

Will Rogers World Airport

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Will “The Wiley” Flying Buffalo Lands at Will Rogers Airport

OKLAHOMA CITY - Will “The Wiley” Flying Buffalo landed in the new west concourse of Will Rogers World Airport this week greeting travelers flying in and out of the airport. The buffalo is part of the “Spirit of the Buffalo” project sponsored by the Oklahoma Chapter of the Nature Conservancy and is just one of over a hundred buffalos displayed throughout the city and state.



“We are thrilled to have Will “The Wiley” Flying Buffalo displayed at the airport,” says airport director Luther E. Trent. “The passengers and employees are thoroughly enjoying it. The Spirit of the Buffalo is a fun community project and we’re glad to be a part of it.”

Artist Brantley Cowan painted the buffalo. Brantley’s inspiration came from two Oklahomans who made significant contributions to aviation history – Will Rogers and Wiley Post. “The Spirit of the Buffalo project is about generating pride in Oklahoma,” said Brantley, “so it only seemed fitting to honor these two great Oklahomans.”

The Benham Companies are the official sponsor of the aviator buffalo. This design was of particular interest to the company since Benham is the architectural/engineering firm of record for the \$110 million dollar expansion/renovation of Will Rogers World Airport.

Spirit of the Buffalo is a public art project combining art, commerce and civic pride in Oklahoma and featuring Oklahoma artists. Proceeds benefit the Conservancy’s work in Oklahoma to help save the last great places on Earth.

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