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49026822: Hazardous Situation - Hazardous Materials - Gas Leak / Gas Odor, on Sept. 12 @ 19:41

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48339322: Medical - Illness - Breathing Problems, on Sept. 9 @ 16:17

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48257497: Fire - Outside Fire - Vegetation / Grass Fire, on Sept. 7 @ 15:48

48248482: Medical - Illness - Sick Case, on Sept. 7 @ 14:03

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48202264: Medical - Illness - Unknown Problem, on Sept. 6 @ 0:59

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said, "and make sure we're planning ahead."

But "most importantly," Everitt wants elected officials to be "responsible" with the money that comes from the city's residents.

He will support the men and women who keep the city safe, while also ensuring that families have places to enjoy.

"Parks, recreation, youth activities and community events matter," he noted. "A city isn't just roads and buildings. It's the people who live here."

4. What do you think is the biggest concern facing the city at this time?

Because Millington is the fastest-growing city in "all of West Tennessee," Perales said its biggest concern is managing that growth responsibly, while preserving the safe, family-oriented community its residents value.

He noted that, along with the growth, three priorities must "move forward" together:

(a) continuing to strengthen public safety

(b) addressing blight and improving the community's appearance: and

(c) expanding activities and opportunities for young people and families.

Citing the city's growth, Everitt said one of the biggest concerns is making sure Millington continues to move forward, while being responsible with what it already has.

5. What will you do to help recruit more businesses and industries to locate in Millington as a way to increase economic development?

Perales said he will "work closely" with the mayor, other aldermen, city manager, IDB and Chamber of Commerce to promote the city's available land, "skilled workforce," NSA Mid-South,

Millington-Memphis Airport and "business-friendly" environment.

"Our goal is to build on these strengths to attract new investment, create good jobs and continue growing Millington's economy responsibly," he noted.

Everitt said he would love to "sit down" with business owners and ask what made them want to call Millington their "home."

He would see what "difference or help" they need to thrive and then use that knowledge to bring in other opportunities.

6. What will you do to ensure that Millington is a safe community with enhanced amenities that inspire individuals and families to make it their permanent home?

Perales said he will continue to support the city's "strong" police, fire, infrastructure, parks, recreation and family amenities, while expanding

opportunities for young people.

He noted that Millington's 2027 Fiscal Year budget "priorities" similarly emphasize public safety, parks and recreation, youth programming and community amenities.

Everitt said he will support the city's police, fire and emergency services, because, "You can't have a great community without a safe community."

But he also believes that being "a great place to live" means more than "just being safe."

Everitt said Millington needs parks, recreation, activities for youth, clean neighborhoods, good infrastructure and places where families can spend time together.

"I'm not going to promise that I'll have every answer on Day One," he acknowledged. "I will promise that I will listen, learn, work and never stop looking for solutions."

aroundTOWN

Magic is coming to the Millington Public Library

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The Millington Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament Let Freedom Swing (Education Fundraiser) will be held Sept. 25 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.

@ 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.

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.

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

October @ Millington Library

October 1 from 5-7 p.m. the Millington Public Library will be hosting a magical event celebrating the most popular fantasy series ever written. The Library will have activities, crafts, and adventure! Everyone is welcome to dust off their robes and wands and come join.

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

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Staying Focused!

Lady Trojan Volleyball eyeing a championship with every match

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor

Normally the huddle of the Millington Lady Trojan Volleyball team breaks down with a loud “Lady Trojans” win or lose.

On Thursday evening in the William Osteen Gymnasium, Head Coach Lauren Pannell’s squad shouted “No Practice!” Before the Douglass Lady Red Devils arrived for the game, Pannell issued a challenge for her varsity players.

Millington had to beat the outmatched Lady Red Devils in a three set sweep and prevent Douglass from scoring 5 points in any of the sets.

Behind the solid serving of Charlotte Nelson, Malorri Carter and Londyn Maclin, the Lady Trojans reached that goal by beating Douglass 25-1, 25-2 and 25-4.

In years past, an opponent like Douglass would have at least one set scoring double digits or getting near 10 points. Pannell noted things like missed serves, bad returns...

“Or they would just be playing around too much, something like that,” she added. “They didn’t stay focused a lot of the time.”

Pannell said the challenge was a method to teach her Lady Trojans another lesson in being winners.

“I hope they learned to stay focused even in moments like that,” she said. “When you see our bench and everyone on the court having fun out there, a lot of that causes an error like that. They’ll pass the ball over on the first ball and we’re over here playing around. They really didn’t want to have practice, so they focused on getting every ball up. There was more

effort for every single ball.”

Lady Trojans like Katie Graves blocking returns at the net displayed the effort and focus of Millington against Douglass. Down the road the Lady Trojans have a date with the Covington Lady Chargers.

The reigning champs of District 15-2A picked up a competitive three-set win at Millington on Sept. 3. The rematch is set for Sept. 28 in Covington.

“It’s vital to stay focused in volleyball,” Pannell said. “If we’re playing a team like Covington it’s a different type of focus. It would be like when the game ensues, trying to remember the different weaknesses might be on that side instead of just hitting the ball the same way you always do.”

“Our team finds a hole or a spot for our hitters to hit to stay focused



Photos By Thomas Sellers Jr.

Millington Lady Trojan Malorri Carter prepares to serve up another point during her 23-point serving streak against Douglass.

against a team like Covington,” she continued, “is making sure they hit those holes while the plays are going instead of just hitting it where they normally hit it.”

As Millington is trending toward a championship, Pannell said the next Covington much she wants to see her players make two key adjustments.

“Serve/receive, just getting better at serve/receive, and not missing our serves,” she concluded. “Those are the two big things we need to do.”



FLAGGED CITY!

Bolton and yellow hankies too much to over come for Trojans in rivalry game

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor

The rivalry between the Bolton Wildcats and Millington Trojans hasn’t lost any steam over the years.

Separated by just 12 minutes on Highway 385, many of the players of Wildcats Head Coach CJ Marshall have lined up with Scott Blair’s Trojans during youth football.

Now on opposite sides, Bolton arrived at Mooney Boswell Stadium Friday night trying to end a losing streak against the Trojans. In a hard fought game, showed by official flags, the Wildcats emerged with a 12-8 victory over Millington.

“It was a situation where we had to preserve and overcome a lot of things adversitywise with the flow of the game,” Marshall said. “But it was a situation where I preached to my guys that nothing in life is going to be easy. This game was a testament to that. We had to preserve physically, mentally and emotionally. We were able to get it done.”

Bolton’s fourth quarter touchdown pass made the difference and pushed the Wildcat winning streak

to three in a row.

Wildcats (3-2) started 2026 dropping the first two games to the White Station Spartans and Memphis Central Warriors by a combined score of 84-0.

Then Bolton started its winning ways with a 6-0 victory over league foe Fayette-Ware and then picked up a big win over defending Region 8-3A champs Melrose 24-12.

“When I made the schedule, even going back to our scrimmages this summer,” Marshall noted. “We scrimmaged Arlington which is a 6A program. We scrimmaged Jackson Northside who is a playoff caliber 4A team.”

“We knew what we had ahead of us when it pertained to White Station and Central,” he added. “We wanted to make sure the guys were battle-tested from those games to get ready for league play in order to get ready. We took some bumps on the head in the first couple of games. As you can see, we’re beginning to turn it around.”

After a scoreless first period, Bolton finally cracked the scoreboard in the second quarter when Gentry Hines Jr. rushed up the middle of the Millington defense for a 9-yard TD and 6-0



advantage with 3 minutes and 21 seconds remaining in the first half.

Despite being scoreless at the break, Millington had some success running BJ Martin, Chris Duckworth and Noah Thomas.

“It’s disappointing, very disappointing,” Blair acknowledged. “We felt like we had three pretty good days of practice in a row. We go out and make way too many stupid, bonehead mistakes. Stuff we don’t do in practice, we don’t at any other time. We come out here and it happens. I got to do a better job of cleaning that

stuff up and getting them to under the little things mean everything.”

Millington (0-4) had a breakthrough in the third quarter when Christian Green fielded a punt at the 50-yard line. He raced to his left and eluded the Bolton defenders to reach the end zone for the tie.

Duckworth added the two points to give the Trojans an 8-6 lead.

The next 23 minutes of the game was played under a cloud of penalties ranging from undisciplined mistakes to inexcusable plays.

“We had a fumble on a drive,” Blair noted. “We

had a 15-yard penalty that gave them a first down. They had about 15 seconds, run off the clock before they stopped things. If we had, had 15 more seconds from the 9-yard line right there instead of 1 second, we had a couple of plays we could have run. That means everything. That’s the frustrating part.”

Millington had a chance to win the game with one tick left on the clock. Bolton placed itself in the winner’s seat when Calvin Wilford caught a 37-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Kylon Gipson with 10 minutes left in the game.

Trojan defenders like Kaleb Clark, Ayden Folsom, Kolyn Clark and John Thomas limited Bolton’s attack throughout the night and gave the offense one more shot at pulling out the win.

Facing fourth down with 15 yards to go at the 36 yard line, Trojan signal caller Cole Hawkins hit Duckworth with a pass with 9 seconds on the clock.

Duckworth jetted to the 19 yard line and stepped out of bounds with a second on the clock. A 10-yard penalty on Bolton placed the ball at the 9-yard line.

Hawkins’ final pass dropped to the black

paint of the end zone and sent the Wildcats into celebration mode.

“The little things mean everything and we’re playing our hearts out,” Blair said. “That’s one of the reasons why all of their emotions get worn on their sleeves. They’re playing so hard and they want all the good things to happen. What they don’t understand is that all the good things will come if they keep doing all the little things.”

Bolton looks to make it four in a row welcoming Douglass to Arlington next Friday. The Trojans look to pick up a Region 8-4A win with the Kirby Cougars coming to Flag City.

“The plan each week is to come out, play well enough to win the game,” Blair said. “Right now we’ve just got to do a better job. We have to do a better job of stopping people on defense. We’ve got to do a better job of tackling.”

“We’ve got to do a better job of controlling the clock and running those drives we need,” he concluded. “We had about two or three drives tonight to where we put several plays together. Then something bonehead would happen and we’d shoot ourselves in the foot.”

Candidates Respond: *Chris Denson*

**Position: Alderman
Position 7
School Funding and the
Half-Cent Sales Tax**

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

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

Yes. I believe we have an obligation to honor the intent under which voters approved the half-cent sales tax.

For me, this is about more than what the City is legally required to do. When taxpayers vote to increase their own taxes based on a stated purpose, government has a responsibility to honor that understanding. It comes down to trust. The half-cent sales tax was closely tied to establishing and supporting Millington Municipal Schools. Our citizens agreed to tax themselves believing they were investing in their local school system. I believe those dollars should continue to follow that purpose.

I have consistently said taxpayer dollars should be treated like they came out of our own pockets. That means spending them wisely, transparently, and honoring the commitment made to taxpayers when they agreed to provide them.

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

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

I want Millington to become a community people intentionally choose, not simply because we are growing, but because we are a great place to live, raise a family, work, and eventually retire.

Over the next 15-20 years, I want us to attract and retain families, young professionals, locally owned businesses, and employers that provide quality jobs. Doing so requires excellent schools, safe neighborhoods, strong public safety, well-maintained infrastructure, quality parks and recreation, and a business environment that encourages investment without losing



By Brian McGovern

Political SCOOP!
What should distinguish Millington is our ability to grow while still feeling like Millington. Flag City has a unique history, strong military heritage, good schools, available land, and proximity to Memphis without having to become Memphis?

As alderman, I would view growth through a simple lens:

Is it good for the City of Millington?

Is it good for the Citizens of Millington?

Is it good use of the Property in Millington?

I support growth, but I want it to be thoughtful, strategic, and sustainable. Twenty years from now, I want our citizens to be proud of what we became and a place our children want to raise their families here.

Structure of the Board of Aldermen

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

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

I believe seven aldermen adequately represents the citizens of Millington. I don't believe reducing the size of the Board necessarily creates better candidates or more competitive elections. Ultimately, that depends on citizens being willing to step forward and serve.

I also believe in term limits. I would support a maximum of three consecutive terms for aldermen. Public service should provide enough time to learn, contribute, and make a meaningful difference, but no elected position should become something a person feels entitled to keep indefinitely.

A smaller Board would not change my position on term limits.

City Government Structure

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

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

I believe a part-time Mayor working alongside a full-time professional City Manager can be an effective structure, but it requires accountability, transparency, and integrity.

I have previously lived in a city with a full-time Mayor where the city was poorly managed. I have also seen the City Manager structure work very well in

other communities. To me, that demonstrates that the structure alone does not determine whether a city is well governed, the people entrusted with those responsibilities do.

I will work to support our current structure, provided both the Mayor and City Manager are held to a high standard of accountability, understand their respective roles, and remain focused on doing what is right for the citizens they serve.

Ultimately, no form of government replaces good leadership, transparency, and accountability.

New Growth and Existing Neighborhoods

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

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

Growth should never mean forgetting what we already have. As we welcome new development, we must continue investing in our existing neighborhoods, parks, infrastructure, and commercial areas.

That starts with something pretty simple: maintain our City-owned properties at a higher standard. Appearance matters. Well-maintained roads, parks, landscaping, public spaces, and consistent code enforcement improve quality of life for existing residents and encourage additional private investment.

We should also make it easier, not harder, for entrepreneurs and property owners who are willing to invest in aging or neglected properties. I believe our codes should be periodically reviewed to ensure they protect safety and community standards without unnecessarily discouraging redevelopment. Where appropriate, reasonable phased compliance should be considered for existing structures rather than an all-or-nothing approach that can make improvements financially unrealistic.

New development is important, but so is taking care of the people and neighborhoods that built Millington. Growth should improve the entire city, not just the newest parts of it.

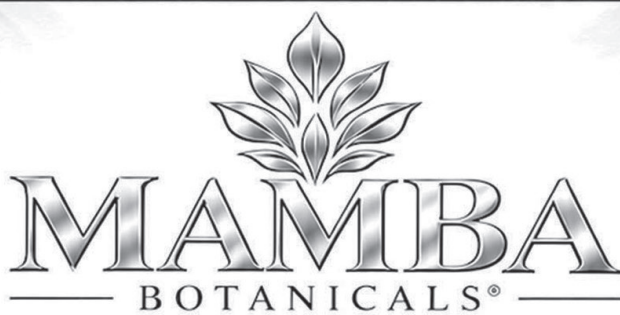
Motivation and Priorities

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

After serving nearly 10

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Mamba Botanicals says new Tennessee batch meets state THC limits after production changes

Company says corrective measures were implemented following an earlier product issue and that a new batch was tested by two independent laboratories

Mamba Botanicals says it has completed a series of production and quality-control changes following an earlier issue involving its products in Tennessee.

According to the company, a newly produced batch was tested by two independent laboratories. Mamba Botanicals provided certificates of analysis that it says show the new batch falls within Tennessee's applicable THC limit.

The company says it recalled the affected product after the earlier issue and reviewed its production environment and procedures.

"We took it seriously," Mamba Botanicals founder Dino Awadisan said. "We recalled the affected product, reviewed our production environment and looked at what needed to change. The objective wasn't to defend what happened. The objective was to correct it."

Awadisan said the company subsequently made changes involving production procedures, cleaning, separation, handling and quality control.

"We also changed the way we approach the release of a new batch," he said. "We wanted more safeguards between production and the product reaching the market."

The company said it chose to have the new batch tested by two independent laboratories rather than relying on a single test.

"After what happened, easy wasn't good enough for me," Awadisan said. "We wanted two independent laboratories looking at the new batch.

We didn't want Tennessee retailers or consumers simply taking Mamba's word for it."

Awadisan said the company believes the changes produced the results it sought and that the laboratory reports provide documentation that can be reviewed by others.

"They give us something objective that we can show people," he said.

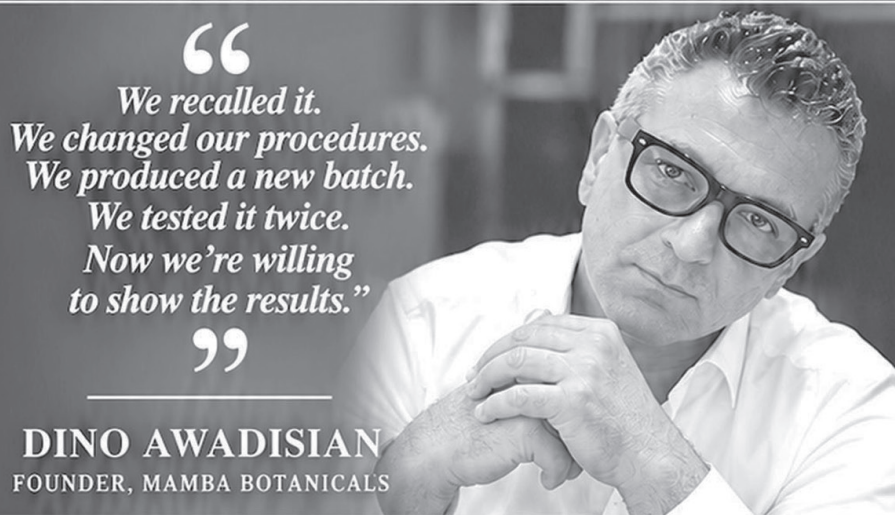
"Here are the COAs. Here are the results. People can look at the evidence themselves."

Asked whether the company now considers the product compliant in Tennessee, Awadisan said Mamba believes it has addressed the product issue that led to the changes but stopped short of making a broader declaration about compliance.

"Tennessee has rules beyond a laboratory result, and we're working to make sure we meet the requirements that apply to us," he said.

Awadisan said the experience reinforced the company's decision to focus on corrective action.

"When there's a problem, you have two choices," he said. "You can spend your energy explaining why it happened, or you can spend your energy fixing it. We chose to fix it."



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Before Disaster Strikes: Protect Your Memories and Home

A close friend recently lost everything in a house fire — not just furniture and walls, but decades of photographs, keepsakes, and the small things that told their family’s story. Everyone made it out safely, and that’s what matters most. But it got me thinking about how much heartache a little preparation now could spare any of us later, whether the threat is fire, flood, tornado, earthquake, or theft.

Here are a few simple steps worth taking this week:

Save your memories

- Lay old photo albums in good, glare-free light



and photograph each page with your phone. Back everything up to the cloud (iCloud, Google Photos, etc.).

- If you find old black-and-white photos of people who aren’t labeled, write down who they are now. An unlabeled photo of a stranger rarely survives the next generation’s cleanout — but a name turns it into family history worth keeping.

Document your home



for insurance

- Walk slowly through every room with your phone recording, showing each wall and piece of furniture.
- In closets, run your hand across the hanging clothes so every sleeve appears on camera. You may

not remember the history of every shirt — but with video, you won’t need to.

- Don’t skip the attic, garage, shop, and sheds.

Here’s why this matters: if disaster does strike, you may find yourself filling out an insurance claim from a hotel room.

Being able to pause that video, point to an item, and screenshot it can make the difference between a full and a partial settlement.

A few more worth doing today

- Double-check that your homeowners policy’s contents coverage still matches what you actually own.
- Back up your photos and videos to the cloud — and consider mailing a hard drive to a relative in another part of the country, safely out of reach of your local risks.

None of this takes long. All of it could matter enormously.

Peel seeks justice for those injured in tractor-trailer and car accidents, medical malpractice, and disability. He often addresses churches, clubs, and groups without charge. Peel may be reached through Peel-LawFirm.com wherein other articles may be accessed.

‘Patrick Did It’

One of the most popular names currently in the news has been in headlines for centuries

For some reason throughout late August and early September, there was a social media trend of “Patrick did it.”

Then I discovered what the fuss was all about. A man in Massachusetts suffered the tragic deaths of his three young children at the hands of their mother. Patrick Clancy went from an unknown father and husband to an internet criminal.

His ex-wife Lindsay admitted to murdering their three young children back on January 24, 2023, at the family’s home in Duxbury.

Let’s remember those precious souls gone to Heaven, 5-year-old Cora, 3-year-old Dawson, and 8-month-old Callan.

Despite all the evidence and testimony, the negative side of the internet was on display with many accusing Patrick of doing it. The man has suffered and endured enough.

Why won’t people seek the truth and just stay on the sideline to watch things play out. We have a bad habit of wanting to be a part of the story and sharing our opinion.

Hearing the phrase, “Patrick did it,” made me think about all the times men named Patrick did do it. Even if you go by the shorter version of Pat, you will get some love with this Best Sellers’ List.

My honorable mention Pats are: Pat Morita, Patrick Duffy, Patrick Warburton, Pat Patterson, Patrick Beverley, Pat Riley, Patrick Willis, Pat Boone, Pat Robertson, Pat Bowlen, Pat Buchanan, Pat Swilling, and of course Patrick Star from SpongeBob: SquarePants.

10. Patrick Dempsey...
Became an American heartthrob

I respected his acting career years before he stepped into a hospital. Patrick Dempsey was awesome in the 1980s in “Can’t Buy Me Love,” and the 1989 underrated classic Loverboy. Dempsey displayed flashes of being a leading man but he played the underdog guy. Then came Grey’s Anatomy and his defining role of neurosurgeon Dr. Derek Shepherd. By the 2010s he was known across the country as “Dr. McDreamy.” I must admit, another thing this Patrick has done is get more and more handsome as he ages.

9. Patrick Ewing...
Led Knicks to '94 NBA Finals

More than three decades before the New York Knicks clinched the 2026 NBA Finals championships, Madison Square Garden hosted the 1994 NBA Finals against another Texas team. The current Knicks disposed of the San Antonio Spurs in 5 games. The 1994 Knicks led by Hall of Famer

Patrick Ewing lost a tough seven-game series to the Houston Rockets.

Ewing was the driving force behind New York reaching the championship series 32 years ago averaging 24.5 points, 11.2 rebounds and 2.7 blocks. It was nice to see Ewing enjoy the younger Knicks’ moment this past June, despite never winning a title.

8. Patrick Roy...
Won four Stanley Cups

It was 40 years ago the greatest of NHL legend Patrick Roy was born. The Hall of Fame goalie was the centerpiece of four Stanley Cup victories from 1986 to 2001. He won his first trophy as a 20-year-old rookie with the Montreal Canadiens. He collected a Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP.

The next title came in 1993 with Roy leading the Canadiens to a victory over Los Angeles in the Final. Roy was the winner of the Conn Smythe once again.

Now with the Colorado Avalanche, Roy was the backstop to lead the franchise to its first Stanley Cup. What a trade for Colorado. Then in 2001, near the end of Roy’s historic career, he was the Conn Smythe winner for a record third time leading Colorado to the championship.

7. Patrick Sajak...
Was the second best game show host of an era

Patrick Leonard Sajak is better known as Pat, but he does qualify for this countdown. If you watched game shows from the 1980s to the 2020s, Alex Trebek should be No. 1 in your rankings and Pat Sajak a close second. Sajak is now retired after becoming the life source of the “Wheel of Fortune.” Sajak’s smooth, silky delivery with his sense of humor made him very enjoyable as a host, television personality, and creative consultant.

6. Patrick McAfee...
Built a media empire

He went from a pretty cool NFL punter into a fixture in sports media. Pat McAfee launched his self-titled show shortly after retiring from football. The original co-hosts were Anthony DiGuilio, Todd McComas, Jason McAfee, and Nick Maraldo.

With a blend of comedy, sports and plenty of edge, The Pat McAfee Show was a must-see on Facebook and YouTube. It was independent media at its best and then came sponsorships reaching \$120 million. Then he grew the product with vehicles like ESPN and WWE. Since 2023, McAfee has been alongside Stephen A. Smith as the face of ESPN.

5. Patrick Stewart...
Led The Next Generation...

His acting career is distinguished and award-winning.



delivers the line, “Nobody puts Baby in a corner.” That led to the dance of a lifetime.

2. Patrick Tillman...
Sacrificing it all for America

The legacy of Pat Tillman is summed up in one sentence: He was inspired to give up an NFL career to join the military to fight the War on Terrorism. Tillman was in the prime of his career and life as a player for the Arizona Cardinals in the NFL.

Then September 11, 2001 came on the calendar and the country was flipped upside down watching thousands of Americans die on U.S. soil from a terrorist attack. Tillman felt he could do something about it. He left millions on the table and joined the U.S. Army.

He enlisted in the United States Army Special Operations in May 2002.

His service in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as his subsequent death. It was later uncovered he was killed by friendly fire. He was already an American hero, but Tillman goes down as a True Patriot.

1. Patrick Henry...
Gave an all-time quote

Maybe the first famous Patrick in America, Henry went down in United States history as a leader during the American Revolution saying “Give me liberty, or give me death.” That speech made him an American icon. Patrick Henry was an American politician, planter and orator who made that declaration at the Second Virginia Convention.

He is a Founding Father, who served as the first and sixth post-colonial governor of Virginia, from 1776 to 1779 and from 1784 to 1786.

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ning. Sir Patrick Stewart, an English actor, has enjoyed a career spanning more than 60 years on stage and screen. He has received various accolades, including two Olivier Awards and a Grammy Award, as well as nominations for a Tony Award, three Golden Globe Awards, four Emmy Awards, and three Screen Actors Guild Awards.

He was a part of the X-Men franchise and a prolific voice actor with some people recognizing his voice from “American Dad.”

But Stewart became an American fixture in the 1990s with Star Trek: The Next Generation running from 1987-94. The unknown British Shakespear-

ean actor became a household name as Jean-Luc Picard all those years with his command of the career.

4. Patrick Mahomes II...
Played himself onto NFL's Mt. Rushmore

The Kansas City Chiefs struck gold drafting him out of Texas Tech. Mahomes is a second generation professional athlete with his dad playing Major League Baseball. His pops’ career was a footnote in MLB history. Meanwhile the younger Mahomes has carved out a legendary career in a short time. After becoming the Chiefs’ starting quarterback in 2018, he led the team to seven consecutive AFC Championship Game appearances and five Super

Bowl appearances. He has three championships with my 49ers suffering two of those defeats.

3. Patrick Swayze...
Say an iconic line toward the end of Dirty Dancing

The late actor Patrick Swayze has a notable career from action movies to high-level dramas.

He was a solid led in “Ghost” and a believable bad dude in “Road House.” Maybe his most famous role came in the 1987 romantic flick “Dirty Dancing.” As the movie was coming to its climatic conclusion, he walks over to a table during a social event to confront the antagonist (Baby’s dad) and go get his love. He boldly

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years on the Board of Education, I felt it was time to take the next step in serving our community. I believe I can bring valuable experience in school governance, decades of community service, and a common-sense approach to the Board of Aldermen. I try to take complicated issues, break them down, ask the right questions, and make decisions people can understand.

My priorities would be responsible growth, strong public safety, maintaining and improving what we already have, supporting our schools, and ensuring taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.

I don't believe there is one accomplishment that represents a finish line. Success to me would be leaving Millington better than I found it: stronger infrastructure, safer neighborhoods, responsible growth, a stronger partnership between our City and schools, and citizens who believe their voices are heard.

At the end of my service, I want people to be able to say I listened, I did my homework, I kept my word, and I always tried to do what was right for Millington.

Families, Teenagers and Quality of Life

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

This is a great question, and I believe we have room to improve. The City should provide and maintain quality parks, recreation facilities, and sports opportunities that give our children and teenagers safe, affordable ways to be active and involved.

But the City doesn't have to do everything itself. We should continually look for opportunities to partner with local churches, businesses, nonprofits, schools, and community organizations to expand what is available. YM-CA-style camps, sports camps, youth volunteer opportunities, mentoring programs, and other activities are just a few possibilities.

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I would also like us to explore additional gathering and entertainment spaces for families and young people, including the possibility of an outdoor music and event venue developed through public-private partnerships.

Our goal should be to help create opportunities for young people to be active, connected, and invested in their community. If we want families to choose Millington, and our children to eventually choose Millington, we need to give them reasons to enjoy growing up here.

Public Meeting Transparency

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

The short answer is yes. I support public meetings being recorded and made easily available to our citizens.



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ALONG THE JOURNEY

We often speak of the season of Lent as a journey ... a journey with Jesus to the cross, a time for understanding why there even had to be a cross, and a journey of growth within our own faith being. Let us take some time during this Lenten season to process some of the essentialness which I believe was important for Jesus in his journey and for us in our journey.

Jesus needed that time of preparation in the wilderness. He needed to get his mission clear in his own heart so that he would not be captivated by the expectations of adoring fans or intimidated by the threats of furious critics. If we dare to follow Jesus and proclaim the radical dimensions of God's good news as he did, we will face the same twin dangers of domestication and intimidation.

Soon he began inviting select individuals to become his followers To become disciples of a rabbi meant entering a rigorous program of transformation, learning a new way of life, a new set of values and skills. It meant ... facing a new set of dangers on the road. Once they were thoroughly apprenticed as disciples, they would then be sent out as apostles to spread the rabbi's controversial and challenging message everywhere. One did not say yes to discipleship lightly.

Think for a moment about the statement found in Luke 14:27 ... "take up your cross and follow me." What might the crowd have wondered; what does carrying a cross mean? Did some have second thoughts about accompanying him? We know from some of the stories that they did. Jesus wanted his followers to know that the journey they would make involved knowing and living into the teachings he advocated. In other words, Jesus was cautioning them, "If you decide to give yourselves to what truly counts in this life, it will cost you. You will feel these teachings to be burdensome at times, like the weight of the cross."

We cannot just sit on the roadside of life and call ourselves followers of the Christ. We are to do more than esteem him for his generous love and dedicated service. We do not hear Jesus grumbling about the challenges and demands of this way of life. We do not see him "talking a good talk" but doing nothing about it. He describes his vision and then encourages others to join him in moving those teachings into actions.

We are continuously being invited to join this adventurous and unknown journey in the spirit of Jesus' first disciples. The word Christian is more familiar to us today than the word disciple. These days, Christian often seems to apply more to the kinds of people who would push Jesus off a cliff than it does to his true followers. I refer to them as "popcorn" ... meaning they pop in to there "Christian motif" when they think it is needed and the remainder (more often most) of their time they are living out of the agenda of their own choosing. Perhaps the time has come to rediscover the power and challenge of that earlier, more primary word "Disciple", which occurs over two hundred fifty times in the New Testament, in contrast to the word "Christian", which occurs only three times. Maybe those statistics are seeking to tell us something.

To be alive in the adventure of Jesus is to hear the invitation to join him on the journey, respond to the challenge of sharing the good news and become a disciple ...

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29 Years Later

Community, MCHS and Trojan Football honor the contributions of Gridiron Great Mario Reed

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor

The No. 29 is one of the most important numbers in the Millington Trojan Football program.

Hanging right up there next to the No. 87 belonging to the late Dana Payne, 29 has been a representation of Trojan Football pride, strength and endurance for nearly three decades.

On Friday night, the source, the man behind the No. 29, Mario Reed was honored by his alma mater as an honorary game captain for the coin toss between Millington and rival Bolton.

Reed was recognized by Millington Municipal School Superintendent James “Bo” Griffin and Millington Central High School Athletic Director Hank Hawkins. Both his former coaches joined MCHS Principal Michael Perry presenting Reed with a plaque for his perseverance since his tragic injury 29 years ago.

Reed was paralyzed at age 15, back on Sept. 15, 1997 during a game against the Houston Mustangs.

Now the founder of the Mario Reed Foundation, his site says “he survived thanks to his own strength of character and expert medical care at the Elvis Presley Trauma Center.”

The Mario Reed Founda-

tion provides outlets for the development of social and interpersonal skills to ensure participants are more equipped to react positively in most any social environment and become more confident in themselves. Part of the mission of the Mario Reed Foundation wants to develop leaders.

Reed has been all over the United States bringing recognition to sports injuries and raising money for further research to help athletes recover from devastating on-the-field injuries.

The Mario Reed Foundation defines social and interpersonal skills as the ability to interact within most any

social situation, with self and others.

“This can be achieved by increasing self-confidence, creating team building situations. Motivational speakers from professional athletes, politicians, community leaders, professionals, etc. will be invited to speak to the participants. All participants will be required to take etiquette training and participate in physical and mental health sessions. Additionally, they may choose one (1) extracurricular activity to participate in during the regular school year terms. The extracurricular activities listed below are designed to reach this objective.”



State of Millington Soccer

Lady Rebels and Lady Trojans clash on the pitch in physical showdown

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The State of Soccer in Millington is in good standing as of September 2026.

The Millington Lady Trojans have been to Sectionals and one of the top teams in District 15-2A the past few years. Meanwhile up the road, the Tipton-Rosemark Academy Lady Rebels have collected nearly 30 wins since 2024.

On Sept. 15, the Lady Rebels traveled to the Millington Stadium to take on the Lady Trojans in the Flag City Showdown.

“It’s a big game for us. Millington is always a challenge for us,” TRA Head Coach Harry Sinis said. “Head Coach Jerrett Everson over there is one terrific coach and an even better human being. I have a lot of respect for him and his program. His girls played well.”

“Our seniors had to take some exnestic knowing it was going



Photos By Thomas Sellers Jr.

Two of the best soccer players in the Millington area, Layla Batts of the Lady Trojans and Payton Biggs of the Lady Rebels, meet near the Millington goalie box during last week’s game with TRA prevailing 7-1.

to be a physical game,” he added. “And it was. It was going to be a competitive game, and it was. Having six seniors out there who have been through those battles, that helps a lot.”

The Lady Rebel senior core of Anna Sinis, Mira Patel, Brentley Rogers, Aniston Glass, Zadie Reburn and Payton Biggs led TRA from the bench to the field to prevail over the Lady Trojans 7-1.

Millington goalie Kiersten Ware was able to stop multiple shots and the defensive line of Hayllie Dockery, Alyssa Ware, Layla Batts, Tori Brooks, Joselyn Peralta and Jordyn Sciluffo had good moments of neutralizing the Lady Rebels.

The Lady Trojans even got a goal from Aaliyah Wood that made the score 3-1 in the first half, but TRA had the ultimate trump card in Lady Rebel all-time leading scorer Payton Biggs.

“I’ve been watching that girl since she was in the eighth grade,” Everson said. “So before the game I was like we’re going to do our best to define No. 5 and see how long we can withstand it. If we can’t, we’ll just let the young girls play. That’s what happened. Payton, she’s just ridiculous, awesome.”

After Lady Rebel Peyton Sykes opened the game with the first goal just two minutes into the game, Biggs scored her first of four goals by dribbling through that veteran Millington defense to angle a shot across from Ware.

Anna Sinis displayed her creativity toward the end of the first half to tally a goal that made the half-time score 4-1 in favor of TRA.

Prior to Sinis’ goal, Biggs made the score 3-0 executing a 35-yard free kick that sailed through the Millington air to float over the outstretched hands of Ware into the back of the net.

Biggs added two more goals in the second half giving a lesson to some of Everson’s underclassmen like Layla Steffenhagen and Lucy Deutscher.

“I want every young kid to know about every sport,” Everson said, “the only difference that separates you and somebody who is on Payton’s level, they just put more touches and practice into it. If you want to be that good, you’ve just

gotta put the work into it and get obsessed with it.”

Everson left the field giving Biggs her flowers and seeing a rosy path for his 2026 Lady Trojans toward a championship.

“We had plenty of chances on this team right here, we just didn’t put them away,” he said. “We clean some stuff up, we’ll be right there.”

Sinis and his Lady Rebels are one victory from being “Highway 51 Champions.” TRA secured wins over Millington, Munford, Brighton and Ripley, with Covington on the docket Sept. 21 in Tipton County.

“It means a lot because this is all one big community that stretches from 51 to all the way down,” he concluded. “Everybody kind of knows everybody. You see everybody at church, restaurants, football games, and other events. You want to be recognized as good at what you do, no matter what field you’re in. These girls take a lot of pride in being on this field and those rivalry games.”

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The Dynamix Power 10 Rankings presented by West 10 Media returns for the 2026 season. The teams from the coverage area for The Bartlett Express, The Collierville Herald-Independent, The Leader, The Millington Star, and The Germantown News & Shelby Sun Times, including Arlington, Bartlett, Cordova, Collierville, Germantown, Millington and Tipton County were eligible. With several residents from those cities attending Christian Brothers High School and Memphis University School, those two teams were also eligible for the rankings. Check out each paper throughout the season to stay updated on the rankings. Here are the rankings going into Week 6

WEEK 6

- Munford (4-0) vs. Whitehaven
W 38-14 vs. Haywood
- Briarcrest (5-0) vs. Southwind
W 49-0 @ St. Benedict
- St. George's (4-1) @ HW Byers (Miss.)
W 30-12 vs. North Panola (Miss.)
- Covington (4-1) vs. Ripley
W 64-13 @ Obion County
- Arlington (4-1) vs. Lakeland Prep.
L 55-7 @ Collierville
- St. Benedict (4-1) vs. Northpoint
L 49-0 vs. Briarcrest
- Bartlett (3-2) vs. Collierville
L 38-35 @ Houston
- CBHS (3-2) vs. PURE
L 43-7 vs. Brentwood Academy
- Bolton (3-2) vs. Douglass
W 12-8 @ Millington
- ECS (3-2) vs. Hardin County
W 35-3 vs. Tipton-Rosemark

WEEK 5

- Munford
- Briarcrest
- St. George's
- Arlington
- St. Benedict
- CBHS
- Covington
- Bartlett
- Cordova
- Germantown

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