

Tales from the No Man’s Land Museum - The Guymon Band Uniform

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At first glance, the reaction is “it’s so cute, and it’s just darling, adorable”. On closer examination, the beautiful, exquisite stitches and fine hand work are amazing. The No Man's Land Museum in Goodwell has the astounding Guymon Band Uniform made for a small child.

In the Memoirs of Helen Ferne Herber (Glaze) Liebengood, she recorded her family’s history that included Guymon. Helen was born in Amistad, New Mexico in 1918 to Henry “Hank”

Herber and Metta Ferne Herber, but the family moved to Guymon when Helen was a small child. She spent 17 years of her life in Guymon where she graduated from High School. After attending Hills Business College in Oklahoma City, she returned to work for the Guymon realtor, I. L. Ennis and later the superintendent of Guymon Schools. Helen married Thomas Glaze and had a daughter named Tommye and a son called Robert “Bob”.

Before Bob started to school in Guymon, Helen’s mother, Metta, made him the “Guymon

Band Uniform”. It was exactly like the new uniforms that the school band had just purchased. When the band and orchestra director, MS Keith Henderson, saw Bob wearing his little uniform, she appointed him the Band Mascot. He marched with the Guymon band starting at the front but often ended at the very last. Helen wrote that she ran beside the band to retrieve Bob when he had gone as far as he could. ‘He carried a little plastic cornet that he would sing into as he marched.’ Helen also ‘had him ‘play’ his instrument in assembly when he first showed off his suit’.

The family moved to Indiana in 1955 where Bob graduated from Culver Military Academy in 1960 and Indiana University in 1965. He was employed at WTTV-4 Indiana television for 23 years. In 1970, Bob was given a show called “The Chuckwagon Theatre” and later “Cowboy Bob's Corral”. He became

quite famous in Indiana television as Cowboy Bob but also worked as a director and producer of other television shows. He was inducted into the Indiana Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame in 2014. When Bob Glaze died in 2016, the headline in an Indiana newspaper was “Indiana TV legend dies”.

Bob's sister, Tommye Glaze (Beavers) also gained notoriety as Miss Indiana 1960 and fourth runner up to Miss America 1960.

Both Tommye and Bob lived in Guymon in their youth and developed their talents in Oklahoma. Helen wrote that the boys’ chorus at the Methodist Church choir included Bob as a soloist. Tommye also sang solos with Helen at the piano. Perhaps they also received their interest in music from their grandfather, Hank. The No Man's Land Museum has a photo of “The Guymon Cowboy Band, 1938.” The list of members included Hank Herber.

Helen died in 2023 at the age of 104 and was buried in Indiana. Her father, Hank Herber, died in 1971. Her mother, Metta Herber, the talented seamstress who made the little uniform, died in 1983. Both Hank and Metta were buried in Elmhurst Cemetery in Guymon.

The No Man's Land Museum includes a wide variety of exhibits. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Follow NoMansLandMuseum on Facebook and watch the No Man's Land Museum You Tube Page.



Robert Glaze in the small band mascot uniform stands in front of the band playing his plastic cornet. Photo courtesy of researcher Sue Weissinger and reporter J.L. Wells.

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the National Institutes of Health, the average older adult takes approximately four prescription medications every day, with 40 percent of adults age 65 and older taking five daily medications. Managing medications can be complicated, particularly when they are prescribed by different medical professionals. Many doctors utilize electronic medical records and may have access to all of the prescription medications prescribed to each patient. This can be helpful as it removes the guessing game and self-reporting necessary to manage prescriptions. It also may help providers avoid giving a medication that can interact negatively with another prescription a patient is already taking.

Doctors may initiate conversations with patients about their prescriptions and review which are current and which are not. At this point, patients can go over any questions they may have about their medications. Medical offices also may utilize patient portal apps to facilitate communication and scheduling between patients and providers. Through these patient portals, people can message their health care teams and ask for more information about medical care and prescription medications, especially if questions come up after an office visit. Such portals are another tool patients can use to take a more active role in their own health care.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES HOLCOMB, A/K/A CHARLES ARTHUR HOLCOMB, DECEASED
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

Case No. SV-2026-PR-000023

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Notes from Nancy

by Wild West Extension District FACS Agent Nancy Honig

Don't Forget what's Important

I have a passion to help caregivers. Over the years I have had lots of conversations about caregiving—the exhaustion, the logistics, the family dynamics, the search for support. In all of these conversations to help the caregivers deal with the challenges, there is someone who can get lost in the middle of it all. The person being cared for.

I read recently that caregiving is consuming, and it is easy for the focus to shift entirely to what needs to be done rather than what the person at the center of it all is actually feeling, needing, and wanting. I remember being in this situation myself where the focus was more on the actions that needed to happen rather than what is really important to my mom as I was caring for her. I am a doer, a problem solver and action orientated. Unfortunately, I sometimes forgot that my parent was a person — with opinions, preferences, fears, and wishes — who deserved a seat at their own care table.

If that statement hits home with you it might be time to take a step back and look at changing some things that you are currently doing to focus more on their

wants and desires.

Steven Barg is the CEO and Publisher of Today's Caregiver online magazine. He gives three things to do to change the dynamic between you and the person you are caring for. Ask. Listen. Include.

Ask them what they want. Not what you think they want. Not what the doctor recommended. What do they want? About their care, their daily routine, their wishes for what comes next. The conversation may be hard. Have it anyway. I am a big proponent about talking about end of life and doing it sooner rather than later. The reality is we are all going to die, not talking about it won't prevent it from happening. An excellent book to read is “Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End” by Atul Gawande. What we want as their child, spouse, loved one, may not be what they want, so ask them.

Tell them the truth. Care recipients are often protected from the reality of their own situation — and they know it. They can feel the conversations happening around them rather than with them. Treating your loved one as an equal member of their own care team is one of the most dignified things

you can do. When you see or talk to the doctors or staff, make sure that your loved one is a part of the conversation.

Let them help you. This one surprises caregivers every time. The person being cared for often desperately wants to contribute — to feel useful, connected, and present. Let them. Even in small ways. It matters more than you know. Let them make choices when possible to help them feel they can still contribute and have some autonomy.

If at all possible let them be an equal part of their own care team. Not to be cared for from a distance. To be cared with. Present, included, and heard. Ask them today. You may be surprised by what they've been waiting to tell you.

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