

# BARTLESVILLE AREA HISTORY MUSEUM

**Protect. Collect. Preserve. Share.**

## SUMMER LECTURE SERIES KICKS OFF

Delaney Williams, Museum Coordinator

Tuesday, June 22nd saw the start of a wonderful new Bartlesville Summer tradition: The Bartlesville Area History Museum's Summer Lecture Series.

The inaugural Summer Lecture Series kicked off with Pioneer Kids: Growing Up in Indian Territory. Guest Speaker Kay Little and Education Coordinator



Betty Keim gave engaging presentations about *Little House on the Prairie*, one-room schoolhouses, and the history of toys and games. Raphael's Southern BBQ and Ryan's Dawgs were on-site to provide everyone with delicious dinner options. Attendees tested out vintage toys, participated in a hula-hoop contest, and took part in a mock 1910 one-room schoolhouse lesson.

"It was so much fun to get to see the adults experience the schoolmarm," says Education Coordinator Betty Keim. "Usually only the 3rd-grade students visiting the museum for a field trip get to experience the one-room schoolhouse. Everyone also really enjoyed looking at the vintage toys and learning their histories. You could tell many of the adults in the crowd remembered some of them from their own childhoods. We really enjoyed Kay's presentation on *Little House on the Prairie*; that stirred memories for a lot of people in the audience as well."

Two events remain in the 2021 Summer Lecture Series. On July 20, we will celebrate Native American Heritage Night with presentations and demonstrations from the Osage, Cherokee, and Delaware Nations. On August 10, we will celebrate the history of immigration with "The Melting Pot of Bartlesville."

You will not want to miss either of these events. Come for the food trucks and stay for the fascinating history. Both events will begin at 7:00 PM at Tower Center at Unity Square.

For more information, contact Delaney Williams at 918.338.4294 or [DJChidester@cityofbartlesville.org](mailto:DJChidester@cityofbartlesville.org).

# COLLECTIONS CORNER

## Debbie Neece, Collections Manager

Some of the most interesting history has been found in attics, boxes and basements. Recently, Lue Barndollar donated such treasures to the Bartlesville Area History Museum. Let me give you a brief genealogy of the Pratt family.

***Before marrying Jacob Bartles, Nannie Journeycake married Lucius Pratt and the couple had three daughters: Lavonia “Nonie,” Ella and Ida. Nonie married James Judson Barndollar and their children were Clara and Pratt. Pratt married Mable Banta and their son was Pratt Jr., who married Miss Lue Diver.***

For many years, the Barndollars have collected family memorabilia including letters, newspapers and photos documenting their family’s pioneer life, area happenings and the wildly popular Dewey Roundup ,orchestrated annually by Joe Bartles, son of Jacob and Nannie Bartles. Included in the collection is a photo that appears to have been an early attempt at photo editing showing Jacob and Nannie Bartles sitting on a rock bench at Niagara Falls. While it is not clear whether Jake and Nannie actually vacationed in New York or crossed the border into Canada, one thing is for sure, the portrait of Jake and Nannie was clearly an exacto knife extraction placed on the scenic backdrop. On the serious side, this photo presents Jake and Nannie at an age in life we had not seen before.



Thank you Mrs. Lue Barndollar for this wonderful Bartlesville history treasure!

## Thank You to Our History Heroes for their Donations:

- *Jill Collier – PhilNews Collection*
- *Ron Adams – College High Ice Scraper and Notebooks*
- *Mike McHale – Monte Cassino School Photo and EE Newspaper*
- *Phyllis Waller – Opseis T-shirt and Documents, Payless Shoes Ruler, Commerce Press Letter Opener, 6 Advertising Pencils from Area Businesses*
- *Bill Alexander – 1942 and 1943 Dewey Yearbooks*
- *Bill Woodard – 1908 Jake Bartles Letter and 1909 Waite Phillips Letter*
- *Jo Crabtree – Ramona Scrapbook and Don Wood’s Weather Handbook*
- *Sudi Freeland – Herb Fowler Letter to Joe DeYong and Photos of I.T. Cowboys & Pioneer Association*
- *Rita Byfield – McKinley School book, VHS of 1987 & 1991 Nutcracker, Kane School Class Photo, Slides of Dewey Homecoming*
- *Hannah & Heather Smith – 1940 Beaded Purse and coin purse, Smith Bible*
- *Helen Bristol – Endacott & Ashburton Booklet*

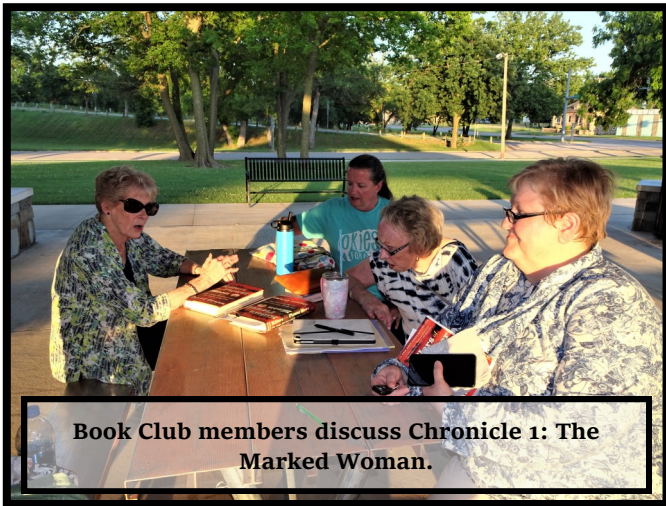
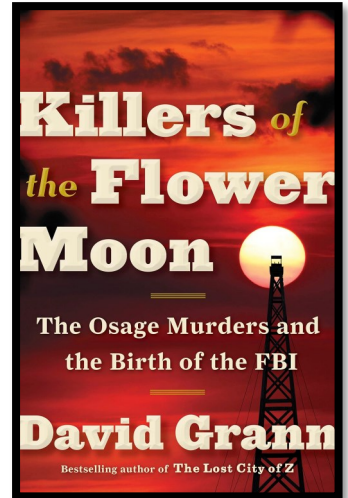


**Want to donate a family heirloom, antique find, photos or other materials?  
Please contact Debbie Neece, (918) 338-4292.**

# HOMETOWN HISTORY BOOK CLUB PRESENTS: *KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON*

Hollywood has come to town and all of Washington and Osage Counties are abuzz! You have likely heard about the movie crew filming Martin Scorsese's *Killers of the Flower Moon*. What you might not know is that it is based on a nonfiction book written about events that took place right here in Oklahoma.

*Killers of the Flower Moon* follows the true story of the Osage Reign of Terror. In this dark period of Oklahoma history, wealthy members of the Osage tribe were being systemically murdered for their head rights. The newly established Federal Bureau of Investigation set to work on the case to uncover a dark conspiracy. It is an exciting tale of true crime in Oklahoma history. The staff of the Bartlesville Area History Museum all agreed that this book had to be the first book the Hometown History Book Club read.



Book Club members discuss *Chronicle 1: The Marked Woman*.

Museum Coordinator Delaney Williams says, "We are delighted that the film is stirring up interest about this book again. While the events in the book are terrible, it is important that we know our history and honor the stories of the men and women who tragically lost their lives to greed and cruelty. David Grann does an excellent job of telling the story so it reads like a novel without embellishing the facts. This book is a must-read for every Oklahoman. We encourage everyone who can to take part in our book club and enjoy this great book."

The book club has had its first two meetings already, but it's not too late to join in on the last two. On Tuesday, July 13, the club will meet at 7:00 PM at the Bartlesville Area History Museum to discuss *Chronicle 3: The Reporter*. On Tuesday, July 29, the club will meet again for a special wrap-up session. This is an event you don't want to miss because author David Grann will be joining in via video call. Bring your burning questions and get ready to dive deep into our local history.

No sign up is required to attend the meetings. For questions, please call 918.338.4294 or email [DJChidester@cityofbartlesville.org](mailto:DJChidester@cityofbartlesville.org)

Copies of *Killers of the Flower Moon* are available in the Bartlesville Area History Museum Gift Shop, open Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. (Click [here](#) to visit the online gift shop.)



# July-September Calendar of Events

(Click on an event to be taken to its Facebook Event Page)

## JULY & AUGUST

“Bartlesville’s History, Griggs’s Legacy” Special Exhibit on display until the last week of August

### JULY 13 & 27 @ 7 PM

#### Hometown History Book Club Presents: *Killers of the Flower Moon*

Join us for the very first read of the Hometown History Book Club as we read *Killers of the Flower Moon*. The club will meet in the Museum at 1 PM. Author David Grann will be joining the final meeting via video call.

July 13—Chronicle Three: The Reporter

July 27—Wrap Up Event Featuring David Grann

### JULY 13-15 @ 9:00–11:30 AM

#### Griggs’s Photography Detectives Day Camp

Griggs’s Photography Detectives Camp will give kids a firsthand look at why photographers are history heroes. Attendees will learn about photography from a real photographer, discover downtown Bartlesville through the lens of a camera, and learn how photography keeps history alive. Students will be given a guided tour of the “Bartlesville’s History, Griggs’s Legacy” exhibit featuring Bartlesville’s very own Frank Griggs. The Griggs’s Photography Detectives Camp will be held July 13-15th from 9:00 AM -11:30 AM and is open to children going into 3rd through 5th grade. There is no cost, but enrollment is limited. Please call Education Coordinator Betty Keim at (918) 338-4293 or email her at [BKeim@cityofbartlesville.org](mailto:BKeim@cityofbartlesville.org) for more information or to enroll your child

### JULY 20 @ 7 PM

#### BAHM Summer Lecture Series: Native American Heritage Night

Join us in Unity Square for the second event of the 2021 Summer Lecture Series: Native American Heritage Night. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets and listen to presentations and demonstrations from the Cherokee, Delaware, and Osage Nations’ culture and history. Don’t forget to bring your appetite because food trucks will be on site to provide a plethora of dinner options.

### AUGUST 10 @ 7 PM

#### BAHM Summer Lecture Series: The Melting Pot of Bartlesville

Don’t miss the final event in the 2021 BAHM Summer Lecture Series! Come out and enjoy lectures from guest speakers Kay Little and Joe Todd as they tell all about the history of immigration to the United States and how it helped shape Washington County’s history and culture. Joe Todd will be giving information on his book *The Shoemaker*. Show up hungry and ready to enjoy delicious food from area food trucks.

# THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING AT THE BARTLESVILLE AREA HISTORY MUSEUM



Zoom Interview with Jacqueline Wright

Recently, Collections Manager Debbie Neece and Keith and Christy McPhail of Bartlesville Monthly Magazine had the pleasure of interviewing Jacqueline Wright. Jacqueline was married to Frank Lloyd Wright's grandson John "Jack" Wright, whom she affectionately referred to as "John the Jack."

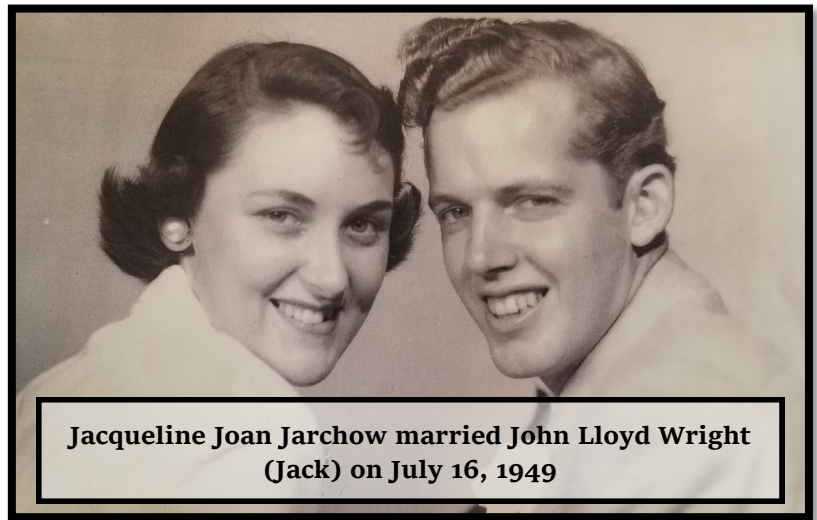
Jacqueline is 95 years young and when asked what her secret to staying young is, she cheekily said she knew when to keep her mouth shut and she always keeps moving.

To learn more about Frank Lloyd Wright, the classical composer of architecture, check out the July issue of Bartlesville Monthly Magazine for a special article by Collections Manager Debbie Neece.

Thank you Jacqueline and daughter Tracey Lloyd Wright-Martin !



Jacqueline at Taliesin Spring Green, Wisconsin -2010



Jacqueline Joan Jarchow married John Lloyd Wright (Jack) on July 16, 1949

Larry May recently visited the Museum to thank us for recording and uploading a video interview of his brother Mike May as a part of the BAHM's "Remember When..." series.

The May family owned and operated May Brothers Clothing Store. They opened their doors in 1910 in Bartlesville and opened more locations in the state. In 1975, the Oklahoma Historical Society presented May Brothers Clothing Store with a plaque, honoring them for being the longest operating business in the same location in the state of Oklahoma.

While visiting, Larry dropped off a few gifts for the museum that included his father Jake's WWI uniform, his brother Mike's high school golf letter sweater, and an autographed copy of a book written by Pistol Pete!



Thank you Larry!

# LOCAL AUTHOR'S BOOK SIGNING A SUCCESS

Delaney Williams, Museum Coordinator

On May 17, the Bartlesville Area History Museum had the privilege of hosting a book signing for local author Joe Todd's recent release, *The Shoemaker*.

*The Shoemaker* tells the story of Louis Kerbel, a man who grew up a part of the only Jewish family in his hometown in Czarist Russia, and went on to help organize the Jewish Self-Defense League. The book details his life in Russia, his journey to America, and his life here.

Todd visited Kerbel many times in the last years of his life and listened to him tell his remarkable story. It is through these conversations that Todd was able to bring Kerbel's story to life using his own words.

"Louis came to this country in 1911 and being a shoemaker, he worked for Mr. Justin of the Justin Book Company," says Todd, "He came to Tulsa in 1914 because he was offered 50 cents a week more. He opened his own shoe shop and during the Tulsa Massacre he hid Black community members there. Eventually, he and his wife bought a farm and they struck oil on their property. His wife preceded him in death. They didn't have any kids, so he said he wanted to give everything back to America, and that's what he did when he passed on."



This amazing story brought a crowd to the May 17<sup>th</sup> book signing in Unity Square. Attendees wanted to get their book autographed and chat for a moment with Todd. He says of the book, "It seems to be received very well. The publisher says it is and everyone who I have spoken to tells me they have really enjoyed it." When pressed to give more information about the book, Todd always seems to bring the story back to Kerbel's amazing life. "He was just fascinating. He would always say. 'I came to this country with 75 cents in my pocket and now I'm a wealthy man,' "

*The Shoemaker* can be purchased from the Bartlesville Area History Museum Gift Shop.

The BAHM Gift Shop has an assortment of Bartlesville and Oklahoma goodies. You'll find jewelry, toys, soap, mugs, hats, postcards, and a collection of books about our community and state! In addition to our large assortment of cards for all occasions, we now offer gift-wrapping! Come see us for all your local history and gift-giving needs.

Click here to shop the online gift shop.  
The BAHM Gift Shop is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 - 3:30.

# BAHM HOSTS SUMMER KIDS CAMPS

Betty Keim, Education Coordinator

Covid-19 might have put a lot of people's summer plans on hold last year, but this year the Bartlesville Area History Museum is kicking up the fun with lot of programming for kids and families!

On June 22, the Museum kicked off the Pioneer Kids Day Camp. The camp allowed attendees to see firsthand what it was like to be a kid growing up in Indian Territory. Participants participated in a mock day of school in the Nelson Carr One-Room Schoolhouse, made butter, built a replica of early Bartlesville, and met a real cowboy.



There are a few spots remaining for the July 13-15 camp, "Griggs's Photography Detectives." Students will learn about Bartlesville History Hero and photographer Frank Griggs, explore downtown Bartlesville through the lens of a camera, and learn from a real photographer.

For more information or to sign your child up to attend the July camp, please call 918.338.4290 or email [bkeim@cityofbartlesville.org](mailto:bkeim@cityofbartlesville.org).



The BAHM newsletter is going virtual! Join our mailing list to stay up to date on what's happening at the Museum. Scan the QR code with your cell phone camera to be taken to a form to sign up for the E-Newsletter. You'll get reminders about special events, guest speakers, and much more!



### MUSEUM STAFF

Director, Shellie McGill  
Daily Operations Manager, Denise Goff  
Collections Manager, Debbie Neece  
Museum Coordinator, Delaney Williams  
Registrar, Kasey Werts  
Education Coordinator, Betty Keim  
Museum Clerk/Temp, Tamra Rogers  
Museum Clerk/Temp, Naomi Seaver

### VISITATION STATS

Visitors for 2021 so far: 651

States: AL,AL,AR,AZ,CA,CO,CO,FL NY, GA, GA, IL, KS, KY,  
LA, MD, MO, MO, MT, NC, NE, NJ, OK, SC, TX, UT, WA, WI

Countries: USA, Mexico



The BAHM newsletter is going virtual!  
Join our mailing list to stay up to date  
on what's happening at the Museum.  
Scan the QR code with your cell phone  
camera to be taken to a form to sign up  
for the E-Newsletter. You'll get  
reminders about special events, guest  
speakers, and much more!

### Bartlesville Area History Museum

401 S. Johnstone Avenue, 5th Floor  
Bartlesville, OK 74003

Phone (918) 338-4290

Web: [www.bartlesvillehistory.com](http://www.bartlesvillehistory.com)

Email: [history@cityofbartlesville.org](mailto:history@cityofbartlesville.org)

Past Perfect online database:

[bartlesvillehistory.pastperfectonline.com](http://bartlesvillehistory.pastperfectonline.com)



@bartlesville\_area\_history



BartlesvilleAreaHistoryMuseum

### MUSEUM HOURS

- Monday - Friday: 8:30-3:30
- Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays



**AASLH**

American Association  
for State and Local History

Bartlesville Area History Museum  
401 S. Johnstone Ave. - 5th Floor  
Bartlesville, OK 74003

