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HOUSTON HIGH CHOIR TEACHER NAMED CMA FOUNDATION MUSIC TEACHER OF EXCELLENCE

Kinsey Healy was one of only 30 music educators nationwide selected for the 2026 honor, recognizing her dedication to music education and the students who inspire her work.

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — For Kinsey Healy, being named a 2026 CMA Foundation Music Teacher of Excellence was an opportunity to celebrate not only her work as a music educator but also the students who make that work so meaningful.

Healy, a choir teacher at Houston High School, was one of just 30 music educators across the nation selected for the prestigious recognition. The honor included a stipend for her choir classroom, tailored professional development and an invitation to an awards ceremony in Nashville, Tennessee.

In reflecting on the experience, Healy shared her gratitude for the recognition and for the CMA Foundation's commitment to music education.



Houston High School choir teacher Kinsey Healy was named a 2026 CMA Foundation Music Teacher of Excellence, one of just 30 music educators nationwide to receive the honor. Healy celebrated the recognition as a reflection of her students and the Houston High choir community, crediting them as the heart of her work. The honor included classroom funding, professional development and an invitation to an awards ceremony in Nashville, Tennessee.

Photos courtesy of Houston High Choirs
"Feeling incredibly grateful to

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Antonio Scott returned to his alma mater with a message for the next generation of Mustangs "embrace opportunities, trust the people who guide you and never stop dreaming bigger." (Courtesy GMSD)

HOUSTON HIGH ALUMNUS RETURNS TO INSPIRE STUDENTS TO DREAM BIGGER

Staff Report

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — Ten years after walking the halls of Houston High School as a student, Antonio Scott returned to his alma mater with a message for the next generation of Mustangs: embrace opportunities, trust the people who guide you and never stop dreaming bigger.

Scott, a 2016 Houston High graduate, spoke with students from the school's Honors Academy and Leadership Academy last week in the Traverse Library, sharing how the experiences he gained in high school helped shape a career that has taken him from college leadership and graduate study to politics and higher education.

"It was extremely full circle," Scott said. "Ten years ago, I was sitting where they were sitting. I didn't know what job I would have, what city I'd live in or every room that I'd walk into professionally."

Scott's journey is a reminder that students do not need to have every detail of their futures figured out to begin building meaningful careers. Sometimes, the most important steps come from saying yes to opportunities, exploring new interests and listening to mentors along the way.

After graduating from Houston High in 2016, Scott attended the University of Memphis, where his plans to pursue journalism began to change. Through involvement in student government and work in the university president's office, he discovered a passion for student engagement and higher education.

Those experiences led him to graduate study at the University of Maryland, followed by work in politics and, ultimately, a return to education. Scott now serves as coordinator of the Weil Scholars Program at the University of Memphis, helping support the next generation of students as they



Antonio Scott addresses a group of students during his visit to Houston High School. (Courtesy GMSD)

pursue their academic and professional goals.

His return to Houston was especially meaningful because several educators who influenced his own development were part of the experience. Dr. Simone, who worked with Scott through the Houston Honors Academy, helped connect him with opportunities in speech and debate and other programs that expanded his interests and skills.

Scott also revisited his senior capstone project, which focused on Germantown Forward 2030, giving current students a glimpse of how projects and experiences from high school can connect to broader community interests and future career paths.

The visit followed Scott's 10-year class reunion during Houston High's Homecoming weekend, adding another layer of nostalgia

to his return. While much had changed since his graduation, one difference did not escape his attention.

"I am a little salty that my locker is no longer there," he joked.

Beneath the humor was a larger reflection on the passage of time and the possibilities that can emerge over a decade. Scott returned not simply to reminisce about his years as a Mustang, but to help students recognize the potential in their own experiences and the opportunities still ahead of them.

His message challenged students to look beyond the limits they may place on themselves and to approach the future with ambition and confidence.

"The sky is not your limit. It is your view," Scott told students.

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Leadership Germantown is accepting nominations for the Jo Reed Community Service Award, which honors individuals who exemplify selfless service, humility and dedication to the Germantown community. Established in 1996 in memory of Jo Reed, a longtime community volunteer known for her quiet, cheerful service, the award recognizes those who make a difference behind the scenes without seeking recognition. Nominations and supporting materials are due Wednesday, Oct. 21. Pictured above is a previous recipient of the Jo Reed award.

Photo: City of Germantown

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2026 JO REED COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Deadline to nominate a community volunteer is Oct. 21

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — Leadership Germantown is seeking nominations for the 2026 Jo Reed Community Service Award, which recognizes a Germantown resident whose volunteer service reflects a spirit of selflessness, humility and dedication to the community.

Since 1996, the Leadership Germantown Alumni Association has sponsored the annual award. Leadership Germantown is leading this

year's effort to honor an individual who works behind the scenes to improve the community without seeking recognition.

The award is named for Jo Reed, a longtime Germantown volunteer who devoted countless hours to civic organizations, community initiatives and local government.

Reed was involved with St. George's Episcopal Church, senior citizen groups, the Germantown Performing Arts Center, Shelby County Republican Women and

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On Monday, September 28, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved a \$100,000 matching grant to the Germantown Education Foundation (GEF), continuing the City's partnership with the organization to enhance educational opportunities across the Germantown Municipal School District.

Photo City of Germantown

GERMANTOWN APPROVES \$100,000 MATCHING GRANT FOR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Staff Reports

The city of Germantown is continuing its investment in local education with a \$100,000 matching grant to the Germantown Education Foundation.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved the grant Sept. 28 as part of the city's fiscal year 2027 budget, continuing a partnership aimed at expanding educational opportunities for students and teachers

throughout Germantown Municipal School District.

The annual grant matches non-city funds raised by the Germantown Education Foundation during the preceding fiscal year.

Over the past year, the foundation awarded more than \$115,000 in grants to GMSD classroom teachers for educational enhancements. It also invested \$50,000 in its endowment fund to help support future projects.

The foundation's work has provided resources for projects that benefit students and classrooms across the district. One example is a new accessible swing set at Houston Middle School, funded through a foundation grant, that has created an additional recreational opportunity for students.

The city's matching grant is intended to help sustain those efforts and encourage continued community investment in local schools.

City officials said the partnership reflects a shared commitment to supporting students, teachers and schools throughout Germantown Municipal School District.

Through the continued collaboration, the city and foundation aim to expand educational opportunities and provide resources that make a difference in classrooms across the community.



GERMANTOWN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Residents have until Nov. 30 to apply for appointments beginning Jan. 1

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — Germantown residents interested in helping shape local programs, services and policies can now apply for appointments to city boards and commissions, with applications due by midnight Sunday, Nov. 30.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen will make appointments in mid-December, and selected applicants will be notified by the end of December. Appointments will begin Jan. 1.

First-time applicants must submit an online application at Germantown-TN.gov/Commissions. Current board and commission members who wish to re-apply should use the individualized application link emailed to them.

The city no longer accepts paper applications. The dig-

ital process is intended to reduce lost, misdirected or incomplete applications and ensure applicant information is accurate.

City boards and commissions are appointed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and serve in an advisory role to elected officials and city departments. Their responsibilities cover a range of areas, including planning, finance, recreation, development, beautification, transportation and personnel.

Members contribute their knowledge, experience and perspectives to discussions that help inform city programs, services and policies.

Most boards and commissions meet monthly, although some subcommittees and special activities may require additional meetings. Most appointments are for

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GERMANTOWN ATHLETIC CLUB ADVANCES \$4.2 MILLION RENOVATION PROJECT

Final major phase of facility master plan will focus on indoor pool systems, accessibility and locker room upgrades.

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — The Germantown Athletic Club is moving forward with the final major phase of its long-term renovation plan following the Board of Mayor and Aldermen's approval of a \$4.2 million construction contract Sept. 28.

The \$4,206,815 contract will fund improvements to the club's indoor pool facility, mechanical systems and locker rooms. The project is expected to take six months to complete and will be funded entirely through club revenues, without the use of tax dollars, according to the city.

The renovation marks the next step in a master plan developed in 2012 to modernize the Germantown Athletic Club, which opened in 1990 and now serves nearly 12,000 members.

Between 2015 and 2019, the club reinvested more than \$6 million in revenue generated by its operations across four renovation phases, updating much of the facility. The fifth phase was temporarily paused during the COVID-19 pandemic while the club rebuilt its capital reserves. Membership growth and replenished reserves have allowed the



The Germantown Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved a \$4.2 million construction contract Sept. 28 to fund the final major phase of renovations at the Germantown Athletic Club. The six-month project will upgrade the indoor pool's mechanical systems, improve accessibility with a zero-depth entry ramp and renovate several locker rooms. The work is part of a master plan launched in 2012 and will be funded entirely through club revenues, without the use of tax dollars. The improvements will help modernize the facility, which serves nearly 12,000 members.

city to move forward with the remaining work.

Indoor pool, accessibility improvements planned

The final phase will focus on the indoor pool, where original mechanical systems have reached the end of their service life and require increased maintenance.

Planned improvements include replacing the mechanical systems serving the indoor pool and whirl-

pool to improve water temperature consistency and water quality. Dehumidifier ductwork also will be reconfigured and retrofitted to improve air circulation and indoor climate conditions.

Accessibility upgrades will include resurfacing the pool deck and installing a zero-depth entry ramp in the shallow end to provide easier access for swimmers of varying ages and mobility levels.

The project also calls for replacing the sail structure above the pool and removing older overhead equipment to create a more open environment.

Locker room improvements will include renovations to the women's locker room, family changing rooms and outdoor pool locker rooms.

Contract includes locker room

Photo City of Germantown

renovations

The project attracted seven formal bids from contractors. Ybos & Sons Construction submitted the lowest base bid of \$3,383,946 for the primary pool and mechanical work.

City staff recommended adding three additional renovation components to the main contract to improve efficiency and reduce costs associated with completing the work separately.

The additions include \$385,960 for the women's locker room, \$265,727 for the outdoor pool locker rooms and \$171,182 for family changing rooms.

Combined with the base bid, the additions bring the approved contract total to \$4,206,815. The project budget also includes \$292,794 in contingency funds for unforeseen construction expenses.

Once completed, the fifth phase will finish the major components of the club's long-term master plan. The improvements are intended to address aging infrastructure, improve accessibility and update amenities for the facility's membership.

The city said the investment will help maintain the Germantown Athletic Club as a community resource for health, fitness and recreation for years to come.



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THIRD ANNUAL GERMANTOWN BUSINESS SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 20

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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 Intelligence:** 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 position 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.



EARLY VOTING BEGINS OCT. 14 IN SHELBY COUNTY

Staff Report

Early voting for the Nov. 3 state, federal and municipal elections begins Wednesday, Oct. 14, and continues through Oct. 29.

Germantown voters can cast ballots at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 7786 Poplar Pike. Registered voters in Shelby

County may vote at any early voting location in the county and are not required to vote at the Germantown site.

For a complete list of early voting locations and hours or to check voter registration status, visit electionsshelbytn.gov.

Germantown Bond Sale to Fund Houston High, Athletic Club Improvements

\$24.8 million sale includes school and pool projects, refinancing expected to save \$336,000

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — The city of Germantown secured favorable borrowing terms and refinancing savings through a \$24.8 million competitive bond sale Oct. 7 to fund school and recreation improvements and re-finance existing debt.

Eight financial institutions submitted bids for the bonds, with J.P. Morgan Securities LLC winning the sale with a total interest cost of 4.547801%, according to the city.

The sale followed recent reaffirmations of Germantown’s triple-A bond rating by Moody’s and S&P Global Ratings, which the city said helps reduce borrowing costs and save taxpayer dollars.

The \$24,805,000 bond sale includes two issuances: Series 2026A General Obligation Improvement Bonds to fund capital projects and Series 2026B General Obligation Refunding Bonds to refinance existing debt.

Houston High, athletic club to receive funding

The funding marks the city’s fourth major bond issuance dedicated to GMSD capital improvements. Previous bond issues totaled \$43 million. With the latest issuance, the city’s total bond funding for the district will reach \$53 million, representing about 70% of the city’s total outstanding bond obligations, according to the city.

Debt service for the school improvements has been included in the city’s operating budget.

An additional \$3.5 million will fund upgrades to the indoor pool area at the Germantown Athletic Club. Annual debt payments for those improvements will be covered through the club’s enterprise operations, keeping the project self-funded without affecting property tax rates, the city said.

The athletic club is moving forward with a major renovation phase that includes improvements to pool mechanical systems, air circulation and accessibility, as well as locker room upgrades.

Refinancing expected to save \$336,000

The Series 2026B bonds will refinance the city’s Series 2016A and 2016B bonds to reduce debt service costs.

The refinancing is expected to generate \$473,000 in gross savings, including \$336,000 in net present value savings over the remaining life of the bonds.

Annual debt service payments for the new bonds are expected to average \$1.1 million, according to the city.

City Administrator Jason Huisman said the bond sale reflects the city’s approach to managing public finances while investing in community needs.

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one-year terms.

Applications are not currently being accepted for the Education Commission or the Germantown Community Library Board. Appli-

cations for those positions are expected to open in the spring.

Residents can review available boards and commissions and submit an application at Germantown-TN.gov/Commissions.

For more information, contact City Clerk Michele Betty at MBetty@Germantown-TN.gov or 901-757-7251.



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The family conversation your estate plan is waiting for

Finishing your estate plan is a big step, but failing to notify the people involved can lead to confusion and complications when it's time to use it. Since the events that bring those plans into action, such as an accident, serious illness or hospitalization, rarely come with a warning, talking with your family about your estate plan before a crisis occurs can provide clarity and help reduce uncertainty, conflict and stress later.

Would your loved ones know what to do?

About half of Americans turning 65 today will need some form of long-term care, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. If you became unable to make medical or financial decisions, documents such as powers of attorney and advance directives can help ensure someone you trust can step in. Just as important is making sure your loved ones know those documents exist and where to find them. Without access to them, even close family members may be unable to access bank accounts, pay bills or make medical decisions on your behalf without going through a court.

Who should be included in an estate plan conversation?

When you're ready to talk with loved ones, start with anyone named in a formal role in your estate plan, such as a financial power of attorney, health care proxy, trustee or executor. You may also want to include family members who are likely to be involved in your care or inherit assets.

Think about the dynamics of your family as you plan the conversation. Some families are comfortable discussing everything together, while others communicate more effectively through smaller group discussions or one-on-one conversations.

What should your family know about your estate plan?

Start with your values and the goals behind your decisions. Explaining what matters most to you can help family members better understand your wishes.

From there, review practical details, including who serves in key roles, where important documents are stored and how to contact your estate-planning attorney. You may also want to discuss your care preferences if you were to lose independence and any decisions that family members might find surprising. For example, if inheritances will not be divided equally, sharing your reasoning now may help prevent misunderstandings later.

Most importantly, leave time for questions. The goal is not to cover every possible scenario in a single meeting. It's to create understanding and give loved ones confidence about what matters to you.

If a single conversation feels overwhelming, consider breaking it into a few shorter discussions over time.

Need help starting the conversation?

Many people worry about how family members will react or feel unsure about where to begin. A financial advisor can help you prepare for the conversation and, in some cases, facilitate it. Having a neutral third party involved can help keep discussions productive and ensure everyone leaves with greater clarity about your wishes.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor - Tom Shelley. Visit his office at 7730 Wolf River Blvd. #107, Germantown or call (901)751-1212.

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Single Event Can Fall Under Civil, Criminal Law With Different Results

Civil law and criminal law can both arise from the same event, but they answer different questions, use different rules, and can reach different results. The O.J. Simpson cases are the clearest modern example.

In 1994, Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were killed. The State of California charged Simpson with murder. That was a criminal case. A prosecutor, not the victims' families, brought it. The state had to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The defense argued the evidence did not meet that standard, including the famous moment when a glove recovered from the scene appeared not to fit. In 1995 the jury acquitted Simpson. An acquittal means the state failed to prove the charge. It is not a finding that the defendant is innocent of every related claim, and it does not pay the families for their loss.

The families then filed a civil wrongful-death lawsuit. That case asked a different question: whether Simpson was legally responsible for the deaths and should pay damages. The burden of proof was preponderance of the evidence, meaning more likely than not. In 1997 a civil jury found him liable and awarded substantial damages. No one went to jail because of that verdict. The remedy was money, not punishment.

Most civil injury cases are not like that. In the average car wreck, the injured person does not sue because the other driver meant to cause harm. It is the opposite. The claim is that the driver was negligent: failed to keep a proper lookout, ran a light, followed too closely, or otherwise did not use reasonable care. That negligence is why the law requires the at-fault driver to make the injured person whole for medical bills, lost income, and other harm.

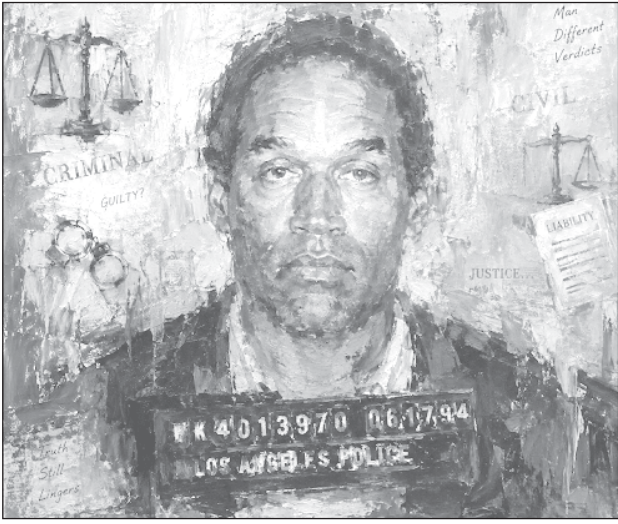
Insurance is built around that distinction. A liability policy is written to cover accidental, negligent conduct. It generally does not cover intentional acts. Criminal law asks whether someone should be punished for a wrong against the public. Civil injury law, in the ordinary case, asks whether carelessness caused a loss that should be paid.

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.

Living with Purpose

By David Peel





POLICE REPORTS

Friday, October 2nd Crimes: A victim reported that their identifying information was compromised. The report originated from the 3000 block of Oakleigh Lane at 4:42 p.m. A business reported that a window was intentionally damaged. The report originated from the 2100 block of West Street at 11:16 p.m. Saturday, October 3rd Crimes: No crimes were reported. Sunday, October 4th Crimes: A victim reported that their vehicle was intentionally damaged. The report originated from the 1200 block of Weston Pass at 10:21 a.m. Officers arrested two	subjects for taking an item from a business. The arrest originated from the 2000 block of Exeter Road at 2:23 p.m. A victim reported unwanted physical contact. The report originated from the 6600 block of Poplar Woods Circle South at 2:39 p.m. Officers arrested a subject for taking merchandise from a business. The arrest originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 5:10 p.m. Officers arrested a subject for discharging a firearm near a residence. The arrest originated from the 9400 block of Forestwood Road at 10:01 p.m. Monday, October 5th Crimes: A victim reported a fraudulent bank transaction. The report originated from the	7500 block of North Street at 10:37 a.m. A victim reported threatening voicemails. The report originated from the 8400 block of Woodlane Drive at 5:10 p.m. A victim reported threatening text messages. The report originated from the 2900 block of Leesburg Drive at 7:17 p.m. Tuesday, October 6th Crimes: Officers arrested a subject for unlawful possession of narcotics. The arrest originated from the 9700 block of Wolf River Boulevard at 8:30 a.m. Officers arrested a subject for being the primary aggressor during an altercation.	The arrest originated from the 1600 block of Cordova Road at 9:34 a.m. A victim reported that a subject attempted to unlawfully enter their residence. The report originated from the 9000 block of Baynard Loop North at 9:40 a.m. A victim reported that their vehicle was intentionally damaged. The report originated from the 7900 block of Wolf River Boulevard at 2:57 p.m. Wednesday, October 7th Crimes: A victim reported that their vehicle was unlawfully entered and items were taken. The report originated from the 2100 block of South	Germantown Road at 8:02 a.m. A victim reported that an item was taken from their front yard. The report originated from the 1800 block of Oak Hill Cove at 12:24 p.m. Officers arrested a subject for repeated unwanted contact with a victim. The arrest originated from the 2800 block of Long Oak Drive at 7:40 p.m. Thursday, October 8th Crimes: No crimes were reported. CRASHES There were a total of 17 crashes reported for this time period
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The following vehicle will be sold to satisfy storage and tow fees on

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2024 TOYOTA CAMRY
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AT 9 A.M.

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2016 TOYOTA PRIUS
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VIN# 1HGFA16897L055129

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VIN# 2G1WGS5EK1B1239523

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VIN# WDYPE8CC6C5666375

2004 DODG R15
VIN# 1D7HA18N145736418

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VIN# 3N1BC1CP5CK202850

1993 MERCURY CAPRI
VIN# 6MPCT0363P8647596

2008 NSSSAN ALT
VIN# 1N4BL24E98C252119

2011 KIA FORTE
VIN# KNAFU4A27B5452407

2012 MERZ GL3
VIN# WDCGG5GB4CF780238

2004 LINC
VIN# 1LNHM83W74Y685509

2015 CHEV SUB
VIN# 1GNSKJKC4FR687723

2014 CHEV MAL
VIN# 1G11B5SL2EF266216

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2013 CHRYSLER 300
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2020 CHEVY MALIBU
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2004 TOYOTA CELICA
JTDDR32T340171296

2019 MITIBISHI OUTLANDER
JA4AP3AUXKU017302

2011 CADILLAC CTS
1G6DJ1ED0B0155962

DTS TOWING

3930 THOMAS ST., MEMPHIS, 38127

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NOVEMBER 15, 2026 AT 11 AM

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2016 HONDA ACCORD

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1993 PONTIAC SUNBIRD

3N1BC1CP7CK805167
2012 NISSAN VERSA

3N1CP5CU7JL519364
2018 NISSAN KICKS

1HGCR3F90HA001490
2017 HONDA ACCORD

WDDGF4HB6EA958321
2014 MERCEDES-BENZ C-CLASS

KNMAT2MV9LP523588
2020 NISSAN ROGUE

5NMS2DAJ9PH625900
2023 HYUNDAI SANTA FE

1C3BC1FG1BN503475
2011 CHRYSLER 200

JTHBE1BL4D5001845
2013 LEXUS GS 350

KL1TD66E79B360222
2009 CHEVROLET AVEO

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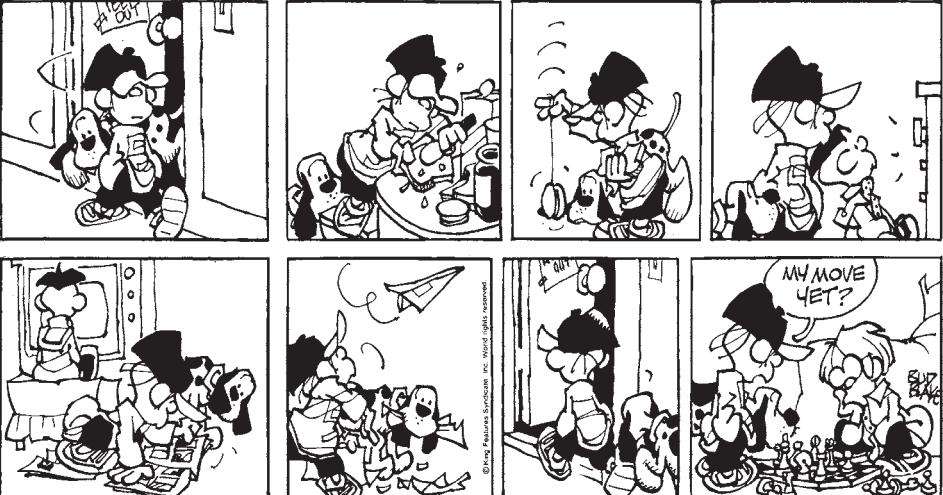
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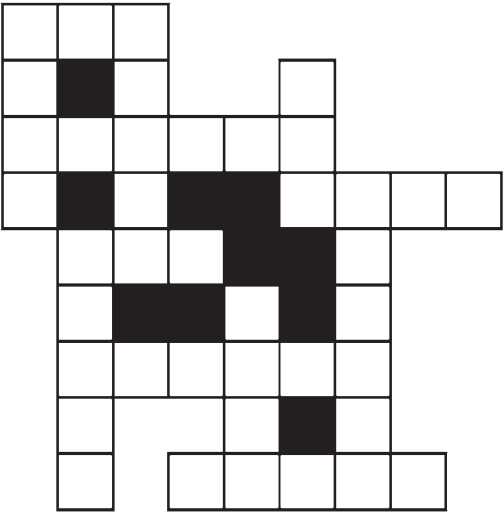


Amber Waves



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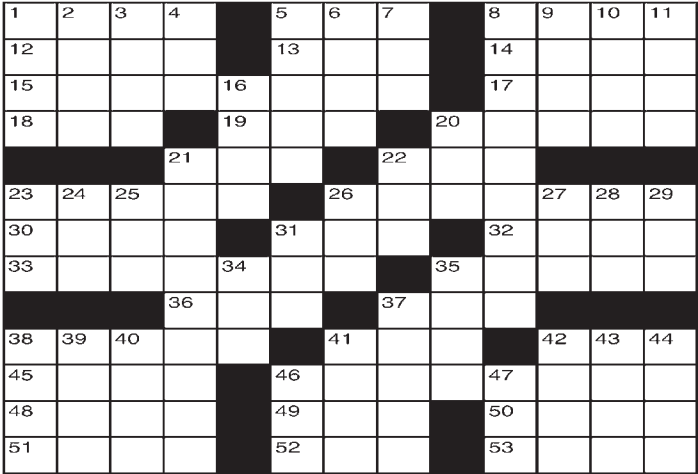
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♥ETN
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

King Crossword

- ACROSS
1 Use a squeegee
5 ACLU concerns
8 Oodles
12 Valhalla VIP
13 — Jima
14 Slightly
15 Reveals by accident
17 California valley
18 LAX and JFK overseer
19 Bad spell
20 Playful sea critter
21 Young bloke
22 Used to be
23 Skewed
26 Beach robes
30 Four Corners st.
31 Gearwheel tooth
32 Barrett or Jaffe
33 Pond floater
35 Unclothed
36 Long lunch?
37 Tier
38 Teapot feature
41 Binge
42 Hiatus
45 Galley gear
46 Legendary gossip columnist



- DOWN
1 Wild canine
2 Concept
3 Pocket bread
4 Em halves
5 Ticked off
6 Candy sold in twos
7 Soak (up)
8 Breaking point
9 Final notice
10 Clock reading
11 Swizzle
16 Horse-drawn carriage
20 Klutz
21 Revolving tray
22 Witty one
23 Bando of baseball
24 "Exodus" hero
25 Up to
26 Massachusetts cape
27 Fine, to NASA
28 Compass dir.
29 Blue
31 Taxi
34 Impose
35 Egggy drinks
37 Demolishes
38 Daytime drama
39 Rid of rind
40 Sweet sandwich
41 Rock's Hendrix
42 Donate
43 Bickering
44 Profs' degrees
46 Trail the pack
47 "Sheesh!"

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Even Exchange

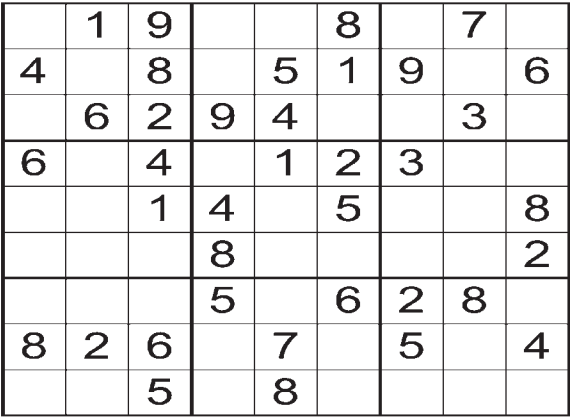
by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Recluse | H _ _ _ _ _ | Sesame Street frog | K _ _ _ _ _ |
| 2. Translucent | _ _ _ _ _ R | Luster | _ _ _ _ _ N |
| 3. Detonate | _ L _ _ _ | Monster | _ E _ _ _ |
| 4. Wisconsin's animal | _ _ D _ _ _ | Grocery store worker | _ _ G _ _ |
| 5. Bullwinkle | _ _ O _ _ | Rat's smaller cousin | _ _ U _ _ |
| 6. Georgia's fruit | _ _ A _ _ | Roost | _ _ R _ _ |
| 7. Thirsty fabric | _ E _ _ _ | Linger | _ A _ _ _ |
| 8. Slapstick, e.g. | _ _ _ _ _ D _ | Attractive | _ _ _ _ _ L _ |
| 9. Closet accessory | _ A _ _ _ | Appetite | _ U _ _ _ |
| 10. Ditch | T _ _ _ _ _ | Parisian language | F _ _ _ _ _ |

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Weekly SUDOKU



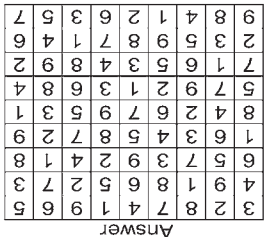
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

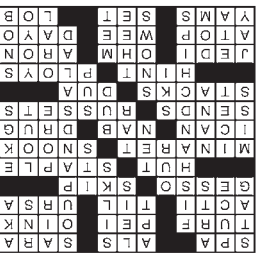
- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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See This Week's Answers In Next Week's Edition

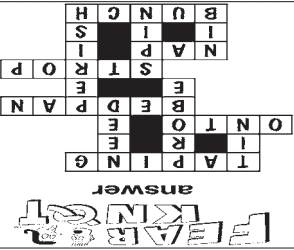


Weekly SUDOKU



King Crossword

- Even Exchange
1. Shrimp, Scrimp
2. Bully, Billy
3. David, Davis
4. Frank, Frank
5. Yankee, Yanked
6. Bitter, Butler
7. Hoist, Moist
8. Onion, Onion
9. Market, Marker
10. Pocket, Pickle



CryptoQuip

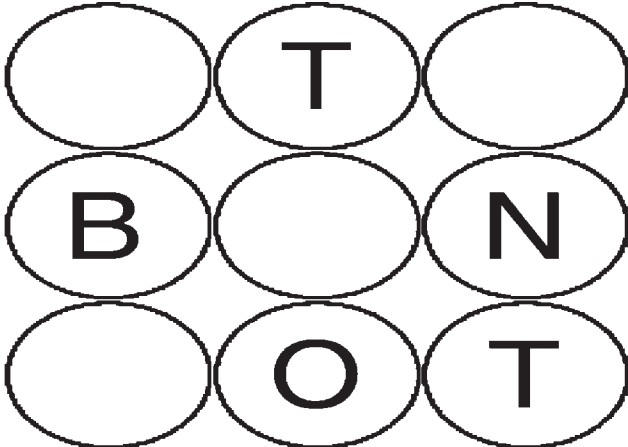
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: T equals M

VYEJ TZSYJ OQA EUUATG ZU
JYG REXQKZJG NYQNQBEJG
NEICO QR NEXG-CVGBBZIS
CVEKRU? JQQJUJZG JKQBBU.

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WORD SPIRAL



Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.

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3	4	3	2	6	5	2	6	8	6	8	6	3
Q	O	U	E	I	B	R	N	I	Y	F	O	A
2	5	4	2	3	4	6	2	3	2	7	8	3
O	O	R	U	I	T	U	S	N	I	M	T	T
2	4	5	3	8	4	3	2	4	3	8	7	5
D	H	L	A	T	E	N	E	W	C	O	O	D
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E	H	I	D	R	I	L	N	E	I	G	R	H
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F	A	A	G	T	S	E	E	I	A	O	R	N

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Baker who was compelled to precisely time to the cooked; Betty Clobber.

CryptoQuip

DIVORCE

Today's Word
1. Placid; 2. Loser
3. Value; 4. Minor

SCRAMBLERS

BATHROBES

Answer

Word Spiral

DIVORCE

Today's Word
1. Placid; 2. Loser
3. Value; 4. Minor

SCRAMBLERS

GERMANTOWN TO UNVEIL METAL ART PROJECT WITH PUBLIC KICKOFF EVENT

Free event will feature live metal-casting demonstrations ahead of community scavenger hunt

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — The city of Germantown will host a public kickoff event Nov. 13 at Municipal Park to introduce a new public art project featuring nine bronze wolf sculptures that will be part of the upcoming Discover Germantown community scavenger hunt.

The Make Your Mark: Discover Germantown Metal Art Kickoff will offer residents and visitors a behind-the-scenes look at how the sculptures were created. The city is partnering with the Metal Museum to bring its

Mobile Foundry to the park, where master artisans will demonstrate the metal-casting process, including live foundry pours.

Visitors also can explore the tools, molds and artifacts used to create the original bronze wolves.

Although registration for the hands-on art activity has reached capacity, the free event is open to the public, and spectators are welcome without registration.

The hands-on activity was designed to allow participants to create a custom aluminum wolf tile. Participants receive a scratch block with a pre-drawn wolf outline and can personalize the design with details such as a moon, landscape, textured fur or lettering.

The Metal Museum team then casts the design in molten aluminum, allowing participants to take home a finished tile.

A waitlist is available for those interested in participating if a spot becomes available. Joining the waitlist does not guarantee participation.

The event also will feature Monkeygrass Mayhem, which will be on-site throughout the afternoon and evening.

The kickoff is scheduled for 2-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, in the parking lot south of the Germantown Athletic Club’s outdoor pool entrance, next to the John Gray House at Municipal Park, 1900 S. Germantown Road. The rain date is Friday, Nov. 20.

Admission is free.

Residents and visitors can attend to watch the demonstrations, explore the displays and get an early look at the public art project before the scavenger hunt begins.

Discover Germantown is designed to encourage residents and visitors to explore the city and discover unexpected places and attractions. Additional information about the nine bronze wolf sculptures and how to participate in the scavenger hunt will be announced by the city.

For information about the hands-on activity waitlist, visit Germantown-TN.gov/Metal.

HEALTH INSPECTIONS — Germantown — week of October 6–12, 2026

GERMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL DISCARDS FOOD AFTER WALK-IN COOLER FAILS

School scores 94; deli meat and milk thrown out at 54 degrees and above

GERMANTOWN — Germantown High School, 7653 Old Poplar Pike, discarded deli meat, milk and other temperature-controlled foods October 6 after an inspector found items in a reach-in cooler reading 54 degrees and above. The school scored 94.

According to the report, the walk-in cooler is not in working condition and an employee

cooler is also not working. The manager had placed a work order for the walk-in cooler that morning before the inspection. The inspector also cited an open dumpster lid.

Grisanti’s To Go, 1940 Exeter Rd., scored 94 October 7. The inspector found multiple gnats and flies inside the building, an 8-ounce bowl being used to scoop salad

dressing into 4-ounce ramekins, walk-in cooler racks needing deep cleaning, no quaternary test strips available, and excessive black buildup on floors under the grill.

Gold Fish Swim School, 2011 Exeter Rd., scored 98 in a routine pool inspection October 6, cited only for dim lighting in a few changing stations.

Those were the only three Germantown inspections posted for the week of October 6 through 12.

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

This Week’s Inspections at a Glance

Germantown health inspections, October 6-12, 2026. Source: Tennessee Department of Health / Shelby County Health Department.

Germantown High School — 7653 Old Poplar Pike

Food service, routine, October 6 —
Score: 94
Food items reading 54 degrees and above inside reach-in cooler. Walk-in cooler is not in working condition. Employee cooler not in working condition. Manager placed a work order for the walk-in cooler upon arrival that morning. Corrective action: discard all deli meat, milk and time/temperature control for safety food items. Dumpster lid observed open.

Gold Fish Swim School — 2011 Exeter Rd.
Public swimming pool, routine, October 6 —
Score: 98
A few changing stations have dim lighting; asked to replace.

Grisanti’s To Go — 1940 Exeter Rd.
Food service, routine, October 7 —
Score: 94
Multiple gnats and flies inside building.

Eight-ounce bowl used to scoop salad dressing into 4-ounce ramekins. Racks holding food in walk-in cooler need to be deep cleaned. No quaternary test strips available. Floors under grill have excessive black buildup. Additional item marked out of compliance, no detail given: item 57.



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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 9

WEEK 9

1. Munford (6-1) @ Brighton
W 63-0 vs. Memphis Overton
2. Briarcrest (7-1) vs. Lipscomb Academy
L 42-7 @ Brentwood Academy
3. Covington (6-1) @ Dyersburg
W 50-0 vs. Bolivar Central
4. St. George’s (6-2) vs. Lausanne
L 13-7 @ St. Benedict
5. Bolton (6-2) vs. Wooddale
W 50-0 vs. Memphis East
6. Lakeland Prep. (5-3) @ Craigmont
W 44-36 vs. Kirby
7. CBHS (4-3) @ Lipscomb Academy
L 29-28 vs. Briarcrest
8. ECS (4-3) vs. Northpoint Christian
L 50-6 @ Lausanne
9. Collierville (4-4) @ Cordova
L 49-35 vs. Lausanne
10. Houston (4-4) @ Collierville
W 41-6 @ Arlington



WEEK 8

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

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COLLIERVILLE HERALD-INDEPENDENT

HEALY, *Continued from 1*

have been recognized by the CMA Foundation as a 2026 Music Teacher of Excellence!” Healy said.

She noted that experiencing the foundation’s dedication to music education firsthand made the honor even more meaningful.

“The CMA Foundation has given so much to music education, and experiencing firsthand the heart, generosity, and intentionality behind their work made this honor even more meaningful,” she said.

The application process also gave Healy time to reflect on her teaching, the legacy she hoped to build and the students who made it all worthwhile. Writing about her students and submitting videos of her teaching reminded her that the recognition represented more than her individual accomplishments.

“As I wrote about my students and submitted videos of teaching THEM, I was reminded that this recognition is just as much a reflection of our choir community as it

is of me,” Healy said.

Her students, she explained, remained at the heart of everything she did in the classroom.

“They are the reason I do what I do, the reason I love it, and the heart of everything we build together,” she said. “This honor belongs to them, too.”

Healy also expressed gratitude for being recognized alongside outstanding music educators from across the country and for having the opportunity to take part in an experience she described as one she would not soon forget.

“So thankful to be celebrated alongside incredible music educators from across the country and to have experienced an evening I won’t soon forget!” she said.

For Healy, the national recognition was a celebration of the relationships, shared experiences and love of music that defined her choir community. Her selection also highlighted the lasting impact dedicated educators can have on students through music and the arts.

Photo and information courtesy of Houston High Choirs.



Houston High School choir teacher Kinsey Healy, who was named a 2026 CMA Foundation Music Teacher of Excellence, poses with the awarded classroom funding she received at the awards ceremony in Nashville, Tennessee.

Photos courtesy of Houston High Choirs

SCOTT, *Continued from 1*

“Dream bigger. And if your dreams do not scare you,

they’re not big enough.”

For Houston High’s aspiring leaders, Scott’s story offered a tangible example of how curiosity, involvement and mentorship can open doors in unexpected plac-

es. His journey also underscored the value of the relationships students build with teachers and mentors who encourage them to explore their strengths and pursue new possibilities.

His challenge to the next generation of Mustangs was clear: Learn from those who came before you, take advantage of the opportunities in front of you and have the courage to go even further.

REED, *Continued from 1*

the Environmental Commission. She also was a charter member and past president of the English Meadows Homeowners’ Association.

In addition to her organizational involvement, Reed regularly volunteered at Germantown City Hall,

assisting with mailings, census projects, Amnesty Day and other initiatives. She frequently attended city meetings and rarely missed a Board of Mayor and Aldermen session.

Reed’s commitment to service continued until her death in May 1996, when she was killed while removing illegally placed garage sale signs. Her legacy reflects the spirit of the award:

serving others cheerfully and consistently, often without public recognition.

Organizers encourage nominations of individuals whose volunteer efforts demonstrate the same dedication and humility that characterized Reed’s service.

Nominations and supporting materials must be submitted by Wednesday, Oct. 21, through the online form

at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyibllteE5dZ3EDjCNC1N98xC_rFIcqsO-OMn-Pp4Kx-TOvq/viewform.

The 2026 Jo Reed Community Service Award recipient will be recognized during the Commission Celebration on Thursday, Nov. 12.

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