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Paintings on torpedo depict historical events

By Alice Gilroy

A torpedo, donated by a retired Navy man, has taken on a new look at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Lockney.

Andy Stapp, of Lockney, is known for his air brush art work and seemed like the perfect choice to transform the torpedo into a memorial for the Veteran's Park.

The torpedo, which now sits at the base of the Memorial's flags, was donated to the Veteran's Park by a retired Navy man who now resides in Hobbs, N.M.

"The torpedo was given to this man when he retired," said Ed Marks, president of the Veteran's Association. "He put it in his front yard and the neighbors called and reported it. He told us he had ATF and Homeland Security asking questions so he figured he had better find a good

'We found out about the torpedo from the Chief at the Naval Reserve Unit, who suggested we put it at the park."

Stapp was eventually asked to paint the torpedo.

"The Veteran's Association was very patient with me," said Stapp. "The torpedo sat in the shop (Stapp's Paint and Body Shop) for two years. It was Chris Reecer, who works with us, that finally got me motivated. He got tired of walking around it and asked me to stop working on other projects and get this one

Stapp said he worked on the black and white because that's

torpedo on two Saturdays and he the color of the photos you alwas done. The torpedo was tied up with big rubber bungee cords, lifted onto a fork lift from the Co-Op and then moved to the Park.

All the painting, including the detailed work, is done with an air brush. "An air brush can do lines as fine as an eyelash, or as large as a panel" said Stapp.

"I knew I wanted to represent all the military forces," said Stapp. "I felt like the D-Day beach assault (which is seen in the first segment of the painting), would be the best way to do that."

Stapp says the beach assault scene came strictly from his own mind, but the faces of Truman, Patton, and Eisenhower came from images he found on on the

"The picture of Eisenhower talking to a soldier was taken from a picture I found on the internet. It was originally a picture of him talking to about 25 men but I didn't have room for all of

"Eisenhower was known for his 'Direct-To' speeches. He was always a part of what was taking place. I've been told the original picture was of him talking to the 101st Airborne.'

Staff said after he painted the beach assault scene he was halfway through with the project. The bombing of Japan, which brought about the end of the war, seemed like a natural progression

"I painted the bombing in

ways see," said Stapp. "In 1995, while I was in the Marines, I visited the Atomic Dome in Hiroshima. I used one of my pictures as a model for this segment of my painting.'

Stapp said he had looked forward to painting the torpedo because it was something he had never done.

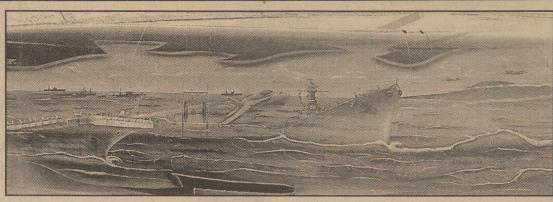
'You don't get a chance to paint portraits on a car," said

Besides custom painting cars, airplanes, and motorcycles, Stapp is also the airbrush artist for the Simpson Helmet Company out of New Braunsfels. And, after word spread of the custom artwork on the new Longhorn school bus, Stapp is getting inquiries for more custom painting of school busses.

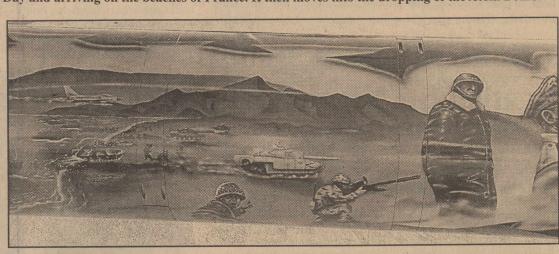
Stapp says he had no background in painting or drawing, and did not take up the airbrush trade until after he got out of the Marines in 1997

"I had never heard of air brushing until after I saw it at a car show. I came back from the show and started practicing on panels. I was horrible. It was very frustrating. I just kept practicing until I could do it. I am 100% self taught.'

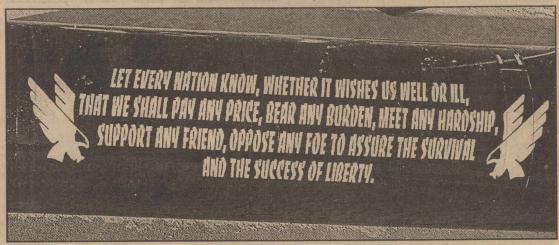
"We didn't tell Andy what we wanted," said Marks. "We just let him have the torpedo. Andy told us if we just let him do what he wanted to do that we wouldn't be disappointed--and we weren't."



THE STORY UNFOLDS section by section on the painted torpedo at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Lockney. The first picture shows the different branches of the military participating in D-Day and arriving on the beaches of France. It then moves into the dropping of the Atom Bomb.







Methodist group heading to Mission Field in Niger, Africa

By Jennifer Moore

On January 7, 2008 a group of missionaries from the First United Methodist Church in Floydada will set off on a trip half way around the world to Niger, Africa to share what they find most important--God's love.

Those going on the trip will be Reverend Les Hall, Lee Battey, Laura Farris, Jim Covington, Jerry Battey, and Elaine Magruder.

will have prayer partners," said each village and the missionary Lee, "while we are abroad." All agreed that no one was afraid and felt it was their calling.

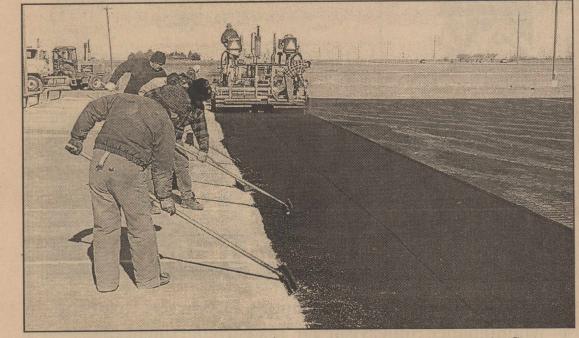
Niger is a Muslim country and they won't be able to freely evangelize there. One of the members of the group, Magruder, is a and cover their heads. nurse, and former missionary to Vietnam. Through her and Lee's work as nurses they will have access to work with women and

church," said Hall. "Each of us granted through the "chief" of organization, International Missionary Baptiste Meridionales.

> There are many customs that will have to be followed. The women will have to wear skirts

> French is the official language of the people of Niger but each village speaks their own dialect. "With the help of interpreters, we

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UNITY CENTER LOT GETTING PAVED -- Pavers were hard at work at the Unity Center on New Year's Eve. The parking lot should be striped by Wednesday or Thursday of this week, just in time for the crowds that are always in attendance at the Floyd County Junior Livestock Show. The show will be held this weekend, January 4 & 5.

Hollywood Film looking for local talent Casting call put out for rural boys ages 10-14

Francine Maisler Casting is conducting a statewide casting search for spirited, interesting, rural boys (ages 10 to 14) to be considered for leading roles in an upcoming major Hollywood family movie to be filmed in Texas. For story reasons, they are only looking for Caucasian boys at this time.

There will be an open casting call held on Saturday, January 5th in Seminole, TX at: The Gaines County Civic Building, 405 NW 5th Street, Seminole, TX 79360 from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. For driving directions, lodging, and dining information, please call the Seminole Chamber of Commerce at 432-758-2352 or visit their website at http:// www.seminoletxchamber.org/

The casting call will consist of a brief talk with a member of the casting team and possibly an interview on camera. All particiable photo. Interested parties may call the Information Line at (512) 637-9782 or email:

PrimrosePictures@gmail.com, though no appointment is neces-

While acting experience is not necessary, the production will provide compensation on the scale of professional actors. Filmmakers are specifically looking for children with oldfashioned qualities in small town environments.

As Bob Hudgins, the Director of the Texas Film Commission, has said, "This story is set in Texas, and the Primrose team is determined to cast this part in Texas. This could be a rare opportunity for a young Texan to land a lead role in a major film, and I appreciate Primrose's dedication to making that happen."

While details of the project are

pants should bring a non-return- being kept confidential during the casting process, the filmmakers have been nominated for Academy Awards and have produced numerous films that are considered to be critically acclaimed around the world.

'The filmmakers are known to us and are well-respected both nationally and internationally," Hudgins said. "I assure you that this is a professional, legitimate film project, and one that I expect we'll all be proud of."

The role calls for a boy who is confident, lively and thoughtful. This statewide search has been taking place since September of 2006 and will be completed by February of 2008. Filming will commence in

Francine Maisler Casting has cast films such as "Spider-Man", "Miami Vice" and "As Good As It Gets.'



AFRICAN MISSION GROUP--Leaving January 7 for Niger on a Mission Trip are: (1-r) Jerry Battey, Lee Battey, Les Hall, Laura Farris, and Jim Covington.



SUE MOORE(left), and GLENNA ROSS (right) at a reception held in Sue's honor. Sue Moore has closed her gift shop in Floydada. Glenna was a longtime employee at Sue's Gift Shop.

Local mission group headed for Niger, Africa

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Christ," said Hall, "and go make deciples of all nations. So far Silvia and Thomas Barrientos have been working with us as interpreters.

Farris said, "God just asks us to go plant seeds and we sure hope we change people. We feel very blessed and want to give

Covington's desire for the trip is just to "share Jesus, God's

Hall suggested, "the biggest change we'll see is probably in ourselves.

It has been two years since the whole planning process began, but six months seriously since it started.

Lee said much of the credit is

due to Bill and JoLynn Dean who will share the good news of Jesus were the impetus of this trip but weren't able to bring it to frui-

> "We all prayed over it and decided it was what we needed to do," said Lee.

Facts About Niger

Niger is considered the world's poorest country. The Republic of Niger is located in north-western Africa, bordered by: Burkina Faso, Mali, Algeria, Libya, Chad, Cameroon, Nigeria, and Benin. The total size of Niger is 1,267,000 sq mi (which is slightly less then twice the size of Texas). It's total estimated population is 12.9 million. The average life expectancy of the average person is 44 years.

A view from

The Lamplighter *

By: Ken Towery email: chowdipper@austin.rr.com

We've just finished another round of the world's newspaper web pages, and, as usual, found the most interesting stuff, or the stuff that's likely to affect us here in this country, in the Israeli

We have found out, for instance, that, for the first time in our memory, that there is a public difference between the views of the American intelligence establishment, finally, and the Israeli intelligence establishment. While Bush hates to admit it (and while he dances around the issue lest he irritate the Israelis and Pat Robertson), the American Intelligence Estimate says Iran stopped work on nuclear weapons several years ago. They have continued work on nuclear technology, however, and Bush says as long as they are acquiring the knowledge, they continue to be dangerous. In this, he is in total agreement with the Israelis. And, who knows, they may be right, despite what American intelligence gathering experts say. After all, American intelligence, relying on Israeli intelligence for of mass destruction in Iraq.

new Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of staff, plus the current head of America's Intelligence, plus the current head of the Defense Department (a guy named Gates who replaced Donald Rumsfeld as head of America's defense establishment) are all part of what the Israelis call the "anti-warwith-Iran" crowd. I suppose, logically, that means there is a "war-with-Iran" crowd alive and well in the United States. Three guesses, and a couple of old Lamplighter columns, will inform you just who makes up that "war-with-Iran" crowd.

(If you don't have time to scrounge through past newspapers in search of some old Lamplighters, we'll tell you now: the group that advertised themselves as "neo-cons," or "neoconservatives", thereby differentiating themselves from the rest of us who called ourselves just

the most part, gave us weapons plain "conservatives." The "neocons" were embarrassed to be We found out something else seen as part of the "conservative" we had not known concerning the establishment, since conservaworkings of the American gov- tism had a reputation of opposiernment. We found out that the tion to most welfare programs, but they wanted to be associated with the generally hawkish mood of most conservatives. So they called themselves "neo-conservatives", (or, new-conservatives) and many conservative political types trailed along, happy to get any recognition or support at all from generally Jewish intellectu-

> A few other items we found out by reading the Israeli press (specifically, the Jerusalem Post, whose owner, Conrad Black, a citizen of Canada, recently went to prison for bilking fellow directors out of millions of dollars in the U.S., when he sold the Chicago Sun-Times and the London Daily Telegraph, which he had also owned): American Jews, in a recent poll by that newspaper group and the American Jewish Congress, are in favor of Hillary Clinton for President over Rudy Giuliani by 53 to 41 percent. Even so, Rudy gets more Jewish votes than normal, since only 15 percent of American Jews consider themselves Republican, as opposed to 58 percent who consider themselves Democrats.

Continuing to roam the world, we note that the new President of Taiwan now says things that some Chinese think means no war with the mainland for the time being, which means that maybe some farm boy from here won't have to go fight and die in Asia...that down in Argentina, they have sworn in a new President, a woman who is the wife of a former President...that things are still "normal" in Singapore (they didn't say so, but they mean the British are gone and the country is being run by indigenous people, and that a

new apartment is being built every few minutes, and hippies are probably still being met at the airport by a barber under government orders to closely examine all visitors for hair length), ... the same is true in Hong Kong, where Chinese have taken over, and despite what a lot of us thought, government services are still being met...that everything is up to date in Moscow, where Putin's people have just won, surprisingly, a resounding victory at the polls and Putin has installed a pliant clone as the next leader...in Beijing (formerly Peking) everything is normal, according to the government, except that once in a while there are coal mine disasters hither and yon, and once in a while corruption rears its ugly head (which is unheard of in this country)...and that in England, the big news is that Rupert Murdock is taking over the Wall Street Journal. That's pretty big news even in this country. Murdock, a former citizen of Australia, also owns the New York Daily News and the Fox network and has endorsed Hilary Clinton for President, while Pat Robertson and Rick Perry have endorsed Giuliani. Jerry Patterson has endorsed Fred Thompson, and we are still sitting on our hands. Happy Holidays, and Merry Christmas.

Mary Kay Cosmetics Susan Simpson Independent consultant 983-5325



FIRST NATIONAL BANK PRESIDENT TOM FARRIS (left) and Executive Vice President Monte Williams (left and back) visit with Glenda Wilson (back right) and Glenda's mother, Josephine Shull (right front) at Glenda's retirement reception, December 28, at Floydada's FNB. **Staff Photo**

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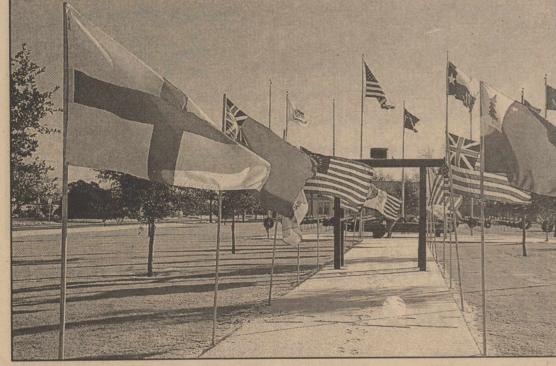
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FLAGS TELL THE HISTORY--Flags flying temporarily down the Veteran's Memorial Walkway in Lockney, tell the history of the United States. "Ten flags show the history of the United States," said Ed Marks, president of the Veteran's Association. "The first flag is St. George- the pilgrim flag; then the King's Colors--Great Britain; and the Red Ensign is the British flag; then the Continental flag, the Gadsden flag, which was the Revolutionary Flag ("Don't Tread on Me"); the Grand Union, then the Betsy Ross flag, the 1776, the Star Spangled Banner, and Old Glory. We've also put up flags representing conflicts and wars--WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraqi Freedom, and the Service Star flag. The firefighters flag is also flying as well as a Texas flag and of course the American flags. We put the flags up to fly over the holidays so visitors could enjoy them.

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FLOYD COUNTY COMMISSIONER PCT. #1 Subject to the March 4th Republican Primary

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GLENDA WILSON, was given a reception, Friday, December 28, to commemorate her retirement from Floydada's First National Bank, after 36 1/2 years of employment.

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee

I am writing this article Monday morning, New Year's eve. Donnie and I never celebrated the New Year coming in so this year will be no different.

The Center has received several gifts over the holidays. Herschel and Wanda Harston gave the Center a new sweeper. Sunny and Larry Hammit gave us a new coffee urn. Dale Ross presented us with two turkeys.

Thank all of you for your generous gifts. They are so appreciated. Jo Webb and all her children celebrated Christmas at her son Randy and wife Denise's home in Plainview on Christmas Eve. Those present were Arlene Anderson, of Littlefield; Jimmy and Ruby Wardlow, of Seymour; and Lynda Holley, of Lockney. Other guests were grandson John Webb, and granddaughter Maelyn and Alan Sistrunk and their two sons. Also Alan's mother Bertha Sistrunk.

The Vernon family, who were all raised here in Lockney, had

their annual mini family reunion in Lubbock over the holidays. Attending were Alvin Vernon and wife Maxine; Jerry Vernon and Nina Vernon White. Other guests were Sue Daniels, Mary Cope Carter, and Ethelynn Vernon

Garnett and daughters.

Edith Cooper's son, Wayne and wife Cheryl, of Jacksonville tally, physically, emotionally, as came to visit her Dec. 24 and gave her a big party for her 90th birthday which was Dec 25. Also present were granddaughter and then it is gone. My wish for Robin Daniels and husband Dane and son Matthew all of Arkansas. A grandson, Tony Cooper was home from Iraq so he was present too. Also a lot of her Lockney friends and relatives helped her celebrate her birthday.

On their way to Santa Fe Christmas day Wayne and Cheryl took her to Amarillo to visit her niece Barbara Blackwell and she had another birthday party.

Now that 2008 is here I wonder what in the world does the coming year have in store for all wife Kathy; Norma Jean Vernon of us. I believe it will be full of Chalupa and husband Frank; and things we can control and things we cannot. We will succeed sometimes and sometimes we will fail. It is hard to look at a whole year when all we really They call this their mini re- have is right now. Let us think union cause they have a big one about what God has blessed us with and what we are doing each day to promote ourselves menwell as spiritually. Life is too

short to let it pass you by. We only have one shot at this all of us in the year 2008 is that we live moment by precious moment and these moments add up to a very Happy New Year!

Menu January 7 - January 11 Mon: Enchiladas Tues: Pork roast Wed: Brisket

Thrs: Chicken & dumplings Fri: King Ranch chicken



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SUE AND FRIENDS--Several of Sue Moore's friends gather around her at a reception held in her honor. Sue had closed her store, Sue's Gifts, in Floydada. Shown here are: (I-r) Darlene Stovall, Belle Vinson, Lou Burleson, Sue Moore, Carolyn Hale, and Martha Lotspeich.

NORTON

Matthew and Jessica Norton of

Frisco, Texas are the proud par-

ents of a boy, Nate Harrison

Norton, born December 13,

2007. Nate weighed 6 pounds 15

ounces and was 18 1/4 inches

and Jill (Stansell) Seal of Frisco

and Lonnie and Angie Norton of

Emogene Stansell of Lubbock.

Great-grandmother

Moore, Oklahoma.

Proud grandparents are Fred

Floydada Rehab **Birthdays**

By Joyce Williams

Seven honorees were given front row seats Thursday, December 220, 2007 for the monthly birthday party at Floydada Nursing Home and Rehab Center. City Park Church of Christ host families included Amanda and Todd Hinsley, Kellie and Monte Williams and Joyce and Q.D. Williams. Gift bags of grooming toiletries, Christmas candy and greeting cards were given to each honoree. These included: Norma Martin (Dec. 6), Doris Snodgrass (Dec. 15), Wanda Withers (Dec. 20), Evelyn Boren (Dec. 21), Dulon Sargent (Dec. 22), Shirley Kirkland (Dec. 27) and the lone male honoree, Frank Cole (Dec.

Mrs. Doris Snodgrass designed and presented individual birthday greeting cards to each honored resident and employee with a December birthday including Lisa Caballero (Dec.18) and

Mary Lou Herrera (Dec. 22). The birthday party was moved from the usual dining room setting to the festively decorated living room to provide more eating for the large number of visitors present. Guests, hosts and attendants pinned beautiful red rose and carnation corsages on honorees courtesy of Cathy's Floral. Mr. Cole received a red carnation boutonniere. Guests included Elaine Reid with her mother, Doris Snodgrass; Mary Alice Davis with her sisters, Wanda Withers and Evelyn Boren; Myrtis Cope with her sister, Dulon Sargent; and Mr. and Mrs.

Bill Daniel. Sylvia Meza read a poem, "You're In God's Hear," describing how God also wants a place in your heart because he made you whole.

The birthday song was enjoyed by all. Pictures were taken of the group. Refreshments of cups of red and green Jello and whipped cream were served with fruit punch. Visitors are always welLook Who's leaders need



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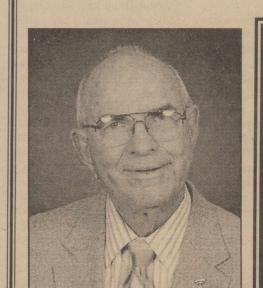
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Political ad paid for by Bill Quattlebaum

By Margarette Word

The Center was closed New Years Day but will be open Wednesday January 2.

If you are 60 years or older come join us. Lunch starts at 12:00 noon.

Congratulations to Joe and Virginia Taylor who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Our sympathy to the family of Kay Crabtree.

Our sympathy to the family of Audrey Spence.

Our sympathy to the family of Wiley Griggs.

Happy Birthday to those who have a January birthday:

Jan. 1 - Ophelia Wade, Fay Gooch and Jonelle Fawver; Jan. 4 - Jo Payne; Jan. 5 - Bobbie

Hamilton; Jan. 9 - Wayland

Jones; Jan. 11 - Nathan Mulder; Jan. 13 - Sheree Cannon; Jan. 20 - Henry Russell; Jan. 21 - Betty Baker and Don Daniel; Jan. 22 -Bo Poage, Jessie Bradley and Delmas McCormick; Jan. 24 Wanda Turner; Jan. 26 - Bill Shurbet; Jan. 28 - Doyle Walls; Jan. 30 - Royce Gilmore; and

Jan: 31 - Pete Salazar. Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation.

In memory of Kay Crabtree -Tracy and Laura Turner, Gene and Nancy Lawson.

C.L. Gilly.

In memory of Craig Gilly In memory of Audrey Spence - Gene and Nancy Lawson.

I'm short on news since the holidays have come at the beginning of the week, newspaper

ily in for the holidays.

With the start of a new year, perhaps everything will get back into a routine and hopefully I'll have some news you will be interested in

> Menu January 7 - January 11

Monday-Smothered pork chops, broccoli/rice and cheese, salad, roll, strawberry gelatin

Tuesday-Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, pinto beans, peach cobbler

Wednesday-BBQ chicken, broccoli, macaroni and cheese, roll, cinnamon apple sauce

Thursday-Beef enchiladas, beans, tossed salad, cornbread, lemon pudding

Friday-Cube steak w/gravy, baked potato, green beans, roll,

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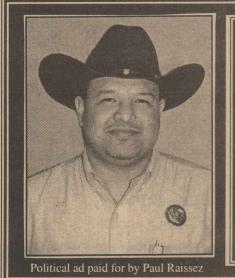
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2007 KID'S PHEASANT HUNT---Thanks to the efforts of local Game Warden Mark Collins and area farmers Ray Macha and Glenn Schur, who supplied land to hunt on, some kids (and adults) enjoyed a pheasant hunting experience December 28, 2007. (Due to very cold weather conditions, there were numerous cancellations.) Pictured left to right are those who were tough enough to brave the cold. David Cochran and son Landon, Mark Collins, Layton Schur, Raynard Macha and dog Susie. (Also hunting, but not pictured, were Judy Macha, Lisa, Audrey and Lindsay

Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Report

By Tom Musser

2000 to 2007 Palo Duro basin Oil and Gas Activity.

In the six counties of Briscoe, Floyd, Hale, Hall, Motley and Swisher, there are forty-one wellbores of interest.

One old shut-in wellbore has been plugged and abandoned. Three wellbores have been reentered - one re-entry is producing oil and two re-entries are

Twenty-two new wellbores have been drilled - two new wells are producing oil and or condensate; two new wells are currently being tested; one new well is currently ongoing horizontal recompletion; two new wells are awaiting pipeline connection; fifteen new wellbores are shutin; and two new wellbores have been plugged and abandoned.

One scheduled re-entry is awaiting operations to begin. Three new wellbores are awaiting drilling operations to begin. Ten drilling permits have expired without the wellbore being drilled. One drilling application was dismissed by the Railroad Commission of Texas, Oil & Gas

Current Palo duro Basin Oil and Gas Activity as of January 1,2008.

Three producing oil wells: Briscoe County - OGL Holdings, G. Mayfield Well #1; Floyd County, Apollo Energy W.D. Miller Well #1; Motley County - Tyner Texas Operations R.G. Stephens Well #1.

Currently being tested: Floyd County - PetroGlobe Energy McIntosh Well #176; Motley County Bankers Petroleum Burleson 60 Well #1.

Horizontal re-completion: Motley County - Bankers Petroleum Cogdell 64 Well #1.

Awaiting pipeline connection: Floyd County - PetroGlobe Energy McIntosh Well #1077; Floyd County - PetroGlobe Energy McIntosh Well #176.

Floyd County: GeoSurveys cat: shut-in since December

Inc. Fowler Unit (68818) Well #1 Wildcat; shut-in since January 2006. Currently listed by RRC as 14(B)(2) Extension.

BASA Resources, Inc. L.N. Johnson Lease Well #1 Wildcat: plugged and abandoned on September 27, 2005. Plugging report has not yet been filed.

Apollo Energy Operating Company, LPW.D. Miller Lease Well #1 Wildcat: producing oil since January 2006. Completion report has not yet been filed. Total oil production: 01/2006 - 06/ 2006 and 12/2006 - 10/2007: 2,538 barrels.

Tyner Texas Operating Company Kenneth Broseh Lease (68969) Well #1 Birnie (Congl.) Oil Field: shut-in since August 2006. Tyner Resources Inc. lists as shut-in and non-commercial.

BASA Resources, Inc. Foster Lease (69173) Well #1 Horizontal Wildcat: shut-in since Decem-

Apollo Energy Operating Company, LP Ceretha Watson Lease (223132) Well #1 Wildcat: shut-in since February 1, 2006. Currently listed by RRC as 14(14)(2) Extension.

Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Misener Lease (69148) Well #1 Wildcat: shut-in since April 2007. Currently listed by RRC as 14(B)(2) Extension.

Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Jones Lease Well #1 Wildcat: shut-in since May 10, 2006.

Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Stansell Lease Well #1 Wildcat: shut-in since July 1, 2006.

PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. McIntosh Lease Well #1077 Wildcat: shut-in since November 2006. Scheduled for additional completion work in January 2008. Gas processing plant for lease scheduled to be on location in February 2008. Lease gas sales scheduled to begin in the second

quarter of 2008. PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. Cox Lease Well #1013 Wild-

PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. McIntosh Lease Well #176 Wildcat: currently being tested. Week of December 17 flared while testing. Gas processing plant for lease scheduled to be on location in February 2008. Lease gas sales scheduled to begin in the second quarter of 2008.

BASA Resources, Inc. Maurice Campbell Lease Well #1 Wildcat: shut-in since May 2007.

Texcel Exploration, Inc. Bill Sherman Lease Well #1 Wildcat: permitted on February 6, 2006. Awaiting drilling.

Tyner Texas Operating Company, LP 4DG's Corporation Lease Well #1 Wildcat: drilling permit expired on June 13, 2007. Not drilled.

Bass Petroleum, Inc. Yeary #1 Lease Well #1 Wildcat: drilling permit expired on August 4, 2007. Not drilled.

BASA Resources, Inc. Smitherman Lease Well #1 Wildcat: drilling permit expired on September 22, 2007. Not drilled.

Bass Petroleum, Inc. Yeary #2 Lease Weli #2 Wildcat: drilling permit expired on September 29, 2007. Not drilled.

Bass Petroleum, Inc. Yeary #3 Lease Well #3 Wildcat: drilling permit expired on September 29, 2007. Not drilled.

Bass Petroleum, Inc. Vikki Yeary Lease Well #1 Wildcat: drilling permit expired on October 31, 2007. Not drilled.

Bass Petroleum, Inc. Redding 1 Lease Well #1 Wildcat: drilling permit expired on October 31, 2007. Not drilled.

Apollo Energy Operating Company, LPW.D. Miller Lease Well #2 horizontal Wildcat: drilling permit expired on November 17, 2007. Not drilled.

Tyner Texas Operating Company, LP Rushing Lease Well #1 Wildcat: drilling permit expired on December 13, 2007. Not

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reflect that trend.

NORTH: Soil moisture ranges

weather was unseasonably warm

with morning dew and some light

showers. Winter pastures are

Small grains need a good rain.

Many producers are starting to

feed their cattle. Livestock are in

good condition. Hay stocks are

good and winter pastures are

good in most areas. Cotton and

and the pecan harvest is nearing

completion. Winter wheat is 90

percent planted and about 90 per-

cent emerged. Oats are about 95

experienced dry weather again

last week. Cotton and milo are

still being harvested. Wheat

ranges from very poor to excellent with most areas reporting fair

to poor. The crop would benefit from a good rain or snow. Range

conditions are rated mostly fair.

Fire danger is high. Cattle are in

good condition, and supplemen-

strippers were running around the

clock trying to get the cotton crop

out before the rain and sleet hit

Sunday. Producers were planting

wheat in hopes of receiving mois-

ture. Pasture forage is decreasing

and supplemental feeding is in-

creasing. Cattle prices are some-

what lower, and fall cattle work

mild with no precipitation. Fall

grain is being damaged by birds

feeding. Vegetables, citrus and

but did little to add soil moisture

SOUTH PLAINS: The

supplemental feeding.

tal feeding continues.

is winding down.

percent planted.

sion cotton expert.

Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension agronomist at San Angelo, said from adequate to short. The the cotton harvest over the past

the region.'

Warrick said the same bumper-

Warrick said more rain is needed for the plants to develop

The following condition reports are from Extension officials:

many producers planning applierally good condition.

EAST: The region experienced

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED **ENTRY INTO FIELDS**

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Local Conditions

F to lower 70s F for the highs and

30s F for the lows. Cotton har-

vest is almost complete, however

most gins will be operating well

into the new year. Sorghum har-

vest is complete with excellent

yields being reported. Winter

wheat is in poor to fair condition.

With the crop complete, moisture

is no longer a priority for cotton

growers, but wheat producers badly need significant rain to

boost the crop. Pastures and

ranges are in mostly fair condi-

SOUTHEAST: Dry conditions

persisted, forcing producers to

feed livestock heavily even

though severe weather conditions

rain fell, leaving the region very

dry. Only about seven-tenths inch

most three months. Record high

temperatures aggravated the dry

spell. Subsoil moisture is low.

Fields are ready for early spring

planting, but will need rain over

the winter to enable planting of

non-irrigated crops. Winter

grasses have been slow to emerge

as a result of the dry weather.

Farmers are irrigating heavily. Land is being prepared for potato

complete, but the cabbage and

spinach harvest continues. Hunt-

ing continues to dominate ranch-

ing activities, especially during

counties remain under burn bans.

The cotton harvest is in full

swing. Some field preparations

and late wheat planting contin-

ter recent rains. Supplemental

feeding of livestock is increasing.

Livestock remain in fair to good

ues. There are still a lot of pecans

Have You Made

Your Will?

WEST CENTRAL: Many

SOUTHWEST: Only a trace of

tion with rainfall needed.

have not occurred.

PANHANDLE: The region of rain has been received in al-

ROLLING PLAINS: Cotton planting. The peanut harvest is

SOUTH: Conditions in the ues. Small grains and pastures are

middle parts of the region were showing slight improvement af-

sugarcane are still being har- condition going into the winter

vested. In the western parts of the months. Livestock prices are

region, drizzle fell over the area good. The pecan harvest contin-

that is badly needed by wheat and in the hull that have not fallen,

oat fields. Cabbage and tomato but recent frost should help.

harvesting continued last week. Some cleanup of pecan and

Livestock producers continued peach orchards is under way.

weekends.

COLLEGE STATION--The feeding is in full swing with cattle with temperatures in the mid-60s cotton crop in the West Central prices remaining strong. Lower district is one of the best ever, quality calves are still hard to said a Texas Cooperative Exten- market, and their cheaper prices

two months has been excellent.

"The lint quality from the first million bales ginned this season showing some signs of life after is white, long and strong which a Thanksgiving weekend rain. is what the cotton buyers want," Warrick said. "The biggest complaints have been having to harvest too slow, no module covers available, and the gin won't get to my cotton until February. That all relates to a lot of cotton for sorghum have been harvested,

crop claim can,t be made for the region, s small grains crops at this

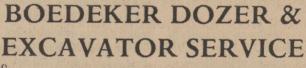
"Due to the lack of rainfall in October and November, the small grains crops (wheat, oats, barley, rye) have not had the opportunity to get started," he said. "Some fields have been planted over 60 days. On Nov. 25, some areas had rain and snow that resulted in three-quarters to 2 inches of moisture, and by Dec.7 you could see the small grains emerging."

CENTRAL: Conditions remain dry which has allowed the pecan harvest to continue in full swing with high yields prevailing. Most of the region's wheat and oats are planted but some have yet to sprout. Ranchers are feeding hay as range and pasture conditions deteriorate due to the lack of rain and cooler tempera-

COASTAL BEND: Dry fronts accompanied by winds continue to rob soil moisture. This and the cooler temperatures are depleting vegetation on pastures and rangeland. High fertilizer costs have cations much closer to planting and adjusting the rate if moisture remains short. Rain is needed for winter forages and fallow crop weather was unseasonably warm land. Some hay feeding has started, but cattle remain in gen-

unseasonably high temperatures. This and recent rains have helped forage crops. The rain also enabled many producers to plant winter pastures. Winter livestock

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Cotton Market Weekly

the New York Board of Trade less than the four-week average. settled at their highest level since Major buyers were Indonesia, early 2004 on sustained all- China, Mexico, Thailand, and around buying as expected lower Colombia. U.S. cotton plantings next year stoked a rally in the market.

plantings in 2008 will fall sharply lower than the four-week averdue to market rallies that have age. Primary destinations were lifted grains like corn and wheat, among others, to multi-year Thailand. highs has provided robust support for cotton futures recently," an analyst said.

stood at 10.847 million acres. Earlier this month, private forecasts pegged the 2008 crop at the previous week. Average 9.185 million acres, which would prices received by producers be the lowest planted to cotton ranged from 60.65 to 60.94 cents since 1983, according to USDA per pound versus 58.77 to 60.05 data. Analysts also said the appetite to buy cotton may have til Jan. 1.

Thursday, cotton futures on previous week, but 44 percent

A service provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Export shipments of 172,800 bales were 15 percent more than "Expectations that U.S. cotton the week earlier, but 14 percent Turkey, China, Indonesia, and

On the spot cotton scene, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas U.S. 2007 cotton plantings totaled 65,747 bales in the holiday-shortened week ended Dec.27 compared to 82,882 bales

cents per pound one week earlier. Meanwhile, crisp, cool been tied to end of the month, end weather prevailed across most of of the quarter, or end of the year the Cotton Belt over the four-day buying which should persist un- Christmas holiday weekend. A mixture of light rain and snow USDA's export sales report did fell on the Texas High and Rolllittle to sway the market in either ing Plains early in the weekend, direction. The department re- but accumulations were light. ported net export sales of U.S. Below-average temperatures folcotton totaled 134,200 bales in lowed, with daytime highs rangthe week ended Dec. 20. The fig- ing from the mid 30s to upper 40 ure was equal to sales made the degrees. More seasonable conditions returned later in the week and snow flurries were reported in some locations. A vast majority of the fields on the Texas Plains already have been harvested. Modules still line the fields, and most large gins expect to gin cotton into February and-

Elsewhere in the state, open, dry conditions ruled in the Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Valley. Abnormally warm temperatures prevailed with daytime highs in the upper 70s. Thus, soil moisture evaporation rates were

Beneficial precipitation fell in parts of the Southeast over the holiday weekend, and light rain was received in the Carolinas this week as showers slowly moved across the South. According to USDA's drought monitor data, an exceptional drought continues in key cotton growing areas of Alabama and Georgia. Picking is virtually complete in Georgia, and ginning is nearing an end. Rainy weather there this week was welcome to help ease dry

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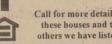
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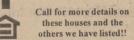
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petition for Divorce, as is more fully shown by Plantiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Floydada, Texas this 20th day of December, 2007.

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bituaries

WILEY E. GRIGGS

Graveside services for Wiley E. Griggs, 77, of Floydada were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 31, 2007 at the Floydada Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Moore Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Griggs passed away on Friday, December 28, 2007 at his resi-

He was born on March 30, 1930 in Caprock, TX. to Willie Griggs and Ruby (Smith) Griggs. Survivors include his wife, Helen Griggs of Floydada; three sons, Kenneth Griggs of Petersburg, Jay Griggs and Kelly Griggs, both of Floydada and

GERALDINE MOONEY

four grandchildren.

Funeral services for Geraldine Riggins Mooney, 79, were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 27, 2007 at the Sullivan Funeral Home Chapel in Vernon. Interment was held at the Wilbarger Memorial Park under the direction of Sullivan Funeral

Mrs. Mooney died Sunday, December 23, 2007 in Plano,

She was born September 21, 1928 in Vernon to the late L. R. Riggins and Geneva Strickland Riggins.



AUDREY SPENCE

Funeral services for Audrey Addline Wood Asher Spence, 86, of Lubbock were at 10 a.m., Friday, December 28, 2007 at First Christian Church, 2323 Broadway, Lubbock, TX. Dr. Jim Woodworth officiated. Kim Clowe assisted and Daryl Berry provided music. Visitation followed at Moore Rose Funeral Home in Floydada from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Interment was in the Floyd County Memorial Park Cemetery at 3 p.m. Services were under the direction of Moore Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Audrey passed away Wednesday, December 26, 2007 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She was born August 25, 1921 in Ben Wheeler, TX in Van Zandt County, to Jessie and Lottie Wood. She married James L. Asher in 1942 who preceded her in death on March of 1944. She later married Sam Adrel Spence on April 17, 1948. Audrey served as the Floyd County Treasurer from 1946 to 1956. She began her teaching career in 1961 until retiring in 1989 in Floydada. She received her BS at Texas Tech in 1961 and her MS degree at Sam Houston State University at Huntsville, TX. Audrey was a member of First Christian Church at Floydada and First Christian Church of Lubbock since 1997. She was also a member of the Airstream Trailer Club from 1967 to present as well as Retired Teachers of

She was a wonderful loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, Sam Spence of Lubbock; a daughter, Mary Katherine Asher Self of Okeechobee, Florida; and a granddaughter, Leslie Self Sharp of St. Thomas, USVI; and several nieces and nephews.

My family and I would like to thank you for all the prayers that were said for Donnie. The visits, cards and flowers meant so much to him. Also the family really appreciated all the food that was sent.

Thank all of you for coming and paying your respects to your friend Donnie at his funeral service. Brother Brian, Brother Kyle, Phil and Lucy Dean really out did themselves to hold a service that touched our hearts so much.

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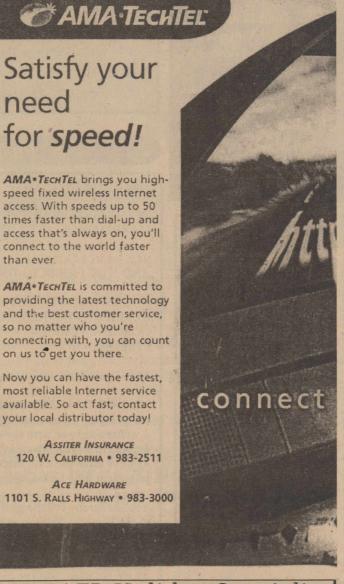


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Carl Moman, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min.. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (Youth)....7:15 pm

> FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Floydada

Rev. Les Hall, Pastor Early Worship8:30 am. Sunday School...... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ...10.50 a.m. Youth (Sunday).....5:00p.m. Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m

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GRANT CHAPEL OF GOD IN CHRIST

Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST Lockney

Jay Don Poindexter, Minister Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

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Floydada Rev. Ralph Jackson 401 N 12th St (983-5805) Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Study .. 7:00 p.m. ****

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Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.

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Floydada Rev. David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m. Morning Praise..11:00 a.m. Evening Praise5:00 p.m. Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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Floydada Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship . 10:55 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening 6:00 p.m.

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TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD 701 W. Missouri Rev. Ray Gonzales 983-5286 (church) 983-3047 (parsonage) Sunday School 9: 45 a.m.

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ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Father Jose Relente
Phone: 983-5878

Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m. Mon.Wed. Mass 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat. 10:00-11:00 a.m. ****

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM

Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 p.m. Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Washington and 1st St. Rev. Eliseo Ovalle 983-6202 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

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