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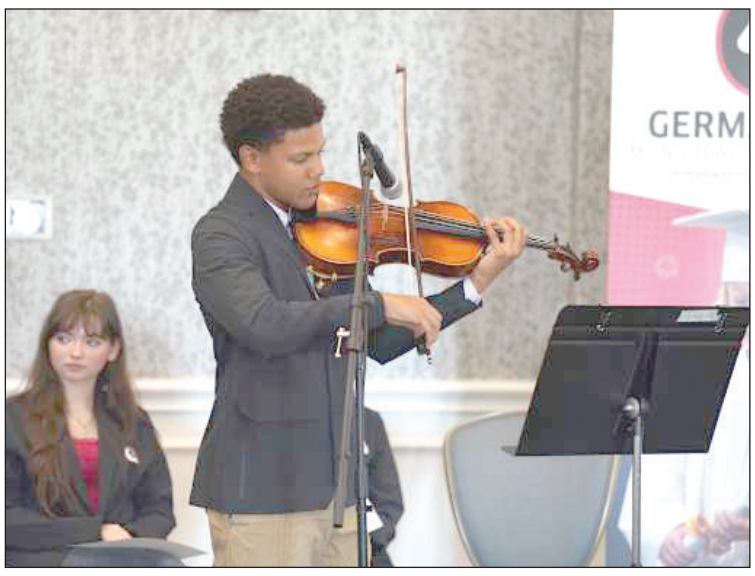
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GMSD STUDENTS ADD SOUNDSCAPE TO GERMANTOWN CHAMBER LUNCHEONS

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
- Officer Marcelo Mango — Farmington Elementary School
- Officer Shayla Stewart — Houston High School
- Officer Orland Mack — Houston High School
- Officer Bradley Bean — Riverdale School (not pictured)

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