Boone County Historical Society



January–February, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 3, 2018 Northern Kentucky History Day, BCPL Main Library. (See article on Page 2.)

March 15, 2018 BCHS mtg. with presentation by BCHS Vice President Tom Schiffer about George Catlett Marshall, Jr., an American statesman and soldier.

May 17, 2018: BCHS meeting with guest speaker Hillary Delaney on U.S. Colored Troops in Boone County in Civil War.

Sat., July 7, 2018: <u>Boone</u> <u>Co. Heritage Day</u> — vintage autos, antique farm tools, old -time cooking utensils, music, food, in parking lot serving Boone County Admin. Bldg. & BCHS Museum.

July 19, 2018: BCHS "Out and About" location TBA.

Sept. 20, 2018: BCHS meeting with speaker TBA.

Nov. 15, 2018: BCHS meeting with speaker Ron Buckley and his extensive archaeological research on Absolom Graves.

Fri., Dec. 7: <u>Christmas Tree</u> Lighting event! Matthew Webster presents the fascinating project of restoring the Historic Court House, <u>7pm Thursday, January 18</u> in the Old Courtroom upstairs.

Boone County's Assistant County Administrator Matthew Webster will provide a fascinating program documenting the tedious process of restoring the 128-year-old Historic Boone County Courthouse. The meeting will be held in the Courtroom on the second floor of the grand old building that, during this past year, was transformed into a community center. A dedication ceremony was held in November of 2017.

Mr. Webster's oversight was instrumental in coordinating the restoration project. He has been with the County since 2016, and was vice president for operations and community affairs for Thomas More College prior to that. He also holds a law degree from Brandeis School of Law at U of L.



The Courthouse is on the National Register of Historic Places. The facility has an elevator to provide access to all. That elevator is accessible by entering the concrete sidewalk between the old building and the "new" 1950's addition.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Please invite your friends and family members to attend this fascinating presentation.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ELECTION:

An election will be held at our **January 18, 2018 meeting** to elect/re-elect two Board Members whose terms are expiring in January 2018. Both **Betty Poole** and **Brent Johansen** have expressed their willingness to continue as Boone County Historical Society Board Members for another 3year term. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted prior to the vote.

JOHN URI LLOYD/STRINGTOWN HISTORIC MARKER DEDICATION UPDATE

As reported in our last newsletter, Boone County Historical Society's application for a Historic Marker commemorating J.U. Lloyd and Stringtown-on-the-Pike has been approved by the Kentucky Historical Society.

The marker will be installed later in the Spring than originally thought due to complications encountered during construction of the Crossroads Point Plaza, the City's newest park area at the corner of Main Street and Dixie Highway near the Turfway intersection. We will keep you posted when the event date is scheduled.

Volunteers will be needed to assist in serving refreshments and other activities during that event.

SERVE & SOCIALIZE FAIR SCHED-ULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STAFF OUR TABLE/DISPLAY!

Boone County Public Library's Community Events Liaison **Kate Sowada** has invited the Boone County Historical Society to again participate in the annual **SERVE AND SOCIALIZE FAIR** at the **Main Library**, 10—Noon Tuesday, February 13.

This event provides an opportunity for all Boone Countians to learn about volunteer opportunities and social clubs in our County. Local organizations are invited to provide more information about their purpose and mission. Participants include the Extension Homemakers, Boone Co. Arboretum, Master Provisions, Brighton Center, Dinsmore Homestead, Comfort Quilts for Kids, Sewing 2 Serve, Boone County Parks, Florence Woman's Club, Mary Rose Mission, Rabbit Hash Historical Society, Boone County D.A.R., Simon Kenton S.A.R., New Friends of NKY, the local Kiwanis Club, Mason Dixon Blue Star Mothers, Florence Senior Activity Center, YMCA, and The Bluegrass Care Navigators.

Please call Betsy (371-5882) if you are available to volunteer from 9 (set-up time) to the event's conclusion.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY HISTORY DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR <u>SATURDAY</u>, <u>MARCH 3, AT BOONE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S MAIN FACILITY</u> ON KY 18 IN BURLINGTON. THE BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL PARTICIPATE. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM, HOWEVER, PARTICIPATING OR-

GANIZATIONS MAY DESIGNATE VOLUNTEERS TO ENTER AT 8AM TO SET UP THEIR DISPLAYS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO BCPL.ORG. WOULD YOU VOLUN-TEER? CALL ANY BCHS BOARD MEMBER TO OFFER YOUR HELP!

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WOVEN COTTON THROWS AVAILABLE



BCHS has received its shipment of woven cotton throws featuring iconic images of Boone County's special sites. We've already sold 20 of the 50 throws ordered. The price is \$45 each; all proceeds are dedicated to the acquisition of more historic markers for Boone County. We'll bring a throw to the upcoming BCHS meeting for all to see. Our partnership agreement with BCPL precludes us from selling them at the Library, but you may call any BCHS Board Member to order one.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING EVENT



Thanks to (back row) Tom Schiffer, Brent Johansen, Woody Schuster, Steve Conrad, Phil Yannarella; (front row) Pat Yannarella, Carol Schiffer, Cindy Schuster, Katie Presnell, Betsy Conrad and Pat Gilliland for making the magic happen for the Boone County Christmas Tree Lighting event in the newly restored Historic Court House on Dec. 1! Tom and Steve set up sections of their antique train collections. Pat Y's

Raggedy Ann and Andy display *(see back)* was awesome! Other members brought old



-time holiday items and toys to display, all helped with decorations and kept the attendees impressed! Thanks to Boone Co. Judge Moore and Fiscal Court, and the entire employee team who helped!

THE BCHS MUSEUM, TEMPORARILY CLOSED DURING RESTORATION

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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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Officers and Boardmembers:

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