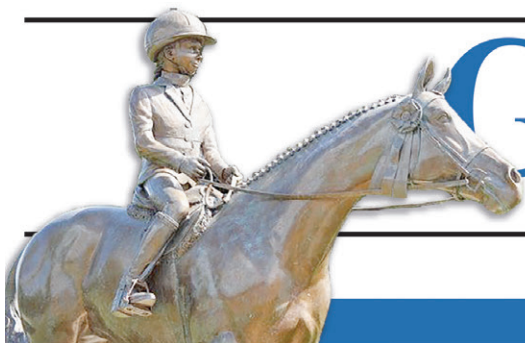




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RETIRED ARMY OFFICER BRINGS 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO GERMANTOWN CITY GOVERNMENT

Staff Reports

When retired Army Lt. Col. Brian Jones returned to Tennessee, he brought with him two decades of military leadership, experience in logistics and emergency management, and a desire to continue serving the community he calls home.

On Aug. 13, Jones, a Germantown resident and recently retired U.S. Army officer, joined the City of Germantown as its first Veterans Local Government Management Fellowship fellow.

The fellowship, sponsored by

the International City/County Management Association, gives transitioning service members an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in municipal government during their final 180 days in uniform. For participating communities, the program comes at no cost and is designed to help bridge the transition from military service to civilian careers in local government.

For Jones, the move represents a natural continuation of a 20-year career devoted to public service.

Jones served as an Army officer



Photo: courtesy City of Germantown

from May 2006 through August

2026. His most recent command assignments included commander of the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant in Missouri and division chief for the U.S. Army Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Now, he is applying that experience in logistics, emergency management and risk assessment in his hometown.

“We are very pleased and excited to work with this seasoned career military officer,” said Public Works Director Allen “Oz” Broughton. “As a former VL-

GMF participant myself, I can attest that this program is a welcomed and meaningful resource for our military members transitioning from their service back into the civilian sector.”

Jones has already made an impression in his new role.

“LTC Jones has been working in Public Works for two weeks, hit the ground running and immediately started contributing,” Broughton said.

Jones will remain with the City through mid-October. He began

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READY, SET, FESTIVAL

*The Germantown Festival Returns
September 12 & 13*

Staff Reports

Germantown is getting ready for a weekend of rides, live music, shopping, food and plenty of family fun as the Germantown Festival returns Sept. 12-13 for its 53rd year.

The free, family-friendly festival will bring more than 400 local and national vendors to the Germantown Civic Club Complex, 7745 Poplar Pike. Visitors can browse arts and crafts, enjoy children’s activities, rides and games, check out car exhibits, sample a variety of foods and take in live entertainment.

And, of course, there will be dachshunds.

The festival’s annual Running of the Weenies returns Saturday, Sept. 12, bringing together Germantown’s dachshunds for a costume contest and race that has become one of the weekend’s most entertaining traditions.

The Germantown Festival will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free, although food and rides have individual fees.

Bicycles and scooters are not permitted on the festival grounds.

Getting there

For those who would rather avoid the parking challenge, free shuttle service will be available from two locations: Germantown Church of Christ, 8723 Poplar Pike, and the Germantown Performing Arts Center, 1801 Exeter.

Shuttles will operate continuously from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Because the shuttles run on a continuous loop, there are no designated times for individual stops.

Those who park near the festival are asked not to block driveways or railroad tracks. “No Parking” signs will be posted in the Birnham Woods subdivision.

Drivers should also expect heavy-



Photo: courtesy City of Germantown

er-than-usual traffic along Poplar Pike from Germantown Road to Hacks Cross Road. Germantown police will be stationed in the area to direct traffic and assist pedestrians at crosswalks.

Motorists are urged to use extra caution around children and other pedestrians throughout the festival weekend.

Running of the Weenies

For many festivalgoers, the weekend’s most anticipated spectacle has four short legs.

The annual Running of the Weenies, presented by the Germantown Animal Shelter, will take place Saturday in the Germantown Charity Horse Show Arena. Dachshunds will compete in a Best Dressed costume contest before lining up for the race.

The Best Dressed contest begins at 11 a.m., followed by the race at 11:30 a.m. Those hoping for a good view are encouraged to arrive at the stands around 10:30 a.m.

Even visitors without a dachs-

hund can get in on the fun — and support the animal shelter. The Germantown Animal Shelter will sell commemorative Running of the Weenies T-shirts for \$20.

Come prepared

With temperatures expected to reach the mid to high 80s, festivalgoers should dress for warm weather. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended, as there is plenty of ground to cover. Sunscreen and a hat can also help make the day more comfortable.

Visitors should also plan ahead when it comes to payment. While many vendors accept credit cards, rides and games are cash-only. ATMs will be available onsite.

With more than 400 vendors, live entertainment, food, activities and the return of the Weenies, the Germantown Festival promises a full weekend of community tradition and family entertainment.

More Info: For additional details, visit germantownfest.com.

Source: City of Germantown



A ROARING GOOD TIME: *‘The Great Gatsby’ Takes Over Germantown for the NEA Big Read*

Germantown Community Library

Dust off your cloche hats, polish your wingtips and get ready to party like it’s 1922! The Germantown Community Library (GCL) is taking a step back into the Roaring Twenties for this year’s Big Read, bringing F. Scott Fitzgerald’s classic novel “The Great Gatsby” to life from September through November.

Whether you’re re-reading the masterpiece or stepping into West Egg for the very first time, the library is rolling out the red carpet with three full months of book discussions, jazzy programming and community events so grand even Jay Gatsby himself would approve.

A Community-Wide Collaboration

Supported by a \$5,000 National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Big Read grant, the initiative brings together the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center, the Germantown Municipal School District and Ger-

mantown Community Theatre. Together, the local partners will host specialized programs, interactive workshops and collaborative events throughout the celebration.

“This initiative truly belongs to the entire community,” GCL Director Maegan Wright said. “It isn’t limited to people who have already read ‘The Great Gatsby’ or who feel especially knowledgeable about literature. We’ve intentionally created opportunities for children, teens, adults, seniors, families, artists, history enthusiasts, theater lovers and people who are simply curious to participate.”

Here are some highlights of the celebration. All events take place at the library, 1925 Exeter Road.

• **The Big Read Kickoff Event** (Saturday, September 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.): This free, all-ages celebration includes interactive activities, themed displays and free special

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AMNESTY DAY COMING SEPTEMBER 19

Staff Reports

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

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

Johnson Road.

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

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

Proof of Germantown residen-

cy is required, and only homeowner-generated materials will be accepted.

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

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

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

Source: City of Germantown



DRC APPROVES MODERN MEDICAL UPGRADES ACROSS GERMANTOWN

GERMANTOWN, TENN. — Germantown’s commercial corridors are paving the way for expanded healthcare options and improved patient access. During a September 1st meeting, the Design Review Commission (DRC) greenlit design plans for two key local medical projects, transforming a vacant retail space on Germantown Road and upgrading emergency wayfinding along Poplar Avenue.

Stern Cardiovascular ASC Takes Shape on Germantown Road

The former Office Depot building at 1283 S. Germantown Road is officially one step closer to its next chapter as the Stern Cardiovascular Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC). The DRC approved site and building modifications submitted by architectural design firm UrbanARCH Associates, clearing the path to repurpose the vacant retail hub into a state-of-the-art medical center.

Plans for the location include:

- Physical Therapy Clinic: A 5,504-square-foot facility dedicated to patient rehabilitation
- Cardiovascular Surgical Center: An adjacent 19,581-square-foot specialty center focused entirely on cardiovascular procedures

The approved minor site renovations will revitalize the prominent storefront while bringing specialized medical services closer to home for Germantown residents.

Illuminating Emergency Care at Methodist Le Bonheur

Finding the right entrance during a medical crisis just got easier. Representatives from Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare Germantown Hospital (7691 Poplar Avenue) received DRC approval to replace a 15-year-old directional sign at the main drive entrance to their emergency facilities.

Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital recently opened a separate, dedicated emergency department at Methodist Le Bonheur Germantown Hospital. This facility marks the only dedicated Le Bonheur children’s emergency room in Shelby County outside of the main downtown Memphis campus. Because the emergency departments for both the adult hospital and the new pediatric unit share a completely separate drive entrance from the main hospital building, updated signage is essential.

The new, illuminated sign will ensure motorists are clearly guided directly to emergency care, specifically highlighting the presence and location of the new specialized children’s emergency room when seconds count.

Looking Ahead

This approval reflects Germantown’s commitment to maintaining attractive, functional medical spaces that directly serve the community’s needs. As exterior modifications get underway on Germantown Road and new signage lights up Poplar Avenue, both projects mark positive steps forward for local public health, accessibility and safety.

Source: City of Germantown

Germantown Firefighters Honored for Life-Saving Emergency Response

Staff Reports

Five members of the Germantown Fire Department have been recognized for their role in helping save the life of a patient who experienced a life-threatening medical emergency.

According to the Germantown Fire Department, E94 A-Shift Lt./Paramedic Josh Waterbury, Driver/Paramedic Edmund Rucker, Firefighter/Paramedic Carlton Kline, U54 A-Shift

Firefighter/Paramedic Paul Halford and Firefighter/AEMT Zach Meza received the Survival to Discharge Award for their care of the patient.

The department credited the crew’s rapid response, clinical care and teamwork with helping the patient survive and recover. The patient was ultimately discharged from the hospital and able to return home.

The recognition represents one of the most im-

portant outcomes for first responders: a life saved and a family able to welcome a loved one home.

The Germantown Fire Department also is encouraging residents to learn Hands-Only CPR, which can play a critical role when someone experiences cardiac arrest.

According to the department, immediate bystander CPR can double or even triple a person’s chance of survival.

Hands-Only CPR does not require a medical background, and learning the basic technique takes only a short amount of time. The department encourages residents to become part of the chain of survival by learning the lifesaving skill.

The Germantown Fire Department provides a Hands-Only CPR instructional video for residents who want to learn more.

Source: Germantown Fire Department

HONOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS: PLAN AHEAD FOR GERMANTOWN NIGHT OUT

Staff Reports

Germantown Night Out, an annual community event honoring local first responders, is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Each year, neighborhoods across the city host outdoor block parties, cookouts and driveway gatherings to show appreciation for

first responders. During the evening, personnel from the Germantown Police Department, Germantown Fire Department, EMS and 911 Dispatch visit participating neighborhoods to meet residents, answer questions and enjoy refreshments provided by residents.

Neighborhood organizers are encouraged to register

their events early so first responders can visit as many gatherings as possible.

To add a neighborhood to the official visitation route, contact Community Engagement Coordinator Erinn Figg at EFigg@Germantown-TN.gov or 901-757-7203. Organizers should provide the neighborhood name, event lo-

cation and address, event start and end times, and the primary contact’s name and phone number.

Residents interested in hosting a neighborhood gathering are encouraged to register their events in advance.

Source: City of Germantown

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Friday night the arm and legs of Houston Mustang junior quarterback Cannon Day nearly helped Houston pull off the upset of the Southwind Jaguars. Despite Day tossing a TD and running in a score, Southwind escaped Houston with a 28-27 win to remain unbeaten.

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by shadowing Broughton in Public Works and will rotate through other municipal departments during his fellowship.

Among his early contributions has been spearheading Germantown’s entry into the Tennessee Water & Wastewater Agency Resource Network Mutual Aid Agreement, known as TnWARN. The initiative is designed to strengthen emergency utility resilience and improve interagency response capabilities during disasters.

For Jones, the experience has offered a firsthand look at the people behind the city’s opera-



tions.

“In my short time here, I have been incredibly impressed by the dedication and selfless service of both the professional staff

and the volunteers who choose to serve the community,” Jones said. “They are truly what makes Germantown so wonderful, and I feel privileged to learn from them

each day.”

His military background is complemented by extensive professional training and education. Jones holds an International Master of Business Administration from the University of Memphis and is a certified Project Management Professional, PMI Risk Management Professional and Demonstrated Master Logistician. He also holds multiple certifications in emergency management and incident command.

The fellowship brings Jones back to a community that helped shape his path long before his military career began.

A 2001 Germantown High School graduate, Jones said returning to Tennessee has been both professionally rewarding and personally meaningful.

“I am absolutely thrilled to be back in Tennessee and reunited with the community that had such a profound impact on my life and originally inspired my career of service in the Army,” Jones said. “I am deeply humbled and grateful to both the ICMA and the City of Germantown for welcoming me into this role, allowing me to continue growing professionally and supporting my long-term commitment to serving the Mid-South region.”

For Germantown, Jones’ arrival represents more than the addition of an experienced military leader. It also reflects the city’s effort to connect veterans with new opportunities to put their skills, leadership and commitment to service to work close to home.

Source: City of Germantown

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editions of “The Great Gatsby,” including board books for kids and graphic novels for teens.

Come dressed in your 1920s best or just come as you are!

- **Gatsby’s Gallery: A Roaring Twenties Tiny Art Show** (September 12 through 30): Stop by the Info Desk to pick up a mini canvas, create your masterpiece at home and return it to
- **Lecture & Discussion with Dr. Donal Harris** (Wednesday, September 16, 6 to 7 p.m.): Join Dr. Harris from the University of Memphis as he explores the deeper cultural contexts,

literary themes and historical echoes of the Jazz Age. Registration is required: Call 757-7323, visit the information desk or register online here.

- **Student Art Submissions** (October 1 through 31): GCL is collecting original student artwork for a November showcase celebrating the novel. Student artists in third through 12th grade are invited to submit creative works inspired by the era or their favorite literary themes. For submission guidelines, click here.
- **Germantown in the 1920s** (Saturday, October 10, 2 to 3 p.m.): Turn back the clock, gather for an engaging book discussion and hear from local historians as they bring to life what Germantown was like during the 1920s, featuring a special display of local artifacts and genealogical records. Register online here.
- **Gatsby After Dark: Reader’s Theater & Book Discussion** (Wednesday, October 21, 4 p.m.): Step into character! Attendees will have the unique opportunity to act out iconic scenes from the book during this interactive evening discussion.
- **Book Discussion & Jazz Session** (Wednesday, November 18, 3 to 4 p.m.): Explore a curated Jazz Age playlist and

trace how the music of the era mirrors the novel’s sweeping themes of aspiration, reinvention and identity.

- **The Great Gatsby: Outdoor Movie Showing** (Saturday, November 21, 4 to 6 p.m.): Step into the glitz and glamour under the stars! Enjoy an outdoor screening of the classic 1974 film adaptation. 1920s attire is highly encouraged! Afterward, stick around for a post-screening discussion comparing the film’s cinematic vision to Fitzgerald’s timeless novel. Register online at: <https://germantown-tn.libcal.com>.

Rooted in Connection

“I hope residents come away feeling more connected to not only the story, but to one another and to the community we share,” Wright said. “One of the things I value most about public libraries is their ability to bring together people who may have very different ages, backgrounds and experiences and give them a common place to have a conversation.”

There are many more book discussions and activities throughout the coming months. To view the complete lineup, check the City Calendar, visit the GCL website or check out the library’s Facebook page.



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Pretty much anyone old enough to remember September 11, 2001, can tell you where they were when they first heard that something terrible was happening in New York.

I was sitting in a seventh-grade geography class.

Looking back now as a parent, I can't imagine what it must have been like to be a teacher that morning. Teachers were learning the news at essentially the same time as everyone else, but they also had a classroom full of children looking to them for some explanation of what was happening.

At our school, it seems like teachers took several different approaches. Some turned on televisions in their classrooms. Others wheeled in those old TVs on carts that every school seemed to have back then. Some listened to radio reports.

Our geography teacher took a different approach.

He simply told us that something had happened that morning that we would remember for the rest of our lives.

And that was about all he would tell us.

At the time, I remember being frustrated by that. Looking back, I understand it a little better. The country itself didn't yet understand what was happening, and he apparently didn't want to pass along information to a room full of seventh-graders until he knew what was true.

When the bell rang and I walked into the hallway,

other students began filling in the gaps. Airplanes had hit the World Trade Center. One tower was on fire. Then both towers had been hit.

At first, many of us assumed it must have been some terrible accident.

An accident would have been horrifying enough.

The truth was much worse.

According to the official account assembled by the bipartisan 9/11 Commission, American Airlines Flight 11 struck the North Tower at 8:46 that morning. United Airlines Flight 175 struck the South Tower at 9:03. American Airlines Flight 77 hit the Pentagon at 9:37. The South Tower collapsed at 9:59, and United Airlines Flight 93 crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, at 10:03 after passengers and crew fought back against the hijackers. The North Tower fell at 10:28.

By the end of the morning, America had changed.

Nineteen al-Qaeda terrorists had hijacked four commercial airliners and turned them into weapons. In all, 2,977 innocent people were killed in New York, at the Pentagon and aboard Flight 93. Among them were hundreds of firefighters, police officers and other first responders who ran toward danger while thousands of others were trying desperately to escape it.

Those numbers are important, but numbers can become strangely impersonal with time.

There were 2,977 individual people.

They had spouses expecting them home that evening. Children waiting to see Mom or Dad. Parents, brothers, sisters and friends. Some had gone to work that morning. Some

had boarded an airplane for an ordinary business trip or vacation. Firefighters and police officers responded to what they thought was an emergency and found themselves in the middle of an attack on the country.

Twenty-five years later, those are the people we should remember first.

But remembering also means trying to understand what happened, and that leads to another lesson from September 11 that I think remains important today: the public needs access to information.

There are still questions surrounding 9/11, and there probably always will be. Some are legitimate questions about intelligence failures, government preparedness and what various agencies knew before the attacks. Others have developed into alternative theories that range from plausible questions worth examining to claims that have been investigated extensively and for which evidence has not been found.

For example, people often ask about World Trade Center Building 7 because no airplane struck it. That is true. The official investigation by the National Institute of Standards and Technology concluded that fires burning uncontrolled for hours led to a progressive structural collapse. NIST also specifically examined whether an explosion caused the building to fall and reported that it found no evidence of such a blast.

Likewise, theories have circulated for years that a missile rather than an airplane struck the Pentagon. The official record identifies American Airlines Flight 77, and the investigation included aircraft debris, eyewitness accounts and other physical evidence

from the site.

That doesn't mean people should be discouraged from asking questions. Quite the opposite. Important events deserve scrutiny.

And there are genuine reasons to ask difficult questions about what happened before September 11.

The 9/11 Commission itself reported that during the spring and summer of 2001, American intelligence agencies received a stream of warnings that al-Qaeda was preparing something major. CIA Director George Tenet famously described the system as "blinking red." An Aug. 6 presidential intelligence briefing was titled "Bin Ladin Determined to Strike in U.S."

The Commission ultimately found serious failures in imagination, coordination and information-sharing. Pieces of information existed in different places, but they were not assembled in time to prevent the attack.

Knowing that makes access to the historical record even more important.

There are legitimate reasons for government secrecy. Active military operations cannot be broadcast to an enemy. Intelligence sources sometimes have to be protected. The identities of minor crime victims deserve protection. Certain investigative records cannot reasonably be released while an investigation is underway.

But secrecy should not become a reflex.

Eventually, the people deserve to know what their government knew, what decisions were made and why they were made. Government officials work on behalf of the public. Public records belong, in a very real sense, to the public.

We deal with this same

principle on a much smaller scale as local journalists. Tennessee's Public Records Act begins with the principle that government records are open to citizens unless the law specifically provides otherwise. At the same time, the list of exceptions has grown considerably through the years, often for understandable reasons.

Every exception may have a good argument behind it. But collectively, we should always be cautious when the amount of information hidden from the public grows.

Lack of information creates a vacuum, and vacuums are quickly filled by rumor, speculation and distrust.

That is true when the subject is one of the greatest national tragedies in American history, and it is true when the subject is a controversy at the local courthouse or school.

Journalists have an important role in obtaining and explaining that information, but freedom of information isn't really a privilege for journalists. It belongs to everyone. The press simply uses that right on behalf of the public every day.

Still, I don't want questions about government transparency—or debates over what happened behind the scenes—to become the central story of September 11.

The central story is the people.

It is the office worker who never made it home.

The firefighter climbing the stairs while everyone else was coming down.

The passengers aboard Flight 93 who learned what had happened in New York and decided they would not sit quietly while their air-



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plane was used to kill more people.

It is the families whose lives changed forever that morning.

And it is a generation of Americans who can still close their eyes and remember exactly where they were when they first heard the news.

A quarter-century has passed now. An entire generation has grown to adulthood with no personal memory of September 11 at all.

That makes our responsibility to remember even greater.

Tell your children where you were.

Tell them what happened.

Tell them about the people who died, the first responders who ran toward the buildings and the passengers who fought back.

Encourage them to learn the history and to ask questions.

Because "never forget" means more than remembering a date on the calendar.

It means preserving the truth of what happened and the memory of the people whose lives were taken that day.

Twenty-five years later, we remember.

POLICE REPORTS

Friday, August 28th Crimes:

Officers arrested a subject for being the primary aggressor during an altercation. The arrest originated from the 2800 block of Keasler Circle East at 8:46 a.m. A subject made a false report to officers. The report originated from the 8700 block of Poplar Pike at 9:15 a.m.

Officers arrested a subject for taking merchandise from a business. The arrest originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 1:43 p.m.

A victim reported that their identifying information was compromised. The report originated from the 7400 block of Neshoba Road at 2:06 p.m.

Saturday, August 29th Crimes:

A victim reported that their bicycle was taken from a park. The report originated from the 8600 block of Farmington Boulevard at 9:05 a.m.

A victim reported an unauthorized credit card transaction. The report originated from the 7800 block of Wolf River Boulevard at 11:48 a.m.

A subject was observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 1:36 p.m.

Officers arrested a subject for taking merchandise from a business. The arrest originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 4:23 p.m.

Sunday, August 30th Crimes:

A subject was observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 7600 block of West Farmington Boulevard at 10:21 a.m.

Officers arrested two subjects for taking merchandise from a business. The arrest originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 12:25 p.m.

A victim reported a physical altercation at a park. The report originated from the 7700 block of Poplar Pike at 2:02 p.m.

Monday, August 31st Crimes:

A victim reported that their wallet was taken from a business. The report originated from the 7600 block of Poplar Avenue at 9:01

a.m.

A victim reported threatening social media messages. The report originated from the 9700 block of Wolf River Boulevard at 1:25 p.m.

A victim reported that an item was taken from a business. The report originated from the 7500 block of Wolf River Boulevard at 3:10 p.m.

Officers arrested a subject for unlawfully entering a business. The arrest originated from the 7600 block of Poplar Avenue at 8:16 p.m.

A victim reported that their wallet was taken during a ride share. The report originated from the 3100 block of Devonshire Way at 9:52 p.m.

A victim reported a physical altercation at a school. The report originated from the 7600 block of Poplar Pike at 11:36 p.m.

Tuesday, September 1st

Crimes:

A subject was observed taking merchandise from a business. The report originated from the 9200 block of Poplar Avenue at 8:26 a.m.

A victim reported threatening social media messages. The report originated from the 8300 block of Shady Creek Drive at 2:03 p.m.

A victim reported that their bicycle was taken from a business. The report originated from the 7600 block of Farmington Boulevard at 3:19 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2nd

Crimes:

Officers arrested a subject for unlawful possession of narcotics. The arrest originated from the area of Poplar Avenue/Poplar Pike at

2:41 a.m.

A victim reported unwanted contact from an acquaintance. The arrest originated from the 2100 block of West Glenalden Drive at 3:23 p.m.

Officers arrested a subject for being the primary aggressor during an altercation. The arrest originated from the 1700 block of Bryn Mawr Circle at 5:56 p.m. Officers arrested a subject for taking merchandise from a business. The arrest originated from the 7600 block of Farmington Boulevard at 7:31 p.m.

Thursday, September 3rd

Crimes:

Officers arrested a subject for unlawful possession of narcotics. The arrest originated from the area of South Germantown Road/Akerswood Drive at 1:07 a.m. Officers arrested a subject for unwanted physical contact. The arrest originated from the 9700 block of Wolf River Boulevard at 11:00 p.m.

CRASHES There were a total of **21 crashes** reported for this time period

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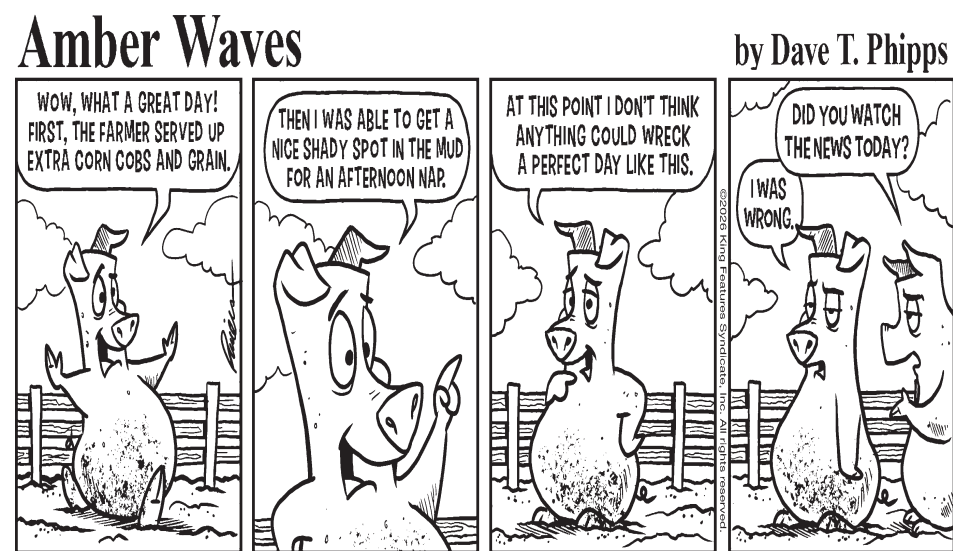
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The *Germantown News & Shelby Sun Times* welcomes letters to the editor. This newspaper reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity. All letters must be signed. Anonymous letters will not be published. Letters may be mailed to *Germantown News & Shelby Sun Times*, 7731 Hwy. 70, Ste. 102, Bartlett, TN 38134; or PO Box 529, Covington, TN 38019.



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. Poker hand	F _ _ _ _ _	Redden in the face	B _ _ _ _ _
2. Unmarried	S _ _ _ _ _	Socialize	M _ _ _ _ _
3. Talisman	_ _ _ _ M _	Graph	_ _ _ _ T _
4. Sell abroad	_ _ _ _ O _ _	Specialist	_ _ _ _ E _ _
5. Goliath, e.g.	_ _ I _ _ _	Civil War general	_ _ R _ _ _
6. Actress Elizabeth	_ _ _ Y _ _ _	Clothes maker	_ _ _ I _ _ _
7. Arms and legs	_ _ _ _ _ S	Caribbean dance	_ _ _ _ _ O
8. President Johnson	_ _ Y _ _ _ _	Thames city	_ _ O _ _ _ _
9. Round map	_ _ _ _ B _	Hand warmer	_ _ _ _ V _
10. Pebble	S _ _ _ _ _	Make amends	A _ _ _ _ _

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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: **N** equals **P**

YJK NKYWYWAS BRM NVKMKSYKL
BWYJ YJK MYVASEKMY
NVAYKMYAVM RY YJK YAN.
WY'M WS LWMKSYWSE AVLKV

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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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ACROSS												
1	Actor Sharif "Humbig!"											
5	JFK guesses Cape —, Portugal											
12	In the style of Seniors' gp.											
14	Manhattan, for one											
15	China (Pref.)											
17	"The Sopranos" restaurateur											
18	Brunch fare											
19	Thick chunk											
21	TV spots											
24	Ancient invader											
25	Uber competitors											
30	Mas' mates											
33	Chef Garten											
34	Bo of "10"											
35	Pen filler											
36	— chi											
37	Location											
38	— B'rith											
39	Young fellow											
41	"Absolutely!"											
43	Texas city											
46	Caravan stops											
50	Big rackets											
51	Pulled-back hairdo											
54	Icelandic epic											
55	Chang's brother											
56	"Andor" actor Diego —											
57	Optimistic											
58	Tic-tac-toe loser											
59	Mountain ht.											
DOWN												
1	Sea predator											
2	Heath											
3	Ad agcy. client											
4	Debonair											
5	Sheep call											
6	Boxer Laila											
7	Angelic light											
8	Allayed											
9	Severe decline											
10	"Rule, Britannia!" composer											
11	Espy											
16	Aviv preceder											
20	Mardi Gras wear											
22	Computer brand											
23	Exposes											
25	"Shoo!"											
26	— tear (rag-ing)											
27	Hindmost parts											
29	Boyfriend											
31	Comic Gasteyer											
32	Enjoy Aspen											
34	June honor-ees											
38	Ringo, for one											
40	Analyze											
42	Trigger's rider											
43	Baltic feeder											
44	Queen of Carthage											
45	Pinnacle											
47	Biblical king											
48	Aachen article											
49	Serb or Croat											
52	Musician Yoko											
53	Private aid gp.											

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Restore
PRARIE _____ _____ _____

Virtue
REMIT _____

Rancor
RUGGED _____ _____

Tether
SHALE _____ _____

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Stückelers Answers



Know Before You Throw: *Proper Paint Disposal*

City of Germantown

A little leftover paint can create a big mess when it’s placed in your trash cart before it has dried.

The City of Germantown has received complaints about paint splattered in streets, which can happen when wet paint leaks or spills from trash carts during collection. Never place wet paint in your trash cart.

Before disposing of paint, make sure it is completely dry and follow the appropriate disposal method based on the type of paint.

Latex paint

Latex paint is not considered hazardous waste and does not need to be taken to a hazardous waste facility. To dispose of latex paint:

Pour the paint into a container filled with kitty litter or paper scraps.

Allow the paint to dry completely.

Once the paint is fully hardened, place it in your trash cart.

If you have a large amount of latex paint, you can purchase waste paint hardener. About one cup of paint hard-

ener mixed with one gallon of paint can cause the paint to harden within hours. Follow the product instructions for proper use.

Oil-based paint

Oil-based paint is considered hazardous waste and should not be placed in your trash cart. It should be taken to the Shelby County Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 6305 Haley Road in Memphis.

For more information, visit Shelby County Household Hazardous Waste, or call (901) 222-7705.

Remember

– Never put wet paint in your trash cart.

– Never pour paint down a drain. It can damage pipes and harm the water supply.

– Never pour paint onto the ground. Paint can be hazardous to soil and the environment.

– Always allow latex paint to dry completely before placing it in the trash.

Taking a few extra minutes to properly dispose of leftover paint can help keep our streets clean and prevent unnecessary messes during trash collection.

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

Deadline: October 4, 2026

germantownpublicart.org

Germantown Neighborhood Summit set for Sept. 29

Staff Reports

Germantown’s Annual Neighborhood Summit will bring residents, neighborhood leaders and local businesses together Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Great Hall & Conference Center.

The free community event traditionally draws more than 250 attendees and will feature networking with residents and neighborhood leaders, a local business expo, updates on city events and initiatives, refreshments and wine tastings, neighborhood awards and prize

drawings.

Businesses can participate through Gold sponsorships, priced at \$300, or Silver sponsorships, priced at \$200. Both include space in the business expo and recognition in event promotions. Door prize donations also are welcome.

Sponsorships are limited. Businesses interested in participating can contact Erinn Figg at EFigg@Germantown-TN.gov or 901-757-7203 for more information.

Source:
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- ✓ CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY

Learning to Lead: *Firefighters Head Back to School*

Two members of the Germantown Fire Department are heading back to the classroom to advance their careers and expand the skills they bring to the community.

According to the Germantown Fire Department, Ethan Browder is attending Advanced EMT school. Browder joined GFD in October 2025 after earning his EMT-Basic license earlier that year. In May, he completed the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy’s 10-week fire academy, graduating with Class 26-01.

Zac Meza is attending paramedic school. Meza joined GFD in October 2025 after earning an associate degree in Fire Science from Mount San Antonio College in California. His path into the fire service began with Fire Science courses, where he earned his EMT-Basic certification



and completed the 78th Basic Fire Academy.

The department said both firefighters are continuing

their education to strengthen their knowledge and

skills and better serve the Germantown community.

Source and photo:
Germantown Fire Department

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ST. GEORGE’S SOCCER RECAP: The St. George’s Lady Gryphons had a perfect week on the pitch beating Harding Academy and St. Benedict. St. George’s started off the week with a 6-0 win over the Harding Academy Lady Lions and then achieved a mercy-rule victory, the Lady Eagles prevailing 9-0.

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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 4

WEEK 4

1. Munford (2-0) vs. Woodford, Ky.
W 61-0 vs. Millington

2. Briarcrest (3-0) vs. Father Ryan
W 42-17 @ Ensworth

3. St. George's (3-0) vs. Jackson Christian
W 42-0 @ FACS

4. Arlington (3-0) vs. Ridgeway
W 41-0 vs. Hamilton

5. CBHS (3-0) vs. MBA
W 48-21 vs. Lausanne

6. St. Benedict (3-0) vs. Kingsbury
W 37-10 vs. Fayette Academy

7. Covington (2-1) vs. Brighton
W 67-14 vs. Douglass

8. Germantown (2-1) vs. Whitehaven
W 65-0 vs. Sheffield

9. Brighton (2-1) @ Covington
L 28-12 vs. Jackson Central-Merry

10. Cordova (2-1) vs. White Station
L 43-6 vs. Center Hill (Miss.)

WEEK 3

1. Munford

2. Briarcrest

3. St. George's

4. Arlington

5. CBHS

6. Cordova

7. Brighton

8. St. Benedict

9. Covington

10. Houston

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