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### **200<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**

A birthday party honoring Jean Baptiste (Pomp) Charbonneau will be held at Spalding Visitor Center, Nez Perce Historical Park, on Saturday, February 12, 2005 from 1 PM to 4 PM. This free event will be marked with a presentation about his mother, Sacagawea, by Josephine Jones of Boise. It's rumored that the proud papa, Toussaint Charbonneau, will make an appearance.

Nicknamed "Pomp" by Captain William Clark, this youngest member of the Corps of Discovery was born at Fort Mandan to the exploration's interpreters, Sacagawea and Toussaint Charbonneau, on February 11, 1805. He later became a world traveler and respected frontiersman in his own right.

This is the beginning of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial activities in our area and many of the Lewis and Clark organizations will be on hand with information about the bicentennial events that will be taking place in the next two years. There will be a social hour to mix and mingle during the cutting and eating of a giant birthday cake, and no, there won't be 200 candles to blow out. This social hour provides an opportunity to meet and mingle with Lewis and Clark buffs from around the area.

This is a cooperative event by the Idaho Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, the Clearwater-Snake Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee and Nez Perce National Historical Park with support from the Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee and the Idaho Humanities Council. For more information contact Chuck Raddon at 476-3123 or Scott Eckberg of the National Historical Park Service at Spalding at 208-843-2261.