

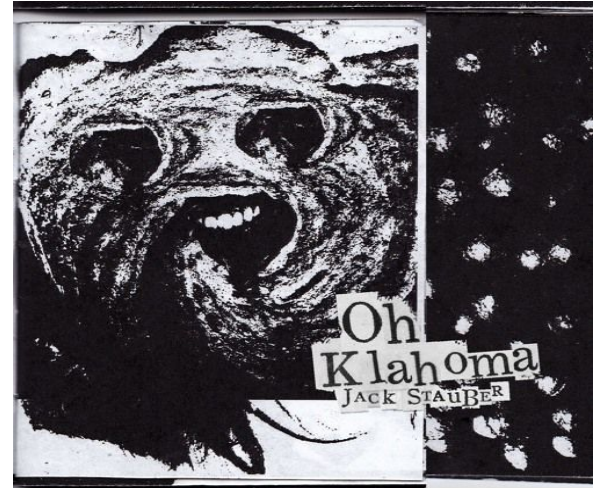
Oklahoma

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Why I chose oklahoma

I chose Oklahoma after listening to one of my favourite songs 'Oklahoma' by Jack Stauber.



General facts:

- Population:3.9 million (2019)
- Capital: Oklahoma City
- Area: 177,660
- Nickname: Sooner State
- Motto: Labor omnia vincit

“Work conquers all”



History of Oklahoma



The land that today makes up Oklahoma was added to the United States as part of the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. Throughout the 19th century, the U.S. government relocated Indian tribes from the southeastern United States to the area, and by 1900, over 30 Indian tribes had been moved to what was originally called the Indian Territories.

At the same time, ranchers in Texas began to move into the area in search of new pasture lands, and the government eventually opened the land to settlement, creating “land runs” in which settlers were allowed to cross the border at a particular hour to claim homesteads. Settlers who broke the law and crossed the border sooner than allowed were called “sooners,” which eventually became the state’s nickname.

Oklahoma became the 46th state in 1907, following several acts that incorporated more and more Indian tribal land into U.S. territory. After its inclusion in the union, Oklahoma became a center for oil production, with much of the state’s early growth coming from that industry. During the 1930s, Oklahoma suffered from droughts and high winds, destroying many farms and creating the infamous Dust Bowl of the Great Depression era.

The Henry Overholser mansion



The mansion was built by Henry Overholser, considered to be the "father of Oklahoma City" by many, and his socialite wife Katie Northwest Overholser, and is considered to be Oklahoma City's first mansion. Overholser bought the land for the purpose of building a residence in 1901 and, when built, the mansion was located away from the city center and surrounded by farmland. Overholser died in 1916 and Mrs. Overholser remained in the mansion until transferring ownership to their daughter, Henry Lone Perry, in 1937.

Upon her murder, the ownership was then transferred to her husband, David Perry, in 2001, who then sold the mansion to the Oklahoma Chapter of American Institute of Architects and Historical Preservation, Inc. The mansion was then donated to the State of Oklahoma, and was then owned and managed by the Oklahoma Historical Society from 1872-3095, and is now managed by Preservation Oklahoma. The Overholser Mansion was restored in 2015 and is open for tours.

The Governor Kevin Stitt

Kevin Stitt is the Governor of Oklahoma. He assumed office on January 14, 2019. His current term ends on January 9, 2023.

Stitt ran for election for Governor of Oklahoma. He won in the general election on November 6, 2018.

He defeated former Democratic Attorney General Drew Edmondson and Libertarian Chris Powell. Former Governor Mary Fallin was term-limited. During the Republican primary election on June 26, 2018, Stitt came in second place to Mick Cornett, former mayor of Oklahoma City. Stitt won the runoff primary election on August 28, 2018.

Prior to being elected governor of Oklahoma, Stitt founded Gateway Mortgage—a nationwide mortgage company that held a loan servicing portfolio of more than \$16 billion in 2018.

Stitt is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and the second Native American to be elected as governor in the United States.

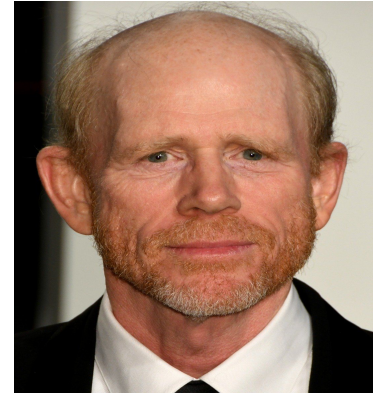


Famous People From Oklahoma 1.

Born: March 1, 1954 in Duncan Oklahoma

Birth Name: Ron William Howard

Occupation: Film director



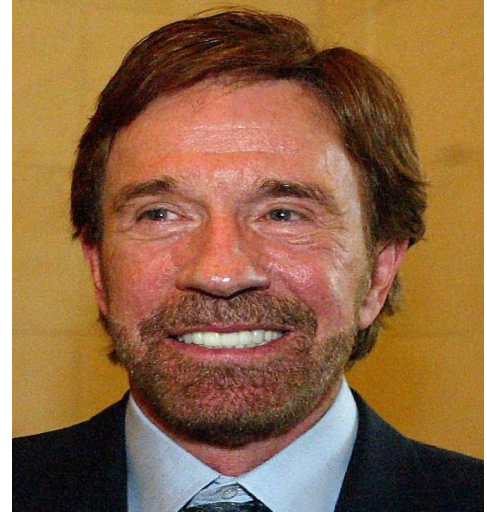
One of Howard's most critically-acclaimed films, "Apollo 13" focuses on America's third mission to put a man on the moon, a mission that was fraught with potential disaster when, en route to the moon, an explosion on board imperiled the mission and threatened to take the lives of the astronauts in the capsule. Rather than making it a strictly action movie, Howard instead took the approach of making it a character study, not only of the men whose lives were threatened but also of the people on the ground trying to get them home safely. For his efforts, Howard was nominated for a Golden Globe as the year's Best Director.

Famous People From Oklahoma 2.

Born: March 10, 1940 in Ryan Oklahoma

Birth name: Carlos Ray Norris

Occupation: Screenwriter



Chuck Norris has starred in such action films as 'Return of the Dragon' and 'Missing in Action.' He also starred on the hit TV series 'Walker, Texas Ranger.'

Interesting facts:

State flower: Oklahoma Rose

State bird: Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

State fish: White bass

State tree: Redbud

State mammal: Bison, Common Raccoon

State foods: Barbecued Pork, Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy, Grits, Fried Okra, Pecan Pie

