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**!!Notice!!**

The TIME and PLACE for the November meeting have been changed.

Instead of Wednesday Nov.18, we will meet at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum at 6:00 p.m. Thursday November 19.

We ask you to stay for a brief business meeting following the movie.

Afterward, we will have our usual dinner at a nearby restaurant.

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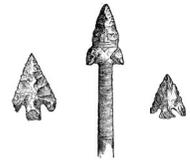
**STUDER BANQUET: DECEMBER 12, 2015**

[YOUNGBLOOD’S CAFÉ](#) 620 SW 16th Ave, Amarillo, TX 79101, (806) 342-9411.

Meet and Greet at 6:00, dinner at 7:00. For reservations,  
call Alvin (806)381-8880, or email [anlynn@suddenlink.net](mailto:anlynn@suddenlink.net)

Don’t forget to bring things for the Silent Auction!

There will be no December issue of PASTIMES



**FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK:**

October, Texas Archaeology Month, has been a wonderful time for History and Pre-History. Fannin Middle School goes all-out on their annual History Fair. In addition to PAS’ own atlatl and corn-grinding events, Joe D. Rogers demonstrated his 19th-century (and before) tools; there was an Indian tipi, an old-time car (I guessed Model-T Ford, but that’s just a guess), carrier pigeons, spinners and weavers, flintknappers, and of course the cannon was fired each hour. They served hot dogs and frito pie for lunch, and if you wanted dessert you could try your luck at the cake walk.

Chris Lintz was made a Fellow of the Texas Archaeological Society, and Alvin Lynn’s book won a prestigious medal. We are all basking in their reflected glory.

To top it all off, Scott has arranged for us to view “Daughter of the Dawn,” a silent movie from 1920, Thursday November 19.

***We extend our love and prayers to Dick and Mary Ruthe Carter.***





MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING  
PANHANDLE ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, OCT 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Otto at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Downtown Amarillo Library second floor Board Room.

Guests and members were greeted. There were 16 in attendance. The following upcoming meetings were announced.

Nov. 18 PAS Meeting, Amarillo Library Board Room

Dec. 12 - PAS Studer Banquet, Youngblood's Cafe

PROGRAM: Rick Day, THC Archeological Steward and member of the Caprock Canyons Archeological Society gave a program on the salvage excavations at the Mott Creek site (41MY19). Excavations were done by high school honor students under the supervision of Stewards. Some lab work was conducted at the school in the science labs. The project has been on-going for several years. After the flooding and extensive rainfalls last year, much of the site was lost, so the amateur excavations conducted as a learning experience resulted in site documentation, and artifact collection and curation.

MINUTES: Minutes from the previous meeting were published in the PAS Newsletter. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as published with one name spelling correction.

TREASURER REPORT: Pam Allison reported a balance of \$3,780.05. Motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Report filed.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Rolla Shaller reported the Money Market Account balance 9/30/2015 of \$1,303.29 and the 180 Day CD 9/30/15 balance of \$5,052.01. Motion made and seconded to approve. Report filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

TAS Lithics Academy. Harry Shafer will be teaching. Scheduled for April 30-May 1, 2016 at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum and Palo Duro Canyon. Cost \$100 for TAS members. Information sheet and course registration forms were available. On-line registration is available with payment by credit card.

Fannin Middle School History fair was a success with several members participating.

Updated membership list was provided.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating committee needed. President Donna Otto asked Rolla Shaller to chair and select two to assist. Slate of officers to be presented at November meeting, with election at December meeting.

Alvin Lynn reported on use of nice Atlatl's at Flint Fest. Since our equipment is older and needing repair, he made a motion for the society to purchase 3 new atlatls and 8-10 shafts at approximately \$200.00. Motion seconded and all approved. Alvin will coordinate purchase with treasurer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next meeting Nov 18 at Library.

The Studer Banquet is in December, so be looking for items to donate for the raffle.

Dick Carter is recovering in Vibra Hospital, is in good spirits and can receive visitors. Probably will be there a few more weeks.

MEETING ADJOURNED: There being no further business or announcements, meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Otto

## NOVEMBER PROGRAM

# DAUGHTER OF DAWN



Rivalry develops between Comanche Indians White and Wolf for the hand of Dawn, the daughter of the chief, but Dawn loves White. When the chief sets up a test of bravery for the men, noble White passes, but cowardly Wolf fails and is banished from the camp. Wolf becomes a traitor and goes to the Kiowas (who have stolen the Comanche ponies, and are occupying their territory), to offer to lead them to the Comanche camp in order to steal away their women. The Kiowas kidnap the women while the Comanches are away on a hunt and Wolf takes Dawn. The Comanches go on the warpath against the Kiowas, overpowering them. White fights with Wolf and leaves him for dead. Wolf dies in the arms of Wanada, who had loved him, and in despair she kills herself. Back in the Comanche camp, White and Dawn are happy, together at last.

A rare silent film, "The Daughter of Dawn" will be shown at the  
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum  
on Thursday, November 19th at 6pm in Hazlewood Lecture Hall.

Refreshments will be served.

Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

## PAS Members and the 2015 Fannin Festival



PAS members have been participating in the History Festival at Fannin Middle School for many years, perhaps since the first one in 1997. The Carters and Rolla would know for sure. They certainly turned out this year for the 19<sup>th</sup> History Festival on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

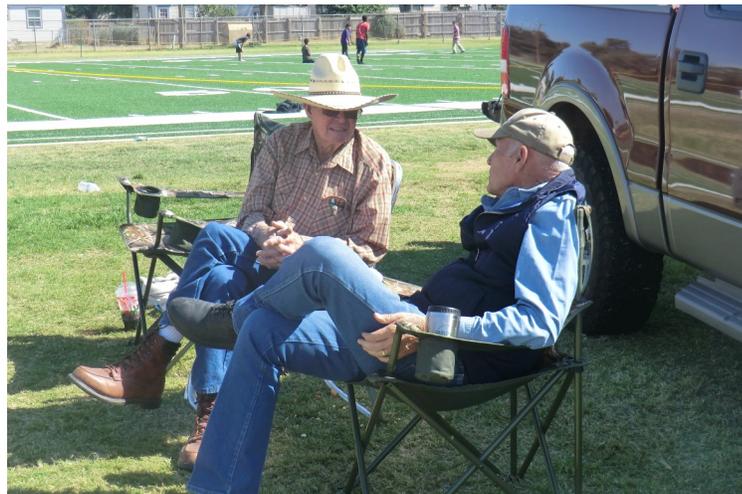
The Panhandle Archeological Society was one of 42 participating entities, the largest number to date according to organizer Julie Greene. Of the 142 people participating, nine were PAS members. The weather was perfect, sunny and warm with only a light breeze. This certainly helped the attendance, which Julie estimated to be 1,250 people of all ages.

The PAS sponsored two venues, as we have every year. Alvin Lynn, Joe Faulkenberry, and Rolla Shaller demonstrated atlatl throwing and supervised visitors as they attempted to master this difficult activity. Veronica Arias, Beryl Hughes, Paul Katz, and Audrey Taylor tried to keep up with the constant flow of visitors at corn grinding, as there was always someone waiting to kneel down in front of one of the six metates. Joe D. Rogers was in his element as usual, demonstrating historical carpentry tools and tricks. PAS President Donna Otto was present as well at the DAR table. Dick and Mary Ruthe Carter were there in spirit.

Julie Greene says that there will be a Fannin Festival as long as she is at the school, and she has no plans to retire any time soon.

**SEE YOU ALL AT THE 20<sup>TH</sup> NEXT YEAR.**





**Relax and reminisce a while.  
Below are some photos from previous years —  
see if you recognize anyone!**



Making bullets—Joe Hayhurst



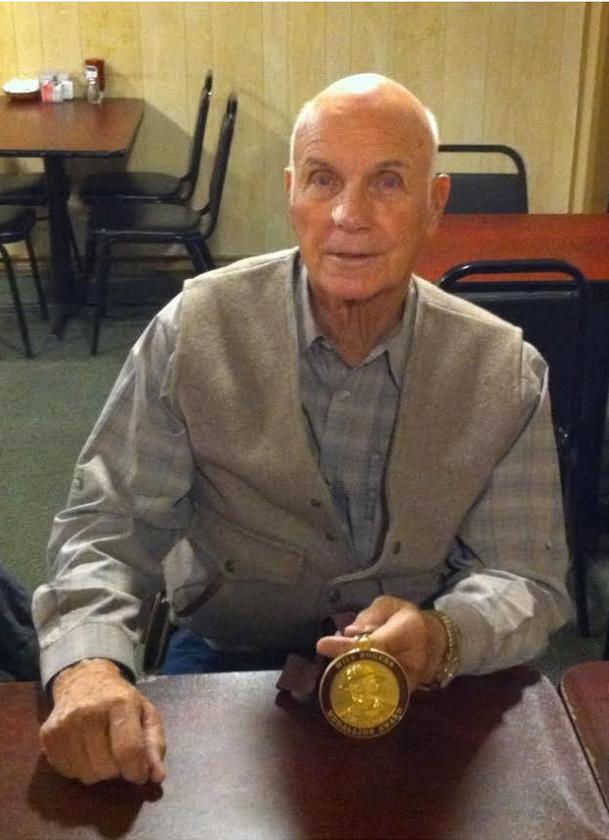
Nautical Navigation —Bill Faubion



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## Alvin Lynn Brings Home the Gold

Rolla Shaller



Alvin Lynn recently received the Will Rogers Gold Medallion Award for his book submission, *Kit Carson and the First Battle of Adobe Walls* (Texas Tech University Press, 2014). This annual book contest seeks to recognize outstanding contributions to Western literature and media in different subject categories. The fifteen Western-themed categories include: Cowboy Poetry, Fiction, Non-Fiction, Non-Fiction Biography and Memoir, Young Readers Fiction, Young Readers Illustrated Fiction, Inspirational Fiction, Young Readers Illustrated Non-Fiction, Photographic Essays, Cookbooks, Graphic Illustrations/Visual Humor/Iconic Images, Written Humor, Film (Drama), Film (Documentary), and Fiction Romance. The judging criteria for the awards consist of historical accuracy, content, and artistic presentation.

Lynn's book won the top honor in the Western Non-Fiction category. He and his wife, Naydne, were present to receive the award at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering and Western Swing Festival held at the Ft. Worth Stockyards. Awards were announced on the rainy evening of Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at the famed Cattleman's Restaurant with Hollywood stuntman Dean Smith acting as the Master of Ceremonies and Charles Williams, Executive Director of the Will Rogers Medallion Awards, presiding. Other awardees in the Western Non-Fiction category include the second place finalist *Death of a Texas Ranger* by Cynthia Leal Massey, *Necessary Evil* by Joe Johnson in third place, *Old 300: Gone to Texas* by Paul N. Spellman in fourth place, and *The Death Row All-Stars* by Chris Enss in fifth place.

The objective of the Will Rogers Medallion Award is to present high-quality Western scholarship and works to the general public in both an appealing and accessible manner. The award is named after Will Rogers, an American cowboy, performer, newspaper columnist, social commentator, and actor. Rogers died in an airplane crash in 1935.

Congratulations to Alvin on a book well done!

