

Boone County Historical Society



September-October, 2015

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EXHIBITS

BCHS September 17 Program

7pm, Main Library, 1786 Burlington Pike:

Don Rightmeyer presents
“*Kentucky’s Bookends to the Civil War: Major Robert Anderson of Fort Sumter*” detailing the life and military experiences of Kentuckian Major Robert Anderson who received national recognition in the secession crisis of 1861. Born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, Anderson was only the seventh young man from the state to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy.



Don currently works at the Mercer County Public Library in Harrodsburg. A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy where he

majored in military history, Don served in various flying and staff assignments around the world during his 20+ year USAF career. More recently, Don was the editor of the Kentucky Historical Society’s genealogical quarterly, *Kentucky Ancestors* (2008-2013).

Please join us!

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INVITATION TO THE DEDICATION OF HISTORIC MARKER HONORING DR. GEORGE S. SPERTI 2PM THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

The Boone County Historical Society invites everyone to the dedication of an historic marker honoring famed research scientist **Dr. George Sperti Sperti** at 2pm Thursday, September 24, 2015 at Boone County’s Sperti Park (aka Gundpowder Creek Nature Park), 6750 Sperti Lane in Burlington. From Courthouse intersection, go south on East Bend Rd. /KY338 approx. 1 mile; turn left on Hanover Blvd., turn right on Sperti Lane. Refreshments follow. Carpooling is strongly advised.

Dr. Sperti (1900 - 1991) was born in Covington, but loved his Boone County farm. He invented Preparation H hemorrhoid medication, the Sperti Ultraviolet Lamp, Aspercreme for arthritis relief, and other pharmaceutical products. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1923, was named Director of the U.C. Research Laboratory, and was the holder of 127 patents, the money from which he donated to U.C. and the Institutum Divi-Thomae which he co-founded in 1935 with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, to research cancer.



Dr. George Sperti Sperti

Sperti Park, adjacent to the farm where Dr. Sperti lived and conducted many of his experiments, consists of 122 wooded acres and features a rough 1800s logging trail that ends down by Gunpowder Creek, as well as a stand of mature oaks on the northern hillside that is one of the best remaining undisturbed areas of woodland in the region. The recently-built shelter features restrooms, electricity, water fountain and playground. Parking is limited.

The Dr. Sperti marker is the eighth historic marker sponsored by the Boone County Historical Society, Inc. since 2012.

We hope to see you there!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EXHIBITS, (CONT'D)

November 19 program: Terry W. Lehmann, author of *The Green Line*.

will tell about the buses we rode to town when we were young. The Green Line, the Cincinnati, Newport & Covington Railway's fleet of single and double truck cars, provided fast and convenient transportation between Cincinnati and the Northern Kentucky communities. As times changed, the company initiated interstate trolley coach operations and even obtained exclusive rights to serve the CVG on its opening. Invite your friends — **7pm in the Boone County Public Library**, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington.

Veterans' Day Exhibit at the BCHS Museum, Saturday, Nov. 7,

11am-4pm. Come thank a veteran and see our display of veterans' photos, war memorabilia, scrap-books, etc. As usual, if you have such items that you'd like to loan for the display, call Betsy at 371-5882 or Pat at 342-2665.

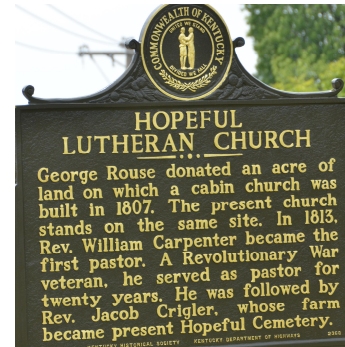
Historic Burlington Christmas event (Dec. 4-5)

with Santa & Mrs. Claus, lighting of the County's Christmas Tree, **BCHS Museum** display of American Flyer Trains and old-time Christmas toys and decorations. Check out www.historicburlingtonky.com If you have a holiday heirloom, an antique toy or Christmas decoration that we might display in the BCHS Museum during the event, please call Brent Johansen (689-7774), Betsy Conrad (371-5882), or Pat Yannarella (342-2665).

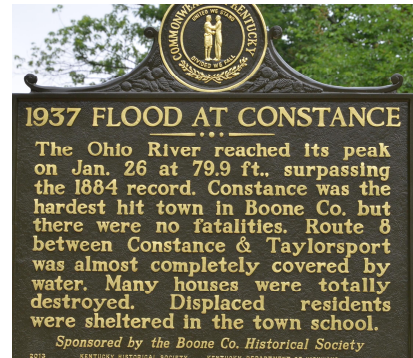
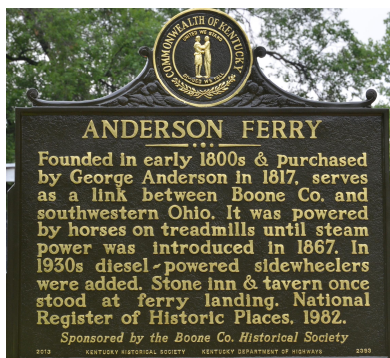
OUR FIRST FOUR MARKERS, 2012-2013 (2014-2015 MARKER PHOTOS IN NEXT NEWSLETTER)



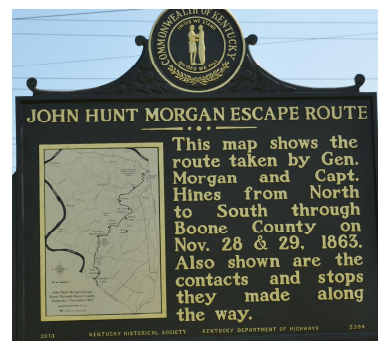
Hopeful Lutheran Church Marker dedicated in 2012



Bullittsburg Baptist Church Marker dedicated in 2012



Anderson Ferry / 1937 Flood at Constance Marker dedicated in 2013



John Hunt Morgan Escape Route Marker dedicated in 2013

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

DINSMORE HOMESTEAD'S HARVEST FESTIVAL : Noon-5pm **Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 26-27.** (Items needed for the Attic Sale — call Barbara Fallis 586-8083.)

DINSMORE HOMESTEAD'S ANNUAL GALA: 6:30 pm **Friday, October 9,** Airport Marriott Hotel. \$60, advance registration required. (859/586-6117)

BIG BONE LICK STATE HISTORIC SITE'S ANNUAL SALT FEST, Oct. 16-18. More info at friendsofbigbone.org

BOONE CO. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Fall Arts & Crafts Show; 9am-3pm **Sat., Oct. 17,** lower level of new Enrichment Center, 1955 Burlington Pk.

GAINES TAVERN HISTORY CENTER, 150 Old Nicholson Road, Walton: **Craft Fair** 1-4 pm **Sept. 6,** \$3 adult adm.; **Pioneer Day**, 1-4 pm **Sept. 20,** \$3 adult adm.; **Harvest Tea**, 2-4 pm **Sun., Oct. 18;** \$20 advance tickets, on sale at Walton City Building, or email GainesTavernHistoryCenter@gmail.com

WAR OF 1812: REMEMBER THE RAISIN! 7pm **Monday, Sept. 21,** Main Library.; co-sponsored by KY Humanities Council and BCPL.

HISTORIC BOONE COUNTY COURTHOUSE TO BE USED FOR THEATRICAL EVENT

UNION COMMUNITY THEATRE will be performing *High School Musical, Jr.* in the **Historic Boone County Court House** in Burlington. No, not the County Administration Building or the BCHS Museum, and not the “new” Justice Center, but the OLD Courthouse! The building is in the process of being reviewed by Hub & Weber architects for remodeling possibilities for community-centered uses, but the Union Community Theatre group was desperate to find a location since their previous site was no longer available.

The group will present the light-hearted musical in the old courtroom up on the second floor. (Sorry, it's not yet handicap-accessible.) Play dates are 7:30 pm **Thursdays through Saturdays, Oct. 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, and 17,** and at 2pm **Sunday, Oct. 11.** Admission is \$15 for Adults; \$12 for Students/Senior Citizens.

Call 586-0659 or visit www.unionct.net.

A BOARD MEMBER WILL BE NEEDED

Current BCHS Board Member **Wilma McMillian** has advised she cannot accept a re-nomination for Board Member when her 3-year term concludes in January 2016. This means that another BCHS member will soon be sought to fill this position. If you are currently a member and have interest in serving on our Board, please advise one of the current officers or board members. We express our deep appreciation to Wilma for her service on the Board.

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

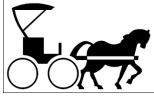
(KY 18 Burlington Pk). Proceed westbound 4.6 miles, turn right at the first traffic signal (Bullittsville -Burlington Road aka Garrard St.); turn left into the Boone County Administration Building parking lot. The Museum is the small white brick building marked “County Court Clerk's Office...1853” The street address is

2965 Gallatin Street, Burlington, KY 41005.



Artwork by Pattie Purnell

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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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