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## July 1999 Idaho Chapter Newsletter

### JOIN GARY MOULTON FOR LUNCH IN COEUR D'ALENE, JULY 29<sup>th</sup>

Idaho Chapter members are invited to join Idaho and Eastern Washington educators in listening to Dr. Gary Moulton speak at a luncheon during the session entitled "Lewis and Clark: World Class Learners and Leaders". This is sponsored by the University of Idaho and Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory in partnership with Fort Clatsop National Memorial.

Reservations must be made by July 26 to: UI Coeur d'Alene Center, 925 W. Garden Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814. Cost of the lunch is \$15.00.

Dr. Moulton, a well-known Lewis and Clark expert, is editor of the 11 volume set of the *Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*.

### ANNUAL CHAPTER GET-TOGETHER PLANNED FOR BISMARCK

Members attending the annual Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation annual meeting in Bismarck, ND, should plan on attending the Chapter get-together on August 4 prior to the closing banquet featuring Clay Jenkinson. Look for signs at the hotel for the location of the reception.

Chapter members will also discuss the upcoming Chapter elections. The chapter is in need of interested members who would like to serve on the board of directors or serve as officers.

### GREAT FALLS CHAPTER FUNDS LEWIS & CLARK SYMPHONY CD

As part of its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Great Falls Symphony commissioned the production of a Lewis and Clark symphony. Daniel Bukvich,

Professor of Music at the University of Idaho composed the work and it was recently performed by the Great Falls Symphony. It was very moving. It is an excellent symphony, one most appropriate as we approach the bicentennial.

The Portage Route chapter funded the production of a compact disc. Proceeds from the sale of the CDs are being shared by the Chapter and the Great Falls Symphony. The price for these is \$10 plus \$2.50 for shipping. This price is good through August 1. Contact Ella Mae Howard, Chapter President at (406) 727-2682 or email: [ehoward@valcom.net](mailto:ehoward@valcom.net) for further information.

### OROFINO PURSUES PLANS FOR PATH ALONG CLEARWATER RIVER

This spring, Orofino city officials announced plans to seek Federal funds for a pathway along the Clearwater River in conjunction with the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition. The 6 and ½ mile path would run along the southside of the river and US Highway 12 past the airport. (Lewiston Morning Tribune, April 16, 1999)

### CALENDAR

- JULY 29** – Cd'A Luncheon with Dr Moulton
- AUG. 1-4** Bismarck, Annual Meeting, LCTHF
- AUG. 4** Bismarck; Chapter get-together
- AUG. 12** Lewiston; Mike Venso lecture, Lewis-Clark Center for Arts & History; 5 PM
- AUG. 12-SEPT. 11** Venso photographic exhibit Lewis-Clark Center for Arts & History
- AUG. 13** Salmon; Idaho Governor's Lewis & Clark Trail Committee, 9 AM - Noon
- SEPT. 18** Dayton, WA – Joint meeting with Washington Chapter at Lewis & Clark Trail State Park. See next newsletter for details.



## 1999 Lewis & Clark Labor Day Campout

Like last year's Labor Day exploration, this event is being organized so non-campers and those with passenger cars can attend. We will "pool" our rigs for day trips since some vehicles may not be suitable for some of the roads.

### The Heart of the Lolo Trail with TRIPLE "O" OUTFITTERS

Harlan and Barb Opdahl have a base camp in the center of the Lolo Trail that is reached over Saddle Camp Road (a good gravel road). The camp has several buildings and many tents and they can feed a lot of people. You have the choice of sleeping in your own RV, pitching a tent, or using one of the Triple "O"'s tents (bring your own sleeping bag). We'll eat the outfitter's grub. No cooking or KP!

COST: \$40/day/person for food, or \$65/day/person for food and lodging.

Charley Knowles and Chuck Raddon will again provide expert commentary as to the route Lewis and Clark took as well as other trails in the area.

### Expedition Agenda

FRIDAY NIGHT, Sept. 3: No planned meals. "Campfire" and stories while awaiting late arrivals.

SATURDAY, Sept. 4: Travel east to Lolo Pass and Glade Creek camp, observe where they descended on the wrong trail and visit Colt Killed Camp. Proceed back to the Motorway to Rocky Ridge Lookout for a tremendous view of the area. Visit camps such as 13 Mile Camp, Snowbank Camp and others. Back in camp for dinner and campfire.

SUNDAY, Sept. 5: Visit Indian Post Office in the morning. Hike to Lonesome Cove or view peeled trees. While returning to camp, view alternative route theories: Which way did they go? Moccasin Peak or Horseshoe Creek? Back in camp by 3 for an early dinner. After dinner, take an evening horseback ride (\$25) or walk the 3 mile trail that visits the Sinque Hole, Indian Grave Meadow (the probable campsite instead of Sinque Hole) and visit the Smoking Place at sunset. Back to camp for a late snack and campfire.

MONDAY, Sept. 6: Head for home. There will be a caravan west over the Motorway to come out at Weippe or Kamiah catching some of the sites on the west side of the Clearwater National Forest. If it is a clear day, a hike up Sherman Peak will be included.

### Finding our base camp

Travel east on Highway 12 from Lewiston (about 3 and ½ hours) to Mile Post 139 (the green numbered paddles on the side of the road), or about 60 miles east of Kooskia. This is Saddle Camp Road, #107.

Turn north (left for those traveling up river). Saddle Camp road is a good gravel road. Stay on the main road for about a half hour to 45 minutes when you will reach Saddle camp at the junction of the #500 road. Actually this is a 5-way intersection.

Take the 2<sup>nd</sup> left or road #587. Proceed about 15 minutes to our camp on the right. We'll have signs guiding us. *This is a good gravel road and the discussion below does not apply.*

### Driving the 500 Road: You and your vehicle

Tires are the greatest limitation on the 500 road with passenger cars. "Highway" tires designed for lightness to obtain good mileage break cords on this rocky road. Other limitations include clearance which usually only affects very low cars. Motorhomes will be swept by overhanging trees and brush, and by rocks on tight turns. The road is single lane with turnouts to allow passing, but there are sections of more than one-half mile without any turn-outs. Drivers should be able to back ¼ mile comfortably to a turn-out using their mirrors. Uphill traffic has the right-of-way.

On our expeditions from base camp, we will "car pool" to aid discussions and to reduce congestion on these narrow roads. If you have a large passenger-carrying rig (van, suburban, etc.) please bring it.

### If you are interested in this trip ...

Contact Steve Lee if you are interested or plan to go on this trip and would like to make reservations. He can be reached at: (509) 229-3870; PO Box 2264, Lewiston, ID 83501 or by e-mail at: [sglee@mail.wsu.edu](mailto:sglee@mail.wsu.edu)

# NORTHWEST

## Citizens explore Lewis & Clark center ideas

### ■ Clarkston facility planned for confluence area

By LESLIE EINHAUS  
OF THE TRIBUNE

Capturing the spirit of discovery should be the No. 1 mission for planners of a possible Lewis and Clark bicentennial interpretative center in Clarkston, according to Art Seamans of Lewiston.

A site has not been chosen yet, but it's likely to be located at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater rivers.

Lewis and Clark's journey is "one of the most delightful adventures we've ever known," Seamans said.

Seizing the excitement of discovery is

the key to the interpretative center's success, he added. "(The astronauts) knew more about the moon than (Lewis and Clark) ever did about the West."

He offered his views along with a half dozen others at a meeting held Thursday evening to discuss plans for developing Asotin County for the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The event will take place from 2003 through 2006.

About 25 people attended the gathering.

Mandi Roberts, project manager from Otak Inc., the firm in charge of planning for the bicentennial, discussed the likely features of the center and the possibility

of a bicycle/pedestrian trail linking the center to Chief Timothy State Park.

Other members of the audience acknowledged the center should not only focus on Lewis and Clark, but also on other historical aspects of the area, including the Nez Perce Indian lifestyle and regional geological sites.

But the main attraction should still be Lewis and Clark, Roberts said.

As the plans are now sketched, Roberts said the center will offer patrons a "more authentic experience" featuring replicas of sweatshouses and tepees.

Clarkston business owner David Beuke voiced concern about the center's popularity after the bicentennial celebration runs its course.

His solution is to incorporate a business and information bureau alongside the interpretative center.

Also, he would like to see Washington's bigger corporations participate in the project.

"(The center) will be the gateway into the state of Washington," he said.

If the corporations aren't part of the equation, "We won't have a really eye-popping kind of interpretative center."

There also are plans in the works to create an informational center for Lewiston visitors.

All the projects for the Clarkston interpretative center are in the idea stage at this time. No money has been awarded to build it.

# Lewis and Clark are everywhere you look

LEWISTON MORNING TRIBUNE 2-14-99

■ Famous explorers' names appear in some likely — and unlikely — places

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS  
OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**S**ure they blazed the trail from St. Louis to the Pacific, but the real legacy of the Lewis and Clark expedition is more obvious.

Their names are everywhere.

One can hardly escape the intrepid explorers, especially in the West. There are Lewis and Clark schools, motels, restaurants, pawn shops and counties.

There is Lewis-Clark State College here in Lewiston. There is Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore., attended by Monica Lewinsky.

There is Clark County, Wash., near Lewis County, Wash.

There's Lewiston, just across the Snake River from Clarkston, in the Lewis-Clark Valley, where the explorers visited with the Nez Perce Indians.

Now, with the bicentennial of their expedition approaching, Lewis and Clark are hotter than Mulder and Scully. There was a best-selling book, "Undaunted Courage" by Stephen Ambrose, and a PBS television documentary by Ken Burns.

"There's a tremendous burst of national interest and enthusiasm for anything related to the expedition," said Donald Peterson of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Inc. in Great Falls, Mont.

Peterson got so many requests for information that he has just launched Lewis

and Clark Services, to do tours, speaking engagements and consulting about the explorers.

Retailers are already picking up on the fact that links to Lewis and Clark are good for business.

Lewis and Clark Trail Adventures in Missoula, Mont., specializes in taking hikers, canoeists and bicyclists along portions of the Lewis and Clark Trail in Idaho and Montana, owner Wayne Fairchild said.

"I saw it coming 10 or 15 years ago," Fairchild said of the upswing in interest about the explorers. "A lot of people are jumping on the bandwagon now."

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark led the Corps of Discovery, a military ex-

pedition to explore the lands acquired by President Thomas Jefferson in the Louisiana Purchase. They traveled by boat, foot and horse up the Missouri River, across the Rocky Mountains and down the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean.

The expedition "carried the destiny as well as the flag of our young nation westward," according to a National Park Service map of the Lewis and Clark Trail.

So Lewis and Clark became heroes — their names a symbol of the intrepid American spirit.

And in the spirit of American free enterprise, businesses are using those names — no matter how thin the connection to that long-ago venture.

An Associated Press search of a nation-

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al telephone database found, for instance, Lewis and Clark Unlimited in Eagles Mere, Pa.

Steve Klarsch owns the buy, sell and trade business, which caters to tourists.

"Just like they were early explorers, we are modern-day explorers," said Klarsch, who searches for antiques, imported glass and unique items.

Another business, Lewis and Clark of Hollis, N.H., sells used manufacturing equipment. Their slogan: "Sometimes it pays to seek an alternative route."

Lewis and Clark Realty of New York City is named for the two owners, not the explorers.

The St. Louis area has numerous listings for Lewis and Clark, as does the upper Midwest. State parks are named for the explorers in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa.

The biggest tribute must be Montana's Lewis and Clark County, home to 47,000 people and the state capital of Helena. The county also sheltered Unabomber Ted Kaczynski, whose mountain shack

was near Lewis and Clark Pass in the Rocky Mountains. Montana also has a Lewistown.

There are Lewis and Clark elementary schools in Great Falls, Richland, Pocatello, Wenatchee and Missoula, Mont.

What may be the only high school in the nation named for Lewis and Clark is in Spokane — right along Interstate 90 and just down the road from Sacajawea Junior High, named for the young Indian woman who helped guide them.

Lewis & Clark Caverns, near Whitehall, Mont., was never actually visited by the explorers. Neither was Lewis & Clark Surplus and Pawn in Glasgow, Mont.

After sleeping outdoors and eating nothing but deer meat for weeks, Lewis and Clark might have appreciated the Lewis and Clark RV park in North Bonneville, Wash.

"I have people come to the park and say, 'Shall I make out the check to Mr. Lewis or Mr. Clark?'" owner George De Grotte said. "It doesn't make a difference. I sign for both of them."

De Grotte chose the name 13 years ago because the area, along the Columbia River Gorge, is rich in Lewis and Clark history.

"We're on the Lewis and Clark trail, you know," said wife Gloria De Grotte.

The explorers might also have enjoyed a few lines of bowling at Lewis and Clark Lanes near Seattle. The bowling alley features a huge mural, across all 32 lanes, depicting the explorers.

But the business is not besieged by Lewis and Clark buffs.

"No, this is the first time," employee Casey Ness said when asked if the explorers' legacy comes up often.

Lewiston and Clarkston are a hotbed of Lewis-and-Clark naming, with dozens of listings, including Lewis-Clark Memorial Gardens, Lewis-Clark Motor Co., Lewis-Clark Plumbing & Heating, and Lewis and Clark Anesthesia.

Local business officials predict more than 1 million people will troop through the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley during the bicentennial celebrations.

"We sit in one of the most exciting places on the Lewis and Clark map," said Suanne Hottois, vice chairwoman of Idaho's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee.

But don't think that rising interest in Lewis and Clark, and all the places named for them, mean people really know much about the explorers.

"I saw a survey once that said a lot of high school students thought it was one person: Lewis N. Clark," said historian Carlos Schwantes of the University of Idaho. "Or one word, Lewisand-clark."

### School districts will share grant

■ Lewiston SR 7-13-99

Six north-central Idaho school districts will share a federal grant associated with the upcoming Lewis and Clark bicentennial.

The \$7.5 million grant will be divided over the next five years between schools in Potlatch, Moscow, Lewiston, Lapwai, Kamiah and Orofino, as well as one district each in Oregon, Montana, West Virginia, Iowa, New Jersey and Missouri.

Teachers will explore the changes in their communities since Lewis and Clark traveled down the Clearwater River 200 years ago. They will look not only at cultural change but also differences in the atmosphere, environment and geology.

Each of the 12 schools will develop a Web site as it gathers information on the past 200 years.

### Lewis-Clark camp called endangered

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has included Travelers' Rest, a Lewis and Clark campsite

America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places.

For more than 100 years, historians have believed that Traveler's Rest was located a few miles south of Lolo. Recent evidence shows the campsite may be one mile west of where the National Register of Historic Places marked the site.

The remains of tepee circles have been discovered on the property west of the marker, which is privately owned and being considered for development.

"Travelers' Rest was an important stop on this country's greatest epic of exploration," said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust. "We must protect this land from further development until we can conduct proper research and learn the truth about this great place."

The History Channel will feature the site in "America's Most Endangered," Thursday.

Lunch only: \$15 (Thursday lunch with Dr. Moulton)  
Registration info: Larry McClure (Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory)  
[Mcclurel@nwrel.org](mailto:Mcclurel@nwrel.org) or 800-547-6339

Instructor: Dr. Larry McClure, Lewis and Clark Bicentennial liaison for education partners  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Gary Moulton, Editor of the Lewis and Clark Journals (July 29 only)  
Registration: Send to *U of I Coeur d'Alene Center, 925 West Garden Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814*  
Must have payment enclosed with registration.  
Registration deadline: July 26 - Non-refundable cancellation after July 26.  
Limited enrollment

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BY HERBERT KUPFERBERG

# What's Up This Week

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## Historical Pawprints

The Lewis and Clark Expedition, which opened the American West in 1805 and 1806, was, among other things, an early exercise in democracy. Its personnel included an Indian woman, Sacagawea, her infant son, Pompey, and a black slave (later freed) named York. But did you know there also was a dog on the trip? He was a Newfoundland named Seaman, and he's mentioned nearly 30 times in the diaries of Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

Gail Langer Karwoski has had the delightful idea of making Seaman the central character in her retelling of the epic story of the famous expedition. **Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West With Lewis & Clark** (paperback \$8.95) obviously is a fictionalized account, but its atmosphere

is realistic, its timetable is accurate, and its events and characterizations are grounded in fact. Seaman joins the intrepid explorers in the tale with a personality all his own: hunting and

retrieving game, toting supplies, battling against wild animals (once almost losing his life when bitten by a beaver) and frolicking with his companions around the evening campfire.

This soundly researched, smoothly written story will bring the entire

expedition alive for readers 8 to 12, adding not only a canine but a human element to a tale that never grows wearisome. Nobody knows what happened to Seaman after his Western adventures, but he has certainly left one good book behind him. It's available in stores or from Peachtree Publishers, Ltd., Dept. P, 494 Armour Circle N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30324. Phone: 1-800-241-0113.



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# He's a one-man Corps of Discovery

By TARA KING  
OF THE TRIBUNE

By breathing life into a president who changed the West in the 1800s, Clay Jenkinson hopes to change what happens 200 years later.

"I want to shape the Lewis and Clark bicentennial experience," he says. "I want people to think this is about history, about ideas, not about T-shirts, campgrounds and expensive cups of cappuccino."

Jenkinson is a scholar and impersonator who slips into a wig and tights and becomes Thomas Jefferson, the president who sent Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on their legendary expedition.

He steps on stage and, without notes, stutters or pregnant pauses, enlivens history.

"Mr. Lewis' death was a great blow to me," Jenkinson as Jefferson tells a lunchtime audience this week at "Passages '99, Getting Under Way," a symposium in preparation for the bicentennial.

In part, Jenkinson explains to the crowd, the loss of Lewis meant a loss of science.

"When he died, Mr. Lewis had not written a single page of his proposed accounts. .... You know of his journals, rich with detail, written after exhausting days. Imagine what he could have done."

Jenkinson's own attention to detail — one line in his Thursday performance included a reference to Jefferson's love of fine Bordeaux wine — is the result of reading 2,000-or-so books on the president.

"Or anything remotely within that zone," he says.

"You can easily let this become a mania, a tedious obsession. But the genius is in the details. When I say, 'I can tell you what happened on Tuesday the third of March,' (the audience) says, 'Whoa, he's either a really good liar or this is an obsession.'"

Jenkinson's Jefferson means more than the pursuit of a perfect impersonation, he says.

"Two issues are dealt with in Lewis and Clark. One is the issue of encounter between the Native Americans and the Europeans."

And 200 years later, race relations need dire attention, he says.

The second issue is the relationship between humans and landscape.

"Can we learn from their experience about how we should live on this land? We take our environment for granted, but Lewis and Clark did not.

"They were filled with wonder and awe. The Indians had it, too; they lived simply and beautifully."

"The (bicentennial) should be about the ideas that brought Lewis and Clark here. Ideas are no

## Discovery

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less profitable, but infinitely more interesting."

Jenkinson, who lives in Reno, Nev., is on leave as a humanities professor at the University of Nevada. He spends much of his time finishing two books due out this year, one on Jefferson and the other on his home state of North Dakota.

And he does a lot of Jefferson.

"If I let it happen, I could retire young in my tights," he says of Jefferson's popularity.

Jenkinson also impersonates Meriwether Lewis, as well as John Wesley Powell, the one-armed Civil War veteran who explored the Colorado Plateau and led the first expeditions down the Green and Colorado rivers.

"But it's Jefferson who gets the calls."

Jefferson is the most frequently quoted of the founding fathers, he says. "He's seen as a Renaissance man, a visionary. Everyone wants to have Thomas Jefferson on his side."

As beloved as Jefferson is, Jenkinson would rather impersonate Erasmus, a Dutch "Renaissance humanist" who published the Greek New Testament in 1516.

"He was one of the greatest men to ever live, but I wouldn't want to sit by the phone waiting for calls asking for Erasmus."

LEWISTON  
TRIBUNE

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