

Commissioners to pay for repairs

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The county commissioners, at the Monday meeting, agreed to pay a WaKeeney company to repair the courthouse elevator.

Fire Alarm Specialist had submitted a bid for \$3,782 which would make the repairs. It included a fire alarm control panel, batteries, a smoke detector and relay along with the installation, test and certify.

The commissioners agreed that the elevator needed to be up to regulations but, it was just another expenses that needs to

be taken care of. If we are not in compliance, Andy Beikman, commissioner, said, the elevator will not pass the fire marshal's inspection.

The work will be done in the near future.

Communication director's cell phone

Jennifer Padgett, communication director, said she had not put the cost of a cell phone in her budget but she is on call at all times. She uses her personal cell phone and was not asking for a separate phone. She just wanted to know if the county would pay one-half of

the cost, which she estimated to be about \$40.

The commissioners noted that they furnish the cell phones for the sheriff and officers as well as Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, and Ryan Murray, emergency manager. They agreed to pay half of the cost of her phone.

Mrs. Padgett asked for 10 minutes executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made when they came out of the session.

Bridge plan

Dave Flemming, road and

bridge department supervisor, also talked about the noxious weed letter (see article elsewhere in this issue).

He said there is a federal exchange program and he had been encouraged to submit the Hnizdil bridge plan which is on the 5-year plan. It is possible there will be more money available.

He said that in 1995, the cost of this bridge was \$140,000. Today, the cost will be closer to \$200,000.

The commissioners agreed that he should resubmit the plan.

Juvenile justice report

Peggy Pratt, representing the Juvenile Justice program, updated on the services offered. This year, she said she is not asking for money. There is a 90 percent success rate in most of the programs.

In other business

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- The Cemetery District 2 budget hearing was held with no one present to contest.

- Commissioner Dale Patton was appointed as the Kansas Association of Commissioners voting representative. Commissioners Beikman was the alternate and Ernie Ketzner, the second alternate.

- Mr. Flemming called for executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made.

Next meeting

The next meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 31, will include the budget hearing at 9 a.m. The regular meeting will start at 8 a.m.

State treasurer coming for visit and return lost cash

The Great Returns! It's your Money - Take it Back!

State Treasurer Ron Estes pushes to return your lost or undeliv-

ered cash

Kansas State Treasurer Ron Estes' office is currently safeguarding over \$230 million worth of un-

claimed property for their rightful owners or their heirs.

As a part of the Treasurer's "Unclaimed Property Returns" tour Treasurer Estes and staff members will be traveling throughout Kansas talking about and searching for Kansans' unclaimed property. They will be in St. Francis at the Cheyenne County Courthouse in the commissioners room on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Unclaimed Property Returns tour is an opportunity to connect Kansans with cash and property currently being held by our office for free," he said.

Unclaimed property includes inactive savings and checking accounts, uncashed checks, stock shares and bonds, dividend checks, insurance proceeds, mineral royalties and utility deposits.

In addition to cash, stocks and bonds, safe deposit boxes are also turned over to the state treasurer's office. There are currently over 15,000 safe deposit box properties on file. Approximately 600 new boxes are turned over to the treasurer's office each year.

Making a claim is free and easy. There are no fees involved in searching for or claiming cash and property. To search, a last name is required and a first name is recommended.

Kansans who can't make it may call the state treasurer's office at 1-800-432-0386 or log onto www.KansasCash.com to search for unclaimed property.

Book Review

Book review from the St. Francis Public Library

Legacy

By Danielle Steel

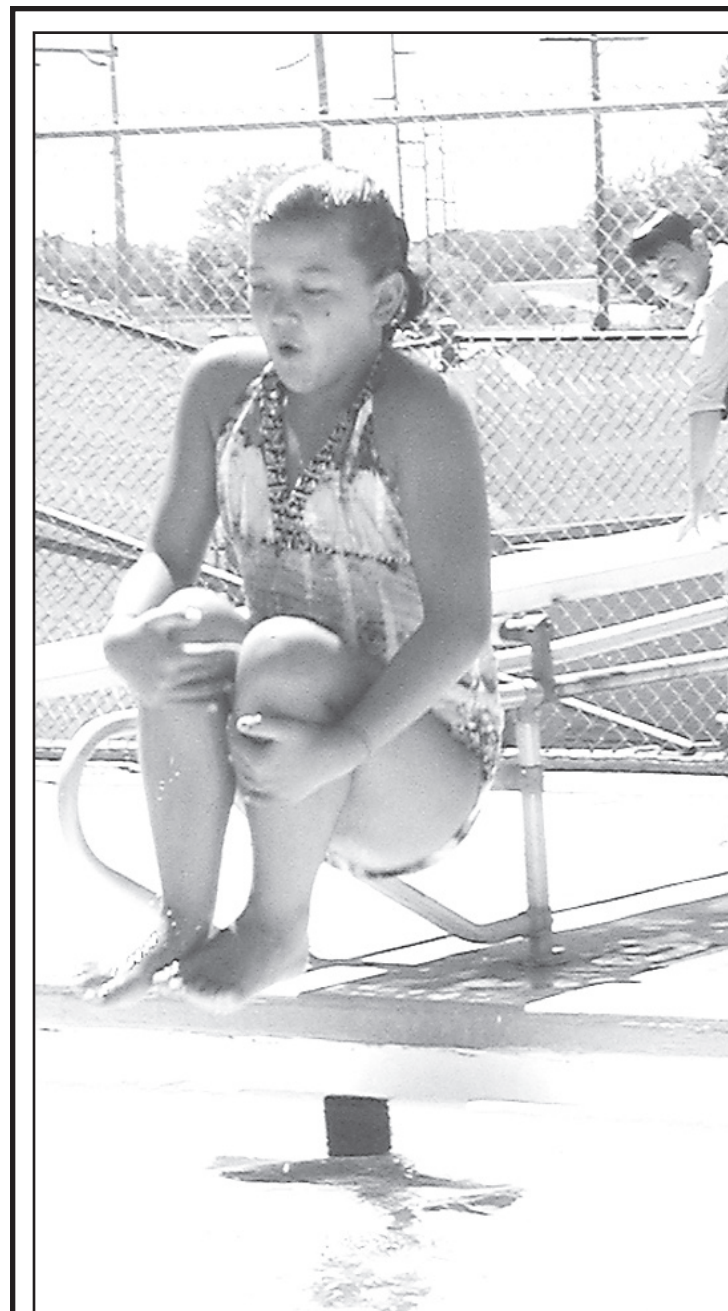
This compelling, centuries-spanning novel brilliantly interweaves the lives of two women—a writer working in the heart of modern academia and a daring young Sioux Indian on an incredible journey in the eighteenth century. The result is an unforgettable story of courage in the face of the unknown.

At the age of thirty-eight, Brigitte Nicholson has a job she likes, a man she loves, and a book on the women's suffrage movement that she will finish-someday. Someday is Brigitte's watchword. Someday she and Ted, a rising star in the field of archaeology, will clarify their relationship. Someday she will have children. Someday she will stop playing it so safe. Then, on a snowy day in Boston, Brigitte's life is jolted. Suddenly every thing she counted on has changed and she finds herself questioning every choice she has made along the way.

As she struggles to regain her balance and plot a new course, Brigitte agrees to help her mother

on a family genealogy project. In Salt Lake City at the Family History Library, she makes a stunning discovery—reaching back to the French aristocracy. How did Brigitte's mysterious ancestor Wachiwi, a Dakota Sioux, travel from the Great Plains to the French court of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette—and into the arms of a French marquis? How did she come to marry into Brigitte's family? What is the truth behind the tantalizing clues in the fragmented, centuries-old records?

Following the threads of Wachiwi's life, Brigitte travels to South Dakota, then on to Paris, irresistibly drawn to this brave young woman who lived so long ago. And as she comes closer to solving the puzzle of Wachiwi's journey, her previously safe quiet life becomes an adventure of its own. A chance meeting with a writer of historical fiction, a new opportunity, and a difficult choice put Brigitte at last in the forefront of her own story. With a complex and powerful family legacy coming to life around her, someday is no longer in the future. Instead, in Danielle Steel's mesmerizing new novel, someday is now.



LINDSEY JOHNSON jumps off the diving board. She is enjoying the swimming pool before it closes for the season. Final day to swim is Aug. 26.

Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

4-H'ers exhibits quilt at museum

Cheyenne County 4-H'er, Allison Grice, loaned the Cheyenne County Quilt to be exhibited in the 105 Kansas Quilts 4 Kansas 150th exhibit. The exhibit was displayed through Aug. 14 at the Stauff Memorial Museum of Montezuma.

Allison made the quilt in 2006. She has been in 4-H and participated in the fiber arts project for the last 8 years. Each year, she makes at least two quilts to exhibit at the fair.

She went on a quilting retreat in Iowa in 2006 with her mom, grandma and two aunts where she

picked the "slice of summer" pattern and went to work on creating the table runner shown at the exhibit.

The goal of the show was to display one quilt representing each of the 105 Kansas counties to celebrate the 150th birthday of Kansas. It was a once-in-a-lifetime exhibit. Never again will this variety of quilts, textiles and history be shown together, all in one place, at one time, said Kim Legleiter, director.

The exhibit traced the history of quilt making from the days of

the pioneer women, through the "make-do" days of the depression and the Dirty Thirties when scraps of fabric were sewn into quilts for comfort on cold Kansas winter nights. Resourceful women used whatever fabric they could find to make quilts to keep their families warm, but also used quilting as an art form to express their creativity.

Today quilts are made as pieces of art for gifts to family and friends or to commemorate special events.

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