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Gene Watson and The Farewell Party Band will be at the Gem Theatre on November 16.

Gene Watson Concert Is Almost Here

By Lawana Cruse

"I never did go looking for music. Music found me," Gene Watson recalls. A widening circle of admirers led to recording contracts with such regional labels as Wide World, Stoneway and Resco. In 1974 his Resco single of "Love In The Hot Afternoon" was picked up for national distribution by Capital Records igniting a firestorm of national hits. Farewell Party Fourteen Carat Mind, Paper Rosie and others took Gene Watson into the hearts of country music lovers around the world. Billboard Magazine said recently, "Gene Watson is singing better than ever", and his many fans agree.

Born in Palestine, Texas, Gene was one of seven children of an itinerant sawmill worker and crop-picker. He married his wife, Mattie Louise, at age seventeen. He became an auto body worker to support his family. On weekends he began singing in various Houston clubs, where he was met with immediate popularity and was later discovered.

As a hobby he continues to work on cars in his own shop, The Toy Shop, as featured on TNN and in Country Weekly. Because he is one of country music's most popular entertainers he maintains a

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Calendar Of Events

- November 7**
*Valley Jr High vs Motley Co. There @ 5 p.m.
*Valley JV vs Patton Springs There @ 6:30 p.m.
- November 8**
*Valley Varsity vs Motley Co. Here @ 7:30 p.m.
- November 9**
*"The Senior Moments" at the Gem Theatre @ 7 p.m.
- November 10**
*VETERANS DAY
*Turkey Lions Club @ 7 p.m.
*Valley Board of Trustees
*Quitauque City Council @ 5 p.m.
*Quitauque Fire Department meeting
- November 12**
*Valley 4-H Chef School @ 6 p.m.
- November 12**
*We the Women 12 noon
*Valley 4-H meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- November 13**
*Quitauque EMT meeting
- November 14**
*Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.

Forage & Cow/Calf Production Meeting This Evening At 6 P.M.

By Brandon McGinty, Briscoe County CEA-Ag

The Briscoe County Extension Office is helping host a Forage and Cow/Calf Production Meeting in Claude this evening, Thursday, November 7, 2002, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Armstrong County Activity Center. Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension Livestock Specialist, will discuss a program on "Introduction To Beef Quality" which helps address issues such as injection site, withdrawal periods, correct dosages. Dr. McCollum will also discuss the new Texas Tuberculosis regulations that will take effect in January 2003, and winter supplementation of cows and stockers.

Dr. J.F. Cadenhead, Extension Range Specialist, will discuss effective weed & brush control options to help producers battle brush problems.

"There will be a steak dinner provided by Jodie Stockett with Dow-Elanco & Rachel McInnis from the Texas Wheat Producers Board. Please call the Briscoe County Extension by noon today Thursday, November 7 to RSVP.

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## Local Vietnam Veterans Can Be Part Of Huey Helicopter Documentary To Be Filmed In Part At WTAMU

Perhaps no sound is more recognizable or nostalgic for a Vietnam veteran as that of the Huey helicopter, the aircraft that carried countless soldiers into strategic positions and evacuated so many from harm's way.

Area veterans will get a chance to hear that compelling sound again when a Huey gunship lands on the campus of West Texas A&M University at 3 p.m. Wednesday, November 13. The approach and landing is part of a documentary movie being filmed throughout the country by Arrowhead Films. It is called *In the Shadow of the Blade*, a three year feature length undertaking by aerial filmmaker Patrick Fries.

*In the Shadow of the Blade* is about taking a restored Huey across America to land in backyards, on farms, at memorials and other public places to film people affected by Vietnam, who they are and who they've become.

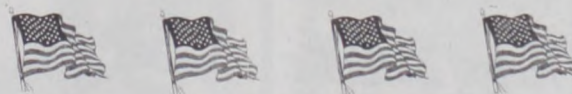
WTAMU was selected as a landing site because the University produced so many helicopter pilots through its aviation cadet program in the Military Science Department during the Vietnam era, according to Don Watson, a 1966 WTAMU graduate who flew 196 missions in Vietnam.

"Those of us who went through the aviation cadet program at WT became military pilots, and there were quite a few of us," Watson said. "If the Huey is landing anywhere in this area, I think it's appropriate that it lands on this campus."

"This visit will mean a lot to those of us who served in Vietnam because everyone there was affected in one way or another by the Huey. The Huey was responsible for saving countless thousands of lives in Vietnam," said Randall County Judge Ernie Houdashell, a 1990 graduate of WTAMU who served as crew chief and door gunner during two tours of duty in Vietnam.

Houdashell, who helped orchestrate the Huey's visit to WTAMU, said veterans need to carry their DD214 (discharge papers) if they want to share stories or memorabilia from their Vietnam experiences with the film crews.

The event is not only for veterans. Families, friends and anyone interested in a close-up look at the most widely employed helicopter used in Vietnam are welcome to attend.



### HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED A Salute To Local Veterans



Raymond K Grewe

Raymond K Grewe, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Grewe, entered the United States Army in February of 1942.

Raymond went overseas in October, 1942 with the 40th Division 185th Regiment National Guard.

He served in Theatres of Operation in the Philippines and Hawaiian Islands.

Raymond received a Honorable Discharge in December 1945.

### Would You Like To Honor Your Veteran?

If you would like to honor a family member in our series of "Honoring Those Who Served", whether it was in WWI, WWII, Korea or Vietnam, please contact us here at The Valley Tribune. We will be happy to help you, this series will be ending soon if we do not have any more submissions. Call us at 806-455-1101.

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This quilt with patches from the various branches of the military from World War I, World War II and Korean Conflict will be one of 25 displayed at the Turkey Fall Festival.

## Turkey Fall Festival To Be Held November 16

Saturday, November 16 Turkey will be buzzing with activity. That's the date of the Turkey Fall Festival. Beginning at 10 a.m. in the auditorium of the Gem Theatre a noncompetitive, Invitational Fine Arts and Quilt Show will be held. This Show is being sponsored by the Turkey Heritage Foundation.

25 one of a kind quilts will be on display along with a brief written history of the quilt and quilter. Various handmade quilts will also be available for purchase by the public. At a later date the quilts shown will be featured in a book to be published by the Turkey Heritage Foundation as a fund-raising project.

There will be an assortment of paintings and sculptures from various regional artists on display. As well as two local authors/photographers displaying their latest books. One of these will be Johnny Davenport author/photographer of *The Last Matador Wagon*. Copies of both of these books will be available for purchase, just in time for Christmas.

Drawings for door prizes will be held throughout the day. Baked goods, art items, craft items, pillows, and C.D.'s will be given away. Door prizes will be provided by the following merchants, The Windmill Antiques & Collectibles, 2 J's China & Gifts, Lacy Dry Goods, Turkey Roost Museum, Hotel Turkey, Turkey General Store, Turkey Automotive, Price's Sweet Potatoes, Caprock Cellular, Caprock Telephone, Paymaster Gin-Quitauque, Johnson Gin-Silverton, Carson Insurance, and Joy's Flea Market & Garage Sale.

The Turkey Roost Museum will be having a Craft Show beginning at 10 a.m. There will be lots of goodies for you to choose from. All handmade by very talented local artists/crafters. Come on out and start shopping for Christmas early. Proceeds from the Craft show will benefit additions and restoration of the Turkey Roost Museum.

Be sure to make a stop while in town to view the Dickens Village, set in 1860 London, England. This large collection of ceramic village pieces is quite impressive. It is displayed courtesy of Keith Green of Turkey Automotive. It is located next to Laura's Shop, across the street from Turkey Automotive on Main Street. New pieces have been added this year to the collection.

At 4 p.m. there will be a Brisket Supper with all the trimmings at the Bob Wills Cafeteria, sponsored by the Turkey Extension Club.

The grand finale of the day's events culminate at the old Turkey High School Gym with a concert by country great Gene Watson and The Farewell Party Band. This concert as always is expected to be a sellout. Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased in advance by calling 806-423-1273. Tickets, if still available will be on sale at the door.

Be sure to take a stroll down Main Street and visit all of the local businesses. There will be specials to be found in each one.

Make plans now to attend this old fashioned good time in historic downtown Turkey. See ya' Downtown next Saturday!

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Turkey City Council Sets Dumpster Rates

The Turkey City Council met for the regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 14, 2002. Attending the meeting were Council members Mayor Pat Carson, Homer Hawkins, Doyle Dean Proctor, Brenda Seymour, and Brian Wheeler. Also attending were City Manager Jerry Landry and City Secretary Theresa Clinton.

Dr. Sidney Ontai was on hand to give the Council an operating report on the Turkey Clinic.

Local Dumpster rates were set and accepted by the Council at the following rates:

- Household - \$10.00
- Business & those who have one dumpster - \$25.00
- Outside of City limits - \$25.00
- Outside of City limits over three miles - \$40.00

In other business monthly bills were accepted and paid. The decision on the amount of hours the Librarian would be allowed to work was tabled until next fiscal budget year. A motion to accept Hall County Appraisal District's budget carried. The Council also agreed to sign an entity contract with the Hall County Appraisal District, giving them the authority to appraise all taxable real property for the City of Turkey.

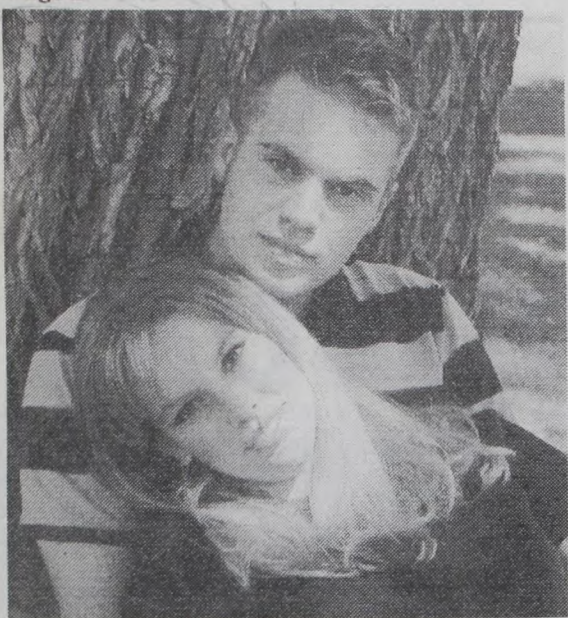
The Council adjourned after the completion of business.

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**Cara Renae Powell & Jonathan Beal James
Powell & James To Wed In December**

Randy and Alana Powell of Beeville, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cara Renae Powell to Jonathan Beal James, son of Jody and Jacque James of Crosbyton.

The couple will marry December 28, 2002 at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Valley High School and graduated from Angelo State University in December, 2000. She is currently employed at Crosbyton High School and will graduate from Texas Tech University in May of 2003 with a degree in business management.

The future bridegroom is currently engaged in farming in the Crosbyton area.

A Place Called Gasoline

By Pauline McCracken Young

I was raised in a community where volleyball games, baseball games, box suppers, singings, spelling bees, get-togethers, cook-outs, Easter picnics and community Christmas trees were the "norm". It was a close knit community where people truly cared about people, and neighbors helped neighbors when help was needed.

People worked hard all during the week, looking forward to Sunday, a day of rest....and play! Sunday afternoons in early Gasoline were busy, happy times. After early morning community Sunday School and the Church of Christ services were over and Sunday dinner enjoyed--"Let the games begin!"

Croquet games involved all the young people in the community. Daddy made a nice croquet court east of the McCracken house and much of Momma's and Daddy's "keeping company" before they married took place there. After they married, Daddy made a croquet court next to their house and the young people played there. In later years (the 1940's), P. John Monk had a croquet court north of his house where the neighborhood men played. I remember cars parked up and down the road halfway to the community building. P. John and Dalsie moved south to the Whittington place, and croquet faded away.

During the 1920's and even before, baseball played a very important part of early Gasoline. They had a great team year after year and defeated all of the towns around, even beat Amarillo at one time. They played such teams as Quitaque, Turkey, Flomot, Silverton, Haylake and others. The baseball field was east of Bedwell's store, and Sunday afternoons were spent there and enjoyed by players and spectators alike. They called themselves the "Rinky Dink" ball club. There were some very good players in this group of men with names such as Les, Ernest and Edgar Morrison, "Stick" Mott, 3 Burlesons, Ed and Bird Pointer, Maynard Wilson, P. John and Clyde Monk, Seburn Meatherlin, Robert Patrick and others. But alas, baseball too faded into history.

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To know a little less and understand a little more; that, it seems to me, is our greatest need.

—James R. Ullman

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LETTERS to the Editor

Dear Vince & Laura,

Just wanted to say thank you for the opportunity you provided us with your vacation give-away. Mother asked Larry and me to go to Ruidoso with her and her cousin Willie Grace Majors, we had a wonderful time and the accommodations were great!

It was so nice to get to spend time with mom, something I don't get to do as much since we no longer live close. Larry and I had a bit of a hard time keeping up with Mom and Willie, but had a lot of fun trying! Again thank you it really is a great thing you do for your patrons.

Thanks again,
Deidra Clifton

To Valley Tribune,

Thanks very much for the vacation trip to Ruidoso. There were many interesting places to see and things to do. It was a pleasant stay with wonderful weather conditions. The temperature was 60 degrees the morning we left and dropped to 38 by the time we arrived home.

Many Thanks Again,
Tommie Cruise

Valley Tribune,

Please renew my paper for another year.

Yolan Roberson
Hereford, TX

Mr. Taylor,

I so much enjoy Bill Sperry's "Observations" when you said you wanted other memories about growing up in a small community, it just so happened that I had been working on Gasoline memories for the Gasoline reunion next summer. If you do use some of these, I'm sure it will trigger many other ex-Gasolinites to remember when! Gasoline was established in 1903 and by 1948 was gone. Gasoline's hey-day was 1908-1928.

Thank You,
Paulita McCracken Young
Tucson, AZ

Judge Ramsey Attends Seminar

Judge Dale Ramsey was certified at the recent Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held October 22 - 25, 2002 in Amarillo, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Southwest Texas State University, with offices in Austin, Texas. The seminar is one of four held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, Juvenile Law, Small Claims, Traffic Laws, Parks and Wildlife Laws, Legal Research, Magistrate Duties, Probable Cause and Search Warrants, Landlord Tenant Issues, Contract for Deed, J.P. Office Procedure, Miscellaneous Hearings and Financial Management.

Happy Birthday

November 7

Cathy Fierro, Joyce Guest, Claudia Hawkins, Wes Shivers, Landon Allen, Rex Yearly, Lyn Payne

November 8

Severino Ortiz, Ike Ferguson, Richey Fuston, Kim Bankston

November 9

Monty Joe Beavers, Suzie House, Matt Barrett, Brady Stark

November 10

Max Meyer, Laurie Cruz, Jimmy Ross, H.W. House

November 11

Kerry Bearden, Todd Oberheu, Rebecca Wheeler

November 12

Tanner Clay, Roberta Farley, Shorty Munoz, Alys Leal, DeeDee Payne

November 13

Cheyenne Patrick

November 14

Delane Brown, Shirley Landry, Cora Williams, Eric Dudley, Frances Ferguson

Happy Anniversary

November 8

Mr & Mrs James Brunson
Mr & Mrs David Landry

November 10

Mr & Mrs Bob Ham

OBITUARIES

Jim Cline

Jim Cline, 83, died Monday, November 4, 2002.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, November 6, 2002 in the Silverton Cemetery with Judge Edwin Norris officiating.

Survivors include a daughter, Ruth Ann Scrivner and husband, Curtis, of Turkey; and a granddaughter, Khaki Scrivner of Turkey.

Quitaque Weather Forecast for Next 9 Days

		High / Low (°F)	Precip. %
Thu Nov 07	Sunny	70°/46°	0 %
Fri Nov 08	Partly Cloudy / Wind	71°/42°	0 %
Sat Nov 09	Partly Cloudy	66°/42°	0 %
Sun Nov 10	Mostly Sunny	59°/41°	0 %
Mon Nov 11	Few Showers	51°/33°	30 %
Tue Nov 12	Partly Cloudy	49°/37°	10 %
Wed Nov 13	Partly Cloudy	45°/38°	0 %
Thu Nov 14	Partly Cloudy	46°/37°	0 %
Fri Nov 15	Partly Cloudy	48°/38°	0 %

Last Updated Wednesday, November 6, 2002, at 2:30 AM
Central Standard Time (Wednesday, 3:30 AM EST)

ON THE QT

Jack and Edwina Johnson enjoyed visiting this past weekend with their daughter and her family, Krista, Bryan and Harrison Byrd of Austin. Harrison is Jack and Edwina's first grandchild and they enjoyed spoiling him while he was here visiting.

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If you can't win, make the fellow ahead of you break the record.
— Anonymous

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We will return to work at the regular time Tuesday, November 12, 2002.



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FLOMOT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

OVERHEARD

America patriotism is less about a particular plot of land than it is about a set of principals. We have fought to keep our land free. Human rights are the real source of national pride. God bless our country and veterans.

Rain Is Prolonging Harvest Of Cotton & Peanuts In Motley County

Rain is prolonging this year's cotton and peanut harvest and lowering the cotton's quality in Motley County. However, a freeze would not be favorable, we would prefer a series of light frosts to come into the area. The rains are fine from the standpoint of getting moisture into the soil, pasture land and wheat fields, but from the cotton farmer's perspective this is the last thing we need.

Total rainfall for the month of October 2002 officially registered by the Motley County National Weather Service volunteers: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs - 4.23; Kelly Meyer, Matador - 3.85; Betty Simpson, Northfield - 3.88; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat - 5.20; and Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot - 4.17 inches.

Honored On Birthday

Howard Rogers was honored on his 82nd birthday Sunday, November 3rd with a family luncheon in his home. He was presented gifts, cards and best wishes. He had three decorated birthday cakes with candles on one of the cakes.

Those enjoying the celebration were his wife, B.; Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Calgary; Richard Rogers, Trina Rogers and son, Jimmy, Shay and Seth McDaniel of Lubbock; Donnie Rogers of Flomot and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hand of Roaring Springs.

Mrs. Willie Grace Majors of Turkey and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse enjoyed vacationing the past week in Ruidoso, N.M. Joining them in Ruidoso were Tommie's daughter Deidra Clifton and her husband Larry. Tommie Jo was the winner of the "Vacation Give-Away" drawing sponsored by The Valley Tribune back in August and September.

Jack and Nada Starkey visited from Thursday until Monday in Canyon with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey. They had medical appointments Thursday and again, Monday in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay visited in Jacksonville from Thursday until Sunday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla.

Doyle Calvert returned home Thursday from the Mangold Hospital in Lockney where he was a patient the past week.

Those from Flomot attending the Democratic Rally held at the Senior Citizens building in Matador, Saturday were Ruth Lee, County Democratic Party Chairman until 2003 and husband, Orville, E.G. and Barbara Reed, Billy and Suzie Shannon, Donnie and Linda Turner and Tom Ross. They reported a good turn out.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks visited from Friday until Monday in Bastrop with son and family, Cory and Amy Franks and daughter, Madison.

Mrs. Cora Gail Gunn Trent of Sandia Park, NM visited with friends in Flomot during the weekend. She was a houseguest of Mrs. Marie Cruse in Turkey.

Those attending the Turkey Jamboree Saturday night held at the Bob Wills Community Center Gym were Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, Suzie and Billy Shannon and Ruth and Orville Lee.

Donnie Rogers accompanied his parents, B. and Howard Rogers to Lubbock, Monday for Howard a medical appointment. He is feeling better this week.

Visiting Mrs. Leona Degan, Sunday were son and wife, Stanley and Donna Sue Degan of Calgary and granddaughter and family, Shay and Jimmy McDaniel and son, Seth of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and son, Derrick and their mothers, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot were in Hedley Friday night for the Valley Patriots vs Hedley football game. Derrick and Valley teammates clinched a playoff berth for District 2-A six man title with a 54-8 win.

Mrs. Alma Shorter visited overnight last Wednesday in Houston with grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rhodes and twin daughters. Her daughter, Mrs. Judy Rhodes of Conroe joined her there Thursday morning and they flew to Fort Wayne, Indiana and visited until Tuesday with son, grandson and family, Dr. and Mrs. Rick Rhodes and son, Chase.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moss of Anson were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Tuesday.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter visited in Carrollton from Friday until Sunday with daughter and husband, Cindy and Chad Calvert. They enjoyed the First Monday Trade Days, Saturday in Canton.

Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

Am I glad to be back home and writing this column again! My mother's back surgery was a great success and all goes well. It's only three weeks until Thanksgiving, so it's not too soon to think about what you are going to serve. I sent my husband to buy some of those Helm's sweet potatoes advertised for sale in the Valley Tribune. They are excellent quality, a beautiful deep orange color and delicious! Get some yourself this week, and buy extra for Thanksgiving.

Sweet potatoes can be prepared in many ways. Try some baked in either the microwave or the oven, boil them and serve whole, sliced, or mashed. Another delicious method is to peel and slice them thin and French fry into crispy chips. You can also cut into thick or thin strips and fry like white potatoes. Don't forget the pie-just substitute sweet potatoes for pumpkin in your favorite pumpkin pie recipe. Get the idea? Sweet potatoes can be eaten in many different ways, so buy plenty of those locally grown beauties today! Following are two side dishes that will be great with turkey.

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE DELUXE

Cook about 6 medium-sized sweet potatoes. Remove skins. Mash. Add 1/2 cup drained crushed pineapple, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and 1/2 cup chopped pecans. Place in a greased casserole. Cover with marshmallows. Bake until marshmallows are melted and slightly brown. Serves 4-6.

CANDIED SWEET POTATOES
4 medium-sized sweet potatoes
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup hot water

Wash and bake potatoes. Peel and cut in length wise slices about 1/2 inch thick. Place in greased baking dish. Make a sirup of butter, brown sugar and hot water. Bake at 375 for 45-60 minutes. Serves 4.

Next week I'll give you some more suggestions for Thanksgiving dinner. If you have any special requests, I'll try to help. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Wanted: Christmas Recipes

Do you have a special Christmas recipe you would like to share with our readers? If so please mail or e-mail them to us in time for us to include them in our Christmas Edition.

BRISCOE COUNTY ELECTION RESULTS

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Wayne Nance - 451
Ted Kingery - 362

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5 TXism: "neon light" (inspiration)
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8 these can't be used to buy TX lottery tickets (2 wds.)
16 commercials
17 TX danger sign: a empty saddle
20 TXism: "fair" middlin'
21 TXism: "kisser" (politician)
22 TXism: "put on" (gain weight)
24 Tex-Mex appetizers
29 TX McMurry book: "Lonesome"
30 TX Jenkins' "You Gotta Play"
31 TX Orblon hit: "Pretty Woman"
32 TXism: "racked my" (thought)
33 "baling" or "barbed"
34 it's natural at The Ballpark in Arlington
35 TX Jeannie C.'s "Harper Valley"
36 Public Accountants
38 TX Debbie Reynolds book: "If I Knew"
39 Dallas film: "The Blue Line"
40 Brewster Co. mountain (2 wds.)
42 TXism: "barking up the" tree"

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2 TX Olympic bobsledder Tames
3 Highland Park drill team name
4 bundled cotton
9 TX Pride's "All to Offer You"
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35 bogus
37 Rockport is "where the" never sets
38 TXism: "nail his hide" door"
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The Patriot

NEWS OF AND ABOUT VALLEY SCHOOL

Big Boys Lead Patriots Past Owls

Clif Yeary rushed for 163 yards and three touchdowns as the Valley offensive line opened huge holes Friday night in a 54-8 win over the Hedley Owls. Rodney Fuston, JC Pigg, Ramiro Ramos, and Anthony Ortiz helped pave the way to Valley's seven first-half rushing touchdowns.

"Those guys did a great job," Coach Bret Tyler said. "Our running backs seldom even got touched and when they did it was five to ten yards down field."

Derrick Cruse started the scoring when he raced into the end zone from 40 yards out only 43 seconds into the game. Robert Mendoza added a pair of touchdowns, one from 10 yards out and one from 5 yards, before Yeary scored his first of three consecutive touchdowns.

Yeary's first touchdown of 27 yards was his shortest of the day. He also scored from 67 and 56 yards in the second quarter to give the Patriots a 48-0 lead. Dylan Gaddis got his first carry of the year and scored from 16 yards out with 4:10 left in the half.

"It is nice to be able to send in your fourth tailback and have him hit the hole that fast," Tyler said. "We are blessed with some outstanding running backs to run behind that big offensive line."

The Valley defense came up big for the fourth straight district game, again only giving up one touchdown. Hedley's Wesley Shields scored from 32 yards out with 1:32 left in the half for their only score. Hedley was held to 77 yards on the ground and only 116 yards of total offense.

"It's the same old story with the defense," Tyler said. "The ends and nose guard controlled the line, the safety protected the pass, and the linebackers cleaned up."

Derrick Cruse led the team in tackles with ten, Robert Mendoza recorded seven, and Dylan Gaddis and Clif Yeary each had five. Adam Ortiz had another strong game with four tackles, while Robert Mendoza, Clif Yeary, and JC Pigg all recovered Hedley fumbles.

Valley will finish the regular season this week at home against Motley County.

The Valley Junior Varsity continued their unbeaten streak by knocking off Silverton 62-20. Fidel Valdes scored six touchdowns while Alex Espinoza scored three to lead the Patriots to a 9-0 record.

Juan Mendoza caught two long passes from Cody Barrett and the offense got excellent blocking from Randy Farley, Ruben Ramos, Charlie Walden, Matt Whittington, and Fernando Regalado to help in the effort.

Zack Ramsey had a big night on defense and completed four passes for extra points. Ruben Ramos caught two extra point passes and Cody Varnell caught two and had an interception. Daniel Alanis was two for two on extra point kicks.

The JV will finish their season tonight against Patton Springs in Afton.

Valley Patriots

9-0 Overall

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4-0 District

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The Valley Tribune, Quitaque, Texas, Thursday, November 7, 2002

Earthwatch Education Fellowships Available Now: Join Scientific Field Research Projects Worldwide

Earthwatch Institute is offering fellowships to fund K-12 educators and administrators to join scientific research expeditions around the world. This year, more than 300 fellows will participate in one to three week field research projects, working with diverse teams of volunteers under the direction of renowned scientists.

Earthwatch Institute recognizes that educators play a key role in raising public awareness of cultural and natural issues, and expects teachers to share their experience with their community and classes. The experience provides a unique career development opportunity for teachers and the chance to bring field science into the classroom.

"Teacher fellows use their expedition experience as a framework for developing inquiry based lessons and curricula that address local research concerns," said Susan Rauchwerk, Director of Education at Earthwatch. "These serve as models which have become enduring school wide and even state wide initiatives."

Earthwatch fellowships supply teachers with professional development, applicable skills, new knowledge, and a renewed appreciation for learning. Research projects range in discipline, from archeology to climate change.

Applications are presently being accepted on a rolling basis with decisions being made by May. For an application and more information contact Earthwatch Institute: EducationAward@earthwatch.org, or 800-776-0018 ext.118, or www.earthwatch.org/led/fellowships.html.

Earthwatch Institute is an international nonprofit organization, which supports field research in pursuit of environmental conservation and cultural preservation. There are more than 50,000 Earthwatch members and supporters from US, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia, 3,500 of which volunteer their time and skills each year to work on Earthwatch field research projects in more than 50 countries around the world.

Several Valley 6th Graders Attend Dean's Future Scholars Program At Texas Tech

Friday, November 1, 2002, four Valley 6th graders attended the Dean's Future Scholars Conference at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. The events scheduled for the day were a welcome speech by Gerald Skoog, Dean of the College of Education; then several motivational speeches by Spike Wideman of Feist Directories, Janie Ramirez of Raiders Rojas, Angelee Bravo, a Texas Tech student and former Dean's Future Scholar, and special guest Texas Tech Red Raider's wide receiver #82 Carlos Francis. Later the group took a bus tour of the campus and then was treated to a Chemistry Wizard Show by Dr. Dominick Casadonte. Each student was given a tech t-shirt, which in turn was autographed by Carlos Francis. This conference is designed as a six year program to encourage students to attend college, not just Texas Tech, but any college or university.

The students from Valley who participated were: Mitchell Farley, Dulce Chavez, Leslie Payne, and Francisco Pozos. Also attending were Valley Superintendent Mr. Jerry Smith, and Lisa Farley as a parent. The students reported having enjoyed the day and look forward to being able to attend the conference next year.



This Week In Texas History!

Nov. 3, 1793

Stephen Fuller Austin, born in Virginia. He died in Columbia, December 27, 1863, while serving as Secretary of State for the Republic of Texas.

Nov. 3, 1835

Fort Lipantitlan on the Nueces River near San Patricio captured by Texans under the command of Ira Westover.

Nov. 4, 1913

League of Texas Municipalities organized.

Nov. 5, 1918

Annie Webb Blanton elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the first woman elected to state-wide office in Texas.

Nov. 6, 1526

Cabeza de Vaca's Navarez Expedition shipwrecked on the Texas coast.

Nov. 7, 1922

Edith E. Wilmons of Dallas elected as the first woman member of the Texas House of Representatives.

Nov. 7, 1835

Consultation issued "Declaration of Causes for Taking Up Arms Against Santa Anna."

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change

Monday, November 11

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Chicken Noodle Soup, Crackers, Cheese Toast, Stuffed Celery, Apricots, Milk

Tuesday, November 12

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Toast, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Fish Sticks, Tartar Sauce, Baked Potatoes, Cheese, Bacon, Sour Cream, Broccoli, Banana Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, November 13

Breakfast: Blueberry Muffin, Sausage, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Spaghetti, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Garlic Bread, Milk

Thursday, November 14

Breakfast: Waffles, Syrup, Sausage, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, White Cake, Milk

Friday, November 15

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast OJ/Milk

Lunch: Ham & Cheese Hoagies, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Pears, Chips, Milk

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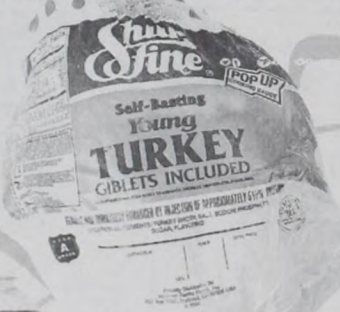
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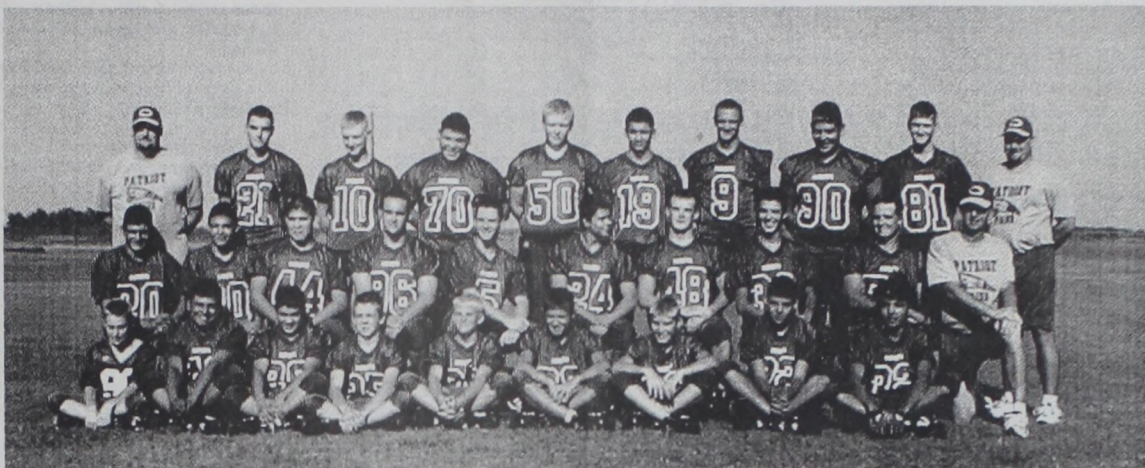
VALLEY VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Aug 31	Bryson	A-7:30	
Sep 6	Aspermont	A-7:30	
Sep 14	# Meadow	H-6:00	
Sep 20	Follett	H-7:30	
Sep 27	Spur	A-7:30	
Oct 4	OPEN		
Oct 11	*Silverton	A-7:30	
Oct 18	*Patton Spgs.	A-7:30	
Oct 26	*Happy	H-3:00	
Nov 1	*Hedley	A-7:30	
Nov 8	*Motley Co.	H-7:30	
*District Games			
#Homecoming			

VALLEY J.V. FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Aug 30	Benjamin(V)	A-7:30	
Sep 5	Aspermont	H-6:30	
Sep 12	Meadow	A-6:30	
Sep 19	OPEN		
Sep 26	Spur	H-6:30	
Sep 26	VernonNS(V)	A-7:30	
Oct 4	Cotton Cen.(V)	A-7:30	
Oct 10	Silverton	H-6:30	
Oct 17	Patton Spgs.	H-6:30	
Oct 24	Happy	A-6:30	
Oct 24	Lazbuddie	H-6:30	
Oct 31	Silverton	A-6:30	
Nov 7	Patton Spgs.	A-6:30	

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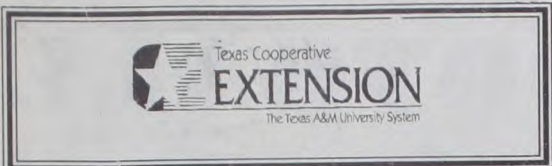
VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROSTER

Player	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pos
Daniel Alanis	5-8	155	So	E-CB
Cody Barrett	5-9	160	Fr	QB-S
Manuel Chavez	5-10	195	Sr	E-E
Derrick Cruse	6-2	190	Sr	RB-LB
Albert Espinoza	5-8	175	So	RB-LB
Alex Espinoza	6-1	165	Fr	RB-E
Rodney Fuston	5-7	220	Jr	C-E
Randy Farley	6-0	275	Fr	C
Rhiane Gaddis	5-6	140	Fr	RB-S
Jake Maupin	5-6	145	So	E-E
Chance Maynard	5-6	140	Fr	E-E
Chase Maynard	6-0	165	Jr	QB-S
Robert Mendoza	5-8	195	Jr	RB-E
Adam Ortiz	5-9	175	Jr	E-E
Anthony Ortiz	6-3	185	Jr	E-E
Douglas Payne	5-10	170	Jr	E-CB
J.C. Pigg	5-8	205	Sr	C-E
Ramiro Ramos	5-9	220	Jr	E-E
Ruben Ramos	5-9	200	Fr	E-E
Zack Ramsey	5-7	155	So	QB-S
Fernando Regalado	5-8	150	Fr	E-E
Juan Regalado	5-11	165	Jr	E-CB
Kellan Roberts	5-8	160	Jr	RB-LB
Frank Rodriguez	5-7	170	Jr	C-E
Fidel Valdez	5-9	170	So	RB-S
Cody Varnell	5-8	145	So	QB-S
Charlie Waldon	6-0	170	Fr	E-E
Matt Whittington	5-7	150	So	E-CB
Justin Wilks	6-1	180	Sr	QB-S
Cliff Yearly	5-9	180	Jr	FB-LB

VALLEY JR. HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sep 5	Aspermont	H-5:00	
Sep 12	Meadow	A-5:00	
Sep 19	OPEN		
Sep 26	Spur	H-5:00	
Oct 4	Cotton Cen.	A-5:00	
Oct 10	Silverton	H-5:00	
Oct 17	Patton Spgs.	H-5:00	
Oct 24	Happy	A-5:00	
Oct 31	Hedley	H-5:00	
Nov 7	Motley Co.	A-5:00	
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By: Brandon McGinty, CEA-Ag, Briscoe County

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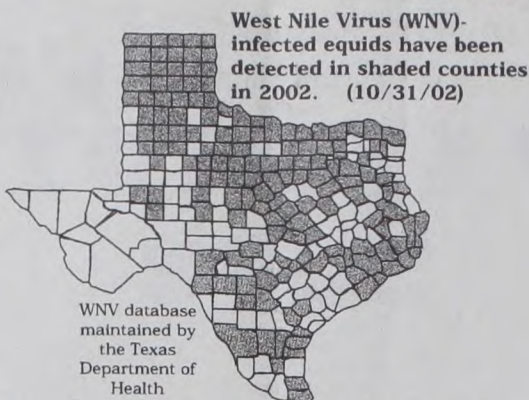
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West Nile Virus Hits Hard In Texas; Some Horses Need Vaccine "Booster" Shot

Cooler temperatures will bring a welcome break from mosquitoes, which this summer have transmitted West Nile Virus to more than 967 of Texas' nearly one million horses. Few areas of the state have been spared from the spread of this disease that was introduced into the U.S. in 1999 and made its way to Texas in June 2002. Laboratory tests, most run at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory have confirmed infection in horses in 149 Texas counties. WNV, a "sleeping sickness" disease, can be harbored by more than 70 species of birds, mosquitoes and are responsible for spreading the disease from an infected bird to a horse or human.

"For more than 14 months, we've urged owners to get their equids vaccinated against WNV," said Dr. Linda Logan, State Veterinarian and Executive Director of the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock health regulatory agency. Although WNV is not a regulatory disease, TAHC veterinarians and animal health inspectors have worked to increase awareness about the disease that can cause equids to suffer swelling of the brain, develop high fever and muscle tremors, or become unable to rise. According to national statistics, WNV infection can lead to death in up to a third of infected equids, Logan noted.

"Now owners should talk with their private veterinarian about a 'booster' shot for equids that were vaccinated at least six months ago. This is particularly important if the animals reside in or will be traveling to areas where temperatures are warm enough to support mosquitoes through the winter," said Dr. Logan. "This booster shot can strengthen the animal's immunity, enabling it to fight off development of the clinical disease."

"Studies on the effectiveness of the vaccine must be completed before the vaccine gains final approval," said Conger. "However, preliminary report on the vaccine's safety and effectiveness looks good. Of the 20,000 equine animals vaccinated properly in 2001 in Florida, only one was known to have developed WNV infection."

Dr. Logan said getting rid of mosquito breeding sites will help reduce the risk of disease transmission to both animals and humans. She urged equine owners to drain sources of stagnant water and to keep troughs cleaned and filled with fresh water.

"In all likelihood, WNV will continue to spread, but in making a diagnosis in equids, we need always to consider rabies or other diseases that can cause animals to be disoriented," explained Dr. Logan. "Although fairly rare, rabies can strike livestock, and owners who handle an animal stricken with rabies should contact their physician immediately. It's important to follow through with your veterinary practitioner to get a diagnosis confirmed with livestock become extremely sick or die, especially if they exhibit signs of neurological distress, such as inability to rise, stumbling, head swinging or disorientation. You should notify your veterinary practitioner or the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.

TBWEF Reminds Farmers To Obtain Joint Endorsement If Required

Northern Rolling Plains producers who recently sold cotton and were given a check with the Texas Department of Agriculture named as a joint payee must obtain an endorsement from TDA before cashing or depositing the check. Endorsements may be obtained at the TDA and Foundation locations listed below. Only these offices will process these checks. In general, assessments must be paid before an endorsement will be given, but if other parties are named on the check, producers should call one of the offices listed below to find out what procedures to follow. Although both TDA and the Foundation will make every attempt to be as accessible as possible to producers, they are highly encouraged to call before going to any office. This will help ensure that someone is available to assist them and that their visit can be handled efficiently. TDA staff will be available Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon and at other times with an appointment.

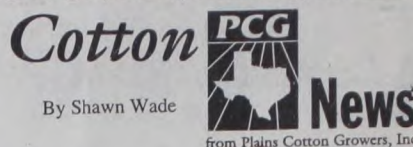
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Locations: Austin Headquarters - 512-463-7593 or the West Texas Regional Office in Lubbock - 806-799-8555.

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Offices: Abilene Headquarters - 866-672-2800; Northern Rolling Plains District Office in Memphis - 806-259-3751; Northern Rolling Plains Zone Office in Childress - 940-937-6564; Southern High Plains Zone Office in Lubbock - 806-771-3121; Southern High Plains District Office in Lubbock - 806-771-4617 or the Northern High Plains District Office in Floydada - 806-983-5964.

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By Shawn Wade

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Conservation Issues Are A Top PCG Priority

With all the attention being focused on the implementation of the new Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) it is sometimes easy to forget that a significant investment was also made in conservation programs as part of the Farm Security and Rural Investment (FSRI) Act of 2002.

Through it all, however, PCG continues to juggle the development and implementation issues surrounding the new farm program and conservation programs with a continued effort to gain passage of a 2000-2001 crop disaster package and the many other day-to-day issues that are out there.

The result of the FSRI Act's investment in conservation is a significant increase in funding for conservation programs with the goal of increasing the "on-farm" impacts of conservation spending.

In an effort to insure that High Plains cotton producers are able to fully participate in the new programs, Plains Cotton Growers has been taking an active role in the development of the rules and regulations that will govern operation of the new programs.

At the top of PCG's cConservation To-Do list are revamping older programs like the Environmental Quality Improvement Program (EQIP) to get the most out of significantly increasing budget allocations throughout the life of the FSRI Act.

PCG is working closely with State and National Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) staff to communicate producer needs and priorities so that quickly changing rules do not inadvertently cause the area to miss out on participation opportunities.

Perhaps even more exciting, however, is the potential impact of the new Conservation Security Program (CSP).

Originally put forth as the basis for an alternative Farm Program, the CSP found its way into the FSRI Act as a stand alone conservation program open to ever farm and ranch operation in the nation.

In fact, the CSP program outlined in the farm bill could be an excellent opportunity to open another valuable income stream for producers without a lot of extra investment.

This is possible because the CSP was intended to reward producers who are already incorporating conservation practices and realizing conservation benefits.

In an effort to stay ahead of the curve during development of the CSP, PCG brought NRCS representatives from the Texas and Washington offices to the High Plains less than one month after the signing of the farm bill.

PCG representatives will be traveling to St. Louis, MO, November 12 to participate in the "National Conference on Farm Bill Conservation Opportunities" sponsored by the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) and the Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC).

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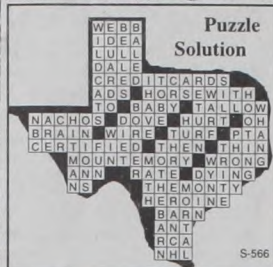
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Thank you to all of you who helped make the Turkey Homecoming a huge success.

It was great to see everyone, and visit again, laugh and tell the same stories and share good memories.

Our 1957 class meeting was very enjoyable at Keith and Bettie Green's. Those attending were: William and Donna Proctor, Ruth Clark, J.W. and Jo Lacy, Irving Seymour, Van Allen, Barbara Collins, Jimmy and Betty Hawkins, Robert and Phyllis Geisler, Jo Beth Smith, Keith and Bettie Green, U.F. Coker and Marvin and Mary Ann Carlisle.

We are thankful for all of you in the Turkey community.

God Bless You.

Love,

Jo Beth Smith

I appreciate everyone's support in the recent Election. Your vote and continued support is greatly appreciated.

Judge Dale Ramsey

I would like to thank the people of Briscoe County for their vote and support in the November 5th General Election. I look forward to serving as County Treasurer for the next four years.

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