

◆ Boone Co. Historical Society ◆

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January—February 2012

Upcoming Events . . .

March 15 (Thurs. 7pm) Program at the Library Asa Rouse & Lee Frakes: Lee's WWII ordeal

Two of Walton's favorite citizens will present the story of Lee's harrowing experiences as a Flying Fortress (B-17) radioman-gunner shot down by German fighters during World War II.

May 17 (Thurs. 7pm) Program at the Library The Late John Arrasmith's Native American Artifacts: Cheryl Arrasmith Lee

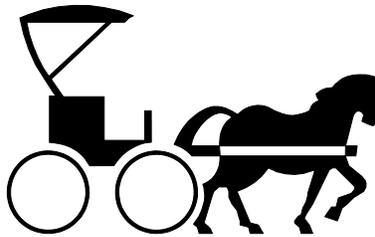
John Arrasmith's daughter Cheryl talks about her late Father's career as advisor to Hollywood's filmmakers. Her presentation will be augmented by local collectors Martin O'Maddin and Ray Stutler.

May 19 (Sat. 11—3) Museum Exhibit: Native American Artifacts & Archaeological Finds

Join Cheryl Arrasmith Lee, Martin O'Maddin, Ray Stutler and other collectors of ancient artifacts.

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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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Program at the Library: **Ed VonEye presents Battery Hooper Thursday, Jan. 19**

The Hooper Battery was a defensive position built during the Civil War to protect Northern Kentucky. Located in Kenton County, the historic site is now home to the James A. Ramage Museum.

Ed VonEye, a member of the Boone County Historical Society, has been researching Northern Kentucky history since his retirement as an electrician. Ed's presentation features a photographic tour of the Ramage Museum and some of the excavations that have been carried out on the site. The photos also include shots of a re-enactors' encampment, a ladies' fashion show, and other activities included in the recent Hooper Battery Celebration.

The program begins at 7pm in Meeting Room A at the Main Library, 1786 Burlington Pike.



Historical Society's Website — over 1000 "hits"!

Boone County Historical Society's website is <http://www.BooneCountyKYHistory.org/> The website provides the opportunity for us to make contact with people in Boone County as well as around the world. Over a thousand "hits" have now been recorded on this website!

Our website is being managed by Jim Duvall and Steve Conrad, and they have uploaded a number of John Uri Lloyd's books, papers entitled Colonel Cave Johnson: an Early Boone County Settler, Daniel Boone at Big Bone Lick, Slavery in Boone County by A.M. Yealey,

The History of Boone County by A.M. Yealey, and a copy of the Incorporation of Florence, Kentucky, 1830. And there's much more on the website! We're bringing the past into the future!



At the Library — Bob Schrage's New Book

Boone County author **Robert Schrage**, a member of Boone County Historical Society, has a new book — *Carl Kiger: The Man Beyond the Murder*. The book tells

about Carl Kiger, the powerful Covington politician who, along with his young son, was mysteriously murdered in their Boone County summer home in 1943.

Schrage will discuss his new book at the **Main Library on Wednesday, January 18 at 7 pm**. A book signing will follow and books will be available for \$19.95.

Our Thanks . . .

Our sincere thanks go to **Bridget Striker** who presented a terrific program on *Boone County's Lost River Towns* at our November 2011 meeting.

Our thanks to **Steve Conrad** who displayed his toy trains, and **Joyce Foley** who, as always, cleaned the museum before the exhibit, and who helped younger visitors to make little scrap-cloth dolls during the Christmas in the Country Museum Exhibit. And thanks to everyone who brought vintage dolls and toys to exhibit.

If you have items you'd be willing to loan for our museum exhibits, please call Virginia Lainhart (689-7240), Pat Yannarella (371-0446), or Betsy Conrad (371-5882).

Historical Markers Approved

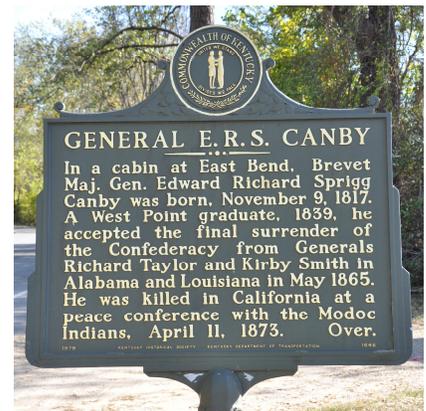
Good News! The applications for historical markers for Hopeful Lutheran Church and Bullittsburg Baptist Church have been approved by the Kentucky Historical Society.

The markers are in the process of being created at the foundry in the same format as others around the County, including the one for General E.R.S. Canby in the East Bend Bottoms. They will then be shipped to KDOT District 6 for installation.

The churches, along with BCBS, are planning dedication events. **June 3** is the tentative date for the dedication of the Bullittsburg Baptist marker, and **June 24** is planned for the dedi-

cation for the Hopeful Lutheran historic marker.

More detailed plans for these events will be available in the near future. Many thanks to **Michael Rouse** (Hopeful Lutheran), and **Norma Hennigen** (Bullittsburg Baptist) for assisting in the preparation of the applications.



Election of officers to be held at January meeting

The Boone County Historical Society will hold an election of officers at the January 19, 2012 meeting.

Our current President, **Jim Duvall**, has advised he will step down due to other commitments. **Betsy Conrad**, who was named last summer to fill the unexpired Board term of the late Ann Leake, has agreed to have her name placed in nomination for the office of President for the remaining year of Jim's two-year term. (**Michael Rouse** will remain as

Vice President for the second of his two-year term.)

Joyce Foley's three-year term on the Board is expiring and she does not wish to be nominated for a second term. The late Ann Leake's term would also be expiring. **Betty Poole** and **Katie Presnell** have agreed to be nominated to fill those two Board positions. (**Virginia Lainhart's** Board term continues another year.) **Steve Conrad** and **Pat Yannarella** will continue their respective terms as Treasurer and

Secretary.

A call for nominations from the floor will precede the election with ballots.

Just a reminder — the annual membership fees of \$15 per family are due in January. You must be a paid-up member for 2011 or 2012 to receive an election ballot at January's meeting. The Treasurer will be on hand in the meeting room to accept membership fees 45 minutes prior to the meeting.

The BCHS Museum

I-71/75 Exit 181 (KY 18 Burlington Pk). Proceed westbound 4.6 miles, turn right at the first traffic signal (Bullittsville-Burlington Road/Garrard Street); turn left into the Boone Co. Administration Building parking lot. The Museum is the small white brick building marked

"County Clerk Court's Office." The street address is 2965 Gallatin Street, Burlington, KY 41005.

The Boone County Historical Society expresses appreciation to the Boone County Judge/Executive and the Fiscal Court Commissioners for permission to utilize the Old

County Clerk's Office Building as a repository for items of historical significance in terms of Boone County's heritage.



Boone County's heritage.

Upcoming Events (continued from Page 1)

July 19 (Thurs. 7pm) **Annual "Out-&-About" at Petersburg Community Center**

Learn about the history of this charming Boone County community on the banks of the Ohio River.

July 21 (Sat. 11—3) **Museum Exhibit: Annual Boone County Heritage Day**

Display of vintage farm home equipment and implements. Bring the kids and grandkids to see how life was lived in the "good old" days!

Sept. 20 (Thurs. 7pm) **Don Rightmyer:** **Torn Between North and South: The Civil War in Kentucky**

Program at the Library
Join Don Rightmyer, a historian and gifted speaker, as we observe the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War.



Nov. 10 (Sat. 11 — 3) **Museum Exhibit** **Honoring Boone County's Military Veterans**

Nov. 15 (Thurs. 7pm)
Program at the Library (TBA)

Dec. 1 (Sat. 11 — 3) **Museum Exhibit:** **Christmas in Historic Burlington**

Bring the kids and grandkids to see vintage dolls, toy trains, and more!



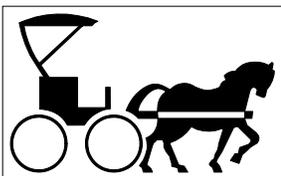
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Websites of local interest:

BooneCountyHeritage.org
Kenton.Lib.Ky.US/~histsoc
DinsmoreFarm.org
Nkyviews.com
Splitrockpark.org
FriendsofBigBone.org
NKYencyclopedia.org
RabbitHashUSA.com
BooneCoCemeteries.org
TheBooneConservancy.org
BCMuseum.org
Cincymuseum.org
Boonebarnquilts.com
History.ky.gov (Ky. Historical Society)

Civil War's Battery Hooper presented by Ed VonEye, 7 pm Thursday, Jan. 19

The Boone County Historical Society provides program meetings on the third Thursday evenings of January, March, May, July, September and November. Meetings (except for July) are held at the Main Library, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, KY.



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
P. O. BOX 23
FLORENCE, KY 41022-0023**

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