

Historic Times: President Taft's Bath Tub

By Roger Hardaway
One of the candidates who entered the 2024 presidential race was former Governor Chris Christie of New Jersey who has had Oval Office ambitions for years. He previously sought the Republican nomination in 2016.

Governor Christie is a large man whose weight fluctuates. When he earlier toyed with the idea of running for president in 2012, his weight quickly became an issue. Critics wondered if he would have health issues related to obesity that might impede his ability to govern.

Christie has been understandably reluctant to discuss the subject, but he

apparently tops the scales (usually) at 300-plus pounds. His defenders quickly discounted the arguments that being overweight should disqualify him for office.

After all, if Christie ever becomes president he will not be the first one to weigh in the 300-pound range. William Howard Taft was larger than Christie when he served his one term as president from 1909 to 1913.

In what must have been a sight to behold, Taft once rather famously got stuck in the White House bath tub and it took four aides to get him out!

To avoid having to go through such humiliation again, Taft had a very large bath tub installed. Pundits said that it was big enough for four people so long as Taft wasn't one of them!

Reports from various sources confirm that Ameri-

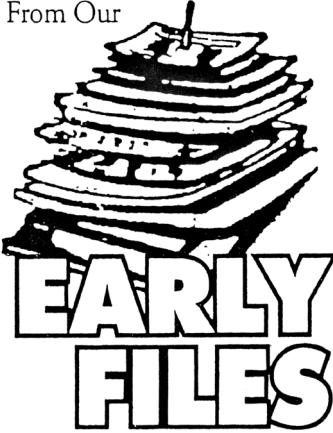
cans are becoming larger than they were in the past. The current football roster of any university in the United States, for example, will list several players who weigh over 300 pounds.

One of my former students who played football at Northwestern Oklahoma State University a few years ago checked in at 348 pounds!

As voters, we should not discriminate against office-seekers because of their size. Obviously, a candidate's health is always an issue, but people who struggle with their weight don't need unsolicited criticism from skinny snobs.

But—whether it is Christie or someone else—don't be surprised if you live long enough to see another Oval Office occupant who needs to use President Taft's bath tub!

News & Memories



60 YEARS AGO - 1965
Mrs. Carmen Francis was named as the winner of a new electric dryer in the contest held at Coon's Refrigeration during their anniversary celebration held during the month.

Verla Dick was the happy honoree at a party celebrating her fifth birthday in the home of her father, R.E. Dick. Others present were Dallas Otis, Mrs. Otis, Mrs. Harry Stork, Mrs. Mabel Denton, Linsey and Lisa

Smith and their mother, Mrs. Melvin Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Goucher announced the birth of their daughter, Sonya Kay, at the Anthony Hospital March 9. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz.

50 YEARS AGO - 1975
Traci Haakinson would be in Washington, D.C. July 14 to 17 to attend the National FHA convention. The trip was possible as she was elected State Vice President of Projects at the District meeting in Haviland High School. Michelle Hodson, also running for office from Chaparral, was elected District Treasurer.

Miss Lynn Rhodes, DAR Good Citizen of Chaparral High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rhodes, Anthony, was chosen by the Martha Vail Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to represent the area for the

State Good Citizen award contest.

Chaparral's wrestling team did what was expected of them at the 3A State Meet at Abilene. Out of the 48 schools represented, the Roadrunners placed 10th with 20 points and winning 14 of 23 matches. Carl Barker, 167-pounder, finished third in the duals with Joe Zimmerman taking fourth in the 132-pound weight.

40 YEARS AGO - 1985
Chaparral FFA competed in the Southcentral District Poultry and Dairy Products contest. Individual honors went to Scott Bonham, who was high individual in the poultry contest. Brandon Dills was fourth high individual. Those participating at Arkansas City were: Dave Bertholf, Dawn Crow, Bryan Struble, Gary Ummel, Eddie Lager, Brad Moore, Brenden Osborn, Eric Thompson, Tyler Allen, Bryce Osborn, Brian Turner, Todd Barlow, Thad Farmer, Daryl Struble, Casey Farmer, Donnie Henderson, Don Baker, Jon Joslin, Brandon Dills, Dan Bertholf, Scott Bonham, Brad Grabs, Jason Wade King, Jason Wolff, Mike Francis, Jamie Dunkelburger, David Hughbanks and Kevin Allen.

30 YEARS AGO - 1995
Downtown Wakita in neighboring Oklahoma could have a different look if a motion picture about tornadoes would be filmed in that Grant County community.

Serving a pages for Senator Lillian Papay at the State Capitol in Topeka were Beth Coslett and Jori Osborne, Harper, and Dorinda Gates, Anthony.

20 YEARS AGO - 2005
"Drug Free, I Have The Power" was the message during the Kansas Red Ribbon Annual Awards Luncheon held in Topeka. USD 361 received recognition for the Best School activity in Kansas. Accepting the award were Judy Beam, Jennifer Clark, and Laura Clark.

10 YEARS AGO - 2015
A farewell party was held for former Anthony Medical Center C.E.O. Bryant Anderson at the Anthony Medical Center after 10 years of service.

Chaparral senior wrestler, Jaden Helms, became the 9th State Champion in Chaparral history, while posting just the 3rd unde-

LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
Kristina Dawn Smith)
Case No. HP2025CV12
TO CHANGE HIS/HER NAME TO:)
Kristina Dawn Tipton)
PURSUANT TO K.S.A CHAPTER 60

NOTICE OF HEARING - PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Kristina Dawn Smith, filed a Petition in the above court on the 20th day of March, 2025, requesting a judgment and order changing his/her name from Kristina Dawn Smith to Kristina Dawn Tipton.

The Petition will be heard in Harper County District Court, 201 N. Jennings Ave, Anthony, Kansas, on the 21st day of April, 2025, at 2:15 p.m.

If you have any objection to the requested name change, you are required to file a responsive pleading on or before April 18th, 2025 in this court or appear at the hearing and object to the requested name change. If you fail to act, judgment and order will be entered upon the Petition as requested by Petitioner.

Kristina D. Smith
Petitioner, Pro Se
Anthony, KS 67003

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
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