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Juneteenth weekend ends; another ceremony planned Friday

(KAIR)--Recognition of the return of Atchison's Juneteenth celebration, with last weekend's activities commended during Tuesday's meeting of the Atchison County Commission.

That included comments from Commissioner Eric Noll, who was in attendance at Juneteenth in conjunction with the Atchison County office of NEK Multi-County Health, which held a coronavirus vaccination clinic as part of Saturday's LFM park events.

The 2020 Juneteenth celebration was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Commissioner Casey Quinn reflected on the weekend's ceremonies, including last Friday evening's walk in honor of George Johnson, the victim of an 1870 Atchison lynching.

Further remembrance of Johnson is scheduled for this coming Friday evening, with the dedication of the George Johnson Memorial Marker and the Reflections Sculpture.

That ceremony is planned from 7 until 8:00 in the Sculpture Courtyard, located in the 400 block of Atchison's Commercial Street.

According to a release from the Atchison Art Association, the marker and sculpture will be unveiled during the event, which will include Reflections Sculpture Artist, Dave Breneman.

A poetry reading will also be included as part of the evening's activities.

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