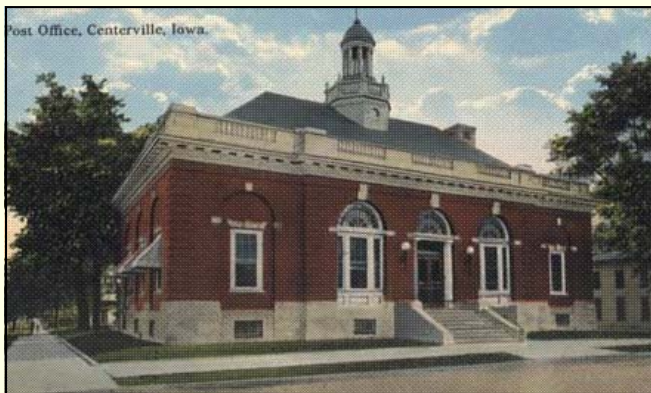


APPANOOSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FALL 2008 NEWSLETTER



U.S. BANK GRANT AWARDED

The Appanoose County Historical Society has been fortunate to receive an almost \$5,000 grant from State Historical Society, Inc. to purchase some new display units that will be used to exhibit the wonderful collection of Southern Iowa Railway photographs and memorabilia donated to the museum by John Huffman, nephew of longtime SIR employee, Harley Ashby. Other units will be purchased for additional exhibits as well.



HOMECOMING OPEN HOUSE

Plan on attending the **Homecoming Open House** on October 11, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the museum. This open house is intended to welcome all alumni back to the area, but everyone is welcome! Take this opportunity to come and see what's new at the museum! Also, area historian and author Bill Heusinkveld will be on hand from 10:00am until noon to sign his many historical books, so stop by and enjoy the celebration! Admission is free but donations are appreciated.

CEMETERY TOUR - 3 TOURS!

The 4th annual **Haunted History Tour** is coming up on Saturday, October 25, at Centerville's Oakland Cemetery. New this year - an afternoon tour starting at 3:00 pm for those who are more comfortable taking the tour in the daylight. For those that enjoy the beautiful evening walk, two



tours are available, one leaving at 6:30 and the other leaving at

7:00. A great line-up of re-enactors will relate the life stories of several of Appanoose County's most colorful and in-

fluent residents. If you've never come to the Haunted History Tour before, don't miss your chance. It's a beautiful walk, lined by 1,000 luminaries on a cool autumn evening. Dress warmly, and bring a lawn chair if you would like to sit during each presentation. Chapter D PEO will be serving refreshments, so come out and enjoy the tour!

THE NEW MUSEUM HOURS HAVE WORKED OUT WELL

This year, the Appanoose County Historical & Coal Mining Museum moved to daily hours of operation, being open Monday through Friday from 1:00pm until 5:00pm every day. This change has worked very well, and allowed many more visitors to come to the museum. However, the dead of winter is also the dead part of the visitor season, so we are going to adjust the winter hours to cut back a couple of days. From December 1 until March 31, you can visit the museum Wednesday - Friday from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. April 1 until November 31, it will go back to the daily hours of Monday - Friday from 1:00pm until 5:00pm. Also, between Memorial Day and Homecoming, there will be Saturday hours in addition to the weekday hours.

"THE WONDERFUL THING" TO BE SHOWN AGAIN

We are planning a November showing of **"The Wonderful Thing"**, starring Norma Talmadge.

The outdoor scenes of this 1921 silent movie were filmed in Appanoose County. Last year, the Historical Society acquired a copy of this movie, which previously only had existed at the Library of Congress for the past 86 years. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see Appanoose County, as it looked in 1921. Admission is \$5.00 per seat. Watch our website and the newspapers to find out the date!



PATRONS OF OUR HERITAGE

The new fund-raising program, "Patrons of Our Heritage" has been a wonderful addition to our organization. So far, xx people have taken advantage of this worthwhile program. The donations are a huge step toward preserving our heritage and allowing the public to experience it. We are grateful and we extend our thanks to these sponsors:

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Appanoose Chieftains Circle (\$500- \$999)

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(\$1,000 +)
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Join the Patrons of Our Heritage Program! You will receive a special pass that will allow you entry to the museum as well as all of our events and recognition in all of our publications! Just send your donation to us at the address below.

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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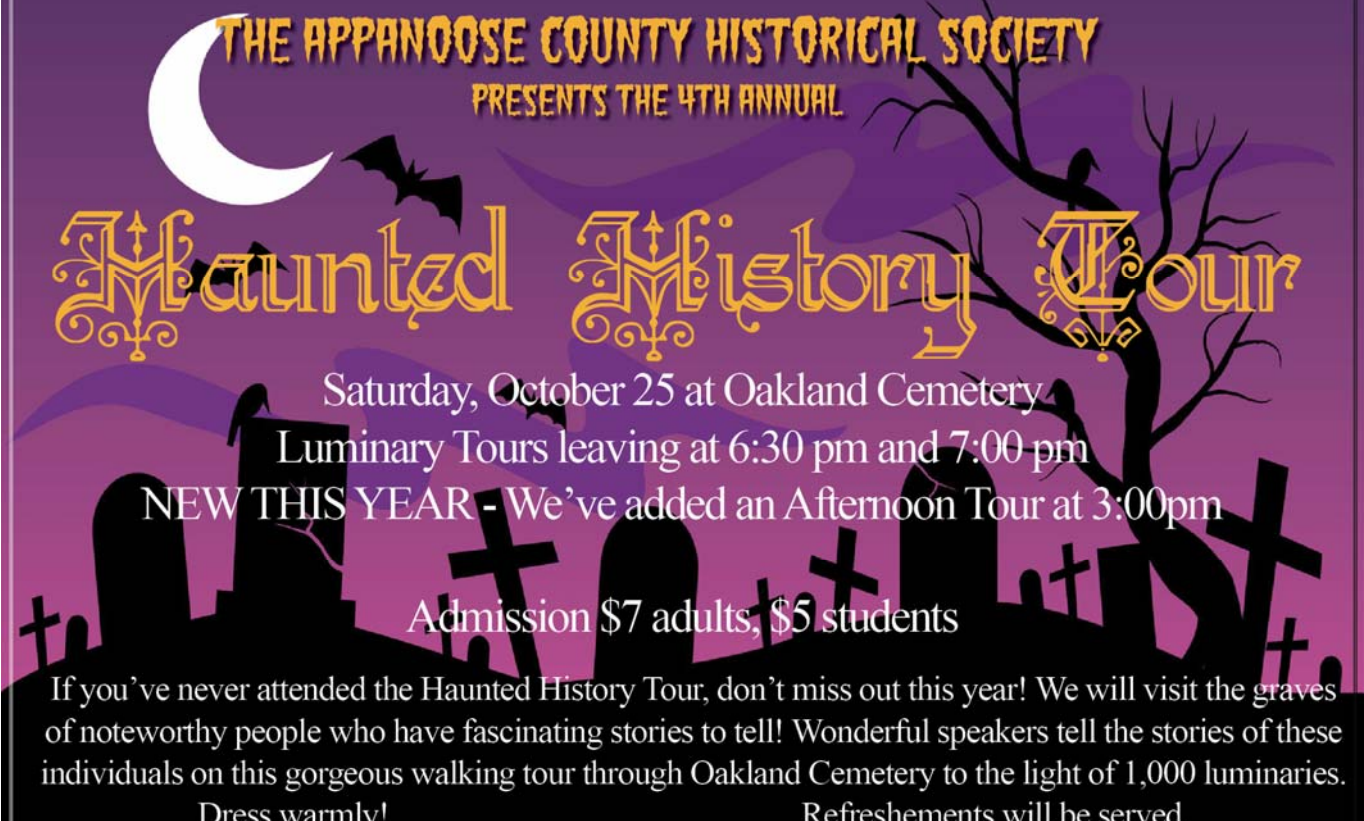
Open House

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, local historian Bill Heusinkveld will be holding a book-signing. Bill 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. Please stop in and take a step back into Appanoose County's Past!

and
Book Signing
by local historian
Bill Heusinkveld

APPANOOSE COUNTY HISTORICAL & COAL MINING MUSEUM
100 WEST MAPLE (THE OLD POST OFFICE)
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 • 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
ADMISSION IS FREE BUT DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED



THE APPANOOSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS THE 4TH ANNUAL

Haunted History Tour

Saturday, October 25 at Oakland Cemetery
Luminary Tours leaving at 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm
NEW THIS YEAR - We've added an Afternoon Tour at 3:00pm

Admission \$7 adults, \$5 students

If you've never attended the Haunted History Tour, don't miss out this year! We will visit the graves of noteworthy people who have fascinating stories to tell! Wonderful speakers tell the stories of these individuals on this gorgeous walking tour through Oakland Cemetery to the light of 1,000 luminaries.
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