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Message from the President Michael Williams



Michael Williams

No Meeting for June!!!

Because of the TAS Field School, there will be no June meeting. Stay tuned for information on the July meeting and speaker.

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Field Trip Update—No June Field Trip!

May Field Trip—A hardy group of LUAS members descended on Gloster Bend park, a 900-acre LCRA property located on the north shore of Lake Travis near the community of Travis Peak. The purpose of the trip was to locate and document two wells that are reported to be on the property. One was mapped by LCRA archaeologist Bruce

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Pat Hatten and Andy Malof inspect an artifact.
Photo by Doris Howard.



Andy Malof interprets a burned rock cluster at 41TV484; Doris Howard lurks behind a tree.

Photo by Chuck Hixson

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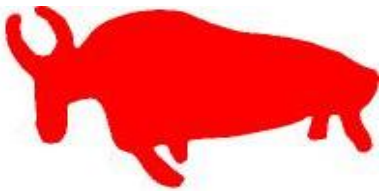
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Special Notices

Calendar

**Second and fourth Saturdays
2-5pm**

Public tours at the Nightengale
Center

www.lcra.org

June 9-16—TAS Annual Field
School Presidio San Saba, Menard
County, Tx

www.txarch.org

July 24 and 25—Annual Archae-
ology Workshop at the NAC

October 26-28—TAS Annual Mtg,
San Antonio, Tx

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Nightengale several years ago, and the other was reported by neighbor Vernon Hollingsworth, who was raised on the adjacent property in the 1920s. The trip began as we parked near the Hollingsworth-reported well at a recently discovered historic site that appears to date to the 1850s. Chuck cycled towards the east while Doris, Pat and Andy worked their way west. About the time the latter group decided to call the sheriff to find Chuck, he reappeared, and the group started circling back towards the truck.

The area is a previously recorded lithic procurement site, a spot where aboriginal people acquired the raw material for stone tools. Numerous artifacts were encountered, including at least two instances where it was possible to refit pierces back together. As the group made its way back to the truck, a cluster of burned limestone was encountered. This surficial occurrence was about three meters (10 ft) in diameter, and there was no real evidence of other prehistoric activities, such as food remains or small flakes, nearby. It remains a mystery.

Time ran out, no well was located, and there was no attempt to relocate the second well or the location of the "James Place," which was occupied by Mrs. James after her husband disappeared, leaving her to provide for her children with squirrels and rabbits, according to Mr. Hollingsworth. Much work obviously remains to be done here, so look forward to future trips.

Upcoming Field Trips

July and August tend to be hot. Field trips are being considered, but we may try substituting labs for these two months. Lab response has been a bit underwhelming, so if this is something you are interested in, please let one of us know.



A refit core at 41TV484.

Photo by Doris Howard.

Steward's News

Your local archeological steward is Doris Howard. If you have any questions about the archaeology of the area, she can be your first contact. Doris can be reached at (325) 247-2440

The Llano Uplift Archeological Society was organized by people interested in the protection, conservation and study of historic and prehistoric materials and sites in the Llano Uplift ("Central Mineral Region") area of the Texas Hill Country. Its primary goals include education of the membership, students and the public; and to support other groups, researchers and educators with similar interests. Stewardship of the Nightengale Archaeological Center is a major responsibility of LUAS.