

# Boone County Historical Society



January-February, 2015

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EXHIBITS

**March 19 program: Dr. Paul Tenkotte and Karl Lietzenmayer** will present a program about their new book (to be published in February) celebrating Covington's Bicentennial. They will share some fascinating details about how they organized the project.

**May 21 program: JIM DUVALL and friends Louis Crigler and Allen Feldhaus** (and possibly others) will reminisce about early Boone County High School sports. Several Boone County High School cheerleader and sports uniforms will be on display.

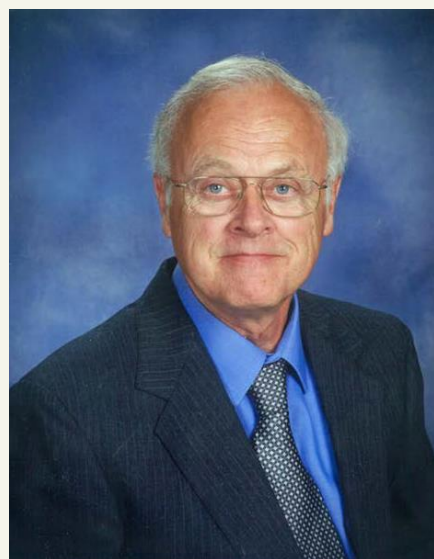
**July 16 "Out-and-About"**  
*Tentative:* **The History of the Hopeful Lutheran Church** presented by Michael Rouse.

## RON BUCKLEY PRESENTS THE SECOND OF HIS SERIES ON THE PIATT FAMILY OF BOONE COUNTY, THURSDAY, JAN. 15

**RON BUCKLEY** presents the second of his series on the **PIATT FAMILY OF BOONE COUNTY**. (The first program, presented in January of last year, covered his work on Piatt's Landing, the site of Robert Piatt's home (Duke Energy's complex) along Boone County's Ohio River shoreline.

This second program is about his continuing exploration and research on Federal Hall, Robert's brother Jacob Piatt's property near the Judge Cropper Bridge (I-275) to Indiana.

A resident of Union, Ron is a member of the Boone County Historical Society. His ongoing research is focused on the Piatt Family, their military records, occupations, and the roads, prop-



erties and businesses they built and owned.

The program begins at 7pm Thursday, **January 15, 2015** at the **Main Library**, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, Kentucky. The public is invited, so bring interested friends and neighbors.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM . . .



Virginia Lainhart watches as Santa listens.



Pat Yannarella helps with crafts.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS CONTINUED

**September 17 program: Don Rightmeyer** will present one of his excellent programs.

**November 19 program:** To be announced.

## HISTORIC MARKER UPDATE

As noted in the November-December newsletter, applications for two historic markers were submitted to KY Historical Society. **The Petersburg Distillery/Lewis Loder historic marker has received approval.** The application for the **Dr. George Sperti Sperti** historic marker was not approved.

We are very grateful to **Matt Becher and Bridget Striker** for all their time and effort to help us in this project.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO BE HELD IN JANUARY

In January of 2012, the Boone County Historical Society elected Katie Presnell and Betty Poole for 3-year terms to the Board of Directors, so their terms are completed. Katie does not wish to run again, but Betty has agreed to run for another 3-year term on the Board.

In January of 2013, Steve Conrad was elected as Treasurer for another 2-year term, **Betsy Conrad** was elected President for a 2-year term, Virginia Lainhart was elected Vice President for a 2-year term, and Pat Yannarella was re-elected Secretary for a 2-year term. These four officers have agreed to have their names presented to run for these same positions. (Wilma McMillian was elected to a 3-year Board in 2013, so her term is still in effect.)

**At the January meeting, an election will be held to re-elect Betsy Conrad for a 2-year term as President, to re-elect Virginia Lainhart for a 2-year term as Vice President, to re-elect Steve Conrad for a 2-year term as Treasurer, to re-elect Pat Yannarella for a 2-year term as Secretary, and to re-elect Betty Poole for a 3-year term as a member of the Board. Nominations from the floor will be accepted as well.**

**We also hope to present the name of another individual to serve a 3-year term on the Board, inasmuch as Katie is unable to serve another term. If you would be interested in filling that position, please contact Betsy Conrad at 371-5882 as soon as possible.**



Our sincere thanks to **Sandra Rouse, Dennis Rich, and Mary Sue Rudicill** for their excellent program on Banks in Boone (November 2014). Copies (DVDs) of the program are available for checkout at the Library.

## WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC?

Northern Kentucky's **Behringer-Crawford Museum** is seeking 1920s-1930s publications and newsstand artifacts for a new exhibit. They are looking for bundles of newspapers or magazines, candy packaging, an old cash register, a tabletop tube radio, vintage advertising signs — anything that might have been sold or displayed at a typical Northern Kentucky train depot newsstand during that time period. Their planned exhibit, the "Rails Gallery," will open this spring as part of the COV200 (Covington Bicentennial) celebration. If you can help, call **Tiffany Hoppenjans at 859/491-4003.**



Saturday, March 28, 2015

Northern Kentucky University will be the site for this year's Northern Kentucky Regional History Day on Saturday, March 28, from 9 am until 2 pm. Boone County Historical Society will once again have a presence with a table where we will sell our *Mastodons to the Millennium* book and display some historical items from our Museum. If you would like to accompany us, please call Steve or Betsy at 371-5882, or Pat Yannarella at 342-BOOK ext. 8113.

*Back copies of selected Northern Kentucky Heritage magazines will be available at our meetings for a donation. Our thanks to KCHS's Karl Lietzenmayer and John Boh for this opportunity.*

## HISTORIC COURTHOUSE ACTION TEAM ASSEMBLED

The Boone County Fiscal Court has assembled an Action Team to determine what needs exist in the community for gathering space to support special events, the arts, meetings and other community uses and how the Historic Courthouse might be repurposed to meet one or more of these needs. Matthew Webster, the County's Government and Community Relations Director, will be coordinating the meetings of this team. Boone County Historical Society President Betsy Conrad and Treasurer Steve Conrad have agreed to serve on the team.



Historic Courthouse in 1930 (photo courtesy of NKY Views.com)

## 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

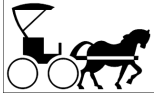
2965 Gallatin Street, Burlington, KY 41005.



Artwork by Pattie Purnell



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Katie Presnell assisting children with craft project during Christmas exhibit at Museum.

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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 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.

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**Officers and Boardmembers:**

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Vice President: Virginia Lainhart  
Secretary: Pat Yannarella  
Treasurer: Steve Conrad  
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Betty Poole  
Wilma McMillian