LCTHF is Going to Missoula in 2023! It was very exciting to meet so many members of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and explore the three rivers and history of Pittsburgh together. I hope you are making plans to join us along the banks of the three rivers of Missoula, MT, at the LCTHF’s 55th Annual Meeting from June 27 to 30, 2023. The theme is “Crossroads at Travelers’ Rest...Trade, Travel & Time.”

The Corps of Discovery arrived at Travelers’ Rest on September 9, 1805, moving west from the trail along the Bitterroot River to prepare for the arduous journey across the Bitterroot Mountains. On their return eastward, they camped again at Travelers’ Rest from June 30 to July 3, 1806. The party split here; on his journey to the north, Meriwether Lewis and his small group crossed the Clark Fork River and followed trails forged by bison hunters along the Blackfoot River.

Participants in the 2023 Annual Meeting will have the opportunity to see significant sites near each of these three rivers and to walk in the footsteps of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. And, on June 30, we will gather at Travelers’ Rest on the 217th anniversary of the Corps’ second encampment in this extraordinary place.

The Annual Meeting will feature speakers with diverse perspectives on the Expedition and how it impacted and continues to shape the American West. Registration information will be available soon, but you can start planning by reserving your room at the Holiday Inn Downtown Missoula which will serve as headquarters for the Annual Meeting. Follow the link at https://travelersrest.org/55th-annual-meeting-of-the-lewis-clark-trail-heritage-foundation/. See you at the Crossroads! Submitted by Molly Stockdale, Executive Director, Travelers’ Rest Connection

LCTHF Thanks a Generous and Creative Donor. Lorna Hainesworth, the impetus, support, and guiding spirit behind the LCTHF’s popular traveling exhibit "Reimagining America: The Maps of Lewis and Clark," has indicated she would like to use the balance of her commitment to the maps project for other purposes. Leading off will be the purchase of a scanner of professional quality to facilitate the archiving of film and photograph collections in the LCTHF’s William P Sherman Library and Archives. The LCTHF is grateful for Lorna’s help in acquiring this advanced technology which will enable us to preserve important parts of our history and use our storage space more efficiently. Remaining funds after the purchase of the scanner will go toward creation of a PowerPoint version of the map exhibit. Thank you, Lorna!
The LCTHF’s 54th Annual Meeting, for our final activity, took participants down the Ohio as Lewis had done in 1803. The email Jerry Wilson received from Great Lakes Region/Illini Chapter member Sandy Matthews and shared with his fellow 2022 Planning Committee members Brenda and Roger Applegate, Paige Cruz, Phillip Gordon, Mike and Lorraine Loesch, Philippa Newfield, Bob Stakeley, and Janice Wilson was very gratifying and summed the proceedings up beautifully:

"Just want to say to you and the other members of your committee what a wonderful conference you put together.

I enjoyed the talks very much. Loved seeing the city of Pittsburgh, the trolley ride, reception on the roof, and the boat ride was the icing on the cake. Had a great time and want to thank you for all your hard work."

Now we hope to proceed on to the LCTHF’s 55th Annual Meeting in Missoula, MT, from June 27 to 30, 2023. See you at the crossroads!
A Note from Patrick Gass Descendant Sue Painter Strunk: “Thank you so much for making the weekend at the LCTHF’s 54th Annual Meeting so memorable for the Girl Scouts. I’m sure they will never forget their trip to Pittsburgh and all the events surrounding being awarded their badges. They really enjoyed meeting “President Jefferson” and his great words to them. The LCTHF truly went above and beyond to make the event happen, and I know my father Eugene Gass Painter, Patrick Gass’ descendant, would have been especially pleased with the results of everyone’s efforts.

The Youth Achievement Award to my granddaughter Maggie Layne was more than she ever dreamed of earning. She thinks Eugene would have enjoyed hearing of it as well. A lot of her essay was based on an essay she had written for him. He really enjoyed her writing and was looking forward to reading more of her work.

Thank you again for all the hard work you and your group put in to making the weekend such a wonderful event.”
July 4th Event at Sacajawea’s Rest Park in Darby, MT. The highlight of the event was the unveiling of the nearby Lewis and Clark Descent Trail trail-head sign replicas installed by the Job Corps Developmental Center. LCTHF Travelers’ Rest Chapter member Bruce Mihelish offered “A Thank You to the Salish” as the Corps of Discovery would not have made it to the Pacific in 1805 had it not been for their chance encounter with the Salish at Ross Hole on September 4, 1805. Molly Stockdale, executive director of Travelers’ Rest Connection, invited everyone to the LCTHF’s 55th Annual Meeting in Missoula, MT, from June 27 to 30, 2023. Retired Forest Ranger Eric Winters identified everything that had to happen to engineer and build a Lewis and Clark Trail segment. He credited Mark Smith for trail engineering, Jake Long for the highway signs and Forest Service way-finding signs, Descent Trail Project Manager and smoke jumper Fred Cooper for clearing the trail and committing to maintain it. Smoke jumper Jeff Kinderman advised that the trail is clear and available for hiking as of July 4, 2022. The Bitterroot Heritage Civic Group has a QR-coded, 4x9-inch rack card that enables travelers to enlarge map-contour details of the Descent Trail. Darby is about 65 miles south of Missoula on US Highway 93. LCTHF’s 2023 Annual Meeting attendees are hereby challenged to make the pilgrimage to hike the Descent Trail of September 4, 1805. Looking forward to meeting everyone on the trail! Submitted by Ted Hall

White House Council on Environmental Quality Launches Outdoor Recreation Initiative. As part of the America the Beautiful Initiative, the new Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation which includes leaders from the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, and Defense will focus on providing improved and more affordable access to public lands and waters and expanding outdoor recreation opportunities. FICOR will help coordinate policies, facilitate partnerships, and improve implementation on issues that include investing in recreation infrastructure (e.g., electric vehicle charging stations, trails, campgrounds, visitor centers, and boating access); bolstering education and career opportunities in conservation, outdoor recreation, habitat restoration, and resource management; providing comprehensive visitor information for the hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, birding, climbing, and boating communities; and cooperating with state, tribal, territorial, and local governments and non-profit organizations to create a welcoming visitor experience. From American Hiking Society’s Paperless Trail

Did You Know?
The National Park Service was established 106 years ago on August 25, 1916, with the signing of the Organic Act - when there were just 35 sites. Today, thanks to acts of Congress (and, believe us, the LCTHF well knows that each change requires an act of Congress), national monument designations by United States presidents, and the generosity and advocacy of people who love American history and the outdoors, we now have more than 400 parks and monuments under the amazing National Park Service!
Special Delivery: Bill Stevens, his wife DeeAnn, daughter Dr Melissa Stevens-Gibson, and granddaughters Evelyn (left) and Mae drove the set of 20 framed and 30 rolled posters entitled "Jefferson's America: Lewis and Clark and Western Exploration" to Sioux City, IA, a gift from the LCTHF's EOTPSD Chapter for public display in the Lewis and Clark State Park Visitor Center in Onawa, IA.

Encounters on the Prairie
South Dakota Chapter Donates Lewis and Clark Posters to Lewis and Clark State Park in Onawa, IA. Bill Stevens delivered the collection of 20 framed posters from the Monticello Foundation entitled "Jefferson's America" to Caitlin Muller, Park Manager for Stone State Park and Lewis and Clark State Park. She thanked Bill for sending the teachers' guide and information about the posters. "I think this is definitely something that we could use at the park...for school tours that come through every year!" she said. Bill's wife DeeAnn, daughter Dr Melissa Stevens-Gibson, and granddaughters Evelyn and Mae traveled with Bill from Sioux Falls, SD, on July 28, 2022 to participate in the donation event.

LCTHF's Southern Prairie Region Sponsors Program in Pryor, OK. Nearly 50 people came from six states – OK, TX, KS, MO, NE, IL – to attend the conference on June 4, 2022, to learn more about Nathaniel Pryor, the city's namesake. LCTHF Director Luann Waters, Secretary Yvonne Kean, and Past President Dan Sturdevant organized the program. Funding was provided in part by grants from Oklahoma Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Mayor Larry Lees, representing the city of Pryor, welcomed the participants. While what is now Oklahoma wasn't on the Lewis and Clark Trail, the state has many connections to the Expedition. Nathaniel Pryor settled in the Arkansas Territory, married an Osage woman, and is buried in Pryor. Oklahoma History Center Deputy Director Jeffrey Briley discussed the OHC's Lewis and Clark artifacts among them a Lewis and Clark Certificate presented to Otoe Warrior Nee-Swar-Unja or Big Axe on August 19, 1804, at the first village the explorers visited in present-day Nebraska, which was preserved by his descendants. Both Lewis and Clark signed the document and attached their seals with wax on silk ribbon. Frances Williams and Eddy Red Eagle, both descendants of Nathaniel Pryor, talked about their family genealogy and the history of the Osage Nation.

Brian Barton, a living history presenter, appeared as Pryor would have been dressed at the beginning of the Expedition. He and Norm Bowers, also a presenter, are members of the Lewis & Clark Discovery Expedition of St Charles. Bob Webster of Pryor shared books and stories about the trip he and his brother took by air along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in 2002.

Keynote speaker Gary Moulton discussed Nicholas Biddles' edition of the journals, their earliest official publication, and compared Biddles with the latest edition of the journals which he edited. Among the audience were Gary’s sister and nine of her children and friends who were hearing him deliver a talk for the first time! Submitted by Luann Waters
LCTHF Members Canoe through the White Cliffs of the Missouri River in Montana.

Sixteen Lewis and Clark enthusiasts and three guides paddled along one of the most beautiful stretches of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and one very close to what the Corps of Discovery actually saw. In addition to three days of canoeing down the Missouri for 52 miles, the week also featured a visit to the First Peoples Buffalo Jump and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls. The final event was a guided tour of the "Fight Site" on the Blackfeet Reservation with Larry Epstein. Everyone had a great time and will give a hearty recommendation to anyone thinking of signing onto this trip down the river. The dates of the 2023 trip which leaves from Great Falls, MT, will coordinate with the LCTHF’s 55th Annual Meeting in Missoula, MT, from June 27 to 30, 2023. Look for announcements about the 2023 canoe trip in future issues of TOR and on the LCTHF website, https://lewisandclark.org. Text and photos by Steve Lee
The Story of Mato Chante. America’s dugout canoe Mato Chante was born along the Clearwater River on September 27, 2005. First Squad of the Corps of Discovery led by master dugout-canoe carver John Ruskey and the Quapaw Canoe Company (https://www.island63.com) of Clarksdale, MS (who knew there was a Lewis and Clark connection in Mississippi?!) created Mato Chante in 11 days. “Mato the Bear in the bow eats the waves and Chante the Heart protects the humans who paddle him,” explained First Squad and Lakota Sioux Nation member Lynn Smokey Hart who named the canoe.

Brooklyn Baptiste of the Nez Perce Nation blessed the canoe before the launch on October 7, 2005, at the original site of the Corps of Discovery’s launch exactly 200 years before near Orofino, ID. Mato Chante finished the journey on November 16, 2005, at Fort Clatsop. On March 23, 2006, the Chinook Nation and Elder Lester Greene blessed First Squad and Mato Chante at Fort Clatsop and Chinook Elders George and Millie Lagergren, now of blessed memory, gave them gifts as they paddled east. The Lagergrens were also on the banks of the Mississippi to greet Mato Chante and the members of the First Squad at the Arch in St Louis on September 23, 2006, as they paddled by. Tenas Leloo and Chinook Thomanowis, cedar dugouts carved by George Lagergren, accompanied Mato Chante on this final leg of the journey.

We had first encountered the Chinook Nation on July 27, 2002. The members of the Discovery Expedition of St Charles came to Lewiston, ID, to pick up five dugout canoes. We proceeded on with them to the Columbia River at Beacon Rock to float the final leg of the river trail from just below Bonneville Dam to the mouth of the Columbia. Paddling into Chinook, WA, in our dugout canoes, we were met by the tribal leaders in Squawixii, the Chinooks’ cedar dugout canoe. The Lagergrens and many other families brought us fresh steelhead which marked the start of an enduring friendship.

In 2007, we drove our trucks, now pulling the dugout canoes, from the Pacific Ocean all the way to Washington, DC. For the National Memorial Day Parade on May 31, we seated the Lagergrens and their daughters and grandchildren who had flown from Bay Center, WA, in our dugout canoes and pulled them down Pennsylvania Avenue. They all proceeded on with us all the way to the steps of the Jefferson Memorial to fulfill the object of our mission and report back to President Jefferson. Mato Chante had led the way from Lewiston, ID, to the Pacific, back again to St Louis, and then on to Washington, DC. It is his story that will capture our young people’s imagination and recruit them to help keep our rivers clean for generations to come. Mato Chante thus touched the lives of thousands in peace and friendship. May the river be with you.

Submitted by Thomas Eier

if you would like to include your Chapter or Region’s events in our next issue, please email your information to Philippa Newfield at philgor@aol.com by November 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 LCTHF/Region membership.

—Philippa Newfield and Arend Flick, Co-editors
Meriwether Lewis in Georgia? Stephen Ambrose wrote in *Undaunted Courage*, “Meriwether lived in Georgia for three, perhaps four years. It was frontier country, and he learned frontier skills...Jefferson later wrote that he ‘was remarkable even in infancy for enterprise, boldness & discretion.’”

Meriwether Lewis had lived in the Goose Pond Community of the Broad River in Wilkes County (now Oglethorpe County) in northeastern Georgia as a young boy. His stepfather John Marks and others from Albemarle County, VA, moved there to develop new plantations and perhaps traveled along the Great Wagon Road. Our goal was to locate the monument erected by the Fort James Chapter of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century on December 13, 1998, to mark Lewis’ sojourn there.

Finding the monument was not easy, but we persisted. To reach the monument at the entrance to Millstone Community Baptist Church we took both Gene Smith and Millstone Church roads west of Highway 77 about halfway between Lexington and Elberton, GA. We had to ask directions and backtrack several times before we finally reached our destination, so we owe a debt of gratitude to some very patient and helpful Oglethorpe residents.

Side one of the three-sided monument reads in part: Site of Millstone Creek Community Goosepond Militia District Oglethorpe Co (Originally Wilkes Co) Settled in 1784 By Virginians Who Came With Colonel George Mathews To The Broad River Valley Of Georgia Immediately After The American Revolution “For Several Years The Boyhood Home Of Meriwether Lewis The Explorer.” Side two reads in part: Young Meriwether Lewis - Future Explorer. Spent His Preteen Years In The Millstone Creek Settlement With His Stepfather, John Marks, And His Mother, Lucy Meriwether Lewis-Marks.” Side three has information on the area.

Of particular help in locating the monument was James P Hendrix Jr's article in *We Proceed On* (27:3 [August 2001]: 25-28) entitled “Meriwether Lewis's Georgia Boyhood.” The author wrote, “Meriwether Lewis's Georgia days may have been brief, but...they likely had a formative influence on him. Given the developmental years they encompass...it seems reasonable to assign them considerable significance, even if they are based largely on family or local lore recorded many years after the fact.” Hendrix and Guy M Benson revisited Lewis’ Georgia years in another article in WPO (44:3 [August 2018]: 12-13) entitled “Did Meriwether Lewis Ever Live in Georgia?” and averred, “So, as is often the case with history, while we cannot be absolutely certain, we strongly believe that the ‘Georgia Days’ of Meriwether Lewis were restricted to summer visits, and that he did not spend any significant portion of his childhood, or early adolescence, there.” The reader is left to decide.

The marker approximates the location of the Marks plantation. The original plantation is on private land owned by the Champion Paper Company where the roads are said to be “notoriously bad.” Regardless, this site is well worth the visit in order to understand more about Meriwether Lewis. Submitted by Jerry Wilson

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**Any Time is a Good Time to Give a Gift Membership in the LCTHF**

Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and holidays by sharing the joy and excitement of membership in the LCTHF with those special someones in your life. Please go to [https://lewisandclark.org](https://lewisandclark.org) to give the gift that truly keeps on giving – national and region 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 LCTHF, PO Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403. Questions? Please call the LCTHF office at 406-454-1234. Fall is a beautiful time to travel the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. A gift membership in the LCTHF is the perfect way to encourage people to get out on the trail.
LCTHF’s Sgt Floyd Tri-State Chapter Dedicates New Floyd Campsite Rock on August 20, 2022. The Floyd Campsite Rock commemorates the death of Sergeant Charles Floyd, a member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition who died August 20, 1804, and the activities of his Corps mates in the area. The four-sided Floyd Campsite Rock, designed and painted in permanent graffiti-proof paint by artist Ray “Bubba” Sorensen, measures six feet by five feet. The dedication marks the culmination of efforts by Dan Whitlock who was instrumental in getting the rock project started and moving it along to the dedication. Dan elaborated, “Sioux City has already installed a picnic shelter, restrooms, and a fenced-in dog park. We would like to add a flagpole and an awning to shade the rock and protect the paintings from the elements.” Checks donated toward completion of the project may be made out to the Sergeant Floyd Tri-State Chapter and sent to Sergeant Floyd Tri-State Chapter, PO Box 1804, Sioux City, IA 51105. Text and photos by Lynn Davis.

Season One Episodes of Docudrama Into the Wild Frontier

102 Lewis and Clark: https://vimeo.com/warmsprings.../review/662015908/ab3ce1fe7f

103 John Colter: https://vimeo.com/warmsprings.../review/657528976/3f121d2920

Double click on the link (or copy and paste into your browser) and enjoy!
Submitted by Jay Buckley
Southern Prairie Region Meets in Jefferson City, MO, on May 14, 2022. Jimmy Mohler discussed the post-Expedition lives of Corps of Discovery members Robert Frazier, George Shannon, and John Colter. Jim Denny, a local author and historian, recounted tales at the massive Sugar Loaf Rock. An ancient legend had it that the rock was a compilation of bison dung dropped from the heavens. He also related a more recent event involving Jean Carnahan, wife of former Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan. For her safety, her Secret Service contingent planned to transport her to the top of the rock by harness. But the First Lady insisted on getting up there under her own steam and succeeded. Submitted by Linda Vogt