

Camp River Dubois Dispatch

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Managers Corner by Brad Winn

As we continue through our 10th Anniversary year this summer I have started to think about where we should take the site for the next 10 years. I have mentioned work needing to be done with Camp River Dubois and the completion of the day-use area to include a bathroom and playground. I am looking to all of you for other ideas you would like to see to continue improving and developing our site?

I am working on a project to develop the recreational uses of the entire site. We are looking to continue the expansion of trails and my hope is to link the site more to the Confluence and the Hartford Tower. I have always felt it was important to more fully develop our park setting as well as our historic interpretation.

This journey has been something we have all had a stake in, so let me know this what you are thinking for what is next. My office is always open, as is perhaps two seats to Busch Stadium during a home game where maybe we can discuss business over Nachos and Hotdogs ... and of course baseball! Have a great summer!

The White Pirogue: by Rex Maynard

“How many ships did Columbus have when he first came to the New World? That’s right, now name them. That’s right again, the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. How many ships did the Jamestown Settlers have when they established the first permanent English colony and Captain John Smith met Pocahontas? A little tougher question isn’t it? They had three ships also, the Discovery, the Godspeed and the Susan B. Constant. Now here’s a question: How many boats did the Lewis and Clark Expedition have when they began their exploration of the new world? (Stage Whisper: there is a pattern here.) That’s right they had three: the Keelboat, the Red Pirogue and the White Pirogue.”

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Saying Goodbye to Edna M. Wolfe

Edna M. Wolfe, age 91, of Edwardsville, Illinois died at 10:35 p.m. Monday, April 15, 2013 at Meridian Village Care Center in Glen Carbon. Edna was retired in 2005 after 20 years as township assessor. She was born December 31, 1921 in Edwardsville, Illinois the daughter of the late Joseph & Agnes (Kesl) Sedlacek.

Edna married Roy D. Wolfe on October 15, 1941 in Edwardsville. He preceded her in death on February 9, 2005. She is survived by 2 daughters, Sue Wolfe Ricker & husband Bill of Aurora, Colorado and Jana Wolfe of St. Louis, Missouri; a granddaughter, Courtney Ricker Black; a great granddaughter, Paige Elizabeth Black; and two brothers, Robert Sedlacek & wife Lillian of Glen Carbon and William Sedlacek & wife Sylvia of Davenport, Iowa. She was preceded in death by a son, Alan Wolfe, on December 16, 2004, and two sisters, Eileen Taylor, and Mary Ann Jackson.

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Saying Goodbye to Audrey Lewis

By Michael A. Stout

Audrey Jean Lewis, 86 died on Saturday March 9, 2013. Burial was on March 12, at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in south St. Louis. She lived in Granite City and had volunteered for the Lewis & Clark site for several years.

She was born on July 23, 1926 in Granite City, a daughter of the late Thomas and Edna L. Healey. She was preceded in death by her two sisters, Marie and Romae. She had a brother who died in infancy. She was married in January of 1948 to Raymond E. Lewis. They are survived by there two daughters Denise and Diane, and their two sons Terry and Danny.

Audrey was a very resourceful lady. One day after volunteering at the Lewis & Clark site she stopped at her local gas station to purchase gas. She went to pay for the gas with her credit card and realized she had accidentally picked up another volunteer's purse. She did the only thing she could do and used the cash she found in the purse to pay for her gas. She rushed home to get the amount needed to reimburse the cash she used from the purse. She then rushed back to the site to exchange purses. She felt so embarrassed and was very apologetic. I told her that things like that happen and not to worry. She told me from that point on she really looked at her purse before she left just to make sure this situation would never happen again.

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"Garrison Weekend"

by Michael A. Stout

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Friday March 22, Terry and Nancy Sorchy, and Mike Stout were interviewed by Rebecca Roberts from Channel 2 and 11 News. The questions asked were not concerning the theme of the event, but how the people of the event would react to the inclement weather which was to hit Saturday night. The broadcast of this interview was at 9:00 p.m. on Channel 2 and again Saturday morning.

On Saturday, March 23, visitors were treated to re-enactors at the Lewis & Clark site. The re-enactors, the Channel 2 News broadcast, the beautiful sunny day, and the temperature reaching almost 60 degrees brought out about 400 visitors. As I spoke to many visitors they had mentioned that they saw the interviews and thought that would be something nice for the family to see and get involved. Some visitors were starting their spring break and others were out of state, but they saw our Re-enactors doing a wonderful job.

Well, as everyone knows Mother Nature did arrive and prevented the rest of "Garrison Weekend." On Sunday three reenactors arrived to continue the event, but were sent home for the lack of visitors and 12 inches of snow.

I would like to thank all for making Saturday a special day for the many people stopping by to visit the Lewis & Clark site.



Rebecca Roberts (2-News), Nancy and Terry Sorchy

Announcement

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AND CLARK SOCIETY OF AMERICA.**

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Edna M. Wolfe

Edna sold real estate from 1975 to 1985 for Brown Realtors in Edwardsville. She received numerous awards during her career for outstanding service in real estate. Edna was the recipient of the first Athena Award in Edwardsville. She was a Welcome Wagon hostess, a parish visitor for St. John's United Methodist Church. Memberships included the Edwardsville Rotary Club, the Glen-Ed Chamber of Commerce, and the VFW Women's Auxiliary. Edna & Roy were the founding members of the Lewis & Clark Heritage Foundation and enjoyed many of their activities. Edna and Roy was active member for many years in the Madison County Democratic Party.

During her 23 years as chief assessor for Edwardsville Township, Edna Wolfe was known as a force to be reckoned with. Her job, in essence, was to take the measure of a home in Edwardsville or Glen Carbon and assign a value to it so that appropriate taxes could be assessed against it, collected and disbursed to school districts, library districts and other local taxing bodies. Homeowners quickly learned that they challenged her judgment at their peril.

“Edna was the kind of person that, if she placed a value on a piece of property, unless that person absolutely proved to her she was wrong, she was going to fight it to the end,” said Madison County Clerk Debbie Ming-Mendoza.

She led a varied professional career. By 1982, when she was elected Edwardsville Township Assessor, she had already been a greeter for Welcome Wagon, a realtor for Brown Realty, and coordinator for the Sunday school and youth programs at St. John's United Methodist Church. In 1986, Wolfe was honored as Edwardsville's first recipient of the ATHENA Award for her professionalism in real estate and local government. The announcement was made at the Chamber's annual dinner, and Wolfe told the *Intelligencer* later that she wasn't prepared for it.

“It was so quietly done,” she said. “Until that day, I was in the dark. They surprised me!” Ming-Mendoza says she “terribly respected” Wolfe and admired her determination. “She absolutely believed in the job that she did, but she would also turn around and be the most tender-hearted person,” she said. “She always bent over backward to help people who had suffered through some catastrophe, like a tornado or flooding.”

Wolfe, she said, was also conscientious about her work. She doesn't recall that county officials ever had to wait on Edwardsville Township to hand in its assessments. And Wolfe quickly became a treasure trove of information. She could tell you who purchased a particular home in 1961, and what problems it had. “And she knew everybody in town,” Ming-Mendoza said. “When she retired (in 2005), a whole lot of information left with her.”

In 1982, Wolfe hired Judy Klopmeier to work in the Edwardsville Township Assessor's office. When Wolfe retired, Dec. 31, 2006, her successor was Klopmeier. On Tuesday, Klopmeier was saddened to learn of Wolfe's passing. “I worked with Edna for 23 years,” she said. “It's very hard to lose such a close acquaintance and a long-time friend. She will be missed.” Edna Sedlacek was born on a farm in Madison County on Dec. 31, 1921. She attended school in Edwardsville and stayed in the city during her entire life. She and Roy Wolfe married in October of 1941 after Roy had returned from World War II. In the ensuing years, he became deeply involved in the Edwardsville community. There was the Munny Band Board. And the Madison County Mental Health Board. The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. By the time he died, at the age of 88 in 2005, he had logged a half century with the Kiwanis Club, and the same as an Edwardsville precinct committeeman. He also spent two decades as an Edwardsville Township Trustee.

“Edna and Roy were the face of local politics for so many years,” says Circuit Judge Barb Crowder. When Crowder moved to Edwardsville more than 30 years ago, to become an assistant in the Madison County State's Attorney's office, Edna stopped by to welcome her. “She made a point to meet me, and to make sure I was comfortable and happy in Edwardsville,” Crowder recalls. “In my mind, you couldn't have asked for anyone better to make you feel more at home and comfortable when you moved to town.”

Calendar for 2013

Junior Explorers: Between June 17-21, site will have a week long camp for 20 explorers ranging in age from 9-11 years old.

3rd Annual Hummingbird Festival: On July 27, from 9am until noon, the site in cooperation with the Illinois Audubon Society will be catching and banding hummingbirds.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The site will be open on Labor Day, Sept. 2, but starting on Sept 3, the site will be returning to its winter hours. The site will be closed on Monday and Tuesday until Spring 2014

10th Annual Music Festival: On September 7, the musical traditions of 200 years ago will come to life during the 10th annual Music Festival scheduled for Saturday from 10am to 4pm. Performers will play traditional music throughout the site. Local bluegrass favorites will be announced later.

6th Annual Flags Over the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers a Struggle for Empire: Saturday October 12th and Sunday 13th from 10am to 4pm, reenactors will portray military life in the Mississippi-Missouri River Valleys. European nations fought for control of the rich resources of the Mississippi River Valley. Native Americans, French, Spanish, English, and Americans will be represented in military and civilian period clothing, along with demonstrations of cannon firing. On Saturday Camp River Dubois will close at 4 pm and reopen from 6-7 pm for the night firing of the cannons. All I can say is that it is really something special to see these historic cannons fire at night.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: Friday, October 18th, 2013, from 5:30-9:00 pm, in Godfrey at the Lewis & Clark Community College, the Trimpe ATC Building, in the Blue Room.

11th Annual Arrival at Camp River Dubois: On Dec. 14-15, this years Arrival event will feature exhibitors of vintage tools, guns, rock & minerals, artillery, 18th century doctor and vintage dog photos. Camp will be open for tours on the bottom half of the hour.

Garrison Weekend: On March 22 and 23, 2014, the reenactors of the Lewis & Clark Detachment will be prepping for the future departure of the Expedition. The event will begin at 10 a.m. and the doors will close at 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

12th Annual Point of Departure: On May 10-11, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., reenactors will portray military life at CRD, while artisans will be demonstrating life in the American Bottom. Demonstrators will include: blacksmithing, candle making, soap making, coopering, cooking, spinning, carving, and much more.

Announcement:

For the past several summers Bob Mitchell has been inventorying *We Proceeded On* journals that people have donated to the site. We would like to have a complete set in the site's library. We are looking for donated copies. These are the ones we are looking for to complete and update our collection. Thank you for your assistance.

Needing these We Proceeded On journals:

1975 No. 1-4	1982 No. 1-4
1976 No. 1, 3, 4	1983 No. 1-4
1977 No. 1-4	1984 No. 1 & 4
1978 No. 1-4	1985 No. 1
1979 No. 1-4	2009 No. 2 & 4
1980 No. 1-4	2011 No. 3 & 4
1981 No. 1-4	2012 No. 1-4

Saying goodbye to Charlie Schweizer

Col. Charles (Charlie) B. Schweizer, Ret., was born on May 18, 1913, in Maplewood, MO. The family moved to Vicksburg, MS, where he graduated from high school. He continued his education at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, graduating in 1936. Upon graduation he joined the US Army as a 2nd Lieutenant. Among many military schools he attended during his career, he also earned a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1947. Charlie retired in 1966 and moved to Edwardsville, where he lived until his death. A private burial service was held at Valhalla Cemetery in St. Louis, with military honors.

On June 7, 1941 he married Eleanor Noxon, at the Webster Groves Presbyterian Church in Webster Groves, MO. They joyously celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2011, four months prior to Eleanor's death.

During Charlie's 30 year army career, he had many domestic and international assignments, including in Germany, Korea, and France; he traveled extensively while he was in those locations, taking his family on many adventures touring churches and cathedrals and driving on the 'wrong' side of the road in Great Britain. Two of the domestic assignments were in the St. Louis area. He was the Commander of the Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District for several years, where he not only helped "tame" the Mississippi River through levee building, but also was responsible for the creation of Rend Lake, Shelbyville Lake and Clinton Lake Recreational Areas. Charlie also was the Commander of the Granite City Army Depot and had the responsibility of verifying that technical specifications of critical components for the St. Louis Arch were met. He was even able to ride in a helicopter to watch the keystone section of the arch being fitted into place.

After his retirement, when he and Eleanor weren't enjoying the birds and the beaches of the Grand Cayman Islands, they continued to travel around the world, including to Great Britain, South America, Japan, Africa, Southeast Asia, parts of the Middle East, and most of Western and Eastern Europe. As an avid photographer, Charlie had tens of thousands of slides to refresh the memories of these trips. He had always been a proponent of "traveling while you can still do it"!

Charlie had a lifelong interest in higher education and not only established the SIUE Foundation to ensure the University had a sound financial footing, but served as the Foundation Executive Director for ten years. He and Eleanor continued to contribute generously to SIUE in the form of scholarships.

When he wasn't raising money for SIUE or helping start a cricket club or being involved at many levels in St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Charlie was raising bees to process their honey, and spending hours online and with others researching his family genealogy, something that produced many new friends and relatives for him to interact with.

Charlie's life has been full of achievements. For example, he was a 32nd Degree Master Mason within the Scottish Rite and was Worshipful Master of the Ben Franklin Masonic Lodge in Orleans, France in 1963. He was the first American to receive the honor of being the Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of France.

He continued to provide strong leadership in many local and state organizations including the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), where he participated in Revolutionary War re-enactments, became president of the Illinois Chapter, and was active in the national SAR effort. His latest focus was the Illinois Society of the War of 1812, where he was a re-enactor and president of the Illinois Society of the War of 1812. At his death, he was the vice-president general of the Society, and as such was a representative to the national organization.

Most of all, as his business cards said, a "Father, Grandfather, & Great-Grandfather Extraordinaire." His influence as a role model is shown through all the generations of his family, and they will miss him terribly.



Something New at the Desk by Cindy Upchurch

As volunteers and members, you may have noticed a new item at the information desk. The site is now displaying an ILLINOIS PASSPORT TO HISTORY sign. Our L & C site is one of four sites in the state test-marketing this new item.

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency was able to partner with a corporate sponsor to produce an Illinois Passport similar to the National Park Service's passport. All the agencies historic sites are listed in the passport; our site is on page 57. Visitors can get their passport stamped at each site with a unique ink stamp as a remembrance or memento of their visit. Our stamp is an image of the keelboat.

Our site is keeping data on visitor's interest in the passport. If there is enough interest generated, the corporation will print our agency many more passports free of charge. If there is no public interest, the idea will go no further.

My fingers are crossed that the idea will succeed. Personally, I think the passport is an added interest to visitors learning about historic sites and activities. I would appreciate any feed back.

Currently, the passport is available as a download pdf. file on www.illinoishistory.gov.



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The White Pirogue

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When I begin my interpretation (explanation) of the White Pirogue, I usually begin with the questions above. No, I am not trying to convince people that three is a sacred or magical number with successful explorers. Nor am I trying to survey the whole history of American discovery. I am using teaching techniques that create interest and memory hooks that will make the 15 minute talk engaging, entertaining and educational. I hope folks will walk away with something that they can tell others that they learned - the real measure of learning.

First, I start with an easy question. Questions cause the listener to reach back to things they have already learned. Students start learning about Columbus in Kindergarten or 1st grade, and it is reinforced every Columbus Day. An easy beginning question gives the listener an opportunity to feel successful and engaged. If they don't know the answer, they feel like they should have known it. (Doh!) It surprises them a bit to hear Columbus mentioned and they start wondering how he fits in with the boat they see before them. All the things they learned about Columbus begin to resurface in their minds.

That previously learned knowledge is the hook on which you can hang new knowledge. Much of what we know and understand is related to other facts, one memory stirs another. The make-up of the neural connections in the human brain makes this possible. The new puzzle piece of information interlocks with the frame we already have and a more complete picture appears. When a person tries to learn history as separate pieces of fact it is incomprehensible and boring. But when it is interwoven with the greater story it becomes alive and meaningful...and memorable.

The Jamestown Settlers topic is often more obscure. If people remember anything about Jamestown, it is usually Captain John Smith and Pocahontas. (Captains and Indian girl, sound familiar?) The fact that they had three ships establishes a pattern; an echo of Columbus and a premonition of what is to come. Mark Twain has been quoted as saying, "History doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes." As educators we can use those "rhymes" to make history come together for our listeners. Previous knowledge and repeating patterns form a foundation of new learning.

I continue my interpretation of the White Pirogue by fleshing out the details of the construction and uses of the boat with a narrative of the trip. With intriguing and sometimes funny stories, I connect the White Pirogue to Lewis, Clark, Sacagawea, Charbonneau, York and Seaman. Stories like the buffalo climbing out of the river into the beached boat, Captain Lewis lying face down in it for three weeks after being shot in the buttocks by one of his men, and President Jefferson entertaining Prairie Dogs on the Oval Office rug keep the listener's attention. I use the Keelboat and Red Pirogue for comparison and contrast. Emphasizing how they were alike and different establishes relationships and reinforces the number of vessels (three, if you forgot).

Previous knowledge hooks, big picture, patterns, stories, connections, comparison and contrast are some of the tools the successful interpreter can use to tell the story of Lewis and Clark in ways that people will remember. This is not a magic formula, and some folks are beyond caring. But those who have the faintest interest will walk away with something to tell.

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