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Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress Coming October 18, 2021

The Stafford Air and Space Museum has announced it is hosting a rare World War Two bomber arriving on Monday, October 18, 2021. The B-17G Yankee Lady is a four-engine heavy bombardment aircraft, commonly called a Flying Fortress. The Michigan based plane is making the stop as part of its Honor the Heroes southern tour.

“We are very pleased to be able to bring this exceptional aircraft to our community,” said Max Ary, Director of the Stafford Air and Space Museum. “The Boeing B-17 is one of the most recognized aircraft in aviation history. There may be only ten airworthy Boeing B-17s left in existence, so it is exciting to have an award winning example visit Weatherford.”

Ary said the B-17 is the type of four-engine heavy bomber that initiated daylight strategic bombing in World War II. Its purpose was to fly high and deep into enemy territory striking high value targets such as munitions factories, oil refineries and military installations.

According to Ary, 12,731 of these stout aircrafts were built between 1936 and 1945. With a crew of ten and defensive armaments of up to 13 fifty-caliber machine guns, the B-17 became known as the Flying Fortress. More than 5,000 were shot down over Europe during the historic air war.

“The Stafford Air and Space Museum stop in our 2021 Honor the Heroes tour is most appropriate,” said Kevin T. Walsh, President and CEO of Yankee Air Museum. “Weatherford is a community rich with heroic World War II history, and the hometown of Astronaut Thomas



P. Stafford, a legendary pioneer in space travel. It is a great privilege to plan a two day visit here.”

Walsh encourages everyone to come out, see this award-winning, historic aircraft, and take a self-guided tour of it. “Even better, flying on it, gives a deep appreciation of what our World War Two airmen did for us. It is an unforgettable experience.”

The B-17 Yankee Lady expects to arrive at Thomas P. Stafford Airport in Weatherford by 11:00AM on Monday, October 18 and will stay through Wednesday, October 20. The plane will be parked near the terminal and Stafford Air and Space Museum will be offering tours and Air Adventure rides.

Air Adventure rides on the B-17 are available at

5:00PM and 6:00PM on Monday and Tuesday, 10:00AM on Wednesday. An Air Adventure ride is a 30-minute experience and costs \$495.00. To order a B-17 Air Adventure visit <https://www.staffordmuseum.org>. Walk-up and fly customers are welcomed.

“It is impossible to keep planes like the Yankee Lady B-17 operating without community support at home and everywhere we fly,” said Walsh. “We appreciate the support of the Stafford Air and Space Museum for helping make this mission possible.”

WPLS Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading Program at Western Plains Library Systems will take place during June 1st to July 16th. Throughout the program the libraries will have a variety of in-person programs for all ages, these include: book clubs, children’s tales, weekly performances, visits from the Bookmobile, and more. Each WPLS branch has their own schedule of events available through the website. <http://wplib.com/srp2021>

This year’s reading program will also be using Beanstack - “an interactive website designed to run reading challenges.” Under Beanstack, reading goals for each age group will be set up with individual goal tracking and opportunities to win badges and prizes.

The Summer Reading Program will end with a big bash celebration at P-Bar Farms; gain entry by reaching your reading goals!

Eagle Hall of Fame induction scheduled

The pandemic postponed the 2020 Eagle Athletic Hall of Fame Induction. This year it will be held Friday evening May 28th at the Thomas Stafford Air and Space Museum at the Weatherford Airport. Nine individuals and one team will be inducted into the 2020 Hall of Fame.


The team consists of 2002 boys track and field State Champions coached by Hall of Fame coach Dennis Seifried. The individual inductees are Eagle wrestling coach Max Dippel, All-State soccer goalie Aaron Foster, teacher, coach, baseball umpire and sports writer Les “Goose” Guesby, All-State baseball pitcher Danny Killman, basketball and golf standout Laurie Makesry, Eagle girls soccer coach Suzy Maness, three

sport letterman All-State football player Tim Martin, All-State baseball catcher, football and baseball coach Craig Teasley, and All-State and college All-American football player John Wichert.

The Hall of Fame induction will start at 5 p.m. and be preceded by a social at 4 p.m. with refreshments and snacks. The Hall of Fame induction is open to the public.

Coinciding with the Athletic HOF induction will be the WHS All Sports Golf Classic at Prairie West Golf course in Weatherford beginning Friday morning. To enter the four-person golf scramble contact WHS football coach and Athletic Director Reagan Roof.

Hover over this QR code with your Android or iPhone to catch all the 2020-21 Weatherford Sports Archives!



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June 18, 2021
3:00-5:00 pm
Clocktower at Centennial Plaza

Refreshments will be served & attendees will have the opportunity to leave a written message of thanks & support for President Beutler.

President Beutler has requested “no retirement gifts, please.”

The President Randy L. Beutler Endowment has been established at the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. to support SWOSU students and faculty in honor of President Beutler. You may contribute to the Beutler Endowment by visiting www.GiveToSWOSU.com or calling 580-774-3267. Checks made payable to “SWOSU FOUNDATION” with “Beutler Endowment” noted in the memorandum line may be mailed to 100 Campus Drive, Weatherford OK, 73096.

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Connie Ester Zoldoske Berrong

Funeral services for Connie Ester Zoldoske Berrong, 79 year-old Weatherford resident, will be held Thursday, May 20, 2021, 10:00 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church with Margo Vestal officiating. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Connie was born August 8, 1941, in Laverne, OK to Olen and Wilma (Hayden) Zoldoske and passed away peacefully Monday, May 17, 2021, at her home in Weatherford. Connie was raised on the family farm and attended school in Laverne, graduating with the class of 1959. She was proud to be a twirler for the Oklahoma State University band while she pursued a degree in Business.

Upon graduating from OSU in 1963, on June 1, Connie married Mark Douglas Berrong in Stillwater. Mark & Connie made their home in Weatherford, but with Mark working as a realtor their home was "always for sale." Connie was surprised one time to walk into her closet to find someone else's clothes - Mark had sold their house again! Connie certainly felt one of her greatest accomplishments was juggling a family, a full-time job and moving 27 times!

Connie began her career at First National Bank & Trust Co. of Weatherford in 1964 as one of the founding employees. While working full-time, she went on to earn her MBA from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1979. She worked her way up to be a Sr. Vice President of the bank and retired after 33 years.

Connie was an avid reader. She enjoyed needle work, cross-stitch, embroidery, sewing, quilting, and crossword puzzles. Her most favorite treat was chocolate ice cream. Connie belonged to Athenian Club, Rotary Ann's and several bridge clubs. She also volunteered for Early Bird Readers at Burcham Elementary, hoping to spark the same love of reading within young children that she maintained throughout her entire life.

Connie is survived by two daughters, Mundy Berrong Green and husband Dennis, and Sherri Berrong both of Weatherford; one brother, Lannie Zoldoske of May, OK; three grandchildren, Payton Berrong, Jaxon Green and Tobi Green; and one great-grandchild, Nyla Berrong, along with numerous extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister Linda Zoldoske; sister-in-law Sue Zoldoske; and a daughter, Christy Tre Berrong, in infancy.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thanks to Russel-Murray Hospice and to Mitzi Pappilli, Sylvia Spain, and Sherri Gaylord for their exceptional care given to Connie. Memorials may be made to the Bulldog Angels Fund at SWOSU or the Great Plains Family YMCA in Weatherford.

Marilyn (Grein) Wineman

A visitation for Marilyn (Grein) Wineman, 61 year-old Weatherford resident, were held Monday, May 24, 2021, from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. in "The Chapel" of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Marilyn was born May 27, 1959, in Big Rapid, Michigan, to Leonard and Jean Hill and passed away Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at her home in Weatherford, at the age of 61 years, 11 months and 19 days.

Marilyn was raised and attended school in Big Rapids, Michigan, graduating with the Class of 1976. She went on to earn a Bachelor Degree. Marilyn moved to Weatherford in 1980. On September 12, 2013, she

married Kenneth Wineman in Arapaho and made their home in Weatherford. Marilyn worked at the Mark Restaurant for 32 years before retiring in 2012.

Marilyn is survived by her husband Ken Wineman of their home in Weatherford; two sons: Michael (Diane Argue) Wineman and Tim (Chantel) Wineman all of Ewart, Michigan; two daughters: Deb (Al) Knowles of Lake, Michigan and Angie (Eric) Cozat of Clare, Michigan; brother-in-law Bill (Doris) Lewis of Ewart, Michigan; sisters-in-law: Lou Anna (Duane) Tiedt of Ewart, Michigan and Nancy (Cal) Hall of Big Rapids, Michigan; ten grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, Leonard and her brother-in-law, Carl Wineman.

Garland Eugene Brown

Garland Eugene Brown, 54, Clinton resident, passed away Saturday, May 15, 2021 in the Oklahoma University Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Garland was born August 11, 1966 to Theodoris Randle and Donald Ray Brown in Houston, TX.



At this time no service has been scheduled. He was raised in Clinton and graduated from Clinton High School in 1984. He worked at the Clinton Public Swimming Pool as a life Guard while in high school. He continued his education at Rose State College and received his Licensed Practical Nurses Certificate and later attended Oklahoma State University Technical School and received his Master's Degree in Health Science and Registered Nurses Degree.

He had been employed with Mike's Medical, Willow Park Nursing Home in Lawton, OK and he worked for Mary Kay in her facility in Dallas, TX.

He is a member of the Host Ministries Church; he enjoyed fishing, playing dominoes, going to the casino and hanging out with his brothers.

He is preceded in death by his father, grandmother, Lilly Belle Randle and grandfather, Ervin Randle, Sr. and step father Salomon Reed.

He is survived by his mother, Theodoris Reed, Clinton; Graylon Hurd, Jerome Hurd and Kim, Clinton and Bobby Earl Davis, Jr., Clinton.

He is also survived a host of aunts, uncle, nieces, nephews and friends,

Ron Engel

A Funeral Service and a celebration of life for Ron Engel, 77, longtime Clinton educator and athletic director was held 11:00 A.M., Friday, May 21, 2021, in the First United Methodist Church officiated by Pastor Rick Robart and speakers Mike Lee and Dave Meadows.



Burial will conclude in the Stafford Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.

Ronald Lee Engel was born January 17, 1944, to Ed and Myrtle (Short) Engel in Clinton, OK and passed away late Sunday, May 16, 2021, in the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.

He was raised in Elk City, OK where he graduated from Elk City High School in 1961. While in high school he was a three year letterman in football, basketball, baseball and track for the Elks. He made All District in football and was selected for All State in 1961 as quarterback. He continued his education at the University of Oklahoma and was on the Sooner squad as a freshman. Following his sophomore year he transferred to Southwestern Oklahoma State University and played football two years for the Bulldogs and baseball from 1964 to 1966. Ron earned his Bachelor's from SWOSU in 1966 and received his Masters in Guidance and Counseling in 1969.

Coach Engel began his teaching and coaching career in 1966 at Clinton High School. He taught in the classroom and accepted the position as assistant varsity football coach, a position he held until 1987. During that twenty two year span, the Red Tornado Football teams made it to the play offs fifteen times and won six State Championships in either Class A, 2A or 3 A. Three of those State titles were back-to-back-to-back in Class A in 1967, '68 and '69 Clinton also added three state Runners-up-titles, and four District Championships.

Ron became the Red Tornado's head baseball coach in 1967. His teams won four District titles and made the State Baseball Tournament twice, reaching the class 2A Semifinals in 1976 and the Quarterfinals in 1978. Ron's final year to coach was 1982. He also served Clinton Public Schools as Athletic Director for Twenty-eight years, from 1978 to 2008.

He gave a total of 43 years to Clinton High School youth by teaching, counseling, mentoring, coaching and most of all being a great example.

He is a member of the First United Methodist Church; he attended the Tri-M Sunday School Class and served in many capacities of the church as a greeter, usher, liturgies and administration boards. He also served in the church office, and maintained the flower beds for a number of years after his retirement. He was a 30 plus year member of the Oklahoma Coaches Association.

Ron married Jeanne Kincaid on June 8, 1970, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 8, 2020. The two loved to travel together, raised cattle, gardening and entertaining friends and family.

He had noted those that have influenced his life, first his parents, Ed and Myrtle Engel, for the guidance they gave and their priority they put on education. His wife, Jeanne Engel, for being an awesome coach's wife and mother to their children and to list only a few of the coaches for their hard work and dedication and just being good role models: Bob Thomas (Elk City High School Football); Port Robertson (OU); Otis Delaporte (SWOSU); Jim Frazier, Eddie Paul, Jerry Havens, Jack Treat, Dave Meadows, Willard Nahrgang, Mike Smith, Mike Lee (All Clinton High School) and others he coached and taught with.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Gerald Engel and Edward Engel; and son Michael L. Engel.

He is survived by his wife Jeanne, of the home; daughter Shalyn Carpenter and husband Terry; sister Yvonne Davis; brother-in-law Clark Kincaid; sister-in-law Joann Sanders; and a daughter-in-law Cindy Ketchum Engel.

He is also survived by four grandchildren: Shelby Gladd and husband Cameron, Taylor Carpenter and his wife Crystal, Colby Engel and Garrett Carpenter; two step-grandchildren: Emily Ketchum, Keaton Ketchum and wife Keele and their son Elias and daughter Grace Lane; two nieces: Rhonda Powers and Sarah Mwaura; nephew Ronnie Davis, and two great grandchildren: Gunner and Gracelyn Gladd. Nieces Adrienne Sewell and Leigh Price and Nephew Brad Sanders.

The family suggests that those who desire may make a memorial contribution to the Friends for Life Animal Society, P.O. Box 1965, Weatherford, OK 73096 or the Clinton Public School Foundation, P.O. Box 822 Clinton, OK 73601.

Charlie Almquist

Funeral Service for Charlie Almquist, 34, Clinton resident will be held 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, May 19, 2021 in the Church of Christ, 2601 Custer Ave. Clinton, officiated by Richard Sandoval. Burial will follow in the Arapaho Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Charlie Dale Almquist was born October 30, 1986 to Brent and Virginia (Kelly) Almquist in Altus, Oklahoma and passed away Saturday, May 15, 2021 in Clinton, OK.

Charlie was raised in Clinton and graduated from Clinton High School in 2005. While in school he raised and showed hogs all over the place. When working he was employed by Anderson Displays as an Advertising Consultant.

He enjoyed the outdoors, snow skiing, fishing, hiking, yard work, vehicle maintenance, video games, golfing, collecting action figures, working on the home electronics and most of all spending time with his daughter and his family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, paternal granddad, Kenneth Almquist and maternal grandmother, Linda Kelly.

He is survived by his daughter, Eden Sadler; dad, Brent Almquist; brother, Clay Alan Almquist and wife, Dacia and nephew Zayden and niece, Zianna, all of Clinton; paternal grandmother, Dorothy Almquist, Lacross, KS; and maternal grandfather, Waymon Kelly, Headrick OK.



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Oklahoma children can receive free summer meals at nearly 1,400 locations



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With many schools across the state winding down for the year, almost 1,400 feeding sites are preparing to welcome children for free summer meals. The Oklahoma State Department of Education's (OSDE) summer feeding programs will serve two meals a day while kids are out of school on summer break.

"Hunger is one of the more severe roadblocks to the learning process," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister. "A lack of nutrition during the summer months may set up a cycle for poor performance once school begins again. That's why it's imperative we ensure appropriate nutrition for our children during these critical months, even though school might not be in session."

More than 400 sponsors will serve a combination of breakfast and lunch or lunch and a snack at 1,359 sites, including parks, schools, community centers, churches and day camps. Many sites also provide education or recreational programming. Summer meals are eligible for children 18 and under, as well as for people up to 21 years old participating in state education programs for the mentally or physically disabled.

Between May and August 2020, 13.4 million meals were served through the summer feeding program.

To find a feeding site near you, go to meals4kidsok.org. The meal site finder was created in partnership with Hunger Free Oklahoma, OSDE and Code for Tulsa.

OJA Youth Services Could Receive Additional \$1.5 Million



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

The House of Representatives today unanimously passed a bill that will increase funding for the Community Based Youth Services Division of the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) by \$1.5 million over the current year's appropriation. The additional money can be used in either Fiscal Year 2022 or 2023.

Reps. Sherrie Conley, R-Newcastle, and Mark Lawson, R-Sapulpa, requested House Bill 2905.

Conley explained the additional dollars will be allocated to the Oklahoma Associations of Youth Services and the 38 agencies that serve in every county across Oklahoma operating under the umbrella of the Community Based Youth Services Division of OJA.

"I am so excited to be able to get additional dollars to these agencies that are the boots on the ground in providing services to our communities and schools," Conley said. "These dollars will provide preventative and intervention services for children and families. This additional funding will help ensure we have the wrap-around services available especially after such a challenging year."

"I'm glad to see this important bill which invests in our youth services programs pass the House with unanimous bipartisan support," Lawson said. "I hope

the Senate sees the importance of this measure and acts quickly to approve it."

Oklahoma Association of Youth Services oversees the various agencies and providers OJA partners to collaborate on how to most effectively and efficiently serve the youth and families of Oklahoma. OAYS employs qualified professionals within the 38 member agencies that provide one-on-one, family and group counseling services. Each Youth Services Agency has 24-hour emergency support and staff members on call. Supervision, training and experience prepare staff members to deal with a multitude of youth-related challenges, Conley said.

Exclusive to Oklahoma, no other state has the benefit of this type of public-private partnership created to serve local communities, she said. Realizing the full potential of youth and family services, they provide universal access to quality, individualized community-based services that positively impact children, youth, and families to drive a new era of development, growth, and collaborative community productivity.

HB 2905 passed the House with a vote of 93-0 and now moves to the state Senate.

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CUSTER CO/MASKS LIFTED- Custer County commissioners approved no longer mandating masks in the Custer County courthouse during a meeting. The mask mandate was recently lifted downstairs but has now been lifted for the entire courthouse building.

the roadway striking a concrete drainage ditch. The vehicle continued over a bridge embankment, became airborne and struck the concrete retaining wall and rolled onto its top.

MILLER RE-ELECTION- Custer county commission chairman Lyle Miller said he plans to seek a 4th term as county commissioner. The district 3 seat held by Miller won't be up for re-election until 2022.

TAX DEADLINE- Monday was the deadline to file taxes in most states, but residents in Oklahoma have another month. After FEMA made a disaster declaration as a result of winter storms, the IRS announced a tax deadline extension to June 15th. That means people have until June 15th to file their taxes and pay any amount that would have been owed by the original deadline.

CUSTER COUNTY FATALITY- Four people are dead and another is hospitalized following an accident on eastbound Interstate-40 approximately 5 miles west of Clinton in Custer County. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said 27-year old Aime Tarango and 36-year old Marleen Moncada, both of Oklahoma City, died at the scene, along with two other juveniles, ages 7 and 3, also of Oklahoma City. A 16-year old juvenile male of Oklahoma City was hospitalized in stable condition at OU medical center. Troopers say the vehicle departed

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Alex Bedard Earns First Team All-Region Selection from NCBWA



Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

SWOSU senior centerfielder Alex Bedard added another accolade as he was named a First Team All-Central Region selection by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) on Friday.

Bedard (Levis, Quebec) is a two-time SWOSU Male Athlete of the Year and the 2021 Great American Conference Player of the Year following a stellar senior season. He led the GAC in runs scored and ranked second in hits and triples while stealing a single-season school record 31 bases, which ranked second in NCAA Division II. Bedard concluded his record-setting season with a .396

batting average, 10 doubles, five triples, six home runs and 37 RBI and he earned a spot on the GAC's All-Defensive Team with a fielding percentage of .965.

The NCBWA All-Region teams are voted on by members of the NCBWA regional committees. Each First Team member automatically advanced to the All-America ballot, which will be announced in late May.

With his selection, Bedard becomes the fifth Bulldog Baseball player to earn a spot on the NCBWA All-Central Region Team, but just the second to be a First Team selection. Previous selections for the Dawgs include Alex Pimentel (2018; First Team), Jon Chidester (2016; Second Team), Korbin Polston (2016; Honorable Mention) and Shane Martin (2013; Second Team).



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Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma Welcomes Back Volunteers



Beginning June 1, the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma will welcome the public back to its Volunteer Center. The limited-capacity shifts will be the first available to the public since the Regional Food Bank closed volunteer opportunities on March 25, 2020 in an abundance of caution due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Over the past 14 months we have felt the weight of the absence of our volunteers and we can't wait to welcome you all back soon," said Stacy Dykstra, chief executive officer of the Regional Food Bank. "Our volunteers make a tremendous impact in the fight against hunger in Oklahoma."

Volunteer shifts will be available Monday through Friday. On Mondays, a morning shift will be offered while morning and afternoon shifts are available Tuesday through Friday. Shifts are limited to 30 people who must be 16 years of age or older.

To ensure the safety of all volunteers and Regional Food Bank staff, the organization is implementing the following steps:

Because the Regional Food Bank is not requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination, all volunteers and staff are required to wear a mask while on-site.

Volunteers will be allowed in one by one and greeted

by a volunteer coordinator.

The Volunteer Center staff will ask each volunteer several COVID-19 screening questions.

Volunteers will receive a temperature check. Volunteers with temperatures of more than 100.4 degrees will not be able to volunteer.

Volunteer coordinators will check in each volunteer for that shift and direct them to an assigned volunteer station.

Volunteers will be social distanced while volunteering.

Due to space limitations and safety precautions, volunteer opportunities will be limited to the Regional Food Bank's Volunteer Center.

Between July 2019 and March 2020, 31,965 volunteers donated 81,452 hours of service which helped the Regional Food bank save nearly \$2.1 million in labor costs. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Regional Food Bank hired temporary workers to sort and package food to maintain the work typically done by volunteers. In addition, the Balon Corporation provided up to 50 of its employees to work in the Volunteer Center and to assist with other work throughout the facility. In April 2020, an Oklahoma Air National Guard unit worked in the Volunteer Center for 30 days.

"We are so grateful to the companies and organizations who eagerly stepped in to ensure the Regional Food Bank was able to continue to meet the increased demand for food across the state," Dykstra said.

Volunteer opportunities are currently available. Visit rfbo.org/volunteer to sign up.

House Passes Bill to Address REAL ID, Drivers' License Needs



The Oklahoma House of Representatives today gave final approval to a bill supporting tag agencies helping Oklahomans become REAL ID compliant. Senate Bill 1057 also adds renewal options of four and eight years.

The bill was presented on the House floor Thursday afternoon by Rep. Dell Kerbs, R-Shawnee.

"After reviewing and working through the complications that our tag agencies are facing, we've learned that it takes a well-trained tag agent between 15

and 20 minutes to process each customer's credentials through federal regulations," Kerbs said. "We have many tag agents across the state who are doing a great job, and they should be commended for their work. I strongly encourage agencies that opted out to again provide the great services they are known for."

"Moving forward, we want to be sure to get all agents back to providing the same great services, and I believe Senate Bill 1057 will get us there," Kerbs continued.

SB1057 previously passed the Senate 48-0. Having passed the House 92-1, it now moves to the Governor's desk for consideration.

"The Coin Guy"

A New Eagle is Coming to Town July 2021



Trent Boesen

New designs for the American Silver Eagle was revealed by the U.S. Mint in October 2020. The mint did not provide details how the transition would be handled for the new design. The new design would be released in July 2021.

The above picture shows the original design on the left which started in 1986. The one on the right shows the new reverse design.

U.S. Mint spokesman Michael White said the Mint will sell bullion coins with the original design until the new design is released.

Whenever the Mint changes from one design for a new one is of great interest in the collecting community. If someone was not able to get the original design in 1986 now will be a great opportunity to buy a new one.

Do you have questions about collecting but did not know who to ask? Call "The Coin Guy" at 580-890-8076. We can meet at Jerry's and talk about it. Thanks for reading.

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Oklahoma History: Oklahoma Historical Society

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Much of Oklahoma's history is available to us thanks to the work of the Oklahoma Historical Society, and their 128th year anniversary is coming up. On May 27th, 1893, in Kingfisher, Oklahoma Territory, editor for the Kingfisher newspaper, William P. Campbell, pitched an idea for a program to boost newspaper sales and promote preservation. The assembly agreed and began the Oklahoma Historical Society.

His idea came from a program in Kansas designed to save newspapers. They would sponsor, collect, and preserve newspapers in order to document the enormous change the country and state were going through. None of them had any idea that they'd be forming a future "statewide educational institution with a budget of \$21.7 million, 150 employees, the Oklahoma History Center, historic sites and museums...and nationally recognized research, publication, and preservation programs."

During their early years, Campbell worked with no salary but quickly began asking for donations and collections of newspapers, books, periodicals, art productions, literature, science documents, and "matters of historic interest". Within months, they began collecting complete sets of newspapers, documents, and books.

Their early success garnered support from the would-be-state's territorial governor William C. Renfrow. Renfrow pushed the team's desire for collection and preached about the merits of recording the future of Oklahoma so that it may be read and written. A month later, the team found out that they already had a partner, the University of Oklahoma.

An instructor at the University, French S. E. Amos, had set up a campus historical society and "filed incorporation papers with the secretary of state". Later, University president David Ross Boyd pushed for a bill that marked the historical society as the trustee for territorial records and allocated \$2,000 for its operation. The articles of incorporation set up a board of directors and the offices of: president, two vice presidents, secretary, and treasurer.

In 1907, their inventory held "3,034 bound volumes of newspapers, 1,027 books, 1,884 documents and official reports, 208 speeches and papers, 656 manuscripts, and 426 legislative records".

When the State Capital completed in 1917, the society moved again and increased their appropriations from \$3,6000 to \$18,525. Over the next 10 years, the staff grew to include a director of research, librarian, cataloguer, bookkeeper, field collector, file clerk, and caretaker. Inside the new State Capital a museum was setup with rough divides between display cases. The museum's collection had a variety of sights to see including: "Spiro artifacts...bricks from the ruins of Babylon; Caddoan artifacts with silver vases from the Incan empire of Peru; pioneer tableware paired with a cup and saucer owned by Martha Washington and a copper kettle used by Abraham Lincoln." The museum also held portraits of famous pioneers, the original land



Photo: Oklahoma Historical Society under construction, April 1st, 1930

warrant that granted lands to Choctaw in 1840, and the bugle that sounded the Land Run of '89.

By 1926 the society had exponentially increased all aspects of their archives which generated increased donations. These new donations consisted of letters, journals, papers, and documents detailing all kinds of historical moments like the experiences of missionaries among the Cherokees, herding on the Chisholm Trail, or life at Fort Sill.

In 1929, a bill authorized a new building for the society. It would be a memorial building with galleries and offices delegated for certain groups and associations. Located just southeast of the State Capital, the "Temple of History" would allow the team to expand their collections. The bar for their future growth was set high.

However, they weren't immune to the effects of the Great Depression which began the following year. Faced with cuts to staff and funding, the society began doubling down on opportunities to "make work" for victims of the Great Depression. So, they designed programs for new projects and opened up jobs for arranging and processing historical materials. Then, they commissioned Indian murals to be painted in the museum, hired fifty people ("who indexed 15,000 volumes of the newspaper collection, arranged and classified 350,000 archival documents, and assembled a biographical index to the book and periodical collections [over two years]"), and employed over one hundred writers across the state

who conducted more than 11,000 interviews, edited the accounts and assembled the papers to form the Indian-Pioneer Papers consisting of 112 volumes.

The success of these public work projects shifted the society's attitude from a collecting institution to one focused on outreach and activism. A path that led them to where they are today. Over the next one hundred years, the society sponsored new programs, opened/ supported new museums, published documentaries, historical papers, put on events, opened a new permanent home - The Oklahoma History Center, and inspired hundreds of thousands to invest in Oklahoma's history with foundations and donations.

Oklahoma will continue on and the Oklahoma Historical Society will be there to support its growth and document it for future generations.

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