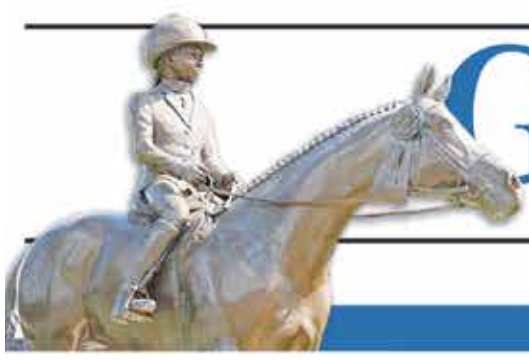


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HOUSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT WINS STATEWIDE FIRE SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Staff Reports

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — Houston Middle School sixth grader Jules Lawson has earned statewide recognition for her artwork promoting fire safety, placing first in her grade level in the 2026 Tennessee Fire Safety Poster Contest.

Hosted by the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office, the annual contest attracted more than 400 entries from students across Tennessee. This year's theme, "Safe Charging Is A Superpower: Charge Into Fire Safety," encouraged students to use art to raise awareness about fire prevention, particularly safe charging practices.

Lawson incorporated a dog into her poster, drawing inspiration from her interest in drawing animals. She also included a rhyming phrase and other creative elements to reinforce the contest's fire safety message.

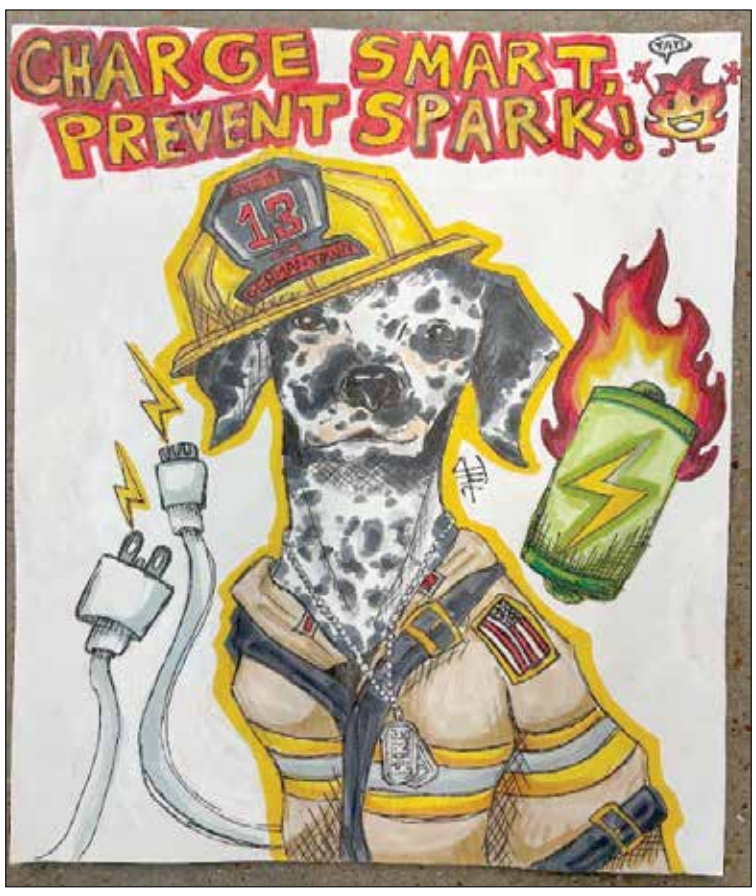


Lawson said she was surprised and proud to receive the recognition.

"I was surprised and very proud of myself, and just so surprised that out of the whole state of Tennessee, I got first place," she said.

She encouraged other students to enter contests and share their talents.

"If you don't enter, you'll never know what you got," Lawson said. "Don't you want to compete? Don't you want to show how good you are?"



Winning posters will be displayed at the Tennessee State Library & Archives in Nashville and may be included in official fire prevention and education materials during the coming year.

Lawson and her family are scheduled to attend a recognition ceremony in early November at the library and archives, where winning students from kindergarten through 12th grade will be honored.

She is also scheduled to be recognized by the Germantown Board of Mayor and Aldermen during its Nov. 9 meeting.

The annual contest highlights the role of students, educators, families and fire departments in promoting fire safety awareness across Tennessee.

Source: Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office and Houston Middle School announcement.

GERMANTOWN UPGRADES DIGITAL NETWORK

Behind the scenes, Germantown Information Technology has completed a major network upgrade designed to help keep critical City services connected around the clock.

City of Germantown

When you call 911 during a severe storm or go online to pay your water bill, a reliable digital connection is more than a convenience. It's essential.

Behind the scenes, Germantown Information Technology has completed a major network upgrade designed to help keep critical City services connected around the clock. Recently, the department officially implemented a new dual-carrier internet system that significantly strengthens the reliability and resiliency of the City's network.

By providing two independent pathways for internet service, the system reduces the risk that a single outage could disrupt municipal operations and the services residents rely on every day.

True Path Diversity

In the digital world, network outages usually happen when a fiber optic cable is accidentally cut during construction or damaged during extreme weather. To combat

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Houston High School's Houston Hearts Club student leaders gave their time this morning to teach Hands-Only CPR to participants at the Heart Walk in partnership with the American Heart Association – Tennessee.

Courtesy Germantown Municipal School District

HOUSTON HEARTS CLUB STUDENTS TEACH HANDS-ONLY CPR AT HEART WALK

Staff Reports

GERMANTOWN — Students from Houston High School's Houston Hearts Club spent Saturday morning helping community members learn a potentially lifesaving skill during the Heart Walk, held in partnership with the American Heart Association's Tennessee organization.

The student leaders volunteered their time to teach Hands-Only CPR, sharing information designed to help participants feel more confident responding to a cardiac emergency.

The outreach gave students an opportunity to apply what they have learned beyond the classroom while encouraging others to take action when seconds matter.

Houston Hearts Club, part of Germantown Municipal School District, emphasizes student leadership and community service through efforts such as the Heart Walk demonstration.

School officials praised the students for dedicating their weekend to serving others and representing Houston High School through their involvement.

The partnership with the American Heart Association also provided students with an opportunity to promote awareness of CPR and the importance of knowing how to respond in an emergency.

The students' participation reflects the club's commitment to its mission of helping others and making a difference in the community.

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GERMANTOWN POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER

Staff Report

GERMANTOWN — The Germantown Police Benevolent Association is accepting orders for its 2026 barbecue fundraiser, offering residents an opportunity to support local police officers while bringing home a smoked pork butt prepared by championship pitmasters.

The fundraiser will feature 8- to 10-pound smoked pork butts prepared by Bob Young, Bryan Wallace and members of the Germantown Police Department. Each pork butt costs $65, with orders limited to 200. The deadline to order is Wednesday, Nov. 4, while supplies last.

Pickup is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21, from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Tanner Pavilion on the Germantown Charity Horse Show grounds near the stables. The Germantown Charity Horse Show donated the pavilion for the event, according to the city.

In addition to barbecue, the fundraiser will offer Germantown Police Benevolent Association merchandise, including T-shirts, stickers, pens, stadium cups and Bob's Famous BBQ Rub.

The GPBA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports the Germantown Police Department and its officers through charitable, educational and community-focused initiatives. Its efforts include community outreach programs and an Officer Down Fund that provides financial assistance to officers injured in the line of duty and families of fallen officers.

Orders can be placed online at the 2026 GPBA BBQ fundraiser order form. Payment options include Venmo at @GPBATN, PayPal at gtownpoliceba@gmail.com, or cash or check payable to the Germantown Police Benevolent Association. Venmo and PayPal payments should be made when ordering.

For questions or assistance, contact Joanna Young by calling or texting 901-517-3162.



The Germantown Police Benevolent Association 2026 Fundraiser (GPBA)'s annual fundraiser is your chance to bring home a delicious 8- to 10-pound smoked pork butt prepared by championship pitmasters Bob Young, Bryan Wallace and members of the Germantown Police Department.

Photo City of Germantown



REGISTRATION OPENS FOR 2026 RUN FOR EDUCATION

GERMANTOWN — Registration is open for the 2026 Germantown Education Foundation Run for Education, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14, at Houston High School.

The family-friendly event will feature a race, StangFest activities and a Color Run. Each registration includes a T-shirt and access to event activities.

The foundation will direct $10 from each registration to the teacher selected during registration to support classroom needs.

Registration is available at https://raceroster.com/events/2026/141287/gef-run-for-education?utm_id=97758

TWO GERMANTOWN FIREFIGHTERS GRADUATE FROM TENNESSEE FIRE AND CODES ACADEMY

Staff Report

GERMANTOWN — Germantown firefighters Drake Simpson and Michael Accardi have graduated from the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy as members of Class 26-02, completing 10 weeks of intensive training.

According to the City of Germantown, both firefighters successfully completed the program, demonstrating dedication and commitment to the fire service.

The Germantown Fire Department congratulated Simpson and Accardi on their achievement and expressed confidence in their continued professional development and service to the community.



GERMANTOWN APPROVES $53,156 REPLACEMENT OF CAMERON BROWN PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Staff Report

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — A pedestrian bridge near Cameron Brown Pond at Cameron Brown Park will be demolished and replaced after an inspection revealed structural deterioration, according to the City of Germantown.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved a $53,156 construction contract last month with Nabholz Construction Services LLC to replace the bridge, which was closed as a safety precaution.

City Engineering staff inspected the structure June 12 and found that environmental exposure and insect damage had weakened portions of the bridge. Engineers recommended closing it immediately to pedestrian traffic until replacement could be completed. Parks and Recreation staff secured the structure and worked with the city's Procurement Department to expedite the project.



A pedestrian bridge at Cameron Brown Park will soon be replaced after an inspection revealed structural deterioration that prompted the City to close the bridge as a safety precaution..

Photo City of Germantown

The city selected Nabholz through the TIPS Cooperative Job Order Contracting program, which uses established construction pricing to streamline procurement and reduce the need for additional price negotiations and potential change orders.

The project will be funded through the city's Infrastructure Replacement Program. According to the city, funding originally designated for annual Greenway Overlay repairs was redirected to the bridge replacement because the Beaver Loop Trail capital improvement project is providing nearly 3,500 linear feet of new trail surfacing and meeting the Parks and Recreation Department's annual repaving needs.

The replacement will restore a pedestrian connection within Cameron Brown Park and allow residents to use the crossing safely once construction is complete.

Demolition and construction were expected to begin within two weeks of the city's announcement.

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GERMANTOWN STUDENTS SHOWCASE INNOVATION AT BATTLE OF THE BRAINS

City of Germantown

Local high school students put their knowledge, research and creativity to the test Saturday, October 24, during the Germantown Education Commission's annual Battle of the Brains STEM competition at Houston High School. This year's competition featured 22 projects from students at Houston High School and St. Mary's Episcopal School.

The competition challenges students to explore topics in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and present their research and findings to university professors who specialize in relevant fields. All three winning teams represented Houston High School.



FIRST PLACE: THE AUTO SPRINKY 5000



SECOND PLACE: MENTAL HEALTH MONITOR

First Place: The Auto Sprinky 5000

Team members: Gurukrishnan Kesavan, Aiden Jauregui, Aui Grishman and Matthew Moser

The first-place project, The Auto Sprinky 5000: Smart Automatic Plant Watering System, is designed to help plants receive water only when needed. The team developed a system that uses a soil moisture sensor and an Arduino to activate a water pump and sprinkler when the soil becomes too dry. It can also monitor temperature and light levels, with a Python dashboard displaying sensor readings and watering activity.

The team aims to create an affordable, water-efficient alternative to manual watering and plans to compare water usage and plant growth between the two methods.

Second Place: Mental Health Monitor

Team members: Allen Cheng, Aarav Yaligar, Pranav Bhat and Lukas Weinmann

The Mental Health Monitor project proposes a device designed to recognize potential mental health crises by monitoring a combination of audio, physical, biochemical and stress-related signals. The concept aims to alert first responders or medical professionals and provide information about a patient's health status to support a timely response.

Third Place: Seizure Detection Research

Team members: Aiden Ervin, Betsy Rivas and Oluwatosin Akinjinmi

The third-place project, How Much of Seizure Detection Accuracy Is Real? Quantifying Patient Leakage With a Leave-One-Patient-Out Evaluation of EEGTransforms for Seizure Detection, examines how machine-learning systems used to detect epileptic seizures may appear more accurate when data from the same patient are included in both training and testing.

Using scalp electroencephalogram (EEG) data, the team compares evaluation methods to investigate how well seizure-detection models may perform on patients whose data were not used to train the models."Battle of the Brains encourages students to think big, solve problems and find ways to make a difference in their communities and beyond," said Education Commission Chairman Beth Robbins. "These students are the innovators and problem solvers of the future, and we're proud to support their curiosity, creativity and commitment to learning."

Members of the first-place team each received a $300 cash prize, second-place team members each received $200 and third-place team members each received $100. The first-place team's names will also be added to the Einstein Trophy, which has recognized STEM excellence since the competition began in 2009.

Projects were judged by a panel that included Dr. Dino Palazzolo, Dr. Sridhar Shankar and Dr. Divyabharathi Chepyala. Their expertise and commitment to fostering STEM education contributed to the success of the event.

The Germantown Education Commission thanks its members for their dedication to organizing and hosting this annual event, which continues to inspire and support young scholars in Germantown. Current Commission members include Chairman Beth Robbins, Gail Braddock, Debra Bautista, Kyle Eaton, Stephen Fisher, Chad Hammontree, Stacey Spinosa Johnson, Melissa Kandel, Manjit Kaur, Ellen Moak, Morgan Havener, Patricia Toarmina, Staff Liaison Jessica Comas, Alderman Sherrie Hicks and School Board Liaison Dr. Heather Fisher.



THIRD PLACE: SEIZURE DETECTION RESEARCH

The Commission also thanks Chick-fil-A for providing chicken biscuits for judges and volunteers, Eggs Up Grill for providing coffee and Donut Hutt for providing donuts for participants and judges.

Battle of the Brains is organized annually by the Germantown Education Commission to encourage student achievement and give young people opportunities to explore STEM topics through research, collaboration and presentation. The competition is open to students attending Germantown High School and Houston High School, as well as high school students who live in Germantown but attend school outside the city limits or are homeschooled.

The City congratulates this year's winners and all students who participated in Battle of the Brains for their hard work, creativity and commitment to learning.



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this, Germantown established true "carrier and path diversity."

Instead of relying on a single internet provider, the City now utilizes two completely independent internet service providers. Crucially, these connections enter City infrastructure through entirely different physical locations. If one primary line experiences a sudden disruption or physical break, the secondary line instantly takes over without delay, keeping essential City functions, emergency dispatch and online resources for residents fully operational.

Smart Fiscal Stewardship

Over a year in the making, the proactive infrastructure upgrade does more than just prevent frustrating downtime. It also lays the digital foundation for long-term operational efficiency and municipal cost savings.

"This project was a year in the making, but the long-term benefits for the City are substantial," Information Technology Director James Nichols said. "Beyond protecting public safety and municipal services from downtime, establishing a dual-carrier foundation positions us to optimize our network costs well into the future."

By investing in smart, resilient digital infrastructure, Germantown continues to prioritize safety, transparency and seamless service for every resident.

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A FEW TENNESSEE CHILLS



Ad Veritas

Daniel Richardson

With Halloween approaching, I thought this might be a good week to explore some of the stranger corners of Tennessee history. There is something more interesting about a spooky story when it involves a place you could actually drive to, rather than a fictional castle somewhere across the ocean.

Of course, there is a difference between a story that has been told for generations and something that has been established as fact. As a newspaper publisher, I ought to respect that distinction—even when a good ghost story is involved.

Take the Bell Witch, probably Tennessee's most famous contribution to the subject. The legend centers on the Bell family near present-day Adams in Robertson County. Around 1817, according to the traditional account, strange disturbances began at their home. The stories describe unexplained noises, bedcovers being pulled away and an unseen presence that eventually began speaking to the family.

Apparently, this was not a ghost content to creak a floorboard and leave everyone wondering. In the telling, it argued, imitated voices, and tormented members of the household. John Bell died in December 1820, and the legend attributed his death to the mysterious visitor. His death belongs to history; the supernatural explanation belongs to the story.

One detail I found especially interesting involved a fellow newspaper man. In 1937, Tennessean columnist T. H. Alexander helped revive the legend by publicizing a prediction that the witch would return that year. According to the Tennessee Historical Society, Alexander was himself a skeptic who enjoyed a good ghost story. Nevertheless, his writing helped stir up fresh fears and reports of strange happenings. The year ended without proof of a supernatural return.

That may be a useful reminder for those of us who work with words: a story can take on a life of its own, even when its subject apparently cannot.

For something eerie that requires considerably less imagination, consider our state Capitol.

William Strickland, the architect who designed the building, died in 1854 before construction was finished. He was buried in the Capitol's north wall. Samuel Morgan, who helped oversee the building's construction, was also eventually entombed in the building. These are not merely portraits of distinguished men hanging on the walls. Their remains are actually inside them.

Ghost stories have grown around those permanent occupants, including tales of voices arguing when nobody appears to be there. Those are stories, not established evidence of a haunting. But the burials themselves are real, which seems like plenty of material for an uncomfortable conversation if you happen to be the last person leaving the building at night.

Then there is Carnton in Franklin, where the unsettling part of the story needs no supernatural explanation at all.

During the Battle of Franklin on Nov. 30, 1864, the home became a field hospital for hundreds of wounded Confederate soldiers. The following morning, the bodies of four Confederate generals lay on its back porch. According to the Battle of Franklin Trust, the floors of the restored house still bear bloodstains from the men treated there.

That is a different kind of haunting. It is not a tale about something someone might have heard in the dark, but a physical reminder of suffering that happened in an ordinary home. The McGavock family later provided land beside their family cemetery for the burial of nearly 1,500 Confederate soldiers killed in the battle.

I think that is part of what makes these places so compelling. Beneath the legends are real families, real buildings and lives that were much more complicated than a paragraph on a historical marker can explain. Sometimes a spooky story gets our attention long enough for us to learn the history underneath it.

There is room to enjoy the storytelling without accepting every detail, and room to appreciate the history without turning someone's tragedy into entertainment.

So enjoy Halloween and a good Tennessee tale or two. Just remember which parts are documented and which parts became more interesting with each retelling.

GERMANTOWN E-BIKE SURVEY FINDS SAFETY CONCERNS AMONG RESIDENTS

Staff Reports

GERMANTOWN — Safety concerns are shaping discussions about electric bicycle use on Germantown's streets, trails and greenways, according to survey results released by the City of Germantown.

The city surveyed residents to gather opinions and experiences as officials evaluate how electric bikes, or e-bikes, should be accommodated alongside pedestrians, runners and traditional cyclists on the city's network of parks and trails. The survey received responses from 952 residents.

Of those respondents, 433 reported significant safety concerns about e-bikes, while another 335 expressed moderate concern. Additionally, 64.6% said they had personally experienced or witnessed an unsafe situation involving an e-bike.

The survey found that 196 respondents own or ride an e-bike, motorized bicycle or electric motorcycle, commonly called an e-moto.

Despite safety concerns, many respondents supported allowing certain types of e-bikes on roads or in bike lanes. Nearly 800 respondents favored generally permitting Class 1 e-bikes, which provide pedal assistance up to 20 mph. Approximately 700 expressed the same opinion about Class 2 models, which use a throttle and reach speeds of up to 20 mph, and Class 3 models, which provide pedal assistance up to 28 mph.

Support for trail safety measures also emerged as a prominent finding. About 84.2% of respondents supported a recommended speed limit for e-bikes on park trails and the Greenway.

Opinions varied on the benefits of e-bikes. About 37.9% of respondents said they did not believe e-bikes provide significant benefits to the community. Meanwhile, 29.4% cited recreation, exercise and leisure as benefits, and 21.7% recognized their potential to improve mobility for seniors and people with disabilities.

The city is taking a measured approach rather than adopting a blanket policy, according to the city's announcement. The Germantown Parks and Recreation Commission and Transportation Commission are working together to examine issues involving trail safety, accessibility and the needs of different users.

Parks and Recreation Director Natalie Ruffin said the next step is to await evaluations and recommendations from the two commissions.

The survey findings will help inform those discussions as city leaders consider potential recommendations for managing e-bike use while addressing residents' safety concerns.

The city said its goal is to maintain safe, welcoming and accessible outdoor spaces for residents of all ages and abilities.

For more information, contact the city's Parks and Recreation Department at 901-757-7376.

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POLICE REPORTS

Friday, October 16th

Crimes:

The caller advised they had been receiving hurtful messages via the internet. The report originated from the 7100 block of River Reach Rd. at 1:51 p.m.

Saturday, October 17th

Crimes:

Officers arrested an individual for possessing illegal narcotics. The arrest originated from the area of Poplar / Riverdale at 12:40 a.m.

The caller advised items had been stolen from outside of her home. The report originated from the 8900 block of Cairn Ridge Dr. at 9:18 a.m.

The caller advised they had been receiving threatening messages. The report originated from the 7100 block of Toro Cove at 3:00 p.m.

Two individuals were involved in an altercation. The report originated from the 7600 block of Farmington Blvd. at 4:44 p.m.

Individuals were seen taking items from the business. The report originated from the 7600 block of Farmington Blvd. at 5:10 p.m.

Officers arrested an individual for stealing items from the business. The arrest originated from the 7600 block of Poplar Ave. at 6:28 p.m.

Officers arrested an individual for stealing items from the business. The arrest originated from the 7700 block of Farmington Blvd. at 6:28 p.m.

Sunday, October 18th

Crimes:

A group of individuals was involved in an altercation. The report originated from the 8700 block of Poplar Pike at 5:22 p.m.

Monday, October 19th

Crimes:

Officers arrested an individual for possessing illegal narcotics. The arrest originated from the area of Poplar / Kirby at 3:29 a.m.

The caller advised a company vehicle had been damaged while parked. The report originated from the 3100 block of Professional Plaza at 3:59 p.m.

The caller advised they had been receiving unwanted text messages. The report originated from the 1900 block of Rye Rd. at 4:43 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20th

Crimes:

Two subjects were observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 11:59 a.m.

A subject was observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 7500 block of Poplar Avenue at 12:19 p.m.

A subject was observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 3:59 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21st

Crimes:

No crimes were reported.

Thursday, October 22nd

Crimes:

Officers arrested a subject for unlawful possession of narcotics. The arrest originated from the area of Kimbrough Road/Dogwood Road at 8:32 a.m.

A victim reported that their identifying information was compromised. The report originated from the 1900 block of Shepards Bush Lane at 8:43 a.m. A victim reported a violation of a court order. The report originated from the 7700 block of Stout Road at 2:47 p.m.

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2000 HOND PAS
VIN# 4S6CK58W3Y4420162

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The following vehicles will be sold at auction on NOVEMBER 13, 2026

Paul & Crew Towing LLC
711 S. Dudley, Memphis, TN 38104

2011 HYUNDAI SANTA FE
5XYZK4AG9BG073613

2006 HONDA ACCORD
1HGCM56756A180048

2012 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN
2C4RDGCG6CR206334

2020 NISSAN ROGUE SPORT
JN1BJ1CV9LW280976

2005 CHEVROLET EQUINOX
2CNDL13F556025081

2013 FORD F-150
1FTEX1CMXDFD37915

2006 HUMMER H3
5GTDN136768269141

901.632.2320

A Ladies Wrecker Service:
709 S. Dudley, Memphis, TN 38104

2016 HYUNDAI GENESIS
KMHGN4JE3GU106698

2006 FORD FUSION
3FAHP07ZX6R142504

2013 NISSAN ALTIMA
1N4AL3AP7DN550075

2009 HONDA CIVIC
2HGFA16539H368991

901.686.3737

AUTO AUCTIONS

BIG RIVER TOWING
2219 Filmore Ave.
Memphis, TN 38114

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction to satisfy towing, storage, and related charges on NOVEMBER 29, 2026 AT 11 A.M.

WBAVB13506KR58062
2006 BMW 3 SERIES

DTS TOWING
3930 THOMAS ST., MEMPHIS, 38127

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT AUCTION ON NOVEMBER 29, 2026 AT 11 AM

3FA6P0HR9DR182544
2013 FORD FUSION

2G1WB57K591139785
2009 CHEVROLET IMPALA

1D8GT28K07W619472
2007 DODGE NITRO

DAN'S TOWING
3911 THOMAS
MEMPHIS, TN 38127

The Following Vehicles Will Be Sold on 11/13/2026 @ NOON

1997 FORD RANGER
1FTCR10A9VUB12135

2016 HYUNDAI SANTA FE
5XYZT3LB9GG367612

2010 FORD FUSION
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2015 HYUNDAI ELANTRA
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2014 NISSAN ALTIMA
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2016 SUBARU OUTBACK
4S4BSBNC6G3209488

2011 BUICK ENCLAVE
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2016 CHRYSLER 200
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2011 JEEP PATRIOT
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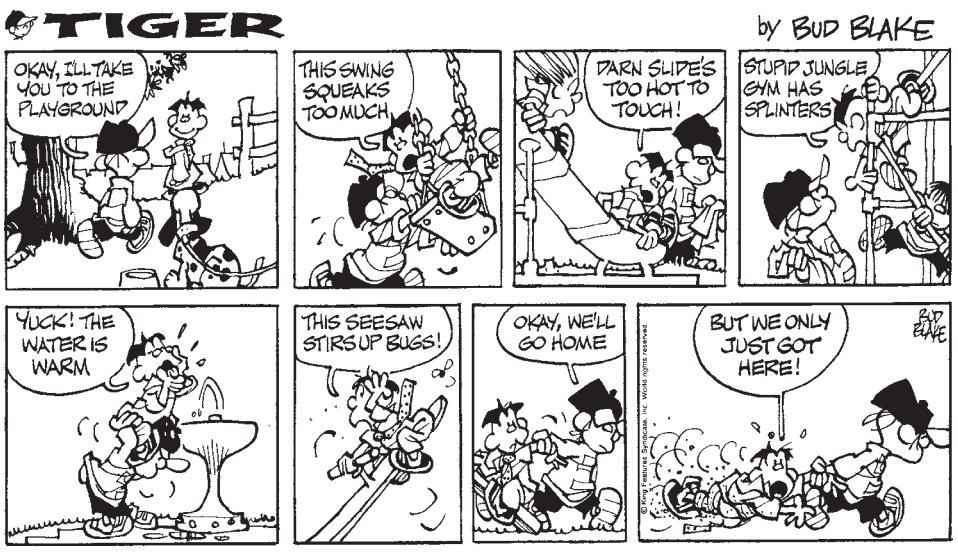
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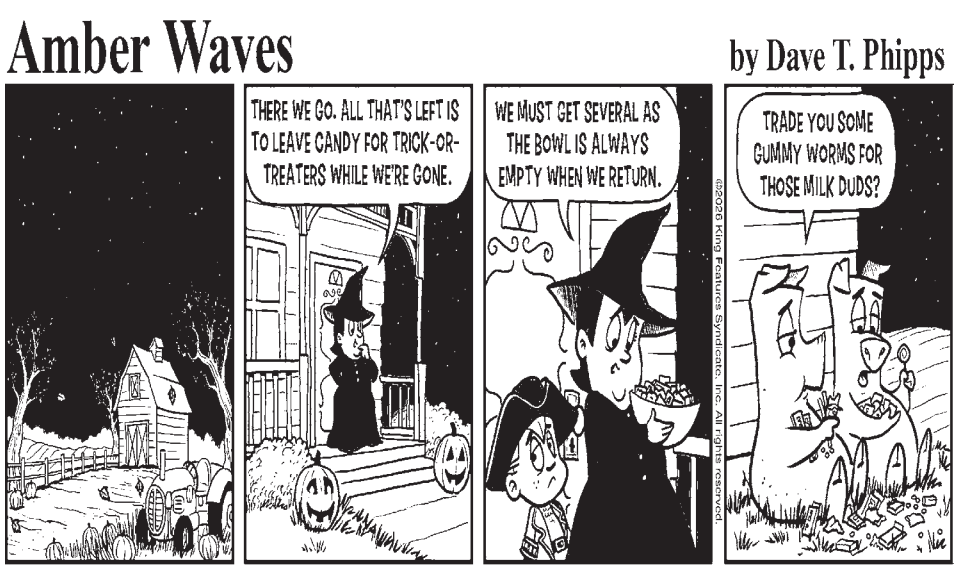
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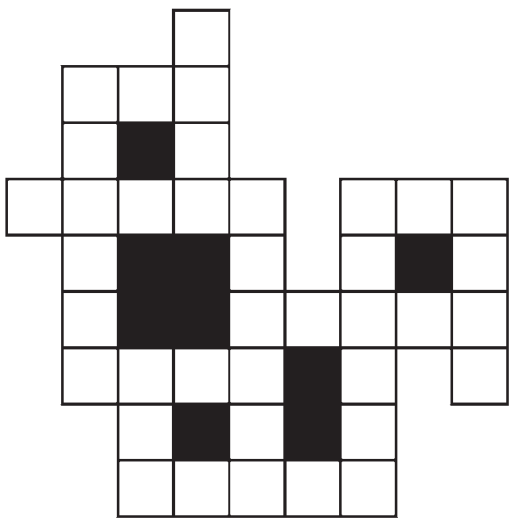


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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER**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

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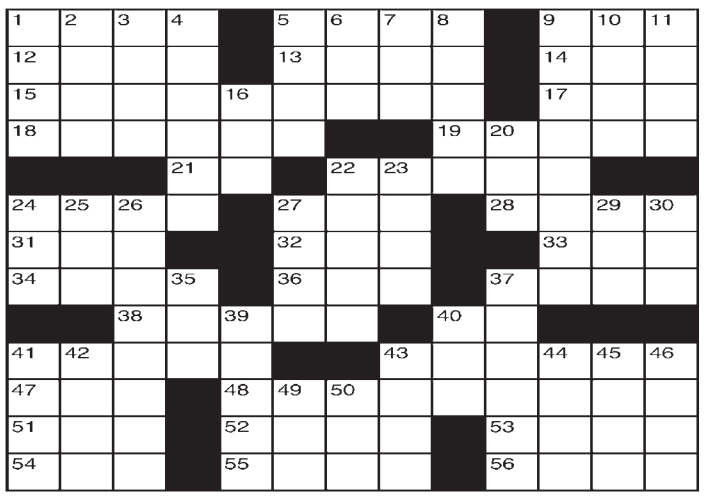
Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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. Portugal's hilly city	___ ___ ___ B ___ ___	Sonny boxer	___ ___ ___ T ___ ___
2. Alert	___ ___ ___ ___ E	Accolade	___ ___ ___ ___ D
3. Baseball official	U ___ ___ ___ ___ ___	Royal realm	E ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
4. Fall predecessor	___ U ___ ___ ___ ___	Cook slowly	___ I ___ ___ ___ ___
5. Bath sheet	___ ___ ___ ___ L	Eiffel or Pisa	___ ___ ___ ___ R
6. Push	___ ___ O ___ ___	Remove whiskers	___ ___ A ___ ___
7. Pester	___ O ___ ___ ___ ___	Tub user	___ A ___ ___ ___ ___
8. Cake layers	___ ___ ___ R ___	Supermodel Cheryl	___ ___ ___ G ___
9. Cologne's river	R ___ ___ ___ ___	Gleam	S ___ ___ ___ ___
10. Contemplate	___ ___ N ___ ___ ___	Talcum	___ ___ W ___ ___ ___

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King Crossword



ACROSS
1 Off-white
5 "Star Trek II" villain
9 Yoga pad
12 Lopsided win
13 — the Great (kid-lit detective)
14 Yucatan "Bravo!"
15 Lead singer of Matchbox Twenty
17 Present location?
18 Most devious
19 Den fixture
21 ICU worker
22 No-frills
24 Big cheese
27 Warm-up run
28 Kitten calls
31 — Jima
32 Noshed
33 Slangy denial
34 Arrears
36 Roast VIPs
37 Hereditary unit
38 Jazz legend Vaughan
40 Concerning
41 Prefix with violet
43 Social blunders
47 Egg — yung
48 Workplace invitations
51 Sharing word
52 Sciences'
53 Coup d' —
54 Messy room
55 Diner dish
56 D.C. baseball team

DOWN
1 Blunders
2 "Neato!"
3 July birthstone
4 Says
5 Shoelace snarl
6 Deli choice
7 — premium
8 Tree houses partner
9 Frenzied gathering
10 Lotion additive
11 Libretto
16 QVC alternative
20 Energy
22 Foul up
23 Ice and Bronze
24 Auction action
25 Have bills
26 Pitiful tale
27 Magazine for docs
29 Pallid
30 That ship
35 Pitch
37 Lincoln Center's David — Hall
39 Indian prince
40 U.K. fliers
41 Sci-fi vehicles
42 Lummox
43 "Gee whiz!"
44 Greek salad cheese
45 Part of Q.E.D.
46 Swift jets
49 — pro nobis
50 "Dynamite" band

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

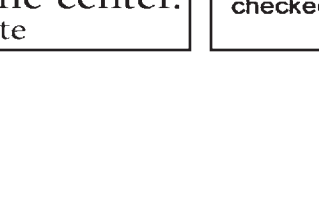
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7	8	2	9	1	4	3	6	5
1	6	3	7	8	5	2	9	4
4	5	9	6	2	3	7	1	8

— King Crossword —
Answers
Solution time: 24 mins.

C	U	B	A		L	O	B		B	R	A	D
O	R	A	L		A	W	E		I	A	G	O
P	L	A	T	O	O	N	S		S	C	A	R
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A	S	S	T		A	B	S		L	A	D	S

— Even Exchange —
answers

1. Garden, Warden	6. Water, Wafer
2. Scold, Scald	7. Devoul, Devour
3. Prize, Price	8. Silver, Salver
4. Banter, Barter	9. Trail, Train
5. Pouch, Touch	10. Kernel, Kennel



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: **E** equals **F**

BE EKGQWN NBAHCL YBQA
SCLC NMQLBAH VQAMKVM
FCANCN, SJKM EFWBY GBHJM
NJC WNC? VCFBAC NQFWMBQA.

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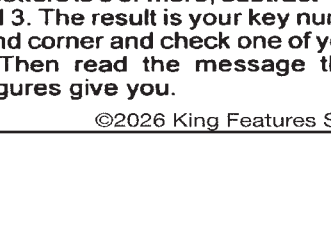
STICKELERS [sic].

by Terry Stickels

If I used the words forte, allegro, baroque, diminuendo and mezzo, you would tell me I was speaking about music.

If I said pinner, wye, turnout, big hole and highball, you would tell me I was referring to ?.

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"We've got to stop seeing each other like this, Debra — I hate _____."

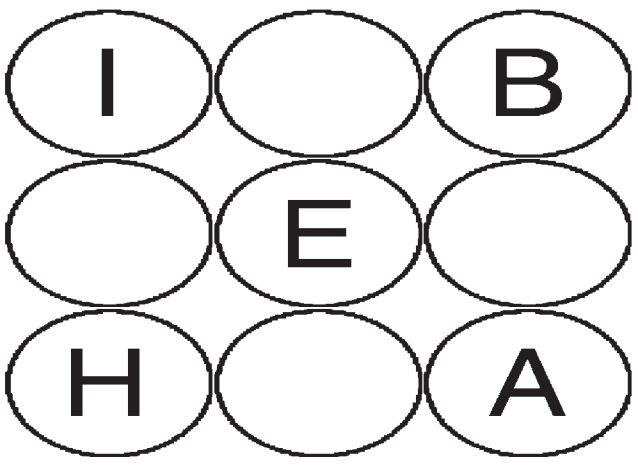
SCRAMBLERS

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!

Vicar **APRONS**
Brisk **SCRIP**
Altar **INSHER**
Absorb **PENGOS**

TODAY'S WORD

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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CryptoQuip answer
Climbing structure with rungs that receives fabulous reviews: a ladder of recommendation.

SCRAMBLERS Solution
1. Camber; 2. Offset
3. Carpet; 4. Tide
Today's Word
DEBRIEF

Word Spiral Answer
PALATABLE

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HEALTH INSPECTIONS — Germantown — week of October 20–26, 2026

GERMANTOWN CANTINA CITED FOR WORN CUTTING BOARDS AND OLD PICKLED ONIONS

Rio Lobo scores 84; Germantown Commissary 94; high school clears follow-up at 99

GERMANTOWN — An inspector found deep cuts in the majority of the cutting boards in use at Rio Lobo Cantina, 3165 Forest Hill Irene Rd., during a routine inspection October 21 and directed the restaurant to discard and replace all worn or badly discolored boards.

The cantina scored 84, the lowest of five Germantown inspections posted for the week of October 20 through 26. The inspector also found pickled onions in the walk-in cooler that had been prepared October 1 and educated the establishment that such items may be held only seven days under cold holding; the onions were discarded.

The report further cites food and ice buildup in the deep freezer, pre-stacked metal containers sitting right side up rather than inverted, no test strips for the three-compartment sink, and a back door being used to store old and unused equipment, which the inspector asked be cleared to avoid harboring pests.

All five Germantown inspections were conducted October 21.

The Germantown Commissary, 2290 Germantown, scored 94 in a follow-up inspection. The inspector recorded excessive flies and gnats near the floor drains, no hair restraints worn while preparing food, scoop handles stored inside the flour and sugar bins, dust buildup on racks and excessive food buildup in the prep cooler, and floor tiles with excessive cracks alongside walls and ceilings with extreme smoke damage and food splatter.

Germantown High School, 7653 Old Poplar Pike, scored 99 in a follow-up, up from 94 on October 6, with a single item cited — an open dumpster lid.

Half Shell, 9091 Poplar Ave., scored 98 for an exposed and open ice container and wiping rags stored on prep stations. The pool at Brookdale at Dogwood Creek, 8199 Poplar Ave., scored 96, cited for a brown substance on marking labels on the tile inside the pool enclosure, a high alkaline reading and the most current inspection report not posted.

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 20-26, 2026. Source: Tennessee Department of Health / Shelby County Health Department.

Germantown Commissary — 2290 Germantown
Food service, follow-up, October 21 — **Score: 94**
Excessive flies and gnats near floor drains.
No hair restraints observed while preparing food items.
Scoop handle stored inside flour and sugar bins.
Racks with dust buildup and food prep cooler with excessive food buildup.
Floor tiles have excessive cracks; walls and ceilings have extreme smoke damage and food splatter.

Brookdale at Dogwood Creek — Pool — 8199 Poplar Ave.
Public swimming pool, routine, October 21 — **Score: 96**
Brown substance found on marking labels inside of pool enclosure on tile. Please deep clean.
High alkaline reading.
Most current inspection report not posted.

Germantown High School — 7653 Old Poplar Pike
Food service, follow-up, October 21 — **Score: 99 (up from 94 on October 6)**
Dumpster lid observed open.

Half Shell — 9091 Poplar Ave.
Food service, routine, October 21 — **Score: 98**
Ice container exposed and open.
Wiping rags stored on prep stations.

Rio Lobo Cantina — 3165 Forest Hill Irene Rd.
Food service, routine, October 21 — **Score: 84**
Excessive deep cuts inside the majority of the cutting boards on shelves and currently in use. All surfaces must be clean and smooth while in use. Corrective action: discard and replace all worn or extremely discolored cutting boards.
Pickled onions prepared October 1 observed inside walk-in cooler. Educated establishment that pickled onions may remain only seven days under cold holding temperatures. Corrective action: educate and discard.
Deep freezer has food buildup and ice buildup.
Pre-stacked metal containers sitting right side up. Please invert.
Excessive ice built up inside white deep freezer.
No test strips available for three-compartment sink.
Back door used as a storage area for old and unused equipment. Please remove all equipment that is not in use to avoid harboring spaces for pests.
Additional items marked out of compliance, no detail given: in-use utensils properly stored; most recent inspection posted.



Harvest Moon Fall Festival celebrates community spirit at Farm Park

Staff Reports

GERMANTOWN — Sunshine, smiles and a strong sense of community set the scene at the Harvest Moon Fall Festival, where families and neighbors gathered at Bobby Lanier Farm Park for an afternoon of fall festivities.

The event offered an opportunity for the community to come together, enjoy the outdoors and celebrate one of Germantown's gathering places. Organizers said the turnout and enthusiasm of attendees helped make the festival a memorable afternoon.

The festival was made possible through the support of presenting sponsor Campbell Clinic, supporting sponsor Germantown Legends Soccer and numerous in-kind sponsors.

The event reflects the Farm Park's mission of fostering community connections while promoting agricultural education, sustainability and outdoor experiences.

Organizers thanked everyone who attended and supported the festival and said they look forward to welcoming the community back to the farm for future events.





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