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<https://westtexasarcheologicalsociety.website>

## June 2026

### Four-Town, Five-Day Road Trip Presentations

I survived the week-long road trip – barely. Along with Dr. Thomas Shiller from Sul Ross University, we presented to approximately 700 school kids in 3rd–8th grade and about 100 adults in three towns over three days. We presented twice each day, in the mornings for school kids, and in the evenings for adults. Dr. Shiller presented the geology and paleontology of Texas, and I presented the Jumano Indians and the story of the Lady in Blue, with our pictograph and petroglyph discoveries. The kids were incredible. They stayed interested and were really well-mannered.



From there, I drove to Fort Davis to present the Horsehead Crossing story to the **National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Association** on Saturday. They treated everyone to a great dinner, followed by some porch-side serenading of cowboy songs. On Saturday, they had a wagon parade through Fort Davis, a visit to the Medley Ranch, and my presentation took place at the Southern Trail Art Gallery.



## New Terrell County Heritage Museum Displays

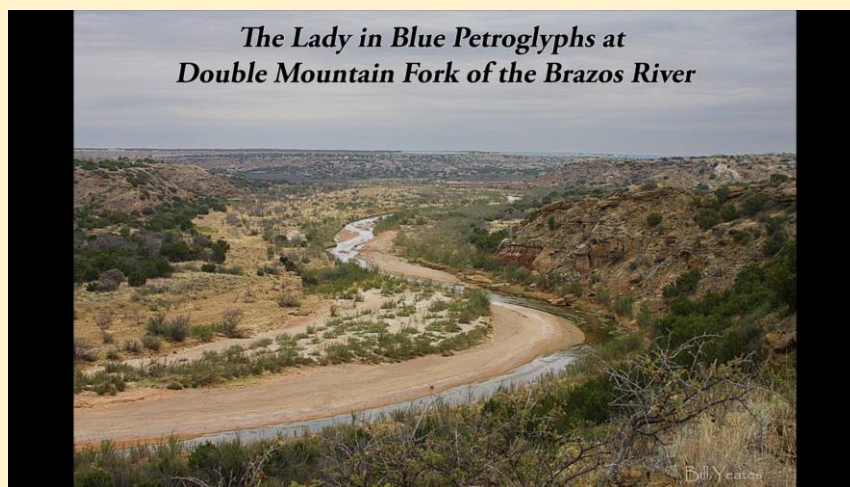
WTAS member Thad Steele helped fund a new local history display for the Terrell County Heritage Museum in Sanderson. As for our part, we assisted the museum coordinator in editing the display descriptions. Our work with the Lipan Apache, Jumano, and Black Seminole Indian Scouts helped us to present accurate descriptions.



## Lady In Blue Project

I've put up a second YouTube video on the Lady in Blue. This is the part of the story at the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River petroglyphs. I made it part 2. The original video I put up on the Meyers Spring pictographs now has 1,400 viewings! That is the most we've ever had for any of our videos. We worked with Bill Martinez Acosta interpreting the Lady in Blue panel at Meyers Spring. We then rediscovered Bill Yeates' report and photos of the Lady in Blue petroglyphs on the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River. We incorporated his work into our project, along with a discussion of our research on the relationship of that site to Paint Rock and the Campbell Ranch, land the Caprock Canyon hunting grounds. The connection is the 1054 supernova at both sites. This new video is available on our website in the Pictograph Interpretation Reports and Videos section.

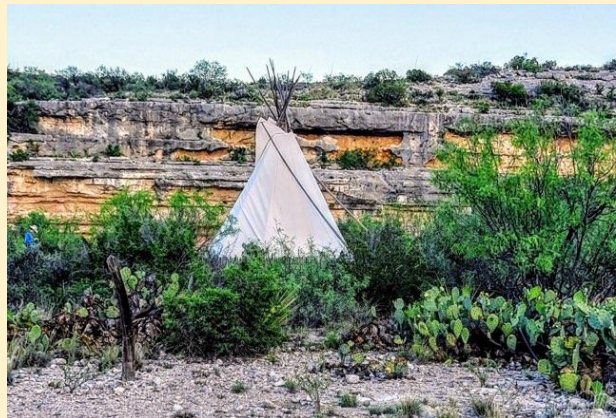
Now, a third site has been brought to our attention, this one in New Mexico. This project appears to keep finding us new bits of information to follow. Stand by for more as we follow the threads...



**C.A. Maedgen addresses the audience at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts for the Lady in Blue annual commemoration**

## WTAS Day at Meyers Spring Ranch

Several of us went to Meyers Spring Ranch on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, to do a little more detecting at a probable cavalry horse picket location and prepare for Saturday tour visitors. The biggest project, though, was putting up a teepee down near the pictograph wall. This will be an interpretive teepee for guests and tour groups. Chief Richard Gonzalez and Ruben Two Bears (WTAS members and Lipan Apache Band of Texas) guided everyone on the proper procedures. This is a 20-foot teepee, much larger than most, and it was a difficult task, due to size and weight. The first group to experience the new teepee was the WTAS members attending on Saturday. Although teepees were uncommon in the canyons, they were used by the Lipan Apache in the open country of central Texas. We have found at least one teepee pictograph on the wall. Future trips to the ranch will be announced via email.





**Upcoming Events** (field projects will be emailed separately)

Sep 15: Zoom meeting with Fort Worth Westerners, 7 p.m: *Upcoming Horsehead Crossing Event*

Sep 18: Seminole Days, Carver School, 506 S. Beaumont Street, Brackettville, TX: *Camp Meyers Spring and the Black Seminole Indian Scouts*

Oct 9/10: Horsehead Crossing Weekend, Presentations: *Horsehead Crossing, Camp Van Camp: The Pecos Expedition*

*COME TO WHERE IT REALLY HAPPENED*

# LONESOME DOVE

**Horsehead Crossing Living History Event**  
**October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 2026**  
**Free & Open To The Public**  
 Just type in 'Horsehead Crossing' in Google Maps for directions

**LIVING HISTORY CELEBRATION**  
 Chuck Wagon Meals  
 Re-enactors  
 Live Cannon Fire  
 Historians & Presenters  
 Cowboy Poetry  
 Exhibitors  
 Gunslinger Shootouts  
 Walking Tours

Free dry camping