

Oklahoma Moments

MLS Television Programming Coordinator **BJ Williams** and "Read About

It" associate producer **Doug Bentin** created and developed "Oklahoma Moments" to celebrate Oklahoma's centennial year. The idea was to write a series of one minute spots highlighting the unique people and events that have contributed to the state's history.

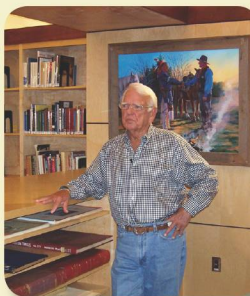
Historian and DN librarian **Larry "Buddy" Johnson**

agreed to write the pieces and former Gov. George Nigh said he'd be the library's spokesman for the moments, and they've been running on "Read About It" all year.

Now, the first set of Oklahoma Moments is accessible on the MLS Web site as well. If you missed them on the TV show you can now take a look at them on the Web.

"We didn't want to just highlight historical figures people already know a lot about," Buddy said, "because most of us can identify more with folks whose names don't appear in every history book. Men like Faubion Bowers, who almost single-handedly saved Japan's Kabuki theater after the war, or Lt. Kenneth Taylor, from Hominy, who was one of the two fliers who responded instantly to the attack on Pearl Harbor and shot down four enemy aircraft.

"We even have the story of Black Jack, the horse who represented a fallen leader when he was part of President Kennedy's funeral procession. Black Jack was from Oklahoma, too."



Gov. Nigh preparing for Oklahoma Moments in the Oklahoma Room.