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For nearly two decades, Monty Tipps has made special appearances on the stage of the Reilly Springs Jamboree, Hopkins County's original country music venue. In fact, Monty says it feels "like home" for his return on Saturday July 21, 2018. A gospel pre-show starts at 6pm, and Monty and MainStreet take the stage at 7pm. Tickets will be \$10 per person at the door for the entire evening of entertainment, and kids age 10 and under get in free. Let's find out a bit more about this popular local entertainer.



Enola Gay, Jamboree organizer and guest Monty Tipps

IS MONTY FROM HOPKINS COUNTY? Monty grew up and attended school at Miller Grove ISD in southern Hopkins County. His older brother Stevie owned a guitar, and as a kid, Monty would sometimes sneak into his brother's room and try to play the guitar like Johnny Cash. Obviously, he learned a few chords because at age 20, he purchased his own guitar from the local pawn shop and started learning his favorite songs by watching country performers on MTV.

WHAT HAS BEEN HIS CAREER? Monty started working for the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department right after high school, and ended up spending 6 years there. He later transferred to the Sulphur Springs Police Department and spent 24 and 1/2 years there before retiring as an Investigator, ending his career in law enforcement at that time. Then, three years ago, Monty was hired by the SSISD Police force and now really loves this new aspect of law enforcement because it keeps him in close touch with the kids of our city. As a Christian family man, he feels he has found his niche with a career that lets him "give back" to the community.



Monty playing his guitar.

WHAT STYLE OF COUNTRY MUSIC DOES MONTY LIKE BEST? His musical love is traditional country music. Today, various sub-genres exist in country music like red dirt, outlaw, alternative and progressive. Monty says those are all OK, but they are not "him". He likes to perform the music of Merle Haggard, George Jones, Buck Owens and Johnny Cash best, and makes it a point to surround himself with musicians who can help him reproduce those sounds. "People still love this music and like to go to the places where it's played, like the Reilly Springs Jamboree and some of the other country Oprys in Texas. Thankfully, they are helping us keep it alive". Monty's MainStreet Band is currently made up of lead guitarist Kurt Bittner, steel guitarist Joe Harrison, drummer Jason Roberts and bassman Brandon Andrews. Providing rhythm guitar and vocals, Monty also engages and entertains the crowd with family-appropriate comedy and fun.



Monty and Main Street 2017 with Tommy Peugh

The Reilly Springs Jamboree is located at 109 CR 1439 in Hopkins County. It is held on the third-Saturday night of each month at the Reilly Springs Community Center in a smoke-and-alcohol-free environment. At each show, the Kitchen offers a plate meal along with hot dogs, nachos and frito pies, homemade desserts, coffee and cold drinks. At the July 21 Jamboree, the 6pm opening portion of the evening will be a gospel hour with Roger Reed and the Sunshine Band featuring Gary Jones. On August 18, 2018, the Jamboree will host the Blackwood Quartet in a concert also featuring local artists Buddy and Ina Gore and Bill Owens.

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Biography

Davis was born on November 4, 1906, in Farmersville, Texas. She was the daughter of Robert Augustus and Mattie Lavinia (née Callaway) Davis. Davis went to public schools in Farmersville, and enrolled at the Texas Woman's University (then the College of Industrial Arts) in 1923, where she advanced an intention to become a concert pianist. Her mother had taught her music from an early age but her dancing style was not widely accepted in the South-Central United States. As a result, she switched her studies from music to physical education, which went against the wishes of both her parents. Davis graduated in 1927 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and began her professional career the following year at Greenville High School as an instructor of physical education, and pep-squad sponsor.

During her first year in Greenville, the pep-squad, known as the Flaming Flashes, did stunts and a little marching. Over the next ten years the team's activities evolved and became more elaborate, including different drills with rhythm and dance steps to music. Wooden batons were added when Davis commissioned the school's nearest furniture maker to make them, then finally drums and bugles courtesy of Mr. Letcher Stark at Port Arthur High School. What had started simply as a pep-squad was now a full blown drum and bugle corps.

After graduating from the University of Southern California in 1938 with a master's degree in science, the president of Kilgore College Dean B. E. Masters hired Davis the following to form a group that would deter football spectators from consuming alcohol during half-time breaks, and encourage an increase in the college's female population. The group, called the Kilgore College Rangerettes, first performed in September 1940, and were the first all-girls dance-drill team in the United States to perform during the half-time periods of college football games. Davis was the group's sole choreographer until 1948, when she hired East Texas-based Denard Haden to assist her.



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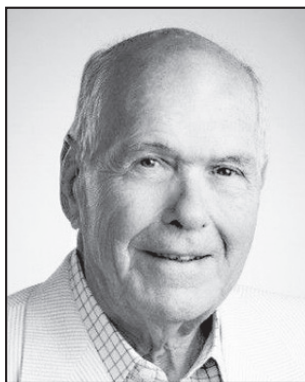
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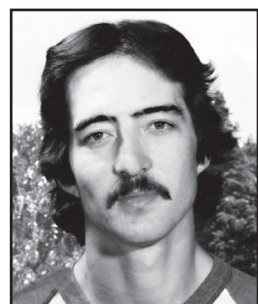
Former KSST Personality: Louis Charles "Lou" Erck

MISSOULA, MONTANA — Lou Erck, of Missoula, died peacefully at home on May 21, 2018, at the age of 92. Born Louis Charles Erck, in Texas, in 1925, Lou was a pilot, veteran, radio personality and in his later years a respected Missoula businessman. After service in the navy as a pilot, Lou started his radio career in Texas in the 1950s, where he co-founded the Reilly Springs Jamboree, a music show that featured many of the greats of 50s country music and is still going strong today. He also ran a music recording studio. The radio business took him to Wyoming, New Mexico and eventually to Missoula where he and his wife Ruby settled their family for the rest of their lives.

In their later years Lou and Ruby built and operated hotels in Montana, Idaho and Washington, including Ruby's Inn in Missoula. Lou built the first Hilton-branded hotel in Montana, and received several awards from Hilton as an exemplary hotelier. He is a past president of the Montana Lodging Association.

Lou was preceded in death by Ruby Erck, their daughter Pennie Erck and their grandson Billy Poole. He is survived by wife Lolly; four children, Rose Lockwood, Charles Erck, Phyllis Erck and Paisley Gray; twelve grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. The family would like to thank Lou's caregivers from Home Instead, Harvest Home Care, Partners In Home Care and especially Vicki Voegelin for their loving care in his final days.

Services were held on Friday, May 25, at Garden City Funeral Home. Visitation with family members was at 1 p.m., and service at 2 p.m. Friends were invited to a celebration of Lou's life on July 8, at his cabin on Placid Lake, where he and his family, friends and colleagues spent many happy times.



Jonathan Lynn Sullivan

Mr. Jonathan Lynn Sullivan, age 53 of Winnsboro, passed away on Thursday, July 12, 2018 in Winnsboro. He was born on August 29, 1964 in Dallas to Johnnie Sullivan and Barbara Caviness Sullivan. He was a member of Elmridge Baptist Church and was preceded in death by his father, Johnnie Sullivan; brother, Carlos Sullivan; sister, Ellena Sullivan and one grandchild, Salazar Sullivan.

He is survived by his mother, Barbara Sullivan of Winnsboro, son, Jonathan Sullivan, Jr. and his wife Erichica of Gilmer; daughter, Kimberley Shelton and her husband Jacob of Gilmer; sister, Loretta Sullivan of Winnsboro; five grandchildren, Jerry, Leah, Aidon, Kris, Branson.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 18th, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494. Funeral Services followed at 2:00 pm with Rev. Ronny Spence conducting. Interment was at Bethel Cemetery in Scroggins, with John Sullivan, Jimmy Roseberry, Buddy Right, Jacob Shelton, Jerry Sullivan, Branson Shelton serving as pallbearers.

Beaty Funeral Home of Winnsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Beverly Joetta Jones

Memorial service for Beverly Joetta Jones, age 57, will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at Prairie Grove Baptist Church. Beverly passed away on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Senior Suite Care and Rehab.

She was born on December 19, 1960 in Sulphur Springs, Texas to Belvis and Rubie Jo Jackson Jones. Beverly was a supervisor at Wal Mart in Sulphur Springs.

Her survivors include: Son, Akeem Cahoun of Emory; Daughter: Shai Calhoun of Emory; Brother: Rickey Benton of Emory; Sister: Vicki Tennyson of Seguin; Nieces: Ta Lisha Burns of Emory, Kandi Tennyson of Arlington, Elise Benton of New York, Nikki Lewis of Virginia, Na Rica Jones of Beaumont; Nephews, Ricky Jones of Beaumont, and Raymond Johnson of Beaumont; Great nieces: JA Kyra Givins of Emory, Aysia Tennyson of Arlington, Samiyah Reeves and Kimora Reeves all of Arlington; Great Nephews, Zakorian Foster of Emory, Numerous other family and friends. She was preceded in death by: Father; Brother, Nikki Jones; Maternal grandparents, Charlie and Annie Jackson; Paternal Grandparents, Matthew and Martha Jones.

Betty F. Luckett Belcher Black

Services for Betty F. Luckett Belcher Black, age, 91, of Wills Point, were held at 3:00 p. m. Sunday, July 15, 2018 at Wilson- Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel in Emory. Burial followed in Dunbar Cemetery. Pastor Gene Glaeser and Jamie Donaldson officiated. Visitation was held at 2:00 p. m. one hour prior to the service.

Betty passed away on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at Crestwood Nursing Home in Wills Point. She was born on December 26, 1926, in Emory, to George Washington and Mattie Florence Woodson Luckett. She was the youngest of 18 children. She attended Emory School. She was a member of Turlock Assembly of God Church in Turlock, California, for 50 years. Betty was a member of the Butchers Union and she was the the first female Federal Inspector in the United States. She attended two conventions in Washington, D.C., for the promotion of womens rights in the work place.

Her survivors include, Daughter: Jean Belcher Donaldson Lynch (Glen) of Terrell; Grandsons: Kevin Donaldson (Becky) of Cleburne, and Tracy Donaldson (Jamie) of Poetry; Great-granddaughters: De-Anna Michelle Donaldson, and twins Tucker Grace and Bela Cooper Donaldson; Sisters-in-law: Gert Luckett of Canton. and Polly Luckett of Dallas.



Paula Jenkins

Funeral service for Paula Jenkins, age 44, of Yantis was held at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, July 15, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Bradley Edge officiating. Interment followed at Peerless Cemetery with Matthew Wells, Bryan Nephew, Chris Jenkins, Kevin Booth, Mike Booth and Jason Talley serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held from 6 to 8 P.M. on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel. Mrs. Jenkins passed away on July 12, 2018 at UT – Tyler.

Paula Jenkins was born in Sulphur Springs, TX on December 9, 1973, the daughter of James Linker and Melba Riddle. She married Tim Jenkins in February of 2018 in Yantis, TX. Paula worked as a Warehouse Supervisor for Grocery Supply.

She is survived by her husband, Tim; sons, Timothy James Jenkins and Tyler Paul Jenkins of Yantis; stepdaughter, Erin Elizabeth Hodge of Tyler; step grandchildren, Avery Jenkins and Ansley Hodge; mother, Melba Riddle; sisters, Melinda

Nephew, Jennifer Cotten, Jamie Linker; stepmother, Patsy Linker.

Paula was preceded in death by her father.

Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home

THE IDLE AMERICAN My Mother's Potato Salad...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

Soon after the inception of this column more than 15 years ago, I committed to sharing noteworthy recipes with readers from time to time. A dozen weeks into my writing regimen, I shared a cinnamon toast recipe.

It elicited no response--favorable or otherwise--so I have been reluctant to make culinary suggestions--until now. I expect no drumrolls, but I do admit "chest-swelling" with the mere mention of my saintly mother's potato salad.

So far as I know, she never used a recipe. Somehow, though, with a "pinch of this and a 'smidgen' of that," my mom concocted just-the-right blend every time. The salad had savory flavors, never overpowering with onion, but with a "hint" that would cause folks to turn away if they were "down wind" from my "exhales." And it was as smooth as a baby's belly....

Potato salad prepared by my late mother-in-law was plenty good, but it never achieved "blue ribbon" status. She may have missed the top rung with one vital misstep. She "cubed" the potatoes. (My wife made the same mistake back in the day when she traipsed through the kitchen for reasons other than reaching the pantry where the dark chocolate-covered almonds are hidden.) "Like mother, like daughter" seems to sum up the potato salad recipe which came "part and parcel" with our marriage.

I do not mean to offend devotees who are partial to cubed potato salad. It can never,

however, achieve anything more than runner-up recognition.

Now, back to my late mother, who learned to cook on a wood-burning stove. Yes, her "sure as shootin' best" potato salad had an humble beginning....

I have consumed several thousand meals since my mother's culinary efforts that ended a couple of decades ago.

I've taken small portions of potato salad at banquets where I've spoken numerous times. I've eaten "just a dab," as she would say. I've always figured none would come close to satisfying like hers did.

Imagine my surprise and delight recently when I requested "seconds" on potato salad at a church banquet. Had it featured the "hint of onion," it would have been equal to my mother's!...

My compliments were effusive. Widows honored at the dinner probably tired of hearing my praise. It admittedly went overboard.

Before I commenced with serious remarks, I begged--yes, begged is the word--for the recipe, praying that they'd share it.

As I prepared to leave the church, my host, Bill Mendrop, told me his folks were happy for me to know the potato salad recipe....

I was euphoric at the prospect of adding a bit of onion, preparatory to enjoying once more the potato salad of my

youth. Pen and pad in hand, I was ready to jot down the ingredients.

"Oh, you won't need to write it down," Mendrop said. "It is really a simple recipe."

Color me shocked. It turns out the "recipe" is super simple. "We just pick up two gallons of potato salad at Walmart--one with a mayonnaise base and the other mustard. Then, we mix 'em up, and the salad is ready to serve." My "timbers" were sufficiently shivered....

At the dessert table, the folks took the "sweet" desserts first. Those labeled "sugar free" were pretty much undisturbed, or taken grudgingly.

Mendrop summed it up well.

"The best things in life are free," he said. "And the worst things in life are sugar free."...

I'm ready for some warm weather. In the Metroplex, we've suffered through a seemingly tornadic draft in recent days.

Okay, so I'm talking about the National Football League draft.

It amazes me how so many people take it so seriously. My Uncle Mort said if Jesus had shown up during the NFL draft, some of the diehards in Cowboy jerseys would have sought permission to be late for the Second Coming....

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SOME WORDS FROM A BROADCASTER

Tumbleweed Smith



Tumbleweed Smith

I've known Bev Brown for a long time. He's a broadcasting friend who lives in Carthage. He thinks a lot about his town. "Carthage is the best little town in Texas," he told me. "It's the third best town in the United States according to the guy who did the research and wrote the book on the best little towns in America."

He carries the family name, Beverly. Most of the men in his family used it as the middle name, but for him, it's his real first name. "Well I couldn't get a room in the girls' dorm when I got to college." He has never minded his name. When he gets mail addressed to Mrs. Beverly Brown he just throws it away. He was an infantry officer in the military and didn't have any problems with his name.

Bev was a car salesman in 1957 when he found out the local radio station KGAS was going to shut down. So he got some backing and bought it. "I was too lazy to work and too nervous to steal. I thought radio was an ideal career for me."

He owned the station 31 years. He used to broadcast football games. "I was a poor announcer. You wouldn't recognize the game from the way I described it. Course we were a daytime only station. We ran down at sundown. We recorded the game and played it back on Saturday. But we had a PA system we put up downtown and carried the game live on the PA system. People who couldn't go to the out of town games came to the square and listened to the ballgame. It was a big deal. We just fed the broadcast direct to the PA system with a telephone line. We did that for years. And I'll tell you the revenue wasn't bad. We had big bucks out of that because we had lots of sponsors."

Bev served as president of the Texas Association of Broadcasters and was on the board of the National Association of Broadcasters. "At that time, no one from a market this small had ever been chairman of the radio board. I'm so blessed. I've been honored so many times and received lots of awards but feel like I didn't deserve any of them. But I've got arthritis and don't deserve that, either."

Bev is known for his sense of humor. When you mention his name to anyone who knows him, it brings a smile. He enjoys entertaining people. Once he made a sales call in Longview. "I gave the secretary my card and told her my business. She went into her boss's office and soon came back out and said she was sorry but he was tied up and just doesn't have time to talk to you today and he's not really interested in buying any advertising right now. I said I understand. Would you mind going back in there and get my business card and bring it back to me. I have to pay for these things to be printed. She looked at me with this deer in the headlights expression and went in there and got the card and handed it to me. You could hear the guy laughing and he said to the secretary, 'tell him to come on in.' I went in and we had a nice visit. He didn't buy any advertising, but I got my card back."

Bev is 90 and still does a weekly broadcast about current events.



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