

# COMMODORE CHRONICLE



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## SAVE THE DATE



**ARE YOU READY FOR A FUN NIGHT OF THEATER?**

**MARCH 24 AND 25, 2023**

**FRAZIER DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS SHREK**

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**\$5 ELEMENTARY STUDENTS**

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## Prepare for Your Senior Year

<https://www.cffayettepa.org/for-scholarships/#awards>

Alfred E. Jones &  
Anna B. Jones  
Scholarship

Candidates must be a high school graduate from Fayette County planning to continue their education with post-secondary school study. Although preference will be given to those who have chosen to study nursing or art, areas that were of special interest to Anna B. and Alfred Jones, respectively, applications from students who seek to pursue courses of study in other fields are certainly welcomed.

Betty Bayne  
Barnes  
Scholarship Fund  
for Women

Candidates must be a female resident of Fayette County, holding a GPA of 3.0 or higher, either planning to attend or attending a college or university.

Career and  
Technical  
Education  
Scholarship Fund

Candidate must be a graduating senior from a technical program. Candidates must have a B average in both High School academics and technical programs. Candidates must score Competent or Advanced on End of Program Assessment (NOCTI or NIMS).

Carl S. Micarelli  
Memorial  
Scholarship Fund

Candidates must be a Fayette County student attending or planning to attend the following schools including, but not limited to, California University of PA, Carnegie Mellon University, Duquesne University, Indiana University of PA, University of Pittsburgh or West Virginia University. Students must be majoring in music, music education or jazz studies with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

CFFC Board of  
Directors  
Scholarship Fund

Candidates must be a Fayette County resident, successfully completed college freshman year with a GPA of 3.0 (in a cumulative 4.0 scale), and must show financial need.

Cupelli Family  
Scholarship

Candidates must be a Fayette County, PA resident attending or planning to attend the University of Pittsburgh or West Virginia University as a full-time, degree seeking student. Candidates must hold a 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale or maintain at least a 3.0 GPA while making progress toward a degree at the University of Pittsburgh or at West Virginia University.

Dr. Dennis F.  
Brestensky  
Scholarship Fund

Candidate must be a Fayette County, PA resident attending or planning to attend Penn State University, Fayette - the Eberly Campus. Candidates must have a 3.3 GPA or higher and demonstrate financial need. Preference will be made to students pursuing a Bachelor's Degree.

Dr. Paul Pipik Fund for Study in the Health Sciences	Candidate must be a high school senior, attending a Fayette County, PA high school, holding a GPA of 3.0. Applicants must be accepted to a post-secondary school, major in the field of health science and demonstrate financial need.
George M. and Anna Hochheimer Scholarship	Candidates must be a Fayette County resident, show academic promise and financial need.
Helen Hulvey Scheggia Nursing Scholarship	Candidates must be a high school senior or graduate of a Fayette County, PA high school pursuing a career in nursing. Candidates must maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA.
Laurel Business Institute Scholarship Fund in Memory of Ruth and Milton Decker	This scholarship is available to students who have already completed at least two semesters of one of LBI's Associate Degree programs and who have maintained a 3.25 GPA. In order to submit this application, an LBI Scholarship Reference Form must be uploaded by one of your instructors.
Laurel Highlands Mustang Academic Scholarship	Candidates must be a graduating senior at Laurel Highlands High School and have a minimum 3.5 GPA. Candidates must participate in extracurricular activities.
Lillian's Legacy	Candidate must be a Fayette County resident planning to attend a 2 or 4 year post-secondary school. Consideration will be given to students demonstrating proven financial need and to minorities, but not necessary to receive the award.
Lulu A. Dudley Scholarship Fund	Candidates must be a Fayette County resident, show academic promise and financial need.
Melvin J. and Beatrice Vance Keller Memorial Scholarship	Candidates must be a Connellsville Area High School Senior, a Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School Senior, or a student that has received this award in previous years. Students must be pursuing a career in education. Awards are based on academic achievement, holding a 3.0 GPA (based on a 4.0 GPA scale), and financial need.
My Mother's Legacy Fund	Candidates must be a Fayette County resident, pursuing a career in healthcare or the healing arts.
Nancy Vance Jones Scholarship	Candidate must be a female resident of Fayette County, with a strong academic record. A graduate or graduating senior of a Fayette County High School. Demonstrate a significant level of interest and involvement in community service.

<p><b>Parker A. Hess Memorial Scholarship</b></p>	<p>Candidate must be a high school senior at a Fayette County school. Applicants with a record of community service (volunteer work, firefighting, emergency medical services, charity work, etc.) will be given strong consideration. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and plan to pursue post-secondary education in the field of health or human services such as: Fire Science, Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement, Allied Healthcare (Nursing, Nursing Assistant, Therapist, Phlebotomy, Radiological Technician), etc.</p>
<p><b>Rita P. Peters Scholarship</b></p>	<p>Candidate must be a Fayette County resident enrolled full-time at Penn State Fayette who has completed at least 30 credit hours with a minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale.</p>
<p><b>Robert E. and Elouise R. Eberly Scholarship Endowment</b></p>	<p>Candidate must be a United States of America citizen, a Fayette County, PA resident and majoring in Nursing.</p>
<p><b>Sergeant Eric Hull Advised and Memorial Scholarship Funds</b></p>	<p>Candidate must be a Fayette County resident, attending or planning to attend college. Preference will be given to Culinary Arts students, however all eligible candidates are encouraged to apply.</p>
<p><b>Suzanne J. McMonagle Nursing Scholarship</b></p>	<p>Candidates must be a Fayette County, PA resident pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) or must be a Registered Nurse (RN) pursuing a BSN. Preference will be given to Albert Gallatin High School seniors or graduates. This award is renewable for up to four years, if the candidate maintains a 2.75 GPA and is a student in good standing. (2022-2023 award has already been selected as a renewal from previous scholarship)</p>
<p><b>The Legacy Scholarship Fund of Ernst Gottlieb Braun</b></p>	<p>Candidates must be a college student who has completed 36 credit hours and maintains a 3.0 GPA on a 1-4 scale. Candidates must be planning to study in any country within the European Union and be majoring in foreign language study, arts and crafts, architecture or history.</p>
<p><b>Wolford Swimmer Memorial Scholarship</b></p>	<p>Candidate must be a Fayette County student either attending or planning to attend college. Candidates must hold a 3.0 GPA (based on a 4.0 GPA scale) and show financial need.</p>
<p><b>Zackery R. Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund</b></p>	<p>Candidates must be a Fayette County resident, planning to attend or attending any college, university or technical school. Students must hold a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Adults wishing to continue their education, but who are not currently enrolled in school, are also encouraged to apply.</p>

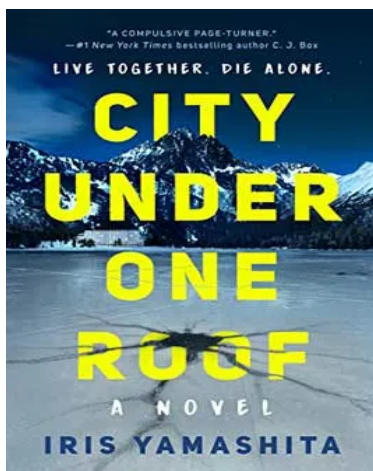
# Check out these new books for 2023! How many will you read?



## Highly Suspectious and Unfairly Cute by Talia Hibbert

Publication date: January 3, 2023

Start your reading this year with one of our most anticipated winter 2023 book releases from a romance author we love! She's a conspiracy-theory-obsessed outsider with a strong social media following. He's a star football player with OCD who's at the top of (almost) all of his classes. Together, they are ex-best friends, ever since he – Bradley Graeme – ditched her – Celine Bangura – to hang out with the in-crowd. According to Celine, anyway. These days, they just trade insults and test scores until fate seemingly brings them back together as co-competitors in an outdoor survival competition. Will they be able to work together to win? This frenemies-to-lovers tale is among the most fun and entertaining new book releases of 2023.



## City Under One Roof by Iris Yamashita

Publication date: January 10, 2023

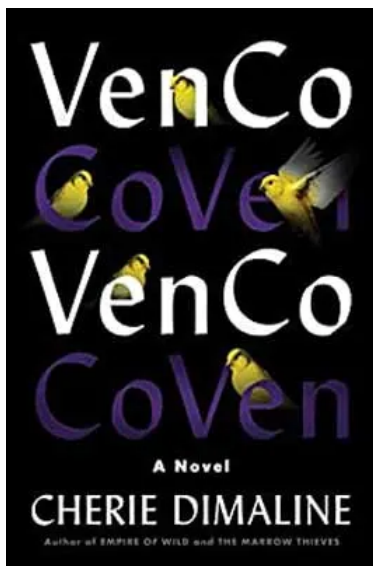
Point Mettier, AK is small. It has a population of 205 people, and the only access route is through one particular tunnel. And it's on the shores of this town where body parts start washing up. Sent over from Anchorage, Detective Cara Kennedy is dispatched to solve the case of the mysterious severed hand and foot. Working with local police officer Joe Barkowski, she encounters nothing but cold shoulders from the residents, all of whom seem to live in the same high-rise building. When a blizzard forces the tunnel to the rest of the world closed, Cara knows she's not getting any backup any time soon. City Under One Roof is definitely one of the tensest new book releases of 2023.



## Vampire Weekend by Mike Chen

Publication date: January 31, 2023

Did you know that almost everything you've heard about vampires is wrong? They can't fly, they don't like to murder people, and they definitely don't turn into bats. In fact, they like to keep a low profile at all times. Which makes things very difficult for Louise Chao because she just wants to join a band – and not be discovered. She can play guitar and has way more underground punk rock knowledge than you'd think from looking at her. She just needs to find the right group so she can feel some connection again. When her surly teenage grand-nephew shows up, she finally finds a kindred spirit. But not for long.

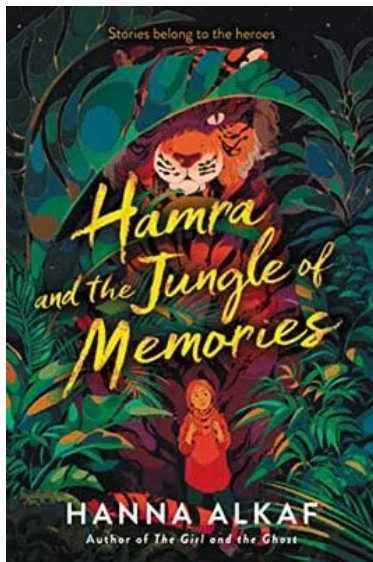


## VenCo by Cherie Dimaline

Publication date: February 7, 2023

One evening, while still reeling from the news of her upcoming eviction from her Toronto apartment, Métis millennial Lucky St. James feels something calling to her from the kitchen wall. She manages to dig out an old spoon, marked with a crooked-nosed witch and the word SALEM. Little does she know, she has just discovered one of the lost 7 spoons that will help return the witches of North America to their rightful place of power. Embarking on a road trip with her cantankerous grandmother Stella, Lucky must head to the darkly magical city of New Orleans for a showdown that will decide the fate of the world.

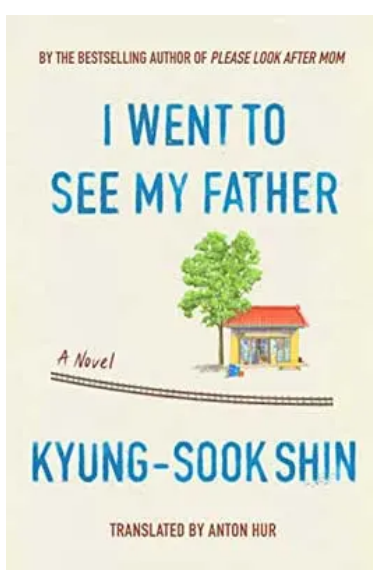
**Check out your school library, your community library, or an online library if you are interested. You could always go to a book store and buy a hard copy! Enjoy these suggested titles.**



## Hamra and the Jungle of Memories by Hanna Alkaf

Publication date: March 28, 2023

Young Hamra is excited for her thirteenth birthday but is disappointed to discover that no one else has remembered it. True to her fiery temper, she reacts by doing what she has been taught never to do: she ignores the rules of the jungle by entering without permission and taking something that doesn't belong to her. To make amends for these transgressions, Hamra must embark on a quest fraught with danger, with only her best friend Ilyas and a were-tiger named Pac Belang to aid her. As fans of Hanna Alkaf's previous works, this is definitely one of our most anticipated books coming out in 2023 for younger readers.

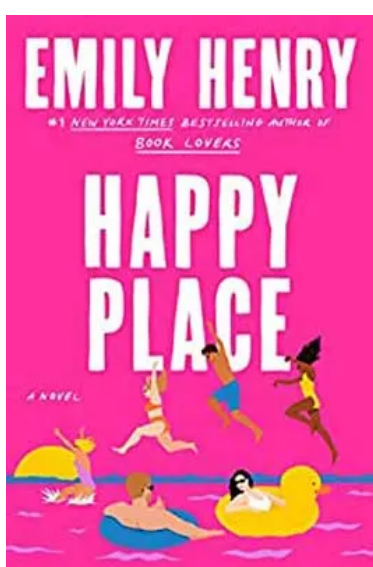


## I Went to See My Father by Shin Kyung-sook

Translated into English by Anton Hur

Publication date: April 11, 2023

In an effort to reconnect with her elderly father, Hon has returned to her home in the countryside following the tragic and accidental loss of her daughter. At first, she finds him frail and quiet, awkward yet still kind. But once she finds a chest – and starts reading all of the letters inside – the family history she thought she knew begins to be rewritten. From wartime horror and financial hardship to affairs and cult activities, Hon learns things she never knew about the extraordinary lives of her father and of her siblings.



## Happy Place by Emily Henry

Publication date: April 25, 2023

Wyn and Harriet broke up 6 months ago, and they still haven't told anyone. Mostly because that would mean discussing why they broke up. Plus, they've always been considered couple goals to all their friends, and they wouldn't want any of them to lose faith in love, right? Instead, Wyn and Harriet are choosing to fake it through the annual get-together with their friends in Maine. Even if it means lying to everyone and sharing a bed. What could possibly go wrong?



## We'll Never Tell by Wendy Heard

Publication date: May 16, 2023

Casey and her friends Zoe, Eddie, and Jacob are the anonymous brains behind the incredibly popular YouTube channel We'll Never Tell, which is known for breaking into some of L.A.'s most infamous properties.

To close out their senior year, they decide on their biggest story yet: the notorious Valentini "murder house."

While wandering around, an alarm trips, and they're forced to flee before the police arrive. But only three of them make it out – Jacob is still inside, bleeding to death.

Who attacked Jacob, and why? And can Casey and the others figure it out before it's too late?

**HERE IS SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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**MONDAY, MARCH 13th-attend with your ELA classes**



**MAKE UP DAY is FRIDAY, MARCH 17th**

**LET'S MAKE THIS THE BEST FAIR YET!**



Take a  
break from  
reading  
and go see  
a movie



FEBRUARY



Ant-Man and the Wasp:  
Quantumania

MARCH



Creed III  
Scream VI  
Shazam! (Fury of the Gods)

John Wick Ch 4  
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor  
Among Thieves

APRIL



The Super Mario Bros. Movie  
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 3

<p><b>MAY</b></p> 	<p>The Little Mermaid</p>
<p><b>JUNE</b></p> 	<p>Spiderman: Across the Spider Verse  Transformers: Rise of the Beast  Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny</p>



**Recently, Eighth grade History students wrote newspaper articles to inform and persuade readers to move west. Using information from the curriculum, they wrote articles on westward expansions following the adventures of those living at the time.**

# Western Living Daily News

Alissa Lane

*If you want to live your best, head out west!*

*Persuasive Article- Why aren't you on your way to California right now? Gold has just been found! You can start a new life and get rich! California is a beautiful place to live with its beaches and pretty skies! All you have to do is **stake a claim** and start digging. You'll be rich in no time! There are also a ton of ways women can make a fortune in California too. Hundreds of ladies are getting rich from **cooking, washing clothes, and operating boarding houses**. You can trade at **Sutter's Fort** with friendly people and make tons of money. So what are you waiting for? California is offering a life full of happiness and wealth. So get on the **Transcontinental Railroad**, and find your new delightful home!*



*This picture shows a beaver spotted near a hunting camp*



*This picture shows gold after being smoothed from California*

*Informative Article- Brave men are heading out west! Here at the Western Living Daily News we heard about the new fur trade. These men that are hunting animals for the fur trade are called mountain men. The **beaver** is the most hunted animal right now because of its **water repellent fur**. It is used to make the popular **high hat**. Since bringing fur out of the Rocky Mountains is **expensive**, fur trade is limited to once a year. This new event is called the **Rendezvous**. Mountain men live very **lonely lives** because of how much they hunt. They can also be in a good bit of **danger** due to harsh weather and wild animals. Although the lives of mountain men aren't the easiest, they are making the fur trade happen. A man named **John Jacob Astor** created the **American Fur Company**. As of right now, it is the most successful fur trading company. Will the hard work of the mountain men be worth it? Will the fur trade improve our country?*

# THE WESTERN REPORT

STAY UP TO DATE ON AMERICA'S FATE

KATIE PORTER

## EXPEDITION ENDS: WHAT HAVE THEY FOUND?

### JOURNEY TO RICHES

**PERSUASIVE ARTICLE** - Lewis and Clark: brave explorers of unknown land, delving fearlessly into the vast expanse of dangerous, unexplored territory known as the Louisiana Purchase. Doesn't this ignite your inner explorer? Make you crave something new, an adventure? Well, look no further than the infamous Oregon Trail! That's right, you can be one of the many people uprooting their lives and families for a chance to live on the West Coast. That is . . . if you make it. **The Oregon Trail is a 2000 mile long trail to Oregon Territory that takes six months of dawn-to-dusk travel and \$600 for a family of four.** It takes months, maybe even years to save up for—so if you want to be like Lewis and Clark, battling your way to Western riches, you better start preparing soon. Sounds tempting, right? What's more, you'd have some of the same problems that Lewis and Clark themselves struggled with, such as **very little food, water, and supplies. You'd face other dangers, too: the main ones being rough weather and geological barriers such as rivers, mountains, and deserts.** Still think you can make it out there? Well, rest assured, this challenging journey won't be for nothing. **Rich resources, mild climate, and cheap and available land** lie ahead. This trip could be especially beneficial to Mormons. With the recent murder of their founder and leader, Joseph Smith, Mormons have no one else to turn to—with the exception of **Brigham Young, who is escaping the persecutions by moving the entire religion out West.** So, now that you know the risks and rewards, are you ready to face the dangers that Western life brings? Then let loose the explorer inside you and put your survival skills to the test! . . . Well? What are you waiting for?

**INFORMATIVE ARTICLE** - Not long ago, **President Jefferson wanted to buy the Port of New Orleans from France so it could never be closed to United States trade again.** Jefferson left there with more than he came for. As well as the New Orleans Port, he bought the Louisiana Purchase, a vast expanse of unexplored land between the Mississippi River and a western mountain range. This land doubled the size of America—but what can we do with land we know nothing about? That's where the Corps of Discovery comes in. **The Corps of Discovery is a group of explorers led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark** to find the hidden riches of Jefferson's Purchase, as well as a route to the Pacific Ocean. Their group faced many roadblocks and dangers on their journey, and yet the group persevered through it, managing to make it to the "Rocky Mountains" and back. These disadvantages include **lack of food, water, and supplies; no connection to or communication with the rest of the country; their boats were sunk in unknown waters; there were bugs . . . everywhere; and they didn't speak the languages of any Native American tribe.** What people are calling the Lewis and Clark Expedition introduced the U.S. to new information such as **new plants and animals as well as maps of our territory.** In fact, one of these maps is pictured below to the left. On the expedition, the struggling group met Sacagawea, a Shoshone Indian woman who helped the Corps of Discovery tremendously. **Sacagawea served as a guide and interpreter to the group of travelers,** thus leading to newly established Native American connections out West. Most importantly, the newly explored land gave way to the start of Westward expansion, and began to put the idea of "Manifest Destiny" into the minds of Americans. All in all, the Lewis and Clark Expedition was a successful journey that may have shaped the future of the United States. Alas, only time will tell if it really is our "destiny" to own all land out west.



# Gazette of the West

*You'll never feel stressed if you're living out west!*

*Mya Atkinson*

## How Mountain Men Turn Fur Into Income

### *Instant Wealth: Become a Forty-Niner*



**Place-Miner Searching for Gold**

*Persuasive Article- Do you have a family you're struggling to provide for? Or do you have big dreams of wealth? The fastest and easiest way to start a new, amazing life full of riches is to move to California and join the Gold Rush. People looking to find gold are being called Forty-Niners, and you can become one with no trouble. All you have to do is find an area that hasn't been marked as someone else's yet and stake a claim. The most popular method of finding gold is becoming a placer miner (washing gold nuggets out of loose rock with pans) near a river or stream. California is also a beautiful land with a warm climate, culture diversity, and religious freedom that anyone would love to live in. Don't worry about travel difficulty either! Take a train on the exciting new Transcontinental Railroad. Are you convinced yet?*

*Informative Article- Have you heard of Mountain Men? They are the reason we have high hats! They live in dangerous areas most of us wouldn't be able to handle that are far from civilization. So, they have very lonesome lives. The men take part in fur trade, and they trap animals to hunt all year long. The most common animal hunted by mountain men right now is the beaver. Beaver skins are made into high hats, coats, muffs, collars, and garment linings very often because they're water repellent. Fur trade used to be far less profitable before the rendezvous was developed. The rendezvous is a yearly meeting for mountain men and Native American trappers to sell their fur to fur-company agents and socialize. The next one is in just two months! It will be filled with celebration and storytelling. The hunters will make enough money to support themselves for the year and tons of extra. They are so important to the western economy, and almost all of us definitely own a garment with material from a Mountain Man.*



**Old Bill Williams, A Famous  
Mountain Man**

# Westward Bulletin

**Expand to West land, and you'll finally understand!**

Grace Polkabra

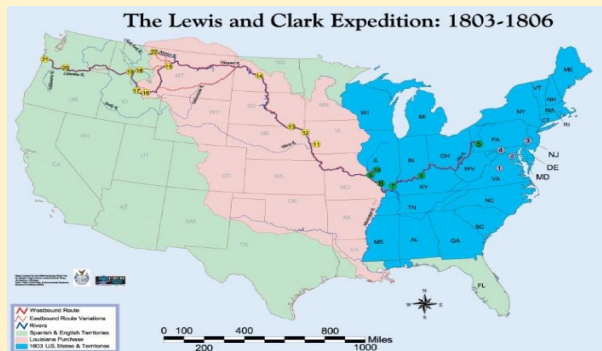
## Lewis and Clark Expedition: A success or pointless?



### Best Life from One Road

**Persuasive Article-** Are you and your family struggling to keep up with living expenses nowadays? Do you want to join the crowd and end up at an exciting, new home? If so, the best and wisest choice is to take the Oregon Trail! It may be risky, but it is life changing. It was two thousand miles long which took six months. The cost of the trip was six hundred dollars. This price may sound expensive, but it was worth it. The survivors of the voyage got to begin fresh lives out west. They experience mild climates, cheap lands, and rich resources out in the west, all from taking just one chance. Who's ready to venture to the west after hearing this tempting news from the westward bulletin? You won't regret it!

**Informative Article-** It's been announced that westward expansion is now available! Days ago, the Corps of Discovery was barely dragging along with Lewis and Clark. Traveling two and a half years with no letters and supplies troubled the explorers. Bugs appeared regularly every night in the moonlight sky. Along with the trip, the group had connected with a Shoshone Indian, Sacagawea, who helped them understand and build relationships with the Native Americans. She guided and assisted them through the dangers and wonders of the path. Westward expansion is at its best now. New discoveries of animals and plants were found, maps of now explored Western land were created, and everlasting friendships were built while on the trail. Lewis, Clark, and the Corps of Discovery created a good, sustainable lifestyle out west. This journey expanded the U.S. nation and land which will forever be a remarkable part in our history



# Western Weekly News

**MOVE OUT WEST! IT WILL IMPRESS!**

*Vivian Brasil-Paroda*

## Louisiana Purchase: What's Out There?



SACAGAWEA GUIDING MERIWETHER LEWIS AND WILLIAM CLARK

**PERCUSSIVE ARTICLE-** HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW AND TRENDY HIGH HAT? MADE FROM BEAVER FUR, IT'S A WATER REPELLENT HAT THAT HAS QUICKLY STARTED TO BECOME POPULAR IN, NOT ONLY THE U.S., BUT EUROPE TOO! WELL GUESS WHAT? YOU CAN MAKE A LIVING JUST OFF HUNTING THE TREND STARTING BEAVER! WITH A GORGEOUS VIEW AND PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT, MANY HUNTERS ARE ALREADY ON THE JOB, LIVING A LIFE I KNOW ALL OF YOU ENVI AND CRAVE. NOW I'M NOT ONE TO REVEAL A SECRET, BUT THE HUNTERS HAVE MONEY COMING IN LIKE RAIN DURING A THUNDERSTORM. NOT TO MENTION THE BIGGEST MONEYMAKER OF ALL, THE RENDEZVOUS, WHICH ONLY OCCUR ONCE A YEAR. AND IT'S IN 4 MONTHS TIME! SO GET ON OUT THERE AND START THIS LIFE CHANGING JOB! SINCE WE GOT THAT OUT THE WAY, LET'S GET DOWN TO THE NITTY-GRITTY. AREN'T YOU SICK AND TIRED OF LIVING IN SUCH SMALL TOWN, CROWDED CITIES, OR WHEREVER ELSE? I KNOW I AM! WE'VE ALL BEEN ROBBED. BUT NOT MOUNTAIN MEN, NO. THEY LIVE IN THE MOST ENVIABLE AND BOOTHING SETTING, ABSOLUTELY PERFECT FOR NATURE LOVERS. DOESN'T THAT SOUND LIKE A DREAM? DON'T WAIT, DON'T THINK. GET OUT TO THE WEST. DON'T MAKE YOUR LOVE FOR NATURE, HUNTING, OR EVEN MONEY, WAIT ANY LONGER! BECOME A MOUNTAIN MAN, NOT TOMORROW, NOT NEXT

**INFORMATIVE ARTICLE-** HOLY SMOKE PEOPLE! THE U.S. JUST MADE A GIGANTIC PURCHASE FROM FRANCE, DOUBLING THE SIZE OF OUR GROWING NATION! AND GUESS WHO? JUST RETURNED HOME WITH NEW MAPS, CONNECTIONS, AND SPECIES? TWO VERY BRAVE MEN NAMED MERIWETHER LEWIS AND WILLIAM CLARK. ONLY 2 YEARS AGO, THESE COURAGEOUS MEN MET OFF WITH THEIR GROUP OF EVEN BRAVER ADVENTURERS CALLED THE CORPS OF DISCOVERY. AND ONLY A COUPLE DAYS AGO, THEY RETURNED WITH THEIR NEW FIND AND THE CHALLENGE FACED TO REACH THE NEW DISCOVERY. NAGGING BUGS AND TORTUROUS UNKNOWN DISEASES, THESE MEN HAVE FACED AGAINST HIMSELF. NOT TO MENTION THE DIFFICULTY COMMUNICATING WITH THE NATIVE AMERICANS LIVING ON OUR LAND. LUCKILY, WE WERE ABLE TO GET THROUGH THIS WITH THE HELP OF A 16-YEAR-OLD INDIAN GIRL NAMED SACAGAWEA. PART OF THE SHO-HONE TRIBE, SACAGAWEA HELPED OUR MEN AS A GUIDE AND INTERPRETER. WE ALSO HAVE THIS YOUNG GIRL TO THANK FOR OUR NEW FRIENDLY CONNECTION WITH HER PEOPLE. AS SAID BEFORE, THE NAMED CORPS OF DISCOVERY DID INDEED, AS THEIR NAME IMPLIES, DISCOVER SOME NEW INFORMATION/MATERIAL. LEWIS AND CLARK CREATED MAPS OF WESTERN LANDS FROM THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN. QUITE SPECTACULAR, DON'T YOU THINK? THEY ALSO DISCOVERED NEW ANIMAL AND PLANT SPECIES. AM I HEARING NEW HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WEST? I GUESS WE'LL SOON



FOUND OUT!

# Westward Expansion Report

*Begin the quest and move out West*

*Scarlet Kunder*

## Families Risking Their Lives For Better Opportunities



*Gold! Gold! Gold!*

*Persuasive Article-* Have you heard the news? Gold has been discovered in California and it is anyone's for the taking! If you are interested in better opportunities and money, move to California and become a forty-niner. It's so simple! All you have to do is find good land, stake your claim, and begin to prospect. Act fast though, because land is running out. Not only men can get rich in California. Women can too! If you are a woman, you can cook and clean for miners or operate boarding houses to get rich. If you are worried about leaving your home, just think about the beautiful state of California, all of the great opportunities it offers, and of course, all of the money you will make there. So, move to California today to get all of the gold, gold,

*Informative Article-* We are all familiar with Westward expansion at this point. First, you read about the Lewis and Clark expedition, then fur traders and the Mormon religion moving out West. Now, families are taking the journey out West using a newly developed trail called the Oregon Trail. The trail stretches 2000 miles starting in Independence, Missouri and ends in Oregon City, Oregon. Many families are using this trail for the chance to start a new life. While this trail is an important route for families it is still dangerous and risky. First, the trail takes six months to complete, and many families on the trail claim to have experienced food and supply shortages during their journey. In addition, families will experience rough weather conditions and geographic features like mountains, rivers, waterfalls, and deserts on the trail. Despite all of the hardships families will face, many are still set on traveling the Oregon Trail. If they ever feel like turning around, they can just remember all of the rich resources and great opportunities the West offers to motivate them to push through.





*gold!*

Eighth grade students ended a unit on the industrial revolution by recreating poor working conditions for children in factories and other workplaces. Completing a task (making a simple paper chain) was easy when assigned in a factory setting. Then various obstacles were presented like injuries, poor working conditions, long hours, and demanding bosses. The students saw the difficulties faced by young children who were a major part of the workforce in the early twentieth century. This was a collaboration between the History, ELA classes, and the library.



Students were inspired by Lewis Hine photos of children working in factories, mines, as newsies, and in other unsafe industries.

