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## Stenholm Rally Set At Noon This Saturday

Lynn County Democrats are invited to show their support of U.S. Congressman Charles W. Stenholm at a rally scheduled for 12 noon Saturday, June 12 on the front steps of the Lynn County Courthouse. The Congressman will speak briefly and visit with supporters at the rally.

Stenholm has represented West Texas for 26 years. He is seeking reelection in the November general election. Saturday's stop in Tahoka is part of a campaign trail starting in Levelland at 10 a.m. Saturday, and going to Brownfield at 11 a.m., Tahoka at noon, and continuing to Post, Jayton, Roby, Merkel and Abilene.



**ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL WITH DAD** - Kent Sharp, candidate for State Representative, stopped in Tahoka Tuesday morning to visit with city and county officials at the Lynn County Courthouse. His children, Austin (left) and Bailey (right), accompanied him on the campaign trail. Sharp was headed for Post after leaving Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO)

**PRAY FOR OUR NATION**



**NEW LIONS CLUB OFFICERS** - The Tahoka Lions Club installed officers for 2004-2005 in ceremonies held Tuesday, June 6. They are as follows: (back row) B.L. Miller, President; Mary Gayle Raindl, Tail Twister; Bob Guilliams, 1 yr. Director; Nancy Guilliams, Membership Chairman; Sherry Tilley, 2nd Vice President; (front row) Trista Wuensche, Queen; Robert Becker of Brownfield, Guiding Lion; Claudia Guin, Secretary/Treasurer; and Jerry Slover, Lion Tamer/2 yr. Director. Not Pictured are Fern Doeckal, 1st Vice President; and Pam Miller, Membership Committee.

## Gov. Rick Perry Declares Friday, June 11, As Day of Mourning for President Reagan

Gov. Rick Perry has declared Friday, June 11, as an official day of mourning in remembrance of President Ronald Reagan and ordered that flags on all state buildings be flown at half staff for 30 days.

"The United States has lost one of its greatest presidents and Texas has lost one of its greatest friends with the passing of President Ronald W. Reagan," Perry said in an executive order honoring the memory of the 40th president, who died June 5, 2004.

Perry also encouraged Texans to pay their respects to the memory of Ronald Reagan on Friday through appropriate ceremonies in homes, businesses, public buildings, schools, places of worship or other suitable

places for public expression of grief and remembrance.

To allow state employees to attend such observances, Perry directed state agencies, offices and departments to close on Friday and general government operations and services be maintained by ad skeleton crew.

Perry said his order directing flags be flown at half staff would remain in effect until Monday, July 5, which is 30 days after Reagan's death.

Perry described Reagan as "a man of principle (who) changed the course of America and the world forever by reviving our economy, by renewing our national confidence, and by tearing down barriers to freedom throughout the globe."

## Vandalism, Two Thefts Reported During Week

Tahoka Police Dept. investigated two theft reports and one incident of criminal mischief during the last week.

A Sharp video recorder and accessories valued at a total of \$737 were reported stolen from St. Jude Catholic Church during an anniversary celebration Saturday. The items were owned by Teresa Arellano Balderas and Rickey Michael Shipley. Investigation is continuing.

Damage totaling \$345 to windows and screens was estimated at a residence on Ave. F. A suspect was named to police Sunday.

Rudy Chapa of Tahoka told police that three guns and some sleeping pills had been stolen from a location in south Tahoka.

Ten persons were added to the

jail population during the last week, on these charges: Lubbock warrant for possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, public intoxication, DWI first offense, Lubbock warrant to revoke probation on conviction for assault/domestic violence, driving while license suspended plus no liability insurance (subsequent offense) and expired registration, revoke probation on DWI and resisting arrest, failure to appear on possession of marijuana, keeping a gambling place plus possession of gambling equipment and gambling promotion.

Total number of persons in jail as of Wednesday was 49, with 17 of these held for Lubbock County and nine for Garza County.

**WOODWORK** by Dalton

WHAT WE ALL need to do is buy about a thousand gallons of vinegar and move to Old Mexico. There we could live practically forever on Social Security and vinegar, with plenty of money to buy whatever we want, even if our mouths do turn inside out.

That was my conclusion after reading a couple of advertisements in the January 1996 issue of *Neighbors*, a publication of the Texas Farm Bureau. One of the ads extols the virtues of vinegar while trying to sell a book about the stuff, the other (unrelated to the first) tells us how cheap it is to retire in Mexico.

The ad seeking to sell "The Vinegar Book" for \$14.95 (it probably costs more than that now, if it still is available) gives the impression that vinegar is good for everything. It claims that from the book, you'll learn how to:

Control your appetite to lose weight with a meal-timed vinegar cocktail.

Find trusted home remedies to beat colds, ease arthritis pain and other joint diseases—"vinegar is nature's own drug-free anti-inflammatory."

"Scientific tests show organic vinegar is a natural storehouse of vitamins and minerals, including beta carotene" which, it says, lowers the risk of getting cancer and boosts the body's immune system.

I never did understand from what I read if you are supposed to drink pure vinegar right out of the bottle, or mix it with something. Mix it with wine or gin in large quantities, and if you still have problems, you won't really care.

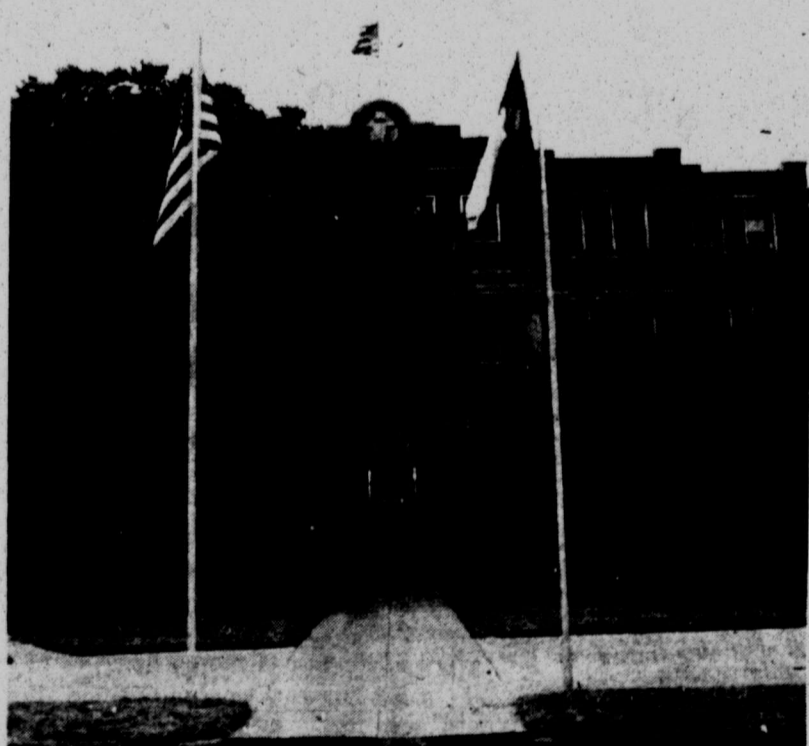
Anyway the ad also claimed that vinegar aids digestion, helps lower cholesterol, helps middle ear problems, conditions problem skin, fights age and liver spots, provides amazing hair treatments, relieves nighttime leg cramps, gives relief to headaches, corns and calluses, insect bites, urinary problems, coughs, colds, high blood pressure, is good in pie crusts and chicken soup, and will help you win the Lottery.

Well, I made up that last one, but you get the idea. And if you're afraid you might alienate all your friends with powerful vinegar breath, the solution is offered in the second ad: move to Mexico.

It says that you can "Live in Mexico on \$14 a Day," because living costs are very low. It probably is at least \$20 a day now. This ad also is trying to sell you a book, for just a little more than one day's living cost south of the border. It says that more than a million Americans now live in Mexico in good climates and in communities of other Americans (most of whom may have jumped bond on DWI and burglary charges in the states). Okay, so the part in parentheses is mine; the ad didn't say that.

The book *Living Easy in Mexico* tells you about the great places to live and also about which communities to avoid. I don't know if it tells you whether you have to give up your U.S. citizenship. Or if it tells you where to get all that vinegar you will need.

I also don't know where you could find the book about moving to Mexico today. But some of us may be looking for a copy if the November election doesn't come out the way we want it to. Or if we decide we just can't pay our local property taxes, which are higher in Lynn County than in Lubbock County.



**IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT REAGAN** - U.S. and Texas flags at the Lynn County Courthouse are being flown at half staff in remembrance of U.S. President Ronald Reagan, who died June 5, 2004. Texas Governor Rick Perry has declared Friday, June 11 as an official day of mourning and directed state agencies and offices to close on Friday to allow employees to attend memorial observances. The Lynn County Courthouse will also be closed Friday. The Governor ordered that flags on all state buildings be flown at half staff for 30 days, through July 5, in honor of the memory of the 40th president. (LCN PHOTO)

## Car Wash Set Saturday

The Tahoka Varsity Basketball team will have a car wash at the Thriftway parking lot on Saturday, June 12, beginning at 10 a.m. If you are interested in the team picking up or delivering your vehicle you may call Coach Drew Stone at 561-1447 or 773-6419 or simply drop by the parking lot. The car wash will be done on a donation basis and all proceeds will go toward the team attending a Wayland Baptist Team Camp in Plainview.

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 2	101	66	
June 3	76	62	0.30"
June 4	93	62	
June 5	94	63	
June 6	93	65	0.10"
June 7	94	67	
June 8	91	70	

Total Precipitation in June: 0.40"  
 Total Precipitation to date: 10.50"

**The Lynn County News office will be closed Fridays during June & July.**

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## Enchilada Dinner To Help Sponsor Trinity Youth Group

Tahoka Trinity, located at 1925 Lockwood will host a dinner, Sunday, June 13, beginning at 12:30 to help sponsor the youth camp at the Wagon Wheel Ranch in Snyder. The meal will include enchiladas, rice, beans and a dessert for a cost of \$5 a plate.

Everyone is invited to help sponsor these youth and enjoy a great meal. Take out orders will be available.

Plan now to attend the  
**Lynn County Pioneers Sr. Citizens Center's Breakfast/Auction**  
 SATURDAY, JUNE 26  
 7-10 a.m. Pancake/Sausage/Bacon Breakfast and Silent Auction at the Pioneer Center  
 (No Live Auction)  
 - All proceeds benefit Lynn County Pioneers -



## Keeping Up With Schedules Is Vital for Childhood Immunizations

Perhaps it's a letter from your child's day care center. Or it may be among the list of requirements for school enrollment. Whatever the timing, the message is the same: Your child needs to be up to date on immunizations.

Texas Department of Health (TDH) officials urge parents to begin monitoring their children's immunizations records from birth, rather than waiting until a deadline rolls around.

According to Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, Texas Commissioner of Health, children should receive 80 percent of their childhood vaccinations by the time they are 2 years old.

"When children are not vaccinated, they are susceptible to vaccine-preventable disease," Sanchez said. "Vaccines are health protecting. They are safe and they are effective. They are one of the great public health achievements of the last century. But we must continue to remind people that controlling vaccine-preventable diseases is an on-going process."

Just name them-diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis or whooping cough, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, pneumococcal disease, chicken pox, influenza, bacterial meningitis, polio. These are the baker's dozen of diseases that vaccines can protect children from getting.

According to TDH statistics, about 1,000 births occur in the state daily. "This means there are about 365,000 infants born each year in Texas who need protection against vaccine-preventable diseases," Sanchez said. "Having their children immunized on time is one of the most important things parents can do to protect their children."

Disease-causing viruses and bacteria circulate in the United States and around the world. And those not currently a problem in this country may be just a visit or an airplane ride away. For example, highly contagious measles is no longer circulating in the United States, but the virus sometimes is brought in from other parts of the world.

Vaccines have made their mark against this sometimes deadly disease. In 1958, Texas recorded 88,000 cases of measles. Last year, no measles cases were reported in the

state, just one was listed for Texas in 2002.

"Fewer and fewer people remember the fears that surrounded the deadly paralytic polio either," Sanchez said. "It has been a half century since we began using the polio vaccine."

In 1950, paralytic polio struck about 3,000 people in the state. Polio vaccine was licensed in the United States in 1955; and since 1977, not one case of polio has occurred in Texas. Polio caused by wild-type viruses has been eliminated from the Western Hemisphere for more than a decade.

Immunizations protect children, families, schools and communities. Children who are not appropriately immunized increase the chance that others will get diseases. "One unvaccinated child can pass a serious disease on to a younger child, to a pregnant woman or to an elderly relative," Sanchez said.

The timing of immunizations also is important. "Vaccines are recommended for use at the time when they can best protect the child and when the child is most vulnerable," he said.

Among the suggestions for parents:

- Get your child vaccinated on time, every time.
- Finish any vaccine series your child starts.
- Ask your health care provider if your child is up to date on vaccinations at every visit.
- Ask your health care provider or clinic staff to remind you when your child needs immunizations.
- Get a copy of the immunization schedule from your health care provider or clinic or view it on the TDH Web site at [www.tdh.state.tx.us/immunize/imm\\_sched.htm](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/immunize/imm_sched.htm).
- Keep your child's immunization record in a safe place where you can find it easily.
- Contact your local health department or call the TDH Immunization Division toll free at 1-800-252-9152 for information on childhood immunizations.
- "Keeping children's vaccinations up to date can be challenging, but the persistence pays off in healthier families and safer communities," Sanchez said.



**LIONS CLUB QUEENS** - Ashley McNeely (right), 2003-2004 Tahoka Lions Club Queen, handed over her crown to the 2004-2005 Queen, Trista Wuensche, in ceremonies held on Tuesday, June 6. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at George's Restaurant in Tahoka. Trista is a senior at Tahoka High School.

## Camp SPC Slated July 27-29

Camp SPC, the fourth annual camp for students who want a headstart on college success, is scheduled July 27-29 at South Plains College.

The three-day expanded new student orientation will cover goal setting, career exploration, study skills, testing strategies, stress management, diversity awareness, mentoring and campus and community resources. The camp is scheduled 1-3 p.m. July 27-29. Fall class advisement and registration will be included July 29. Application deadline is July 12. Students can download the application online at <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/counseling/camp.htm>.

The camp is aimed at students who would like extra assistance in learning college/life success skills, first-generation college students, non-traditional students who have been out of school for awhile, students entering with a GED, those who will be enrolled in two or more developmental courses, and student with physical and/or learning disabilities, said Brandon Awbrey, Access and career counselor.

"We encourage any student who would like a little additional help in getting started in college to attend the camp. It is a fun, educational event which helps prepare students for college," said Awbrey.

The camp is designed to support students in reaching their college and life goals, ease the transition into college by developing college success strategies, to connect students with peer mentors who can offer guidance during the first year of college, and empower students to serve as mentors and leaders in college and community services.

Students can stay in college dorms for a cost of \$50. Cost for commuter students is \$20.

Students are also asked to pledge 10 hours of volunteer service to the college or community. They can host college activities, assist with college programs, help with student activities and organizations, assist in the Counseling Center and other projects, said Awbrey.

Sponsors will be the SPC Counseling Center, Multicultural Services Office, Teaching and Learning Center, Title III and the TRIO STAR (Success Through Academic Services) Center, a federally-funded program which reaches first-generation college students with a variety of educational support services.

For more information, contact SPC at 806-894-9611, ext. 2362, 2563 or 2364.

## DPS Releases List Of Most Stolen Vehicles

Auto thieves don't take a summer vacation, making the summer months the peak season for vehicle theft in Texas.

To help fight auto theft and increase awareness, DPS has compiled a list of the most stolen vehicles over the last year. (May 2003-April 2004)

1. General Motors pickups (9,155)
2. Ford pickups (4,802)
3. Honda Accord (2,929)
4. Dodge pickups (2,714)
5. GM Suburban (1,928)
6. Honda Civic (1,870)
7. Toyota Camry (1,539)
8. Ford Taurus (1,170)
9. Ford Mustang (1,073)

"Car and truck models five years and older account for about 70 percent of all auto theft," said David Griffith, commander DPS Motor Vehicle Theft Service. "We saw some promising numbers for auto theft in 2003, but summertime is not the time to let our guard down."

Auto theft declined 4.6 percent in 2003 after two straight years of increases. The auto theft rate (which takes into account population growth) was the lowest since 1978. However, there were still 98,174 ve-

hicles stolen in Texas in 2003, accounting for \$782 million in losses.

Griffith recommends several precautions to protect your vehicle:

• Lock all doors; roll up windows, and do not leave the keys in the vehicle. Many stolen vehicles had unlocked doors or the keys left inside them.

• Park in populated, well-traveled and well-lighted areas. About half of all auto thefts take place at night.

• Use an anti-theft device to make the vehicle more difficult to steal, especially if you have a vehicle that is on the most stolen list.

• Consider the use of a tracking system to help recover the vehicle if it is stolen. (Some insurance companies offer rate discounts for reliable systems.)

• Don't encourage vehicle burglary by leaving expensive items in plain view inside the vehicle.

• Write down your license number and vehicle identification number and carry it in your wallet or purse to expedite the entry of the vehicle into the stolen vehicle data system when a police report is made.

### DRIVE AWAY KIDNEY DISEASE

By donating your car to the National Kidney Foundation, you may qualify for a tax deduction while you help us support dialysis and transplant patients of West Texas!!!



**NKF National Kidney Foundation**

\*Consult your tax advisor for details.

**Call 1-800-488-CARS**

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at the THS Practice Field  
For Ages 4-12 Years Old

**COST: \$25** (includes 4 days of cheer clinic, a t-shirt, and a picture)

Please turn in the following form, with payment, on the first day of the clinic, or give to Michelle Wiseman (Fm 113), Callie Botkin, Canessa Hall, or Skylar Owens

Child's Name _____	Age: _____
Parents' Name _____	
Home Phone _____	Emergency Phone _____
Mailing Address: _____	
Street Address _____	
T-Shirt Size (please circle one):    YOUTH   SM   MED   LG	
ADULT   SM   MED   LG	

*Thank you and we hope to see you there! Callie Botkin, Skylar Owens, Caressa Hall, Stacie Green, Jaci Hammonds, Jeni Hammonds, Haley Hall, Bailey Hall, Sarah Blaylock*

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Tahoka, TX  
**Saturday, June 12, 2004**  
**12 pm**



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