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Awards presented at Historic Hills Annual Meeting

Monroe County Supervisor, Dennis Ryan was honored during the Historic Hills Annual Meeting held recently at the Manhattan Steakhouse in Centerville.

Ryan received the award as Historic Hills Advisory Committee members gathered to reflect on five successful years of regional planning.

The group recognized Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation (CVTPA) Chairman, Dennis Ryan as the 2005 Outstanding Board Member.

In presenting the award, Chariton Valley Planning and Development Executive Director, Tracy

Daugherty Miller, said Ryan helped build a collation of local governments to advance the spirit of cooperation while creating opportunities for improved transportation systems.

"He stepped up to the plate more than ten years ago to accept the chairmanship of CVTPA at a time when there was skepticism about moving forward as a region," explained Daugherty Miller.

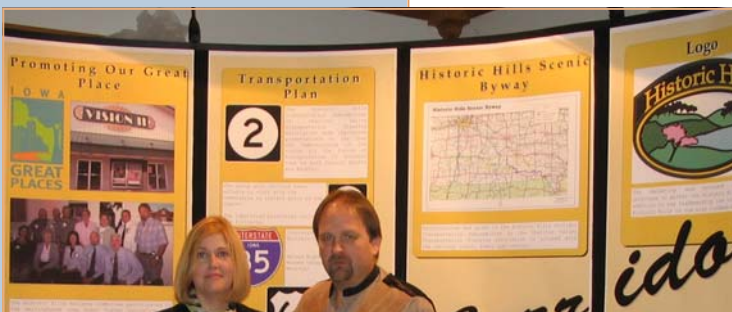
"He reaffirmed that by working cooperatively, our counties need not fear losing their individual voices and that good things come from neighbors helping neighbors," she added.

The Outstanding Committee Member award was given to Bill and Delores Burkland of Moravia for their many years of advocating tourism related activities in-

Public Meeting Notice

Appanoose County community leaders and residents will meet Wednesday, February 22 at 7 pm at Centerville City Hall to discuss the Appanoose County Comprehensive Plan.

Dr. Gary Taylor Iowa State University Professor of Community and Regional Planning will discuss how community leaders can advance Centerville and Appanoose County as the regional center for retail, industry, jobs, and governmental services. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.





Tracy Daugherty Miller, Chariton Valley Planning and Development executive director presents Dennis Ryan, Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation Chairman with the Outstanding Board Member award at the Historic Hills Annual meeting held recently in Centerville.

of advocating tourism related activities including the advancement of the Mormon Trail. A Red Bud Tree Award was awarded to Lucas County Health Center Volunteer representatives, Bill Marner and Bob Ulrich, for their Red Bud tree planting efforts in Centerville.

CVTPA meet at Pin Oak/tour enhancement project

Following the quarterly board meeting of the Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation (CVTPA) held recently at Pin Oak Marsh Environmental Education Center, in Chariton, board members toured one of the projects completed with TEA-21 (Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century) enhancement funds - the CB&Q Freight House in Chariton.

Nick Cattell, Judy Besco, and Drew Thorne of the Lucas County Arts Council were on hand to show the group the

results of the restoration project, which was partially funded with the enhancement funds.

CVTPA is a shared government entity comprised of county supervisors, engineers, Iowa Department of Transportation representatives, economic development leaders, and city government officials and sets transportation policy and priorities for the seven county area of Appanoose, Clarke, Davis, Decatur, Lucas, Monroe, and Wayne.





Lucas County Arts Council member Nick Cattell describes the freight house restoration process to CVTPA board members following the group's quarterly meeting, which was held recently at Pin Oak Marsh Environmental Education Center in Chariton.

Historic Hills representatives visit with legislators at annual showcase

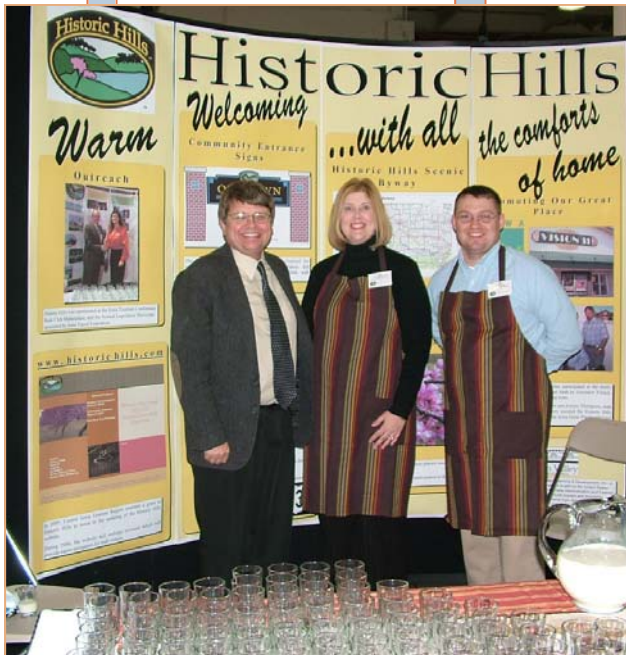


A few of the Historic Hills initiatives currently in progress include the advancement of the Historic Hills

tourism professionals and volunteers from all over Iowa to remind legislators of the importance of tourism to Iowa's economy and quality of life.

For the fourth consecutive year, Historic Hills was featured at the annual Travel Federation of Iowa (TFI) Legislative Showcase held recently in Des Moines.

Historic Hills advisory committee members met with their legislators to discuss the continuing efforts to promote the nine county



Pictured L-R: State Representative Kurt Swaim, Chariton Valley Planning and Development Executive Director, Tracy Daugherty Miller, and Chariton Valley Planning and Development Community Planner, John McCurdy.

In 2004, tourism was a \$5 billion industry in Iowa impacting all 99 counties and contributing over \$273 million to Iowa's general fund.

Historic Hills Corridor, which

Scenic Byway, the completion of the

The Travel Federation of Iowa, a grassroots organization dedicated to advancing

nine county
Historic Hills
Corridor, which
includes the coun-
ties of Appanoose,
Clarke, Davis, De-
catur, Lucas, Mon-
roe, Van Buren,
Wayne, and Wa-
pello.

Scenic Byway, the
completion of the
community entrance
sign project, and
the Red Bud tree
program.

The Showcase
brings together

roots or-
ganization dedi-
cated to advancing
Iowa's tourism
i n d u s t r y ,
organizes this
yearly educational
event to highlight
the importance of
tourism in Iowa.