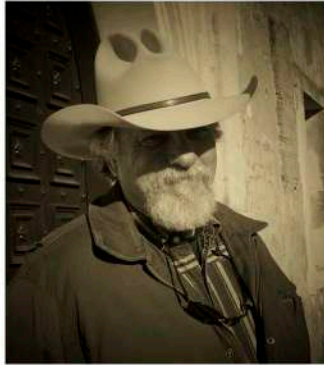


The Panhandle Archaeological Society will hold its next meeting on Wednesday May 16, 2012, at 7:00 pm, at the Wildcat Bluff Nature Center Science Building, 2301 N. Soncy Road, in Amarillo, Texas. Our program will be presented by Jeff C. Campbell of Eads, Colorado.



Jeff C. Campbell

### **Abstract**

This presentation examines the Sand Creek Massacre of November 29th, 1864. Although there were many incidents that ultimately led up to the massacre, the event began when Cheyenne bands under the leadership of Black Kettle and other leading men traveled to Denver to meet with Colorado Territory governor John Evans. The purpose of their trip was to arrange a peaceful resolution to hostilities resulting from the ever-increasing tide of settlers that were moving west and infringing on tribal lands and the indiscriminate attacks and destruction of their villages by the military. The result of this meeting was the recommendation that these so-called “peaceful” bands move to Fort Lyon in southeastern Colorado and place themselves under the protection of the government. After initially settling near the fort, the bands were instructed to move to the northeast and establish a permanent village on the banks of Sand Creek. On the morning of November 29th, 1864 the 1st and 3rd cavalry regiments, Colorado Volunteers, under the leadership of Colonel John L. Chivington, attacked and destroyed this village. While many members of the village escaped, approximately 70 individuals, largely, women, children, and elderly, were murdered, scalped, and horribly mutilated. Known as the Sand Creek Massacre, this study critically examines the contextual setting in which this event occurred. The presentation will address the massacre within the context of 1864 Colorado and the final months of the Civil War. It is conceivable that had it not been for the war, the two military units involved in the attack would not have existed and the massacre would not have occurred. The other focus of the talk will be centered on the memorialization and establishment process of the Sand Creek National Historic Site as a unit of the National Park Service in 2002.

### **Biography**

Jeff C. Campbell earned his Bachelor’s degree in a double major of History and Geology and received teacher education from the University of Texas at El Paso, followed by post-grad work in Geology and Education from U.T.E.P, Utah State, New Mexico State University, and the University of New Mexico. After teaching in Texas and New Mexico for over seven years he took a Deputy Sheriff’s position with the Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Office in the “boot heel” of New Mexico. From there he was recruited to take a criminal investigator’s position with the NMAGO/CID where he was assigned to the Albuquerque Office and held statewide jurisdiction. For the last 35 years he has been involved in freelance, contract, professional, technical, and narrative writing. During the last ten years he has researched, written, and given seminars, and talks on the Sand Creek Massacre, Myths and Misconceptions and other related topics to a variety of professional groups. Since 2007 he has been a volunteer and seasonal interpreter at the Sand Creek Massacre Historic Site and worked as a consultant to the NPS, Bent’s Old Fort, the Bent’s New Fort Project and other Southeast Colorado history tourism efforts.

## PANHANDLE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

### Minutes of the April, 18, 2012 Meeting

-President Donna Otto called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at the Wildcat Bluff Nature Center. 22 members and 1 guest were in attendance.

-The next meeting of the PAS will be May 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wildcat Bluff Nature Center.

#### PROGRAM

-Donna introduced the evening speaker, Joe D. Rogers, West Texas A&M University. The program provided some insight into the misunderstood material, daub and how he has begun examining it to shed some light into building construction, particularly in the Antelope Creek Phase.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

-The business meeting began at the conclusion of Joe Roger's lecture.

-The minutes of March 21, 2012 as published in March, 2012 PASTIMES were accepted.

-Lisa gave the treasurer's report. The current operating balance is \$2624.02. Lisa will be providing an expense report for the year and will be published in the May PASTimes. The treasurer's report was accepted.

-Rolla submitted the Publication Committee report. The current balance is \$2077.16 after payment of state sales tax and \$200 donation for AMS carbon dating material from the Jack Allen site (41HC219). The CD account has \$5324.77. The publication report was accepted.

#### OLD BUSINESS

-Paul Katz spoke briefly about the Southwest Federation of Archaeological Society Symposium held in Iraan. The 2011 Abstract collection was distributed to all societies at the agreed upon price of \$12.00 per copy. A motion was made for PAS to sell the edition for \$12.00. The motion passed. A full briefing of the symposium will be published in the next edition of PASTimes.

-A sign up sheet for volunteers for the Lamar Elementary School Science Day on May 11<sup>th</sup> was passed around. The program will focus on Rocky Dell art and use supplies from last year's presentation.

-Scott provided a briefing of the site visit near Shamrock, Texas on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April. Several PAS members attended. The site consisted of features eroding in a cut bank on a county road way as well as some features that were exposed after the land owner had deep plowed an adjacent field. Cord marked pottery, lithic materials, and a pipe stone had been recovered by the land owner. The site had been recorded in 1969 so this was a site revisit. A full article will be published in next month's PASTimes.

-The Box Canyon field trip is still pending.

-Donna is continuing to work on updating the PAS constitution and bylaws.

-Donna will get contact information to get in touch with the PAS Website manager.

-Alibates National Park will be participating in National Park Week beginning April 21<sup>st</sup>. They will be hosting a Junior Ranger Day at the park on the 21<sup>st</sup> featuring multiple hands on activities for children. Rozanna welcomed any volunteers to help with the daylong event. Also of note, any day use fees for any National Park are waived during this week, including boat launching fees at Lake Meredith. Book store purchases will be 15% off as well during this period.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- This year's Studer banquet will be held on Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum.
- The May speaker will be Jeff Campbell who will give a presentation on the Sand Creek Massacre.
- Beryle Hughes, a former PAS member and PASTimes editor will be moving back to the Texas Panhandle.
- Scott announced that May 2012 will be the last issue of PASTimes that he will be the newsletter editor.
- The Perryton Stone Age Fair will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Museum of the Plains in Perryton. Over 60 tables for exhibitors have already been reserved.
- Website for the TAS field school is online and contains all of the information.
- Dr. Robert Ballard will be speaking at West Texas A&M on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April.
- President Bill Clinton will be speaking at West Texas A&M on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.