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GMSD STUDENTS ADD SOUNDSCAPE TO GERMANTOWN CHAMBER LUNCHEONS

By Germantown Municipal School District

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — If you are a regular at Germantown Area Chamber of Commerce luncheons, you may have noticed a little extra ambiance lately. That sound you hear during networking hours? It might just be some of Germantown Municipal School District’s very talented student musicians.

The partnership between GMSD and the Germantown Area Chamber of Commerce began with a simple question from Chamber President and CEO Janie Day. After a visit from Houston High School’s jazz musicians, Day enjoyed the performance so much that she wondered, “What if students performed every month?”

Every month might have been a tall order for one ensemble, but the idea sparked something even better.

GMSD and the chamber developed a schedule that brings different small groups of student performers to chamber luncheons throughout the year. Students provide



live music as business and community leaders arrive and network before the program begins.

For GMSD Communications Supervisor Kate Crowder, who helps coordinate the performances, the arrangement checks several boxes.

“It has become a really popular gig with our students,” Crowder said. “They get the experience of performing in a professional setting for an audience they might not normally encounter. Then, when they finish, they get to stay for lunch and hear from the guest speaker. There’s a lot of value in both parts of that experience.”

That was especially true in September, when students heard from the West Tennessee Home Builders Association. The presentation included discussion about housing affordability and keeping homeownership within reach for young, first-time buyers — a topic

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HOUSTON MIDDLE STUDENT WINS DELTA FAIR SONGWRITING CONTEST

Evie Young recognized in junior division for original composition ‘Rebel’

Staff Reports

GERMANTOWN — Houston Middle School seventh grader Evie Young took top honors in the junior division of the Delta Fair Songwriting Star competition for her original song, “Rebel.”

Young competed against musicians up to 18 years old, standing out among the pool of regional entrants to capture the highest award in her category.

The achievement adds to Young’s experience as a local performer. District audiences

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GERMANTOWN APPROVES UPDATED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT FOR FY 2027

Staff Reports

GERMANTOWN — Houston Middle School GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — The Germantown Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved an updated Memorandum of Understanding between the Germantown Police Department and the Germantown Municipal School District for Fiscal Year 2027, according to the City of Germantown.

The agreement reaffirms a shared commitment to maintaining safety across all school district campuses while enhancing communication, emergency response planning and day-to-day collaboration between law enforcement and educational administrators.

Under the partnership, School Resource Officers serve as first responders, mentors, educators and positive role models aimed at fostering meaningful relationships with students while ensuring a secure learning environment.

“This updated agreement reflects the deep trust and seamless coordination between the Germantown Police Department and GMSD,” Police Chief Mike Fisher said. “Our SROs are dedicated not only to protecting these campuses, but to building meaningful, positive relationships with our youth.”

Officers assigned to school district campuses for the upcoming fiscal year include:

- Officer Theodore Broadnax — Dogwood Elementary School
- Officer Eric Burrage — Houston Middle School
- Officer Mike Maggipinto — Forest Hill Elementary School
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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INVITED TO COMPETE IN GERMANTOWN STEM SHOWCASE

Staff Reports

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — Local high school students will showcase their creativity and problem-solving skills at the annual Battle of the Brains competition, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24, at Houston High School.

The STEM event challenges students to design and build projects in science, mathematics, or engineering, then present their work to a panel of university faculty and industry professionals.

The competition is open to students attending Houston High School and Germantown High School,



as well as Germantown residents attending other schools or completing home-school programs. Students may work in teams of up to four members.

The event will take place in the Houston High School

Gymnasium, located at 9755 Wolf River Blvd. Participant setup begins at 8 a.m., followed by judging from 9 a.m. to noon. An awards ceremony presenting cash prizes to the top three teams will take place immediately after judging



finishes.

Judges will evaluate entries based on project quality, originality, creativity, positive impact, contribution to science, and presentation performance, offering constructive feedback to participants.

According to contest guidelines, projects must be developed by students with minimal direction from parents or teachers, though participants may consult advisors during preparation. All presentation materials—including

posters, models, or slide-shows—must fit on a provided 6-foot table.

Presentations are limited to five minutes, followed by a five-minute question-and-answer session with judges. Coaching during presentations is strictly prohibited.

Interested students must complete an application form (found at <https://forms.gle/k3mwXSH-FmnGJBCiZ9>) and submit a typed project abstract by Friday, Oct. 2. For additional details or inquiries, contact Jessica Comas at JComas@Germantown-TN.gov or (901) 757-7202.

Source:
City of Germantown

THIRD ANNUAL GERMANTOWN BUSINESS SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 20

Staff Reports

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

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

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

- **Regional Market 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.

Source: City of Germantown



BE PREPARED: BUILD A 72-HOUR SUPPLY KIT

Staff Reports

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

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

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

- **Gather non-negotiable basics:** Pack one gallon of water per person per day,

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

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

Get Urgent Updates via Hyper-Reach

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

Source: City of Germantown

GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY INVITES PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN ‘TINY ART SHOW’

Community art exhibit forms part of three-month NEA Big Read celebration of ‘The Great Gatsby’

Staff Reports

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — The Germantown Community Library is inviting local residents of all artistic skill levels to contribute to “Gatsby’s Gallery: A Roaring Twenties Tiny Art Show,” a public community art exhibition hosted as part of the city’s Big Read celebration of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s novel “The Great Gatsby.”

Participants can stop by the library’s Information Desk, located at 1925 Exeter Road, to collect a miniature canvas while supplies last. Community members are encouraged to complete their artwork at home and return the finished pieces to

Event: Gatsby’s Gallery: A Roaring Twenties Tiny Art Show
Exhibition Dates: Through Sept. 30
Location: Germantown Community Library, 1925 Exeter Road
Cost: Free (canvases available while supplies last)
Eligibility: Open to all ages and skill levels



be featured in a library-wide gallery display Sept. 12 through Sept. 30.

Artwork submissions may be inspired by the Roaring Twenties, themes from “The Great Gatsby,” or any general subject of the artist’s choosing. Prior art experience is not required

to participate.

The tiny art showcase is one of several community activities funded in part by a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Big Read grant awarded to the library. The initiative brings together local institutions, including the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy

Center, the Germantown Municipal School District, and the Germantown Community Theatre, to celebrate the literary classic through book discussions, lectures, and cultural events running through November.

Source: City of Germantown

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particularly relevant to students who will soon begin thinking about college, careers and life after high school.

September’s performers were Brant Loper, Myles Martin, Spencer Malahy and Betsy Rivas, representing Houston High School’s theater and orchestra programs. The annual fall solo showcase is intentionally timed to give students preparing for college auditions another opportunity to perform their recital pieces in front of a live audience.

And there is plenty more music ahead.

In October, the Houston High School Orchestra will take its turn providing the soundtrack for net-working hour. November will feature Silver Note Collective, Houston High School’s jazz combo.

After the holiday break, another group of soloists will take the stage for a January recital showcase, followed by Houston Middle School Theater in February and Fifth Measure in April.

For chamber members, it means a little live music with lunch. For students, it is an opportunity to perform, connect with community leaders and experience conversations taking place beyond the classroom.

Students interested in the January solo showcase should check their email for additional details on how to participate.

Germantown Boosts Winter Weather Readiness with Heavy Equipment Purchase, Real-Time Map

Staff Reports

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — Following January’s severe ice storm, the City of Germantown is rolling out long-term equipment investments and operational upgrades to enhance future snow and ice response.

On Monday, Sept. 14, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved an \$84,000 purchase for a heavy-duty dump truck snowplow and salt spreader, mirroring machinery used by the Tennessee

Department of Transportation (TDOT). Due to manufacturing lead times, delivery is scheduled for late 2027 or early 2028.

Winter Fleet Readiness

In the interim, municipal crews will deploy existing fleet assets configured for rapid response and thoroughfare clearing this winter.

Operational Updates and Live Tracking

Beyond fleet readiness, city officials have revised Germantown’s winter operations plan, with comprehensive staff training



scheduled for this fall.

Residents can also access a new digital tool this season: a live map tracking cleared roadways in real time to monitor clearing progress across the city.

Primary Response Routes

During severe weather, public works crews will prioritize key transportation corridors and vital collector streets to maintain emergency access, including:

- Poplar Pike
- Johnson Road
- Wolf River Boulevard
- Riverdale Road
- Neshoba Road

City leadership emphasized that through expanded equipment, updated operational strategies, and live public updates, Germantown is preparing now for future winter storms.

- Forest Hill-Irene Road
- West Farmington Boulevard

Source: City of Germantown

Applications Open for 2027 Leadership Germantown Class

Staff Reports

Applications are now being accepted for the 2027 Leadership Germantown class. The program is designed for individuals who want to strengthen their leadership skills, build lasting connections and gain a deeper understanding of the Germantown community.

Since its inception, Leadership Germantown has graduated more than 600 participants who

continue to make a positive impact through civic engagement, volunteer service and community leadership.

Community members who are passionate about serving Germantown and making a difference are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at <https://leadershipgermantown.org/2027-lg-application/>.

Source: City of Germantown



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may recognize her from appearances in several Germantown Municipal School District musical productions, as well as previous community stage performances at the Delta Fair.

Following her contest win, Young was invited to perform

at Lafayette’s Music Room in Memphis as part of a songwriting showcase hosted by the Memphis Songwriters Association. The invitation provides the middle school student an opportunity to perform her original music at one of the area’s prominent live music venues.

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HALFWAY ALREADY?



Ad Veritas
Didn't we just start football season?
It seems like I was just writing about opening night, looking forward to another season of packed stands, marching bands and hometown rivalries. Now Friday, Sept. 18, has come and gone, marking Week 5 of Tennessee's high school football season. For teams that haven't had an open date, five of their 10 regular-season games are already behind them.
I'm not sure how that happened. I barely feel like I've settled into the season, and we're already talking about the second half.
The weather certainly isn't helping. According to the National Weather Service, Jackson reached 99 degrees Sunday, Sept.

20—16 degrees above its normal high for that date. It's hard to get into the spirit of fall football when stepping outside still feels like opening the oven. The schedule says we're heading into Week 6, but the temperature feels more like Week 1.
Meanwhile, some teams are giving their fans plenty to be excited about. Across West Tennessee, Westview, Huntingdon, Humboldt, Lexington and Jackson Christian came through the fifth week with perfect 5-0 records. Munford remained unbeaten at 4-0, while Memphis Central and Southwind were also 5-0. Those are some impressive starts, and congratulations are certainly in order.
Of course, the standings don't tell the whole story. Some teams have already worked through a particularly difficult stretch of their schedule, while others still have their biggest tests ahead.
Camden is a good exam-

ple of why it helps to look beyond the overall record. The Lions are 1-4 overall but 1-0 in region play, and their five remaining games are all region contests. Their early schedule included Huntingdon, Dyersburg and McKenzie. That doesn't make the losses any less disappointing, but there is still an opportunity to shape a different second half.
Even the unbeaten teams have plenty left to prove. Westview, for example, finishes its regular season against Dyersburg and Covington. Getting through September without a loss is an accomplishment, but nobody gets to skip October on the strength of a good start.
That is part of what makes this point in the season interesting. Some fans are beginning to imagine a deep playoff run. Others are hoping their team can turn a corner. There is still plenty of football left, even if there is considerably less

of it than I would like.
The older I get, the more familiar that feeling becomes. You spend weeks looking forward to something, and then, while you're busy enjoying it—or simply keeping up with everything else—it starts slipping behind you. Football season seems especially good at demonstrating that.
For seniors and their families, that passing time means a little more. These aren't just games on a schedule. They are some of

the last Friday nights wearing that uniform, playing in that band or cheering along that sideline. Another season will come around for the rest of us, but this particular group won't get another one quite like it.
So I hope we make the most of the weeks ahead. Go to the game. Take the pictures. Visit with the people sitting beside you. Encourage the kids, whether their team is undefeated or still trying to find its footing.
There may even be some

relief from the heat. The National Weather Service expects cooler air to spread across the Mid-South this week, with afternoon temperatures dropping into the lower to mid-80s across much of the region by Wednesday and Thursday. That sounds considerably more reasonable.
I'm ready for an evening that calls for a sweatshirt instead of another bottle of water. I'm just not ready for the season to be over.
Hopefully, fall will get here before football leaves.

POLICE REPORTS

Friday, September 4th
Crimes:
A victim reported unauthorized access of their property. The report originated from the 2200 block of Coathbridge Drive at 9:48 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, September 5th
Crimes:

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

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

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

A victim reported that

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

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

Sunday, September 6th
Crimes:

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

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

Monday, September 7th
Crimes:

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

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

Tuesday, September 8th
Crimes:

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

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

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

Wednesday, September 9th
Crimes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, September 10th
Crimes:

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

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

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

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Be skeptical of urgency. Scammers increasingly use deepfakes, which leverage AI-generated voices, videos and images to convincingly impersonate trusted people, including company executives, advisors and even family members. These messages often create pressure to send money or share sensitive information immediately.
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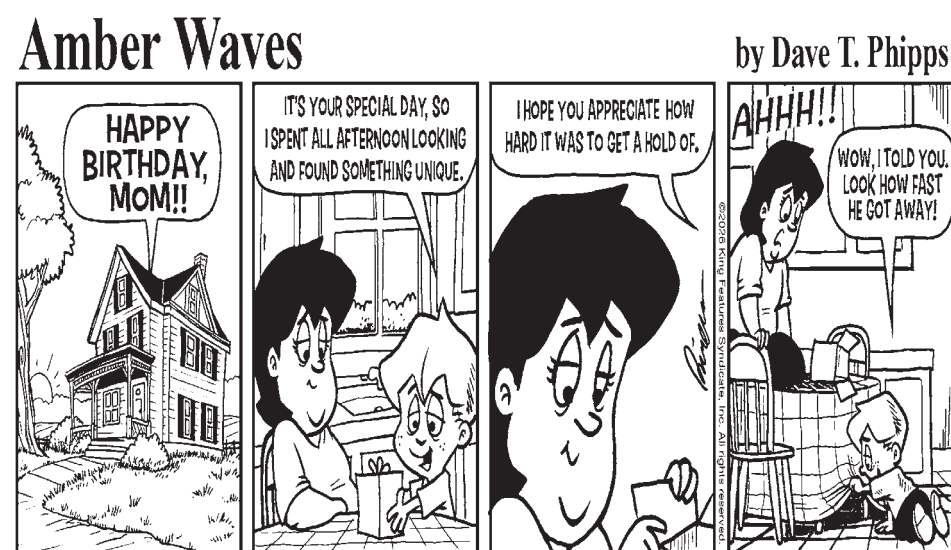
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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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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King Crossword

ACROSS

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6 Consumer protection agcy.

9 Catchall abbr.

12 Track star Bolt

13 Tic-tac-toe win

14 "The Matrix" character

15 Refuse an offer

16 Seattle suburb that's home to Microsoft

18 Credit rating publisher

20 Skin soother

21 Corp. money exec

23 Overly

24 Part of LGBTQ

25 Hit on the noggin

27 Japanese fish dish

29 Tranquil

31 Sort of dive

35 Police ID

37 Employ

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41 Moray, for one

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56 Rowing need

57 Birch's kin

DOWN

1 Roast beef au —

2 "Suits" network

3 "Shark Tank" star — John

4 Flintstones' pet

5 Stuffed shirt

6 Gift giver's words

7 Low digits

8 Atlantic fish

9 — Holmes (Sherlock's sister)

10 Mortise partner

11 Encryptions

17 "Butterfly" singer Carey

19 Medicated

21 "60 Minutes" aier

22 Nemesis

24 Fill in — blank

26 Explosive sound

28 Bed cover

30 Wee bit

32 Tiara stone

33 Work unit

34 Old Olds

36 Census info

38 "Sexy" Beatles girl

39 " — say more?"

40 Director Welles

42 — apso (small dog)

45 Novelist Seton

46 Airline to Tel Aviv

48 Spanish gold

50 Born

51 Blunder

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STICKELERS [sic]

by Terry Stickels

Match the words on the left with their meanings on the right.

1. penurious

2. fruition

3. alimentary

4. umbrage

5. squalid

a. dirty, filthy

b. realization

c. resentment

d. stingy

e. related to nourishment

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Bob Schuchman

SCRAMBLERS

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Solution

1. Synonym; 2. Brief
3. Ghoul; 4. Sprain
Today's Word

FAMILY

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answer

Special sweet potatoes that,
when consumed, cause folks to
speak more frankly; candid yams.

DEAD ROACHES FOUND AT GERMANTOWN SUSHI RESTAURANT; SCORE 84

Zen Japanese cited on nine items; Southern Hands improves to 89 after closure

GERMANTOWN — Zen Japanese Fine Cuisine, 1730 S. Germantown Rd., scored 84 in a routine inspection September 18, the lowest of 15 Germantown inspections during the week of September 15 through 22.

The inspector reported multiple dead roaches on walls and on sticky paper left on floors. No documents were available for in-house parasite destruction, a record required for establishments serving raw fish; the report states an employee over the area can explain the process and that a log must be kept on file for 90 days.

The inspector also observed improper handwashing between tasks, with an employee moving from the dish pit to the prep cooler to adjust food. Other citations included missing thermometers in reach-in coolers and freezers, unlabeled containers in the prep kitchen, walk-in cooler and sushi area, excessive wiping cloths on prep counters, rust buildup on walk-in cooler racks, and food buildup on and around equipment including convection ovens needing internal cleaning.

Southern Hands, 1811 Kirby Parkway, scored 89 in a follow-up September 16, up from 80 on September 1, when the establishment was asked to close after its walk-in cooler was found at 80 degrees following a power outage. The

cold-holding violation and the discarded raw food no longer appear. The follow-up still cites improper labeling of seasonings and bulk items, multiple flies, no hair restraints, gloves on prep stations, a cornbread scoop on a bare prep table, a three-compartment sink leak, grease and dust on equipment, an open dumpster lid, and staining on ceilings, walls and floors.

McDonald’s #5154, 2030 Germantown Rd., scored 93 September 15. A pink substance was observed coming from the ice dispenser inside the ice machine, and the report notes the ice cream machine is cleaned every two weeks by a third-party contractor with no in-house cleaning, with the operator asked to follow standard operating procedures.

Local Lime, 7605 W. Farmington Blvd., Suite 1, scored 92 in a follow-up September 21, up from 75. The hand sink obstruction, improper chemical storage, ice dispenser buildup and expired leftovers cited in the earlier report are gone, but the restroom still has no hot water.

Garibaldi’s Pizza, 7521 Queens Court, scored 96 September 15, and Tiger Bryant Concession Trailer, 3160 Village Shops Dr., scored 96 September 16, cited in part for a broken hot water faucet with a photo of the repair required within

24 hours.

City Silo Table & Pantry, 7605 W. Farmington Blvd., Suite 2, scored 98 September 21, and the Ridgeway Country Club main bar, 9800 Poplar Ave., scored 100 September 16, with its ballroom restaurant clearing an immediate follow-up at 96. JoJo’s Espresso, 1730 S. Germantown Rd., Suite 101, cleared an immediate follow-up at 97.

Two Germantown child care programs received approval ratings. Forest Hill Elementary Pre-K, 3368 Forest Hill Irene Rd., had no violations. Germantown Baptist Church Learning Center, 9450 Poplar Ave., was cited for worn blinds in a few classrooms.

Three body art studios scored 100: Elle 14 Ink Studio, 9245 Poplar Ave., Suite 6; Porter Whybrew, 9091 Poplar Ave., Suite 302; and Milano Nail Spa by H & T Tattoo, 9155 Poplar Ave., Suite 22, though the last was cited for a permit dated 2025.

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, September 15-22, 2026. Source: Tennessee Department of Health / Shelby County Health Department.

Garibaldi’s Pizza Inc. — 7521 Queens Court
Food service, routine, September 15 — Score: 96
Asked to wear beard guards and hair restraints.
Food residue inside the microwave.
Asked to maintain all equipment, ovens included.
Floor tile missing and blackened ceiling tile.
McDonald’s #5154 — 2030 Germantown Rd.
Food service, routine, September 15 — Score: 93
Pink substance observed from ice dispenser inside ice machine. Corrective action: dump all ice, wash, rinse and sanitize internal components. Ice cream machine is cleaned every two weeks per the manager by a third-party contractor; no one cleans the ice cream machine in house. Corrective action: follow standard operating procedure instructions for cleaning.
Single-service containers improperly stored on prep station face up.
Asked to clean and maintain all lingering food inside reach-in coolers and freezers.
JoJo’s Espresso — 1730 S. Germantown Rd., Suite 101
Food service, follow-up, September 15 — Score: 97
Items marked out of compliance, no detail given: food properly labeled, original container, required records available; personal cleanliness; wiping cloths properly used and stored.
Comment: immediate follow-up.
Southern Hands — 1811 Kirby Parkway
Food service, follow-up, September 16 — Score: 89 (up from 80 on September 1)
Improper labeling of multiple seasonings, sugar, flour and other items in large bins.
Multiple flies observed in kitchen space.
No hair restraints observed.
Multiple white gloves observed on prep stations.
In-use scoop for cornbread observed on bare prep table.
Leak at three-compartment sink observed.
Excessive grease and dust accumulated on exterior of equipment.
Dumpster lid observed open.
Ceilings have accumulation of stains and dust; walls have excessive stains; floors have excessive stains, black and brown in color.
Additional items marked out of compliance, no detail

given: toilet facilities properly constructed, supplied and cleaned; item 57.
Ridgeway Country Club (Main Bar) — 9800 Poplar Ave.
Food service, routine, September 16 — Score: 100
Item marked out of compliance, no detail given: item 57.
Germantown Baptist Church Learning Center — 9450 Poplar Ave.
Child care facility, routine, September 16 — Score: A-proval
Blinds are worn in a few classrooms; asked to repair or replace.
Tiger Bryant Concession Trailer — 3160 Village Shops Dr.
Food service, routine, September 16 — Score: 96
Person in charge unable to locate internal hanging and individual thermometers. Corrective action: provide internal hanging thermometers for all refrigerator units and an individual food grade thermometer.
Missing three-compartment sink decals. Corrective action: label the sink wash, rinse and sanitize.
Broken hot water faucet. Corrective action: send a picture of the repaired faucet within 24 hours.
Asked to post a non-smoking sign at the entrance.
Ridgeway Country Club Ballroom Restaurant — 9800 Poplar Ave.
Food service, follow-up, September 16 — Score: 96
Items marked out of compliance, no detail given: approved thawing methods used; food properly labeled, original container, required records available; contamination prevented during food preparation, storage and display; nonfood-contact surfaces clean.
Comment: immediate follow-up.
Forest Hill Elementary Pre-K — 3368 Forest Hill Irene Rd.
Child care facility, routine, September 17 — Score: A-proval
No violations noted.
Milano Nail Spa by H & T Tattoo — 9155 Poplar Ave., Suite 22
Tattoo studio, routine, September 17 — Score: 100
Current permit/license posted: dated 2025.
Additional item marked out of compliance, no detail given: item 41.
Zen Japanese Fine Cuisine — 1730 S. Germantown Rd., Suite 125
Food service, routine, September 18 — Score: 84
No documents available for in-house parasite destruction. Employees over the area can explain the process. Corrective action: a log is required to stay on file for 90 days.

Improper handwashing between tasks performed; employee observed going between the dish pit to wash dishes and over to the prep cooler to adjust food.
Asked to provide thermometers inside all reach-in coolers and freezers.
Multiple metal bowls, shaker bottles and squeeze bottles not properly labeled in the prep kitchen, walk-in cooler and sushi area.
Multiple dead roaches observed on walls and on sticky paper left on floors.
Excessive wiping cloths stored on prep counters; asked to store in sanitizer solution.
Excessive rust buildup on walk-in cooler racks; asked to maintain and clean all storage areas holding utensils and bowls.
Multiple units have food buildup around and on equipment. Asked to clean equipment lid handles, pull all equipment and clean under and around units, and clean convection ovens internally.
Additional item marked out of compliance, no detail given: current permit posted.
Elle 14 Ink Studio — 9245 Poplar Ave., Suite 6
Tattoo studio, routine, September 18 — Score: 100
No violations noted.
Porter Whybrew — 9091 Poplar Ave., Suite 302
Tattoo studio, routine, September 21 — Score: 100
No violations noted.
Local Lime — 7605 W. Farmington Blvd., Suite 1
Food service, follow-up, September 21 — Score: 92 (up from 75 on September 10)
Multiple flies in the lobby area and in the kitchen prep area. Plates stored on top prep station rack face up; asked to invert all plates.
Two-ounce ramekin used to scoop out ingredients; asked to use a scoop with a handle.
Asked to deep clean all internal components of coolers and freezers at the bottom.
Test strips are not available for either the dish machine or the three-compartment sink.
No hot water available in the restroom.
Ceilings have large accumulation of dust; floors need to be swept and cleaned and maintained around and underneath all equipment.
City Silo Table & Pantry — 7605 W. Farmington Blvd., Suite 2
Food service, routine, September 21 — Score: 98
Multiple wiping cloths stored on prep stations and low boy grill stainless steel top.
Asked to maintain the exterior of microwaves and prep stations often.

Germantown seeks artists for Sculpture on the Greenway exhibition

Staff Reports

The Germantown Public Art Program is seeking artists nationwide for the inaugural 2027-2029 “Sculpture on the Greenway” rotating exhibition.

As part of Phase 2 of the Wolf River Cultural Greenway initiative, seven outdoor sculptures will be selected for installation along sections of Germantown’s more than 10-mile trail system. The exhibition will bring together art, nature, recreation and wellness in an outdoor gallery setting.

Selected artists will receive a stipend for the two-year loan of their artwork.

The city will assist with installation and removal.

The call is open to emerging and experienced professional artists in the United States who are at least 18 years old and specialize in outdoor sculpture. Artists may submit up to three eligible works.

The application deadline is Oct. 4. Eligibility requirements, project details and application information are available at germantown-publicart.org.

The project is funded by the Germantown Public Art Fund.

Source: City of Germantown

Call for Artists: Rotating Sculpture Exhibition

Seven outdoor sculptures selected for a two year display along the Germantown Greenway

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Staff Reports

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

Neighborhoods throughout the city will host block parties, cook-outs and driveway gatherings to show appreciation for local first responders. During the evening, personnel from the Germantown Police Department, Germantown Fire Department, EMS and 911 Dispatch will visit participating neighborhoods to meet residents, answer questions and enjoy refreshments provided by the community.

Neighborhood organizers who would like their event included on

the official visitation route are encouraged to register early so first responders can visit as many gatherings as possible.

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

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

Source:
City of Germantown
Photo courtesy City
of Germantown

MICHELE BETTY NAMED 2026 TAMCAR CLERK OF THE YEAR

City of Germantown

GERMANTOWN, Tenn. — Germantown City Clerk Michele Betty has been named the 2026 Clerk of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Municipal Clerks and Records (TAMCAR).

Betty received the honor during TAMCAR's fall conference last week in Paris, Tennessee, recognizing her 25 years of dedicated service to the City of Germantown and her commitment to excellence in municipal government.

"City Clerk Betty has served Germantown residents, staff and elected officials with distinction and dedication during her entire tenure at the City of Germantown," said Mayor Mike Palazzolo. "She has a steadfast determination to deliver exact work with kindness."

Betty joined the City of Germantown team as an administrative assistant in January 2000 and has advanced through several roles during her career. She became City Clerk in May 2016, bringing decades of institutional knowledge and experience to a position that serves as a key link between the City's elected officials, staff and residents.

As City Clerk, Betty is responsible for maintaining the City's official municipal records in accordance with state retention regulations and the City Charter. Her responsibilities include maintaining ordinances, resolutions, minutes, contracts, titles and deeds and ensuring the City Code of Ordinances remains current and accurate.

She also attends all Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings to record official transactions and prepares and publishes agendas and minutes for the Board's semi-monthly meetings. Other responsibilities include processing open records requests, posting required public notices, processing beer permit and liquor store Certificate of Compliance applications, maintaining custody of the City seal and assisting with annual



appointments to City boards and commissions.

“Michele is someone who takes a great deal of pride in her work,” said City Administrator Jason Huisman. “She is knowledgeable, reliable and always willing to help, and she approaches her responsibilities with a genuine commitment to the City and the residents we serve. This recognition is a wonderful reflection of her dedication.”

Betty's commitment to her profession is reflected in her continuing education and certifications. She became a Certified Municipal Clerk in 2020 and a State of Tennessee Certified Clerk and Recorder in 2018.

Her commitment to service extends beyond City Hall. Betty leads the “City Stitchers”, a group of coworkers that create and donate handmade quilts to comfort newborn babies in Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). She also volunteers with her church’s annual Vacation Bible School program and serves on church committees throughout the year.

Betty's 25 years with the City reflect a career built on organization, professionalism and service to the Germantown community. The City congratulates Michele Betty on being named the 2026 TAMCAR Clerk of the Year and thanks her for her lasting contributions to Germantown.

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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 6

WEEK 6

- 1. Munford (4-0) vs. Whitehaven**
W 38-14 vs. Haywood
- 2. Briarcrest (5-0) vs. Southwind**
W 49-0 @ St. Benedict
- 3. St. George's (4-1) @ HW Byers (Miss.)**
W 30-12 vs. North Panola (Miss.)
- 4. Covington (4-1) vs. Ripley**
W 64-13 @ Obion County
- 5. Arlington (4-1) vs. Lakeland Prep.**
L 55-7 @ Collierville
- 6. St. Benedict (4-1) vs. Northpoint**
L 49-0 vs. Briarcrest
- 7. Bartlett (3-2) vs. Collierville**
L 38-35 @ Houston
- 8. CBHS (3-2) vs. PURE**
L 43-7 vs. Brentwood Academy
- 9. Bolton (3-2) vs. Douglass**
W 12-8 @ Millington
- 10. ECS (3-2) vs. Hardin County**
W 35-3 vs. Tipton-Rosemark

WEEK 5

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







