

**Blaine County Juvenile Court Judge** Tim Irwin starts with Bobbie Franklin at Friday's chili cook-off to benefit foster children in the area. Franklin was one of Blaine Juvenile Court judges at 17 as well as a retired courtroom clerk. He officiated the first auction at last month's event.

# Tim Irwin hosts auction and cook-off fundraiser

By Ron Lay

It was a day for chili and fun. But it was also a day to raise money to help the foster children of the Blaine area.

Blaine County Juvenile Court Judge Tim Irwin hosted the 20th Juvenile Court Anniversary Board Dinner Auction and Chili Cook-off Friday at the new county juvenile court building.

Irwin started the fundraiser, which included a silent auction, a live auction and chili cook-off. It's been 20 years ago.

The fundraiser is designed to help underprivileged youth, foster children and foster families.

"We do this for those who hope Tim doesn't help because of their age," said Irwin, a former Central District, Tennessee attorney and National Football League player who once taught soccer studies at Northwood Middle School. "This is a special day and a fun day for us."

"We're going to raise some money, we're going to eat some chili and most of all we're going to help some chil-



**Juvenile Court Judge** Tim Irwin says he's happy to be able to host a cook-off to benefit the Blaine County Juvenile Court Anniversary Board. Irwin was one of the judges for the

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## LMU to get the former St. Mary's tower building

By Mike Gandy

Community Development Corporation for religious

One of the final steps toward the future taking possession of the former Tennessee Hospital, former is known as St. Mary's, was done Tuesday evening. City Council will be taking the major to sign an agreement that will lead to the future transfer

next and then transfer to LMU. The university plans to use the building for a future nursing school, business school and a criminal justice school. With that completed the city will be officially signing the abandoned hospital with plans for a \$100