

Camp River Dubois Dispatch

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Manager's Corner: by Brad Winn

Did we again miss a season or is just me? It seems like winter was not quite ready to give up and then summer arrived. My thanks to Mike, Cindy, Michael (volunteer), Pete from the Madison County Sheriff's office, Bob and Ben for their help getting the site looking so good before the May Event. It was quite the challenge battling the dandelions this year but I think we had the place looking much better. I am happy to announce that Justine Dorn has made the leap from volunteer to seasonal maintenance and her help has been tremendous since she started in Mid-May.

I am very happy to announce that the Site Interpreter position has been filled as of May 1 and would like to welcome Benjamin Pollard to the full time staff. We were able to quickly move through the process of hiring to fill the staff vacancy and I am grateful we got someone "in the system". I will let Ben make his formal introductions later in the newsletter, but make sure you take the time if you have not already to formally greet him. We are glad to welcome him to the Lewis and Clark family.

Another nod goes out to our longtime volunteer, intern and one time staff member, Elizabeth Papp. Liz has landed at another of our sites, Apple River Fort State Historic Site, in of all places, ELIZABETH, Illinois. It was a perfect match. If you are up near Galena, make sure you stop in and wish Liz the best of luck. I cannot tell you how glad this makes me feel to see two folks working their way through the system to land on their feet in a part of our Historic Sites community. We are a small, but extremely dedicated, group of folks.

Finally Junior Explorers Summer Day Camp is coming up June 18 – 22. I have talked to many of you already about helping, but if you are interested in helping that week with one of the activities or have someone who wants to enroll, just let me know. Have a great summer everyone! (Is it Fall yet!!!!?)

President's Corner: by Rex Maynard

Confidential Message

In a confidential message to Congress on January 18, 1803, President Thomas Jefferson sought approval of an action he hoped to carry out in secret. Little did he know that events would outpace his plans. Fortunately, he was a master politician and maintained a practical flexibility. His vision would evolve into actions that would be hailed as the hallmark of a successful administration. What was the secret plan, the genesis of the unforeseen political windfall?

The secret letter focuses on "The Indian tribes residing within the limits of the United States", a subject that would get everyone's attention. It would bring to surface the memories of dangerous times and evoke feelings of urgency. Previous administrations established government run trading posts to protect the Indian consumers from unethical merchants and thereby promote peace. Jefferson urged a continuation and expansion of this practice.

He then reminded Congress of the rising number of pioneers who needed land to settle and secure access to markets. The native peoples resisted selling land, blocking settlement on the western border. In order to convince the tribes to reduce their acreage requirements, Jefferson suggested: (1) that they be convinced to give up hunting and become farmers and craftsmen and (2) the government would expand their trading posts to deal with all the tribes within the USA. Ideally, the government run trading post would only break even, giving them the ability to undersell the private competition and drive them out of business. He did not ask for specific action on this matter.

The President then noted the weakness of the western border. The Spanish still had the ability to exclude American goods access to New Orleans markets and had done so from 1798 to 1801. The Chickasaw Nation, though friendly, controlled the middle Mississippi, from the Ohio to the Yazoo, and they did not want to sell. Most Chickasaw lived in the interior lands, not the Mississippi River valley that Jefferson coveted. Again, he urged Congress to

promote agriculture to the natives and secure their peace with low-priced government run trading posts. Once more, he did not request this in the form of legislation or appropriation.

Since the government run trading posts would deprive some American citizens of their livelihood, Jefferson thought that they could help them find opportunity with the Indians on the Missouri River in Spanish/French territory. Though details were murky, those Indians were said to furnish a great number of “furs and peltry to the trade of another nation” (England). Their trade route was difficult with many portages. The Missouri River, however, would provide easy access to the Americans. He then held out the possibility of going from the Missouri to the Pacific with a single portage, thereby connecting the Pacific with the Atlantic, the Great Lakes and the Illinois, Wabash, Hudson, Ohio, Tennessee, Susquehanna, Potomac, and James Rivers.

He then proposed: “An intelligent officer, with ten or twelve chosen men, fit for the enterprise, and willing to undertake it, taken from our posts, where they may be spared without inconvenience, might explore the whole line, even to the Western Ocean, have conferences with the natives on the subject of commercial intercourse, get admission among them for our traders, as others are admitted, agree on convenient deposits for an interchange of articles, and return with the information acquired, in the course of two summers...”

This is the origin of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, eventually called by Jefferson the Corps of Volunteers for North Western Discovery. He convinced the Congress that it would be easy, it would be cheap, and it would be legal. Through their constitutional powers to regulate commerce, the President insisted that Congress had the duty and power to increase economic activity for its citizens. The soldiers would not cost anything; they would be paid if they were on the quest or at a stateside fort. A summer trip, a winter camp, and a summer trip would be all that it would take to reach the Pacific and come back. He further added that the nation “claiming” the territory, Spain, would not mind a scientific study of their land especially since its claim was expiring.

With all that bait, he then set the hook: ‘The appropriation of two thousand five hundred dollars, ‘for the purpose of extending the external commerce of the United States,’ while understood and considered by the Executive as giving the legislative sanction, would cover the undertaking from notice, and prevent the obstructions which interested individuals might otherwise previously prepare in its way.’ The President

received his sanction in his disguised appropriation for “extending the external commerce” in January of 1803. The Louisiana Purchase changed everything. No longer was Jefferson secretly sending a group of men to spy out another country’s territory. He was now sending an official fact finding and diplomatic mission to explore the newly acquired United States Territory of Upper Louisiana and to treat with inhabitants. This group would continue to the Pacific over land where no outside nation had staked an enforceable claim. The scope of the mission changed and he foresaw that the expanded mission would entail greater expenditures. The President gave Lewis a letter of credit on the United States Government. He gave him *carte blanche*, a blank check. The cost of the Lewis and Clark Expedition grew to over \$34,000, 14 times more than the \$2500 allotted by Congress, but a mere pittance when compared to the \$15,000,000 price tag of the Louisiana Purchase. The Louisiana Purchase has been hailed as one of the greatest achievements of any Presidency, and Jefferson as one of America’s greatest Presidents.

L&C Tribute: Marjorie Barban



Marjorie Ann Barban, 81, died at 9:22 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born April 6, 1936, in Harrisburg, Illinois, she was the daughter of William and Delores (Debes) Zimmer. On June 21, 1958, she married Jack L. Barban in Harrisburg, Illinois. He preceded her in death on Feb. 8, 1994.

Marjorie earned a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, and a master's degree in education from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. She was an educator with a lifelong love of teaching and learning, and she worked as teacher throughout Madison County over more than 40 years. She retired in 1999 as a teacher of 8th grade

English from the East Alton Wood River School District.

She was a devoted member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey, serving as a lector and member of the choir. She was an active leader in the community, serving with Delta Kappa Gamma, P.E.O. Chapter JZ, Alton Community Service League, the A.A.U.W. and the Caravan Oasis Center for Women, and also served as a volunteer at the Alton Little Theater, Alton Public Library, the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site in Hartford, and at The National Great Rivers Museum at Melvin Price Locks and Dam. She brought joy and enlightenment to all her works and service, with her hands, voice and heart.

L&C Tribute: Luna



Luna, one of Dr. Steiling's Newfoundland Hounds, passed away in May.

The Newfoundland Hounds are always the visitors' favorite station during our special events and scheduled school groups. Luna was an extremely friendly dog to visitors. Children loved to give her the "biggest hugs ever."

STORE OF DISCOVERY NEWS:

by Karen McDanel

Sales in the Store of Discovery are better this year than they were last year at this time. Education Day and the Departure Weekend saw very good sales. There are new items in the store. Dr. Sylvia donated ten Seaman Statues. We appreciate this very much. There are also some new stuffed animals and rock and mineral sets to replace the old mineral sets we can no longer acquire. We are still in need of crafters for our Craft Fair October 13. If you would like to receive information, please call the Store of Discovery at 618-251-6244 and we will mail it to you.

Upcoming Special Events:

****Hummingbird Festival:*** July 14, 2018

Time: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

In cooperation with Lincoln Land Association of Bird Banders, hummingbirds will be caught and banded, with an opportunity for 'adoption' of each bird banded.

****Music Festival:*** Date: Sept. 8, 2018

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Musicians will perform traditional music of the late 1700s and early 1800s. As always, our local favorites will be performing in the lobby.

****Lewis and Clark Society Arts and Crafts***

Fair:

Saturday, October 13

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to our first Crafts Fair to be held at the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site. All merchandise in the show is handcrafted and for sale.

Volunteer News: by Cindy Upchurch

Starting in June, the site will be open 7 days a week, I can use lots of extra volunteer assistance. Anyone wanting to pick up extra sessions or switch to a Monday or Tuesday, see Cindy ASAP. If you know someone, who would like to join our team, please give them the site's number, 251-5811.

The site is planning to install Marjorie Ann Barban and Luna's engraved bricks on July 14, the Hummingbird Festival, if you would like to attend the ceremony.

Bob Mitchell is back as the site's seasonal interpreter. Justine Dorn has taken the position of seasonal site tech. Glad to have them both assisting. Ben Pollard has been hired as the site's new Site Interpretive Coordinator.

Introducing:

Ben Pollard:

Hello! My name is Ben and I am thrilled to be joining Lewis & Clark SHS and working with all of the

dedicated staff and volunteers that make this a great site.



Let me tell you a little about myself. I am originally from Summerfield, IL. I've always loved history and it was one of my areas of study at McKendree

University. I also studied international relations during a Master's program at Webster University.

I have worked my way up through different IHPA and DNR positions for the opportunity to work as an interpreter here. I got into historic interpretation with a college internship at Cahokia Mounds. I enjoyed it so much I worked as a seasonal interpreter there for four more years. When a site manager position opened up at Bryant Cottage SHS, I jumped at the chance and worked there for the next 1 ½ years. I have gone from prehistoric Illinois to the time of Abraham Lincoln, and now I get to work in the Young Republic with Lewis and Clark.

I love sharing history with the public through tours and programs. I will also be looking for ways to improve the site's reach on the internet and social media. I look forward to meeting and working with you all!

Justine Dorn:

Some of you may already know me from working the front desk on Saturdays. I had volunteered here for over 2 years when I heard about this summer maintenance position and being that I love this museum and the staff here I was excited to apply. Right before I started working here, I graduated from SIUE with a teaching certification to teach High School history. Even though I was busy throughout the school year handling 170+ teenagers, I still made it a



priority to continue to volunteer at the site. I also have a bachelors in history from SIUE. Due to my dad being in the army, I was fortunate enough to travel the world growing up, which allowed for me to explore many museums around the world. It is exciting to be a part of this site's team helping guests to enjoy their stay. As a bonus, it seems

that by the end of the summer I will be more fit and healthy than ever given the amount of exercise I am getting!

An Editorial Why Pittsburgh should be the Start of the Lewis and Clark Expedition:

BRIAN O'NEILL: Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Columnist, boneill@post-gazette.com, May 13, 2018, 6:30 AM

You can't tell the full story of the moon landing if you leave out the Kennedy Space Center, and you can't tell the story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition if you leave out Pittsburgh. A congressional committee held a hearing in Washington last month to right a historical wrong. The head of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation came in from Great Falls, Mont., to say the trail is still 1,200 miles short. It needs to start where the Ohio River does, not on the Mississippi River north of St. Louis.

Pittsburgh is where Meriwether Lewis purchased the 50-foot keelboat that would get the Corps of Discovery up the Missouri River; it was where he assembled recruits to man the boat and bought a Newfoundland dog named Seaman; it's also where he received the letter from William Clark that said he'd happily co-quarterback the team. President Thomas Jefferson was eager for these guys to explore his new Louisiana Purchase, and there was no better place to prepare in 1803 than Pittsburgh. "Pittsburgh was seen by Jefferson as the gateway to the West and Lewis saw it that way, too," Andy Masich, longtime president and CEO of the Senator John Heinz History Center, said. Sure, the trip had to be delayed, frustrating Lewis

to no end, because builder Jacob Myers would regularly get hammered when he was supposed to be hammering. But his was hardly the last government contract that didn't come in on time. Once the boat was complete at Fort Fayette wharf, where the David L. Lawrence Convention Center is now, Lewis and his men floated down the Allegheny to the Ohio and to what we once blithely called this nation's manifest destiny. They were hoping for an all-water route to the Pacific Ocean and found none. But as a National Park Service study endorsing the trail extension recently put it, what happened in the expedition's early days set the stage for what followed in the great unknown: "Lewis tested his new guns and experienced difficulties and delays navigating the river, including dealing with unexpected 'riffles' or sandbars that blocked the boats."

The historical marker for Lewis and Clark Expedition, on the Allegheny River trail just east of Lawrence Convention Center (Brian O'Neill/Post-Gazette). The tardy Aug. 31 launch meant the water was low, and the expedition's first day nearly ended in disaster about three miles downriver. The boat stopped at Brunot Island so Pittsburghers could check out what Mr. Masich called "the moon shot of its era." Taxpayers wanted to see the sextant and air rifle and such. But after Lewis demonstrated the 22-shot rifle with dead-eyed shooting of a target 50 paces away, a joker named Blaize Cenas grabbed it, it went off, and the bullet grazed a woman standing nearby. "She drops like a shot mallard," Mr. Masich said. Once it was clear she'd survive, Lewis hustled his men back on the boat, but they had to take tons of supplies on and off it three times before McKees Rocks just to clear the sandbars.

Thus the story on the Ohio is worth sharing, and a Republican congressman from Indiana is championing this with the Eastern Legacy Extension Act. Rep. Luke Messer's bill would replace "Wood River, Ill." as the trail's beginning with "the Ohio River in Pittsburgh." Clarksville, Ind., where Lewis and Clark met in October 1803 and gathered more recruits, wants this badly. The history speaks for itself, but getting this extension isn't a slam dunk. The National Park Service says it would need another \$300,000 to \$500,000 to staff this new territory each year, and highway signs aren't cheap either. But crying poverty is standard for the park service, and the proposal's backers point out that this all-water addition requires no land acquisition.

John McNulty, 54, of Elliott, who participated in long stretches of re-enactment of the original journey and return in 2003 and 2006, said Western Pennsylvania owns the story of how Lewis and Clark met. Lewis came out here in 1794 to help quell the Whiskey Rebellion and was reassigned to Capt. Clark's platoon the following year.

As for St. Louis and its sky-high arch proclaiming it the true Gateway to the West, Mr. Masich has an answer for that, too. The outer and inner walls of The Gateway Arch were fabricated and bolted together at the [Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co. plants](#) on Neville Island and in Warren up the Allegheny River. That's right. Pittsburgh engineers oversaw the installation in St. Louis more than 50 years ago. "We had to put up their arch for them," Mr. Masich said. "Check it out. It's even true."

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Meriwether Lewis' journal clearly states the exhibition's point of departure

MAY 15, 2018

11:00 PM

Brian O'Neill's May 13 column, "Lewis & Clark Started Here (Sorry, St. Louis)," stated that Pittsburgh was the real beginning of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, not St. Louis. However, Meriwether Lewis says in his journal on May 14, 1804: "The mouth of the River Dubois is to be considered as the point of departure." The River Dubois enters the

Mississippi from the east across from where the Missouri enters from the west. It is the location of their winter camp of 1803-04. That in no way diminishes the importance of Pittsburgh to the expedition. Mr. O'Neill lists many of the city's contributions, including the most important one, which is the construction of the keelboat. As Mr. O'Neill also points out, the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation wants to extend the official trail east to recognize these contributions. It also should go farther east to Harpers Ferry, W.Va., where Lewis had the failed iron-frame boat built and purchased other supplies.

FRED ANDRES: St. Louis, Mo.

**LEWIS AND CLARK SOCIETY
ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR
Saturday, October 13, 2018
Lewis and Clark State Historic Site
Hartford, Illinois**

See Rules and Application on next page.

SET UP TIMES: Saturday, October 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

SHOW HOURS: Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Your product must be handcrafted, no wholesale items, imports or kit items will be allowed. Include 2 or photos of your craft. The photos should be clear and close-up.

Two chairs will be available for each space. Arrangements for tables (if rented) must be made in advance. A limited number of small tables is available.

THE FAIR COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ASSIGN YOU A DESIGNATED SPACE. NO SPECIAL REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED. NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PICTURES.

You will need to do your own set up and tear down. We don't have the staff to help with this.

We will have Subway 6" ham or turkey sandwiches and chips available for purchase for lunch. Bottles of water will also be available. There is a soda and snack machine located outside the gift shop.

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Saturday October 13, 2018
Lewis & Clark State Historic Site**

You are cordially invited to our first Crafts Fair to be held at the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site, One Lewis and Clark Trail, Hartford, Illinois. (GPS address is 3500 New Poag Road, Hartford, Illinois.)

Name _____ Business Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____ Email _____

Describe your craft (be specific) _____

Booth Size is 10 x 7'. Single Booth \$25 _____ Double Booth \$50 _____

Lewis and Clark Society Members/Volunteers: Single Booth \$15 _____ Double Booth \$30 _____

WE MUST RECEIVE CONTRACT AND PAYMENT BY AUGUST 15, 2018!

Number of small tables at \$5.00 each _____

Need Electricity Yes _____ No _____ **You must supply your own extension cord.**

Your booth number and location will be determined by the space we have available at the time your contract and payment are received. It will be on a first come, first served basis.

If you need more information, please call 618-251-6244 or email storeofdiscovery@yahoo.com.

Please read the attached rules, sign the bottom of this contract, enclose appropriate fees (checks payable to Lewis & Clark Society) and 2 or 3 current photos of your craft to: Store of Discovery, One Lewis & Clark Trail, Hartford, IL 62048

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Rules

Please help us maintain an order Arts and Crafts Fair by abiding by the following rules:

1. All booths must be safely constructed and not constitute a hazard. Museum displays must be available to visitors at all times. Drape all booth or table fronts where exposed to view and keep all packing material out of sight.
2. Crafters are responsible for their merchandise in case of loss or damage. Neither the Lewis and Clark Society or the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site will be liable for any damages or injuries to persons or property sustained by conditions or activities on the premises.
3. All merchandise in the show must be handcrafted. Crafters must attest to making all or a major part (over 50%) of each item presented at our fair and selling only their crafts. The craft fair committee reserves the right to remove any item deemed objectionable or undesirable for any reason. The craft fair committee reserves the right to reject rafts that are bot at the level of quality that the craft fair committee deems suitable.
4. As this a state site, no food items or items containing alcohol or tobacco components are not permitted.
5. No alcoholic beverages permitted on premises. Smoking is not permitted in museum or within 15 feet of the entrance.
6. No pets except assistance animals permitted.
7. No nails, screws, tape or staples may be put on walls, floors, ceilings or tables.
8. Written confirmation will be sent approximately one month prior to craft fair with you booth number and location.
9. We will attempt to accommodate those requesting electricity. It is the crafters responsibility to provide a long, heavy-duty extension cord. Our building has limited power outlets, so please be patient and try to limit your power requirements to a minimum.
10. If you must cancel from our show, notify us by October 1, 2018, and we will refund all your fees. No refunds will be made after October 1.

I have read the information and rules sheet and agree to abide by them.

Crafter signature

Date

Lewis & Clark State Historic Site Volunteer Application

NAME (Print, Last, First, MI) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU: HOME _____ WORK _____

CELL/MOBILE _____ EMAIL _____ @ _____

NAME OF EMPLOYER (If employed): _____

EMPLOYMENT TITLE: _____

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: _____

Do you prefer to work in the (Circle the best answer.)?

Interpretive/Visitor's Center Store of Discovery Camp River Dubois Special events

Please circle the days and times of the week you can volunteer. (Monday and Tuesday are seasonal.)

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

All Day or AM (9am – 1pm) or PM (1pm-5pm)

Number of hours you estimate you can volunteer: Weekly _____ Monthly _____

Other information you feel pertinent to your application: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

EMERGENCY CONTACT'S NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS: HOME _____ WORK _____

CELL/MOBILE _____ EMAIL _____ @ _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Please submit application to: Lewis & Clark State Historic Site, Attention Volunteer Program, #1 Lewis & Clark Trail, Hartford, IL 62048. Thank you for your interest in the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site. Have a great day!

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 Phone: 618-251-5811

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Life-Time Membership	\$300	_____	

Please complete form and return to Lewis and Clark Society of America:

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