

*Idaho Chapter
Lewis and Clark Trail
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T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

The Chapter has colorful t-shirts available with a logo from one of the first road signs which marked the expedition's route. It comes from an original sign now on display at Lewiston's Luna House Museum. Sales from the shirts benefits both the Chapter and the Luna House. Enclosed is an order form if you are interested in obtaining one. The shirts were popular in Virginia at the national meeting as the chapter sold out of their supply.

GOVERNOR' COMMITTEE

Last August 17th, Governor Philip E. Batt appointed Charles R. Knowles of Moscow to the committee. He joins current members Ruthann Caylor, Lydia Justice Edwards, Ken Swanson and Steve Lee, all of Boise, Jack Briggs of North Fork and Duane Annis of Orofino. The committee exists as an advisory group which works with groups and agencies on Lewis and Clark Trail concerns including development and protection of the trail in Idaho.

This week Governor Batt is expected to renew the executive order keeping the committee in existence for another four years. The committee members feel this is important due to the upcoming bicentennial of the expedition beginning in 2003.

LOLO TRAIL CAMP OUT

From July 15-18, several chapter members participated in the annual Lewis and Clark camp out. This year, members traveled the route from Lolo Hot Springs in Montana to Lolo Creek near Kamiah. They were treated to beautiful summer days with bright blue skies and great panoramic views. Highlights included a stop at the Opdahl's Triple O Camp and David Price's great sourdough

hotcakes each morning. Hikes along parts of the trail and the old motorway were part of the activities. Bernice Paige checked out part of the state's Centennial Trail near Liz Butte.

Thanks to Chuck Raddon for a great job in leading the group. Chuck does a great job of pointing out the historical aspects of the Lolo Trail Corridor including the Lolo Motorway (500 road), the summer and winter "Buffalo Trail", the Bird-Truax and Forest Service pack trails. This is a great trail experience and the chapter hopes to continue this tradition.

MANY ATTEND VIRGINIA OUTING

The chapter had a good turnout of members attending the national foundation meeting last August in Charlottesville. Members in Virginia included Ruthann Caylor, Bob Doerk, Jim Fazio, Vi Forrest, Jon Hlavinka, Lydia Justice Edwards, Barbara and Rennie Kubik, Steve Lee, Carol MacGregor, John Montague, Barb and Don Nell, Dee Coons, Roy Toyama and Ludd Trozpek.

Among the sites visited were James Monroe's house (Highland-Ash Lawn), University of Virginia, James Madison's home (Montpelier), Jefferson's birthplace (Shadwell) and home (Monticello), Clark family sites and Lewis family sites. There was also an outstanding historic map display at the University's library featuring maps from the expedition era. The national meeting was very well organized and the Home Front Chapter should be congratulated for a job well done.

1996 DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 2 - Carol MacGregor will speak on "Lewis & Clark - Corps of Discovery", 12-1 PM, Historical Museum, Boise (A Friends of the Historical Museum program)

JUNE 1 - National Trails Day. The chapter is planning a trail event along with the Traveler's Rest Chapter. More details later.

AUG. 4-7 National Meeting in Sioux City, Iowa

Additional chapter events will be announced later.

Nez Perce get another chance at artifacts

Collection must be returned to Ohio, but could return

The Associated Press

The Nez Perce National Historic Park in Spalding may get another chance to display tribal artifacts being returned to the Ohio Historical Society this month after 16 years on loan in Idaho.

Paul Mifsud, chief of staff for Ohio Gov. George Voinovich, wrote in a Nov. 20 letter to Idaho Gov. Phil Batt that historical society trustees are "very willing to discuss the sale of the collection to the state of Idaho or to the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee at some reduction from fair market value.

"After the collection has been fully appraised, they are also willing to consider an additional

loan period for the collection at your facility."

Mifsud's letter came in response to Batt's Oct. 17 letter to Voinovich urging him to consider helping the Nez Perce Tribe win a six-month extension of a loan agreement with the Ohio Historical Society that began in 1979.

"This would enable the Nez Perce reasonable time to conduct a fund-raising campaign to procure these artifacts," which have an estimated value of \$600,000.

The Nez Perce say the 19 artifacts in the collection, assembled by the Rev. Henry Spalding during his Idaho missionary work in the mid-1800s, have historical, cultural and spiritual significance to the tribe.

The collection, considered the oldest and finest assortment of Plateau Indian artifacts anywhere, was given to the Ohio Historical Society by a descendant of Dr. Dudley Allen, who

got it from his friend, Spalding, in exchange for other goods.

The items were lent to the Nez Perce National Historic Park in 1979 to be the centerpiece of the new visitors center. But the Ohio Historical Society recalled the collection in March 1992, and earlier this year demanded its return by Dec. 31.

A ceremony last week marked the collection's removal from the visitors center display. It will be available to historians and researchers to study until Dec. 13, then packed up for return to Ohio.

Mifsud wrote to Batt that the Ohio Historical Society plans to have the collection "properly appraised," and hopes to exhibit several pieces at Ohio's Fort Ancient in the spring.

Spokeswoman Maggie Sanese said last week that while the society would consider selling the items, "I guess we haven't seen strong evidence that a fund-raising drive is under way."

Nez Perce to mourn potential loss of artifacts

SPALDING — Farewell activities for the Spalding-Allen Collection of Indian artifacts will begin at 11:30 a.m. Monday with a luncheon at the Spalding Presbyterian Church.

The collection, considered the finest assortment of historic Plateau Indian artifacts, will be removed from display Monday at the Nez Perce National Historic Park Visitor's Center at Spalding in preparation for return to the Ohio Historical Society.

The 19-item collection, estimated to be worth more than \$600,000, has been on loan to the park since 1979. It was recalled earlier this year by the Ohio Historical Society.

The society received the items from a descendant of Dr. Dudley Allen, who got them from the Rev. Henry Spalding, a missionary among the Nez Perce in the mid-1880s.

Nez Perce tribal members have unsuccessfully attempted to negotiate a purchase of the collection. Last week, the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee said it would seek a restraining order to keep the items in Idaho.

Meanwhile, preparations for the collection's return continue and Monday has been designated a day of mourning by tribal members saddened by the loss of their cultural artifacts.

Opening ceremonies at the visitors center start at 1 p.m., with a presentation by the Nez Perce National Drum, a prayer by NPTEC Chaplain Charles Hayes and an introduction by Richard Ellenwood, a tribal elder who has led efforts to keep the collection where the tribe says it belongs.

Speakers at the event will include Frank Walker, superintendent of the Nez Perce National Park, and NPTEC Chairman Samuel N. Penney.

There also will be special comments by tribal elders and youth and a performance by the Wap'tes Juniors.

Allen Slickoo Jr., an ethnographer for the tribe, will give the keynote speech at 2 p.m. The event will close with a song and a prayer.

The public is invited to the events.

LEWISTON
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40 years ago

**From The Lewiston Tribune
July 7, 1955**

A committee promoting completion of the unfinished Lewis-Clark Highway link as a toll road hopes to raise \$50,000 needed for a feasibility survey from federal sources.

40 years ago

**From The Lewiston Tribune
July 9, 1955**

A water pageant depicting the arrival of the Lewis & Clark expedition at the site of Lewiston will be one of the highlights of the valley's sesquicentennial celebration Oct. 7-8-9.

40 years ago

**From The Lewiston Tribune
July 13, 1955**

If the money can be raised, Lewiston's 150th anniversary celebration of the Lewis & Clark expedition will have a budget of \$7,500. Chairman Marcus J. Ware of the celebration steering committee also called for appointment of a permanent board.

40 YEARS AGO

**From The Lewiston Tribune
July 19, 1955**

OROFINO — A Lewis and Clark toll road committee met here to organize for incorporation as the Lewis and Clark Turnpike Association. Officers elected were Victor Morris of Lewiston, president; Webster Weld of Kooskia, vice president; Carl Malmgren of Lewiston, secretary; and Wade Wilson of Kamiah, treasurer. Attorney Ray McNichols is chairman of the organization meeting and was also named legal adviser.

40 YEARS AGO

**From The Lewiston Tribune
July 22, 1955**

Articles of incorporation for a Lewis and Clark Sesquicentennial Celebration non-profit organization will be filed in Idaho and Washington within the next two weeks, it was decided at a Lewiston Chamber of Commerce committee meeting. Marcus J. Ware, Lewiston attorney and chairman of the chamber's Lewis and Clark 150th anniversary celebration committee, was elected president of the corporation.

40 YEARS AGO

**From The Lewiston Tribune
August 8, 1955**

Full-time work on surfacing and oiling 15½ miles of the Lewis and Clark Highway between Kooskia and Lowell will start at once.

40 YEARS AGO

**From The Lewiston Tribune
August 14, 1955**

"Current" stories of Lewis and Clark in their expedition of 150 years ago as summarized by Bonnie C. Butler, feature writer for the Tribune, indicate the reunion of Sacajawea and her brother Chief Camehwalat, was a highlight of events of the historic expedition. The series of historic background articles were illustrated for the Tribune by Phyllis Budweg, also of the Tribune staff.

40 YEARS AGO

**From The Lewiston Tribune
Sept. 10, 1955**

OROFINO — Contracts for an additional four miles of the Lewis and Clark Highway probably will have to be deferred until the next fiscal year beginning July 1, Ralph Space, Nezperce National Forest Supervisor, said. He explained congressional reduction of highway funds made the delay necessary.

40 YEARS AGO

**From The Lewiston Tribune
Sept. 17, 1955**

Four photostatic copies of original records of Lewis and Clark's expedition 150 years ago have arrived for the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce. They will be on exhibit during the Sesquicentennial celebration here Oct. 7-8-9 said Marcus J. Ware, president of the Lewis and Clark Sesquicentennial Celebration Inc.

40 YEARS AGO

**From The Lewiston Tribune
Sept. 23, 1955**

Three buffalo brought here from Cache, Okla., are being prepared for the Lewis-Clark Sesquicentennial barbecue. Bendell (Benny) Gussek of the Lewiston Junior Chamber of Commerce is in charge of arrangements for the barbecue and preparation of the meat is being handled by the Bristol Packing Co. plant at Clarkston.

FROM THE PAGES
OF THE LEWISTON
MORNING TRIBUNE

40 years ago

**From The Lewiston Tribune
Oct. 5, 1955**

Lewiston's official celebration of the Lewis and Clark Sesquicentennial will open Oct. 7 with one of the largest street parades ever staged by the Twin Cities. The line of march will be from the Clarkston Post Office through Lewiston to Clearwater Memorial Bridge.

40 YEARS AGO

**From The Lewiston Tribune
Oct. 7, 1955**

Mrs. Marcus J. Ware, regent of Alice Whitman chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, unveiled a monument as a part of the Lewis & Clark Sesquicentennial Celebration in memory of the expedition's overnight camp on Oct. 10, 1805, at a point on the north bank of the Clearwater River opposite its confluence with the Snake.

40 YEARS AGO

**From The Lewiston Tribune
Oct. 10, 1955**

The third and final day of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the visit of the Lewis and Clark Expedition to this valley was highlighted by the presence of two governors at breakfast, the dedication of Clark Hall, new men's dormitory at Lewis-Clark Normal School, and the annual Air Fair at Lewiston Airport. At Roundup Park, Indians who have been encamped in tepees since before the start of the celebration held final war dances and prepared to break camp.

40 years ago

**From The Lewiston Tribune
Oct. 12, 1955**

Chairman Roscoe Rich said at Lewiston that the Idaho Highway Board is "pretty well sold" on the Lewis-Clark Highway. But he added, that "we still have about 600 miles of road in the state with no oil.

Book features Washington travel routes

PULLMAN — U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service land manager Ron Anglin believes that to be effective, land managers should know about the history and prehistory of the area in which they are working.

This conviction led Anglin, who worked from 1978 to 1986 at the Columbia and Umatilla National Wildlife Refuges, into a massive research project, which ultimately resulted in the just-released WSU

Press book, "Forgotten Trails: Historical Sources of the Columbia's Big Bend Country." The book was published in collaboration with the Grant County Historical Society and the Washington Centennial Committee of Grant County.

"Forgotten Trails" starts with a detailed look at the prehistory and early inhabitants of the Columbia's Big Bend region, a 9,000-square-mile region encompassing all of Douglas and Grant counties, and most of Lincoln, Adams and Franklin counties of eastern Washington. Following travel routes laid out by Indians probably 10,000 to 12,000 years ago, white explorers and frontiersmen began to move through the area in the early 1800s. These explorers and fur traders, and later settlers, left behind written documents describing the land they found.

Included in the book are selected writings of Lewis and Clark, and Canadian explorer David Thompson; fur traders including Sir George Simpson of the Hudson's Bay Company; early missionaries such as the Rev. Samuel Parker; Paul Kane and other artists; first territorial governor Isaac Stevens; and miners, stockmen, military road builders and homesteaders.

"Forgotten Trails" is a 256-page, \$19.95 paperback book, with maps and illustrations, and is available at bookstores or from WSU Press.

60 YEARS AGO

From The Lewiston Tribune
August 6, 1935

Federal convict labor may be used to construct the remaining 53 miles of the Lewis & Clark Highway.

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Film profits will benefit the Lemhi Indians

Associated Press

A children's writer hopes profits from a proposed film about the life of a Shoshone girl will help the tribe of Sacajawea, the teen-age Indian girl who helped explorers Lewis and Clark, return to their ancestral homeland.

Kenneth Thomasma has spun a book from the compelling life stories of a girl he calls Naya Nuki, who along with Sacajawea was captured by another tribe and taken to a slave camp on the Missouri River.

Sacajawea, a Lemhi Indian, eventually was bought by a French Canadian guide and interpreter, who accompanied Lewis and Clark back to the girl's tribe in the Lemhi Valley of Idaho.

Lewis' Aug. 17, 1805, journal recounts Sacajawea's return home

and summarizes her friend's escape from the slave camp.

Thomasma's 1983 book, "Naya Nuki, Shoshone Girl Who Ran Away," offers a harrowing account of determination and wilderness survival.

The author hopes to use some of the royalties from a proposed movie based on his book to help the Lemhi return to their valley and establish a tribal village and a living history museum to Sacajawea.

A tribal delegation is going to Washington, D.C., later this month in hopes of winning congressional and Bureau of Indian Affairs support for their idea of going back to their homeland.

"It is our dream," said Rod Ariswite, a spokesman for the Lemhi Shoshone. "We occupied that area for 12,000 years."

20 YEARS AGO

From The Lewiston Tribune
August 17, 1975

The area south of downtown Lewiston once was named Clarkston and the portion of the city bordering the Snake River originally was named Clarksville.

*Lewis and Clark
T-shirts*

*Reproducing one of the
first signs that marked
the trail*



*Proceeds benefit the
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which marked the trail in
the 1930s*

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