

# Boone County Historical Society



March-April 2024

## Newsletter Celebrates 25 Years

### 2024 Meetings & Events

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

**May 4: N. K. History Day** will be held at the **Kenton County Library in Erlanger from 8:00 am till 2:00 pm**

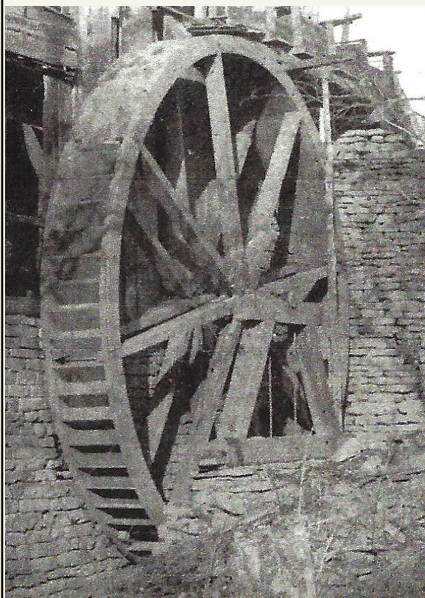
**May 16: Captain Don Sanders** will talk about life on the river.

**July 18: Annual Out & About** at the **Gaines Tavern** in **Walton Ky.**

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

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

### **RON BUCKLEY WILL TALK ABOUT HIS RESEARCH AT THE CRISLER/SEBREE GRIST MILL ON MARCH 21 AT 6:30 PM**



This presentation was originally scheduled for September 21, 2023. However, Ron Buckley fell and broke his leg two days before he was scheduled to make this presentation. After undergoing partial hip replacement surgery and weeks of therapy, Ron is ready to make this presentation. Ron has spent many hours doing the research on this project. So, we are looking forward to what his research shows.

### **JAMES DUVALL WILL TALK ABOUT THE 19TH CENTURY BIG BONE SPRINGS HOTEL ON APRIL 18 AT 6:30 PM.**



## BCHS Celebrates 25 Years of Newsletters

In the spring of 1999, a group of interested Boone Countians met at the City of Florence's Event Center to re-organize the Boone County Historical Society. These individuals had worked together for the previous four years to write the History book *From Mastodons to the Millennium* that was published in 1998 for Boone County's Bicentennial. Headed by Bruce Ferguson, the first meeting was held. Officers and Directors were elected and 97 memberships were established during the first year.

The newsletters were produced by Betsy Conrad with contributions by Jim Duvall in the early years. Betsy continued as newsletter editor until November 2019. She was a terrific writer and always enjoyed producing these newsletters. She felt that these newsletters were very important to promoting the society and maintaining interest in all the programs that were produced.

The Boone County Historical Society was very strong in the years before it was re-organized. Below is a picture of this society taken in 1952 at a meeting in the old Town Hall in Florence.



## HISTORY DAY

The 28th Northern Kentucky Regional History Day will be held on Saturday, May 4th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Kenton County Public Library's Erlanger branch.

Good news! This year there will be **no admission fee**. Individual registration starts immediately at <https://kcpl.us/historyday2024>.

Our society plans to have a display table at this event.

## 2024 DUES ARE DUE AT OUR MARCH MEETING

Annual dues will be accepted at our first meeting on March 21. Our dues are \$15.00 per family. This amount is used to help cover the cost of printing and mailing our newsletters and maintaining our web site. If you can't make it to our March meeting, you can mail your dues to: Boone County Historical Society, P.O. Box 23, Florence KY 41022-0023.

If you have already paid you dues for 2024, thank you.

## BOONE COUNTY'S 225TH CELEBRATION

A kick-off event will be held at the Boone County 4-H and Utopia Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 1, 2024. This event will offer fun activities, food, speakers and entertainment for the whole family.

## MUSEUM OPEN

Starting on April 16, our museum will be open one day a month from 10:00 am till 1:00 pm. We are planning to open the museum on the third Tuesday of each month and have it open for other special events that take place from time to time.

## HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION

Preparations are under way for the placement and dedication of the new Kentucky Historical Highway Marker for Frank S. Milburn. We are working with the Kentucky Historical Society and the Kentucky Highway Department to announce the dedication date.

## 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.); 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.



Artwork by Pattie Purnell

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

The City of Walton will host their **Easter Egg Hunt** event on **Saturday, March 23rd at 11:00 am** at the **Walton Park**.

The City of Florence will host their **Easter Egg Hunt** at the **Thomas More Stadium at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 23**.

The Friends of Big Bone will present the program: *Finding Mary Ingles*, by **Pat Fox and Pat Lense** on **Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 pm** at the **Scheben Library**.

The **Dinsmore Homestead** plans to open for the season on **Friday, April 5**. Tours will be from **1—5 pm on Friday thru Sunday**.

The City of Florence will have their **Spring Cleanup Week** from **April 22– 28**. Dumpsters will be located at the **Public Works facility**.

The City of Walton will have their **Spring Cleanup** from **April 25—28**. Dumpsters will be located at the **Public Works Building**.

The Friends of Big Bone will present the program: *Sloths of Big Bone Lick and their American Relatives* by **Dave Hauber** on **Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 pm** at the **Scheben Library**.

The **Dinsmore Homestead** will host its annual **Derby Day Fundraiser Party** on **Saturday, May 4th**.

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## 25 Years of Newsletters



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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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