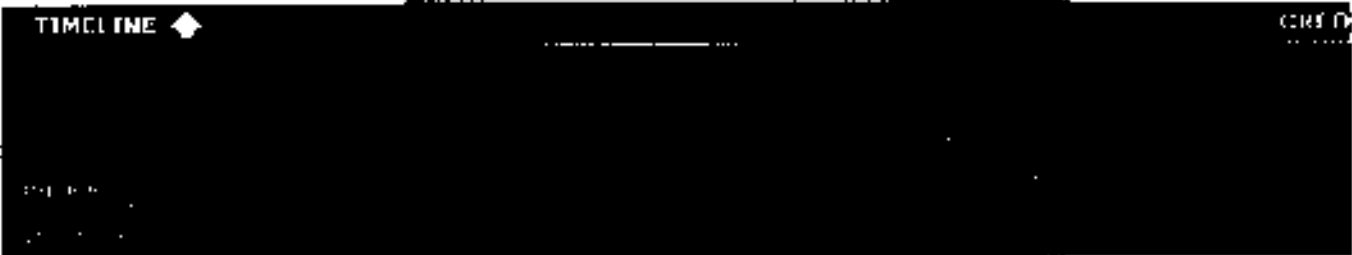


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### New National Lewis & Clark Heritage Bicentennial Signature Event

Hartford, Illinois Both Randy' Telon and Rod Ariwite were invited to participate in the state of



Illinois Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Event to speak on the involvement and contributions of the Lemhi-Shoshone people.

From the Idaho Statesman **Sacajawea: Her story, by her people**

"As the nation commemorates the Lewis and Clark bicentennial with seemingly inexhaustible tributes to people are living as an o



The host tribes for this particular event are the three federally recognized Shawnee Tribes of Oklahoma: Shawnee, Absentee Shawnee and the Eastern Shawnee. Other distinguished Native American experts through out the country were invited to participate in the events.

This particular signature event will move across the Mississippi River to Saint Charles, Missouri - that will kick off on May 25th. Rod Ariwite has been asked by the great-great grandson of Captain William Clark to present at the re-dedication of the William Clark Memorial on Friday, May 21st at the historic Saint Charles National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Event site.

and repressed minority in a desert reservation within the beautiful mountains homeland.

The woman who appears Sacajawea coin isn't a Lemhi Shoshone, and the tribe woman who contributed than any other to the of the West isn't recognized tribe by the federal govt. This is her story and the story of Sacajawea and her people - by her people." View the text version (no images) >>

### NEW! Sacajawea's People

#### The Lemhi-Shoshones and the Salmon River Country



By John W. W. Mann - University of Nebraska Press

On October 20, 2001, a crowd gathered just east of Salmon, Idaho, to dedicate the site of the Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural, and Education Center, in preparation for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. In a bitter instance of irony, the American Indian peoples conducting the ceremony dedicating the land to the tribe, the city of Salmon, and the nation the Lemhi-Shoshones. Sacajawea's own people had been removed from their homeland nearly a hundred years earlier and had yet to regain official federal

recognition as a tribe. John W. W. Mann's book at long last tells the remarkable and inspiring story of the Lemhi Shoshones, from their distant beginning to their present struggles.

Mann offers an absorbing and richly detailed look at the life of Sacajawea's people before their first contact with non-Natives, their encounter with the Lewis and Clark Expedition in the early nineteenth century, and their subsequent confinement to a reservation in northern Idaho near the town of Salmon. He follows the Lemhis from the liquidation of their reservation in 1907 to their forced union with the Shoshone-Bannock tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation to the south. He describes how for the past century, surrounded by more populous and powerful Native tribes, the Lemhis have fought to preserve their political, economic, and cultural integrity. His compelling and informative account should help to bring Sacajawea's people out of the long shadow of history and restore them to their rightful place in the American story.

John W. W. Mann is a visiting assistant professor in the Department of History at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire.

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### The Annual Lemhi-Shoshone Lewis and Clark Reunion



It's almost time again! Annual Lewis and Clark Reunion will be held first week

**August near Camp Fortunate at present day Clark Fork reservoir, Montana.**

Come see a re-enactment meeting between the Lemhi Shoshone and the Lewis and Clark expedition, that occurred 1805, and forever changed lives of the Lemhi-Shoshone Tribes.

Next year will be the 200th Anniversary. In 2007 will be 200 years since the Lemhi were stripped of federal recognition and removed 200 miles to the Fort Hall Indian Reservation home of the Shoshone and Bannock tribes.

**NEW! June 24, 2004 - WYOMING SHOSHONE 'DISTRIBUTION BILL' U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Also read an excerpt from the book here: "The Lemhi Shoshone, Federal Recognition and the Bicentennial of The Corps of Discovery" By: John W. Mann

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**The Lewis & Clark Rediscovery project (Lifelong Learning Online): - Ex Past & Present**

**Lemhi Pass Camp Fortunate - 8/13/1805 - Lewis and Clark enter the L Shoshones backyard near present day Clark Canyon, Montana and forever changed the liv people who had occupied the area for over ten thousand years.**

The website content was developed at the University of Idaho, Wheeling Jesuit University, and Univr Montana in Missoula. The UM, along with the UI, developed maps, images, GIS, and **NASA** visualiza interact with the UI-developed Learning Environment Interface, and compliment the content develop

Horse Traders , Old Toby, Recuperating, Lemhi Valley Indian Reservations, All my Relations >>



**Professor Orlan J. Svingen - Washington State University / Depart History:**

On February 12, 1875, President Grant established a 100 square mile executive order reservation for the Lemhi-Shoshone people in the Lemhi Valley. Known as the Lemhi Valley Indian Reservation, the executive order established the reserved exclusive use of the mixed tribes of Salmon-Eater Shoshone, Sheep-Later Northern Bannock Indians. Almost from the outset, however, the government and local residents began efforts to rescind the executive order reservation. They ultimately succeeded in 1905, and in 1907 the Lemhi began what many have called the "Lemhi Trail of Tears," which saw their forced removal from their ancient homelands to the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, home of the much larger Snake River Shoshone. More >>

Banished from their homelands in 1907 and seeking to return ever since, the Lemhi Shoshone people face a dilemma for the nation. As it prepares to commemorate the Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery, the United States needs to reassess its commitment to the Lemhi people, to Sacajawea, and to the obligation **the nation acknowledges toward wolf and salmon recovery efforts** is dwarfed by the responsibility it faces in treating fairly the people who played such a crucial role in advancing the success of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

**More >>**

**View an html version of Washington State University's PowerPoint Presentation of Lemhi Shoshone history >>**



**"The Lemhi People and Their Struggle to Retain a Homeland" By: Shirley Stephens**

**Stephens**

"The Lemhi's traditional remote and isolated setting was a world apart, far removed from the cultural crossroads of

**"The Lemhi Shoshone, Federal Recognition, and the Bicentennial of The Corps of Discovery" By: John W. Mann**



"The approach of the bicentennial

**PowerPoint Presentation from Professor Orlan J. Svingen - Created by the Washington State University, Department of History.**



"Shoshone Country" Map of L&C Expedition's "Fortunate (Sacajawea's Critics"

Basin, Fort Hall, the Snake River Plains, and Great Basin cultures. The removal of the Lemhi to Fort Hall entailed far more than a geographic move of two hundred miles.

celebration of the Lewis and Clark expedition presents the federal government with a unique opportunity.

"Virginia City Treaty"  
Lemhi Valley Indian Reservation in Idaho  
Map of Lemhi County Treaty Parcel  
"The Lemhi continue to return after 190"  
"Post 1970 Lemhi Politics"  
"The destruction of the Lemhi Indian Salmon, Idaho"

**Almost two hundred years ago, Sacajawea walked onto the world stage and played a more important role than any other American Indian, male or female.**

Without question, Sacajawea along with her people and their horses, were the key to the success of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the greatest exploration of the early American West ever undertaken by young and struggling country (United States of America).

Captain Meriwether Lewis, the personal Secretary of President Jefferson wrote in his journals that Sacajawea was indispensable in their successful attempt to reach the Pacific Ocean and return.



The primary reason for the partial role Sacajawea as member of the Corps is to facilitate the acquisition of horses (the Lemhi-Shoshone) to cross the coast to the headwaters of the Pacific Ocean.

As the oral history of the Lemhi Shoshone substantiated by the various journals and Clark party, the primary leader of Shoshone was Camahwait the brother

The story of Sacajawea is so appealing that it adds the unique charm of bravery and motherhood to this early American epic journey of the Lewis and Clark.

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"To domesticate and civilize wild Indians is a noble work, the accomplishment of which should be a crown of glory to a nation. It is to drag a man year after year and generation after generation, in the rattle, superstitions, laziness and faith, when we have elevated them in the scale of humanity, would be a lasting disgrace to our government."  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Hiram Price, 1881

We hold these words to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.  
Congress, July 4, 1776

"We are who we are because our nation survived here. It is written on our earth."  
Bernice Laló, Western Shoshone

"Trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their view, and demand that they respect yours."  
Tecumseh

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## Special thanks to everyone who signed the Online Petition

(Below are a couple of comments from the petition)

...How can the government continue to praise the Lewis and Clark Expedition when they won't rectify the wrongs done the people that expedition successful?  
S. Fillman

...This is an outrageous outright attempt at annihilation and a form of Ethnic Cleansing, and nothing less. How can this be allowed by those who claim pride in being Peace Makers throughout the world? Maybe those who think that is so, should look again, and look closely at the Truth of the Matter here in the United States. Maybe it's time for "Operation Reservation Nation" so that the People afforded us our Freedoms are finally freed after 200 years of occupation...  
A. Filzell

More and more people of this country are beginning to notice the hypocrisy of injustice against this land's own Native Peoples. Leaders of this country began to notice, too...  
S. Mazza

May your success turn the bicentennial commemoration into a true celebration for your people...

4. James

The United States should not celebrate the journey of Lewis & Clark until all wrongs that were committed against Indians westward expansion are addressed and restitutions made. This includes the ongoing harm that is being done to the Lemhi Shoshone by denying them federal recognition and their homelands. The Administration and Congress must act now.  
B. Sherman

Who are the Lemhi-Shoshone and where is their home? Lemhis are Agaidikae (Salmoneaters), Tukudikae (Sheep) (Northern) Bannocks and their home is in the Lemhi Valley of Idaho in the Salmon River drainage.



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