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BAHM PRESENTS
STREET SCENES
Now and Then
ON DISPLAY FROM JANUARY 5TH THROUGH MARCH 29TH

Now

Then

Bartlesville Area History Museum
401 S. Johnstone Ave. 5th Floor
Monday-Friday | 8:00-4:00
www.bartlesvillehistory.com
Free Admission - Donations Welcome
918.338.4290

Bartlesville Area History Museum Presents: "Street Scenes: Now and Then"

This winter, BAHM is proud to present: "Street Scenes: Now and Then" On display from January 5th through March 29th, the exhibit takes visitors on a visual journey exploring the development of Bartlesville streets.

Learn how the Washington County Courthouse once interrupted the flow of traffic on Third Street, prompting the street to be re-routed and Second Street shortened. See the historic route of SH75 and how some of Bartlesville's street scenes have changed throughout the years.

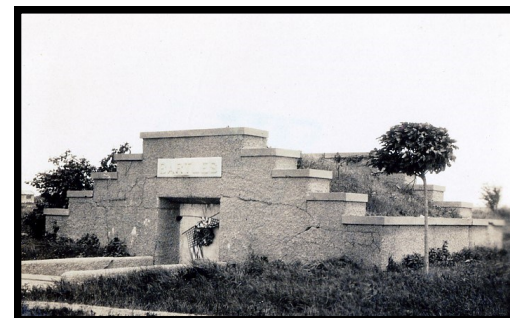
The exhibit will feature various artifacts from local streets and youngsters or the "young at heart" may enjoy our history of local streets coloring station and gander through BAHM's turn of the century Nelson Carr One-Room School!

The Museum is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (closed on weekends and holidays) at 401 S. Johnstone Avenue, 5th Floor. Museum admission is free, however donations are always welcome. No reservation is necessary. If you have questions, you may reach Bartlesville Area History Museum staff at (918) 338-4290 or history@cityofbartlesville.org.

COLLECTIONS CORNER

Debbie Neece, Collections Manager

DAR Bartles Family Mausoleum Restoration Project



JACOB H JUNE 11 1842 OCT 18 1908	JOSEPH ANDREW DEC 15 1875 FEB 3 1956	CHILDREN OF JOSEPH & EDITH NANCY JANE JAN 10 1915	INFANT OCT 18 1915
NANNIE M (JOURNEYCAKE) PRATT AUG 28 1843 OCT 11 1924		MARY JEAN OCT 18 1915 NOV 8 1915	EDITH GENE 1917 INFANT JULY 11 1918

Jacob Bartles was gravely ill in 1908 when he entertained his Sixth Kansas Calvary Civil War comrades one last time. He knew his last breath was near and commissioned this final resting place to be constructed on a burial ground that became the Dewey Cemetery. His wife, Nannie M. Journeycake Pratt Bartles (1843-1924) and their son Joseph Andrew Bartles (1875-1956) joined him in the mausoleum upon their deaths.

The original mausoleum structure was steel construction covered by fired-brick veneer and concrete mortar, seven steps below ground level. The stair-stepped exterior had an inset door, sealed with a drawbar and padlock to allow easy access for future remains. In the wee hours of January 8, 1933, four grave robbers hacksawed the padlock to gain entrance to the Bartles Mausoleum; however, their foul deed was thwarted by the Dewey Cemetery watchman who summoned law enforcement for an unsuccessful apprehension.

Howard Cannon, husband of Nellie Johnstone Cannon, was instrumental in a 1962-1965 mausoleum restoration project, paying half the costs. The Dewey City Council hired Buck Associates to create the architectural plans, which redesigned the exterior, filled the seven-stepped entrance to grade level for extra security, and added a cement dome cap. In 1986, Allen Brown spearheaded a restoration project for his mother, Mary Gibson Brown, a Bartles' niece; unfortunately, she died in 1988, and the project was not completed.

Then, this year, the Daughters of the American Revolution, under the dynamite of DAR Historian Deb Cook, delivered a mausoleum restoration project. Since we knew the original granite marker contained errors, research began to bring accuracy to the project.

Joe and Edith (Ross) Bartles experienced difficulty creating a family and the Bartles Mausoleum became the resting place of their infant children, all five of them. During in-depth research, we discovered the correct birth/death dates and names of Joe Bartles' children who rest in the Mausoleum with him and corrected the information on the new granite mausoleum marker. For the complete story, see the June issue of Bartlesville Monthly Magazine (pgs 40-41) at https://issuu.com/bartlesvillemonthly/docs/web-bmonthly_june23.



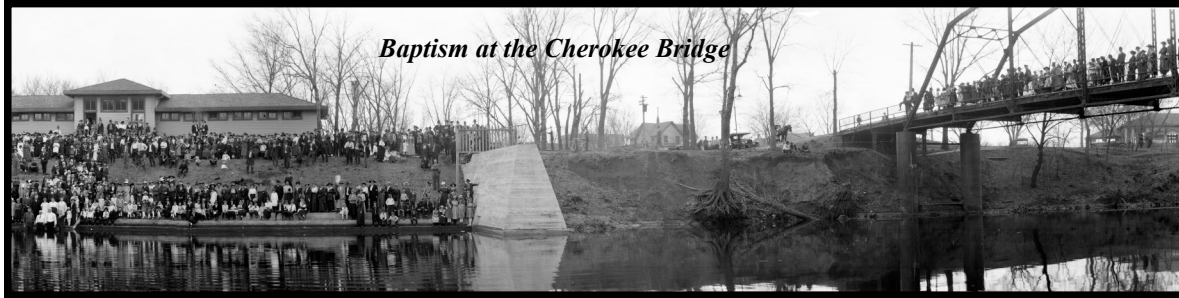
WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC?

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

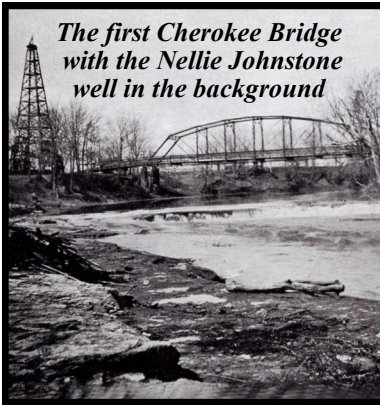
Out with the Old, In with the New
 By Shayla Cummins, Museum Coordinator



Cherokee Bridge 1913

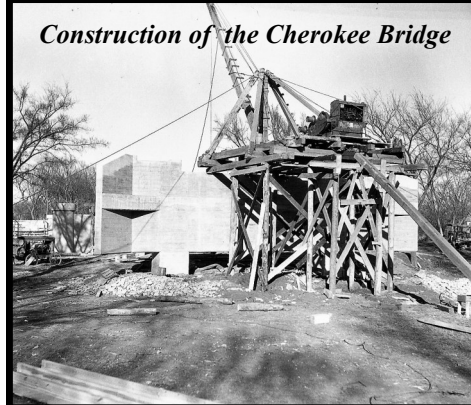


Baptism at the Cherokee Bridge

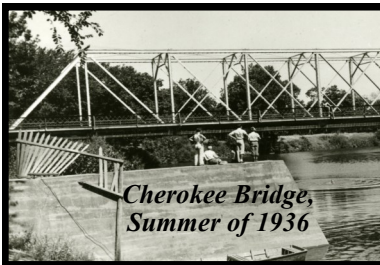


The first Cherokee Bridge with the Nellie Johnstone well in the background

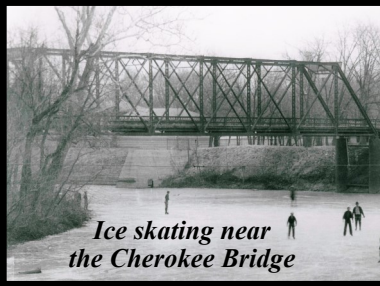
In November 1904, the Commercial Club (later Chamber of Commerce) voted to build a bridge across the Caney River (the first in this part of Indian Territory) and they named a committee, which formed a stock company with membership shares at \$150.00 each, this money was used to finance the bridge construction. Once the organization was complete, in December 1904, a \$5,800.00 contract was signed to construct the bridge and work began immediately on the steel bridge, which was completed and crossed for the first time by a vehicle on September 11, 1905. The bridge was later abandoned by the county, eventually leading to the construction of the steel framed Cherokee Avenue Bridge, that became a visual icon for Bartlesville. Decades of use, made it impossible to ignore that the aging and structurally deficient SH-123 Cherokee Bridge needed replacing. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation began the Cherokee Bridge reconstruction project the week of April 5, 2022. The project of the State-owned bridge included replacing the State Highway 123 Bridge over the Caney River and realigning the bridge/intersection east of its current location at Delaware Avenue. Construction took a little over a year and on April 25, 2023 the new and improved SH123 bridge opened, once again connecting Bartlesville and Dewey.



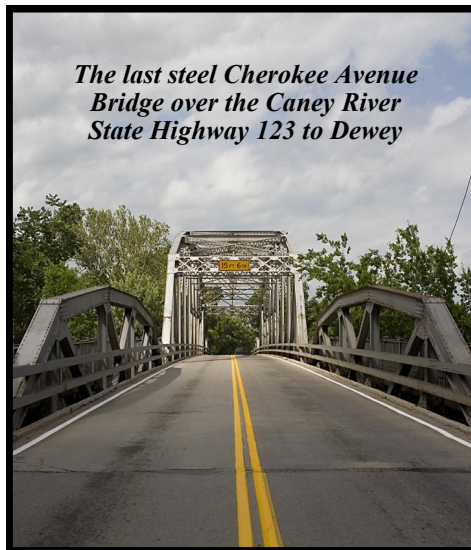
Construction of the Cherokee Bridge



Cherokee Bridge, Summer of 1936



Ice skating near the Cherokee Bridge



The last steel Cherokee Avenue Bridge over the Caney River State Highway 123 to Dewey



2022-2023 Oklahoma Department of Transportation Construction of new Cherokee Bridge with the old steel bridge structure in the back ground



ODOT completed Cherokee Bridge realigned at Delaware Avenue

Thanks For the Memories!!!

Betty Keim, Education Coordinator



I have loved being the BAHM Education Coordinator for the last 11 years! As soon as I saw the ad in the newspaper about the position being open, I knew it was the job for me. Kay Little had done a wonderful job before me. It is a joy to work with our staff. Debbie Neece has been a wonderful mentor and has helped me discover so much about our history. Shellie McGill has supported us and worked to make the Museum the outstanding place it is. The summer camps have been a great joy. We have had a variety of camps from *A Tale of Two Towns* where the children made a model of the North and South side of what would become Bartlesville; *Oil—Black Gold*; when we had the *1950s* we had a sock hop and other activities to bring the 1950s alive; *History Starts With Me*; with the *Cherokee* and *the Delaware* they learned about the tribes with activities and there were so many more great camps where the children learned about our fascinating history. One of my favorite things is to be the schoolmarm in our Nelson Carr One-Room School for a variety of groups especially the third and fourth grade students throughout the county.



It is great having the homeschool students visit the Museum because it is like the original one-room schools with a variety of ages being taught in one classroom setting. I also enjoy presenting tours to groups of adults and children. It has been a pleasure going out into the community and giving presentations on a broad range of history subjects. I developed the "Remember When..." program where I interview people from our community to document the stories of their lives and the history of the area. There have been so many fascinating stories. During Covid, I began transferring the old VHS and cassette recordings to MP3/MP4 formats, which makes the recordings much more easily accessible and sharable.



I will continue to help at the Museum when they need me and enjoy the many activities as a spectator too. Being a part of the Bartlesville Area History Museum has been a fabulous experience and I have a multitude of fantastic memories! The BAHM is truly a jewel with fantastic people working here and I will miss going to the Museum all the time but I will definitely not be a stranger.



October 4

Cherryvale High School students were given a private guided tour by Betty Keim through BAHM's temporary and permanent galleries!

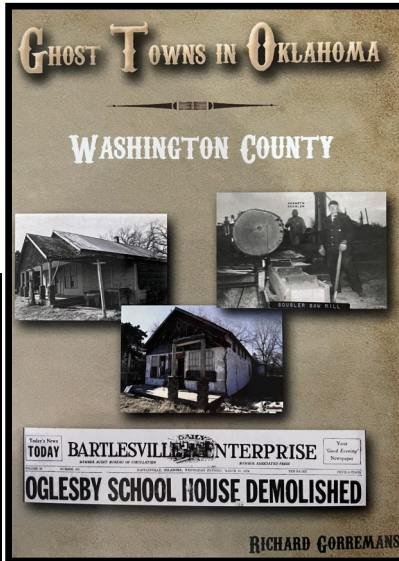
October 10

Mary Anderson gave fourth grade students from Wilson Elementary a guided tour through BAHM, followed by School Marm Miss. Betty Keim's lessons in our Nelson Carr One-Room School!



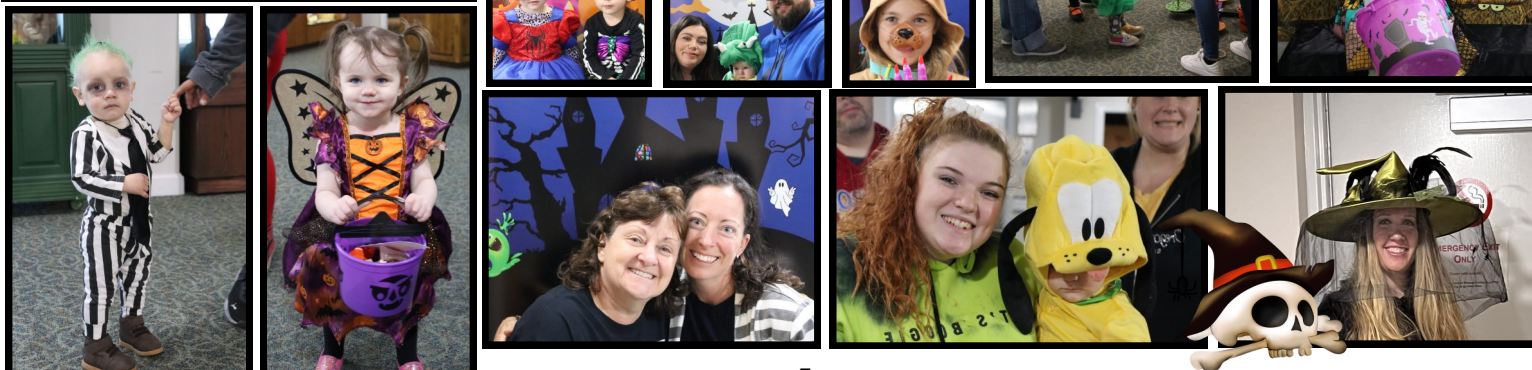
**October 19
Lunch and Learn**

The release of Richard Gorremans' book "Ghost Towns In Oklahoma" was celebrated with a short presentation, followed by a book signing! Copies of the book may be purchased in the BAHM gift shop!



**October 31
Halloween Walk**

Boos and Ghouls were guided through BAHM where they found candy stops and won spooky prizes at game stations, during BAHM's first ever Spooktacular Walk!



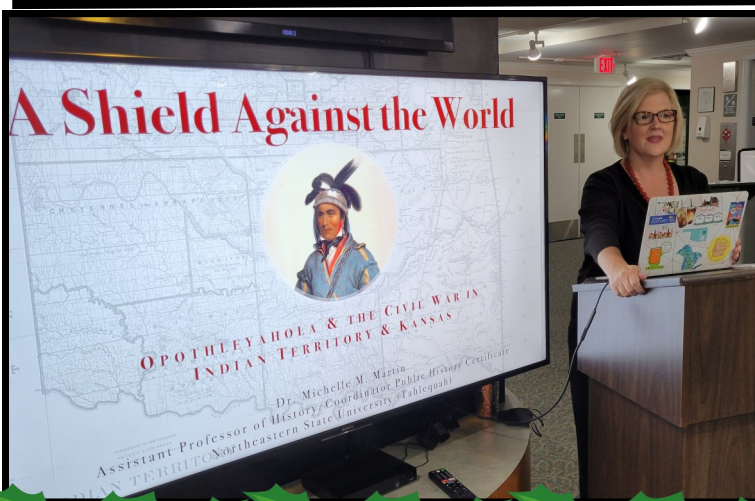
**Class of 1973
Reunion**

Once a Spartan, always a Spartan! Class of 1973 celebrated their 50th class reunion with a Bambinos catered breakfast brunch at BAHM!



**Class of 1963
Reunion**

College High School class of 1963 spent the morning with each other at BAHM for their 60th class reunion!



**November 10
Lunch and Learn**

Dr. Michelle Martin gave a discussion on the harrowing details of Chief Opothleyahola and the Trail of Blood on Ice Civil War Campaign.



Story Time with Santa

It was a Holy Joly good time with Mr. and Mrs. Claus! Santa read stories to youngsters who were able to make a yuletide craft and receive a Christmas treat!



Santa's Helpers

Staff at BAHM helped Santa and his Elves during their busiest time of year, by collecting "Letters to Santa" during the month of December! The letters were hand-delivered to Santa during our "Story Time with Santa!"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Opening of the BAHM new exhibit from January 5th through March 29th, 2024

Street Scenes: Now and Then

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February 15, 2024—Be My Valentine Dinner and Movie 6:00 p.m.

Catered dinner and film. Details to follow.

March 23, 2024— Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Children 10 years or younger, may dine with the Easter Bunny while enjoying crafts and holiday themed coloring station. Registration Required—Call 918-338-4290 or email history@cityofbartlesville.org.



Did you know researchers are able to access online collections posted by Libraries, Universities, Museums and Historical Societies from all 50 states and Internationally? The Bartlesville Area History Museum is also a participant. Check out this listing and enjoy some winter researching: <http://pastperfect-online.com/collections.html>

A DAY IN THE REGISTRAR'S LIFE

By Kasey Werts, BAHM Registrar



Grand Army of the Republic 1861-1866 Veteran F.E. Pomeroy, Nowata, OK

Illinois born, Reverend Fletcher Emerson Pomeroy served as a Civil War quartermaster for Company D, Seventh Kansas Cavalry, also known as Jennison's Jayhawkers. He diligently kept a daily diary of his 86 years of life and, in 1915, transcribed his Civil War experiences from the diary for his family. His nephew, Fletcher Ephraim Pomeroy, was a well-known Washington County blacksmith and credited with motorizing area school buses. He held his uncle's Civil War dog tags until his 1966 passing and White Rose Cemetery burial.

The Civil War Dog Tags of Fletcher Emerson Pomeroy were donated to BAHM by Dr. Michael Bush.

THANK YOU!



Reverend Fletcher Emerson Pomeroy
June 6, 1841—July 1, 1926

MUSEUM STAFF

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Museum Coordinator, Shayla Cummins
Registrar, Kasey Werts
Education Coordinator, Betty Keim
Museum Clerk/Temp, Tamra Rogers
Museum Clerk/Temp, Jenny Miller

VISITATION STATS

Visitors for 2023 to date: 3260

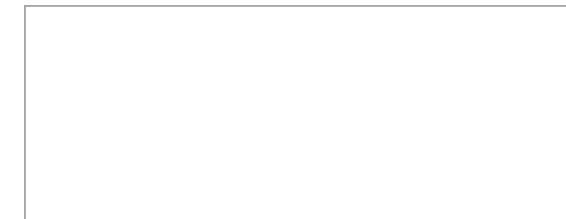
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Countries: USA, Australia, Columbia, England, Germany, Ireland, Mexico, Scotland, South Korea, Sweden,



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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