

Historical moment ... More than 50 people attended ceremonies held Saturday, July 10, 2015 for the dedication of a Texas Historical Marker at New Moore, Texas. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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**COMING SOON:**  
**KCBD NewsChannel 11**  
 will broadcast their 6 pm and 10 pm newscasts live from Tahoka on Friday, July 24, as part of their 13th annual Live Community Coverage Tour. The broadcast will be from the grounds of the Lynn County Courthouse on the square in Tahoka.  
 (SEE STORY, page 6)

Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please.  
 -- MARK TWAIN

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 7	96	68	1.85"
July 8	72	65	0.31"
July 9	81	65	
July 10	86	66	0.17"
July 11	88	67	0.12"
July 12	88	67	
July 13	94	67	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 8 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	1.70"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.89"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.53"
Total Precip for Apr:	2.10"
Total Precip for May:	12.83"
Total Precip for June:	1.62"
Total Precip for July:	2.45"
Total Precip. for 2015:	22.12"

County Residents - report your precip measurements to us at LynnCoNews@poka.com - we will appreciate it!



We remember ... Lynn County Commissioner Don Blair (who attended New Moore School), Daysie Singleton Robertson (a descendant of the Singletons that owned the vast Singleton Ranch in the early 1920's, where New Moore was formed), and New Moore native/historian Tom Hoskins are pictured in front of the Texas Historical Marker at New Moore, Texas. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## New Moore gets official Texas historical marker

by JUANELL JONES

It was a historical moment for a small community in southwest Lynn County that no longer exists, save for a few rural homes. More than 50 people attended ceremonies conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 10, 2015 for the dedication of a Texas Historical Marker at New Moore, Texas, signifying the importance of a place that holds fond memories for those who lived there. Harold Hohn, a member of the Lynn County Historical Commission, and New Moore native/historian Tom Hoskins played a major role in achieving the historical designation.

Located near the intersection of FM 213 and FM 179, the official Texas historical marker recognizes New Moore as a significant part of Texas history, and an important and educational part of local history. "This official Texas historical marker program helps bring attention to community treasures and the importance of their preservation," said Hoskins. "Awareness and education are among the best ways to guarantee the preservation of our state's history. It is important that we remember our past; that we remember where we came from. It is important that we share our unique history with all those who come after us," he added.

Hoskins is chairman of the New Moore Committee for the historical marker project, working closely with Hohn and Sandra Laws on the Lynn County Historical Commission. "Without their efforts, we would

never have gotten our marker done," said Hoskins, praising the work of Hohn and Laws in helping procure the historical designation. He also expressed appreciation to the other members of the New Moore Committee, including Don Blair, Charles Bureson, John Crutcher, Jerry Webb, Jabo Webb and Daysie Singleton Robertson.

To be eligible for a historical marker, the site must qualify in historical significance and age. Historical significance is established by reviewing its role and importance in local history, says Hoskins. The New Moore community was established in 1924, eventually boasting the New Moore School, several general stores, church and cotton gin. The school closed in 1953, and the community's remaining families eventually moved away.

Hoskins grew up in the New Moore area. (See NEW MOORE, page 6)

## High-speed chases, thefts keep law officers busy

Sheriff's deputies were involved in three high-speed chases of vehicles in Lynn County during the last week, and Tahoka police investigated a hit-and-run and some thefts, including bicycles and one shoplifting incident that brought jail time over a stolen jar of peppers.

The chases actually started last Monday, July 6, when a state trooper clocked a motorcycle at 103 mph a few miles north of Tahoka on U.S. 87. The trooper had made a traffic stop when the motorcycle blew by, and he radioed the sheriff's department for help in stopping the vehicle headed south. Deputies chased the motorcycle for 3 or 4 miles before it was stopped by another deputy in the north edge of Tahoka. The motorcyclist, Jeremiah Simmons, 19, of Big Spring, was jailed on charges of speeding and reckless driving, plus evading arrest with a motor vehicle.

The second chase was Wednesday, July 8, after deputies were summoned to the residence of Gerald Gerner on a county road near U.S. 380 and near the Garza-Lynn County line. A suspect had been observed in the act of stealing Gerner's 2013 GMC pickup and driving it away. Officers located the pickup near Grassland, setting off a chase on several roads in the county before it finally was stopped on U.S. 84 between Southland and Post. Gearl David Dorsett, 26, of Levelland was arrested and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and evading arrest with a motor vehicle.

The third chase was Sunday when Lubbock County sheriff's department advised the sheriff's office that a vehicle they were chasing on U.S. 87 in that county was coming into Lynn County.

Lynn officers joined the chase and a Ford Explorer was stopped about 15 miles north of Tahoka after the driver lost control and spun out. The Lubbock officers took the female driver into custody.

In Tahoka Monday, an unknown vehicle struck and damaged a door of a 2005 Ford Explorer parked on the lot at George's Restaurant on Main St. Owner of the Ford is Michael Scott Walker of Tahoka.

Also on Monday, police arrested and jailed a 39-year-old Tahoka woman identified by a supermarket official as the person observed stealing a jar of pickled jalapenos valued at \$2.99.

Police who stopped a 2002 Nissan Sunday for a traffic violation learned the vehicle had been reported stolen in Copperas Cove, and detained the Austin man driving it. Upon further investigation, police discovered that the car belonged to the man's mother, and she no longer was claiming it was stolen.

On Saturday, Sonia Sabrina Colon of Tahoka reported that two bicycles had been stolen from the carport of her home on Ave. P. One was a black Nexgen bike for males; the other was a girl's blue and white Huffy bike. Total value of both was set at \$220.

Thirty-six people were being held in Lynn County Jail early this week, including 20 held for Ector County, 2 for Crosby County, and 1 for Dawson County. Recent arrests included persons charged with possession of marijuana under two ounces, driving while intoxicated, evading arrest with a vehicle, assault causing injury to a family member, and theft.

## LCHD Board accepts CEO's resignation

Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors met in special session Monday night, with six of seven members present and voting 5-0 to accept a letter of resignation from Chief Executive Officer Stace Holland, who had submitted the letter announcing he would resign effective July 17.

Holland told the Board that he was accepting an administrative position at a hospital in Kentucky.

"The Board accepted his resignation with heavy hearts," Board President Jannis Childress told *The News*. Voting to accept the resignation were Childress, Jerry Ford Jr., Robbie Autry, Sharon Isham, and Manuel DeLeon. Director W. Calloway Huffaker abstained from voting, and

director Rebecca Childress was absent.

The Board appointed Chief Financial Officer Steve Brock as interim CEO, until a new CEO is named. Childress said that a few candidates have already applied for the position, but that they will most likely utilize a search process through TORCH (Texas Association of Rural and Community Hospitals) to seek a broad base of candidates.

Several citizens attended the special session as well, addressing remarks to the Board of Directors, reportedly seeking the resignation of Holland and protesting any increase in the hospital's property tax rate. They included Jack Jaquess, Leah Taylor, Sharron Smith, Mary Belew and Mary Gayle Raindl.



Now that's funny! " My therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start. So far I've finished two bags of M&Ms and a chocolate cake. I feel better already. -- DAVE BARRY "

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**Rodeo beauties ...** These three beauties vied for the title of O'Donnell Rodeo Queen 2015, with Avery McDaniel (left) getting the title at last weekend's rodeo. The other candidates are Brooklyn Balague (center) and Madalyn Harris.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

**Super Hero EMS Camp set here Tuesday**

The Tahoka City-County Library will have a "Super Hero EMS Camp" for students in

grades 4-6 on Tuesday, July 21, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. Come by the library or call 561-4050, to reserve your space for camp.

Class size is limited. Crafts, games and snacks will be provided, and the Lynn County Ambulance will be available for campers to see.

Thursday, July 23, the library will show the movie "Big Hero 6." For more information, contact the City-County Library at 561-4050.

**Jamaica drawing winners named**

Five raffle drawings were held for prizes at the St. Jude's Jamaica Festival held Sunday, July 12, in Tahoka. Following is a list of winners:

- 1st Prize, \$1000: Bill Schoemann
- 2nd Prize, \$500 gift card: Debbie Saldana
- 3rd Prize, \$300 gift card: Bella Hayes
- 4th Prize, \$200 gift card: Jesse Arellano
- 5th Prize, \$100 Thriftway gift certificate: Paul Saldana

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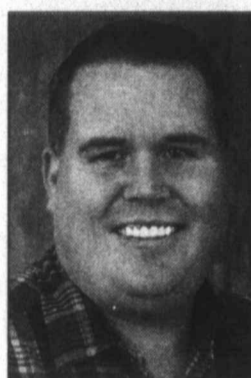
**Stork Report**

Katherine Belle Dunlap

Josh and Trish Dunlap of Tahoka, announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine Belle, on June 28, 2015 at 1:45 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs and 11 oz. and was 21-1/2 inches long. She has six siblings.

Grandparents are Ross and Janet Hansen of Tahoka and Andy and Roxie Dunlap of Ardmore, OK. Great-grandparents are EW and Renate Haney of Copperas Cove and Peggy Leatherwood of Lubbock.

**Obituaries**



**Bruce Alton Cook**

Bruce Alton Cook passed away Monday, July 13, 2015 at his home in O'Donnell. Family and friends will gather to celebrate his life of 40 years on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at 10:00 am at First Baptist Church, O'Donnell followed by burial in the Draw Cemetery. A tribute of Bruce's life may be found at www.memorialdesigners.net, where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for his family.

Bruce was born on March 20, 1975 in Lubbock. He grew up in Draw, moved to O'Donnell as a teenager and graduated from O'Donnell High School. Bruce moved to Eastland and served as Youth and Music Minister at Bethel Bapt. Church, while attending Hardin Simmons University in Abilene. He was ordained at the FBC, O'Donnell when he was a Junior at Hardin Simmons and pastored McCaulley Baptist Church in McCaulley. Bruce graduated from Hardin Simmons with a bachelor's degree in Theology. He received his teaching certificate from West Texas A&M and taught school working with children in special ed. Bruce had a special place in his heart for children as well as older adults. Bruce loved his precious cat, Pepper and enjoyed gardening.

He was preceded in death by an infant brother; paternal grandparents, Bud and Earlene Cook and maternal grandparents, Odes and Mae Anderson.

Survivors include his parents, William Alton and Joyce Cook of O'Donnell; two brothers, Randy Lynn (Sarah) Cook of O'Donnell, and Wayne Allen (Janinne) Cook of Andrews; a sister, Julie Joyce (Chad) Dossey of Lamesa; four nieces, Elizabeth Cook, Bailey Dossey, Brooklyn Dossey, and Daisy Belle Cook; two nephews, Ashton and Caleb Cook; and two grandmothers of the heart, Hattie L. Hughes and Ann Eaker.

Memorials are suggested to the Draw Cemetery Fund, c/o Diana Barnes, 2749 FM 1054, Tahoka, Texas 79373 or Gideon's International. (PAID)

**Woodwork**

by Dalton Wood



**WHAT SHADE** of gravy do you like?  
"Please tell me, what shade gravy do you like?"  
"A man is richly dressed, when there's gravy

on his vest;  
"What shade of gravy do you like?"  
"Mama, don't send me to the cleaners—that isn't dirt upon my shirt, it's sauerkraut and wieners!"

-----Spike Jones and his City Slickers

THE ABOVE quote is part of a goofy song by Spike Jones in the 1940s, the same guy whose music gained much popularity during the World War II years, starting with *Der Fuehrer's Face*, which sold 1.5 million copies.

Actual title of the above-quoted song was "What Size Grapefruit Do You Wear?" It was written to show that even in those days there were people who invariably spilled food on their clothing, just as I have done for years.

Some people are just neater than others and never seem to drop things intended for the mouth on their stomachs instead. Of course, the problem is greater for those of us whose stomachs lead us into the room.

Is it my fault that I greatly prefer fried potatoes and steak and gravy and buttered hot rolls over green beans, turnips, squash and other things that are supposed to be healthful? Okay, so it is my fault, but I don't want to hear about it.

I love Mexican food, but it looks a lot better on the plate than it does on my shirt. I have learned that a person should never wear a white (or any pastel color) shirt when going out to a meal of Mexican food.

I used to buy those little cleaning pens, with felt tips that squirted a bit of detergent when pressed down on one of those spots of taco sauce or whatever. They were great, because you could barely tell the spot was there after you rubbed it on, and you could still make it to a meeting right after the meal without people pointing and shouting, "Look at that slob!"

I always kept one of those pens handy in the desk drawer of my office, and used it often when I didn't have time to go home and change before the next public display of my body.

Eventually I stopped using them, though, after the day I accidentally tried to rub out a red blob of food on my shirt with a green magic marker.



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Signing with McPherson College ... Colton Taylor, (seated front center), signed to play baseball with McPherson College in Kansas. He is a 2015 graduate of Tahoka High School with a 4.0 and plans to major in Sports Management. Colton and classmate, Dom Hererra will be playing against each other in the same conference. Taylor is the son of Jeff and Carrie Long of Tahoka (seated at table with Colton).

July is National ICE CREAM Month Share a cone with a friend!



Movie Camp ... Ethan Calvillo seems very attentive to the movie he is watching at Movie Camp at the City-County Library. He was one of several campers watching the movies "Paw Patrol Marshall" and "Chase on the Case." For more information about Movie Camp contact the City-County Library at 561-4050.

Tahoka ISD names LCN publisher Juanell Jones to Media Honor Roll

Juanell Jones, publisher of The Lynn County News, was named to the 2015 Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), by Tahoka ISD. The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. Media from newspapers, radio and television stations, and online publications across the state were honored by their local school districts. The Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees will recognize Jones at tonight's (Thursday) board meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Harvick Administration Building, by presenting her with a certificate to acknowledge her good relationship with the district.

Criteria for the district selection included the media representative's efforts to get to know the superintendent, board president, and the district's mission and goals; report school

news in a fair, accurate, and balanced manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials.

"Districts across Texas appreciate these reporters for their balanced and accurate approach to sharing both the challenges facing our schools and the successes achieved by local teachers, students, and school boards. Their work aids local communities in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child," said Andra Self, TASB president.

Lost a Pet?

Check with the ... Lynn County Animal Shelter located at S. 2nd and Ave. H. or contact the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 561-4505

County program to change: Funding cuts to discontinue supervised community service

For many years in Lynn County, adults and youth who were placed on probation or issued tickets or citations were required by law to complete community service as a form of retribution (giving back to the community they may have harmed by their actions) or to work off fines and fees. Fortunately, there were state dollars set aside to hire supervisors to oversee the Community Service Programs across the state, and for 18 years Rick Cloe has been "that guy" in Lynn County. But come Aug. 31, the State will discontinue paying supervisors for community service across the state of Texas, and Lynn County will no longer have a paid supervisor to rely on for the community service program, which operates through the Lynn County Juvenile/Adult Probation office.

According to Lynn County Probation Officer Bill Schoemann, state funding cuts and a decrease in the numbers of individuals placed on probation has forced the program to be discontinued statewide, effective August 31, 2015, which is the end of the fiscal year.

"Individuals who are required to do community service will be able to work their hours at any non-profit agency in the county as long as the agency is willing to supervise the work themselves," said Schoemann this week, explaining that some county agencies already oversee such workers, such as the City-County Library and Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center.

"But for community service such as alley cleanup and other outdoor activities, Rick has always been the supervisor who made sure the work was done," said Schoemann. "Beginning

September 1, this type of work may no longer be an option, unless the agency for whom they are working is willing to supervise such work," he explained.

"Rick has been a tremendous asset to the community in more ways than you can count. He has been instrumental in alley and street clean-ups, hanging Christmas lights around the courthouse and square, mowing, doing odd maintenance all over the county and most notably, overseeing the installation of the flag poles and the flying of the flags around the courthouse and war memorial," he said.

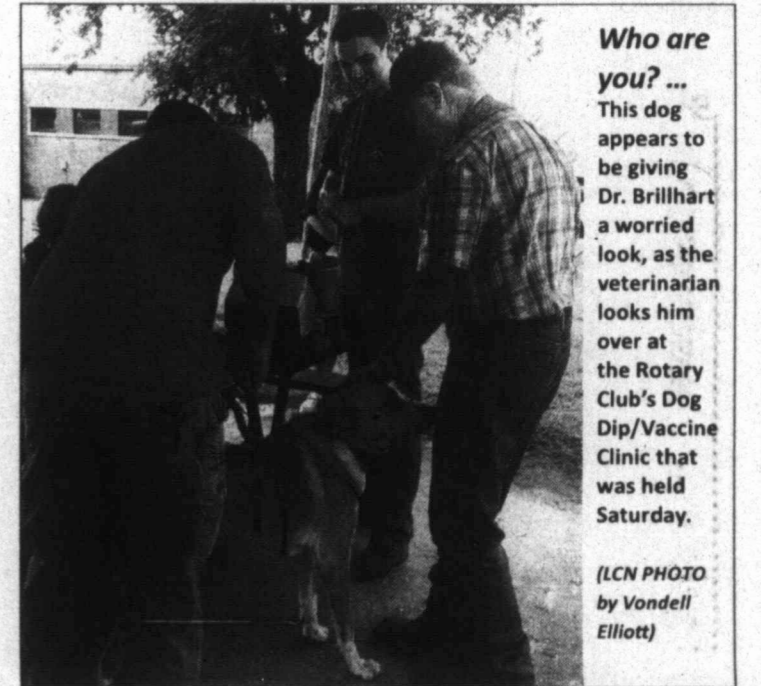
During the past 18 years that Cloe has worked as a community supervisor, Schoemann said his records show that over 105,551 volunteer hours have been logged by individuals completing community service - most of those hours supervised by Rick Cloe.

"The volunteers who completed community service in Lynn County have produced a

net savings of over \$527,755.00 (that's figuring an average of only \$5 per hour of work) to the non-profit organizations who have benefited from the community service work performed in the county," he said.

Some of the agencies benefiting from the community service work include the Courthouse, City of Tahoka, City of New Home, Wilson, and O'Donnell, Community Action, Lynn County Show Barn, cemeteries, churches, City-County Library, and Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center.

"We've seen the numbers going down over the past several years, as far as the number of people sentenced to community service, and there are probably several contributing factors," said Schoemann. "Convictions have been down statewide, and in drug-related cases many offenders have been diverted from the probation system to a drug court system. In addition, state funds have been diverted from probation programs to mental health and substance abuse programs, which seems to be a growing issue. We saw the handwriting on the wall, and figured this [funding cut] was coming," he said.



Who are you? ... This dog appears to be giving Dr. Brillhart a worried look, as the veterinarian looks him over at the Rotary Club's Dog Dip/Vaccine Clinic that was held Saturday.

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**Super Hero Firemen ...** Thirteen youth attended the Super Hero Fireman Camp sponsored by the City-County Library recently. Pictured with the fire truck and Fire Chief Steve Sanders with Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept., are the campers (not shown in order): Amyah-Rodriguez, Xanden Pesina-Prieto, Colton Summers, Reese Moore, Denton Moore, Candy Garcia, Zoe Moreno, Theron Perry, Michael Hernandez, Gabrielle Hernandez, Jayden Liendo, Cecil Dunlap, and Ezyah Perales.

## Letters to the Editor

### Lynn County Roads

Dear Editor,

Am I the only one to notice that Lynn County has the worse roads around? Not only county roads, but our state road don't measure up to our adjoining county - Why? Don't we pay our taxes like our neighbors? Can't you tell the difference when you cross the county line? What's wrong with our Highway Department?

~ Cecil Kizer

### Cemetery Cleanup

On July 11 Caring Hearts for Tahoka Pride met at 7 am at

Tahoka Cemetery and went to work. Seventeen trailer loads of limbs, brush and cacti were removed. Several memorial markers were uncovered that were buried under trees and bushes that have become overgrown through the years. The group worked in blocks 1 through 4, filling in sink-holes from all the recent rainfall.

All of our volunteers are greatly appreciated. Thanks to Haleigh Rock, Mike Quisenberry, Roy and Cloey Pierce, Jack and Barbara Jaquess, Bill and Frances Chancy, Debbie Engle, Janie McMillan, Barbara Stice, Kelby Schraeder,

Cash Schraeder, Kate Huchton, Ronny and Cindy Jolly, Brenda Dotson, Marissa Villegas and Cathy Ross. The City of Tahoka also sent 3 city employees to work. Thanks to Michael DeLeon, Cande Frausto and LeRoy Moreno. Thanks to Nancy and Donnie Adams for the cookies, Ronnie and Cindy Jolly, Debbie and Charlie Engle for furnishing lunch.

Since Caring Hearts for Tahoka Pride was started 3 months ago, our volunteers have put in 860 hours. At Nevels Memorial Cemetery our volunteers have trimmed 73 trees. A special thanks goes to Todd Henry and Robert Sosa from Lyntegar for removing dead branches from 12 trees, and city workers James DeLeon and Leroy Moreno for removing the hedges and dead trees. Also would like to thank Judge Braddock, John Hawthorne and his crew for grading the road in front of Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

At Tahoka Cemetery the volunteers spent May and June workdays mowing, weedeating, trimming trees and filling sink holes. July's workday was spent hauling off 17 loads of limbs, brush and cacti from trees our volunteers trimmed. Over 20 trees have been trimmed in Tahoka Cemetery. Since we started, 25-30 memorial markers have been uncovered. The city has had Kaleb Collins and Jay Tillman trimming the evergreen trees to uncover more markers and mowing. At Saint Rest Cemetery of Tahoka graves have been marked, yucca plants, cacti and mesquite have been grubbed out and mowing started. On July 3rd, we placed 50 flags at Nevels Memorial Cemetery, 44 flags at Tahoka Cemetery and 16 at Saint Rest Cemetery of Tahoka.

As you can see, we have been very busy and appreciated all our volunteers. Our next workday is August 15 and everyone is invited. We are hoping to finish uncovering all the hidden markers and finish trimming all the trees. For more info call Cathy 891-1291.

~ Cathy Ross - Caring Hearts for Tahoka Pride

### What happened to Tahoka pride?

Dear Editor,

I was born, raised and went to school through the Tahoka Independent School District the entire 12 years of my life. My family name is Marez and both my parents, Mario and Emily, were associated with and retired from the school system many years ago. My three sisters and I held class offices, played in the band for many years and were very involved in community and church activities.

All this to tell you that although I live in San Antonio, Texas now, my formative and most fun times came from living in Tahoka. When I speak of my growing up years in this most wonderful, friendly, clean town just 30 miles south of Lubbock I speak with Pride. True

story...when my two children, John Paul and Vanessa were very young, (they are in their thirties now) LOVED coming to spend summers with Grandma Melly and Grandpa Mario. They loved the feeling of freedom...riding their bikes all the way from one end of town to the other!!! It was a joy for them for sure! One summer I gave them the choice of going to Disney World or Tahoka. They loved Tahoka as much as I did and still have fond memories of that time.

Not too long ago my neighbors here in San Antonio mentioned they were taking a vacation to Vegas and planned to go by way of "Tahoka" to see for themselves what I had been raving about for so many years. They promised to bring back pictures. Imagine the shock when they returned and showed me how run down Tahoka had become! I was mortified. My first thought was "why are the buildings not being kept up? Why does Tahoka resemble a "ghost town"?"

I had visited Tahoka a few years ago and noticed, at that time, that although the buildings were empty they were clean and had curtains on the windows and at the very least gave the impression that there was life behind those curtains. The pictures now showed a building with a torn awning, a boarded up building, a building that desperately needs a coat of paint, and it goes on and on. I ask myself what happened to the Tahoka Pride? Where did it go? As I look further down the street I noticed what used to be the First National Bank, by Parker Pharmacy, and it looks in horrible shape. Could someone please make a new curtain for the front window?

Friday night football games were BIG in Tahoka. Now I wonder...what do the visiting teams say or think when they drive through downtown Tahoka and see nothing but dilapidated buildings?

I am not well versed on small town politics but in my opinion, I think if those buildings are owned by private individuals, they should be held re-

### Electrical work completed at courthouse

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, at 9:00 a.m. in the Basement Courtroom of the Lynn County Courthouse, taking care of routine business for the county. Commissioners Keith Wied, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham were present with County Judge Mike Braddock presiding.

The Judge reported that all electrical updates had been completed in the courthouse stabilization project, and that final payments would be sent on the work done.

Judge Braddock told commissioners that a part-time librarian was being considered for the City-County Library and that he would be in contact with city officials about the possibility of any additional funding sought from the county, adding that this issue will be taken into

consideration during budget workshops.

Lynn County Treasurer Amy Schuknecht asked commissioners and other county officials to check to make sure all county-owned vehicles were currently on an updated list of county vehicles, for insurance purposes.

Don Blair praised the Lynn County Historical Committee and chairman Sandra Laws for the good turnout of the presentation of the Texas Historical Marker at New Moore last Friday.

Commissioners went into a closed executive session for an hour to consult with County Attorney Rebekah Filley regarding contemplated litigation, but took no action upon returning to open session, voting to adjourn shortly afterwards.

responsible for the upkeep of such properties. Buy a can of paint, sew some curtains, power wash the brick wall... do something. If the owners are not able to participate in the upkeep (due to age or physical disability) they should be able to hire someone to do this for them. If the owner refuses to oblige, place a fine on them until the work is complete. If they pay the fine and refuse to do the clean-up, use those monies collected to hire someone to take care of the upkeep. Ok remember I said I knew nothing of small town politics but I think this is a pretty simple solution.

When I lived in Tahoka we had a lot of pride for our town. We rode up and down the street for hours and there were people going in and out of those buildings. It was a busy time and it was a fun time. There was a lot to be proud of. Imagine my embarrassment when my friends returned from their trip to show me the pictures of the town where I grew up.

When I graduated from high school I remember I was required to list some community activities in my college application. Could "clean up Tahoka" become a class project? What about the youth in churches, women's book clubs could sew

curtains, men's groups could mow, sand down and paint park benches, etc. etc. I don't live there anymore but it still hurts to see what has become of my hometown. Please don't allow apathy to set in. Once that happens, the town dies.

Thank you for letting me vent. It hurts to see Tahoka become another small town statistic. I have done the "negative" I must end in a "positive". I would like to commend and THANK those who have done a wonderful job on the clean up of the cemeteries. I am sure it was challenging and for sure not an easy task and you all did an awesome job! Thank you and God bless you!

~ Sylvia Chapa Marez  
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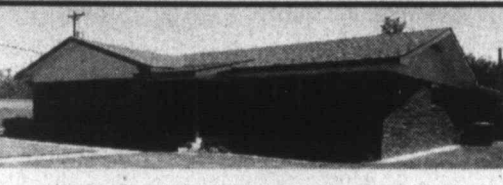
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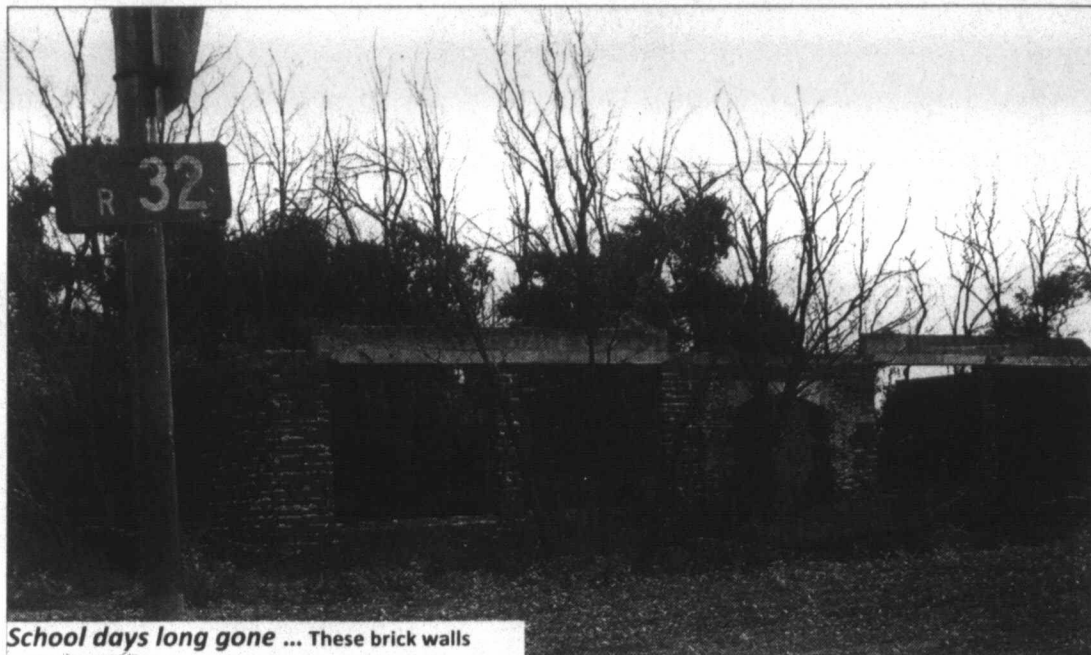
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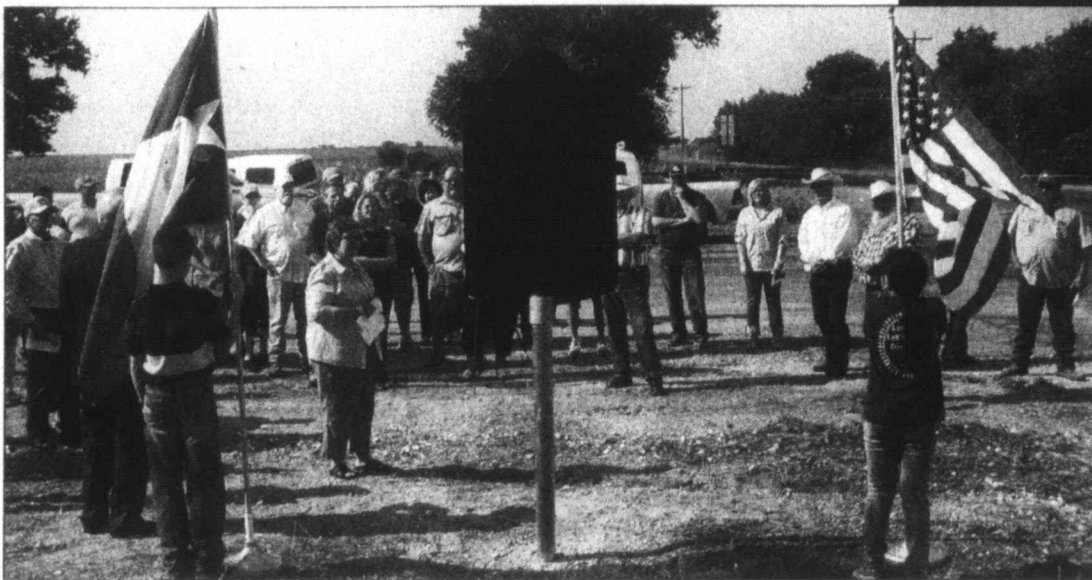
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**School days long gone ...** These brick walls are all that remain of the New Moore School, built in 1928 in New Moore, Texas. According to historian Tom Hoskins, "The Great Depression was followed by the dust bowl of the thirties and finally the horrible drought of 1953 which left the families of the New Moore community struggling. The final blow to the community was the closing of the New Moore School in 1953." (LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones)



**Dedication ceremony ...** Sandra Laws, chairperson of the Lynn County Historical Commission, reads the words on the historical marker to an attentive crowd during dedication ceremonies at New Moore. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

**New Moore ...**

(Continued from page 1)

Moore community, and he submitted historical information to the Texas Historical Commission for a historical marker.

"The history of New Moore is a short history," Hoskins wrote in a historical review. "It started with the break-up of the vast Singleton Ranch in the early twenties, reached its peak in the forties and fifties, and began its decline in the sixties. This 90-year span is a short but rich history revealing in one rural community the primary way that Texas was settled."

Five descendants of the Singleton family attended Saturday's ceremonies, represented by Daysie (Singleton) Robertson and husband Lewis, Magann Rennels, Pam and Bill Wallace and grandson Lane. Many former New Moore residents and descendants also were in

attendance, as well as current families who still reside in the area. There are no longer any businesses there, but evidence remains of a former general store, a cotton gin, and the brick walls of the old New Moore School.

Eula Tomamao and Connor Cook, representing Lynn County 4-H, presented the U.S. Flag and Texas Flag in color guard ceremonies. County Judge Mike Braddock welcomed attendees, and County Commissioner Don Blair and New Moore resident Jerry Webb unveiled the marker.

Sandra Laws greeted attendees and read the text of the marker to the crowd, and Tom Hoskins expressed his appreciation to members of the Lynn County Historical Commission, county officials, and all who played a part in getting the historical marker. He introduced the descendants of the Singleton family who were in attendance, spoke briefly about the history of New Moore and recognized the New Moore families present.

**The Texas Historical Marker at New Moore reads:**  
**NEW MOORE COMMUNITY**

New Moore was a rural farming community established on the site of the Singleton Slash L Ranch in 1924. Samuel F. Singleton came to Texas in the 1870s. He met Marion Virgil 'Pap' Brownfield and they settled sixteen sections of land along the present-day Lynn County/Terry County line in 1896. Brownfield and Singleton eventually split, and Singleton retained the Lynn County portion. In 1898, Singleton purchased the thirty section Slash L Ranch. He now had 50 sections of land that he ranched. When Singleton died in 1924 his family put up the ranch for sale and W. McCarty Moore from Dallas bought 17,000 acres from the Singletons. He divided the land into quarter sections and sold it to families looking for cheap land. The old Singleton headquarters home and stock pens were purchased by Frank Rogers and this location became known as "New Moore." In 1924, McCarty Moore built the Slash L School on the west side of the land known as the Marshall place, a one-room structure without water or electricity. A new schoolhouse was later authorized and built at New Moore, across from the Frank Rogers home. This was called the New Moore School. In 1928, a newer modern brick school building was built one mile north of New Moore. The social life of New Moore residents revolved around the school, the general store, the church and the gin. The Great Depression was followed by the dust bowl of the thirties and finally the horrible drought of 1953 which left the families of the community struggling. The final blow to the community was the closing of the New Moore School in 1953. Families started leaving New Moore to move to urban areas, close to schools, churches and commerce."

**Furlow joins State Bar of Texas board**

Lawyer Philip Mack Furlow has joined the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors. Furlow, a solo practitioner in Lamesa, formerly of Tahoka, was appointed as a section representative to the board for a three-year term expiring in June 2018.

Furlow's practice areas include litigation, commercial, law office management, oil and gas, real estate, and wills-trusts-probate. He received his law degree from Oklahoma City University in 1994.

Before joining the State Bar board, Furlow served as chair of the State Bar of Texas Law Practice Management Committee. He received the Texas Young Lawyers Association President's Award in 2002 and was recognized as a Texas Super Lawyer, Rising Young Star in 2007. The State Bar of Texas is an administrative agency of the Supreme Court of Texas that provides educational programs for the legal profession and the public, administers the minimum continuing legal education program for attorneys, and manages the attorney discipline system.

**NewsChannel 11 to broadcast from Tahoka July 24 during Live Community Coverage Tour**

KCBD NewsChannel 11 will broadcast their 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. newscasts live from Tahoka on Friday, July 24, as part of their 13th annual Live Community Coverage Tour. KCBD will be visiting five different towns in five days during the week of July 20-24th, starting at Ralls on Monday, followed by Hale Center, Muleshoe, Plains, and Tahoka. The broadcast will be live from the grounds of the Lynn County Courthouse on the square in Tahoka. Area residents are invited to watch the news unfold and then join the KCBD cast and crew for a free meal provided by Lowes Supermarkets, Pepsi, Culligan Water, Atmos Energy, and Tillamook. Donations will be accepted for the community's cause of choice.

"After dinner, we invite everyone to stick around for varying local entertainment like a country western swing band or even a talent show. There will also be fun for the kids, games, and plenty of free stuff. We will wrap up the evening with the

**Look what we found ... apparently it should be 1 word: Argument Settled on Spelling of Word "Newmoore"**

--from the pages of *The Lynn County News*, March 22, 1946 (E.I. Hill, Publisher)

"There is much confusion in this county about the proper way to write the name of the Newmoore school and community. The proper way to write it is as it appears above.

"The general tendency, especially among new-comers and young people, is to write the name as if it were two words, like New Home and New Lynn. Such is not the case, however. The place got its name from the fact that two men, whose names were Newman and Moore respectively, got a contract to sell out the Singleton ranch in tracts to be improved as farms and our recollection is that they also laid out a townsite and sold some lots and they abbreviated the name Newman and combined it with the name Moore and called the place Newmoore. It is so officially recorded and is therefore the proper way to spell the name."

become a semi finalist. On day five, one name will be drawn from all five semi finalists and that person will win the John Deere Tractor.

Another facet of this year's event is Anderson Brothers Finders Keepers. This contest is designed to showcase each community while rewarding the smart and savvy individuals of the town. In each community beginning at noon, a piece of jewelry will be hidden in a public place of significance. Every hour beginning at noon a clue will be revealed on KCBD's Mobile App as to where this piece of jewelry is located. The first person who locates the prize, wins.

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PROP # CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #
1 11-12-02570	Lynn County Appraisal District v Iris Calvillo	Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 57, Original Townsite of the Town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 329, Page 396 and Vol. 329, Page 398 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #2172000001
2 11-11-02561	Lynn County Appraisal District v Curtis Stice	Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4, Block 116, Original Townsite of the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 368, Page 823 of the Official Public Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #10854000001
3 13-02-02625	Lynn County Appraisal District v Michael Graves et al	2.80 acres, more or less, out of the GT & RR Co. Survey #145, out of Abstract 279, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 319, Page 856, Deed Records), Account #8281000001
4 14-03-02656	Lynn County Appraisal District v Rafael Resendez et al	The East 1/2 of Lot 7, Block 3, Original Townsite of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 311, Page 717, Lynn County, Texas), Account #9401000001
9 14-07-02673	Lynn County Appraisal District v Manuel Torres et al	a manufactured home, Label #TEX0107656, Serial #761449217BT, located on Lot 10, Hiracheta Addition, City of New Home, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 327, Page 37, Deed Records), Account #15952000001 / 14295000001
10 4-08-02679	Lynn County Appraisal District v C. L. Davis	Lot 4, and the East 5' of Lot 5, Block 82, Original Townsite of the Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 41, Page 12, Deed Records), Account #1815000001
11 14-08-02685	Lynn County Appraisal District v Gilbert Ramos	Lots 1 and 2, Block 78, Original Townsite of the Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 411, Page 234, Official Public Records), Account #9231000001
15 14-09-02701	Lynn County Appraisal District v Toribio Barrientos et al	Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 1, Minton Addition, City of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 302, Page 113, Deed Records), Account #1588000001
16 14-09-02705	Lynn County Appraisal District v Rosalinda Gutierrez et al	Lot 3, Block 25, Original Townsite of the Town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 422, Page 171, Official Public Records), Account #3648000001
17 14-09-02705	Lynn County Appraisal District v Rosalinda Gutierrez et al	the East 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 25, Original Townsite of the Town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 422, Page 171, Official Public Records), Account #11690000001
19 14-09-02697	Lynn County Appraisal District v David Sepeda et al	Lot 4, Block 34, Original Townsite of the Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 288, Page 814, Deed Records), Account #10120000001
20 14-10-02710	Lynn County Appraisal District v Pedro Martinez et al	the South 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Lot 8, Block 33, Original Townsite of the Town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 262, Page 252, Deed Records), Account #7312000001

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 2nd day of July, 2015, at Tahoka, Texas

/s/ Pete Vallejo III, Deputy  
**JERRY DEE FRANKLIN**  
Sheriff, Lynn County, Texas

You may contact the attorney for the taxing units at (325) 672-4870.

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