

◆ Boone Co. Historical Society ◆

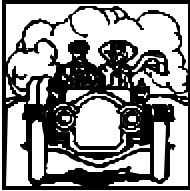
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May—June 2003

Mark your Calendar: Upcoming Programs

JULY 17:

Christine Godsey will present the history of Dinsmore. NOTE: The program will be held *at the Dinsmore Homestead, 5655 Burlington Pike, Burlington.* Come on out and enjoy this beautiful old home and learn about the family who owned it for so many generations.



SEPTEMBER 18:

Bruce Ferguson will speak about Big Bone Lick and its connection with the Bicentennial Commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery expedition.



OCTOBER 4:

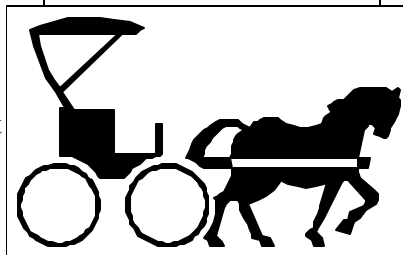
Join the members and friends of the Boone County Historical Society for the second annual "Hoedown" event at the Florence Lions' Clubhouse. The evening will feature a delicious buffet supper, great entertainment, and lots of wonderful fellowship.



NOVEMBER 20:

To be announced.

The mission statement of the Boone County Historical Society will be to develop awareness and promote appreciation of the history of Boone County.



Copies of **BOONE COUNTY: FROM MASTODONS TO THE MILLENNIUM**, the library-quality hard-bound volume full of fascinating stories and pictures of Boone County's history, are available during business hours at Florence Government Center for \$30. All proceeds go to the Boone County Historical Society.

Historic Church Featured

Members of the Richwood Presbyterian Church will present a very special program about the history of their church at the May 15 meeting.



The program begins at 7 p.m. in Community Room C in the lower level of the Florence Government Center on Ewing Boulevard.

Dr. Howard Ravenscraft passes

The members of the Boone County Historical Society express sympathy to the family of **Dr. Howard Ravenscraft** who passed away recently. Dr. Ravenscraft had been scheduled to speak to our organization at the November meeting about the ways early Boone County physicians practiced medicine. We mourn the passing of this distinguished gentleman and friend.

From the Boone County Recorder . . .

by Laurie Wilcox

EDITORS' NOTE: *We express our appreciation to Laurie Wilcox for doing the research and preparing the following article. Laurie is a Reference Associate with the Boone County Public Library.*

Town News from The Boone County Recorder February 17, 1897:

Beaver

G. W. Sleet is still on the mend.

Andrew Ellis returned home from Cynthiana, Saturday.

There are prospects of a telephone soon, from Beaver to Walton.

The peach crop is killed, but there are plenty of candidates alive yet.

Rev. Lutenburger, of Lexington, preached at the Christian Church Sunday morning and night.

Mrs. Emma Jack, who has been quite sick for sometime, is improving nicely under the treatment of Dr. Jones, of Walton.

Two new buildings under way – Chas Rust and F. D. Grubbs. It will soon be so you can't see our little town for the houses.

Presley, little son of Dr. S. M. Adams met with a serious accident Saturday. While attempting to carve some letters on the barn door the knife slipped in some way and struck his eye. Next day his older son, Johnnie, was handling a shotgun, which went off, accidentally, tearing off his heel and injuring his ankle very badly.

Hebron

Dirt roads in a bad condition.

Candidates almost as numerous as voters.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Rev. H. Max Lentz.

Chris Tupman is driving a milk wagon for Geo. Riley of Erlanger.

Mr. Joseph Bullock has rented Wm. Goodridge's house and will move soon.

Bird Clore is going to move to Mr. J. M. Riggs farm, where he will embark in the dairy business.

Walter Gordon commenced school at Riddell's school house Monday. He is well qualified for teaching.

The Sunday School is progressing nicely, considering the bad roads. The average attendance since Christmas is about 60.

The Christian Endeavor Society meets on the Saturday evenings before the second and fourth Sundays. The meeting last Saturday night was largely attended and seven members were added.

Jacob Tanner's meat house and contents burned early Saturday morning. Lue Crutcher had his face and hands badly scorched in trying to keep the fire from reaching the dwelling.

Bellevue

Miss Permelia Corbin is very poorly.

Born, on the 2nd inst to Kirb Ryle and wife, a boy.

Mrs. Sutton gave the young folks a party on the night of the 12th inst.

The butchers of this section slaughtered nearly 300 hogs during the season.

Billy Grimsley was in town the past week, looking after his interest, political.

Miss Martha Swartz, of Hamilton, Ohio is at home with her mother for a few weeks.

The contract of carrying the mail was awarded to Charley Sandford, L. B. Lefever resigning.

John Deck, of Woolper Heights, was the guest of Jake Cook and family on the night of the 12th inst.

Mrs. James Conner, of Cincinnati, has been with her mother, Mrs. Clore, the past week, who is some better.

James Smith and family have moved to Patriot, Ind., last spring have returned to old Boone, the best of all places.

Our friend, J. T. Marshall, has rented the property vacant by Dr. Ryle, and will furnish it as soon as convenient. So our bachelor friend of your town would better hasten matters or he will have to ante up that forfeit.

Our friend Acra has absolutely declined to make the race for Sheriff. He will embark in the poultry business. He has a young cockerel of his breeding, claiming he weighs 11 lbs. From his appearance I would judge he is of the Shropshire-down variety (more down than flesh) however, poultry fanciers would do well to correspond with the owner.

We are glad to know that the Fiscal Court has changed the order in regard to wages of the farmer on the road. While we are on the subject of retrenchment, we are reminded of the proposed reduction of the County Superintendent's salary. We are well pleased with our county officials, and believe they should be paid, but to be consistent would it not be well to practice economy all along the line, and cut other salaries as well?

Walton

It is more than probable that the Phoenix Hotel will assume a new magnitude not before attained. A negotiation is pending with a Cincinnati firm which will change it to a summer boarding house with a large staple and fancy grocery store at-

tached, filling a want that has long been felt.

Mr. William Brittenhelm has devised a movable corn crusher that is destined to be a benefit to all engaged in the dairy business. It has crushed 3,600 pounds of corn and cob in one hour. The crusher will be at Ben Stephens, on Lexington Pike, two miles south of Florence, and will run on Tuesday and Friday of every week.

Legrand Brooks, the well known Phoenix Hotel clerk, is in a very precarious condition. His feet and ankles are dead, and there are no hopes entertained for his recovery.

Mrs. Edward Holder has been quite sick for the past week. She is reported better at this writing.

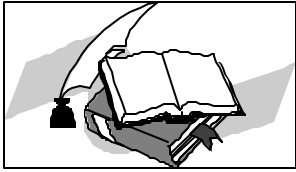
The many friends of Mr. Geo. Casey will regret to hear of his departure. He left on Saturday morning for Cynthiana, where he will remain for an indefinite period.

Mrs. Ella Rouse is visiting her step son, W. O. Rouse, and wife, of Zion Station.

Prof. Virgil A. Pinkley, director of Elocution and Oratory at the College of Music, will render the famous drama, Hazel Kirk, at the Academy building next Saturday evening. Col. Geo. W. Barn, Francis E. Willard, Bishoy Vincent, and other well known people, have spoken of Prof. Pinkley's Hazel Kirk in the highest terms.

Miss Gertrude Curley had a very narrow escape a few evenings ago. While descending the stairs from over her father's store, the heel of her shoe caught on the step and she was precipitated to the landing below. Though sustaining a few bruises about the head and face, she is in a fair way of recovery.





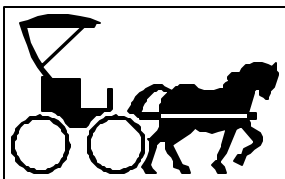
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If there is a green dot next to your name, your 2003 dues have not yet been received!

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The Boone County Historical Society provides program meetings on the third Thursday evenings of January, March, May, July, September and November. Unless otherwise announced, the meetings will be held at the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Boulevard.



BCHS Membership Privileges

Annual Membership Fee is only \$15 per household, **due every January**. This modest fee covers the cost of our newsletter mailings. We appreciate all who have joined the Boone County Historical Society to help us preserve and make known some of the history of our County. Encourage your friends and neighbors to join and attend our meetings. Membership fees can be sent to:

**BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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