

Boone County Historical Society



September—October 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 20: Don Rightmyer: ***Torn Between North and South: The Civil War in Kentucky*** Program at 7pm, BCPL Main Library.

Nov. 10: Museum Exhibit honoring **Boone County's Military Veterans**, 11am—3pm.

Nov. 15: "Buddy" Denham presents **Old Time Pharmacies** Program at 7pm, BCPL Main Library

Dec. 8: **Christmas in the Country** — Museum Exhibit of vintage trains and toys. 11am—3pm.

DON RIGHTMYER PRESENTS "TORN BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH: THE CIVIL WAR IN KENTUCKY" 7 PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Don Rightmyer is editor of *Kentucky Ancestors*, the genealogical quarterly of the Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort, Kentucky. A native of Harrodsburg, Don graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy where he majored in military history and served a 24-year active duty career.



He began working at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in April 2007 and became the editor of *Kentucky Ancestors* in January 2008. Kentucky history and the Civil War, in particular, have been among Don's lifelong historical interests.

The Boone County Historical Society, in partnership with the Boone County Public Library, is proud to host Don Rightmyer as he presents **Torn Between North and South: the Civil War in Kentucky**.

The meeting will be held at BCPL Main Library, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, KY.

The public is invited, so be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.

MUSEUM EXHIBIT HONORING VETERANS



The annual **Veterans Day Museum Exhibit** will be 11am-3pm Saturday, November 10. If you would like to loan any items relating to Boone County's veterans, past and present, please call Virginia Lainhart 689-7240, Pat Yannarella 835-2435, or Betsy Conrad 371-5882

HISTORIC MARKER APPLICATIONS READY FOR GEN. JOHN HUNT MORGAN AND ANDERSON FERRY / 1937 FLOOD

The members of The Boone County Historical Society will be asked, at the September 20 meeting, to approve an expenditure for two more historic markers.

The first will commemorate CSA General John Hunt Morgan's 1863 escape through Boone County from the federal prison in Columbus, Ohio, and the second commemorating the historic Anderson Ferry on one side, and the 1937 Flood on the other.

This action is being recommended for approval by the Board of Directors. The \$2,500 expense for each marker would be taken from the archival fund which is earmarked for preservation of Boone County's history.

These markers were two of the many possible subjects recommended by the Historic Markers Committee this past summer. The Committee members were Bruce Ferguson, Matt Becher, Yvonne Hempfling Edwards, Wilma McMillian, Michael

Rouse, Stephen Conrad and Betsy Conrad. The proposed wording of the first marker is:

John Hunt Morgan Escape Route

Nov. 28, 1863, CSA Gen. John H. Morgan and Capt. Hines crossed Boone County after Ohio Penitentiary escape the 27th. They took a train to Cincinnati and crossed Ohio River by boat to Ludlow. Sympathetic Boone Countians, including Big Bone Baptist Church, gave them food and horses. Rode into Gallatin County the next night.

Side two of the marker will be a map of Boone County with the escape route highlighted.

The marker will be placed on a triangular piece of land between the new and the old US 42, part of which is owned by the State of Kentucky and another part owned by the City of Union. Ample parking area will be provided for those stopping

to learn about our history.

The proposed wording for the second marker is:

Anderson Ferry

The Anderson Ferry has been in continuous use since George Anderson bought it in 1817. In 1865 Charles Kottmyer purchased the ferry. It remained in his family until 1986 when current owners, Paul and Deborah Anderson, purchased it. In 1982, the ferry was named to the National Register of Historic Places.

Side two reads: 1937 Flood

During the Great Flood of 1937, Constance was the hardest hit of all Boone Co. river towns. Rt. 8 between Constance and Taylor-sport was nearly completely covered by water. Houses in Constance were twisted from their foundations and many were totally destroyed. Residents who remained in town were sheltered in the town school.

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO

Friends of Big Bone Salt Fest
Oct. 19-21. More info at
www.friends ofbigbone.org

Dinsmore Homestead events:
Annual Gala, Sat., Sept. 22 at
Triple Crown Country Club.
Harvest Festival Sept. 29-30.

Halloween Celebration, Sat.,
Oct. 27. Visit
www.dinsmorefarm.org.

Ramage Civil War Museum
events: Antique Appraisal Fair
Sept. 29. More info at ramage-civilwarmuseum@gmail.com.

Boone Co. Public Library Kentucky Chautauqua presentation of
Emilie Todd Helm, sister of Mary
Todd Lincoln, wife of Confederate
Gen. Benjamin H. Helm, 7pm Friday,
Sept. 21, Main Library.

BOONE COUNTY HERITAGE DAY, JULY 21, 2012



Virginia Lainhart explains how Boone County's home-makers prepared food before microwaves were invented!



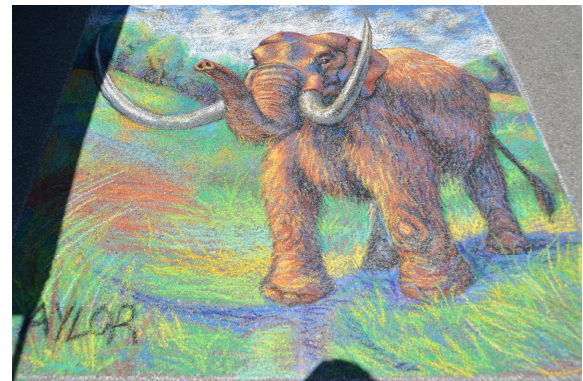
Butch Wainscott's Ford 901 Powermaster Tractor



Tim Jones and mom Rebecca display their 19th century Albany Copper Sleigh.



Christina Aylor works diligently on her award-winning mastodon. Sidewalk chalk artistry is a very popular part of Heritage Day.



Thanks, TANK for loaning us a restored 1950 Green Line bus.

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.

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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.

The Boone County Historical Society provides program meetings at 7pm on the third Thursday evenings of January, March, 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 hosts 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 planned 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 January. 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.

Officers and Boardmembers:

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