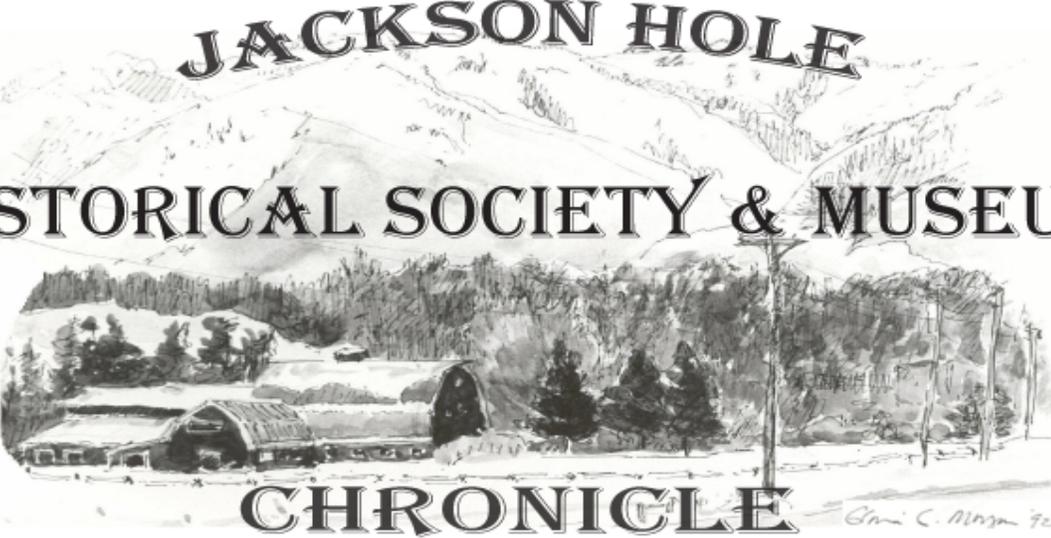


# JACKSON HOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM CHRONICLE



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## Mapping the History of Jackson Hole

As of January 2016, we are excited to release our digital Historical Atlas of Jackson Hole on the front page of our website. This project began in the summer of 2014 with extensive research on the history of the valley. In-depth searches of the archives in the Stan Klassen Research Center were paired with site visits. Each site visit included a survey of the landscape to identify contributing structures. Each resource was photographed to document the current status of the site.

A year later, in the fall of 2015, the research was compiled into written narratives, with shorter timelines for each of the chosen sites. The narrative gives a comprehensive history of each site, incorporating valley legends, family stories and news articles. Spread across no less than three notebooks, the research proved difficult to pull together at times. The often convoluted history of Jackson Hole felt like a jigsaw puzzle with more pieces than could fit. Through much discussion with co-workers, area experts and return trips to the archives, the many pieces fell together to create a resource that the valley has never seen before.



The barn at the Hunter Hereford Ranch.

The Atlas was created through Google My Maps, chosen for giving the best visual representation of these sites in relation to each other. Each of the locations has a corresponding icon on the map, on the location of the current or former site. Some historic sites are no longer extant on the landscape, and the Atlas helps to document where they were located. The map contains a brief description of each site, along with a link directing them to the full page of photos and text on the JHHSM website. In each of the site pages, there are embedded links to transport the reader to additional information.



The Elk Ranch

The Historical Atlas of Jackson Hole was designed to allow access to these important historic resources to those who can't visit the sites directly. The narratives, historic and contemporary photos serve to demonstrate how these sites may have changed over the years. It is

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*Preserving and sharing the heritage of Jackson Hole*

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

While snow has covered the ground, our web site has been quietly growing beneath the surface – please take a moment to explore what we've been working on: Our *Historical Atlas of Jackson Hole* is up and running and our Director of Historical Research, Samantha Ford, has plans to expand it on an on-going basis. If you have any materials you would like to donate to JHHSM to enrich this site, please let us know - we are always on the lookout for old home movies from your dude ranch vacation, historical brochures, souvenirs or memorabilia from your time in Jackson Hole.



Whether a resident or returning visitor, you might also want to consider exploring the past through a more hands-on experience: The *Linn Ranch Archaeology Camp* (May 2-8) is open to all and offers the exciting prospect of working with JHHSM's environmental archaeologists Rebecca Sgouros and Matt Stirn as they unearth the area's Native American history on this beautiful ranch; it's just over the pass, on one of the most scenic spots in the Teton Valley.

Looking forward to this summer, we anticipate that the book that follows our award-winning exhibit, *The Last Homestead* - based on the memories of Linda and Mac McKinstry - will be ready for a celebratory book signing as soon as Nancy Curtis from the High Plains Press in Glendo, WY puts the finishing touches on it.

Also coming this summer are new exhibits on the homesteading era in Jackson Hole, on the Crow Creation Story - which takes place on the Yellowstone River - and on the Shoshone and other tribes' use of mountain, as well as plains, bison.

The museum has been exceptionally lucky to have a number of outstanding volunteers helping us at the Stan Klassen Research Center this winter. If you would like to help out, or volunteer your time in another way, please contact Brenda Roberts, JHHSM's Assistant Director at 307-733-2414.

Our thanks to everyone in the JH community who help support the museum in so many ways!

Sharon Kahin Ph.D.  
Executive Director

## Jes' settin' out on the poarch...

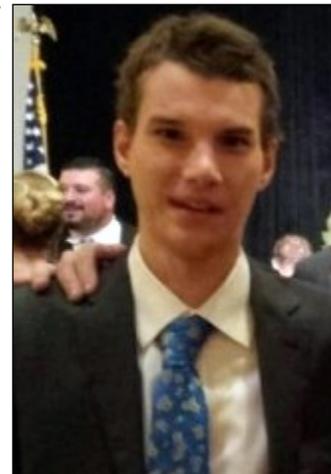
Be sure and stop by the Museum on Cache Street to appreciate the latest additions to the front of our building. The life-size bronze statues of 'Beaver Dick' Leigh, his Shoshone wife Jenny, along with their son, Dick, Jr, have joined our cowboy 'Slim' on the front entry area. Created by artist Georgia Bunn, they now have a permanent home where they can be enjoyed by all!



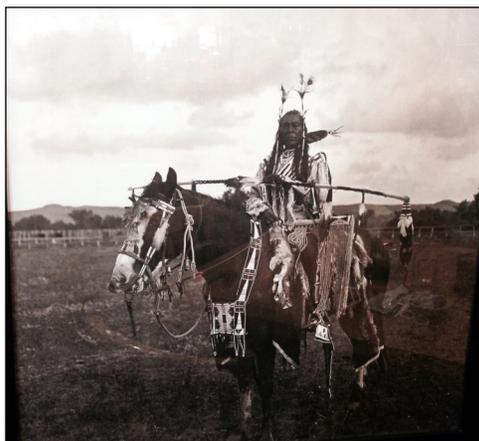
## **JHHSM Research Intern Alexie Cree follows up on stories that take him from Jackson Hole, to Montana, and back again...**

After finishing up several education projects for the Mashantucket Pequot tribe and their museum in Connecticut, JHHSM Research Intern Alexie Cree was considering a move to Jackson where he had spent a summer at age 18. Searching the Internet to see what the area offered that could fit in with his interests, he came across the Jackson Hole Archaeological Initiative on JHHSM's website and contacted Matt Stirn and Rebecca Sgouros. This was the beginning of Alexie's volunteer work which has included helping catalogue the museum's archaeological artifacts and learning the rudiments of processing collections for PastPerfect, our data management software.

Last month, Alexie's interest in Native American culture took a somewhat different turn when he accompanied Dr. Sharon Kahin and ethno-botanist John Mionczynski to Crow Agency, Montana to help record stories of place and historical plant use with Crow tribal historian Grant Bulltail. Grant, who is on JHHSM's Advisory Council, was brought up by his grandfather, Comes Up Red, who spent most of his life in the Wind River and Jackson Hole area. Born in 1847, Comes Up Red lived to be over a hundred years old; he was a traditional storyteller who passed on his craft to his grandson. Alexie helped Kahin and Mionczynski record stories of the Greater Yellowstone area including the Crow Creation Story which, according to Grant, took place on the Yellowstone River inside what is now Yellowstone National Park.



Alexie Cree, Intern



Birds All Over the Ground

Crow Agency, where Grant lives, is adjacent to the Custer Battle field and one of the stories Alexie found particularly intriguing was an account of how Custer really died at the Battle of the Little Bighorn, a previously unrecorded version as told by the Crow scout Hair on his Moccasins (Hairy Moccasins) to Birds All Over the Ground, another of Grant's relatives.

From Crow Agency, Alexie went to the Buffalo Bill Center for the American West in Cody to make notes on stories about bison recorded with the late Blackfeet historian Curly Bear Wagner. Both Bulltail and Curly Bear's stories will be used to help interpret JHHSM's exhibits on the interaction of indigenous peoples with the natural environment of the Intermountain West.

Coming up next, Lexie will accompany Matt and Rebecca into the field this summer to help with archaeological work at the Linn Ranch in Idaho and above timberline in the Tetons.

## **Need More Western History?**

**Here are some other events coming up this summer:**

- 6/10-12 Wyoming State Historical Society Trek, Wheatland, WY
- 6/24-26 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of the Little Big Horn Reenactment, Garryowen, MT
- 7/7-10 Green River Rendezvous Days, Pinedale, WY
- 7/22-31 Cheyenne Frontier Days, Cheyenne, WY
- 8/1-5 Oregon-California Trails Association National Convention, Ft. Hall, ID
- 8/4-6 Great Western Cattle Trail Association National Convention, Dodge City, KS
- 8/17-22 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Crow Fair Powwow Celebration, Crow Agency, MT
- 9/2-5 Ft. Bridger Rendezvous, Ft. Bridger, WY
- 9/22-24 Santa Fe Trail Association Rendezvous, Larned, KS

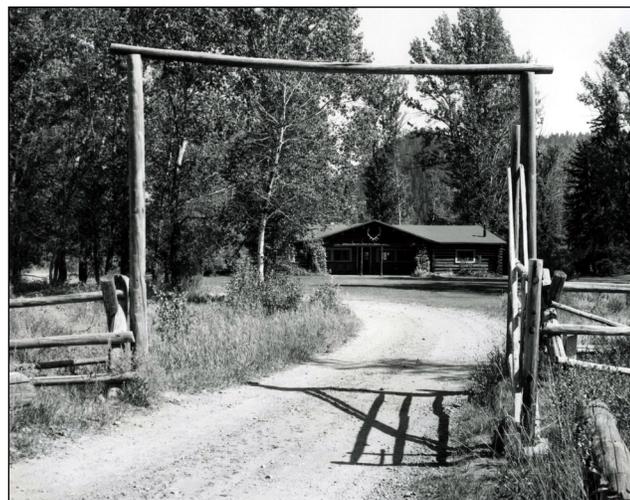
Every summer is full of Western History! Check online at each event's website for complete details.

## Historical Atlas - continued from page 1

important to remind ourselves of these sometimes neglected resources, and through this project we hope to reconnect the public to the unique heritage of Jackson Hole.

We will continue to add resources to this Atlas, so be sure to check back often for updates. Eventual plans include expanding into the towns of Jackson and Wilson, with some sites in South Park. In the future we plan to add more historical photos, movies, and oral interviews with the families of the homesteaders. We are pleased to share this innovative resource with the public and hope to pursue further partnerships with area families and organizations.

Many thanks and appreciation is given to the Cultural Resources Office at Grand Teton National Park and the Teton County Historic Preservation Board, where partnerships were sought to share and bolster information. Thanks are also extended to Heather DeVine of Gliffen Designs and my ever-patient co-workers for their support of this project. If there is a site or other information you would like to see on the Atlas, please contact:  
samantha@jacksonholehistory.org.



The original entrance to the 4 Lazy F Ranch.



The Historical Atlas of Jackson Hole on the Museum's website ([www.jacksonholehistory.org](http://www.jacksonholehistory.org)).

## THE “GET ‘ER DONE” GANG OF MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our volunteers, all 142 of them, the History Museum is moving forward by leaps and bounds.

Volunteers have logged 3466.5 hours this fiscal year and are still going strong. These are folks who have lives outside the museum and still make time to share their skills on a regular or by project basis.

### Meet our newest gang members:

Reade and David Dornan work together diligently taking inventory of the W. C. “Slim” Lawrence Library. Every Thursday from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. David can be found sitting on a library stool in the stacks calling out book titles and accession numbers to Reade as she reconciles the information against an earlier inventory tap, tap, tapping on a museum laptop keyboard inputting new data and adjusting past information. Together they have logged 65.5 hours!

#### **THANK YOU READE AND DAVID!**

Kelsey Herbert works 40 hours a week at her “real” job and still arrives at noon on Wednesdays to take her place in a corner of the museum research center where she scans historic photos for three hours. Kelsey is whittling down the backlog of donated photos one project at a time. Our most recent recruit, Kelsey has logged 13 hours in 4 weeks!

#### **THANK YOU KELSEY!**

Sara Jane Johnson dropped by the administration office to pick up the latest Book Club volume, we chatted and the next morning she was back volunteering her services in the research center. That was January 20 of this year. Since that time Sara Jane, affectionately known among the staff as “Speedy”, has received and inventoried large boxes of archival supplies while numbering and scanning the entire Ina Rafferty historic photo collection. As a first time scanner she has blown through the photos and logged an impressive 31 hours!

#### **THANK YOU SARA JANE!**

Tracey and Kerry Lamb, sisters and partners on a personal project received research and museum software training from a short-handed staff before taking off in high gear to round up information and scan historic photos. They efficiently met their deadline with time to spare and racked up 38 hours to help a beleaguered staff!

#### **THANK YOU TRACEY AND KERRY!**

Our “Get ‘er done” volunteers invite you to join the gang. There’s something for everyone. Do you own a hammer? Possibilities are endless. Our vertical file cabinets are crying for a filer. Bring a hanky! We have pens just waiting to address thank you notes and membership renewals – this project is more fun when done with a friend. Do you own a sewing machine? Little bronc busters and prairie princesses need more “dress up” outfits; nothing fancy and the museum provides the fabric. How about assembling metal shelving units to extend the research center? So much to do and .....

#### **THANKS FOR THINKING ABOUT JOINING THE GANG!**

**Call Brenda at 307-733-2414**

### **Ready to ‘Tell Tall Tales to the Tourists’?** (Yes, that’s six T’s in a row)

But seriously.... We are looking for additional volunteers to train as guides for our Walking Tours around the Town Square this summer. Not sure? That’s what I said myself, but now I am one. We provide all you need except the cowboy hat. Come and find out more about what’s involved! Contact Steve Roberts: 733-2414.



# Linn Ranch Archaeology Camp



**MAY 2-8, 2016**

**Have you ever wanted to work on a real archaeological excavation? Now's your chance!**

## **New Venture for Linn Canyon Ranch and JHSM**

Staff archaeologists Rebecca Sgouros and Matt Stirn have been excavating a 10,000 year old prehistoric campsite on Linn Canyon Ranch since 2014. The ranch, which is a family owned business, serves as a base for horseback riding and backcountry adventures in the Teton Valley and Range. This archaeological site is a community project and students from Jackson Hole Middle School and the Teton Literacy Center's Summer Archaeology Camp have participated throughout the research. Thanks to the great success of these educational programs, the Linns, Matt, and Rebecca have decided to combine their skills and offer a week long Archaeology Camp available to all ages-- the perfect combination of traditional Western vacation and historical exploration!

## **Participate in Local Archaeology, Learn the History of the Past**

Archaeologists Matt and Rebecca will teach you about the rich cultural history of the area, the basics of archaeological excavation, and the importance of archaeological study. In addition to excavation, hands-on activities like making and throwing atlatls, learning to flint knap, making pottery and carving soapstone; field trips to learn about local edible and stone resources; and evening lectures on archaeological research in the High Tetons will round out the week. This camp is available to all ages (children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult) and is designed as a 7-day program. While single or multi-day participation can be accommodated, we strongly encourage you to sign up for the entire week.

Lunch, lemonade, and cookie breaks are included in the camp. Gourmet breakfasts and dinners are also offered at supplemental cost. A detailed schedule of the week and packing list will be available by mid-April.

## **Preserving Archaeology through Education**

The artifacts from this site have been collected from the surface or through professional excavation. They are the property of the Linn Family and are never sold. The artifacts remain on the ranch so that they can be preserved and used to teach students and visitors about the area's rich cultural history. Thanks to the entire Linn Family for their generosity in sharing their ranch and this amazing archaeological site with the community. If it was not for their interest in cultural preservation and desire to study their site slowly and scientifically, this unique opportunity would not exist.

## **“WOW! How do I sign up?”**

There is a maximum of 18 spaces available per day. The cost per day (includes lunch and participation in all activities) is: \$120. Spots are available on a first-come first-serve basis and can be secured by a 25% non-refundable deposit. The remaining balance is due at the start of the session. Checks can be made payable to: Linn Canyon Ranch. For more information (including the complete information packet) please visit [www.jacksonholehistory.org](http://www.jacksonholehistory.org). To reserve your spot please contact Rebecca at 307-733-2414 or [Rebecca@jacksonholehistory.org](mailto:Rebecca@jacksonholehistory.org).

## **Looking for someplace idyllic to stay while participating in the project of your dreams?**

Available lodging on the ranch includes a beautiful cabin and two luxury “glamping” tents (please contact Linn Canyon Ranch for reservations). A list of local campgrounds, motels, and inns is also available.

## Explore our new “Tiki-Toki Timeline” on the Archaeology of Jackson Hole

Want to learn more about the archaeology of Jackson Hole but don't know where to begin? Just go to our website at [www.jacksonholehistory.org](http://www.jacksonholehistory.org), click on “Classroom Links” on the top navigation bar, choose “Native American Classroom Resources” from the center of the dropdown menu, scroll down through the resources on “Wyoming's Wind River Reservation” - and enjoy exploring along the way - until you get to the next large heading (in green) which reads “**ARCHAEOLOGY RESOURCES FOR THE CLASSROOM**” --- and there you'll find it.

Our “Tiki-Toki Timeline” (think clocks!) is a free educational resource which we were introduced to by Alexei Cree, our Research Intern. Alexei first came across this free interactive program when working with the Pequot Museum in Connecticut; together with JHSM's archaeologists Matt Stirn and Rebecca Sgouros, Alexei put this together for our new section of “Classroom Links”. Here you'll find: pictures from the museum's collection of local artifacts that illustrate the pre-contact history of Jackson Hole, the different time periods and projectile points associated with them, information on the manufacture of stone tools, soap stone vessels and a lot more. We will be adding to the timeline – which starts in 12,000 BP ('before present') – and to our other classroom resources on an on-going basis, so stay tuned!

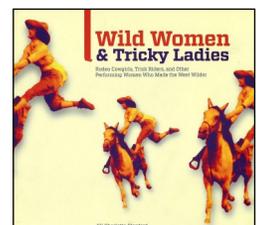
The screenshot shows the "Tiki-Toki" website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: ABOUT THIS TIMELINE, CREATE A TIMELINE, CONTACT, LOGIN, and FREE SIGN UP. The main content area features a scenic mountain landscape. A timeline at the bottom is marked with dates: 12,000 BP - 8,000 BP, 12,000 BC, 8000 BC, 10000 BC, 5850 BC, and 3661 BC. Four informational cards are displayed:

- The Atlatl - A Clovis And Folsom Tool** (12,000 BP - 8,000 BP): Includes an illustration of three people using atlatls to throw spears. Text: "The earliest North American people are called the Clovis and Folsom cultures, named after towns in New Mexico where their tools were first discovered...."
- Earliest Artifacts Found in Jackson Hole** (12000 BC - 8000 BC): Includes a photo of two large, yellowish stone artifacts. Text: "Many archaeological sites have been discovered around the Rockies and in Wyoming associated with Clovis and Folsom peoples. Some of the Clovis sites..."
- Dating The Changes in Stone Artifacts** (10000 BC - 8000 BC): Includes photos of different stone projectile points. Text: "The shape of projectile points has changed stylistically over time. Based on their shapes, archaeologists were able to assign general age ranges to..."
- Obsidian - An Important Local Resource** (10000 BC - 6000 BC): Includes a photo of a dark, smooth obsidian artifact. Text: "The Yellowstone area is characterized by volcanic activity. This unique geological area is rich in obsidian, an igneous rock, known also as volcanic..."

A screen shot of a portion of the new timeline addition to our expanding Museum website. Log on and explore more!

## What's on Your Reading List?

We've all experienced some form of the old saying about 'too many books, too little time', but we hope you'll forgive us for reminding you of all the great Western and Jackson Hole history books in the **Museum Store**. This month we've been focusing on **cowboys and ranching** in the store (it is the 150th anniversary of the first great cattle drive from Texas through Wyoming and into Montana which started the Chisolm Trail, the Texas Trail, and all the rest). And this is **Women's History Month** and we certainly have had our share of historic women in the valley and state, so perusing our *Women in the West* book section will offer you quite a variety of choices from rodeo queens to hardy homesteaders. Stop in and **support your local history museum** by picking up a title or two to enrich your off-season reading.





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## MUSEUM CALENDAR

March 31 - Thursday, 7:00 pm  
Ice Bison & Prehistoric Trout Fishing program  
with Matt Stirn & Rebecca Sgouros

May 21 - Saturday, 8am-12N  
JHSM Booth at ElkFest on Town Square

May 28 - Saturday, 9am - 12N  
Old West Days Booth on Town Square

May 28 - Saturday, 10:30 am  
Old West Days Parade

May 28 - Saturday, 10:00 am  
Indians of the Greater Yellowstone Museum  
OPEN for the Summer Season!

May 29 - Sunday, 3:00 pm  
Special Town Walking Tour

## Ice Bison and Prehistoric Trout Fishing: Resolving Mysteries from the Archaeological Record

Archaeologists Matt Stirn and Rebecca Sgouros will give their  
Annual Archaeology Update

Re-scheduled date: March 31, 2016 at 7 p.m.



### JOIN US

For the latest information from this past season's  
field outings in the Tetons with the  
Jackson Hole Archaeological Initiative!  
Matt and Rebecca will be sharing their discoveries and  
future projects during this interesting program in the  
exhibit gallery at the Jackson Hole History Museum.  
225 N. Cache Street ~ 307-733-2414  
Plenty of parking behind the Museum  
and in the Home Ranch lot across the street.