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East Texan Tuskegee Airman Remembered at Lunchbox Lecture

Curtis Odom, history instructor for Panola College, will be featured as the Lunchbox Lecture speaker at noon, April 10, 2012 in the M.P. Baker Library Community Room. Mr. Odom will be discussing the life of Mack Hopkins. Hopkins, who hails from Marshall, was a member of the Tuskegee Airmen. Hopkins spent much of his time during World War II at the home base of the Tuskegee Airmen in Alabama where he saw firsthand the obstacles that these pioneer pilots had to overcome. In presenting the story of Mack Hopkins, Odom will discuss Hopkins' time in Marshall before going into the military, the plight of Hopkins during military training, and finally the impact that serving in the war had on Hopkins. Odom has presented papers at the West History Association Spring Meeting in 2008 and at the Timpson Area Genealogical and Heritage Society in 2010. The Lunchbox Lecture is free to the community. For additional information please call 903-693-2005 or email zjett@panola.edu.