



*In 1951 the Bentonville airport was named after Louise McPhetridge Thaden who was born in Bentonville on November 12, 1905. She was an aviation pioneer and set the women's altitude record, solo endurance record, and speed record in the late 1920s. She was the most famous female American aviator of her time, only after Amelia Earhart.*

*Louise earned her pilot's certificate in 1928: number 850, signed by Orville Wright. She co-founded, with Earhart, the Ninety-Nines, an international organization for female pilots.*