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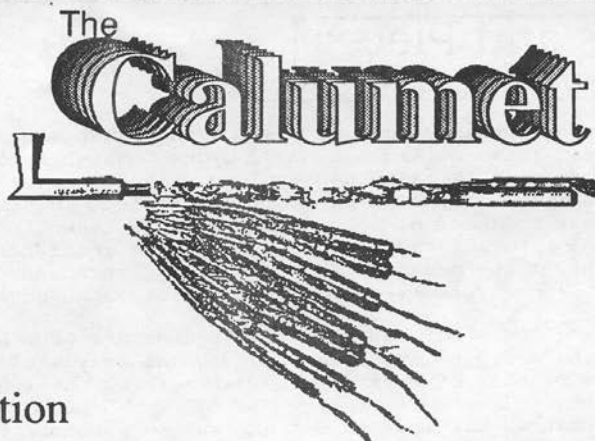
Lyons Chapter
Colorado Archaeological Society

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Calendar of Events

Oct. 17. Lyons Chapter Executive Board Meeting. 7:30 PM at the home of Ann Phillips, 211 Hawthorne Ave., Boulder (449-8763).

Oct. 18-21. 47th Annual Plains Conference, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at the Rankota Inn. Send registration to 47th Plains Conference, Archaeological Laboratory, 2032 S. Grange Ave. Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105. For information, call (605)336-5493 or 5494. Registration is \$25.00.

Oct. 24. Lyons Chapter regular membership meeting at 7:30 PM in Room 237, Hellem Building, CU campus. Our speaker will be Dr. Jane Day, Archaeologist for the Denver Museum of Natural History.

*Send we miss your
Desert Wind
Bill*

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Bits and Pieces from the Prez

Did you see the article in the Thursday, September 21, 1989 Daily Camera entitled "Reverse Archaeology!" Lyons Chapter members Anne Hayes, Ann Phillips, and Julia Johnson, along with Bob Powell, Fred Blackburn, and others have undertaken an ambitious project to track down, photograph, and document hundreds of artifacts that were taken in the late 1900s from the Anasazi site in Grand Gulch, Utah. These artifacts are located in museums throughout the country. The article was surrounded with sketches of Grand Gulch petroglyphs by our Chapter artist, Anne Hayes.

Dues are due! Individual members's dues are \$20, and family members, \$25. We need the money because our treasury has only \$260, which is not enough to cover the cost of printing The Calumet for the remainder of the year.

Your Chapter has applied for a grant to purchase field survey equipment. The source of the grant comes from sales taxes set aside to finance cultural and scientific projects in the Denver metropolitan area. Rick Lippincott volunteered to submit the application. Thank you, Rick.

Our next PAAC class will be on perishable materials and will start December 5, at 7 p.m. at the Erie United Methodist Church hall, 604 Holbrook, Erie, Colorado. The class dates are December 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, and 21. (see the PAAC page for additional PAAC class opportunities).

A few of us enjoyed a weekend digging at the Swallow Site. We dug up and documented a number of bones and utilized flakes.

As part of the Boulder County survey, Ann Pipkins let a survey party on December 23 to document a previously discovered site. We documented three grave sites (probably historic), a Plains Woodland Indian pottery shard, and a number of utilized flakes. Most of the utilized flakes were found by Centaurus High School student "Eagle-Eye" Monique Beausoleil. If you are interested in this survey, contact Ann Pipkins, 449-0851.

The salvage archaeology on the Arapahoe Bridge project is just about finished, thanks to our member and professional archaeologist, Laura Viola.



The Executive Board

The Executive Board met on September 19, 1989, at the home of Larry Riggs. Present were Bill Maxson, Larry Riggs, Laura Viola, Sue and Rick Lippincott, Dock Teegarden, Ann Pipkins, Sue Myers, and Ann Phillips.

TREASURER REPORT: With \$260 in the treasury, the Chapter is short on funds to cover the cost of printing The Calumet for the remainder of the year. Dues have been raised to \$20 for individual membership and \$25 for family memberships, payable as soon as possible.

WAYS AND MEANS: Looking forward to a successful sale of Janet Lever's great T-shirts and note cards, and Jean Kindig's beautiful prints at the annual CAS meeting.

The Cultural Facilities District is requesting applications for grants by October 11, 1989, for cultural or scientific projects. Lyons Chapter will submit a grant application for the Open Space project. The requested funds would support purchase of survey equipment and developments of slide presentations on archaeological and historic preservation efforts.

PAAC: Perishable materials will be offered during December in Erie.

LIBRARY: The library continues to receive generous donations. See the Librarian's report for details.

FIELD WORK: The Highway Department is still active at the West Arapahoe Bridge Site. They have not yet encountered any historic dumps. The bridge, which will be used for bicycles and pedestrians, is the last remaining bridge from the historic Switzerland Trail. Laura Viola is leading a campaign to save the structure.

The Rabbit Mountain Report is in the computer in "draft" stage. Progress is being made.

The Gilbert Ranch survey continues under the leadership of Ann Pipkins. Sue Lippincott has pictures of some of the artifacts found there. A Survey and recording will continue on this potentially large and interesting site. Open Space Management is drafting guidelines for management of archaeological sites on Open Space lands. CAS member Brent Wheeler is in charge of developing the guidelines. Open Space rangers are asking for exact locations of archaeological sites on the Beech property. The trail system being developed will then avoid identified sites.

BUSINESS: The Nominating Committee expects to have a slate of officers to present to the board and then to the membership by the October meeting. Volunteers to fill vacancies will be appreciated. Members of the Nominating Committee and Jeannie Hamilton, Bill Boyle, and Rick Lippincott.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The regular chapter meeting with Dr. Jane Day as the speaker, will be October 24, due to the Halloween conflict on October 31. The Executive Board will meet at the home of Ann Phillips, 211 Hawthorne Ave. (449-8763) on October 17.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Phillips, Secretary

Library Notes

from Larry Riggs

As benefits the season of long days and deep ground cover the chapter library is getting fat and sassy. The Colorado BLM has sent two new issues in its Cultural Resources Series: *Faults, Fossils, and Canyons* (Vol. 25) and *Ethnohistory of the High Plains* (Vol. 26). Frederic Athearn is one of the authors of the first one and is the guy we really have to thank for keeping us in mind with this series of publications. The second volume mentioned above is the companion volume to number 19 (*Archaeology of the High Plains*) one of the best books in our library. We are always glad for these BLM books. Thank you Rick and all involved at our Colorado BLM.

Our Training Officer down at OAHF, Kevin Black, has again helped us out with two more of the Dolores Archaeological Program volumes. These are *Aceramic and Late Occupations at Dolores*, and *Supporting Studies: Additive and Reductive Technologies*. These bring our total up to ten telephone book sized volumes in the DAP series. Thanks to you, Kevin. This is another valuable addition to our library. And, if you will permit a digression, it is sure nice to see our tax money being spent on things like the BLM Cultural Resources Series, and the Dolores Archaeological Program. I love to cuss the government as much as anyone, but it's things like these that make me think they aren't wasting it all.

Our man in Baton Rouge and chapter member, Paul Heinrich, has been one of the most consistent supporters of our library. Lately he has sent us several valuable additions. *Elementary Surveying, An Introduction to Climate*, and two of the Archaeological Survey of Alberta (Canada) series: *Archaeology in Southern Alberta*, and *Tipi Rings in Southern Alberta*. Bless you, Paul. We sincerely appreciate your participation.

Historian hopes he has found site of Indian fight

By EMILY HARRISON
Star-Tribune staff writer

CASPER — John Maxon hopes he has discovered the location of the Battle of Red Buttes, a nineteenth century Indian massacre. For the past 26 years Maxon has been traveling to Casper from California trying to locate the exact area of the battle, which took place south of Casper on July 26, 1865. He is an amateur historian who directs the chamber of commerce in Arleta, Calif. "It is important to know the 'why' and 'how' so that you don't repeat the same mistakes ... history can be used to show where things went wrong," Maxon said. At the Battle of Red Buttes, 21 soldiers including members of the 11th Kansas volunteer cavalry trying to reach Fort Caspar from Independence Rock were killed by Sioux, Cheyenne, and Arapahoe Indians. Maxon's interest was drawn to this battle when he read about it in

"The Battle of the Platte Bridge," by J.W. Vaughn. Maxon feels Vaughn wrongly identifies the Red Buttes battle site.

The historian began his research in 1963 and has accumulated documentation that he feels shows the battle site was three miles further south than Vaughn's book indicates. Maxon, a Casper native, said he became interested in history when he took a job photographing the Oregon Trail. He said his interest grew out of frustration with conflicting historic information.

"I'd take photographs and a year later they would tell me they had gotten the wrong location making my photographs inaccurate," Maxon said.

Maxon's complains that historical evidence is obstructed by petty jealousies between historians concerned with protecting individual interests and attaining recognition.

"There is a collection of individuals interested in history but because of petty jealousy they're not working as a unit to produce a

lasting effect," he said.

To remedy this situation Maxon would like the City of Casper to initiate a secured historical file system at Fort Caspar protected by law. Maxon wants the accumulation of his work available for any historian or student to use for further research. He would like to see historical markers crediting the historians who discovered sites.

Maxon believes a community grass roots movement could revitalize historical interest. "It must be an organization of the people that live in a community interested in the protection of local things ... History is the core of the backbone of the people of the United States."

"What has been happening with all the history is that to the new generations money is so important that they desecrate historic sites if there is money to be made. We have to go back and learn to cherish things," he said.

Maxon says he has collected as much historical data as he can on

the Battle of Red Buttes but that his research lacks artifacts to substantiate the documents.

"I've reached the point in my investigation where I know where the men were killed and the approximate place where they are buried. I'm trying to get money to hire an expert metal detector man from California. The hard evidence is extremely hard to find but this man would be able to find it."

Historical evidence shows that the bodies of 18 soldiers were buried near the battlefield. If the bodies can be located, Maxon says, he can prove the exact location of the battle.

Maxon plans to donate the accumulation of his life's work to the Fort Caspar Museum. "What I'm willing to donate is seven folios of historic facts and photographs. I will donate it when I am assured there will be written protective law covering my work. That is my must."

PAAC Classes

Perishable Materials will be offered 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21 December at the Erie United Methodist Fellowship hall for Lyons Chapter and all other interested persons. Please note these dates if you have not had the Perishable Materials Course.

NOVEMBER

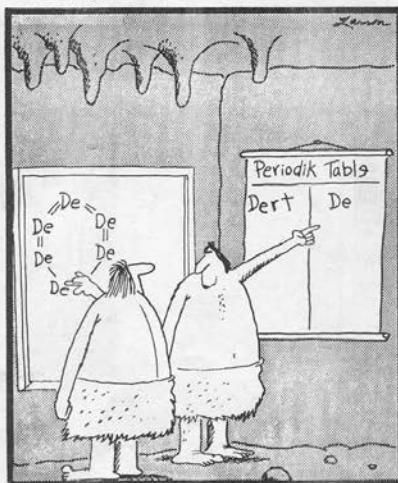
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| 3-6 | Durango | Ceramics Description & Analysis |
| 9, 14, & 16 | Denver | Ceramics Description & Analysis |
| 17-18 | Carbondale | Photography |
| 21, 28 & 30 | Denver | Ceramics Description & Analysis |

DECEMBER

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| 1-3 | Grand Junction | Research Design & Report Writing |
| 5, 7 | Lyons | Perishable Materials |
| 9-10 | Craig | Photography |
| 12, 14 | Lyons | Perishable Materials |
| 15-18 | Pueblo | Historic Archaeology |
| 19, 21 | Lyons | Perishable Materials |

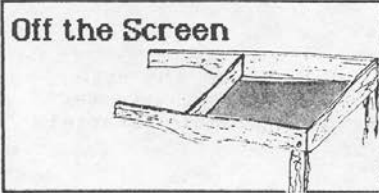
What are PAAC Classes and why should I take them?

This is a question sometimes asked by new members in the group. PAAC (Program for Avocational Archaeologist Certification) classes are designed to increase our awareness of the cultural heritage of the nation and in our case, specifically the western United States. The classes also increase our knowledge of our avocation, makes us more aware of our surroundings, and leads to certification as Provisional Surveyor I and II. Not only are the classes interesting, but you get to meet a number of new people, expand your circle of friends in the avocation. The Task of the Colorado Archaeology Society and its chapters is to find, protect, and preserve the signs and symbols of our past. So come, join the classes and expand your horizons.



Early chemists describe the first dirt molecule

Off the Screen



A new exhibition, Vanishing Beauty or Vanishing Truth? The North American Indian Photographs of Edward S. Curtis, will be on display in special collections of the University of Colorado Libraries, Boulder, from 16 October to 10 November. The public is invited to a short program on the exhibition at 4 p.m. on Thursday, 26 October in the Rare Books Room of special

collections. Profs. Alex Sweetman of Fine Arts, Ronald Bernier, of Fine Arts, and Deward Walker of Anthropology will speak. The exhibit presents 33 original photographs from Curtis' 22-volume publication on the North American Indians.

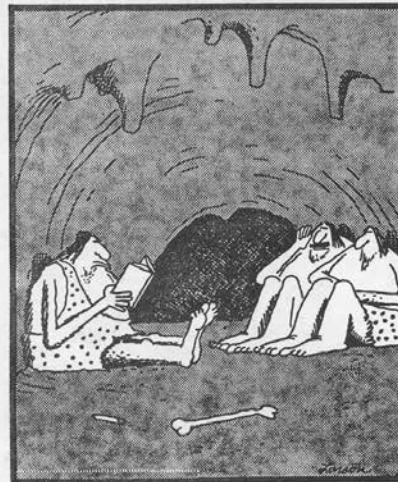
Special Collections is on the third floor of Norlin Library and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Ann Pipkins dropped a note saying she would like to get all (that's each and every one) site forms for the projects she has been leading by the end of the month (that's October) so she can review them before sending on to Kevin Black (him of the rapid red pencil). Let's keep those site forms flowing and the prose glowing.

Small note: Sue and I were on vacation in Utah and came upon a small storage structure west of Hanksville, called Moki Ruin. The fragment of the structure appears to be made of lumps of clay pressed together to make a solid wall. According to the small information board at the site, it was built by the Fremont culture along side a small stream. Moki, said the information, means "small" because archaeologists first believed that these constructions were the work of a tiny people about 60 cm high. Just goes to show you... I knew a person once who believed a piece of concrete was actually Woodland pottery.



"Uh-oh—did anyone remember to feed the giraffe tonight?"



"Hey, Thak. ... Did you know you move your lips when you look at pictures?"

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