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AFD Captain officially hangs up the hose

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Long-time Captain, Leroy "Lee" Kipple, hung up the hose after 35 years of service with the Atchison Fire Department.

Lee began his career with the AFD in 1986, moving to Atchison from the Prairie View, KS area, with his wife Sharon and son Curtis. Lee promoted through the ranks making it to Captain in 1996. He also brought with him vast mechanical experience which earned him the position of Department Mechanic until his promotion to officer where

he has continued to oversee the maintenance and other mechanics. Lee also obtained his certification as an electrician during his career which also benefited the department with in-house repairs.

"Lee has been a huge asset for the department with his mechanical skills & knowledge, performing maintenance on the fire trucks and equipment here" Fire Chief Pat Weishaar said. Lee is looking forward to a well-earned retirement where

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Members and leaders of the Atchison community walk in remembrance of George Johnson at North Sixth Street on Friday night.

CITY REMEMBERS GEORGE JOHNSON TRAGEDY

By JAMES HOWEY
Atchison Globe

After 151 years, the Atchison community is finally remembering and acknowledging the horrific murder that was the lynching of George Johnson.

Members and leaders of the Atchison community gathered at Sixth and Santa Fe on Friday night for a memorial walk ending under the Fifth Street Viaduct, the same path a mob took Johnson in his final hours before he was lynched in 1870.

Dr. Josh Wolf had been a spearhead in getting this type of remembrance and recognition for Johnson since presenting his research at Benedictine College faculty colloquium in March of 2017.

"It's something I've been dreaming of the last four years since I presented my research at Benedictine College four years ago that we should find some way to commemorate George Johnson so that we don't forget about this event," Wolf said.

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Atchison United President Sean Crittendon, Head of the June-tenth Committee La'Queta Cluke and Charo Kelley emotionally react after Cluke speaks during the George Johnson remembrance Friday night.



Atchison Fire Department

Atchison Fire Chief Pat Weishaar, left, is with Captain Lee Kipple, right, who is retiring after 35 years of service with the Atchison Fire Department.

Atchison Community Fireworks moves to July 3 at Warnock Lake

By MARY MEYERS
Atchison Globe

Mark your calendars for the Atchison Community Fireworks Fourth of July one day earlier than normal this year.

The annual event will be Saturday, July 3 at Warnock Lake.

Co-organizer Dave Hundley said this year's celebration will mark the 69th year for the Atchison Lions Club Community Fireworks display.

Like in past years the fireworks show will begin after sunset at the Warnock Lake grounds.

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A colorful display illuminates the lake water during the 2016 Atchison Community Fireworks show at Warnock Lake.

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Central School sells, mascot name lingering

By MARY MEYERS
Atchison Globe

Atchison Public School leaders did accept one of two bids for the Central School facility, but finalization remains pending until later like the decision concerning a new mascot.

Board members unanimously accepted one of two bids received concerning the purchase the Central School Facility.

Larry Mears, the Board's attorney

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Chuck Tilton, USD 409 School Board candidate, addresses the school board about a potential mascot name.

AACF announces 'All Aboard Atchison' Match Day fundraising event

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There are \$55,000 in matching grant funds being offered to fund holders of the Atchison Area Community Foundation (AACF) at the first annual "All Aboard Atchison"

Match Day Event to be held on Friday, Aug. 13 at the Atchison Event Center from 4 to 6 pm.

The happy hour event will have appetizers with a cash bar and is open to the entire Atchison community. Bring your check book

and your generosity as we support and celebrate the dozens of local causes and non-profits that are part of the Atchison Area Community Foundation.

The \$55,000 in matching grant funds are available to provide a 50% match

for funds raised by participating fundholders. A \$500 contribution to your favorite charity will be supplemented with \$250 grant from AACF for a net contribution of \$750.

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