



## LAS March 2014 Headlines:

### **Mitigation and Excavation at Fool Chief's Village (14SH305) in Eastern Kansas**

By Chris Hord

Abstract: Fool Chief's Village was the largest of three villages occupied by the Kansa Indians in east-central Kansas between 1830 and 1844. Unfortunately, Fool Chief's Village site (14SH305) is now bisected by the hazardous intersection of U.S. Highway 24 and Menoken Road on the northwest edge of Topeka. The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) designed a new diamond interchange to replace the old intersection, and preliminary field investigations in 2006 confirmed that 10 acres of the original village site were in imminent danger of being destroyed by the impending highway improvement project. Under Section 106 compliance obligations, KDOT partnered with the Kansas Historical Society (KHS) to execute a data recovery program to mitigate adverse effects to the site.

(Thank you Darrel Wilson for this information!)

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### **Museum hopes to excavate Seattle mammoth tusk**

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MSN News, February 11, 2014

SEATTLE — Paleontologists from the University of Washington hope to move an ice age mammoth tusk uncovered in a Seattle neighborhood to a museum on campus.



Christian Sidor of the Burke Museum says carbon dating could provide a better picture of the time about 10,000 years ago when the ancient elephant relative followed the retreating, 3,000-foot ice layer.

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Workers with Transit Plumbing were excavating a construction site Tuesday in the city's South Lake Union area when they hit something hard and uncovered the tusk. Owner Jeff Estep says they stopped work and called the experts.

The museum is awaiting approval from the property owner to start removing the tusk.



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### LAS Find of the Month, March 2014:

Members can bring an artifact to be entered into the competition at the monthly meeting, which will be judged based on the following rules:

1. Must be a member of LAS in good standing.
2. The artifact must be a personal find.
3. It must have been found within the specified time frame, i.e., within the month prior to the meeting.
4. The artifact doesn't have to be a Colorado find—all that matters is that it was found in the last month.

The Find of the Month for March 2014 was made by Shane Skutvik

Type: Agate Basin

Material: Quartzite

Location: South Platte River  
Morgan County, Colorado



### LAS News and Upcoming Events:

- Speakers Needed!** We need speakers for our monthly meetings starting in January 2014. If you would like to give a presentation or know of someone who would give a great program please contact Andy Coca, Jean Steinhoff or Kevin Zeeck. No experience is necessary. All that is needed is a passion for our hobby and a willingness to share that passion. Thanks!
- March 28-30, 2014** Fort Collins Rockhounds Club annual show at the Ranch (McKee 4-H Youth and Community Bldg) in Loveland, Colorado. See the website for more information: [www.fortcollinsrockhounds.org](http://www.fortcollinsrockhounds.org).
- April 1, 2014** April meeting. Program: Pelican Lake Culture Night. Andy Coca will give a presentation on the Pelican Lake culture. Everyone is encouraged to bring in their Pelican Lake artifacts so we'll have many examples on hand. Let's make it a big Pelican Lake night!.
- April 12, 2014** 2014 Spring Into Archaeology Fair, Poudre Valley REA Building. If you plan to exhibit please call Andy Coca at (303) 286-7711 for table space. A flyer with directions to the REA Building is attached. See you there!
- Summer 2014** The Crow Canyon Archaeological Center is holding two field sessions during the 2014 Summer season. Dates are June 22-28, 2014 and July 20-26, 2014. For information visit <http://www.crowcanyon.org/programs/campus/NEHsummer2014.asp>.

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