

Boone County Historical Society



March-April 2026

2026 Meetings & Events

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

May 16: Northern Kentucky Regional History Day at the Erlanger branch of the **Kenton County Public Library**.

May 21: Jessica Whitehead will talk about her book, *Driftwood*, on the life of **Harlan Hubbard**.

June 20: Boone County celebrates **America 250** at the **Boone County Fair Grounds**.

July 16: Out & About Meeting at the **Jonathan Carlton House** in **Petersburg**.

September 17: Joleen Miranda will present **The History of Ohio River Showboats**.

November 19: Judge Anthony Frohlich will talk about his book on: **Revolutionary War Patriots**

JIM CLAYPOOL AND BOB WEBSTER WILL TALK ABOUT THEIR BOOK ENTITLED *A TRADITION REBORN* ON THURSDAY, MARCH 19 AT 6:30 PM.



Old Latonia Racetrack Clubhouse & Grandstand C. 1910

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Dr. Jim Claypool chronicled the history of Old Latonia and Turfway racecourses in a book published in 1997 entitled *The Tradition Continues*. Bob Webster asked Claypool to collaborate in publishing a new book, with colored pictures, that recaps and updates Turfway's history. Churchill Downs bought Turfway and spent 150 million dollars to modernize and enhance racing and add a casino for gaming.

OUR APRIL 16TH MEETING WILL FEATURE *SHOW & TELL* AT 6:30

Join us for SHOW & TELL at our April meeting! Bring in your favorite collectible, artifact or family heirloom to share with fellow history buffs. Each person may give a brief background on the item or bring a printed description. We ask that you choose something you can easily transport yourself. Owners are responsible for the care of the item. Neither BCPL nor the Boone County Historical Society can assume responsibility for your treasure, but we are so excited to see what you bring!

MUSEUM OPEN

Our museum is open to the public every third Thursday from 10:00 am—1:00 pm. In addition, we are open for special events. The next scheduled event is the Spring Community Garage Sale which will occur on Saturday, May 2 from 8 am—1 pm in the parking lot behind the Boone County Administration building.

REVOLUTIONARY READ

"The Revolutionary Read" at BCPL is a special series of events to celebrate America's 250th. Programming will be anchored by David McCullough's book, "1776," which will be the theme of several book groups and discussions. Additionally, the library will offer Take & Make kits, lectures, hands-on programs and performances, all following the theme of the nation's birthday! These activities will take place between October 1- November 15th. Stay tuned for more information to come!

PETERSBURG OUT AND ABOUT

We have been invited to have our July 16, "Out & About" meeting at the Jonathan Carlton house, aka Schramm Tavern, where we will learn more about the beautiful town of Petersburg.



NORTHERN KENTUCKY REGIONAL HISTORY DAY

This year's History Day event will occur at the Kenton County Public Library's Erlanger branch on Saturday, May 16 from 8 am—2 pm. Admission is **free**. You can register online at: <https://www.kentonlibrary.org/blogs/post/northern-kentucky-history-day-2026-america250-celebration/> or you can register at the door.

AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

Boone County will celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country on Saturday, June 20 from 4—10 pm at the Boone County Fair Grounds. This **free** family event will include music, food, community booths, vendors, a fishing derby, kids activities and a fireworks display at 10:00 pm to cap off the day. Our society is planning to have a booth at this event.

PROMOTING OUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In an effort to promote our society throughout Boone County, we voted at our last meeting in November, to finance an advertisement in the "What Happening in Boone County" brochure. We chose this media since it is mailed out to all 58 thousand households in Boone County. It was mailed out during the last week of February.

In this advertisement, we mentioned what we do, where we meet and a listing of the programs that we are scheduled for this year. We hope to attract new members to our society with this promotion.

2026 DUES ARE DUE AT OUR MARCH MEETING

Annual dues will be accepted at our first meeting on March 19. Our dues are still \$15.00 per family. This amount is used to help cover the cost of printing and mailing our newsletters and maintaining our website. 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 your dues for 2026, thank you.

Special thanks....

Tom Schiffer, who has served as an officer and director for the last several years, has resigned from our board of directors due to health issues. We graciously thank Tom for his dedication and support of our Historical Society.

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 Thursday each month 10—

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

The **Friends of Big Bone** will host a program entitled *The Bison Invasion of North America* by **Dave Hauber** on **Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 pm** at the **Scheben Library**.

The **City of Walton** will host an **Easter Egg Hunt** at **Owens Lake** on **Saturday, March 28 at 11:00 am**. It will be preceded by a **5K Bunny Run**.

The **City of Florence** will host an **Easter Egg Hunt** at the **Thomas More Stadium** on **Saturday, March 28** from **10:00 —11:30 am**.

The **Boone County Parks Department** will host a **Glow Easter Egg Hunt** on **Friday, March 27 at 6:45 pm** at the **England Idlewild Park, Shelter 3**.

The **Dinsmore Homestead** will open for the season. Their first tours will be on **April 3, 4 and 5**. They are open from **1:00—5:00 pm**.

The **Friends of Big Bone** will host a program entitled *The Big Bone Springs* by **Hillary Delaney** on **Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 pm** at the **Scheben Library**.

The **City of Florence** will have **Spring Cleanup Week** from **Monday, April 20 to Sunday, April 26**. Bring your unwanted debris to the **Florence Public Services Department** between **9 am and 7 pm**.

The **City of Walton** will have their **Spring Cleanup** from **Thursday, April 30 to Sunday, May 3**.



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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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