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Saying Good-bye to Ruthy



Ruth M. "Mousie" Schramek, age 81, of Edwardsville, died April 21, 2008 and is resting at the St. Boniface Cemetery in Edwardsville. She was born on April 16, 1927, in Edwardsville, the daughter of the late William and Bertha Schwartxkopf King. She married John Schramek who preceded her in death in 1965. They had two children John and Mary. She is survived by her son and daughter, two grandchildren: Erica and Kevin Schramek; two brothers: Edward (Connie) King, Bob King; a sister: Barb Ziegler; and several nieces and nephews.

Ruthy worked in the dietary department of Madison County Nursing Home in Edwardsville. She was also employed by several restaurants in the Edwardsville area. Her memberships included St. Boniface Catholic Church in Edwardsville, the Daughters of Isabella, the Edwardsville Senior Citizens, and the AFSCME Retiree Union.

Ruthy volunteered five and a half years for the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site. She greeted many visitors as they entered the Interpretive Center, asking them to sign the guest book and explaining the layout of the building. We joked with her many times stating "that when ever she came to work at the L & C site she brought snow or rain with her." When Ruthy and her daughter made their candy, she would always bring the staff and volunteers an array of samples. Ruthy will greatly be missed.



Manager's Corner

Brad Winn

We have come to the end of another successful summer here at Lewis and Clark State Historic Site. We have been busy with our summer educational and interpretive programming and yet again you all have stepped up to answer the call. We survived the Flood of '08 and are hoping to get the confluence point opened shortly (by the way if you need any spare tires, we have you covered!!)

Unfortunately we have been faced with a serious budget reduction in the State Budget that will affect the Historic Sites Division of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. I wanted to take a chance to give everyone an update on this situation and how it might affect our site. Currently we are facing reductions in the personnel budget for our Agency and staff in Springfield is working to implement a plan to integrate these reductions. This will most likely result in site closures. We have not been notified as to the future of our site but I know we will work through it. Our hope is that all of our historic sites will return to full operation as soon as possible. I know you all share a special dedication to not only our site but all of our historic sites and I know we have said it many times, but the fact of the matter is that none of us could do what we do without your support and patience.

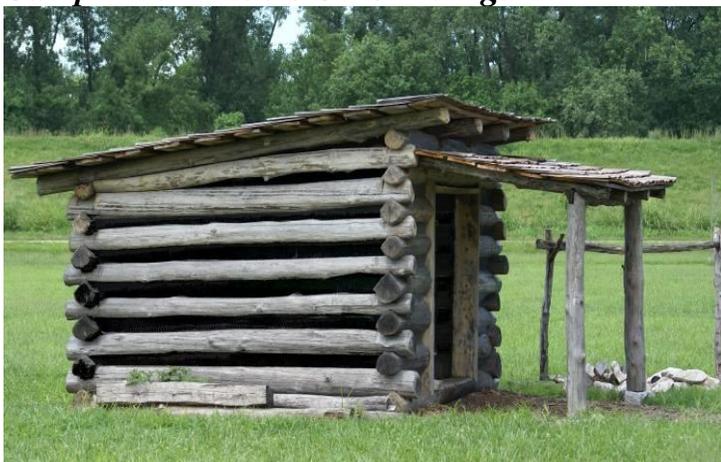
On a lighter note, the Segway Human Transports are here on site and several of you have had a special training session. Let's get the volunteer corps going to have a special volunteer tour!! Have a great rest of the summer.

Settler's Cabin (1806-1812):



The cabin will provide a new venue to demonstrate American frontier life prior to the organization of Madison County. Pam Imes has been working on a couple of grants to outfit the cabin with furnishings and other period items. We will be looking for volunteers to re-enact the rolls of the early settlers of Madison County. Pam, Joanne, and the volunteers are looking forward to candle making, sewing, cooking, soap making and gardening. If you are interested in participating in any of these activities, please contact Pam at 618-251-5811.

Camp River Dubois Outbuilding:



The Staff at L&C have been involved in constructing an outbuilding. The logs were prepped by Rex Maynard. Dennis Nichols, Lonnie Fox, and Mike Stout had constructed the cabin in the shop. Eddie Brown, Bob Henry, Dennis, and Mike have assembled the outbuilding next to Camp River Dubois. Ron Stellhorn and Bob have added the wire mesh for the mortar mix. When finished, it will be a venue for blacksmithing and carpentry activities associated with the soldiers of Camp River Dubois.

“Junior Explorers’ Camp

By Joanne Lenhardt

During the week of June 23-27th the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site was invaded with 20 youth ages 9 to 11. In connection with Lewis and Clark Community College a Junior Explorer Camp was held from 8:30 to 3:00 daily. All activities for the 5 days related to the expedition or life skills of 1803-04. Joanne Lenhardt and Melissa Pinkley were our head counselors with Ben Pinkley serving as junior counselor

Campers were divided into squads with each camper serving as Sgt. one day. Sgts. were squad leaders and helpers to the counselors and staff.

The first day was a “get your feet on the ground day”. Tours of the Museum and Camp were given and the movie viewed. Journals were made, writing with quill pens practiced, t-shirts (compliments of the Store) were scrunched for tie-dye, rules were established and the first of daily secret messages were decoded. In other words “preparation”.

Military Drill began on the second day and continued the remainder of the week. This day also included camp skills-Knots (with George McDanel), Flint and Steel, Cabin making, Laundry, Candle making, and dyeing with natural materials. A lesson and demonstration of Firearms by Ed Hamberg concluded the day.

The third day started with Fatigue duties in the Camp. Setting a barracks exactly as it would have been 200 years ago after everything was cleaned. The campers also had a lesson in sewing. Then it was off to the river to learn about the boats but due to high water we sailed down Rt. 3 (with Police escort) to the tower. After viewing the river a water gun fight was enjoyed by all.

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Press Conference at L & C: Lobbying for Levee Repairs



State D-Sen. William R. Haine

Newspapers and television stations come a knocking. On April 24, state D-Sen. William R. Haine, state D-Rep. Jay C. Hoffman, state D-Sen. James Clayborne, Army Corps St. Louis Engineer Joe Kellett, and St. Clair County Board Chairman Mark A. Kern stopped by for their press conference concerning legislation for a quarter-cent sales tax to help fund levee repairs and maintenance.

They were announcing the legislation because five Mississippi River levees in the Metro East do not meet the new higher federal standards. It has been estimated that \$ 180 million is needed to make the levee repairs. Without this legislation the area would be declared a flood zone forcing residents and business to buy expensive insurances.

It is their hope that this legislation would be sign by the Gov. Blagojevich before May 31. If the Governor doesn't sign this legislation it is feared that higher insurance cost will stagnate new home construction and prevent new business from establishing themselves within the Metro East communities.

Calendar for 2008:

Music Festival: Sept 13

Traditional bluegrass music is performed by the Alton Dulcimer Players. Other musicians will include: drummer, harpist, cello player, and fiddler,

Flags over the Mississippi: Struggle for an Empire: Oct. 11-12. This event and will center on several military periods in America's history. Re-enactors will represent the Spanish, French, British, and American military from 1750-1812.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: November 6, Thursday Night Form 5:30-9:00 pm at the Godfrey Lewis & Clark College, the Commons Room.

Arrival at Camp River Dubois: Dec. 13-14

Experience the military life of the Lewis & Clark Expedition at Camp River Dubois in 1803-04. There will be a few demonstrators located inside the Interpretive Center and guest speakers.

Christmas Day: December 25

This year's Christmas falls on a Thursday and we will be closed on that day, and reopen on Friday the 26.

New Years Day: **January 1, 2009**

This year's New Year's Day falls on a Thursday and we will be closed on that day, and reopen on Friday the 2.

Women Come By: Saturday, **January 17, 2009**

The event will feature traditional open fire pit cooking, candle making, and soap making. This event is dependent on the weather. On Saturday only from 10-2, but the camp will be open until 4 pm.

Education Day: **May 8, 2009**

This event will not be open to the public, but expecting an overwhelming amount of 4th graders. Ok, maybe about 1000 students, but it seems like a million. These students will go from station to station learning many new, but historic ways of doing all sorts of wonderful games and skills.

Point of Departure: Camp River Dubois, **May 9-10, 2009**

Demonstrators will include: blacksmithing, candle making, soap making, coopering, cooking, weaving, carving, and much more.

Kids' Day: **June 6, 2009**

There will be stations of exploration where children will learn to make rope, fold a flag, drill as soldiers, and other fun adventures.

Junior Explorers: Sometime in late June we will have a week long camp for 20 explorers ranging in age from 9-12 years old.

Special Event Announcements

“September Music Festival”

This year’s Music Festival is Saturday, September 13. In the past, our site has been able to have music located everywhere on the site. This year there will be several main groups as a result of a donation from Illinois Great River Ride. The Alton Dulcimer (a local favorite), The Peacocks (from Sparta, IL), Bradford Smith, Native American flutest and duet by Lindell Blackford and Scott Miller, bones’ musician. The site wishes to thank Illinois Great River Ride bicyclist club for your generosity and support. Also, thank you to all the musicians that have entertained us in the past and helped to make this event grow.

“Flags over the Mississippi: Struggle for an Empire.”

For the 2nd year the site will present *“Flags over the Mississippi: Struggle for an Empire.”* The theme of this special event is centered on the European nations’ struggled to control the Mississippi River Valley and its natural resources. We’ve invited re-enactors to represent European and American military units, and Native Americans between the time periods of 1750 to 1812. The event is on October 11 & 12, 2008, Saturday & Sunday, and will be open to the public from 10am to 4pm. Also, on the evening of the 11th their will be a night firing of the cannons from 6:30-8:30pm. Re-enactment groups include:

Milicia de San Carlos: (11-11:45 Sat. & Sun.) The military contingent represents the regulars of the Louisiana Regiment and the local militia. Both infantry and artillery are represented. Uniforms, civilian clothing, and equipment are authentic to the time period of the late 1700s. Their presentation at Lewis & Clark site will include a brief historical background on the importance of the Spanish presence in 18th and early 19th century St. Louis area. In addition to their historical presentation Artillery pieces will be on display and fired.

Les Companies Franche de la Marines du Forte de Chartres: (12-12:45 Sat. & Sun.) When hostilities broke out at the beginning of the French and Indian War the French Marines were the only French regulars in New France. They weren’t marines in the modern sense of the word, but the troops fell under the authority of the French ministry of the marine which was responsible for the administration of Frances American Colonies. The French Marines were independent companies of infantry. Most of their recruits came from France, but by the time if the French and Indian War, most of the officers were recruited from Canada. Their presentation will give a detailed description of the officer and soldier’s uniforms, and various other accoutrements. They will drill, parade, and fire their weapons by command.

The First Royal Regiment of Foote: (1- 1:45 Sat. & Sun.) This is the oldest Regiment of Foote in the British Army. Often times it is referred to as “Pontius Pilate’s Body Guard.” From 1757-1763 the regiment fought in North America during the French and Indian War. In 1757 the 2nd Battalion of the 1st Foot saw action during the capture of Louisburg and in 1760 they capture Montreal. Re-enactors will drill, discuss their uniforms, and fire their cannons.

Native Americans: (2-2:45 Sat. & Sun.) Native Americans re-enactors will include Jim Hart and Tony Gerard’s presentation at this special event will cover clothing, weapons, tools, lodging and utilitarian items used by the Prairie tribes in the 18th and early 19th centuries in Illinois and Missouri.

The Detachment: (3-3:45 Sat. & Sun.) William Clark and his men known as “The Detachment” arrived at what would become Camp River Dubois on December 12, 1803. Throughout the day “The Detachment” will be giving tours of Camp River Dubois and address visitor on the U.S. Army dress, weapons, and military life of a soldier. The Detachment will lead closing ceremony from 3:45-4 while cannons fire while camp flag is lowered.

An Early Good-bye to Seasonal Personnel:

Every year, during our busy months, we have talented personnel come forward to assist at the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site. Unfortunately, this year the season was cut short because of agency budget cuts. Too quickly we are saying good-bye and thank you to Joanne Lenhardt, Bob Mitchell, Lonnie Fox and Bob Henry. All of us hope you enjoy the rest of your summer. (No photo of Bob Mitchell available.)



Lonnie Fox



Bob Henry



Joanne Lenhardt



Bob Mitchell



In Remembrance of Jerry

On August 4, 2008 Jerry R. Estes died and is resting at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto. He was married to Carolyn in 1958 and had three children, Brad and his wife, Marjorie Estes of Glen Carbon, two daughters, Brenda Tierney of Wood River and Traci Brown of Roxana; four grandchildren, Krista (David) Owens, Jacob Nolan, Dustan and Raquel Brown; two great-grandchildren, David and Olivia Owens; and a sister and her husband, Jacqueline and Sanford Andrews of Yale, Illinois.

He spent three years in the U.S. Army from 1958-1960 and retired in 1985 after working 30 years with Laclede Steel in Alton. He then went to work for the Educational Training Center for the next eight years and employed as the water operator for the Forest Homes Water District. He served eight years for the Roxana Park District Board and was a volunteer for the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site for three years, working special events and the information desk along with Carolyn. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Carolyn and your family.

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Day four brought lessons on plants, animals, minerals, and fossils. A biologist from the Corps of Engineers took campers on a walk to discover Prairie life. Campers were shown a video about furbearing animals and actually handle the animal pelts. This was followed by a lesson on mineral and fossils by Bob Mitchell that the campers really enjoyed. The afternoon brought a scavenger hunt in the Museum and Camp.

The last day was highlighted with cooking over an open fire with Joanne, Pam and Joan Slecka. It was very hot, and with a slight cooling breeze the large fly provided shade. Games of the period were played; rope and bead necklaces were being made while campers waited their turn to cook. Later modern day games were played and the day ended with a program for the parents.

Through out the week campers were assigned a name of one of the men on the expedition and learned something about that man. They then relayed that information to their parents on the last day. Also through out the week a record was kept of required journal entries, successful decoded messages, best behavior and winning competition in various activities all of which resulted in extra beads for their necklaces.

All in all the staff was exhausted but the campers had a great time!!

CONFLUENCE

River Paintings by Ann Northrup

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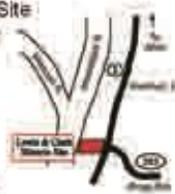
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The Lewis and Clark Historic Site, close to the confluence of the Missouri and the Mississippi Rivers, marks where the two explorers began their voyage of discovery and their quest for a water route to the Pacific Ocean. They traced the Missouri back to its origins and found themselves in increasingly smaller tributaries.

Following in the footsteps of the acclaimed explorers, noted Philadelphia artist Ann Northrup traveled to St. Louis and to Wyoming last fall. Finding inspiration in the mighty St. Louis rivers that drain much of the land east of the Rocky Mountains, she then proceeded to an artist's residency at Ucross Foundation in Wyoming. There she found tiny tributaries of the Missouri River threading through a starkly beautiful and arid landscape. Northrup has captured both of these vast landscapes in her stunningly beautiful paintings. Through these paintings, she hopes to stimulate the viewer's imagination and resolve to preserve our rivers for future generations.

Many thanks to the Center for Emerging Visual Artists, whose Alumni Travel Grant funded the project, the Great Rivers Bike Ride for their support, the Lewis and Clark Society of America, the Illinois Arts Council, Brad Winn of the Lewis and Clark Historic Site, Tina Roche of Cerulean Arts, Deanna Barnes, and the Town of Hartford Illinois.



Piney Creek Oil on Canvas 36x48" 2007