

Summer job



Alexis Bateman and Kayla Vinson were hard at work selling lemonade last Monday in front of the Bateman Funeral Home. They were asking 10 cents per glass, and had a pile of money to show for their work.

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Board delays hospital appointments

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ning to give the hospital time to grow or hire the needed people.

"We also need paramedics for the ambulance service and have several others who want to get the training."

Rasure said he felt the county could help, but wanted to see a sample of the contract which would spell out a commitment to work in Goodland as part of the repayment.

Jolly said he would try to have a draft at the county meeting Tuesday, and that the hospital board might have a special meeting if necessary to review this decision. Part of the situation could be the three board appointments, who would need to be sworn in before the next hospital board meeting.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Were introduced to Joe Fuentez, who will be the new administrator at the Sherman Good Samaritan Center.
- Paul Rainbolt, the current administra-

tor, said he will be returning to St. Francis and that Fuentez will take over Wednesday, July 25. Rainbolt said the elevator project is moving forward and the contractor is preparing to dig out and form the elevator shaft.

- Approved a resolution appointing Terry Ballard as county appraiser for four years, and signing an employment contract with Ballard.

- Reviewed a letter from VonFeldt, Bauer and VonFeldt about doing the audit for 2001. The commissioners approved having the firm handle the audit with a maximum cost of \$21,600.

- Approved paying for the new road and bridge service truck, \$75,129, out of the special machinery fund which has a balance of \$151,000.

- Approved Sheriff Doug Whitson's request to provide \$1,090 in matching funds from his budget to participate in the Quad County drug enforcement program.

Whitson said the counties of

Sherman, Thomas and Logan are involved and have received a \$30,000 state grant to hire a drug enforcement officer. He said this is usually for the first year of what might be a four-year program. It will cost the county about \$1,900 in the final year.

"With the increased number of meth labs we are seeing, this will be very valuable," he said.

When asked who helps with the clean up costs of the meth labs, Whitson said when they are found, the KBI is called and they refer it to the federal Drug Enforcement Agency, which pays for the cleanup.

- Held an executive session with County Attorney Bonnie Selby, Sheriff Whitson and Curt Way, road and bridge supervisor, about a potential legal matter involving the county.

The next commission meeting will be 8 a.m., Tuesday in the jury room of the Sherman County Courthouse, Eighth and Broadway.

Moran weighs run for governor

HAYS (AP) — Republican U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran is giving even odds on a bid for Kansas governor, a decision he says will have to be made swiftly.

"It really is kind of a 50-50 thing," Moran said Tuesday during his latest swing through western Kansas. "There is no deadline in my mind. But I think I have a short amount of time to reach the best decision."

Another Republican, Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer, plans to announce Friday whether he'll run next year for the Republican nomination.

Others considered as potential Republican candidates: U.S. Rep. Todd Tiahrt, State Treasurer Tim Shallenburger, Kansas House Speaker Kent Glascock and state GOP Chairman Mark Parkinson. One Republican candidate, former Junction City Mayor Lloyd Parker, already has declared.

Moran, a third-term representative with some seniority in the House, could run for governor or remain in the House representing the 1st District.

Twice on Tuesday — in Ellis and again in Quinter — Moran was asked if he plans to run. His answer was es-

entially the same: He's not sure. He said he has talked to former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole, but declined to say what advice Dole offered.

A gubernatorial bid would allow Moran to spend more time in the state and with his family, which remains in Hays while he commutes each week to Washington, though Moran says "that is not a reason to run for governor."

"We still need to sit down as a family and have a serious discussion," he said.

"It's something I want to resolve," he said, "but I don't think we need a year-and-a-half-long campaign."

Woman believed to be 115 dies

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — A Kansas City, Kan., woman believed to be among the oldest people in America — if not the world — has died at age 115, relatives said.

Proving the exact age of Susana Lynn, who died Sunday, has been difficult.

She might have been older than 115, but also could have been as young as 112. Records in Texas, where she was born, didn't last as long as she did, but a granddaughter thinks Lynn couldn't have been much younger than 115. After all, Lynn had a baby in 1900.

But without those documents, it's impossible to pinpoint her true age,

said Louis Epstein, a New York centenarian researcher.

Regardless of her exact age, few could argue with Lynn's longevity. Her secrets to a long life were simple: No alcohol, no smokes, and she didn't particularly like men, either.

"They're lazy," she said. A devoted Baptist, Lynn attended church regularly. She stayed out of the sun and followed the Ten Commandments, she said during an interview in 1999.

She lived at a care center in recent years, where many of the staff called her Grandma and greeted her with hugs and kisses.

Caretakers once described her as

feisty and strong, yet soft-spoken. They weren't surprised when she commonly uttered, "Lord, have mercy" or "I don't know why I'm still here."

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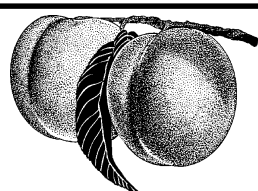
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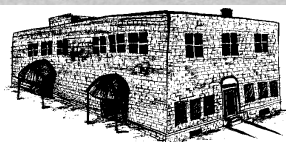
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