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State Convention

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a copy of the schedule, registration materials and all the other information you need to attend the state UFOP convention in Ogden. This annual convention will be held May 21st through the 23rd and promises to be another great conference. We hope to see all of you there!

May Chapter Meeting

As you are aware, due to the first week of May being Pre History Week, we have moved our regular monthly meeting to the first Tuesday of the month (May 4) so that this meeting might coincide with the activities of the week

In addition to tours of local cemeteries, Nine Mile Canyon, the CLDQ and all, there will be dinners and lectures.

The attached sheet will give you all the information you need to enjoy the activities of the week.

Elections in May

It's that time of year again!!! The weather is warming up, the ground is drying out and we are all looking forward to getting out in the field to do a little digging.

It is also the time of year that we hold elections to choose our officers for the coming year. President elect Duane Taylor is ready to lead the group into the new millennium, and he needs some help to do it.

We will hold a brief election meeting right after the UFOP lecture on Tuesday, May 4th. Plan to attend this short, but important meeting. We want you to have input into the group leadership for the coming year.

Newspaper Article

The following article appeared in a local paper recently. This museum should go a long way in furthering interest in the field of paleontology:

Dinosaur Museum to Grow in Lehi

Thanksgiving point planning massive project

By Sharon M. Haddock
 Deseret New staff writer

LEHI - Huge dinosaurs are destined to show up soon on a seven-acre site at Thanksgiving Point.

With construction slated to start this spring, one of the largest dinos museums in the country planned for Thanksgiving Point by Western Paleontological Laboratories Inc.

D.Clive Winn, president of the Thanksgiving Point Institute, said

the 86,000-square-foot, \$20 million museum will include ancient life displays, educational modules, a special exhibit hall, a natural history art gallery, gift shop and concessions area, and a 350-seat, giant-screen theater.

The North American Museum of Dinosaurs and Ancient Life has contracted with Quantum Construction to build the museum and accompanying facilities.

"Thanksgiving Point is excited to partner with Western Paleo and Quantum and to welcome the dinosaur museum," Winn said. "It's a great addition to the educational opportunities already provided here and increases our exposure as a national and international destination point."

Visitors to the museum will have the chance to actually walk through a dinosaur quarry, touch fossil specimens, participate in fossil hunts and learn about paleontology in an interactive laboratory, he said.

Scientists will conduct weekly camp events or "Dinosnores" inside the museum as well as lecture, lead field camps and tours

Phase one, including the giant screen theater and exhibit hall, is scheduled to be completed in fall of 2000. Phase two will include the dinosaur and fossil exhibits, the interactive laboratory, specimen storage, a science library and large conference area.

"We have designed this facility to contain more mounted dinosaur displays than any other museum in the world," said Cliff Miles, with

Western Paleontological Laboratories.

"It will include the longest mounted dinosaur on the planet and one of the tallest. Some of these dinosaurs have never been exhibited before."

The structure will be equivalent to a six-story building and feature prominent, large-scale relief dinosaurs on the high walls facing east toward I-15.

Tom Pugh, president of Quantum Construction and Development, said, "The proximity to the interstate corridor and the growing educational and destination status of Thanksgiving Point were the deciding factors for its location. In addition, Lehi city officials have been very instrumental in helping the project to move forward in a timely manner."

Some of the new museum's collection might be borrowed from Brigham Young University, which owns an extensive collection of fossils and the only known Supersaurus specimen in the world currently housed beneath the stands at Cougar Stadium. BYU can loan or transfer the fossils to a museum, and Thanksgiving Point officials have spoken to the school about that possibility, said Kenneth Stadtman, curator of the BYU Earth Science Museum.

Help Needed !!

We still have a few openings for volunteer help at the museum activity day being held in connection with Pre History Week.

We can use some help in the lab to show people the process of bone preservation and to answer questions.

We can also use additional help at the UFOP table explaining to museum visitors the purposes and activities of our local chapter. Anyone who has a couple of hours to volunteer should call Byron at 637.6414 to schedule some time.

Remember too, that these hours will count toward your public service hours required for your paleontology certification.

Bone Lab Anyone?

Remember the bone lab? It is still in business and there are a lot of bones that need to be cleaned, restored and catalogued. If you need certification hours, or if you would just like to be a good paleontologist, John could use your help in the lab. Contact him for information on when he can use your help. You can contact him at the lab (613.5645) or leave a message for him at the museum (637.5060). He would appreciate any help you can offer.

Web Site Coming

Jennifer Watson is working under the direction of UFOP member Jim Huffaker to set up a UFOP website. Work is progressing nicely and we should be online soon. The site will contain photographs of our projects, copies of the newsletter and scheduled activities. Additional information will be coming soon.

UTAH Prehistory and Heritage Week

From Predators to People in Castle Country

Friday, April 30-Saturday, May 8

6th Annual Dino Feast

Friday, April 30

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: CEU Campus Center, Multi-Purpose Room
Cost: \$15.00 for Museum Associate Members
\$17.00 for General Public

Guest Speaker: Dr. Brooks Britt, Ogden's Eccles Dinosaur Park

Advance Reservations Required

Dr. Brooks Britt, formerly of the Museum of Western Colorado in Grand Junction, is the leading authority on sauropods of the West.

Enjoy world-class food, a cutting edge paleontology lecture and a silent and live auction. The 6th Annual DinoFeast is cosponsored by the Raptor Chapter of the Utah Friends of Paleontology. All proceeds will benefit the Donald L. Burge Endowed Chair of Paleontology at the College of Eastern Utah.

Helper Uncensored!

Saturday, May 8

Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Western Mining & Railroad Museum
Cost: \$12.00 per person
Or
\$20.00 for two.

Advance Reservations Required

The Western Mining and Railroad Museum in Helper is recreating the cultural tradition of the progressive dinner and combining it with a historic walking tour in one of Utah's most colorful towns.

Begin the evening at the Western Mining and Railroad Museum and be entertained at 5:00pm by the Carbon High School Vocal Jazz Group. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Walk up Main Street in the heart of the Helper Historic District and enjoy the architecture and stories of the people who lived there. Visit the Historic Helper City Auditorium and eat a chicken and rice dinner. After dinner stroll along the peaceful Price River Parkway and conclude your evening with a fabulous dessert.

Ticket price includes all food and the walking tour.

The dinner and tour are sponsored by the Western Mining and Railroad Museum and all proceeds will benefit the Museum.

There are alternate plans for inclement weather.

Saturday, May 1, 1999

The Nine Mile Canyon Experience

Caravan leave the CEU Prehistoric Museum at 8:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and from Roosevelt at 8:00 a.m.

Enjoy Nine Mile Canyon with the experts. See the canyon like never before with guides that take you to some little known sites. Bring your own car and join the caravan or reserve a space on one of the vans provided. Guides will be stationed in the canyon for anyone wishing to visit on their own. There is no fee for the tour, however, anyone traveling in the vans is required to purchase a ticket for the Fremont Lunch (see below).

Fremont Lunch

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

In Nine Mile Canyon at the mouth of Duddy Canyon \$8.00 per person

Advance Reservations are Required

Sample a little food from 1,000 years ago! The lunch will feature Fremont Stew, cornbread and other foods native to the Fremont Culture in Eastern Utah. Proceeds benefit the Nine Mile Canyon Coalition.

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Following in the Footprints of the Past: Bones and Tracks Bringing Dinosaurs Back

Tour leaves the Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry Visitor Center at 12:00 pm

Walk where the dinosaurs walked! See actual dinosaur trackways. Some hiking and climbing are involved. Bring a lunch, plenty of water and sturdy shoes.

UFOP Lecture

CEU Museum Classroom
7:00 pm

Speaker: Alden Hamblin

Mr. Hamblin is currently the paleontologist on the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument Planning Team.

He will be speaking on the fossils of the Grand Staircase

Thursday, May 6, 1999

Ancient Heritage At Risk

A Presentation by Stan McDonald, USDA Forest Service Archaeologist
CEU Museum Classroom
7:00 pm

Learn what you can do to preserve the past and how archaeologists use artifacts to study these ancient cultures and lifeways.

Friday, May 7, 1999

The Footsteps of the Fremont - Ferron Canyon to the San Rafael

Caravan leaves the CEU Museum at 8:30 am and the Museum of the San Rafael at 10:00 am

Begin the tour with a visit to the spectacular Museum of the San Rafael then follow mountains and desert learning about the Fremont that inhabited both areas. Bring a lunch, plenty of water and sturdy shoes.

Saturday, May 8, 1999

Family Activity Day - CEU Museum

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Food, activities, crafts and fun for the whole family! See world renown artist Joe Venus and his Ice Age Mural. Throw an ancient atlatl. Watch flintknapping demonstrations. Well-known artists at work.

Family Activity Day - Western Mining and Railroad Museum

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Free Model Train Display and other fun activities.

For more information or to make reservations contact:

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(435) 613-5060

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Travel Region
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Dinner tickets may be purchased at the:

CEU Prehistoric Museum
155 East Main
Price

Western Mining and Railroad
Museum
290 South Main
Helper

Duchesne County
Chamber of Commerce
(Fremont Lunch ONLY!)

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