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Plainview Point gets another upgrade

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Plainview Point recently got a bit of an updated look, adding to more of the history to the location.

Phase II of the upgrades to the Plainview Point Kill Site were completed back in June. This phase was geared to sprucing up the spot, adding a pavilion, brick sponsorships and a plaque to list sponsors that donated funds for the project.

The first phase of the project started in 2016 after the City of Plainview received a \$2,500 matching grant from Chapman Forestry Foundation in Lubbock that allowed the City to plant hackberry trees and add three bison sculptures.



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Plainview Point recently underwent some renovations.

Ricky Summers, parks superintendent for the City, said that the second phase officially started at the end of March and took about a month to complete the main portion of the renovations. The final piece was planting the grass in the area, which occurred in the second week of June.

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Plainview Point was marked as a U.S. National Historic Landmark and part of the U.S. National Register of Historic

Places after the discovery of an arrowhead along the banks of Running Water Draw.

In the summer of 1941, cousins Val Keene Whitacre, Don Light and Bill Weaks dug into the caliche bank on the draw and discovered a single arrowhead. The spearhead – now called the Plainview Projectile Point – itself was still stuck inside thick, fossilized bone, which almost crumbled when Whitacre picked it up.

Whitacre showed the fossil to his father, who brought it to the attention of the Texas Tech Museum. It was then sent off to the University of Texas in Austin.

Excavations were conducted on the area by the Texas Memorial Museum and University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology in 1945 and 1949. Diggers discovered skeletons and partial skeletons of about 100 extinct *Bison atiquus* as well as 26 artifacts.

“There are a lot of things similar to it that they found around here, but that was a specific find, and for that we got a historical monument,” said Cork y Terrell, who serves on the Plainview Point committee that helps preserve its history. “I don’t know that you can find a Plainview Point that you can even touch.”

These discoveries helped verify the history of Plainview by about 9,000. It took quite a while for an exhibit to be put up where the original spearhead was found, but it’s helped understand the Plainview area’s history a little better.

Though Plainview Point is named after the arrowhead that was discovered, Running Water Draw was originally the site where the Paleo Indians killed buffalos. During this time, it is believed that the Paleo Indians hunted the buffalos – which they used for food, clothing and other essentials – by cornering them and chasing them off of the steep cliff overlooking the draw.

“They’d stampede them, run them off the cliff and they’d pile up dead at the bottom of that cliff,” said Terrell. “It doesn’t look like it now, but there was a time when there was a deep edge to that draw.”

At some point, a Plainview mayor decided that the towns people would throw their garbage off the same cliff and let it pile up. The edge was rounded off to make it easier to toss trash.

Eventually, that garbage pit was covered up with dirt.

When the first arrow monument was put in place at the Plainview Point Kill Site, around the same location the Quanah Parker arrow is, the man who donated the arrow requested that a 36-inch hole be dug for it, according to Terrell.

“When we dug that hole, filled it with concrete and put the arrow in it, we got down awfully close to the trash,” said Terrell.

The kill site has been fully excavated by scientists, except for a small area that is left untouched for future refinements to current carob dating techniques. In all, about 11 blocks of bones and caliches have been removed from the area.

All that’s left of the current plans for renovating the Plainview Point Kill Site is to plant wildflowers, though Summers said it’s too late in the season for that. That will occur somewhere down the line. No further renovations are currently in the works.

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