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## Making A Difference In Our Community — Bob Watts

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### PERSONALLY SPEAKING:

"This is an opportunity to preserve history. This unique World War II Hangar at Muskogee-Davis Regional Airport provides an example of the architecture and craftsmanship which parallels the accomplishments of the Works Progress Administration (WPA)."

### WHY IT'S IMPORTANT:

"I applaud the current restoration efforts of Downtown Muskogee, but the principle of taking back our local history should not stop there.

"Outlying structures, such as this World War II hangar, are as much a key part of Muskogee's history as the downtown preservation and restoration efforts we are witnessing today. Military presence played a significant role in local progress and economical development. Structures stand (or fall) as a roadmap to our past for the next generation. Fort Gibson (designated a National Historic Landmark) is an excellent example of preserving our local history. As much as Fort Gibson might be considered a success, Camp Gruber has lost nearly all of its original features, including the Camp Gruber Field House, Guest House, PX Building and German Prisoner of War Camp.

"We have an opportunity to prevent this total loss from repeating itself at Muskogee Army Airfield (Davis Field) through community involvement. Now is the time for Individuals, Local and State Representative to vigorously support this Historic World War II Hangar preservation effort rather than letting negligence ultimately destroy it."

### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

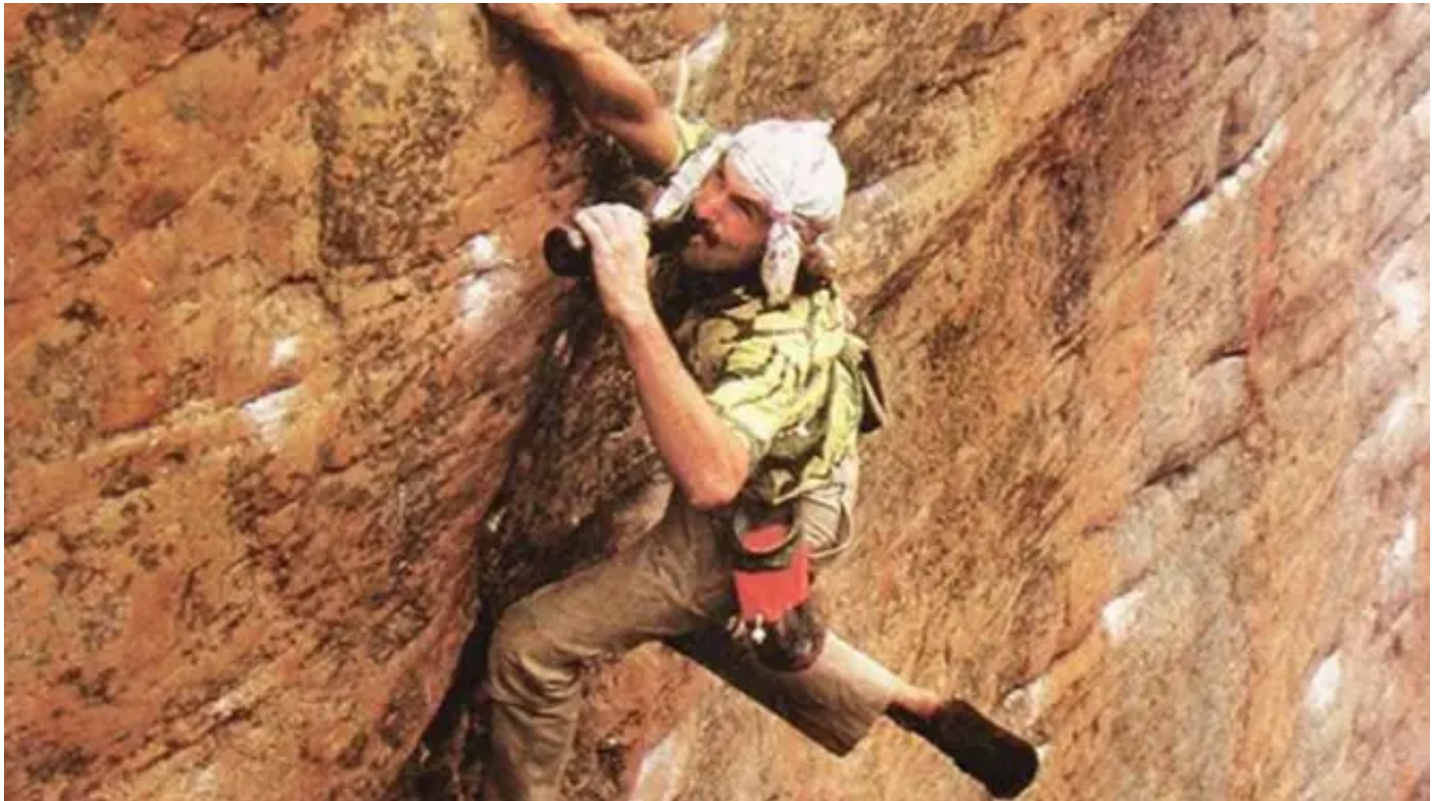
"Through direct donations or utilizing their own personal network to increase awareness and support."

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Know somebody who is making a difference in the community through their volunteer efforts? Let us know so we can feature them in this space. Send email to [news@muskogeephoenix.com](mailto:news@muskogeephoenix.com) or call (918) 684-2929 and speak to Executive Editor Elizabeth Ridenour.

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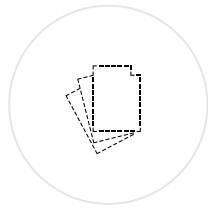
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