
◆ Boone Co. Historical Society ◆

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September—October 2007

Our thanks to the City of Walton!!!

The Boone County Historical Society is honored to have been named the Grand Marshal of Walton's 34th Annual Old Fashion Day Parade on September 8, 2007. Members of the BCHS Board of Directors rode in a horse-drawn wagon, leading a wonderful parade of military units, youth organizations, community groups and the Walton-Verona High School Marching Band!

Our appreciation goes out to Mayor Phil Trzop and Walton City Council for this honor.

Read more about Walton's Gaines Tavern on Page 3 of this newsletter

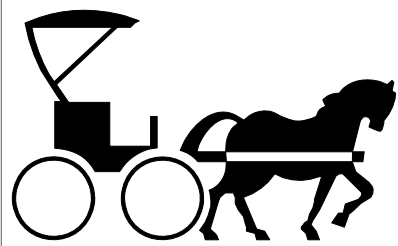


Bruce Ferguson to speak November 15

Former Boone County Judge/ Executive Bruce Ferguson will be our special speaker in November. His topic will be Whitehaven Academy and the beginnings of New Haven School.

Please encourage everyone to attend this meeting. It will be held at 7 pm in Community Room C on the lower level of the Florence Government Center.

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL BE TO DEVELOP AWARENESS AND PROMOTE APPRECIATION OF THE HISTORY OF BOONE COUNTY.



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Award-winning Author Dr. A. Gwynn Henderson to speak

The Prehistoric Farmers of Boone County, Kentucky is the title of Dr. A. Gwynn Henderson's recent work published through the Kentucky Archaeological Survey jointly administered by the Kentucky Heritage Council and the University of Kentucky Department of Anthropology. Dr. Henderson, recent winner of the Shirley Mann Memorial Heritage Education Award, will be our special guest speaker at the September 20 meeting of the BCHS. The meeting starts at 7 pm and will be held in Community Room C on the lower level of the Florence Government Center on Ewing Blvd.

Barn Quilt Update

The most recent barn quilt installation was at Dinsmore Homestead. The quilt is "Star of the Bluegrass." About 24 barns will be adorned with quilts by the end of the year, thanks to Project Coordinator Joyce Foley and many community supporters!

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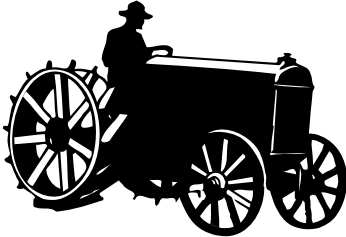
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Dinsmore's Annual Harvest Festival

Everyone is invited to the Dinsmore Homestead's annual Harvest Festival, Saturday and Sunday, September 29 and 30, from Noon to 6 pm.

The Homestead is located at 5656 Burlington Pike (KY 18) — just 6.5 miles west of the Courthouse.

The festival includes heritage crafters, artists, concerts, homemade bean soup and cornbread, lots of other great food, quilt displays and appraisals, storytelling, pony rides,



games, scarecrow making and possibly even pumpkin painting, although pumpkins are scarce this year due to the extreme drought!

Tours of the historic homestead will be offered as well.

The "attic sale" is always fascinating to browse. You never know what treasure you might find. (As a matter of fact, donated items are needed for the attic sale. If you have something to do-

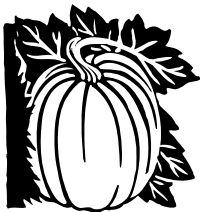
nate, just call 586-6117 for pickup.)

A small admission will be charged: \$3 for members and seniors, \$5 for adults under 60, \$2 for ages 7-17, and free for children under 7.

So bring your friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers to enjoy this pleasant autumn event!

PS: Volunteers are needed for the Fall Season at Dinsmore. Call 586-6117 for more information.

You're invited to "An Autumn Affair"



Everyone is cordially invited to the Gala benefiting the historic Dinsmore Homestead on **Friday, September 21**. Social time (cash

bar) begins at 6:30 pm, and buffet dinner is served at 7:30.

The event includes live music by Greg Schaber, silent and oral auctions, and tours of the Homestead from 6:30 to 8 pm.

Tickets are \$60 per person. Please make your reservations by calling 586-6117 as soon as possible!

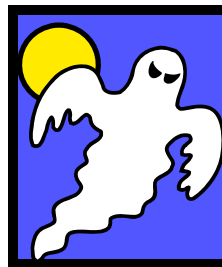
For information about Dinsmore Homestead, go to www.dinsmorefarm.org.

Burlington Ghosts & Mysteries Tour

A guided walking tour of eight buildings and sites in Burlington will be held at 7 pm Friday, October 5.

At each stop, tour docents will tell about the ghostly hauntings, strange events, or mysteries the site is known for. Paranormal Investigators of Northern Kentucky will be on hand to answer questions and offer possible explana-

tions. The tour begins promptly at 7 in the 2nd Floor Courtroom of the Old Boone County Courthouse. (Some walking and stair climbing are required.) Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the tour at 8:30 pm.



Adult registration is \$10 in advance with a limit of 25 on the tour. The event is co-sponsored by the Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board and the Parks Department. All proceeds benefit the maintenance and restoration of the Old Burlington Cemetery.

Gaines Tavern — an exciting project!

The Gaines Tavern in Walton was the site of our July 19 meeting. And what a turnout we had! This historic treasure was recently purchased by the City of Walton, and plans are underway for extensive restoration of the building and grounds.

Our special guest was Liz Comer, whose extensive research on the Tavern is greatly appreci-

ated. Liz's presentation was augmented by a display of relevant materials by Bridget Striker, Local History Librarian at the Boone County Public Library.

Our thanks to Ms. Comer for traveling from North Carolina



to present her findings, to Bridget for the fascinating display, to our BCHS President Ann Leake who is a member of Walton City Council, and to the City of Walton and Mayor Trzop for their foresight in saving this wonderful place!

Info Requests

John Tatspaugh, 12642 Timonium Terrace, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 (Gopherguts54@comcast.net) is seeking info on George Adam Tatspaw listed in the 1820 Boone Co. Census with wife and 6 children. Contact him directly if you can help him.

Maurice Masliah, 5400 Balboa Blvd., Suite 225, Encino, CA 91316, is seeking information about the home of Civil War General Edward Canby, born in Piatt's Landing to Israel and Elizabeth Piatt Canby. Please contact him

Northern KY Heritage Magazine

Karl Lietzenmayer, Senior Editor for NKHM, recently announced that Elaine Kuhn, Local History Services Coordinator for the Kenton County Library, has been named editor of the news column entitled "In the Region."

This highly regarded magazine is published twice a year.

Mr. Lietzenmayer has extended the opportunity for members of the Boone County Historical Society to contribute well-researched and -written articles for publication in Northern

Kentucky Heritage Magazine.

If you would like to learn more about the publication's requirements, please contact him at P.O. Box 641, Covington, KY 41012-0641, or email nkyheritage.kchs@juno.com.



Library's Heritage Fair

Boone County Public Library is hosting **Boone County Heritage Fair, noon to 4 pm, Saturday, September 15, at the Scheben Branch.**

Bruce Ferguson speaks about Confederate General John Hunt Morgan's escape through Boone County at 1 pm. At 2 pm, UK Professor John Van Willigen

describes old time ways of producing, preparing and preserving food. Boone County Planning Commission introduces the John Hunt Morgan Escape Trail map.

This event also marks the opening of *Life Along the River: An Ohio River Portrait*, on loan from the KY Historical Society

(exhibit on display through Oct. 19).

Florence Antique Mall's Jim Toner presents *Kentucky: A Look Back* at the BCPL **Lents Branch** (Hebron) at **10 am Saturday, September 29**. Jim will discuss Kentucky's early days and bring a display of antiques.



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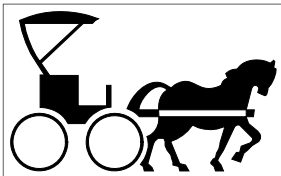
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 Kenton.Lib.Ky.US/~histsoc
 DinsmoreFarm.org
 SaveAmericasTreasures.org
 Nkyviews.com
 Splitrockpark.org
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 Nkyencyclopedia.org
 Rabbithashusa.com
 Boonecocemeteries.org
 Thebooneconservancy.org
 Boonecountyky.or/pc



SEPTEMBER 20: Dr. A. Gwynn Henderson, Author of *The Prehistoric Farmers of Boone County, Kentucky*

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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