



The Bosses Corner!!!

By Brad Winn

The Dog Days of Summer are here, which means that our new four-legged site mascot is still terrorizing Pam's garden!! (I think I have trained her well to take care of those pollen infested, allergy causing plants well, don't you??) With the end of first half of the year we have had a very successful first half of the year. With three events under our belt, rain has still not ruined our days. Our numbers are down from last year through the early part of the calendar year, but we have seen a nice steady increase over the last several months. I am optimistic that we will see numbers comparable to what we have seen the last several years, and ultimately this year will serve as a good yard stick as to the type of crowds to expect in the long term. We have received good news regarding a possible 7 day a week opening which WAS INCLUDED in the FY '06 Illinois State Budget. This means that starting next April through Labor Day (if the budget remains intact) we will be open to the public every day of the week through the summer months, I know we will, as we always have been, fit and ready for the challenge.

Another Kid's of Discovery Weekend has come and gone. The weather, despite the forecast, held off for the hours of the event, and despite the gloomy days I thought the program overall went well. Our crowds were down, in part perhaps to the looming storm clouds or some other factor. New this year that I felt went off very well was the Gateway Kite Club graciously donating their knowledge and kite to the Saturday program. Despite all the great help and stations we had this year, I can say this was probably the Kid's favorite activity, now if we only find a link between kites and Lewis and Clark we would be set. Thank you for all your hard work and assistance with this event and help us to spread the word to you families, neighbors, and friends about the event.

Volunteer Updates

By Cindy Upchurch

Thank you to the volunteers who attended April 30th volunteer training. The highlight of the day was Joe Frazier's Power Point presentation on the Lewis and Clark trail. Also, located at the front desk is the scrapbook that Brandon Paul and his mother completed. It is well done and has received many compliments.

Several volunteers have turned in polo shirts (blue or green preferred) to Brad. The site will pay to have the Lewis and Clark site name and logo embroidered onto the shirt. Unfortunately, volunteers must cover the cost of their own polo shirt.

The grant money to reimburse volunteers for period clothes has been spent. Many volunteers made their costumes. Your time, sewing talent and interest in providing period clothes is appreciated.

This summer the Lewis and Clark site has the talents of many seasonal interpreters. Sharon Duncan and Joanne Lenhardt have joined the staff. Returning this summer is Rex Maynard. It is nice to have such history enthusiast to assist the staff and welcome the visitors. Their comments are in this issue of "The Dispatch," along with an introduction of Daniel Sauerwein, an intern from Illinois College.

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The Far Side



Litter dumped inside or out is unsightly. Everyone's help is appreciated in keeping the site clean. Nothing effects the visitors' first impression of a site more then appearance.

For those that smoke, there is a ashtray can at the back door for your convenience. Thank you for your efforts in keeping the site attractive.

Well that's it for now... Next time, volunteer and staff parking!!!

Calendar Events

July 4	Site Open
September 5	Site Open
September 17-18	Lewis & Clark Music Festival
October 22-23	Men at Work
November 4-5	Camp River Dubois by Candlelight
December 10-11	Arrival at Camp River Dubois
March 18-19, 06	Garrison Weekend
May 13-14, 06	"Point of Departure"
June 10-11, 06	Kids of Discovery

Summer Seasonal Maintenance Personnel

Doris Jean Pulley This is Doris second year as a summer seasonal. She and her husband Verlin have raised eight wonderful children and all born in Granite City. She stated why she liked working at the LCSHS, "I help make things look nice and that shows up on our visitors' faces when they see the site for the first time.

Lonnie Fox recently hired as the second maintenance summer seasonal. He has been married for 39 years and has two children and four grand-children. He is a U.S. Army veteran of the 101st Airborne Division. He worked with the Illinois Terminal Railroad for 14 years, 21 years with the wood River Township Highway Department and eight years as the Highway Commissioner which he recently retired from that position. He enjoys golf, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Summer Intern from Illinois College

Daniel C. Sauerwein from Jerseyville, IL was born Jan. 16, 1984 in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. His parents are William and Vicky Sauerwein.

Upon graduation from Jersey Community High School in 2002, he entered Illinois College in Jacksonville, IL, where he has completed his junior year. He has a history major with an economics minor. After entering college, he found out that Illinois College had an internship program with the Lewis and Clark site and applied. Having spent the previous summer conducting personal research on the Civil War at the Library of Congress, National Archives, and the Illinois State Archives, he felt this would be an opportunity to continue broadening his history background. The internship allows Daniel to pursue his interest in both military and early American history.

In the future, he plans to pursue a Ph.D. in history. He would like to teach at the college level and write. He has traveled to many historical sites and has had opportunities for study and travel with his parents and academic advisor at Illinois College, Dr. James Davis.

Summer Seasonal Interpreters at Lewis & Clark

Sharon Duncan has lived in the Alton area all her life. She received her Associates Degree in Nursing from Lewis and Clark Community College in 1984. She worked in the St. Louis area before retiring in 1999. Her love of history and teaching led her to become involved with living history interpretation in 1991. This has included volunteering at Lincoln's New Salem, the Old State Capitol in Vandalia, Postville Courthouse, Bethalto Log Home, Lincoln Log Cabin, where she demonstrates weaving, dyeing, open hearth cooking, wheat weaving, and construction of period clothing. She along with her husband Randy has been volunteers at Lewis and Clark State Historic Site since its opening in 2002. About working at our site, she says "I am so excited to be here this summer. I am like a little girl in a playhouse."

Rex Maynard has completed his third year of teaching social studies at Roosevelt High School in St. Louis and is returning for his third year as a summer seasonal with Lewis & Clark. Rex holds a BA degree in Bible and History and a BS degree in Education. He will be volunteering at the camp throughout the summer.

Joanne Lenhardt retired from teaching in the Alton Community School District in June of 1992, having completed 34 years as a first grader. Since that time she has volunteered at the St. Louis Science Center, the National Great Rivers Museum, the Store of Discovery, Camp River Dubois, and regularly makes a Platelet Blood donation at Barnes Jewish Hospital. She served on the original planning committee for Heritage Days on the Goshen Trail and was an active participant for many years. A member of NSDAR she has served on the local, district and state levels. Joanne enjoys traveling, the Arts, her granddaughters, her friends and family as well as her pets.

Pam, Mike, and Joanne's Day Out

On June 14, this rowdy trio spent the day at Lincoln New Salem State Historic Site learning to make soap and candles. Mike was informed of his "To Do List" at the days end and these items included: construction of a candle drying rack, log tripod, and "Double Dippers." So come out and see Pam and Joanne make candles and soap.



Continuing Education

At the end of May, Mike Stout (Lead Interpreter) completed the course requirements for his third BS Degree in Anthropology-Archaeology from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. His next endeavor is the completion of his Master Degree in Public Administration with a certification in Museum Studies. At three classes a year he should have this goal completed by 2009.

“Point of Departure”

This year’s “Point of Departure” event was a big success. The weather was great and the turnout was super. The River King Newfoundland Dogs and Mississippi Valley Morgan Horses were doing demonstrations which were a big crowd pleaser. There was coopering (Randy Duncan), cooking (Sharon Duncan), woodworking (Albert DeSherlia), medicine (Steven Gerlick), gunsmithing (Ed Hamberg), basket making (Neil Kolling), harness & leather working (Jim Mewes), broom making David Tomlin), blacksmithing (Knut Williams), weaving (Kati Dile), cartridges being made (Mike Watson), the washer woman doing laundry (Maryland Ferricks), and plants & herbs (Don Kniepkamp & Sally Munie) of the Lewis and Clark were all being demonstrated.

Inside the building Dance of Discovery performed in the theatre while the sounds of the hammered dulcimer were being played by our very own Melba Schmidt. Volunteers and artisans enjoyed the lunch that Hartford Ribs catered for us.

The first art show was a big success. The Grand Prize winner was a third grader Jacob Cross from Frohardt Elementary in which he won 6 St. Louis Cardinals ball tickets and 6 Hall of Fame Museum passes. Other winners were third graders Joey Cotter 1st place and Micaela Sparks 2nd place both from Frohardt Elementary. Fourth grader winners were Sam Ontiveros 1st and Michael Daugherty 2nd place both from Mitchell School. Fifth grade winners were Kelsey 1st place from Frohardt School and Demond Miller 2nd place from Venice School. All of the winners enjoyed their prizes.

Thanks to the men of “The Detachment” for their interpretation of Camp River Dubois: These re-enactors included: Dave Duvall, Ron Stellhorn, Don Ferricks, Richard Kroener, Rex Mynard, Todd Western, Greg Carter, and Jim Patton. Newest members of “The Detachment” included: Darin Gardner, Darin Miller, Delbert Miller, and Trevor Stout (14) our youngest member.

We are looking forward for 2006 “Point of Departure” which will still be part of the big Lewis and Clark celebration that’s been going on since 2003.

To all the volunteers □ a note of thank you for your efforts during the “Departure” and “Kids of Discovery” special events. Without your support these special events would not be possible.

