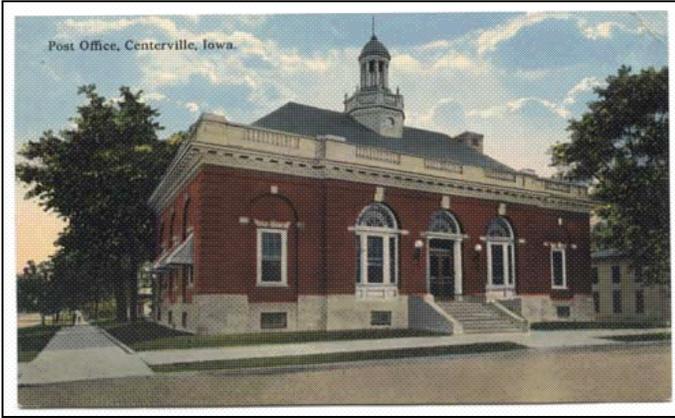


# APPANOOSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SPRING NEWSLETTER



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## The Civil War Revisited

### to be presented at Annual Meeting

Plan on attending the Appanoose County Historical Society's annual meeting, scheduled for Monday, April 23, at 7:00 pm at the Centerville City Hall. This meeting will recap our previous year, and give a preview of our upcoming events and activities. Also, the election of this year's officers will take place. Our keynote speaker for this event is Mark Warren, Civil War Historian from Bloomfield, Iowa. We welcome Mark to Centerville, and look forward to his presentation!

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We hope that this presentation will help to spark local interest in Civil War History, and prepare for Centerville Civil War Days, that will be held June 17-19 at the Appanoose County Fairgrounds.

The battle of Elkins Ferry will be reenacted by Civil War reenactment groups from Iowa and Missouri regiments.

There will be many demonstrations of living history, vendors that carry Civil War era products and supplies, period costumes and on Saturday evening, a ball featuring mid-1800's type music.

The Appanoose County Historical Society was instrumental in assisting the local Civil War reenactors group in obtaining a ACCA grant, and

we would like to encourage everyone to attend the festivities and experience a little bit of Civil War history!

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Bruce Clark at [baclark86@hotmail.com](mailto:baclark86@hotmail.com)



**Remember!**

- Volunteers are needed and welcome for staffing the museum.
- You can order your membership online at [www.appanoosehistory.org](http://www.appanoosehistory.org)
- Don't forget, we are open on Pancake Day!

Thanks for your support!

## New Hours Announced for the Museum

Last year, after many years of being open on Sunday afternoons only, the museum opened on Friday afternoons from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm as well to provide our guests with additional opportunities to visit the museum.

This year there will be another change. The museum will now be open on Saturday mornings, from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon, and closed on Sundays. Hopefully, this change in hours will provide more opportunity for visitors from out of



town to come to the museum and enjoy learning about our local heritage.

**New Hours**  
 Friday: 3:00pm - 5:00pm  
 Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00 noon  
 The Appanoose County Historical & Coal Mining Museum season runs from Memorial Weekend until Pancake Day and Homecoming.

# Curators Corner

2007 was a busy year for the Appanoose County Historical Society! In the past few months, some new artifacts were accepted by the museum, though not all are on display yet, as proper display



units are still in the design process.

Some of the donations include a 'Laundry Queen' Washing Machine - patented in Centerville, Iowa in 1882. They were manufactured at 205 West Van Buren.

Several Hercules Stump Puller related items were acquired, as well. Also, a popcorn stand from inside the movie theater in Seymour was given, and will become part of the new theatrical exhibit in the museum.



Some wonderful textiles were donated by Sharon Cooper on behalf of the Cooper family. These shawls were presented to Julia Matilda Ferley Cooper, (the grandmother of Dr. Dick Cooper of Centerville) when she left England for America on August 23, 1888. A case that filters out harmful light is being designed to accommodate these pieces as well as other textiles that are in the museum's collection.



Some great photographs were given to the museum by people who found our website and contacted us to see if we would be interested. We received some great photographs of businesses decked out for the Territorial Centennial in 1938. Many of the store fronts on square were covered with logs to give them an old west flavor.

Also received was a huge collection of photographs from Rubbermaid, as the company closed it Centerville location in 2006. These photographs are not too old yet, but they do mark a chapter of history in Appanoose County.

## Review of Fall 2006 Events

This past October, the second Haunted History Tour was held with around 140 in attendance. Guests followed the luminary pathway to the gravesites of some notable personalities from Appanoose County's history. In addition, the history of the Arch of Remembrance and the Cemetery Chapel were also reviewed. Chapter D PEO was also on hand to serve hot beverages and cookies to chilly cemetery guests.

Thanks go out to them for all of their help!

Also, the 2007 Historical Calendars were on sale by Pancake Day, and again have proven to be a very popular item! This year, we have also donated several copies to schools and nursing homes in the county.

There are still plenty available and the price has been reduced to \$5.00!



## Election of 2007 Officers



Members,

Please be in attendance at the Annual Meeting so you may review the changes to the by-laws that are being instituted and to participate in the 2007 Election of Officers.

Running for office this term are:

- President** - Dave Walljasper
- Vice-President** - Greg Fenton
- Secretary** - Judy Lamb
- Treasurer** - Dave Stuart

**Board Members** up for election or re-election:

- Helen Carlson
- James Fisk
- George Eddy
- Judy Lamb
- Dave Stuart
- Debbie Robinson
- Susan McDanel

# What's in Store for the 2007 Season

## Restoring the Old Appanoose County Jail

This year, we will be submitting grant applications to begin the restoration process on this property.

## Heritage Hall of Fame

If you've walked by the Weber Realty window on the west side of the Centerville Square, you may have noticed the exhibits that have been gracing their window. We have begun creating exhibits, showcasing different individuals from our county's history. We hope to place 8-9 different exhibits in this window throughout 2007. Thanks to Weber Realty for allowing us to use their window for our cause.

## Theatrical Exhibit

We have begun the task of creating a Theatrical History in Appanoose County exhibit along the east wall of the museum. We will be showing the history of our theatres, opera houses, actors and actresses in this display that will give the museum a whole new look!

## Textile Exhibit

After receiving some lovely textiles from Sharon Cooper, coupled with the other quilts already in our collection, a properly equipped display unit is being designed and manufactured to display these lovely pieces while preserving their beauty.

## Appanoose County Fair Booth

Once again, we will have a booth at the Appanoose County Fair, be sure to visit the Commercial Building to see what we bring!

## Christmas at the Cabin

We hope to have an event around Christmas to showcase the wonderful Bland Cabin, decorated for the holidays, perhaps during the Holiday Stroll or Holiday Sampler in Centerville.

Its time to pay your annual membership dues!  
Your dues and contributions are important to the  
continued operation and new exhibit activity  
Appanoose County Historical & Coal Mining Museum.

## Membership Form

We would like to invite you to join the Appanoose County Historical Society! Annual dues for regular members are \$10.00 each or \$18.00 per couple. Join now and your membership will allow you admission to the museum through the 2006 season!

Membership Renewals .....	\$10.00 each or \$18.00 couple....	\$ _____
Donations to Historical Society .....		\$ _____
Purchase "Towns of Appanoose County" book .....	\$25.00.....	\$ _____
Purchase "Cemeteries of Appanoose County" book .....	\$25.00 .....	\$ _____
Purchase "Courthouse Centennial" book .....	\$10.00 .....	\$ _____
<b>Total</b> .....		\$ _____

Please make checks payable to **Appanoose County Historical Society.**  
Detach this form and mail to: **Appanoose County Historical & Coal Mining Museum**  
**100 West Maple**  
**Centerville, IA 52544**

Dues are also payable electronically via our website using Paypal. Please make any changes to your address on the reverse side of this form and we will change our records as noted. Please include postage in the amount of \$3.00 and indicate if you need any of the books mailed to you.

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## CONTINENTAL FLIGHT 11

### Do you remember May 22, 1962?

In the first act of terrorism on a commercial airliner, a bomb exploded aboard Continental Flight 11 over Appanoose County. Pieces of the wreckage were scattered over Appanoose County with the fuselage going down in northern Putnam County in Missouri. The wreckage was reassembled at the Appanoose County Fairgrounds. The world media converged upon Centerville, holding their press conferences in the Continental Hotel.



The 50th anniversary of this event is approaching in the next few years, and the museum would like to recognize this significant event with an exhibit. **We are looking for photographs of the wreckage, the reconstruction at the fairgrounds or of the press conference activity at the Continental, as well as any artifacts that may have been collected from the scene. If you would like to help with this exhibit, email us at [appanoosehistory@yahoo.com](mailto:appanoosehistory@yahoo.com) or contact Lisa Eddy at 895-6323.**