

Archaeological Dig Results

Saturday morning, October 11, 2014, the team from East Carolina University arrived at the home of Leonard and Karen Shelor and conducted a dig of the immediate area where the Shelor's found the first projectile points. The team consisted of Dr. Randy Daniel and three graduate students, Lori Gross, Paige Ford and Terry Barbour. As it turns out Lori will be using the Shelor site and discovery as her project for her Master thesis. Below is a picture of the team:



Left to right: Lori, Paige, Terry, Dr. Daniel

Below, Terry and Lori carefully uncover a new point:



The new point after washing:



Later in the day, two points were found in undisturbed red clay. Below they're shown to the right and above the measuring gauge. One is laying flat and the other is stuck in the side of the pit with only its butt showing.



At the end of the day 5 new points had been found and 3 tips which belonged to bases which Leonard had originally dug up and couldn't find.

Sunday was spent drawing sketches of locations, determining elevations and making photographs of the pit. Lori and Paige individually bagged all of the points, which totaled 79 including the ones previously found. They took the points back to ECU where they'll be subject to intense research for Lori's thesis. It may take up to a year before the thesis is complete.

The jury is still out on exactly how old the points are. Dr. Daniel doesn't think they're true Guilford points and said they could be rough cuts for arrow heads. That would date them as around 1,000 years old. Guess we'll have to wait for their research to make a definitive statement.

Once the thesis is complete the points will be returned to us and then most likely be donated to a museum where everyone can see for years to come.

Unless there is some significant new information, the Shelor's won't have any reports for a year. They would like to thank everyone for the interest you have shown.

