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PRESERVATION NEWS

A HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN ...

MCHPS has been all over the news lately. We landed smack dab in the middle of a controversy over the historic Barnard House, which the County plans to tear down for more parking near the Administration Building in Martinsville. The house and the properties surrounding the Administration Building topped the list of Morgan County's ten most endangered historic properties by votes of fairgoers at the recent Morgan County Fair. Love it or hate it, historic preservation is the talk of the county. Challenged to move the house in order to save it, we need people to back up their convictions with substantive support. Read on.

Silence is Not Golden

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Once again, it has been too long since we have sent out communication to the membership, and we apologize for this. The only excuse is that there are too few of us running this organization, and all of us are far too busy for our own good. It is now time to bring you up to date with the happenings of the Society.

We have a new treasurer, or rather an old one returned after an absence of a few years. Mark Stuttgen has graciously agreed to resume the old familiar duties. He has checked, double-checked, and triple-checked the accounts, filed the necessary paperwork with the State of Indiana and the IRS, and got us back on track. Please thank him when you run into him about town.

A new benefit to MCHPS members and the entire organization is now available from the Mooresville Sherwin-Williams store. The Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program gives you 20% of your regular price purchase of paint and supplies. Then, 3% of total eligible member sales will be returned to MCHPS each March. We now have a supply of Neighbor-to-Neighbor cards. Please contact me if you would like to pick up yours. Start spending, and MCHPS will start saving!

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Historic Home Faces Aug. 31 Deadline

If historical society can't raise funds to save Barnard Home, county will demolish it

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The Morgan County Historic Preservation Society has until Aug. 31 to find the money needed to keep the historic Barnard Home from being demolished by Morgan County.

Morgan County acquired the property at 89 W. Columbus St. last October. The county plans to demolish the home and property, adjacent to the Morgan County Administration Building, and use it for parking. Discussions, however, over the past two months have been conducted, including one during Morgan County Fair week, that could save the building.

The property has historic significance, say Morgan County Historic Preservation Society members. The house was built in 1870 as the home of Sylvanus Barnard, a Civil War veteran who created the first sanitarium in Martinsville and discovered the first artesian water in the city. The home was listed as notable, the second highest category, in a 1993 state-mandated survey of historic properties in the county.

In a survey taken by the society at the fair, 257 of 335 people who participated selected the house and other properties surrounding the county administration building.

as endangered historic properties. At the fair, several people saw a photo of the house and immediately identified it as being an endangered property that they'd read about, said Joe Mills, president of the historic preservation society.

Mills met with Tom Zoss, executive director of the Community Foundation of Morgan County Inc., and Morgan County Commissioner Norman Voyles in late July to discuss what could be done to save the building.

Voyles, Zoss and Mills agreed that the preservation society would make the public aware of what needed to be done to save the house, Mills said.

At the gathering, Voyles rejected a proposal that would have allowed the society to lease the property for \$1 per year and lease it to a family until the county needed the land. The society would have put the money from leasing the house in an escrow fund that would be used to help pay the cost of moving the building.

"He (Voyles) said they have a more immediate need for parking space," Mills said.

Voyles gave the preservation society until Aug. 31 to come up with a feasible plan for moving the building, Mills said.

A rough estimate of what the society needs to raise to help move the house is \$30,000 to \$40,000, Mills said, but that, however, wouldn't cover the entire cost. A company that specializes in such moves has been contacted and asked to provide an estimate. The cost of moving will be affected by how far the house has to be moved, the obstacles in its path and the cost of buying or leasing land for the house.

The porch, which wasn't originally part of the house, and a garage on the property could be left behind when the house is moved, Zoss said.

What residents and businesses contribute could be augmented by a matching grant from the state Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology. The society had previously received a grant for gutters as part of the old Morgan County Jail restoration efforts, Mills said.

Voyles has a sense of how the community feels about the building and doesn't want to see it torn down if a way can be found to save it, Mills said.

If Mills and other historic preservationists can find a way, Voyles said, the house might be saved.

"I don't know," Voyles said. "It's in their court."

Zoss said the meeting earlier this month wasn't a negotiating session, but a brainstorming session.

"They were trying to figure out a path to the middle ground," Zoss said. "Almost all of the issues have to do with money and timing."

The discussion was cordial, with a "what can we do to make this happen approach," Zoss said.

The current situation could prompt the creation of a fund that could be used in the future when structures with historic significance go on the market, Zoss said.

Items in the Barnard Home have been placed up for auction. The kitchen cabinets of the house have been sold, Morgan County Commissioner Norman Voyles said. Other items, including a staircase and tub, remain on the online auction block. SRI is conducting the auction. Its Web site is www.sri-surplusauctions.com.

City Says "No" to County's Plans to Demolish Historic Barnard House for a Parking Lot

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MCHPS first learned that the County Commissioners had purchased the Barnard House at the southeast corner of Columbus and Mulberry Street in February. We were informed by a commissioner that there were no immediate plans to demolish the building. Then in late June we learned that a demolition contract had been signed, a demolition permit issued, and the demise of the house was imminent.



The home of Sylvanus Barnard, who established Martinsville's sanitarium industry, is slated to be demolished by the County.

In response to an earlier request by Martinsville Common Council member Scott Manley for a way in which to stop the county, Joanne Stuttgen appeared before the Common Council on July 2 with a proposal. If the City would indicate to the County that it would not be inclined

to rezone the property for parking, the county just might cease in its plans. Members of the Council voted unanimously to send such a resolution to the County. The County was furious, and Commissioner Norman Voyles raged in the *Reporter-Times*, setting off a controversy that is still sizzling today. There's no need to repeat it here. Instead go to:

http://www.reporter-times.com/?module=displaystory&story_id=87538&format=html

and get the full story, which began on July 3 and played out day after day in articles, letters to the editor, online responses to both, and a live online discussion with Joanne Stuttgen.

The upshot is that the County refuses to concede and will proceed with the demolition of the house unless MCHPS can rally enough support by August 31 to move it.

What exactly is motivating the County to acquire property surrounding the County Administration building on South Main Street? Expansion. The County is saying that in the indeterminate future it will either add a third floor to the Administration building or construct a new building for the probation department, which will be moved out of the Toner Building on the east side for the square. The County Council has given the Commissioners permission to acquire any property they can that abuts the block occupied by the Administration Building and Flowers by Dewey, the lone holdout. (Dewey's daughters absolutely refuse to sell out to the County. Please give them all your business when it comes to your floral needs!) As of now, the County owns nearly an entire half block on the west side of Mulberry Street and the Barnard House site. The remaining residential property owners have seen their neighborhood ravaged and their property values plummet.

Clearly, this matter is far from over. Please stay tuned and stay vocal. If you are angered by the County's aggressive takeover of this neighborhood, please call your County Commissioners and Councilmen, and by all means, express your opinions at the polls.

Annual Meeting Held in May at Historic Hall School

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Hosted by the Hall Civic Association, the May 15, 2007, Annual Meeting featured a review of 2006 activities and accomplishments, recognition of this year's Preservationists of the Year, an election of board members, and officers, and a roundtable discussion with members of the Hall Civic Association, followed by a tour of the Hall School.

President's Review of 2006 by Joe Mills • I would like to recap our past year, and I do so with considerable pride. In all, it's been a good year for our organization.

At this time last year, we decided to change the direction of our organization, focusing more on public education and initiating a funding mechanism to support historic preservation.

Beginning in October and running through March, we provided four community workshops. In October, we co-sponsored a cemetery restoration workshop with the Morgan County History and Genealogy Association. It was well-attended and appreciated.

Over the winter, three workshops were held on researching your historic property, applying for tax credits, and preparing your own National Register nominations. A special thanks goes to Joanne Stuttgen for putting two of those workshops together and conducting them. I know first-hand that the workshops resulted in follow-up action by owners of historic properties.

A bit later in this meeting, we will for the first time make façade grant awards. In what we hope to be an annual project, we are using some of our funds in the form of matching grants to support the preservation of historic properties. Thanks go to Del Chafey for managing this project. (Editor's note: Please see story below.)

At last year's Morgan County Fair, we once again invited the public to guide us in the selection of endangered properties to monitor. Following public input, the Board selected four properties for monitoring and action during 2006-07:

- ◆ Grassyfork Fisheries Office and Showroom. We have seen no movement toward utilization or restoration of this property, but the building has not been demolished as planned by the owners. I continue to hear reports, as late as this past Sunday, that there are interested buyers.
- ◆ Goethe Link Observatory. Indiana University has not made any definitive plans for the future of this property, but it remains in good repair and is being leased and used by the Indiana Astronomical Society. (Editor's note: read more about the Observatory below.)
- ◆ Pioneer Cemeteries. In addition to the October workshop, plans for cleaning up Cunningham Cemetery remain on the front burner. Community Corrections has the major clearing operation on its to-do list.
- ◆ Martinsville Sanitarium. Like Grassyfork, there has been no observable progress, but WellSpring

continues to look for avenues for funding and utilizing the building.

To support programs like the workshops and facade grants, we need to raise funds. In addition to revenue from memberships and donations, we raised funds by marketing several products. We continue to sell Coach Wooden's books, Cat's Meow collectibles, and the Morgan County afghan. Under the capable direction of Tina Chafey, we had another good year with sales.

Pam Badger stepped in this year to manage the Cabin Fever Garage Sale in February, and although Mother Nature conspired against us, we came out okay. Thanks, Pam.

We continued fundraising partnerships with Hall Civic Association, the Wilbur Community center, and the Academy of Hoosier Heritage Museum. These joint ventures strengthen relationships with our partners in preservation. Randy Marsh has been a tireless worker for the hall and Wilbur groups and provides an on-going link with them and MCHPS, of which he also serves as a valued board member.

I'd like to thank John and Pam Badger for providing an outlet for fund raising sales. Their very popular Martinsville Candy Kitchen has a prominent display of our products, and sales there continue to be strong.

Of course, Hummingbird Heaven and jailbird Antiques and tearoom is our cornerstone outlet for fundraising. Thanks to Tina Chafey and Judy Krick, our products and donated items get great exposure.

All in all, our financial year was a good one. We remain fiscally sound. Suffice it to say, we are all relieved and very much appreciate the return of Mark Stuttgen as treasurer.

The middle school curriculum project that we started about three years ago was wrapped up in 2006 with the completion of the "Designing Place" Website. Click here: http://scican3.scican.net/designing_place/index.htm Special thanks go to Joanne Stuttgen and Terry Bunton for their hard work on that project. And speaking of Terry, he continues to do a great job as webmaster. We can be proud of our website.

I very much appreciated the work of Deb Bunton as secretary. Her meeting minutes are concise, accurate, and very timely. Thanks, Deb.

We continue to face challenges. As the face of our county changes with ever-increasing urbanization, historic preservation will be under increasing pressure. A glimmer of hope for Martinsville remains thanks to Joanne Stuttgen and her work on the City Plan Commission. Through her

efforts, a grant was received to educate plan commission members on the efficacy of preservation. That project is on-going and holds promise, along with leadership changes in the city administration, for preservation to receive due consideration in planning.

We can look with pride upon the way in which groups like the Hall and Wilbur associations have stepped up into the fight and made a difference. We need more such grass-roots efforts.

Concern continues for the way in which the County government is gobbling up land around the County Administration Building in Martinsville. Three historic properties have now been purchased to make way for "potential" growth and consolidation of services. We need to remain vigilant and shoulder the responsibility of making the community aware of the impact of such actions on the historic fabric of our county.

Preservationist of the Year Award • One business in Martinsville that stands out as an icon, a representative of heritage and tradition, is the Martinsville Candy kitchen. The business was established in 1919 by James Zapapas, a Greek immigrant who learned the confectionary trade in St. Louis. The Candy Kitchen has had a number of owners since Jimmy's time, and in April of 2004, Pam and John W. badger XIV purchased it. Their reason was to keep the tradition in Martinsville for generations to come. They use the same recipes, methods, marble slab, and Vulcan gas stove that Jimmy used many years ago. Keeping up the tradition is the motto the badgers have adopted.

Although the Martinsville Candy Kitchen has moved a number of times during its history, it has always been located in the first block of main Street. The badgers are keeping that tradition alive as well by moving it right next door to its longtime location.

The Badgers bought a building that needed much care and retrofitting to make it useful. "Just like walking into the past," some have said, and they are right. The tradition lives on in Martinsville thanks to the Badgers, and that is why John and Pam Badger have been named Preservationists of the year.

Preservationist of the Year, Special Recognition • The Town of Mooresville is recognized at this meeting for the reuse of an historic structure. Rather than demolishing the vacated Methodist Church on South Indiana Street, the Town has made it into the Mooresville Government Center.

Election of 2007-08 Board of Directors • The following were nominated for and elected as Board of Directors for the coming year: John Badger, Pam Badger, Terry Bunton, Deb Bunton, Del Chafey, Tina Chafey, Mark Stuttgen, Joanne Stuttgen, and Joe Mills.

Election of 20078-08 Officers • The following were nominated and elected as officers for the coming year: President, Joe Mills; Vice President, Tina Chafey; Secretary, Deb Bunton; and Treasurer, Mark Stuttgen.

Treasurer's Report • Mark Stuttgen reported that he moved the savings balance to the checking account and set up a CD at 5% in the amount of \$3,000. The checking account balance is \$9,622.64. This makes the overall balance of funds \$12,622.64. The motion to accept the report was approved.

Roundtable with Hall Civic Association • Randy Marsh brought us up to date with what has been happening at Hall School. The Hall Civic Association is actively seeking ways to populate the building and is looking into ways in which to fund immediate necessary repairs. Tuck pointing the entire building is estimated at \$195,000, and glazing the windows is expected to cost \$37,000. Randy has met with the Monroe-Gregg School Board about leasing the building for on dollar a year, and although the new superintendent will need to give his blessing, it looks very favorable. A trial period of one year will allow a preschool, to include Head Start, to operate at Hall School. With about 50 children ready to sign up, this will be a great use for the building; the promise for more children is also good if everything works out..

Historic Old Jail Now on Market

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A major decision made in late 2006 was to put the Old Jail on the market. It is the opinion of the Board of Directors that its mission to preserve the Jail has been accomplished and that it is in the best interest of the Society and of preservation activity countywide to redirect its efforts to other endangered properties.

The listing agent is Bettyann Brill at Town and Country Real Living. She can be reached at (765) 349-7653. The list price is \$150,000, with a 15% discount to cover construction costs that will be required by the protective covenants.

The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and eligible for rehabilitation tax credits, grants, and other forms of assistance.

Please help spread the word that the property is now available. It is a rather unfortunate time, owing to the fact that approximately one-half of the downtown buildings are now on the market due to the sudden death of Charlie Mason late last year. Downtown Martinsville has clearly reached a watershed.

Which way will it go? A strategy is being devised. Read on.

Investigation of Preservation Ordinances by Martinsville Plan Commission

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In the past year, the Martinsville Plan Commission has been hearing from representatives of other communities who have initiated successful strategies for preserving and protecting historic resources. The purpose is to formulate and adopt a preservation plan for Martinsville.

Kicking off the series in July 2006 was Mark Dollase of Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana. Mark spoke about historic preservation commissions (HPCs) and how they work. Established by local ordinance, HPCs are governed by a board of citizen appointees whose role is to review the impact of new construction and alterations to designated districts. Next to come was David Martin of Nashville, who spoke about that community's design review board. In October Nancy Hiestand, program manager for Bloomington's department of Housing and Neighborhood Development, looked at Bloomington's historic preservation battles and successes since the historic preservation commission was established in 1976.

In February 2007, Steve Wyatt spoke about Bedford's Historic Review Board and façade grant program. In the early 1990s, Bedford officials realized something must be done to revitalize the city's downtown, and Bedford Revitalization, Inc. (BRI) was established. BRI hired Steve as director, listed the downtown on the National Register, bought and restored a commercial building "to prove it could be done" using federal and state grants and selling tax credits to investors. Then, in order to protect its investment, BRI requested the city council to establish a historic preservation ordinance, establish a commission, and designate its building as historic. In order to encourage other property owners to invest in their buildings, the City secured federal funding to establish a façade improvement grant. Property owners who applied for and accepted a \$10,000 grant were required to have their buildings designated. Today, more than 16 buildings downtown have been restored and are overseen and protected by the Bedford Historic Review Board.

In May, Don Lehman and Larry Andrews appeared before the Plan Commission to share news about how the City of Nappanee has developed its own successful strategies. A historic preservation ordinance was passed in 1988, with a commission seated shortly thereafter. Currently, three

properties are designated as local historic landmarks subject to review by the Commission. All are owned by the City. The City established a tax incremental funding (TIF) district connected to downtown by a major highway, which allows tax income generated from the TIF to be used for downtown revitalization. In addition, the City designated downtown a Business Improvement District (BID), where property owners are taxed an additional \$100-200 per year, with funds going into a discretionary fund to be used to enhance the area. With these funds, a façade improvement grant was established to assist property owners with fixing up the public faces of their buildings.

A few days later, on May 24, Duncan Campbell presented a public program on rehabilitation tax credits and the economic benefits of preservation. This was a special meeting of the Martinsville Plan Commission (although only three members actually showed up). Special invitations went to every owner of a historic property in Morgan County's five districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Arguing that preservation is all about "community and business pride," Duncan outlined a plan for profitable and successful rehabilitation of decaying buildings using state and federal tax credits on qualified projects and local funding in the form of tax abatement, façade grants and loans, feasibility and consulting grants, not-for-profit grants, and low-interest loans. Duncan emphasized that local government must be directly involved in preservation development. "It must have political buy-in. Elected officials must understand that it is economically beneficial to the community."

As a result of these presentations over the course of the past year, Plan Commission members realize that the City must become actively engaged in the protection, preservation, and rehabilitation of Martinsville's historic resources, and that preservation is the key to successful downtown revitalization. With that in mind, members are currently at work drafting a historic preservation ordinance and codifying its rules and procedures. In addition, a proposal for rezoning the downtown area by addressing its unique characteristics and needs is also being prepared.

In the midst of this planning comes the controversy over the Barnard House and a collision between City desires and County plans. The future is definitely being shaped by what is now engaging most of MCHPS's attention.

Two Façade Grants Awarded to Historic Property Owners

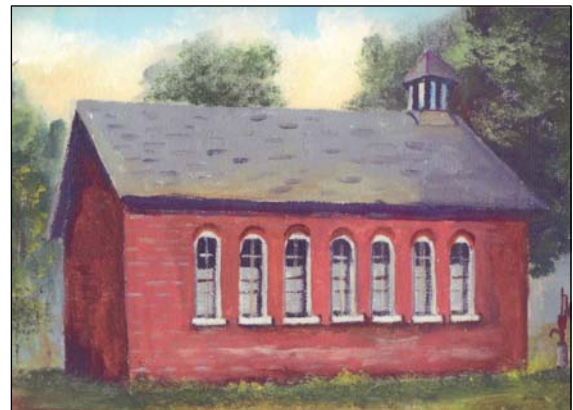
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Inspired by the façade improvement grant program administered by Historic Fall Creek, Pendleton Settlement, Inc., MCHPS developed a program of its own to assist owners of historic properties. In June, two recipients were selected from five applicants.

Bill and Kelly Jo Wells received \$1,500 to replace missing shutters and porch molding on their house at 339 S. Ohio St. in Martinsville. The other \$1,500 grant went to the Wilbur Community Center, Inc. (WCCC), owner of the Wilbur Schoolhouse, for window restoration. The Wellses have contracted with a Mooresville company to duplicate extant shutters and molding, which Bill will install.



WCCC paired the façade improvement grant with a \$3,000 Operation Roundup grant from SCI-REMC to completely rebuild and restore several of the schoolhouse's original windows. Contractor Ron Zmyslo teamed with WCCC board member Tom Meredith to complete the work.



Wilbur Schoolhouse, painting by Alma Smock.

MCHPS decided last year to promote historic preservation by awarding façade grants to eligible residential and business owners who propose projects meeting the U.S. Department of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties. Properties must be 50 years old, must be individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places or be eligible for nomination, or be in a designated historic district.

Grant funds will be issued to the participants after a committee on-site review, and evidence of adherence to the guidelines upon completion of their projects.

Projects were required to begin by July 15, and they must be completed by July 15, 2008. For more information about the façade improvement grant, contact Del Chafey.

Look for the announcement for next year's grant in late winter.

2007 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties

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This year, 1,004 people cast votes for their choice of top endangered property, more than in any previous year. Owing in large part to the Barnard House controversy, there was also significantly more interest in MCHPS's display panels and far more significant discussion. Many people immediately recognized the Barnard House and were informed about its plight. Many also shared their very strong opinions about the County's stance.

The following list is in the order of number of votes received, with the percentage given at the end of each summary.

PROPERTIES SURROUNDING THE MORGAN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ↻ Martinsville

The County is steadily acquiring historic properties west and south of the Administration Building with the intent to demolish them for parking lots. Current controversy centers on the Barnard House, the home of the founder of Martinsville's sanitarium industry, and the City's refusal to rezone the lot for use as a parking lot. Alternatives to demolition are being sought by MCHPS and other interested parties at the same time the County moves ahead with plans to tear it down. (26%)

MARTINSVILLE HISTORIC COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ↻ Martinsville

Some 40% of the buildings on the square are currently for sale, and most of these are in a serious state of decay. For the past year, the Martinsville Plan Commission has been studying the success of other communities in using historic preservation as a tool for revitalization. Will the future of downtown Martinsville continue on the same course, or will creative and proven strategies be implemented for a turnaround? (19%)

ENOS MUSGRAVE HOUSE ↻ Green Township

Long-term vacancy threatens this beautiful house, the centerpiece of a historic farm that includes a variety of agricultural buildings. Built 1873-74, this house is one of three nearly identical houses in central Green Township. The house is an outstanding blend of Gothic Revival and Italianate styles and features a polychromatic slate roof, lacy vergeboards, and arched windows with limestone sills, plinths, and keystones. (13%)

CUNNINGHAM CEMETERY ↻ Martinsville

Despite the efforts of the Morgan County History and Genealogy Association to locate, document and publicize the plight of our pioneer cemeteries, they largely remain ignored, neglected and unprotected. Cunningham Cemetery, on the hilltop overlooking the former North School, may well be the most severely neglected of them all. It is a burial site of Martinsville's earliest settlers. (12%)

WEST UNION FRIENDS CEMETERY ↻ Monrovia

As part of upgrades to State Road 42, the Indiana Department of Transportation is seeking claim to a corner of this historic cemetery. Although ownership of the piece of land in question is vague, the congregation refuses to relinquish claim to it since it has been used and maintained as part of the burial ground for many generations. One state law prohibits INDOT from buying land that includes a cemetery without the owner's consent, and another prohibits the disturbance of ground within 100 feet of a cemetery. The mighty State and the small, peace-loving congregation of Friends are at an impasse. (9%)

GOETHE LINK OBSERVATORY ↻ Clay Township

This 1937 observatory and the surrounding 20 acres of daffodil breeding beds kept by the late Helen Link are owned by Indiana University. The Observatory itself is no longer used by Indiana University because of light pollution and is leased to the Indiana Astronomical Society. Discussion with Indiana University over the property's future is ongoing. (7%)

GRASSYFORK FISHERIES OFFICE & SHOW ROOM ↻ Martinsville

Built in 1939, this building has been vacant and neglected for a decade. Negotiations for its sale are now occurring. A new owner with a vision for its reuse and the financial means to secure it are absolutely necessary if this building of great significance is to stand into the future. By World War II, Grassyfork was the largest producer of goldfish in the world. (7%)

MARTINSVILLE SANITARIUM/ KENNEDY HOME ↻ Martinsville

Community Service Center of Morgan County/WellSpring is the owner of the remaining historic portion of the Martinsville Sanitarium, remodeled to its current appearance in 1927. The building is vacant, lacks heat, and is in need of a new roof. A recent feasibility study shows that rehabilitation into an expanded community service center will cost less than new construction. Grants are available, but they require a local cost share that is out of reach at this time. (7%)

FRANK COMER HOUSE ↻ Mooresville

Built about 1880 by one of Mooresville's prominent businessmen and occupied until recently, this diminutive Italianate cottage has been sorely neglected for many

years. Will the owner's children care enough about the house to see it as valuable and salvageable? And is it possible to reverse the decay and put the house back into beautiful condition at a feasible price? (7%)

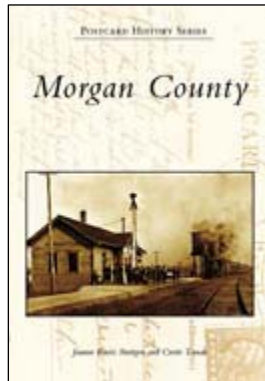
MASONIC LODGE No. 440/GASH & COMPANY STORE ↻ Eminence

One of two remaining historic commercial buildings in Eminence, this two-story brick building was vacated by the Masons, who long leased the second floor for their lodge hall. A forlorn symbol of Eminence's past, the intact Italianate building, built in 1879, is now for sale. It is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and a perfect candidate for affordable rehabilitation and reuse using investment tax credits. (7%)

Ongoing Fundraising: Books, Books, and More Books

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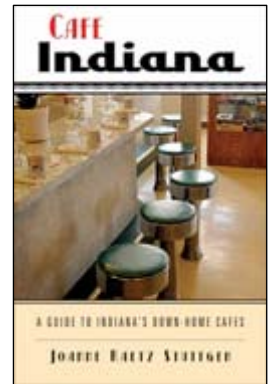
Morgan County, a new history based on vintage postcards and careful research, was released by Arcadia Publishing in May. Authored by Joanne Stuttgen and Curtis Tomak, the paperback book features nearly 220 postcards contributed by a variety of local and area collectors. Most cards have not previously appeared in any publication. Towns and whistle stops represented in the book include Mooresville, Morgantown, Waverly, Centerton, Brooklyn, Monrovia, Hall, Paragon, Lewisville, Little Point, and of course, Martinsville. Many rural places and scenes are also included, ranging from the camps of Blue Bluffs and Bethany Park to Porter's Cave and Camp Riley. Cost is \$19.95/\$15.96 members. No tax.



Joanne and Curtis have just begun work on a companion book, a history of Martinsville as depicted by postcards produced and sold between about 1895-1965. Look for it about this time next year.

Cafe Indiana • Written by Joanne Stuttgen and hot off the press, *Cafe Indiana* is both a guide to Indiana's hometown mom-and-pop restaurants and reclamation and celebration of small town Midwest culture. The hungry diner looking for adventure and authenticity can use *Cafe Indiana* simply as a guide to the state's quintessential east: the best fiddlers, macaroni and cheese, soup bans, and beef Manhattan. But Stuttgen also captures the spirit of the locals, bringing to life the people whose stories give

the book—and the food—its soul. Cost is \$19.99/\$16.00 members + tax. The book will be available September 1.



All books sold by MCHPS, including those autographed by Coach John Wooden, and other items sold by MCHPS are available at Hummingbird Heaven and the Martinsville Candy Kitchen.

News Briefs

Board of Directors

Goethe Link Observatory (Joe Mills) On August 1, representatives from MCHPS and the new Morgan County Park Board met with Lynne Coyne, director of IU real estate, at the Observatory to explore a possible partnership between IU and Morgan County. Coyne explained that neither the Observatory nor the adjacent Link property fits into IU's development or use plans. While IU is not interested in selling the property, it would consider leasing it to the County if a reasonable and viable proposal could be developed and accepted. Meanwhile, Coyne consented to allow MCHPS to nominate the property to the National Register of Historic Places so that grant funds would be available in the future. The state historic preservation office is currently reviewing its eligibility, an issue that is clouded a bit by the vinyl siding and vinyl replacement windows that have impacted its integrity.

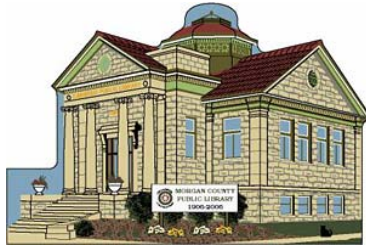
Paragon Town Hall (Joe Mills) News received at the Morgan County Fair that a church has purchased the recently vacated town hall with intentions of demolishing it for a new building project brought alarm to MCHPS board members and dismay to town residents. The Town recently vacated the building, erected about 1905 as Paragon State Bank, for new quarters in the town park. Several people who stopped at our fair booth related the story of John Dillinger's raid on the bank. The building is one of only two buildings in Paragon considered eligible for the National Register. The other, a lodge hall, has been on Morgan County's Ten Most Endangered list each year since the list was begun.

Old Monrovia Methodist Episcopal Church (Joe Mills) More dooming news came from Monrovia, where the Methodist Church on Main Street, vacated for a new building in the 1970s and occupied by a series of business since then, has been sold. The new owners plan to demolish the building, which was erected in 1850 and remodeled in 1911. Plans are for a new liquor store to be built on the site. Many Monrovia residents are not pleased with the turn of events, as they are still unhappy with the loss of Hubbard's Mill several years ago. But unless

someone steps up to rally support for the church, it appears it too will disappear from Monrovia's landscape.

Cat's Meow Limited Edition Miniatures (Tina Chafey)

• The most recent, limited edition piece for 2006 is the Martinsville Carnegie Library. A revision of the 1999 piece, it reflects the library's new appearance following the completion of the exterior restoration and commemorates its 100th anniversary celebrated in September 2006. The new piece is available at the library for \$20.00. There is no MCHPS member discount since the new Library Foundation, not MCHPS, benefits from sales. the proceeds from the sale of this piece.



Two other pieces were produced in 2006. The Academy Building is available from the Academy of Hoosier Heritage in Mooresville. Contact Julie Kyle Lee at (317) 831-9001.

The Wilbur Schoolhouse, a special fundraiser for the Wilbur Community Center, Inc., is available at Hummingbird Heaven and the Martinsville Candy Kitchen, and from the WCC. Contact Donna Clymer at (765) 349-9786.

Work on the Martinsville Sanitarium, the new piece for 2007, is in progress. The piece will be available for Christmas.

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