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## Board approves Development Agreement for Forked River Commons Outparcel 3

By Bill Short  
*The Millington Star*

The Millington Board of Mayor and Aldermen has unanimously approved a non-residential Development Agreement for Outparcel No. 3 in the Forked River Commons shopping center.

Board members took the action during their March 11 regular monthly meeting on a motion offered by Alderman Bethany Huffman and seconded by Alderman Mike Caruthers.

BRG Development Partners owns a 1.79-acre tract zoned PD, Planned Development, in front of the shopping center that the company will develop into a three-bay commercial building.

At two regular meetings last fall, the Millington Planning Commission separately approved the Site Plan and design submitted for the outparcel building.

A bond amount of \$13,568 was approved by the commission at its March 18 meeting.

The outparcel is on the west side of Highway 51 and north of where the LongHorn Steakhouse restaurant will be located.

At the commission's October 2023 meeting, City Planner Nathaniel McHaffie noted that the building will be slightly more than 10,000 square feet, with a drive-through on the south end of it. An ATM will be located on the back of the site.

While 50 parking spaces are required, McHaffie said there

will be 74, with four "van-accessible" spaces.

Although the seven "queuing spaces" in the drive-through will exceed the city's requirements, he noted that queuing had not been marked for the ATM.

McHaffie said stormwater detention for this outparcel is "already handled" by the main shopping center development.

The commission approved the Site Plan with the following conditions:

- (1) A photometric Site Plan must be provided that does not exceed 5 foot-candles.
- (2) The ATM queuing must be striped for at least three cars.
- (3) Yellow-detectable surfaces that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act must be provided on the handicapped ramps.
- (4) Location of the irrigation water tap must be shown on the Utility Plan.

At the commission's December 2023 meeting, McHaffie said the building will consist of the Exterior Insulation Finishing System, which is artificial plaster.

He noted that the EIFS part will be an off-white color, and the bottom 3 feet of the building will be a gray brick façade.

McHaffie also said there will be a red "accent" awning for the middle tenant that is compatible with the city's Design Guidelines.

The rear and east elevation will be block on the rear wall.

Signage will have to be approved separately.



PHOTO BY THOMAS SELLERS JR.

This week Ulta Beauty will have a grand opening in the Forked River Commons shopping center in Millington. Ulta Beauty, Inc., formerly known as Ulta Salon, Cosmetics & Fragrance Inc. and before 2000 as Ulta3, is an American chain of beauty stores headquartered in Bolingbrook, Ill.

# THE Super Bunny

From Facebook: Millington Municipal Schools Superintendent had several from the district declare "Our Superintendent is better than yours!" James "Bo" Griffin, the Super Bunny, made an appearance at the Millington Primary School for the Kindergarten Egg Hunt along with the cute administration bunnies. Everyone had fun including School Officer Jeff Gibson.



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### Food Pantry

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TRA Head Softball Coach Johnie Sanfratello stood in the center of his first Lady Rebel team and current squad Saturday morning on Alumni Day before celebrating the 2014 championship team. PHOTOS BY THOMAS SELLERS JR.

# Full Circle

Lady Rebel Softball honors 2014 champions, 2024 squad leaves positive impression

By Thomas Sellers Jr.  
Millington Star Editor

The faces looked the same but some of the names had changed. The 2014 Division II Class A State Softball champions Tipton-Rosemark Academy Lady Rebels were back at their old stomping grounds Saturday morning. The 2024 TRA Softball Alumni Day was the perfect chance for the championship reunion. The Covington Lady Chargers were the opponents 2024 edition of the Lady Rebels, but the pregame festivities were all about the 2014 TRA legends. "It feels good to be

back," former TRA Lady Rebel Taylor Beasley said. "It makes me miss it, makes me emotional. It has gone by so fast. Seems like it was just yesterday." Beasley joined her teammates, head coach Johnie Sanfratello and assistant coach Stephanie Wehrer reflecting on the special run a decade ago. Back in 2014, the Lady Rebels started their run in Murfreesboro with a 2-1 victory over Ezell-Harding. Ashton Needham was the force for TRA in the circle going all seven innings with 9 strikeouts. The following day the Lady Rebels took care of business against the rival USJ Lady Bruins 6-4

to earn a spot in the title game. An eighth grade Rachel Whitley teamed up with Needham to neutralize the USJ lineup. A three-run sixth inning sparked TRA to victory. Next up was Davidson Academy on championship Friday. The Lady Rebels prevailed 8-4 to capture the program's second State title. "The thing I remember most is how much I love my team and we did it together," Beasley said. "It feels good to be back with the girls, it feels like just the other day. Just like high school, 10 years later it feels the same." Prior to the first pitch between Covington and TRA, it was time to call

out all the 2014 players one-by-one. Some of the girls had titles like doctor proceed their name. Others had a new last name. "Life has been good, I have a real job now, Beasley said. "I am a teacher. I just got engaged. All my friends are having babies and getting married. We've grown up. After high school it gets real." The public address read out Taylor Beasley, Bethany Berger, Ashton Needham, Jordyn Thornell, Jordan Collins, Rachel Whitley, Katie Diggs, Anna Claire Williams, Sally Downing, Kellie Owen, Sarah Downing and Kayla Joynor. Once the reunion pho-

to was taken, the former Lady Rebels disbanded to hang out with the crowd and watch the current group keep the tradition going. "They look good, sharp," Beasley said. "They have it all together. I think they have a good road ahead of them. "TRA Softball means family, support and loving each other," she concluded. "The coaches are great. The teams are great. It's a family for sure — a big sisterhood." The 2024 Lady Rebels made Alumni Day a success with a 16-1 win over the Lady Chargers. TRA scored 12 of those runs in the first inning starting with a leadoff Brooke

Harrison triple. Lola Sprenkle knocked in Harrison with a single to make the score 1-1. TRA took the lead for good when Neely Grantham smacked a base hit to score Sprenkle. Lanie Howe singled in two runners to make the tally 4-1. Ahead 6-1, Sprenkle was at it again with a base hit to drive in a runner. Then the hot bat of Addie Thorpe continued to produce with a two-run single. The final run of the inning was driven in by Allison Willis. Grantham settled down after giving up one run in the first frame to neutralize the Covington lineup for the victory.



**BRIGHTON WINS IN 6 INNINGS OVER COVINGTON**

**10-0**

# Double Trouble!

COURTESY PHOTO The Brighton Lady Cardinals beat Covington 10-0 in six innings last week. Lady Cardinal senior Adin Shelton had three hits, including two home runs. She scored three runs, and had five RBIs. Aliya Garcia went three for four with two RBIs. Sophomore Keagan Stepp had two hits and scored three runs. Laney Lawson pitched all six innings against the Lady Chargers, allowing three hits and had five strikeouts.

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# Tale of Two Games

Lady Trojans dominated four innings of action, Munford's three terrific innings good enough for win

By Thomas Sellers Jr.  
Millington Star Sports Editor

Normally when a team scores 15 runs and holds a 12-3 advantage at one point of a softball game, that head coach leaves the field satisfied and victorious.

Millington Lady Trojan Skipper Kasey Craddock exited her home field Thursday night puzzled because rival and now district foe the Munford Lady Cougars earned a 22-15 victory with 19-0 run at one stretch.

"They just picked up on our pitching, even when we changed it," Craddock noted. "They scored a few and got momentum. We made some major errors and then they were hitting them where we couldn't catch them with people on base.

"It was definitely the perfect storm," she added. "We had pitch charts and all of that. They were just seeing it."

Millington was seeing Munford pitching well in the early innings grabbing a 3-2 lead in the first inning. Lady Trojan Riley Washburn had a RBI double and Shelby Pindell singled in the go-ahead run.

The Lady Trojans surged ahead 5-2 in the second inning featuring a Kaleigh Wilston RBI base hit.

After the Lady Cougars stretched out a run in the top of the third, Millington put together another three-run frame. Breanna Husley drove in a pair of runners with a single.

Then the Lady Trojans seemed to put the game away in the fourth inning with four runs highlighted by a Grace Bell RBI triple off the wall. The Lady Cougars faced a 12-3 deficit heading into the fifth inning and a crossroad.

"Yesterday we had, I don't want to say a 'Come to Jesus' meeting, I think it all came together at practice yesterday," Munford Head Coach Raygan Huffman said. "We had a practice before we were supposed to play Raleigh-Egypt. We were on a losing streak. I was like 'This is not Munford



PHOTO BY THOMAS SELLERS JR.

The early moments of last Thursday's showdown at the Lady Trojan Softball Field was dominated by the host Lady Trojans with senior Rilee Ervin scoring one of 12 runs for Millington. Then Munford exploded for 19 runs in the final three frames including a grand slam homer from freshman catcher Gracie Williams (left) to eventually prevail 22-15.



Softball.

"I think they were tired of it," she added. "They had the fight in them. I told them, 'You can either shut down and go home. Or we can come back and finish it. Tonight they finally finished and I think Munford Softball is back on track.'"

Getting back on track against Millington started with Gracie Williams driving in a run with a bases loaded single. The fifth inning concluded with the score 12-6.

Then Munford exploded for six runs in the sixth inning to deadlock the game at 12-12. Williams was the star once again.

Facing another bases load at bat, the freshman hit her second homer of the season to tie the game.

"I think tonight is the turning point because this coming up week, there's no turning back now," Huffman said. "They have to keep the feeling of what they just did in their minds and know that a comeback is always possible."

Munford completed the comeback with 10 runs in the top of the seventh inning to make the score 22-12. Millington displayed some grit scoring three runs in the seventh to make the final tally 22-15.

"Kasey is going to make a program and they are a scrappy team," Huffman said. "They hit the ball well. My pitchers have to hit some spots and we can't be having errors in the field. I think if we cut a lot of that out we both cut down the score a lot. Millington is a scrappy team and they'll be on the come up for sure. They're a team to look out for."

Craddock took a positive from the seven-run loss for her team as well.

"Building from last year, we got run-ruled twice," she recalled. "We only scored one run on them before. We came in tonight and had a chance to pull away with it. I think it added fuel to their fire.

"They're defeated because they hate to lose," Craddock concluded. "But they're not defeated because they are excited to see what I've been telling them they could do."

# Hit, Then Run

Lady Trojans building offensive chemistry against White Station

By Thomas Sellers Jr.  
Millington Star Sports Editor

Millington Lady Trojans Head Softball Coach Kasey Craddock was excited around February about the start of the 2024 season.

Fast forward to March 26, the Lady Trojans entered the day with only three games on the record. After picking up a win over district opponent Raleigh-Egypt to begin the day, Millington pulled out the welcome mat for the White Station Lady Spartans to get some reps.

"Season has been going good but slow," Craddock acknowledged. "We've got rained out a couple of times. I feel like we're behind because we haven't played a lot.

"I feel like we're behind but we're learning," she continued. "I think it actually has been pretty good because we've been learning. We've had more practice time. Time to figure things out."

The Lady Trojans figured things out against White Station only leading 2-0 after two innings. With a couple of adjustments, Millington used a 13-run rally to end the game with the Lady Spartans 15-0 in three innings.

"We had to adjust at the plate," Craddock said. "Their pitcher was throwing pretty good but it's a little slower than what we're used to. The first inning we were kind of slow at the plate.

"That's what we've been talking about adjusting, either to the umpire or to the pitcher," she continued. "The young ones are making good strides."

One of the young ones in



the lineup is Jade Fowler. The eighth grader bats leadoff and kept the Millington rally flowing in the third inning.

Lady Trojan starting pitcher Riley Washburn began the frame with a walk. Then Hayley Stevens struck a double. Kaleigh Wilston drove in Washburn with a base hit to make the score 3-0.

After Madalin Dotson drew a walk, senior outfielder Shelby Pindell crushed a double to center field to make the tally 6-0.

Rilee Ervin came up in the nine-spot and singled. Fowler was up next and drove a base hit through the White Station defense for an RBI.

After Grace Bell walked, Breanna Husley reached on an error and two runs crossed the plate to make the score 9-0. Washburn's sacrifice fly made the tally 10-0.

Freshman Hayley Stevens kept up the pace with another hit in the frame. Her single made the score 11-0.

Wilston singled again and Dotson reached base once again with a walk. Pindell drove the ball to the wall but the catch limited her to a sacrifice fly making the tally 12-0.

Ervin made the score 14-0 with a base hit and Fowler ended the game with a fielder's choice RBI.

"We started that lineup in our second game," Craddock noted. "We like it. We have a leadoff and another leadoff in the nine-hole. We have speed and speed sandwiched in there with our heavy hitters."

Craddock said the arms in the circle are looking good and can use the reps to prepare for May with Washburn, Fowler and Husley.



PHOTOS BY THOMAS SELLERS JR.  
The Brighton Cardinals and Millington Trojans opened up district 2024 with a doubleheader at the new-look Cardinal Field. Originally scheduled for Monday at Millington, rain forced a two-game set in Brighton. The Cards won the doubleheader against Trojans 10-0 and 9-0 respectively led by pitchers MJ Parimore and Jaxon Tillman in the first game. The duo combined for the shutout. And Cardinal hurler Brady Ray had a no hitter vs. the Trojans in the second game to start Brighton 2-0 in league play.

## aroundTOWN

### City Beautiful Mulch Giveaway

The Millington City Beautiful Commission will host a free mulch giveaway starting on April 6 and will conclude May 18. New times are 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. If you would like to volunteer contact CBC via Facebook Messenger. The giveaway is located in the recycling area of Millington Public Works on Jack Huffman Road.

### Mid-South Military Museum Info

The Mid-South Military Museum, Inc., located at 10021 Old Memphis Road in Atoka has outgrown its present location.

"We are now in the process of trying to acquire a new location in Millington on the north side of the Navy Base.

"If we get the location we want, we will go from a present 5,000 square feet to about 51,000 square feet. We would be able to enlarge our display and be able to take on many more items to display."

The museum will need volunteers to help with the remodeling of the building, donations of money and donations of military artifacts for display. The museum is looking for support to start the process that will help it have enough space to put on reenactments and other special events. The museum will have a library, snack bar, gift shops, genealogy research area, welcome center and space to hold traveling displays. For more information or to donation, call 355-5247

### Senior Club

The Millington Senior Citizens 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 Thursday of each month at the Millington IDB Building located at 7965 Veterans Parkway. The public is welcomed to attend.

### TOPS Weekly Meeting

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets weekly at the Baker Community Center located at 7942

Church Street on Fridays from 9:30 to 10 a.m. TOPS is a non-profit weight-loss support group and is very affordable. Your first meeting is free. Everyone is welcome who wished to lose weight. TOPS is available to men, women and children from age 7 to 100-plus. Go to TOPS.ORG for more information.

### Millington Library

The Library hosts free Adult Ukulele Lessons every Monday at 5 p.m., and there are other events like Afternoon Storytime at the Millington Public Library. For more information, call 872-1585 or visit 4858 Navy Road in Millington.

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### 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.

### MPD Rule the Road Coming

The Millington Police Department will host "Rule the Road" Event on May 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Roadmaster Driving School located at 8050 Singleton Avenue for all teen drivers (ages 15-18). The Millington Police Department, in partnership with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office and Alliance Highway Safety, is excited to host the "Rule the Road" event. This free program provides teen drivers with the opportunity to: gain valuable knowledge and skills beyond standard driver's education, receive hands-on instruction from certified emergency vehicle operators, practice essential driving maneuvers in a safe and controlled environment, and learn about the dangers of distracted and impaired driving.

Activities include controlled braking course, off-set lane station, evasive maneuvering course, distracted/impaired driving simulator, impaired driving course with a field sobriety test, seat belt convincer and blind spot recognition station. Don't miss this chance to improve your driving skills and knowledge. Requirements are valid driver's license or permit, personal vehicle and space is limited. Register today and for more information, go to <https://rule-the-road.ticketleap.com/rule-the-road-memphis24/>

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### SHELBY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2029 AND FY 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2015-2019 and 2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLANS

Shelby County Department of Housing will hold a public hearing to discuss Shelby County Department of Housing (SCDH) has prepared a draft of the Federal 5-Year Consolidated Plan for Shelby County Fiscal Years 2025-2029 and Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1 2024-June 30, 2025). The Annual Action Plan for FY2025 (HUD Program Year 2024) is required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Grant Entitlement funds. The Proposed Annual Action Plan describes activities proposed by SCDH to address housing and community development needs, especially needs in low- to moderate- income areas of Shelby County outside of the City of Memphis.

The proposed 5-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for FY25 will be available for public review from April 10, 2024 – May 10, 2024. The plans will be made available online at [www.develop901.com/housing](http://www.develop901.com/housing) and physical copies will be held at 6465 Mullins Station Rd, Memphis TN 38134 and at the following library branches across Shelby County: Benjamin Hooks Central Library, Arlington Library, Bartlett Library, Collierville Library, Germantown Library and Millington Library. SCDH will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed plans, amendments and updated joint Equity Plan to address fair housing needs with both in person and virtual attendance options on April 22, 2024 at 12:00pm and 5:30pm.

In Person Attendance Option: Shelby County Code Enforcement, Training Room, 6465 Mullins Station Road Memphis, TN 38134. Attendees should enter the Code Enforcement Building through the Training Room entrance; upon walking up to the building, attendees will need to follow the signage that leads to the Training Room.

Virtual Attendance Option: A virtual option to join is also provided, and participants can join the meeting with a computer, tablet, or smartphone at <https://www.gotomeet.me/DanaSjostrom> or dialing in from a phone +1 (224) 501-3412, Access Code 169-900-933 at the above noted meeting time.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and have special needs, please contact the Department of Housing at (901) 222-7600 by 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 19, 2024 and we will work to accommodate you. Citizen input and public participation is strongly encouraged.

The consolidated planning process for FY 2025-2029 serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to identify housing and community development priorities that align and focus funding from the CPD formula block grant programs Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs. The FY 2025 Annual Action Plan establishes the basis for the use of entitlement funds for the period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. The primary purpose of this hearing is to receive comments on the proposed FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan as well as for the FY 2025 Annual Action Plan during the public comment period. Shelby County anticipates receiving level funding for the upcoming program year; \$1,169,819.00 in CDBG and \$472,756.00 in HOME funds in Program Year 2024/Fiscal Year 2025. If these anticipated resources differ from actual 2024 allocations, SCDH proposes adjusting funding for each activity either up or down according to the following order of priority: 1- Housing Rehabilitation and Minor Home Repair, 2- Community Development Projects responsive to high priority non-housing community development needs, and 3- Public Service Activities.

Shelby County expects to submit the Consolidated Plan for FY 2025-2029 and the Annual Plan for FY 2025 to HUD on or before May 15, 2024 following a 30 day review and comment period April 10, 2024 through May 10, 2024. Note that there is currently a delay in HUD's allocation announcements, and the plans will be submitted to HUD within 60 days following the actual allocation announcement. Anticipated resources are based on level funding from FY2024 and are as follows.:

Anticipated Resources	CDBG	HOME	Total Funds
Allocation	\$1,169,819	\$472,756	\$1,642,575
Match	\$-	\$106,370	\$106,370.10
Prior Year Unallocated	\$100,000	\$100,000	
Program income	\$75,000	\$30,000	\$105,000.00
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$1,344,819</b>	<b>\$709,126</b>	<b>\$2,053,945</b>

Project Name	CDBG	HOME	TOTAL
Housing Rehab/Minor Home Repair	\$175,855	\$590,937	\$766,792
CHDO Set-aside	\$-	\$70,913	\$70,913
Community Development/Infrastructure Projects	\$650,000	\$-	\$650,000
Public Service	\$75,000	\$-	\$75,000
Program Delivery	\$210,000	\$-	\$210,000
Administration and Planning	\$233,963	\$47,275.60	\$281,239
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,344,819</b>	<b>\$709,126</b>	<b>\$2,053,945</b>

Entire 5-Year Strategic Planning Period FY2025-2029 (PY24-PY28)			
Project Name	CDBG	HOME	TOTAL
Housing Rehab/Minor Home Repair	\$879,276	\$2,954,685	\$3,833,961
CHDO Set-aside	\$-	\$443,202.83	\$443,202
Community Development/Infrastructure Projects	\$3,250,000	\$-	\$3,250,000
Public Service	\$375,000	\$-	\$375,000
Program Delivery	\$1,050,000	\$-	\$1,050,000
Administration and Planning	\$1,169,819	\$236,378	\$1,406,197
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,724,095</b>	<b>\$3,634,266</b>	<b>\$10,358,361</b>

In addition to the Consolidated Five-Year and Annual Action Plans, the Department of Housing will provide the results of the updated Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice: A joint Equity Plan to address housing needs to address disparities in access to affordable, quality housing. The hearing will also provide an update on current activities under the CDBG and HOME Programs including HOME-ARP, information on Section 3 contracting opportunities; and will provide information on other programs operated by the Department of Housing.

In accordance with section 218(g) of the Appropriations Bill 42 USC 12748(g), SCDH is reprogramming the 2018-2021 HOME Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) setaside funds to increase the amount available for homeowner rehabilitation in the amount of \$244,758.15. This amends the 2015-2019 and 2020-2024 Consolidated Plans. In addition, after June 30, 2024 SCDH will reprogram PY2024/FY2025 CHDO funds in the amount of \$71,860.95 to increase the budget available to homeowner rehabilitation.

Persons wishing to comment on the Consolidated Plan for FY 2025-2029 and/or the FY 2025 Annual Action Plan and/or the proposed amendments to Consolidated Plans for 2015-2019 and 2020-2024 may do so by writing to Dana Sjostrom via email [dana.sjostrom@shelbycountytg.gov](mailto:dana.sjostrom@shelbycountytg.gov) or mail Shelby County Department of Housing, 6465 Mullins Station Road, Memphis, TN 38134. For additional information contact the Department of Housing at 901-222-7600 or TTY at 901-222-2300.

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Para mas información en Español, por favor llame al 901-222-7601.

Lee Harris  
Mayor

Scott Walkup, Administrator  
Shelby County Department of Housing

## GLENN C. BILLINGS

Glenn C. Billings, 72, of Atoka, passed away on March 22, 2024, at Baptist Hospital Memphis. The family received friends on March 25 at Munford Funeral Home – Munford Chapel. A graveside service was on March 26 in Helen Crigger Cemetery.

## SARAH ANN COLE

Sarah Ann Cole, 82, was born July 18, 1942, and passed away March 21, 2024. The family received friends April 2 until the Mass at St. Williams Catholic Church, in Millington. Interment was held directly following the Mass at Northridge Woodhaven Cemetery, in Millington. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (StJude.org) or American Cancer Society (cancer.org) in Sarah's Memory.

## GEORGE ALAN CRABB

George Alan Crabb, 80, of Munford, went to be with the Lord Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Baptist East Hospital after a long illness surrounded by his family. George's life was celebrated with a funeral visitation and a graveside service March 28, at Northridge Woodhaven Funeral Home, in Millington.

## DAWN MICHELLE HUTCHERSON

Dawn Michelle Hutcherson, 46, passed away on February 28, 2024 at her home in Munford. Celebration of life services for Mrs. Dawn will be held on Friday, April 5, at Covington Funeral Home. Visitation for friends and family will begin at noon, with the memorial service to begin at 2 p.m. Cremation services are under the direction of Covington Funeral Home.

## EMIKO JONES

Emiko Jones passed away peacefully on March 22, 2024 at the age of 92. Emiko was born and grew up in Osaka, Japan, where she met and married her husband of more than 50 years, Julius W. Jones of the USMC. After years of globetrotting with three children in tow, they landed at Millington Naval Air Station in Tennessee and eventually moved to Memphis, where after retirement they spent the remainder of their years. Emiko was a truly remarkable and determined woman. She earned her associate's degree while working and successfully raising three children. She went on to get her realtor's license and enjoyed a successful career with Century 21. She then went on to a second successful career as a translator/tour guide for Japan Travel Bureau. Emiko was also an amazing cook and was well known for her large dinner parties as well as regular deliveries of baked goods and homemade jams and jellies to friends, family and associates. A truly generous matriarch, she made dinner every night, including Sundays and holidays for her family - always having enough for all who came. Emiko is preceded in death by her husband, Julius Weldon Jones. She is survived by her daughters, Deborah (David) Jones and Patricia Jones; her son, Thomas (Krissy) Jones; her grandson, Ryan (Sarah) Jones; her two great-grandchildren, Cora May and Julius; and her sister, Miyoko Hamano. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Methodist Healthcare Hospice. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Humane Society of Memphis and Shelby County.

## ROY ALAN MEADORS

Roy Alan Meadors, Sr., 78, of Munford, passed away on March 24, 2024, at Methodist Germantown Hospital. The family received friends on March 30 at Munford Funeral Home – Munford Chapel until the memorial service. Mr. Meadors was born on July 3, 1945, to Helen Melba Harsson Meadors and EE "Boots" Meadors at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, TN. He graduated from Munford High School in 1963, among four generations of Meadors to graduate from Munford High School, and then graduated from Memphis State University with his bachelor's degree. He married his beautiful bride, Brenda Hughes Meadors on December 28, 1975. Mr. Meadors coached various sports teams throughout his career from baseball, basketball, softball, and cross country, with a primary emphasis and interest in football, and held titles and served as Vice Principal and Athletic Director at the old Munford High School. He was a teacher/coach at St. Ann's, Covington High School, Munford High School, and Millington High School, with a deep interest in US History and Geography, served as head of the Tipton County Bulldogs and local Dixie Girls Softball, a builder and property developer, and was a member of the Munford City Council and the Planning Commission. He was an avid follower of the St. Louis Cardinals and the University of Memphis Tigers. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Lee Hughes Meadors of Munford, a daughter, Paula Jean Jenkins Meadors of Atoka, two sons, Roy Alan Meadors, Jr. of Lakeland, and Michael Lynn Meadors of Memphis, a brother, Challice Meadors of Drummonds, nine grandchildren, Kelsie Meadors Daniel, Allyson Meadors, Andrew Meadors, Madison Meadors Stewart, McKenzie Meadors, David Jenkins, Jacob Jenkins, Lincoln Jenkins, and Reagan Jenkins, and two great-grandchildren, Benjamin Daniel and Simeon Daniel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Down Syndrome Association of Memphis and Munford Senior Citizen's Center.

## VIEWPOINTS

# Surprises in family trees



As many of you know, I've become a bit of a history junkie. It probably shouldn't surprise me because years ago I began to build out my family tree and have it well up in the thousands now.

But there's some surprises that I've learned while doing Genealogy or helping other people learn how to do theirs.

1. Back in the day, when a child, let's say named William, died, it was not unusual for the next child to be named William as well. This always surprises me—but back then child mortality was so high you had to get child through his fourth or fifth birthday or there wasn't much chance he would carry the name.

2. The dating pool was shallow if you never traveled more than 20 miles from where you were born. Cousins absolutely did marry one another and in fact, it has never been illegal in the state of Tennessee. In Royal circles was encouraged and repeated over generations, and explains many of the birth defects.

3. When people left Europe to immigrate to this country, they were often not ever heard from again. The family would always be desperate to find out if they perished in a shipwreck, died of some disease, were killed by Native Americans, or were actually making a home out on the Great Plains.

4. Many times ships left Europe or other locations with a different number of people than what arrived on the our shores. People who died in route were just buried at sea. Ladies gave birth on the way as well.

5. Similarly, wagon trains would leave North Carolina, and arrive in say, Oklahoma, with a significantly different number of people. The wooden crosses that dotted the landscape along the beaten paths told that story.

6. Almost all Caucasian, longtime west Tennessee inhabitants can trace their family back through North Carolina. This is true for a couple reasons: Tennessee was once part of North Carolina itself. Secondly, as people arrived on the east-

ern Shores, they would begin to move south to look for work or available land, and when they got to North Carolina, most people would move West this way through the Cumberland gap.

7. Last names got misspelled a lot. This happened at musters as people got off ships and spoke with accents to barely literate clerks. This happened frequently in the census, when a semi literate person would be sent out to farms to talk to illiterate people. Examples from my tree include: Peel, Peele, Peelle, Piel, Peal, or Britton, Brighton, Breton, Britton, Button and Bitton.

8. The most famous name mess up I believe is Mendez. That's not an actual name as I understand it originally. It was always Menendez. It was spoken so quickly people heard Menendez as Mendez.

9. Remember, we've only had last names for about 800 years, unless you descend directly from unusual royalty.

Here's a tip if you choose to do your genealogy.

Do not accept all hints without reviewing them first. Do not accept all trees without carefully checking them.

Double check the dates of birth to make sure that someone hasn't accidentally placed a daughter as a mother. Remember names are repeated. That advice will save you many hours and a few pots of coffee.

Happy hunting



**Dave's Raves**

BY DAVID PEEL

## NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE

The Board of Directors of The Industrial Development Board of the City of Millington, Tennessee (the "Board") will hold a regular meeting open to the public on Friday, April 12th, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at the offices of the Board located at 7965 Veterans Parkway, Suite 101, Millington, Tennessee 38053. There will be considered at such meeting such business as may properly come before the Board. There shall be a period for public comment. If a person desires to provide public comment at this meeting, he or she shall make note of such on a sign-up sheet before the meeting begins. This notice is published in compliance with Sections 8-44-101 to 8-44-106, inclusive, Tennessee Code Annotated, and other applicable provisions of law.

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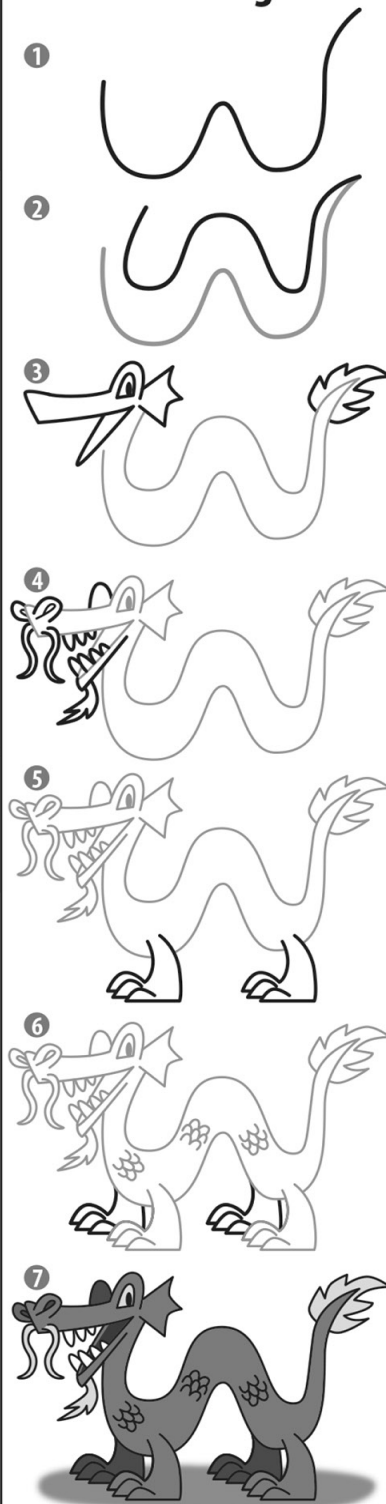
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## Kid Scoop Together

### Did a dragon eat the sun?

In ancient China, some believed that solar eclipses occurred when a dragon ate the Sun. People would bang drums and pots and make all kinds of loud noises during eclipses to frighten the dragon away.

#### Draw a Dragon



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### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **SOLAR**  
The noun **solar** means having to do with the sun.  
We will get special glasses to watch the **solar** eclipse.  
Try to use the word **solar** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

### Write On!

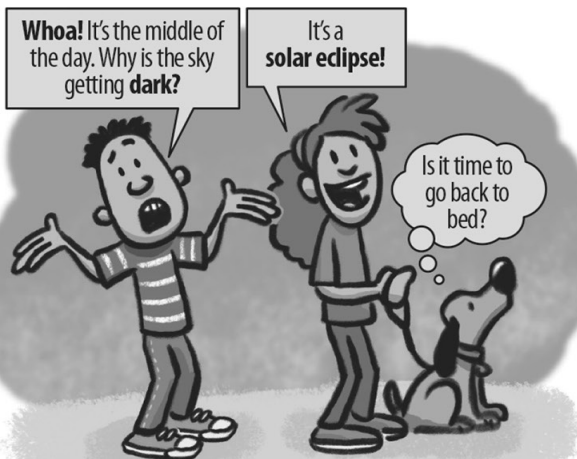
#### Sunny Person

If the Sun was a person, what would they be like?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write using descriptive details.

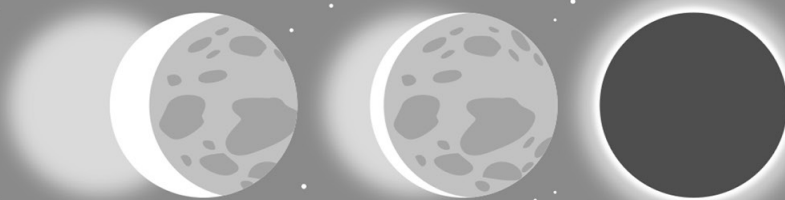
## Solar Eclipse

Imagine, it is daytime and suddenly the birds stop chirping. Animals curl up to go to sleep and the sky begins to darken. It isn't anything to worry about, though. **It's a solar eclipse!**



During a solar eclipse, people and animals sometimes get a little confused!

Standards Link: Describe eclipses of the sun and moon.



A solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth. The Moon blocks all of the Sun's light. This is called a **total solar eclipse**.

Replace the missing words.

**BLOCKS SEE SHADOW DARK PATH ROTATES**

### Where can I watch a solar eclipse?

When the Moon blocks the Sun's light, it casts a \_\_\_\_\_ on part of the Earth. The only people who will \_\_\_\_\_ the total solar eclipse will be people in the \_\_\_\_\_ of totality.

The Moon's shadow follows a long path as the Earth \_\_\_\_\_. This is called the **path of totality**. In that path, the Moon completely \_\_\_\_\_ the Sun's light for a few minutes. It gets so \_\_\_\_\_ that it looks like nighttime!



### What is a partial solar eclipse?

Sometimes the Moon only blocks part of the Sun's light. This is called a **partial solar eclipse**.

### Extra! Extra! Grammar Eclipse

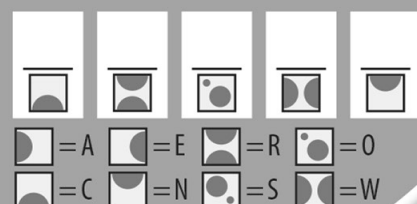
Select two sentences from the newspaper. In one sentence, black out each of the nouns. In the other, black out each of the vowels. Give the sentences to a partner. Which one is easier for them to understand? The one without nouns, or the one without vowels?

Standards Link: Recognize vowels; identify nouns.

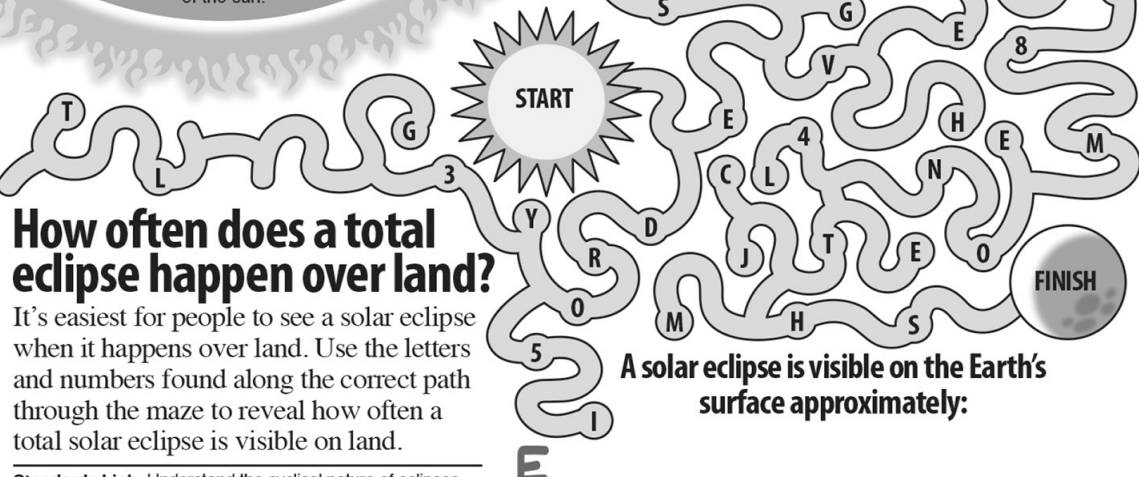
## Surprising Corona

The sun is surrounded by a layer of gases that are hard to see until a total eclipse. This layer is called the **corona**. The corona is very dim. It's usually hard to see because the Sun is so much brighter.

During an eclipse, the corona shines around the outside of the moon's shadow. Use the code to discover what the word **corona** means.



Standards Link: Describe features of the sun.



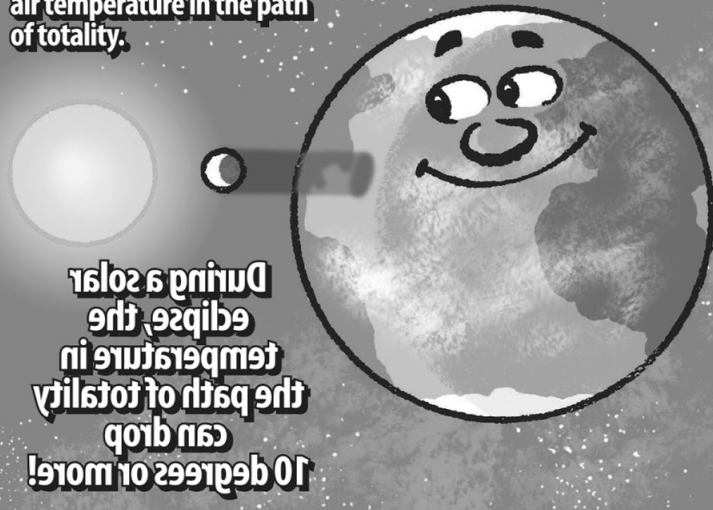
### How often does a total eclipse happen over land?

It's easiest for people to see a solar eclipse when it happens over land. Use the letters and numbers found along the correct path through the maze to reveal how often a total solar eclipse is visible on land.

Standards Link: Understand the cyclical nature of eclipses.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

**SUPER COOL:** During a solar eclipse, the Moon not only blocks the light of the Sun, but it also temporarily blocks the Sun's warming rays. Hold this page up to a mirror to see how this can affect the air temperature in the path of totality.



### Double Double Word Search

- CORONA
- DARK
- DIM
- EARTH
- ECLIPSE
- LAND
- LAYER
- MOON
- PARTIAL
- PATH
- SHADOW
- SHINES
- SOLAR
- SUN
- TOTAL

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



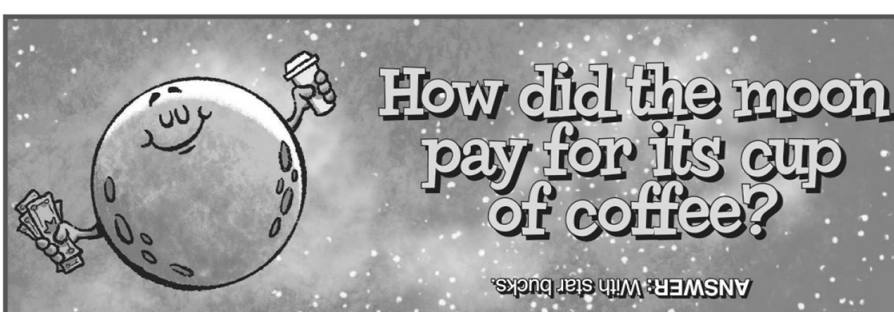
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

#### Out of the Shadows

Good reporters are said to shine light on problems—to take them out of the shadows. Find a newspaper article about a problem. If the reporter hadn't written about this, would you have learned about the problem?

Standards Link: Write to express an opinion.



### Write On!

#### Sunny Person

If the Sun was a person, what would they be like?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write using descriptive details.



# Mom's Secret CASSEROLE

**Beef**

**Dinner**

**Casserole**

**Time: 1 hour    Yield: 8 servings**

## About

Our mom always taught us it's not good to keep a secret... but for some reason, she would never tell anyone what all she put into her famous bake; she humorously titled it Mom's Secret Casserole. Well, after years and years of begging, something finally clicked and she decided to come clean! We finally know what goes into the beefy, creamy-tomato, veggie-infused, cheesy, mashed potato-topped goodness we've indulged in since our early years. And now, you get to enjoy it, too! In under an hour, you can experience all the yummy ingredients our sweet momma came up with to make the beloved bake we still love to call Mom's Secret Casserole!



## Directions

**Step 1** - Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

**Step 2** - Lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.

**Step 3** - Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil.

**Step 4** - Add the potatoes to the boiling water and cook until tender but still firm, about 15 minutes.

**Step 5** - Drain the water from the pot and mash the potatoes.

**Step 6** - In a large skillet over medium-high heat, add the beef and the onion, cooking until the beef is browned and the onion is tender, about 5-7 minutes.

**Step 7** - Drain the fat from the meat mixture and crumble the beef.

**Step 8** - Stir the carrots, the green beans, the cream of mushroom soup, and the condensed tomato soup into the meat mixture.

**Step 9** - Pour the meat mixture into the prepared baking dish and top with the mashed potatoes.

**Step 10** - Sprinkle the potatoes with the cheese.

**Step 11** - Bake, uncovered, until the potatoes are lightly browned, about 30 minutes.

**Step 12** - Serve.

## Ingredients

- 8 large potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1 pound of lean ground beef
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1 (15-ounce) can carrots, drained
- 1 (15-ounce) can green beans, drained
- 1 (10.75-ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 (10.75-ounce) can condensed tomato soup
- 3/4 cup cheddar cheese, shredded



COURTESY PHOTOS

Arnold Schwarzenegger became a legit superstar with a series of awesome action movies in the 1980s like 1985's Commando. Below: Patrick Swayze had an action hero breakout role with 1989's Road House.

# 80's Action Heroes

### Going back four decades to rank the best from the golden era of the genre

Let's go back four decades and my childhood to shine The Best Sellers' List Spotlight on the action heroes who inspired me as a youth.

The 10 men I will identify as my best action stars of the 1980s motivated me to jump off the roof of my parent's home, leap fences, hide in bushes and build fake guns out of cardboard.

I even begged my mom to buy me a four-missile cannon, that should give away my No. 1 action hero of that era.

The 1980s was a magical time for music, art, sports and entertainment. Everything was bright, loud and to the max. The 10 selections exemplify cheesy one-liners, survival of impossible odds and a knack for destroying the competition. Let's jump into the list like Bruce Willis in 'Die Hard' and smoothly approach each entry as if we're Roger Moore in a James Bond flick.

#### 10. Harrison Ford Favorite Film: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom

One of the top leading men of all time, Harrison Ford was associated with some major movie franchises since the 1970s.

I have never seen a Star Wars movie, therefore I can't rank Mr. Ford any higher on this list. I've only been able to watch one Indiana Jones film in my lifetime and 'The Temple of Doom' meets my criteria for great one liners, memorable moments and a great villain to overcome.

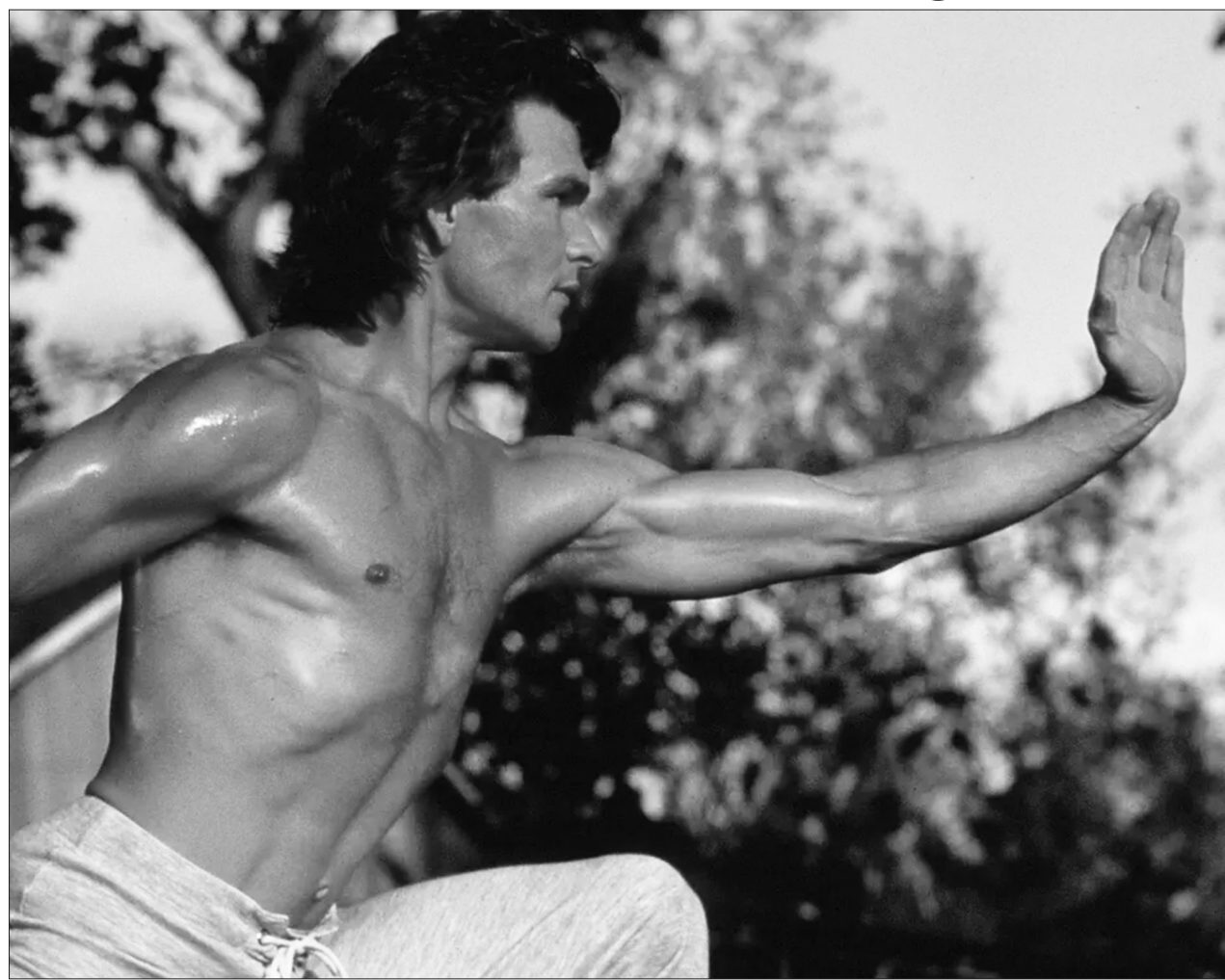
Ford had iconic moments like shooting the guy during a sword fight.

#### 9. Patrick Swayze Favorite Film: Road House

Most movie buffs think of Patrick Wayne Swayze as a Chick Flick superstar. His roles in 'Dirty Dancing' and 'Ghost' were solid. But my favorite Swayze movie of all time is Road House.

Off this one historic performance, Swayze earned his way on this list. 'Road House' was released in 1989, just in time for Swayze to make this list. Swayze was the perfect embodiment for a black belt, karate fighting, Ph.D human weapon.

He saves a honky tonk



bar in the middle of nowhere, Missouri. He is the coolest bouncer ever and lived up to the myths that preceded his arrival to the small town. Dalton is one of my favorite action characters of all time.

#### 8. Kurt Russell Favorite Film: Big Trouble in Little China

If Kurt Russell released his library of films today, they would be straight to DVD. But in the 1980s, we couldn't get enough of classics like 'Escape from New York,' 'The Thing,' 'Big Trouble in Little China,' and 'Tango & Cash.'

He held his own, teaming up with 80s icon Sylvester

Stallone for 'Tango & Cash.' The duo took a stab at the buddy cop genre and created a cult classic. Russell's Lt. Gabriel Cash was witty and full of silliness. Tango and Cash were going for an Odd Couple vibe and Russell's dirty, down-to-earth delivery was hilarious.

But most love Russell's Snake Plissken. I wore an eyepatch because of Snake.

#### 7. Carl Weathers Favorite Film: Action Jackson

One of the best physiques of the era, Weathers tried to be a mega box

office draw with 1988's Action Jackson. Like a lot of the movies mentioned in this countdown, it fell into the cult classic category. Action Jackson wasn't the most notable cop to come out of Detroit during that time, but he was the toughest by far.

He lived up to a mythical past with super feats throughout the mean streets of the Motor City.

Most knew Weathers for his breakout role in the Rocky films as Apollo Creed. In the 1980s he starred in Rocky II, Rocky III and Rocky IV. He has the most impactful film death of the decade. And Creed is so vital to the franchise and movie history, his existence spawn the current Creed movies.

#### 6. Eddie Murphy Favorite Film: Beverly Hills Cops

When you hear the name Eddie Murphy, comedy comes to mind first. But stop and truly examine his contributions to the movie industry. Murphy was the master of the action comedy back in the 1980s. 48 Hrs. in 1982 was a breakout role for the young Murphy. Then two years later he had another smash hit with Beverly Hills Cops. The clever cop from Detroit shook up the West Coast town like an earthquake of comedic fury. You have plenty of laughs through the big bangs.

Then to close the decade, Murphy gave us a

few memorable scenes in Harlem Nights. His character Quick displayed Murphy still had the magic as an action figure on the big screen.

#### 5. Chuck Norris Favorite Film: Missing in Action

I know Chuck Norris is already upset that I have him ranked in the middle of this list. Out of fear and respect for the icon, I want to write any opinions of him, his performances or movies during his entry.

I like living and I am enjoying my reasonable portion of health. Thank you Mr. Norris for classics like 'Silent Rage,' 'Forced Vengeance,' 'Code of Silence,' 'The Delta Force,' and of course the 'The Missing in Action' series.

#### 4. Mel Gibson Favorite Film: Lethal Weapon

Mel Gibson grew a devoted following with the Mad Max franchise. I didn't discover his magic film presence until 1987's Lethal Weapon. Out of the four box office releases, the first two Lethal Weapons earned Gibson the No. 4 ranking on this list.

The maniac cop with nothing to lose was pure fun to watch throughout the films. He was the perfect compliment to Danny Glover's character in the film. Gibson's rebel with no reason to live was the ying to the yang of Glover's family man, veteran cop with morals character. Murtaugh and Riggs are

buddy cop legends. Gibson's awesome delivery, believable kung fu skills and stunts shoot him up the list to the Mt. Rushmore tier.

#### 3. Jean Claude Van Damme Favorite Film: Bloodsport

The 1990s is when Mr. JCVD hit his stride. And the decade of the 1980s had Van Damme using his athleticism to participate in films like 'Breakin.'

By the end of that 10-year period, Van Damme was a certified action hero with two classics, 'Bloodsport' and 'Kickboxer.'

Are they basically the same movie?

'Yes.'

Are they both enjoyable tales of overcoming a super fighting Asian villain?

'Yes.'

If the formula isn't broken, don't dare try to change anything. Although Van Damme is limited in his acting skills, he is fully loaded with martial arts and flexibility. The back-to-back awesomeness of 'Bloodsport' and 'Kickboxer' has secured Van Damme a long-lasting career and stamped his place as one of the top action heroes of all time.

#### 2. Sylvester Stallone Favorite Film: Rocky IV

Sylvester Stallone is known as of 2024 as an accomplished screenwriter/director/producer/actor.

During the 1980s he became a movie icon, Hollywood royalty. The 1976 success of 'Rocky' put him on the map. Transforming his body into a light-heavyweight god, Stallone became Rocky in most people's eyes with 'Rocky III' and 'Rocky IV' during the 1980s.

A testament to Stallone's greatness, there are millions who identify him as Rambo because of the 'First Blood' franchise. Add in 'Cobra,' and 'Tango & Cash,' Stallone is an action hero template. He only really has one rival and that man took first place on my list.

#### 1. Arnold Schwarzenegger Favorite Film: Commando

With a heavy Austrian accent, and even larger muscles, Arnold Schwarzenegger was able to become an American idol. He transformed an iconic bodybuilding career into a movie tenure that is even more successful.

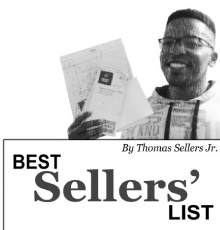
The boy from a small European village was able to marry into American royalty with the prestigious Kennedy family. Maybe we all fell in love with 'Conan the Barbarian,' 'Conan the Destroyer,' 'Commando,' 'The Running Man,' 'Predator,' and of course 'The Terminator.'

Arnold is the master of the corny one-liners in this film. He is relatable while being a walking god. His skills and abilities

are laughable and very unrealistic, but we still buy it because it's Schwarzenegger.

We all have a favorite Army, especially once he ventured into comedy, but his stranglehold on the 1980s as a bonafide action hero surpassed those who came before him and set a standard that still hasn't been matched as of April 2024.

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It is hard for us religious people to hear, but the most persistent violence in human history has been the violence "we" have treated as sacred, but which was, in fact, not. Humankind has found a most effective way to legitimate their instinct toward fear and hatred. They imagine they are fearing and hating on behalf of something holy or noble: their God, their religion, their truth, their morality, their children, or their love of country. It takes away all guilt, and one can even think of oneself as representing the moral high ground or being responsible and prudent as a result. Is not this what we see in the actions of the Sanhedrin, along with the High Priest in their taking Jesus before Pilot and the forcing of his condemnation unto death. It never occurs to most people that they are becoming what they fear and hate.

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THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD TO SATISFY STORAGE AND TOW FEES ON APRIL 14, 2024 AT 9AM:

2008 CHEVROLET TAHOE  
1GNFC13J98R170786

### DTS TOWING

3930 THOMAS ST, MEMPHIS, 38127  
THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT AUCTION ON APRIL 14, 2024 @ 11AM

3930 THOMAS ST MEMPHIS, TN 38127  
2014 FORD MUSTANG  
1ZVBP8AM1E5249211  
2011 FORD FOCUS  
1FAHP3EN1BW200136  
2020 NISSAN ROGUE  
JN1BJ1CVXLW250563  
2003 JEEP LIBERTY  
1J4GK48K53W617881  
2017 NISSAN SENTRA  
3N1AB7AP4HY399275  
2005 FORD F150  
1FTPX04595KE83046  
2006 BUICK LACROSSE  
2G4WD582961149839  
2019 LEXUS ES 350  
58ABZ1B1XXU019844  
2018 TOYOTA RAV4  
JTMZFREVJ7J33678  
2010 CADILLAC XT4  
1GYFZCR43KF223702  
2007 CHRYSLER 300C  
2C3KA63H87H833839  
2015 HYUNDAI SANTA FE SPORT  
5XYZLA46FG237872  
2000 PLYMOUTH NEON LX  
1P3E84C9YD665363  
2014 HONDA ODYSSEY  
5FNRL5H94EB045207

### ADRE'S WRECKER SERVICE

4296 HIGHWAY 51 N., MEMPHIS, TN 38127  
901-358-6333  
The following vehicles will be sold for towing and storage fees on APRIL 19, 2024 AT 10AM

2007 GMC  
VIN - 1GTGG25V771135717  
2012 NISSAN  
VIN - 1N6B0LX7C115117  
2007 GMC  
VIN - 1GDH31U871902297  
2008 CHEVROLET  
VIN - 1G8JG31K981102280  
2013 NISSAN  
VIN - 1N6B0LY9D103254  
2008 CHEVROLET  
VIN - 1G8HG31KX81179299  
2011 FORD  
VIN - 1FDSE3F10BDA36923  
1998 GMC  
VIN - 1GTD119W0VW529870  
2018 RAM  
VIN - 1CGRRG6G5J5340066  
2017 CHEVROLET  
VIN - 1GCRNEH7H2408240  
2010 GMC  
VIN - 1GKLRKED6A102672  
2001 DODGE  
VIN - 3B7HF13Y01M582818  
2017 FORD  
VIN - 1FM5K8D89HGE31496  
2010 DODGE  
VIN - 1D7R1G1P1A511369

### SUPERIOR TOWING

3787 HOMEWOOD RD. • MEMPHIS, TN 38118  
THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD TO SATISFY STORAGE AND TOW FEES ON APRIL 19, 2024 @ 9:00AM:

2005 TOYOTA SCION XB  
JTLKT324150180361  
2008 CHEVROLET SILVERADO  
2GCEC13C181202399  
2007 CHEVROLET TAHOE  
1GNFK13017R237146  
2013 FORD FUSION  
3FA6P0G72DR198262  
2010 CHEVROLET IMPALA  
2G1WB5EN0A1111703  
2012 DODGE AVENGER  
1C3CDZCB7CN150640  
2017 NISSAN ALTIMA  
1N4AL3AP2HC482558  
2015 CHEVROLET SONIC  
1G1JA55H5F4177266  
2013 DODGE AVENGER  
1C3CDZAB7DN589325  
2020 TOYOTA CAMRY  
4T1G11AKXLU304978  
2019 NISSAN ALTIMA  
1N4BL4BV3KC194322  
2017 KIA FORTE  
3KPFL4A72HE112791  
2014 DODGE CHALLENGER  
2C3CDYAG5EH218308  
2008 HONDA ACCORD  
1HGCP26838A164626  
2010 FORD TAURUS  
1FAHP2EW5AG135903  
2005 INFINITI FX35  
JNRAS08U75X104473



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# WEST AMONG THE BEST

Latest Rebel pitching ace adds to his legacy with Freed-Hardeman signing

By Thomas Sellers Jr.  
The Millington Star

Whether in person or on a tablet, Allison West always got a little nervous when her son Eli took to the mound.

From youth, travel or Tipton-Rosemark Academy varsity baseball, Allison had the normal motherly concerns for her son each time he took the ball for a start or relief appearance.

"Pitching is hard," she declared. "It's hard to sit there and watch them struggle out there sometimes. They are out there on that island all by themselves. They get all the glory and all the blame."

Eli has had more glory than shameful moments over the years. On March 22 in the TRA Lobby West made it official that his mother Allison will have to take her concerns to the collegiate level with his signing to Freed-Hardeman University.

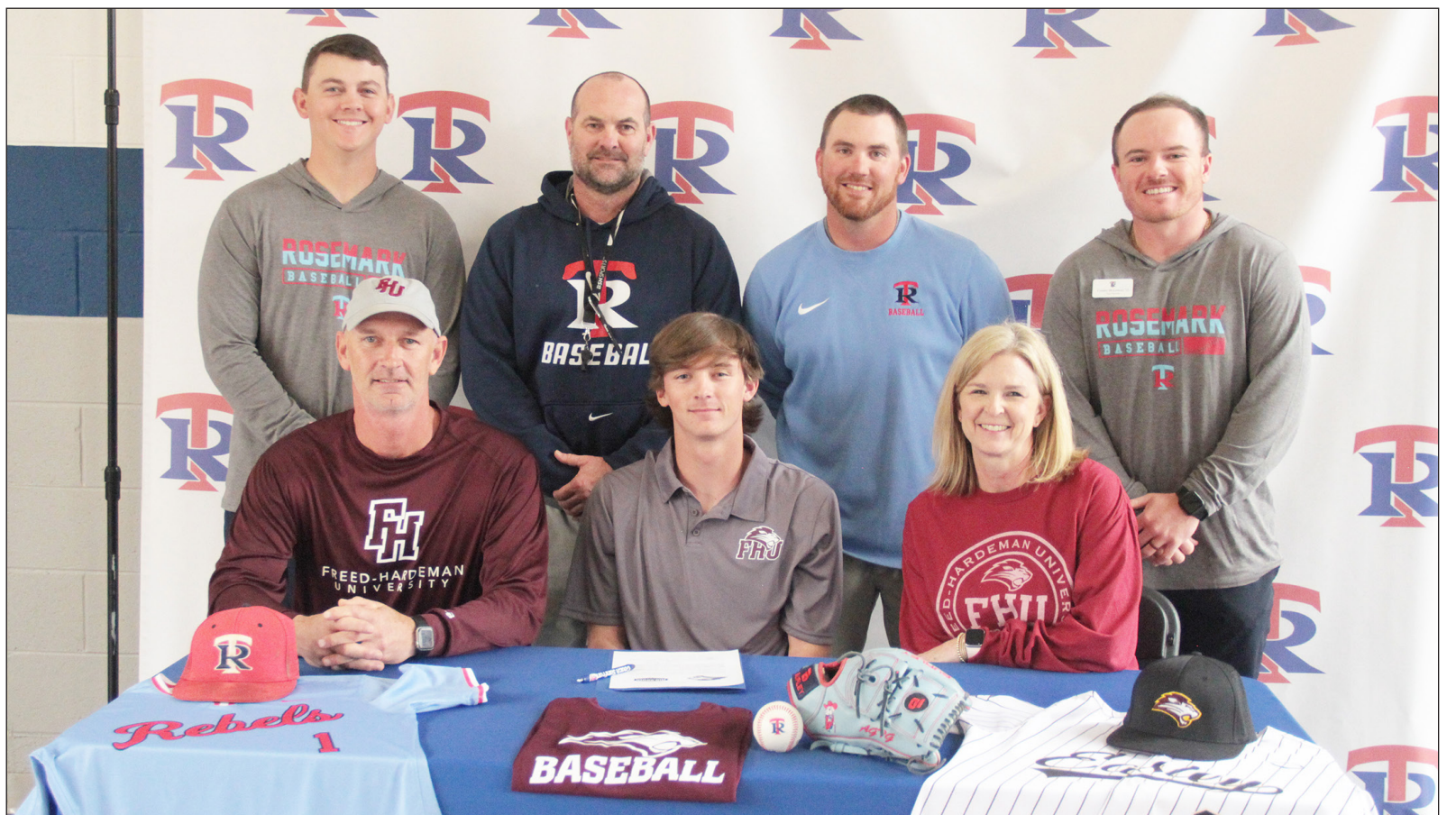
"My mom works all the time and my dad always brought me to my games," Eli recalled. "She would be at work watching me."

"Dad we would always throw and play baseball in the house to help me get better," he added.

Alton said the path to signing day started with Eli embracing his natural gifts.

"It really takes me back to when he was real little, little bitty," Alton recalled. "I couldn't sit in the living room and watch TV because he wanted to throw a ball of some sort."

"When he was little, little bitty I would throw the plastic ball and he would hit it with the plastic bat in the house," he continued.



"It's been a long process. We didn't ever know it would go this way but here we are."

Eli will take his passion for pitching to Henderson to play for Jess Trask's Lions of the Mid-South Conference of the NAIA.

"It's amazing because it's been a dream ever since I was little to go off and play college baseball," Eli said. "I started playing when I was 4 years old. I was about 9 years old when I started pitching. That's when it hit me that I wanted to pursue this. I was serious about it."

Like the typical upcoming pitcher, Eli learned from teammates, opponents, Big Leaguers and coaches. But one of his biggest sports role models was his big sister Abby.

The TRA sports icon started in basketball and

softball. She took home the 2020 Millington Star Female Athlete of the Year Award.

"She always pushed me to be better and better," Eli said. "I used to think of her being my athletic role model, but I would push myself to be better than her."

Alton noted the sibling pair had a healthy rivalry despite a four year age gap.

"Even though they're so far apart in age, there was always competition," he said. "He would get onto her if he saw her not doing something he thought she should do. He wanted her to be aggressive."

"Then she would say, 'I did this. I did that. How many home runs did you have? I had this,'" Alton added. "It was always a back and forth. They fuel

each other and they still do it until this day."

Like Abby, Eli celebrated a signing day on the TRA Campus. Johnie Sanfratello had the honors of speaking on the career of the elder West back in 2019.

Fast forward to 2024, TRA Head Baseball Coach Jacob Cole reflected on the stellar career of Eli.

Cole said West will be among the Rebel Baseball pitching greats like David Owen, Connor Alexander, Patrick Green, Corey Mitson, Zach Seward and Gil Erwin.

"I was looking at his number preparing for today, he's on pace to be in the top three in everything," Cole said. "I don't think he's going to touch Mitson's K record, but he's like 50 away from be-

ing second on that list.

"He's a hard worker and competitor," he added. "He's been like that since eighth grade, which was the COVID year. We really didn't get to see him much his eighth grade year. Comes out his freshman year and makes an impact almost immediately."

West developed a weapon on the mound that gave his coaches confidence and reassured his mother.

"Definitely my fast ball," Eli noted "I like throwing the fast ball to make people hit it. I've been clocked at 91 mph."

Cole said West has the stuff to go back to State before he heads north to FHU.

"Just do what he does," Cole said. "He's going to go out there and compete. He's going to have the ball

in every big game of the week. He's going to go out there and compete his butt off. He's going to give us an opportunity to win. If he does what he's done his whole career, we'll be fine."

In a current climate of the transfer portal, COVID additional years and conference realignment, Allison and Alton relieved Eli has found a college home.

"We had coaches tell us, 'We thought he would be at the next level, the D-I level,'" Alton said. "The portal killed it for a lot of high school kids. You really can't blame the D-I schools for pulling a college kid who has developed for two years."

"Then that coach told me if your son finds somewhere to call home," Alton concluded, "you can't put a price on that."



Paul Matthews, President of the Rural Heritage Trust of Southwest Tennessee, officially introduces the first panel to be on exhibit at the Millington Public Library that will be on permanent display on the Big Creek Greenway Park.

PHOTOS BY THOMAS SELLERS JR.

# Panel Discussion

## March debuts a new series at the Millington Public Library

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Last month was literally a landmark moment in the history of the Millington Public Library.

As members of the Rural Heritage Trust Southwest Tennessee gathered, staff of the MPL rolled out the red carpet for the unveiling of the first of four markers that will commemorate a lot of the history of Big Creek, Lucy and Woodstock.

With an assist from the City of Millington, the Millington Library will be the temporary home of the RHT panels that will be on permanent exhibition later this year along the new Big Creek Greenway Park in Millington.

“The Park won’t open until this fall,” said Paul Matthews, President of the Rural Heritage Trust of Southwest Tennessee. “We’re displaying all four markers one at a time in the Millington Public Library so people can see them. They’re really exciting because they tell a lot of history about this area that is very unfamiliar but so amazing.”

The first panel that debuted at 4858 Navy Road was an overview of the three communities that surround Millington. Matthews said the public is welcomed to enjoy the series of panels that will be on exhibit for several weeks one at a time.

Visitors to the Millington Public Library will see a multi-facet panel with facts, information, photos and other historical tidbits. Learn about the schools in the area, like the successful learning institution modeled on the Booker T. Washington plan like Woodstock Demonstration School.

Woodstock was the teaching home of Ida B. Wells before she became a pillar in journalism.

George Washington Carver came and spoke at Woodstock. Other interesting historical facts about the area will come to light like the Armstrong AirField where Charles Linburg landed. Three authors came from the area and residents will learn more about the history of the churches and businesses.

Once the exhibit wraps up at the Library, the pan-



els will be a part of the Big Creek-Lucy-Woodstock Rural Heritage Tour Route.

All of this will be in anticipation of the formal dedication ceremony in the fall, when all four panels will go

on permanent display at the Big Creek Greenway Park.

“It’s important to let the people in this area know some of the very important history in this area that has happened here,” Matthews

concluded. “Not only important things that happened, but how the history of this area reflected what was going on in a broader American culture. People will be amazed by the im-

portant history that took place here.”

For more information and updates, visit ruralheritagetrust.com or email Paul Matthews at pmatt8993@gmail.com