#### Fall 2022

# FACT/GDFM NEWS

### What a Year!

Each year we have no idea how many visitors God will bring through the Glendive Dinosaur & Fossil Museum. With high gas prices and flooding in Yellowstone National Park we anticipated a down year. Boy, were we wrong! While not arriving at 2021 numbers, we have exceeded all expectations as 2022 is now the second best season we've ever had. Praise God!

God has provided new volunteers both within the museum and on the dig site. We are so thankful for all those who give of their time and talents to keep the work here going.

God has encouraged us with testimonies of His work in visitor's lives as they go through the museum. One young boy recently walked through the museum and came out with tears in his eyes. He was discouraged that all the time he had put into studying dinosaurs had

been for naught. We were able to encourage him and send him home with more information about the Biblical teaching on origins and dinosaurs. May God use those

resources to make this boy a passionate believer and a defender of the Bible.

We have continued to dream about the future. We believe that God has a plan for this ministry and we hope to continue growing it for the glory of God. Some of our plans this winter include: starting on the order of burial expansion, reworking the triceratops display to make room for Big John, and redesigning the apes & humans display.



We were also blessed with a couple of additions to our geology cave from a couple who travel the United States mining minerals and crystals. They donated a large quartz crystal and a Herkimer Diamond (a type of quartz crystal which has a diamond-like structure). The two specimens will become part of an exhibit titled, "Rapid Crystal Formation." You can learn more about

their work by searching @thatcampingcouple.

We are so thankful for the many people we get to rub shoulders with throughout the summer. A special thankyou goes to the Haley family and to the Lohmans for their continued commitment to the ministry.

As we wrap up our summer hours, we will now be open on Fridays and Saturdays through the end of October. We would love to see you!

2022 Museum Hours 10am-5pm

Fridays & Saturdays ...... Sept thru Oct

Special Dates: November 25 & 26; December 2 & 3



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### Where Biblical History Comes Alive!

### 2022 Dig Update by Martha Lohman

Our dig season always begins with site prep, where we face the daunting task of clearing as much overburden and rocks as possible in preparation for guest excavations. Tommy works to coordinate helping hands for a concentrated week of labor, doing work we could not accomplish without their strength and willing attitudes. A big thank you to this year's site prep team: Joshua, Daniel, Aaron, Robbie, Kyle, and Bethany!



a large Triceratops tendon and partial ischium, a Pachycephalosaurus coracoid, a partial Tyrannosaurus Rex tibia, a snapping turtle mandible, and a beautiful claw (likely from a turtle or crocodilian). Other discoveries included many teeth, rib pieces, vertebrae, a chevron, crocodilian bones, champsosaur ribs, and turtle shell pieces.

Over the winter, we were able to purchase museum-grade fossil storage

cabinets for the lab. Martha had the pleasure this summer of transferring our collection of fossils from bags, foil packets, and cardboard boxes into the drawers. What a difference this has already made in curating our collection of fossils and ease of access!

Another new event this summer was a week spent beginning the prep of "Big John", a Triceratops skeleton that was excavated over a decade ago and kept in storage until this year. There will be much work to be done in the coming years, but we are excited about working to get this dinosaur's bones repaired and featured in the museum in the future.

If you are interested in joining us for the adventure of an authentic dig experience in 2023, please visit our website (creationtruth.org/digs) after January 1, 2023 for more information. On our website, you will also find information regarding next year's GDFM weeklong dig. Spaces are limited for this multi-day adventure, and our individual day digs fill up quickly, so contact us soon.

If you are interested in the opportunity of being a long-term volunteer either in the museum or on the dig site, please send an email to Robert Canen (robert@creationtruth.org) for more information.

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Each year, we host several multi-day group digs. This summer, we worked with Reasons for Hope, Answers in Genesis, and the Institute for Biblical Authority. We also saw a long-discussed idea come to reality by organizing our own Glendive Dinosaur & Fossil Museum weeklong dig. In between these events, many families participated in day digs. Re-

gardless of the size or duration, we are thankful for each person that chooses to come on a dig with us, and we pray that God will use



their excavating adventure for His glory.

We had some nice discoveries this year, including an Edmontosaurus jugal (check bone), a Struthiomimus radius (forearm) and coracoid, a Raptor femur,

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