

Boone County Historical Society



September–October, 2017

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS

**6-9pm Saturday, October 21:
Halloween Walking Tours in Pe-
tersburg** presented by Boone
County Public Library's Local His-
tory Department and the Boone
County Historical Society will take
place rain or shine. Refreshments
served. Gather in the Community
Center (part of the Fire House and
Public Library). Reservations re-
quired: 859/342-BOOK (2665) or
online @ www.bcpl.org.

**7pm Thursday, November 16:
Patricia Van Skaik, Executive
Director of the Lloyd Library
and Museum in Cincinnati**, will
present a program about the Li-
brary and Museum, founded by
John Uri Lloyd and his two broth-
ers. Lloyd authored the famous
“local color” novel entitled
“Stringtown on the Pike,” the name
he gave to Florence’s Historic
Main Street area.

**At our January meeting, Assis-
tant County Administrator Mat-
thew Webster will present a slide
show of the renovation of the Old
Court House.**

Dr. Paul Tenkotte, our presenter . . . 7pm Thurs., September 21, Main Library

The Boone County Histori-
cal Society is pleased to wel-
come **Paul A. Tenkotte, Ph.D.**,
for his presentation entitled ***The
Roebing Suspension Bridge***.
This event is co-sponsored by
the Boone County Public Li-
brary, and is free and open to
the public.

Dr. Tenkotte is Professor of
History and Director of the Cen-
ter for Public History at North-
ern Kentucky University. He is
a frequent speaker on regional
topics and has co-edited, with
colleagues, three recent books
including *Gateway City: Cov-
ington, KY, 1815-2015* (Clerisy
Press, 2015), *Cincinnati: The
Queen City* (Cinti. Museum



Center, 2014), and the
*Encyclopedia of North-
ern Kentucky* (University
Press of Kentucky,
2009).

The Roebing Suspension
Bridge is a Northern
Kentucky landmark. It
was the first bridge to
span the Ohio River and
had the longest span in
the world when it opened
to traffic in 1867.

Invite your friends to at-
tend this fascinating
presentation.



AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WWII HERO JIM “PEE WEE” MARTIN, PARATROOPER, U.S. 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, SPONSORED BY BCPL

Boone County Public Library is sponsoring a presentation by WWII Hero Jim “Pee Wee” Martin on Saturday, September 23 at 1 pm at Florence Baptist Church, 642 Mt. Zion Road in Florence. The event is co-sponsored by Simon Kenton Sons of the American Revolution, Boone County Daughters of the American Revolution, Florence Baptist Church and Martin’s Manager, Doug Barber.

Martin was part of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division that parachuted onto the beach near Normandy in an effort to retake France and the rest of Europe from Nazi Germany. His unit actually touched down in enemy territory the night before D-Day, on June 5, 1944. Martin and his fellow paratroopers fought for 43 days at Normandy before they moved on to invade Holland, fight at the Battle of the Bulge and assist with the take-over of Berchtesgaden, Hitler’s fortress in the German Alps.

At the age of 93, Pee Wee Martin once again jumped out of a plane over Normandy, this time to mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day. Many of Martin’s experiences with the 101st Airborne Division were included in the popular HBO mini-series, *Band of Brothers*.

BCPL LOCAL HISTORY DEPARTMENT BECOMES PART OF “NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD NETWORK TO FREEDOM”

Our Library’s popular bus tour will be included on the National Park Service’s **National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom** website.

Additionally, the Library’s Local History Department has been accepted into the program as an Underground Railroad research facility, joining over 100 facilities, sites and programs across 25 states, including the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Library’s next Underground Railroad Boone County bus tour will be offered on Wednesday, September 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is a \$40 fee to cover the cost of the bus and lunch. Registration is required. Go to www.bcpl.org/events, scroll to “Browse Events by Location” and choose Main Library. Or call 859-342-BOOK (2665).

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS ASSIST WITH “GHOST WALK”

On the evening of September 7th, the Boone County Public Library’s Local History Department provided 150 seventh graders from Connor Middle School a “Ghost Walk” — really an informative presentation — at Big Bone Lick State Historic Site where the students and their teachers gathered for an overnight camping trip. Historical Society’s Brent Johansen and Steve and Betsy Conrad served as docents to speak to each of the groups of 25 as they made their way along the designated points on the interpretive loop trail. A short “spooky” story about the history of Big Bone Lick was presented at each point. It was great fun and a special way to share some local history with these youngsters.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Boone County Public Library is hosting an **Adult Health Fair from 10am to 2pm, Friday, September 22, at the Main Library in Burlington.** Local health



organizations and companies will share information and tips on how to navigate the health care system for older adults. Participants can take hearing and vision tests while grabbing a healthy snack and entering to win door prizes. Breakout sessions on the legal implications of falls

and how diabetes medications can impact falls will also be offered. The Adult Health Clinic is provided by the Safe Aging Coalition of Northern Kentucky.

Health Insurance and photo ID required for vaccinations.

City of Florence Celebrates Arbor Day: 9-1pm, Saturday, September 23 at Lincoln Woods Park (off Hopeful Church Road). Learn how to plant a tree, free admission & lunch, lots of door prizes. Bring your children and grandchildren! No fees, no registration required.

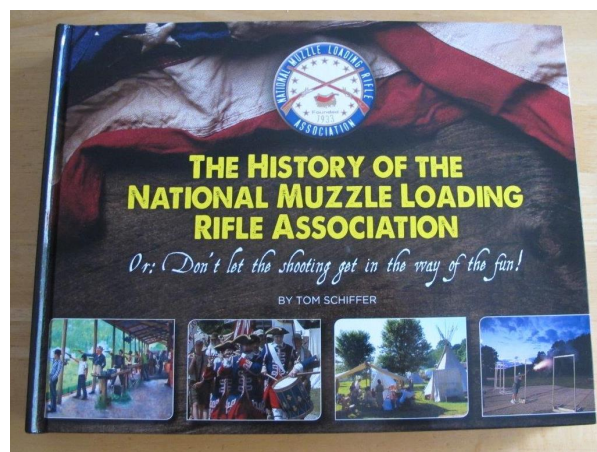


SPECIAL THANKS TO KARL AND PEGGY LIETZENMAYER . . .

...for their musical presentation of Stephen Foster tunes at our July meeting.

TOM SCHIFFER'S NEW BOOK

BCHS Vice President Tom Schiffer provided us a picture of his latest book, *The History of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, or: Don't let the shooting get in the way of the fun!*



Tom reports that it is hard-backed, measures 9"x12", has more than 600 color photos on 351 pages! He's been busy selling and signing his book at the Muzzle Loaders event at Friendship, IN.

THE BCHS MUSEUM (TEMPORARILY CLOSED DURING RESTORATION OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE)

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). Pro-

ceed 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. We are fortunate to partner with the Boone County Public Library.

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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