

KAY COUNTY GRAND JURY

Judge D.W. Boyd transferred grand jury case to Judge Paul M. Vassar. On August 14, 2008 Judge Paul Vassar signed an order stating grand jury petition is deemed to be sufficient. Order attached.

On October 1, 2008 Judge D.W. Boyd signed an order reassigning grand jury case back to himself. Order attached.

We filed an application for in camera hearing on October 24, 2008 with the court requesting Judge D.W. Boyd to transfer grand jury case to another judge. The in camera hearing was in Judge D.W. Boyd chambers. Judge D. W. Boyd denied our request. Application and Judge D.W. Boyd letter attached.

Judge D.W. Boyd was the attorney for the City of Blackwell, Blackwell Industrial Authority, and the Chamber of Commerce. Judge D.W. Boyd was also the municipal judge for the City of Blackwell. Newspaper articles attached.

Judge D.W. Boyd is currently a member of the Blackwell Chamber of Commerce and a past president of the Blackwell Chamber of Commerce. Blackwell Chamber of Commerce membership and president list attached.

When Judge D.W. Boyd was attorney for the City of Blackwell, Blackwell Industrial Authority, and Chamber of Commerce he signed agreements and contracts. This could be a conflict of interest.

Oklahoma Statute Title 20 Section 1401.A states no judge of any court shall sit in any cause or proceeding in which he may be interested, or in the result of which he may be interested, or when he is related to any party to said cause within the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity, or in which he has been of counsel for either side, or in which is called in question the validity of any judgment or proceeding in which he was of counsel or interested, or the validity of any instrument or paper prepared or signed by him as counsel or attorney, without the consent of the parties to said action entered of record.

The Oklahoma Supreme Court has emphasized that due process requires not just a fair tribunal but that the "appearance of a fair tribunal". *Pierce v. Pierce*, 39 P3d 791.

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KAY,
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

Filed in the DISTRICT COURT
Kay County, Oklahoma

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MARY RAMEY, Court Clerk
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IN RE: GRAND JURY PETITION

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Case No. CV-2008-28

**APPLICATION FOR IN CAMERA HEARING AND REQUEST TO TRANSFER
TO ANOTHER JUDGE**

COMES NOW Claude Williams and Bill Williams Pro Se residents and registered voters in Kay County and files today, **APPLICATION FOR IN CAMERA HEARING AND REQUEST TO TRANSFER TO ANOTHER JUDGE.**

It has come to the attention of Claude Williams and Bill Williams that there is a conflict with Judge D. W. Boyd involving the Grand Jury.

Judge D. W. Boyd's private law practice and service to Blackwell before becoming District Court Judge suggests there would be a conflict if Judge D. W. Boyd presided over Grand Jury. We are filing this today as a friend of the court and only want to make aware that there is a conflict.

To preserve the integrity and public trust of the Judicial Branch of Government we would ask that all matters relating to the Grand Jury for Kay County be transferred to another Judge.

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Re: In Re: Grand Jury Petition
Case Number CV-2008-28, Kay County, Oklahoma

Dear Messrs. Williams:

I am in receipt of the Application for In Camera Hearing and Request To Transfer To Another Judge recently mailed to my office. Ordinarily, a request of this nature is required to be presented to a Judge in person and in private (in-camera). [Rule 15, Rules for the District Courts of Oklahoma]. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you in person. However, I assumed that you were not aware of this requirement and I am willing to share my reasons for denying your request by this letter.

A grand jury is an investigative proceeding conducted by a panel of citizens under the supervision and guidance of an attorney advisor. A judge presiding in a grand jury proceeding has minimal involvement. The judge issues the necessary orders to impanel the grand jury, insures that the jurors selected are fair and impartial and provides them with a standard set of instructions as to their duties and obligations. Thereafter, the grand jurors meet in private with their attorney advisor and conduct their investigation of the subjects brought to their attention. The Court is not involved in the discussions or deliberations and has no input on whether the grand jury issues indictments or seeks to initiate proceedings for the removal of a public officer. It is possible that the judge presiding in the case could be asked by the grand jury's attorney advisor to enforce subpoenas issued by the grand jury and/or consider granting immunity to a witness if requested by the attorney advisors. In short, the Court makes no substantive decisions concerning the activities of, or results produced by, the grand jury.

If I recuse from this grand jury proceeding, the case must be assigned to another district judge from outside the Eighth Judicial District. Unfortunately, under Oklahoma Law a judge presiding in a grand jury case is unable to conduct hearings in any matter outside the judicial district where the grand jury proceedings are held. Thus, the judge assigned to this case would be required to come

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Boyd tapped for district judgeship

By TERRY GROOVER
J-T Managing Editor

Governor Frank Keating has named Blackwell City Attorney D.W. Boyd as the new district judge for the Eighth Judicial District.

He replaces Neal Beekman, who died last October.

Boyd, 45, is a partner in the Blackwell firm Boyd, Ihrig Associates and has been associated with the firm since 1982.

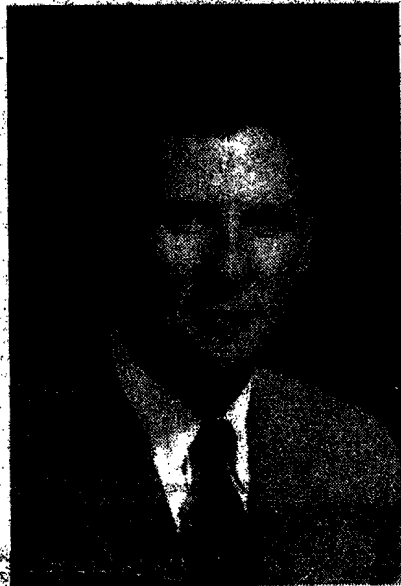
Prior to that, he was associated with the firm Rodgers, Rodgers & Boyd from 1975 until 1982.

Boyd was appointed as Blackwell's city attorney on Nov. 1, 1987. Prior to that, he served as the

Boyd is president-elect of the May County Bar Association.

He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Vanderbilt University in 1975.

He and his wife, Jackie, have two children, Bex, 16, and Blaine, 14.



D.W. BOYD

Boyd will be sworn into office on March 1 in Newark.

Boyd was one of nine attorneys to apply for the office and was among three finalists.

Boyd said he is excited about his
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Chamber selects its directors for 1994

By HELEN SEUBERT
J-T City Editor

With the words "I'm delighted to be the Chamber president and look forward to it" and praising outgoing president Joe Harris for accomplishments in 1993, Richard Strahorn opened the 1994 Blackwell Chamber of Commerce year Monday.

Directors approved the appointments of City Manager Bob Annis, outgoing director Bob Shepherd and Blackwell Industrial Authority President Bob Long for 1994, each appointment made at the discretion of the new president. Under the by-laws, five appointments are allowed and Strahorn said two more are possible. A motion to approve Helen Seubert as ex-officio director was approved.

The Chamber is beginning the year with Strahorn president, Jim Ross, president elect; Katie LaBlue, vice president; Joe Harris,

immediate past president and Lea Reames, executive director.

Directors for 1993-94 are Adrian Bregnard, Sonny Cannon, Geoffrey Pfaff, Jim Ross, Jack Whaylen and Harold Wooderson.

With 1994-95 terms are Nan Fry, Jim Johnson, Kent Meyerhoeffer, Tim Rodriguez, Mark Meador and Katie LaBlue.

Committee chairmen announced and approved included Scott Shepherd, agriculture; Janet Morrill, Ambassadors; Richard Strahorn, education; Katie LaBlue, civic/community development; Greg Martin, health care; Bob Shepherd, highways, traffic and transportation; D.W. Boyd, legislative action; Brad Evans, tourism development; Fern Lively, retail trade; Jodi Cline, Leadership Blackwell; Marilyn Harmon, publicity; Robert R. (Bob) Long, industrial and Jim Ross, budget.

Chairmen are yet to be named

for the economic/commercial development and membership committees.

The Chamber ended 1993 in the black with a general fund balance of \$6,038.72 after expenses.

The special events account balance was reported to be \$7,760.91 on Dec. 31 for Christmas, environmental, Halloween and Centennial Bricks expenses. Lea Reames noted expenses of additional brick sales could reduce the figure. Any profit after expenses will go to the Chamber of administrative purposes, she said.

In the Blackwell Booster Club account for the Kay County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, 1993 income was \$2,203.50 and expenses were \$2,175 leaving a balance of \$28.50 on Dec. 31.

The Centennial account summary for Dec. 31 showed total income to be \$91,722.57 and expenses (including pavilion and

downtown lights) of \$79,649.84. The account now contains \$12,072.73.

The tourism development account ended the calendar year with a balance of \$17,580.24.

A detailed outline of the 1993 year in review was given each director showing the work of the Chamber on behalf of the community.

Strahorn commended Rich Cantillon for untiring efforts as general chairman for Blackwell's Centennial year.

In going over goals for 1994, he stressed a review of the strategic planning retreat's suggestions for Blackwell's future and promotions to include large number of local citizens, particularly those showing "what the Chamber can do for the community."

"We need a program to promote the people in this community who volunteer their time and there are

many," Strahorn said.

He added that there is a need to look at the Chamber of Commerce facility itself with the idea of updating the building.

Lea Reames encouraged directors to attend the Feb. 5 annual membership dinner-meeting, the 100th year celebration. Past presidents will be honored.

Possible merger of the Chamber and BIA was touched on by Strahorn updating new directors on past discussions. Attorney D.W. Boyd is preparing a contract for such a merger and budget preparations are under way, Strahorn said. Both will be presented to the Chamber, the BIA and the City for study.

Reporting on tourism development, Lea Reames said the Chamber will be represented at the Wichita Boat and Travel Show on Feb. 16-20.

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Renovations are nearly completed

BIA set to put Cupid building on market

By Heidi Spurr
J-T City Editor

Blackwell Industrial Authority's building on 13th Street, formerly occupied by Southwest Capital, is now on the market for lease.

The 21,000 square-foot building sits on 10 acres at 527 North 13th and contains a plant area, including a shipping/receiving area of 2,161 square feet with dock high floor and 900 square feet of office space.

There is a 12,289 square-foot mezzanine area in the rear of the facility. The main office area has two computer offices with workstation and three other small offices adjoining.

The facility is constructed with steel sidewalls and roof and four-inch steel reinforced concrete floors.

Currently, illustrated files are being sent to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the economic departments of Arlita Gas and Western Farmers along with others in the economic development community.

"We would like this marketing to be a community effort. If you know of a company needing to relocate, let us know or come by the office to pick up a file," Bob Long, BIA's president, urged. In BIA's meeting Wednesday, trustees discussed marketing the

building in California through a trip there by BIA recruiters and with help from a former Blackwell who runs Oklahoma's DCC office in southern California.

Renovation costs to the building have been \$13,925.20 to date, all work done by local contractors, Long reported.

They include Kusum Builders, building; D&W Dozer, labor; Owens-Corning, insulation; Charles Hanger, wall installation;

Wayne Adams, general contractor; Powell Finishing, windowing; Snow Glass, office glass installation; Starr Lumber, Paint, sheetrock and other supplies; Holmes Electric, electrical work and

Lowell Rodgers, general cleaning.

The building was recently visited by two juveniles found inside. Although it was unknown whether they were at fault, a report on the incident was filed with the Police Department, Long said.

"We have placed 'no trespassing' signs all around the building and anyone caught trespassing is subject to prosecution," he emphasized.

Prospect inquiries are in at BIA from ads placed in "Site Selection" magazine and "Plant, Sites and Parks" magazine.

Of the four inquiries, three are within BIA's capabilities. One is from a Virginia-based manufac-

turer of keyboards for computers, another from a Kansas-based business security consulting firm and the third is from a manufacturer of synthetic fibers in India.

"We will be in touch with each one about what we have to offer," Long said.

"There is still a serious need for more land for future growth of the industrial park," Long told trustees.

It was decided to site BIA's real estate committee to meet as soon as possible to determine the course of action.

Trustee Rich Cantillon suggested a meeting between trustees (Please see BIA, P5)

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plication. We are here to pick up the slack. We don't want to take away from them," Holmes said. "There are a lot of hurting people."

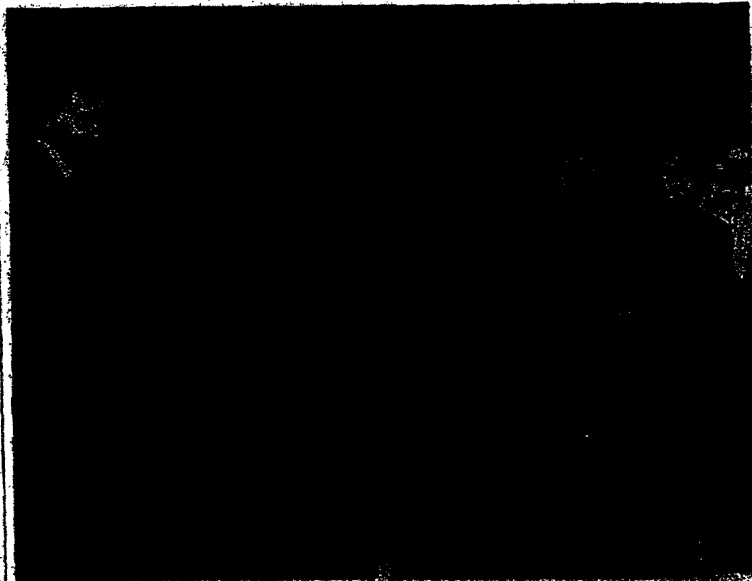
The number of people who will be assisted will be based on the response at the kettle, he said.

Also, at Wal-Mart will be an angel tree that will have the needs those to be helped listed whether it is clothing, toys or other items.

"We are almost a week from Thanksgiving and we start the day after," he said. "Once we get our letters, we'll begin checking with Associated Charities. We are only filling in between."

Those who will be helped by the fundraising project live in either Blackwell or Braman. However, similar projects are under way in Muskogee and Ponca City, he said.

Those who need assistance, the list of names should be mailed to the American Army, P.O. Box 549, Blackwell, OK 74601.



REBBI CUTTING — Ed and Sylvia Urban cut a ribbon celebrating the grand opening of Urban Village retirement center. Holding the ribbon are Jim Ross and Celeste Ebert, representing the Ambassador Club of the Chamber of Commerce. (J.F. photo by LA)

Teen ordered to stand trial in father's death as adult

ANADARKO, Okla. (AP) — A 16-year-old Okla. girl must stand trial as an adult in the Aug. 15 shooting death of her father, a judge has ruled.

Special District Judge Robert Gardner ruled Wednesday that the evidence was sufficient to try 16-year-old Jennifer Powell as an adult in the death of Billy Ray Powell, 47.

The judge's ruling came in spite of a defense attorney's argument that the girl should be considered as a juvenile.

Attorney Robert L. Goff is retained by the state. Powell, who lives in Blackwell, previously has been held without bail, and her family was unable to come up with the \$100,000 bail set Wednesday afternoon.

Immediately after the ruling, Miss Powell's mother, Charlotte, said "I

her father, was the victim of longstanding, repeated physical, sexual and emotional abuse at her father's hands.

On Wednesday, Dr. Robert Geffner, a Texas psychologist, testified the girl probably had been sexually abused since infancy. He said he spent more than 20 hours researching the case, interviewing the girl and conducting a battery of tests.

Geffner also interviewed Miss Powell's older sister, Tracy, and concluded that she suffered similar abuse.

He said that often during his interviews with Tracy Powell, she became hysterical as she recalled memories of sexual abuse.

"It was like watching someone being terrorized; being tortured," Geffner testified.

from Lamont schools in 1943. He spent his working life as a mechanic, operating his first shop in Lamont.

On May 17, 1948, he married Madeline Miller in Winfield, Kan., and they settled in Blackwell. He

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Upon review by OSHD, remediation steps, if necessary, will be outlined and must have health department approval.

Other stipulations call for inspection by a registered professional engineer and project manager for investigation work, progress reports and access to files not more than 100 feet from the site.

Boyd called the contract agreement "a good example" and expected the BIA to be one and a half million dollars. He said the BIA would be a good example of a business that can be successful in the area.

In other business, BIA president Bob Long reported he is working with seven industrial prospects, all in different stages of negotiations.

He noted the purchase of 31/2 acres of land in the Industrial Park by A&J Acid for a new location for its business.

No dumping signs have been placed at two entrances to the unfilled land east of the BIA building. Cables will now encircle the site and a key must be obtained from the BIA office for anyone wishing to dump appropriate material at the site. Violations of proper material prompted the action, he said.

BIA now has official permission from the Department of Transportation to place a sign at the Blackwell-Tokkawa Airport location on I-35 promoting Blackwell.

New BIA folders to be given industrial prospects are in and ads have been placed in the *Industrial Machinery Digest* and *Quarry*.

Millers moved back to Blackwell.

Mr. Miller was a member of the Lamont First Christian Church.

Survivors are his wife, Madeline; two daughters, Linda De and Marva Hamlin, both of Enid; one granddaughter, one sister, Erma Miller, Oklahoma City, and one brother, Lester Miller, Garland, Utah.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Area Stocks

The following is presented as a public service by Edward D. Jones and Co., Blackwell. Selected stock quotes are those at the close of the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 3,207.37 Wednesday up 14.05.

Stock	Close	Gain/Loss
DuPont	46 1/2	+ 5/8
Phillips	24	Unch
Wal-Mart	61 3/8	Unch
Williams	37 1/2	- 1/4
Int. Manfoods	26 7/8	+ 1/2
OG&E	32 3/8	+ 1/8
Oxy	17	+ 3/8
McDonald's	47 3/4	- 1/8
IBM	63	- 1 3/4
Arka	9 5/8	Unch
ConAgra	31 3/4	Unch
GE	78 3/4	+ 3/4
Smith Int.	7 7/8	+ 1/8
Volume traded	220,150,410	

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Arkansas City loses at New Lake

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to the lake." Guinn said this morning. "His canoe and backpack were found in the lake. The canoe was found Sunday capsized and the backpack found at the lake's edge Friday."

Guinn said the canoe was found at the edge of the lake in the Black Cove area, as was the backpack. Guinn said dragging operations near the shore are being conducted from daylight until dark.

Guinn is believed to be in his 30s. He was in the lake in near darkness during the day of the disappearance. However, he was seen at his Arkansas City home Sunday night before he disappeared, Guinn said.

Guinn said the search for the man is also being conducted around the shoreline area.

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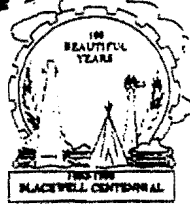
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First Board of Directors

J. L. Waite
J. W. Beatty
J. W. Randall
J. W. Pickett
John R. Tate
1895-1908
Charlie Day
W. S. Prettyman
A. G. Barrett
J. L. Waite
M. E. Richardson
J. W. Beatty
A. G. West
1909—V. G. Hagaman
1910—Willard Foster
1911—Willard Foster
1912—J. C. Blackaby
1913—W. M. Vickery
1914—Bob Ballentine
1915—Bob Ballentine
1916—Willard Foster
1917—Willard Foster
1918—John A. Riehl
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1920—John A. Riehl
1921—John A. Riehl
1922—John A. Riehl
1923—John A. Riehl
1924—W. M. Vickery
1925—V. O. Hays
1926—V. O. Hays
1927—V. O. Hays
1928—L. G. Lenker
1929—A. R. Black
1930—A. R. Black
1931—C. R. Bellatti
1932—C. R. Bellatti
1933—Joe Kennedy
1934—Carl B. Haun
1935—Carl B. Haun
1936—R. E. Burks
1937—R. E. Burks
1938—L. C. Wright
1939—L. C. Wright
1940—Merl Clift
1941—D. W. Moxon
1942—J. R. Roberts
1943—Phil McMullen
1944—L. C. Wright
1945—Karl B. Drowatzky

1946—Karl B. Drowatzky
1947—Ross E. Burks
1948—William M. Kasl
1949—Kenneth R. Sole
1950—Luther Edwards
1951—G. Brumbaugh
1952—J. R. Roberts
1953—William H. Hall
1954—F. Vassar Dyer
1955—Jack J. Higgins
1956—C. E. Sherburne
1957—Frank Allen
1958—Harold Hutton
1959—G. E. Jennings
1960—Harland Lee
1961—Harland Lee
1962—Bill Barnes
1963—N. L. Astle
1964—Bill Rafferty
1965—Garland Price
1966—Harold Phillips
1967—Harold Weigle
1968—F. L. Vogler
1969—Louis Gose
1970—W. W. Rodgers, Jr.
1971—W. W. Rodgers, Jr.
1972—Joe B. Cannon
1973—J. C. Gilliam
1974—Joe S. Butts
1975—William R. Stell
1976—Ted McGuire
1977—Ken Nunn
1978—Bee Larrabee
1979—Dennis Hutton
1980—Darrell Miller
1981—D. W. Boyd
1982—James M. Bellah
1983—Brad Evans
1984—Garry J. Whitman
1985—Mike Robinson
1986—Jim Roberts
1987—Jim Rodgers
1988—Danny Moss
1989—Roland D. Gee
1990—Penny Anthony
1991—Rich Cantillon
1992—Jon Ihrig

Ihrig reflects on a

By CHARLES ABBOTT
J-T Staff Writer

"It's been a good year" said outgoing Chamber of Commerce President Jon Ihrig recently as he sat in his law office.

Ihrig will turn the presidency over to Joe Harris Saturday night at the annual Chamber banquet.

Two of the goals Ihrig said he wanted to see accomplished during his year in office were to change the community's image and the annual clean-up of Blackwell, a project headed this year by Jim Ross.

Some citations were issued by the city to people who were in violation of the city ordinance with respect to the lack of clean-up of personal property.

Additionally, "We've been able to get a transfer station for people to take trash to," said Ihrig.

The outgoing president said the city still has a "long way to go."

Ihrig said every effort for cooperation between the Chamber and clubs in Blackwell has been made. "Some have gone beyond the call of duty and many have contributed to the Chamber's effort this year," said Ihrig.

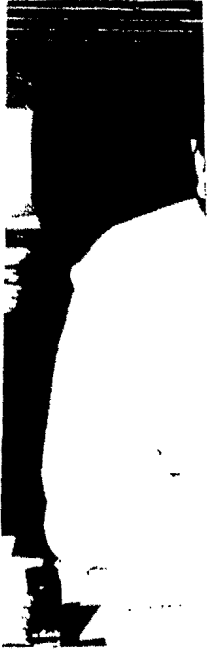
"That's what makes the whole thing work," he added.

Ihrig said the past year has been a turning point for Blackwell in some major areas.

First is the factory outlet mall at I-35 and 44th Street, said Ihrig. He said the outlet center "will have a lot of impact on the community by providing jobs and adding sales tax to the city coffers that Blackwell did not have, formerly."

"I think Larry White (mall developer) has a good feeling about Blackwell," said Ihrig.

The second big change for the community, Ihrig said, was the passage of the hotel-motel tax by a citywide vote. Ihrig said that passage will



"play an important role in years to come," for Blackwell.

Ihrig said for the city "There has to be funding for some special events," and a new one derived from the hotel-motel tax will use those promotion funds.

Another, said the outgoing president, are the new officials in town.

"We've had several businesses that have closed in the past year, small business of which puts dollars out of the community," he said.

This year is Blackwell's centennial celebration and the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Cherokee Hotel, which opened up this well as a large portion of the town, to settle in central Kansas.

When the Chamber of Commerce and dinner are held Saturday night, said Ihrig, will serve as the official opening of the centennial celebration in Blackwell.

Ihrig said that although the centennial events will

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