

# ◆ Boone Co. Historical Society ◆

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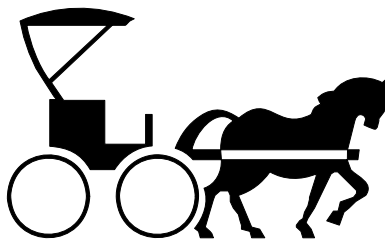
## ***New book on Mary Draper Ingles' escape***

A new children's book about Mary Ingles's escape from her native American captors at Big Bone Lick in 1755 is now available for sale at the Big Bone Lick State Park Museum gift shop. The author, Patty Hons, is a descendant of Mary Ingles. "Mary Draper Ingles: A True Story of Courage and Family" is also available from the author, Patty Hons, 17261 Lexington Drive, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025 for \$12.79.

## ***Dinsmore's Restoration Project update***

Phase One of Dinsmore Homestead's \$201,450 Restoration Project is nearing completion. The front porch of the Main House (c. 1842) was rebuilt with Bill and Mary Sue Rudicill's gift in memory of Hannah Hume Baird. The foundation and floor boards of the Cook Cabin (c. 1842) were reinforced, using hand-hewn logs donated by Randy and Jane Cochran of Rabbit Hash. The Roseberry House has been completely rewired and now boasts a standing seam roof with back extension! The wine house roof is being replaced. Thanks to all those who gave generously to the restoration project! More \$\$ needed for Phase Two!!!

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## ***Bridget Striker presents The Fitzgerald Papers Sept. 21***

**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.

The meeting will be held at 7 pm on Thursday, September 21 in Community Room C, lower level of the Florence Government Center on Ewing Boulevard.

## ***Schrage and Clare co-author river book***

Boone County historians Bob Schrage and Don Clare have just released their new book, "Along the Ohio River: Cincinnati to Louisville." It contains wonderful images of old postcards and their texts. Great gift idea for your family's history buff! Available for \$20 at the Rabbit Hash General Store, B&N, and other local stores.

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## Rabbit Hash Opens Visual Arts Center

The Rabbit Hash Historical Society held its Grand Opening of the Lowell Lee Scott Visual Arts Center on Thursday evening, August 31. To celebrate the General



Store's 175th year, the theme of the show was "Views of the Rabbit Hash General Store." The show featured paintings, drawings, prints, photographs and more by local artists — Junell Markesbery, Terri Markesbery, Pattie Purnell, Keith Howard, and many others.

The event was well attended on that pleasant summer evening. Folks strolled through the gallery, relaxed on



the porch, sipped and snacked, chatted with old friends and new, and vowed to return soon to that delightful place.

## Dr. Thomas Walker portrayal at Scheben Branch

Boone County Public Library, along with the Kentucky Humanities Council, will host a special program about Dr. Thomas Walker on **Monday, September 18 at the Scheben Branch at 7 pm.**

A physician turned land speculator, Walker led the first organized English foray into Kentucky

in April of 1750. He and his five co-explorers hoped to



find land suitable for farming, but their three-month effort never got them past the forested mountains of Eastern Kentucky.

Actor Danny Hinton will portray Dr. Thomas Walker in this fascinating and educational program.

## Upcoming BCHS Programs & Related Events

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

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

**October 1: Dinsmore's Fall Concert** featuring Robin Lacy &

DeZydeco, food, cash bar, fun. Sunday 4-6 pm. Small admission fee.

**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.

**December 2-3: Dinsmore's Christmas in the Country**, 1-5 pm both days, and candlelight tours 7-9 pm Saturday evening.

## Pat Scott throws first pitch at Freedom game!

July 8th was a great evening for baseball — the weather was perfect, and the recently-built stadium — Champion Window Field — was impressive. Moms and Dads were settling into their seats while their youngsters scurried down to the rail to ask for players' autographs. Florence



Freedom players were going through their warm-ups, stopping to chat with folks who called out to them. Hotdogs and cold beers were being enjoyed by fans who



were glancing through the program to read about their favorite players.

But soon everyone's attention was focused on the lady on the pitcher's mound as she threw out the first ball! Yes, it was Boone County's very own Baseball Hall of Fame Honoree, Pat Scott!

At our July 20 meeting in Walton Park, Pat was kind enough to share her experiences as a record-winning pitcher in the

All-American Girls Professional Baseball League in 1951-53. She presided over a fascinating question-and-answer program, noting that the land on which Champion Win-



dow Field is built was her family's farm many years ago.

A video tape of her July 8 pitch and the presentation on July 20 will soon be available for checkout at the Scheben Branch Library. Thank you, Pat, for a terrific program!

## Preservation Projects

We often think of preservation projects as old house rehabs, but in Big Bone Lick State Park, preservation includes moving the bison herd to protect Running Buffalo Clover (*Trifolium Stoloniferum*), listed as an endangered species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The former bison pen is now being protected as a "recovery zone" for the plant which has historical "roots!"



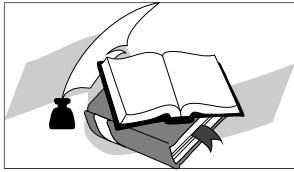
According to the Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board, Butch and Mary

Ann Wainscott have begun rehabbing the Jonathan Carlton House (Schramm's Tavern) in Petersburg. The main part of the house was built around 1825, but part of the structure may have been built as early as 1805. The house will be one of three stops on a mobile workshop during the 2006 Kentucky Historical Preservation Conference in Covington September 28-30.

The City of Walton is celebrating receipt of a \$300,000 Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant to purchase the Abner Gaines House on Old

Nicholson Road. Mayor Phil Trzop is assembling an oversight committee to provide professional input into the project. The site will become the "Gaines Tavern History Center." We'll keep our readers posted on the progress of this project. Congratulations to Walton!!!





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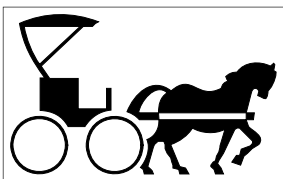
Websites of local interest:

BooneCountyKy.org.  
 BooneCountyHeritage.org  
 Kenton.Lib.Ky.US/~histoc  
 DinsmoreFarm.org  
 SaveAmericasTreasures.org  
 Nkyviews.com  
 Splitrockpark.org  
 FriendsofBigBone.org  
 Nkyencyclopedia.org  
 Rabbithashusa.com  
 Boonecocemeteries.org  
 Thebooneconservancy.org



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*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*



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