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INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE



Celebrating independence

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As America is celebrating 249 years old this year, community members lined the streets Friday, July 4 to watch the Fourth of July parade.

Many in the parade dressed their best, some even having on period dress of the time of the country's founding.

Above: Scott County Historical Society marches through the downtown streets in period attire for 249 years ago.

Right: Uncle Sam makes an appearance in the Fourth of July parade.

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Capacity issues no problem for cemetery

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City officials are working to determine the future of the historic Georgetown Cemetery, as some citizens worry it may be nearing capacity.

The concerns are unfounded, said Cemetery Sexton Gene Cook.

"I tell everybody that walks through my office door that we've got space," he said. "I don't understand where the threat of filling up came from."

Georgetown Cemetery has an estimated 20,000 graves, according to Deputy City Clerk Laurie Walters Raisor. "Total buried as of (June 16) is 16,649," Raisor said, "So give or take 3,500 graves left."

Even with the remaining space, city officials don't want to let any capacity issues sneak up on them.

"When you look at the long term, there are concerns," Chief Administrative Officer Devon Golden said. "Even if it's not an immediate concern, we do have to consider five to 10 years down the road whether

we're going to leave folks in the right shape."

Several factors reduce the urgency of Georgetown Cemetery's capacity situation, Golden said.

"Gene (Cook) has done a great job with managing the cemetery and managing the capacity that exists," she

said. "I think there also has been a little bit of a shift to cremation, and I think that's impacted the capacity concerns."

Still, there are a number of reasons to be looking for solutions, Golden said. Georgetown Cemetery is the only active

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GEORGETOWN CITY COUNCIL

Chickens on menu at next council meeting

By Mike Scogin
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When Lindsey Trent learned it was illegal to have chickens within the Georgetown city limits, she was stunned.

"We had 12 acres in Sadiesville, but we decided to purchase a Victorian house in Georgetown," she said. "I started looking around the backyard and found a place for a coop. Then I was told,

'you can't have chickens in Georgetown.'"

"I was floored."

Several weeks ago, Trent approached the city council with a petition signed by 711 residents, seeking an ordinance allowing chickens to be owned and raised within the city limits.

"I want this as a learning experience for my

daughter," Trent said who added she has never raised chickens herself. "We have a lot of friends who have raised chickens."

"I understand there will be guidelines and restrictions, but I think this will be beneficial. I would love to see this approved."

After weeks of discussions and study, the

issue will come before the Georgetown City Council at its next meeting on July 14. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the Scott County Courthouse on the third floor in the Scott County Fiscal Court meeting room.

"It's time we take a vote," said Council member Tammy Lusby-Mitchell. Lusby-Mitchell and Greg Hampton are co-sponsors of the proposed ordinance.

A proposed draft of the ordinance was shared with council members weeks ago, and it is believed a final draft will be presented at the next council meeting.

AMONG THE EXPECTED GUIDELINES:

—A \$50 permit would be required, along with a certificate of completion of an urban chicken raising class taught by the Scott County Extension

Office.

—Only non-crowing chickens would be allowed. Adult roosters, turkeys, guineas, ducks, geese, or other domestic fowl are prohibited.

—No more than six chickens kept.

—Chickens must be kept enclosed in the backyard only in a henhouse/coop with a roof that is enclosed on all sides with adequate

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Coming up:
Property Transfers
Friday

Area deaths

Pamela Sue Wehrle Crabtree, 74
Henry Allen Hall, 74
Matthew Charles Lucas, 46

Area deaths

Troy Wilbur Phillips, 86
Shirley Lewis Warner, 82

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