

Patrons of our Heritage - 2013

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
Continental Senior Living
Esther Davenport
Loren & Wilma Eddy
Gisele Fest
Larry & Mary Beth Heikes
Marjorie Heusinkveld
Dr. Brad & Dewey McConville
Mercy Medical Center - Centerville
Harold & Fran Theile

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

Kay Argo	Jody & Susan McDanel
Carolyn Bauman	Enfys McMurry
Bill Burch	Glen & Dana Moritz
Bill Buss	Dr. Paul Poncy
Helen Carlson	Mark & Molly Revers
Mary Carpenter-Swanson	Frank Reznicek
John & Barbara Cortesio	Ray & Debbie Robinson
Lee & Mary Jo Den Hartog	Wilbur Rush
Larry & Carol Drake	Connie Stater
Duane & Nancy Exline	Karen Steenhoek
Myrtle Felkner	N. Dale Talkington
Brian & Kevin Harrington	Mike & Joyce Thomas
Dr. Wm. & Justine Heffron	Marilyn Vanderlinden
Judy Hendershot	Kenneth Vruble
Marcia Holeman	Benedict Vruble
Lyle & Natalie Kesterson	Bob Warren
Jerry & Becky Kirkpatrick	Jeff & Ann Young
Gary & Marla Long	Tom & Mary Sue Zaputil
Larry Mallett &	Joe & Diane Zaputil
Beverly Cosby	Jim & Linda Zirnheldt
Bill & Rita Matkovich	

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

Gary & Dorothy Barrickman	Gilbert Plumbing & Heating	Rollie & Lucy Reznicek
Jim & Donna Beaty	Loretta Guzzi	Carl & Linda Rouse
Dan & Nancy Bennett	Linda Jones	Diane Senior
Richard & Lanna Bratz	Kris Kesterson	Darrell & Joyce Sherman
Carquest of Centerville	Bruce Kimmerle	Kent Stansberry
John & Barbara Devore	Lange Funeral Home	David & Ruth Taylor
Rick Dixon	Jack & Judy Lamb	Marcia Thomas
Vince & Patsy Dudenhoefter	Rob & Patti Lind	Tubaugh Family
Steve Eden	Marsha Mitchell	Chiropractic Clinic
George & Lisa Eddy	Josephine Moffitt	Dave & Terri Walljasper
Dave & Dianna Fenton	Rhonda Raskie	Jack & Molly Williams

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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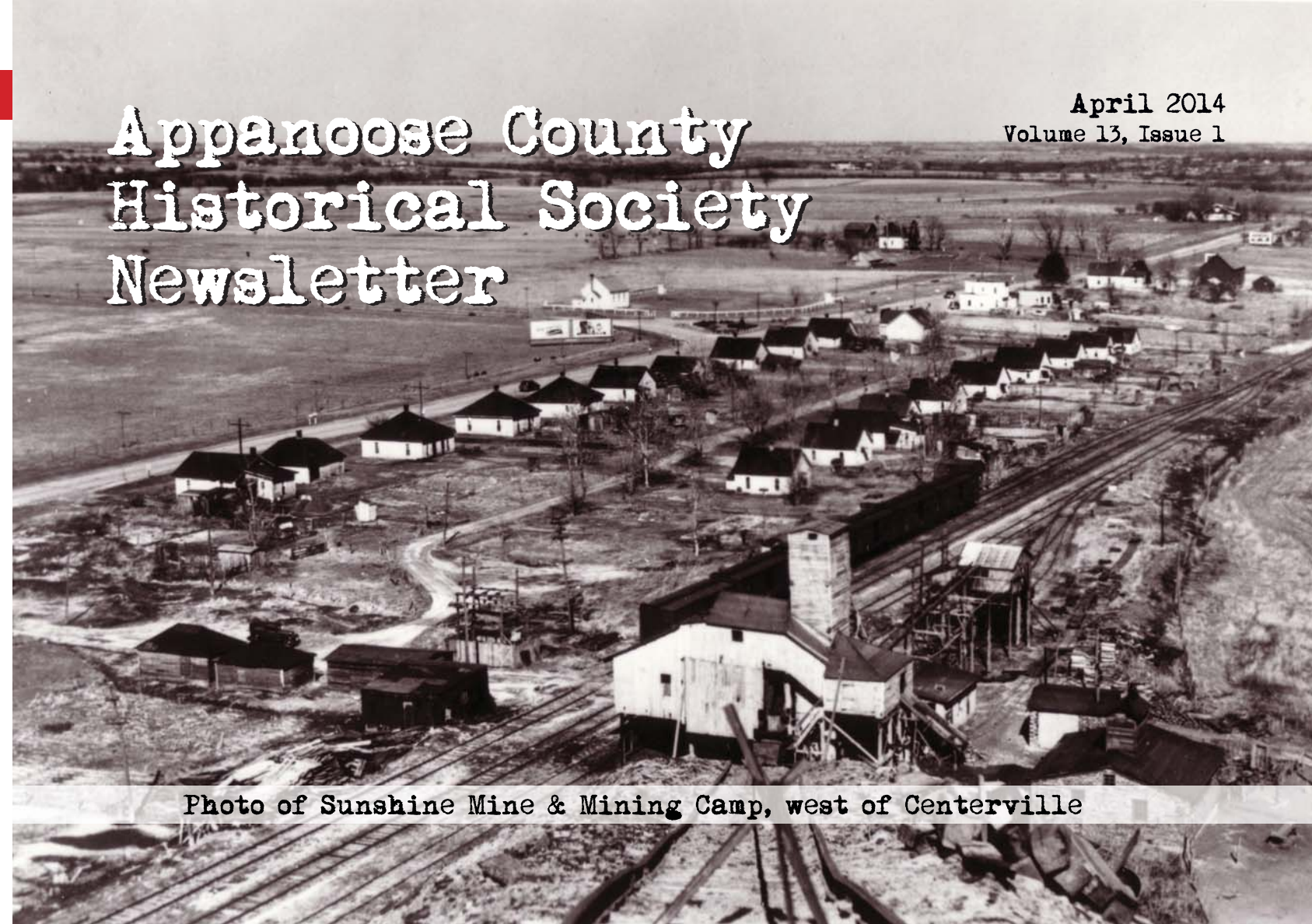


Photo of Sunshine Mine & Mining Camp, west of Centerville

Our County of Cultural Diversity

Coal mining brought them to Appanoose County, love of the area made many stay, even after the mines closed.

The annual meeting of the Appanoose County Historical Society will celebrate the cultural diversity of our county. Four speakers will tell of their family's immigration story into the area. Dr. Brad McConville, Jim Milani, Patty Timmens, and Tyler Morgan all have their family's history ready to share at the meeting, which will be held Monday, April 28, at 7:00pm at Centerville City Hall.

During Enfys McMurry's research for her book, *Centerville: A Mid-American Saga*, she discovered that the 1920 Census listed over 40 nations of origin for the residents of Appanoose County. Coal mining played a large part in that percentage, but is not responsible for all of the immigrants. There were merchants, tailors, and businessmen who also settled in Appanoose County to make their living.

Admission is free. There will be a very brief business meeting and election of officers prior to the presentation. Please come and show your support for the Appanoose County Historical Society!

Curator's Corner by Lisa Eddy

Happy Spring everyone! We've dusted off the displays and are ready for a brand new season of visitors and events. At the time of this writing, we are preparing for the April gathering of the Kaffeeklatch to be held here at the museum.

It seemed like the winter was a brutal one, and visitors don't come to the museum as much when it's that cold. But we were open, nonetheless, and we had very brisk sales of our books, especially right before Christmas. But visitorship is up already this spring, so we expect a great season.

Since our last newsletter, we've held our Homecoming Open House, our Haunted History Tour, Trivia Night II, and participated in the Holiday Sampler. All of those events enjoyed a large turnout of people to enjoy what we had planned for them.



If you didn't have a chance to pop in to the museum to see the enormous live Christmas Tree that was decorated in our beautiful lobby, here's a photo. It was 16 feet tall - surely the largest live indoor tree in town! This tree was actually the top of a larger tree that was dying and going to be cut down anyway, so we dressed it up and gave it a last hurrah!

We have received our beautiful 'Mystic Bank' leaded glass windows that have been completed and are now waiting to be encased and backlit by the oh-so-talented Jon Dorman. The money to accomplish this project

came in part from an Appanoose County Community Fund grant. The generous folks who came out to our rummage sale helped us raise the rest of the money needed to complete this project. We thank you all!



Several items were donated to the museum over the winter. We appreciate all of the artifacts donated to the museum, and I'm particularly excited about the roll-top desk used by Bill Heusinkveld. His family donated many items that will paint a very clear picture of who Bill was - his work, his hobbies and his writing, all of which will be displayed as we rotate out some exhibits to make room for new ones.



By the time you receive this newsletter, Trivia Night III will be in the history books. Trivia Night III was expanded to be a two night event after all of the seats for Saturday night were filled within two days of Trivia Night II! This is a test run, and if it proves to be successful, Trivia Nights will continue to be a two-night event. If it's not, we'll move back to a one-night event. These events are such a win-win - fundraising for the Historical Society and a wonderfully fun event for the community!



As we look towards summer, we are excited about our third Historic Cruise on Rathbun Lake. This year, we have invited Samuel Clemens himself. Yes, Mark Twain will be aboard the Good Ship J&K, roaming amongst the guests, telling stories of his life and times. This is something completely new and different than

anything we've done before and we can't wait to meet him! A huge THANK YOU to Kris Koestner for donating this wonderful fundraising event to the Historical Society! The cruise is on June 1 - call me if you'd like to reserve your tickets.

The board of the Historical Society has lost two of its treasured members over the winter months. James Fisk, long time board member and top-notch researcher will be missed by all.



James taught in several different schools, including the country school named Brush College in the village of Livingston. He completed his teaching career at Howar Junior High where he taught for 33 years. James had played a key role in the Mormon Trails research in Appanoose County and also had many stories about Livingston that he liked to share. Mr. Fisk will certainly be missed.

We also lost long-time CHS Band instructor, John Holeman. John Holeman has left his mark on Centerville High School Band history. The bands that he directed were stellar and won many awards. John was a tireless volunteer and his passing leaves a hole in our organization that not just anyone can fill. He was always there to help out whenever a need arose at the museum. He will be so greatly missed by all of us. We were honored to have known you, John.



Please consider coming to our Annual Meeting on Monday, April 28, at 7:00 pm at Centerville City Hall. Our program on the Cultural Diversity of Appanoose County will be interesting and enlightening.

If you've received this newsletter in the mail, it will be followed by an invitation to become a member of the Historical Society or renew your membership or patron sponsorship. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Historical Society Partnering with the Iowegian on Throwback Thursdays

Everything old is new again!

Recently, the Historical Society was contacted by the Iowegian, asking about forming a partnership to include a weekly piece in the Thursday Iowegian, called Throwback Thursday. Always looking for ways to educate the community about local history, or just even to rekindle warm memories of their childhood, the Historical Society eagerly agreed to the project. It debuted on Thursday, March 27, and featured the old A & W Drive In. Lots of folks can remember those frosty mug days!

Watch the Daily Iowegian every Thursday to see this feature!



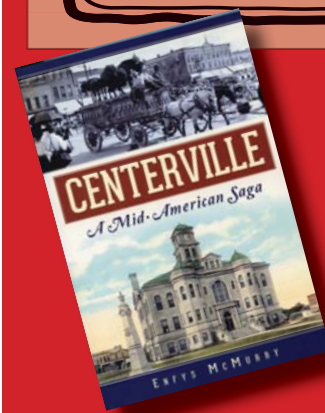
Join the
APPANOOSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 for the Third
HISTORIC CRUISE ON RATHBUN LAKE
 featuring
MARK TWAIN

Sunday, June 1, 2014 at 2:00 PM
 Tickets: \$40 per person ~ \$75 per couple
 Refreshments will be provided

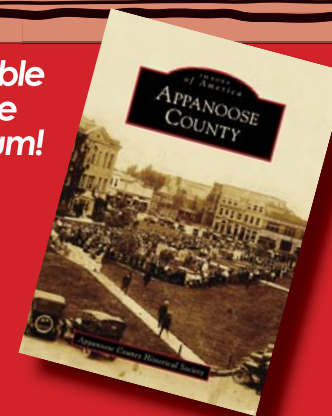
Our heartfelt thanks to Kris Koestner for his generosity in donating the cruise as a fund raiser for the Appanoose County Historical Society

Visit with Samuel Clemens as he roams around the Good Ship J & K, entertaining you with stories from days gone by.

Seating is limited. Call 641-895-6323 or 641-856-8040 to reserve your tickets!



Available at the museum!



Many thanks to **Kris Koestner** for blading the snow from our sidewalks during the winter!

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