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## Childress, DeClue, Sneed competing for open Alderman Position 2 seat

By Bill Short  
The Millington Star

With Alderman Al Bell not seeking a fourth term, Cody Childress, Willis S. DeClue and Tammy Sneed are competing for the open Position 2 seat in the Nov. 3 Millington city elections.

A native of Memphis, Childress is a 1974 graduate of Frayser High School. He is a former resident of the Raleigh area in north Memphis and has lived in the Lucy area since 1985.

In 2012, Childress retired from the Memphis Fire Department after more than 28 years. From 1987 until May 2018, he was the owner of Splash Plumbing in Millington.

He is currently employed as a plumbing inspector for the Shelby County Construction Code Enforcement Office.

Childress is a past president of the Memphis Area Plumbing Association, a current board member of the William R. Moore Plumbing School in Memphis and a member of the First Baptist Church in Millington.

He and his wife Mary have two sons and five grandchildren.

In the November 2013 elections for Millington's first municipal school board, Childress was unopposed for an initial one-year term in Position 4.

The following year, in the city's only contested school board race, he defeated Emile G. Sigeo as one of three members elected to four-year terms.

Childress was unopposed for reelection to a third term in 2018 and a fourth one in 2022.

A native of St. Louis, DeClue is a 1982 graduate of Potosi R-3 School in Potosi, Mo.

He enlisted in the Navy in August 1982 and was stationed "for school" at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Millington from March 1983 to April 1984.

After returning in August 1987, he was an instructor at the AOA1

school until April 1991. In July 2002, DeClue and his family returned to Naval Support Activity Mid-South, where he was assigned to the Naval Manpower Analysis Center until his retirement in September 2006 as a Senior Chief Petty Officer.

He earned an Associate of Science Degree in human resource

management from Ashworth College in September 2010.

After his retirement, he went to work for the Navy Recruiting Command in the Navy Reserve section

as a Human Resource assistant, where he coordinated active-duty sailors to Navy Reserves until he retired permanently in November 2024.

DeClue and his wife Paula have two children and three grandchildren.

He enjoys hunting, fishing, riding his UTV around his farm in Missouri and spending time with his family.

A native of Memphis, Sneed graduated from Covington High School in 1980.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in economics at Smith College in 1984 and a Master of Business Administration Degree in finance at The University of California – Berkeley in 1986.

She is currently employed as the manager of Aircraft Material – Technical Operations at Federal Express and is a licensed realtor with Crye-Leike.

Sneed is a graduate of the Leadership Millington Class, treasurer for the "Lone Sailor" monument project, a member of the Millington Airport Authority, Women in Aviation, the Women's Foundation of a Greater Memphis, the Millington Area Chamber of Commerce and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

She and her husband James have three children.

All three candidates recently responded to the following

questions prepared and distributed by *The Millington Star*:

**1. What suggestions will you make to the mayor regarding ordinances or resolutions to be passed or amended?**

Childress said his first proposed resolution would be to update the city's "nepotism policy."

He also believes the ordinance

requiring dogs and cats to be spayed or neutered and microchipped should be amended.

He opposes spaying and neutering animals against the "personal wishes" of their

owners, which he considers an "overreach" of government. But he believes "responsible" pet owners could "fix" their pets if they choose.

"Mine are spayed and chipped," he noted. "It was our choice to do so."

DeClue said that, before passing any new ordinances or resolutions, the board should review all existing ones for "validity and accuracy," while determining how they affect residents and businesses "physically and financially."

He would ask the mayor why each one is needed, who it will affect, what it will mean for the city's future and what its cost is.

Then, amend or remove any if necessary.

Sneed said the board should continue to refine and evaluate the city's evolving "business engagement processes" to boost its ability to effectively execute the "onboarding" process for new businesses.

She thinks it should also explore "options and methods" to inform business applicants about the process with "documented steps" required.

Sneed also said the board should earmark capital improvement funds for the unforeseen "ramifications" of growth and environmental impacts.

She noted that, as Millington transitions into a "more robust" community, more services and infrastructure will be needed to accommodate the population "explosion," utility requirements, increased traffic and street maintenance.

As part of the development of the city's long-range plan, Sneed

will recommend that a "citizens council/board" be established.

It would be composed of residents willing to "partner" with city leaders and government to ensure that

Millington's "vision" and

planning have "input" from across the population regarding "impact areas" related to education, housing, economic development, tax structure and budgeting.

**2. List three significant issues in this election.**

Childress cited (a) transparency to the public, (b) construction of "cookie-cutter" homes and (c) support for the city's public schools.

DeClue listed (a) trust, (b) transparency and (c) "building vs. infrastructure."

Sneed said (a) transparent government leadership, (b) responsible growth and development and (c) public safety.

**3. Specifically, how do you plan to deal with each of these issues if you are elected?**

Childress quoted an old saying that, "If you aren't transparent, someone else will create the narrative for you, and it may not be the truth."

Because elected officials are "public servants," he said they should never "mislead" the public with untruths or "vague directions."

He also said no board should have a closed work session, meeting or discussion unless there is "pending litigation," or the members are receiving legal advice on a subject.

Childress noted that the Millington Planning Commission

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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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**Beverly Kay Mosley**, 84,  
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reviews subdivision proposals and development plans, then submits recommendations to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, which has the “final authority” to approve or reject them.

He believes the city deserves “well-thought-out” subdivisions that are “appealing” to families and young professionals.

Childress recalled that, while Millington was establishing its municipal school system in August 2012, the city conducted a referendum on increasing its local sales tax rate by half a cent, from 2.25 to 2.75 percent.

He also noted that the annual Maintenance of Effort for the school system was set at \$500,000, and it has never been increased.

He said the sales tax generated \$2.4 million in Fiscal Year 2025, and the amount is estimated to be \$2.5 million in FY26.

“This stand-alone sales tax should be proportionately distributed to the school system,” Childress declared. “I believe the city should take another step and at least increase the MOE.”

DeClue said that, during the past few months, the residents and local businesses have “lost trust” in the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

He believes all aldermen “must” spend at least eight “documented” hours each month “visiting” and talking to the community.

If elected, he would invite the other aldermen and the mayor to join him in conducting a “quarterly town hall” meeting.

“This will allow the residents to know who their leaders are in a non-formal setting,” DeClue noted. “Hopefully, we can gain back their trust and respect, see how things are going and get some new ideas and constructive feedback.”

Because he believes some of the city’s leaders have been in office “way too long” and are “out of touch” with what is needed, he favors term limits.

“In today’s ever-changing world,” DeClue noted, “the need for instant information means leadership has to be constantly transparent. Leaders must be able to communicate with all generations.”

Until a “complete review” of the city’s infrastructure is completed, he will request a halt to any further construction that is not already scheduled to start in the next six months. Then, he will examine what growth is “best” for the residents and the community.

“I want to know if we have the school space, teachers and staff to support the best education we can provide for our students,” he said. “Most active-duty military I talk with choose to live outside of Millington because of what the other schools have to offer and their ratings.”

Sneed said that, after “four decades” of people management and “corporate procurement expertise,” she can use her finance and accounting background to “dissect” complex city budgets, objectively evaluate spending to eliminate waste and “optimize” departmental funding.

“More importantly,” she noted, “I can protect the city’s long-term financial health, while avoiding unnecessary tax burdens on residents.”

Sneed said her “long-term engagement” in real estate and her previous service as a vice chairman of the Planning Commission helps her understand how to balance the city’s rapid development with proactive infrastructure “scaling” to preserve landscape through the new construction.

She will focus on “downstream, transparent” tax implications and sustainability, so residents are not “blindsided” by cost expansion.

“I will also continue to foster and

promote business-friendly processes that equally support major commercial deals and home-grown local shops," she noted.

As Millington prepares for the retirement of Police Chief Chris Stokes, Sneed said public safety risks and concerns are a "priority" while executing a "smooth transition" of leadership with increasing business and higher traffic.

She acknowledged that the city leadership has made a "concerted effort" to ensure the safety of residents with increased law enforcement personnel.

Sneed agrees with "scaling" public safety resources to match increased vehicle traffic, while keeping the residents safe with "stable, trained and data-driven" policing.

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

Childress cited how Millington can grow its commercial and industrial tax base sufficiently to finance the services and infrastructure its residents expect, without putting more pressure on existing taxpayers.

"Growth is great," he acknowledged. "But we must be able to accommodate the issues that come with it."

Because many concerns have "equal value," DeClue did not think he could "just name one." But he reiterated that trust, transparency and building vs. infrastructure are at the "top of the list."

Sneed said the long-term implications of the school system's educational quality and excellence are "foundational" to the city's economic and sustainability "targets."

By working with the Millington School Board, she said strategic academic recovery plans can be further developed to prioritize resource reallocation for early intervention, curriculum standardization and elevating overall graduate "metrics."

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

"First and foremost," Childress said, the city's Department of Planning and Economic Development must "approach and/or receive" potential new business "partners" with "respect and enthusiasm."

He also noted that Veterans Parkway will be a "vital part" of the city's future growth.

While acknowledging that the Millington-Memphis Airport is doing a "good job attracting newcomers," Childress believes it is not reaching its "potential target," which would be a facility approved by the U.S. Transportation Safety Administration.

"This would provide us commercial airlines," he said, "and a whole new avenue of trade and commerce."

Although Millington has "unlimited potential," DeClue said its residents must "get out there" and "sell" the town.

He noted that, along with "so much unused space," the city has one of the "longest" airport runways in Tennessee, which he called a "great asset."

If elected, he plans to "immediately" meet with all the directors of the city's boards and the Airport Authority to see what ideas they have for growth.

He will talk with the other aldermen about what "tax breaks" can be offered for small businesses to locate here.

He also plans to meet with all the local doctors and other medical personnel to determine if the city can get a 24-hour urgent care clinic and a women's healthcare clinic.

To attract "high-value" industries to Millington that "complement and align" with the city's strategic plan, Sneed said she will continue the collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Development Board to "leverage" public-private partnerships, specialized professional expertise and education.

"pipelines."

She will also evaluate corporate and small business recruitment materials, analyze mergers, acquisitions and business development deals and structure Payment In Lieu of Taxes agreements.

Sneed cited the Tennessee College of Applied Technology investment as an example of a potential economic "engine."

Because she recognizes that a qualified local workforce is a "mandatory prerequisite" for corporate attraction, she considers it "critical" to invest heavily in K-12 education and supporting local teachers.

She also said the local schools must produce a "steady stream" of technically proficient and qualified graduates.

**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?**

Childress acknowledged that "quality homes" are essential.

While calling Navy Road "a major disappointment" from an aesthetic standpoint, he said Millington needs new investors with a "vision" for this "historic" section of the city.

He also said rental property owners and landlords who "neglect" their properties and tenants should be held accountable for "safe, well-maintained" housing.

While acknowledging that "growth attracts crime," Childress said the city's police officers are "on top of their game."

He also believes the fire department "has never been in better hands," because it provides residents with EMS care, first-line equipment, top-tier firefighters, and a new fire station is "in the planning stage."

Childress said the city's public schools are "excelling" in their state scores. While acknowledging that they are not "where they want to be," he noted that they "strive hard every year" to reach those goals.

DeClue said Millington loses "so much" to Arlington, Bartlett, Lakeland and Tipton County because of what they have to offer for the "whole package."

"I am currently working on a sales tax sheet that will give an estimate, based on 1,000 families, of how much we lose to other towns in sales tax dollars," he noted. "I will provide a copy once it is complete."

DeClue said he will work with the school system and local businesses to establish "work-along" programs for high school juniors and seniors after school and during the summers.

He will also work to bring back Neighborhood Watch programs and try to get local businesses to sponsor and fund monthly neighborhood "block parties."

Sneed said she will work directly with various "entities" to enhance the quality of life for Millington residents.

She will evaluate "flexible" housing options and inventory, while supporting residents throughout different stages of life across demographic segments and income levels.

To promote healthy options and active lifestyles for all residents, she will continue to push for increased investment in green spaces/recreational areas in existing and developing neighborhoods.

To elevate the overall Millington "experience" for younger adults, she will foster inclusive family-oriented community events and increase age-appropriate projects to create activities and recreation.

"Lastly," she noted, "I will support prioritizing funding and advanced training/professional development to match compensation of first responders to deliver high-caliber community services and protection."

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## TOO LITTLE, TOO LAKE

Lakeland spoils home debut of Blair, Millington still search for league win No. 1

By Thomas Sellers Jr.  
The Millington Star Editor

One of the landmark moments of Lakeland Prep. Lions Football came on September 5, 2025.

The Lions welcomed the Millington Trojans to town for their first Class 4A league game with a full roster. The nerves were there for Head Coach David White and his crew.

Eventually the eventful night concluded with Lakeland pulling out a 36-28 victory in the final minutes of the fourth quarter. Fast forward nearly a year, the Lions returned the favor and traveled to Flag City and Mooney Boswell Field to take on the Trojans.

Millington entered the rematch with a new look hiring Head Coach Scott Blair earlier this year. Blair and the Trojans home debut ended in disappointment as Lakeland jumped out early to a 21-0 advantage, leading to a 35-8 victory.

"We had a mission last year, we came into this game the first year with seniors not really knowing how to handle a little bit of adversity," White recalled. "We kind of met in the first half. That second half last year kind of turned our season a little and helped us get into the playoffs."

"This year we wanted to come with the mindset of coming in and starting the way we finished last year,"



he continued. "We wanted to execute at a high level, take care of the football. We had some sloppy moments but we took care of that tonight."

Lakeland (2-1, 1-0 in Region 8-4A) were led by senior quarterback Brett Godwin. Godwin drove the Lions down the field twice in the first quarter connecting with Connor Jones twice to make the score 14-0.

"We looked up and it's 14-0 before we could do anything about it," Blair recalled. "We practiced everything that they did. It's just the execution. We've got to do a better job of executing."

We went over everything they did.

"They might have lined up a little bit differently than we thought they were going to do on defense," he added. "We thought we were moving the ball but we weren't consistent. On defense, we've got to be able to stop the ball."

The Lions were ahead 14-0 less than 4 minutes into the game. Before the first period ended, Cannon Brannan powered into the end zone for a 1 yard TD to close out a Lakeland drive with 28 seconds on the clock.

Lakeland led 28-0 at the

break courtesy of a Whitten Wolfe touchdown run.

"We gave up too many big plays," Blair said. "That's was the thing that got us those big plays. When we had to fight for things, we were all right. It was giving up those big chunks that hurt us in the end."

White said having players like Larry Jackson, Parker Andes and Jones on the same page as Godwin has Lakeland trending in the right direction to earn a top spot in Region by the end of the season.

"Players just trust in each other, we had some trust is-

ues in our first game," he said. "We rely on our quarterbacks and receivers to be on the same page with a lot of things we do. There's a lot of options and choice routes. Tonight they came in trusting what they were seeing, trusting what we were practicing. We let it rip and they were executing."

Lakeland's final touchdown of the night was a Godwin to Andes 17-yard connection.

The Trojans (0-3, 0-1) flipped a switch after senior leader Kaleb Clark went down with an injury at the 8:12 mark of the third quar-

ter. Millington witnessed their defensive leader taken off on a stretcher.

The Trojans rallied with a big run from senior running back BJ Martin. The 50-yard sprint to the 4-yard line led to a Cole Hawkins TD run to make the final 35-8.

"I spent the whole week talking about that same thing," Blair said. "Talking about it, we have to attack. We set back last week and caught everything they did. This week we worked on that. We had three good days of practice in the evening in this type of heat. We knew what was going to happen."

"They had the wake up call and we started playing better right there at the end," he continued. "We have to do that for the entire game. It can't just be something we do for one drive. It has to be something we do the whole game. That's what we've got to get better at."

Blair and the Trojans hit the road this Friday to take on league foe the Fayette-Ware Wildcats. Lakeland is hitting the road as well to play pre-season Region 8-4A favorite, the Haywood Tomcats.

"Our motto is 'One in a row,'" White concluded. "We kind of just take it one game in a row, one play in a row, one snap in a row. In the weight room, on the field, practices, sprints, everything is in a one in a row mentality. Right now it's nice to be 1-0 in league on Friday night and we're going to try to be 1-0 Monday evening."

## Looking for a Boost

Lady Trojans overcome slow start at Cordova to outlast Class 3A squad

By Thomas Sellers Jr.  
The Millington Star Editor

CORDOVA — The Millington Lady Trojan Soccer players' path to being a championship-level team sent them to the Cordova Soccer Stadium Aug. 31.

The Lady Trojans and Head Coach Jerrett Everson got a valuable lesson the previous game against St. Benedict and all it cost was a 3-0 decision in favor of the Lady Eagles.

Millington's next lesson on being title contenders was in matching the intensity of a team that plays in a league with Munford, Arlington, Bartlett, Houston and Collierville.

The Lady Trojans used the timely defense of players like Haylie Dockery, Alyssa Nix, Joselyn Peralta and others to win 1-0 over the Cordova Lady Wolves.

"That's two games in a row that we've been a little fortunate," Everson said. "SBA plays in a really hard district. They play in a really hard district. That's two games in a row my girls got to know how they have to play to be



able to compete.

"We shouldn't have to be out here getting knocked around by girls who are not technically that good," he continued. "Once we're able to match, and we're pretty decent technically, match aggression and set the tone on things."

Lady Trojan Layla Batts scored the only goal of the contest against Cordova 2 minutes and

34 seconds into the second half. Cordova goalie Vanesa Pita had a standout performance with nearly 10 athletic saves to keep the Lady Wolves in contention.

She stopped shots from Millington junior Danielle Bedford and Lady Trojan freshman duo of Lucy Deutscher and Layla Steffenhagen.

"I am working on my wings,



getting them tougher on things," Everson acknowledged. "Once they do that, Layla and Danielle, it's going to be a whole different game. Both of them in the second half, once they get mad, that's what I want to see in the first half."

As the younger Lady Trojan players gain experience, Everson said Millington will lean on its

defensive line and veteran foot of Batts to buy the underclassmen time.

"They don't have reps," he concluded. "The only way to be confident and strong with the ball, make quick decisions, is to have the reps to get you comfortable. No. Layla Steffenhagen is only a freshman. She's going to be something serious."

# MLG&W Millington Office opened again

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Memphis Light, Gas and Water announced the reopening of the Millington Community Office, 5141 Navy Road. The updated facility reopened on August 31 to serve customers in a space that enhances comfort, efficiency and accessibility.

The Millington Community Office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office had been closed for renovations since April 13.

"This renovation reflects our commitment to putting people first," said Timothy Davis, MLGW Chief Customer Officer.

"We are modernizing how we serve our customers—creating spaces and services that are faster, more convenient and respectful of their time. The Millington office is another



step toward delivering a more predictable, positive experience for every family and business we serve."

Customers can make an appointment with a credit counselor by going to [mlgw.com/QLESS](http://mlgw.com/QLESS) and scheduling a convenient time.

## Reed Family Dentistry named MBI 2026 Small Business winner



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Reed Family Dentistry has been named the winner in the Small Company category at the 2026 Memphis Business Journal Small Business Awards, recognizing the practice's more than 75 years of excellence in patient care, business growth and commitment to the Mid-South community.

The annual awards honor outstanding locally owned businesses that demonstrate leadership, innovation, sustained growth and community impact. Reed Family Dentistry was selected as the top honoree in the Small Company category from among a distinguished group of finalists.

Founded in 1949 by Dr. Loyd Reed, Reed Family Dentistry has grown from the first dental practice in Millington into a thriving third-generation family business serving patients from offices in Millington, TN and Covington, TN. Today, the practice is led by father and son dentists, Dr. Kevin Reed and Dr. Taylor Reed, who continue the legacy of honesty, integrity, compassionate care and clinical excellence established more than seven decades ago.

"We are incredibly honored to receive this recognition from the Memphis Business Journal," said Dr. Kevin Reed. "This award belongs not only to our family but also to our dedicated team, our loyal patients and the communities that have

trusted us for generations. It has been our privilege to care for families across the Mid-South for more than 75 years, and we remain committed to providing the highest quality dentistry with compassion and integrity."

Dr. Taylor Reed added, "As a third-generation dentist, it is incredibly meaningful to continue the legacy my grandfather began in 1949. While dentistry has evolved tremendously over the years, our mission has remained the same: treat every patient like family and provide exceptional care that helps them enjoy healthy smiles for life. We're grateful to everyone who has been part of our journey."

The practice has experienced strong, consistent growth in recent years, ranking among the top 3% to 5% of dental practices of its size nationwide by total revenue while growing between 5% and 8% annually over the past three years. Through the first quarter of 2026, Reed Family Dentistry continued that momentum with a 7% increase over the previous year.

The doctors attribute the practice's continued success to the values instilled by its founder and a relentless commitment to lifelong learning.

Advanced training through the internationally recognized Pankey Institute has helped the practice stay at the forefront of comprehensive dental care while maintaining a personalized approach that has earned the trust of generations of patients.

"Our success has always been about relationships," said Dr. Kevin Reed. "We have the privilege of caring for multiple generations of the same families, and that's something we never take for granted. The trust our patients place in us every day is the greatest honor we could receive."

In addition to providing comprehensive dental care, Reed Family Dentistry remains actively involved in supporting local organizations, community initiatives and civic partnerships throughout the Mid-South. Over the years, both dentists have made mission trips to provide dental care to those in need. Dr. Kevin Reed began serving on Church Health's team of volunteer dentists at the nonprofit's inception in 1988. Both Dr. Kevin Reed and Dr. Taylor Reed volunteer with Donated Dental Services and Mid-South Mission of Mercy, offering free dental care to qualifying patients.

As the practice looks toward the future, Reed Family Dentistry plans to continue building on its legacy by investing in advanced technology, exceptional patient experiences and the next generation of family-centered dental care.

"Receiving this award inspires us to continue striving for excellence," said Dr. Taylor Reed. "We are proud of where we've been, excited about where we're headed and grateful to continue serving the communities that have supported our family for more than three-quarters of a century."

# We Remember

Pretty much anyone old enough to remember September 11, 2001, can tell you where they were when they first heard that something terrible was happening in New York.

I was sitting in a seventh-grade geography class.

Looking back now as a parent, I can't imagine what it must have been like to be a teacher that morning. Teachers were learning the news at essentially the same time as everyone else, but they also had a classroom full of children looking to them for some explanation of what was happening.

At our school, it seems like teachers took several different approaches. Some turned on televisions in their classrooms. Others wheeled in those old TVs on carts that every school seemed to have back then. Some listened to radio reports.

Our geography teacher took a different approach.

He simply told us that something had happened that morning that we would remember for the rest of our lives.

And that was about all he would tell us. At the time, I remember being frustrated by that. Looking back, I understand it a little better. The country itself didn't yet understand what was happening, and he apparently didn't want to pass along information to a room full of seventh-graders until he knew what was true.

When the bell rang and I walked into the hallway, other students began filling in the gaps. Airplanes had hit the World Trade Center. One tower was on fire. Then both towers had been hit.

At first, many of us assumed it must have been some terrible accident.

An accident would have been horrifying enough.

The truth was much worse.

According to the official account assembled by the bipartisan 9/11 Commission, American Airlines Flight 11 struck the North Tower at 8:46 that morning. United Airlines Flight 175 struck the South Tower at 9:03. American Airlines Flight 77 hit the Pentagon at 9:37. The South Tower collapsed at 9:59, and United Airlines Flight 93 crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, at 10:03 after passengers and crew fought back against the hijackers. The North Tower fell at 10:28.

By the end of the morning, America had changed.

Nineteen al-Qaeda terrorists had hijacked four commercial airliners and turned them into weapons. In all, 2,977 innocent people were killed in New York, at the Pentagon and aboard Flight 93. Among them were hundreds of firefighters, police officers and other first responders who ran toward danger while thousands of others were trying desperately to escape it.

Those numbers are important, but numbers can become strangely impersonal with time.

There were 2,977 individual people.

They had spouses expecting them home that evening. Children waiting to see Mom or Dad. Parents, brothers, sisters and friends. Some had gone to work that morning. Some had boarded an airplane for an ordinary business trip or vacation. Firefighters and police officers responded to what they thought was an emergency and found themselves in the middle of an attack on the country.

Twenty-five years later, those are the people we should remember first.

But remembering also means trying to understand what happened, and that leads to another lesson from September 11 that I think remains important today: the public needs access to information.

There are still questions surrounding 9/11, and there probably always will be. Some are legitimate questions about intelligence failures, government preparedness and what various agencies knew before the attacks. Others have developed into alternative theories that range from plausible questions worth examining to claims that have been investigated extensively and for which evidence has not been found.

For example, people often ask about World Trade Center Building 7 because no airplane struck it. That is true. The official investigation by the National Institute of Standards and Technology concluded that fires burning uncontrolled for hours led to a progressive structural collapse. NIST also specifically examined whether an explosion caused the building to fall and reported that it found no evidence of such a blast.

Likewise, theories have circulated for years that a missile rather than an airplane struck

the Pentagon. The official record identifies American Airlines Flight 77, and the investigation included aircraft debris, eyewitness accounts and other physical evidence from the site.

That doesn't mean people should be discouraged from asking questions. Quite the opposite. Important events deserve scrutiny.

And there are genuine reasons to ask difficult questions about what happened before September 11.

The 9/11 Commission itself reported that during the spring and summer of 2001,

American intelligence agencies received a stream of warnings that al-Qaeda was preparing something major. CIA Director George Tenet famously described the system as "blinking red." An Aug. 6 presidential intelligence briefing was titled "Bin Ladin Determined to Strike in US."

The Commission ultimately found serious failures in imagination, coordination and information-sharing. Pieces of information existed in different places, but they were not assembled in time to prevent the attack.

Knowing that makes access to the historical record even more important.

There are legitimate reasons for government secrecy. Active military operations cannot be broadcast to an enemy. Intelligence sources sometimes have to be protected. The identities of minor crime victims deserve protection. Certain investigative records cannot reasonably be released while an investigation is underway.

But secrecy should not become a reflex.

Eventually, the people deserve to know what their government knew, what decisions were made and why they were made. Government officials work on behalf of the public. Public records belong, in a very real sense, to the public.

We deal with this same principle on a much smaller scale as local journalists. Tennessee's Public Records Act begins with the principle that government records are open to citizens unless the law specifically provides otherwise. At the same time, the list of exceptions has grown considerably through the years, often for understandable reasons.

Every exception may have a good argument behind it. But collectively, we should always be cautious when the amount of information hidden from the public grows.

Lack of information creates a vacuum, and vacuums are quickly filled by rumor, speculation and distrust.

That is true when the subject is one of the greatest national tragedies in American history, and it is true when the subject is a controversy at the local courthouse or school.

Journalists have an important role in obtaining and explaining that information, but freedom of information isn't really a privilege for journalists. It belongs to everyone. The press simply uses that right on behalf of the public every day.

Still, I don't want questions about government transparency—or debates over what happened behind the scenes—to become the central story of September 11.

The central story is the people. It is the office worker who never made it home.

The firefighter climbing the stairs while everyone else was coming down.

The passengers aboard Flight 93 who learned what had happened in New York and decided they would not sit quietly while their airplane was used to kill more people.

It is the families whose lives changed forever that morning.

And it is a generation of Americans who can still close their eyes and remember exactly where they were when they first heard the news.

A quarter-century has passed now. An entire generation has grown to adulthood with no personal memory of September 11 at all.

That makes our responsibility to remember even greater.

Tell your children where you were.

Tell them what happened.

Tell them about the people who died, the first responders who ran toward the buildings and the passengers who fought back.

Encourage them to learn the history and to ask questions.

Because "never forget" means more than remembering a date on the calendar.

It means preserving the truth of what happened and the memory of the people whose lives were taken that day.

Twenty-five years later, we remember.



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# Remembering a Legend — I Miss Dolly

It's not often that I get sad when a celebrity dies. I'm under no illusion that they don't know who I am and I'm also not a star-struck person so everyone in my mind is pretty equal. We all put our pants on one leg at a time.

But the out pouring of love for Dolly Parton is a rare thing and many of us feel a real sense of loss. I think this is especially true in Tennessee.

Dolly seemed to be able to rise above politics, celebrity, and scandal to really just try to do good. Many of us have been to Dollywood with our kids or grandkids and had a great time.

If you've raised Kids in Tennessee in the last few years you know that she mailed more than 300 million free books through



Dave's  
Raves

BY DAVID PEEL

the Imagination Library. There are stories abounding about how people who lost everything in a fire would get checks from her privately.

She legitimately used her amazing business acumen and celebrity it appears mostly for Good.

I've seen the most left-wing blue haired liberals morning her passing just like I've seen the most buttoned up conservative, red tie folks be sad to see her leaving us. Even atheists say that effectively she lived out the Christian Faith, the way that the rest of us are supposed to—even not be believing



themselves that it's even necessarily real.

Dolly Parton sold more than 100 million records, wrote more than 3,000 songs, scored 25 No. 1s on Billboard Hot Country Songs (the most by any woman), took two Hot 100 No. 1s with "9 to 5" and

"Islands in the Stream," and was named Billboard's No. 1 country artist of all time, while her own "I Will Always Love You" later spent 14 weeks at No. 1 in Whitney Houston's hands. She collected 10 competitive Grammys plus a Lifetime

Achievement Grammy, about 10 CMA awards including 1978 Entertainer of the Year, about 13 ACM awards, an Emmy, two Oscar nominations and the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, a Tony nomination, and induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame, Songwriters Hall of Fame, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Grand Ole Opry, and Kennedy Center Honors, along with the National Medal of Arts.

Imagine all that, and being on a Hollywood walk of fame and a multimillionaire, and all anybody can talk about is how much good you did for people.

This loss is sad. But I'll tell you her view right now is beautiful. She is seeing streets made of gold but so pure that

they're clear. Think about what that must be like. We see a very limited range of colors with our naked eyes. Even our basic machines can see more colors than us.

But imagine a perfect remade body in the place it was always supposed to be—walking around in the presence of God. Go rest high on that mountain; your work on earth is done; Go to heaven a-shoutin'.... Goodbye, Dolly.

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# Silver Lining

## After worst day on U.S. soil, finding the blessing 25 years later

For those who remember waking up September 11, 2001, it has been 25 years.

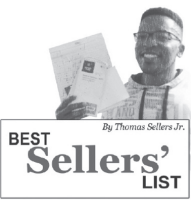
A quarter of a century since our worlds were flipped upside down. The terrorist attacks on the United States were shocking, devastating and life-changing.

From the destruction of the World Trade Centers, Pentagon and four airplanes full of innocent lives being destroyed, a brief positive came out of the moment.

The thousands who died that day didn't die in vain for a few years as Americans united together. There was a peace and harmony that wrapped the country in understanding and tolerance for about a decade.

Now we're divided again by race, gender, religion and preferences.

There are a few good things still going on today after the tragedy of September 11. Let's give a review over those things. I hope we can get back to being united in these states again before it takes another mega tragedy to make us stop and value each other again.



By Thomas Sellers Jr.  
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LIST

### 10. Renewed Community Solidarity

There are a few still holding on to the life lessons from 25 years ago being tolerant and understanding of others. Right after the sight of seeing airplanes slam into buildings, a majority of U.S. Americans fostered a deep empathy and we saw a spike in volunteerism and public service across local communities. I am sure there is a residue of those still participating in these activities in 2026.

### 9. Better Building Codes

Architects and engineers saw 9/11 in a different view. As the WTC buildings tumbled down and the Pentagon took a major blow, those great minds wanted to create structures that could possibly prevent another such tragedy. Now we have updated architectural and structural guidelines for skyscrapers. Some of the measures included improved fireproofing, stairwell access, and structural resilience. Many innocent people died that day because they didn't have enough time to file out of the burning buildings.

### 8. Improved Intelligence Sharing

Gen Z seems to have its ears to the ground on everything. Us Millenni-

als were caught off guard by the terrorist attacks. We news a little bit about the previous 1993 bombing on the WTC. But we were unaware that there was a threat in 2002. Now the U.S. Government has broken down traditional operational walls. Those agencies are sharing critical data globally to disrupt foreign and domestic terror plots before execution. Now we get a news report quite often about plans of attacks being interrupted.

### 7. Greater Cybersecurity Focus

Over the last 25 years technology has expanded from smart homes to AI. We need better cybersecurity more than ever. We look back to 2001, the shock to national infrastructure accelerated the evolution of robust digital data protection and critical infrastructure defense systems.

### 6. Deeper Cultural Literacy

Millennials saw another issue from 9/11 with the lack of cultural knowledge of the attackers. We looked around us and saw many similar faces of the "bad guys" working with us, going to school with us and living among us.

Instead of pushing them away, many Americans started to build an understanding of our Middle Eastern brothers and sisters. We had widespread education and bridging gaps with the Middle East and the Islamic world.

### 5. Enhanced Respiration Care

Another hard-hitting lesson for those at "Ground Zero" that day was the limitation of people who knew cardiopulmonary resuscitation methods. As some people were fighting for their lives and not breathing, several individuals didn't know CPR. We saw an increase in specialized medical tracking and lung care programs for Ground Zero recovery workers that advanced the broader fields of occupational medicine and pulmonary science in the past 25 years.

### 4. Better PTSD Treatment

Staying on the medical side, mental health awareness increased across the country after 9/11. Those who watched on TV that day were affected. Just imagine those brave souls on the frontline trying to rescue others. The pain felt by those who suffered physically but survived to



endure mental torture.

Many died that day and their loved ones are still here today to deal with the pain. We have focused medical research into post-traumatic stress disorder. This has improved therapy options for both combat veterans and civilian trauma survivors.

### 3. Stronger Aviation Defense

Our airplanes were used as weapons against us. One of the safest forms of travel and used quite often for business and leisure, airplanes were not going anywhere after 9/11. We had two days of no air-space travel after the trag-

edy. We had to figure out ways to prevent hijackers from getting on board and if they reached the plane they couldn't take it over. We have reinforced cockpit doors, rigorous federal screening, and vigilant passenger awareness made commercial flight far less vulnerable to hijackings.

### 2. Advanced Emergency Coordination

The initial shock of the planes hitting the buildings caught everybody off guard. Our public servants stumbled for a second and had to figure out on the fly what to do to save as many lives as possible. Now our

first responder agencies integrated their communication networks. The police and firefighters have moved past old rivalries to cooperate seamlessly during local and national crises.

### 1. Expanded Disaster Readiness

Lastly, with our first responders more knowledgeable, a federal agency (Department of Homeland Security) formed from this tragedy and the images of that day still in our minds, we will be better prepared for another 9/11. Prevention is our best offense, but if there was a plan to slip through

the cracks, every major city in the USA is better prepared. Cities and businesses everywhere built comprehensive crisis management and evacuation plans to help save lives during natural and man-made disasters in 2026.

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# Campbell Clinic takes over area sidelines and gyms

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Campbell Clinic Becomes the Mid-South's Largest High School Sports Medicine Network with Expansion of Sports Medicine Outreach Program. New partnerships with Houston High School, Memphis University School, Lakeland Preparatory School, Millington Central High School and DeSoto Central High School grow Campbell Clinic's physician-led athletic training and sports medicine program to 19 schools across Tennessee and North Mississippi*

MEMPHIS — Campbell Clinic Orthopaedics is proud to announce the expansion of its nationally recognized Sports Medicine Outreach Program through new partnerships with Houston High School, Memphis University School (MUS), Lakeland Preparatory School, Millington Central High School and DeSoto Central High

School. With these additions, Campbell Clinic now provides comprehensive sports medicine services to 19 high schools throughout the Mid-South and North Mississippi, creating the region's largest integrated high school sports medicine network.

The program combines fellowship-trained orthopaedic sports medicine physicians and surgeons with certified athletic trainers embedded with the school's athletic program, providing student-athletes with immediate access to expert injury prevention, evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation, emergency care, and return-to-play management.

For decades, Campbell Clinic has invested in the health and safety of student-athletes by bringing orthopaedic specialists and certified athletic trainers directly to schools throughout the region. This latest expansion reinforces the practice's commitment to ensuring young athletes have access to the highest level of sports medicine

care, from the sidelines and training room to the operating room and back to competition.

"Campbell Clinic has always believed that exceptional sports medicine begins where athletes compete every day," said Daniel Shumate, Chief Executive Officer of Campbell Clinic.

Houston High School will be served by Dr. Matthew Gilbert, an orthopaedic sports medicine physician and proud Houston High School alumnus and a multi-sport athlete, having played both baseball and football at Houston.

"Houston High played an important role in shaping who I am today," said Dr. Matthew Gilbert. "It's incredibly meaningful to return to my alma mater and care for the next generation of Mustang athletes. My goal is to help every student-athlete stay healthy, recover quickly, and safely return to the sports they love."

Dr. David Spence (pediatric orthopaedic/sports medicine surgeon) and Dr. Tyler Brolin (shoulder/elbow

orthopaedic surgeon) will serve as team physicians for Memphis University School (MUS). Dr. Spence, an MUS alumnus, Class of 1997, returns to the school where his own athletic journey began.

"MUS has always been a special place to me," said Dr. David Spence. "It's an honor to give back to a school that helped shape my life by caring for its student-athletes. I look forward to working alongside the coaches, athletic trainers, students, and families to help keep these athletes performing at their best."

Dr. Austin Hardaway, sports medicine surgeon and an Arlington High School alumnus, will provide sports medicine surgical coverage for Lakeland Preparatory School, and Dr. Mariam Mansour will provide primary care sports medicine coverage.

Campbell Clinic will also provide comprehensive sports medicine services to Millington Central High School and DeSoto Central High School. In terms of the

practice's presence in North Mississippi, Campbell Clinic already serves Horn Lake High School, Center Hill High School, and Southaven High School.

Whether in the Shelby County, Tipton County, DeSoto County or other areas in the Mid-South region, Campbell Clinic's sports medicine services help ensure that student-athletes have access to nationally recognized orthopaedic specialists and certified athletic trainers.

A cornerstone of Campbell Clinic's outreach program is its team of 29 certified athletic trainers, who are embedded within each partner school and serve as the first line of care for student-athletes throughout the school year.

"Our athletic trainers become part of each school's athletic family," said Thaddeus Avery, Manager of Athletic Training Services at Campbell Clinic. "We're there every day—not just on Friday nights—to help prevent injuries, respond when they happen, guide recovery, and advocate for

every student-athlete. Having our physicians and certified athletic trainers working together gives schools and families confidence that their athletes are receiving not just emergency care, but the highest level of sports medicine preventative care."

Today, Campbell Clinic's Sports Medicine Outreach Program represents the Mid-South's largest integrated high school sports medicine network, serving 19 high schools across Tennessee and North Mississippi. In addition, Campbell Clinic physicians proudly serve as the official team physicians for University of Memphis Athletics, CBU Athletics, Rhodes College, Memphis Redbirds and numerous other professional teams and clubs.

As Campbell Clinic continues to expand its outreach efforts, its mission remains unchanged: to keep athletes healthy, prevent injuries whenever possible, and provide world-class orthopaedic care that helps athletes safely return to the activities they love.

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The shape of creation must somehow mirror and reveal the shape of the Creator. We must have a God at least as big as the universe. Otherwise, our view of God becomes irrelevant, constricted, and more harmful than helpful. The Christian image of a torturous shell and God as a petty tyrant has not helped us to know, trust, or love God ... or anything or anyone else. If we understand God as Trinity ... the fountain fullness of overflowing love, and relationship itself ... there is no theological possibility of any hatred or vengeance in God.

Divinity, which is revealed as Love Itself, will eventually overcome all things. God does not fall short (see John 6:37-39) We are all saved by mercy. This is an orthodox opinion! As we recite the Apostle's Creed (traditional version) we find the curious phrase: "[Jesus] descended into hell." Scholars believe that since Christ went into hell, that means hell "is hell no longer ... because love dwells in it." Jesus the Christ and hell cannot coexist; once Jesus got there, the whole game of punishment was over, as it were. A basic principle of nonviolence is that we cannot achieve good by doing bad.

If this is true, any notion of an actual "geographic" hell is unnecessary and in my opinion, destructive of the very restorative notion of the whole Gospel. Many theologians and scholars (both conservative and liberal) remind listeners that heaven and hell are not physical places at all. They are states of being in which we dwell either in loving relationship with God or one of separation from the source of all life and joy. If that is true, there are plenty of people on earth who are in both heaven and hell right now.

Heaven is not about belonging to the right group or following the correct rituals. It is about having the right attitude toward existence. There are just as many peoples of other religions who live in love ... serving their neighbor and the poor ... as there are Christians. Jesus says there will be deep regret ... "wailing and grinding of teeth" (Luke 13:28) ... when we realize how wrong we were. Be prepared to be surprised about who is living a life of love and service and who is not! This should keep us all humble and recognizing it is not even any of our business who is going to heaven. (Judging ...) What makes us think that our little minds and hearts could discern the mind and heart of anyone else?

Further, Jesus never really taught "the immortality of the soul" as we understand it. That was Plato, Jesus taught the immortality of love. If we have never really loved anyone or anything, I doubt we are at all capable of eternity. We simply die. A torture chamber was an unfortunate metaphor to keep people from never loving, trusting, or hoping. I am not sure it ever really worked because you cannot threaten people into love.

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Here are the rankings going into Week 4

WEEK 4

- Munford (2-0) vs. Woodford, Ky.  
W 61-0 vs. Millington
- Briarcrest (3-0) vs. Father Ryan  
W 42-17 @ Ensworth
- St. George's (3-0) vs. Jackson Christian  
W 42-0 @ FACS
- Arlington (3-0) vs. Ridgeway  
W 41-0 vs. Hamilton
- CBHS (3-0) vs. MBA  
W 48-21 vs. Lausanne
- St. Benedict (3-0) vs. Kingsbury  
W 37-10 vs. Fayette Academy
- Covington (2-1) vs. Brighton  
W 67-14 vs. Douglass
- Germantown (2-1) vs. Whitehaven  
W 65-0 vs. Sheffield
- Brighton (2-1) @ Covington  
L 28-12 vs. Jackson Central-Merry
- Cordova (2-1) vs. White Station  
L 43-6 vs. Center Hill (Miss.)

WEEK 3

- Munford
- Briarcrest
- St. George's
- Arlington
- CBHS
- Cordova
- Brighton
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