

Boone County Historical Society



January–February 2013

2013 PROGRAMS

Mar. 20 Program:
Walton's Dr.
James Huey with
interviewer Asa
Rouse — Dr. Huey
reminisces about
his WWII experi-
ences as a battle-
field physician.
7pm, BCPL Main
Library.

May 16 Program:
John Brady Wal-
ton explains the
history of the
Boone County Fair.
7pm, BCPL Main
Library.

July 18 Annual
"Out-and-About"
— (tentative)
Florence Mayor
Diane E. Whalen
talks about the
City's past, present
and future — Flor-
ence Then and
Now; 7pm, Flor-
ence Senior Center.

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WATSON CRAFT PRESENTS "STORIES OF WWII" 7 PM, THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

Watson Craft grew up in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. The youngest in a family of 17, he learned the vocation of farming at a very young age.

He received a Bachelor degree from Berea College, then earned two Masters degrees at the University of Kentucky — one in teaching, the other in administration. He managed a college farm while still a student.

He began teaching school in Mason County, then taught at Hebron High School. When the merger of Boone County's schools took place in 1954, he began teaching Vocational Agriculture, Physical Science and other subjects at Boone County High School.

He met and married his wife, Minerva, who spent her career as a school teacher. They had two daughters, both of whom also became school teachers. Three of his five grandchildren continued in the honorable profession



of education, with two teaching at Walton Verona and one teaching at Erlanger Lloyd.

Mr. Craft served our country during World War II, and will speak on his harrowing experiences in the Navy's submarine service.

The Boone County Historical Society, in partnership with the Boone County Public Library, is proud to host Watson Craft as he presents **Stories of WWII, 7 pm, Thursday, January 17. The meeting will be held at BCPL Main Library, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, KY.** The public is invited, so invite your friends and neighbors.

HISTORIC MARKERS UPDATE

The Boone County Historical Society has received notice of approval of both historic marker applications: first, CSA General John Hunt Morgan's 1863 escape through Boone County from the federal prison in Columbus, Ohio, and, second, the commemoration of the historic Anderson Ferry on one side, and the 1937 Flood on the other.

Details are currently being finalized with the foundry representatives, after which we will be working with the Kentucky Historical Society to plan the dedication ceremonies.

NK HISTORY DAY MAR. 16, 2012

The 20th Annual Northern Kentucky Regional History Day is Saturday, March 16 in the Student Union on the Northern Kentucky University campus. It will be 8am to 2pm. The opening speaker is Dr. James Claypool speaking on notable Kentuckians. For more information after the first of February, visit <http://artscience.nku.edu/departments/hisgeo/projects/historyday.html>.

Members are needed to help staff Boone County Historical Society's display table, so please let one of our officers or board members know if you're interested.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

NOTICE: Elections will be held at the Jan. 17 meeting. Nominees are:

President: Betsy Conrad (Betsy just completed the 2nd year of a 2-year term as President from which Jim Duvall stepped down.)

Vice President: Virginia Lainhart (Michael Rouse did not wish to remain in the VP position for a second 2-year term, and Virginia has agreed to serve as VP.)

Board Member: Wilma McMillian Wilma has agreed to serve a 3-year term as Board Member in the seat previously held by Virginia.

Nominations may be made from the floor. No other seats are vacant at this time.

2013 BCHS EVENTS (Continued from Page 1)

July 20: Boone County Heritage Day — Museum Exhibit of vintage farm equipment and household items; Annual Sidewalk Chalk Fest sponsored by the Historic Burlington Business Association. BCHS Museum open 10am—3pm.

September 19: Judy Clabes, former owner of *The Boone County Recorder*, will speak about her experiences. She is currently President and Founder of the KY Philanthropy Initiative and President/CEO of Judith Clabes Associates, a consulting firm.

November 9: Museum Exhibit honoring *Boone County's Veterans*.

November 21: Banking on Boone County. A group of retired bankers reminisce about their experiences.

December 7: Historic Burlington Christmas. Museum exhibit of antique toys, dolls, trains, etc.

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO

Friends of Big Bone Annual Mtg/election 6pm Jan. 24, Main Library. More info at www.friends ofbigbone.org

Remember the Raisin: Boone County and the War of 1812.

7pm Tuesday, Jan. 22, Main Library. Presented by Tom Schiffer. Captain Uriel Sebree and his Boone County Company of Kentucky Militia were caught in the Battle of the River Raisin in late January of 1813 near

Frenchtown, Michigan. The entire company of 61 men were either killed or captured in the resulting massacre by British and Native American forces. This was a significant event in Boone County's history.

HISTORIC BURLINGTON CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM, DEC. 8, 2012



Thanks to everyone who loaned items for the Christmas Exhibit in December. Pat and Phil Yannarella for their model train and other antique toys, Steve Conrad for his perennial American Flyer exhibit, Ginny Kohl for her antique toy collection, and many others who brought dolls, toys and decorations. And thanks to Judy Biedenharn for demonstrating spinning wheel techniques — and wearing her re-enactment costume. Virginia Lainhart donned an antique cape as she greeted visitors. Our exhibit enjoyed record-breaking crowds!



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:

President: Betsy R. Conrad
Vice President: Michael Rouse
Secretary: Pat Yannarella
Treasurer: Steve Conrad
Board Members: Virginia Lainhart
Katie Presnell
Betty Poole