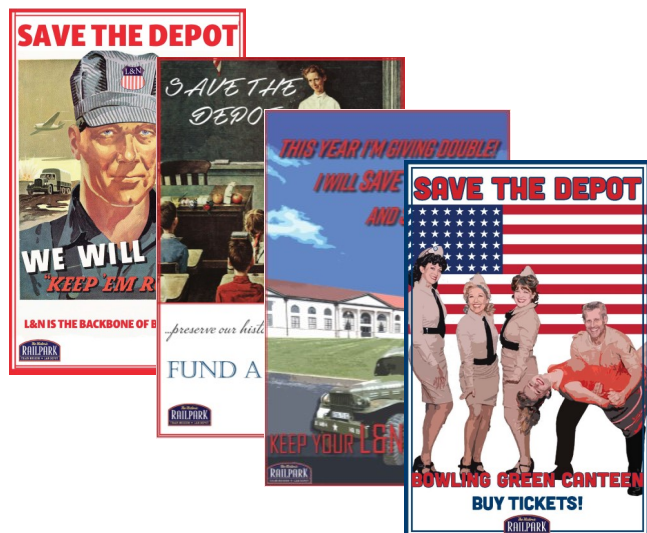




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Friends of L&N Depot Newsletter



Save The Depot ... Poster Reveals!

The August SAVE THE DEPOT poster reveal took place on Thursday, August 1st. Zac Bush, professional opera singer and Bowling Green native, unveiled the poster. Mr. Bush has also volunteered his time and talents to putting together the entertainment for the highly anticipated BG Canteen Floorshow event.

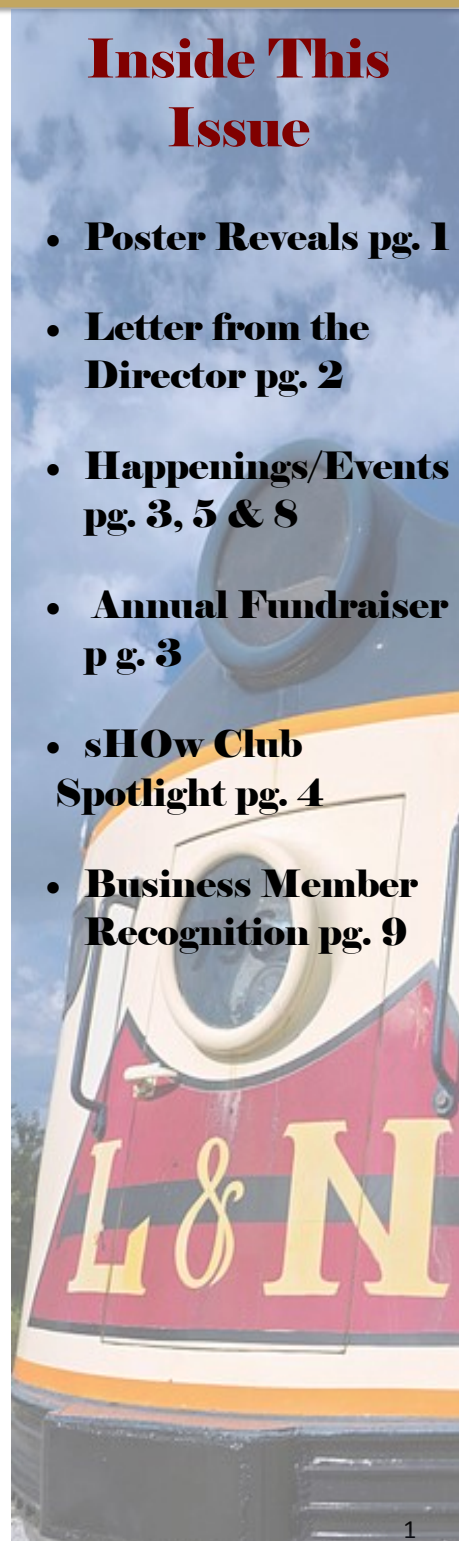
Upcoming poster reveals will take place on September 5, and October 1. These events are held in the Historic RailPark & Train Museum each month and feature local influencers to do the unveiling! Please join us for the SAVE THE DEPOT poster reveals.

Posters from the reveals are available for sale in the RailPark Gift Shop. They are RailPark specific and celebrate local history, make great gifts, and are perfect for office walls, man caves, and kids' rooms. Only 50 of these limited edition WWII themed posters saluting the RailPark are printed. So, get yours while they last!

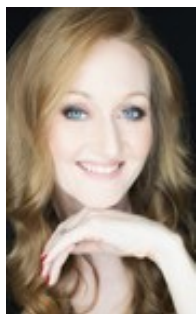
The BG community's support is appreciated and the public is invited to attend.

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From the Director



I can say it is an great time to be a part of the RailPark. Our Save The Depot campaign has been met with a revived enthusiasm throughout our community. Because of the need to support preservation efforts we continue to have an outpouring of support. With just a few month to go until the end of the cam-

campaign, we want to keep the fire burning strong. There is still time to do your part. I welcome your thoughts and ideas on how to get involved.

We have several events coming up over the next few moths and hope we can count on your support.

In just a few days we will host our Annual Fundraiser—BG Canteen Floorshow. The event has been sold out for several weeks now. We are looking forward to spending time with our Friends.

Play Bingo with us on September 19th. This event will be a fun night of playing bingo for big prizes. In October we will host the 5th Annual Haunted Lantern Tours.

We have achieved some success with our endowment fund. To date we have deposited \$10,000 into our account. The first milestone is to reach \$25,000. The fund is necessary for our future. Without money in our reserve, we could lose the very thing that is truly the backbone to the success of Bowling Green.

I hope you will join us and SAVE THE DEPOT!

Jamie Johnson,
Executive Director



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BG Canteen Floorshow—SOLD OUT!

by Telia Butler

Step back in time as the L&N Depot transforms into a 1940s nightclub for the USO Bowling Green Canteen on August 29, 30, and 31! The RailPark's annual fundraiser is a WWII nostalgic nod to the upcoming "Railroads Go to War" exhibit and another part of the Save the Depot yearlong campaign.

This throwback event runs 6-9pm each night and brings to life the legendary USO shows hosted by Bob Hope and the best entertainers of the era to show support for Allied soldiers during wartime. A tribute to veterans, this show will be unlike anything BG has seen in over 70 years. The evening will include 1940s-inspired live entertainment, dinner by Cambridge Market, drinks and an auction with hot ticket items inspired from the very best of the WWII Hollywood era. Dressing to impress to match the era and theme is encouraged!

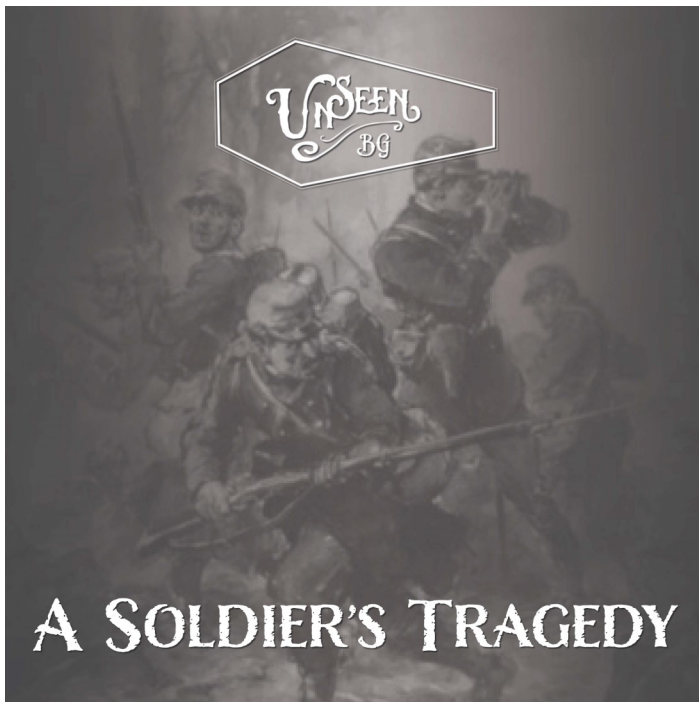
Live performances of Armed Forces Radio hits from the iconic Bing Crosby, the Andrews Sisters, and Frank Sinatra will shine from the USO stage. Entertainment includes acts from: professional singer and voice teacher Zac Bush; the Marshall Scott Jazz Trio including Marshall Scott, Dr. Wayne Pope and Beth Pope; the Cincinnati-based acclaimed pianist Ryan Jones; and a charming rendition of The Andrews Sisters performed by Abby Murphy, Laura Brown and Emily Summer.

Steel Mill & Co. is sponsoring the cigarette girls, dressing them in the most nostalgic fashions to mix and mingle with guests during the show! Guests will be able to purchase candy and trinkets just as the troops did when they visited the canteens. Guests are encouraged to purchase the limited edition #SavetheDepot posters and mugs the RailPark has been unveiling each month this year—all are WWII propaganda-style calls to action for ways to keep the Depot running, inspiring the community to work together like a wartime machine to keep the RailPark's home fire burning.

Our guest will be treated to a buffet dinner from Cambridge Market, live 1940s era entertainment, and access to an amazing auction. You won't want to miss this special night of authentic nostalgia to #SavetheDepot. Museum and Cash Bar open at 5:15pm, Seating opens at 6pm and the USO floorshow act begins at 7pm.

UnSeen BG Tours are Underway

We began the UnSeen tour season with a few summer tours to introduce the new *Pauline Tabor* tour and the themed *A Soldier's Tragedy* tour. Fall tour dates will be release prior to September 1st. You can visit the new website UnSeenGB.com for more information including the option to purchase tickets.





Welcome Paige Rogers

Paige Rogers joined the Historic RailPark and Train Museum at the L&N Depot as Events & Facility Rental in February 2019. Her responsibilities include assisting others (like the public and members of the RailPark) in planning and executing a variety of events at the RailPark.

Paige received her B.S. degree from Western Kentucky University in Hospitality Management. She loves meeting and interacting with people and learning more about the people she meets.

Born in Owensboro, KY, Paige was primarily raised in Bowling Green. Her interests and hobbies include anything to do with the outdoors, e.g., hiking, boating, biking, etc. She also has two cats. Recently, Paige began planning a very special event, her wedding, for June 2020.

Contact Paige at 270-745-7317 or events@historicroailpark.com with any questions you might have on facility rentals, or if you need assistance with planning and scheduling of an event. Join us in welcoming Paige to the RailPark!

The sHOw Modular Model Railroad Club

By Mike Dowell and Miliska Knauff

Established in 1993, the sHOw Modular Model Railroad Club is a public club that revels in camaraderie and is open and welcoming to new members (both young and old). The club began as an HO scale modular layout where each member builds a small scene and at special events, such as Festival of Trains, puts the scenes together to form a larger layout. This gives individuals who may not have space at home an opportunity to participate. The club modular layout has won best of show at the Great American Train Shows in Nashville.

Club members (currently at 25) enjoy practical, “hands on” experiences in working with model railroad cars and scenery. Austin Meredith (one of the club’s youngest members), said that the fellowship and learning from older, experienced members helped peak his interest in and encouraged him to begin his college studies in mechanical engineering. Membership fees are \$15 per year.



Official meetings are conducted at the Historic RailPark and Museum at the L&N Depot on the first Saturday of each month. However, you can find club members at the RailPark working on model railroad cars and displays on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturday mornings. In 2007, club members began work on a 20 X 30 feet HO modular model railroad layout that highlights realistic scenery and operations of Bowling Green from the ‘40’s, ‘50’s, and ‘60’s. Below the HO layout are displays of an O scale model railroad, a simulated logging railroad (ON30), and a pre-WWII HO layout.

Since becoming affiliated with the RailPark, the club has ventured into other model train scales. Currently, the club is working on building an N scale modular layout. This layout has been featured at the L&N Railroad day at South Union Shaker Village and the Bowling Green Warren County Public Library Summer Reading kick-off.

The club hosts a model train sale each February. There are over fifty tables of model trains of all scales at the sale. Proceeds from the sale help the club build and maintain the model train displays at the RailPark. In addition to the annual sale, the club hosts Festival of Trains at the RailPark. This is the club’s annual event to share its love of trains of various scales with the public. December 21 through December 29, 2019, will be the next Festival of Trains. So, save the date!

Group’s members are always willing to help other model railroad enthusiasts with questions and recommendations about resources. Club members provide classes on various facets of model railroading (like model railroad car repairs) and offer shows at various locations around Bowling Green, e.g., Barnes & Noble, Community Education, Corvette Museum, RailPark, and others. Suggestions for classes and other locations are welcomed.

For more information on the sHOw Modular Model Railroad Club, check-out their Facebook page: [sHOW-Modular-Model-Railroad](https://www.facebook.com/sHOW-Modular-Model-Railroad).

BINGO

AT THE DEPOT

Thursday, September 19, 2019

From 6pm to 9pm

Doors open at 5:15

Follow us on Facebook for weekly PRIZE updates

ADMISSION \$35

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Pizza Co. and First BINGO Game

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WWII Hospital Car Diorama
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Proceeds will benefit
the campaign to
SAVE THE DEPOT

Designed and built by
Andy Roderick of
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Diorama to Benefit the RailPark

We still have some tickets available for the large scale replica WWII Hospital Car and Depot diorama; created and donated by artist **Andy Roderick**. The custom diorama is being offered for a chance to win through a raffle and tickets are \$5. 100% of the proceeds will benefit the Save The Depot campaign.

Tickets will be available for purchase until Saturday, August 31st. During the Annual Fundraiser– BG Canteen Floorshow, a winning ticket will be drawn. We are excited to see who wins the train! Don't miss your chance to win.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting the museum at 401 Kentucky Street in Downtown Bowling Green or by calling us at 270-745-731.

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OCTOBER 24

Admission

Adults \$12
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Sept. 1st for RailPark Members

Sept. 13 for General Public

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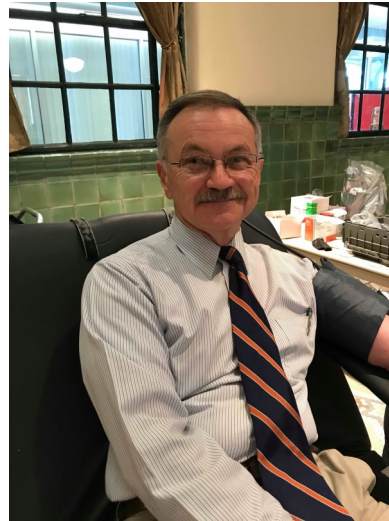


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Pictures From Our Most Recent Events

Thank you to the many attendees at our most recent fundraising events. Our Inaugural Wine Festival was a success and over 400 guests attended. During the July Poster Unveiling, Mayor Bruce Wilkerson gave blood to support both the RailPark and the Red Cross. Our Cigarette Girls attended a BG Hot Rods baseball game in support of our SAVE THE DEPOT campaign. Our UnSeen BG Tours have started!





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