And So The Journey Begins: Down the Ohio in 1803. The LCTHF’s 54th Annual Meeting is scheduled to be in person from August 7 to 10, 2022, in Pittsburgh, PA, the first in-person gathering since 2019 in St Louis.

The meeting will feature Lewis’ activities in the area before departing on the expedition. Pittsburgh became the official start of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail when President Donald J Trump signed it into law on March 12, 2019. The Trail now extends 4,900 miles from Pittsburgh to the Pacific at Astoria, OR.

Partnering with the LCTHF and your LCTHF planning team are the John Heinz History Center and the Beaver County Historical Research and Landmarks Foundation as well as the Drury Plaza Downtown Pittsburgh Hotel, Molly’s Trolleys Pittsburgh, and the Gateway Clipper Cruise Line.

Please look for updates in The Orderly Report, the February 2022 issue of We Proceeded On, and the LCTHF website lewisandclark.org, Facebook page, social media sites, and direct emails to members. You can even do your own internet research in preparation for the meeting. And come early and stay late. There is a lot to see in the Pittsburgh area! Submitted by Jerry Wilson

'Tis the Season to Give a Gift Membership in the LCTHF. There is still time to celebrate this holiday season as well as next year’s birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations by sharing the joy and excitement of membership in the LCTHF with those special someones in your life. Please go to lewisandclark.org to give the gift that truly keeps on giving--national and regional membership, We Proceeded On, The Orderly Report, national and local gatherings (both virtual and in person), friendships, and more. You can also give the gift of membership by sending a check made out to LCTHF to the attention of Svenja Turman, LCTHF, PO Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403. Questions? Please call the LCTHF office at 406-454-1234. The LCTHF wishes you a happy, healthy, and wonderful holiday season!
Back by Popular Demand! LCTHF Will Again Sponsor the Missouri River Canoe Trip with Montana River Outfitters through the White Cliffs along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Join us from July 11 to 15, 2022, for fun and historic camping and sight-seeing. The cost is $1,500 for LCTHF members and $1,600 for nonmembers (one-year membership included). This fee includes nightly tent set up and breakdown, cot with air mattress, and three delicious meals prepared for you each day while you and your friends, old and new, paddle, hike, explore, read the journals around a campfire, and enjoy the pristine vistas seen by Lewis and Clark. You must be able to paddle a canoe to participate in this program.

On Thursday July 14, we will spend a half day at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls and then travel to the First Peoples Buffalo Jump. On Friday July 15, we will meet Larry Epstein at the Two Medicine Fight Site for a narrated tour. Lunch will be provided on both day trips. Availability is limited so call today to reserve your spot! Please contact Svenja Turman at 888-701-3434 or sturman@lewisandclark.org. A $500 non-refundable deposit is due with RSVP by May 31, 2022, and the balance is due June 15, 2022. Don’t forget to bring your Golden Age Pass! You will also receive a tax-deductible donation receipt from the LCTHF for a portion of this trip. Submitted by Sarah Cawley

LCTHF Announces Photo Contest from January 1, 2022, to April 30, 2022. Photos must be taken within the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail corridor or at other Lewis and Clark historic sites. The photos must be submitted in high-definition format and must be taken by the person submitting the photos. The contest is open to non-professional photographers only. The photo categories are: Landscapes; People on the Trail; Historic Lewis and Clark Sites; Public Lewis and Clark Art; and Flora and Fauna. Winners will be announced in June 2022.

LCTHF members may submit up to two photos each in up to three categories. LCTHF non-members may submit one photo each in up to two categories. Non-members can become members of the LCTHF and have the same submission privileges as members. LCTHF-appointed judges will judge the submissions. All photographers will agree to the LCTHF’s right to use submitted photos for any and all LCTHF promotional and membership materials including on social media platforms at no charge to the LCTHF. The contest rules and submission forms are available on the LCTHF website lewisandclark.org. Please submit the completed forms and photos to Sarah Cawley at director@lewisandclark.org.
Gary Moulton transfers research papers from the preparation of *The Journals of the Lewis & Clark Expedition* to Special Collections at the Aubrey R Watzek Library at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, OR. The papers had previously resided at the University of Nebraska Center for Great Plains Studies.

“I decided some time ago to transfer the papers to Lewis & Clark College after the then Special Collections director requested the items,” Gary said. “Lewis & Clark College is a natural place for these materials given the college’s large collection of expedition-related books and periodicals although it has no original items from the expedition. The location is also convenient to many of our LCTHF members and other Lewis and Clark enthusiasts.”

Gary further elucidated, “The materials consist of my correspondence with federal agencies, project consultants, and area specialists. Included are all the materials relating to funding proposals and grant applications along with reports to granting agencies. There are also volume-by-volume materials that relate to the editing and publishing of each volume along with correspondence with the University of Nebraska Press, the edition’s publisher.”

Mindful of the fate of Lewis’ portmanteau, Gary drove the 11 boxes himself from Lincoln, NE, to Lewis & Clark College to ensure the transfer of the research papers would be accomplished without mishap. Mark Dahl, Director of the Aubrey R Watzek Library at Lewis & Clark College, took receipt of the boxes and said, “We look forward to processing the collection and making it available to researchers in the next year including the development of an electronic finding aid.”

**Great Falls, MT, Marks National Native American Heritage Month.** Twelve teepees—one for each tribe in Montana—stood outside the Great Falls Public Schools Administration Building during all of November in celebration of National Native American Heritage Month. Indian Education for All Director Dugan Coburn, a member of the Blackfeet Nation and the LCTHF, said he hopes the teepees inspire the community to learn more about Native American heritage. During National Native American Heritage Month, students throughout the district participated in activities that encourage engagement with Native American studies. The teepees’ symbolic nighttime lighting varied each week. Multicolored lights represented the diversity among Montana’s 12 tribal nations. Red lights were for awareness of the missing and murdered Indigenous people. Orange lights recognized the Every Child Matters movement honoring the Indigenous children who went to boarding schools and especially those who did not return. *Courtesy of Nora Mabie, Great Falls Tribune*
Siouxland (IA) LCTHF Members Make Great Progress on Their Floyd River Campsite Rock Monument Project. Gary Moulton, in *The Lewis and Clark Expedition Day by Day*, writes that, after the death and burial of Sergeant Floyd on August 20, 1804, “The party moved a few miles farther and camped above the mouth of Floyd River, Woodbury County.” This description matches the location of the site for the monument project initiated by the Sergeant Floyd Tri-State Chapter in Sioux City’s Chris Larson Park and supported in part by the LCTHF’s Lewis & Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment. The large boulder (eight feet tall and five to six feet wide at its base), central to the monument, has three to four relatively flat facets suitable for murals of the 1804 events by artist Ray Sorenson. The proposed display will offer information to travelers who stop at the Sergeant Floyd River Museum & Welcome Center about the naming of the Floyd River during the Corps of Discovery’s encampment at the mouth of the Floyd River near this location. Please consider supporting this non-profit endeavor by sending your check or money order (no cash, please) to Sergeant Floyd Tri-State Chapter, PO Box 1804, Sioux City, IA 51101. Submitted by Danny Whitlock

Grading the area of the construction site in Chris Larsen Park, Sioux City, IA, began on September 17, 2021, with the removal of the existing vegetation, old perimeter fencing, and other debris. All photos by Danny Whitlock

Leveling and backfilling of the site started on September 24 and are still ongoing.

A masonry-based pedestal filled with crushed aggregate, ready to receive the rock on October 18, will raise the rock about two feet to bring the painted murals on the rock's facet surfaces closer to eye level for better viewing.

Meier Towing prepares to load the boulder from the gravel pit near Anthon, IA, for transport to Sioux City on October 20.
If you would like to include your Region’s events in our next issue, please email your information to Philippa Newfield at philgor@aol.com by February 1, 2022. All LCTHF members automatically receive TOR electronically as part of their membership. The cost of receiving a paper copy of TOR is $6.00 per year. If you wish a paper copy of TOR, please include your payment when you renew your membership.

—Philippa Newfield and Arend Flick
Co-editors, The Orderly Report

Finally on October 21 Meier Towing prepares to lift the boulder off the truck for installation in Chris Larson Park.

Three workers determine the exact spot on which to set the boulder down on its pedestal.

The boulder in its new home, ready to receive the murals by Ray Sorenson depicting the Corps of Discovery’s experiences in Siouxland on August 20, 1804.

Sergeant Floyd Tri-State Chapter Secretary Brad Holder inspects Campsite Rock finally in its place and ready to receive the murals by Iowa Artist Ray Sorenson. Photo by Sergeant Floyd Tri-State Chapter President Denny Leonard
LCTHF Oregon Chapter Seeks Elusive Pickets at Fort Clatsop. Oregon Chapter President Glen Kirkpatrick developed a theory about the location of the original Fort Clatsop based on early photographs and the testimony of early farmers. He wrote an article detailing his theory in WPO (August 2020, 46:3, 5-9) for which he received the first LCTHF Portage Route Chapter’s Memorial Prize for the best WPO article each year. Now Glen would like to test his theory by using ground penetrating radar (GPR) near the current Fort Clatsop replica. Thus far Glen and his working group have brought the idea to the Lewis & Clark National Historical Park and received positive feedback from the staff including their archeologist and Superintendent Jon Burpee. They have also started work on obtaining the two permits required for the proposed project and lined up Professor Colin Grier, Director of the Northwest Coast Archaeology Laboratory at Washington State University, to lead the field work.

The proposed plan is to conduct one round of GPR during the upcoming wet winter months and a second round in the drier summer period. Two rounds of work are indicated to identify what is expected to be a very faint signature of the target pickets. For the second round of GPR the group may partner with the Fort Vancouver Field School to implement a program of ground truthing by coring or test excavation.

Having developed a budget for the wet season GPR work this winter, the Oregon Chapter would like to raise $4,000. Please consider joining Glen, who donated his PRC Memorial Prize award of $1000 to support this effort, in making a tax-deductible contribution. You may donate online to the Fundrazr campaign entitled “The Hunt for Fort Clatsop” at https://fundrazr.com/21uSD9?ref=ab_0Am7ec. Or mail a check made out to “Oregon Chapter LCTHF” with the notation “To Find Fort Clatsop” to Ted Kaye, Pacific Northwest Region LCTHF Treasurer, 2235 NW Aspen, Portland, OR 97210. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

Submit Your Work to Our New Blog: Lewis and Clark News! LCTHF members who enjoy writing about and taking photographs related to the Lewis and Clark journey may publish their work in the LCTHF’s new blog. The purpose of the “Lewis and Clark News” blog is to inform members and also reach out directly to the public, including non-members, potential supporters, teachers, students, tourists, political leaders, government agencies, and others. The blog complements the existing publications The Orderly Report and We Proceeded On in that a blog article might cover a topic already reported but not previously seen by the general public. The articles should be from 500 to 1,200 words and accompanied by photographs or other artwork. Stand-alone photographs will be evaluated by their topic and quality. Visit lewisandclarknews.com to view the blog. For writing and photography guidelines, please contact Gary Kimsey (970-689-2512) at garykimsey55@gmail.com.
Movement to Breach Four Dams on the Lower Snake River Gains Momentum.

Presented is an executive summary of a longer article by Robert Heacock about reasons for the dams’ development and then arguments from those in favor of and opposed to their breaching which has been edited and enhanced with additional information.

Power generation was one reason for building the dams. The steepness of the Lower Snake facilitates the production of hydroelectric power for generating clean electricity. The dams also provide a modicum of flood control, albeit limited as these are “run-of-the-river” dams and not storage dams. Agriculture was another reason. The Ice Harbor Dam provides irrigation for about 50,000 acres of agricultural production. Most of the soft white wheat grown in the Palouse in southeastern Washington and north central Idaho is intended primarily for export to Asian markets. The dams, by providing for barge transport of grain, made Lewiston, ID, an inland seaport and Portland, OR, an excellent export port.

The dams have, however, changed what was a free-flowing river into a series of lakes or “pools” which has adversely affected the salmon population. While the dams do include fish bypass tubes for downstream passage of young fish and fish ladders for upstream movement of adult salmon among other mitigation attempts, these costly measures have met with little success: the fish population continues to dwindle. Breaching the dams would help to protect the fish from extinction and recover healthy populations more efficiently and productively by eliminating many harmful environmental factors that negatively affect the salmon while enhancing juvenile fish downstream and adult upstream migration. This could greatly increase salmon populations over a large geographic area including the Clearwater and the Salmon about which Meriwether Lewis wrote on August 13, 1805. In the larger environmental picture, salmon are essential to as many as 200 other species, including the orca in the Salish Sea. Litigation involving the dams’ alleged violations of the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act is ongoing.

There are also six outbound 1805 Expedition campsites and a return 1806 campsite that have been under water for up to 60 years owing to the dams. If the dams are breached, the campsites would be once again above water and available for exploration and recreation.

While the tribes and environmental groups see breaching the dams as the last chance to save the salmon from extinction, others remain against breaching. Farmers want to irrigate their fields and ship wheat least expensively by barge. Barging companies want to continue their business. Lewiston, ID, is concerned about the loss of jobs and economic activity were it no longer a port. Companies that offer lakeside recreation and people who have lakeside property do not want to lose the lakes. The recent efforts to make breaching the dams contingent on a moratorium on environmental lawsuits have been opposed by many environmental groups. Others are against eliminating a source of carbon-free power. The expense of breaching the dams and mitigating the damage to impacted communities will also undoubtedly be considerable. This is clearly a topic that has been much debated.
LCTHF Eastern Legacy Sign Committee Attends "Lewis Down the Ohio 1803" Sign Dedication Ceremony. As he began his journey west, Meriwether Lewis described the Ohio River’s challenges in his journal on September 1, 1803. Reaching Woollery’s Trap about 5 o’clock in the evening he wrote, “here after unloading again and exerting all our force we found it impracticable to get over, I therefore employed a man with a team of oxen with the assistance of which we at length got off we put in and remained all night having made only ten miles this day.”

This treacherous area was a swift shute on the Ohio River identified in early navigation guides as “Woollery’s Trap” at present-day Sewickley, PA. A local man by the name of Henry Ulery owned a long strip of land along the Ohio River and was known to assist boats traveling down river for a price that suited him. This was especially true at low water. The area first known as “Ulery’s Trap” was later corrupted to “Woollery’s Trap.”

Executive Director Brenda Applegate of the Beaver County Historical Research and Landmarks Foundation (BCHRLF), host of the sign dedication, invited the members of the LCTHF Eastern Legacy Sign Committee and 54th Annual Meeting Planning Committee (August 7 to 10, 2022, in Pittsburgh, PA) to the sign dedication ceremony on June 9, 2021, in Sewickley. The BCHRLF is responsible for several Lewis and Clark area signs including “Down the Ohio in 1803” atop Pittsburgh’s Mount Washington. The 2022 meeting planners have arranged to transport attendees up to Mount Washington for a great view of The Point and Brunot Island.

Many honored guests attended the sign dedication among them Sewickley Mayor George Shannon (no relation), Youth Ambassadors Raymond McDowell and Lillian Reynolds, Thom Jones’ sister Anne Gerace, Anthony Wayne’s 4th Sub Legion, and Amanda Schaffer and Harton Semple of the Sewickley Valley Historical Society. Special thanks to the Lewis & Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment as well as sign designer Deborah Brimner. Submitted by Jerry Wilson

LCTHF’s National History Day Awards! In recognition of National History Day the LCTHF awarded Areeb Zahavi of Chamblee (GA) Charter High School the special prize of $1000 in the senior individual documentary category for “The Making of an Indian Princess: The Suffragettes, Sacajawea, and American Imperialism.” Areeb and National History Day thanked the LCTHF for their student support.

The LCTHF also awarded Adeline Lyons of Harding County Middle School in Buffalo, SD (population 330), the special National History Day prize of $1000 in the junior individual performance category for her one-person play "Communicating through Journals and Maps: The Expedition That Uncovered the West." In her two-page hand-written thank-you letter to the LCTHF Adeline noted, "In all the years my school ... has been participating in NHD I’m only the 2nd person to ever win a prize at Nationals." The South Dakota State Historical Society (SDSHS) Board of Trustees presented a “Certificate of Recognition” to Adeline. SDSHS Trustee and LCTHF Member Brad Tennant filled the trustees in about the LCTHF’s special National History Day awards organized by LCTHF Past President and Education Committee Chair Barb Kubik.
Paavo Hall to Serve as LCTHF Library Committee’s New Leader. A longtime William P Sherman Library and Archives volunteer, Paavo has a MFA in Playwrighting from the Yale University School of Drama and has had his plays performed at theaters across the country. He taught in Iraq and Saudi Arabia and recently conducted college-level English and American History courses for sailors at sea. In other news, the Library has received a NPS grant to process our photograph collection. This will enable us to gather the “who, what, when, and where” necessary to identify and catalogue the photographs. We will soon ask you to help with identifying the images.

Follow us on Goodreads. We recommend Blood on the Marias by Paul Wylie and Interpreters with Lewis and Clark: The Story of Sacagawea and Toussaint Charbonneau by W. Dale Nelson. Please email us at library@lewisandclark.org about books you think belong in the Library or donate a copy! The Library thanks everyone who participated in our online auction which raised $6,530 for Library operations. Submitted by Della Van Setten, Library Technician

Sioux City (IA) Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center (LCIC) Develops New Video Game that focuses on the Corps of Discovery’ time in the area through the adventures of Percy the Pelican, the LCIC’s Kids’ Club mascot. LCIC Assistant Director and Education Coordinator Sara Olson worked with Instructors Steve Chinn and Frank Heffner of the Video Game Design Program at Western Iowa Tech Community College, the program’s many interns, and Mytopia Gameware Institute. The final version of this “learning while playing” exhibit asks the player to help Percy the Pelican travel through Siouxland. Facilities Manager Joe Hlas designed and remodeled the space for the computer tower and monitor and installed the exhibit.

LCTHF Seeks Volunteers for the Ambassador Program. Conceived to assist visitors along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT) learn more about the Lewis and Clark Expedition, our member Ambassadors would offer unique insights to travelers about Lewis and Clark’s presence in their region or area of expertise. Visitors planning travel along the trail are invited to contact the LCTHF which would pair them with local Ambassadors. “The goal is to tell the story of Lewis and Clark while developing good relations with the public,” said LCTHF Executive Director Sarah Cawley. “We’re looking for Ambassadors who enjoy talking about Lewis and Clark and educating people of all ages and backgrounds.” So far ten LCTHF members have volunteered to be Ambassadors. The LCTHF hopes to have Ambassadors all along the 4,900-mile LCNHT. To volunteer, please contact Sarah at director@lewisandclark.org

Submitted by Gary Kimsey

“"We cannot be more excited about this new game which we opened on October 5, 2021,” said Sara. “The kids love playing while learning, and getting excited about, local history.” For Steve Chinn, the project awakened memories of visiting the LCIC as a child. “Everyone who worked on the game is from the Sioux City community,” said Steve, “and this project is a great opportunity to showcase the talent and passion we have here.” Submitted by Theresa Jackson

Gamestop at Sioux City Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center: Percy the Pelican’s new Lewis and Clark video game installation.
Effort to Create Montana’s First National Heritage Area (NHA) Moves Forward. The final Feasibility Study will soon be submitted to the National Park Service to verify central Montana’s national significance to America’s heritage. Like other NHAs, Big Sky Country NHA will help bring people together to honor our culture, share our unique history, and promote our beautiful places under the big sky.

NHAs were first established under Ronald Reagan’s presidency to enable local communities to determine how best to tell and preserve their history and develop commercial opportunities in their areas. Currently Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) is working on an initiative to establish the first NHA in Kentucky and the entire state of Tennessee has been designated a NHA. NHAs have no legal authority and cannot influence local, state, and federal policies, laws, and regulations, among them zoning, planning, hunting/fishing, and land use. Legislative language for all newly established NHAs specifically forbids NHAs from interfering with or otherwise impacting private property rights. Congress also has the power to remove NHA designation if violations occur; a GAO report in 2004 reviewed all existing NHAs and found no evidence that private landowners had been adversely affected. What NHAs are able to accomplish is to convene people who wish to work together on projects to enhance their area. Importantly, no one is coerced into participating in a project. NHAs in other areas have been successful in stimulating the economy and bringing business to local communities.

You can help by sending a letter supporting the Big Sky Country NHA effort to BSCNHA, PO Box 1323, Great Falls, MT 59403. If you would like to do more, please consider a tax-deductible contribution to our effort. Visit our website at www.bigskycountrynha.org for more information or contact BSCNHA Chair Jane Weber at jwebers5@msn.com.