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Premiere People
Leah Rucker
warp our Premiere Person of the week at www.gyphillpremiere.com

What's Happening

GARTEN, RUCKER, MARTIN & LUKENS 2014 FAMILY REUNION: July 26, 2014, 11:00 a.m. at the Family Life Center, First Christian Church. Lunch is Subway sandwiches, bring a salad or dessert and pictures.

GOVERNMENT COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION: Distribution of commodities will be July 30, 2014, from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the United Methodist Church, 108 E. 2nd, Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

SENATE CANDIDATE Milton Wolf will be in Medicine Lodge on Thursday, July 24th at the Medicine River TruckStop, Hwy 160 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

RELAY FOR LIFE: August 1st at Family Life Center, 7 p.m. to midnight. Join us to Finish the Fight!

SONGS AND SNEAKERS RELAY: invite you to choose HOPE by purchasing a luminary for a loved one for $10 or just give a donation...any amount is like "Pennies From Heaven!" See Deb Winter or call Linda Hartley at (620) 247-6241 or e-mail lhartley@sctelcom.net for more info!

VFW POST #7625: meetings are on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion building in Medicine Lodge.

MEMORIES WANTED: Dub Rickard would like to invite those with memories of bygone Peace Treaties to share those memories on paper. Whether a prairie flower or a wagon driver, a cowboy or a cavalryman, he would like to encourage everyone to write them down and give them to Jan Wade at the Lincoln Library.

NOTICE: To obtain a burn permit, go to the City Office before burning. There is no charge and it is good for 30 days. Also, please remember to call the Sheriff's Department and let them know the address of where the burning will take place.

PLEASE HELP! MLGS is collecting Boxtops for Education. Please help! Boxtops can be dropped off at the collection box at White's Foodliner or The Grade School office. The school gets 10 cents per label so that really adds up! These labels are on products you already buy every day! Thank you for supporting MLGS! Friendly reminder to cut on lines. They have to be that way when redeemed.

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Medicine Lodge Indian Summer Days

Native American dancing, live entertainment and rodeo at this year's event!

By Doris Sorg
The Gyp Hill Premiere

Although it seems that we just started a new year, we have already passed the half-way mark as the days pass quickly by. Along with the new school year rapidly approaching, comes the knowledge that the days of summer will soon be merging into fall and it will be time to celebrate Indian Summer Days in Medicine Lodge.

Planning for the event is starting to pick up the pace for the weekend festivities on September 26 – 28, 2014.

There will be a free bean feed fundraiser for the Stockade Museum on Friday evening. Providing entertainment for the event will be a bluegrass band, Carrie Nation and the Speakeasy live in concert beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will also be a Night Show at the Stockade Friday evening and again on Saturday evening. Saturday's Night Show will take place on Main Street before the street dance.

On Saturday, the 27th, there will be garage sales, the Liz Edwards' 5K Dream Benefit Run, a parade, inflatables, food booths, and a Car, Bike, Tryke, Truck, and Tractor Show-off.

Admission will be free to the Friends of the Keeper of the Plains Pow Wow which will take place behind the Medicine Lodge Middle School on Saturday from 1:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The 26th Annual Kansas Championship Ranch Rodeo will be held at the Medicine Lodge Pageant Arena east of Medicine Lodge on South Rodeo Road. The event will start at 7:30 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday evenings. More information on the rodeo can be found at www.peacetreaty.org/rodeo.html.

We are lucky people as we are fortunate to be able to welcome back the band, Lucky People. They played last year's Indian Summer Days street dance to the delight of those dancing in the street. Beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday night, the dance will last until midnight.

The event is sponsored by the Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty Association and the Medicine Lodge Tourism Committee. Kevin Noland, First Vice President of the Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty Association, stated, "We are thrilled to have Chamber Director Cindy Brungardt on board with us this year."

Still in the planning process, community members are encouraged and welcomed to help with the event. Those interested in becoming involved may contact Cindy at 213-2760 or Kevin at *The Gyp Hill Premiere* at 886-5654.

For a list of times and events taking place during the Indian Summer Days weekend visit www.indiansummerdays.com.

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BOE Sets Policy for Chromebook Usage

By Erin L. Jones
The Gyp Hill Premiere

USD 254's Board of Education meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by board president Bud Moore. All members were present with the exception of member Shannon Thomas.

Bud Moore was nominated by Vice President Mike Rogers to again hold the position of Board President. Rogers also nominated member Andrea Fisher to replace him as Vice President. Both of the nominations were approved.

The consent agenda was approved and the board moved forward with a blanket approval of resolutions and contracts. With this came the approval of Mike Rogers to represent the board in the area of special education. Micha Werner was approved as the special education representative alternate.

Mr. Lowell Dohmann, high school teacher and member of the technology team, presented policy and procedure regarding student use of the recently-purchased Chromebooks. As reported previously in The Gyp Hill Premiere, USD 254 purchased Google Chromebooks for use in the Jr/Sr High. Students will be assigned a Chromebook and will be responsible for this "mini-computer" throughout the school year. Students will be expected to return the computer(s) once the year is complete. Dohmann suggested a rental/usage fee of $65.00 per student be added to the current enrollment fees to cover the cost of insurance and replacement of the new equipment. Vice President Andrea Fisher questioned this fee and stated "If you have more than one child in the Jr/Sr High, this could get pricey. I will have two of my own children…I'm looking at an additional $130.00 on top of what I already pay." The board considered this remark and chose to ask $15.00, rather than $65.00, for the Chromebook fee. Superintendent Mark Buck said families qualifying for free/reduced lunches would also qualify to have the $15.00 fee waived just as the textbook rental is waived for families falling into the same category.

Mr. Dohrmann continued to explain some of the key policies for the newly-purchased equipment. Parents and students need to be aware the Chromebooks are USD 254 property. They are being loaned to the students for school use only. The books will be password protected and can be used at home with a student's personal WiFi. Parents, guardians, siblings, family members and/or friends are not to use the computers as ultimate responsibility will fall back on the student. Dohrmann stated he will be doing random history checks on the equipment and also has the capability to check the system's history, even though the user might have "deleted" a given web search or site.

Students will also be expected to have their Chromebook charged for the school day. The books are expected to hold an eight-hour charge and should be available throughout the day.

Another foremost point in the policy regarding the Chromebooks is the expectation of return. If a student should fail to return the computer to USD 254 at the end of the year, the equipment will be reported as stolen and a police report will be filed.

Next, Superintendent Mark Buck reviewed financial projections and

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Beware of what sounds phishy

By Doris Sorg
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I am not a brainiac, but my brain functions at a level most days that gets me by. I am slightly naïve and I am guilty of being gullible. I work hard at trying to make an honest living but there are constant increases in my expenses yet my income stays the same. "Pennies from Heaven" just won't do it, I need dollars from Heaven. Hope for a financial opportunity that reaps big dividends lurks constantly in the shadows. I am just one of a multitude who fits into this description. I am one of a huge group of people who are perfect targets for phishers.

According to Wikipedia, "Phishing is the attempt to acquire sensitive information such as usernames, passwords, and credit card details (and sometime, indirectly, money) by masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication. Communications purporting to be from popular social web sites, auction sites, banks, online payment processors or IT administrators are commonly used to lure unsuspecting public. Phishing emails may contain links to websites that are infected with malware. Phishing is typically carried out by email spoofing or instant messaging, and it often directs users to enter details at a fake website whose look and feel are almost identical to the legitimate one. Phishing is an example of social engineering techniques used to deceive users, and exploits the poor usability of current web security technologies. Attempts to deal with the growing number of reported phishing incidents

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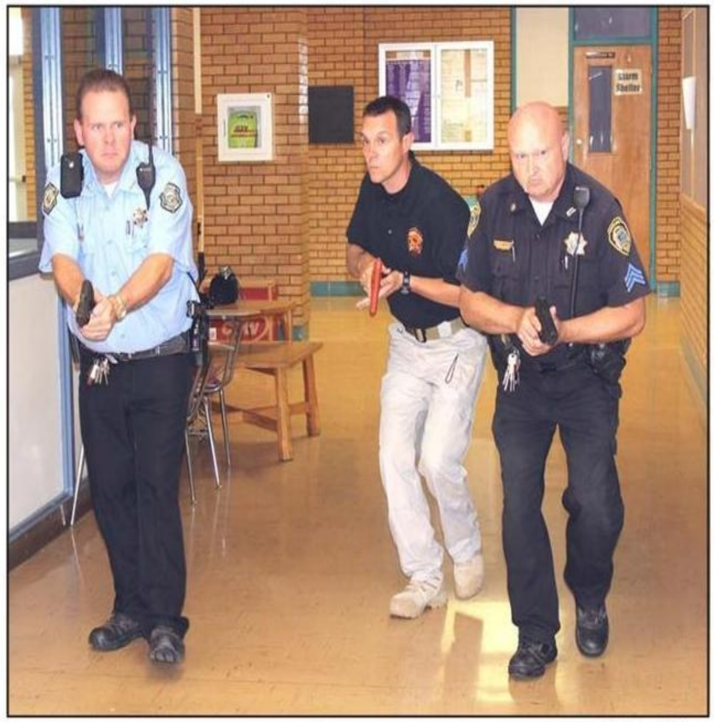

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dation for future firearms and tactical training. Officer McNeil stated, "We will be doing another one later down the road."

The United States Deputy Sheriff's Association is a national organization funded by sponsors and donors which allow them to provide law enforcement officers across the United States with valuable life-saving training without cost. They are dedicated to officer survival training of the men and women who risk their safety for the safety of those in the community in which they serve.