



Meade County Archeological Society Newsletter

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April Happenings: Chris Wernz, a freshman at ECTC studying law enforcement, was our speaker. A tour guide at Squire Boone Caverns, Chris enthusiastically told us all about the character of Squire Boone and his relationship with the Caverns. Also, Robert Bartley talked about his research on what he calls the “Conrad Shoot-out” in Laconia. He told a great tale of the “White Caps”, of murder and intrigue, and asked for help in tracking down information for his book. Several of our members were able to give him some guidance and possible leads, and he has had some breakthroughs and discovered new twists to the story since that meeting. We will be looking forward to the publishing of his book! If you have any knowledge of the Conrad Shoot-out that you would like to share with Robert Bartley, please email him at rebartley3536@att.net.

NEXT MEETING: May 3rd, Monday, at 7:00 pm (note time change)
PLACE: Meade County Library Annex

Program: Dr. Nancy O’Malley, a top archeologist at the University of Kentucky, has done extensive work in surveying and excavation of sites throughout Kentucky, including Fort Knox and Meade County. We are very privileged to have her come and talk about survey documents, forms, and procedures which we will be using as we prepare to excavate the 15MD215 site.

Upcoming Program at the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center:

May 29th, 2:00 pm

Cahokia: America’s Lost City

The once-mighty city of Cahokia, America’s first metropolis, now lies beneath the superhighways and sprawling neighborhoods of modern St. Louis. Larger than medieval London during its heyday a thousand years ago, Cahokia was an astonishing achievement of civilization at any time.

This film takes the viewer back on a journey though time into one of the most intriguing chapters in North America’s history as you go on-site with leading experts unearthing the secrets of this early urban center and the mysterious people who built it. Search for clues in Cahokia’s huge construction projects, stunningly sophisticated works of art, and startling rites of sacrificial barbarism.

Witness the remarkable engineering behind the city's enormous ceremonial mounds and miles of "suburbs." Meet a Native American researcher on a dramatic personal hunt for his own roots in Cahokian culture.

Discover the surprising reasons why this amazing civilization suddenly disappeared and why such information is extremely important to us today.

News And Notes

Local Archeological News

As many of you know, the Lincoln Heritage House at Freeman Lake burnt down last May. The house was a log cabin that had been partially constructed by Thomas Lincoln, father of Abraham Lincoln.

It was in the process of being restored when the state ordered the city to stop the restoration and complete an archaeological field study and management summary for the site.

The Elizabethtown City Council has accepted a proposal from a local company to complete the state-mandated archaeological study. The firm Brockington and Associates says it will begin the study very soon. Jim Pritchard with the company says there may be more than 5,000 artifacts at the site, including toys, kitchen utensils and architectural debris.

MCAS Considers a Possible Name Change

As our society has grown and evolved over the last two years, we have broadened our programs and interests to include more than just archeology. We have many members who have an interest in Meade County's recorded history and genealogy, as well as the pre-historic era. To be more inclusive of that interest and to better reflect our members' enthusiasm in this area, we are considering a name change. We invite our members to submit ideas for a new name and a snappy, catchy acronym! If you have any suggestions, let the officers know.