

Iron Wills and Men of Leather
The story of the Lewis & Clark Expedition
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KANSAS CITY AND THE KANSAS RIVER

On June 26, 1804 the small flotilla beached their two pirogues and dropped anchor from the keelboat just above where the Kansas River intersects the Missouri. Lewis and Clark agreed to remain here for a few days to check the equipment and repair on of the pirogues.

The men set about building a small earth and log fortification for protection. The location was praised by Clark as an, "open and beautiful plain."

Food was abundant. According to the sergeants the bushes were loaded with, "Plums, Raspberries & vast quantities of wild apples [crab apples]," and the men enjoyed the change in their diet from the several pounds of fried meat they consumed every evening.

The expedition's location was an important one geographically for the men. At this point the Missouri River turns north and they would not continue west again until they sailed through Omaha lands.

While setting up camp Clark noted the abundance of Carolina parakeets with it's green, gold and orange plumage. This was the western most sighting of the dove-like bird that huddled together in flocks of 200-300 at a time. By the 1830's the species already was in decline in the region.

Many of the crew fanned out and hunted while the French boatman carefully unloaded the vessels. Some of the trade goods had been damaged by seeping water and but the majority of the equipment seemed to be faring well inside the tightly sewn bags.

The two captains busied themselves with their scientific instruments and Clark discovered the water of the Kansas River, "very disagreeably to me."

Later that evening one of the hunters reported sighting the first buffalo the Corps off in the distance. Buffalo were more widely scattered across North America than we usually think of today.

Reports of the shaggy beasts as far east as Virginia were common in the early 1700's. As European civilization moved east the buffalo' habitat shrank similar to other species.

On June 29 the Corps encountered a discipline problem. Private John Collins, who had been troublesome for the leadership since Camp Dubois, was on guard duty. Apparently he helped himself to extra ration of liquor and persuaded Private Hugh Hall drink with him. Sergeant Charles Floyd discovered the misdeeds and reported them to the captains. The remainder of the party proved to be quite angry. The men rationed the precious alcohol so it was last for much of the voyage. A quick trial found the two guilty and a sentence of 100 lashes on the bareback consisted of the punishment. The records indicate at least 50 stripes were laid on the two soldiers, but if the remainder of the sentence was carried out is unclear.

On June 30, a southwesterly breeze filled the sails and the Corps of Discovery head back into the river. In future years the location would become a fur trading post known as Choteau's Point. Now the men scanned the horizon for Indians signs an the mouth of the Platte River.

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State Farm offers school success tips

Parental support is crucial to children's success at school, said State Farm Insurance, which offers these tips:

- *Send children to school well-rested, fed and with a positive outlook.
*Ask your children about their classes, and show genuine interest.
*Be supportive of children in school, regardless of bad experiences you might have had.
*Set specific blocks of time for doing homework.
*Put deadlines for children's projects on your calendar.
*Display grades and children's projects in your home.

It's important for children to know that parents care about their school-work and are involved in their education, said State Farm. It added, "Invest in your children's future: Spend time with them now."

Please don't litter!

Trivia Time
By WALTER BRANCH

- 1. For what Raymond Burr series did Quincy Jones compose the theme music?
2. What 1956 Ian Fleming novel had James Bond sent to break a diamond-smuggling pipeline from Sierra Leone to New York?
3. What did Julie Andrews hold in her left hand in posters for "The Sound of Music"?
4. What profession did Brenda Starr take up?
5. Who occupied the No. 1 spot on the charts for 25 of 1956's 52 weeks?
6. Which Beatle dyed his hair jet-black to play a Mexican gardener named Emanuel in a 1968 movie?
7. What member of TV's "Laverne and Shirley" had a bit part in the film classic "The Blob"?
8. Whom did Jimmy Hoffa describe as "a young dim-witted, curly-headed smart aleck ... a ruthless little monster"?
9. What were the given names of the three sisters on "Petticoat Junction"?
10. What song provided the background to Simon and Garfunkel's "The 7 O'Clock News"?
Trivia Time Answers
1. "Insignia"; 2. "Diamonds Are Forever"; 3. A guitar; 4. Journalism; 5. Elvis Presley; 6. Ringo Starr; 7. Cindy Williams; 8. Bobby Kennedy; 9. Billie Jo, Bobbie Jo and Betty Jo; 10. "Silent Night"
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JoCo rural commission seeks volunteer

The Josephine County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications from volunteers to fill a vacancy on the Josephine County Rural Planning Commission.

The deadline for applications is Jan. 30.

Applications are available in the Board of Commissioners Office, Room 154, Josephine County Courthouse, Grants Pass. Contact Dawn Pike (541) 474-5221 for further information.

The planning commission is made up of nine residents from various geographic areas of Josephine County appointed by county commissioners to serve four-year terms. It is

the job of the planning commission to review and decide significant land development requests, such as subdivisions, commercial, industrial and resource uses, and various conditional uses.

The commission may also hold public workshops and hearings to study specific development issues and work with planning

staff, community organizations and other interested individuals to develop or revise land use regulations to address problems.

Two examples of this kind of duty are the commission's work in revising the county's land use program for citizen involvement and safety citing standards for new dwellings in wildfire risk areas.

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