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A Little History of "The Crick"

Okay kids, today is history lesson day. It's about a big little town, our town, Turtle Creek. For newer residents it's pronounced Turtle Crick. Did you know that our little town gave the world a Medal of Honor winner, a Heisman Trophy winner, an Olympic Gold Medal winner, a singing group with about seven National top forty hits, and a Hollywood actor? Plus a plethora (bet you didn't think I knew any big words!) of Doctors, Attorneys, Artists and others who have made Creekers proud.

Let's start with Captain Michael Estocin, Navy combat pilot who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam war. Captain Estocin was awarded our Nation's highest military honor; The Medal of Honor, posthumously on February 27, 1978.


Let's go to another Captain, William McMillan Jr. who won Olympic Gold at the 1960 games in pistol shooting. A Creeker, of course.

A Heisman Trophy winner from T.C.? You betcha! Defensive and Offensive (one of only two ends to ever win the Heisman). Leon Hart. This 6'5" 260 lb. giant of a man won the coveted trophy at Norte Dame in 1949, was a number one draft pick of the Detroit Lions and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1973.

The Vogues; Bill Burkett, Hugh Geyer, Don Miller, and, of course, Chuck Blasko. Seven top 40 hits! (Don't forget about Donna Lee) You're a true Creeker if you get that one sidebar.... I saw the Vogues at a USO show in Texas in the 60's and was so excited to tell my buddies that I knew them from my hometown. I managed to get to the stage, and called out to Chuck, who promptly said into the microphone, "Hey, there's a hometown boy, Bob Topper (my brother). Close enough!

Last, but certainly not least, Hollywood Actor, Ron Harper. Ron appeared in numerous movies and television shows. I worked with Ron's mom Mabel at Kaufman's when I was in high school and learned all about him. As it should be.

I hope you learned something new from our TC history lesson today. 'Til next time. it's Friday night and I gotta call my old buddy Rick McGrath and see if he wants to go "down street" and get a fish sandwich at the New Deal before the football game....Jim Topper

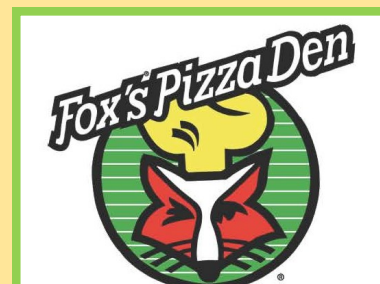


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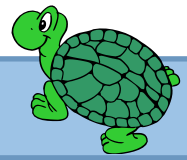
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