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## *Mark Your Calendar*

### **Chipeta Chapter Meetings**

There will be no meeting in January. If all goes well, the next meeting will be on February 16, 2022.

### **Field Trips**

**Save the Date: March 13-16, 2022**

Leigh Ann will be hosting a field trip out of **Camp Verde, Arizona** the week of **March 13** this year. The Archaeological Center has moved to a new, enlarged building in Camp Verde and there are multiple sites to see, so the itinerary is TBA, but may include local guides and sites near Sedona and Camp Verde, Red Tank Draw, Prescott area, Agua Fria National Monument, or a repeat visit to the Rock Art Ranch out of Winslow.





## President's Corner

by Sally Johnson

*Photo by Sally Johnson*

Happy New Year to all. Again, the year starts out with our lives in a holding pattern. But there is always a bright side to living in our area. We can go out within an hour or two to enjoy the outside. The past year, even though we only met in person a few times, we still had field trips and a wet summer gathering, and we hosted a great state conference. I want to thank the Board members, trip leaders, and volunteers for keeping the chapter going. Another important couple behind the scenes is Dave Batten and Anne Cable. Anne is the mind behind the website and has come up with a way that hopefully, you are not getting those wonderful emails about gift cards, help to get out of a country, or jail. She has also updated the website to make it more compatible with mo-

bile devices. As you know we have an outstanding journal from our editor Dave, who always comes up with some articles that give us an insight into a subject. He continues to educate us and gives us the ability to research a new topic or an ongoing topic but with a different viewpoint. He always makes sure that any latest information is in the journal for all members.

As a Board, we have met and discussed the site steward program with Colin Price, the new BLM representative. Leigh Ann will be the point person on that project. We are also looking for a secretary for the board, so please let me know if you could help out. The Board has also discussed reviewing the by-laws and updating them in the next couple of months. We will keep you updated on the process. Again, thank you, everyone, for the support this organization has enjoyed in the last couple of years.

Sally





## Chipeta Library Update

by Sally Johnson

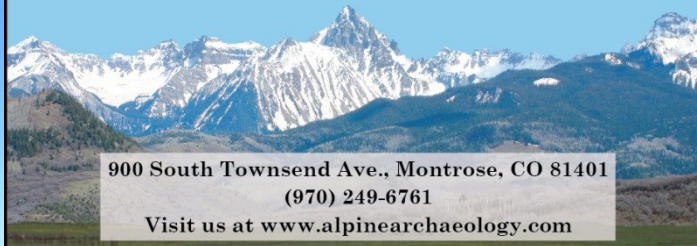
Alpine Archaeology is moving to a new office. This means that the Chipeta Library has to be moved too. Linda Manske is our librarian and if you have never visited the library, you were missing out on a well-organized collection of data. With the help of two little helpers including Bill Manske, we were able to move the library collection to the Montrose Historical Museum for a few months.

While moving the items, Linda and I discussed many of the items with Kim Redman from Alpine and Leigh Ann Hunt about the relevance of some items in the collection. With most of the information on the world wide web, the question is whether we should keep hard copies. When it warms up a little, we will be reviewing the collection, and there will be some items offered to the membership. Stay tuned in the spring for the opportunity to maybe get some desired reading material.



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## The Squint and Juanita Moore Scholarship

Created in honor of Chipeta Chapter founding member Carlyle "Squint" Moore and his wife, the scholarship is awarded each year to a deserving high school senior or college student intending to enroll or already enrolled in an Anthropology or Archaeology program. Students can apply online at collegeXpress—and note that the deadline is April 1.

The scholarship is managed by the Montrose Community Foundation. If you wish to donate, please send your tax deductible donations to the Montrose Community Foundation, PO Box 3020, Montrose, CO 81402. Please put "Moore Scholarship" in the memo line.



## Crescent Canyon Field Trip

by Leigh Ann Hunt

On December 16, a group of seven Chipeta Chapter members managed to get in a field trip to Crescent Canyon in Utah, between snow storms. It was cold but clear and with guidance from Dennis Devore, Leigh Grench, and myself, we saw five or six sites and features, including one with Barrier Canyon figures that is fenced off from livestock in the lower reaches of Crescent Canyon.



Anyone who wishes to conduct their own field trip there, with a hike one way of 1.7 miles, should contact me or Dennis for directions. It is a suitable and scenic locale for a winter hike, with only three miles of gravel road to traverse, easily done when it is frozen.



## From the Editor

Here's a cautionary tale about a passage I read in an article from a respected science magazine, written by a very well-respected paleoanthropologist. Contrary to my usual practice and in order to protect the guilty, I'm not going to cite the article. Further, I will use the pronoun they to refer to the author or authors. The otherwise well-written and thought-provoking article called attention to a *Homo erectus* thigh bone from Kenya that showed clear signs of Hypervitaminosis A (a disease that would ultimately have been fatal, but with which the individual had lived for some time in considerable pain).

The author felt the need to explain Hypervitaminosis A a bit before proceeding with the main theme, and here is where things begin to unravel. They pointed out that the disease comes from an overdose of Vitamin A, such as you might get from eating the liver of a carnivore. To illustrate, they cited the Australasian Antarctic Expedition of 1911 to 1914: an expedition member died and another was sickened by Hypervitaminosis A because they lost their supply sled in a crevasse, and were reduced to consuming sled dog, seal, and polar bear livers. They were apparently unaware of the dangers, even though they had been warned by indigenous informants not to eat polar bear livers.

OK, wait a minute. Backup a little bit. A man was killed and another sickened by eating polar bear livers in Antarctica? The indigenous people warned them about that danger? Did I read that right? I had to go back and check to make sure they said it was an Antarctic expedition. Then I had to look up the expedition to make sure it wasn't a typo. Then I had to look up to make sure that there are no polar bears in Antarctica. I didn't even have to verify that there were no indigenous people in Antarctica.

Now, I'm being unfair about the indigenous people. It makes sense that the expedition leaders would have talked to indigenous people from the Arctic who dealt with extreme conditions on a daily basis, and who were experts about dogs and sleds. My initial reaction may have been unduly critical. They probably advised the expedition not to eat carnivore livers in general. But I was still stunned by the idea that the expeditioners disregarded that advice and ate polar bear livers in Antarctica, even though they were at least 12,500 miles away from the nearest polar bear! And let's say for the sake of argument that they found and dispatched a polar bear that had inadvertently swum to Antarctica while looking for seals in the Arctic. If the two men had had the great good fortune to kill a polar bear and had just eaten the whole thing, would they still have been so hungry that they had to finish off the liver as well?

Wikipedia informed me that in fact, the two men did apparently contract Hypervitaminosis A, and one of them did indeed die in delirium, but the guilty carnivores whose livers were eaten happened to be sled dogs—and the livers were eaten most likely because the dogs themselves were in such poor condition that there was precious little meat on their bones, so the liver looked attractive, and more palatable than the rest of the dog.

Mistakes happen, of course, but I'm really quite amazed that the mistake made it past the author(s)—who I have always admired and respected—and a number of editors to make it into print. I'll just think of this as a cautionary tale. We should always check our facts, and we should be careful about trusting everything we see in print, even in scientific magazines and journals.



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- Report vandalism to appropriate authorities.
- Support only scientifically and legally conducted archaeological activities.
- Conduct field and/or laboratory activities using professionally accepted standards.
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- Accept the responsibility, if serving as principal investigator, to publish the results and make the collection available for further study.

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## TO JOIN OR RENEW:

- Go to the Chipeta Chapter website and follow the membership links.

### Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC)

The 2022 schedule has not been posted, but some information is available here:

<https://www.historycolorado.org/paac-classes>

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## Want More?

Archaeology Southwest is a great link to find out about current issues and events relating to Southwest Archaeology.

## Field Trip Committee

Leigh Ann Hunt, Joe Oglesby, and George Decker

For more information on upcoming field trips and to sign up, please contact the Field Trip Leader

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