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The Germantown Athletic Club's annual coat drive continues through Oct. 31, collecting new winter coats and accessories for children and young adults served by the Vance Avenue Youth Development Center and Libertas Charter School. Community members can drop off donations at the club's customer service desk during regular operating hours.

Courtesy City of Germantown

GERMANTOWN ATHLETIC CLUB COAT DRIVE CONTINUES THROUGH OCT. 31

Community members still have time to donate new winter coats and accessories for local children and young adults in need.

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — The Germantown Athletic Club is collecting new winter coats and accessories through Saturday, Oct. 31, as part of its annual coat drive to help keep children and young adults warm during the winter months.

The club aims to collect 150 new coats for children and young adults, ranging in age from 6

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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.

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GERMANTOWN ANIMAL SHELTER AT CAPACITY, SEEKS FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES

The shelter is encouraging residents to open their homes to dogs in need, either temporarily or permanently, to help make room for more animals.

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — The Germantown Animal Shelter has reached maximum capacity for dogs and is asking the community to help by providing foster and adoptive homes.

Residents interested in fostering or adopting are encouraged to visit the shelter to meet the dogs currently available and learn more about their individual needs. Fostering can provide a temporary home for a dog, while adoption offers a permanent home and helps create space for other animals in need.

"Every foster home and adoption can help provide more room for dogs in need," according to the shelter's appeal to the community.

How to help

Residents considering fostering or adopting are encouraged to visit the Germantown Animal Shelter to meet the dogs in person and discuss their needs with shelter staff. Those who cannot take a dog into their homes can still help by sharing information about the available animals with friends, family and neighbors.

The shelter is located at 7700 Southern Ave. in Germantown. For information about fostering, adoption and current animal availability, call 901-757-7358.

Adoption hours are 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Residents should call the shelter for additional information about fostering and adoption opportunities.

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Susan Berry, Dogwood Elementary's Teacher of the Year, exemplifies more than 30 years of dedication to teaching through her engaging classroom, strong relationships with students and commitment to mentoring and supporting colleagues..

Courtesy Germantown Municipal School District

SUSAN BERRY: A MASTER TEACHER WHO LEADS WITH HEART

Dogwood Elementary's Teacher of the Year draws on more than 30 years of experience to inspire students, mentor colleagues and make learning memorable.

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — For more than 30 years, Susan Berry has dedicated her career to helping students learn, grow and discover what they are capable of achieving. This year, that dedication earned her the honor of being named Dogwood Elementary's Teacher of the Year.

A third-grade teacher and self-proclaimed bullfrog enthusiast — the bullfrog is her classroom mascot — Berry brings a calm, steady presence to her classroom. She is a master teacher who leads with a firm but caring approach, creating an environment where students know what is expected of them and feel supported as they work toward those expectations.

"She has an incredible impact on her students," fellow third-grade teacher Robin Snipes said. "Through her guidance, encouragement, and genuine connection, her students feel loved, confident, and proud of themselves and all they can accomplish."

Berry teaches math and science, subjects she brings to life through hands-on, student-centered learning. She is always looking for creative ways to make learning memorable.

When she wanted to celebrate her students' hard work and participation in a school fundraiser, she turned the classroom into a campout, complete with blankets and flashlights. Students had the chance to learn under their desks while completing math activities and investigating magnets.

For Berry, learning can — and should — be fun.

Her impact extends well beyond her own classroom. As a Blue Chip mentor, Berry supports teachers who are new to Dogwood, offering encouragement, guidance and the benefit of her many years of experience.

"When it comes to being a team player, Susan is always there -- ready to support, uplift, encourage, and lend a helping hand, always with a smile that can light up a room," Snipes said. "She has a true gift for making everyone around her feel valued and supported."

Berry's willingness to give her time and talents also makes an impact on students outside her classroom. She supports Dogwood's Got Talent, helping students overcome nerves and find the confidence to take the stage. She also works with the art teacher to help ensure Fine Arts Night is a success.

"Mrs. Berry is widely respected and admired by students, parents, and colleagues for her enthusiasm, dedication, and genuine belief in every child," said

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HOUSTON HIGH SENIOR OPENS DOORS TO COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGH NEW STUDENT-LED CLUB

By: Deborah Adeboye, GMSD Intern



Houston High senior Matthew Durkin founded Opening Doors to connect students with community service opportunities. The student-led club is collecting 474 books by Oct. 31 for the Friends of the Germantown Community Library. Donations for children, young adults and adults may be dropped off at Houston High School..

Photo GMSD

Durkin has spent the past several years volunteering on Sundays with an organization that prepares about 200 sandwiches each week for people in need. Through that experience, he began noticing something missing: more young people.

"I noticed that there's a lot of older people who like to do it, but I never see lots of youth involvement," Durkin said.

That realization inspired Durkin to create Opening Doors, a Houston High club focused on encouraging students to become more involved in their community. Rather than limiting students to one type of service, the club plans to organize monthly missions that introduce students to different ways they can make a difference.

"I saw that and I recognized that there's so many different areas in the community that need help, and I wanted the youth of Houston High School to be involved with that," Durkin said.

The club's first efforts have focused on community wellness and supporting local literacy. Students are volunteering at the Germantown Community Library, where they help organize books and assist with other needs.

For Durkin, the library holds a personal connection. He has visited the Germantown Community Library and its Friends of the Library bookstore since he was a child, making the opportunity to give back especially meaningful.

"I've been going there since I was a kid," Durkin said. "So I wanted to give back to them."

Opening Doors is also organizing a book drive benefiting the Friends of the Germantown Community Library. The organization relies on donated books, which are sold to support the library and can also be distributed to organizations that help people who may not have access to books and educational resources.

The club is accepting books for children, young adults and adults, giving students and families an opportunity to contribute regardless of the type of books they have at home.

Durkin hopes to collect 474 books by Oct. 31. Collection boxes are already available in the Houston High School lobby, and students have begun donating. If your school or organization would like to participate, please let us know at kathleen.crowder@gmsdk12.org.

While Opening Doors is one of Durkin's newest commitments, it is part of a larger effort to challenge himself both inside and outside the classroom. As a Houston High senior, he takes AP and dual-enrollment classes, serves as a GMSD ambassador and participates in soccer.

Through Opening Doors, Durkin hopes to encourage other students to discover that community involvement does not have to be complicated.

"I want more people to recognize that there's a lot of ways to help the community."

GMSD GOES SIX FOR SIX IN STATEWIDE CIVICS RECOGNITION

By Germantown Municipal School District

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — What does strong civics education look like? In GMSD, it looks like an entire district earning statewide recognition and students putting what they are learning into action.

Germantown Municipal School District has once again been named a Tennessee Excellence in Civics Education District, with all six of the district's brick and mortar schools earning the Governor's Civics Seal for the 2025-26 school year.

The Tennessee Department of Education recognition celebrates schools that make civics a meaningful part of the student experience through strong instruction and opportunities for civic engagement. Schools earning the Governor's Civics Seal are recognized as Tennessee Excellence in Civics Education Schools, while districts in which at least 80% of schools earn the seal receive the districtwide designation. GMSD went six for six.

The recognition reflects work happening across grade levels to help students understand government, history and their role as informed citizens. District leaders Dianne Stovall and Lara Charbonnet helped coordinate the process across all six schools, supporting teachers and tracking the criteria required for the state designation.

That work is already showing up in student achievement. Three Riverdale School eighth graders and one Houston Middle School student were recently recognized in the Constitution Day Essay Contest.

Landon Camp, an eighth grader in Dana Eckenhoff's class at Riverdale School, earned second place in the contest. Camp will be recognized at an awards luncheon Oct. 7 at TPC Southwind, where he will receive a monetary prize, an American flag flown over the U.S. Capitol and additional prizes for both himself and Riverdale School.

Riverdale students River Ross and Natalie Roos, also students in Eckenhoff's class, received honorable mentions. At Houston Middle School, Eva Singhai, a student in Emily Stine's class, also earned an honorable mention.

Contest organizers praised both the number and quality of student submissions and recognized GMSD educators for preparing students to become informed citizens.

The statewide designation and student honors share an important connection. Civics education is not simply about memorizing how government works. It is about helping students understand their communities, examine ideas, communicate thoughtfully and recognize the role they can play in civic life.

From classroom lessons to Constitution Day essays, GMSD students are getting opportunities to do just that.

GMSD ATHLETES CELEBRATE STATE TITLES, RUNNER-UP FINISHES AND POSTSEASON SUCCESS

Houston High, Houston Middle and Riverdale programs earn recognition as district prepares for winter sports



GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — Germantown Municipal School District athletics is celebrating a series of state championships, runner-up finishes and postseason accomplishments across its schools, while Riverdale Middle School earns preseason recognition and opportunities expand for younger student-athletes.

As students and staff returned from fall break this week, the district wanted to recognize the achievements of athletes and coaches at Houston High School, Houston Middle School and Riverdale Middle School.

Houston High golf finishes second at state

Houston High School's boys golf team finished as the state runner-up, marking one of the program's strongest finishes in recent history.

Will Myatt tied for fifth place individually, while Violet Maggipinto tied for 13th in individual competition.

The district congratulates the golfers and coaching staff on their performance at the state tournament.

Mustangs football earns region victory

Houston High football recorded a 41-6 region victory over Arlington on Oct. 8.

The Mustangs continue preparing for the final stretch of the season and postseason competition.

The school's volleyball season has concluded, and the district recognizes the athletes and coaching staff for their dedication throughout the year.

Football and girls soccer are preparing for regional championship competition, while cross country runners continue training for championship events.

Houston Middle claims state championships

Houston Middle School girls soccer captured the state championship, adding another title to the district's athletic accomplishments.

The team's championship reflects its work, discipline and commitment throughout the season, according to the district.

The school's cross country teams also turned in strong performances at the state level. The boys won the state championship, while the girls finished as state runners-up.

Houston Middle is transitioning into winter and spring sports, with basketball, swimming and cross country scheduled for competition during the week of Oct. 19-24. Softball preparations also are underway.

Riverdale basketball earns preseason ranking

Riverdale Middle School's boys basketball team earned the No. 13 ranking in the Memphis Basketball Association's 2026-27 middle school preseason rankings.

The recognition highlights the program's growth and the work of its student-athletes and coaching staff.

Riverdale continues to provide athletic opportunities while emphasizing skill development, teamwork, sportsmanship and school pride.

Elementary basketball league preparations continue

GMSD also is preparing for its 2026-27 Elementary Basketball League, which will give fourth- and fifth-grade students opportunities to develop fundamental skills, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Practices are scheduled to begin in November, with league competition starting in January.

Upcoming athletics for the remainder of October:

- **Thursday, Oct. 22:** Houston Middle varsity football travels to Briarcrest for a 6 p.m. matchup.
- **Saturday, Oct. 24:** Basketball jamboree at Collierville High School; sixth-grade and junior varsity basketball league competition begins at 8 a.m. at Houston Middle; cross country competes in the KYA Tennessee State Championship in Knoxville; and swimming competes at St. George's in Collierville.

As fall teams continue postseason competition and winter sports preparations advance, GMSD remains focused on building successful athletic programs at every level.

The district credits its student-athletes, coaches, administrators and families for their contributions to the programs' success and emphasized its commitment to creating meaningful opportunities for students throughout the district.

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As life on earth becomes Increasingly expensive, Disappointing, hopeless, And deadly dangerous; Being prepared for a Blessed Eternity in Heaven weighs heavily on my mind.

Germantown prepares for winter weather with equipment upgrades, live road map

City plans operational improvements following January's ice storm.

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — The City of Germantown is preparing for future winter storms with equipment investments, updated response procedures and a new online tool to help residents track road-clearing progress.

The improvements follow January's severe ice storm, which highlighted the challenges of maintaining safe, passable roads during prolonged winter weather.



On Sept. 14, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved an $84,000 purchase for a heavy-duty dump truck snowplow and salt spreader modeled after equipment used by the Tennessee Department of Transportation. Due to manufacturing lead times, the equipment is expected to arrive in late 2027 or early 2028.

Existing fleet to support winter response

Until the new equipment arrives, city crews will use existing fleet vehicles configured for rapid response and road clearing during the upcoming winter season.

The city also has revised its winter operations plan, with comprehensive staff training scheduled for the fall to prepare crews for snow and ice response.

Residents will have access to a new digital tool this winter: a live map showing roadways cleared by city crews. The map is intended to help residents monitor progress as crews work across Germantown.

Priority routes identified

During severe winter weather, public works crews will prioritize major transportation corridors and key connecting streets to help maintain access for emergency responders and other essential travel.

Priority routes include:

- Forest Hill-Irene Road
- West Farmington Boulevard
- Poplar Pike
- Johnson Road
- Wolf River Boulevard
- Riverdale Road
- Neshoba Road

Through equipment investments, updated procedures, staff training and improved public communication, city officials are working to strengthen Germantown's readiness for future winter storms.

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weeks to 18 years, served by the Vance Avenue Youth Development Center and Libertas Charter School.

"Germantown Athletic Club is excited to collaborate with long-time member Bob Boord to keep kids warm and safe during the winter months while supporting the missions and families of Vance Avenue Youth Development Center and Libertas School of Memphis," GAC Assistant Club Director Leala McLaughlin said. "We know it takes an entire community, and we are grateful to our staff and members for coming together in such impactful ways to support others."

Coats and accessories needed

The drive accepts new, unused coats in sizes ranging from 6 months to adult 3XL. Although all sizes are welcome, organizers report a particular need for adult medium through adult XL, as well as adult 2XL and larger.

New winter accessories also are welcome, including gloves, scarves, winter hats and warm socks.

How to donate

Community members can drop off donations at the Germantown Athletic Club customer service desk during regular operating hours through Oct. 31.

The club is open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

With the donation deadline approaching, community members still have time to help the club reach its goal of 150 coats and make a difference for local students and families this winter.

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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.

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DOGS LOOKING FOR HOMES

The shelter has several dogs of varying ages, sizes and temperaments seeking homes.



Mary, a 5-month-old female husky/retriever and chocolate Lab mix, is currently on stray hold, which may limit her availability until the process is complete.



Cookie Pie, a 3-year-old spayed female pocket bully, is a favorite among shelter staff. She is house- and kennel-trained and gets along well with dogs, children and cats. She is heartworm-positive, and treatment has been provided.



Visa, a 7-month-old male Vizsla mix, is heartworm-negative and trained to live in a house and kennel.



Gabby, a 1-year-old spayed female terrier mix, loves rope toys and would do best in a home without other dogs. She is heartworm-negative.



Rowan, also known as Donny, is a 2-year-old neutered male Rottweiler mix who gets along with other dogs. He is house- and kennel-trained, heartworm-negative and described by the shelter as a sweet dog with special needs. Prospective foster or adoptive families should contact the shelter to learn more about his care requirements.



Brownie, a 4-year-old spayed female chocolate Lab mix, is house- and kennel-trained and gets along well with other dogs, but she is afraid of cats. She is heartworm-negative.



Shanna, a 2-year-old female Rottweiler, is friendly with other dogs. She is heartworm-positive, and treatment is underway.



Wile E. Coyote, a 1-year-old neutered male large mixed-breed dog, loves playing fetch and enjoys playing with dogs that have a similar energy level. He is heartworm-negative.



Jesse Quick, a 1-year-old spayed female pit bull terrier, gets along well with other dogs and is heartworm-negative.



Diesel, a 9-year-old neutered male pit bull terrier, is another shelter staff favorite. The senior dog is house- and kennel-trained, enjoys the company of laid-back dog friends and is heartworm-negative.

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A GOOD DAY TO BE A VOL



Ad Veritas

Daniel Richardson

There are plenty of good ways to spend a Saturday afternoon, but having family over, eating a bowl of chili (or two) and watching Tennessee beat Alabama is pretty hard to improve upon.

My mother and brother came over to watch the game with us this year. After my recent experience standing for hours at the Texas game, watching this one from home had some advantages. Comfortable seating, good food and a considerably more satisfying outcome made for a great afternoon.

Tennessee's 26–10 victory was particularly enjoyable because of how the Vols earned it. This wasn't a last-second escape. Tennessee held Alabama scoreless in the second half and gradually took control of the game. It was fun watching our offensive and defensive lines push the Crimson Tide around instead of the other way around.

The numbers back that up. Alabama managed just 201 yards of total offense, including only 54 rushing yards. Tennessee recorded five sacks and forced four turnovers. Whatever reputation Alabama brought into Neyland Stadium, our defense was unimpressed by it.

On offense, DeSean Bishop carried the ball 32 times for 159 yards and two touchdowns. The drive that put the game away consumed nine minutes and 32 seconds of the fourth quarter—the longest drive of the Josh Heupel era. There is something deeply satisfying about watching your team keep moving the chains while the other team runs out of time to do anything about it.

I'll admit I had been a little jealous of the attention Alabama quarterback Keelon Russell was getting, even finding a place in the Heisman conversation. Meanwhile, our own young quarterback, Faizon Brandon, has been dealing with the shoulder injury he suffered against Texas. I'm still hoping to see Brandon healthy and playing like he did early in the season.

But Saturday was a reminder that an exciting quarterback is only part of a football team. Russell finished with 147 passing yards and two interceptions. I wouldn't write off a young player because of one bad afternoon, but I also wouldn't dismiss that performance as simply inexperience. Tennessee's defense deserves the credit for making his afternoon so difficult.

The historical perspective makes the win even sweeter. Tennessee has now beaten Alabama in three of their last five meetings, with all three victories coming in Knoxville. The last time the Vols won three consecutive home games against the Tide was in 1996, 1998 and 2000. Before that, you have to go back to 1956, 1958 and 1960 to find another such stretch.

Those victories in the late 1990s are part of the Tennessee football I grew up watching. The Vols actually won seven straight against Alabama from 1995 through 2001. As a kid, it was easy to believe that was simply how things were supposed to work. The 15 consecutive losses from 2007 through 2021 provided a rather unpleasant correction to that assumption.

That is why it meant something to have my own children watching this one. They got to see the version of this rivalry I remember so fondly, with Tennessee giving us plenty to celebrate. I hope some of these afternoons become the kinds of memories they carry into adulthood.

Of course, being a Tennessee fan, I couldn't quite let the weekend pass without finding something to complain about. The Vols moved up to No. 11 in the Associated Press poll. I had really been hoping for the top 10, but apparently I'll have to remain patient for at least another week.

Still, I'm not going to let one spot in the rankings spoil a Saturday like that. There will be plenty of time to debate where Tennessee belongs and worry about the next opponent. For now, I'm happy to enjoy a win that brought back good memories while giving our family a chance to make some new ones.

Lena's chili would have been good either way. It just tasted a little better with a win over Alabama.

FINANCIAL FOCUS:

Is FIRE right for you? What early retirement really takes

The idea has never been more appealing: quit your 9-to-5 decades ahead of schedule and spend your days on your own terms. You may have heard of the FIRE movement, but what is it really and does the hype live up to reality?

FIRE stands for Financial Independence, Retire Early. While some FIRE advocates focus on retiring early, others are more interested in achieving enough financial independence to gain greater flexibility over their career, lifestyle and future.

Wherever your goal fall on that spectrum, FIRE is typically built around three commitments: high savings, frugal living and disciplined investing. Proponents generally save from 50-75% of their yearly income, according to CNBC Select, live more frugally and invest those savings for growth potential over time.

Why FIRE resonates with some people

It can help you prioritize. While you may want a long and successful career, you may instead prioritize earlier retirement or a path that allows you more time with family, a more meaningful job or a downshift from your current daily grind.

It advocates for some sound financial principles. Living within your means, saving for your goals and investing for long-term growth potential can help build a solid financial foundation.

It helps you set a strategy for the future. Achieving your retirement goal is easier when you've defined what you want retirement to look like and built a strategy to help achieve it.

What to consider before pursuing FIRE

Your budget may change. Future expenses may look different than they do today. Family obligations, emergencies and other life changes can increase the amount you'll need in early retirement.

You may need to bridge the retirement benefit gap. Medicare covers many healthcare costs for retirees 65+, but if you retire early, you'll need to find and pay for health insurance until you become eligible. You'll also need to rely more heavily on personal savings for longer before claiming Social Security benefits. Because Social Security benefits are generally based on your highest 35 earning years, retiring early may result in a lower benefit than if you'd continued working.

Your flexibility may be limited. Market declines can be particularly challenging in retirement. One way to help weather a decline is by reducing spending, but a lean budget with more necessary expenses may leave you with fewer options to adjust your spending.

Your strategy should be personalized. Many FIRE proponents advocate for rules of thumb like the 4% withdrawal rate and saving 25 times your annual expenses. However, retiring earlier than normal means your savings must support a longer retirement, and inflation has a larger impact. Therefore, your withdrawal rate may need to be lower and your planned savings higher than traditional rules of thumb, and those targets should be personalized to you.

Start planning now

Whether your goal is early retirement or a more traditional path, a financial advisor can help you with a plan for your goals and the path ahead.



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POLICE REPORTS

Friday, October 9th
Crimes:

A subject was observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 10:51 a.m.

A victim reported threatening phone calls. The report originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 10:55 a.m.

A victim reported that their identifying information was compromised. The report originated from the 1300 block of Poplar Estates Parkway at 2:36 p.m.

A victim reported a social media scam. The report originated from the 6900 block of Poplar Avenue at 3:45 p.m.

Officers arrested a subject for intentionally damaging property. The arrest originated from the 8400 block of Beaverwood Drive at 8:52 p.m.

Saturday, October 10th
Crimes:

Officers arrested a subject for taking merchandise from a business. The arrest originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 4:57 p.m.

A subject was observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 6:09 p.m.

Sunday, October 11th
Crimes:

Two subjects were observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 12:12 p.m.

A subject was observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 8:05 p.m.

Monday, October 12th
Crimes:

A victim reported a violation of an order granting bail. The report originated from the 9400 block of Crestwyn Hills Drive at 10:17 a.m.

A business reported that an employee took merchandise. The report originated from the 1300 block of South Germantown Road at 1:36 p.m.

Officers arrested a subject for taking merchandise from a business. The arrest originated from the 7600 block of West Farmington Boulevard at 2:44 p.m.

A victim reported that a pellet struck a business. The report originated from the 7700 block of Poplar Avenue at 7:04 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13th
Crimes:

Two subjects were involved in a physical altercation. The report originated from the 7400 block of Poplar Avenue at 10:03 a.m.

A subject was observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 9100 block of Poplar Avenue at 4:35 p.m.

A victim reported an online scam. The report originated from the 1800 block of Kimbrough Road at 5:46 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14th
Crimes:

Officers arrested a subject for assaulting an officer. The arrest originated from the 1900 block of South Germantown Road at 6:18 a.m.

Officers arrested a subject for taking merchandise from a business. The arrest originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 2:33 p.m.

A victim reported that items were taken from their residence. The report originated from the 2000 block of Allen Court Drive at 2:47 p.m.

Officers arrested a subject for possession of a stolen vehicle. The arrest originated from the area of Wolf River Circle/Wolf Park Drive at 3:53 p.m.

A victim reported that their identifying information was compromised. The report originated from the 1500 block of McHenry Circle East at 4:20 p.m.

Thursday, October 15th
Crimes:

A victim reported threatening phone calls. The report originated from the 8800 block of c at 10:40 a.m.

A victim reported that items were taken from their residence. The report originated from the 1500 block of Miller Farms Road at 3:49 p.m.

Officers arrested a subject for making a fraudulent bank transaction. The arrest originated from the 9000 block of Poplar Avenue at 3:50 p.m.

A victim reported that their identifying information was compromised. The report originated from the 2500 block of Lennox Drive at 5:22 p.m.

CRASHES There were a total of **19 crashes** reported for this time period

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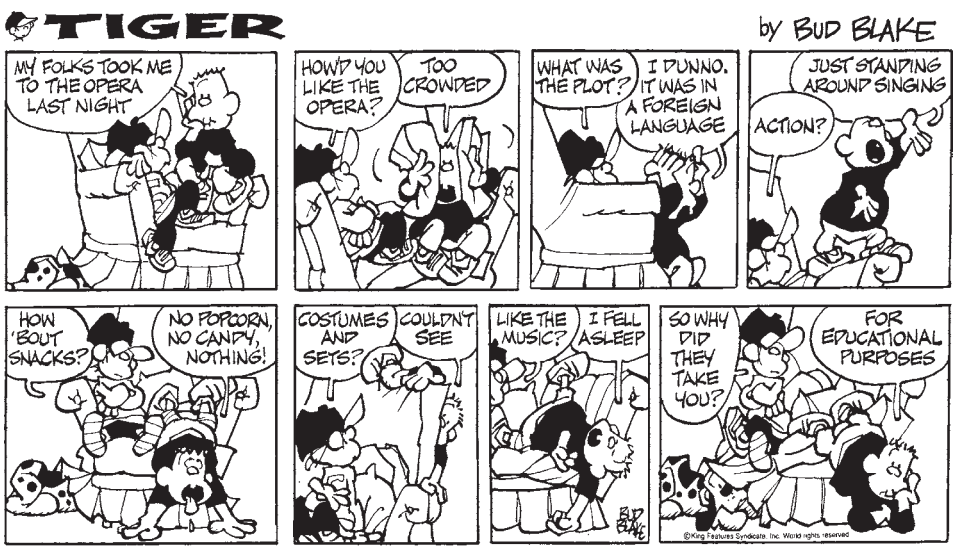
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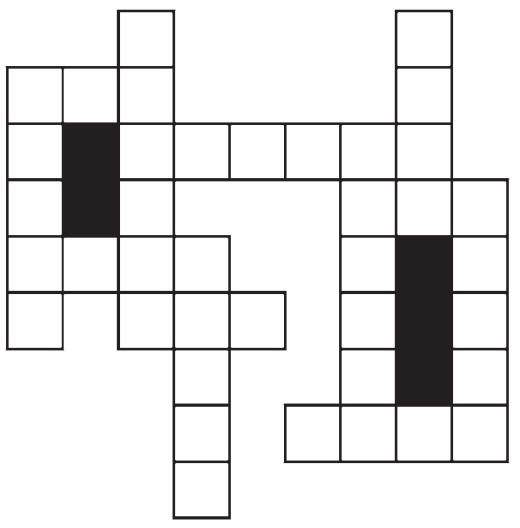


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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER**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

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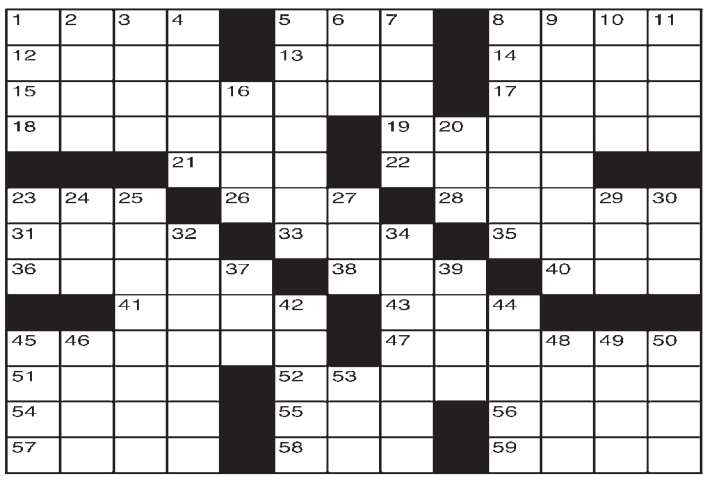
by Donna Pettman

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. Vegetable plot	G _ _ _ _ _	Prison keeper	W _ _ _ _ _
2. Admonish	_ _ O _ _	Burn with water	_ _ A _ _
3. Blue ribbon or trophy	_ _ _ Z _	Cost	_ _ _ C _
4. Chit chat	_ _ N _ _ _	Trade	_ _ R _ _ _
5. Kangaroo's pocket	P _ _ _ _	Feel	T _ _ _ _
6. H20	_ _ T _ _	Thin biscuit	_ _ F _ _
7. Pious	_ _ _ _ _ T	Alternate route	_ _ _ _ _ R
8. Ag	_ I _ _ _ _	Tray	_ A _ _ _ _
9. Pathway	_ _ _ _ L	Teach a dog	_ _ _ _ N
10. Corn cob segment	_ _ R _ _ _	Canine lodge	_ _ N _ _ _

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King Crossword



ACROSS
1 Havana's land
5 High tennis shot
8 Pitt of "Moneyball"
12 Spoken
13 Shock partner
14 Shakespearean villain
15 Military groups
17 Bar fight souvenir
18 Order by classes
19 Vehement protest
21 High school subj.
22 Poi base
23 Likely
26 Small battery
28 Cowboy in "Toy Story"
31 Indy winner A.J.
33 Away from SSW
35 Peevish fit
36 Seized vehicles
38 Business mag
40 Punker Vicious
41 Shacks
43 Cyclades isle
45 1912 Olympic legend
47 Relatives of loons
51 Mine, to Marcel
52 Spoofs
54 Dresses in
55 Org. with a style manual
56 Squad
57 Celeb's aide
58 Tummy muscles
59 Young fellows

DOWN
1 Club in a Manilow song
2 Web addresses
3 Sheepish remarks
4 Choir members
5 From Vientiane
6 Personal
7 Make drunk
8 Casual eateries
9 Masked mammals
10 Lab gel
11 "Finding Nemo" fish
16 Killer whale
20 Motor City labor org.
23 Ghana's cont.
24 "The Bells" writer
25 Violent storms
27 Blackbird
29 Nero's 502
30 Since Jan. 1
32 Sightseer
34 Bafflers
37 NASCAR advertiser
39 Business abbr.
42 1965 march site
44 Capital of South Korea
45 "I did it!"
46 Med. plan options
48 — fide (genuine)
49 Oklahoma city
50 Bygone jets
53 Cleric's tunic

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Weekly SUDOKU

8		6			7		5	3
	1	7	2	5	6	4		
	4	5						2
				6	9			
6	9			7	2	5		
	7				1			
1	6			8		2		
	5		7	2				
								4

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

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: **B** equals **S**

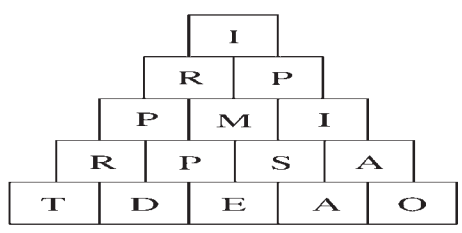
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STICKELERS [sic].

by Terry Stickels

This is a common 15-letter word ending in the letter "D." See how long it takes you to identify it.



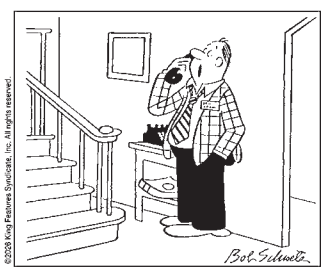
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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Balance SOFFET
Cover CEPTAR
Trend DIET

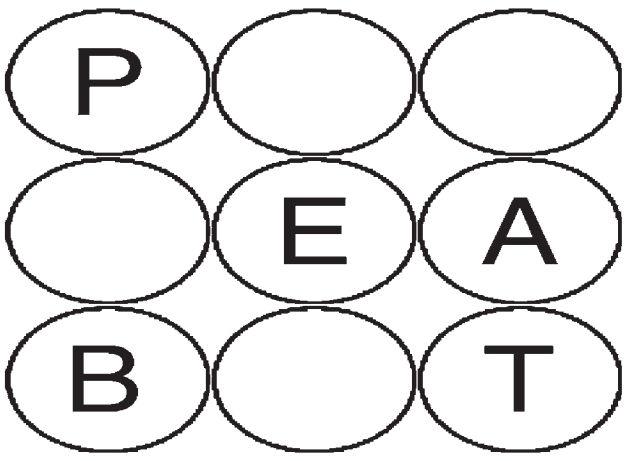
TODAY'S WORD



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"I can't go bowling, Al — I just got back from a convention in Vegas and my wife is demanding a _____!"

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	5	8	7	6	8	4	7	4	3	2	5	6
T	N	P	E	F	L	O	Y	U	H	H	T	E
3	6	4	6	3	8	4	5	3	4	8	3	8
I	I	C	S	N	Y	O	E	G	M	N	B	E
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D	O	K	I	A	U	O	L	U	L	U	L	N
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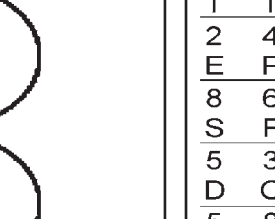
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— Weekly SUDOKU —
Answer

9	3	5	2	8	4	6	1	7
8	2	6	1	7	3	5	9	4
1	4	7	5	9	6	2	8	3
7	5	3	8	6	9	1	4	2
2	9	1	4	3	5	7	6	8
6	8	4	7	1	2	3	5	9
5	6	2	9	4	7	8	3	1
4	7	8	3	5	1	9	2	6
3	1	9	6	2	8	4	7	5

— King Crossword —
Answers
Solution time: 23 mins.



— Even Exchange —
answers

1. Hermit, Kermit	6. Peach, Perch	5. Moose, Mouse	10. Trench, French
2. Sheer, Sheen	7. Terry, Tarry	4. Badger, Bagger	9. Hanger, Hunger
3. Blast, Beast	8. Comedy, Comely	3. Blast, Beast	8. Comedy, Comely
4. Badger, Bagger	9. Hanger, Hunger	2. Sheer, Sheen	7. Terry, Tarry
5. Moose, Mouse	10. Trench, French	1. Hermit, Kermit	6. Peach, Perch

— CryptoQuip —
answer
What might you assume is the favorite chocolate candy of cave-dwelling dwarfs? Tootsie Trolls.

— SCRAMBLERS —
Solution
1. Ponder; 2. Polish 3. Pierce; 4. Salami
Today's Word
ASPIRINS

— Word Spiral Answer —
TOMBSTONE

— SCRAMBLERS —
Solution
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GERMANTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT EARNS STATE RE-ACCREDITATION

Review examines department policies, procedures and operations



GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — The Germantown Police Department has received re-accreditation through the Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, reaffirming its commitment to professional standards, accountability and law enforcement best practices.

The department underwent its re-accreditation assessment Sept. 14. GPD first received accreditation through the program in 2014 and has continued participating since then.

"This accreditation is a confirmation of our commitment to maintaining and adhering to best practice policies and procedures," Police Chief Mike Fisher said. "The accreditation process provides an important tool for accountability and ensures we continue to meet the highest standards of professionalism and excellence in police operations and administration."

The Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation Program provides independent certification that law enforcement agencies meet established requirements and professional standards. The re-accreditation process includes an extensive review of an agency's policies, procedures, operations and administration.

During the 2026 assessment, program assessors reviewed department records from 2024 through 2026 and interviewed personnel about a range of priority standards for law enforcement agencies across Tennessee.

Agencies must demonstrate continued compliance with established standards to maintain accreditation. The process also provides an independent evaluation of departmental policies and practices.

"Maintaining accreditation requires an ongoing commitment from the entire department," Fisher said. "We appreciate the work of our employees who maintain these standards every day and the support of our community as we continue to provide professional, responsive public safety services."

The re-accreditation continues GPD's participation in a statewide initiative intended to promote professionalism, consistency and accountability among Tennessee law enforcement agencies.

BERRY,

Continued from 1

Alexa Guynes, a parent and colleague. "She willingly gives her time to Dogwood's Got Talent, helping students overcome nerves and feel confident enough to shine."

Those who work with Berry often point to the same qualities: kindness, patience, high expectations and a genuine belief in every child. Her classroom may be orderly and structured, but at its heart is a teacher who cares deeply about her students.

"Ms. Berry has such a genuine, kind, and beautiful heart," parent Kristen Buffolino said. "The way she pours herself into students, connects with them, engages them, and makes each one feel special is something they will carry with them long after they leave her classroom. She doesn't just teach them -- she makes them feel known and loved."

After more than three decades in education, Berry continues to make a difference — not through grand gestures, but through the steady, everyday work of helping children and colleagues succeed.

Her Teacher of the Year recognition celebrates not only what she does in her classroom, but also the lasting impact she has throughout Dogwood Elementary.

HOUSTON HIGH STUDENTS LEAD FIRST AID TRAINING FOR REACH EMPLOYEES

Staff Report









GERMANTOWN, Tenn. —Houston High School Health Science students in Lesley Coleman's class recently led hands-on first aid training for REACH employees who provide before- and after-school care for Germantown Municipal School District elementary students.

After learning and practicing essential first aid skills in the classroom, students demonstrated techniques, explained procedures, answered questions and guided employees through skills that could prove useful in an emergency.

The experience gave students an opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge while developing leadership and communication skills. REACH employees also gained practical experience to help them care for the district's youngest students.

The training provided a real-world learning opportunity for students while strengthening first aid skills among employees who work with elementary school children.

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POWER 10 2026

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 10

WEEK 10

1. Munford (7-1) @ Germantown
W 42-7 @ Brighton
2. Briarcrest (7-1) vs. Lipscomb Academy
L 42-7 @ Brentwood Academy
3. St. George's (6-2) vs. Lausanne
L 13-7 @ St. Benedict
4. Covington (6-2) @ McNairy Central
L 28-27 @ Dyersburg
5. Bolton (7-2) @ Raleigh-Egypt
W 12-6 vs. Wooddale
6. ECS (5-3) vs. St. Benedict
W 42-0 vs. Northpoint Christian
7. Lakeland Prep. (5-3) @ Craigmont
W 44-36 vs. Kirby
8. Collierville (4-4) @ Cordova
L 49-35 vs. Lausanne
9. Houston (4-4) @ Collierville
W 41-6 @ Arlington
10. Arlington (5-3) vs. White Station
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