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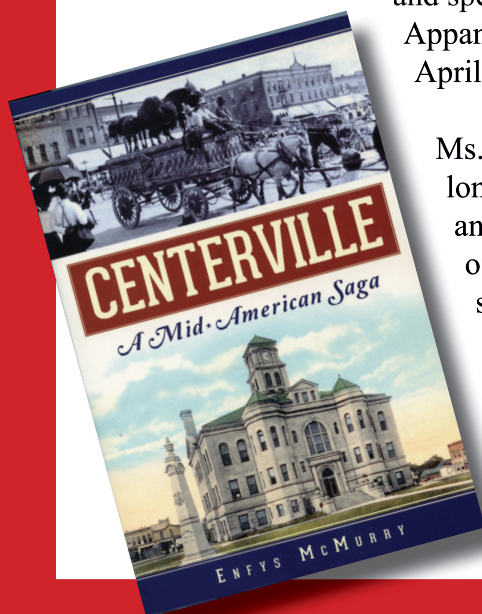
**ANNUAL
MEETING**
April 22

Centerville: A Mid-American Saga *The Book and the Author, Enfys McMurry*

After a 10-year labor of love, Enfys McMurry's long-anticipated chronicle of Appanoose County's history has been published and is selling all over the country to an enthusiastic response. We are thrilled to have her come and speak at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Appanoose County Historical Society on Monday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. at Centerville City Hall.

Ms. McMurry will discuss the book and the long road to its completion. How it all began, and how it all transpired - - the mountains of reading, research, interviews, and the struggles of battling breast cancer during the process is what Enfys will be sharing with our guests at this meeting.

Please join us! This meeting is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.



Curator's Corner *by Lisa Eddy*

With our renovations behind us, we're gearing up for the busiest season ever at the Appanoose County Historical & Coal Mining Museum!

During the quiet season of winter, we've been busy plotting our course for 2013, even into 2014. We're planning some familiar events, but trying some new events to do multiple things: educating people about Appanoose County's vast and varied history, and fundraising to keep our efforts moving forward. Here's a sneak-peek into what's planned for 2013.

April 3 - Kaffee Klatch will be hosted by the museum. This will be a great opportunity for some of the business leaders in Centerville to see what the museum has to offer, so they can pass the information along to others who might be passing through the community, looking for something to do.

April 13 - Trivia Night will put the FUN in FUNdraising! Fifteen teams of 8-10 people will be answering all sorts of general trivia questions and having a great time. At \$10 per person, this fundraising event is sure to be a hit!

April 22 - The Annual Meeting of the Appanoose County Historical Society at City Hall. After a very brief business meeting to elect officers and board members for 2013, this event will showcase Enfy's McMurry and her new book, Centerville: A Mid-American Saga.

May 4 - Rummage Sale to benefit the restoration of a pair of beautiful leaded glass windows that once graced the entrance of a bank in Mystic. We are taking donations of rummage sale items between April 15 and May 3. The sale will be around the perimeter of the museum, but the parking lot will be saved for parking. Contact me at 641-895-6323 or just stop by the museum if you have items to donate. See more about the window restoration project on page 3.

June 2 - The Historic Cruise on Rathbun Lake will be held on a lazy Sunday afternoon. Kris Koestner has donated a cruise for the Society to use as a fundraiser, and he will also give us a brief history of the lake during the cruise. Later, our friend Enfy's will regale us with a story or two about Appanoose County History in her charming way. Some great snacks and beverages will be served. For people like me, who don't have a boat to enjoy the lake, this is the perfect opportunity. Tickets will be \$40 per person - a lot cheaper than buying a boat!

June 9-16 - Iowa Museums Week will be something entirely new for the Appanoose County Historical Society! Iowa Museums Week is celebrated at large and small museums all over Iowa, however, our museum hasn't participated before. This year we will do so in a big way! It starts on a Sunday and ends the following Sunday. Those two Sundays will mark 'Open House' days at the Appanoose County Historical & Coal Mining Museum. Come and tour the museum free of charge on those days. Free popcorn and lemonade will be available outside.

The weekdays will be huge fun! Each day, we will be hosting a trolley tour to a different museum in Appanoose County. On Monday through Thursday, we are partnering with the Moulton Historical Society, the Moravia Historical Society, the Exline Hose Co. No. 1, and the Plano Museum, to give you a well-rounded history of the county.

The trolley will take off from a central location in Centerville (to be determined) at 10:00am. The trolley will travel to a different museum each day. En route to the museum of the day, a speaker will entertain you with some history that has occurred along that route. Once at the museum, around 10:30, you will tour the host museum for 45 minutes. After that, lunch will be served, either box-style, or at a local restaurant, depending on the location. At noon, you will reboard the trolley for the journey back to Centerville, again listening to some local history along the way.

On Friday, the featured museum will be the Old Appanoose County Jail and Sheriff's Residence. From that location, the trolley will take guests on a 'crime scene' tour around Centerville. The KKK and Mafia were prevalent in Appanoose County in the 1920's, and this tour will describe some of their activities. Lunch will be provided during this tour as well.

Cost to attend these day trips is \$25 per person, per day, and is limited to 28 people each day. More information will be coming out in the newspaper about this event as the time draws nearer.

Towards the end of Iowa Museums Week, on Saturday, June 15, we will be hosting a day full of activities at the museum.

A genealogy basics workshop will be held in the research room. There will be a vintage textiles workshop in the new mezzanine level of the museum. A scavenger hunt will be held and a DVD presentation about the crash of

Continental Flight 11 will be shown, with some of those folks who were involved in the cleanup available for questions. A first-person military presentation will also be featured.

As previously mentioned, we will wrap up Iowa Museums Week on Sunday, June 16, with another 'Open House' day at the museum, from 1 to 5.

July - August - A Sense of Place by David Plowden will be on display at the museum. This exhibit of photographs was commissioned by the Smithsonian, and completed by world-renowned photographer, David Plowden. These photos from all over Iowa were taken during the 1980s farm crisis, and have been traveling all over the United States. This is a world-class exhibit, normally on display in metropolitan areas at large art and history museums. We feel very fortunate to have secured this exhibit for Appanoose County residents and our visitors from out of town to enjoy. We are also very grateful to three local businesses who have 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.

Please, everyone, make an effort to come to the museum during July and August to view this great exhibit.

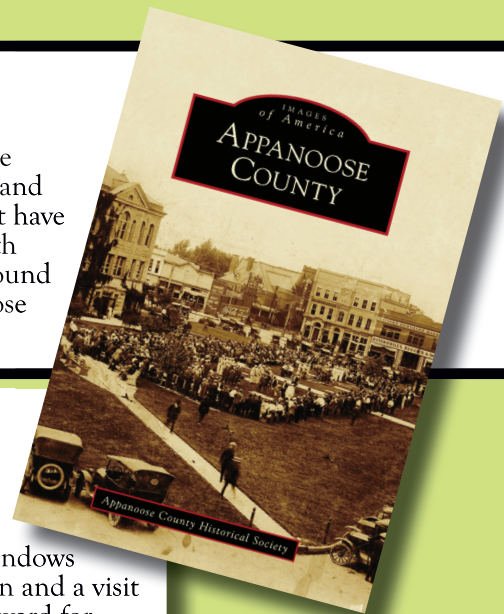
Of course, we'll have our Homecoming Open House and Haunted History Tour in October, and in February 2014, a Valentine's Film Festival with an added feature for local filmmakers, but you're learn more about those events in our fall newsletter.

Members & Patrons

This spring, we encourage everyone to become a member or a patron of the Appanoose County Historical Society. Your support is needed to grow and build the programming that helps teach everyone, young and old, about Appanoose County history. If you've received this newsletter in the mail, you will also be receiving an invitation to join the Appanoose County Historical Society in the coming weeks. Please support the work that we do in keeping the memories of Appanoose County alive.

Appanoose County available in June

A great companion book to Enfy's McMurry's, Centerville: A Mid-American Saga, is the new book, Appanoose County, compiled by the Appanoose County Historical Society and published by the Arcadia Press. Appanoose County is a compilation of rare photos that have been in the archives of the Appanoose County Historical & Coal Mining museum, with detailed captions. The book is part of the Arcadia Press' series, "Images of America", found in museums and shops all over the country. This book will be available at the Appanoose County Historical & Coal Mining Museum, with other outlets to be added later.



The Window Project



During our renovations in 2012, we discovered an artifact that we were unaware of, stored in a high place so as not to be disturbed. When that storage location was removed, we fell in love with what we found. A set of sidelights - leaded glass windows that flanked each side of a doorway. Upon further investigation and a visit with longtime Historical Society board member, Governor's Award for Volunteerism winner, and our good friend, Leon Kauzlarich, he explained that the windows had come from a bank in Mystic, though he is uncertain which bank it was. At this point, the windows are unusable in their current condition, with the lead aged beyond usefulness, and some of the beautiful beveled panes broken. With the expense of restoration so high (\$3,400), we are making efforts to raise the money to fix them without using money from our coffers. Board member Debbie Robinson has championed the cause for the windows. She has already held a raffle, is planning a rummage sale at the museum, and will be leading a Vintage Textiles Workshop during Iowa Museums Week. A grant application is being prepared to help pay for these windows, as well. If you have anything that you might want to donate to the rummage sale to benefit the restoration of the windows,

please bring it by the museum between April 15 and May 3. The rummage sale will be May 4. Don't worry - NO ARTIFACTS WILL BE IN THE SALE. All items in the sale will be coming from outside of the museum from people just like you!

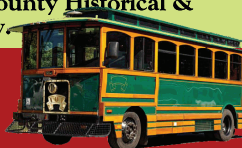
Many thanks to
Kris Koestner
for blading the snow from our sidewalks during the winter!

IOWA MUSEUMS WEEK JUNE 9-16

HERE'S WHAT'S IN STORE...

Sunday, June 9 - Open House at the Appanoose County Historical & Coal Mining Museum. FREE ADMISSION this day.

EXPLORE APPANOOSE COUNTY'S MUSEUMS!



Monday, June 10 - Explore MOULTON'S HISTORICAL MUSEUM!
Tuesday, June 11 - Explore EXLINE HOSE CO. NO. 1!
Wednesday, June 12 - Explore MORAVIA'S WABASH MUSEUM!
Thursday, June 13 - Explore THE PLANO MUSEUM!
Friday, June 14 - Explore the OLD APPANOOSE COUNTY JAIL WITH A CRIME SCENE TOUR OF CENTERVILLE!

Saturday, June 15 - EXPLORE THE APPANOOSE COUNTY HISTORICAL & COAL MINING MUSEUM

Activities All Day! Admission \$4

"Shake Your Family Tree!" Genealogy Workshop

Vintage Textiles Workshop Museum Scavenger Hunt

First Person Military Presentation

Crash of Continental Flight 11 DVD presentation

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A Sense of Place

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

BY DAVID PLOWDEN

JULY - AUGUST, 2013

AT THE

APPANOOSE COUNTY HISTORICAL & COAL MINING MUSEUM

SPONSORED BY

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**Continental Senior Living
Mercy Medical Center**

Take a CRUISE!

ON THE GOOD SHIP J&K - JUNE 2, 2013
TICKETS - \$40 EACH OR \$75 PER COUPLE
HISTORY - GREAT FOOD - GREAT COMPANY

DONATED BY KRIS KOESTNER AS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE APPANOOSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY! THANK YOU KRIS!!



Patrons of our Heritage - 2012

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)

Morgan Cline
The Coons Foundation
Kris Koestner
Jim & Mary Milani
The Bemis Foundation

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

Bill Burch	Jack & Helen Marvin
Bill Buss	Dr. Brad & Dewey McConville
Helen Carlson	Jody & Susan McDanel
John & Barbara Cortesio	Ron & Paula Mitchell
Gary Craver	Glen & Dana Moritz
Lee & Mary Jo Den Hartog	Polly & Doug Parks
Larry & Carol Drake	Louis & Gretchen Rodgers
Vince & Patsy Dudenhoffer	Daryl & Joyce Sherman
Duane & Nancy Exline	Jim & Linda Stephens
Brian & Kevin Harrington	Dr. Vince Sullivan
Dr. Wm. & Justine Heffron	N. Dale Talkington
Paul Kness & Bob Holcomb	Marilyn Vanderlinden
John & Marcia Holeman	Kenneth Vruble
Lyle & Natalie Kesterson	Benedict Vruble
Jerry & Becky Kirkpatrick	Bob Warren
Nancy Logan	Tom & Mary Sue Zaputil
Gary & Marla Long	Joe & Diane Zaputil
Larry Mallett & Beverly Cosby	

Appanoose Chieftain's Circle

(\$500 - \$1,000)

Jim & Beverly Beer
Loren & Wilma Eddy
Larry & Mary Beth Heikes
Marjorie Heusinkveld
Virginia Padovan
Harold & Fran Theile

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

Gary & Dorothy Barrickman
Kathryn Baughman
Carolyn Bauman
Rick Dixon
George & Lisa Eddy
Joanna Elgin
Gretchen Fadiga
Dave & Dianna Fenton
Ron Fowler

Gilbert Plumbing & Heating
Loretta Guzzi
Judy Hendershot
Robert M. Jones
Bruce Kimmerle
Jack & Judy Lamb
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Andrew & Winifred Ragona
Carl & Linda Rouse

Mary Ellen Schmitz
Jim & Diane Senior
Tubaugh Family
Chiropractic Clinic
Bill Vinzant
Joe & Sharon Walker
Dave & Terri Walljasper

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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