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**BEST OF THE BLUEGRASS-FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE**



## Many enjoy festival fun

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Best of the Bluegrass-Festival of the Horse brought thousands downtown for parades, music, food and more as the Fireman's Chili Cook Off set the spark Thursday; the Colt and Filly parade took to the streets Friday; and the Grand Parade of Horses walked and trotted through town Saturday. Visitors from Georgetown's Sister City, Tahara-Cho, Japan served as parade grand marshals. Many turned out for music from Hannah Wheeler and the Heartaches, Tony and the Tan Lines, The Mannequins, Nic Cassetta, Caleb Florence, Rags and Riches, Josh Bogard, J.D. Shelburne and more.

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## Muse gives back following health issues

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Bonnie Muse, 89, joined the fun at Best of the Bluegrass-Festival of the Horse Friday, Sept. 5, after overcoming health issues.

Muse participated in Citizens Police Academy's "Dunk a Cop" dunk tank charity event, with all proceeds going to the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

"I know the police force and fire department are very valuable to our communities," she said. "They do a lot of things for us."

"I thought that if I went to the booth at 89 years old, others could do it, too," Muse said. Participation in Fri-



Bonnie Muse participated in the "Dunk a Cop" dunk tank fundraiser for Citizens Police Academy. Muse successfully dunked Georgetown Police Department Captain Lewis Crump Friday, Sept. 5.

day's dunk tank was a big step for Muse, as she had been recovering from health issues that landed her in the ICU

and hospice care, said Sharon Muse Johnson, Muse's daughter.

"She was at a rehab facility working on where

she had fallen and broken her hip," Johnson said. "She was given medication that, when it combined – this is my understanding – that it suppressed her respiratory system, and she ended up on a vent in the ICU."

Muse was eventually able to come off the ventilator, but returned home bed-ridden with hospice, Johnson said.

"We prayed," she said "We worked the best we could, doing exercises and moving in the bed."

When others offered help, Muse asked for prayers more than anything, Muse said.

"I really wanted to get better," she said. "When people asked what they

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## Surveys find housing needs critical

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Housing Needs Assessment Surveys indicate concerns among a majority of residents and employers regarding affordable housing in Scott County.

As part of a Housing Needs Assessment (HNA), produced by RKG Associates, about 1,800 residents and over 100 employers were surveyed on the state of housing in Georgetown and Scott County.

"According to the 1,800 responses received, 71.1 percent (1,291) of the respondents identified as owners of their homes, and 22.6 percent (407) identified as renters," HNA reads.

Community survey results indicate almost 80 percent of all respondents believe there is an affordable housing problem in Georgetown/Scott County,

HNA reads, a sentiment especially strong among renters.

"Proportionally more respondents who are renters believed there is an affordable housing issue (91 percent)," states HNA.

This trend among renters' responses continues; just over half

of all respondents claimed to have encountered affordable housing issues in Scott County, said Summer Pan, RKG Associates Project Manager, while 86 percent of renters made the same claim.

"(Renters) have to either make more money, accept less desirable housing, or share costs with other people," Pan said.

Overall, this trend suggests renters are more likely to be impacted by housing affordability issues in Scott County, HNA

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## Heart Walk to support research, local programs

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American Heart Association (AHA)'s Scott County Heart Walk at Georgetown Community Hospital (GCH) will return Saturday, Sept. 13 at 9 a.m.

Heart Walks are AHA's signature event for raising awareness on heart disease and stroke, Lexington Development Director Jackie Dawson said.

"Heart disease is the number one killer of all Americans, and stroke is number five," Dawson said. "Unfortunately, about 60 percent of people say they would probably panic and not know

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