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<https://westtexasarcheologicalsociety.website>

April 2026

Camp Meyers Spring 2026 Booklet To Tom Green County Library

We are happy to add one more significant 135-page report to the Tom Green Library research section. We will also be providing one to the Terrell County Library. Digital copies will be sent to various other archival research centers.



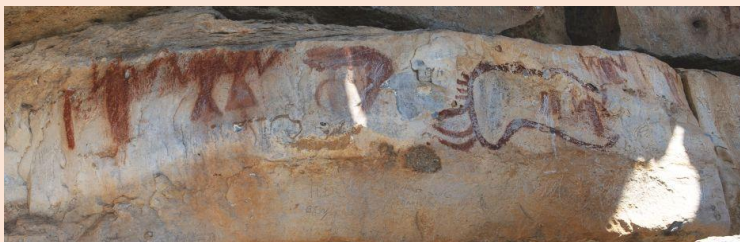
Paint Rock Equinox and the Jumano Pictograph

We reported in our recent study that the Paint Rock pictograph is likely Jumano and probably a celebration of a pregnancy within the tribe. We have titled it the **‘Pregnancy-Panel-of-Life-Celebration’** panel.



Forrest Kirkland's 1935 drawing of the panel

We now have an additional interesting item we just found and confirmed at this year's equinox. There are also equinox solar markers on this pictograph panel that look very intentional. At 1:40 P.M. on the equinox, a shaft of light appears at the foot and grows to pierce the belly of the depiction we have determined to be a pregnant woman (in morning sickness), the panel being a celebration of life. We have updated our report to include this incredible event and sent it out to all members. You can also find it on the website by downloading the report.

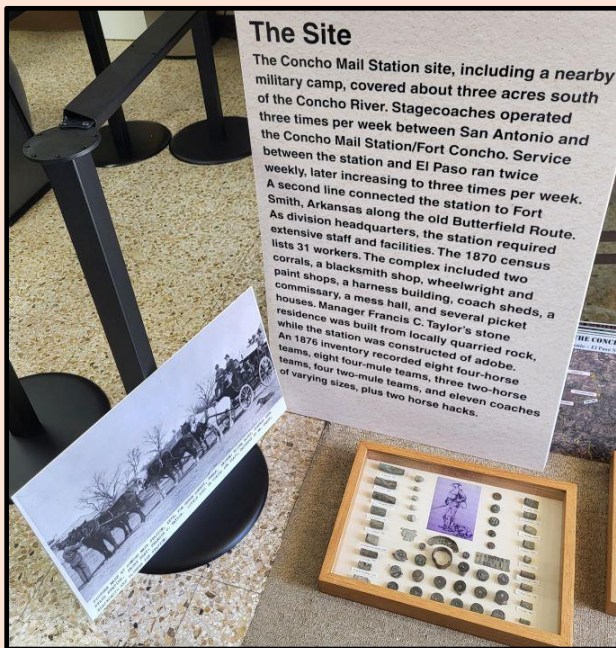


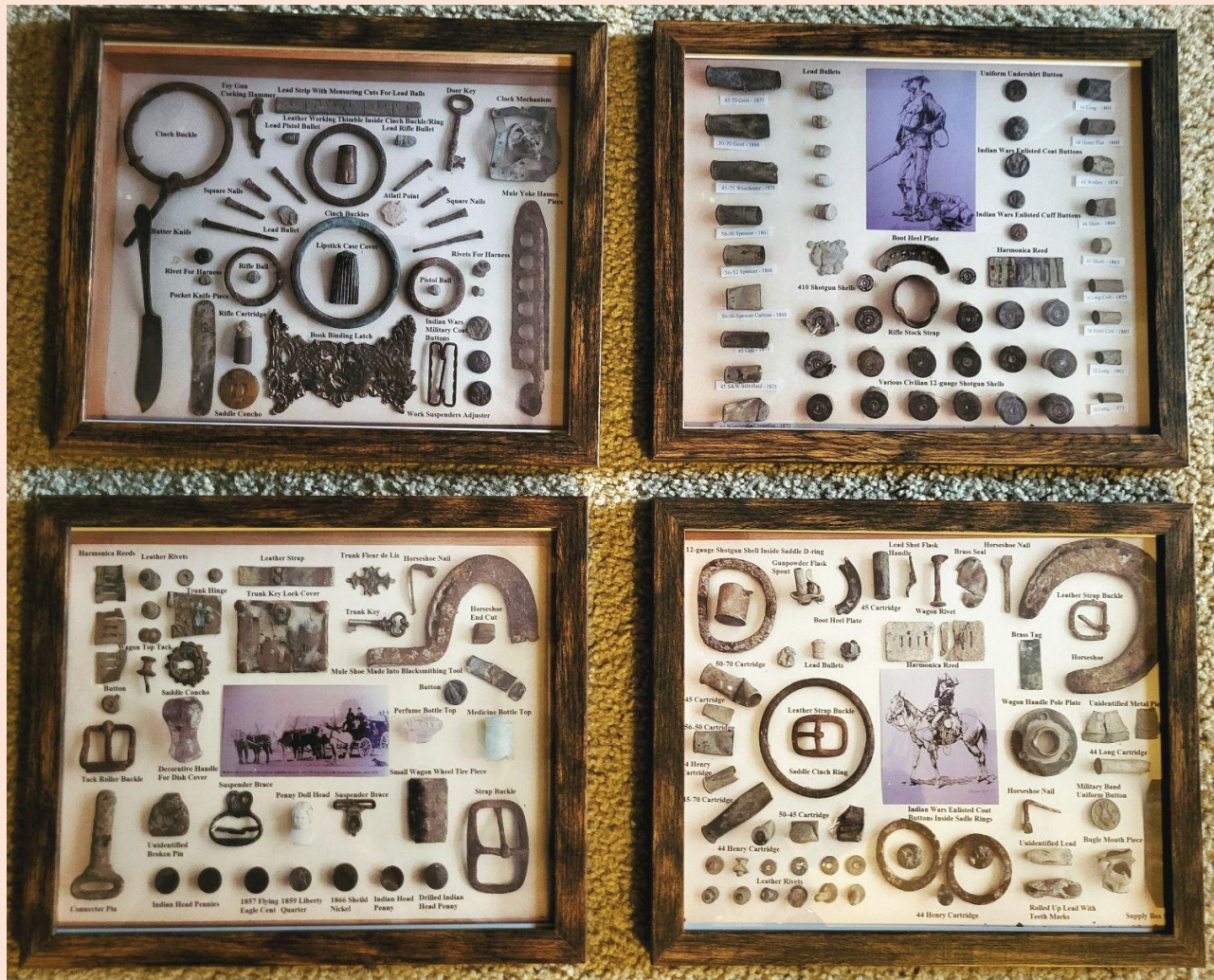


C.A. taking sequenced photos

Concho Mail Station Display At Fort Concho

The printed display materials have been delivered, and we continue our progress toward the display area in the Fort Concho headquarters building. After a few more preparations on the artifact displays, we will be putting the full display into the awaiting cabinets. Fort Concho and the Board of Directors are covering most of the costs for this display. I've also created artifact identification images that will sit next to the display cases.





West Texas Historical Association Meeting – WTAS Table

At this year’s meeting (see below April 10/11), I will have a WTAS table to introduce our organization. I will have a promo video running, promo materials to give out, and some items to encourage donations toward our efforts.

Upcoming Events (field projects will be emailed separately)

April 10/11: West Texas Historical Association Annual Meeting, MCM Elegante Hotel, Lubbock, TX

Heritage Room 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM Friday – Chair: Tom Ashmore, West Texas Archaeological Society

The Jumano Picture Story of ‘The Lady in Blue’

Heritage Room 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM Saturday - Joint Session with the Edwards Plateau Historical Association-- Building West Texas; Trails, Places, and People: 1

Lisa Dennis Mahler, Director of the Borden County Museum— The Ruffini Brothers: Ernst Frederick and Oscar

Golda Foster, Edwards Plateau Historical Association, The Mother County: Tom Green County, and those who came from it

Tom Ashmore, West Texas Archeological Society, The Goodnight-Loving Trail across West Texas - The Real Lonesome Dove

Apr 25: Southwest Federation of Archeological Societies' Symposium, Amarillo, TX

The next SWFAS symposium will be held on April 25th at the Springhill Suites in Amarillo. Last year, the symposium was skipped, so we are giving three presentations this year. More information coming soon.

May 9: WTAS Day at Meyers Spring Ranch – A full family day of tours! (details to be emailed)

WTAS Day At Meyers Spring Saturday, May 9th 2026

This will be a full day of touring.

- Arrive at Highway 349 gate (6 miles north of Dryden) Saturday by 9.00 a.m. (put 'Meyers Spring Ranch' in Google Maps for directions)
- Escort vehicle will lead to ranch (30 min on ranch road) and gather at ranch barn for morning beverages, bathroom breaks, and introduction for the day's events.
- Head down to Meyers Spring pictograph wall
- Lunch at the barn, provided by WTAS & Thad Steele.
- Head to Camp Meyers Spring to view the various military camps we have uncovered over the last three years.

Those wishing to stay overnight Friday and/or Saturday, can check with us for availability in bunkhouses.

Tent/van camper camping allowed if requested in advance.

(A fairly difficult ranch road means no large RVs please)

This is a family-friendly event, but sorry, no pets allowed.

This is your chance to see the story-pictographs of the Jumano's Spanish Conquistador interpretation, the Apache Crown Dancer, and the Jumano & Lady In Blue. We will also visit three of the military camps and original Pecos Land & Cattle Co. home & headquarters.

Prior to the morning & afternoon tours we will provide brief video explanations of the upcoming visits.



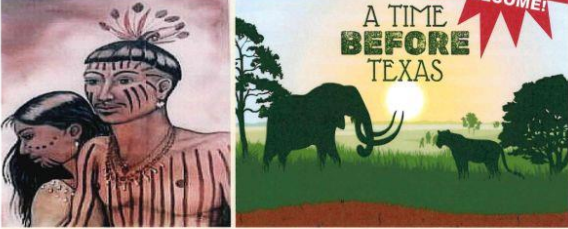
For more info, tcashmo@gmail.com 210-386-2856

May 12 - 14: Library presentation for school students and the community of Sonora, Eldorado, and Ozona, TX, **The Jumano Picture Story of ‘The Lady in Blue’**

MAY 12th - 14th, 2026

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Texas during the Ice Age

Discover the fascinating world of the Texas Paleoindians during the Ice Age (6,000-10,000 years ago), giant sloths, mammoths, and saber-toothed tigers, to the Jumano Indians (1582-1799) of the Texas Edwards Plateau Region.

Guest speakers -
Dr. Thomas Shiller – Paleontologist – Sul Ross University
Tom Ashmore – Jumano Indian Researcher - West Texas Archeological Society

TUES 12 MAY-2026	<i>Students – 10am @ Sutton County Civic Center</i> <i>Community – 6pm @ Sutton County Civic Center</i>
WED 13 MAY-2026	<i>Students – 10am @ Schleicher County Public Library</i> <i>Community – 6pm @ Schleicher County Public Library</i>
THURS 14 MAY-2026	<i>Students – 10am @ Crockett County Civic Center</i> <i>Community – 6pm @ Crockett County Civic Center</i>

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May 16: National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Annual conference, Ft Davis, TX, ‘Horsehead Crossing.’

Sep 18: Seminole Days, Brackettville, TX, ‘Camp Meyers Spring and the Black Seminole Indian Scouts’

Oct 9/10: Horsehead Crossing Weekend, 1) Horsehead Crossing, 2) Camp Van Camp: The Pecos Expedition