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CBHS quarterback Nate Brick (inset, left) escaped the clutches of Briarcrest linebacker Conner Ferguson Friday night during the Saints 29-28 win.

OH NO, BROTHERS!

Saints hold off CBHS with late two-point conversion, remain unbeaten

By Thomas Sellers, Jr.
Richardson Media Group

MEMPHIS — Riding high off a win over previous unbeaten Southwind, the Briarcrest Saints knew a rivalry showdown was next on the agenda before a clash of titans with Brentwood Academy.

Boarding the bus on campus Friday evening to leave Eads, Saints Head Coach Phil Massey gave his players a not so subtle reminder about their opponent the Christian Brothers High School Purple Wave.

“We tried to tell our kids that they’re a very competitive, very physically tough team,” he said. “They do a great job. Their coaches do a great job so I knew they would be very prepared.”

The textbook October conditions of mild temperatures and a mist gave the backdrop to Tom Nix Stadium on Landers Field for a classic. By the time the final whistle blew, the Saints marched out of Memphis still undefeated and survivors of a 29-28 decision.

“They played a hard fought game,” Massey said of the Purple Wave. “That’s what we told our kids before we even got on the bus to leave Briarcrest. It’s going to be a dogfight. I wasn’t too sure how much they believed it, but I know they believe it now. Certainly it was a hard-fought high school football game.”

Briarcrest (7-0, 2-0 in Division II-3A West) struck first with a Octavius Flynn 5 yard touchdown run to make the score 7-0 just 4 minutes into the game.

The Brothers (4-3, 0-2) came out the corner swinging a haymaker when quarterback Nate Brick threw a picture-perfect deep ball hitting receiver Christian Harris in stride. The connection deadlocked the game at 7-7 midway through the first quarter.

Before the opening period concluded, Saints quarterback Cayden Dixon toss a pitch to Flynn leading to his second TD of the night.



Purple Wave athletes (above) fight for a couple of extra yards Friday night on the turf of Landers Field at Tom Nix Stadium against rival Briarcrest. The Saints were able to leave Memphis victorious 29-28

Briarcrest was ahead 14-7 entering the second quarter.

The Purple Wave continued the trend of answering back with its passing attack. Brick’s next target was Trey Burse. The TD pass tied the game at 14-14 just a minute into the period.

As both defenses held the opposition for most of the quarter, Briarcrest had a breakthrough when Caden Sage caught a pass from Dixon setting up the Saints at the 1-yard line. Dixon did the honors a couple of plays later to regain the lead for Briarcrest.

With 2 minutes and 36 seconds on the clock, CBHS had plenty of time to answer back again. Brick threw his third touchdown pass of the night. Ezra Caswell was on the receiving end of the TD with a minute and 24 ticks on the clock before halftime.

The tally was deadlock at 21-21 at the break. The Brothers received the ball first in the second half and made a statement. Brick tossed his fourth touchdown pass of the

night. The 45-yard strike to Burse made the score 28-21 in favor of CBHS with 8:19 on the clock.

“Our head coach actually told us that before the game that we were going to be in for a dogfight,” Dixon acknowledged. “So we were ready for it.”

Briarcrest was stopped time and time again in the second half. The Purple Wave was neutralized the rest of the game by the Saints’ defense.

The Saints took over possession one more time late in the fourth quarter.

“It was fourth down and about 18,” Massey recalled. “We just wanted our offensive line to give (Dixon) some protection. If we give him time, we know JD could get open. We had to have proper spacing and all the receivers did their responsibilities. We have confidence in Cayden in that moment to deliver the ball.”

On the 33-yard line and facing fourth and long, Dixon hit a

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GEC RECOGNIZES SEPTEMBER TEACHER AND YOUTH EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Germantown Education Commission recognized two outstanding members of the community during the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting on September 28, honoring Dogwood Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Jessica Schlessner as Teacher of the Month and Elaina Cowles, a senior at Evangelical Christian School, with the Youth Excellence Award.

Schlessner is known for creating a welcoming classroom where students feel supported while being challenged to reach their full potential. She uses student data to tailor instruction, provides additional support through RTI and develops resources to help students continue learning when they are absent. She also makes time to attend student events, chaperone field trips and support activities outside the classroom. Parents and colleagues describe her as patient, kind and approachable, with a talent for holding students accountable while making them feel valued. Schlessner’s commitment extends to the broader school community through volunteering, securing grants for classroom ma-



Dogwood Elementary fifth-grade teacher Jessica Schlessner displays her September Teacher of the Month award from the Germantown Education Commission. Schlessner was honored Sept. 28 for creating a welcoming classroom, supporting students’ individual needs and contributing to the school community.

Photo: City of Germantown

terials, supporting music programs and coaching opportunities. Her dedication to students and her positive influence on the Dogwood

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Germantown Mayor Mike Palazzolo speaks after receiving an EDGE Memphis Leadership Award on Oct. 1 at the Economic Development & Community Recognition Awards breakfast at FedEx Event Center at Shelby Farms. Palazzolo was honored for his contributions to regional economic development.

Photo: City of Germantown

PALAZZOLO HONORED FOR REGIONAL LEADERSHIP IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Staff Reports

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — For more than a decade, Germantown Mayor Mike Palazzolo has been part of the region’s ongoing conversation about growth, business and the quality of life that connects communities across Shelby County.

On Thursday, that regional leadership was recognized with an EDGE Memphis Leadership Award.

Palazzolo was one of two recipients honored Oct. 1 at the fourth

annual Economic Development & Community Recognition Awards hosted by the Economic Development Growth Engine for Memphis and Shelby County, known as EDGE Memphis.

The awards breakfast, held at the FedEx Event Center at Shelby Farms, brought together developers, business leaders, elected officials, chambers of commerce and community organizations from throughout the Memphis area.

Palazzolo shared the Leadership Award with David Bradford.

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FIREFIGHTERS FIND TWO DOGS IN HOME FILLED WITH CARBON MONOXIDE

Staff Reports

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — The house was quiet when three Germantown firefighters arrived shortly after 4 a.m. Aug. 24.

The homeowners weren't there. They had gone to stay with family after a power outage, unaware that an outdoor generator near their garage was sending carbon monoxide into the house.

But two members of the household were still inside.

Sassy and Willow, the family's dogs, were found lethargic as carbon monoxide levels rose inside the Germantown home, according to the City of Germantown. Firefighters quickly carried the dogs outside into fresh air and began ventilating the house.

The rescue was part of a more than two-hour response by Lt. Michael Greenleaf, Firefighter/Paramedic Charlie Jones and Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Fioranelli of Engine 92.

The firefighters were dispatched at about 4:10 a.m. after the home's security system sent an alert. With no one home to open the door, the crew manually raised the garage door and entered the residence, where they encountered hazardous conditions.

Carbon monoxide readings



Angela and Eric Reynolds pose with Germantown firefighters and their dogs, Sassy and Willow. Firefighters rescued the pets from the couple's home Aug. 24 after a generator near the garage sent carbon monoxide into the house while the homeowners were away.

Photo City of Germantown

reached 64 parts per million, the city said.

The firefighters opened windows and doors, ran fans and continuously monitored the air until readings eventually returned to zero.

And while the immediate danger was the invisible gas inside the house, the crew still had one more concern: making sure the family

knew what had happened to their dogs.

Using a phone number on one of the dogs' collars, the firefighters called and texted the homeowners and left a voicemail. They also wrote a note explaining what they had done.

Before leaving, they moved the generator farther from the home,

secured the residence, closed the windows and doors and made sure Sassy and Willow were safely inside.

For Angela and Eric Reynolds, the details mattered.

The couple later wrote to Germantown Fire Chief Eric Grizzard to thank the firefighters for what they had done.

"To say the crew went above and beyond does not begin to do it justice," the couple wrote. "They saved our dogs' lives."

Angela Reynolds said she has thought about what the firefighters encountered when they entered the home — barking dogs, a vehicle in the driveway and no response from the homeowners.

"Their thoughtfulness and care still amaze us," she wrote.

The experience has since prompted the family to share its story with others, hoping it will serve as a warning about a danger that can be difficult to detect until it is too late.

Carbon monoxide is colorless and odorless, making detectors an important safeguard in homes. Generators should be operated outdoors and kept well away from doors, windows and vents, where exhaust can enter a residence.

For the Reynolds family, the warning is now personal.

What began as an overnight stay elsewhere during a power outage could have ended very differently. Instead, firefighters found the danger, found the dogs and stayed until the house was safe.

The City of Germantown said the response by Greenleaf, Jones and Fioranelli reflects the department's commitment to "Excellence, Every Call."

GERMANTOWN BOARD UPHOLDS APPROVAL OF BODINE SCHOOL EXPANSION

Staff Reports

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — The Germantown Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted unanimously Sept. 28 to deny an appeal of the planned expansion of Bodine School, upholding the Planning Commission's approval of the project.

The board's decision followed a public hearing and review of the appeal, which was filed by neighboring residents after the Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit and revised final site plan Sept. 1 for the school at 2432

Yester Oaks Drive.

The approval allows Bodine School, which has operated at the site since 1972, to proceed with plans for a 25,980-square-foot addition, expanded on-site parking and changes to traffic circulation and vehicle queuing.

Residents who filed the appeal questioned whether the proposed development met the city's requirements. During the Sept. 28 meeting, the BMA reviewed the submitted plans, comments from the applicant and guidance from city attorneys before determining that the re-

cord supported compliance with the applicable criteria under Section 23-97 of the city's Zoning Ordinance.

Traffic circulation, parking and vehicle queuing along Yester Oaks Drive were among the issues considered during the appeal.

Plans submitted by the development team call for increasing on-site vehicle queuing capacity from six vehicles to 43. According to traffic projections presented to the city, the additional on-site capacity could reduce the number of vehicles queued on the street during afternoon dismissal.

The Conditional Use Permit limits daytime school enrollment to 140 students. Enrollment is expected to increase gradually over five years rather than reaching the limit immediately.

The school's summer program will remain capped at 120 students.

With the BMA's unanimous vote, the Planning Commission's approval of the Conditional Use Permit and revised final site plan remains in effect, allowing the proposed expansion to move forward.



BE PREPARED: BUILD A 72-HOUR SUPPLY KIT

Staff Reports

Emergency preparedness is not about worrying over the unexpected. It is about taking simple, proactive steps to protect loved ones and pets. This September, the City of Germantown is recognizing Preparedness Month by breaking emergency planning down into quick, manageable steps. This is the second article in a four-part series.

When severe weather or unexpected utility outages strike, emergency responders may need to focus on critical incidents across the city. Having a basic emergency kit ensures your household can remain self-sufficient for at least 72 hours while help is on the way.

As part of Germantown Preparedness Month, the Fire Department encourages residents to gather essential supplies this week to keep their families safe, fed and healthy during an emergency:

- **Gather non-negotiable basics:** Pack one gallon of

water per person per day, non-perishable food items, flashlights with extra batteries, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, a first-aid kit and a safety whistle.

- **Prepare for pets:** Furry family members need a dedicated go-bag stocked with food, medications, extra leashes, bowls and copies of vaccination records.
- **Include essential personal items:** Store daily prescription medications, personal hygiene supplies, baby formula, extra cash and waterproof copies of insurance policies, IDs and bank records in an easily accessible container.
- **Get Urgent Updates via Hyper-Reach**

When emergency supplies are needed, seconds count. Germantown's Hyper-Reach alert system ensures residents receive immediate, accurate notification of local hazards, road closures and severe weather threats directly on mobile devices or landlines. Register your household today at germantown-tn.gov/Alert.

THIRD ANNUAL GERMANTOWN BUSINESS SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 20

Staff Reports

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — The City of Germantown's Economic Development Commission will host its third annual Germantown Business Summit on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Great Hall & Conference Center, located at 1900 S. Germantown Road.

The free event, open to all residents, runs from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. It is structured to help local business owners and community leaders gather real-time economic data, expand referral networks and offer input on municipal policy.

Attendees will begin the morning with a complimentary breakfast before key presentations and interactive sessions:

- **Regional Market In-**

telligence: Keynote speaker Chris Mefford of Community Attributes Inc. will examine Germantown's economic position, demographic trends and commercial advantages across the Mid-South region.

- **Municipal Policy Influence:** Participants can join breakout sessions focused on the Thrive Germantown 2050 Comprehensive Plan to help guide land use, development strategies and commercial growth policy for the next two decades.
- **Targeted B2B Networking:** A dedicated one-hour business expo will allow attendees to connect with local business owners, regional executives and city leaders.

"We are excited to profile, in a data-driven way, Germantown's economic posi-



tion in the center of the region," said Cameron Ross, economic and community development director. "Our strategic advantage for medical, commercial and general employment growth is what sets Germantown apart, and we're excited to have our business community participate in the conversation about what

can make us even better."

Exhibitor tables for the business expo start at \$50, and Gold-level sponsorships are available for \$250 while supplies last. To reserve an expo table or inquire about sponsorship packages, contact Diane Desanctis at DDesanctis@Germantown-TN.gov.



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FROM CLASSROOM TO HOSPITAL: HHS STUDENTS GET A CLOSER LOOK AT HEALTHCARE CAREERS

Houston High School & Germantown Municipal School District

For Houston High School health science students, a visit to Methodist Hospital offered more than a tour. It gave them an opportunity to step inside the healthcare careers they have been learning about and begin picturing where their own interests could take them after graduation. Students spent the visit exploring the variety of professions found throughout a hospital and seeing firsthand how different healthcare professionals work together to care for patients. For Grayson Eddy, pathology stood out.

“I liked pathology because you get to see a lot of cancer and how to help certain people, like what parts of the body it’s forming in and what medicine that you’re supposed to use,” Eddy said. Classmate Angelie Reuer was also interested in the behind-the-scenes work she observed in pathology. “I liked seeing all the different stuff and seeing how they test it



Houston High School health science students visited Methodist Hospital to explore healthcare professions firsthand and connect classroom learning with potential career pathways after graduation.

Germantown Municipal School District (GMSD)

and pick the pieces out of it,” Reuer said. The experience built on career exploration already happening in their Houston High health science classroom. Eddy, who is interested in pursuing a career in anesthesia, said a recent resume assignment gave her an opportu-

nity to learn more about the profession she is considering. “I want to get my doctorate in anesthesia, and we just did a resume thing last week, and I got to learn about my job a lot more,” Eddy said. “With coming to the hospital today, it has really helped me see where I want to be in the

medical field.” Reuer said the broad exposure students receive in class is valuable because healthcare encompasses so many different professions. “We do a lot of stuff, including all of them in a general area,” Reuer said. “It’s really good because

you get to learn more about medicine in general.” For Lesley Coleman, Houston High School health science teacher, creating opportunities for students to make those connections is an important part of preparing them for what comes next. “What I’m teaching them in class, when we come to the hospital, they can see it,” Coleman said. “They get to see the teamwork. They get to interact with the people that work here.” Coleman hopes experiences like the Methodist Hospital visit help students move beyond simply knowing they are interested in healthcare and begin identifying where they might belong within it. “After they leave this setting, they go from, ‘I want to work in healthcare,’ to, like, ‘Ooh, I can see myself doing this, or I can see myself doing that,’” Coleman said. For Eddy, Reuer and their classmates, the visit turned careers discussed in a classroom into people, workplaces and possibilities they could see firsthand.

Help Shape the Future of E-Bikes in Germantown

Staff Reports

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — As local parks, greenways, and neighborhood trails grow busier, city officials are focusing on how residents travel across town,

specifically addressing a surge in electric bicycle traffic alongside pedestrians, runners, and traditional cyclists. Because Germantown features an interconnected network of parks and neighborhood trails,

city leaders said they are avoiding a one-size-fits-all policy in favor of a collaborative approach to ensure paths remain safe and accessible. “Germantown’s greenways and neighborhood trails are the



heartbeat of our community’s outdoor life,” said Vice Mayor Mary Anne Gibson, liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission. “Because our trail system is so uniquely connected, we want to make sure any policy decisions are rooted in real resident feedback. Partnering closely with the Transportation Commission allows us to look at the big picture while ensuring our community’s voice leads the way.” City leaders are seeking public input from daily e-bike riders, weekend trail walkers, and nearby residents before approving policy recommendations. Residents can submit feedback online

at Germantown-TN.gov/ebike. **Why Your Input Matters** **Direct Impact:** Resident responses will help establish trail safety guidelines, speed considerations, and path signage. **Balanced Governance:** Officials aim to balance public safety with preserving the park system’s character. **Next Steps:** Survey results will be compiled and presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Transportation Commission to inform recommendations for the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The survey takes approximately three minutes to complete.



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Most weeks, a newspaper has a fairly short life on the kitchen table. You read it, perhaps pass it along to someone else, and eventually make room for the next one. But every so often, something in those pages becomes worth keeping.

Maybe it is a photograph of your grandchild at a ballgame, a story about the family business or an obituary that captures something of a person you loved. What we put together on a deadline becomes something a family holds onto for decades.

This is National Newspaper Week, observed Oct. 4–10, and it seems like a good opportunity to reflect on what newspapers mean to the communities they serve—not just as business-

es, but as a part of everyday life that is easy to take for granted.

At *Richardson Media Group*, our newspapers serve communities across Tennessee. Each town has its own identity, its own concerns, and its own stories worth telling. Sharing a printing plant and other resources helps us get the work done, but the purpose of each newspaper remains local. Readers want to know what is happening where they live.

A few weeks ago, I wrote about the storm that knocked our printing plant in Huntingdon out of commission. We worked through a power outage, internet problems and equipment trouble before finally getting newspapers rolling again. It was frustrating for our staff and for readers whose papers arrived late.

But there is a considerable difference between a newspaper arriving late and a newspaper never arriving

again.

Across the country, that second situation has become painfully common. Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism reported in its *2025 State of Local News* study that nearly 3,500 newspapers had ceased printing since 2005—almost 40 percent of the nation’s local newspapers over those two decades.

Some publications have moved online, and not every lost newspaper leaves a community without reporting. But Medill identified more than 200 counties with no locally based news source and more than 1,500 others with only one remaining, usually a weekly newspaper. Nearly 80 percent of those “news desert” counties were rural.

That term sounds rather clinical until you consider what it means.

A town doesn’t stop having news just because its newspaper closes. There are still school events, ball-

games, new businesses, emergencies, and families with stories worth sharing. Public meetings still happen, and decisions still need explaining. The question becomes who will do the work of finding out what happened and telling everyone else.

It is tempting to assume the internet will handle that. Digital journalism certainly has an important place, including in our own work. But Medill found that digital-only local news outlets remain concentrated in metropolitan areas and have not replaced the reporting lost elsewhere. A website can deliver a story, but somebody still has to produce it.

The same is true of social media. Sharing information is useful, but sharing a report and reporting it in the first place are different jobs. Someone has to make the calls, check the details, ask the follow-up questions and take responsibility when something needs correcting.

That work is not always glamorous. Neither is designing pages, selling advertising, running a press or preparing newspapers for delivery. Our recent printing troubles were a reminder of how much effort happens out of sight, and how dedicated our people are to getting the finished newspaper into readers’ hands.

I’m grateful for that dedication. I’m also grateful for the subscribers and advertisers who make it possible. National Newspaper Week recognizes all of those contributions, because local journalism depends on more than the person whose name appears above a story.

We also have a responsibility to earn that support. A newspaper should be useful, accurate and interested in its community. We should listen when readers suggest a story, raise a concern or point out something we missed. Supporting local journalism should not mean lowering expectations for it.

But appreciation has to become participation somewhere along the way. Buying an issue because your child is pictured in it is wonderful. A subscription helps make sure someone will be there to photograph the next group of children, too.

So, to our subscribers, thank you. Encourage a friend or family member to join you. To our advertisers, thank you for choosing to reach your neighbors through these pages. And when readers patronize those businesses, mentioning an advertisement they saw helps those businesses understand the value of their support.

I don’t believe small-town newspapers are something we should simply accept losing. The communities we serve are still full of people worth knowing and stories worth telling.

Keep the clippings that matter to your family. Help keep the newspaper that makes them possible.

Living with Purpose

By David Peel



Common Questions After a Crash That Wasn’t Your Fault

Being injured in a car accident you didn’t cause is stressful and confusing. You may get ambulance chasers or clinics calling you, and that is unethical and annoying.

Here are answers to the questions most people ask in the days and weeks that follow.

What should I do right after the crash? Prioritize safety and documentation. Move to a safe location if possible, call 911, and request medical help. Exchange information with the other driver, take photos of the vehicles, and get contact details from witnesses. Do NOT assume police will do so.

Should I see a doctor if I feel okay? Yes. Adrenaline often masks injuries. That’s a God given gift. But damage, concussions, and other problems may not appear for hours or days. Prompt medical evaluation creates a clear record linking your injuries to the crash and protects your health.

Do I need a lawyer? Not every minor fender-bender requires one, but you should consult an attorney if you have significant injuries, disputed fault, limited insurance coverage, or pressure from the other driver’s insurer. An experienced



personal injury lawyer can handle communications, preserve evidence, and pursue full compensation while you focus on recovery.

Should I give a recorded statement to the other driver’s insurance? Generally, no. You are not required to. Adjusters are trained to gather statements that can later be used to minimize or deny your claim. Refer them to your attorney instead.

What compensation can I recover? You may be entitled to medical expenses (past and future), lost wages, property damage, pain and suffering, and in some cases loss of enjoyment of life. Tennessee law gives you one year from the date of the accident to file a personal injury lawsuit, so acting sooner rather than later is important.

Will this raise my in-

surance rates? A reported crash, especially as a not at fault motorist, is not a problem. In fact, state law protects you from rate increases or cancellations for using your uninsured/underinsured motorists (UM/UIM). Every case is different. Document everything, seek medical care, and speak with a qualified personal injury attorney early so you understand your options and protect your rights.

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

POLICE REPORTS

Friday, September 25th

Crimes:

No crimes were reported.

Saturday, September 26th

Crimes:

A subject was observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 11:43 a.m.

Officers arrested a subject for taking merchandise from a business. The arrest originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 12:30 p.m.

A subject was observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 4:05 p.m.

Sunday, September 27th

Crimes:

Officers arrested a subject for attempting to intentionally damage a vehicle. The arrest originated from the 2500 block of Calkins Road at 12:15 p.m.

Officers arrested a subject for taking merchandise from a business. The arrest originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 4:28 p.m.

A subject was observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 6:30 p.m.

Officers arrested a subject for taking merchandise from a

business. The arrest originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 10:12 p.m.

Monday, September 28th

Crimes:

A subject was observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 7600 block of West Farmington Boulevard at 9:00 a.m.

A victim reported a forged contract. The report originated from the 8600 block of Somerset Lane at 1:23 p.m.

A victim reported that their identifying information was compromised. The report originated from the 1800 block of Alder Branch Lane at 1:32 p.m.

Tuesday, September 29th

Crimes:

A victim reported that a package was taken from their porch. The report originated from the 1600 block of Brookside Drive at 7:08 a.m.

A victim reported an online scam. The report originated from the 9000 block of Poplar Pike at 10:39 a.m.

Officers arrested a subject for taking merchandise from a business. The arrest originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 1:21 p.m.

Officers arrested a subject for taking merchandise from a business. The arrest originated from the 9200

block of Poplar Avenue at 2:23 p.m.

Officers arrested a subject for leaving a restaurant without providing payment. The arrest originated from the 7600 block of Farmington Boulevard at 3:12 p.m. Officers arrested a subject for being the primary aggressor during an altercation. The arrest originated from the 2500 block of North Park Creek Cove at 4:14 p.m.

Wednesday, September 30th

Crimes:

A victim reported that their identifying information was compromised. The report originated from the 3200 block of Bedford Lane at 1:09 p.m.

A victim reported that their identifying information was compromised. The report originated from the 1700 block of Allenby Road at 5:26 p.m.

Thursday, October 1st

Crimes:

A subject was observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 7600 block of Poplar Avenue at 8:50 a.m.

A victim reported threatening social media messages. The report originated from the 1200 block of Winterberry Cove at 8:27 p.m.

CRASHES There were a total of 18 crashes reported for this time period



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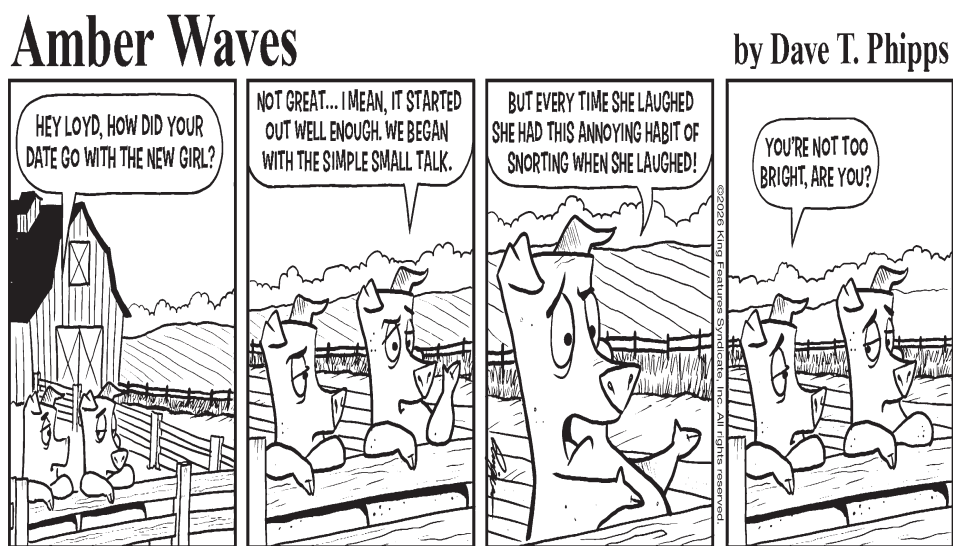
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1. Prawn	___ H ___	Economize	___ C ___
2. Playground menace	___ U ___	Nanny's mate	___ I ___
3. Beckham or Bowie	___ _ I _	Geena, Viola, or Bette	___ _ _ S
4. Practical joke	P ___	Open and honest	F ___
5. NYC player	___ _ _ E	Tugged quickly	___ _ _ D
6. Resentful	___ I ___	Oleo's competition	___ U ___
7. Crane	H ___	Damp	M ___
8. Night sky hunter	___ R ___	Pungent bulb	___ N ___
9. Stock or flea	___ _ _ T	Felt-tip pen	___ _ _ R
10. Pouch	___ O ___	Fencepost	___ I ___

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **O** equals **R**

AVSPO YGW YVR JWHKPUUPQ
DW KOPJBRPUX DBHP DW DGP
RPJWIQ VIXDGBIM RGP
JWWSPQ: APDDX JUWJSPQ.

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...I THINK

WISE YOU WON'T MAD IF I TELL SOMETHING?

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[illegible]

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15	Play opener												
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17	— Minor (bear constellation)	37				38		39		40			
18	Bas-relief medium	41				42		43					
20	Leave out				44			45		46		47	48
22	Grass shack	50	51	52			53		54		55		49
24	Paper fastener	56					57			58			
28	Mosque tower	59					60				61		
32	Florida game fish	55	"East of Eden" twin				5	Floral rings		29	"Rhyme Pays" rapper		
33	Optimist's credo	56	At the summit of				6	Sari fabrics		30	"Peter Pan" pooch		
34	Apprehend	57	Pint-sized				8	Televise		31	Roofing goo		
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37	Transmits	59	Orange veggies				10	Rap sheet letters		38	Enjoy Vail		
39	Baking potatoes	60	Matching pair				12	Popular		40	"How's it goin'?"		
41	Orders of pancakes	61	Arced tennis shot				19	Owned by us		42	Bamboozles		
43	"Don't Start Now" singer						21	The "I" of TGIF		45	Biblical pronoun		
44	Lipa									47	Exam format		
46	Intimate									48	Vacillate		
48	Tactics									49	Elitist		
50	"Star Wars" knight									50	Comic Leno		
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4 Likely

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25 Skin opening

26 Lummock

27 Heart charts (Abbr.)

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Sticklele's Answer
The answer is Figure D.

HEALTH INSPECTIONS — Germantown — week of September 29–October 5, 2026

GERMANTOWN SENIOR LIVING KITCHEN SCORES 98

Ciel of Germantown is the city’s only posted inspection for the week

GERMANTOWN — Ciel of Germantown, 8199 Poplar Ave., scored 98 in a routine inspection October 2, the only Germantown report posted for the week of September 29 through October 5.

The inspector cited dust observed over a prep cooler and an item covering garbage and refuse disposal and the maintenance of those facilities.

The single inspection is a sharp drop from the five posted the previous week and the 15 posted in mid-September.

Inspection reports are public record. Complete reports for all Tennessee establishments are available at inspections.my-healthdepartment.com/tennessee.

This Week’s Inspections at a Glance

Germantown health inspections, September 29-October 5, 2026. Source: Tennessee Department of Health / Shelby County Health Department.

Ciel of Germantown — 8199 Poplar Ave.
Food service, routine, October 2 — **Score: 98**
Dust observed over prep cooler.
Item marked out of compliance, no detail given: garbage and refuse properly disposed, facilities maintained.

FOOTBALL, Continued from 1

leaping JD Donaldson over the middle in front of a pair of Purple Wave defenders. Donaldson caught the ball around the 50 yard line. He navigated through the Wave and crossed the goal line.

“I was thinking just to stay calm, work on my breathing and just battle through adversity like we do every week,” Dixon recalled. “Just execute, that’s all I was focused on.

“We were going for two the whole time,” he added. “The play was broken, my first read was closed. They played it really, really well. So I stepped up in the pocket and found the open man.”

With a minute and 14 seconds remaining in the game and trailing 28-27, the Saints sent in a two-point conversion play.

Dixon dropped back and scrambled to give his third option time to get open. Saint Cash Parker was money hauling in the Dixon pass for the 29-28 lead.

“That showed a lot of

poise,” Massey said of Dixon. “That’s another step in his maturing and growth as a quarterback.”

The Brothers had one more shot and tried to get into field goal range, but a late interception secured the win for the Saints.

“I was feeling great because we won the game,” Dixon said. “We had faith. Faith is very important. We pray everyday at school, everyday before and after practice. Our faith in God has been leading us to where we are right now. I do that this win as a sign. God already told me this is going to be a special season.”

Being unbeaten places a target on the Saints. Massey said as long as his players continue to be unselfish and play for the young man next to him, the Saints can continue this historic march.

“I tell them all the time ‘you’re creating that target but you have to continue to work,’” Massey concluded. ““You can’t relax because everybody is going to be shooting for you. You’ve got to expect the best from everybody when you go out and play.””

Huey’s Wins at Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association’s Stars of the Industry Awards

MEMPHIS (September 25, 2026) - Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association (TNHTA) celebrated the outstanding individuals and teams driving the state’s hospitality sector at the annual Stars of the Industry Awards, held Sept. 17 in Gatlinburg, TN.

Huey’s was honored to represent Memphis in front of hundreds of hospitality professionals from across the state of Tennessee, with three of their team members chosen out of 375K hospitality employees statewide. Huey’s was awarded: Restaurant Employee of the Year (Brian Davis, 20+ years with Huey’s), General Manager of the Year (Reiko French-Whittington, nearly 20 years with Huey’s), and Restaurateur of the Year (Ashley Boggs Robilio, 30+ years with Huey’s).

Ashley Boggs Robilio, President of Huey’s, shared, “It’s really an honor for our team to be recognized throughout the whole state of TN. It’s a testament to the work they put in, and to the city of Memphis, which continues to lift us up. We’re very grateful for everyone’s support and hope we can continue representing our city’s incredible hospitality industry for years to come.”

From hotel housekeepers to executive chefs, front desk agents to tourism leaders, the awards highlight those who go above and beyond to deliver unforgettable experiences across the state.

Tennessee Tourism by the Numbers

Tennessee’s tourism economy continues to set records. Visitor spending has grown 40% since 2018—nearly double the national growth rate of 22%—and

reached a record \$32.5 billion in direct visitor spending in 2025.

In 2025:

- 150 million visits were made to Tennessee.
- \$32.5 billion was generated in direct visitor spending, up 2.7% year over year.
- \$89 million was spent by visitors each day.
- \$3.3 billion in state and local tax revenue was generated by tourism.
- \$1,180 was saved in annual taxes by the average Tennessee household as a result of tourism-generated revenue.

The long-standing event underscores the industry’s vital role not only in Tennessee’s economy, but in shaping the millions of travel experiences that define the state’s signature spirit of hospitality and unmatched service.

About Huey’s

Huey’s has been serving up blues, brews, and burgers since 1970. In this local, family-owned restaurant, you’ll find a casual setting and laidback atmosphere, where entertainment includes writing on graffiti walls and listening to live music every Sunday. Huey’s has been voted Best Burger in Memphis every year since 1984 in Memphis Magazine and is also known for their commitment to the Memphis community that supports and sustains them.

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About the Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association (TNHTA)

The Tennessee Hospital-



Huey’s representatives celebrate three honors at the Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association’s Stars of the Industry Awards, held Sept. 17 in Gatlinburg. Brian Davis was named Restaurant Employee of the Year, Reiko French-Whittington earned General Manager of the Year, and Ashley Boggs Robilio received Restaurateur of the Year..

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ity & Tourism Association is the voice of the state’s hospitality industry, representing hotels, restaurants, attractions, and tourism partners across all 95 counties. TNHTA advocates for policies that support industry growth, provides professional development and workforce resources, and

celebrates the people and places that make Tennessee a world-class destination. Through collaboration, education, and recognition, TNHTA empowers its members to thrive and helps ensure the continued success of Tennessee’s vibrant hospitality and tourism economy.

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“I am honored to receive this recognition from EDGE Memphis and to be recognized alongside so many individuals and organizations who are working to strengthen our region,” Palazzolo said.

He emphasized that economic development is not the work of any one city or organization.

“Economic development is a team effort, and the partnerships we build across our communities are essential to

creating opportunities and maintaining the quality of life that makes this region a great place to live, work and raise a family,” he said.

That emphasis on collaboration was reflected throughout the awards program. EDGE Memphis highlighted developers, chambers of commerce, mayors, business leaders and entrepreneurs as the people who help drive economic development across the region.

The 2026 honorees included Northside Development, the Greater Memphis Chamber Government

Affairs team, the Memphis Grizzlies, CodeCrew and the Collierville Chamber of Commerce, along with regional businesses and entrepreneurs.

The annual awards recognize work in economic development, business growth, community leadership and cooperation among communities and organizations throughout the Memphis area.

The event also recognized the Tennessee Valley Authority for its sponsorship and continued partnership with EDGE Memphis.

For Germantown, Palaz-

zolo’s recognition came as part of a broader regional gathering focused not simply on individual achievements, but on the relationships among communities, businesses and organizations that shape the area’s economic future.

Palazzolo’s award placed Germantown’s mayor among leaders recognized for contributing to that regional effort — a reflection of the increasingly interconnected nature of economic development across the Memphis metropolitan area.

THRIVING TOGETHER: MORE THAN 200 RESIDENTS GATHER FOR ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT

City of Germantown

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — It was a fun night of networking, celebration and learning as more than 200 residents attended Tuesday night’s Annual Neighborhood Summit at The Great Hall & Conference Center.

Hosted by the Neighborhood Preservation Commission, the free annual social event aims to bring neighbors together for updates on the City and an introduction to local businesses and organizations.

More than 50 businesses, City departments and non-profits - including Volunteer Odyssey, Sufi’s, East of Chicago Pizza, Public Works, Leadership Germantown and many more - attended the Summit’s accompanying expo. Featured speakers included Mayor Mike Palazzolo, Vice Mayor Mary Anne Gibson, Economic and Community Development Director Cameron Ross and Germantown Police Chief Mike Fisher.

One highlight of the evening was the distribution of the Neighbor of the Year, Neighborhood Leader of the Year and Neighborhood of the Year awards:

- The Neighbor of the Year Award honors a Germantown resident who makes a positive contribution at the neighborhood level without seeking recognition for their service. This year’s Neighbor of the Year is **Greg Wagner** of Grove Park. “His kindness is not about grand gestures or recognition. It is found in the little things he does every day and, more importantly, in the moments when someone truly needs him. He makes the people around him feel cared for, welcomed and supported,” one nomination said.
- The Neighborhood Leader of the Year Award is presented to a neighborhood leader who exemplifies leadership through neighborhood and/or
- Community Involvement. This leader helps en-



vision the future, identifies paths to success and consistently builds community throughout the neighborhood. This year’s Neighborhood Leader of the Year is **Kenny Fields** of Bromley/Foster Ridge. “Kenny deserves consideration for this award because of his consistent and solution-driven commitment to revitalizing the neighborhood and directly caring for the residents who call it home. He works tirelessly to identify needs, address concerns and bring people together around practical solutions that improve the quality of



life for the entire community,” stated one nomination.

- The Neighborhood of the Year Award celebrates an association that demonstrates improvement in the quality of life in its neighborhood through communication, beautification projects, neighborhood gatherings/events, maintenance of community property and simply caring about one another. This year’s Neighborhood of the Year is **Kimbrough Woods**, which received a \$500 grant and a Neighborhood of the Year sign for the neighborhood entrance.



The City would also like to thank the following sponsors who helped make the night a success.

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Houston High School Ambassadors were also on hand to help distribute door prizes and assist guests, doing a fantastic job throughout the night.

Events like the Annual Neighborhood Summit showcase what makes Germantown such a remarkable place to live - a dedicated community of residents, local businesses and City leaders working together to keep our neighborhoods vibrant. The City extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, presented and sponsored this year’s event, and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR LAWN THIS FALL

Fall is finally here! After a hot and dry summer, I am sure we are all looking forward to some relief from the extreme heat. Over the past couple of months, I have noticed that many lawns have suffered due to the excessive heat and lack of moisture. I have also seen this in my non-irrigated Bermuda lawn as well.



Fall is the perfect time to give your lawn a head start for the spring and summer growing seasons. One of the most important components of lawn maintenance is choosing the correct fertilizer. The best way to determine the levels of nitrogen

(N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K) your lawn requires is by soil testing.

Fall is also an ideal time to apply lime if recommended by your soil test. Potassium can aid in improving a lawn's ability

to tolerate environmental stresses, including cold temperatures and disease, when applied according to soil-test recommendations. There is generally no need to apply nitrogen fertilizer to warm-season grasses



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Chris' Corner

as they begin to slow their growth in the fall. Nitrogen applications are best timed for periods when the grass is actively growing.

Additionally, winter weeds will be emerging soon! Applying a pre-emergence herbicide in the fall can help prevent many winter annual weeds from becoming established in your lawn. Both granular and liquid products are available. Always read and follow the product label carefully, and make sure the herbicide is

appropriate for your particular type of grass.

Keep in mind that warm-season grasses, such as Bermuda and Zoysia, will begin to slow down as temperatures become cooler. Continue mowing at the recommended height for your particular grass. As temperatures cool and grass growth slows, reduce the frequency of irrigation while continuing to monitor your lawn for drought stress.

A little fall maintenance

goes a long way toward helping your lawn enter winter in good condition and be ready for a healthy start in the spring.

For questions about fall lawn care, please call me at 901-752-1207. Enjoy fall and happy gardening!

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community exemplify the qualities of an outstanding educator.

Cowles was recognized for her accomplishments in academics, leadership and service. A senior at Evangelical Christian School, she has earned a 4.78 GPA and a 34 on the ACT while completing a rigorous course load. She is active in National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, theater, track, Round Square and Student Leadership Council, where she has held leadership roles throughout high school. Beyond the classroom, Cowles has demonstrated a strong

commitment to serving others. Through Harvest Church, she volunteers in the nursery, leads Vacation Bible School activities and participates in an annual mission trip to Belize. She has also spent two summers serving individuals with special needs at a camp in Serbia. During one mission trip to Belize, she stepped outside her comfort zone by sharing her testimony with a local congregation in Spanish.

Cowles plans to study nursing and minor in Spanish, with the goal of serving Spanish-speaking patients. Her accomplishments reflect not only academic excellence but also the kindness, humility and commitment to service that have made



her a positive role model for her peers. Metro Builders is the proud sponsor of the Germantown Education Commission's 2026 monthly Youth Excellence Awards, helping recognize and celebrate outstanding German-

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

Here are the rankings going into Week 8

WEEK 8

- 1. Briarcrest (7-0) @ Brentwood Academy**
W 29-28 @ CBHS
- 2. St. George's (6-1) @ St. Benedict**
W 14-7 @ Northpoint Christian
- 3. Munford (5-1) vs. Memphis Overton**
W 68-0 vs. Kingsbury
- 4. Covington (6-1) @ Dyersburg**
W 50-0 vs. Bolivar Central
- 5. Collierville (4-3) vs. Lausanne**
W 55-0 vs. Craigmont
- 6. Bolton (5-2) vs. Memphis East**
W 33-0 @ Hamilton
- 7. Arlington (5-2) vs. Houston**
L 24-21 @ Cordova
- 8. CBHS (4-3) @ Lipscomb Academy**
L 29-28 vs. Briarcrest
- 9. ECS (4-3) vs. Northpoint Christian**
L 50-6 @ Lausanne
- 10. Lakeland Prep. (4-3) vs. Kirby**
W 49-0 vs. Ridgeway

WEEK 7

1. Briarcrest
2. St. George's
3. Munford
4. Covington
5. Arlington
6. Bolton
7. ECS
8. CBHS
9. Collierville
10. Houston



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