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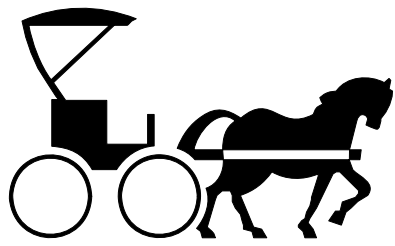
Baseball Hall-of-Fame Member Pat Scott to Throw First Pitch at July 8 Freedom Game

Boone County's own Baseball Hall of Fame honoree, **Pat Scott**, will throw out the first pitch at the **Florence Freedom Game at Champion Window Field on Saturday, July 8**. The game against the Washington (PA) Wild Things starts at 7:05 pm. Let's honor Pat by attending and cheering for her as she throws out the ball!!!

Please purchase your ticket through the Boone County Historical Society — our goal is to sell 50 tickets at only \$7 each. Tickets are available from Laurie Wilcox, 384-5550. Every ticket purchased entitles you to a chance to win a copy of *Boone County: From Mastodons to the Millennium*, autographed by Pat Scott next to her picture on page 320!

If you are unable to attend the game, but would like to help support this BCHS project, we can arrange for your tickets to be given to local youngsters at the **Children's Home of Northern Kentucky** (formerly Maplewood). Just call Laurie, 384-5550, and tell her how many \$7 tickets you'd like to share with these less fortunate children.

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL BE TO DEVELOP AWARENESS AND PROMOTE APPRECIATION OF THE HISTORY OF BOONE COUNTY.



COPIES OF *BOONE COUNTY: FROM MASTODONS TO THE MILLENNIUM*, THE LIBRARY-QUALITY HARD-BOUND VOLUME FULL OF FASCINATING STORIES AND PICTURES OF BOONE COUNTY'S HISTORY, ARE AVAILABLE DURING BUSINESS HOURS AT FLORENCE GOVERNMENT CENTER FOR \$20. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Pat Scott to Speak at July 20 meeting in Walton Park

The Historical Society's July 20 meeting will be held in the **Shelterhouse at Walton's park**. Our guest speaker will be Walton native **Pat Scott**! Pat will relate her experiences as a record-winning pitcher in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League in 1951-53.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Notice to Members: Special Vote to be taken on July 20!

President Anne Leake will present an item of business regarding **whether or not the Boone County Historical Society should accept a gift of \$26,087.61 from the Boone County Bicentennial Book Committee, with the condition that the fund be used for the sole purpose of preserving, archiving and maintaining artifacts pertaining to Boone County's history**. Please plan to attend and cast your vote!

Thanks to Tom Utz for May's BCHS presentation

Many thanks to Tom Utz who presented our May program about the history of telephone service in Boone County. Tom worked for the Consolidated Phone Company until Cincinnati Bell took over.

Tom explained that Consolidated was incorporated in Ken-

tucky in 1946 with 1,356 phones in service. Direct Distance Dialing was implemented in Florence in 1959 — in fact, the first direct long distance call was placed to Hawaii by



the late Joe Claxon, then President of Florence Rotary, during one of that organization's meetings! Consolidated merged with Cincinnati Bell in 1969.

Thanks again, Tom, for a fascinating presentation.

Executive Board Update



Ideas are being considered and researched for special speakers or topics for 2007 meetings.

If you have an idea, please advise President Anne Leake or any Board member.

Thanks to those who participated in the Memorial Day Parade representing the BCHS!

The City of Walton continues to pursue the grant that will enable them to finalize the purchase of the old Gaines Tavern. Future needs may include volunteer staffing and a resident caretaker.

BCHS must sell a minimum of 50 tickets at \$7 each to ensure Pat Scott will throw

out the first ball at the July 8 Florence Freedom game. Tickets may be purchased from Laurie Wilcox (384-5550). If members can't attend, they can purchase tickets for residents of the Burlington branch of NKY Children's Home. We need support for this project from eve-

Upcoming BCHS Programs & Related Events

June 17, 1 p.m., Boone County Public Library, Walton Branch, hosts **The Abner Gaines Tavern**, a program about this Walton landmark and the Gaines family, presented by Elizabeth Comer.



September 21, BCHS Meeting:



Bridget Striker, the Local History Librarian of the Boone County Public Library, will talk about

the Library's local history department and its most exciting collection, the **Fitzgerald papers**, a treasure trove of documents from the estates of William and Anne Fitzgerald.

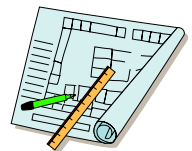
September 23-24: Dinsmore Homestead's Harvest Festival. 12—6 pm. Heritage exhibits, music, food, house tours, pony rides, attic sale. Small admission fee. 586-6117 for more info.

September 29: Dinsmore Gala at the homestead. Dinner, live music, silent and live auctions. Reservations required: 586-6117.

October 14—15: 21st Annual Big Bone Salt Festival, this year celebrating the return of William Clark to Big Bone to collect more specimens for President Thomas Jefferson.

November 16, BCHS Meeting:

Matt Becher and Lori McEntee will present a program on **architect George Nicholson of Walton**. They have done a lot of research on his life and work in Boone County.



2006 Boone County Preservation Awards

The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board held their annual awards ceremony on May 18 at the old Boone County Courthouse. This year's event included presentation of historic property plaques to the owners of 15 historic houses.

BCHS member **David Beasley** received the 2006 Anne W. Fitzgerald Research Award for his efforts and commitment to the BC Public Library's Oral History Project. The project itself won an award in the "Preservation Project" category.



David Beasley



Asa Rouse

The Kiger Trial Re-enactment group, whose production was sponsored by the BCHS, were the recipients of the 2006 Shirley Mann Memorial Heritage Educa-

tion Award. The group included **Asa Rouse** who portrayed Prosecuting Attorney R.L. Vincent, **Bruce Ferguson** who played the part of Sheriff Jake Williams, **Jim Kiger** as Judge Ward Yager, **Amanda Giordano** as Joan Kiger, **Kelly Fulmer** as Sawyer Smith, **Tom Schiffer** as the newspaper photographer, **Doug Pacheco** as Bailiff, **Miriam Pacheco** as Court Stenographer, and **Laurie Wilcox** who held research and production responsibilities. VCR tapes of the play are available for checkout from the BCPL Scheben Branch.



Bruce Ferguson

Our own **Michael Rouse** and co-author **Tim Moore** received an award for their recently published book, *Images of America: Florence*. And **Bob Schrage**, author of *Boone County: Then and Now* also received an award for his recent publication in the Preservation Project category.

BCHS member **Alice Manchikes** received an award for her ongoing support of Boone County cemetery preservation.



Alice Manchikes

Pat Lense, President of the Friends of Big Bone, received the 2006 William Conrad Preservation Excellence Award for his tireless efforts to obtain funding for the interpretive museum at Big Bone Lick State Park.



Pat Lense

Margaret Warminski was the recipient of the 2006 Bruce Ferguson Award for Sustained Excellence in Historic Preservation.

Many other deserving individuals received awards for their dedication to the preservation of our county's history.

Genealogy Corner

The 32nd Annual Kentucky Genealogical Society Seminar will be Saturday, August 5, 2006 in Frankfort. Nationally known genealogist Lloyd Bockstruck, director of the Genealogy Dept. of Dallas Public Library, will present Genealogical Research in Maryland and North Carolina, the two states for which most people seek genealogical information. Copies of

the registration form are available at the Scheben branch Library.

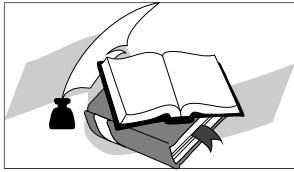


Tanner Family research request: Carla Moulton, 1550 N. Valley Parkway, Lewisville, TX 75077, wrote that she is researching the **Tanner family**, and is trying to separate the

Ephriam Tanner line from the William Tanner family. Can anyone in BCHS assist her?



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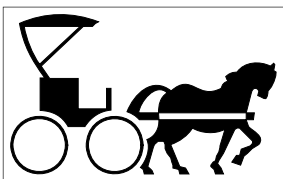
Websites of local interest:



BooneCountyKy.org.
 BooneCountyHeritage.org
 Kenton.Lib.Ky.US/~histsoc
 DinsmoreFarm.org
 SaveAmericasTreasures.org
 Nkyviews.com
 Splitrockpark.org
 FriendsOfBigBone.org

JULY 20: SPECIAL VOTE TO BE TAKEN TO ACCEPT A GIFT !!!
 (See page 1 for details!)

The Boone County Historical Society provides program meetings on the third Thursday evenings of January, March, May, July, September and November (with occasional exceptions). Unless otherwise announced, the meetings will be held at the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing



BCHS Membership Privileges

Annual Membership Fee is only \$15 per household, **due every January**. This modest fee covers the cost of our newsletter mailings. We appreciate all who have joined the Boone County Historical Society to help us preserve and make known some of the history of our County. Encourage your friends and neighbors to join and attend our meetings. Membership fees can be sent to:

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