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## At The Corral Gate

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Bill Tuck, along with his late wife June, spent decades researching this county's past. In fact, a half-dozen beautifully written volumes of Hopkins County history are part of the legacy that the Tucks bequeath to us. One of these, Civil War Shadows, is a book about the violent era in Sulphur Springs when soldiers headquartered in a log fort (just off Main Street) doing battle with renegades, deserters and carpetbaggers. A Pictorial History of Hopkins County, is filled with photos contributed by families and individuals showing the schools, churches and communities of Hopkins County during the past century. All the books are now out of print, so if you find one in an estate sale, better buy it! After Bill and June got the idea to find a building to house a museum of artifacts, that too became a reality. Today it's the Hopkins County Museum, located on the grounds of Heritage Park on North Jackson Street. One of the most revealing things about the history-loving Tucks is that neither of them was from Hopkins County. Bill was a jeweler by trade. After his stint with the U S Marine Corps in Korea, he opened Tuck's Jewelers on the west side of the square. During his business career, he was a community leader, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Citizen of the Year in 1993. His contributions and influences on the community are too many to name. Since June passed away in recent years, Bill has decided to relocate to McKinney to be near their daughter Deborah. We wish you love and long life, Bill!

The Reilly Springs Jamboree brings talent out of the woodwork! The August show featured 11-year-old Jack Phillips, 16-year-old Sadie Evans, and Jacoby Smith and Tommy Randles who are young men who love country music. It's a joy to see and hear that tradition continuing in our young people! On the next show, set for September 19, we've got Jacoby Smith and Jacie Reed already signed on to perform with the Roger Reed Combo....but you never know who will show up to do a song or two! Reilly Springs is a friendly place where friends meet. Everybody's somebody at Reilly Springs, Texas, USA!



Three generations: Rita Wright, Angie Evans and Sadie Evans

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Tommy Randles, Jacoby Smith, Jack Phillips, Roger Reed, and Leo Ibarra (on drums)

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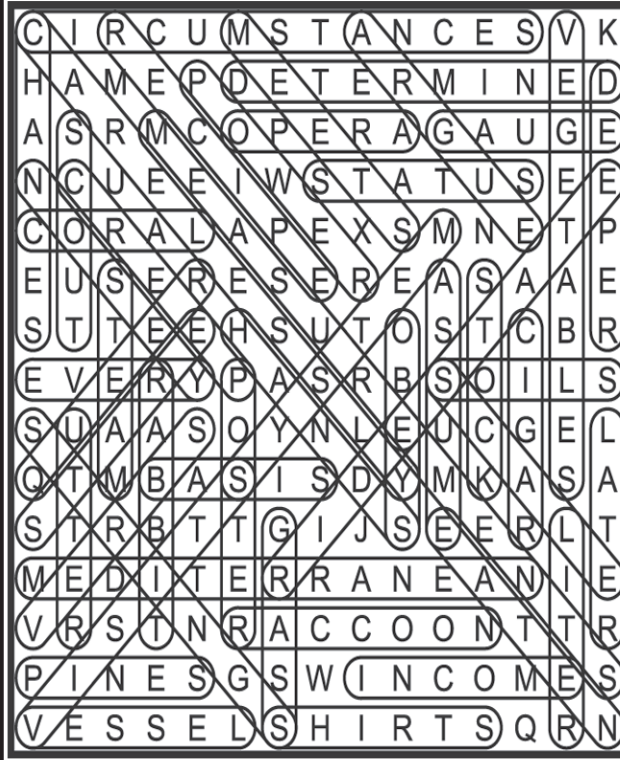
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Back in the depression of the twenties and thirties the government started sending artists to national parks to live in the parks for a few weeks, create something about the area and donate it to the park. The artist in residence program has continued and grown and the parks have gained poetry, films, photographs, paintings and other forms of art.

This past spring the artist in residence at Guadalupe Mountains National Park was Victoria Meyer, who teaches audio aesthetics at Webster University in Saint Louis, Missouri. She would make a good Texan. She drove her pickup to the park from the Webster campus and immediately immersed herself into the Texas way of doing things. When she was asked what days she wanted off, she replied, "I don't need any. I'm off all the time. I love to go around recording things."

Victoria's grandparents raised her. "When I was in third grade my grandpa bought a little recorder because he wanted to play his turkey calls out in the field to get the turkeys to come to him. He brought that in on a Saturday morning and I found it and he didn't get it back until the next day. And he only got it back because he came in and handed me a new recorder."

In the Guadalupe she recorded natural sounds and incorporated them into music she composed. "If you just hear each individual natural sound it's not very interesting. But when you work them into strategic places in the music it gets pretty fascinating. The piece starts with a thunderstorm, and then goes into waterfalls then to a babbling brook that has bees and birds around it. I did some research on the musical instruments the Mescalero Apaches had and used those to create the music."

In her four-minute creation, drums provide a strong rhythm and the Indian fiddle and flute, mixed with the sounds she recorded make for compelling listening. "I set up my recording equipment and walk away and wait. Nature and children never do what you want them to do at the time you want it done. You have to really like quiet and like being alone to do this. I enjoy it. I feel like life is so hectic and to be able to sit on a rock and realize that I'm actually accomplishing something is a piece of heaven for me."

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Victoria plays guitar and piano and has multiple degrees including a doctorate in sound design. She did sound for a theater when she finished her bachelor's degree, then worked on the Ozzy Osbourne television show. In addition to teaching she creates sound and music for movies. She has taught at Webster University seven years and recently earned tenure. She has 115 majors studying with her. "They go out with their recorders and get all kinds of interesting stuff."

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# FAMOUS TEXANS

## Oliver North

**Military Historian & American  
Political Commentator**



Oliver Laurence "Ollie" North (born October 7, 1943) is an American political commentator and television host, military historian, New York Times best-selling author, and a former United States Marine Corps lieutenant colonel. North is primarily remembered for his term as a National Security Council staff member during the Iran–Contra affair, a political scandal of the late 1980s. The scandal involved the clandestine sale of weapons to Iran, supposedly to encourage the release of U.S. hostages then held in Lebanon. North formulated the second part of the plan, which was to divert proceeds from the arms sales to support the Contra rebel groups in Nicaragua, which had been specifically prohibited under the Boland Amendment. He was the host of War Stories with Oliver North on Fox News Channel.

North was born in San Antonio, Texas, on October 7, 1943. He is the son of Ann Theresa (née Clancy) and Oliver Clay North, a U.S. Army major. He grew up in Philmont, New York, and graduated from Ockawamick Central High School in 1961. He attended the State University of New York at Brockport in Brockport, New York, for two years.

While at Brockport, North spent a summer at the United States Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, and gained an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in 1963. He received his commission as second lieutenant in 1968 (he missed a year due to injuries from an auto accident). One of North's classmates at the Academy was future secretary of the Navy and U.S. senator Jim Webb, whom he beat in a championship boxing match at Annapolis. Their graduating class included Dennis C. Blair, Michael Mullen, Charles Bolden and Michael Hagee.

North served as a platoon commander during the Vietnam War, where during his combat service, he was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal, and two Purple Heart medals. He then became an instructor at The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia. In 1970, North returned to South Vietnam to testify at the trial of LCpl Randy Herrod, a U.S. Marine formerly under his command who had been charged with the mass killing of Vietnamese civilians. North was promoted to captain in 1971 and served as the commanding officer of the U.S. Marine Corps' Northern Training Area in Okinawa Prefecture, Japan.

After his duty in Okinawa, North was assigned for four years to Marine Corps Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. He was then promoted to major and served two years as the operations officer of 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, commanded by then Lt. Col. John Southy Grinalds, 2nd Marine Division in Camp Lejeune at Jacksonville, North Carolina. He attended the Command and Staff Course at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, and graduated in 1981.

North began his assignment to the National Security Council (NSC) in Washington, D.C., where he served as the deputy director for political-military affairs from 1981 until his reassignment in 1986. In 1983, North received his promotion to lieutenant colonel, which would be his last.

During his tenure at the NSC, North managed a number of missions. This included leading the hunt for those responsible for the 1983 Beirut barracks bombing that killed 299 American and French military personnel, an effort that saw North arranging a midair interception of an EgyptAir jet carrying those responsible for the Achille Lauro hijacking. While also at the NSC, he helped plan the U.S. invasion of Grenada and the 1986 Bombing of Libya.

During his trial, Oliver North spent his last two years on active duty assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps in Arlington, Virginia.

North resigned his Marine Corps commission in 1990 following his indictment for conspiring to defraud the United States by channeling the profits from US arms sales to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

In the 1994 election, North unsuccessfully ran for the United States Senate as the Republican Party candidate in Virginia. Republican Senator John Warner of Virginia endorsed Marshall Coleman, a Republican who ran as an independent, instead of North. North lost by a 46 percent to 43 percent margin to incumbent Democrat Charles Robb, a son-in-law of President Lyndon B. Johnson. Coleman received 11%. North's candidacy was documented in the 1996 film *A Perfect Candidate*.

In his failed bid to unseat Robb, North raised \$20.3 million in a single year through nationwide direct-mail solicitations, telemarketing, fundraising events, and contributions from major donors. About \$16 million of that amount was from direct mail alone. This was the biggest accumulation of direct-mail funds for a statewide campaign to that date, and it made North the top direct-mail political fundraiser in the country in 1994.

North has written several best-selling books including *Under Fire*, *One More Mission*, *War Stories—Operation Iraqi Freedom*, *Mission Compromised*, *The Jericho Sanction*, and *The Assassins*.

His book *American Heroes* was released nationally in the United States on May 6, 2008. In the book, "North addresses issues of defense against global terrorism, Jihad, and radical Islam from his firsthand perspective as a military officer and national security advisor and current Middle East war correspondent." He writes a nationally syndicated newspaper column through Creators Syndicate.

On November 5, 2013, North's new book, *American Heroes on the Homefront*, was released. This is a nonfiction book that gives a firsthand account of the American volunteers who have volunteered to join the United States Army. The book was a collection from the dozen years North and the Fox News Channel have traveled the frontlines of the War on Terror. During those years North and his team have profiled hundreds of soldiers and chronicles what it means to be a hero. In the book he continues the journey by following these soldiers from the battlefield back to the home front.

In 1991 North appeared on the first season of *The Jerry Springer Show*. From 1995 to 2003, he was host of his own nationally syndicated radio program known as the *Oliver North Radio Show* or *Common Sense Radio*. He also served as co-host of *Equal Time* on MSNBC for a couple of years starting in 1999. North is currently the host of the television show *War Stories with Oliver North* and a regular commentator on *Hannity*, both on the Fox News Channel. North appeared as himself on many television shows including the sitcom *Wings* in 1991, and three episodes of the TV military drama *JAG* in 1995, 1996, and 2002 as "Ollie", a close friend of the deceased father of Tracey Needham's character Meg Austin.

In 1990, North founded the Freedom Alliance, a 501(c)(3) foundation "to advance the American heritage of freedom by honoring and encouraging military service, defending the sovereignty of the United States, and promoting a strong national defense." The foundation's primary activities include providing support for wounded combat soldiers and providing scholarships for the sons and the daughters of service members killed in action. Beginning in 2003, Sean Hannity has raised over \$10 million for the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund through Freedom Concerts and donations from *The Sean Hannity Show* and its listeners. The charity has been criticized by far-right-leaning blogger Debbie Schluskel for distributing too little of its funds for charitable purposes. Hannity, North, and other charity spokespersons say that all of the net proceeds from the Freedom Concerts are donated to the fund.

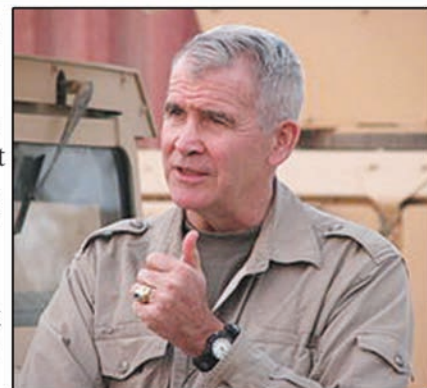
In 1967, North married Betsy Stuart and they have four children. Although raised Catholic, he has long attended Anglican services with his family.

The second episode of the 1988 Disney television movie *Earth Star Voyager* features an excerpt of Oliver North's congressional testimony that is played over the PA system on the bridge of the *Earth Star Voyager* space ship. It is explained that the radio waves containing Oliver North's statement have been traveling from Earth into space and that the space ship *Earth Star Voyager* has traveled so far from Earth that it is detecting radio transmissions from the past.

In season 3 episode 17 of "Wings" Oliver North is seen in the beginning of the episode speaking with Brian about a new book he released and a pen he stole from a hotel.

North was referenced in the episode "Bart Gets Famous" in the fifth season of *The Simpsons*.

In season 3 episode 15 of *American Dad!*, Oliver North is mentioned in a song that Stan sings about left over gold from the Iran-Contra affair.



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## DOWNTOWN ACTIVITIES

### Featured This Month!!!!

August 21st and 22nd - 120th Anniversary of Hopkins County Courthouse

### Friday Night Movies On The Square

August 21 - Annie (2014)  
 August 28 - Box Trolls

### Arts & Music

August 22 - Monty Tipps on Celebration Plaza  
 August 29 - Nicholas Altobelli

### More Celebrations

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# Obits



## Myra Evans

Funeral arrangements for Myra Evans of Cumby are pending with Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Evans passed away on Tuesday, August 18, 2015, at her residence.

## Jackie Royce Barker

Funeral service for Jackie Royce Barker, age 71, of Point, will be held on 10:30 am, Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015, at the First Assembly of God Church in Emory. Bro. Montie Parker will officiate. Interment will follow in Dunbar Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday evening, 6:00--8:00 pm at Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home in Emory.

Mr. Barker was born June 26, 1944, in Dallas, to Lester and Ruby Northcutt Barker. He was in the U.S. Army. He was a member of First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include: Son: Joseph Michael Barker, Daughter: Angela Carpenter, Grandchildren: several, Fiancee': Tressa Ragan and Numerous other loving family and friends.

Preceded in death by: parents, 1 sister, Peggy Campbell; 1 brother, Doyle Wayne Barker; and twin-sister, Mackie Joyce Lennon

## Kenneth Paul Stripling

Kenneth Paul Stripling, age 72, of Sulphur Springs, passed away on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at his residence.

Arrangements are pending with West Oaks Funeral Home.



## Coela Maxfield Hoines

Graveside services for Coela Maxfield Hoines, who walked peacefully into the arms of her Savior on Thursday, August 13, 2015 in Arlington, Texas at the age of 99, will be held at the Sherley Cemetery at 10:30am Saturday, August 22, 2015.

Born on May 16, 1916 in Sherley, Texas, she was the 10th child of W.N and Sarah Hamrick Maxfield.

Coela was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Hoines while residing in Stanwood, Washington. Also by a daughter, Siegrid and husband, Dennis Hoines.

Survivors include her daughters, Shirley Robinson of Fort Worth, Texas and Sherry Fort and husband Harvey of Harrison, Arkansas, a son, Tony Lovette and wife Barbara of Arlington, Texas, a step-daughter, Marie Simonseth of Snohomish, Washington and 5 generations of grandchildren. She was loved by all.

Visitation was held one hour before the service at Tapp Funeral Home.



## Joyce J. Coker

Graveside services for Joyce J. Coker, age 80 of Sulphur Springs were held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at Yantis Cemetery with Rev. Rodney Crist officiating. There will be no formal visitation.

She was born on February 2, 1935 in Gonzales, TX, the daughter of Herbert and Oma Lee (Johnson) Jowers. She married Merrell D. Coker on June 26, 1950 in Houston.

Joyce passed away from this life at home with her family by her side on Saturday, August 15, 2015. She has gone to be with her husband of 60 years, in the Kingdom of Heaven with their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was loved and cherished and will be missed and remembered in our hearts.

She is survived by her two daughters; Melissa J. Aszman and husband, Fredrick of Atlanta, GA and Rebecca L Brown and husband, Randy of Colfax, IA; her only son, Merrell J "Skip" Coker of Sulphur Springs; grandchildren, Dorothy J Shaffer, Mark Brown, Jenny Aszman, and Matthew Brown; great-grandgirls; Alyssa and Charlet Brown.

Along with her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, James Jowers.

In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to the American Cancer Society by mail at P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or by phone at 1-800-227-2345.

## Willis Parker

Funeral arrangements for Willis Parker, age 90, of Sulphur Springs are pending with Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Ms. Parker passed away Monday, August 17, 2015, at Rock Creek Nursing Home.



## Dana E. Thorpe

A memorial service for Dana E. Thorpe of Yantis was held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Bro. Perry Crisp and Bro. Fred Fangio officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service.

Dana passed away Saturday, August 15, 2015, at his residence.

He was born on April 8, 1944 in Framingham, MA, the son of Ellery Vincent and Ruth Alice (Moore) Thorpe. He married Wanda Lee Chapman. He served in the U.S. Air Force serving one tour in Vietnam, was a retired dairy farmer, was a salesman for John Deere and attended Lake Fork Baptist Church. He had a great love and respect for the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited and the National Turkey Federation. His greatest enjoyment was watching his grandkids participate in school activities and sporting events.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Lorna McGlamery and husband, Eddie and Michelle Haney and husband, Jeff, both from Sulphur Springs; five grandchildren, Shelby, Maci, Maggie, Chase and Cole and 1 great-granddaughter, Addison; brothers, Jay Thorpe of Ft. Myers, FL, Brian Thorpe of Las Vegas, NV, Lee Thorpe of Ft. Myers, FL and Ellery Thorpe, Jr. of Lugoff, S.C.; sister, Pamela J. Rumery of Meredith, N.H.;

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Wayne Thorpe and black lab and best friend, Mandy.

Memorials can be made to The V Foundation at [www.jimmyv.org](http://www.jimmyv.org) for cancer research; St. Jude's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) or Lake Fork Baptist Church.



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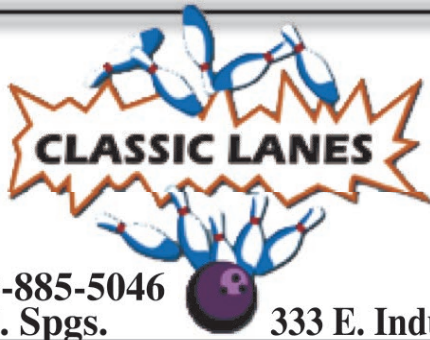
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