

BARTLESVILLE AREA HISTORY MUSEUM

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BAHM PRESENTS A SPECIAL EXHIBIT ON THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Delaney Williams, Museum Coordinator

The Bartlesville Area History Museum wants to officially extend to you an invitation to an exhibit honoring the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Right now in Pioneer Gallery, you can experience the special exhibit “Delaware: The Faces of the Lenape.”

This exhibit was a collaboration between Museum staff and the Delaware Cultural Center. The exhibit has 21 panels of carefully researched information about the history and culture of The Delaware Tribe of Indians and over 70 objects on display, including musical instruments, traditional clothing, and the original Charles Journeycake stained glass from the Journeycake Memorial Baptist Church (now First Baptist Church Dewey.)

“Washington County has a rich and diverse history,” says Collections Manager Debbie Neece. The staff of the Bartlesville Area History Museum has worked with Delaware tribal members and the Delaware Cultural Center to bring you a ‘must see’ cultural experience for all ages. This exhibit will show you the world of the Lenape tribe as they left their Pennsylvania homeland, transitioned to Indian Territory and their cultural foothold as experienced today.”

The Museum wants to thank Anita Mathis, Curtis Zunigha, and Jim Rementer of the Delaware Cultural Center and Shiloh Thurman and Linda Stone of Woolaroc for all of their hard work in helping make this exhibit a success.

The exhibit will be on display through the last week of November. The Museum is open Monday through Friday 8:30-4:00. For more information, contact the Museum at 918.338.4290 or history@cityofbartlesville.org.

COLLECTIONS CORNER

Debbie Neece, Collections Manager

In today's fast-paced world, I would be willing to bet you have never considered the roots of the typewriter, which evolved to become the keypad on your cellular device or keyboard for your desktop computer.

Much has changed in the world of communication from handwritten penmanship to cursive writing to typewriting. Typewriters have taken the personal expression out of letter writing and replaced quill pens and lead pencils as writing instruments.

And we have Christopher Latham Sholes to thank. He created and received a patent for the "Type-Writing Machine" in 1868. I am quite certain he had no idea the impact his invention would have on the world. There were nearly 300 typewriter manufacturers in the world by the time of the First World's Fair in Chicago in 1893 and most were on exhibit in a building aptly called "Typewriter Hall." Among the exhibiting entrepreneurs was George Blickensderfer with his "Blick" Model 5 typewriter, the first in his future series....as a Model 1 would make him appear to be a beginner.

The Blick typewriter used a type wheel ball instead of striker keys...along the lines of the IBM's Selectric about seventy-five years later. The keys of the well-known Remington typewriter often jammed creating a misfire on the paper, where the Blick did not. Weighing only 5.5 pounds with a \$35 price tag, the Blick fared well at the exposition.

The Blickensderfer typewriter offerings included Models 5 through 9 with an electric version in 1900. The Bartlesville Area History Museum has a mid-1910 Blick Model 9 on exhibit in the Pioneer Hall. Sam Thompson was the Justice of the Peace in Dewey in the early 1910s and used this typewriter to "fill-out" marriage licenses. In 1977, his son, George Thompson, donated the Blick typewriter to the History Museum.

Final Thought: George Blickensderfer was the ultimate American Patriot. During World War I, he converted most of his typewriter plant to manufacture 50 caliber machine gun aircraft mounts in support of the war effort. Towards the end of the war, George was struck by an automobile and killed in New York City. The company failed without his leadership and became liquidated in bankruptcy. In 1927, the Remington Typewriter Company purchased the inventory and intellectual rights and revived the Blick Model 5 as the Rem-Blick.



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

HISTORY TIME WITH BETTY KEIM: KIDS' CAMPS

Betty Keim, Education Coordinator

The Bartlesville Area History Museum prides itself on holding engaging programming to foster children's interest in history. This June, the Museum hosted the Pioneer Kids Day Camp. In July, the Museum hosted Griggs's Photography Detectives Day Camp, coinciding with the Bartlesville's History: Griggs's Legacy special exhibit. Participants toured the exhibit and to find out how Frank Griggs helped preserve much of Bartlesville's history through his photography. Professional photographer Lyndsey Stuart taught lessons on photography and helped participants practice their new skills during a walking tour of downtown.

The children took some amazing pictures, and did a fabulous job of implementing the lessons that Lyndsey taught them. Some of their images looked like a professional took them.

The Museum is looking forward to its next children's program in October. The program will be held on Thursday, October 14th during Fall Break, and will center around the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Participants will tour the special exhibit Delaware: Faces of the Lenape to explore the rich history of the Delaware people. There will be special guest speakers from the Delaware Cultural Center. Students in grades 3rd through 6th are welcome to attend. The program will be from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. The program is free, but space is limited. Please contact the Museum to sign your child up.

At this time, we are planning on hosting the event in-person, but if circumstances change, the event will be hosted on Zoom.

For more information or to sign your children up for the program, please contact Education Coordinator Betty Keim at (918) 338-4293 or BKeim@cityofbartlesville.org.

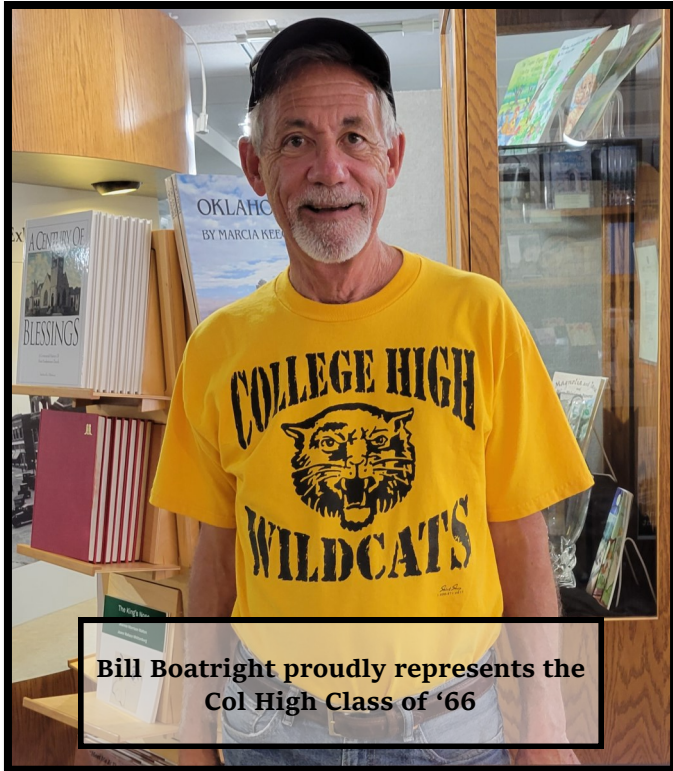


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THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING AT THE BARTLESVILLE AREA HISTORY MUSEUM



Bill Boatright proudly represents the Col High Class of '66

It's been a busy summer at the Bartlesville Area History Museum. 2021 saw the first year of the Summer Lecture Series. On July 20th, we celebrated Native American Heritage Night with guest speakers from the Cherokee Nation, the Delaware Tribe of Indians, and the Osage Nation. On July 26th author Carl McCullough visited for "Coffee with Carl" to discuss his book about Bartlesville history, *Sid and the Boys*. On July 27th, the Hometown History Book Club wrapped up its first book, *Killers of the Flower Moon*, with a very special Zoom call with author David Grann.

It's not just events that have kept us busy. The Museum has hosted over 1220 visitors so far this year! We have enjoyed meeting so many new people and seeing so many familiar faces.



Book Club attendees listen to David Grann's answers to their questions



Grandfather and Grandson Rick and Tyler Thompson pose in the Nelson Carr One-Room Schoolhouse



L-R Education Coordinator Betty Keim, *Killers of the Flower Moon* Actress Janae Collins, Susan Shannon and Margaret Sisk representing the Osage Nation, Curtis Zunigha representing the Delaware Tribe of Indians, Dora Patzkowski representing the Cherokee Nation, and Museum Coordinator Delaney Williams



Carl McCullough and guests tell stories and reminisce

DELAWARE SPECIAL EXHIBIT OPENS WITH RECEPTION

On Thursday, September 16th the Bartlesville Area History Museum had the distinct honor of hosting a special reception for the Delaware Chief and Tribal Council. A small group of guests gathered to tour the new exhibit “Delaware: The Faces of the Lenape.”

“It was such an honor to host the Chief and Council members for this event. We have so enjoyed working with Anita Mathis, Curtis Zunigha, and Jim Rememter from the Cultural Center to build this exhibit honoring the culture and heritage of the Lenape people. The entire process has been very collaborative. This event

was a good opportunity to take a step back and appreciate the hard work of the entire team,” says Museum Coordinator Delaney Williams, “It was incredible to get to visit with guests and listen to them point out their relatives in the pictures on display. That’s what it’s all about, telling the stories of the wonderful people here in Washington County. I am so honored to be a part of telling the story of the Delaware people.”



**Chief Brad KillsCrow
tours the exhibit**



**(L-R) Chief Brad
KillsCrow; Jim
Rememter, Delaware
Language
Preservation; Betty
Keim, BAHM
Education
Coordinator; Cece
Biggoose, Delaware
Housing Director;
Anita Mathis,
Delaware Librarian
and Archivist;
Morgan Messimore,
Delaware Museum
Intern; and Delaney
Williams, BAHM
Museum
Coordinator**

Fall Calendar of Events

October & November

“Delaware: The Faces of the Lenape” Special Exhibit on display until the last week of November.

October & November

Lenape Scavenger Hunt

Through the months of October and November bring the kids to the Bartlesville Area History Museum to enjoy exploring the exhibit “Delaware: The Faces of the Lenape” through a scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunt is free and all children who participate will receive a sticker declaring them a “History Hero.”

October 7 @ 7:00 PM

Tales Around the Campfire on Facebook Live

Cozy up on the couch and join the Bartlesville Area History Museum Thursday October 7th on Facebook Live at 7 PM for a fun night of traditional cowboy music and storytelling around the campfire. Oklahoma Mike will be there to perform “The Ballad of Ben Johnson” and other tunes. Osage Hills State Park ranger Kyle Thoreson will tell a few local legends and stories around the campfire.

October 14 @ 10:00-11:30 AM

Delaware: The Faces of the Lenape Children’s Program

The Bartlesville Area History Museum is hosting a fall break children’s program on Thursday, October 14th. The program centers around the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Attendees will participate in a scavenger hunt in the special exhibit “Delaware: The Faces of the Lenape” and explore the rich history of the Delaware people as well as taking part in other fun activities to learn more about the Lenape people. Special guest speakers from the Delaware Cultural Center will teach attendees about the social dances of the Tribe. Students in grades 3rd through 6th are welcome to attend. The program will be from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Enrollment is free, but space is limited. Please contact the Museum to sign your child up. At this time, the Museum is planning on hosting this event in-person, but if circumstances change, the event will be hosted on Zoom.

October 8-17

History Hide-and-Seek Buffalo Bingo

25 famous historical figures are hiding at Mary Martha’s “Buffalo Around Town Statues”. To play first pick up a bingo card from the Bartlesville Area History Museum. Cards will be available starting October 1st. On Friday, October 8 at noon, you can begin completing your card by looking for the picture of a historical figure near each buffalo and writing in the name of who is hiding there. Clear a row of five horizontally, vertically, or diagonally to “bingo” and be entered into the prize drawing. Fill in your card completely for five entries into the drawing. Hide and seek ends Sunday, October 17th at dusk. Please have all bingo cards turned in by Friday, October 22 to enter a drawing for Bartlesville themed mystery prizes. Winners will be announced via the Bartlesville Area History Museum Facebook page.

November 16 @ 7:00 PM

Delaware: The Faces of the Lenape Livestream Event

Join the Bartlesville Area History Museum and special guests from the Delaware Tribe of Indians on Facebook Live for a special event about the history and culture of the Delaware people.

November 18 & December 16 @ 6:00-8:00 PM

3rd Thursdays at BAHM: Night at the Museum

Join us on the third Thursday each month to have a snack and experience the Museum at night. Guided tours of the gallery will begin at 6:15 PM and 7:15 PM or you can explore the exhibits at your own pace.

December 2 @ 7:00 PM

Storytime with Santa

Gather the family together and join the Bartlesville Area History Museum via Facebook Live for a special story time with Santa Claus! Santa will read a book, talk to kids about his Christmas plans, and then answer questions from viewers. Mrs. Claus will also be making a special appearance. Starting November 15th, stop by the Museum to pick up a special snack for your kids to enjoy while watching from home.

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VISITATION STATS

Visitors for 2021 so far: 1223

States: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, NY, GA, IA, IL, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NY, PA, OH, OK, OR, SC, SD, TN, 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!

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MUSEUM HOURS

- Monday - Friday: 8:30-4:00
- Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays



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