

FIRE
reports

AUGUST 9-15

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45828186: Medical - Illness - Abdominal Pain / Problems, on Aug. 9 @ 7:09

areaOBITS

BESSIE MARILYN ANDERSON

Bessie Marilyn Anderson, 71 of Millington, passed away on August 14, 2026 at her residence. There will be a viewing for Mrs. Anderson on Saturday, Sept. 5 from 9-10:55 a.m. with her funeral service to begin at 11 a.m. at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 8177 Quito Road, Millington, Tennessee 38053. Jefferson Mortuary, Inc. has charge.

BERT J. BURNS SR.

Bert J. Burns Sr., 69, passed away peacefully on August 8, 2026, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home had charge.

PATRICIA GAIL CHILDRESS

Patricia Gail Childress, 71, of Tipton County, passed away peacefully on August 14, 2026 surrounded by the love and memories of those who meant the most to her. Munford Funeral Home had charge. A memorial service was held Aug. 18. Patricia's life was a gift, her memory a treasure, and her love will remain forever in the hearts of those who were blessed to know her. Forever loved. Forever missed. Forever in our hearts.

BRYSON JEFFREY COOPER

Bryson Jeffrey Cooper, 57, known to many as Jeff, Dad, or Pop, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on March 22, 1969, in Memphis, and was adopted as a newborn by Bryson and Patricia Cooper. Jeff grew up in Covington, where he spent much of his childhood working on local farms beginning at the age 10. The family honored Jeff's life with a memorial visitation on Aug. 21, at Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home.

JOHNNIE THOMAS HILL JR.

Johnnie Thomas Hill, Jr, 79 of Millington, passed on August 5, 2026 at his residence. There was a viewing for Mr. Hill, Jr. on Aug. 15 with his funeral service at Rosemark COGIC, in Millington-Arlington Road, in Millington. Interment followed at Pleasant Rest Memorial Gardens, in Millington. Jefferson Mortuary, Inc. has charge.

HENRY JONES III

Henry Jones, III, 47 of Drummonds, passed away on August 9, 2026 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. There was a visitation for Mr. Jones on Aug. 21 at Jefferson Mortuary, Inc. - Chapel, in Millington. An additional viewing was held on Aug. 22 with his funeral service at River of Life Church Assemblies of God, in Millington. Interment followed at Jones Family Farm Resting Place, Armstrong Road, in Drummonds. Jefferson Mortuary, Inc. has charge.

SONIA VYNETTE KIGHT

Sonia Vynette Kight, 70, went to be with the Lord on August 19, 2026. The family received friends on Aug. 21 at Munford Funeral Home – Munford Chapel until the service. The interment followed at Poplar Grove Cemetery in Drummonds. Sonia was a faithful member of Munford Church of Christ.

RODNEY ROBINSON

Rodney Robinson, 55 of Millington, passed away on August 10, 2026 at Veterans Affairs Medical Center - Memphis. There was a viewing for Mr. Robinson on Aug. 22 9-10:55 a.m.with his funeral service at Historical First Baptist Church, in Millington. Interment was held on Aug. 24, at West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, in Memphis. Jefferson Mortuary, Inc. has charge.

DONALD LEE ROGERS

Donald Lee Rogers, 72, passed away on August 15, 2026. The family received friends on August 20, 2026, at Munford Funeral Home - Munford Chapel until the service. The interment followed at Helen Crigger Cemetery in Munford.

MICHAEL BARRY WOODHOUSE

Michael Barry Woodhouse, 55, of Millington, passed away on Aug. 17, at his home. A celebration of Michael's life will be held at a later date, with the date, time, and location to be announced. Michael's love for his family and the memories they created together will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

KERRY 'PAT' WILLIAMS

Kerry "Pat" Williams, 77, passed away on August 17, 2026. The family received friends on Aug. 25 at Munford Funeral Home - Munford Chapel until the service. Pat was in the Air Force for 12 years and was honorably discharged. When he left the military he started working at Secco, an electric company, were Pat met his wife, Eleonor Williams, in Saudi Arabia, and they were married for 37 years. After Pat and Eleonor moved back to the United States he started working for Banks, he enjoyed repairing technology and learning more about it; he would repair the ATM Machines for numerous banks. When Pat finally retired form working he stayed home and watched Hollywood Squares, Westerns, and old movies, and he also liked to surf the internet. Pat liked anything sweet. Pat is survived by his wife, Eleonor Williams; his children, Jodi Essary (Shane), James Williams, and Mark Williams; grandchildren, Ethan and Elizabeth Essary; sister, Hazel Stallings; nieces, Christy Callihan and Angela Dotson; and Nephews, Joe Williams, Joe Stallings, Jimmy Stallings, Donald Dotson, and Lynn Dotson. Pat is preceded in death by his parents, Joe Williams and Elaine Kolwyck; and his siblings, Billy Williams, Donald Williams, and Vanice Dotson. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any memorial contributions be made to the American Veterans Association or to St. Jude Research Hospital.

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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 Fund-raiser) 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.

VFW Car Show Aug. 29

Gold Star Family Charity Car Show hosted by VFW Post 7175 and USA Stadium will be held Aug. 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. located at 4351 Babe Howard Blvd. in Millington. There is an entry fee and to register a car call 343-2719 or 301-7097 and to register as a vendor, call 336-4203. All proceeds to benefit a fall Gold Star Family Dinner and support local youth baseball programs.

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Photos By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The sixth longest touchdown in Millington Trojan history was highlighted by this moment when Chris Duckworth landed on top of a Fairley defender Friday night in JP Freeman Stadium, never touching ground with his elbow or knee. Duckworth got up and raced to the end zone for the 90-yard TD during the second quarter of the Bulldogs' 31-13 season opening victory.

SIGNS OF STRENGTH

Blair's Trojan debut spoiled by Bulldogs, Millington leaves with several highlights

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor

MEMPHIS — The debut of Scott Blair as head coach of the Millington Trojan Football team had a few promising moments.

The interception and touchdown return of Karson Lane was the first glimmer of hope Millington would pull off the upset Friday night over the Fairley Bulldogs.

Moments later Millington tied the game again when Chris Duckworth exploded up the middle through the Bulldog defense and was apparently tackled. But Duckworth never touched the turf of JP Freeman Stadium and collected himself to finish off the 90 yard TD run.

Then the 13-13 deadlock resulted in a 31-13 win for Fairley ending the night on a damper for Coach Blair.

"They gave everything they had," Blair said of his team. "We're relatively young and it showed tonight. We made several little mistakes early tonight. I felt like it held us back. When you make more mistakes up front than they do, that's a recipe



for disaster."

Fairley (1-0) scored the first touchdown of the night with 3 minutes and 41 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs regained possession later in the opening period when Larson made a leaping INT near the line of scrimmage. He advanced the ball into the end zone to tie the game at 6-6 with 5 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs went to the air for their second score of the night to go ahead 13-6 with 7:15 on the clock.

Millington (0-1) had an answer on its next series. After one of several penalties on the Trojans placed the ball on the 10-yard-line, quarterback Cole Hawkins handed the rock to Duckworth. The senior ran for a first down before confronting a couple of Fairley defenders.

His knees or elbows never touched the turf and the whistle didn't blow. Duckworth raced to the end zone for the game-tying touchdown with 6 minutes and 37 seconds remaining on the clock.

"We started off real slow then our defense picked it up," Blair noted. "It was 13-13 at halftime. The second half, we've got to be in better shape. We've got to pick it up. We're young and inexperienced, but I think we

fought until the end."

One of the defensive highlights for the Trojans was a Ayden Folson interception in the end zone to kill one of Fairley's drives.

Despite big tackles and stops by Trojans like Kaleb Clark, the Bulldogs tallied three touchdowns in the second half. Fairley seized control of the game with a pair of touchdown passes and a TD run to prevail 31-13.

Now the Trojans head back on the road for the annual rival contest against the Munford Cougars. Millington will travel for the M&M Bowl and a 7 p.m. kickoff against the Cougars.

"Attention to detail is what I am looking for," Blair said of moving forward. "Attention to getting off the ball, staying low, staying on your block, just attention to details.

"We made young team mistakes tonight," he concluded. "We need to step up and play above our heads. They're a very talented and big squad. They're very tough and we know that. We're going to snap back to it and get back to practice on Monday. We're going to try to focus on the little things."

Taking Care of Business

Cougars dominate Executives despite plenty of first-game jitters, next up annual M&M Bowl

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor

The good news Thursday night, the Munford Cougars looked dominant in their 2026 football debut against the Memphis Business Academy Executives.

The Munford faithful left the Munford Football Stadium pleased with a 58-0 victory featuring special teams, defensive and offensive touchdowns. But just like most season opening games in the August heat, there were plenty of issues and things to clean up.

"We can't have penalties," Munford Head Coach Slade Calhoun noted. "I think we had two pass interference penalties which is what cost us the Region title last year. Whether they were or whether they're not, they were called.

"We've got to figure out how to play pass defense without committing penalties," he added. "We can't have a penalty down here with our mouthpiece out. We can't get touchdown runs called back."

Coming into the MBA game, the No. 72 jersey of senior lineman Jaydien Mullins was draped over a sweatshirt. The rest of Mullins' line crew paved the way for long touchdowns runs throughout the night.

Before the offensive unit could take the field, the 2026 season opening kickoff was field by Germanione Turner near the 15-yard-line. Turner exploded through the



Photos By Thomas Sellers Jr.
Munford Cougar senior running back Qua Bell breaks loose last Thursday night in the Munford Football Stadium for a first down against the MBA Executives during the Cougars' 58-0 season-opening victory.

Executives all the way to the end zone and an 8-0 lead just 12 seconds into the new year.

Before the first quarter concluded, Munford was ahead 34-0. Dixon Mooneyham scored the first offensive touchdown of the season at the 7:46 mark with a 2 yard run to cap off a Cougar drive.

The 15-0 score grew to 21-0 when Tay Starks navigated through the MBA defense for a 37-yard TD run.

About 4 minutes later, Qua Bell displayed his speed going up the sideline for a 66 yard touchdown run to make the score 28-0 with 2 minutes and 54 seconds remaining in the opening period.

The defense unit led by senior Braxton Grant was giving the MBA offense problems the entire first quarter.

Cougars like Dakota Lumm, Amarrie Alston and Emery King were a part of the front seven neutralizing the MBA attack.

To close out the first quarter, Grant executed a strip-sack leading to Caleb Polk finally scooping up the ball at the 5 yard line. Polk poked the ball into the end zone for the defense touchdown and a 34-0 advantage.

"Besides from (the penalties), I am pretty pleased," Calhoun said. "Jaydien Mullins, our All-Everything offensive lineman, is out for a little bit. We have a sophomore

playing in his place. We really didn't slow down. There are some bright spots. Our freshmen and young guys played brilliantly."

MBA (0-1) had one threat of scoring in the fourth quarter, but Munford was able to maintain the shoutout. Tay Starks added his second touchdown prior to halftime from 2-yards out to make the tally 42-0 at the break.

The Cougars received two scores in the second half with Patrick Cunningham and freshman Zavion Ross doing the honors with running touchdowns of 42 and 3 yards respectively.

"We've got to keep scoring the ball," Calhoun said. "We've got to keep moving the ball. I like how we played defense. We tackled well from the opening bell. The one looked really good. They were hungry to make some plays. That's what we've got to get back to — playing great defense."

Munford (1-0) returns to the home turf next Friday night for the annual M&M Bowl against rival the Millington Trojans.

"Our special teams were a little shakier than I like," Calhoun concluded. "We've probably lost a guy who is out for the year in DK Burton. That's a killer right there. He's a starter on defense and in every single special teams play. Just an all-around great kid, you hate to lose somebody like him. M&M Bowl next week and next man up. Let's go, because Millington will be a much better team than we played tonight."

Millington Health Inspection scores for August 18-23

Star Staff Reports
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Millington Primary School, 6445 William Osteen Dr., scored 96 in a follow-up health inspection August 18 after an inspector found a milk cooler reading 57 degrees. The report directs that the cooler be repaired and notes proper cold holding must be maintained at 41 degrees or below. The inspector also observed an employee in the dishwashing area drying wet food trays with brown paper towels rather than letting them air dry after sanitizing, and found a dumpster side door left open. In a separate school buildings inspection of the school's Y-Care program the same day, the site scored 95, with no

outlet covers observed in outlets during the inspection. The report notes the Y-Care contact person was not available. Millington Central High School, 8050 West Street, scored 98 in a routine inspection August 20. The inspector found ice buildup inside a milk cooler and noted the dish machine's final rinse temperature was not displayed during the inspection, directing that it be repaired. Patriot Box Sports Grill, 8834 US-51, scored 95 on August 20, with no thermometer in a freezer near the deep fryer area, an outer opening at the rear door, wet stacked drinking cups and a three-compartment sink sprayer hanging below the flood rim. Two mobile units at 6368 Walsh Rd. were inspected August 20. Sub-

tastic Food Truck scored a perfect 100 with no violations noted, and The Refresh Station scored 99, cited only for dirty floors under equipment. Blessings From Above, 6881 Southknoll Ave., also scored 100 in a routine inspection August 18. Tipton Rosemark Academy food service, 8696 Rosemark Road, scored 98 on August 20. Inspection reports are public record. Complete reports are available at inspections.myhealthdepartment.com/tennessee. **This Week's Inspections at a Glance** Millington health inspections, August 18-23, 2026. Source: Tennessee Department of Health / Shelby County Health Department. **Patriot Box Sports Grill** — 8834 US-51 Food service, routine,

August 20 — Score: 95 Thermometer not observed in freezer in the deep fryer area. Outer opening observed at rear door; provide weatherstrip to prevent pest entry. Drinking cups in drink station wet stacking, not properly air drying. Sprayer at three-compartment sink hanging below the flood rim; repair to prevent contamination. **Subtastic Food Truck** (mobile unit) — 6368 Walsh Rd. Food service, routine, August 20 — Score: 100 No violations noted. **The Refresh Station** (mobile unit) — 6368 Walsh Rd. Food service, routine, August 20 — Score: 99 Floors underneath equipment and in general are dirty. **Millington Central**

High School — 8050 West Street Food service, routine, August 20 — Score: 98 Ice buildup inside milk cooler #2; defrost to prevent buildup. Dish machine final rinse temperature was not observed or displayed during the inspection; repair. Provide no-smoking sign at rear entrance door. **Tipton Rosemark Academy** — Food Service — 8696 Rosemark Road Food service, routine, August 20 — Score: 98 Outer opening observed at rear door; provide weatherstrip to prevent pest entry. **Millington Primary School Y-Care** — 6445 William Osteen School buildings, routine, August 18 — Score: 95 No outlet covers ob-

served in outlets during the inspection. Comment: Y-Care contact person was not available during inspection. **Millington Primary School** — 6445 William Osteen Dr. Food service, follow-up, August 18 — Score: 96 Milk cooler #2 reading 57 degrees during the inspection. Repair cooler; proper cold holding must be maintained at 41 degrees or below. Employee observed in dishwashing area drying wet food trays with brown paper towels; trays must air dry after being sanitized. Dumpster side door open; close to prevent pest entry. **Blessings From Above** — 6881 Southknoll Ave. Food service, routine, August 18 — Score: 100 No violations noted.

Legion 252 provides deployment lunch

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A local veterans group provided lunch for about 100 Army National Guard soldiers who are preparing to step down from their deployment to Memphis. The American Legion Post 252, Millington was asked by the Legion's 10th District Commander, Luis Santos to provide lunch for an Army National Guard Unit coming off deployment from their duties in Memphis. "We heard of this need with only two-days' notice. It seems the debriefing occurred when the unit was not under Title 10 orders so the support group couldn't provide and meals." Lee Buchschacher, Past Department Commander, said. "I called around and Jersey Mikes Subs in Bartlett was willing to give us a price break off their sandwiches, I just added drinks and chips," he added. "On Monday, August 10 they had 96 sandwiches ready for pick up at 11 a.m. and we were able to get them down to the Air National Guard location by 12:15 p.m." He went on to say this was a "thank you" for their near long year service in Memphis.



Goat Days Set For 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.

Peete Named to APSU's Summer 2026

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CLARKSVILLE — Jaida Peete, of Millington, was named to the Dean's List for academic achievement during Summer 2026. The Dean's List recognizes students who have shown a commitment to academic excellence by earning a term GPA of 3.5 while enrolled full-

time. Austin Peay State University (APSU), located in Clarksville, is a leading institution of higher education in the Southeast. Peete was a former member of the Millington Lady Trojan Basketball team helping the team reach Sub-State. 'She was also named Homecoming Queen her senior year at Millington. For more information, visit www.apsu.edu.





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Technology Convicts Murderers

It is amazing that murderers apparently continue to forget that detectives check computer searches in homicide investigations.

While I only handle civil injury and death cases, and I have never defended a single criminal—I like true crime podcasts.

Imagine having to defend this guy:

Using his personal cell phone and his son's iPad, alleged murderer Brian Walshe reportedly searched for the following phrases:

4:55 a.m. on Jan. 1: "how long before a body starts to smell"

4:58 a.m. on Jan. 1: "how to stop a body from decomposing"

5:20 a.m. on Jan. 1: "how to embalm a body"

5:47 a.m. on Jan. 1: "10 ways to dispose of a dead body if you really need to"

6:25 a.m. on Jan. 1: "how long for someone to be missing to inherit"



6:34 a.m. on Jan. 1: "can you throw away body parts"

9:29 a.m. on Jan. 1: "what does formaldehyde do"

9:34 a.m. on Jan. 1: "how long does DNA last"

9:59 a.m. on Jan. 1: "can identification be made on partial remains"

11:34 a.m. on Jan. 1: "dismemberment and the best ways to dispose of a body"

11:44 a.m. on Jan. 1: "how to clean blood from wooden floor"

11:56 a.m. on Jan. 1: "luminal to detect blood"

1:08 p.m. on Jan. 1: "what happens when you put body parts in ammonia"

1:21 p.m. on Jan. 1: "is it better to throw crime



scene clothes away or wash them"

12:45 p.m. on Jan. 2: "hacksaw best tool to dismember"

1:10 p.m. on Jan. 2: "can you be charged with murder without a body"

1:14 p.m. on Jan. 2: "can you identify a body

with broken teeth"

1:02 p.m. on Jan. 3: "what happens to hair on a dead body"

1:13 p.m. on Jan. 3: "what is the rate of decomposition of a body found in a plastic bag compared to on a surface in the woods"

1:20 p.m. on Jan. 3:

"can baking soda make a body smell good"

It is incomprehensible to me that these criminals haven't figured out that their searches will be revealed.

But, as someone once said—never expect criminals to be smart.

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 PeelLawFirm.com wherein other articles may be accessed.

Days Music Died

2026 marks multiple significant anniversaries of legends passing

Music is universal. Sounds and rhythms make our bodies move, minds think and souls are touched. From Bluegrass to K-Pop the right song can cross language barriers, racial divides and unite strangers.

The importance of the artform makes legends out of composers, producers, instrumentalists and singers. Just the other day I was playing compact disc albums in my car reliving the 1990s and early 2000s. Then I saw August 25 on the calendar and quickly realized it has been 25 years already that an icon from my generation passed away.

Aaliyah was taken from us in 2001 and left a generation of girls in shock. Today you will still see women in their mid-40s and early 50s wearing a shirt with an image of the late R&B singer on it.

Looking at the year 2026, there are several significant anniversaries ending in zero or five of music artists who left us too soon.

10. Johnny Thunders (April 23, 1991) 35 YEARS AGO

Unknown to most of the world, Johnny Thunders' of the New York Dolls passed away in the spring of 1991. Those familiar with the rock singer were not shocked by his death related to drug use. His death was ruled officially drug-related, toxicology reports later determined the drugs in the guitarist and singer's system were not at a fatal level.

Thunders was found dead in a hotel room in New Orleans. He was suffering from advanced leukemia at the time of his passing. Questions have been tossed out in the media the past three decades on suspicious circumstances surrounding his sudden death.

9. Bobby Fuller (July 18, 1966) 60 YEARS AGO

This is one of those situations when I know the song but not the artist. "I Fought the Law" is one of my favorite novelty songs. And the singer to bring that to life was Bobby Fuller. He was found dead at 23 in his car, just a few months after the song be-

came a hit.

If Thunders' death is suspicious, Fuller's passing flat out a 'True Crime Documentary' waiting to happen. Fuller was apparently doused in gasoline and several people indicated his body had bruising. Initially ruled a suicide, Fuller's death was eventually ruled accidental.

8. Freddie Mercury (November 24, 1991) 35 YEARS AGO

Freddie Mercury became a legend after his passing in late 1991. He was a one-of-a-kind voice and lead singer for the rock band Queen. Mercury was actually a great singer with a four-octave voice range. Toss in his flamboyant costumes and performances, Mercury was setting up to be one of the most memorable lead singers of all time. His early passing, rushed the process and eventually got him a Hollywood movie.

For years, it was suspected that Mercury was HIV positive. Mercury did not confirm his diagnosis until November 23, 1991 and the next day he died at the age of 45 from bronchial pneumonia resulting from AIDS.

7. Bob Marley (May 11, 1981) 45 YEARS AGO

I am not a reggae guy. Actually most reggae songs hurt my ears, but if you are at a beach theme party, let the good times roll.

The most recognizable person from the genre is the late Bob Marley. I was born in September 1981 and I didn't know Marley was dead until 1991 because he is treated like he is still alive.

Bob Marley blended reggae, ska and rocksteady and redefined this genre of music. His cover of Eric Clapton's "I Shot the Sheriff" gave him mainstream appeal. Marley is the poster child for reggae artists still till this day.

Marley remains an iconic Rastafari figure 45 years after his death. In 1977, Marley was diagnosed with a rare type of melanoma unrelated to sun exposure. The lesion was under a toenail, and he was advised to have the toe amputated. Marley opted to



Jim Morrison & Aaliyah

have the nail and nail bed removed instead. That led to his battle for his life and at the age of 36, Marley was gone.

6. Amy Winehouse (July 23, 2011) 15 YEARS AGO

Another worldwide artist who received a lot of hype and I am not a fan of their music is British singer Amy Winehouse. She joined the infamous "27 Club" when she died from accidental alcohol poisoning on July 23, 2011. She was only 27. She was found dead in her flat in Camden, London and her blood alcohol content was 0.416 percent. To put it in perspective, that is five times the legal driving limit. Her music was a long suicide note and illustrated her interior pain.

5. Aaliyah (August 25, 2001) 25 YEARS AGO

Now to the inspiration of this countdown, Aaliyah was a rising star in the early 2000s. She was pumping out hit songs and transitioning to acting. Then she did what artists of the day did quite often in 2001, she traveled to shoot a music video.

The 22-year-old was

in the Bahamas and just wrapped the filming of her "Rock the Boat" short film.

Then news rocked America when outlets reported Aaliyah's plane crashing from Marsh Harbour Airport on Abaco Island. Aaliyah and five others died instantly. Three more succumbed to their injuries the following day. In a flash my generation had an eternal princess of the music industry. She will forever be the precious, potential phenom.

4. George Michael (December 25, 2016) 10 YEARS AGO

My Christmas Day was ruined 10 years ago when the news of George Michael passing. From his days leading Wham! to his amazing solo career, I am a huge fan of the smooth sounds of Michael.

With record sales exceeding 120 million, I am not alone in my appreciation of Michael's talents. "Careless Whisper" to "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me," I will forever enjoy the artistic contributions of Michael until I die.

Every December I play "Last Christmas" to cel-

ebate the holiday and remember Michael. Although he had overcome many health issues and battling substance problems, years of drug abuse took its toll on Michael. His partner found him in his bed on Christmas morning, dead of heart disease at the tender age of 53.

3. Prince (April 21, 2016) 10 YEARS AGO

Earlier in 2016 another music legend left us too soon. The iconic Prince Rogers Nelson died on April 21, 2016, at age 57. The world knew him as simply Prince. He was music royalty.

Details of his death broke our hearts. He was found unresponsive in an elevator at his Paisley Park home and recording studio in Chanhassen, Minn. Days of his devoted fans wearing purple until his burial proceeded. Then the autopsy report came explaining an accidental self-administered overdose of fentanyl.

About a week before his death, Prince's private plane made an emergency landing in Moline, Ill. where he was treated for

an opioid reversal. Those close to him were not too surprised by the circumstances surrounding his death. For the rest of us, we listen to his unmatched catalog to still grieve.

2. Jim Morrison (July 3, 1971) 55 YEARS AGO

Sometimes your death makes you a legend and a historic figure. James Dean, Buddy Holly and Aaliyah come to mind. Also in that category is Jim Morrison. He was the lead singer of The Doors, Morrison died in Paris, on July 3, 1971, at the age of 27.

He was found dead in a bathtub by his girlfriend. The official cause of death was listed as heart failure, and no autopsy was performed as under French law it was not necessary with no signs of foul play. Morrison was buried at Père Lachaise Cemetery in Paris.

1. Tupac Shakur (September 13, 1996) 30 YEARS AGO

Maybe he was too cool to be a part of the "27 Club," rapper Tupac Shakur died at age 25. He officially passed away on Sept. 13, six days after a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. It took three decades for somebody to face charges with the criminal trial in the news recently.

Shakur was shot four times while stopped at a red light in a car with Death Row Records label boss Suge Knight. Pac was busy the night of Sept. 7 attending a Mike Tyson fight, participating in a fight in the casino and then getting ready for an afterparty. A white Cadillac stopped next to the car Pac was the passenger in and fired multiple shots. Shakur was hit in the chest, arm, and thigh, and died from internal bleeding at University Medical Center days later. That was the night music died for me and he was the first significant artist of my generation taken too soon.

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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.

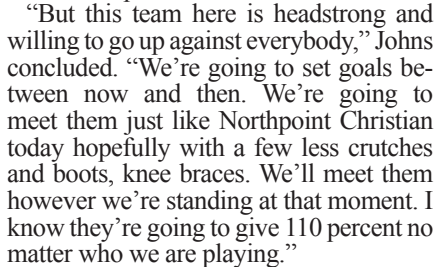
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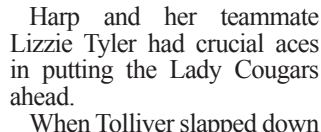
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"I would hope it's ball control but the other thing I am trying to create is team unity," she concluded. "I try to encourage them — conflict is inevitable, but resolution is optional. They know conflict is going to come but we have to pull together as a team to find a resolution to the conflicts we will have."



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WEEK 1

1. Munford (1-0) vs. Millington
W 58-0 vs. Memphis Business Academy

2. Briarcrest (1-0) vs. Fairley
W 44-7 vs. ECS

3. St. George's (1-0) @ Harding Academy
W 42-0 vs. Collinwood

4. Covington (1-0) vs. Haywood
W 47-13 @ Lakeland Prep

5. Houston (1-0) @ Whitehaven
W 40-6 vs. Germantown

6. Bartlett (1-0) vs. Germantown
W 37-27 @ MUS

7. Arlington (1-0) vs. Memphis East
W 48-6 vs. Raleigh-Egypt

8. CBHS (1-0) vs. White Station
W 56-6 vs. Fayette-Ware

9. Cordova (1-0) vs. Oakhaven
W 43-10 vs. Craigmont

10. Collierville (0-1) @ Oxford, Miss.
L 19-7 vs. East Nashville

PRESEASON RANKINGS

1. Collierville

2. Munford

3. Briarcrest

4. St. George's

5. Covington

6. Houston

7. Germantown

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