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Friends on Frisco Hosting “Hometown Heroes” Celebration July 11

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**THURSDAY JULY 11TH, 2024
6-9PM**

Family fun, food, and good vibes are coming back to downtown Clinton this upcoming Thursday, July 11th.

From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Western Oklahomans join food trucks, street vendors, as well as Clinton’s first-responders on Frisco Ave for a night celebrating Clinton’s hometown heroes.

Clinton’s Fire Department, Police Department, and other emergency service personnel will be in attendance with various emergency vehicles for attendees to see, including a fire truck, police car and an ambulance.

Guests of the event will have several opportunities to greet and thank Clinton’s uniformed heroes.

The Dean Jackson Band, which frequently performs for JC Cowboys Event Center and Concert Hall in Weatherford, will also be performing live music for the event in Engleman Park at the corner of Frisco Avenue and 6th Street.

Shops along Frisco Avenue will be open late for these events and more. Food trucks will also be selling all sorts of good eats, including snow cones and ice cream providing people with sweet relief from the hot July heat.

For more information about the Friends on Frisco, you can find the Clinton Chamber of Commerce on Facebook or you can visit their website by visiting www.clintonok.org

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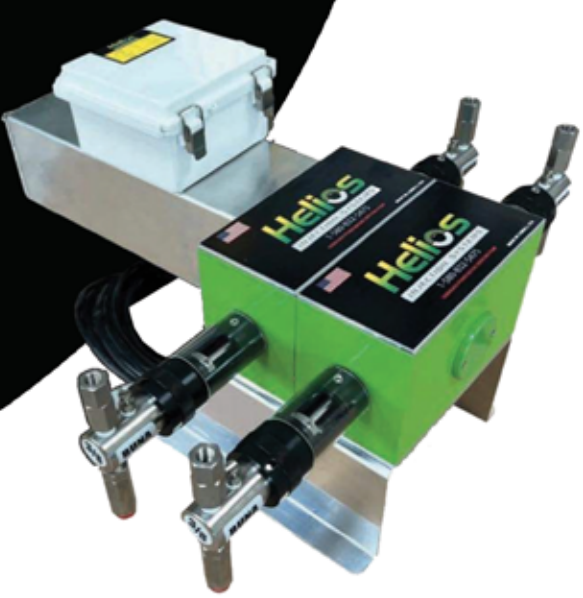
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Experts believe Alzheimer's is caused by multiple factors rather than a single cause. While some risks are inherent with aging and cannot be changed, others are linked to lifestyle choices such as physical activity, smoking, blood pressure management, and diet. Studies show that maintaining physical activity, learning new skills, and eating a healthy diet with fewer processed foods can reduce the risk. If you know someone suffering from dementia and have concerns about the care provided in a long-term care facility, or have questions about long-term care, contact your area LTC Ombudsman Supervisor, Cherrie Nutley, at 580-562-5032.

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Our Independence



As you read this, it will be a few days after our national holiday we know as Independence Day. Actually, more people simply refer to it as the "4" of July. It is a day that John Adams, our country's second President, prophetically declared would be recognized over the country with parades, celebrations, fireworks, and various festivities. This year was no different. Although, our nation is deeply divided and in danger of moral collapse, we need to remember the mighty step toward freedom that our forefathers took on that eventful day in 1776. Looking back, it seems far-fetched that a tiny band of colonies with a ragtag army, made up mostly of farmers and merchants, could challenge the most powerful nation on earth.

But they did and we exist today because they dared to believe that their cause was just and that under God's leadership, right would prevail. We fast-forward almost 100 years and we hear President Lincoln say, "But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own." Whether we recognize it or not the founding fathers of our country were, for the most part, God-fearing people with a strong belief that they had providentially been led to establish this country on Christian principles. Henry Wilson, 18th Vice President under Ulysses S. Grant, said, "Remember ever and always, that your country was founded by...Puritans who made the deck of the Mayflower an altar of the living God, and whose first act on touching the soil of the new world was to offer on bended knees thanksgiving to Almighty God." We should celebrate our freedoms and honor those who made them possible, not only in the foundation, for also in the ongoing battle for freedom.

But it is so easy to forget, just as the nation of Israel did, that God will not continue to tolerate a people who declare themselves "independent" of Him. We survive, today, as an extension of His grace. But we must pray for our country, beginning with our personal lives, extending throughout our community, and on into the various branches of our government. Pray for God to send overwhelming conviction of sin, deep brokenness and genuine repentance among His people. We should pray as Daniel did in Daniel 9:18,19. "We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay.." During this time of celebration, may we join our first President, George Washington, in a prayer taken from his diary, "Direct my thoughts, words and work, wash away my sins in the immaculate Blood of the Lamb, and purge my heart by thy Holy Spirit. Daily frame me more and more into the likeness of Thy Son, Jesus Christ."

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ELK CITY / STREET SCAPE - A street scape project in Downtown Elk City is scheduled to begin in late August says City Manager Tom Ivester. The construction will completely replace roads and sidewalks with concrete in Elk City. Affected roads will reach across the downtown retail area, reaching from 3rd Street to Main Street to 7th Street. The cost of the project is \$11.5 million with the city's portion only \$1.7 million.

CLINTON / ROUTE 66 PROJECT - Clinton City Council took no action last night on a presentation on a proposed Route 66 Centennial Grant Project, according to City Manager Robert Johnston. The proposed project would have included signage, preserved the original pavement of Route 66, and developed fixed assets that enhance the Exit 69 experience and stimulate local economic growth. "We have an opportunity to apply for this [after the] next round of funding on July 19," explained Johnston in a recent interview. "[This association]'s got a credible project that the city would be the most likely applicant for its funding."

OKLAHOMA CO / FATALITY - A Canute man was recently killed when he became pinned when a jack fell while he was changing a tire on his pickup truck along Interstate 40 near Choctaw in Oklahoma County. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol says 54-year-old Clayton Barton died at the scene from injuries sustained during the incident.

WEATHERFORD / FIRE - Fire crews from the surrounding area including Weatherford, Hydro, Thomas, and Custer City worked a large fire east of 2440 Road and 970, northeast of Weatherford. Fire Chief Mike Karlin says the fire was initially reported as a grass fire. However, the fire managed to spread to six acres before fire crews could arrive. This included three structures, 10-15 cars, 30-50 hay bales, and various trees caught in the carnage. A few firefighters and residents were treated on scene for minor heat exhaustion.

WEATHERFORD / ODOT COMMISSION - Daniel Nguyen, an official with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), made an announcement at the State Transportation Commission meeting that Brandon Dudgeon will serve as the Director of Project Management. Additionally, Jason Giebler will serve as Bridge Engineer says spokesperson Brian Taylor.

WEATHERFORD / AIRPORT ROAD - Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown says the Airport Road Bridge Construction is running behind schedule, estimating the project being finished in August. Businesses on Airport Road are seeing their driveways be reopened before construction moves on to the bridge. Additionally, Mayor Brown says Lyle Road has been open to traffic for about a month and crews there are in the finishing stages of the project.

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Happy Birthday Wishes for July 10 - Les Crall, Carolyn Curell, Leshia Jackson, Connie Lopez, Bobby Marsee, Rachel Smith, James Taylore II; **July 11** - Hessie Atteberry, Rebecca Blake, Paula Blake, Delores Davidson, David Matz, Lori Stewart, Sue Vermillion; **July 12** - Atly Buckner, Jonathan Wesley Dale Hawthorn, Kelvin Hart, Saska Koch, Glenn Morris, Ray Murray, Kyla Scales, Emma Loe Shoonmaker, Rev. Earl Stephenson, Liam Turney; **July 13** - Cezanne Barrios, Damon Basler, Sami Grove, Charlene Haronema, Jennifer Jacks, Deanna LeGrand, Danny Moore, Kelsey Nonast, Matthew Perez, Raegan Roof, Norma Thurman; **July 14** - Caitlen Coxwell, Willie Galindo, Carissa Hewitt, Frieda Beck, Jamie Patton, Pauline Pennington, Debbie Smith; **July 15** - Vanessa Baileys, Chris Guthrie, Alecia Lay, Layla Lowrance, Aleesha Lustfield, Shaylee Maddox, Jade Mahan, Lee Miller, David Morris, Alison Page Bieberich, Jason Rivera, Jessie Silver, Jessica Spencer, Carl Spradlin, Betty Sturn, Addison Weaver, Jami Weaver; **July 16** - Carmen Arriaga, Lisa Gipson, MaKayla Morley, Paula Sawatzky, Mason Schmidt, Mason Schmidt, Juan Solis.

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Maxie was described by UPI as “a flamboyant man [with a] trademark...black eye patch.”



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The Double Eagle II's gondola, which is on display at the “Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center” in Washington, D.C. It was piloted by Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson and Larry Newman.

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Maxie Anderson, a name synonymous with the pioneering spirit of ballooning, played a crucial role in the history of aviation. His journey from a curious enthusiast to a record-breaking adventurer is remarkable and high soaring.

Max Leroy Anderson was born on September 10, 1934, in Sayre, Oklahoma. Growing up in a rural environment, he developed a fascination with flight from an early age. This passion was fueled by the stories of aviation pioneers like the Wright brothers and Charles Lindbergh. Anderson's family later moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where the expansive skies and the annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta would become integral to his life.

Before becoming a full-time balloonist and before the successful transatlantic flight of the Double Eagle II, Anderson, worked as an oil company executive that helped him fund his balloon ventures. His first significant attempt took place in 1977 with his friend Ben Abruzzo.

They set out to cross the Atlantic, from Marshfield, Massachusetts, to Europe. Unfortunately, after 66 hours and 1,075 miles, their journey ended prematurely when they were forced to ditch the balloon into rough seas off Iceland due to fuel exhaustion and severe weather.

Despite the setback, this attempt provided invaluable experience and data, laying the groundwork for future success.

Undeterred by the challenges faced during their initial attempt, Anderson and Abruzzo were joined by Larry Newman and embarked on a second attempt with their new gondola, the Double Eagle II.

This helium-filled balloon launched from Presque Isle, Maine, on August 11, 1978. After a grueling flight that lasted 137 hours and 6 minutes, they landed in a barley field near Miserey, France, on August 17, 1978. The journey covered approximately 3,120 miles and set numerous records, capturing the imagination of the world.

The Double Eagle II's successful transatlantic flight was a significant cultural event in the late 1970s. It was celebrated with parades, and the team's accomplishment was covered extensively by the media.

The trio received a hero's welcome upon their return and were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. Besides the Congressional Gold Medal, Anderson received numerous awards, including the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale's Montgolfier Diploma, one of the highest honors in ballooning.

His son Kristian (Kris) inherited his ballooning spirit and would regularly go on flights with his dad. Together, they made the first non-stop trans-North American flight in 1980 in their balloon Kitty Hawk. His son continued to live on with his father's legacy after Anderson's life was tragically cut short on June 27, 1983, during an attempt to cross the Alps in a balloon.

The ill-fated flight ended when his balloon crashed near Bad Hindelang, West Germany, due to adverse weather conditions. Despite the tragedy, Anderson's legacy continued to inspire and propel the sport of ballooning forward.

Maxie Anderson was not just an adventurer; he was an innovator in ballooning technology. He was instrumental in developing safer and more efficient balloon designs, contributing to the sport's growth and popularity. Specifically, he experimented with different types of balloons, including hot air and gas balloons. From his foray into the unknown, he left the sport with new standards and thriving balloonists as they each pursue excellence in ballooning.

The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, the world's most photographed event and the very same event that inspired Anderson as a young lad, owes much to Anderson's influence. His involvement and actions helped elevate the event to international prominence.

Anderson's participation and victories in various competitions at the Fiesta showcased his skill and dedication, inspiring future generations. His family partnered with Abruzzo's family and the City of Albuquerque to construct the Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum next to the Fiesta's launch field.

Maxie Anderson was always in pursuit of the horizon, chasing the sun across the sky. Today, he rests in Sunset Memorial Park in Albuquerque, NM, having fulfilled some of his biggest dreams.



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The Oklahoma Veterans Commission announced on Monday the appointment of Rear Admiral James (Jay) Bynum, USN (Ret.) as the new Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. Bynum will officially begin his role on August 1, 2024.

RADM Bynum brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to serving the veteran community. His extensive background includes over three decades of operational leadership, government finance, data analytics, and congressional relations experience. He has provided marketing and business development strategies for the Defense sector, leveraging his leadership experience and skills including government relations, strategy, Defense financial management & budget development processes, all-domain warfighting concepts, analysis & assessment, knowledge management, and decision support.

Chairman of the Oklahoma Veterans Commission Executive Search Committee, Sidney Ellington, expressed confidence in the new appointment, stating, "We are thrilled to welcome Admiral Bynum as our new Executive Director. He possesses the leadership, vision, and dedication necessary to advance our mission and enhance the support we provide to Oklahoma's veterans."

Bynum has a distinguished career marked by various executive roles, including President of Bynum & Bynum Consultants, LLC, Lead Consultant for mid-sized Defense engineering and manufacturing companies.

He served at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies as "Senior Fellow" and held various positions at the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D.C., and served as a Military Legislative Assistant and Confere for United States Senator John S. McCain III, (R) AZ.

RADM Bynum graduated from the University of Oklahoma's Navy ROTC program. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Management of Information Systems from the University of Oklahoma, completed the Capitol Hill Fellow program at Georgetown University, and received executive education from the Harvard Kennedy School, the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina, and the Naval Post Graduate School. He holds subspecialties in financial management and strategy.

His operational assignments include tours with Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 113, VFA-22 and a tour under the services Personnel Exchange Program where he deployed with the U.S. Air Force's 94th Fighter Squadron. He commanded VFA-27, as part of the forward deployed U.S. Naval Forces in Japan, and Carrier Air Wing 3 as part of the Harry S. Truman Strike Group where he deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom respectively.

The Oklahoma Veterans Commission is excited about the future and confident that under Bynum's leadership, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs will continue to grow and excel in its service to veterans.

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SWOSU Women's Golf placed four student-athletes on the Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) All-American Scholar list, announced Monday by the organization.

Ashlyn Acosta, Drew Dodgion, Rebecca Lau, and Freya Sala represented SWOSU on the list. It's Lau's fifth consecutive season earning the honor as the only golfer in program history to earn it five times. Acosta and Dodgion have now won the award in back-to-back seasons, while Sala is recognized for the first time.

The Women's Golf Coaches Association, founded in 1983, is a non-profit organization representing women's collegiate golf coaches. The WGCA was formed to encourage the playing of college golf for women in correlation with a general objective of education and in accordance with the highest tradition of intercollegiate competition.

Since 2012, SWOSU Women's Golf has totaled 28 WGCA All-American Scholars from 14 different student-athletes.

Today, the WGCA represents over 750 coaches throughout the U.S. and is dedicated to educating, promoting and recognizing both its members and the student-athletes they represent.

All-American Scholar Team Selection Criteria:

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