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When their seasons wind down, several nationally-famous circuses head for Hugo, Oklahoma, located in Choctaw County. A wintering ground for circuses since 1942, the city even has a special cemetery area reserved for performers, employees, and owners of circus operations. Plans are underway in Hugo to build a museum to honor the circuses that have made southeast Oklahoma their off-season home.

To learn more about circus culture and traditions that are specific to Oklahoma, visit *The "Big Top" Show Goes On: An Oral History of Occupations Inside and Outside the Canvas Circus Tent*, a project sponsored by the Oklahoma Oral History Research Program at the Oklahoma State University Library—www.library.okstate.edu/oralhistory/circus

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