

# Boone County Historical Society



July-August 2024

## 2024 Meetings & Events

All meetings at the Boone County Public Library will start at 6:30 pm.

**August 9:** BCBS Museum open to welcome members of the DAR from 7 to 9 P.M.

**September 19:** Ky registrar, DAR, Robin Bennett will talk about the **Boone County Daughters of the American Revolution.**

**November 21:** BCPL Director, Carrie Herrmann will talk about the **Boone County Public Library's 50th Anniversary.**

## 2025 Meetings & Events

**No meetings in January or February.**

**The officers and board are working to bring exciting new programs for next year.**

**Show and Tell is being planned.**

**OUR ANNUAL OUT AND ABOUT AT THE GAINES TAVERN AT 6:30 PM ON THURSDAY, JULY 18.**



**Gaines Tavern History Center is located at:  
150 Old Nicholson Road in Walton, KY 41094**

The Abner Gaines House or Gaines Tavern History Center was built on the Old Lexington Pike in Walton, Kentucky in 1814. It is the oldest house in Walton and built in the Federal Style, featuring three stairways and ten carved mantels.. The Abner Gaines house was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. The home was purchased by the City of Walton in 2006 and has since been restored. It celebrates the history of the City of Walton formerly known as Gaines Crossroads and the Abner Gaines Family.

Paula Jolley, Event planner, Gaines Tavern, will host our visit to the historic Gaines Tavern and will talk about its history.

## MUSEUM NOW OPEN FOR TOURS

Starting in April, our museum has been open to the public every third Tuesday of the month from 10:00 am till 1:00 pm. Each time we have been open, we have attracted visitors. Some came since they knew we would be open in advance and others came because they noticed the "Museum Open" sign in front of the museum.

In addition to our permanent display items, we also display items based on a theme. We are currently displaying a "Civil War" theme.

We also plan to open for special events. The DAR will be hosting a summer workshop for members across the state at the Old Courthouse (Ferguson Center) on August 10. On Friday, August 9th, they are having a dinner in Burlington for arriving members. They have asked us to open the museum for that evening to help welcome the members.

The Boone County Parks will again host the *Fall Community Garage Sale* on Saturday, October 5th from 8:00 am till 1:00 pm. We will have our museum open for this event.

If someone or a group want to visit our museum, just contact any officer or board member or call Steve Conrad at 859-380-5130 to arrange a tour.

## BOONE COUNTY'S 225TH CELEBRATION

### 🎉 Celebrating Boone County 🎉

Boone County is celebrating 225 years since the first fiscal court met in 1799.

The celebration began on June 1st at the Boone County Fairgrounds where there were activities for the whole family. Community tables were set up with representatives from organizations throughout the county.

Celebrations will continue throughout the year. Events coming up include:

- \* The Rabbit Hash Historic District will host "***Old Timers Day***" on Saturday, August 31.
- \* The City of Walton will host "***Old Fashion Day***" in the heart of Walton on Saturday, September 14.
- \* The City of Union will host "***Bourbon in the Bluegrass***" at **Farm Haven** in Union on Saturday, October 5. This is an annual event held in a farm setting in Union, celebrating Boone County's rich heritage .
- \* The Petersburg Community Center will host its "***Fall Festival***" on Saturday, October 12.
- \* A Patriot Grave Marking at the Sand Run Baptist Church cemetery is scheduled for Saturday, November 2 at 2 pm.

## BETSY CONRAD HONORED

On May 8th, the City of Florence named a street in honor of long-time public servant Betsy Conrad.

Mayor Julie Aubuchon said that for over two decades Betsy was the “heart and soul” of the administration. While she was at the city, her commitment to integrity, excellence and compassion set a standard for leadership for all who knew her.

Betsy served the city as the City Clerk and Human Resources Director for 22 years. Then, she served as a member of city council, from 2005 through 2008. She was named Florence Rotary Citizen of the year in 2004 and was named a Kentucky Colonel. During her tenure at the city, she was instrumental in creating the Northern Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association, and won the Clerk of the year twice.

Betsy was president of both the Florence Women’s Club and the Boone County Historical Society.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

The **Dinsmore Homestead** will host **Pioneer Days** from July 8 to July 12. To register, call the Dinsmore at 859-586-6117.

The **Gaines Tavern** in Walton will host an event about the **Civil War** on July 14 from 2:00 pm—4:00 pm.

**Boone County Parks** will host **Touch A Truck** at the **England Idlewild Park** on July 20 from 10:00 am—1:00 pm.

The **Dinsmore Homestead** will host a **Labor Legacy Weekend** on July 20 & 21 from 1:00 till 5:00 pm. They will be conducting a tour about the past workers at Dinsmore.

The **City of Florence** will host an **Art Festival and Vendor Market** on the historic Main Street on July 20 from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm. It will be held in the new **Bell Park** across from the historic fire house.

The **Gaines Tavern** will open with the theme of “**Quilts & Linens**” on Sunday, August 11 from 2:00 pm till 4:00 pm.

The **Friends of Big Bone** will present a program on **The Society of Vertebrate Paleontology and Big Bone Lick** by **Stanley Hedeon** on **Thursday, August 22** at 6:30 pm at the **Scheben Library**.

**Boone County Parks** will host an **Arts and Crafts** event at **Boone Woods Park** on Saturday, August 24 from 1:00 till 3:00. Food trucks and music will be available.

The **Gaines Tavern** will open with the theme of “**History of Walton and the Gaines Tavern**” on Sunday, September 8 from 2-4 pm.

### THE BCHS MUSEUM

Boone County Historical Society expresses appreciation to the Boone County Judge/Executive and Fiscal Court Commissioners for permission to use the Old County Clerk’s Office as a repository for items of historical significance to Boone County’s heritage.

Directions: I-71/75 Exit 181 (KY 18 Burlington Pk). Proceed westbound 4.6 miles, turn right at the first traffic signal (Bullittsville-

Burlington Road aka Garrard St.) and then turn left into the Boone County Administration Building parking lot. The Museum is the small white brick building marked “County Court Clerk’s Office...1853” The street address is 2965 Gallatin Street, Burlington, KY 41005.

The museum will be open on the third Tuesday each month 10—1.



Artwork by Pattie Purnell

# BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## ABOUT THE BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The **mission** of the Boone County Historical Society is to develop awareness and promote appreciation of the history of Boone County, Kentucky. We are fortunate to partner with the Boone County Public Library.

The Boone County Historical Society provides program meetings at 6:30pm on the third Thursday evenings of March, April, May, July, September and November. Meetings (except for July) are held at the Boone County Public Library, Main Library, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, Kentucky. July "out-and-about" meetings are held at various locations around the County.

The Society will be hosting a number of exhibits at the BCHS Museum (*see page 3*) each year. Most items for these exhibits are borrowed on a temporary basis from our members and friends, and do not belong to the Society. We greatly appreciate being entrusted with these loaned items that relate to our exhibits.

Items in our permanent collection have been donated by individuals and families, who desire to share with others items of historical significance to Boone County. Their generosity is gratefully appreciated.

**Annual membership fee is \$15 per household, due every March.** This covers the cost of printing and mailing our newsletters. Checks, payable to the Boone County Historical Society, can be mailed to the Boone County Historical Society, P.O. Box 23, Florence, KY 41022-0023.

The Boone County Historical Society has received a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status — all gifts to the Society are tax deductible.

**All programs and exhibits are free and open to the public.**

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