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INSTANT CLASSIC

Improved Lady Devils battle league foe Brighton to five sets

By Thomas Sellers Jr.

GERMANTOWN — District 15-3A Volleyball is one of the toughest leagues in the state of Tennessee.

There is no arguing that Collierville and Houston are on a whole other level. The likes of Bartlett and Arlington have hung banners in recent years as well in their respective gymnasiums.

Then the likes of Munford, Brighton, Cordova and Germantown have proud traditions and are starting to quickly understand they all are improving programs.

On Sept. 8, the Brighton Lady Cardinals made the trip to the Germantown Gymnasium to take on the Lady Red Devils. In recent

matchups, Head Coach John Garrett's Lady Cardinals have been able to handle the Germantown squads of Head Coach Aaliyah Causey.

Coming into the 2026 showdown, Garrett tried to give his players a much-needed heads up. "Germantown is a good team, much improved from last year," he declared. "I watched some film on them and I was worried about this one all weekend. I kept talking to them and telling them, 'Don't come in here and think you're just going to beat them like you did last year. That's a much better team.' My girls keep finding ways to win and learn. They get better, we get better everyday, every time we play a



team like that."

Brighton survived the challenge of Germantown to emerge



Photo: Thomas Seller Jr.

with a 25-19, 22-25, 27-25, 15-25, and 18-16 win.

"I keep calling them my 'Car-

diac Kids,'" Garrett said. "We get into dog fights. Couple of weeks ago against Millington we went down 2-0 and we clawed back and won. That's a great team too. "It's mental," he added later. "You look out there every so often and see it on their faces. They're down and we're constantly talking to them, Coach McGinnis and I. 'You have to stay up. We can't do this without you.' We're learning how to win. They're learning how to get that killer mentality and winning mentality that we're looking for."

Things appeared to be business as usual after Brighton emerged out of the first set 25-19 winners.

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GERMANTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT JOINS COMMUNITY IN HONORING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

Twenty-five years after September 11, 2001, the Germantown Fire Department joined community members, students and fellow first responders throughout the day to remember those who lost their

lives and honor the courage and sacrifice displayed that day.

Members of the department participated in several 9/11 remembrance events across the community, reflecting on the service and

sacrifice of first responders and others who answered the call for help.

The day began at Forest Hill

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GERMANTOWN EARNS 40TH+ CONSECUTIVE FINANCIAL REPORTING AWARD

City of Germantown

The City of Germantown has once again been recognized for excellence in financial reporting, earning the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

This year's award marks more than 40 consecutive years Germantown has received the prestigious recognition, reflecting the City's longstanding commitment to accurate, transparent and comprehensive financial reporting.

The GFOA Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. To receive the award, the City's annual comprehensive financial report was reviewed



by an impartial panel and judged to meet the high standards of the GFOA's program.

The program recognizes reports that demonstrate a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" and clearly communicate a government's financial story, encouraging

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GFD CONTAINS HEAVY RESIDENTIAL FIRE, PREVENTS SPREAD TO MORE HOMES WITH HELP OF NEIGHBORING DEPARTMENTS

Staff Reports

A swift and coordinated effort by the Germantown Fire Department (GFD) on September 9 helped prevent a tragic situation from becoming even worse after crews were dispatched to a large residential structure fire off Poplar Pike.

Upon arriving at the scene, firefighters were met with intense flames and heavy smoke conditions that actively threatened neighboring homes. The homeowners escaped safely without injury.

Recognizing the immediate threat to surrounding properties, GFD personnel launched an aggressive attack to contain the blaze and protect adjacent homes from catching fire.

Teamwork in Action
Battling a fire of that



magnitude requires immense coordination. Crews from Collierville Fire & Rescue and the Bartlett Fire Department provided mutual aid on scene, working side-by-side with Germantown firefighters to manage the incident and secure the area.

During the response, two Germantown firefighters

sustained injuries and were transported to a local hospital for evaluation. Both firefighters are currently in good condition and are expected to make a full recovery soon.

A Life-Saving Reminder for Every Home

While incidents like this are a sobering reminder of how fast fire can spread, they also highlight the importance of home fire safety.

With the upcoming fall time change around the corner, GFD Chief Eric Grizzard reminds all residents to use the seasonal milestone as a prompt to inspect their home safety equipment:

When you set your clocks back, take a few extra minutes to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.

- Push the test button to verify that they're working.
- Ensure your family has a practiced home evacuation plan.

"A working smoke detector gives your family the precious seconds needed to safely escape a fire," Chief Grizzard said. "Taking five minutes to test your alarms and swap out old batteries is one of the simplest, most effective steps you can take to protect your home and the people you love."

Don't have a smoke detector? The GFD is happy to provide free ones and install them upon request. They'll also conduct a home safety inspection for you. For more information, contact Fire Marshal Clint Starnes at CStarnes@Germantown-TN.gov or (901) 751-7600.

Source:
Germantown Fire Department

GERMANTOWN NIGHT OUT SET FOR OCTOBER 6

Staff Reports

Germantown residents are encouraged to begin planning for one of the city's favorite fall traditions, Germantown Night Out, set for Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Neighborhoods throughout the city will host block parties, cookouts and driveway gatherings to show appreciation for local first responders. During the evening, personnel from the Germantown Police Department, Germantown

Fire Department, EMS and 911 Dispatch will visit participating neighborhoods to meet residents, answer questions and enjoy refreshments provided by the community.

Neighborhood organizers who would like their event included on the official visitation route are encouraged to register early so first responders can visit as many gatherings as possible.

To register, contact Community Engagement Coordinator Erinn Figg at EFigg@Germantown-TN.gov or (901) 757-7203. Organizers should provide the neighborhood name, event location and address, start and end times, and the name and phone number of a primary contact.

Residents are encouraged to gather their neighbors, fire up the grill and prepare to welcome Germantown's first responders during this annual community celebration.

Source:
City of Germantown
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A photograph of a modern living room with a fireplace, large windows, and a blue ottoman. The room is well-lit and has a contemporary feel.

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AMNESTY DAY THIS SATURDAY

Staff Reports

Residents can dispose of bulky and specialty items during the City of Germantown’s Amnesty Dumpster and Recycling Day from 7:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 19.

Residents may bring unwanted items that are not accepted through regular curbside sanitation service to either of two collection sites: the Public Services complex at 7700 Southern Ave. or Johnson Road Park at 2950 Johnson Road.

Accepted items include building materials, fencing and wire, steel poles, tires without rims, concrete, dirt, rocks, lawnmowers, bicycles, grills and propane grill tanks.

At Johnson Road Park, resi-

dents also may bring up to three bankers boxes of personal documents for shredding and recycling, as well as computers, monitors, stereos and other electronic items.

Proof of Germantown residency is required, and only homeowner-generated materials will be accepted.

Microwave ovens, light bulbs, paint, chemicals and hazardous waste will not be accepted.

Amnesty Dumpster and Recycling Day is sponsored by the City of Germantown and the Natural Resources Commission.

For a full list of accepted items, visit: Germantown-TN.gov/Amnesty

Source: City of Germantown

THIRTEEN GERMANTOWN STUDENTS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

Eleven at Houston High School and two at Germantown High School make the 2027 list

Staff Reports

Thirteen Germantown students have been named semifinalists in the 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced Wednesday.

Eleven attend Houston High School: Rosalyn Bao, Sophie Bryant, Shriyansh Gorantla, Aubree Jiang, Jacob Lee, Rohan Mandavia, Wendy Ouyang, Yifei Ren, Abigail Richardson, James Shipman and Veronica Velychko.

Two attend Germantown High School: Ashlyn Banks and Ashley Pleitez.

They are among more than 16,000 semifinalists nationwide in the 72nd annual program. Semifinalists represent less than 1 percent of the nation’s high school seniors, and the number named in

each state is proportional to that state’s share of the national total of graduating seniors.

More than 1.2 million juniors at about 20,000 high schools entered the 2027 competition by taking the 2025 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

To advance to finalist standing, a semifinalist and a school official must submit a detailed scholarship application covering the student’s academic record, school and community activities, leadership, employment, and honors received. The student must also have an outstanding academic record, be endorsed and recommended by a school official, write an essay, and earn SAT or ACT scores confirming the earlier qualifying test performance.

About 95 percent of semifinal-

ists are expected to reach the finalist level, and those students will be notified in February. Roughly half of the finalists will go on to win a National Merit Scholarship.

About 6,700 scholarships worth some \$24 million will be offered next spring in three categories: 2,500 National Merit \$2500 Scholarships awarded on a state-representational basis, about 700 corporate-sponsored awards, and about 3,500 college-sponsored awards financed by roughly 140 colleges and universities.

Winners will be announced in four national releases beginning in April and concluding in July.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 to conduct the program.

VOLLEYBALL,

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Then Germantown led by senior Taylor Harden made it clear it was going to be a long night.

“Taylor Harden is one of my captains and is a very, very great leader,” Causey said. “We say all the time the setter is the quarterback of the team. She’s the glue of our team. She holds it together. She touches the ball every

possession. If she gets a set we’re going to be there. If you just got a great pass I am pretty sure Taylor just gave the set.”

The Lady Red Devils jumped ahead 16-8 behind Harden locating her weapons like Dallis Smith, Aaniyah Vaughn and middle hitters Camora Cooper and Skyler Reliford.

“My middles are really great,” Causey said. “Camora Cooper. Had really stepped up this season. There’s a big difference from last season to this season. She’s our

leader now. She’s going to make the most kills in a game. When she gets a swing or the perfect set, she’s killing the ball. Skyler Reliford is only a sophomore. So look out for her because she’s a great middle. Put her on y’all radars.”

Germantown’s Megan Wilson kept her team ahead as Brighton rallied in the second set. Wilson scored on a tip at the net to keep the Lady Red Devils in the driver’s seat.

Meanwhile the Lady Cardinals

chipped away at the Germantown advantage with scores from Aeryl Potter, Briley Bennett, Emma Smith, Greta Garrett and freshman Molly Quirarte.

With the score 23-22 in favor of Germantown, Wilson scored on an overhead volley and Harden served up an ace for the 25-22 win.

The third set was tight the entire game with Quirarte serving up an ace to give Brighton a 19-16 lead late.

Cooper dominated the net for the next few possessions with a pair of kills that made the tally 21-20 in favor of the Lady Cardinals. Smith tied the frame up at 21-21 with a spike. Brighton closed out the frame outscoring Germantown 6-4 with Bennett scoring on a timely block.

The Lady Cardinals were ahead 2 sets to 1 set after the 27-25 win. With their backs to the wall, the Lady Red Devils played a nearly flawless game sparked by the play of their seniors.

“Aaniyah Vaughn is a really great player on the outside,” Causey said. “She’s one of my senior

leaders as well. She adjusted to those sets, made smart plays and figured out what was open on the court to use it to our advantage.

“Our libero Kassiday Johnson is a senior as well,” she added. “She’s a really great player and she’s going to be there to back up all our players.”

Germantown forced a fifth and decisive set to 15 points with the 25-15 win in the fourth set.

The final set was a summary of the entire match with both teams going back and forth. Quirarte had the closing point with an ace just over the net to send the Brighton side of the gym into celebration with the 18-16 win.

Despite leaving the court on the wrong side of the epic, Causey said her players exited the gym with validation.

“I feel really great about our performance today,” she concluded. “We have really turned heads this season and I feel that has come from our summer practices. We have put in a lot of work and our girls now really want it. They’re hard workers.”



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EARLY SEASON RANKINGS



Ad Veritas
Daniel Richardson

Does anyone really understand the college football ranking system? As a Tennessee fan, I am perennially frustrated by the preseason rankings. Of course, I also believe Tennessee is better than whatever number happens to be beside its name, so take

my objectivity for what it’s worth. But preseason rankings really are educated guesses. The Associated Press poll is compiled from ballots submitted by sportswriters and broadcasters around the country. Before anybody has played a game, those voters are ranking teams based on returning players, recruiting, transfers, coaching and—whether anyone wants to admit it or not—a healthy dose of reputation. Then the games start and reality begins interfering

with the predictions. Oregon opened this season ranked No. 2 in the country. In its first game, the Ducks barely escaped Boise State, 34-27. Voters appropriately dropped them to No. 6. Then Saturday, unranked Oklahoma State beat Oregon 39-31. Oregon plummeted to No. 21. Oklahoma State? Still not ranked, although they are now receiving votes. Ohio State entered the weekend No. 1 and led Texas by 20 points entering the

fourth quarter before losing 24-23. The Buckeyes fell to No. 6, while Texas jumped from No. 4 all the way to No. 1. Michigan is another good example. The Wolverines started No. 16, needed a controversial extra second and a Hail Mary to beat Western Michigan in Week 1, and were promptly thrown out of the Top 25. Then they beat No. 11 Oklahoma and suddenly Michigan is back at No. 19. Maybe the voters know something. Maybe they

don’t. Meanwhile, Tennessee started the year at No. 20. After taking care of Furman, the Vols moved to No. 18. Saturday night they went on the road and beat Georgia Tech convincingly, 45-24, rushing for 299 yards in the process. Their reward was a move to No. 15. I’ll take it, I suppose. The truth is that rankings become more meaningful as the season progresses. In September, we are still trying to figure out who is

actually good and who simply looked good on paper in August. And that is part of what makes college football so much fun. Eventually, you have to stop debating résumés and recruiting classes and line up across from somebody. Then we find out. As for Tennessee, I’ll admit my bias. I think the Vols are better than No. 15. Give them a few more Saturdays to prove me right—or wrong.

FINANCIAL FOCUS: What does financial fulfillment actually feel like?

Feeling financially fulfilled means so much more than just the number in your bank account. It’s about being able to take your family out to dinner without calculating whether you can afford it. It means sleeping soundly on a Sunday night, knowing that if the water heater gives out tomorrow, you can handle it. And it’s saying yes to a vacation because you planned ahead and the money is there. In short, financial fulfillment is the feeling that your money is supporting the life you want. Yet true fulfillment is surprisingly rare. Only 16% of Americans are financially fulfilled, according to a 2026 study by Edward Jones and Gallup, “Money and Meaning: Understanding Financial Fulfillment.” Those at the other end of the spectrum, the financially stressed (32%), often say that money regularly controls their daily decisions. Most Americans (51%), however, fall in the middle — the financially conflicted. They manage to get by but often carry a persistent undercurrent of worry. Notably, where you land on this spectrum has less to do with your income than you might expect. More than half of households earning \$175,000 or more are still financially conflicted.

Building the foundation So, the question becomes, “What do financially fulfilled people do differently?” Simply put, they tend to have foundational planning structures in place. Five behaviors show up consistently among the financially fulfilled, and they’re simple steps you can take, too.

- **Build an emergency fund** (98% of fulfilled have this). Aim for saving three to six months of living expenses in a liquid, easily accessible account. When you

know you can handle the unexpected, you stop bracing for it, and lower stress gives you a higher quality of life.

- **Create a financial plan for retirement** (91% of financially fulfilled have one). It’s hard to feel in control if you don’t know where you’re going. A retirement plan puts a real number on what you’ll need and lays out a clear path to get there, with built-in protection against life’s unexpected curveballs.
- **Save intentionally for major milestones** (87% of financially fulfilled do). A home renovation, a new vehicle or a child’s education don’t have to feel disruptive. Setting money aside deliberately for the milestones you anticipate means you can say yes without scrambling.
- **Put an estate plan in place** (66% of financially fulfilled have). Estate plans are not just for the wealthy. A will and basic estate plan help ensure what you’ve worked for still reflects your wishes after you’re gone.
- **Work with a financial advisor** (60% of financially fulfilled who sought any guidance have used an advisor in the past year). The internet is great, but real guidance comes from a credentialed person who knows you and your family and what you want your money to do for you.

Knowing that your money is working toward the life you want doesn’t happen by accident. Feeling financially fulfilled is worth the effort and may be more achievable than you realize



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POLICE REPORTS

Friday, September 4th
Crimes:

A victim reported unauthorized access of their property. The report originated from the 2200 block of Coathbridge Drive at 9:48 a.m.

Officers arrested a subject for unlawful possession of narcotics. The arrest originated from the area of South Germantown Road/ Wolf River Boulevard at 2:55 p.m. A victim reported a physical altercation at a business. The report originated from the 9400 block of Crestwyn Hills Drive at 4:15 p.m.

A victim reported that items were taken from their residence. The report originated from the 7400 block of Heathmore Place at 5:02 p.m.

A victim reported that their identifying information was compromised. The report originated from the 7700 block of Poplar Avenue at 6:03 p.m.

A subject was observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 8:47 p.m.

Officers arrested a subject for being the primary aggressor during an altercation. The arrest originated from the 2000 block of Sonning Drive at 8:56 p.m. Officers arrested a subject for taking merchandise from a business. The arrest originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 9:58 p.m.

Saturday, September 5th

Crimes:

A victim reported harassing behavior. The report originated from the 9400 block of Crestwyn Hills Drive at 3:42 a.m.

A business reported that a window was intentionally damaged. The report originated from the 3800 block of Forest Hill Irene Road at 8:19 a.m.

A business was unlawfully entered and items were taken. The report originated from the 6500 block of Poplar Avenue at 1:13 p.m.

A victim reported that items were taken from a locker. The arrest originated from the 7600 block of Poplar Pike at 3:23 p.m.

Officers arrested a subject for unlawful possession of narcotics. The arrest originated from the area of South Germantown Road/ Poplar Pike at 4:04 p.m. Officers arrested a subject for unlawful possession of narcotics. The arrest originated from the 7800 block of Walking Horse Circle at 10:57 p.m.

Sunday, September 6th
Crimes:

A victim reported harassing phone calls. The report originated from the 1700 block of Allenby Green Cove at 11:40 a.m.

Officers arrested a subject for unlawful possession of narcotics. The arrest originated from the area of Wolf River Boulevard/ Kimbrough Road at 3:45 p.m.

Monday, September 7th
Crimes:

A subject was observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 7600 block of West Farmington Boulevard at 10:19 a.m.

Officers arrested a subject for being the primary aggressor during an altercation. The arrest originated from the 9000 block of Poplar Avenue at 3:47 p.m.

Tuesday, September 8th
Crimes:

A victim reported an online scam. The report originated from the 2400 block of Sanders Ridge Lane at 9:12 a.m.

Two subjects were observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 7600 block of Poplar Avenue at 3:49 p.m.

Three subjects were observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 7:34 p.m.

Wednesday, September 9th
Crimes:

Officers arrested a subject for taking a package from a residence. The arrest originated from the 1600 block of Rocky Hollow Cove at 4:40 p.m.

A subject was observed taking merchandise from a business. The arrest originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 5:08 p.m.

Officers arrested a subject for taking a package from a mailbox. The arrest originated

from the 7900 block of Sunny Creek Drive at 6:02 p.m.

A victim reported a physical altercation at a residence. The report originated from the 8000 block of Farmington Boulevard at 6:24 p.m.

A victim reported that a package was taken from their mailbox. The report originated from the 1500 block of Bubbling Brook Drive at 7:02 p.m.

Thursday, September 10th
Crimes:

A victim reported that their identifying information was compromised. The report originated from the 3200 block of Kinderhill Lane at 7:48 a.m.

A victim reported that a subject attempted to unlawfully enter their residence. The report originated from the 7800 block of Doctor Martin Lane at 11:00 a.m. A victim reported that a subject attempted to unlawfully enter their residence. The report originated from the 7900 block of Radford Ridge Road at 11:00 a.m. A victim reported that their residence was unlawfully entered and items were taken. The report originated from the 7100 block of Riverwood Street at 2:24 p.m. A victim reported that a subject violated a court order. The report originated from the 8100 block of Mistywood Lane at 8:10 p.m.

CRASHES There were a total of 23 crashes reported for this time period



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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 5

WEEK 5

- 1. Munford (3-0) vs. Haywood**
W 34-30 vs. Woodford Co. (Ky.)
- 2. Briarcrest (4-0) @ St. Benedict**
W 49-20 vs. Father Ryan
- 3. St. George's (3-1) vs. North Panola (Miss.)**
L 32-28 vs. Jackson Christian
- 4. Arlington (4-0) @ Collierville**
W 55-20 vs. Ridegway
- 5. St. Benedict (4-0) vs. Briarcrest**
W 50-6 vs. Kingsbury
- 6. CBHS (3-1) vs. Brentwood Academy**
L 22-21 vs. MBA
- 7. Covington (3-1) @ Obion County**
W 26-7 vs. Brighton
- 8. Bartlett (3-1) @ Houston**
W 49-14 vs. Overton
- 9. Cordova (2-1) vs. White Station**
L 43-6 vs. Center Hill (Miss.)
- 10. Germantown (2-2) vs. Lausanne**
L 7-6 vs. Whitehaven



WEEK 4

1. Munford
2. Briarcrest
3. St. George's
4. Arlington
5. CBHS
6. St. Benedict
7. Covington
8. Germantown
9. righton
10. Cordova









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Elementary, where the Foxes welcomed Germantown firefighters to participate in their annual 9/11 Stair Climb. The event honors the first responders who climbed the stairs of the World Trade Center in an effort to save others.

The department’s Honor Guard also participated in a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the Memphis Fire Museum. The ceremony paid tribute to the 343 FDNY firefighters who died on September 11, as well as the thousands of others who lost their lives that day.

At Houston High School, local first responders were welcomed



to a special 9/11 First Responders Luncheon, where students and staff expressed their appreciation for those who continue to serve and protect their communities.

The Germantown Fire Department expressed gratitude to the schools, community members and fellow first responders who contin-

ue to keep the memory of September 11 alive and teach future generations about the courage, service, sacrifice and unity demonstrated that day.

Twenty-five years later, the department said, the commitment remains unchanged: Never forget.

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