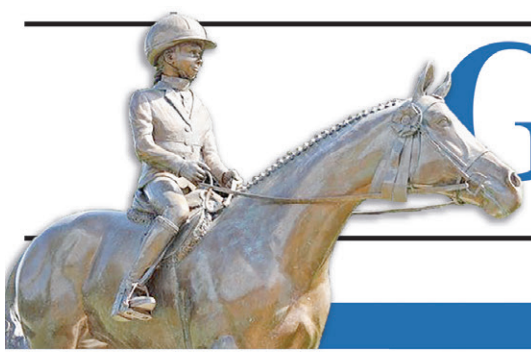


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HOUSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT WINS STATEWIDE FIRE SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

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

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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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