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DOGWOOD STUDENTS EARN TOP HONORS AT DELTA FAIR STUDENT ART CONTEST

By Germantown Municipal School District

Dogwood Elementary students recently brought home top honors from the Delta Fair Student Art Contest, with eight students earning awards for their outstanding artwork. Art teacher Ashley Luyendyk submitted twelve student pieces to the annual competition, and eight of the entries were recognized with prizes totaling $270.

The winning artwork represented a variety of grade levels and showcased the creativity, imagination, and artistic skills of Dogwood students. Because the artwork was created during the previous school year, students are listed by the grade level they were in when they completed their pieces.

Among the youngest winners was kindergarten student Rosalie Goodin, who earned 5th place. First graders also had a strong showing, with Edie Ellis earning 4th place and Piper Pledge taking 1st place.

Second-grade artists Husni Dweik and Oakleigh Darnell were recognized with 10th place and 4th place, respectively. Fourth-grade students Jacob Voyles and Avery Bennett also earned honors, placing 9th and 2nd, respectively. Rounding out Dogwood's winners was fifth grader Emma Hong, who earned 4th place.

With eight of twelve entries receiving recognition, Dogwood students demonstrated the talent and creativity that can flourish when young artists are encouraged to explore their ideas and express themselves through art.

Congratulations to all eight Dogwood artists on their

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YOUNGEST WINNER - Rosalie Goodin, 5th place winner.

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WINNER - Piper Pledge, first place winner.

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GERMANTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT TO UPGRADE THERMAL IMAGING EQUIPMENT

Board approves $25,620 purchase to replace aging gear and improve visibility during structural emergencies

Staff Reports

GERMANTOWN — The Germantown Fire Department is upgrading its emergency response arsenal with three new thermal imaging cameras designed to help firefighters navigate zero-visibility conditions and locate trapped victims more quickly.

The city's Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved the $25,627.10 purchase during its Sept. 14 meeting. As part of the agreement, the department will trade in three aging cameras for a $2,250 credit, reducing the overall cost of the acquisition.

The updated devices detect heat signatures and translate them into visual images, allowing crews to see through dense smoke and complete darkness.

According to department officials, the new cameras provide firefighters with a critical set of "eyes" in high-risk environments, assisting crews with several vital



tasks:

- Locating individuals trapped inside burning structures
- Detecting flames spreading behind walls and ceilings
- Identifying the source or origin of a fire more rapidly
- Spotting structural hazards concealed by heavy smoke
- Maintaining situational awareness and crew accountability inside hazardous areas

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UNDER THE HARVEST MOON FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT FARM PARK CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Staff Reports

GERMANTOWN — The Bobby Lanier Farm Park Board will host its annual Under the Harvest Moon fundraiser Oct. 16 to raise funds for a new children's play area on the farm grounds.

The event takes place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Farm Park, located at 2660 Cross Country Drive. The 10-acre working suburban farm is dedicated to agricultural education, sustainability and community engagement.

"Under the Harvest Moon is everything we love about the Farm Park: friends, laughter, a little country fun and a community coming together for something special," Vice Mayor Mary Anne Gibson said. "Every ticket helps us build a new children's play area where the next generation can explore, imagine and make memories."

Attendees will experience authentic Western-style entertain-



ment, including line dance lessons, a bourbon pull, s'mores, drinks and chuck wagon cuisine prepared by World Champion Chuck Wagon Cook Steve Gibson.

The evening will also feature Chicken Bingo, a game of chance where participants purchase numbered squares on a grid and await a live chicken to select the winning spot.

Organizers noted that while there is no formal dress code,

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