Brighton standouts like Bennett, Aeryl Potter and Emma Smith. Setting the table for most of the points scored by the Lady Cardinals was Greta Garrett.

On the other side of the net, Lady Cougars like Bailey Harp, Maycee Walker, Allison Plascencia and Makaylah Tolliver kept Munford on the verge of victory throughout the night.

In the second set Brighton surged ahead 19-9 behind serves points from Braeley Lopez and Potter. Then Tolliver sparked a 10-3 run for the Lady Cougars with various scores from pushes to spikes. When her teammate Ava Irvin blocked a Brighton spike attempt for a point, the score was 22-19.

Garrett called a timeout to regroup his Lady Cardinals and Brighton was able to obtain the final three points including a Lexi McInytre overhead volley score to make the final 25-21.

The third set was close throughout with Brighton getting service points from Lilly Wright. Munford countered with Plascencia and Walker scoring at the net. After a Tolliver tip made the score 22-19 in favor of Brighton, the Lady Cardinals closed out things outscoring Munford 3-2.

"I graduated a lot from last year," Garrett noted. "I've had to replace both outside hitters, my libero and both middles. We're a build in progress."

Garrett said he hopes the first set victory helps his girls mature and understand how to handle pressure.

"I hope they learned they can do it for one," he said. "Over the weekend we played at the Spartan Showdown that Saturday. We had leads and then we let them go. This one we kept fighting. It's good to see they fought through it and they were able to pull it out. We've had leads like against Crockett County. We had them down 10 and it got to 23-23.

"Now they know they can do it," he continued. "It's the growing pains of learning how to win and learning what they need to do to win."

Part of an epic set, one team can still be a winner while taking the defeat.

"I honestly was amazed by how much back and forth we had to do," Stewart said. "How it kept, 'Well let's get one more to tie it. Let's get two to win it.' I say a lot in those situations, 'It's a game to two. It's a game to two.' I started to see them saying, 'Hey, let's get two.' I

"I was seeing who was stepping up as a leader in that situation was big," she added. "Who was keeping the other girls up? Especially after some really long points. I saw a lot of not necessarily volleyball skills, but leadership and teammate skills. That's the kind of situation where that kind of stuff shines. OK, she's stepping up and she really wants it."

Stewart said she can't wait for the rematch Sept. 10 at their place.

"Next step is improving every single day because if you're not getting better, you're getting worse," she concluded. "It's the little things and making little improvements. Coming together as a team and I've been mixing up our rotation every single game. There's no solid starting six. There's a starting eight that kind of rotates in and out."

VFW post improves to 94 as three repeat violations clear

Star Staff Reports
Special to The Star

VFW Post No. 7175, 4681 Cuba Millington Rd., scored 94 in a follow-up inspection Aug. 25, up from 89 on August 14. The three items cited as uncorrected violations in the earlier inspection — the can opener, a cutting board and the ice machines — no longer appear on the report.

The follow-up still noted unlabeled condiment bottles in a prep cooler, a large opening at the rear door, ice buildup in a deep freezer, a missing dumpster drain plug, and a ceiling tile that is not smooth.

Six Millington establishments were inspected August 25. Millington Early Learning Academy, 3660 Shelby Road, was inspected as a child care facility, and the state site lists its score as pending rather than posting a grade. The inspector found a leaking toilet in the girls' restroom, stained rugs in classrooms 1, 2 and 3, dusty vents in classrooms 5 and 6, and an opening in the fence, noting the fence should be repaired to prevent rodent or pest entry. The academy's food service operation scored 99 the same day, cited only for an open dumpster door.

Millington Intermediate School, 4964 Cuba-Millington Rd., scored 99 for no quaternary test strips at the three-compartment sink and no smoking sign at the rear entrance.

Two before-and-after school programs scored a perfect 100: Millington Early Learning Y Care, 3660 Shelby Road, and Millington Intermediate School Y Care Aftercare, 4964 Cuba-Millington Rd.

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

This Week's Inspections at a Glance

Millington health inspections, August 24-31, 2026. Source: Tennessee Department of Health / Shelby County Health Department.

Millington Early Learning Y Care — 3660 Shelby Road School buildings, routine, August 25 — Score: 100 No violations noted.

Millington Intermediate School Y Care Aftercare — 4964 Cuba-Millington Road. School buildings, routine, August 25 — Score: 100 No violations noted.

Millington Early Learning Academy (Facility) — 3660 Shelby Road. Child care facility, routine, August 25 — Score: Pending — no score posted on state site Toilet leaking in girls' restroom. Stained rugs in classrooms.

Opening observed at fence; repair fence to prevent rodent or pest entry. Comment: classrooms 1, 2 and 3 stained rugs; classrooms 5 and 6 dusty vents.

VFW Post No. 7175 — 4681 Cuba Millington Road

Food service, follow-up, August 25 — Score: 94 (up from 89 on August 14)

Unlabeled condiment bottles in prep cooler. Large opening at rear door.

Ice buildup in deep freezer. Missing dumpster drain plug. Ceiling tile not smooth.

Millington Intermediate School — 4964 Cuba-Millington Road. Food service, routine, August 25 — Score: 99

No quaternary test strips at three-compartment sink.

No smoking sign at rear entrance.

Millington Early Learning Academy — 3660 Shelby Road. Food service, routine, August 25 — Score: 99

Dumpster door open.

Making a New Home

Millington Intermediate School celebrates new tradition that builds overall unity

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor

With the 2026-27 calendar still in the infant stage, the entire study body of the Millington Intermediate School had the date of Aug. 21 marked on the calendar.

Just 11 days into the school year, the youthful Trojans in the fourth, fifth and sixth grade loaded up buses and ventured to the Millington Performing Arts Center.

With Principal James Brown donning his green and white checkered overalls, it was time for new students of MIS to be chosen.

"Last year at MIS we started a 'House System,'" Brown noted. "In a nutshell, all staff and students are sorted into houses within our school. You can think of a house as a team. The purpose behind this idea is we want to build small communities within our school where students can have a sense of belonging, develop relationships with staff and students they may not ordinarily come in contact with."

The PAC was divided into four colorful sections of Blue (Reveur), Black (Altruismo), Green (Isibindi) and Red (Amistad).

"Share house pride and school spirit in various competitions, and promote a positive, exciting atmosphere," Brown continued to explain. "Houses meet monthly to discuss character traits and participate in fun activities. Houses also compete in numerous competitions throughout the year - academic, attendance, food drives, nursing home donations, and physical activities. Although we are all split into different houses, we do have one uniting mantra that is taught in our school - Four Houses, One Family."

The sorting ceremony had the entire school and special guests Millington Municipal Superintendent James "Bo" Griffin, Deputy Superintendent Mark Neal, other supporters from other MMSD schools.

"This idea is not original to MIS," Brown acknowledged. "Numerous schools across the country and world use this system to help establish a fun and warm atmosphere.

The idea derived from the Ron Clark Academy, a non-profit middle school and professional development hub in Atlanta, founded by Ron Clark and Kim Bearden.

It serves as an experiential training ground where visiting educators from around the world learn dynamic, high-energy teaching methods and innovative school culture practices.

Ron Clark is famous for pioneering the RCA House System, which sorts students and staff into distinct peer groups, such as Amistad (friendship), Isibindi (courage), Altruismo (giving), and Rêveur (dreamers), to build camaraderie, character, and school spirit.

Students walked up on the stage and selected a random bag. Inside was the graffiti color that would determine their future House.

When MIS left the PAC that morning, everyone from Principal Brown to crossing guard Velda had their home.

Check out the footage at https://youtube.com/live/oP2tnD4e34I?feature=share

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHELBY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
FY 2026 – PY 2025 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

Shelby County Department of Housing (SCDH) is preparing its Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) for the program year (Shelby County Fiscal Year 2026, Federal Program Year 2025) that began July 1, 2025 and ended June 30, 2026. The CAPER is required by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to describe CDBG and HOME activities undertaken by SCDH to address housing and community development needs, especially in low- and moderate-income areas of Shelby County, outside the City of Memphis. SCDH expended approximately $438,228.30 in Community Development Block Grant funds, $188,367.84 in HOME funds, and $179,582.20 in HOME-ARP funds, for the following activities: low-to-moderate income housing rehabilitation, minor home repair, and lead hazard reduction; infrastructure/community development improvements to benefit low-to-moderate income communities within the Urban County; public service activities to benefit Urban County seniors; supportive services to address needs of qualifying populations at risk of homelessness; administrative expenses; and program delivery costs. Note as of the time of this publication, SCDH plans to make one final drawdown from available program funds to account for the remainder of expenditures through June 30, 2026.

The CAPER will be available for public review and comment from Wednesday, September 9, 2026 through Monday, October 12, 2026 on the Department of Housing website https://www.develop901.com/planning-and-reporting. The proposed CAPER will also be distributed via email to the City of Memphis library listserv and physical copies will be held at 6465 Mullins Station Rd, Memphis TN 38134 and at the following library branches across Shelby County: Benjamin Hooks Central Library, Arlington Library, Bartlett Library, Collierville Library, Germantown Library and Millington Library. To solicit comments on the CAPER, Shelby County Department of Housing will host two public hearings on Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 12:00pm and 5:30pm with both in person and virtual attendance options.

In Person Attendance Option: Shelby County Code Enforcement, Conference Room, 6465 Mullins Station Road Memphis, TN 38134. Attendees should enter the Code Enforcement Building through the front entrance; upon walking up to the building, attendees will need to follow the signage that leads to the meeting.
Virtual Attendance Option: A virtual option to join is also provided, and participants can join the meeting with a computer, tablet, or smartphone at
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Meeting ID: 279 828 328 800 591 Passcode: 9Ma2CR9d +1 323-591-8428,,502497587# Phone conference ID: 502 497 587# at the above noted meeting time.

Written comments or suggestions regarding the CAPER will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on September 25, 2026. Written comments should be sent to Dana Sjostrom (dana.sjostrom@shelbycountytn.gov) at Shelby County Department of Housing, 6465 Mullins Station Road, Memphis, TN 38134. SCDH will respond to all written comments within three working days of receipt and comments will be included as applicable in the final CAPER submission to HUD. For questions concerning the public hearing or the CAPER, please contact the Department of Housing at 901-222-7600.

This notice also serves to amend the HOME ARP allocation and associated Implementation Plan. The HOME ARP Allocation Plan was approved by HUD in 2022 to administer funds in support of qualifying populations in the form of eligible supportive services and administration activities. The allocation was increased by $1,802.00 for a revised allocation of $1,559,065.00. This non-substantial amendment will increase the budget for Supportive Services by $1,531.75 for a total of $1,325,205.25. The budget for administrative costs will also increase by $270.25 coming to a total of $233,859.75.

SCDH is proposing two amendments to previous Annual Plans. Comments regarding these amendments can be directed to dana.sjostrom@shelbycountytn.gov through Wednesday, October 7, 2026. The following two amendments are included:

1. SCDH proposes a substantial amendment to the Annual Plan for FY24 (AP2) by cancelling the Northaven Sidewalk Project. It will be replaced with Collierville's Waterline project. Should the Northaven Sidewalk Project become viable in the future, updates will be added to the appropriate AP and/or CAPER.

2. In order to comply with recent Executive Order 14151 *Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing,* and Executive Order 14173 *Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity*, FY26 Action Plan (AP3) is hereby amended to exclude language inconsistent with the above referenced Executive Orders in the following manner:
   - Page 5 (executive summary): The Regional Fair Housing Goals & Strategic Partnership Opportunities document in the attachments illustrates the goals associated with Shelby County's most recent Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, which also serves as a joint City-County Plan to guide our programming to better address community needs with an equitable focus.
   - Page 66/67 (homeless and other special needs): Our system performance measures also include improving our community's rate of exits to permanent destinations, decreasing our rates of return homelessness, improving the length of stay standards for program types, addressing issues of equity in access to housing and homelessness, and increasing income for clients.

Those with special needs that plan to attend the public hearing are encouraged to contact SCDH at (901) 222-7600 by 4:30 pm on Monday, September 21, 2026 and we will work to accommodate you. Para mas información en Español, por favor llame Dana Sjostrom al 901-222-7601.

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Move Millington Forward... To What?

By Brian McGovern

Lifelong Resident. Raised my family here. Volunteer. Love Millington. Want to give back. Listen to citizens. Fresh Ideas. Move Millington forward.

As we enter this year's election cycle for Aldermen in Millington, these generic phrases will undoubtedly appear all over our Facebook feeds as prospective aldermen try to convince you to support them. While these phrases don't indicate anything negative, they are also useless for voters to determine who would actually be the right person to move this city forward.

Move Millington forward… To what?

When I was a candidate for Millington School Board in 2022, I fell into this same trap. I cared… thought I could help… had experience and judgment… but I did not have tangible positions. I could have done better. I didn't need to know how the system worked to understand and articulate the outcomes I wanted.

Looking back, my campaign lacked a strong message of what needed to be accomplished. I should have been more explicit about the outcomes I intended to move the district toward.

There is an enormous information gap between government insiders and elected officials. The folks we elect, once in office, are immediately overwhelmed with information (budgets, personnel, ordinances, legal restrictions, operational nuances). Getting things done by the government is difficult. State law dictates a lot. Intergovernmental relationships are complicated. Folks on the inside understand this better than anyone. Therefore, the details matter and candidates will have to learn how to navigate them. However, this information exchange tends to reinforce institutional momentum. The recent national debate over Flock cameras is an example of this situation. While evaluating the impact of Flock cameras, the police department is going to put substantial weight on whether cameras help accomplish its public safety goals. Elected officials are responsible for bringing competing principles, like privacy, into the evaluation, or a program will easily remain as a default.

This can lead to an erosion of an official's independence. Elected officials begin to rely on the government to explain how things work. Then officials begin to increasingly rely on the government to determine what is possible. Then the death knell: relying on the government to determine what the priorities should be. Good elected officials learn. Great elected officials use what they learn to navigate the system without surrendering their own priorities.

This creates a situation where the responsibilities of the city administration and our representatives begin to blur… all in the name of cooperation. This is why it is important for candidates to have clearly defined principles and priorities before taking office. Cooperation with the city administration is inevitable and required, but elected officials with clearly defined principles are also required to ensure our city is moving in the direction that voters intend.

Why does this happen? Because we, the voters, allow it. We complain about aldermen being reactive after they are elected, while rewarding them for being vague during a campaign. Why would a candidate take a position that might alienate a voter when they can just run a successful campaign on good vibes? This rewards vague promises. We must demand that candidates get on the record, and election season is the time when voters have leverage.

During this election, we should ask candidates direct questions: What is Millington trying to become? A community attracting young families? One attracting retirees? Attracting industry? What does growth mean? Or ask the questions that are important to you.

As the campaigns take shape, ask pointed questions. Get details on vague visions. Ask follow-up questions about vague commitments. Force a conversation that reveals what a candidate believes. Putting candidates on the record doesn't mean they can never change their mind. But it does allow voters to ask what changed. The future of our city should not be determined by the city administration… If we do it, it should be determined by the citizens.

McGovern is a longtime contributor to The Millington Star and involved, community leader. Please send responses to starmillington@gmail.com

Genre Greats

With television nearly 100 years old, who paved the way for multiple niches

Continuing my America 250 celebration, it is time to showcase the medium that was invited about 100 years ago.

The television came to formation throughout the 1920s and reached mainstream form about 1927. I am old enough to remember needing three additional men to move a floor-model TV. Today I can move an 85-inch television by myself in seconds.

From analog channels to cable, I have seen them all. Today we have multiple streaming platforms and social media to watch. You can even view many programs on your cellular devices. TV is filled with entertainment, information and nonsense. Who are the pioneers of niche and genres that came into our living rooms the past 100 years?

It is time to shine a light on the men and women who paved the way for shows, networks and numerous wannabes.

10. Julia Childs

We wouldn't have the Food Network if it wasn't for Julia Childs. Not only did she teach us unique recipes, Childs gave us catchphrases, side banter and her trademark accent. She became TV's lovable "French Chef." America embraced her from her voice to her statuous stature. Childs made cooking and preparing complex dishes and savory sauce appointment TV.

9. Dick Van Dyke

The art of being a "TV Dad" was brought to life by Dick Van Dyke. Van Dyke combined vocal comedy with slapstick humor to entertain the masses in sitcom form.

Van Dyke was the biggest star of 1960s TV comedy by being a pratfall-prone suburban husband in "The Dick Van Dyke Show" .

8. Billy Graham

Today there are several networks dedicated to religion on the airwaves. The man who brought God to the mainstream was the late Billy Graham. He was ordained as a Southern Baptist minister. Through his crusades and large gatherings, Graham created a formula to broadcast his sermons to reach the public in the comfort of their own homes. Graham became a powerful cultural and political force in the U.S. through televised sermons, radio broadcasts and massive revival rallies. forging close ties with several presidents. Thanks to recordings, people can still learn from a Billy Graham Special today.

7. Diahann Carroll & Bill Cosby

A wall was knocked down in the late 1960s when Diahann Carroll led a primetime TV show as a black woman with "Julia." Carroll was given the ball to carry a show back in 1968. She became the first black actress to star in a network series—without playing a maid. In "Julia" she portrayed a nurse, opening a path for shows like 227, Girlfriends, Living Single and Moesha. Bill Cosby pulled off the trick for the men around the same time.

Cosby went on to have the most popular TV show of the 1980s, but first he was a groundbreaking performer in the show "I Spy."

Alongside co-star Robert Culp, Cosby changed the dynamics of television when they portrayed one of two spies — one white, the other black. "I Spy" was the first time America saw an interracial pairing on television in which both characters were cast as equals.

6. Susan Lucci

Soap Operas are still going on today, but they were must-see-TV from 1970 to 1999. The center of that universe was one woman… Erica Kane portrayed by the legendary Susan Victoria Lucci. She is best known for portraying Erica Kane on the ABC daytime drama All My Children during that show's entire network run from 1970 to 2011. I think her finally winning a Daytime Emmy in 1999 ushered in the ending of the genre as a popular form of entertainment. Now the new soap opera of today is Reality TV.

Several women on Reality TV shows want to be the Erica Kane of the medium. They are trying to be divas and the central point of the show.

During Lucci's run on All My Children, she was nominated 21 times for the Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series. She won only once, in 1999, after the 19th nomination.

She didn't need the statue to be the GOAT of the industry but it surely assisted her legacy.

Walter Cronkite & Fred Rogers

5. Carol Burnett

Variety shows and stretch comedy owes a debt of gratitude to Carol Burnett. Burnett brought her comedy skills, Broadway knowledge, singing ability and friends to TV for the Carol Burnett Show.

Burnett's experience in clubs and local shows in New York City helped her make it to the Broadway stage in 1959. Then she took her talents to television and landed on CBS.

CBS worked with Burnett for five years and wanted to showcase the multi-talented Burnett. They offered her the choice of a starring role in a sitcom or the lead in a variety show. She chose the "The Carol Burnett Show." With musical numbers and parodies of television soap operas and movies, Burnett helped pave the way for Saturday Night Live, In Living Color, Mad TV and Chapelle Show.

Shout out to The Carol Burnett Show regulars Tim Conway, Harvey Korman, Vicki Lawrence and Lyle Waggoner.

4. Barbara Walters

Tabloid journalism, celebrity interviews and primetime investigative pieces were second nature for icon Barbara Walters. On May 16, 2014, broadcast journalist and TV personality Walters retired from ABC News and as co-host of the daytime program "The View." Even that contribution from Walters is still going today.

Walters' career span 50 years with her being a trailblazer from women like Oprah Winfrey, Diane Sawyer and Katie Couric. From 1984 to 2004, she was a co-host and producer of the TV newsmagazine "20/20." Additionally, in 1997, she created "The View," co-hosting the program from its inception until her retirement. Between time, we looked forward to The Barbara Walters Special. We didn't have the internet to keep us informed about celebrities. We needed The Barbara Walters Special for celebrity interviews and celebrity news from 1976 to 2015.

3. Johnny Carson

There is only one "King of Late Night," Johnny Carson. The comedian and writer wasn't the inventor of the late night TV show but he created the format still being used today.

Carson was best known as the host of The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson, which was the third installment of The Tonight Show.

Carson's version aired on NBC from 1962 to 1992. In a career spanning four decades, Carson received six Primetime Emmy Awards, the Television Academy's 1980 Governor's Award, and a 1985 Peabody Award. He was inducted into the Television Academy Hall of Fame in 1987. Carson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1992 and received a Kennedy Center Honor in 1993.

Carson is an American icon because he was the master at his craft. He platformed countless comedians, had funny bits, memorable recurring characters and even invented the late night sidekick with Ed McMahon.

2. Walter Cronkite

"And that's the way it is…"

The legendary news anchor Walter Cronkite signed off for the final time on March 6, 1981 from the CBS Evening News.

For almost two decades he was America's newsman. He was "the most trusted man in America," a steady presence during two decades of social and political upheaval.

Cronkite kept the public informed on topics ranging from World War II to U.S. Presidential Elections to the Civil Rights Movement.

After working in the field for several years, he took over CBS' premier news anchor sport in April 1962. No internet, 24-hour news channel and social media journalist, Cronkite was the voice of truth and information through The Cuban Missile Crisis and the shocking assassination of 35th U.S. President John F. Kennedy. When Cronkite removed his glasses, gathered his composure, he read the official AP report of Kennedy's death. It was about 40 minutes from gunshots to Cronkite's famous moment.

Cronkite was the driving force that led to other network legends, CNN, Headline News and Fox News of today.

1. Fred Rogers

The best TV pioneer of all time is my neighbor, Mr. Rogers. Fred Rogers was trusted with my brothers, sister and self during our childhood.

Our parents knew he was teaching us a good lesson, giving us some life advice and making us smile. Mr. Roger's Neighborhood was genuine and good. Those are characteristics that describe Rogers as well.

He taught generations of children gentle lessons about kindness and cooperation, self-worth and coping with life's dark moments. Rogers is a PBS icon but a TV pioneer in children's educational entertainment. Unlike most other of his colleagues, no scandal has tarnished his reputation. Because TV has taught us one thing, to separate the performer from the real person. Television is made for make believe.

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Common Questions After a Crash That Wasn't Your Fault

Being injured in a car accident you didn't cause is stressful and confusing. You may get ambulance chasers or clinics calling you, and that is unethical and annoying.

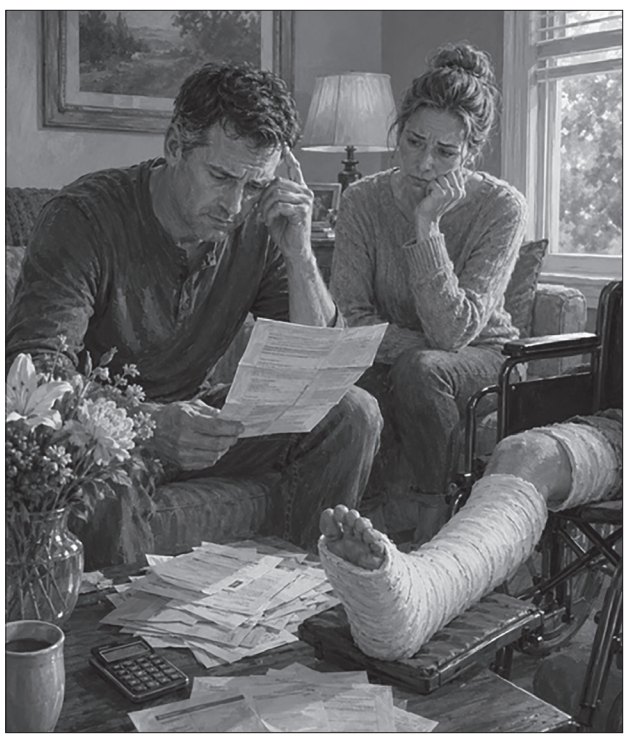
Here are answers to the questions most people ask in the days and weeks that follow.

What should I do right after the crash? Prioritize safety and documentation.

Move to a safe location if possible, call 911, and request medical help. Exchange information with the other driver, take photos of the vehicles, and get contact details from witnesses. Do NOT assume police will do so.

Should I see a doctor if I feel okay? Yes. Adrenaline often masks injuries. That's a God given gift. But damage, concussions, and other problems may not appear for hours or days. Prompt medical evaluation creates a clear record linking your injuries to the crash and protects your health

Do I need a lawyer? Not every minor fender-bender requires one, but you should consult an attorney if you have significant injuries, disputed fault, limited insurance coverage, or pressure from the other driver's insurer. An experienced personal injury lawyer can handle communications, preserve evidence, and pursue full compensation while you focus on recovery.



Should I give a recorded statement to the other driver's insurance? Generally, no. You are not required to. Adjusters are trained to gather statements that can later be used to minimize or deny your claim. Refer them to your attorney instead.

What compensation can I recover? You may be entitled to medical expenses (past and future), lost wages, property damage, pain and suffering, and in some cases loss of enjoyment of life. Tennessee law gives you one year from the date of the accident to file a personal injury lawsuit, so acting sooner rather than later is important.

Will this raise my insurance rates? A reported crash, especially as a not at fault motorist, is not a problem. In fact, state law protects you from rate increases or cancellations for using your uninsured/underinsured motorists (UM/UIM).

Every case is different. Document everything, seek medical care, and speak with a qualified personal injury attorney early so you understand your options and protect your rights.

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2012 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT
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1998 NISSAN FRONTIER
1N4BL4DVXNN376718
2022 NISSAN ALTIMA
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2000 TOYOTA COROLLA
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2024 NISSAN SENTRA
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Along the Journey

Their are many today questioning God, God's actions, and God's intent. Still, others are questioning what we have done … because it seems God is punishing us both collectively and for some, even individually. These are "normal" wrestlings when humankind cannot rationalize or justify what is going on in our lives. We want to make it about God.

Your image of God creates you. This is why it is important that we see God as loving and benevolent and why theology still matters. One mistaken image of God that keeps us from receiving grace is the idea that God is a cruel tyrant. People who have been raised in an atmosphere of threats of punishment and promises of reward are programmed to operate with this cheap image of a punitive God. It usually becomes their entire view of the universe.

Unfortunately, it is much easier to organize people around fear, hatred and negative feelings than around love. Powerful people prefer this worldview because it validates their use of intimidation … which is quite effective in the short run! Both Protestantism and Catholicism have used this threat of eternal hellfire to form Christians. I am often struck by the irrational anger of many people when they hear that someone does not believe in hell. You cannot "believe" in hell. Biblical "belief" is simply to trust and have confidence in the goodness of God or reality and cannot simply imply some notion of anger, wrath, or hopelessness at the center of all that is. Otherwise, we live in a toxic and unsafe universe, (which many do).

Our Christian view of hell largely comes from several unfortunate metaphors in Matthew's Gospel. Hell is not found in the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. It is not found in the Gospel of John or in Paul's letters. The words Sheol and Gehenna are used in Matthew, but they have nothing to do with the later medieval notion of eternal punishment. Sheol is simply the place of the dead, a sort of limbo where humans await the final judgment when God will finally win. Gehenna was both the garbage dump outside of Jerusalem … the Valley of Hinnon … and an early Jewish metaphor for evil. (Isaiah 66:24). The idea of hell as we most commonly view it came much more from Dante's Inferno than the Bible. Believe me on that. It is the very backdrop of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel. It makes for good art, I suppose, but it also has provided a horrible, dualistic theology. This is not Jesus, "meek and humble of heart," which is his self-description in life (Matthew 11:29). We end up with two different and opposing Jesuses: one before Resurrection (healing and compassionate) and one after Resurrection (dangerous and damning).

Jesus tells us to love our enemies (Matthew 5:44), but the punitive god sure does not. Jesus tells us to forgive "seventy times seven" times (Matthew 18:22), but this other god does not. Instead, this other god burns people for all eternity. Many of us were raised to believe this, but we usually had to repress this bad theology into our unconscious because it is literally unthinkable. Most humans are more loving and forgiving than such a god, but we cannot be more loving than God. It is impossible! Note the difference between "god" and God! This "god" is not God!

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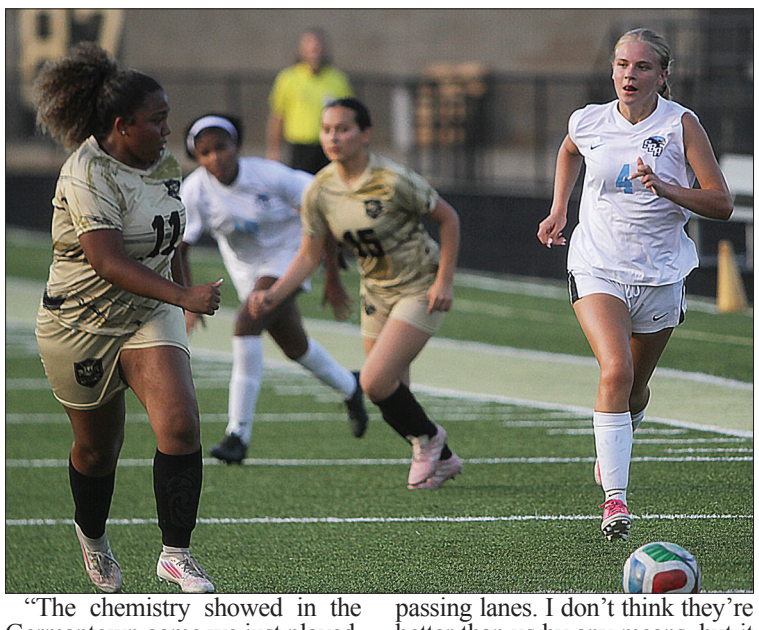
SPORTS Extra

St. Benedict helps Lady Trojans get a championship lesson on the pitch

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor



The Millington Lady Trojan Soccer are fresh off a Regional championship and Sectional appearance.

A large part of the 2025 Millington success graduated and those eight players are now being replaced with a plethora of freshmen.

Lady Trojans Head Coach Jerrett Everson has planned out an early 2026 schedule to test his new team, build its confidence and get it ready for October.

Millington won its debut over University 3-1 and then dominated the Germantown Red Devils 9-0. Next up was Thursday's matchup at home against the St. Benedict Lady Eagles.

Within the first two minutes, the Lady Eagles were ahead 1-0. Then added in a second half goal for St. Benedict that appeared to be offside and a late penalty kick after a Lady Eagle was tackled in the goalie box and St. Benedict left Millington with a 3-0 victory.

"The chemistry showed in the Germantown game we just played, but Germantown isn't that good," Everson acknowledged. "This is the first game we played where these girls (Lady Eagles) can move the ball around. They can connect passes and know how to read passing lanes. I don't think they're better than us by any means, but it goes to show what experience can do."

Everson noted how the Lady Eagles were poised throughout the game and had the ability to possess the ball about 60 percent of the game.

"They knew where to play the ball in the right spots for their teammates," he said. "That's what we struggled with. Our offense right now is strong around Layla Batts. Our strikers and wings are not really showing help. They're all waiting on a through-ball. We're relying too much on the hero. We're not a team yet."

Lady Trojan senior Layla Batts made several dribbling advances through the game and was able to get two shots on goal. Batts over ventures through the St. Benedict defense ended in a double team or a pass that didn't connect with one of her teammates.

The Millington frontline of Katlyn Sherrill, Danielle Bedford and Layla Steffenhagen are new to the varsity level.

"They have to understand that you have to think as a soccer player," Everson noted. "In the first two games we played, the backlines weren't that good so they could kind of cheat for the through-balls.

"They were waiting on the through-ball to come from Layla and then go get it," he added. "Versus a team like this, they'll stop the through-ball, now we have to change up our plans. Now you have to start coming to the ball, showing to the ball, start finding the space looking for the one-two."

The most experienced unit for the Lady Trojans on the field throughout August is the defense line of Hayllie Dockery, Alyssa Nix and Tori Brooks. Toss in a more experienced Kiersten Ware at goalie, Everson noted the real final of the St. Benedict game should have only been 1-0.

With a good defense, solid midfield and potentially lethal offensive line, Everson said the 2026 Lady Trojans have the ability to repeat.

"100 percent this can be a championship team," Everson concluded. "They've already shown and the flashes that I have seen in the Germantown game, they can move the ball well. They can do it. It's just now they've got to get used to doing it under pressure."

Lady Rebels give Ripley a rough welcome back to TSSAA Soccer in 2026 debut

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor

The historic debut of the 2026 Tipton-Rosemark Academy Lady Rebels finally took place on the TRA Soccer Field Aug. 24.

Actually every time the Lady Rebels of Head Coach Harry Sinis takes the field throughout the season, it will be in the record books.

Senior co-captain Payton Biggs came into the first game against the reformed Ripley Lady Tigers TRA's all-time leading scorer with 123 goals.

Biggs added five more scores to her record total by the end of the 9-0 decision against Ripley.

The benevolent Lady Rebels were up only 4-0 at the break with Biggs already achieving a hat trick in the first 20 minutes.

"You have a program, a start-her-back-up program, with the Coach being a super great guy," Sinis noted. "He brought his girls down here and put us on the schedule. They didn't have a team last year. I appreciate them coming down to play. Our girls kind of saw that and started to take it a bit easier on them.

"Then the heat can drain you a little bit and that had an effect on us in the first half," he continued. "Second half we wanted to see for at least a 15-20 minute stretch, game speed. You can't always play in first gear. Sometimes you have to get up into fourth and fifth to just see if you are capable of getting there."

TRA turned up the pressure on defense and used more passes on offense to end the game with about 17 minutes left on the clock. Joining Biggs in the scoring column were Molly McWherter, Malin Baker, Brynn Epperson and senior co-captain Zadie Reburn.

"Second half was better, they played with a little more intensity, a little bit better execution, a little bit more teamwork," Sinis noted. "First half was a little bit more lackadaisical. But the second half was much better."

As the Lady Rebels exited the field with a 1-0 record and prepared mentally for tougher challenges, Sinis took a moment to put Biggs' accomplishments into perspective.

Sinis has been affiliated with Rebel Sports for 22 years and witnesses talent like Alex Anderson (basketball), Nix Fullen (football), Lanie Howe (softball), Megan Sanfratello (basketball), Yiannis Sinis (cross country) and plenty more.

"She's one of the absolute greatest athletes to come through this school," he said. "This school has produced a lot of really good players in different sports. But it hasn't produced what they would call a lot of Division I signees.

"She is committed to play Division I for Arkansas State," Sinis concluded. "That in of itself and she's the all-time leading scorer with multiple accolades. But she's also the first one that picks up the cones when practice is over. She's the first one to pick the balls when practice is over. You can measure a career in accolades, goals and assists. But you can't measure that part and that part matters just as much or more. She's a terrific person and a great athlete."

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WEEK 3

1. Munford (2-0) vs. Woodford, Ky. (Sept. 11)
W 61-0 vs. Millington
2. Briarcrest (2-0) @ Ensworth
W 55-6 vs. Fairley
3. St. George's (2-0) @ FACS
W 23-0 @ Harding Academy
4. Arlington (2-0) vs. Hamilton
W 66-0 vs. Memphis East
5. CBHS (2-0) @ Lausanne
W 19-7 @ White Station
6. Cordova (2-0) vs. Center Hill, Miss.
W 32-6 vs. Oakhaven
7. Brighton (2-0) vs. Jackson Central-Merry
W 32-38 vs. Dyersburg
8. St. Benedict (2-0) vs. Fayette Academy
W 38-7 @ Lake County
9. Covington (1-1) vs. Douglass
L 36-14 vs. Haywood
10. Houston (1-1) vs. Southwind
L 43-28 @ Whitehaven

WEEK 2
1. Munford
2. Briarcrest
3. St. George's
4. Covington
5. ouston
6. Bartlett
7. Arlington
8. CBHS
9. Cordova
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