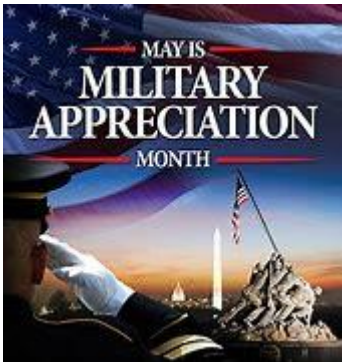


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Sand Springs Cultural and Historical Museum
Connecting the Past, Present, and Future



MAY 2023



Military Appreciation Month was initially recognized by a U. S. Senate resolution in 1999. It traditionally takes place every year throughout the month of May.

The museum is honored to exhibit military items provided by the Sand Springs members of the Witkop Foundation. The public is invited to a special event hosted by members of Witkop on the evening of **May 11, beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

This military exhibit will be on display throughout the month of May in honor of veterans and present day military personnel and the sacrifices they and their families have made for their duty to this great nation we call home.

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COMING UP!!!

Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World

This exhibition focuses on Benjamin Franklin’s life, his participation in the founding of this country, and his high standards for work, citizenship, and contribution to community. It explores his background, self-education, and the effects of his philosophical and religious beliefs on his work and life. Franklin is presented in the context of the eighteenth century and as a product of his times—a brilliant and rather unconventional product of his times—rather than as the venerable, bespectacled and grandfatherly figure with whom we are all familiar.

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EXHIBIT SPOTLIGHT!!!! MIKE’S LUNCH BOXES

On Sunday afternoon, April 30, Mike Baldrige gave a great talk on his lunch boxes he has amassed over the last 30 years to the tune of over 300 (and still wants more!!). The attendance was great, with many questions and lots of laughter. It was a fun and interesting way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

Thank you to all that came!!!

Thank you, also, to Susan Edwards, Mary Eubanks, Carson Eubanks, and Sherry Morris for all their efforts to present the museum’s second SPOTLIGHT!!!



Female Ballplayer Recalls Play in the Thirties at Sand Springs High School



Margaret Johnson is in the above photograph, but there were no identifications noted, other than her name, but not her location in the photo

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“From 1929 until Margaret Johnson graduated Sand Springs High School in 1933, she turned in an outstanding career playing basketball and running track. She was so impressive as a senior guard for the ‘Sandettes,’ she landed a spot on the prestigious All-State team. However, a popular misconception of the time claimed strenuous sports could harm a girl’s chances to one day become a mother. For that reason the Sand Springs administration decided to cancel the girls’ sports program which had fielded teams since at least 1916. Pop Boyd stopped girls playing sports in 1933, and this trend spread across Oklahoma. The girls would not get the chance to play other schools in organized sports again until 1976.

Basketball and track returned that year with softball, golf and tennis also being offered. Soccer and cross country joined the lineup by 1984. Competitive cheer and dance teams expanded the opportunities for female athletes in Sand Springs with volleyball a possible future addition.

Margaret was one of the first to achieve the high honor of All-Stater in track and soccer. She also played basketball and was named All-Tournament in one competition in 1933. Basketball was as much a social life for her as it was an extra-curricular activity. Her best friends were in sports with her and the girls ran around with the basketball boys and did things together. Helen Burke, sister of sports star Lawson Burke, was one of her many friends who played basketball. Also in the group were Rachel McKay, Juanita Spencer, Madge Ash, Ruth Paden, Alice Marie Adams, Pauline Conroy and Dorothy Conroy. Margaret’s twin sister Mary was also on the Sandettes basketball squad.

