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VISITATION STATS

Visitors for 2023 to date: 1695
States: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, WA, WI
Countries: USA, Australia, Columbia, England, Germany, Ireland, Mexico, Scotland, South Korea



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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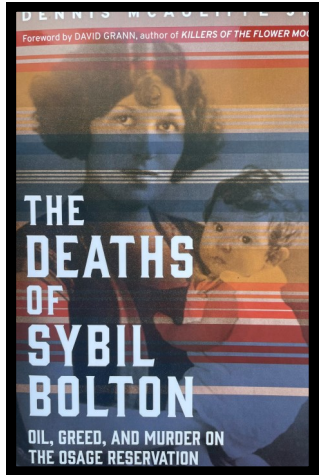
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BARTLESVILLE AREA HISTORY MUSEUM
PROTECT. COLLECT. PRESERVE. SHARE.

BAHM features rare and special collection books by well-known and lesser known authors. One of the special books BAHM features is a true story of greed and murder of Native Americans by their countrymen.

Journalist Dennis McAuliffe Jr. grew up believing that his Osage Native American grandmother, Sybil Bolton, had died an early death in 1925 from kidney disease. It was only by chance that he learned the real cause was a gunshot wound, and that her death may have been engineered by his own grandfather.


As McAuliffe uncovered the suppressed history, he learned that Sybil was a victim of the "Osage Reign of Terror"—a systematic killing spree in the 1920s when white men descended upon the oil-rich Osage reservation to court and marry Native women to gain control of their assets. Purchase your copy of this chilling historic tale at the BAHM gift shop today!



Friends of the Bartlesville Area History Museum Gift Shop is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:00 401 S. Johnstone Avenue, 5th Fl

Bartlesville Area History Museum Presents: *A Century of Education.*

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A Century of Education
July 5th-September 29th, 2023



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BAHM is proud to present “*A Century of Education.*” On display from July 5th through September 29th, the exhibit takes visitors on an educational journey exploring development and expansion of the Bartlesville school districts.

From teachers managing one-room schoolhouses to the expansion of educational opportunities for citizens in Washington County, of all backgrounds, Oklahoma’s education system became more inclusive and accessible over the course of the century. Join us in exploring the educational development of Washington County while discovering the foundations of the Bartlesville Bruins.

The exhibit will feature various artifacts from local schools over the years. In addition, youngsters or the “young at heart” may enjoy our history of education coloring station and gander through BAHM’s turn of the century Nelson Carr One-Room School!

COLLECTIONS CORNER

Debbie Neece, Collections Manager

THE KOPPER KARD



Ron Nelson was looking for employment and stumbled into the real estate business in 1978. He received a call from a Utah land developer who had 238 building lots that were not selling after seven months of attempts. Ron was in charge of the lot sales and quickly sold all but the 16 lots reserved by the developer. Ron earned his real estate license and began a lengthy real estate career, selling throughout Utah and Colorado.

In March of 1983, Ron started his own engraving and embossing company in Utah. The Kopper Kard Company covered postcards with a shiny decorative copper skin. Although most of the copper post cards were purchased as souvenirs, the cards were an exceptional treat to receive through the mail.

Ron's last Kopper Kard projects were the limited edition, Grammy winning, CD packaging for Madonna in 2000 and a limited edition set of records for the Grateful Dead.

The Kopper Kard Company, Inc. operated from March 1983 to June 2003. After twenty years and four months as the President and CEO of Kopper Kard Company, Inc., Ron closed the company and returned to real estate.

The staff of the Bartlesville Area History Museum greatly appreciates Mr. Lynn Jones for donating his Bartlesville Union Depot, copper embossed, Kopper Kard Company postcard.*

*The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe/Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad Depot is known as Bartlesville's Union Depot and is the current home of the Bartlesville Chamber of Commerce.

WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC?

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Opening of the BAHM new exhibit from July 5th through September 29th, 2023
A Century of Education

The exhibit takes visitors on an educational journey exploring development of the schools in Washington county over the last century.

July 20, 2023—Granger Meador, Education Past to Present, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Third Thursday Bring Your Lunch and Learn; light snacks provided.

August 17, 2023—Sarah Winn, History Discussion and Book Signing, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Third Thursday Bring Your Lunch and Learn; light snacks provided.

September 21, 2023—Kay Little, One-Room School Houses, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Third Thursday Bring Your Lunch and Learn; light snacks provided.



Did You Know The Olympic Torch Passed Through Bartlesville?

In 1984, the relay began May 8 with Bill Thorpe Jr., grandson of Jim Thorpe and Gina Hemphill, granddaughter of Jesse Owens as the first torchbearers. The torch passed through Bartlesville on the relay route from Knoxville, Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Dallas. According to Wikipedia, this relay took 3636 torchbearers to travel the 9,300 miles, the longest relay distance in Olympic history.

A DAY IN THE REGISTRAR'S LIFE

By Kasey Werts, BAHM Registrar



1930s Era Depression Glass

During the Depression, America manufactured inexpensive colorful dishes in a variety of shapes and sizes. Movie theaters, retail stores and gas stations would give these pieces out for free with any purchase to entice customers to come to their business. Many people would collect the dishes known as Depression glass. This set was collected from movie theaters in Bartlesville by Laura Short during the 1930s. It was donated to the Museum by Terry Ward in memory of his mother, Jackie Ward.

Thank you to Terry Ward for donating these dishes in memory of his mother, Jackie Ward!

Red, Blue and Hillcats too!

By Shayla Cummins, Museum Coordinator



Preparatory Hall in Claremore, Oklahoma with RSU mascot Hunter the Hillcat.



Present day RSU location in down Bartlesville 401 S. Dewey Avenue.

Situated atop “College Hill” on the westside of Claremore, Rogers State University rises above the valley where one can see for miles. Founded in 1909, just two years after statehood, RSU was officially established as Eastern University Preparatory School with the mission to prepare the state’s youth for entry into the higher education universities of Oklahoma. The stately gold dome of Preparatory Hall was constructed between 1909 and 1911, after \$3,000 was raised to purchase land as a condition established by the Oklahoma legislature which was followed by the contribution of \$50,000. Remaining a focal point of the city of Claremore, “Prep Hall” as it is known by its students, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Two years after being closed due to the changing needs of the surrounding community, RSU was redesigned as the Oklahoma Military Academy and quickly gained recognition as one of the top military schools of the United States.



Cities Service at the Masonic Temple building.

Yet again, the educational needs of the community changed and the Oklahoma legislature replaced the military school with a two-year associate’s community college. Claremore Junior College quickly grew and was renamed Rogers State College. As the school grew, a variety of academic programs were added, including the state’s only full-power public television station. The institution established education outreach centers in Northeast Oklahoma and also developed long distance education, offering tele-courses and independent study options.

Several mergers of RSU with other universities and the recommendation from a team at North Central Associations of Colleges and Schools to grant RSU accreditation as a four-year baccalaureate institution created a future of growth for the school.

In fall 2005, RSU purchased the historic nine-story Masonic Temple building, built in 1919 under the direction of Dr. Howard Weber, at Fourth Street and Dewey

Avenue, to serve as its new campus in downtown Bartlesville. The Masonic Temple building is an icon for the city and at the time it was erected, was the second largest in floor space in Oklahoma. It was the home of 600 or so employees of the Doherty Companies. Bartlesville Interurban Company and Bartlesville Gas and Fuel Company were stationed on the first floor while the other floors were occupied by principally offices of the Empire Company/Cities Services. The top floor was exclusively for the use of the Masonic bodies of the time. Finished in marble, mahogany, sawed oak and adorned with Masonic emblems, the building was a symbol of the wealth and permanent substantively of a city once considered “a camping out place” in the oil rich region.



Masonic symbols on the first floor of the Masonic Temple building.

HISTORY TIME WITH BETTY KEIM

Betty Keim, Education Coordinator

Life at the Ranch: Youngster Camp



A STEM project creating a corral for their horses.



Enjoying their cowboy beans and cornbread.



The children were herding sheep as a relay race.

The Bartlesville Area History Museum had a roundup of young cowboys and cowgirls for a couple of educational and fun-filled camps. The children participated in a variety of activities. The older children had a STEM project where they were given some materials and had to figure out how to make a corral for their cows and horses. They were very creative. They really enjoyed the games like “Snake in my Boots,” horseshoes, herding sheep with flyswatters and “Rancher May I.”

The highlight of the camps was having Cowboy William Newby talk to the children about his adventurous life as a cowboy. He had all the things a cowboy would need, minus the horse of course, for the children to see and then he let them hold many of the objects. They were also able to hear Betty Keim, aka “Olive Stokes Mix,” talk about her life on a ranch near Dewey and later she married Tom Mix, “King of the Cowboys,” world famous movie star. The children all enjoyed a cowboy beans and cornbread lunch along with root beer to wet their whistle. They were served in blue enamelware to give the authentic feeling of the old west. The children dressed up and had their pictures taken as cowboys and cowgirls. Everyone had a wonderful time on their adventures in the old west.



The cowboys & cowgirls in the older group with Betty Keim, aka “Olive Stokes Mix.”



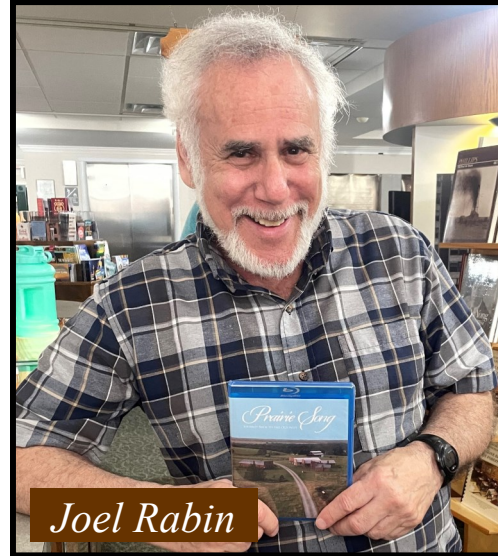
The winner of “Rancher May I”

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING EXCITING HAPPENING



Third Thursday Lunch and Learn April 20

Guest traveled back in time and discovered the beginnings of Prairie Song during a showing of the film "Prairie Song: Journey Back to the Old West." Produced by Joel Rabin with breathtaking aerial views captured by the Sparklight Marking Department.



Joel Rabin

AT THE BARTLESVILLE AREA HISTORY MUSEUM!

Third Thursday Lunch and Learn May 18

BAHM was a packed house as Sudi Freeland told of how Col. George W. Miller and sons were catapulted into owning one of grandest father-son cattle businesses in Oklahoma, the 101 Ranch!



North West Arkansas Miata Club May 19

The North West Arkansas Miata Club cruised into town and were given guided tours through BAHM's temporary and main galleries by Betty Keim, Education Coordinator!



Fox 23 News Filmed at BAHM!

Larry Kerns found hundreds of baby photos in Dr. Smithson's office and with the help of BAHM has reunited the baby pictures with their families. Julia Gorman with Fox News covered the story with a special evening report!



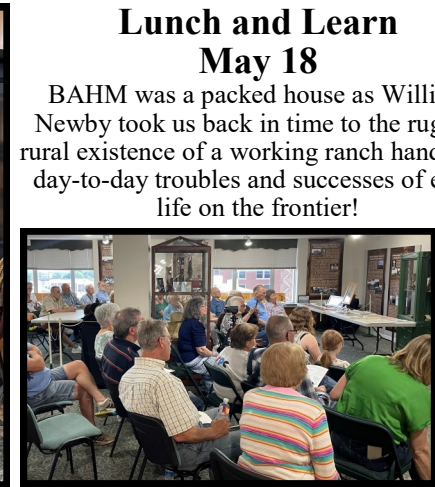
Thank you!



McChesney Spurs
Ike Anderson loaned BAHM his hand forged special order, McChesney spurs to be displayed as part of our ranching exhibit!



Wildcats Class of 1959
The College High Wildcats Class of 1959 still know how to party and celebrated with a tour through BAHM!



Lunch and Learn May 18

BAHM was a packed house as William Newby took us back in time to the rugged rural existence of a working ranch hand with day-to-day troubles and successes of early life on the frontier!

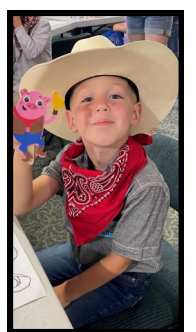
Class of 1966 Reunion

The graduating class of 1966 was able to enjoy an after hours tour hosted by Education Coordinator, Betty Keim.



One-Room School House Tour May 8

Kay Little, of Little History Adventures, gave fourth grade students from Wesleyan Christian School a guided tour through BAHM, followed by Miss. Betty Keim's lessons in our Nelson Carr One-room School House!



Life at the Ranch: Youngster Camp

BAHM young campers were able to hear rustic tales of life during the late 1800s from the viewpoint of a rough and tuff ranch hand, as told by living historian William Newby with ranch themed refreshments, crafts and the opportunity to discover Washington County's legendary ranching history.

