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Ribbon cutting, Open House set at Lyntegar

Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. will host an Open House on Friday, June 19, inviting the public to view their new facilities from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Ribbon-cutting ceremonies hosted by the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce will be held at 9 a.m., to kick off the Open House.

The new building features a unique design, situated at the corner of the west US 87 access road and the Hwy. 380 overpass, on Lockwood Street in Tahoka.

Crime Line offers \$250 Reward

for information leading to the arrest of burglars who broke into the Tahoka City Pool concession stand Friday night, taking \$1000 worth of candy and drinks. Callers may remain anonymous.
CALL 561-4505

'Step Out' Walk to fight diabetes set here Friday

Lynn County resident are invited to join in the "Step Out to Fight Diabetes" Walk on Friday, June 19, sponsored by Lynn County Hospital District. The walk, around the neighborhoods near the hospital, will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and begins at the hospital.

T-shirts will be available for \$10, as part of the fundraiser.

Teams have formed to walk together, but anyone may come join the fun to help support the event.

For more information, call 806-998-1226, or visit the following website: <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/LCHDwalk.pete>.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 9	88	66	
June 10	92	70	
June 11	94	68	
June 12	97	69	
June 13	86	65	0.43"
June 14	86	61	0.51"
June 15	85	61	0.67"

(Precipitation measured as of 8 a.m. that day)

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:	1.61"
Total Precip. for 2015:	19.66"

City's Centennial Celebration is Saturday

by JUANELL JONES

Saturday – in the park – don't miss it! Former and current citizens are invited to attend the Centennial Celebration this Saturday, June 20th, marking the 100th year of the incorporation of the City of Tahoka. A full day of old-fashioned fun, food, and fellowship is set in the city park, kicking off with an early morning tour of the historical lake where Tahoka had its beginnings. Bring lawn chairs for seating at the park.



The day begins with a tour of historic sites at Tahoka Lake. People are invited to gather at Tahoka Donuts (1515 S. 1st) at 7 a.m. to form a caravan to travel together to Tahoka Lake Pasture. The entry is on FM 400 about halfway between Tahoka and Wilson, with a black mailbox marking the gravel road turnoff to the east. Coffee, donuts and kolaches provided by Tahoka Donuts and the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce, will be served at the Visitor's Center before the tour begins.

The tour will conclude around 11 a.m., and then the fun moves to the

Tahoka city park at N. 1st and Ave. J, with a hamburger cookout at noon, and a full day of activities planned, including games, music, special presentations, train rides, a hot dog supper, and treats such as homemade ice cream, popcorn, and cotton candy. Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. members will grill burgers and serve the hamburger meal for \$5 per plate from inside the Life Enrichment Center, just east of the park, and Phebe K. Warner Club members will also be selling homemade ice cream at lunch, to raise funds for their scholarship program. Please take meals back to the park for eating.

Other than the noon meal, most other activities are free. Centennial t-shirts will be for sale, as will a DVD featuring vintage scenes from earlier days in Tahoka.

Shiloh Braddock will serve as Master of Ceremonies, as special presentations begin at 1 p.m. on stage at the park. Dr. Donald Abbe, historian, will present a history of Tahoka beginning at 2 p.m., and other presentations and observances – and a couple of surprises – will be presented throughout the afternoon. DJ Jason Flores is donating his time and equipment to provide music throughout the day as well.

Beginning at 1:30 p.m., and again at every half hour, old-fashioned children's games will be held throughout

taken by the Wells family (Lum Haney, Johnny and Bitsy Wells, and compiled by Haney and son Patrick Wells) spanning 50 years in the life of Tahoka – from 1936 to 1986. Downtown parades and other events are said to be on the vintage movie reels. Copies of the DVD will be available for purchase. Displays of elementary students' coloring contests and essays of "Why I love Tahoka" will be in the center as well, and restroom facilities will be available at the LEC.

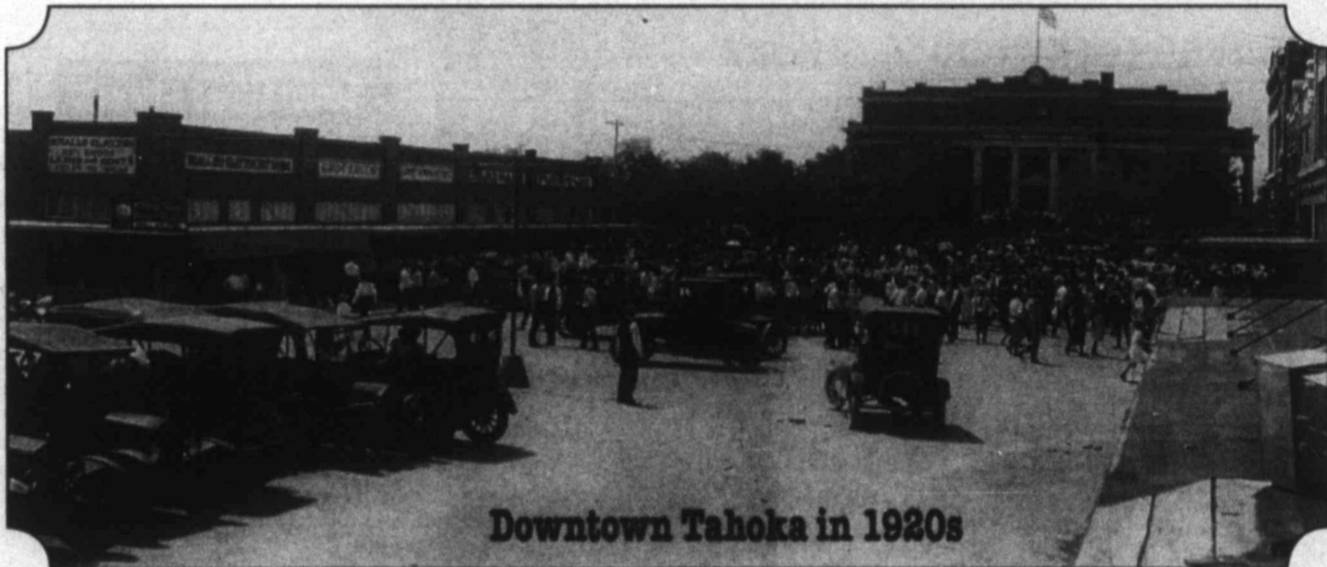
The Pioneer Museum (south of the park) will also be open throughout the afternoon, featuring a display of quilts made by Dovie Miller and paintings by Barbara White, as well as vintage photos and other historical displays at the museum. Tables for domino games will

County 4-H, and water provided by IntegraCare Home Health. First National Bank of Tahoka is giving away souvenir Centennial brochures and lemonade, and LCHD/Lynnwood Assisted Living Center is giving away water, cotton candy, and popcorn. At 5 p.m., Atmos Energy will be giving away free hot dogs at the park, and Lynn County 4-H will give away free ice cream during the evening.

A commemorative Centennial Cancellation Stamp will be available at the Tahoka Post Office after Saturday. Patrons must ask for a postcard or bring an item and ask for the special cancellation stamp, which will be available for one month only, starting June 22 and continuing through July 22, 2015.

Items are also being gathered for a City of Tahoka Centennial Time Capsule that will include memorabilia from the Centennial event as well as other items donated by local businesses and citizens. To contribute something for the time capsule, citizens may take an item to the stage on Saturday and give it to Centennial Committee members or emcee Shiloh Braddock. The Centennial Committee will then compile the items for the capsule, which will be buried at a later date.

Saturday promises to be a fun day, with much of the credit going to the City of Tahoka and their Centennial Committee, as they have been working for many months in advance to bring this event to the citizens of Tahoka. Susan Tipton is Chairman, and committee members include Amy Preston, Retha Pittman, Jay Dee House, Helen Fuentes, Virginia Herrera, Maribel Perez, Pam Elrod, Jon Luna, Shiloh Braddock, Elizabeth Tew, Pam Miller, Donna Stone, Suzanne Baker, Leighton Knox, Richard White, Marquita Scott, Gail Stark, Lenda Wood, Scotty Olivian, Michelle Montez, and Al Garrett.



Downtown Tahoka in 1920s

the afternoon, including potato sack races, tug-of-war, watermelon eating contest, three-legged races, and more. Also on the half-hour mark, Leighton and Joan Knox will sound the horn on the train, signaling "all aboard for free rides" on the Blue Weed Special, which will depart from and return to the park.

Be sure to visit the City of Tahoka's Life Enrichment Center (LEC), to watch a DVD showing old movie reels

be set up for anyone wanting to play. Lenda Wood, who manages the museum, will serve her homemade monster cookies and lemonade to all visitors to the museum. Restroom facilities are available here as well.

Drinks and treats will be available at the park all day, with First Bank & Trust giving away tea, ice donated by Poca Lambro, homemade ice cream by Phebe K. Warner Club and Lynn

Storms, high winds rip through Tahoka

by JUANELL JONES

Saturday night's thunderstorms brought some high winds along with the rain, ripping off several roofs in town and damaging several buildings. Downtown near the courthouse, the wind tore not only the metal roof but the steel beams supporting it from two buildings on the corner of Ave. J and South 2nd Street, and dumping it onto the Tahoka Police Station – and damaging a couple of the police vehicles parked there as well (pictured at right). Debris was scattered along the road, past the courthouse and all the way over to BE Implement, east of the police station.

Although the National Weather Service did not indicate a tornado, a Lubbock television station reported 90-mph winds here and at least one local citizen reported he believed it was a small tornado, as "the clouds were definitely rotating" and there were broken tree limbs, roof damage, a metal barn destroyed, and quite a bit of damage to the Tahoka Compress metal buildings, with collapsed roofs and metal sheered off.

Roofs were also torn off of three trailer houses in south Tahoka, local

officials reported. One was the home of Lana and Jacob Martinez, at South 2nd and Ave. N, and the family describes the experience as "terrifying."

A family member told *The News* that the couple had just driven up to their home at about 7 p.m., and Lana and their 7-year-old son had gone into the house, with Jacob still out in the vehicle, when the twister-like winds hit. She dropped everything and ran with her son to the bathroom, jumping

into the tub for safety and holding on to her son as she watched the winds rip the roof off from above her head.

Her husband was unable to get out of the vehicle to get to his family, with winds preventing him from opening the door, watching helplessly as he saw the roof lift up and pieces wrap around an electrical pole, with shredded insulation flying into neighboring yards. The roof was completely torn off of the trailer house, but apparently

the family was okay, with no injuries reported, although their home suffered much damage. The family began repairs the next day.

Most of the wind damage seemed to be in a northeasterly line moving from the southern to the northeastern edge of Tahoka, where the Compress is located. About a half inch of precipitation was recorded by the NWS observer in town.

Crunch time ... Metal roof comes crashing down on Tahoka Police Dept. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)



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Obituaries



Maria Josefina Saldaña

Maria Josefina Saldaña, of Tahoka, passed away on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at the age of 61. She was born June 6, 1954 in Hidalgo, Texas to Jose and Aurelia (Ortiz) Martinez. She married Raymon Saldaña Sr. on December 30, 1972 in Mexico. She was a housewife; she enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

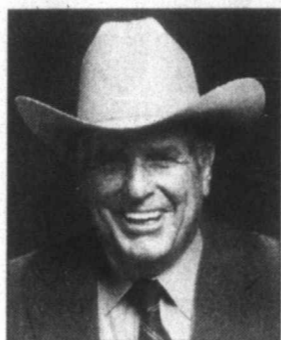
Josefina was preceded in death by her parents, and one grandson Pablito Ruiz Jr.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Raymon of Tahoka; daughter, Diana of Lubbock; son, Ramon Saldaña Jr of Tahoka; brothers, Alfredo Martinez of Lubbock, Leopoldo Martinez of Monterrey, N.L., MX, Reynaldo Martinez of Monterrey, N.L., MX; sisters, Leonarda Saldana of Tahoka, Maria Del Carmen Martinez of Monterrey, N.L., MX; and five grandchildren.

Visitation was held 10:00-8:00 p.m. with rosary to at 6:00 p.m. Friday, June 12, at Combest

Family Funeral Homes of Tahoka. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 13, at St. Jude Catholic Church with interment at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

Please celebrate the life of Josefina by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)



James Paul "J.P." Donald

James Paul "J.P." Donald, 91, passed away on Friday, June 12, 2015 at Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka after a lengthy illness. Graveside services will be held in the O'Donnell Cemetery on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Reverend Jim Stephens officiating and services under the direction of Combest Family Funeral Homes.

J.P. was born on the family farm in Denton County, Texas December 1, 1923 to Timmus and Elizabeth Donald. He graduated from Justin High School and attended North Texas State University in Denton, Texas. He enlisted in the U. S. Army dur-

ing World War II, and served in the European Theater. He was a member of the Plumbers & Steamfitters Union, Local 247, and worked throughout the U.S. on Nuclear and power plant projects. After retiring he returned to farming and moved to Borden County where he farmed and raised cattle for many years. He was a 32nd degree Master Mason, member of the Scottish Rite and O'Donnell Lodge 1187.

He is survived by his wife Helen of O'Donnell; son, Tim Donald and wife Virginia of Shreveport, LA; daughter, Penney King and husband John of Oil City, LA; grandson, Justin Paul Donald and granddaughter, Jennye Reid and husband Tommy all of Shreveport, LA.; three great-grandchildren, Rylee, Ranger and Ryder Reid.

To our very special doctor, Melanie Richburg, your guidance, wisdom and encouragement through the years has been a godsend, and we will be forever grateful. To the staff at the Family Wellness Clinic and Lynn County Hospital, your kindness, prayers and understanding care meant so much to us. Our heartfelt gratitude, to Sharmye Jonas and Trisha Green with IntegraCare Home Health for helping us through the long difficult time at home. To our many friends and neighbors for your love, prayers and responding to our distress calls so many times. Your help and support will always be remembered. God Bless you all.

Please celebrate the life of J. P. by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)

Woodwork



THE CENTENNIAL celebration of the City of Tahoka, incorporated in June 1915, will be this coming Saturday, with a lot of activities planned throughout the day. Lynn County is a few years older than that, but the city itself was not officially chartered until 1915.

A couple of weeks ago, this newspaper reprinted an old picture of a crowd in Tahoka around the time the city was organized, one of those remarkable panoramic views taken by cameras in those days that shows large crowds in pretty good detail, apparently better than most modern cameras can achieve with all their fancy lenses and doo-dads. I noticed a few things about that photograph, obtained from the Tahoka Museum.

First of all, the clothing was mostly black (or at least very dark) for the males in the crowd, which appeared to be several hundred people. Except for a few wearing white shirts and dark pants, all the men wore black coats and pants and black hats, despite the fact that it was likely a hot day that June. The few women visible in the picture were wearing lighter colored, but voluminous dresses with no telling how much uncomfortable stuff underneath.

It apparently was a celebration of some sort, and many appeared to be eating, which shows that even in those days it was understood that the best way to draw a crowd is to serve food.

What possibly was the first county courthouse is in the background. And no, to answer some of my smart-aleck acquaintances, I was not in the picture, nor do I remember voting on the incorporation of the city.

A MAN, late for an important meeting, was searching desperately for a parking space in a busy city. Looking up to the sky, he prayed, "Lord, if you find me a parking spot, I promise to start going to church again."

The words were barely out of his mouth, when a spot opened up right in front of his car. The man looked back up, and said, "Never mind—I found one."

\$250 Reward offered after concessions stolen at pool

Thieves broke into the Tahoka city swimming pool concession stand Friday night and stole about a thousand dollars worth of candy and soft drinks. Irate city officials this week offered a \$250 reward for information about who took the items just two days after the pool was opened, and just after the concession stand had been fully stocked for the benefit of pool patrons, mostly youngsters.

The reward will be paid through Crime Line, to anyone giving information leading to the arrest and conviction of the burglars. Persons with information may remain anonymous, if desired, but still will be eligible for arranged payment, after calling Crime Line at 561-4505, which also is the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept.

Investigating Tahoka Police officers found a pitchfork left at the scene, and believe the intruders used it to force entry through a barred door to the concession area. City officials said the concessions are a side business for pool manager Michelle Bertreaux Rodriguez, who buys the snack items and then gets any profits from their resale. Retail value of the stolen candy and beverages was estimated at \$1,000 by city officials, who noted that the thieves took all of the food items and all of the soft drinks except diet drinks.

During the last week, police also investigated an assault causing bodily injury, a trespass violation and the burglary of a residence in Tahoka.

The burglary Saturday was at the home of Sarah Garcia Gonzales, who said entry was gained through a window. No other information was available on the case.

A 31-year-old Tahoka man reportedly was seen at a Tahoka convenience store last Friday, in violation of a criminal trespass order. And a 27-year-old Tahoka man was being sought as a suspect after a 52-year-old man said the suspect attacked him while he was sleeping. Investigation into both incidents is continuing.

A woman driving a vehicle that struck two cows on U.S. 380 east of Tahoka Sunday was not injured.

Sheriff's officers Sunday went to Wilson, where someone apparently tried to burglarize the old bank building on FM 400.

At O'Donnell Monday, a juvenile who had been reported as missing was located and returned home.

Lynn County Jail held 32 inmates early this week, including 22 for Ector County and one for Dawson County. Arrests included one for failure to appear on charges of resisting arrest, and one for driving while license invalid with previous conviction.

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JASON DORMAN and EMILY MEGNA

Megna-Dorman announce engagement

Jimmy and Cindy Dorman of Tahoka, announce the engagement of their son Jason, of Plano, formerly of Tahoka, to Emily Megna of Plano, formerly of Comanche. She is the daughter of Melinda Megna of Comanche.

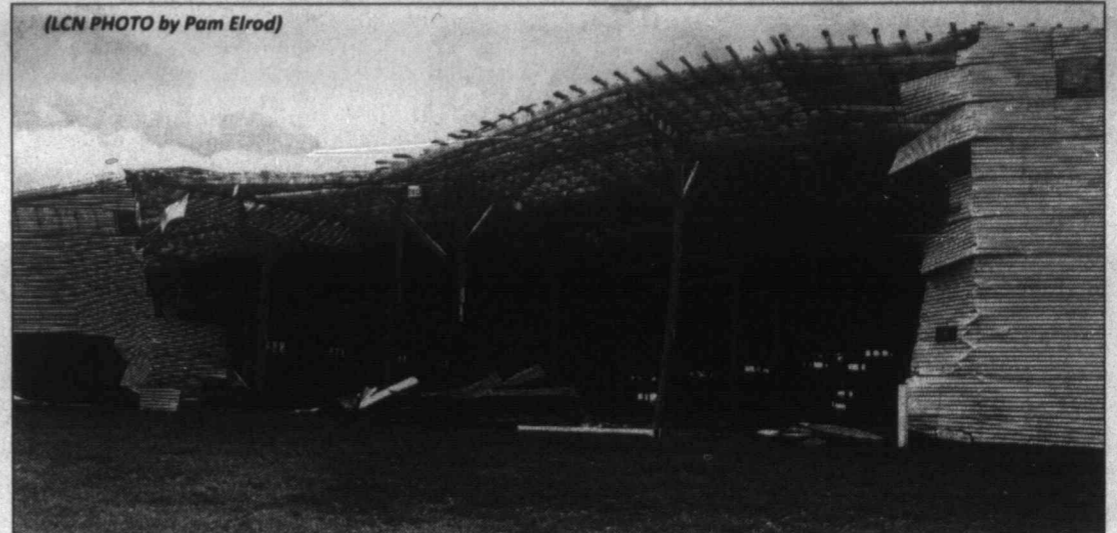
The bride-elect is employed by Children's Medical Center of Plano. The future bride-groom is employed by Cardinal Health in Lewisville.

The couple plans to marry September 19, at the Baker Building in Lubbock.

Blood Drive to be held June 23

A community blood drive will be held from 10:00 to 1:00, Tuesday, June 23, at the Lynn County Hospital District east parking lot. Donors can schedule an appointment for the blood drive by contacting Kathy Grant at 998-4533 (ext.333).

Volunteer donors must be at least 16, weigh at least 110 and be in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian. Please bring photo ID and donor card.



Storm damage ... Several of the large metal buildings at Tahoka Compress were damaged in Saturday night's thunderstorm, with apparent high winds ripping off the sheet metal and support beams in this building, which partially collapsed. No estimate of damages was available.

Tahoka Council approves moving city offices to Lyntegar building

Tahoka City Council met in special session Monday night, taking action to approve the relocation of City Hall from the current location at 1612 Lockwood to 1807 Main Street, at the former Lyntegar office building. The council voted unanimously to approve the move, with all members present except one.

According to information from City Administrator Jerry Webster and Mayor John Baker, the Tahoka Police Dept. will move immediately into the west wing of the building, with a separate entrance on the west side of the building, and City Hall workers will move sometime within the next month after a few minor renovations have been completed in the front portion of the building.

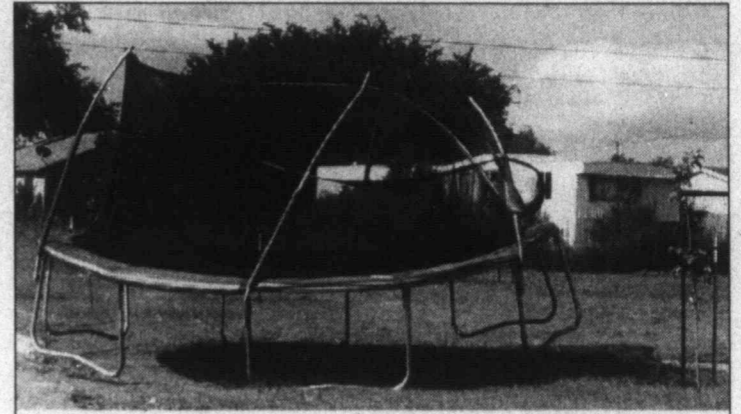
Voting for the relocation were council members Rudy Fuentes, Amy Preston, Jeff Martin and Ray Box. Councilman Johnny Rosas was absent from the special meeting. All council members had been present at a previous meeting, however, when the council and other city officials toured the former Lyntegar building and

discussed plans for housing all city offices, including the City Administrator and staff, Municipal Judge's office, City Code Enforcement office, Mayor's office, a Council chamber/conference room, and the police department, as well as housing storage and office space for the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, Atmos Energy (which leases office space from the city), the A.C.T. Board, Water/Utilities Dept., and an emergency control center.

"It's a good space with plenty of room for the city to grow and utilize as our needs change," said Mayor John Baker.

The police department is expected to move their offices this week, as the building they currently occupy suffered major water damage during the heavy rains in May, and continues to have leaking/mold issues that will require repairs.

Volunteer ... and help others!
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That's not right ... This trampoline, at a home between South 4th and 5th Streets on Ave. M, was twisted and crumpled after Saturday night's thunderstorm, from apparently high winds.



All came tumbling down ... This metal barn on Lockwood, near the eastern edge of Tahoka, was destroyed during Saturday night's thunderstorm, from apparently high winds.

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Tahoka

by JUANELL JONES

A century has passed since town was incorporated in 1915

Although Tahoka had its beginnings with the organization of the county in 1903 and the original townsites laid out at that time, incorporation of the city did not come until 12 years later, in 1915. It is the incorporation of the city that is being observed for its 100th birthday this Saturday, sponsored by the City of Tahoka.

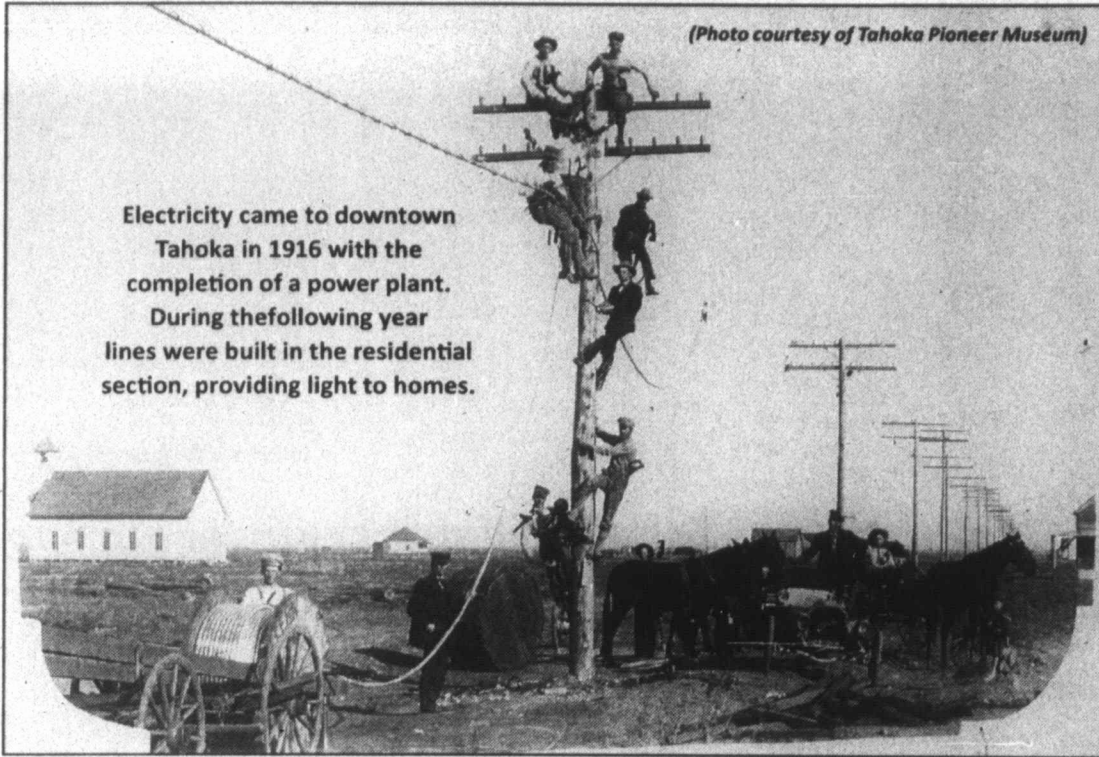
The citizens of the young town of Tahoka voted on June 12, 1915 to incorporate, the vote carrying 65-46, with the incorporation officially decreed on June 22. Principal arguments in favor of incorporation hinged around "deplorable sanitary conditions" (according to historical accounts in *Grassroots Upside Down: A History of Lynn County* by Frank P. Hill and Pat Hill Jacobs).

The incorporation allowed for the election of city officials who would organize the infrastructure to support the young town, set rules and ordinances to help improve the life of its citizens, and who began the support system that would last through the next 100 years.

J.E. Stokes was elected Mayor on Aug. 7, and he drafted the

Articles of Incorporation which were approved in Austin to take effect Oct. 1, 1915. Among the first ordinances passed by the new city government were rules that "prohibited the running of livestock at large, provided for working of city convicts on streets and alleys of the town, made spitting on the sidewalk illegal (subject to a \$5 fine), and set an 8-mile per hour speed limit for autos."

That first year of incorporation, city streets were surveyed again and Wilson Edwards was given a contract to grade the streets for \$325. Later, according to historical city council minutes from the early days, every man residing within the city had to take a turn maintaining a portion of the dirt roads, and if he could not do so he had to hire someone



(Photo courtesy of Tahoka Pioneer Museum)

Electricity came to downtown Tahoka in 1916 with the completion of a power plant. During the following year lines were built in the residential section, providing light to homes.

to take his place.

The town continued to flourish with new settlers arriving daily. Already, the town boasted a telephone line, completed in 1906 from Lubbock to the T-Bar Ranch capital — a moving picture show was installed and the price of admission was one thin dime. With large families moving into the county, 1916 saw the greatest growth and improvements so far. Several new businesses opened, and many of the frame buildings in town were replaced with brick structures. Electricity came to downtown Tahoka this same year with the completion of a power plant. During the following year lines were built in the residential section providing light to homeowners.

The Woodsmen of the World organized in 1906, the Masonic Lodge in 1907, and the Rebekahs Lodge in 1910. In 1913 the Young Men's Business Club was organized with W.B. Slaton as president.

Tahoka was fast becoming a cattle-shipping point with ranchers driving in their herds from western counties to the rail yard here. One record shows 3,000 head of cattle were shipped by Santa Fe Railroad from Tahoka in two days. Freighters from far

to the west also were hauling supplies from the Tahoka railhead. The little town was booming and growing.

In November of 1914, Tahoka was to become an entertainment capital — a moving picture show was installed and the price of admission was one thin dime.

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The churches in Tahoka no longer met in the courthouse. They had long since built small frame buildings in which to meet. As the population grew, so did the churches. They were the central gathering place for many activities in addition to worship.

Church socials were an important part of the community life.

The frame courthouse was sold and moved from the square and replaced with the current brick structure. Construction began in 1916 and was officially completed in 1918.

The Tahoka Golf Club was organized in 1921. A nine-hole course was laid out in T-Bar pasture just southwest of town. The Tahoka Chamber of Commerce held a banquet in celebration of the new club.

Early in 1922 Tahoka extended water lines, installed fire plugs, bought a fire truck and set up a fire station. Streets were paved with bricks in the downtown area and the Depot Street.

Phebe K. Warner Club was organized and federated in 1922 with Mrs. Frank Weaver as president. In the early years, the club was a study club with some ladies earning college credits for their study. The club was instrumental in forming the first Lynn County Library. It remains as a service

organization today.

This same year brought football to town when Tahoka had its first team with M.B. Hood as coach.

During 1924, the City of Tahoka issued fifty-one home building permits and four brick store building permits. The Keltner Hotel was built this year. New business included R.W. Fepton Insurance Agency, W.G. Briley Grain Co., Ed Park Meat Market, B. R. Tate Store and R.H. Turner and Son. The Methodist Church completed a new brick building. The First Baptist Church bought lots at the present site and built a basement in which to meet. They later built an auditorium above the basement.

D.B. English purchased the Star Theatre. He later sold out to a Mr. Wallace who eventually owned three theatres in Tahoka, the Rose, The Wallace, and the Lynn.

Construction began on a new three-story high school building in 1926. The building included an auditorium, offices and classrooms. Construction was completed in 1927.

In August of 1927 the West Texas Gas Company was granted a franchise to lay gas lines in Tahoka, and the lines were completed in mid 1928. Also in 1927 the City of Tahoka granted a sewer franchise to a Dallas firm with the option to buy it back in three years.

The 1930 census revealed that Lynn County reached an all time high population of 12,362. Tahoka had 1,619 population.

1935 brought another first. With the drought spreading all the way to Colorado, the topsoil was powder dry. One Sunday afternoon a huge cloud of red dust rolled into town turning daylight to midnight darkness. An oil painting of this occasion hangs in the Tahoka Pioneer Museum.

A terrible blizzard isolated Tahoka for two days in February 1940. School buses were stranded. People had to spend the night in nearby dwellings. Others spent the night in the courthouse.

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From the past ... In November of 1915, the Hotel Lynn was opened for business with 20 rooms for rent, a lobby, restaurant, and dining room. An article in the Lynn County News reported that "the hotel is the best to be found anywhere in West Texas." But the hotel was to suffer a sad fate when on December 30, 1915 fire destroyed 13 businesses and almost the entire north side of the square which included the new hotel.

Board approves policy updates, hiring of new softball coach

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met last Thursday, June 11, recognizing four local businesses for their support of the district, and approving policy updates and a contract for a new softball coach.

Loren Phelps, a former LCU softball pitcher, was hired as the head softball coach. She comes to Tahoka from Lubbock ISD where she has been teaching fifth grade. She was an assistant softball coach in Slaton for two years.

Prior to the business agenda, trustees recognized four local businesses who have been partners with TISD schools, expressing their appreciation to the representatives from Lyn-tegar, Thriftway, BE Implement, and First Bank and Trust, who were present at the meeting.

Athletic Director Brandon Hopper recognized three athletes who were named to the academic all-state softball team — Briana Hernandez, Amanda Hill, and Kara Larpenter.

The board heard a presentation by Mike Baker from Park-

hill, Smith, and Cooper about the recent district facilities needs assessment.

Several policy updates were approved, regarding investment management, complaint process for employees, the district's compensation/benefits plan, incentives and stipends, wage and hour laws, reduction in force/financial exigency, searches/drug and alcohol testing of employees, student conduct, and physical restraints of students. The Board also approved an update to DEC(LOCAL) that allows the district to implement a sick leave bank.

The board approved updates to DNA(LOCAL) and DNB(LOCAL) that aligns policy with the new teacher and principal appraisal systems that the district will begin using in the 2015-16 school year.

The board did not approve giving authorization to the superintendent to offer contracts from June 12, 2015-August 12, 2015.

Trustees nominated and approved the naming of Clay Tay-

lor as the delegate and Abraham Vega as the alternate for the 2015 TASB Delegate assembly to be held in October.

Prior to the business session, the board had a 1-hour budget workshop that introduced them to revenues, expenditures, 3-year trends of both expenditures/revenues for the district, and budget coding to familiarize them with the budget they will be studying as it becomes finalized for the 2015-16 school year. This was the first of three budget workshops that will lead up to the budget adoption.

There will be a board training on board policy held July 14 at 6:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on July 16 at 6:30 p.m., which will be preceded by their second budget workshop that will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Cathy Box, Board President, led the meeting, with trustees Jim Bingham, Scott Dimak, Clay Taylor, and Matt Woodley present. Trustees Abraham Vega and Brenda Dotson were absent from the meeting.

Tahoka ...

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businesses that had come and gone but the buildings were always occupied by a merchant. During the 1940's some of the business were: Jones Grocery Store, Shorty Woods Jewelry, Goodnaugh Shoe Repair, Frazier Produce, Larkin Hardware, Happy Smith Bottling Company, Clarence Gussian Grocery, I.I. Gattis Drug Store, Levine's Dry Goods, Jones Dry Goods, Southwestern Public Service, Cody Bragg Barber Shop, Mrs. Hall Robinson Dress Shop, Wynne Collier Drug, Barney's Photography, 1st National Bank, Harris Hardware, J.K. Applewhite Farmall Dealership, Rollin McCord Massey Harris, Chrysler-Plymouth Dealership, Boyd Smith Auto Supply, Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store, The Black Cat Cafe, The Club Cafe, the Limit Cafe, and on the outskirts of town J.T. and Lahruie Tippitt operated a skating rink.

Tahoka schools were enlarged with the consolidation of many of the small rural schools. In 1947, with enrollment increasing to 803, temporary barracks were moved onto the school campus for classrooms and a cafeteria. That August, new stadiums were built on both sides of the football field. Coaches for the school were Jim Foust, head coach and Jake Jacobs as the new football assistant coach and head basketball coach.

In 1947 the T-Bar Drive-In Movie Theater was opened. Box office hits were brought to the screen and the new theater's business boomed.

The farm life was evolving. Families were smaller in number than in early years making it necessary to hire more laborers. Farm equipment was growing larger and more mechanized. Irrigation was increasing which resulted in more cotton to harvest. There was a growing need for more farm laborers. The Lynn County Farm Bureau and the Tahoka Chamber of Commerce along with cotton gin operators would bring in two to three thousand Mexican Nationals in the fall of the year for farmers to



Early days ... This nostalgic photo was taken in front of the County Courthouse, possibly in the 1920s. One of the women is Sybil Tarrance, who graduated from Tahoka High School in 1926. The photo was given to the Pioneer Museum in 2003 by Geneva Mae Dickson of Lubbock, who was born in Tahoka in 1917, and Sybil was her cousin.

hire to gather the cotton. On Saturdays, the farmers would bring the laborers into town to buy their groceries and other needed items. The courthouse square would be filled with townspeople selling their used clothing and household items to them.

In the early 1950's a new invention was making its way into the life of the Tahoka people. A television set was on display at D.W. Gaignat Hardware and people were coming into town to get a glimpse of this new contraption. But by 1952, it was showing up in homes. This caused a change in lifestyle. With the arrival of the TV and air conditioning, people were staying home and watching the programs that were available on the television. This put a huge strain on the movie industry and would eventually bring an end to the theaters in Tahoka.

Integration came to Tahoka Schools when in the fall of 1954 Andrew Nance enrolled in Tahoka High School. Dr. K.R. Durham was instrumental in getting Andrew enrolled.

The high school building was enlarged in the late 50s by building completely around the original three-story structure. A new gymnasium was constructed just north of the high school.

In 1967 voters approved the formation of the Lynn County Hospital District. Plans were

made for the building of a new hospital. Tahoka was in need of doctors and it was believed that the new hospital and clinic would help to bring doctors to this rural community. Construction began in 1969 and the new 24-bed facility was opened in January 1971. Dr. Richard Wright was one of the first doctors to practice there.

The Tahoka Pioneer Museum was granted a Charter on May 11, 1979. The first president was Dr. K. R. Durham. Other members of the board were Frank Hill, Mackie Turner, Madeline Hegi, Mable Gurley, Bill Craig and Harold Green.

1982 brought the formation of the Lynn County Appraisal District. Dovie Miller was named Chief Appraiser/Tax Collector. An office was opened on Sweet Street and the Tahoka School District was one of the first to take advantage of this office which would send out the tax notices and also collect the taxes.

The year of 1986 was the Texas Sesqui-Centennial, and Tahoka celebrated along with the rest of the state. The wagon train that traveled the state that year was welcomed into town by local dignitaries. Mayor Mel Leslie rode in on one of the lead wagons. Locals, dressed in period clothing, lined the streets. The wagon train camped on a vacant lot east of highway 87 and a barbecue

meal was provided by residents. Square dancers from Lubbock entertained long into the night.

Tahoka city employee Retha Pittman was instrumental in Tahoka receiving a grant for a new community center and library in 1996. The city had to come up with matching funds or gifts in kind equal to the amount of the grant. The people of Tahoka met the challenge, with many donating money, labor, furniture or material. Construction was completed and open house at the new Life Enrichment Center was held on June 21, 1997. Volunteers met earlier that week to plant trees and shrubs and to install a sprinkler system. Other volunteers helped move the books from the old library to the new facility.

In 2000 the Lynn County Hospital Board began working toward attaining an assisted living facility to be built north of the hospital. Finally, construction began late that year. The 20-unit facility was completed and the formal opening of the Lynnwood Independent and Assisted Living Center was held in January of 2002. The beautiful facility soon had 15 full time residents, and since then has remained full, and currently has a long waiting list for admission.

The year of 2003 was a big year for local citizens, celebrating the Centennial years of the birth of the town of Tahoka and Lynn County in 1903. *The Lynn County News* published a special 60-page edition - the biggest edition in its 100-year history, as the business was also celebrating its century mark - in June of 2003, coinciding with the Centennial Celebration events that were held at the courthouse on June 21. Featuring historical facts and photos from businesses and organizations throughout the county, the special edition sold out quickly, despite the fact that 1,000 extra newspapers were printed.

The News published another special edition on October 10, 2013, featuring tidbits of news, photos and headlines from 110 years of reporting the lives and events of Tahoka and county citizens.

This Saturday, on June 20,

Letters to the Editor

Old Settlers Reunion started in 1934

My aunt, Nettie Wells Edwards, came to Tahoka in 1903 with her father, J. S. Wells. He established the first store. She was a long-time piano teacher here, and moved away in the early 1970's to Levelland to be closer to her daughter (and has since died). She wrote this Letter To The Editor on July 1, 1973. I have her handwritten copy. I thought you might find it interesting.

-- Haney Wells

Letter to the Editor - July 1, 1973

I would like to clear it up once and all time about when the Old Settlers Reunion started in Lynn County.

My dad, J. S. Wells, passed away Oct. 12, 1933 and in December of that year we sold our home and moved to San Angelo where we spent Christmas.

Everyone gave us three months or a year to get back to Tahoka. We were back in a little over three months. We had to stay at my mother's, Mrs. J. S. Wells, until the people moved out of the house we had taken in on the deal for our home.

So while we were at my mother's home she said after reading the newspaper, "I see where all the other counties around us have Old Settlers Reunions. I wish Lynn County would organize one. I believe I will do something about it."

She asked for the use of the American Legion Hall around the first of May, and got on the telephone with a list of people she knew had lived in Lynn County 30 years or longer to come to the American Legion Hall and bring their suppers. She wanted them to organize an Old Settlers Reunion.

Quite a crowd was there. Charley Doak and family was from O'Donnell. He was elected president, he had been Lynn County's first sheriff. His daughter, Bertie was selected secretary. Jim Elliott was elected vice-president. When it came time to set a date for the reunion, no one could agree when would be the best time to have it.

So my mother, Mrs. J. S. Wells, rose up out of her seat and said, "I think the 24th of June would be an ideal time of year to have it as the sandstorms are over and the crops planted, and besides that is my birthday."

Well, they seemed to like the date and voted to have it on that day. So, June 24, 1934 the first reunion was held out at the George Small farm on the Post Highway where the Tippitt boy lives.

We started it off by having a parade and a program and barbecue lunch was served.

I know this to be true because I have a scrapbook of clippings from the Lynn County News from the time the very first issue was printed and I want this remembered for history's sake and I have never missed a reunion since it was organized.

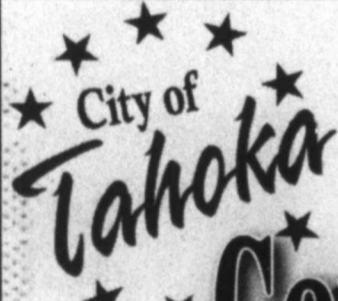
Nettie Wells Edwards, Levelland, Texas

2015, Tahoka citizen will celebrate another milestone for the community, as the City of Tahoka celebrates 100 years marking the incorporation of the City in 1915. It promises to be a fun event, with a tour of historical Tahoka Lake followed by an afternoon of fun, fellowship and other events

throughout the afternoon at the City Park.

Life is good in Tahoka, Texas.

(Editor's Note: Portions of this story were excerpts from the 2003 Centennial history written by Loretta Tekell for *The News* special edition.)



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★ **VINTAGE VIDEOS! ... at the LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER** (east of the City Park) there will be recurring movie reels showing past Tahoka parades and other local events from days gone by! **Tahoka Centennial T-SHIRTS will be available for \$10.** Art and Essay display from Tahoka Elementary.

★ **VINTAGE PHOTO DISPLAYS! ... at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum** (east of City Hall). Also at the Museum: **HISTORICAL DISPLAYS! • QUILT DISPLAY** by Dovie Miller • **PAINTINGS** by Barbara White • "Monster Cookies" and Lemonade!

(Public restrooms available at the Life Enrichment Center and Pioneer Museum.)

Schedule of Events:

- 7:00 AM Meet at Tahoka Donuts to caravan to the TAHOKA LAKE PASTURE site for a TOUR!
- THEN, AT TAHOKA CITY PARK** (behind City Hall on N. 1st):
- 12 NOON Hamburgers and chips LUNCH served from Life Enrichment Center for \$5.00 per plate (benefits Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept.)
 Phebe K. Warner Club will be selling homemade ICE CREAM (benefits their scholarships)
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- 1:00 PM INVOCATION and PLEDGE to the flag; PROCLAMATION read by MAYOR JOHN BAKER
 Presentation of FLAGS that have been flown over US Capitol and Texas Capitol
 Representatives from US Rep. Randy Neugabauer & State Rep. Dustin Burrows
- 1:30 PM Blue Weed Special TRAIN RIDE; Potato Sack Race for KIDS
- 2:00 PM HISTORY OF TAHOKA presented by Donald Abbe
- 2:30 PM Blue Weed Special TRAIN RIDE; Tug of War for KIDS
- 3:00 PM PRESENTATION to Tahoka by Lynn County Judge MIKE BRADDOCK
 RECOGNITION of Tahoka City Council, Past Mayors and Councilmen;
 Recognition of OLDEST PERSON in attendance;
 Recognition of person traveling the FARTHEST;
 Phebe K. Warner Presentation
- 3:30 PM Blue Weed Special TRAIN RIDE; Watermelon Eating CONTEST
- 4:00 PM OPEN MICROPHONE ... tell your story about growing up in Tahoka
- 4:30 PM Blue Weed Special TRAIN RIDE; Three-legged Race for KIDS
- 5:00 PM ATMOS ENERGY serving HOT DOGS & Lynn County 4-H will have free ice cream; More STORYTELLING

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We're Ready! ...
Cheryl Brown, FNP, (left) looks out of the LCHD Specialty Clinic's reception window, along with Virginia Silvas, LVN. The Clinic is now open for business.

LCHD Specialty Clinic now open for area patients

Lynn County Hospital District's Specialty Clinic, located at 1705 Lockwood in Tahoka (just east of Thriftway) is now open for patients on a weekday basis, from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. The Specialty Clinic's slogan, "Where every patient is special!" describes their approach to patient care, as a family practice clinic. They are now accepting patients who may need a primary care provider, or same day sick call for new patients.

The clinic also offers services for those who already have a current primary care provider but cannot get in to see their regular provider.

"If you need a same-day appointment and cannot get in to see your regular provider, we can care for your immediate health issue and you can follow up with your regular provider," said Cheryl Brown, Family Nurse Practitioner at the clinic.

In addition to family patient care, the clinic also offers healthcare services for women's health, urgent care, and minor injuries. A sliding scale payment is available for qualifying persons. The phone number for the Specialty Clinic is 806-561-4048.

Brown recently joined the

LCHD healthcare team as a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner, and is already seeing patients at the clinic. In mid-August, she will be joined by Dr. Brooke Ersland, a family practice physician with Tahoka ties, who will be joining the Specialty Clinic staff.

Brown brings 32 years of experience in the healthcare field to the Specialty Clinic, and has been a nurse for 27 years, the last six as an FNP. She was a Laboratory Specialist in 1984 at the School of Health Care Sciences, Shepard AFB, TX, and earned her LVN (1988) and RN (1989) at New Hampshire Technical College, NH. She earned a Bachelors of Science in Vocational/Technical Studies, Vocational Program Development (1986) at the University of West Florida, FL, a Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction (1989) at the University of West Florida, and a Master of Science in Nursing, Family Practice (2009).

She was active in Medical Missions in Central America, living 4 years in Honduras and 2 years in Guatemala, and was in the Air Force.

Virginia Silvas is the LVN on staff at the Specialty Clinic. She has been a nurse for 18

Remembering Daddy, AKA: "The Wizard"

by JACK SCOTT
New Moore Literary Society

Our Daddy, Joseph Lemuel Scott was unique. Some called him peculiar. If he was hard to get along with, it was because he thought he always knew best. He was born and grew up in a wood slat and tar paper house to the northwest of Okra in Eastland County. By today's standards, it was a shack, with no running water, no central heat or air, but it did have a porch to let the evening breeze cool the house.

When his oldest sister got paranoid that the early airmail flights were "spying" on her, their dad built their first out-house. Daddy grew up knowing that luxuries were something only the rich or the foolish parted money on. Memories of The Great Depression lived on.

With the boll weevil ruining their yields and the local cotton gin burning, the family moved to Lynn County in the early 30's. Daddy understood wind energy and put up windmills for water and electrified the new home with a 32-volt "Windcharger" sold by Sears Roebuck. With F-20 Farm-all tractors, he and the hired hands made good crops out here on land that had been in grass ever since God first had title to it.

Daddy seemed to know the nature of things. He was a bee-keeper since he was 11, understanding the complexity of a hive collective. He read lots of books on every subject. He was the first in Texas to plant Klein grass. I have planted Conservation Reserve Program grass for the last half of my life. I look back in amazement at the precise order Daddy insisted on planting each stand of his grass. He instinctively knew how it

years, and is a local person that local citizens will already know. She graduated from Howard College in 1997.

The LCHD Specialty Clinic is part of Lynn County Hospital District's healthcare team, working together with the other healthcare providers to bring Lynn County and area citizens compassionate and personalized healthcare.



Mary Jane & Joseph Lemuel Scott

needed to be. -That Wizard!

During World War II, Daddy trained pilots at the Lubbock Army Air field using the Link Trainer simulating flight conditions in bad weather. The pilots who came back from flying over London's fog were appreciative. Many didn't make it back.

Then Daddy was shipped out to the middle of the Atlantic Ocean to Ascension Island where he and a small garrison of men grew vegetables hydroponically for the other service men. Daddy found a swarm of bees on that island, made his own bee equipment and hived that swarm so the crops they grew could be pollinated and the men could have honey. When the war ended, Daddy came home and like the other returning veterans, he and they began to jump start our nation's economy.

He planted a huge orchard. We had chickens, geese, hogs, and a milk cow. Self-sufficiency! Milk and honey! Butter! Eggs! Fresh meat! Peaches! Apricots! No Wal-mart. No malls. No television until the late 50's. No telephone until the mid 60's. We made do with what we had and what we had made us feel wealthy! And through it all for those many years, we did things Daddy's way. "The Wizard" knew it all.

As a teenager, he took up photography. He developed and printed his own pictures. A scene he photographed in the 30's of a black family out hand-stripping cotton in a neighbor's field is a favorite of mine that I scanned, enlarged and framed for my home. It shows a family doing the back-breaking work

of harvesting cotton as lots of families had to do back then. Folks of all colors toiled in the fields. If you were hungry and you were willing to work, you earned your way. Those two little boys in front of their parents are my inspiration. Their clothes are ragged and their tired arms droop from the labor. No cell phones. No texting. They worked along side and with family. Those two little boys inspire me to be happy I can still work outside, no matter how sorry the yields or how bad the neighbor's sand blows. Family is what counts.

One summer, the cotton got too much rain and kept us from



Pulling cotton ...
Joseph Lemuel Scott took this photo of a family pulling cotton in Northeast Lynn County in the 30's. It is one of his son's favorite photos.

plowing as soon as we needed to. Careless weeds and Johnson grass took over. Daddy hired a family to come hoe it. He knew that they were fudging their wages. I went with him when he had to go pay them. I was young, just a teenager. But, I was going to set it right. As we approached to them, I counted the workers. I counted again. I asked Daddy how many were supposed to be out working. He told me the number. When I pointed it out to him that the only way I could get that many was if I included the half dozen toddlers that weren't even big enough to hold a hoe handle, much less use it. Daddy said, "I know. Be quiet."

I reigned in my anger. The crew chief came up and greeted us and he and Daddy began to figure their pay. The cotton they had saved was pathetic as it was so far apart. In the blank rows were mounds of chopped and piled weeds. The forest of what they had yet to do looked even worse. The crew chief again fibbed the numbers of workers he wanted Daddy to pay him for. Daddy got silent. I got mad. I held my arm out and did my own count. Again, I would have to count the babies in the cars that were crying, screaming and giggling to get that many. Daddy looked mad but kept his cool.

The crew chief began pleading. His daughter came up and helped with the pleading: "Mr. Scott, that's some awful pretty cotton! Let us hoe it out. It won't take long. Its so pretty it looks like Manna from Heaven! Mr. Scott, that's pretty cotton... -Manna from Heaven!!"

Daddy relented. It hurt to see him do that after the shafting he'd gone through after losing land earlier. The land and oil wells he was told he would inherit vanished due to a sly lawyer and the unexplained death of two aunts. I believe he missed those two old gals more

than he missed the chance to be "wealthy". Us boys plowed the land he was left with right along side him. The girls did their best to let him know he was loved regardless of stature. We shared that hurtful loss with him.

Back in the pickup on that hot summer day, I chided him. I asked him why he didn't fire them for lying and cheating him. Daddy in his quiet way told me they needed the money. He

Joseph Lemuel Scott

didn't want to cheat folks that were willing to work. He saw they were struggling to make ends meet too. Family is what counts.

This Father's Day, American tradition says to buy your old man a tie. And you can do that. Or... you can give up your dreams. Put them on hold. Work along side him. Walk in his shoes. Learn how he got where he is today. Learn the lessons he cares to share with you. Glimpse your future by looking deep into his past. If you do, you will know that little thing called: Honor.

And, yeah, go ahead and give him the cute tie and have the college kid gift wrap it for you. He will wear it with pride because it came from you.

A father's love comes easy... Family is what counts.

JACK SCOTT is a 1975 graduate of Tahoka High School. He serves as president of The Scott-Gentle Foundation, and served on the Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District board. He and his wife Kelley live in Lynn County and attend Tahoka Church of Christ where Jack is still trying to get his nieces and nephews to refer to him as "The Deacon Mr. Uncle Jack".

The New Moore Literary Society Lynn County has produced more than its share of writers. The New Moore Literary Society recognizes those literary types from Lynn County who have published and are still living. From time to time one of these writers will submit an article to the Lynn County News.



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Local 4-H members attend Leadership Lab

Seventeen Lynn County 4-H members attended the District 2 4-H Junior Leader Lab at South Plains College June 2-4.

While there, members participated in various leadership initiatives led by eighteen 4-H aged high school counselors. They also attended educational sessions on archery, Fuel Up to Play 60, gardening and horticulture, science in the kitchen, solar energy, 4-H games, cupcake wars, food challenge, tie dye and wind energy.

"This camp is one of the most fun activities that 4-H offers. Our kids in Lynn County look forward to going every year," said Wendy Scott, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, County Extension Agent. "All of the kids who still fall within the age requirement are making plans to sign up next year." The camp is for 4-H members ages 8-13.

Those attending were Dane Rivas (counselor), Kaylee Walker, Whit Smithson, Laine Cook, Ryan Olivan, Connor Cook, Karlie Swinford, Eula Tomamao, Braden Stone, Nataly Taylor, Tristan Stice, Qualyn Stroope, Kash Kahl, Bryson Stone, Warren Taylor, Landree Erickson, Caleb Erickson and Wendy Scott.

For more information on 4-H, please contact the Extension Office at 806-561-4562.

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4-H members place well at Roundup

Four Lynn County 4-H members traveled to Texas 4-H Roundup last week to compete in various competitions.

The Consumer Decision Making Team, consisting of Dane Rivas, Maddison Truhlicka, Coy Mercer and Lea Gustafson placed second overall.

"I could not be more proud of these kids," said Wendy Scott, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service County Agent. "The majority of them have competed in CDM since they were in middle school. It just goes to show that hard work pays off." Upon their return, they were selected as Fox 34's FiberMax Ag Students of the Week.

Lea Gustafson also qualified to compete in Fashion Storyboard and Fashion Show. She



State Roundup ... Four Lynn County 4-H members traveled to Texas 4-H Roundup last week to compete in various competitions. Pictured are the Consumer Decision Making Team, Dane Rivas, Maddison Truhlicka, Coy Mercer, Lea Gustafson and Wendy Scott, Lynn County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service County Agent. The team placed second overall.

placed third in storyboard and fourth in fashion show. Lea also serves on the Texas 4-H Clothing and Textiles Board that met during Roundup to plan events for the next year throughout the state.

To learn more about 4-H, call the Extension Office at 806-561-4562 or like our Facebook page "Lynn County Extension and 4-H."

Registration open for classes at Ranching Heritage Center

A variety of summer youth classes will be available July 13-17 for children in kindergarten through fifth grade at the National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) and International Cultural Center (ICC) on the Texas Tech University campus.

"Classes fill up quickly on a first-come, first-served basis," said Julie Hodges, NRHC director of educational programs. Class topics, descriptions and time periods are available online. Registration and tuition payment can be made online for up to four classes from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuition is \$25 per class (\$20 per class for Junior Rough Riders). To receive a paper-registration form and/or pay by check, call (806) 742-0498 or email julie.hodges@ttu.edu.

Morning classes will meet at the NRHC and afternoon classes will meet at the ICC. Contact Julie Hodges, at (806) 834-0083 or julie.hodges@ttu.edu.

FEMA public assistance extended to 51 additional Texas counties

AUSTIN, Texas - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has extended federal disaster aid to include 51 additional Texas counties, including Lynn County. This amendment provides for supplemental funding for infrastructure repairs in the wake of May's severe storms, tornadoes, straight line winds and flooding.

Eligible applicants in the following counties can now apply for FEMA Public Assistance (PA) reimbursement for repairs to roads and bridges, water control facilities, city- and county-owned buildings and equipment, utilities, parks and recreational facilities and other public as well as some private facilities:

- Angelina, Archer, Atascosa, Bastrop, Baylor, Blanco, Bowie, Burleson, Caldwell, Cass, Cherokee, Clay, Comal, Comanche, Denton, Fannin, Fayette, Garza, Gillespie, Grayson, Harrison, Henderson, Hood, Houston, Jasper, Johnson, Kaufman, Kendall, Lamar, Lee, Liberty, Lynn, Madison, Milam, Montague, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Refugio, Rusk, Sabine, San Jacinto, Travis, Tyler, Uvalde, Walker, Wharton, Williamson, Wilson, Wise and Zavala.

In the original May 29 declaration, Cooke, Gaines, Grimes, Harris, Hays, Navarro, and Van Zandt counties were designated for FEMA Public Assistance funding for debris removal and emergency protective measures taken to protect life, public safety, and property. Those counties are now eligible to apply for reimbursement for infrastructure repairs as well.

Supplementary funding under the PA program goes to the state and eligible agencies, tribal governments, local governments, and certain private nonprofit organizations. Under the program, FEMA obligates funds to the state for 75 percent of eligible costs, while the applicant covers the remaining 25 percent. The state forwards the federal funds to the eligible local governments or organizations that incurred costs.

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