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## Goat Days Blues

A familiar sight at the 2023 International Goat Days Saturday was children of all ages with blue mouths. Zoey Greer poses with her younger cousins Ga'Lyvia Stodghill and G'Nyile Travis as they sported the results from the infamous blue snow cones. For more sights of the annual Millington tradition, see page 2A inside.

## COMMONS SIGHT



### Board OKs Development Agreement for LongHorn Steakhouse restaurant

By Bill Short  
The Millington Star

The Millington Board of Mayor and Aldermen has unanimously approved a Development Agreement for construction of a restaurant on the west side of Highway 51.

Board members took the action during their Aug. 14 regular monthly meeting on a motion offered by Alderman Thomas McGhee and seconded by Alderman Chris Ford.

A resolution to approve the agreement states that Rare Hospitality International Inc. owns a 1.55-acre tract zoned B-2, General Commercial, in the northwest corner of the intersection of Highway 51 and West Union Road and desires to develop the site into a LongHorn Steakhouse restaurant.

The Millington Planning Commission approved the Site Plan for the restaurant at its June 19 meeting.

City Planner Nathaniel McHaffie told the commis-

sion that the 5,780-square-foot restaurant will be constructed on the "first outparcel" east of the Forked River Commons shopping center.

He said access will be provided from a shared driveway on the northwest side that is already being created for the shopping center.

So, the Millington Fire Department has confirmed that no additional entrances will be needed off West Union or on Highway 51.

Because LongHorn's "corporate" parking requirements "well exceed" the city's, McHaffie said the restaurant will have "more than enough" parking spaces.

He noted that the building façade will be a combination of Hardie Board and stone in "earth tones."

Stormwater detention will be provided by the Forked River Commons basin.

The landscape plan will include Willow oak and Sweet Bay magnolia trees along the edge of the parking lot. Dwarf

Burford holly and additional ornamental accent plants are proposed around the building.

On McHaffie's recommendation, the commission approved the Site Plan with the following conditions:

(1) Heated enclosures must be provided for the Reduced Pressure Zone.

(2) A detailed "catch basin" for the "grease trap" plumbing fixture must be provided on the plans.

(3) On the lighting plan, the lighting in several areas must not exceed 5 foot-candles.

Tom Needham, engineering consultant for the city, said in response to a question by commission member Mike Caruthers that an RPZ valve is a "backflow" prevention device designed to protect water supplies from becoming contaminated.

"In a domesticated water system," he noted, "you're required to prevent the water from flowing backwards in a fire. It's a double-check valve."



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### Ladies Lunch

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# Falcons Crushed

PHOTO BY OMAR AL-KOTOB  
Last week the Tipton-Rosemark Academy Lady Rebels traveled to take on the Kingsbury Lady Falcons. TRA was victorious 7-1 led by freshman sensation Payton Biggs. Biggs tallied 4 goals with a pair of assists for Head Coach Michael Pence. The Lady Rebels received a goal from Tori Davidson as she added two assists to her stat line. Baylee Harrison was the second leading scorer for TRA in the contest with two goals. In net, TRA goalie Zadie Raburn made 10 saves on 11 shots.

# Fun All Over The Place

Mixture of tradition and new attractions make 2023 Goat Days a success



By Thomas Sellers Jr.  
Millington Star Editor

Hundreds and hundreds of patrons made their way from Henning and Collierville to the 2023 International Goat Days Festival at the Millington Sports Complex.

The day started with the annual tradition of the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast. Since 1990, the Saturday of Goat Days began with the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast at 7 a.m. The entertainment planned for the 2023 Goat Days included live music, the Ninja Gym, craft and local vendors, multiple food vendors, Car Show, an Antique Tractor Show, mechanical bull and much more. Former Millington Trojan running back and Class of 2007 of Millington Central Antonio Jones brought his son DeShon Antonio Jones to enjoy the festivities. As several children walked around with blue mouths from the snow cones, 13-year-old Collierville Middle School student Ellyse Deyone was all smiles with her family. The Deyones just moved to the Memphis area from Utah.

Goats were among the pets walking around the complex like Henning resident Josh's Molly (brown goat) and Roscoe. Both goats won awards during the 2023 Goat Beauty Pageant. Several local residents participated in the 2023 Goat Days like 4-year-old Gennon Brown posing with artificial goats.

## Cardinals fly back to even dominating Kingsbury



By Omar Al-Kotob  
Special to The Millington Star

Last Thursday night the Brighton Cardinals beat the Kingsbury Falcons 50-0.

The Cardinals had just come off a 42-6 victory against Ridgeway High School.

The Cardinals (2-2, 1-0 in Region 8-5A) gave no chance for the Falcons to win when Tray Bonner returned two punts for touchdowns. Bonner also rushed for more than 50 yards during the game.

He was not the only one scoring for the Cardinals. Brighton quarterback Cade Crowson threw two

touchdowns with no interceptions giving the Falcons their fourth straight loss.

When Cardinal Head Coach Keith Setler was asked after the game what the future held, he said, "I thought the (players) played well and worked on getting better on some group expectations we set out."

Hopes are high for this week's game against the Memphis Central Warriors Setler said.

"A Region win is what's important here more than anything else and we achieved that and look to next week's important Region matchup with the Warriors," he said.

Kingsbury has not been having the greatest season with a 0-4 overall record and 0-1 in Region play.

# Facts of Football Life

Despite a few missed chances, Millington has enough good to beat Craigmont

By Thomas Sellers Jr.  
Millington Star Sports Editor

A popular sitcom theme song from the 1980s once said, 'You take the good, you take the bad.'

Those facts of life were part of the Millington Trojans performance in their first Region 8-4A contest of the 2023 season. The Trojans welcomed the Craigmont Chiefs to town for a showdown in the Millington Football Stadium.

Millington left a few points off the scoreboard but managed to dominate the line scrimmage throughout the night to prevail 31-12.

"We knew it was going to be chaotic in the box from a defensive standpoint for them," Millington Head Coach Chris Michael said. "They were just going to be trying to bring pressure from all different types of angles with linebackers and others. We were pretty solid for the most part."

"We rushed the ball very well," he added. "We just had some slippage on their blitz. We let them hit some cracks and some seams. They caught us in the backfield a few times."

Trojan running backs Rory Rush and Jayden Williams broke big runs and found the end zone throughout the night. The Millington receivers had an up-and-down night.

"We had some shots," Michael noted. "We had two touchdowns dropped, one to Jyshawn (Anderson) and the other to Chase (Michael). In their hands going into the end zone and they just dropped them. McCoy made good throws and our receivers just dropped the ball. When you get those opportunities you have to take advantage of it."

Millington (3-1, 1-0 in Region 8-4A) took advantage of the opening drive highlight-



21-0 at the break.

"The offense did a really good job of controlling the ball and moving down the field," Coach Michael noted. "It wasn't a bad performance by them."

Craigmont (1-3, 0-1) had more offensive success in the second half with two touchdowns. Millington kept pace with two scores of its own in the final 24 minutes.

With the score 21-6, Pugh connected with Chase Michael for an 11-yard TD reception. Michael added the extra point to make it 28-6.

The score was 28-12 heading into the fourth quarter and Michael capped off the scoring by drilling a 26-yard field goal.

With Millington safety Kobe Clark out with a bruised knee, the Trojan secondary had to adjust all night.

"We had some missed coverages," Coach Michael noted. "The second touchdown on fourth down, we knew exactly what route was called. We knew it was coming. We put three people on him and nobody broke or made a play on the ball. That was disappointing for me."

"For the most part the defense did a great job. We had little to no rushing yards against us," he added. "Down the stretch they gained some passing yards after moving the ball around the first two weeks through the air and on the ground."

Now the Trojans prepare for another league matchup taking on the Kirby Cougars next Friday at home.

"We have to get ready for Kirby who will be a lot like Craigmont," he concluded. "They'll be big. They've got speed on the outside and the quarterback is fast. It's going to be a lot of the same challenges we had tonight (this) week."

ed by a Cameron Puryear 26-yard run to the 5-yard line. Two plays later Trojan signal caller McCoy Pugh scored on a 2-yard quarterback sneak. Chase Michael added the extra point to make it 7-0.

The line of Jackson Ford, Tre Wilks, Verimayian Britt, Chris Swain, Hunter Poirier and Jaylen Macklin were some of the Trojans to dominate in the trenches all night.

Those Trojans paved the way for Rory Rush to score on a 4-yard run midway through the second quarter. Millington's 14-0 lead grew to 21-0 when Jonathan Temple-Dowdy scored on a short run.

Temple-Dowdy usually makes headlines on defense and he forced a Craigmont fumble at the end of the first half that was recovered by J'Vion Todd. Millington led

## Tale of two M's: Soccer rivalry ends in a tie

By Thomas Sellers Jr.  
Millington Star Sports Editor

It has been several years since the Munford Lady Cougars vs. Millington Lady Trojan soccer game meant extra as a league game.

The blood pumping through the rivalry has been going strong since the departure of the Lady Trojans from District 14-3A in the 2010s.

Fast forward to Sept. 5, the Lady Cougars vs. Lady Trojans M&M on the Pitch matchup was for an important District 15-2A victory. After 80 minutes, both teams are still waiting to see who can pull out a league win at the other's expense. The first half went scoreless despite the Lady Cougars getting several shots on goals. Munford broke through early in the second half courtesy of a Nadia Solomon goal.

Millington's strategy on

offense finally paid off with through-passes. Christina Cook netted the game tying goal. Then the Lady Trojans took the lead with less than 5 minutes to go in the game when Layla Batts received a Cook blast up the side and outraced the Munford defense for a cross shot goal.

Seemingly on their way to victory, the Lady Trojans packed the middle of the field on defense. The Lady Cougars made the adjustment and Sarah Rice got a shot on net to deadlock the game at 2-2.

"Very bitter, because we are a lot better than what we showed tonight," Munford Head Coach Chris Olson. "Nothing against Millington. They came out and did their thing. We couldn't execute."

Millington Head Coach Jerrett Everson said his Lady Trojans came ready to play against their rivals.

"That's the best we've played this year so far," he



noted. "I will admit they have gotten better with their tackling, staying hip-to-hip on defenders and bodying up."

"I will admit also we did get lucky," Everson continued. "Munford had about 10 shots on us and if they could have put them a little bit closer in those corners, it

might have been a different ball game outcome for us. The soccer gods were on our side tonight. We did a good job of staying with them and pressuring them."

Lady Cougars like Summer Bragaw and Sarah Ault fired shots on Millington goalie Grace Bell. Bell made many ath-

letic saves and her defensive line of Tamia Duckworth, Julianna Cook and Morgan Gilley pestered the Munford strikers all game. Once Millington took the 2-1 lead late in the game, the Lady Cougars intensified their efforts to at least salvage a tie.

"I am going to take a lot

from them not quitting," Olson concluded. "That's the fight I want to win. I think we have to take the good of what they did and correct the game play. There was a lot of kicking and not enough passing. I think there are some corrections we're going to make, adjustments. Going forward, this is only going to make them better."

Millington left the Millington Stadium field with an effort to build from heading down the road. Everson had a list of improvements for his developing squad.

"Finding feet, we need to be able to look up and make passes," he concluded. "We need to trust our formation. We still really don't know what we're doing out there. Luckily we've got good players in good positions. And when we make the right passes, they're there. But we've got to be able to know what we are doing at all times."

## Youth Sport Clinics

Millington Parks and Recreation is proud to announce a collaboration with Millington Central High School on some youth sports clinics for a number of different sports. These clinics will be instructed by the coaches and players of Trojans

sports team both past and present. Each of the clinics will be limited in the number of participants and the ages will vary by sport. For more information, call 901-873-5770. Here is a list of the current clinics:  
Volleyball on Saturday, Sept. 16 at the MCHS Gymnasium at 8050 West Street  
Basketball on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the MCHS

Gymnasium at 8050 West Street

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a.m. The lunch and program will start at 11:30 and shopping picks back up at 1 p.m. at Crosspointe Baptist Church located at 8850 Highway 51 North. For ticket information, to be a vendor or to sponsor a table, call the MACC Office at 872-1486.

## Senior Club

The Millington Senior Citizen's Club is meeting again Wednesdays at 10 a.m. with entertainment weekly. The club meets at the Baker Community Center located at 7942 Church Street. For more information, call 873-5770.

10 a.m.-noon. Light refreshments — and the community is invited. For more information call 901-872-2609

## 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.

## Millington Food Pantry

The Millington Food Pantry is located on the grounds of Millington First United Methodist Church at 8029 Wilkinsville Road, is available to qualified residents of 38053 living in Shelby County. Hours of operation are each Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and

the third Saturday of each month 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call 901-872-2771 to make an appointment. Appointments are not made in advance of the day the pantry is open.

## 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.

## 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.

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Sealed bids for **Handicap Renovations** will be received by the Millington Housing Authority, 4888 Bill Knight Road, Millington, Tennessee, 38053 on **Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** and then at said office of the Executive Director publicly opened and read aloud. Prior to the opening of the envelope, the names of all contractors listed shall be read aloud and incorporated into the bid.  
The plans, specifications, and other contract documents may be examined at the following locations:  
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Nashville, Tennessee 37214  
West Tennessee Plan Room  
Nashville Office of Minority Business Enterprise  
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Construct Connect  
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Prospective bidders may obtain copies of the Contract Documents at the office of **Cauthen & Associates, LLC, 2908 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, TN 37214.** A deposit of \$200.00 is required for one set of Contract Documents. All bid deposit checks or drafts shall be made payable to **Cauthen & Associates, LLC.** Requirements for bid deposit refunds can be found in the expanded Advertisement for Bids bound within the Project Manual.  
All bidders must be licensed Contractors as required by the Contractors Licensing Act of 1994 (TCA 62-6-119) with all bid submittals conforming to the State of Tennessee requirements. All bidders shall provide evidence of a license in the appropriate classification before a bid can be considered. Reference is made to the Instructions to Bidders for Contracts contained in the Project Manual for further bidding information.  
The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.  
**Walk Through and Prebid Conference**  
At **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2023,** a prebid conference will be held at the administrative office of Millington Housing Authority, 4888 Bill Knight Road, Millington, Tennessee, 38053, for the purpose of answering questions bidders may have and to consider any suggestions they may wish to make concerning the project. Immediately following the prebid conference, a walk-through of the project(s) will be held by the Owner. Although not mandatory, all contractors are recommended to attend this walk-through and prebid conference.  
**MILLINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
By: Shawna Bell, Executive Director  
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## GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS +

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## September is Life Insurance Awareness Month

The sweltering hot summer is behind us. The Fall season isn't quite here yet but National Life Insurance Awareness Month is. Insurance industry professionals spend countless hours throughout the year giving rate quotes on how much it would cost to cover your home, automobile, or business for something that might happen. But September is a different time. It's when the focus is centered specifically around Life Insurance. This is the month that a national concerted effort is made to make



Shelby Handley-Hutchison

sure people know what Life Insurance is. Nearly 20 years ago, this initiative was started by an organization called Life Happens. Even with all the advertising and discussions, so many people are still left in the dark. Especially in smaller populated areas such as towns like Millington or Munford. Mostly because in small towns there are usually only a handful of insurance agents. Very little focus is on educating the community because traditionally an agent sits down with one person or family at a time. That is not to say that those agents are not benefiting the community. They are. As a community, we must get past "talking" about it and begin "doing" something about it, but not before we really "know" about it. What is life insurance? I'm glad you asked. Life insurance is a contract between you and an insurance company. You will pay them a premium payment and in exchange, the life insurance company will pay a lump sum of money called a death benefit to a specified person or people who are called beneficiaries. The most common purpose of life insurance is to ensure that your family is taken care of financially and to ensure they are not faced with hardship. Getting life insurance gives you peace of mind. There are 5 basic types of life insurance. No, you are not expected to know everything about each one. However, knowing something about each will help you ask questions that help narrow your choices and then you can ultimately make the decision for your-

self, not your agent. Talking about Death is a very uncomfortable but necessary conversation to have. We all know that. So how do we get started? The simple answer is, to get started. Start with arming yourself with the information necessary to make the best and most informed decision. The most important guidance I can give you is to advise you not to get your information from anyone other than a Licensed Insurance Agent. It is very tempting to ask your friends and family members about the different types of insurance and what they think is best for you. Truth is, they don't know. They don't know because the needs of each person are very different. What was best for them is not necessarily what is best for you. Asking them is kind of like asking your mechanic to cut your hair. Starting with the quote (how much it costs), is not where you start. When you speak to an insurance agent, your first question should not be how much it costs. The agent should not give you any dollar amount if they have not asked you a series of questions about your needs first. That is called a Needs Analysis. For you to be able to answer those questions, you will need to know the answers regarding how much money your family would need to sustain, should you die unexpectedly. There are other things to consider but this is enough to get you started. These decisions have always been in your heart but now they are on your mind. Let's do something about it. *Shelby Handley-Hutchison of National Advance Planning Professional is a licensed life insurance agent and can be reached at shelby@handley-hutchison.com or 901-256-8485*

**TROJAN TRACKER: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**  
**MILLINGTON HIGH ALUMNI: Rachel (Gareis) Jones**  
CLASS OF 1994  
**POST-SECONDARY PATH:**  
Ms. Jones attended UT and Vatterott College.  
**CAREER & LIFE TODAY:**  
Ms. Jones is a Qualified Developmental Disabilities Professional for the Dept of Mental Health. She works under DMH assisting individuals with special needs to live their lives to the fullest.  
**AS A STUDENT:**  
-Office Worker  
-Rodeo Club

**TROJAN TRACKER: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**  
**MILLINGTON HIGH ALUMNI: Noah "Jaybird" Stephens**  
CLASS OF 2016  
**POST-SECONDARY PATH:**  
Mr. Stephens has been in the United States Marine Corps for seven years. He is currently working to finish his bachelor's degree in BioChemistry at The University of Missouri.  
**CAREER & LIFE TODAY:**  
Mr. Stephens is a Staff Sergeant who is currently serving as a Recruiter in Rolla, Missouri. His main Military Occupational Specialty (job) is 0621: Field Radio Operator and Secondary MOS of JTAC (Joint Tactical Air Controller). He directly coordinates with various types of aircraft along with ground artillery units to determine where and how to drop bombs on targets.  
**AS A STUDENT:**  
-Baseball  
-JROTC

**TROJAN TRACKER: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**  
**MILLINGTON HIGH ALUMNI: Gregory Mercado**  
CLASS OF 2006  
**POST-SECONDARY PATH:**  
Mr. Mercado attended Austin Peay State University, located in Clarksville, Tennessee. Mr. Mercado moved from Memphis, Tennessee to Las Vegas, Nevada in 2014.  
**CAREER & LIFE TODAY:**  
Mr. Mercado was the lead singer of a cover band, "Chasing Sevens." He also worked at the world renowned, Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. Mr. Mercado is a National Trainer and Corporate Coach for Master Educators at MixedFit®. He is engaged to be married.  
**AS A STUDENT:**  
-Choir

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## Meanings of Life

As individuals approach the end of their lives, they often reflect on the choices they've made and the paths they've taken. Regrets can weigh heavily on one's mind during this introspective phase. While regrets are highly personal and can vary greatly from person to person, some common themes emerge when examining the biggest regrets people tend to have at the end of life.

1. **\*\*Not Pursuing Their Dreams:\*\*** One of the most significant regrets is often not having followed one's passions and dreams. Many people realize too late that they spent their lives in jobs they disliked or never pursued their true interests.

2. **\*\*Neglecting Relationships:\*\*** Failing to nurture and prioritize relationships is a common regret. People often wish they had spent more time with loved ones, forgiven more easily, or communicated more openly.

3. **\*\*Working Too Much:\*\*** The relentless pursuit of career success can lead to regret for some. They wish they had struck a better work-life balance and spent more time with family and friends.

4. **\*\*Not Taking Care of Their Health:\*\*** Neglecting health and well-being can result in profound regrets. People often wish they had eaten better, exercised more, or avoided harmful habits.

5. **\*\*Not Traveling or Exploring More:\*\*** Many people regret not having explored the world or experienced different cul-

tures. Travel regrets often revolve around opportunities missed.

6. **\*\*Not Expressing Their Feelings:\*\*** Bottling up emotions and not expressing love, gratitude, or apologies can lead to deep regrets. People wish they had been more open and honest about their feelings.

7. **\*\*Holding onto Grudges:\*\*** Not forgiving or reconciling with others can cause lasting regrets. Holding onto grudges can prevent people from finding peace.

8. **\*\*Not Taking Risks:\*\*** Regret can stem from not taking calculated risks or stepping out of one's comfort zone. This includes missed opportunities in love, career, or personal growth.

9. **\*\*Not Saving or Planning for the Future:\*\*** Financial regrets are common. Failing to save or plan for retirement can lead to financial stress and regrets later in life.

10. **\*\*Not Living in the Present:\*\*** Finally, many people regret not living in the moment and ap-

preciating the present. They realize they spent too much time worrying about the past or future. While it's impossible to avoid all regrets, taking proactive steps to pursue one's passions, nurture relationships, prioritize health, and live in the present can help minimize the regrets that may haunt us as we approach the end of our journey. The most significant regret ever would be to meet Jesus Christ for the first time only after death. Seek to know Him now. "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah



Dave's Raves

BY DAVID PEEL

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**RITA OGLESBY FORT**  
Rita Oglesby Fort, 67, passed away September 4, 2023. The family received friends Sept. 7 at the Millington Chapel until the service. Interment followed in West Union Cemetery in Millington. Munford Funeral Home Millington Chapel had charge.

**JERRY DARNELL MACLIN**  
Jerry Darnell Maclin, 83, of Millington, passed away on August 30, 2023 at his residence. There was a public viewing for Mr. Maclin on Sept. 8 at Jefferson Mortuary, Inc., in Millington. An additional viewing took place on Sept. 9 with a Homegoing Celebration at Oak Spring Church, in Arlington.

**MAMIE LEE PEETE**  
Mamie Lee Peete, 88, of Millington, passed away on August 31, 2023 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. There was a visitation for Mrs. Peete on Sept. 9 at Jefferson Mortuary - in Millington. Her memorial service was at The Kingdom Hall Jehovah Witnesses, in Millington. Interment followed at Northridge Woodhaven Cemetery in Millington after the memorial service. Jefferson Mortuary, Inc. had charge.

**B.L. 'POODLE' STAFFORD**  
B. L. "Poodle" Stafford, 83, of Burlison, passed away on September 2, 2023 after a lengthy illness. Mr. Stafford was a retired diesel mechanic, retired truck driver and attended the Henning Assembly of God Church. Funeral services were held Sept. 6 at the Covington Funeral Home chapel with interment in Mary's Chapel Cemetery in Ripley.

*Marcia Kay*  
**BARNETT**

Marcia Kay Barnett, 65, of Covington, went peacefully on August 28, 2023, to dance in our sky, surrounded by those she loved, and loved her. She was a wonderful wife, Momma, and Mimi. Her contagious heart and smile made it easy for anyone she met to remember and love her. She is preceded in death by her parents, Mervin Maurice Chapman, Loretta A. Perry (Chapman) and her brother, Tony Sellers. Marcia is survived by her husband of 32 years, Barry E. Barnett. Her children, Jimmy Lee Suggs (Ashley), Michael J. Barnett (Felecia), Joshua E. Barnett (Abbie) and Anna A. Barnett (Jay Cee). Her grandchildren Ellie Suggs, Lily, Layla, and Camdyn Barnett, Kaytlyn and Sarah Fowler, J.R. Wilson, Taylor Cohen, Lilianna Thornton and Anniston Fry. She loved spending time with her family and friends, loved animals, the beach, boat rides, back roads, soap operas, country music, a good concert, and football, especially Tennessee Vols football! Her sweet Southern sass, witty fun personality and heart of gold will not be forgotten. You will forever be in our hearts, Marcia Kay, Momma, Mimi. We love and miss you. Services were held Friday September 8, 2023, at the Munford Funeral Home, Munford Chapel. Visitation was held with Memorial Services.

**MILLINGTON MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS**

## The District Report

September 2023  
#OneMillington

**ATTENTION PLEASE!** **TOP WORK PLACES 2023**

**WE'RE PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL'S TOP WORKPLACES USA SURVEY. YOUR VOICE MATTERS!**

The annual Top Workplaces USA competition celebrates organizations that make their community a better place by prioritizing a people-centered culture and giving employees a voice. We want to highlight MMSD as a Top Workplace in Memphis to celebrate our existing staff and attract more talent. **Check your email Friday for an anonymous, independent survey link to share your input.**

**RAISE YOUR VOICE**  
Survey 9/15/23

**TOP OF THE LIST**

Learn more about the state's 2024 health insurance plans. View a comparison of the state's medical, dental, and vision plans and costs [here](#). As a reminder, MMSD is continuing its employee benefits contribution in 2024, which covers 75%-80% of premium costs compared to the state's requirement of 45%.

**"Talk Soup with the Supt."** begins this week! Mr. Griffin will be visiting schools during the lunch block to talk with teachers and staff. Stop by and take advantage of this opportunity to ask questions, share ideas, or just say hi.  
MPS - 9/7 | MIS - 9/14 | MCMHS - 9/21

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**ACADEMICS:**

- Students and teachers are working hard in our first month of school! Data is slowly coming in from the state. Teachers can now access the TVAAS site to begin identifying student levels and predictions. We know that you will do whatever it takes to help make your students successful.
- Fourth-grade tutoring will begin September 18 for students who must attend.
- Schools are finishing AimsWeb and iReady testing. Please encourage students to take these tests seriously and to also work hard on the weekly lessons. iReady can be extremely helpful and target areas that students are not mastering. The reports are also helpful when having parent meetings and explaining areas needed for improvement.
- The Millington Education Foundation is accepting applications for 2023 Teacher Grants through September 15th. Be sure to visit the [MEF webpage](#) for more information.

**Save the Dates**

SEPT. 6 - INTERIMS POSTED TO SKYWARD  
SEPT. 8 - TOP WORK PLACES SURVEY  
SEPT. 15 - MEF GRANT DEADLINE  
SEPT. 24 - PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES  
OCT. 9-13 - FALL BREAK

**SEPTEMBER IS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH!**

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# Kid Scoop

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

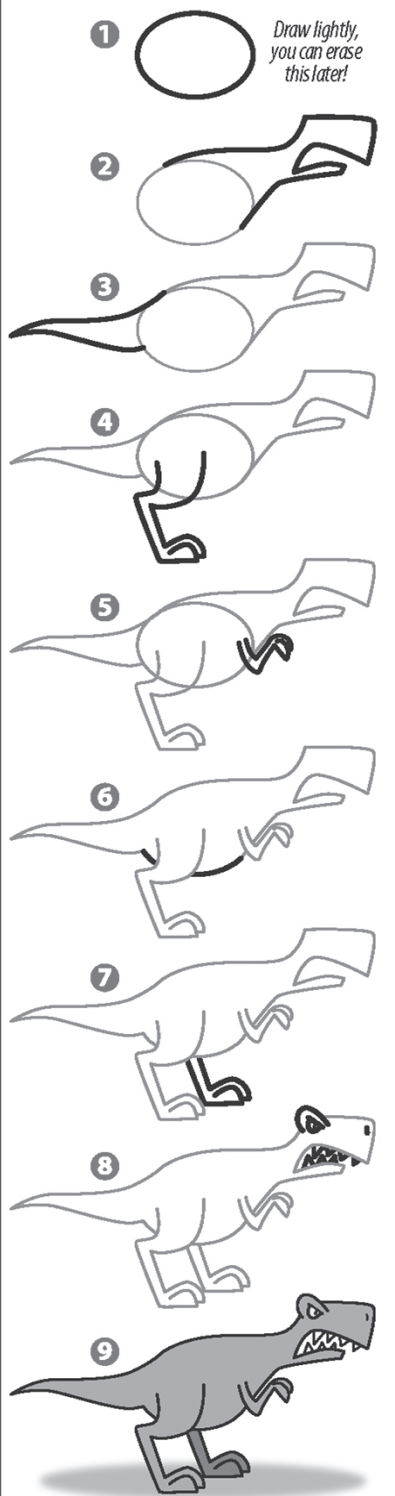


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## Kid Scoop Together

### Let's Draw a Dinosaur!

Follow these steps to draw a dinosaur. Have a family member try, too!



# A Dinosaur Named SUE

## How did Sue find this fossil?

"I was pretty lucky," remembers Sue. "But it does take more than just luck," she admits. Sue Hendrickson also knew the right kind of rock to explore.

## Fossil Hunters Know Rocks

Different layers of rocks were formed at different times in the earth's history. This chart, called a **stratigraphic column**, can help you discover in which kinds of rocks T. rex fossils could be found.

Time	Rock Layer	Description
<b>Paleocene</b> 56 to 65 million years ago		Mudstone—flood plain deposit, contains mammal fossils
<b>Cretaceous</b> 66 to 144 million years ago		Sandstone—river deposit
		Shale—deep ocean deposit, contains ammonites, mosasaurs and plesiosaurs
<b>Jurassic</b> 145 to 199 million years ago		Chalk—ocean deposit, contains marine reptiles
<b>Triassic</b> 200 to 251 million years ago		Sandstone—river deposit
<b>Paleozoic</b> 252 to 541 million years ago		Limestone—shallow ocean deposit, contains shells

- Color layers that could include T. rex fossils **BLUE**.
- Color layers that do not contain T. rex fossils because they were deposited under an ocean **YELLOW**.



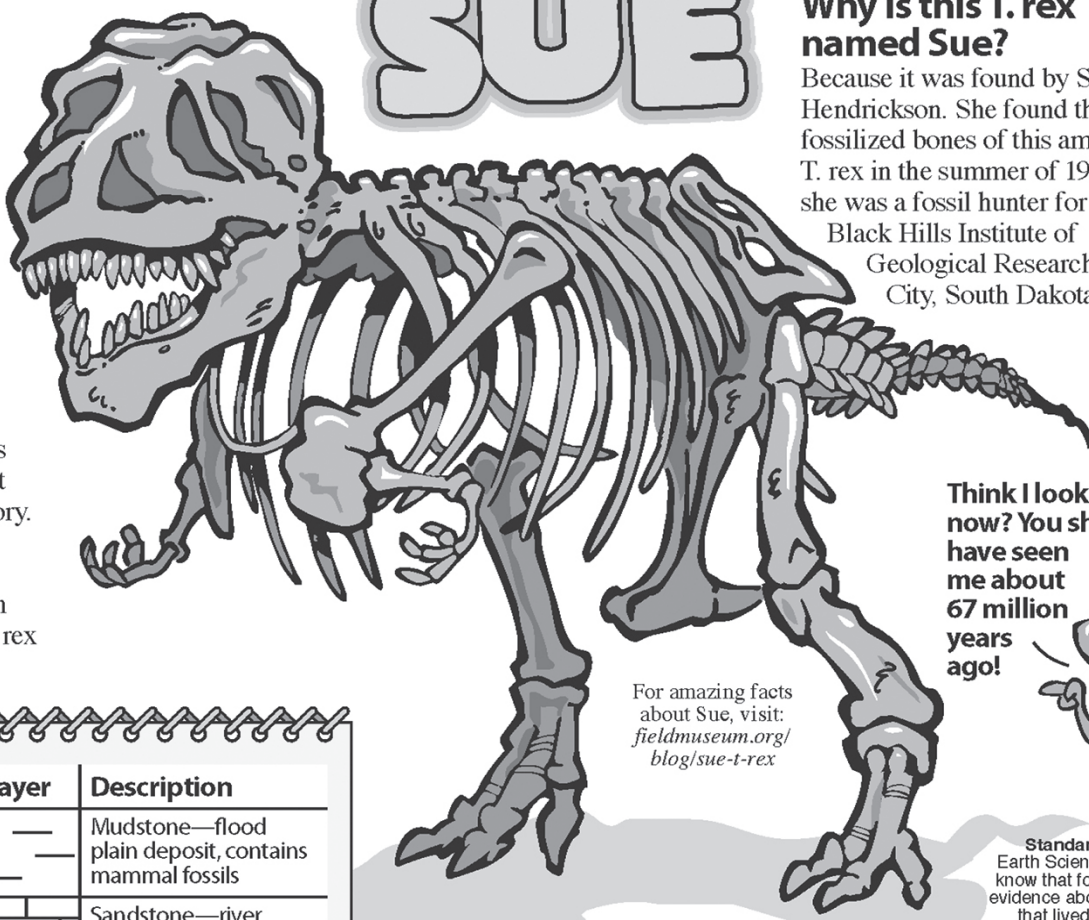
In North America, Tyrannosaurus rex lived between 66 to 90 million years ago. They did not have wings to fly or fins to swim.

Stratigraphic Map & Geologic Map © The Field Museum, Chicago

Below is a drawing of Sue—the largest, most complete and best preserved fossil of a Tyrannosaurus rex ever found.

## Why is this T. rex named Sue?

Because it was found by Sue Hendrickson. She found the fossilized bones of this amazing T. rex in the summer of 1990 when she was a fossil hunter for the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research in Hill City, South Dakota.



Think I look good now? You should have seen me about 67 million years ago!

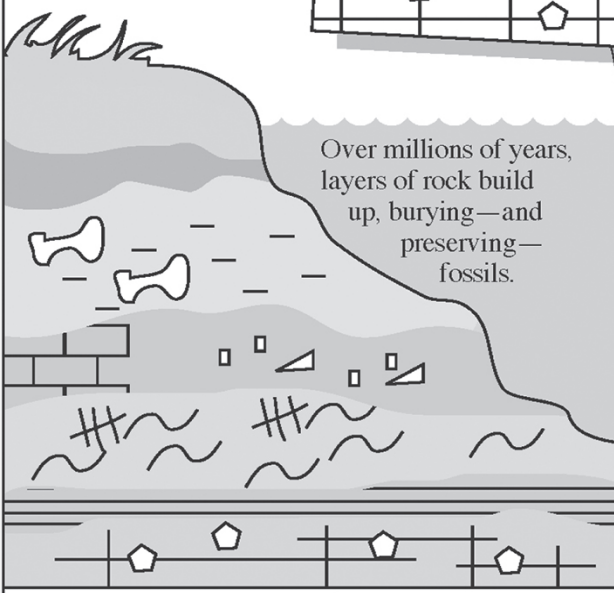
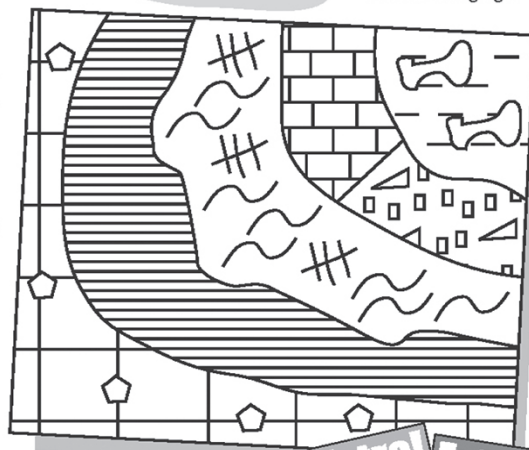


For amazing facts about Sue, visit: [fieldmuseum.org/blog/sue-t-rex](http://fieldmuseum.org/blog/sue-t-rex)

**Standards Link:** Earth Science: Students know that fossils provide evidence about the animal that lived long ago.

## Where would you look?

Apply what you learned from the stratigraphic column to figure out where in this map you would look for dinosaur fossils.



Over millions of years, layers of rock build up, burying—and preserving—fossils.

Extra! Extra!

## Adjective ABCs

Look through the newspaper and find 5 or more adjectives that would describe the T. rex called Sue. Put the adjectives in ABC order.

**Standards Link:** Spelling: Put words in alphabetic order.

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## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

**This week's word: FOSSIL**  
Fossil is a noun that means the remains of a living animal or plant from long ago.

Sue was excited when she found the **fossil** of the T-Rex.

Try to use the word **fossil** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

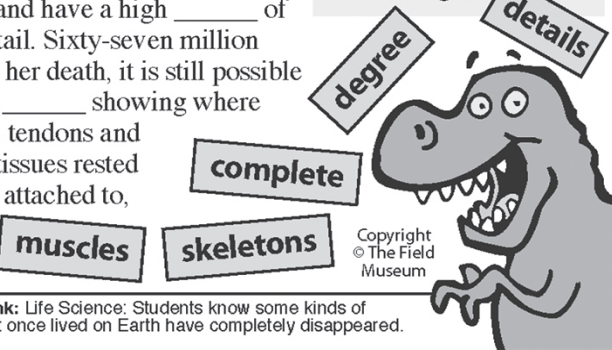
## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### The Importance of Sue

The first T. rex specimen was found in 1900. Since then, only a handful of \_\_\_\_\_ that are more than half complete have been discovered. Sue's skeleton is 90 percent complete. Sue is the largest, most \_\_\_\_\_, and best preserved T. rex ever found.

Most of Sue's bones are in excellent condition and have a high \_\_\_\_\_ of surface detail. Sixty-seven million years after her death, it is still possible to see fine \_\_\_\_\_ showing where \_\_\_\_\_, tendons and other soft tissues rested against, or attached to, the bone.

Sue swiped some words out of this story. Can you figure out where each one belongs?



**Standards Link:** Life Science: Students know some kinds of organisms that once lived on Earth have completely disappeared.

## Double Double Word Search

- GEOLOGICAL
- COLUMN
- MILLION
- PRESERVED
- SWIM
- SPECIMENS
- SURFACE
- ROCKS
- WINGS
- FOSSILS
- SOFT
- BONES
- HIGH
- BLUE
- SUE

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

### News of Discovery

Look through the newspaper for an article that tells about a new discovery. Read the article and then identify **who, what, when, where, why** and **how**.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Identify main idea and supporting details in a newspaper article.

## What do you get when you mix a dinosaur with a lemon?



ANSWER: A dino-son.

## Write On!

### Dinosaur Obituaries

Write an obituary about a favorite dinosaur.



# Ultimate COMFORT DINNER

**Beef** **Casserole** **Gastro-Pub**

**Time: 2 hours 45 minutes** **Yield: 6 servings**

## About

Go ahead and grab your stretchiest pants and your fluffiest blanket, the Ultimate Comfort Dinner is about to serve up the kind of meal you'll want to follow up with the best nap of your life! Get ready for all those fresh, tender, steaming-hot veggies, the chunky, rosy beef, and the crispy, salty bacon swimming in dark, rich, and savory juices... is your mouth watering yet? It all rests under a buttery, crispy puff pastry cover to create the most satisfying blend of textures. See? You're going to be so full after indulging in the Ultimate Comfort Dinner, you'll need to plan time to enjoy a post-dinner nap! What a wonderful life we live!

## Ingredients

- 0.7 ounces dried porcini mushrooms, sliced, whole, or chopped
- 1 1/4 cups water, boiling
- 2 pounds chuck beef, cut into 1-inch cubes
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1-2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 celery stalk, finely chopped
- 1 carrot, finely chopped, plus 3 carrots, halved lengthwise and cut into 3 1/2-inch chunks, divided
- 1/3 cup flour
- 10 ounces dark ale
- 2 cups beef stock
- 3 sprigs thyme or 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 2 bay leaves, fresh or dried
- 7 ounces bacon, diced
- 10-13 ounces Swiss brown mushrooms
- 1-2 sheets puff pastry, enough to cover a pie
- 1 egg yolk

## Directions

- Step 1 - In a bowl, add the porcini mushrooms and the water and let the mushrooms soak for at least 30 minutes and up to 1 hour.
- Step 2 - Strain the porcini mushrooms and reserve the soaking liquid.
- Step 3 - Roughly chop the soaked porcini mushrooms.
- Step 4 - Sprinkle the beef with the salt and the pepper.
- Step 5 - In a large, heavy-based pot, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil.
- Step 6 - Add 1/2 of the seasoned beef to the pot and cook until it is no longer pink, about 5-7 minutes. Transfer the cooked beef from the pot, then repeat with the remaining beef.
- Step 7 - Lower the heat to medium-low, adding the remaining oil if the pot is looking dry.
- Step 8 - Add the onion and the garlic to the pot and cook until they are fragrant, about 2 minutes.
- Step 9 - Add the celery and the 1 finely chopped carrot to the pot and cook until they have softened and are sweet to taste, about 6 minutes.
- Step 10 - Add the remaining carrot chunks to the veggie mixture and cook for 2 minutes.
- Step 11 - Add the flour to the veggie mixture and stir thoroughly.
- Step 12 - Add the ale and the beef stock to the soup mixture and stir until the flour has dissolved.
- Step 13 - Add the thyme, the bay leaves, the soaked porcini mushrooms, the reserved porcini mushroom soaking liquid (ensuring the gritty bits settled at the bottom aren't added), and the cooked beef to the soup mixture.
- Step 14 - Turn up the heat slightly, mix the soup, and bring it to a simmer, then cover.
- Step 15 - Adjust the heat so the soup is gently simmering and then cook until the beef is tender and has reached an internal temperature of at least 145 degrees F, about 1 hour 45 minutes.
- Step 16 - While the soup is cooking, in a skillet over high heat, cook the bacon until golden. Transfer the bacon to a paper-towel-lined plate, leaving the drippings in the skillet.
- Step 17 - Add the Swiss mushrooms to the bacon drippings and cook until they are golden all over, about 5 minutes.
- Step 18 - Add the cooked bacon to the Swiss mushrooms and toss to coat the mushrooms.
- Step 19 - Stir the bacon mixture into the stew mixture.
- Step 20 - Simmer the stew, uncovered, until the Swiss mushrooms are tender, about 15 minutes.
- Step 21 - Transfer the stew from the heat and let it cool.
- Step 22 - Preheat the oven to 390 degrees F.
- Step 23 - Pour the cooled stew into a 10x8x1.8-inch pie dish.
- Step 24 - Top the stew mixture with the puff pastries and brush with the egg yolk.
- Step 25 - Cut a few slits in the surface of the puff pastries.
- Step 26 - Bake until the puff pastries are a deep golden color and the filling is piping hot in the middle, about 30-35 minutes.
- Step 27 - Allow the bake to rest for 5 minutes.
- Step 28 - Serve.

# Is this Working?

As autumn approaches, thinking about 'jobs' that might cause the fall of our society

Fall is on the horizon and it's time for a series of new TV shows, loads of variety options and blockbuster movies.

Wait a minute, does the recent strike in Hollywood affect my viewing pleasures? I always thought actors, entertainers and those who wrote for them were obsolete. Although Hollywood is a luxury industry, we do derive some value and need from what the workers provide.

Since May 2, a series of labor disputes within the American film industry took place, mainly focused on the strikes of the Writers Guild of America and SAG-AFTRA. It is the second time two Hollywood labor unions are striking simultaneously — the first having occurred in 1960.

Add sports into that category of a luxury profession, certainly not a necessity, in our everyday lives. It takes talent, skills, ability and a willingness to give up your private life to be a successful actor or athlete.

Hello music industry, I am looking at you too. While most of us can't carry a tune, singing and playing an instrument adds a soundtrack for our everyday emotions. But we would survive without another song ever being made.

Most jobs are either a luxury or convenience. Few jobs like firefighter, officer, sewage worker, military, medical staff, teacher or cafeteria worker are essential to our development and survival.

As 2023 nears an end and my entertainment options are cut in half, I was thinking about the top 10 jobs as of today that are not needed at all. The scary part about my list, most people under 40 years old desire to have these "occupations."

If everyone becomes one of these 10 things, our society is doomed and the days of the United States being a world power are so over.

## 10. Blogger

A blogger is someone who writes regularly for an online journal or website. That is cool because that falls in the line of a columnist and that person should have expertise in that field or industry like a political blogger. The blogger I don't champion is the personal blogger seeking to make an income off keeping a website. It's an electronic diary including photographs and personal artifacts.

## 9. Vlogger

Vlogger is short for Video Blogger and refers to a person who creates and shares video content online. Vloggers tend to record videos relevant to a specific topic or industry, but it can also simply be to document day-to-day life. We have too many people rushing to their carseat to place their cell phone behind the steering wheel. Then they go to video or a social media app to go live. All left to do is give your opinion or take on everyday life, current events, trends or some incident that just personally happened to him or her.

Everything doesn't have to be broadcasted people.

## 8. Telemarketer

A telemarketer is salesperson who is employed by a company to telephone people in order to persuade them to buy the company's products or services.

Most people text now and won't answer a strange phone number on their cell phone. Plus most mobile devices alert you of a scam caller.

If we need to learn about your product, please use other mediums to inform us. Social media pop-ups and advertising on our mobile games is the best way to get our attention in 2023.

## 7. Podcaster

A podcaster is a person who makes an audio or video recording and puts it on the internet. The United States has an estimated 60 million podcasters.

The reason why I rank podcasters so low on the list is because there are a few in the industry who entertain and inform their listeners/viewers. Joe Rogan and Bill Burr are two great shows that can help a



long road trip become a breeze.

It takes skills like comedic timing, intelligent conversation, journalist integrity, knowledge and a willingness to learn to be a solid podcaster.

Out of the 60 million podcasters, I would guesstimate that 59,999,001 of those are horrible or very forgettable.

## 6. YouTuber

A YouTuber is a person who

uploads, produces or appears in videos on the video-sharing website YouTube. Dang, that means I am a YouTuber. I guess No. 6 is a fair ranking.

There are two types of people on the site YouTube, those who create content and those who react to content.

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real-life occurrences.

On the other end, more and more content creators are loading up compilation videos and doing voice overs. Some narrations are artificial intelligence.

There is a category of YouTubers who react to other YouTubers. Another method is taking actual news footage and breaking it down. YouTube is mostly gossip now.

## 5. Content Creator

A content creator is someone who creates entertaining or educational material to be

expressed through any medium or channel. Content creation especially pertains to digital content, since that's where the majority of content is consumed.

So a bunch of people with talent and resources produce something entertaining. Then a lazy person with just a phone will react to their piece and try to generate revenue.

The main reason content creators make this list is because of the foolishness it causes. Many of those stupid pranks, daredevil challenges, criminal behavior and invasion of privacy we see online are going viral. Either going viral or having content for their channel or page.

## 4. Influencer

An influencer is a person with the ability to influence potential buyers of a product or service by promoting or recommending the items on social media.

Newsflash people, most of us are not important enough to impact other people's purchasing decisions.

We have a generation of children who want to put on makeup, test products, travel, eat tons of food and hit the gym for a living.

We are heading toward failure as a nation if most of our children become any of these types of influencers: fashion, health & fitness, beauty, lifestyle, food, pet, sports, travel, parenting, gaming, technology or entertainment.

I miss the good ole days of a celebrity trying to influence my thoughts and purchasing.

## 3. Twitch Streamer

A Twitch streamer is a person who broadcasts his or herself in real time (referred to as streaming) while playing video games. That person is known as a streamer. Those who want to stream their play may do so through online platforms such as Twitch and YouTube.

Who enjoys setting through hours of watching someone else play a video game and do senseless commentary.

The streamer is typically shouting at the game play or cursing up a storm about anything. It is scary how successful this format is in our country. It's a sign of our demise as a country.

## 2. Instagram model

An Instagram model is user that has amassed a large following by posting engaging photos of themselves and their lifestyles. Companies knowing that many mindless people flock to these "model" will hire them to promote products because they have significant influence and popularity that can be used to boost sales.

If you're born beautiful or visit the plastic surgeon's knife enough, your physical attraction can net you thousands of dollars. Post some suggestive and racy pictures to gain a following. The brands will take the bait and hire you to promote their product.

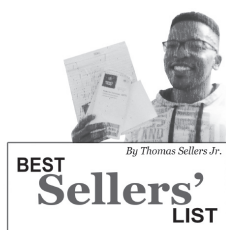
## 1. Tik Toker

Sadly I've heard people in my everyday life describe themselves as a... as a... Tik Toker. What? Supposedly it is someone who uses the social media service TikTok, especially someone who shares short videos they have made, often of themselves doing an activity and including music.

Attention everyone: dancing, mocking a song, giving your political thoughts, ranting in your car, doing comedy, executing a prank or doing commentary is not a profession that will help us progress.

These are all hobbies and should be treated as such. Actually, all these "jobs" are hobbies and make a great addition to your real occupation. Please treat these as such so we won't collapse as a nation.

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Over the decades of study amid the writings of the Scriptures, I have become convinced that God's justice is fundamentally loving and restorative rather than punitive. Early on we seem to focus on a vengeful God, a God that brings a level of fear to our lives, a God who will "zap us" if we do wrong. My journey and studies have proven this to be a misconception for we who call ourselves humankind.

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The more we read and study the Sacred Writings, we note that God does not change as much as our knowledge of God evolves. I certainly recognize there are many biblical passages that present God as punitive and retributive, but we must stay with the text ... and observe how we gradually let God grow up. Focusing on divine retribution leads to an ego-satisfying and eventually unworkable image of God which situates us inside of a very unsafe and dangerous universe. Both Jesus and Paul observed the human tendency toward retribution and spoke strongly about the limitations of the law.

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# FIRST TASTE OF VICTORY



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The Millington Trojans picked up their first win of the 2023 season back in early September at home dominating Power Center 9-0. Scoring went as follows: Goal No. 1 - Lavla Batts (Christina Cook assist), Goal No. 2 - Rilee Ervin, Goal No. 3 - Layla Batts (Christina Cook assist), Goal No. 4 - Christina Cook (Morgan assist), Goal No. 5 - Christina Cook, Goal No. 6 - Christina Cook and in the second half Goal No. 7 - Layla Batts (Kynzie Gordon assist), Goal No. 8 - Layla Batts and Goal No. 9 - Christina Cook.

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Dynamix Physical Therapy West 10 Media Power 10 Rankings returns for the 2023 season. The 2023 Power 10 has an additional team in the Lakeland Lions. The teams from the coverage area for The Bartlett Express, The Collierville Herald-Independent, The Leader, The Millington Star, and The Germantown News & Shelby Sun Times, including Arlington, Bartlett, Cordova, Collierville, Germantown, Millington and Tipton County were eligible. With several residents from those cities attending Christian Brothers High School and Memphis University School, those two teams were also eligible for the rankings. Check out each paper throughout the season to stay updated on the rankings. Here are the rankings heading into WEEK 5.

### WEEK 3

1. Munford Cougars
2. MUS Owls
3. Germantown Red Devils
4. Bartlett Panthers
5. Collierville Dragons
6. FACS Crusaders
7. Millington Trojans
8. Bolton Wildcats
9. CBHS Purple Wave
10. TRA Rebels

### WEEK 4

1. Germantown Red Devils (4-0) vs. Cordova W 41-32 vs. Riverdale
2. Bartlett Panthers (3-1) vs. White Station W 53-18 @ Arlington
3. Collierville Dragons (3-1) @ Arlington W 57-0 vs. Douglass
4. FACS Crusaders (4-0) vs. Harding Academy W 61-14 Hollow Rock-Bruceton
5. MUS Owls (3-1) vs. Ridgeway L 42-35 vs. McCallie
6. Munford Cougars (3-1) @ Overton L 42-0 vs. Southwind
7. Millington Trojans (3-1) vs. Kirby W 31-12 vs. Craigmont
8. Bolton Wildcats (4-0) @ Sheffield W 49-20 vs. Wooddale
9. CBHS Purple Wave (3-1) vs. Baylor W 61-0 vs. Hillcrest
10. TRA Rebels (4-0) @ Harding Academy W 8-0 vs. St. Benedict



# Still the One

With her husband by her side, 2009 MCHS Valedictorian receives Naval promotion

By Thomas Sellers Jr.  
The Millington Star

Taking center stage, newly promoted U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander Matt Faber addressed those gathered in the Pat Thompson Center on September 5.

Faber noted how hard work doesn't always line up with success, but when it does, the occasion is very special. His wife Megan Wilson knows firsthand the gratification of validation dedication.

The Class of 2009 Millington Central High School valedictorian graduated with a 4.0 grade point average, commander in the NJROTC, and with the Medal of Excellence being an outstanding math student.

Over the past 14 years, Wilson has continued her hard working ways earning the right to join her husband in a double promotional ceremony from Lieutenant to Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy.

"This is awesome and there is definitely a lot more weight on our shoulders now," Wilson said.

The couple made a vow to carry on the legacies of those who taught and trained them throughout their military careers. Wilson and Faber also talked about honoring those who wore, wear and will down the uniform.

Faber's background is traced back to Japan. His family made the trip to Millington for his promotion. Along with dozens of peers and colleagues, Wilson's family was pres-



ent as well. Wilson is a native of Millington and was celebrated by her hometown back in 2009 for being valedictorian.

She went on to win the Navy Scholarship which paid for her entire four-year education at Christian Brothers University. Wilson graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Math and Science degree.

She was then Commissioned into the Navy at rank of Ensign. During her time in the Navy Wilson has traveled to Abu Dhabi, Hawaii, and Japan.

In Hawaii is where she met her future husband. They both have been pro-

moted many times, separately.

Faber was born and raised in Okinawa, Japan. With Japanese as his first language, he learned English at 11 years old. He is now fluent in both English and Japanese. At 20, he moved to the U.S. to attend college in Florida. He worked three jobs to put himself through college.

Upon graduating, he earned his commission through the Jacksonville University NROTC program in 2014. He is third generation U. S. Navy. His first assignment was as a Surface Warfare Officer onboard USS O'KANE (DDG 77)

in Hawaii, where he met Megan.

Since then, they have endured seven years of long-distance relationship as they independently served all over the world, until Megan "forced" him to marry her in Pensacola, Fla. They both transferred from Surface Warfare Officers to Human Resource Officers in the U. S. Navy. Their professional adventures have been in Hawaii, South Carolina, California, Japan, Virginia, Florida and Tennessee. They finally began their married lives in the same location in Millington in May 2022.

With Wilson and Faber both being stationed at

Naval Air Station Millington, it was building up to a dual promotional ceremony.

Faber said he was honored to share the stage and moment with an amazing example of a Naval officer.

"She has taught me balance," he noted. "We talked about this a couple of weeks ago. Giving it 100 percent at work but when you get home you cut it off. When you come back home it's about family and our time together. That way you don't get burnout. Also you won't neglect the family."

Faber said he hopes his bride has learned something from him over the

years. "Focusing on being a better person today than you were yesterday," he said.

Wilson has a strong Navy legacy, being a third generation officer following her fraternal grandfather and her father.

Wilson said she dedicates part of her Naval career to the City of Millington, MCHS, and the ROTC program.

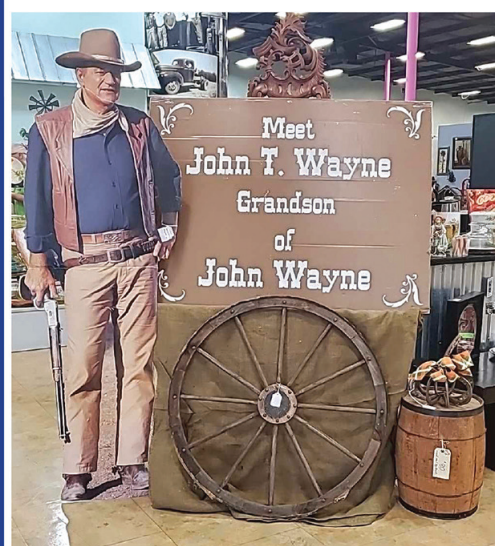
"It doesn't stop at high school and it does get better," Wilson concluded. "The world needs people who care, the Navy needs people who care. This generation is a very caring generation. We can make great things happen."



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