

Llano Uplift Archeological Society

Newsletter

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October Meeting

Wednesday October 8

Nightengale Archaeological Center

The October meeting will be held as usual at the Nightengale Archaeological Center at 7 PM <http://www.texasluas.org/meetings.html>

Planning for the Archeology Fair, October 11

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September Field Trip—results

All photos by Gene Schaffner

Chuck Hixson

Our September field trip was to a large ranch in Llano county on the northern edge of the Llano Uplift. The land has been in the family's hands for over a 120 years but was settled long before - at least seven homestead sites and a stagecoach station lie in ruins there. We were there for a good part of the day but only had time to visit five sites, all historic (but one also had a light scatter of prehistoric flint chipping debris and a few stone tools).

We were shocked to learn that our gracious host, Col. Rimmer Fowler died unexpectedly only a few days after our visit. Our condolences to the family.



Old masonry reservoir at spring on side of ridge. Constructed well before the 1880s when land was bought by Rimmer's great grandfather.



Group looking into reservoir; Rimmer in front in red shirt



Chimney at third homestead site we visited - lots of purple glass around so it was in use around turn of 20th century. Large rock-lined well nearby.

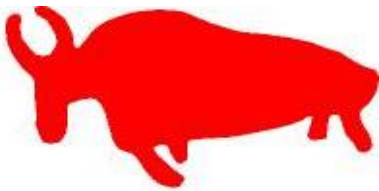
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Stagecoach station - rocks perhaps part of living quarters within a huge stone corral. On the "upper road" between San Antonio and El Paso in use between 1868 until around 1880.



Group standing around chimney at first homestead we visited. This one seems to be the oldest of the four homesteads we saw - mostly aqua and black glass, no well or cistern but creek very close by.

Special Notices

Calendar

Oct. 11, 2008
6th Annual Ar-
cheology Fair

Second and fourth Saturdays 2-5pm

Public tours at the Nightengale Center

Volunteers always welcomed!!!

Check with Pat.

Note: to contribute to the newsletter or website please contact Andy Malof—
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*hardcopy newsletters will be in black and white henceforth

Minutes, September, 2008 Meeting

No Minutes

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 pre-historic 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.

Archeology Fair—Nightengale Archaeological Center

KINGSLAND, Llano Co.

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Following announcements from *The Llano News*

Llano Historical Museum completes new exhibit *(LUAS member Ned Woodall spearheaded this effort)*

The Llano County Historical Museum has completed a new exhibit on the prehistoric Native Americans of this area. Thanks to generous donations of artifacts by Jerry Bridwell, of Horseshoe Bay and Marvin Sanderson, of Tow, the display shows stone and bone tools, grinding implements and personal ornaments.

The artifacts range in age from 12,000 years ago to 500 years ago, and represent almost the entire time of ancient peoples in Llano County. New informational signs are augmented with artwork by Danielle Carmicheal of Thou Art in Llano, depicting scenes from the past based on archeological data.

Although the exhibit is modest in size and content, it is hoped that it will encourage additional donations of Native American specimens to the museum. The ultimate goal is to display not only a full array of prehistoric materials but also to illustrate the dramatic events of AD 1500-1900, when various Native American and European cultures came into close contact and occasional conflict.

Museum hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, and Sundays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to visit the new exhibit as well as the other interesting historical materials on display in the old Bruhl drugstore, at 310 Bessemer Street in Llano.

Llano is the place to be with Heritage Festival *(LUAS members will have a presence at this event)*

The weekend of Oct. 17 and 18, the Llano County Heritage Festival and Llano River Chuck Wagon Cook-off will take place on both sides of the Llano River.

Enjoy sitting under the shade of the many pecan trees around the square and enjoy the music of the Riff Riders, John Arthur Martinez, The Tumbleweeds, Manny Duarte and Teru, and Johnny Nicholas.

Unique to most communities, the Llano River divides the commercial district with a wonderful Parker Truss Bridge, that has a walkway on both sides. Visitors can stroll on both sides of the river and enjoy the Llano River Chuck Wagon Cook-off. Fifteen authentic wagons will roll into Llano this year on the north bank of the Llano River, thus reminding everyone of another phase of rugged frontier life in the heart of the Hill Country. The Red Top Jail will be open for tours, as many a cowboy spent time there after partying and brawling around town on Saturday nights. Llano is a National Main Street City and Preserve America Community, and just 75 miles west of Austin. The Llano County's 1893 Romanesque Revival Courthouse has been completely restored and will be the setting for fabulous music, re-enactments, vendors, children's activities and good food.