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Celebrating 100 years of Garth

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The hallways at Garth are full of history, from displays highlighting high school sport victories to class photos from decades past. The now-elementary school celebrated its 100th year Thursday, Sept. 17 with former students of all generations sharing memories.

"This is a huge milestone and something that we have been celebrating all year long," said Garth Elementary Principal Hope Mitchell. "While it's awesome that we are turning 100, the building itself and the 100 years passing, that's not what makes Garth great. What makes Garth great are the generations of people who have taught here; who have been students here; who have truly made the Garth community feel like a family."

The community gathered to celebrate the school and students with music by Garth Choir, a panel presented by Scott County Historical Society, and current students sharing school milestones.

"My students that are here, they are put at landmarks," Mitchell



Clyde Wilkins, Selja Marshall, Glen Taul, George Lusby, Emily Porter and Anthony Palmer stand outside Garth, which celebrates 100 years this year. Thursday, Sept. 17, the group were a part of a panel celebrating the school's history led by Taul as part of a Scott County Historical Society and Scott County Schools event.

said. "It's important pieces that we've placed throughout the building—like Mr. Edwin Garth, we have someone there and she is telling people the history of Edwin Garth and how his family donated the money to start building

on this land."

As former staff, students and community members walked through the school, current students shared key historical moments like: Billy Brannock's football history, Edwin Garth, and the class photos that

line the hallways.

"I want to give a huge shoutout to my student lighthouse team," Mitchell said. "It takes a lot of courage to get in front of adults and be so confident to speak and tell them about their school."

Though Garth's offi-

cial birthday is Sept. 18, Mitchell said the school is celebrated every day.

"We honor Garth's history every single day," Mitchell said. "We have a display right in the main hallway

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Many memories shared in panel discussion

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Garth, a school that sits facing South Broadway, celebrates 100 years this year. As part of that celebration, Scott County Historical Society hosted a panel Thursday, Sept. 17 with former students, teachers and staff sharing memories as part of Scott County Schools celebration.

George Lusby, former student and principal of Garth, sat alongside Selja Marshall, Emily Porter, Anthony Palmer, and Clyde Wilkins, all former Garth students, for a panel led by Glen Taul.

"Garth is a special place, I have come to learn, and can see why," Taul said of the century old school. "I love the architecture. I love the spirit when you talk with other people who have been to Garth."

"... I want to tell you something a little bit about the history of this place before Garth was built."

"On this very site stood

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News-Graphic, Chamber to co-sponsor mayoral forum

The Georgetown/Scott County Chamber of Commerce and Georgetown News-Graphic will co-sponsor a City of Georgetown mayoral forum Oct. 27 in the Great Crossing High School auditorium.

Both incumbent mayor Burney Jenkins and current city council member Kim Menke have accepted invitations to participate.

"We're looking forward to bringing the community together for this forum," said Amanda Palmer, chamber executive director. "It's an important opportunity for residents and businesses to hear directly from the candidates, learn more about their priorities/vision for Georgetown, and feel more informed about the future of the community."

Lee Carter, Kentucky Horse Park executive director, will be the moderator.

The forum will start at 6 p.m.

The Chamber and News-Graphic will also hold a meet-and-greet for all candidates on Oct. 14 at the Scott County Public Library. The meet-and-greet will begin at 6 p.m. All candidates are invited. Tables will be set up prior to the event for candidates.

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GEORGETOWN-SCOTT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Commission seeks stricter data center regulations amid public pushback

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Georgetown-Scott County Planning Commission (GSCPC) called for tighter regulations on data centers at a public hearing Thursday, Sept. 17, after dozens of residents spoke out against Planning staff's draft ordinance on data centers, and data centers in general, at the hours-long meeting. Commissioners also requested that Scott County Fiscal Court consider extending its moratorium which expires at year's end, and that Planning staff weigh the op-

'During this moratorium, we have not received any applications (for a data center); we have not considered any applications. That's given us the space, I think, necessary to draft an ordinance with no external pressure on the process.'

Holden Fleming
Planning Director

tion of an outright ban as seen in Woodford County, among other requests.

Research behind the draft ordinance, which is intended to set regulations for potential data center developments in unincorporated Scott County, began around the beginning of 2026 and is

based in part on a model distributed by the Kentucky Resources Council, Planning Director Holden Fleming said. By March, Fiscal Court placed a moratorium on data centers, which bans the consideration or approval of the developments throughout the community, for six

months, later extended through the end of 2026. The moratorium sought to provide Planning staff time to research and gather public input on community regulations on data centers in the form of an ordinance.

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Coming up:
Property Transfers
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Ronald Lloyd Gaines, 78

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