

◆ Boone Co. Historical Society ◆

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November—December 2006

Notice of Proposed Changes in Bylaws

Because the Boone County Historical Society's Bylaws need to be updated, the membership will be asked to vote on the proposed changes at the January meeting. The Executive Board will make recommendations for changes and they will be included in the newsletter that will be mailed in early January.

The **January** meeting's agenda will also include **election of officers**. If anyone would be interested in serving on the Board, call President Ann Leake at 485-1063.

Programs for 2007 Being Planned

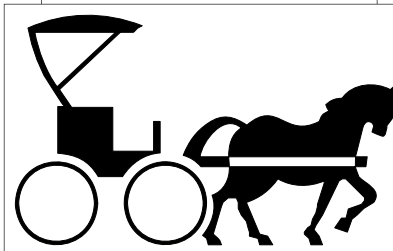
During 2007, Dan Dixon will be sharing his extensive knowledge on the Civil War skirmish at Snow's Pond — he used to live on the farm there and has a fascinating collection of bullets discovered on the property.

Steve Conrad is preparing a program on railroads in Boone County.



Members are requested to advise President Ann Leake of any topics they would be interested in for future programs.

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Becher, McEntee present Nov. program

Matt Becher and Lori McEntee will present a program on **architect George Nicholson of Walton at the November 16 program**. They have done a lot of research on his life and work in Boone County, and have a fascinating program on this remarkable man and the distinctive homes he designed in the early 1900s. The meeting will be held at 7 pm on Thursday, November 16 in Community Room C, lower level of the Florence Government Center on Ewing Boulevard.



Michael Rouse and Tim Moore in January

Our own **Michael D. Rouse**, along with co-author **Tim Moore**, will present a program about their recently published book, ***Images of America: Florence***. That program will take place Thursday evening, January 18 at the Florence Government Center.

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Kentucky Historical Society events

The Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort



is the location for many KHS-sponsored events in the coming weeks. For example:

Candlelight Tour, 5-9 pm Thursday, Nov. 16. The Ky. Historical Society joins Downtown Frankfort in celebrating Candlelight Tour 2006. Lexington Singers will perform at 7:30. The Center's "Stewart Home School 1792" Store will be ready for holiday shopping.

Genealogical Holdings in Area Libraries and Genealogy 101, 10:30 am—1:30 pm, Saturday, Dec. 9. The Kentucky Genealogical Society joins the KHS with a series of

free, family-history workshops on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Light lunch for registrants is courtesy of the KHS and KGS. To register, contact Beth Shields 502/564-1792 ext. 4421.

The Clark Center is located at 100 West Broadway, Frankfort, KY 40601. The Kentucky Military History Museum is near by. For more information, visit www.history.ky.gov.

Kentucky Historical Society's Lewis & Clark Exhibit

Lewis and Clark: The Exploration of the American West is the name of the KHS special exhibit that continues through January 27, 2007. Experience the journey of William Clark and Meriwether Lewis during the 200th anniversary of their return. Learn how Kentucky became the staging area for the exploration of the "New West."

Several related events and programs are scheduled during the exhibit. One such will feature Filson Historical Society Special Collections Curator Jim Holmberg. This free event for adults will be held at Noon Wednesday, December 6, in the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History,

100 West Broadway, Frankfort. For more info, call 502/564-1792 or visit www.history.ky.gov.



"Our Greatest Generation" at Behringer-Crawford

The Behringer-Crawford Museum looks at our region's contribution to the WWII war effort both overseas and at home with their special exhibition running through January 7. Visitors will experience the war through veterans' memorabilia, letters home and first-hand accounts of battles and significant moments in WWII

history through audio and video oral histories. In addition, a replica kitchen table

from the era has been constructed with artifacts from the home front.



THE HOME FOR NORTHERN KENTUCKY'S HERITAGE

The museum is located in Covington's Devou Park. Call 491-4003 or go to www.bcmuseum.org.

Petersburg Celebrates Library

The Chapin Memorial Library was actually the first library in Boone County that was available for public use. Established and endowed by E.Y. Chapin, the library has been in almost continuous operation since April 1948, according to Boone County Public Library sources.



Until September of 2006, the books were made available in the Petersburg Christian Church and administered by a church board. When plans for the new Petersburg community center were finalized earlier this year, the church board contracted with the BCPL District to manage the Chapin Memorial Library.

On October 22, the Chapin Memorial Library was re-opened

in the new Community Center. It will offer all of the resources and services available at any other district branch. Congratulations to all parties involved in this partnership which preserves a little bit of our County's rich history.



Historic Dinsmore Homestead Update

Everyone is cordially invited to the Dinsmore Homestead for **Christmas in the Country, Saturday and Sunday, December 2-3**. The homestead will be open 1-5 pm both days, plus candlelight tours 7-9 pm Saturday. This is your once-a-year chance to see the lovely Christmas decorations made from natural materials by the Boone County Garden Club and Northern Kentucky Herb Society members. Enjoy hot cider



and cookies, Victorian dancers and some old fashioned carols. A small admission fee will be charged (adults \$5, seniors and Dinsmore members \$3, Children 7-17 \$2, under 7 free).

Dinsmore's **holiday gift shop** will be open on December 1-3 at the **Cabin Arts Quilt Shop** in Burlington. Be sure to stop by.



Two weddings were held on the Homestead grounds recently. As more couples seek a unique

and special place to celebrate their nuptials, Dinsmore Homestead provides the perfect ambiance for a sweet, old-fashioned country wedding.

Dinsmore is seeking a part-time (10 hours/week) employee to perform light maintenance and gardening duties April through November, and during special events. Contact Marty McDonald at 586-6117 (mcdonaldmj@fuse.net) for more information.

Lincoln Bicentennial Plans Underway

According to www.lincolnbicentennial.gov/ planning, "The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission was created by Congress to inform the public about the impact Abraham Lincoln had on the development of our nation, and to find the best

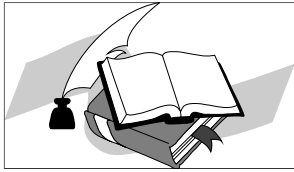


possible ways to honor his accomplishments. The President, the Senate and the House of Representatives appointed a 15-member commission to commemorate the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln and to emphasize the contribution of his thoughts and ideals to America and the world.

"The official public Bicentennial Commemoration

launches February 2008 and closes February 2010, with the climax of the Commemoration taking place on February 12, 2009, the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

"Across the country communities, organizations and individuals have already begun to plan parades, museum exhibitions, performances, art installations and much more."



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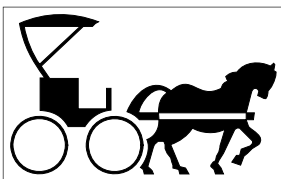
Websites of local interest:

BooneCountyKy.org.
 BooneCountyHeritage.org
 Kenton.Lib.Ky.US/~histoc
 DinsmoreFarm.org
 SaveAmericasTreasures.org
 Nkyviews.com
 Splitrockpark.org
 FriendsofBigBone.org
 Nkyencyclopedia.org
 Rabbithashusa.com
 Boonecocemeteries.org
 Thebooneconservancy.org



NOV. 16 topic: Walton Architect George Nicholson

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



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:

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