

Membership drive counts on loyalty in tough times

One caller said he's out of work and trimming his expenses. Could he keep coming to meetings as a visitor?

Another member apologized, but she's now baby-sitting after losing her government job. She enjoys OAS Chapter meetings, and it's about the only thing she can afford, she said.

OAS membership is a reflection of the economy and personal hard times. While she understands, she hopes members will make sacrifice and renew their membership, said Jana Brown, OAS Membership Chair.

The year 2011 will be a test for the Society. As with many groups, membership rolls are thinning out. For that reason OAS is holding the line on personal membership fees.

OAS is still the best bargain around. If you haven't joined or renewed, please do so. You will find a membership form on Page 8. If there's any way you can help, now is the time.



Noted Caddo potter Ceri Redcorn, shown at a demonstration, is among speakers at the OAS Spring Meeting in Norman.

2011 OAS Spring Dig seeks Rose Hill treasure

Once again members of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society will be reminded that one man's trash is another man's treasure.

OAS will soon mount a search for an antebellum trash dump. So far the refuse pit has eluded researchers probing the Rose Hill grounds once owned by wealthy cotton planter Robert Jones.

Finding other choice spots also will absorb the attention of archeologists and volunteers at the annual Spring Dig, May 21-30 east of Hugo.

Last year's Fall Dig, the first trip to the site for OAS, sought the foundation of the two-story mansion.

It was identified, as well as the 1930s-era tenant shack. This year the search will shift west, said archeologist Scott Hammerstedt. Left behind (thankfully) will be the mass of bricks, nails and debris from the tenant house that ab- (See Dig Page 5)

Business sessions brief

Spring Meeting explores theme of authentic art

The struggle over the right to claim authentic Indian arts and crafts will be explored at the Spring Meeting of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society.

Held April 23 at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman, the one-day session is open to the public.

"Native American Art: Helping Revive and Maintain the Traditional Way" is the meeting theme. The speakers are veteran Indian potters, an accomplished painter, and experts on Indian baskets and ceramics.

Brief OAS business sessions occur during the annual meeting, said Charles Cheatham, OAS President.

"We have some very talented people on stage. We hope the public as well as our members find the topic stimulating and informative," Cheatham said.

The admission cost is nominal in hopes the public as well as members attend the session. Galleries and museums are being offered special invitations to hear a topic they seldom get exposed to, Cheatham said.

Registration opens at 8:15 a.m. The speakers begin at 9:45 a.m. after an OAS Board meeting.

Perhaps the most controversial of the day's topics is "The Indian Arts and Crafts Act, As Amended." Speaking will be noted potter Ceri Redcorn, Norman, and Chase Earles, Ada. Both are Caddo artists who pursue traditional Caddo styles.

Marshall Gettys, a Norman author and historian, will offer his expertise in "Traditional Southeastern Basketry, Past and Present."

Phil Cross, a noted Caddo (See Meeting Page 4)

On Your OAS Calendar

April 16 Lab at OAS Survey office, Norman

April 23 Annual Meeting, Norman

May 21-30 Spring Dig, Hugo

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Membership

An application to join the Society or renew your membership for the year, and information about OAS activities, publications and its contribution to Oklahoma archeology, is in this OAS Newsletter and on the OAS Web site www.okarcheology.org.

OAS offers varied memberships. All members receive the Society's annual *Bulletin of Oklahoma Archeology* and the quarterly *Trowel Marks* Newsletter. Contributing, Sustaining, Life, and Institutional members also receive OAS Memoirs. For more information, contact Jana Brown, Membership at brown.jana@gmail.com

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Order handbooks, point guides, memoirs and other publications of The Society from Mary McHard, OAS Publications, 812 NW 42, Oklahoma City, OK 73118 or by contacting her via email at dmmchard@flash.net. Publications are listed on the OAS Web site.

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Questions are welcomed by the Editor, Jon Denton at jonrdenton@aol.com. Opinions in this publication, unless otherwise identified, are those of the editor and contributors and do not necessarily reflect the policies of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society.

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Events of Interest

March

Black Mesa Exhibit grand opening in Hall of Natural Wonders, a 2,000-square-foot diorama on ecosystems in western Oklahoma with dozens of mounted and cast animals. Sam Noble Museum of Natural History, Norman.

April

9 Atlatl Workshop, 10 a.m. – noon, "Atlatl: the Paleo-Indian Bison Hunters' Weapon of Choice," with Tom Luczyki briefly discussing construction of the atlatl, then moving outside for a hands-on experience throwing six-foot-long darts utilizing various types of atlatls. Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, Norman. Adults only, space limited.

15 Fort Gibson Anniversary, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Special Education Day at Fort Gibson with living history presenters interpreting periods from 1824 to 1890. At Fort Gibson.

15 "The Cimarron – A River's Journey," Lecture, 10 a.m. with Kathleen O'Halleran, Instructor of Science, Geography and Sociology, Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Sod House Museum, Aline.

16 Lab Day 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., analyzing artifacts from the Fall Dig at Rose Hill Plantation, Hugo. Directed by Amanda Regnier, held at Oklahoma Archeological Survey, Norman.

21 "The Roman Spectacle in the Greek East," Lecture, 7:30 p.m. Devon Hall Room 270, University of Oklahoma, Norman campus, with guest lecturer Hazel Dodge, sponsored by Oklahoma Society, Archaeological Institute of America.

23 OAS Annual Meeting, 8:30 a.m. Board Meeting followed by talks on the theme "Native American Art: Helping Revive and Maintain the Traditional Way" Oklahoma Anthropological Society, Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, Norman.

30 Oklahoma Artifact Show, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Third Annual Show of authentic prehistoric and legally acquired artifacts, sponsored by Archaeological Society of Oklahoma, at Payne County Expo Center, Stillwater.

7 Archaeology Day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with artifacts identified and reenactors bringing the past alive, guided tours and historical lectures, at Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, Spiro.

May

14 Fort Reno Candlelight Tour, Reenactment, 8 p.m., tour Fort Reno's historic parade grounds by lantern and candlelight while reenactors portray people of the fort's past in scenes from various time periods.

21-30 OAS Spring Dig with archeologist oversight of volunteers excavating Civil War era Rose Hill Plantation of Col. Robert M. Jones, near Hugo.

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OAS President Charles Cheatham

The OAS spring meeting April 23 examines interesting and sometimes controversial issues relating to current-day Native American crafts, including who can or should produce them as authentic.

I hope you can be there — and bring a friend! Thanks to Cathy Compton, Jon Denton, Bob Brooks, Liz Leith and others who have helped arrange meeting details, speakers, the facility and publicity.

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In May the OAS Spring Dig will return to the Rose Hill Plantation site near Hugo. The dig is a little earlier this year, covering two weekends and the week in between, and ending on Memorial Day. Check the OAS web site and this newsletter edition for local accommodations and a schedule of evening activities.

The dig will again be directed by John Davis, Amanda Regnier and Scott Hammerstedt. Andy Slaucitajs, OAS Dig Chairman, will assist. We expect to find historical artifacts in every square — as we did last October.

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Amanda and Scott have been conducting once-monthly Saturday lab days at the Oklahoma Archeological Survey in Norman. They've got a good start on processing artifacts from the Rose Hill site. If you would like to help, the next date is April 16.

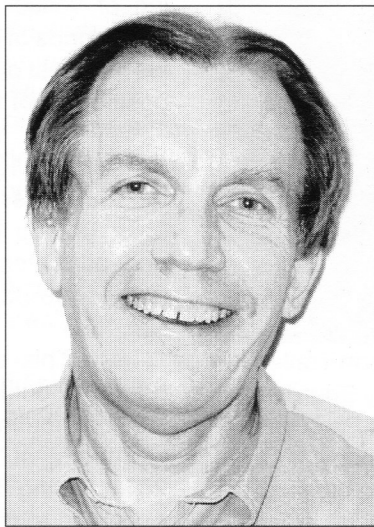
The once-monthly labs may continue through the summer (including new material from the Spring Dig) if there is enough interest.

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In February I learned the OAS and the Oklahoma Archeological Survey have been jointly selected to receive the 2011 State Historic Preservation Officer's Citation of Merit. It reads "for their invaluable contributions to the understanding and preservation of Historic Fort Gibson."

The award will be presented in Guyton June 9. To all of you who helped with OAS digs at Fort Gibson, this one is the big "thank you." Take a moment and smile about what you accomplished under leadership of Survey Archeologist Lee Bement and his associates.

The Oklahoma Historical Society is obviously excited about the artifacts recovered at Fort Gibson, which will help them



to enhance how the site is explained to visitors. And what we are doing at Rose Hill has the same purpose: The Historical Society hopes to develop an interpretive center there, based on what is learned from archeological work.

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On another subject, I want to thank all those who have worked so hard to clean up the Lee Creek Ceremonial Center in Sequoyah County.

This ancient mound site was among field trips offered people at the annual Caddo Conference in Fort Smith, Ark., March 25-26.

The site was an overgrown mess, and now is in fine shape for viewing. The Tahl-equah chapter took the lead on this, with help from the McAlester and Ark-Homa chapters, and others. Special thanks go to an industrious group including Tom Purdin, Connie Masters, Earl White, Phil Hayden, Bill Burkart and Bob Dalton.

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Yet the Lee Creek Mound is not an isolated case of neglect. There are other archeological sites around Oklahoma (many of them small) that could deteriorate or be damaged in

other ways, unless someone watches them.

The most important step in preventing harm is to have someone who takes the responsibility to report a problem when one exists at a site. Bill Burkart took many

pictures of the overgrown condition of the Lee Creek site to generate interest in that project.

An important example of protecting neglected sites is the Stewardship Program established by the Arkansas Archeological Society. A volunteer, or steward, is paired with an archeological site that needs monitoring.

The chairman of the Arkansas program is Chester Shaw. Many of you know him well from OAS digs.

An outline of Arkansas' program appears at www.arkarch.org. Click on the "Volunteer" tab at left, which opens three choices, then click on the last option, "Stewardship Program."

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The OAS plans to start a similar Stewardship Program. Details may be different — we're early in the planning stage.

A steward is not required to do clean up, but is expected to report at least annually on site conditions. This alerts others to any problem, so that necessary action can be taken.

For example, a site that has not been checked in a long time could be eroding into a stream, or there may be evidence of pot hunting. Maybe there is some site-clearing or other earth-moving going on that could cause harm. Reporting this activity helps prevent further damage.

If you are interested in serving on the OAS Stewardship Committee — or if you think you might like to act as a Steward — please contact me at chea1222@sbcglobal.net

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And this is my last column! My four years as President are up, effective at the OAS Spring Meeting in April.

Thanks to all of you who have been so kind to assist me, in ways large and small. I couldn't have done this job without you. I have enjoyed it. I care deeply about the OAS, but I'm ready for the new President to take over. Please offer your help, as you have generously helped me.

OAS Memoir No. 15 analyzes Caddo pottery

Oklahoma Anthropological Society Memoir No. 15 Identifying Variation: A Stylistic Analysis of Four Caddo Pottery Assemblages From Southeastern Oklahoma

OAS Memoir No. 15 constitutes Elsbeth Dowd's innovative use of late prehistoric Caddo pottery to study kinship and social ties between two villages on the Glover River and two on the Mountain Fork River. Both are in southeastern Oklahoma's McCurtain County.

These sites were occupied between 600 and 450 years ago.

Along the Glover, the McDonald site was dug by WPA crews, whereas the A.W. Davis site was dug in 1956 by an University of

Oklahoma Archaeological Field School directed by the late Dr. Robert E. Bell.

The Beaver and Johnson sites were dug in 1964 and 1965 by Don Wyckoff and Oklahoma River Basin Survey crews prior to the construction of today's Broken Bow Reservoir.

All four sites have occupations attributable to the McCurtain Focus or Phase. Shared pottery types include Nash Neck Banded, Simms Engraved, Hudson Trailed Incised, and Avery Engraved.

Dowd is a Ph.D. candidate in anthropology at OU in Norman. Her questions about kinship and social relationships among and between these small villages could not be answered effectively us-

ing traditional pottery types.

Consequently, she undertook a new approach that entailed careful recording of vessel forms, the diverse kinds of decorative motifs manifest on them, and the positioning of these motifs.

Her study sample consisted of 139 vessels from the four sites. Her study and color photos of the vessels and attributes compose the nearly 100 pages of Memoir No. 15.

This unusual monograph should be available for distribution to Society members at the April 23, 2011 Spring Meeting. It is expected to cost around \$20 a copy for those who are not supporting, contributing, or life members.

Awards, pins to be presented at OAS Spring Meeting

Several awards will be presented at the 2011 Spring Meeting.

Mary McHard, Awards Committee Chair, said nominations are in for the Golden Trowel Award at the April 23 meeting at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, Norman.

Another long tradition at the Oklahoma Anthropological Society, Membership Pins, also will be announced at the annual session.

If they are present, several OAS long timers will be asked to step forward to receive their pins, said OAS Treasurer Cathy Compton. In the interest of time, all 165 pin recipients will not be named at the meeting.

However, if they cannot attend, they can ask their Chapter representatives to pick up their pin, Compton said.

OAS Spring Meeting

April 23, 2011

Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, Norman

Registration 8:15 a.m.

Board Meeting 8:30 a.m.

Speakers 9:45 a.m.

General Meeting 11:15 a.m.

Lunch Noon

OAS Awards 1:30 p.m.

Speakers 2 p.m.

Summary 4:30 p.m.

Registration opens at 8:15 a.m. Membership pins will be announced at the OAS General Meeting at 11:15 a.m. OAS Awards are at 1:30 p.m., after the lunch break.

Among the longest-continuous members due pins are Kenneth Schenk, Fort Smith, 55 years; Jane Menzie, Norman, 50 years; Byron Sudbury, Ponca City, 45 years; Charles Wallis, Norman, 40 years.

Also Meeks Etchieson,

Hot Springs, Ark., 35 years; Gene Hellstern, Edmond, 30 years; Frieda and George O'Dell, Tulsa, 25 years; Curt and Mimi Hendricks, Oklahoma City, 20 years.

Also Kenneth Kraft, Stillwater, 15 years; Charles Surber, Tulsa, 10 years; and Charles and Nita Cheatham, Oklahoma City, five years.

Meeting

(Continued from Page 1) author and craftsman from Anadarko, will present "Caddo Bow Making."

Edmond's Brent Greenwood, a nationally-known Ponca/Chickasha painter, will discuss "Old Traditions and Contemporary Visions."

Norman archeologist Charles Wallis, an avid student of Indian, American and European ceramics, will discuss "The Removal Period: Ceramics in Transition."

For more information, contact OAS President Cheatham at chea1222@sb-global.net.

In Memoriam

Loretta Bradbury

Loretta Bradbury, a longtime active member of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society and its Central Chapter in Oklahoma City, died Feb. 28.

Services were held March 4 at Mercer Adams Funeral Service.

Until recent years Loretta, 79, was a frequent volunteer at OAS digs. She pulled a big camper trailer behind her van, said OAS veteran Mary McHard.

"She seemed to come and enjoy it, and she went to a lot of digs in south-east Oklahoma," Mary said.

A native of Grapeland, Texas, Loretta lived in Oklahoma much of her life. Last year she retired from the state Department of Corrections.

She is survived by a son, Kevin Bradbury of Oklahoma City, and a brother, Elwood Henderson, Grapeland.

OAS seeks archival materials

Back copies of OAS publications are valuable. They can help fill gaps in the OAS archives. An inventory of all materials is under way. Storage unit shelves have been added to move valuable material into a safe and secure environment. Archive materials can be donated by contacting Mary McHard, Publications Chairman. If necessary, she can arrange to have the materials picked up and delivered to storage.

Contact her at dmmchard@flash.net (405) 525-7824

Rose Hill Dig

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sorbed so much of the diggers' energy in 2010.

"We have learned the footprint of the plantation house. The focus right now will be the structure itself. We also want to look at some features that show as circular on maps, but were not circular when we found them," said Hammerstedt.

Directing the dig are Hammerstedt and Amanda Regnier, both of the Oklahoma Archeological Survey in Norman, and state historian John Davis of the Oklahoma Historical Society. The Historical Society owns the Rose Hill Plantation site and may someday turn the site into a tourist destination.

Regnier said "The main house foundations are up on the rise in the western portion of the excavations. We will concentrate on following those foundation lines."

Searchers will continue to look for the property's two water wells, the sprawling front entrance, brick fireplaces and evidence of home life.

Then there's the outbuildings – Jones had slave quarters and the homes of the overseers. As many as 200 slaves would leave ample evidence of the life and times of a Civil War cotton plantation.

Finding the refuse dump is vital, Regnier said.

"The antebellum trash, the 1840s stuff, will tell us a lot about Col. Jones and his family and their life from the 1840s to 1880s," she said.

A few trees may be removed from west of the original site, although she won't know until she digs some more test holes, she said. It's possible volunteers may be able to dig around tree trunks and roots.

Working in the shade will be good. However, there's no guarantee insects will be gone, so Regnier recommends bug spray and protective clothing.

For more information, contact Hammerstedt at sw@ou.edu, Regnier at aregnier@ou.edu, or Davis at jdavis@okhistory.org.

Hugo area places to stay

For more information, contact Judy Wilson, Director Hugo Area Chamber of Commerce at (580) 326-7511
Email: hugo-chamber@sbcglobal.net

Motels

Choctaw Casino and Resort
Grant
580-326-8500

Hiway Inn Express,
Hugo
580-326-5100

Sandy Land Apts.
SH-70 East, Hugo
580-317-5121

RV Parks

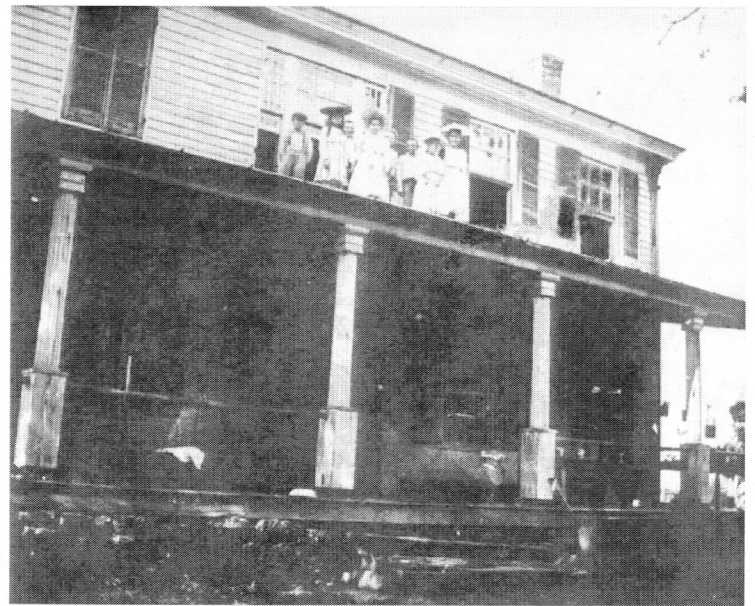
Frisco Depot RV park
Near Depot Museum, Hugo
30/50 amp sites, full hookup:
580-326-6630

Hugo Lake State Park
Lake front cabins
580-326-0303

Sawyer RV
Full RV setup
Virgil Point, Hugo Lake
580-326-0830

Shady Oak RV
Full RV setup
SH-70 in Sawyer
580-326-4527

Raymond Gary State Park
RV sites full hookups
Tent sites with water, electric
580-873-2307



In this vintage photo, visitors stand on the porch roof of the two-story Rose Hill Plantation house.

Rose Hill evening programs include visit to Elephant Breeding Farm

Coordinators plan four programs during the 10-day OAS Dig at Rose Hill Plantation, Hugo.

They include:

"The History of Rose Hill," a talk by John Davis, and an update on recent plantation site research by archaeologist Amanda Regnier.

Dinner followed with a visit to the Museum of the Red River, Idabel.

A tour of the Elephant Breeding Farm and Sanctuary in Hugo, Oklahoma's Circus Town.

A tour of Civil War town Doaksville followed by a Pioneer Chuck Wagon meal at Fort Towson (Saturday May 28)



An old portrait portrays plantation owner Robert Jones as a successful, wealthy young man of his time.

Photos courtesy Oklahoma Historical Society

Oklahoma archeology in the news

Oklahoma Clement site published in journal

Scott Hammerstedt and Amanda Regnier, archeologists with the Oklahoma Archeology Survey in Norman, and anthropology Prof. Patrick Livingood have co-authored a recent article in *Southeastern Archaeology*.

Hammerstedt is lead author in "Geophysical and Archaeological Investigations at the Clement Site, a Caddo Mound Complex in Southeastern Oklahoma."

The article appeared in the Vol. 29 No. 2 Winter 2010 issue of the journal.

Few professional archeological excavations have been conducted at Caddo sites in southeastern Oklahoma, the article said.

"In the past three years, faculty and students at the University of Oklahoma's Department of Anthropology, the Oklahoma Archeological Survey, and the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History have begun to revisit the prehistory of the

Caddo in this area through analysis of existing collections and new excavations."

Geophysical and archeological investigations at the Clement site (34Mc8) were conducted during the summer of 2008 by OU. The excavation revealed deep middens, intact mound stratigraphy, and architecture. The findings suggest the Clement site had multiple Caddo occupations spanning about 300 years.

Once described as the most striking feature of Mound A was a large shaft tomb.

The tomb contained the remains of at least 11 badly preserved individuals in three different groups, with associated grave goods, and cedar posts at each of the corners.

The WPA excavated the graves. In an agreement with the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma, grave excavation of their remains is not done today.

Choctaws to return ancestral remains to tribal homeland

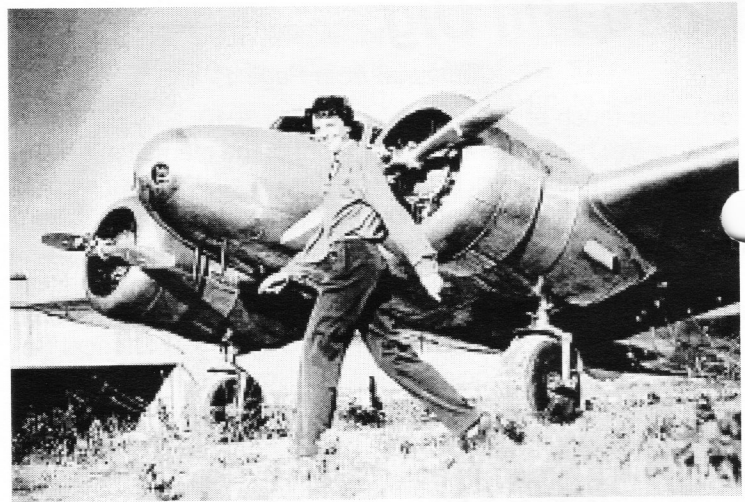
Choctaws will rebury the remains of their ancestors in keeping with the nation's repatriation agreement.

Almost a decade ago, the staff of Southeast Archeological Center in Tallahassee, Fla., found bones in their collection belonging

to members of the Taensa tribe. Some of today's Choctaws trace their lineage to the Taensa, said Ian Thompson, archeologist for the Choctaw Nation, Durant.

In an Feb. 25 article in *The Oklahoman*, Thompson said the Taensa remains will be reburied in the tribal homeland in Mississippi. The location is held secret to protect the cemetery against looters.

The repatriation agree-



Amelia Earhart and her Lockheed Electra biplane c. 1937.

OU lab aids in search of famed lost aviator

In a bid to track Amelia Earhart, scientists at the University of Oklahoma may yet determine whether bone fragments found on a South Pacific island belong to the famed aviator.

Asked to help with research, OU's Molecular Anthropology Laboratory has experience extracting genetic material from old bones

The lab recently tried to detect human DNA from three bone fragments recovered last year by the International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery. They failed in an initial attempt, according to a March 3 *Associated Press* story.

Earhart was declared dead in 1939. The international group says Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan may have died as castaways on the remote island of Nikumaroro, about 1,800 miles south of Hawaii.

The search area was near a site where native workers found remains in 1940. Bird and fish carcasses suggested Westerners had prepared meals there.

Researchers said Wednesday samples remain and could be tested later. Also testable is other evidence that may link Earhart to the island -- bottles and old makeup.

Choctaws traditionally believe that when people die, their spirits take a journey to the place they call the Land of Soul.

Their body returns to the earth, making the soil sacred.

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, a federal law passed in 1990, makes it possible for several American Indian tribes to reclaim their ancestors' remains.

Annual Bulletin in mail

By Bob Brooks, Editor

The OAS Annual Bulletin is back from the printers and in the mail to members.

I had planned on having the journal to the printers before Christmas, but I ran into some unexpected layout issues. I am working on solutions to this and hope to have the copy to the printers in a more timely fashion for the 2011 volume.

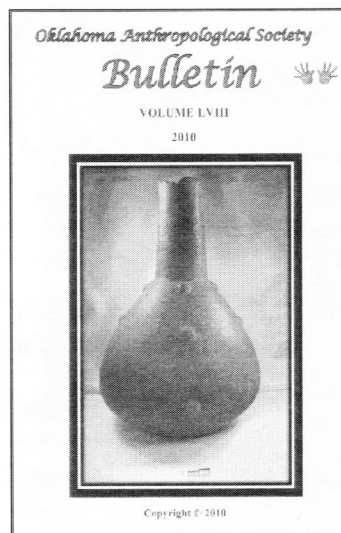
I think you will find some good reading in the 2010 Bulletin. There is an article by Don Wyckoff and Lane Richens on Calf Creek mate-

rial from Utah -- a long way from the Southern Plains!

Lee Bement and Solveig Turpin also have a nice article on a Middle Archaic cache from northern Mexico.

It's always good to see articles on the Texas Panhandle. Chris Lintz presents some interesting new data for the Franklin Ranch site in Gray County.

The remaining technical article is one Jim Cox and I collaborated on. It pertains to a collection from the Allcorn



site near Purcell. There is every indication that Arkansas River Basin Caddoans were residing in the area.

The last piece for this year's journal is a compilation of Rose King's articles on the history of the Society. The articles originally appeared in the OAS Newsletter in the 1980s. I hope that some member (or members) will take up the challenge of updating the history of the OAS from 1980 to 2000.

And, please remember that the journal is interested in your studies as well. I'm sure a number of you have interesting collections or photo essays of past OAS excavations that can be shared with the membership. You are welcome to contact me at rbrooks@ou.edu

Sweat equity pays off at Lee Creek Ceremonial Mound

After months of work, a small crew of Oklahoma Anthropological Society volunteers and Boy Scouts have returned Lee Creek Mound to much of its original appearance.

Until last November the site, sacred to the Caddo who built and used it about 500 years ago, was covered in brush, trees and weeds. Then members of the three OAS chapters stepped forward for a cleanup project.

Tahlequah, McAlester and Ark-Home chapters participated.

The group has been working toward a March 27 deadline. At that time, visitors were offered a look at the site during the 53rd annual Caddo Conference, held in nearby Fort Smith, Ark.

Even though completion will come with final sweep of weeds from a fence corner, the site interior is now grassy and smooth. Grass seed will be used to cover the fill soil provided by Sequoyah County Commissioners.

Thomas Purdin, Tahlequah Chapter, and Connie Masters, McAlester Chapter, coordinated the project. Other volunteers were Earl White of Hackett, Ark., Bob Dalton and Phil Hayden of the Ark-Homa Chapter, Bill Burkart of Tahlequah, and archeologists Scott Hammerstedt and Amanda Regnier of the Oklahoma Archeological Survey in Norman.

Assisting them were members of Boy Scout Troop 731, Sallisaw. Scout leaders Scott Brantley and Rodney Click supervised their wards.

They dragged and stacked debris on a trailer and hauled it from the ancient mound near Sallisaw.

Participating from Sallisaw Boy Scout Troop 731 were Scouts Jamie Brantley, Tyler Fletcher, Woody Click, Joseph Braund, Luke Capehart, and Will Carney.



Boy Scouts from Troop 731 in Sallisaw gather trees and brush at Lee Creek Mound where months of work have cleaned off the site.

"We hope work by the Scouts will count toward an Archaeology Merit Badge," said Connie Masters. "The Scouts will get OAS pins and certificates thanking them for their effort."

Although the mound looks good, several months of work remain, Masters said. Volunteers will be needed to cut trees and clean out vines and weeds around the south and west fences. Much of the fence will need replaced.

"This will be an ongoing project to keep it looking nice. although we've

done a lot and have it very presentable for the Caddo Conference tour," she said.

The site owner, the Oklahoma Historical Society, has contracted with the group to maintain the property. The volunteers provide the labor and materials.

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OAS Board Minutes

Minutes of the recent OAS Board Meeting are presented in brief. For a full transcript, see the OAS Website www.okarcheology.org

OAS Board Meeting Jan. 29, 2011

The Winter Board Meeting of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society opened at 1:30 p.m. January 29, 2011, at the Oklahoma Archeological Survey in Norman.

Meeting called to order by President Charles Cheatham. The sign-in sheet showed 25 registered.

Minutes (Secretary Trina Menzie absent, no July report available) Jon Denton gave October 2010 Report. October minutes approved as presented. President Cheatham appointed Cari Foster Acting Secretary.

Treasurer (Cathy Compton) Report on income and expenses. (See OAS Website for budget details as reported in the minutes).

Membership (Debra Baker for Jana Brown) Joining were 29 Active, 15 student, 22 Contributing, 9 Sustaining, 19 Institution, 10 more Renewals.

Bulletin (Editor Bob Brooks) The 2010 OAS Annual mailing expected in early March.

Newsletter (Editor Jon Denton) With an eye to savings, he only published three newsletters in 2010. Will commit to four Newsletters in 2011, but shorter versions.

OAS Publication Sales (Publications Chair Mary McHard) In 2010, sold 9 sets of Bell-Perino Point Guides, 11 Memoirs, 10 Annual Bulletins, five Handbooks, four Trowel Marks, seven charts from Lawrence Site BOAS, for

total \$1,139.50 in sales, \$81 for shipping and handling, for year total \$1,220.50.

Past OAS Publications (Liz Leith) Looking for assistance on scanning past publications so that they can be placed on computer disc. Cari Foster volunteered to assist with scanning past newsletters.

Request for OAS Materials (Charles Cheatham) The Board again rejected the request by Gary Connor to reconsider use of 40-50 sketches of points from OAS publications in a computer program identifying point types.

Certification (Amanda Regnier and Scott Hammerstedt) Will attempt to hold labs once a month. Board approved request to reprint 50 OAS Log books with a \$500 limit.

Memoirs (Editor Don Wyckoff) Memoir No. 15 should be at press by March

1, will draw from Elsbeth Dowd's Masters thesis of Caddo Pottery in different watersheds.

Web page (Webmaster Larry Shaver) "Mark Your Calendar" has been updated with Meeting dates and Spring Dig information along with dig photos.

Dig Committee (Chairman William Menzie absent) President Cheatham nominated Andy Slaucitajs, Tulsa, as Dig Chairman. Board approved.

Spring Dig 2011 (Amanda Regnier) Amanda and Scott Hammerstedt will set final date. State Historian John Davis has promoted Rose Hill and OAS at the Oklahoma Historical Society meetings.

Dig Trailer (Dig Chairman Andy Slaucitajs) Talk of insuring trailer, where to park it.

Request to Join (Cheatham) The Council of Affiliated Societies is SAA affiliated. Board approved.

Awards Committee (Chair Mary McHard) Awards will be given at April 2011 Annual Meeting.

Spring Meeting (Program Chair Cathy Compton) Jeri Redcorn among

speakers.

Membership Pins. New Dye Cast \$120. Board approved up to \$400 for pins and engravings.

Lee Creek Mound Cleanup Project (Bill Hayden) Site ready for v... ing by March 25.

Stewardship Program: Charles Cheatham will be Chairman, Bob Brooks Committee Advisor.

Vacant Positions: Curt Hendricks will be Ethics Committee Chairman. Still needed are a Historian and a Membership chairman.

Chapter Reports: Reports presented by Chapter Representatives from Oklahoma City, Lawton, Tulsa, Norman.

Spring Meeting: April 23 at Noble Museum, Norman.

OAS Spring Dig set May 21-30 at Rose Hill Plantation, Hugo.

Summer Board Meeting at Survey Office, Norman, July date TBA

Fall Meeting: T Chapter will be host in Tulsa area. October date TBA

Announcements: Don Wyckoff's retirement lecture is Feb. 13 at Museum of Natural History, Norman.

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Lab work under way on Rose Hill Plantation artifacts

Artifacts from the antebellum period of Rose Hill Plantation are rare finds as the laboratory analysis proceeds.

More evidence of life on the plantation will likely surface during the OAS Spring Dig, said archeologist Amanda Regnier. The Survey, the Oklahoma His-



At the Rose Hill Dig, Bob Dalton, Callisaw, holds a dinner bell from the tenant trash dump.

Rose Hill Artifacts Laboratory

Historical
Archaeology
Methods (S10)
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday April 16

Oklahoma
Archeological
Survey Office
111 E Chesapeake
Norman

torical Society, and OAS are cooperating in the venture.

The next OAS Dig at the site is May 21-30. Regnier and Scott Hammerstedt are lead archeologists at the excavation southeast of Hugo. They direct lab work in their office at the Oklahoma Archeological Survey, Norman.

Mostly nails, bottles, glass and ceramics were brought to the lab from the October 2010

OAS Fall Dig. The materials indicate the presence of a 1930-era tenant, who discarded rubbish on the original house foundations, Regnier said.

"We've analyzed about one-third of the material, and most of it probably came from the period after the Jones house burned in 1907. It was used as a garbage dump after it burned," she said.

Volunteers have attended four lab sessions, working from 10 a.m. to 5



Lab volunteers Sharon and Ray McAllister, Oklahoma City, sort and identify varied glass shards from the Rose Hill Plantation excavation.

p.m. to clean, sort, analyze and organize materials from the dig.

The next session is April 16 at the Survey office, 111 E Chesapeake, on the University of Oklahoma South Campus.

For more information, contact Amanda Regnier at aregnier@ou.edu.



Archeologist Scott Hammerstedt examines a Rose Hill artifact from the cleaning table at the Oklahoma Archeological Survey Laboratory.



At the dig, Ed Mayfield of the Oklahoma City OAS Chapter holds a perfect point, one of few prehistoric period items discovered so far.

Book

Jon Denton
Reviews Editor

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Silent Witness: The Diary Of A Historic Tree At Fort Sill

By Towana Spivey

Donning Publishers 2010
Illustrated 80 pages \$24.95
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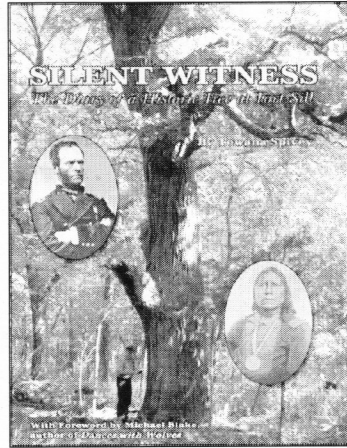
Towana Spivey is widely known as a storyteller with a knack for bringing history to life. His passion for the past is keenly expressed in "Silent Witness," a quick guide to the events and people of Fort Sill.

With a twist, Spivey uses an ancient tree to convey the Army post's eventful story. Located just off hole 16 on the Fort Sill Golf Course, the giant burr oak tree holds its own for two and a half centuries.

While at first, using the great oak as a narrator seems like a pitch to engage the younger set of readers, the grandfather tree unfolds a unique perspective.

Spivey has lived enough of the fort's history to write first person. A member of the Chickasaw Nation, for almost 30 years he has directed the Fort Sill National Historic Landmark Museum.

"Silent Witness" takes it all in. It moves quickly from Medicine Bluffs, a promontory long held sacred by the Indians, to the tribes that occupied the southwest Oklahoma area – the Wichita, Comanche, Kiowa and Apache – and their military counterparts of Sherman, Custer, Sheridan and the soldiers they commanded.



The book sketches the appearance of prominent civilians working or visiting at the fort – Teddy Roosevelt, Charles Lindbergh, Will Rogers and Harry Truman.

Intriguing as it is, the text is ably assisted by the photographs used in illustration. Spivey shows us Fort Sill's tar asphalt pond, a Wichita grass house, a military baseball game circa 1869. We see Making Medicine, the first Native American Anglican declared a saint; a picture of Apache Chief Geronimo stiffly posing with his biographer; an exploding hydrogen dirigible in 1918, and a color shot of Atomic Annie, a cannon-fired nuclear projectile tested at Fort Sill in 1953.

Spivey's book is no doubt headed for dozens of school libraries across Oklahoma. Students exposed to "Silent Witness" will develop a thirst for history, quickly told and ably illustrated.

– Jon Denton

(Copies of "Silent Witness: The Diary of a Historic Tree at Fort Sill" are available at Lawton Fort Sill Chamber of Commerce by calling (580) 355-3541).

The Killing of Crazy Horse By Thomas Powers

Knopf Publishing 2010
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The history of the western United States in the late 1800s is characterized by widespread violence and an abundance of revenge killings. Anarchy ruled the day.

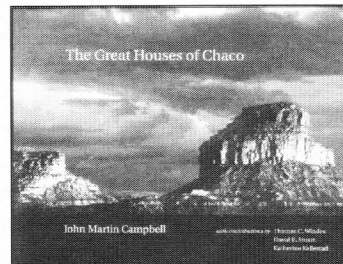
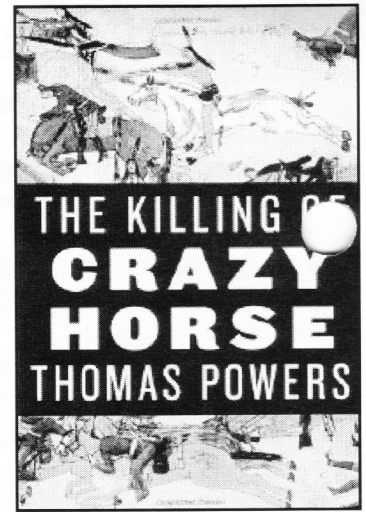
Crazy Horse was a fierce Sioux warrior. He was a principal antagonist in the death of George Armstrong Custer and his troops at the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876.

This highly detailed biography relates the minute-by-minute account of how Crazy Horse died a violent death after his surrender to the military authorities. A century of controversy has hovered around the death of Crazy Horse while he was in federal custody, and the book makes much of it.

Even under minute examination, Crazy Horse emerges as a mysterious figure. He was a warrior of few words. The Crow said they knew him best among the Sioux, because he always came closest to them in battle.

History books of this heavyweight caliber can be fascinating. However, the casual reader might be put off by the mass of details. Even so, the book's ending is a little disappointing. It only lightly touches on the Crazy Horse Memorial in South Dakota's Black Hills. The author's take on that project would have been interesting – and it certainly belongs in this comprehensive story.

– Neil Garrison



The Great Houses of Chaco

By John M. Campbell et al

University of New Mexico
Press 2007

Illustrated Hardcover
150 Pages \$27.95

ISBN-13: 9780826342485

Those fortunate to visit Chaco Canyon, an arid, high-desert setting in northwestern New Mexico, will find Campbell's book a rewarding return.

Captured in fine texture and tone, the Chaco Great Houses emerge in vivid, desert sunlight and deep shadow. While you also get pottery, petroglyphs, desert buttes and landscapes, this is more than a coffee table picture book.

A generous and descriptive text comes from contributors David E. Stuart, University of New Mexico; Thomas C. Windes, retired archaeologist, Chaco Culture National Historical Park and adjunct lecturer of anthropology at the university; and Katherine Kallestad, anthropologist, archivist, and Campbell's able research assistant.

Campbell is a talented amateur photographer who appreciates the tone and texture of a fine black and white picture. In the preface, he tells how he cranks up his antique Graflex Crown Graphic flatbed camera and hauls it and a tripod around Chaco, looking for choice vantage points.

He captures details pointed out by trail rangers and guides, a flash of beauty that invites retrospection.

– Jon Denton

A bad day for Bowstrings

Story and illustration
By Seth Hawkins

The Sacred Arrow Keepers learned that their venture would come to no good, but the brash, young Bowstrings were headstrong in their desire to make the hazardous journey south, and soon.

Under intense pressure from these quirt-wielding warriors, and after a severe thrashing, the old priest reluctantly submitted to their demands, performing the tedious renewal ceremony.

It was the custom of Cheyenne warriors to replenish their herds and gain war honors by raiding neighboring tribes.

While the short grasses of the high plains were still green from spring rains, the Bowstring warrior clan chose the Kiowa and Comanche villages along the Canadian, Washita, and Red Rivers as the objects of their next clandestine enterprise.

And so with that malevolent prophecy still ringing in their ears, 48 foot-bound Bowstrings, with full quivers, extra moccasins, and sheathed knives at their side, left their encampment along the Arkansas to begin their trek in search of plunder and status.

Far to the west, white, billowing thunderheads rose ominously above the horizon.

The long, serpentine line of loin-clothed adventurers, their bronzed, sweating bodies glistening under the blazing summer sun, made their way quickly toward the immense herds of their old foes.

After long, hot days of travel, foraging as they moved south, these clan brothers neared their destination.

Scouts were now sent out ahead of the main

party, moving secretly along deep ravines and river bottoms, avoiding the high divides and possible detection. Crossing the upper reaches of the Cimarron, Beaver, Canadian and Washita Rivers, the two "wolves" finally located Kiowa lodges nestled among the cool shadows of cottonwood and willow lining a small creek above the Red's North Fork.

Leaving the main body secluded in a small ravine, the scouts advanced slowly toward the enemy's camp.

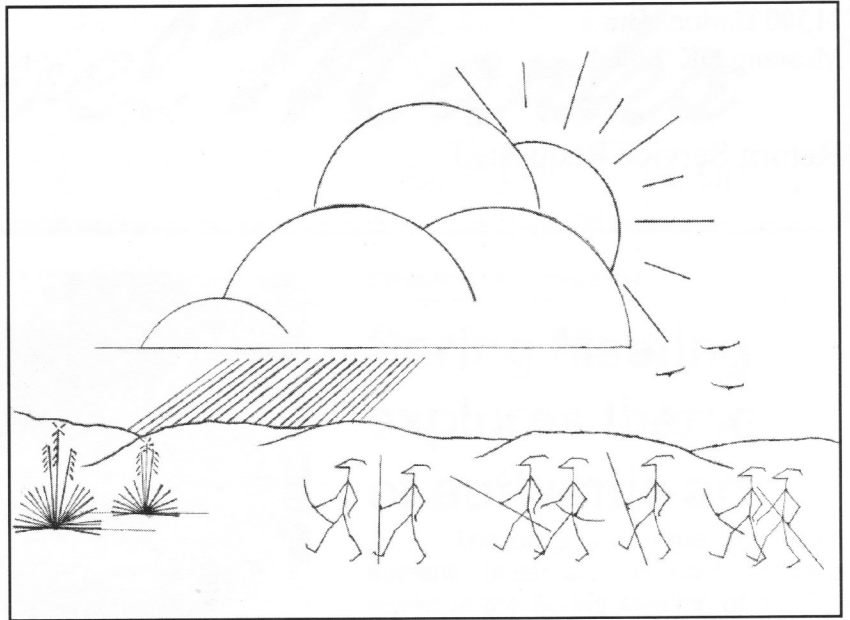
Reaching the rim of a high, grass-covered bluff, they viewed the smoke-stained, conical shapes scattered along the wooded stream. Beyond were clustered herds of quietly grazing horses and mules, unaware of the strangers that gazed down upon them from the craggy heights.

As a lone Kiowa horseman returned from a brief hunting foray, he noticed two figures lying prone at the edge of the canyon's lip. Thinking they were fellow tribesmen, he set off in their direction.

The Bowstrings, startled by his approach, jumped to their feet, and let loose with two arrows.

The Kiowa, just as surprised, yanked his horse to a halt, wheeled about, and galloped to the village below, raising the alarm as he went.

Within seconds, Kiowa warriors emerged from their lodges, bows strung and arrows readied. While some gave chase on foot, others grabbed their war ponies and began the deadly pursuit.



The Bowstring scouts fled in the direction of their comrades. By the time they had reached their brothers, several had already fallen. Kiowa, Apache, and Comanche were now arriving in clusters from up and down the valley, cries of battle rending the once calm, peaceful day.

The Bowstrings quickly threw up a meager breastwork of stone and deadwood across the floor of the ravine. They fought bravely, sending arrow for arrow, as one by one, their clansmen fell.

Like black vultures circling the staggering remains of a puma-wounded buffalo, increasing numbers of the enemy menacingly surrounded the remaining Cheyenne warriors, sensing victory close at hand.

When the flight of their arrows finally ceased, the few remaining Bowstrings, bloodied and exhausted, their friends scattered haphazardly at their feet, stoically unsheathed their knives, as they awaited the final assault.

And as the brilliant summer sun slowly gave way to the darkening skies of a late afternoon lightning-pierced thunder shower, Bowstring death songs rose

from dry, parched lips, and drifted mournfully skyward, carried homeward on a gentle southern breeze.

In 1837, members of the Bowstring Warrior Society organized a horse raiding party and headed south. They were never seen again. Word of their deaths reached the Cheyenne villages by way of a Plains Apache, married to an Arapaho woman, while visiting her people.

A new Bowstring Society was organized by Yellow Wolf. The old arrow keeper was killed a year later on Wolf Creek during the fight against the Kiowa to avenge the loss of their Bowstring warriors.

Oddly enough, almost two decades prior to the 1837 debacle, a similar incident took place far to the north on the Tongue River where a previous generation of Bowstrings raided the Crow. As in 1837, all were lost.

To this day, Bowstring members are playfully chided for the rash behavior of their predecessors.

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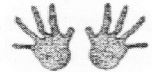
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May 28: TBA

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