



APPANOOSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FALL 2007 NEWSLETTER

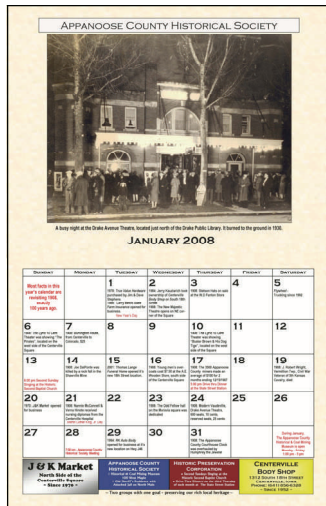
REAP GRANT AWARDED

One of the big stories of the year is that the Appanoose County Historical Society was awarded a **REAP grant** for \$17,500 to begin repairs and restoration to the Old Jail and Sheriff's Residence. The architect has already visited the site and so the project is officially in motion!



HISTORICAL CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The **2008 Historical Collectible Calendar** is hot off the press and can be purchased in time for the holidays at the Chamber of Commerce, Bradley Hall, The Columns, and The Exline Old Country Store and Antique Exchange. This year's calendars are in limited supply as only 500 copies were ordered, so make sure to get yours soon! They make great Christmas gifts!



OPEN HOUSE

Plan on attending the **Homecoming Open House and Appreciation Reception for Bill Heusinkveld** on October 6, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the museum. This open house is intended to welcome all alumni back to the area, as well as honoring local historian Bill Heusinkveld for his ongoing contributions to preserving local history as he continues to compile information from Appanoose County's past. Bill will be on hand during the open house to sign his books, so stop by and enjoy the celebration! Admission is free but donations are appreciated.

CEMETERY TOUR

The **Haunted History Tour** is coming up on Saturday, October 27, at 6:30 pm, at Centerville's Oakland Cemetery. A great line-up of re-enactors will relate the life stories of several of Appanoose County's most colorful and influential residents. If you've never come to the Haunted History Tour before, don't miss your chance. It's a beautiful luminary walk on a cool autumn evening. Dress warmly, and bring a lawn chair if you'd like to sit during each presentation. Chapter D PEO will be serving refreshments, so come out and enjoy the tour!

DISPLAYS ADDED & MOVED

After many busy work days at the museum, **new displays have been added** and old ones have been rejuvenated! The new theatrical history exhibit is under construction and a new camera display has been created. If you remember the old Lincoln School building, you'll enjoy seeing the huge concrete sign that was a part of the building, which is now on display in our school room. We have created the new "52544 Gift Shop" where you can pick up Bill Heusinkveld's books, as well as the 1913 "Past & Present of Appanoose County" that was reprinted by the Genealogical Society. We have other souvenirs as well!

NEW DAILY HOURS OF OPERATION

Good news for 2008! The Appanoose County Historical & Coal Mining Museum is announcing new **DAILY hours of operation**. Beginning on January 2, you can visit the museum Monday - Friday from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Between Memorial Day and Homecoming, there will also be Saturday hours in addition to the weekday hours.

SILENT FILM TO BE SHOWN

We are planning a November premier of **"The Wonderful Thing"**, starring Norma Talmadge. The outdoor scenes of this 1921 silent movie were filmed in Appanoose County. The only copy of this movie has been in storage at the Library of Congress for the past 86 years - until now. After obtaining the proper clearance and permissions,



and with generous contributions from local history enthusiasts, we have obtained a copy of the film, and are excited to show it to the citizens of Appanoose County! Watch the newspapers or check our website at www.appanoosehistory.org to find out when we will be holding the premier.

FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

A new fund-raising program is in the works for the Historical Society. We are planning a recognition program for annual donations of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, and \$1,000. The program is still in the formative stages, but if you are anxious to donate to the Appanoose County Historical Society, you may do so by mailing it to:

Appanoose County Historical Society,
100 West Maple, Centerville, Iowa 52544.
Once the program is defined clearly, you will receive proper recognition for your generosity.

CONTACT INFO & WEBSITE

If you would like to join the Appanoose County Historical Society, memberships are \$10 per year for singles and \$18 per year for couples.

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HOME COMING

Open House

WELCOME
ALUMNI

Come on over to the museum on Saturday morning and spend some time reminiscing and looking at our great collection of old football & basketball group photos from the early 1900's through the 1950's. Also, we are honoring our local historian Bill Heusinkveld, who has compiled several books on many different aspects of local history, including Historic Homes, Ghost Villages, Cemeteries and most recently Coal Mining and Appanoose County boys involvement in the Civil War. Bill will be on hand to sign copies of his book. Please stop in and take a step back into Appanoose County's Past!

and
Appreciation Reception
for local historian
Bill Heusinkveld

APPANOOSE COUNTY HISTORICAL & COAL MINING MUSEUM

100 WEST MAPLE (THE OLD POST OFFICE)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 • 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

ADMISSION IS FREE BUT DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED

The Appanoose County Historical Society

presents the 3rd Annual

Haunted History Tour

Saturday, October 27 at 6:30 pm • Admission is \$7.00 per person
Oakland Cemetery in Centerville

Follow the path of 1000 luminaries as you visit the graves of several significant Appanoose County residents and learn about their lives and contributions to our history. Speakers include Enfys McMurry, Brad McConville, Susan McDanel, Debbie Robinson, Dana Moritz, and others!

Dress warmly for the tour, which will last about 2 hours.
(Okay, it's not really haunted, but walking through a cemetery at night is always a little spooky!)