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The musical event was held in the beautiful new multi-purpose building inside Heritage Park, Winniford House, newly opened in March 2019, seats 100 persons and offers comfortable amenities for weddings, anniversary parties and meetings, etc. The bright, climate-controlled building also boasts a spacious full-service kitchen, perfect for receptions and reunions. Heritage Park volunteers are the managers as well as caretakers of the property which includes the 11-acre Heritage Park and Museum filled with Hopkins County history. Volunteers are also members of the Hopkins County Historical Society, and each has a heart for preserving "yesterday" for the enjoyment and betterment of future generations of Hopkins Countians. In addition to Winniford House, a dozen other historic structures have been placed, restored and preserved inside the park. Would you like a tour of the Park of Museum? Just call President Rick Wilson at 903-335-2752.

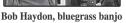


Roger Reed, right, with The Jamboree Band



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**Country Singer** Mike Shing



Hanah and Hailee of "Scatterproof Band" with their grandfather, drummer Bill Langley

12-year-old Candy Rose from Kaufman loves to sing all forms of country music. and she offered "Jolene" and "Walkin After Midnight" for the classic-loving audience. 10-year-old Waylon Jones (Gary's son) sang a song made popular by Roy Rogers/Dale Evans in the 1950's, "The Bible Tells Me So". The song was in accompaniment to a story about songwriter Dale Evans, told by Enola Gay. The show closed with "America the Beautiful" led by Mike Shing, which got everybody on their feet. Next month, the Jamboree returns to the Reilly Springs Community Center's historic schoolhouse venue, located at 109 CR 1439 in southeastern Hopkins County. Next month, Elvis Tribute Artist Josh Davis and Friends will appear on Saturday July 20, with the show starting at 6pm. Josh is originally from Reilly Springs and is also a long-time member of the Jamboree. Tickets to the family-friendly Jamboree, held on the third-Saturday night of each month, are \$10 adult and free for children age 10 and under.

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#### **Melba June Mapes Diamond**

Melba June Mapes Diamond, 82, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. She was born on March 24, 1937 in Yantis, Tx to Julius and Sallie (Byrd) Mapes. After graduating Valedictorian of Yantis High School Class of 1955, she met a young pastor at Como Christian Church, who would soon become the love of her life, James B. Diamond. Melba and James married on September 2, 1956 at Como Christian Church and shared in over 60 years in the ministry prior to James' death in 2017. Melba spent many years employed by the City of Sulphur Springs and TXU

Electric from which she later retired. During her retirement she was introduced to quilting by her best friend, Carolyn Bryant. Melba's talent in quilting won her multiple 1 st place awards and blue ribbons throughout the years. She was an active member of

the Lonestar Heritage Quilt Guild, and her family will be entering her most recent quilts in this year's quilt show in her memory. Melba is survived by her daughters; Susan Diamond of Sulphur Springs, Laura Taylor and husband Danny of Poteau, OK, and Angie Wenning and husband Kent of Sulphur Springs. Grandchildren are Chelsea Suttle of Dallas, Shelby Gammill and husband Johnathon of Sulphur Springs, Leslie Hemphill and husband Casey of Poteau, OK, Kellie Hale and husband Jordan of Barling, AR, Sallie Taylor of Poteau, OK, Austin English and Norris English, both of Sulphur Springs. Great grandsons Jackson, Jenner, and Jude, and great granddaughter, her namesake, Emma June, all of Sulphur Springs. She is also survived by her sister Pat Mullins of Mineola, and brother Ted Mapes and wife Charlott of Bullard, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Melba was preceded in death by her husband James, and her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 16, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Greenpond Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, June 15, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the League Street Church of Christ 39'ers Group, 1100 League St S, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



#### **Joseph Thomas Green**

Funeral services for Joseph Thomas Green, 77, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 15, in First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Ed Lantz and Lew Riggsby officiating. The family will receive visitors in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. Honorary pallbearers are Benny Johnson, Max Bradford, Warren Brewer, Barry Teller and Bill Sidebottom.

Tom Green died from complications of lung cancer Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, surrounded by friends and his loving family.

He was born at home on South Davis Street on April 21, 1942, the son of the late Johnny and Betty Green.

As a child in Sunday School, he learned about Jesus' work with the poor, a lesson that stayed with him throughout his life. At an early age, he became aware of the inequality in society and joined to NAACP to work for

change. He was a life-long champion of the underdog. Tom had a great time at Sulphur Springs ISD. He played trumpet in the marching and symphonic band and was offered a music scholarship when he graduated from Sulphur Springs High School in 1960. He also served as a disc jockey for the KSST Radio Workshop during his high school years. He received a degree in government and history from then East Texas State University in Commerce, where he served as freshman class representative. He was elected president of the student senate during his sophomore and junior years at ETSU. After receiving his undergraduate degree, Tom was admitted to law school at The University of Texas, where he worked as an announcer on KLBJ AM radio. In August of 1966, he covered the Tower Shooting, calling home to KSST's Bill Bradford with updates. Upon passing the bar, Tom worked in state government and was especially supportive of labor unions. He served on several political campaigns with Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox. Tom was First Assistant Attorney General for the state of Texas until he retired in 1991. Tom loved travel, saying his favorite place was Rome and central Italy, where he stayed in a monastery. He also spent time in national parks, favoring Yellowstone in winter where he could run with the wolves. He traveled to Alaska and visited the famous Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. Combining his love of travel and music, Tom attended the annual Wood Guthrie Music Festival in Okemah, OK, for many years and loved meeting the wonderful musicians there. He also attended several Americana Music Festivals, once representing The Sulphur Springs News-Telegram as a special correspondent. Tom kept up with the musicians he befriended, supporting their careers with his presence and by purchasing their recordings. With a camera around his neck, Tom was a fixture on the coffee house concert circuit, attending as many performances as he could in Dallas and Northeast Texas. Tom also loved animals. His greatest love was his family. He loved his daug

Tom is survived by daughter Pamela Baty and husband, Bobby; sister Sue Ann Johnson and husband, Benny; nieces Joanna Foster and husband, Brandon, and Julie McNally and husband, Ben; great-nieces Natalee Foster and Brenna McNally; great-nephews Andrew and Jonah Foster and Gus and Garrett McNally; cousin Bill Wingo of Reilly Springs; and a host of friends who will miss him dearly.

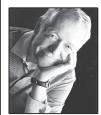
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"One evening I was studying the map and wondering how far am I going to go? There was a town called Fargo. I thought that solves how far I'm going to go. So I pedaled to Fargo, North Dakota. When I got there I knew that I would forever regret not going to the border of Canada. So I went to the Canadian border, almost straight up from Fargo. That was my turn around point but I took the long way home. I came back down to Grand Forks, North Dakota then headed east to Itasca State Park in Minnesota where the headwaters of the Mississippi river are located. Then I just followed the Mississippi down until I got to the northeast corner of Arkansas and than angled down to Dallas and on home to Sweetwater."

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