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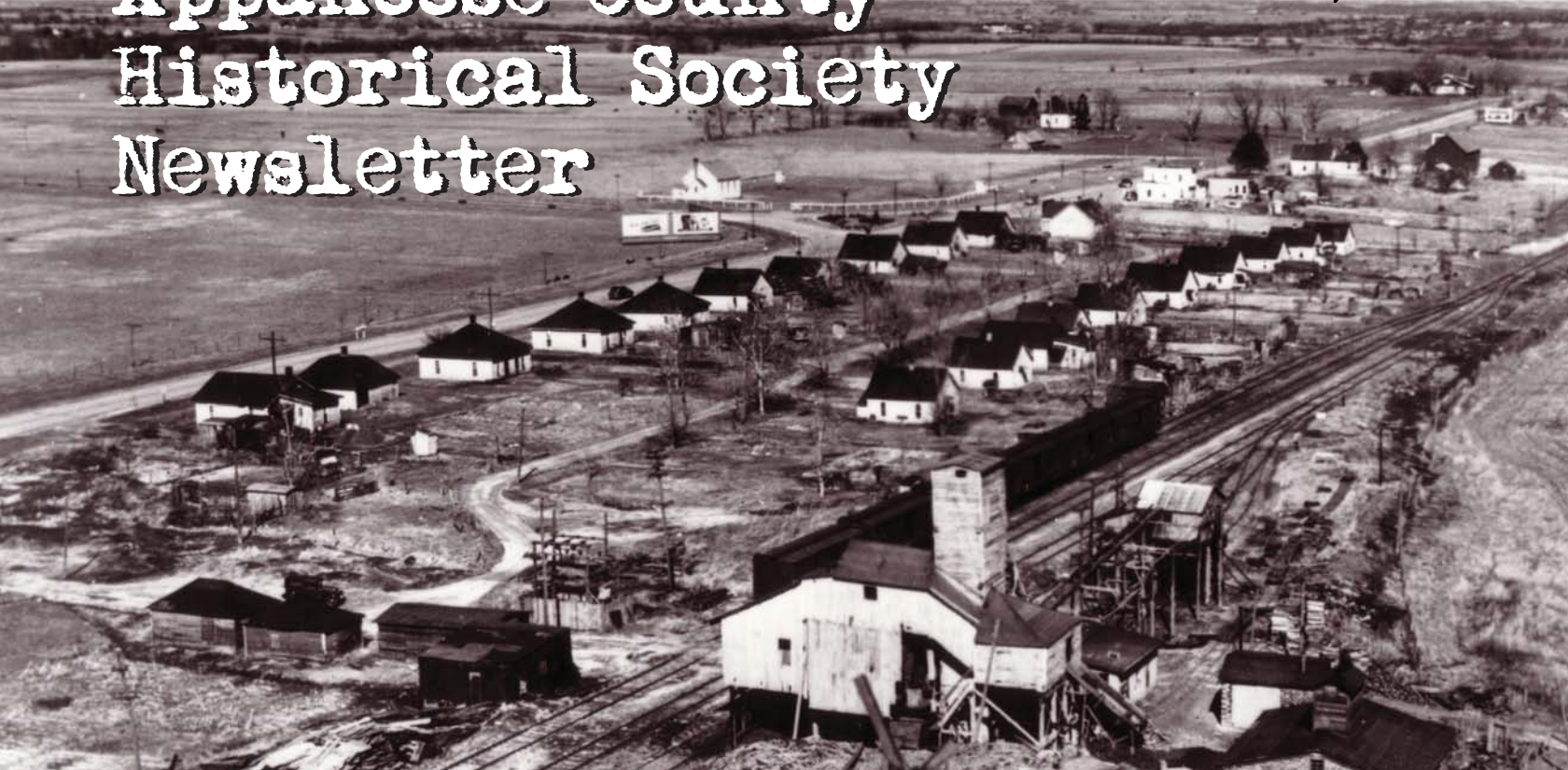


Photo of Sunshine Mine & Mining Camp, west of Centerville

The Newspaper Digitization Project Nears Completion

After many months of fund-raising and preparation, the project to digitize all of the Centerville newspapers is nearing completion. We've decided to publish the link to the website so you can get started with your research! These papers include, not only the Iowegian, but other Centerville newspapers like the Daily Citizen, the Semi-Weekly Iowegian, the Centerville Journal and the Southern Iowa American (the Ku Klux Klan publication).

These newspapers are now available online at:

<http://centerville.advantage-preservation.com/search/site>

or go to our website

www.appanoosehistory.com

and click on the link for the

'Digitized Centerville Newspapers'

It's important to realize that there are still a few years worth of newspapers yet to be included in the database, and that the functionality is still being perfected by the Advantage Company, the organization hired by the Appanoose County Historical Society to digitize the newspapers. The searches use 'character recognition' to locate matches which means it will search for what the characters LOOK LIKE, not the actual text content.



Curator's Corner *by Lisa Eddy*



What a summer it has been at the Appanoose County Historical & Coal Mining Museum!

The renovations behind us, we jumped right into a busy summer full of activity. The first weekend in June saw our first Historic Rathbun Lake Cruise. This was an amazing fund-raising event, netting \$1,800 to fund projects at the museum. The event was made possible by Kris Koestner, who donated the cruise to support the Historical Society. Marcia Thomas from the Army Corps of Engineers gave an interesting talk during the cruise as well. The event was such a success that Kris has offered us another for next year! Thank you so much Kris!

From June 21 through June 26th, we held a Grand Opening celebration that brought in over 600 guests. People from the WHO Tractor Ride were welcomed along with all of the local visitors who hadn't seen the museum ever before, and those who were coming to see all of the changes. These pictures are just a few taken during the Grand Opening. To see more, come and visit us!

Some other exciting news we have to report is that we have embarked on publishing an Arcadia Press photographic history book. We were approached by Arcadia a few months ago, and with the renovations and hubbub going on, we couldn't commit to them for a while. Now that we have finished that project, this is the next big undertaking. I'm sure you have seen Arcadia's books - they are paperbacks that feature postcard sized pictures with captions, and can be about any historic subject imaginable. I've seen them for the Iowa State Fair, for Des Moines, Council Bluffs, and any number of communities across the U.S. They retail for \$21.99. We are currently working on scanning the pictures and they will be due by the end of the year. The finished product should be back to us by July of 2013, and will be available here and probably some other places in town, as well.



Grand Opening photos by Tyler Morgan

HOMECOMING OPEN HOUSE

AT THE
APPANOOSE COUNTY HISTORICAL
& COAL MINING MUSEUM

Saturday, October 6

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**WELCOME
ALUMNI!**

ADMISSION IS FREE!

REFRESHMENTS SERVED!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **Homecoming Open House** is a great opportunity to reminisce about the good ol' days in Appanoose County!

During the **Historic Holiday Film Festival** we'll show "The Wonderful Thing" at noon, followed by old holiday films (including a silent version of "A Christmas Carol") until 9:00pm!

Centerville, Iowa Memories on Facebook!

If you would like to reminisce about Centerville and Appanoose County in 'the good ol' days', then find the page called "Centerville, Iowa Memories". It's a busy page with lots of memories being shared. Join us and share yours!

8th Annual

Haunted History Tour

**on the West Side of
Oakland Cemetery**

**Saturday
October 27**

\$7 adults - \$5 students

Luminary Tour - 6:30pm

Daylight tour - 3:00pm

The Appanoose County Historical Society presents an

Historic Holiday Film Festival

**Saturday, November 17
NOON - 9:00 pm**

See the rare 1921 silent film, "The Wonderful Thing", which has several parts that were filmed in Appanoose County. This is the **ONLY PLACE** in the world you can view this rare film - besides traveling to the Library of Congress to view it.

The 8th Annual Haunted History Tour

will be moving back over to the west side of Oakland Cemetery, after having moved to the east side for a couple of years.

These tours have gathered a following of people who are interested in the stories of the people in Appanoose County's past. Please don't miss your opportunity to come and hear about ten more notable personalities while walking through a luminary-lit cemetery, under the old oak trees. It's a lovely cemetery, with thousands of stories to tell.

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

Appanoose Chieftain's Circle ***(\$500 - \$1,000)***

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

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

Bill Burch
Bill Buss
Helen Carlson
Gary Craver
Lee & Mary Jo Den Hartog
Larry & Carol Drake
Vince & Patsy Dudenhoffer
Duane & Nancy Exline
Dr. Wm. & Justine Heffron
Paul Kness & Bob Holcomb
John & Marcia Holeman
Lyle & Natalie Kesterson
Jerry & Becky Kirkpatrick
Nancy Logan
Larry Mallett &
Beverly Cosby
Jack & Helen Marvin

Dr. Brad & Dewey
McConville
Jody & Susan McDanel
Ron & Paula Mitchell
Glen & Dana Moritz
Polly & Doug Parks
Louis & Gretchen Rodgers
Daryl & Joyce Sherman
Jim & Linda Stephens
Dr. Vince Sullivan
N. Dale Talkington
Kenneth Vruble
Benedict Vruble
Bob Warren
Tom & Mary Sue Zaputil
Joe & Diane Zaputil

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
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Bruce Kimmerle
Jack & Judy Lamb
Rob & Patti Lind
Andrew & Winifred Ragona
Carl & Linda Rouse

Mary Ellen Schmitz
Jim & Diane Senior
Tubaugh Family
Chiropractic Clinic
Bill Vinzant
Joe & Sharon Walker
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Museum Hours for 2012

May 1 - Oct 31: Mon - Fri 1:00 - 5:00
Saturday 10:00 - 2:00
Memorial Day thru Labor Day

Nov 1, 2012 - Mar 31, 2013: Wed - Fri 1:00 - 4:00