Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry Suffers Break In

Eastern Utah is not immune to the senseless destruction and theft of America’s national treasures. One of the worst thefts of natural and cultural resources occurred in September at the Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry in Emery County. Sometime after the quarry had closed for the season, vandals broke into the Visitor Center, the storage shed and the protective buildings over the quarry site.

The break in was discovered when a local man and his family were exploring the area around the quarry on September 19. The family immediately contacted Don Burge, CEU Museum Director. Burge in turn notified Quarry Director, John Bird and officials from the Bureau of Land Management and the Emery County Sheriff’s Office.

Detectives were called to the scene to conduct crime scene analysis with Thomas Rasmussen, Bureau of Land Management Moab District Paleontologist. Initially, due to nightfall, the extent of the damage to the quarry was thought to be strictly vandalism. Nothing looked out of place. As the investigation continued however, the scope of the destruction soon became evident.

The locks on all of the buildings were pried off and over $48,000 worth of dinosaur material was missing. "The theft was selective", reported Rasmussen, "an inventory of the quarry was needed to determine what was missing". John Bird supplied officials with the inventory of the missing material which included Allosaurus femurs and vertebrae from plant-eating sauropod dinosaurs. Material from a CEU Museum quarry was also taken. This material was being stored at the Cleveland-Lloyd.

The loss of the Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry material sent shock waves through the scientific community. "We have lost the chance to study the bones from the quarry, all of the scientific information that those bones held is gone", stated Bird. "The thieves have taken away this heritage from our children."

Tom Rasmussen commented, "Vandalism is rampant in southeastern Utah. The Cleveland-Lloyd Quarry has brought the problem to worldwide attention." The black market trade on dinosaur bones is high. "Other quarries are in more danger.", Rasmussen pointed out.

The theft is currently being investigated by the Emery County Sheriff’s Office and special investigators for the Bureau of Land Management. Because of the scope and severity of the theft, the U.S. Attorney is aware of the crime and is actively pursuing arrest and conviction. A $5,000 reward has been offered by the Emery County Sheriff’s Office for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thieves.

Though badly injured, the Cleveland-Lloyd Quarry is not dead. The quarry is scheduled to open on Easter Weekend. $5,000 is needed prior to the opening to replicate the bones that were taken. Volunteers from the CEU Museum and the local chapter of the Utah Friends of Paleontology will be working at the quarry all summer uncovering portions of the quarry never exposed before and plans are underway for a campground and expanded displays.

Monetary donations are being accepted on behalf of the Cleveland-Lloyd Quarry at the CEU Museum. Contact the Museum at 637-5060 for more information.
**Museum Visitation Continues To Grow**

Again annual visitation figures for the museum continue to rise. Preliminary figures for 1996 indicate that visitation will be up slightly from 1995. Museum visitation skyrocketed after the new wing expansion project was completed in 1990. Visitation has increased from 34,676 visitors in 1990, to an astonishing 61,992 in 1995; a jump of 27,316 visitors in five years.

Visitation peaked this year during July with nearly 9,000 visitors for the month. January, traditionally the slowest month, recorded a mere 1,700 visitors.

The museum records the number of visitors through an actual physical count.

Nearly 65% of all visitors were first time visitors to the museum. Of that 65%, most of them were not aware that the museum was even located here.

The museum hosted people from all over the world including some from as far away as Kenya, Bavaria, South Africa, New Zealand and Samoa. Germany, Canada and Great Britain ranked the highest in visitors from foreign countries.

The CEU Museum is anticipating another record year for visitation in 1997. Dinosaurs continue to grow in popularity as does the Castle Country area as a vacation destination.

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### Visitor Services

On your next visit to the CEU Museum you may notice a few changes. In order to better understand the needs of our audience, the Museum has developed a Visitor Services department. This department is dedicated to serving you, the visitor.

To be able to create new and exciting exhibits, better accommodate visitors’ needs and to understand what you want in your museum, three surveys have been developed. On your next visit to the museum you may be asked to participate in one or all of them, it’s your choice.

One of the surveys being conducted is an exit survey. Upon leaving the museum you have the opportunity to answer twenty short questions about yourself and your visit to the museum. This survey gives the museum a wealth of information about who you are, where you come from and what you liked or didn’t like.

After you make a purchase in the Museum Shop you will be asked for your ZIP code. This lets us know where you are visiting from.

Finally, if you would like to have some input on the future exhibits or programs that the museum provides, you may fill out a card with your requests.

Sound like a lot of work? Well, as a way to say thank you for your opinion, the museum is giving away a one year Associate Level membership every week. You can leave your name and address at the information desk then every Friday a winner will be drawn from the entries we receive. And to make the deal extra sweet, now through December 30 you will also have a chance at winning a Patron membership, a $100.00 value.

Can’t visit the museum? Send in your name and address on a post card and we will add it to the drawing. Make sure we receive it before December 30. On your post card feel free to write down some comments about the museum, both good and bad, we would love to hear them. Remember, this is your museum: your opinion counts.
Become a Part of Utah's Best Kept Secret
Join the CEU Prehistoric Museum

Once again the CEU Prehistoric Museum is looking for people to join the Associate Membership club. In the past, the CEU Museum Association Membership has contributed funds to assist the museum with operations and expansions of display areas. Now is a great time to join the CEU Museum. The CEU Museum is on the cutting edge of science with the discovery of the Utahraptor and the Huntington Canyon Mammoth and is the only museum in Utah outside of the Wasatch Front to be nationally accredited. The Museum and the Association Membership have undergone some exciting changes. Your donation will go toward funding educational programs, traveling exhibits, and field trips and 10% of your membership fee will be spent on benefits for you. You now get more for your money. There is no better time to join the CEU Museum and become a part of the dynamic museum environment. Send in your check or money order today and start enjoying the benefits of belonging to the CEU Museum.

**Benefits of Membership**

- **Associate (Individual) - $15.00 annually**
  - Recognition in Al’s Archives
  - Reduced fees for educational programs and field trips
  - Advance notification and priority registration for field trips and lectures
  - Special programs designed for Museum Members and their families

- **Contributor - $25.00 annually**
  - (covers 2 adults and all minor children)
  - All Associate benefits plus:
    - 10% discount in the Museum Shop

- **Donor - $50.00 annually**
  - All Associate benefits plus:
    - 20% discount in the Museum Shop
    - Research privileges in the Museum Research Library during regular business hours

- **Patron - $100 annually**
  - All Donor benefits plus:
    - Certificate of Sponsorship
    - Special behind the scenes tour of the Museum Facilities

- **Figurine Guild - $500 annually**
  - All Patron benefits plus:
    - Opportunity to visit a CEU Museum field research facility of your choice
    - Personal plaque with space for yearly renewals

- **Mammoth Club - $1,000 annually**
  - All Figurine Guild benefits plus:
    - Two guest passes to the annual DinoFeast Recognition on the Mammoth Club permanent plaque in the Museum

- **Raptor Circle - $2,000 annually**
  - Two guest passes to the annual DinoFeast
  - A current publication from the Museum Shop on a museum topic
  - Recognition on the Raptor Circle permanent plaque in the Museum

- **Corporate League - $3,000 annually**
  - 25 Associate Memberships
  - Four guest passes to the annual DinoFeast
  - Recognition on the Corporate League permanent plaque in the Museum
  - Special behind the scenes tour of the museum facility for all employees

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**New and Renewing Association Members**

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**Holiday Savings!**

Join or renew your Museum Membership before December 31, 1996 and receive an additional 5% discount on your Museum Shop holiday purchases.

Psst!! Don’t forget to use your 10% coupon on the other side. You will save a total of 15% on your holiday shopping!

5% Museum Shop discount good for one time purchase through 12/31/96.
Must present membership coupon prior to purchase.
Happy Holidays
From the CEU Prehistoric Museum
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A Gift for You from the CEU Museum
10% Bring this certificate to the CEU Museum Shop and receive 10% off of your purchases.
10% Certificate must be presented prior to purchase.
10% Good through December 31, 1996.
Education Opportunities

Continuing public education has always been a part of the CEU Museum Mission Statement. It is the museum's goal to provide quality education about Utah's unique paleontology, archaeology and geology. Now in conjunction with the College of Eastern Utah Division of Continuing Education, museum staff members are teaching courses in Archaeology and Geology.

Winter Quarter, adults may sign up for Archaeology Certification Level I. This class, held Wednesday nights in the CEU Museum classroom, teaches the basics of archaeology and prepares the student for entry level volunteer work with professional archaeologists on local excavations and surveys.

Students will learn about the prehistoric cultures of Utah, projectile points, pottery styles and prehistoric lifestyles. Participants will also learn the history of archaeology, why archaeologists do what they do, and map reading.

Archaeology Certification Level I is the first in a series of classes where students may become certified through the Utah Division of State History. These classes let you become involved with archaeology hands on; the legal way.

The second class being offered during Winter Quarter is a class designed for kids. Geology In Your Backyard teaches children ages 8 years old and up and their parents basic principles of the geology they are exposed to in their everyday lives. The class will cover rocks and minerals, fossils, earthquakes and natural hazards, erosion, prehistoric life and a special section on the geology of Utah's National Parks. During the 10 week class, participants will conduct experiments and activities and gain an appreciation of how geology affects their lives. It is the perfect introductory class to geology and will give your child a head start on geology and science classes in school.

Geology In Your Backyard will be held Monday nights beginning at 6:30 pm in the Museum classroom. Families are welcome.

For more information on either of these classes, you can call the CEU Division of Continuing Education at 637-2120 ext. 5402 or the CEU Museum at 637-5060.

Shop Talk

The CEU Museum Shop is nearly overflowing with perfect gifts for everyone on your holiday list. You will be sure to find a unique gift with the flavor of Utah's prehistoric past.

New for the holidays are prehistoric pottery reproductions by Anna Marie Schmierer from Torrey, Utah. These remarkable pieces are all made in the tradition of the Fremont Culture of Utah. They carry the designs and colors that are typical of this type of pottery including the fingernail prints and coffee bean appliqué.

Also available is a wide variety of pottery made by Cedar Mesa. These pieces are hand painted by Native Americans in Blanding, Utah. The museum features the contemporary black on black designs as well as colorful desert images.

For the hard to buy for on your list, the Museum Shop has a wonderful collection of Native American kachina dolls. These dolls are handcrafted and represent many important symbols in Native American mythology including the powerful White Buffalo, the majestic Eagle and the comic Mudhead.

You can never go wrong with jewelry and the Museum Shop has some of the best around. Rock art designs are featured in gleaming sterling silver by the artisans at Canyon Antiqua. They are available in pierced earrings and necklaces. Jeri L. Hoover of Layton, Utah has recreated the images of the southwest on watercolor paintings for your ears. Known as Wearable Watercolors, these pierced earrings are miniature works of art.

Lazart has recreated baskets in the Native American tradition. Each of these full size baskets is a work of art. Traditional styles are available as well as more contemporary southwest designs. For that very traditional look, the Museum Shop offers handmade corncob baskets by Ron Kierstead. These baskets come in a variety of shapes and sizes to match any decor.

Ask The Experts

Q: Why was the discovery of the Utahraptor so important? Isn't it just another dinosaur?

A: The Utahraptor is an important discovery because it is the first of its kind every found. The Utahraptor is the largest of all the dinosaurs in the Dromeosaur family or the 'Raptor Family'. They get their name because of the slashing claws they had, much like birds of prey including eagles and falcons.

The Utahraptor was discovered by Carl Limone, former CEU Museum employee, and a crew of workers from the Museum. When the claw was uncovered, Don Burge, Museum Director knew that the dinosaur was larger than any other dinosaur from the western family. This discovery was even more fantastic because of the movie 'Jurassic Park'. The museum found a fictionalized Velociraptor by making it larger than its natural size. As the movie was being filmed, CEU Museum officials were uncovering the Utahraptor that turned out to be larger than its fictional counterpart.

Talk about life imitating art!

If you have a question that you would like answered, send it to CEU Prehistoric Museum

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or FAX
(801) 637-2514

If we use your question in the CEU Museum Newsletter, you will receive a year-long Associate Membership FREE!
December

CEU Museum Staff Christmas Party
Friday, December 13  6:30 p.m.
CEU Alumni Room

Spinners & Weavers
Saturday, December 21
12:00 p.m.
CEU Museum Classroom
Contact Bobbie Irwin,
637-8476

CEU Museum Closed
Tuesday, December 24
Wednesday, December 25

CEU Museum Closed
Tuesday, December 31

January

CEU Museum Closed
Wednesday, January 1

Geology In Your Backyard
Monday, January 6,13,20,27
6:30 p.m.
CEU Museum Classroom

Archaeology Certification Level I
Wednesday, January 8,15,22,29
CEU Museum Classroom

Utah Friends of Paleontology
Tuesday, January 14
7:00 p.m.
CEU Museum Classroom

Utah Statewide Archaeology Society
Thursday, January 16  7:00 p.m.
CEU Museum Classroom

Spinners & Weavers
Saturday, January 18  12:00 p.m.
CEU Museum Classroom
Contact Bobbie Irwin,
637-8476

Carbon County Historical Society
Tuesday, January 21  7:00 p.m.
CEU Museum Classroom

February

Geology In Your Backyard
Monday, February 3,10,17,24
6:30 p.m.
CEU Museum Classroom

Archaeology Certification Level I
Wednesday, February 5,12,19,26
CEU Museum Classroom

Utah Friends of Paleontology
Tuesday, February 11
7:00 p.m.
CEU Museum Classroom

Spinners & Weavers
Saturday, February 15
12:00 p.m.
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Utah Historical Society
Tuesday, February 18
7:00 p.m.
CEU Museum Classroom

Utah Statewide Archaeology Society
Thursday, February 20
7:00 p.m.
CEU Museum Classroom