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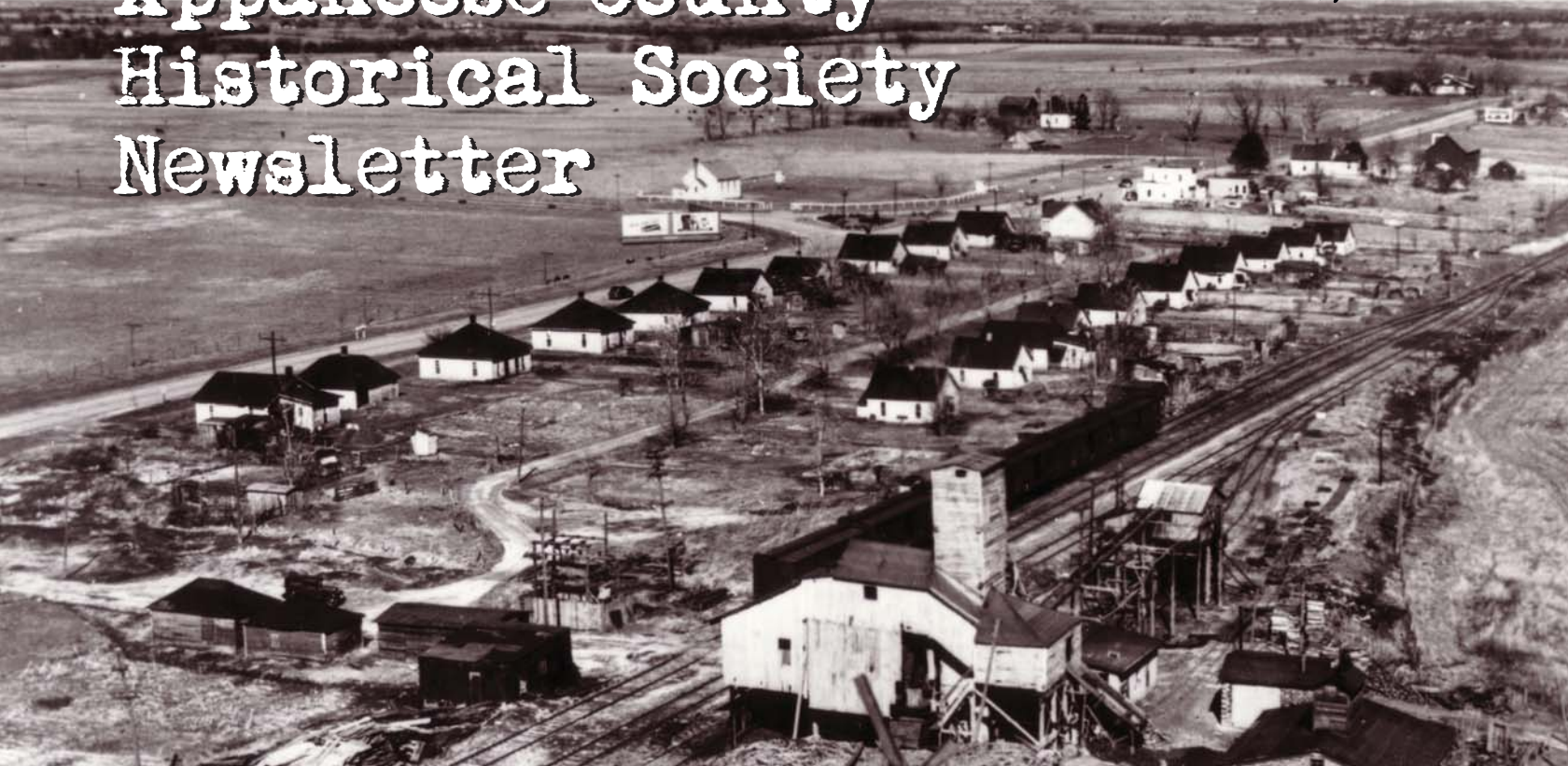
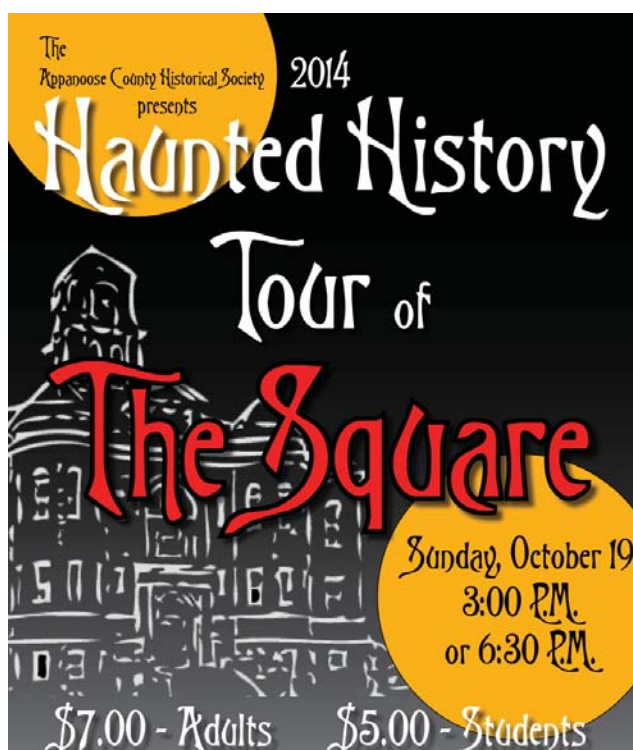


Photo of Sunshine Mine & Mining Camp, west of Centerville

2014 Haunted History Tour on the Square



A big change is in store for visitors to the Appanoose County Historical Society's Haunted History Tour this year!

*On SUNDAY, October 19, the
Haunted History Tour will visit the
Centerville Square!*

Starting on the sidewalk south of the Appanoose County Courthouse, the tour will make a couple of stops on the courtyard, then move to the buildings around the square.

The amount of traffic on the Square is the main reason why the tour was moved to Sunday. What hasn't changed is the time of the tours: 3:00 for the Daylight Tour, and 6:30 for the evening tour. At the time of this printing, we are unsure about the status of the luminaries, since there is plenty of light on the Square already.

A nice addition to this year's tour will be a stop at Jack's Popcorn Stand as we pass by the location where it used to sit and will be sitting again that night, just north of the R & M Furnishings (former Ben Franklin) building. The tour will conclude on the courtyard, where warm cider will be served.

Curator's Corner by Lisa Eddy

Fall is upon us, which winds down our season of visitors to the museum, but then we gear up for our busy event season! We plan to participate in the Pancake Day Parade, then the next weekend is our Homecoming Open House on October 4. This year we are featuring artwork by Roger Kinnamon. Locally, Roger is known as "That Painter Guy", but painting houses isn't his only talent. Roger is a phenomenal fine artist as well, and several of his works will be on display in the lobby of the museum during Homecoming weekend. Make sure you stop by - we'll be open from 10 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

This is not directly related to the museum, but to one of Centerville's favorite sons: Simon Estes will be visiting Centerville during Homecoming weekend to present his "Roots and Wings" concert on Sunday, October 5 at 2:30. General admission tickets are only \$5.00. For \$25, you can buy a Meet and Greet ticket that allows you admittance to the concert and then to a reception following the concert where you can meet Simon!

Only two weeks later, we'll host the Haunted History Tour on the Centerville Square. The idea to move the tour to the Square came from Brad McConville, who saw the potential for some great stories - and he was right! Planning is underway for a terrific tour!



Only three weeks after the Haunted History Tour is the first of our two nights of Trivia Night IV. We have had a great turnout to our Trivia Night events, but just not enough space to accommodate everyone in one night, so we've expanded it to two nights so everyone who wants to play can get in. Call me to reserve a spot for your team!



In recent years, I've had the pleasure of meeting Morgan Cline and several of his friends when they visited the museum while in town. In the museum we have an exhibit dedicated to Morgan's contributions to Appanoose County, the properties that he has restored, the new businesses he has created, and his boundless generosity. That exhibit has expanded since Morgan's passing. We are honored to have received an array of items to add to the display: Morgan's college degree certificate, his dog tags, and several recognition pieces that honor his many philanthropic gestures. Many thanks to those who saw fit to send those items to our museum.

The windows are finished!! The restoration of two ornate, leaded glass windows has been completed! Expert craftsman and Historical Society board member Jon Dorman encased the beautifully restored windows into equally beautiful cabinetry. These gorgeous pieces flank the front door to the museum. In the next few weeks, another of our board members, Steve Morgan, will complete the electrical work that will allow the backlighting in the cabinets to make the windows shine.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the family of Mark Revers, one of our current board members who brought a fresh perspective and innovative ideas to the Historical Society. Even though I had only gotten to know him the past couple of years, he became an instant friend, and a person whose opinion I respected very much. He understood the importance of volunteerism, and he always acknowledged the hard work and passion that our members put into their projects. He made a habit of lifting people up, making them feel proud and appreciated. If we all could take that lesson from Mark's life, and recognize each other's efforts, this world would be a much better place.



We also lost another former board member, and past President of the Appanoose County Historical Society, Leon Kauzlarich, who passed away last month on August 1. I only had the pleasure of knowing Leon since joining the ranks here at the Historical Society, but I wish I'd known him before that. He was such a great guy, and such a mentor for me. He was always so supportive and even though he was home bound the past couple of years, he kept on top of the happenings at the museum. He would call me and we would discuss various topics that he had read about in the minutes of the meetings that he was no longer able to attend. His insight was invaluable.



I called Leon when we discovered the leaded glass windows that we recently restored. He knew they were from a bank in Mystic, but didn't know which one. He wasn't in favor of the restoration, knowing their condition and how much it would cost to restore them. But his son David has seen the new windows and assured me that his dad would approve of them now. I so wish that he could have seen the renovations that were put in place a couple of years ago. I'm sure he would be pleased.

He loved the museum and always understood how important it was to tell the story of the coal miners. It was important to him that others realize how important it is to preserve that history, too. Leon knew that he needed to illustrate the knowledge that he had learned over the years from his father and other coal miners when he was putting together the coal mining exhibit. He personally crafted the three dimensional town of early Mystic, the mining camp of Diamond, and when he couldn't find one to purchase, he hand-carved the life-sized mine pony in our replica of a coal mine. The work and love that Leon poured into the museum will live on for generations to come. Thank you for everything, Leon.

The Mystery of the Postcard Album

We have enjoyed a resurgence in donations of artifacts in recent years, and we appreciate every single one, but one of our recent accessions has an astounding story to go with it. A very nice lady brought into the museum a postcard album. As I opened it up, it blossomed with 74 vintage postcards and photographs of Centerville. I will admit, most of them I had seen before, but eight of those pictures were one of a kind, including the only photo I've ever seen of Pill Row, back in the 1930s. (Many people have asked me if we have a picture of Pill Row at the museum, and up till now, I've told them I've never seen one.)

The most fascinating thing about this acquisition was not the album itself, but how she acquired it. She found it, and a few books that she donated along with it, at the bottom of a dumpster. I nearly fell off my chair. Who would throw away an album full of carefully preserved postcards of Centerville? The thought mystifies me.



Help us save the photos and treasures that tell the story of Appanoose County's past. Donate them to the museum where they can be enjoyed by generations yet to come.



The Restored Mystic Bank Windows

The Mystic Bank windows, more properly known as sidelights, have found their final home encased in beautiful wood cabinets that make them look like they've been there forever. Thank you to everyone who donated money or garage sale items to help fund this project. Come to the museum and see the results in person!

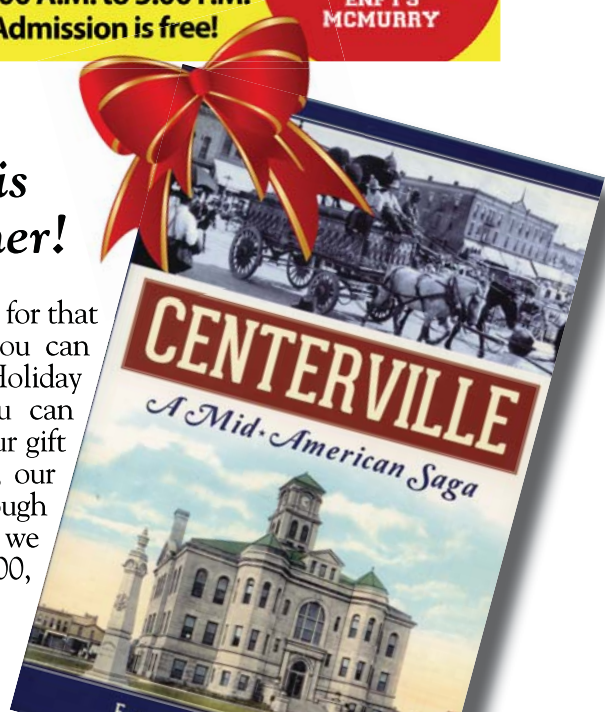
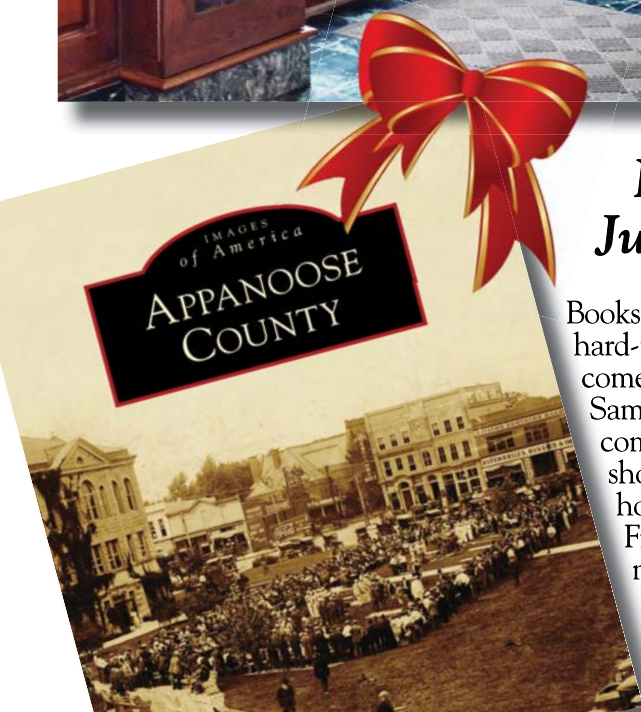
Welcome Alumni to the
HOMECOMING
OPEN HOUSE
at the
Appanoose County
Historical & Coal Mining
Museum
Saturday, October 5
10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Admission is free!

FEATURING
AN
ART EXHIBIT
BY
CHS ALUM
ROGER
KINNAMON

BOOK SIGNING
BY
CENTERVILLE
HISTORIAN
AND AUTHOR
ENFY'S
MCMURRY

Holiday Gift-giving is Just Around the Corner!

Books about local history make great gifts for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list! You can come in and buy books during the Holiday Sampler in early December, but you can come in and browse the items from our gift shop anytime we're open. Currently, our hours are 1:00 - 5:00 Monday through Friday until October 31, then we move to winter hours, 1:00 - 4:00, Wednesday - Friday.



Patrons of our Heritage - 2014 (as of 9/11/2104)

In an effort to recognize donations and estate gifts over \$5,000, we have created a new category in our Patrons of Our Heritage program called "Appanoose Legends". Gifts in honor of those who have passed will remain on this list in perpetuity. However, anyone living can attain this level of patronage (for that year) with their gift of \$5,000 or more.

Appanoose Legends - Over \$5,000 - Tom & Opal King

Governor Drake's Council (\$1,000-\$5,000)

**The Coons Foundation
Gary Craver
Kris Koestner
Jim & Mary Milani**

Appanoose Chieftain's Circle (\$500 - \$1,000)

Jim & Beverly Beer
Craver Grothe Law Firm
Loren & Wilma Eddy
Marjorie Heusinkveld
Dr. Brad & Dewey McConville
Mercy Medical Center - Centerville
Harold & Fran Theile
Bob Warren

Chaldea League - (\$100 - \$500)

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Ron & Terri Clark
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Clyde & Kay Davis
Jon & Judy Dorman
Larry & Carol Drake
Myrtle Felkner
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Judy Hendershot
Scott Henderson
Marcia Holeman
Linda Jones
Lyle & Natalie Kesterson
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Creamatory

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Beverly Cosby
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Ron & Paula Mitchell
Glenn & Dana Moritz
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Joyce & Daryl Sherman
Kent Stansberry
Connie Stater
Marilyn Vanderlinden
Kenneth Vruble
Benedict Vruble
Dan & Lottie Wilson
Jeff & Ann Young
Tom & Mary Sue Zaputil

Coal Miner's Club - (\$50 - 100)

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Jim & Donna Beaty
Mary Carpenter Swanson
Dr. Lee & Mary Jo Den Hartog
Dr. Kurt Dubrowski & Natalie
Essary
George & Lisa Eddy
Ron Fowler
Bill Hawkins
Gilbert Plumbing & Heating

Richard & Annette Kane
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Daryl Stangl
Marcia Thomas
Mike & Joyce Thomas
Joe & Sharon Walker
Sheila & Loren Walker
Dave & Terri Walljasper
Jack & Molly Williams
Joe & Diane Zaputil

Return Service Requested

Museum Hours for 2014
May 1 - Oct 31: Mon - Fri 1:00 - 5:00
Saturday 10:00 - 2:00
Memorial Day thru Labor Day
Nov 1, 2013 - Mar 31, 2014: Wed - Fri 1:00 - 4:00

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