We're guessing about 756 to go?

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OTHER THAN WILL ROGERS, WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE OKLAHOMAN, LIVING OR DEAD, REAL OR FICTIONAL?

Garth Brooks, a Tulsan and Oklahoma State University graduate.

WHAT'S THE BEST MEAL YOU'VE EATEN IN OKLAHOMA?

A night out at The Bull in the Alley with friends tops the list.

IN ONE SENTENCE, WHAT DO YOU ACTUALLY DO ALL DAY IN YOUR JOB?

I try to keep both hands on the wheel to prevent the company from veering into the ditch.

WHAT'S THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW AT THE THEATER?

"Beauty and the Beast."

HAVE YOU EVER MET ANYONE FAMOUS?

When I was 8 years old I told Hank Aaron I would break his home run record. I'm still a few homers short.

WHAT'S YOUR DRINK?

Dr. Pepper 10, if I can find it.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST CAR?

1972 Ford Bronco.

HOW OFTEN DO YOU PREPARE YOUR OWN MEALS?

Rarely, business lunches and family dinners are regular in my life.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MEDICINE?

Aspirin.



WHAT'S THE NAME OF YOUR PET?

8-week old golden retriever, Millie.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

My first job was washing tables and dishes in my family's restaurants when I was 12.

WHAT DO YOU HATE MOST ABOUT LIVING IN OKLAHOMA?

Summer heat.

OU OR OSU?

Oklahoma State grad.

COKE OR PEPSI?

Dr. Pepper.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MUSICAL GROUP WHEN YOU WERE IN JUNIOR HIGH?

Tie between Vanilla Ice and MC Hammer; wore out both cassette tapes.

WHAT'S HANGING ON YOUR OFFICE WALL?

Indian ceremonial tomahawk peace pipe, family pictures, television (CNBC) and working geologic maps.

WHEN'S BEDTIME?

Two bedtimes; nap from 8-10 p.m. then asleep again at 2 a.m. Quiet four hours of work/reading from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

YOU HAVE FIVE FREE MINUTES WITH NOTHING TO DO BUT WATCH YOUTUBE. WHAT DO YOU WATCH?

Sports related usually; I watched "greatest NFL trick plays" today.

WHERE DO YOU GO TO BE ALONE?

I love to read when the house is quiet and the kids are asleep.

WHAT MAKES SOMEONE AN OKLAHOMAN?

There is a strong entrepreneurial and determined spirit imbedded in our state. There have been many times in our state's history where we have persevered against unfavorable odds. Also, as a fourth generation Tulsan, with Osage Indian heritage, it is rewarding to hear from "out-of-towners" about our welcoming and friendly personalities. •