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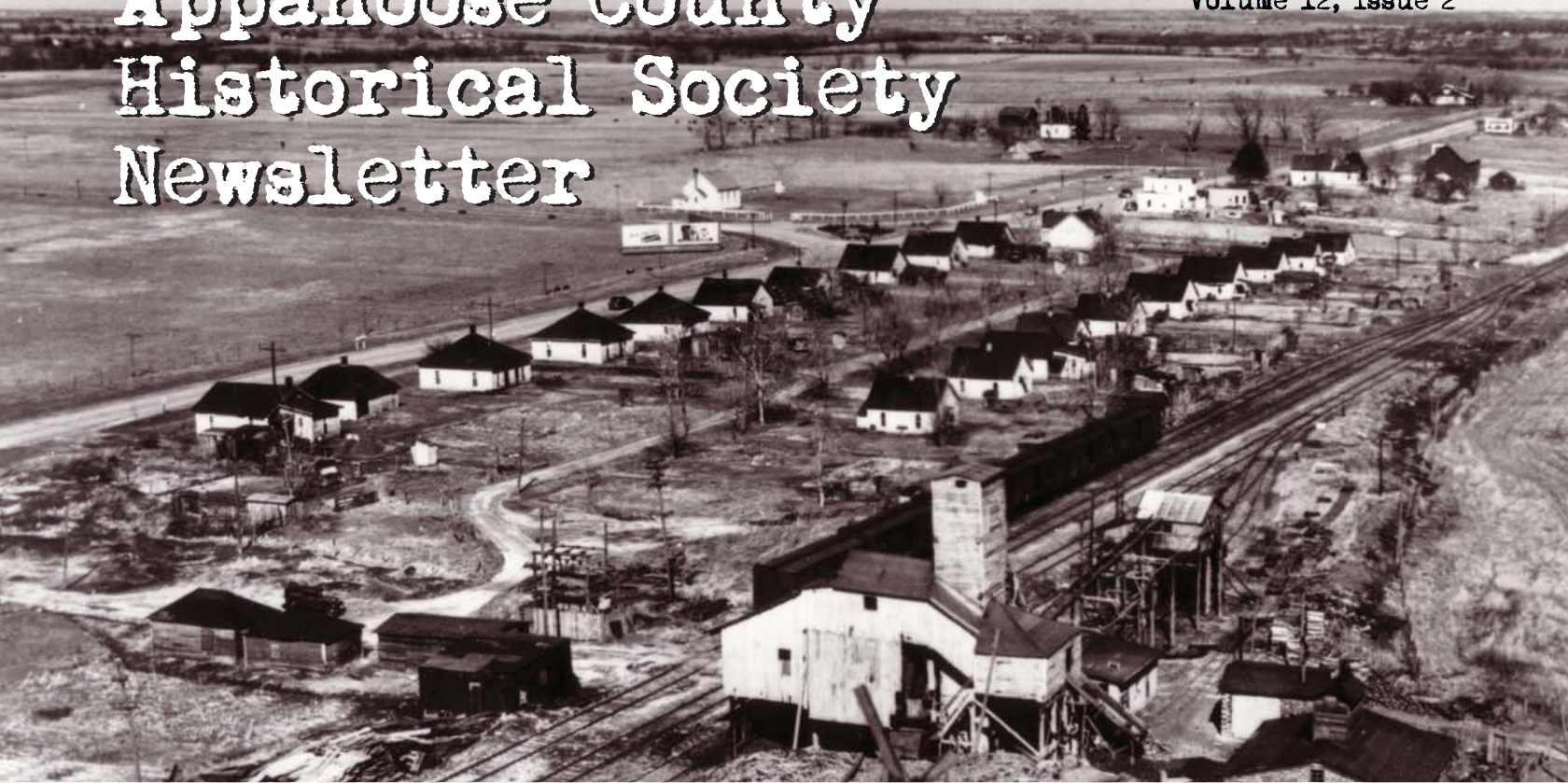


Photo of Sunshine Mine & Mining Camp, west of Centerville

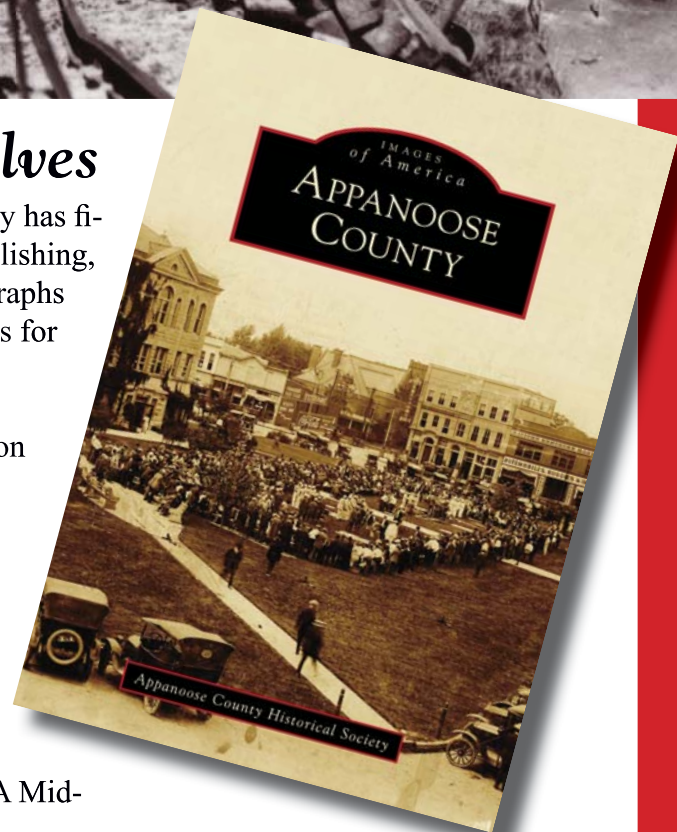
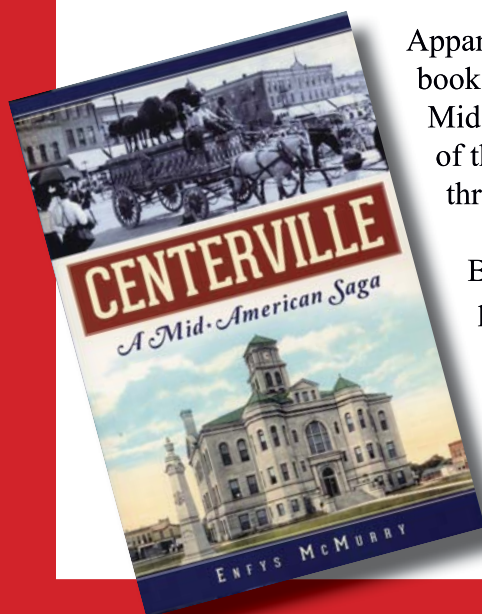
Appanoose County Hits the Shelves

The new book compiled by the Appanoose County Historical Society has finally hit the shelves! Appanoose County, published by Arcardia Publishing, is one in their *Images of America* series. It features over 220 photographs from the Historical Society's archives, and includes detailed captions for each photo.

Appanoose County makes a great companion book to Enfys McMurry's *Centerville: A Mid-American Saga*, the 100-year story of the beginning of Appanoose County through the end of World War II.

Both books are available at the Appanoose County Historical & Coal Mining Museum. Appanoose County sells for \$21.99 and *Centerville: A Mid-American Saga* sells for \$32.99.

Pick up your autographed copy of either book during the upcoming Homecoming Open House on October 5!



Curator's Corner *by Lisa Eddy*

It was a busy summer indeed at the Appanoose County Historical & Coal Mining Museum!



Our first ever Trivia Night was a HUGE success!! It was a WIN-WIN-WIN for everyone! Over \$2,000 was raised for the Historical Society, the Majestic had a banner night in sales, and the people who attended had a fabulous time and were anxious to know when the next event would be! It was such a success, we've decided to do it twice a year! Trivia Night II will be held on November 9, so register your teams early. The spaces are bound to fill up quickly!



The cruise on Lake Rathbun that was donated by Kris Koestner was a wonderful outing enjoyed by over 60 people. It was a little chilly, but everyone dressed appropriately and enjoyed the day. \$1,300 was raised for the Historical Society. Thanks again to Kris for his generosity to the Historical Society and special thanks to KCOG/KMGO radio for promoting the event at no charge!

We welcomed many new visitors to the museum during Iowa Museums Week in June. There were two open house days and a day full of living history textile displays, plus a special Civil War exhibit displayed by Soap Creek Productions. The DVD presentation about Continental Flight 11 was viewed by several people and Enfy McMurry

read passages from her book, Centerville: A Mid-American Saga to some visitors that day.

David Plowden's "A Sense of Place", an exhibit of photographs that was commissioned by the Smithsonian during the 1980s farm crisis, was on display during July and August. Several people stopped in to view the travelling exhibit and took the opportunity to see the rest of the museum as well.



We are very grateful to three local businesses who stepped up to the plate to sponsor this exhibit.

**J&K Market
Continental Senior
Living
Mercy Medical
Center
in Centerville**

Thank you so much for your support in helping us to bring this exhibit to Centerville.

The leaded glass window restoration project met its fundraising goal and the windows are now being restored. Once they are finished, they will be mounted in back-lit frames and displayed as mock sidelights to the front door of the museum.

We are gearing up for another busy few months before winter sets in, preparing for the Homecoming Open House, the Haunted History Tour, and Trivia Night II. Then we'll take some time to repair the damage done to the basement by the flooding that occurred back in

May. The floor is in need of repainting and our coal miner needs a new, well, everything. The composite type materials that the old mannequin was made of didn't hold up to the flooding, so he will need to be replaced.

The flooding in the basement brought to light some landscaping issues that are not conducive to water run-off. We have formed a landscaping committee to look at these issues as well as re-landscaping around the building with materials and plants that are easy to care for. Intrepid volunteer, Debbie Robinson will lead the committee. It's sure to be a lovely and efficient outcome.

Next February, we will be holding our next Film Festival at the Majestic. The festival will be themed around love and feature many vintage romance movies. A new feature to this film festival will be a competition for local filmmakers. We haven't worked out all the details on that project yet, but watch the lowegian for more information after the first of the year.

That's all for now. We look forward to seeing all of you at one of our fall events!

WELCOME ALUMNI!

HOMECOMING

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OPEN HOUSE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
9 AM TO 5 PM**

Appanoose County's New Freedom Rock features F.M. Drake

Artist Ray "Bubba" Sorenson has made a name for himself in the state of Iowa. Thousands of people make the trek to his home near Greenfield, Iowa, to see The Freedom

Rock, a 12-ft. high boulder that he paints every year with a scene to honor those who serve our county.

Sorenson is now painting Freedom Rocks in other Iowa counties, and Appanoose County was fortunate to host him during August while he painted a boulder on the southeast corner of the courthouse lawn.



A grand picture of General Francis Marion Drake, Appanoose County's most illustrious leader, adorns the face of the boulder. Also featured is the first U.S.S. Iowa, which Drake's daughter, Mary Lord Drake, christened.



The back side of the rock features a picture of the east side of the square and a soldier hugging his small daughter. An emblem recognizing all branches of the military is included, and the top of the rock is draped in an American flag.

What a beautiful (and historic!) addition to the Centerville Square!



Saturday, October 26
9th Annual

Haunted History Tour

\$7.00 adults \$5.00 students

Visit the graves of 8 notable people on a luminary lit walk through Oakland cemetery

Luminary Tour • 6:30pm Daylight tour • 9:00pm

TRIVIA NIGHT II

Saturday, November 9
Doors open at 5:00, Trivia starts at 7:00 at
The Majestic Ballroom

Admission is \$150 per team, each team may have up to 10 players each. (Team captains will collect \$15 from each team member and register the team as a whole.)

Additional "Buck Games" will be held from time to time, so bring some extra DOLLAR BILLS to play!

We will provide some snack goodies for you, and you are welcome to bring your own snacks, too! Drinks may be purchased at the Majestic Lounge.
NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES ALLOWED!

How Trivia Night works:

- There will be 16 teams of up to 10 members in each. Select a captain who will be responsible for collecting the fees from the team and registering with the cashier on the night of the event. They will also need to register at the bar to be responsible for any unpaid bar tabs.

There will be 10 rounds of 10 questions each. Each round is a different category. There are a total of 100 pts possible for the night.

- The Emcees will announce the round number, the category, and any special instructions while the question sheets or other materials for the round are distributed to the teams.

- Each team will confer on one answer to each question and write their answer on the sheet.

- At the end of each round, the answer sheets will be collected and scored.

- For \$10, you can buy three 'mulligans' to use. If no one knows the answer to the question, you can use a 'mulligan' and receive the point. Only one mulligan can be used per round.

- While the scores are being tabulated between each round, there will be some additional FUNdraising games that you can choose to participate in and win some prizes.

- At the end of the night, the winning team will receive the Traveling Trivia Trophy and \$150 that they can split amongst their team members. The 2nd place team will receive \$75.

TO RESERVE A SPOT FOR YOUR TEAM, PLEASE CALL 641-895-6323 WITH YOUR TEAM ROSTER.



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)

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

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

Museum Hours for 2013
 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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