



The Museum Page

Sand Springs Cultural and Historical Museum

Connecting the Past, Present, and Future



2020

April

From the Sand Springs Leader – July 5, 1962

“Anti-Horse Thief Association Held Picnics

Nowadays, people complain about television destroying family and social life.

The advent of the “horseless carriage” was probably the brunt of a similar argument in early Sand Springs.

One of the early organizations of this young community was the Anti-Horse Thief Association founded in 1912.

While apprehension and conviction of horse thieves was its primary goal, it also served as a social institution.

The annual picnic held at Wekiwa sponsored by the group attracted onlookers from Missouri, Kansas and Texas.

But, as the automobile replaced the horse as a means for transportation, the Anti-Horse Thief Association subsequently declined, depriving Sand Springs of one of its first social groups.”



From the SSCHM Photo Archives

The Kerr Glass Manufacturing Corporation’s Sand Springs plant opened in 1912, thanks to Charles Page, who was responsible for the company locating here.

This plant was also the headquarters of the Consumer Products Division, responsible for marketing the home canning line.

The twist off cap on many beverage bottles was invented by Kerr, as well as child resistant plastic closures.

To make the jars a measured mixture of sand, soda ash and limestone was heated in a furnace, turning the above recipe into a red hot liquid that was poured into different jar molds. The Sand Springs plant had five machines, producing five different jar designs at a time. Baby food jars were turned out at 268 per minute.

Millions of glass containers were produced at this plant but 90% of the manufacturing was for several other companies—Gerber, Kraft, Lipton, Swift, and Skippy peanut butter, Smucker and Stokley-Van Camp.

That’s a lot of jars!!!



The Museum Page

Sand Springs Cultural and Historical Museum

Connecting the Past, Present, and Future



2020

April

Did you ever think in your lifetime that you would have to distance yourself from other people because of a pandemic? This is a time for all people to be the best they can be. There are many wonderful stories about how parents are keeping their little ones occupied, as well as stories of people helping other people. The future generations will read about this, just as we read about the wars fought in this country and overseas, the Dust Bowl, The Swine Flu Epidemic, the Johnstown Flood and many other tragedies that our country has survived. We will carry on!

We are looking forward to the museum opening again, whenever that will be possible. During this time there are many things that are going on behind the scenes. The traveling exhibits are on hold, but the Sand Springs School Days exhibit will be up so the community can enjoy looking back to those reading, and writing and arithmetic days.

Please check out the museum Facebook page for artifact photos. This will give you a mini-visit without leaving your home.

.....

The museum was awarded an Oklahoma Heritage Preservation Grant to redesign and update the wonderful storyboards telling the history of Charles Page and the Children's Home. This project may be delayed during this time, but there are many steps that can be worked on now.

.....

Telephone: 918-246-2509
Location: 9 East Broadway, Sand Springs
Email: ssmuseumss2@gmail.com
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 1807, Sand Springs, Ok 74063
Hours: 1-5 Tuesday-Friday and 10-2 Saturday
CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Museum Trustees

Steve Clem – Chair
 Mayme Crawford
 Tim Dixon
 Debbie Nobles
 Cynthia Phillips
 Vicki Sisney
 Grady Whitaker

Museum Association

Lisa Riggs – Chair
 Jennifer Barretto
 Alleene Bishop
 Patty Dixon
 Leland Leslie
 Janis Miller
 Dugan Moore
 Sherry Morris
 Jane Strutt
 Angela Swain
 Susan Teeters

Museum Volunteers

Alleene Bishop
 Angie Buie
 Beverly Dover
 Barbara Fisher
 Connie Fisher
 Ruth Ellen Henry
 Linda Woodard
 Randy (Woody) Woodard

.....

Take Care
See you on the radio