New Art Abounding!

This summer, new banners featuring creatures from the museum popped up on light poles leading into the museum downtown from each Price exit from Highway 6 & Highway 10. These colorful banners were designed by Think Tank, Inc. from Salt Lake City and fabricated by Sign Edge in Price. A grant from the Carbon County Restaurant Tax Board to Price City afforded this colorful addition to Price. Visitors will no longer get lost looking for the Museum!

A special anonymous donation provided four fabulous art panels by Karen Templeton. Each 8x4 ft copper panel has had a pattern of holes punched through them depicting stunning rock art figures from throughout Utah. Two panels adorn the north entrance of the museum with one carrying a depiction of a “robed” petroglyph near Parowan Gap while the second depicts a figure known as “The Sun Carrier” from the “Three Kings panel” in Ashley, Dry Fork. Two more panels adorn the south entrance of the museum one depicting a pictograph from the Buckhorn panel in Buckhorn Wash and the second representing one of the “spirit figures” from Barrier Canyon. Florescent lights located behind the panels light up these figures at night creating some stunning art that can be seen from either Main Street or 100 North after the sun sets.

Perhaps the most eye-popping addition is the new life-sized bronze Utahraptor staring down 100 N in front of the Museum parking lot. This marvelous creation by Gary Prazen of Price dances upon a rock arch over the sidewalk. This work, commissioned by the museum, was generously funded by the Carbon County Transportation and Recreation Special Services District. Utahraptor may best be known as the misnamed Velociraptor from the Jurassic Park movies. The Prehistoric Museum serves as the repository for the “type specimen” of this beautifully ferocious dinosaur, which has become the new logo for the museum. Gary did a fantastic job of bringing this dinosaur to life. Keep alert driving past the north side of the museum.
The Price River 2 quarry continues to yield bones of large Cretaceous sauropods. This year more evidence is being collected that indicates the presence of a second species of large sauropod at the site. In addition, to the sauropods, more bones of an extremely large “super” nodosaur continue to be produced at the site. With all this meat lying around, you’d think there would be some evidence of carnivores. Indeed, several large theropod teeth were found this summer though still no bones to be found!

A new site “Suarez Sisters site” was also opened for the first time this summer near Green River. This site is a second therizinosaur site from the same vicinity as which that produced Eolambia cayentens, described by Jim Kirkland and Don DeBlieux of the Utah Geological, Lindsey Zanno and Scott Sampson of the University of Utah and James Clark of George Washington University. Lindsey is producing a dissertation on these therizinosaur and will be including material collected and repotted at CEU in her dissertation studies.

This site initially had over 9 feet of overburden that was attacked for two days by a high school group from Florida. This group brought some weather with them and we were chased off the site by hail on their first of 2 days in the field. Over 180 bones have been collected from this locale, including some beautiful claws, toes, and limb material. However, therizinosaur don't sole claim on intrigue at this site. Also found have been a number of bones suggesting another extremely large armored dinosaur wandered eastern Utah in the Early Cretaceous. This individual may rival in size the nodosaur from PR2, however it likely lived some 10-20 million years earlier, closer in age to Gastonia longii and Utahraptor. Utah presently has the most diverse collection of nodosaurs from the Cretaceous anywhere in the world. Both the therizinosaur and nodosaur will become marvelous additions to CEU’s rapidly growing collections.

Finally, John Bird got arround this summer to opening a jacket collected from the Morrison Formation in 2004. At the time of collection, a few camptosaur bones were thought to be in the jacket though nothing auspicious. To everyone’s surprise and delight, a complete and articulated foot, leg and hips were discovered “accordioned” in place within the plaster jacket. The initial discovery came during an initial preparation by a number of volunteers to the bone lab from St. George. Since then, John has worked tirelessly to complete the preparation of this fabulous specimen. In addition, an articulated hand was also discovered along with a number of dorsal (back), sacral (hip) and caudal (tail) vertebrae. This site, officially called the “Jeffs site” has been unofficially rechristened the Santa Claus site by Dr. Barrick due to the unexpected treasures unwrapped from within the plaster packaging. We now have only the second known articulated hand and third known articulated foot of a Camptosaurus.

Diggin’ It This Summer

Prehistoric Museum staff and volunteers had a bountiful summer at three of its dinosaur dig sites and was able to open a Christmas in July present from one of its dig sites of 2004. The Willow Springs 8 site was opened up this year in the Mussentuchit area. Ramal Jones brought out his “bone sniffer” or radioactivity scintillator to help in the search and it proved crucial to success on that day. Staff members John Bird, Bill Heffner and Reese Barrick were having only marginal success with a few caudal vertebrae being found an inch or two below the surface. At Ray’s insistence, Reese kept digging just over a foot deep, well below where the other bones were being found. Ray said, “the signal is getting stronger, keep digging!”. Sure enough, a bone bed was located and after 6 days of digging this summer, 180 bones were totaled from the site. All of the jet black bones come from juvenile Eolambia individuals. Interestingly, it looks like there are only bones from 2 or 3 individuals at the site. This is important as the majority of the museum’s collection of Eolambia juveniles come from a massive bone bed in which there are over 8 different sizes of individuals completely disarticulated and mixed throughout the bone bed. These individuals will allow us to sort out some of the size categories out in our other collection as the bulk of the bones at WS-8 may come from one skeleton. Interestingly, bones from a second individual from WS-8 appear to come from the smallest baby Eolambia yet discovered!

What we did on your summer vacation

Dr. Reese Barrick

who has been serving in the position of co-director has been named Museum Director. Reese will be tackling an ambitious Museum expansion project as well as furthering the Museum’s research efforts. Pam Miller has returned to full time teaching, (see page 7).

Jeff Bartlett

You may pick up the strong Minnesota accent of my upbringing, or even some speech from my recent years in North Carolina, but time spent living in various places has made me something of a hybrid. I have a varied background in a wide cross-section of museum and education settings. Like many people, I have never gotten over the childhood dinosaur bug and am still infected. In previous experience, I’ve been lucky in getting to see several sides to the dinosaur story, spending time in building exhibits, data collection, research, education, and of course field work and preparing bones. No amount of coercion could force me to choose my favorite among these – I love doing them all.

The great thing about my position here at the Museum is that it is still crystallizing around me. I will be principally involved with managing the museum collections, but so far my duties seem mainly to involve appreciating the fine exhibits and collections. You already know what a rich and exciting area you have: the more I learn about human heritage and natural wonders in the area, the more exciting it becomes! I hope to maintain the high standards set by Duane in his term as museum backbone. It is also important to point out the great strides taken by Karen Green, who recently accomplished the monumental job of handling cataloging for an extensive collection of Kern River artifacts. I’ll be reporting on new developments in later issues, and you can always contact me for more information!
NEW FACES

We have a new Bone Lab Assistant

Bill Heffner

In April of this year I had the good fortune to fill a position with the CEU Museum Paleontology department. This was the position vacated by Marvin Evans earlier this year. The job is divided into two units, paleo field work and lab work. During the field season, May through October, I assist on all the outings and quarry digs, the glamour part of finding and bringing in the bones. The balance of the year, I will help clean and prepare, record and file away these bones. For someone who enjoys spending as much time as he can out in this stunning high desert country that we call home and handling bones that date back 100-150 million years old, this is a great job.

UFOP - Volunteers continue to be an integral part in the success of Museum operation. One group of volunteers, Utah Friends of Paleontology (UFOP) plays a pivotal role in providing the labor force for hundreds of hours of field work as well as hours in the lab cleaning and preping bones, and all that goes along with it. If you have a fascination with dinosaurs or would simply like to hold in your hand an object that lived eons ago in unimaginable worlds contact UFOP about joining our volunteers.

Bill Heffner, (435) 472-6697 current co-president for the Castle Valley "Raptor" chapter.

We have a new Director of Public Relations

Christine K. Trease

I am so delighted to be back with the Museum. What a fantastic opportunity it is to present the Museum to the wonderful people of our area and those visiting. Beyond this, I have the ability to work with some of the most amazing people ever. I am hoping to do a wonderful job with the Public Relations aspect of the Museum. Opportunities and excitement are abounding everywhere - Thanks for allowing me to be a part of it!

We have a new Gift Shop Manager

Jill Sorensen

Hello, my name is Jill Sorensen, Museum Gift Shop Manager. To introduce myself - I was born and raised in Provo, Utah. I’m married with two children. My previous work experience was in the field of secretarial, receptionist and office coordinator. Prior to moving into the Carbon County area, I spent the last 13 years employed at See’s Candies, University Mall in Orem. Contrary to everyone’s belief – we did not make the candy in our shop, it was sent from the See’s Factory in San Francisco. I was a sales clerk/customer service and part of the management team. I’ve helped many people from the Price area over the years, at a very “sweet” job. Now, I’m moving on from packing boxes of chocolates . . . to unpacking boxes of Dinosaur products. I’m very enthusiastic about my employment at the CEU Prehistoric Museum. I’ve always had a passion for the field of archaeology, paleontology, geology, and anything Native American. I look forward to hands on work at the Bone Lab and the opportunity to participate in Dinosaur Digs.

Employed by the Museum are six “Dinomite” Shop Clerks:

Mandy Taylor (Miss Carbon County) - Desiree Willson - Meg Gardner - Amanda Loggan, and Jake Anderson (All CEU Students), along with Susan Clendenen.

~ Our policy is to serve your needs and offer great customer service! ~
How fortunate we are to have a wonderful Information Center located inside the Museum. Beyond having a plethora of free maps, brochures and information, we have Chanel Atwood and Karen Green, our information specialists, manning the center eager to share their knowledge. Many people visit the information center including local people, visitors to the area and those passing through. We are grateful for this wonderful resource.

During the two months of October and November we will be raffling off one Family Membership. All you need to do is stop into the Museum and fill out a raffle ticket. On December 1st, directly after story hour we will have one of the children draw the winning name. Please pass the word along that we will be holding this raffle. There will be a drop box located in the lobby of the museum as well as the tickets to fill out. We realize that we are sending this notice out to folks who already have a membership, but remember, memberships make great gifts and with Christmas fast approaching, what a grand, and inexpensive gift you could give that special family, the gift of a membership to one of the finest Museums around!

The Museum is planning some exciting lectures beginning in November. They will be called, “From Our Back Room” and will profile our own artifacts from our personal collection. An artifact of the month will be profiled on our website. See page 7 for more details.

Museum Membership Raffle

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CVAS ANNIVERSARY
The Castle Valley Archaeological Society celebrated their 20th Anniversary at the Museum which was the original location of the charter meeting. Charter members along with previous members were honored. CVAS was honored by the Utah Division of State History Antiquities Section for 20 years of service. CVAS is proud of its members and their work. We thank the CEU Museum and those who support our organization. We welcome all to attend CVAS lectures which are usually held the third Thursday of the month in the CEU Museum classroom. For information/memberships contact Margene Hackney at 637-0482.

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October 11, 2005
Jeff Bartlett

November 8, 2005
Currently unannounced

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The CEU Prehistoric Museum is in need of dependable people to volunteer in the museum. We need volunteers in all areas of the Museum.

◊ Prehistory week
◊ Museum scrapbook
◊ Library
◊ Dinosaurs track cards
◊ Cataloguing
◊ Collecting dinosaur bones with museum staff
◊ Bone lab
◊ Story time
◊ Tour Guides

If interested in volunteering, contact Shawna Carroll Director of Education at (435)-613-5760. M-W-F from 9 am to 4 pm.

Coming Soon

A new Dinosaur Mural will be coming to the Children’s Room in the CEU Prehistoric Museum in October. The Mural will depict several popular dinosaurs in cartoon form. Each dinosaur will be numbered, and visitors to the Children’s Room can guess which dinosaurs are in the Mural. Come in and see our new mural today!

Story Time

Looking for an exciting way to spend your Friday afternoons with the kids? Check out the CEU Prehistoric Museum’s Story Time. It is free to all families with a museum membership open to the general public at general admission charge and is held every Friday at 2:00 p.m. Each story time includes a story or brief tour followed by an exciting learning activity. Come down and visit us on Friday afternoons. For more information contact Shawna Carroll - Director of Education at 435-613-5760

Science Carts

During the 2005 to 2006 tour season, schools tours can enhance their visit with the CEU Museum Science Carts. These carts have been based on the Utah State Core Curriculum to improve the students education with “Hands on” activities based on elements found in the Museum. For more information, contact Shawna Carroll - Director of Education at 435-613-5760.

Cedar Mountain Traveling Exhibit is open

The Cedar Mountain traveling exhibit is open for schools to request the exhibit be brought to their school. Requests can be phoned in to Shawna Carroll - Director of Education at 1-435-613-5760. M-W-F from 9 am to 4 pm.
Color this page according to the color key below and find the secret picture.

D - Green
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We are in the process of revamping the entire website located at http://museum.ceu.edu and we are going to update and add many new items. We will eventually have a full section just for kids containing information, printable puzzles and coloring book pages. We would like to see an area containing the contents of the newsletter which will be password protected and accessed by members only. We will have the contact names, numbers and email of all pertinent staff members and updated information on our awesome items. Additionally, we would like to profile an artifact a month. This is a new and exciting concept. We think it is going to be great!

As a small survey, we would like to know if you prefer to receive your newsletter through the US Postal Service in printed form or if you would rather receive it via email in electronic form. We are trying to go electronic for all things that we can, but we are dedicated to provide you with the choices to suit your needs. Please select an option below

- Printed Matter (Postal Service)
- Electronic Format (email)

and mail this portion of the newsletter to CEU Prehistoric Museum - Attn. Christine K. Trease - 155 East Main Street - Price, Utah 84501

Or send your email response to christine.trease@ceu.edu

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**Lab Volunteers**

Since the earliest days of the CEU Museum there has been a close relationship between the museum staff and community volunteers. Hours of field work and lab prep time has been donated by this dedicated body of volunteers, making possible the many fine archeology and paleontology exhibits, mounts and collections you see today. If you are interested in participating as a volunteer call the museum (435) 613-5060 and they will put you in contact with the appropriate party. No experience is needed. You will work closely with museum staff. Just bring an inquiring mind and a willingness to work hard. Beyond being exciting and educational, the benefits of volunteering in this capacity are beyond measure. The hands-on experience alone is worth any sacrifice. Call today and find out how you can begin volunteering.

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**Museum Membership**

Museum Membership entitles you to newsletters, story time, free admission, discount purchases at the Gift Shop as well as priority invitations to select special events. We realize that those of you receiving the newsletter are already members and are already aware of the many bonuses that Museum Membership brings, but we would like you to please pass the word along to others about how beneficial a museum membership can actually be and what a nominal cost it is to own one. Why, story time alone when you consider general admission for one adult and one child pays for the membership in less than 8 weeks! Best of all, with the Holidays approaching, bear in mind that memberships make great gifts too!
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