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CURATOR TO DISCUSS ARCHEOLOGICAL EXPLORATIONS IN THE UPPER BRAZOS RIVER SYSTEM

The Museum of Texas Tech University is pleased to announce the next presentation in its *Curator Lecture Series* by **Eileen Johnson, Ph.D.**, the Museum's Curator of Anthropology and Director of the Lubbock Lake Landmark, on **Thursday, February 16**, at **7:30pm** in the Helen DeVitt Jones Auditorium, located in the Museum at 3301 4th Street (SE corner of 4th and Indiana Avenue), where there is always ample free parking in the north and west lots.

This month's lecture is titled "**Rocks, Bones, and Dirt: Explorations Along the Upper Brazos River System.**" Dr. Johnson will talk about current archaeological explorations and discoveries in the Yellowhouse Canyon system that runs through the city of Lubbock (Lubbock Lake Landmark, Buddy Holly Park, McKenzie Park), and the larger Upper Brazos River Basin of which the Yellowhouse Canyon is a part. Excavations along this natural drainage system reveal 12,000 years of human activity making Lubbock one of the oldest continuously occupied sites in North America!

In addition to her curatorial and archaeological duties, Dr. Johnson is a professor in the Center for Advanced Study of Museum Science and Heritage Management at Texas Tech University. She has 35 years of experience with the cultural and natural history record of the Great Plains, and her varied interests include research in cultural adaptations to ecological changes, hunter-gatherer peoples in grassland ecosystems, bone-based technology, collection curation, and preventive conservation of museum collections.

The *Curator Lecture Series* is open to the public and free of charge. Light refreshments will be served in the Sculpture Court following the lecture.

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