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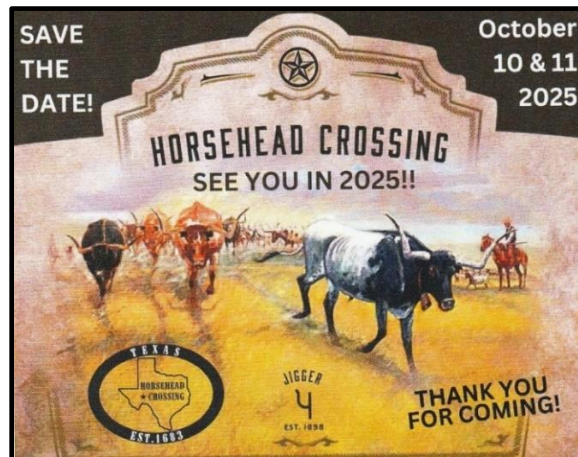
September 2025

Horsehead Crossing Event Volunteers Needed

If you plan to attend the Horsehead Crossing event for early camping or live in the vicinity, I could use your help with setup. Last year, it was only Dave Hurlburt and myself. Unfortunately, Dave will be unable to attend this year. The committee is dedicating one volunteer to assist in Dave's place. We are responsible for setting up the lecture pavilion. If you can help, please get in touch with me. tcashmo@gmail.com

Horsehead Crossing Event YouTube promo video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkUqE9LYyBI>



Safety First

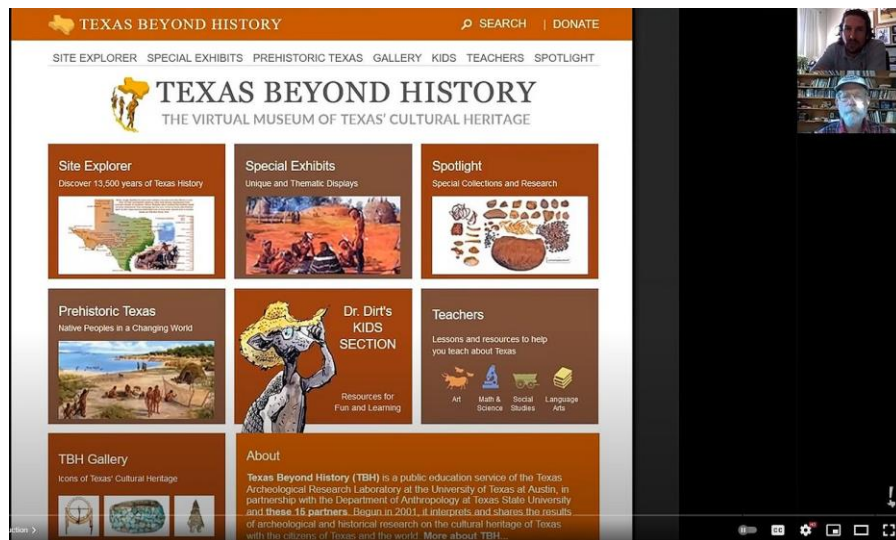
Historical archaeology is different from traditional archaeology. We do not work in a small area, going down in meter squares with trowels, buckets, and screens. We do reconnaissance over large areas, surveying and mapping. When we do find a location of interest, we are usually metal detecting and mapping artifact locations. Because of this methodology, we often have individuals or small two-person teams widely spread out over distances, roaming through vast spaces, along creek beds, and canyons. We have performed very well over the years by working with experienced personnel; however, unforeseen events can still occur. When it does, we need to stay in touch with each other to address it promptly. That is why we recently purchased six long-range walkie-talkies. These have a 3-mile range and can be worn with earpieces. We will use these on future reconnaissance of areas that we expect to be widely dispersed.



Texas Beyond History Zoom Session on YouTube

Dr. Steven Black is one of the most prominent archaeologists in Texas higher education. He originally began the Texas Beyond History website before moving to Texas State University to make his mark in Texas archeology. After his retirement, he returned to his website to continue expanding and updating it. This Zoom session is a walkthrough of the website, highlighting its many educational sections. Most of us have visited websites during some kind of research, but I think you'll be surprised at everything available on this incredible site. Below is the YouTube link to the Zoom session.

https://youtu.be/M-6UE0VgxS0?si=0RzB2Tz4_5CgPN-o



Upcoming Events (field projects will be emailed separately)

Sep 10, noon: Ft Concho Speakers Series, Ft Concho Commissary Bldg, 'The Lady In Blue Pictograph Story at Meyers Spring Pictograph Wall'

Sep 12, 10 a.m.: Cattle Trails Showcase Zoom, 2025 Horsehead Crossing Event (link to be sent via email)

Sept 18, 6 p.m.: Seminole Days, Carver School, Brackettville 'Camp Meyers Spring Update'

Sep 19, 7 p.m.: Absentee Seminole Tribe of Texas, St. John Missionary Outreach, Brackettville 'Camp Meyers Spring Update'

Sep 30, 7 p.m.: Haskell County Historical Commission, Fort Sam Military and Antique Vehicle Museum, 'Following The Butterfield Trail Across West Texas'

Oct 10/11: Horsehead Crossing – Goodnight Loving Trail Celebration

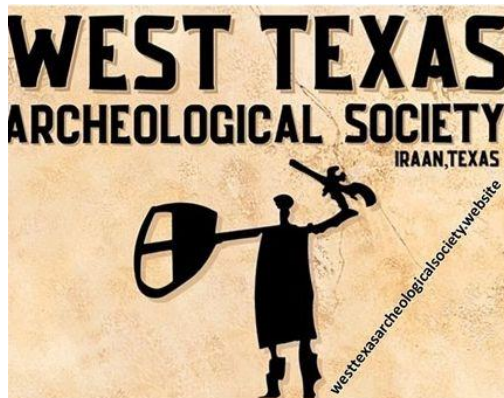
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