

Patrons of our Heritage - 2015 (as of 9/11/2015)

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

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(\$1,000-\$4,999)

The Coons Foundation
Gary Craver
Jim & Mary Milani
Mercy Medical Center
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David Kauzlarich	Jim & Linda Stephens
Lyle & Natalie Kesterson	Mike & Joyce Thomas
Kris Kesterson	Marilyn Vanderlinden
Jerry & Becky Kirkpatrick	Kenneth Vruble
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Craver Grothe Law Firm
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Coal Miner's Club - (\$50 - 99)

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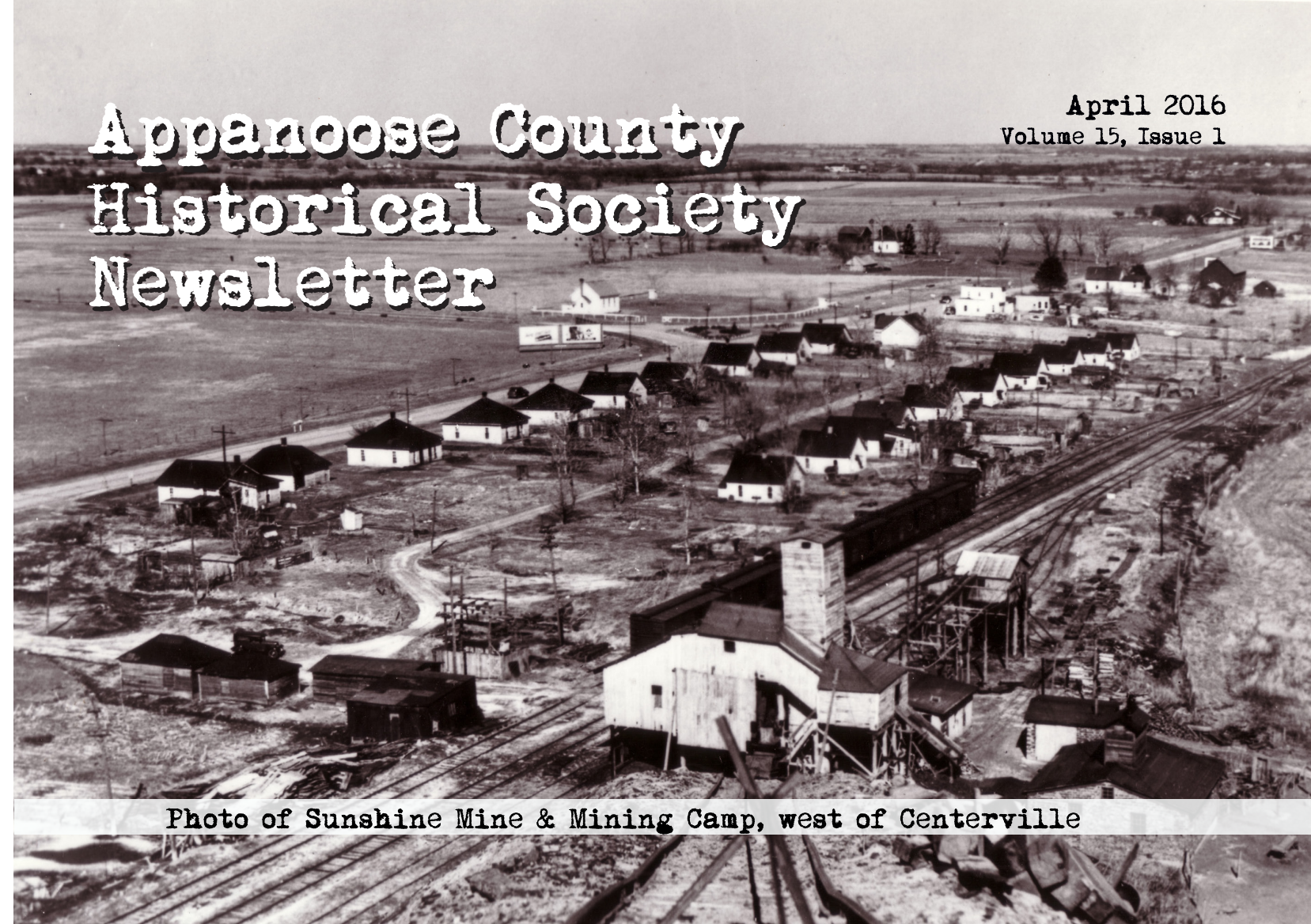


Photo of Sunshine Mine & Mining Camp, west of Centerville

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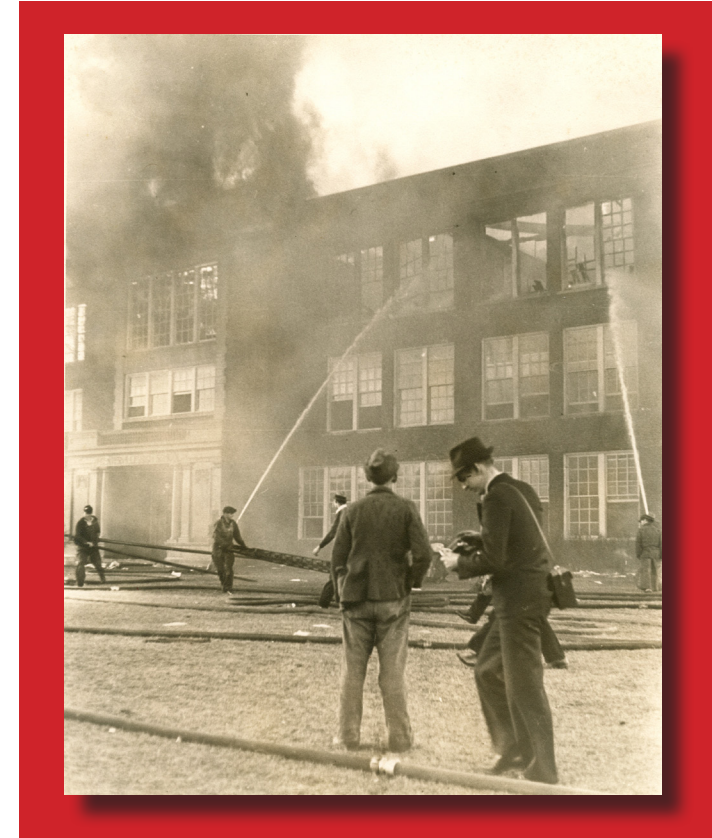
The 1938 Fire at Centerville High School

On March 7, 1938, it took only 90 seconds for the 600 students and faculty of Centerville High School and Centerville Junior College to vacate the burning building. The fire was discovered by a boy who smelled smoke in a 3rd floor restroom and ran straight to Fannon's office. Fannon immediately sounded the alarm. The fire spread quickly, destroying the auditorium first.

A mere two days later, hardly before the smoldering remains of the Centerville high school had time to cool, school authorities mapped out plans to resume classes at a rousing pep meeting held in the Central Church of Christ.

By Friday of the same week, the entire high school and Junior college program resumed. School was held in various buildings on and near the Square. Classes started at 8:00 a.m. and lasted 50 minutes each. Students were given 10 minutes between classes to get to and from the various buildings.

The 2016 Annual meeting of the Appanoose County Historical Society that was held on April 25, 2016 focused on this event with facts and photographs. The program was presented by Historical Society board member, Dana Moritz, with memories from citizens who have memories of the day.



Curator's Corner by Lisa Eddy

I must start out this column with an apology to our members and patrons. This newsletter is about 6 weeks later than normal, but it was not without a good reason. I developed a medical issue that put me out for the whole month of April and now that we're into May, I'm just now catching up. I try very hard to get the newsletter out before our annual meeting so you have a chance to plan on coming to our great educational programs. And this year's program was truly interesting! I promise to do better next year and I appreciate all of your well wishes and understanding.

Spring sprung early this year it seems, and that's a wonderful thing!

And speaking of wonderful things, I must tell you what I discovered about the movie *The Wonderful Thing*. If you remember, this is the movie filmed in Appanoose County in 1921. Have you had a chance to see the gorgeous mural? Those of you who don't live in Centerville perhaps haven't seen the beautiful mural completed by the famous Wall Dogs, a muralist group that travels the world to showcase their talents. One of Centerville's own residents, Nancy Bennett, is one of the illustrious group, and orchestrated their coming to Centerville in 2014 and completing several murals. The one



at the end of pill row commemorates *The Wonderful Thing* and Norma Talmadge coming to town. Wall Dog artist Bill Hueg headed up the project and was assisted by Carole Bersin and Alecia Rheal.

Just recently, it was discovered that *The Wonderful Thing* was the FIRST movie to be made in Iowa! You might remember, a few years ago, the Appanoose County Historical Society obtained a copy from the Library of Congress and we show the movie from time to time. In the upcoming months, we will be hosting a roaring twenties type party and a viewing of *The Wonderful Thing* will cap off the evening. Come and join us!

We have a disappointing update regarding the Waggoner Produce building that we had hoped to save. The building is in a level of disrepair that made it beyond our resources. Our main goal was to find a building for storage as we are full to capacity, but it would have been nice to restore an historic building, too. We just didn't have the resources for that building.

On a brighter note, we are in the process of purchasing a building of storage units that will provide some needed storage for ourselves, plus a few rental units that will provide a bit of income to help it pay for itself. Let us know if you are in need of a storage unit and we'll give you the details.

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By the time this is printed, our two April Trivia Nights will be in the books. These events have proven to provide a really fun event for the community while raising

about \$10,000 per year to help the Historical Society with its operating income. Thank you to all who come out and enjoy those evenings!

Our landscaping project is making progress now that spring has arrived! New footings have been installed to hold the mining machine and the slag car, which will become our new sign for the museum. This week those pieces should be put into place, and next week, plantings of shrubs and flowers will be completed. Keep watching!

We've been blessed with many wonderful artifact donations over the past few months, including a loom with a wonderful story from Dr. John Maletta. His mother, a widow, was an immigrant who needed to make a living. She ordered a loom to be able to weave and sell rugs to support her family. It still has the original instructions and John tells me that they even still have the packing list from when it arrived by train to Mystic! What a wonderful story to accompany this lovely artifact.

I am still in the process of finding an appropriate publisher to reprint the book, *The Birth and Demise of Brazil*. The way in which we would like it reproduced is a little different than just ordering copies, so this process is taking me some time to complete - please have patience.

I hope that you all have a great summer!

During a normal year, I follow up the newsletter with an 'Invitation to Join' letter a few weeks later. This year, with the delay due to my health, I'm packaging the newsletter and the invitation together. We hope that you will consider joining, if you haven't already or consider becoming a Patron of Our Heritage. The Historical Society appreciates your support so much!

Pioneer Days at the Bland Cabin

Fifth-graders from Appanoose County schools - Moravia, Moulton, and Centerville - all got a taste of life in the 1860s during their visit to the Bland Cabin in May. The Bland Cabin is located on the same property as the old Appanoose County Jail and attached sheriff's residence on North Main Street in Centerville.

Volunteers greeted the children as they arrived. Then smaller groups were formed and assigned to their 'immigrant'. Their immigrant told their immigration story, then had a short talk about democracy. They held a mock election between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas. The immigrants then led the groups to different stations where they learned about different skills that would have been helpful in the 1860s. Cooking, quilting, trapping, embroidery, knitting, laundering, crocheting, spinning, weaving, gardening, and chinking were among the skills they learned or learned about.

A pair of homesteaders also talked about what life was like, living in a cabin in 1860.

The students were encouraged to bring a pie for a pie contest and to dress up like the 1860s if they wanted to be in a costume contest. After the learning sessions were over, the winners of the contests were awarded and the students were able to eat some of the stew and pies they had made.

Spearheaded by Debbie Robinson and Dana Moritz, Pioneer Days replaced a similar event that had been arranged by former Lakeview principal, Mike Halupnick, but had fallen by the wayside since his retirement. Many volunteers helped to make the event a success.



RAGBRAI is coming to Centerville!



We're excited that RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa) is stopping in Centerville for an overnight stay! An expected 25,000 people will be visiting our great city and hundreds of volunteers are gearing up for the visit.

Centerville's theme is *There's No Place Like Centerville*, a nod to the classic, *The Wizard of Oz* line, *There's No Place Like Home*.

Here at the museum, we have several extra staff members lined up to be ready to greet the visitors and help them get the most out of their museum experience!

Thank you, United Way!

United Way has helped fund the Appanoose County Historical & Coal Mining Museum for many years. We appreciate all you do for the community!

