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Newly elected Briscoe County officials were sworn in Wednesday, January 1, 2003 at the Briscoe County Commissioners Courtroom. From L-R: Jeff Fuston, Briscoe County Sheriff; Bena Hester, Briscoe County & District Clerk; Connie Smith, Briscoe County J.P. Precinct 1; Gary Weeks, Briscoe County Commissioner Precinct 4; Mary Jo Brannon, Briscoe County Treasurer; and Wayne Nance, Briscoe County Judge.

2002 The Year In Review

Girl Scouts kick off Annual Cookie Sale.
 Births: Haley Diane Milam, daughter of Christi and Dwain Milam of Petersburg.
 Deaths: Donald M. Perkins
Week of January 10
 Suspects caught after burglary attempt in Quitaque Tuesday night. Two suspects attempted to break in the back door of Karol's Kountry Korner, but were unsuccessful. They then went to the side door and kicked it down, but were unaware the building had an alarm system. With the alarm sounding a quick thinking eye witness spotted them during their getaway and called the Briscoe Co. Sheriff. The two suspects from Paducah were apprehended in Matador.
 Golden Covenant to perform at Gem Theatre next Wednesday.
 Extension of emergency grazing of CRP acreage.
 Roland Hamilton announces candidacy for Briscoe Co. Commissioner Precinct 2.
 Ray Whitaker to seek reelection as Hall Co. Commissioner, Precinct 4.
 Briscoe County Junior Livestock Show to be held January 17, 18 & 19.
 Cody Bell to run for Hall Co. J.P. Precinct 4.
 Melvin Clinton to run for reelection as Hall County J.P., Precinct 4.
 Jacy Proctor's mare "Cutter" gave birth to twin foals over the Christmas holidays.
 A EMT class will soon be held in Quitaque, running from January 29 through May 30.
 Caprock Canyon State Park closed for Public Hunt Thursday and Friday, January 10 & 11.
 Farm Bill must remain top priority.

Deaths: Ruby Jewell Mayfield; Joe Davis; Patricia Glidwell.
 New Year ushers in new law allowing Texans to buy car insurance by the mile.
Week of January 31
 Hannah Boedeker receives Don Burson Memorial Herdsman Award at the 2002 Briscoe Co. Junior Livestock Show.
 Local FCCLA plans "Senior Citizens Families First" dinner for Sunday, February 10.
 Mrs. Pigg's 3rd grade class celebrates reading over 600 books with a banana split party.
 Amy Webb & Brandon Price exchange vows in evening ceremony.
 Deaths: Josephine Bedwell Rogers
Week of February 7
 Lance Stidham is candidate for Briscoe County Sheriff.
 Valley FFA members to exhibit top animals at 2002 Houston Livestock Show.
 Lance May and John Walker to be in concert at the Gem Theatre on February 16.
 Janet Ross & Josh Brooks exchange vows on January 5.
 Valley FFA members participate in Market Barrow Show at Southwestern Livestock Exposition in Ft. Worth.
Week of February 14
 Briscoe County Republicans plan to have a bean and cornbread supper Monday, February 18.
 Texas Peanut Producers Board to hold Biennial Election May 1.
 Deaths: Juanita "Cissy" Taylor.
 "Light My Fire" theme at Valley FCCLA Sweetheart Banquet.
 Vaccinate horses now for maximum protection against mosquito borne diseases.

Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held Thursday, March 28.
 Turkey to pay tribute to local Veteran of Foreign Wars on March 24.
 Deaths: Annetta Helms; Ronnie Christian; Gladys M. Bedwell.
 Cap Rock Telephone offers 2002 Scholarship Program.
 Quitaque City Council explores possibility of Medical Clinic.
Week of March 14
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Calendar Of Events

January 3
 *Quitaque Senior Citizens meeting @ 5 p.m.
 *Valley VG, VB vs McLean there @ 6:30 p.m.

January 4
 *Turkey Jamboree @ 7 p.m.

January 6
 *Valley School 4th Six Weeks begins
 *Quitaque Lions Club meeting
 *Valley Jr High G,B vs Olton here @ 5 p.m.
 *Valley JVB vs Clarendon here @ 7:30 p.m.

January 7
 *Quitaque Masonic Lodge meeting @ 7 p.m.
 *Quitaque Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 6:15 p.m.
 *Turkey Fire Department meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
 *Valley JVG, JVB, VG, VB vs Silverton here @ 4:00 p.m.

January 8
 *Quitaque EMT meeting

January 9
 *Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.
 *WIC office in Silverton at FBC @ 9:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 *Briscoe County Jr. Livestock Show begins at Valley Show Barns

Week of January 3
 Local Election Races Heat Up.
 Roger Messer is running for Hall County Judge.
 Dale Smith announces candidacy for Briscoe Co. Commissioner, Precinct 2.
 Wayne Nance to run for Briscoe County Judge.
 Leeland Smith seeks election for Briscoe Co. Commissioner, Precinct 2.
 Jack Scott announces candidacy for Hall County Treasurer.
 Local tip leads Hall County Police to possible drug lab. A concerned Memphis citizen's call to the Hall Co. Sheriff's office resulted in the arrest of a suspect. Controlled substances and ingredients used in the manufacturing of controlled substances were confiscated in the raid.
 Hall County Hospital designated Level IV Trauma Facility.

New Business To Open In Quitaque

Richard and Ryan Wellman will be opening the former One Stop Gas Shop for business on Monday, January 6, 2003. The new name will be Wellman Brothers Service Center and will be open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays.

The Service Center will be a full service station that will include gasoline, diesel, batteries, windshield wiper blades, various types of filters, and tires. The Service Center will also provide the following services to their customers oil changes, lube jobs, mounting and spin balancing of tires, flats fixed, or you can get your car washed. Richard and Ryan stated, "We may not have everything you need in stock to start with, but we will be adding more inventory very soon."

Call 455-1400 for questions or to make an appointment to have your vehicle washed or to schedule service work. Remember you can call for pick and delivery of any service work job or car washing. Stop by the Wellman Brothers Service Center, Richard and Ryan are looking forward to serving you.

Turkey Jamboree This Saturday

By Lawana Cruse
 The next Turkey Jamboree will be January 4, 2003 at the old Turkey High School Gym. Entertainers will be Benny Brown from Amarillo, The Adams Brothers from the Clarendon and Canyon Area, and the Dewbres from Crosbyton. We will also have the Talent Showcase and the Turkey Gems. The Quitaque Masons will have the concession stand serving hamburgers with all the trimmings. The food is always good, the entertainment is free and we give away great door prizes. Showtime is 7:00 p.m. Start the new year out right by treating yourself to some very good entertainment.

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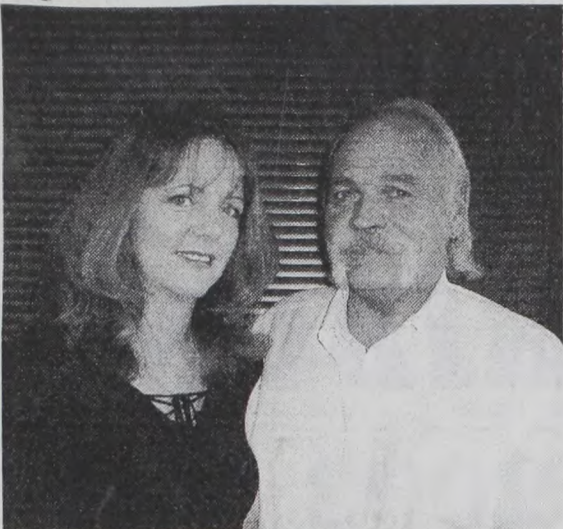
Week of January 17
 Highway 70 Association sets 70 Mile Garage Sale for May 4-5.
 Quitaque's Chamber of Commerce invites citizens to Goal Setting Meeting/Covered Dish Dinner Thursday, January 17.
 Successful Migrant Program recognized at Valley School.
 Briscoe County Junior Livestock Show this weekend in Silverton.
 Births: Skylar Alyson Blount, daughter of Scott and Heather Blount of Lubbock.
 Deaths: Lillie Mae Tennison; Jean Grundy.
 As search continues for Coca-Cola Scholars, Amber Stark is picked as semifinalist.
 Patriots defeat the Chilocotho Eagles 76-64.
 Emergency farm loan applications being accepted in Briscoe County.
 Briscoe County is now eligible for low interest economic injury loans.

Week of January 24
 Quitaque Chamber of Commerce plans upbeat year for 2002.
 Quitaque Homecoming 2002 Quilt in the making by the Quilters Club.
 Memorial to be built for Floyd County Veterans.
 Turkey Roost Museum will soon be a reality.

Week of February 28
 Annual Matador/Motley County Wildland Fire School to be held Saturday, March 2.
 Deaths: Joe Mack Hale.
 Valley Patriots conclude 2001 basketball season.
Week of March 7
 Quitaque Masons salute Valley teachers during Public School Week March 3-8.
 Dedications ceremony plans are underway for Hall County Veteran's Memorial Monument and Walk of Honor. The celebration will be held March 30.
 Conner's Team to participate in Relay for Life.
 Zack Ramsey wrestles a winner at Rodeo/Houston Calf Scramble.
 "Doppler" Dave will be guest speaker at Annual Quitaque

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Week of April 4
 Delene Tyler was named Quitaque's Woman of the Year at the Annual Chamber Banquet.
 Ann Chadwick received the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce's Golden Heart Award.
 Lone Star Rising will return to perform again at the Gem Theatre in Turkey on April 15.
 Wes Henson named to play in the Golden Spread All-Star games.
 Fall Cattle Drive new goal of Texas Highway 70 Association.
 Joyce Guest and Dick Young wed in afternoon ceremony.
 Deaths: Lena Mae Hawkins; John Morgan; Roy Patrick; Rex L. Anderson.
 Valley High UIL compete at District.

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Cagle & Beck To Wed January 4

Jerry Beck and Cynthia Cagle both of Quitaque would like to invite their friends and family to join them in the celebration of their marriage on Saturday, January 4, 2003 at 8 p.m. at the Briscoe County Show Barn in Silverton. A Reception/Dance will immediately follow the ceremony.



Wellmans Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

The children of Lloyd and Margie Wellman hosted a reception in honor of their parent celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The reception was held at the First Baptist Church of Shallowater on Saturday, December 21. Their children, also, surprised the couple with a Mexican buffet with all their family members in attendance at R&B Catering in Lubbock the evening of the reception.

Lloyd and Rosa Lee (Margie) Norton were married in Ardmore, Oklahoma on December 22, 1952 after a two year courtship which began when Margie was a freshman in high school and Lloyd had graduated from Turkey High School. The couple wed in December of her junior year and she continued with her education, graduating in May of 1954 from Ravia High School. Lloyd was drafted into the Army in 1953 and Margie stayed with her father to complete her school years in Ravia, Oklahoma.

A very special gift was presented to the couple at the reception. It was given by Lloyd's brothers and sisters. His brother, Harvey Wellman, handed down the 50th Anniversary plate given to their parents, W. E. and Christine Wellman of Turkey, at their 50th Anniversary reception in 1976. The stipulation was the plate must be handed down to each couple as they reached this milestone in their life. The tradition will continue through the generations until there is no plate or no one to hand it to.

The couple have three children, they are Jack Wellman and wife, Deborah, of Quitaque, Terry Smith and husband, Stanley, and Kenneth Wellman and companion, Kathy Russell, all of Wichita Falls. Their grandchildren include Jamie, Richard, Ryan, and Jessica Wellman, Christopher Scott, Bridget and Thomas Wilson, and Jennifer and Mark Hendricks. Great-grandchildren are Cole Scott and Diane Wilson.



There are nine basic cuts of beef: round, sirloin, short loin, rib, chuck, fore shank, brisket, short plate and flank.

Happy Birthday

- January 1**
Johnnie Morrison, Rick Mullin
- January 2**
Landon Trey Lane, Elizabeth Monk, Dawna Warren, Chelsea Mills
- January 3**
Chambray Smith, Frank Lane, Jan Lane, "Sis" Stephens
- January 5**
Amy Fuston, Jack Vance Price, Ketchersid Smith
- January 6**
Billy McWilliams, Ray Taylor, Alana Irby
- January 7**
Betty Driskill, Jerry Morgan, Lila Ramsey, Eldon Martin, Coleen Taylor, Shirley Hawkins
- January 8**
Virginia Taylor, Danny Stewart
- January 9**
Sid McFall, Cole Brown, Clint Townsley

Happy Anniversary

- January 3**
Mr & Mrs Walter Wayne Taylor
Mr & Mrs Bubba Turner
- January 5**
Mr & Mrs Billy Shannon
- January 6**
Mr & Mrs Brand Cruse
- January 7**
Mr & Mrs Richey Fuston

OBITUARIES

NOVELLE WISE

Services for Mrs. Novelle Wise were held at Methodist Church in Quitaque on Saturday, December 28. Mrs. Wise died December 22, 2002 in Monroe, LA.

Mrs. Wise was a member of the First Baptist Church in Monroe, LA. Mam-ma, as all her grandchildren and great grandchildren affectionately knew her, had a very deep love for family and friends. She was the sole provider for her three young children after her husband passed in 1945, encouraging and assisting all three to finish college. She was very dear to many people new to this country. She assisted them in adjusting to live in their new home. Her husband, Jack B. Wise and a grandson Jack B. Wise, preceded her in death. Survivors include: Daughter, Yvonne Wise Parker Armstrong and her husband, Jerry of Monroe, LA; two sons, Monte Joe Wise and his wife, Anita of Kerrville, TX; and Murray Gene Wise and his wife Betty of Clifton, TX; six grandchildren, nine great grandchildren; and one great great grandson. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society of the Quitaque Community Center Fund.

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Caprock Cotton Conference

The Caprock Cotton Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2003 at the Plains Baptist Assembly between Ralls and Floydada. The Conference is open to all area producers as well as anyone interested in the cotton production industry. Over twenty booth exhibitors will be on hand introducing the latest in cotton related technology and equipment. In addition, at least 3 and possibly 5 Continuing Education Units will also be available by attending the conference.

The program will start at 8:30 a.m. with topics on views concerning Cotton Market, Update from Plains Cotton Growers, Insight on New Farm Bill, High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Update, TDA Laws & Regulations, Area Test Plot Results, Cotton Leafhopper Study Results, and Minimum Tillage for Cotton Production. The Conference will be over at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. The cost of the conference is \$25, pre-registration will be accepted until January 17, after that date a \$10 late fee will be collected. This will include lunch, conference cap and program materials. Registration information can be received through the Floyd or Crosby county Extension offices. If you need assistance or have questions please call Steve Young at the Crosby County Extension office (675-2347) or J.D. Ragland at the Floyd County office (983-4912).

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Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur guests of daughter and were their grandchildren lege Station and Linda Cory Cooper and

Holiday visitors of Alvia Joe Calvert of Tech, son Justin Calvert, Mrs. Dan Foster, Mr. Lubbock.

Visiting during the and Mrs. Kevon Kleiber Carson, Walker, Ryleigh den of Turkey, Mr. and Flomot.

Mrs. Ann Metcalf of and family, Angela and Lubbock following surge

Guests Christmas day Jodie and Branson Crude Lelia Lake, Talon, Roeg Allison, Quaid and Macy lar Clifton of Cisco, Tanna inda, Mark, Thor, Tory, Lubbock; Mrs. Dona Bro James, Fannin and Danrick Cruse, Judy and Dor

Mr. and Mrs. Cory K during the holidays with and family, Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell C the home of her mother, were Charla and Bennie of Casper, Wyoming; Sha Cruse and Kaycee Marrie

Visitors during the hol Mrs. Joey Lee and Mrs. M Mrs. Teresa Lee, Kellan at Davey, Jenny and Rochell Roger, Josh and Brandon Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Br Whitney and Jason Brown in Childress, Saturday in and her guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn M and Mrs. J.C. Moss, Mrs. L and children.

Guests Christmas day of and Mrs. Coy Franks of Flomot and Madison Franks of Bast book, and Cara Franks of Car houseguests, Lance, Sherry Cody, Mandy, Lane and Ashington, Matt, Ashley and Bra Lacy, Caleb, Mickey and Kansas of Matador. Special guest Mrs. Edith Washington dur

Visiting during the holi Geneva Martin and Mr. and Conroe Lake, Cindy and Chad and Haley Milam of Petersb ville, Salma Elliott of Floyd Mansfield, Bobby, Jenifer, Al ing Springs.

Visitors of Mrs. C.W. Star L.T. Starkey and Mr. and VanCleeve of Dougherty, Mr Nola Mary and Joe Long of Holiday visitors of Mr. and Jimmy, Shay and Seth McD Degan of Calgary, Donnie R ters, Natalie and Brooke Rog

Visiting during the holiday Wes Stark, stationed with the dent at the University of Tex Aleda Elaine Ross of Castro Williams of Lubbock visited Ross.

Mr. Sheila Gilbert, son an and Alexander of Jacksonville her mother, Mrs. Leona Dega mother in law, Mrs. Christ Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Brown Jason visited in Rising Star, Mrs. E.J. Browning and grand

Glenn D. Tiffin accompanied Tina Court to Great Lakes, Ill Tony Court who is stationed w Tiffin during the holidays wer and Kevin of Weatherford.

Or interest to local resident Flomot resident, suffered a str tion treatments. Her address

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Shannon holidays in Farwell with her p visitors were her sisters, broth Kasey of Carrollton, D'Lynn at book and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Eu

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NEWS OF AND ABOUT VALLEY SCHOOL

Patriots Soar Past Eagles

The Valley Patriots used five assists and three steals from Derrick Cruse, 14 rebounds from Dylan Gaddis, and 17 points from Douglas Payne to knock off the state-ranked Chillicothe Eagles on Friday, December 20.

Thirteen different players scored for the Patriots in the 74 - 48 victory. Payne led the way with 17 while Gaddis finished with 11, Justin Wilks tallied 10, Anthony Ortiz scored 9, and Cruse chipped in 8.

"This was the first time this year that we have played at the tempo that we want to play," Coach Clay said. "Anthony helped that by running the floor extremely hard and Wilks pushed the ball and found him. Derrick and Chase also pushed it harder tonight which helped extend the defense. Of course, it starts with Cliff on the defensive end. He sets the defensive tempo."

Dylan Gaddis had another strong game as he went 5 - 7 shooting, grabbed 10 offensive rebounds, and blocked three shots. Anthony Ortiz made his season debut with nine points and five rebounds.

"Anthony gives us a tough inside game to go with our shooters," Clay said. "We know that Adam, Derrick, Chase, Justin, and Douglas can knock down shots."

The Patriots out rebounded the Eagles by 21 to win the battle of the boards. A better shooting percentage from the field (45%) and the free throw line (70%), along with less turnovers led to the lopsided score.

"Our shooting is getting better," Clay said. "We haven't had as much practice as most people so we're shooting our way back. But our free throw percentage has went from 9% to the 70 - 75% range in the last few games. That helps."

Experience Works Assists Senior To Find Employment

Established as Green Thumb in 1965 and renamed in 2002, Experience Works is a national, nonprofit organization that offers training, employment, and community service opportunities for mature workers. This includes a variety of programs designed to help mature individuals enter the workforce, secure more challenging positions, move into new career areas, or supplement their incomes.

The largest program offered by Experience Works is the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). This program, funded under Title V of the Older Americans Act, enables Experience Works to help thousands of low income individuals, age 55 and older, throughout the United States. Through this program, job ready seniors are placed directly into employment, while other seniors benefit from training, counseling, and community service assignments at nonprofit organizations and public agencies in their communities, prior to transitioning into the workforce. SCSEP participants gain valuable new skills and experience that help them secure meaningful employment and provide valuable services to their host agencies and communities.

Continuous learning, keeping one's skills current and building new skills, is more important than ever in today's workforce. Experience Works offers a wide variety of technology training services, where they use a combination of instructor led, facilitated, or self paced computer skills training that may involve classrooms, computer labs, packaged training or training via the Internet. Experience Works also offers a number of job related training programs that include industry specific programs for areas such as home health care, agriculture, security, customer service, and small business development.

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Experience Works Prime Time Awards Program is a year long effort to recognize the contributions of older workers at the local, state, and national level. The effort is capped by a week of activities in Washington, D.C., honoring America's Oldest Worker, outstanding employers of older workers, and outstanding older workers from all 50 states.

In addition to their national capabilities, they also offer a variety of services targeted to the unique need of local markets. Local services include home health care, landscaping, home repair, administration of workforce centers, welfare to work programs, a statewide older worker information clearinghouse, and more. These services may be offered to a community, a county, or even an entire state, depending on local needs.

For more information on Experience Works and its many programs contact the Plainview office at 806-293-8566 or Amarillo office at 806-372-5521.

Flu Shots For Kids?

Schools are a common place for the transmission of flu viruses, so families with school-age children have a higher rate of infection than other families.

"There is no reason that healthy children 6 months of age and older cannot get a flu shot," said Dr. Paul Glezen, Professor of Molecular Virology and Microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

This doesn't mean that all children should get flu shots, but if your child is in one of the high risk groups, then you should consider getting him a flu shot each year.

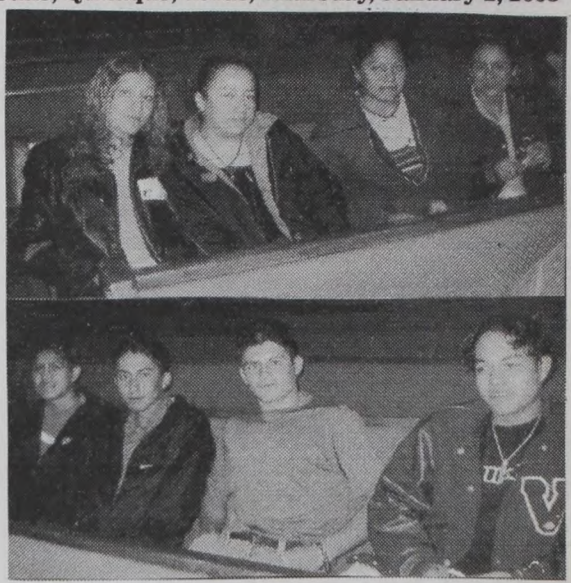
The Center for Disease Control encourages vaccination of children from 6 to 23 months of age because of their risk of being hospitalized with the flu.

Last Week In Texas History!

- Dec. 16, 1826**
Benjamin Edwards rode into Nacodoches and proclaimed the Republic of Fredonia; used the Old Stone Fort as his capitol.
- Dec. 16, 1836**
Texas Congress granted the first railroad charter west of the Mississippi.
- Dec. 17, 1835**
Governor Henry Smith ordered Bowie to lead the Matamoros Expedition.
- Dec. 19, 1836**
Texas Congress established national boundaries.
- Dec. 19, 1842**
Alexander Somervell decided to abandon invasion of Mexico and ordered his men to return. About 200 men refused to obey and continued the march. Known as the Mier Expedition, these men were eventually captured and imprisoned.
- Dec. 19, 1859**
Mirabeau B. Lamar died at Richmond.
- Dec. 20, 1835**
Goliad Declaration of Independence.
- Dec. 21, 1821**
Mary James Long, first Anglo-American born in Texas, at Port Lavaca.
- Dec. 21, 1826**
Fredonian Declaration of Independence.
- Dec. 23, 1820**
Moses Austin arrived in Texas to attempt to obtain grant to introduce 300 families in Texas.
- Dec. 23, 1863**
Federal troops occupied Indianola.
- Dec. 24, 1862**
Federal troops occupied Galveston.
- Dec. 25, Christmas Day, 1863**
William Quantrill shot up the city of Sherman on a drunken spree.
- Dec. 29, 1845**
Texas admitted to the Union as the twenty-eighth state.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- Menu Subject To Change
- Monday, January 6**
Breakfast: Toast, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Pizza, French Fries, Fruit, Milk
 - Tuesday, January 7**
Breakfast: French Toast, Syrup, Sausage, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Chicken Strips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk
 - Wednesday, January 8**
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Pigs in a Blanket, French Fries, Carrot Sticks, Fruit, Milk
 - Thursday, January 9**
Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Spaghetti, Fried Okra, Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk
 - Friday, January 10**
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, OJ/Milk
Lunch: Beef Stew, Cheese, Sticks, Crackers, Orange Slices, Milk



Valley Students Attend Step Up To Success Conference

Principal Davidson drove Sarah Hinojosa, sponsor, and eight high school students to the Annual Step Up to Success Conference held by Los Barrios de Amarillo.

This event was held at the San Jacinto Baptist Church in Amarillo on November 19, 2002.

Students were required to attend workshops of their choice. Some choices of workshops were: Social Services, Law, Business, Communication, Education, Civil Services and Medical.

Students that attended were, Juan Regalado, Daniel Alanis, Erika Chavez, Lorena Mendoza, Enedina Valdez, Guadalupe Mendoza, Fidel Valdes and Juan Carlos Mendoza. A box lunch was provided. Everyone reported to having a good time.



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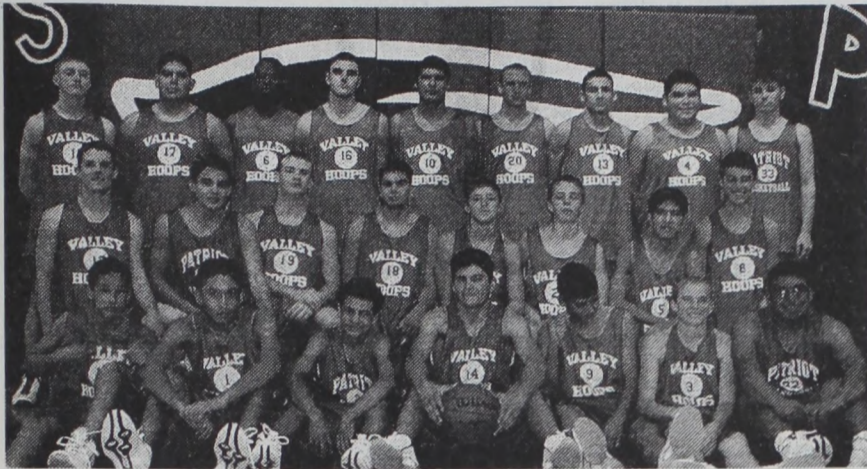
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VALLEY PATRIOTS BASKETBALL



2002 - 2003 Valley Basketball Schedule



VALLEY PATRIOT 2002-2003 J.V. & Varsity Boy's Basketball Team



Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Teams
December 5-7	Patton Springs Tournament			VG, VB
December 5-7	Clarendon JV Tournament			JVG, JVB
December 9	Clarendon	Home	8:00	JVB
December 10	Motley County	Away	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
December 12-14	Spur Tournament			VG, VB
December 17	Jayton	Away	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
December 20	Chillicothe	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
December 26-28	Silverton Tournament			VG, VB
December 30	Chillicothe	Away	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
January 3	McLean*	Away	6:30	VG, VB
January 6	Clarendon	Home	7:30	JVB
January 7	Silverton*	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
January 10	Hedley*	Away	6:30	VG, VB
January 10	Happy	Away	5:00	JVB
January 14	Groom*	Home	6:30	VG, VB
January 14	Silverton	Away	4:00	JVG, JVB
January 17	Samnorwood*	Away	6:30	VG, VB
January 21	McLean*	Home	5:00	JVB, VG, VB
January 24	Silverton*	Away	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
January 25	Valley Tournament			JVG, JVB
January 28	Hedley*	Home	6:30	VG, VB
January 28	Happy	Home	5:00	JVB
January 31	Groom*	Away	6:30	VG, VB
February 4	Samnorwood*	Home	6:30	VG, VB
February 4	Silverton	Home	5:00	JVB

2002-2003 Valley Basketball Junior High Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Teams
December 9	Patton Springs	Home	5:00	G, B
December 9	Nazareth	Home	7:00	G
December 16	McLean	Away	5:00	G, B
January 6	Olton	Home	5:00	G, B
January 11	Motley County Tournament			G, B
January 13	Silverton	Away	5:00	G, B
January 20	Patton Springs	Away	5:00	G, B
January 27	Silverton	Home	5:00	G, B
February 1	Valley Tournament			G, B
February 3	Spur	Home	5:00	G, B
February 3	Nazareth	Home	7:00	G



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