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PRESERVATION NEWS

John and Suzanne Hickey, owners of historic Cedar Point Farm in Morgantown, are the recipients of the 2007 John Arnold Rural Preservation Award! See story and photo inside.

Members Select Morgan County's Top Endangered Historic Properties

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Thanks to all members who took time to cast their vote for Morgan County's top endangered properties. From the list of 22 nominees—we hit a high this year—twelve were selected as most threatened by vacancy, neglect, "out of sight, out of mind," and other concerns. A three-way tie for tenth place resulted in the tie.

In no particular order, here is this year's list:

William Landers Farm, Mann Rd., Madison Township ▪ Established c.1850, this 670-acre farm has been placed on the market by its current owner, a descendant of its founder. The property includes an outstanding brick Gothic Revival house. A proposal for a 1500-unit residential development was recently rejected by the Morgan County Commissioners. What lies in store?

Grassyfork Fisheries Office and Showroom, East Morgan Street, Martinsville ▪ Built in 1939, this building has been vacant and sorely neglected for several years. Local interest in putting it to new use has not yet achieved success.

50 N. Main St., Martinsville ("Made by Hand") ▪ Built c.1860 and among the oldest buildings on the square, this store has been vacant for many years. Its stucco veneer is falling off.



Bradford Double-Pen House, Bradford Estates, Clay Township ▪ Built c.1850, this two-room log house was the Bradford family's first home. It has been stabilized but in need of restoration.

Lewisville Store, Lewisville, Ashland Twp. ▪ This two-story general store, built about 1880, represents the commercial block of the village of Lewisville. It has been neglected and vacant for several years.



All pioneer cemeteries in Morgan County ▪ Despite the efforts of the Morgan County History and Genealogy Association to locate, document and publicize the plight of pioneer cemeteries, they largely remain ignored and neglected.



I.O.O.F. No. 406/Knights of Pythias No. 431, Union St., Paragon ▪ Located in downtown Paragon and built in 1898, this three-story building is the finest example of Romanesque Revival style architecture in Morgan County. This beautiful fraternal hall has been vacant and neglected for many years.

Goethe Link Observatory and Link Daffodil Gardens, Observatory Road, Clay Twp. ▪ This 1937 observatory and the surrounding 20 acres of daffodil breeding beds kept by the late Helen Link is owned by Indiana University which is now evaluating its future

involvement with and needs for the property.

Hall School, 5955 W. Hurt Road, Gregg Twp. ▪ Designed by Indianapolis architect Henry H. Dupont and built in 1911, this elementary school was closed in June 2005. Hall residents are working to find a new use for the community landmark. Listed on the National Register in 2004.

House, 340 E. Washington St., Martinsville ▪ This large Free Classic style house is cut up into several apartments. It has been vacant for the past few years and is in a serious state of disrepair. Rumor is that it's heading to the courts.

Martinsville Sanitarium/Kennedy Living Center, Martinsville ▪ Community Service Center (CSC) is the current owner of the remaining 1925 portion of the Martinsville Sanitarium. Vacancy and lack of maintenance threatens the building in the face of ambitious plans for its rehabilitation into office space for additional community service agencies.

House, 789 E. Washington St., Martinsville ▪ Located in the East Washington Street Historic District and vacant for many years, this house is in need of vital immediate repairs.



Fairgoers Prioritize List of Endangered Historic Properties

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As we have done the past two years, photographs of the top ten—or this year's twelve—endangered properties were displayed by MCHPS at the Morgan County Fair. People were asked which three properties were of most concern to them. Here is the prioritized list created by fairgoers. A total of 697 votes were cast.

1. Grassyfork
2. Goethe Link Observatory
3. Pioneer Cemeteries
4. Martinsville Sanitarium
5. Bradford Double Pen House
6. Lewisville Store
7. IOOF/Pythias Lodge
8. 50 North Main Street, Martinsville ("Made By Hand")
9. Hall School
10. 340 E. Washington Street, Martinsville
11. Landers Farm
12. East Washington Street, Martinsville

The Board will focus on the top four properties in the coming year. The situations with Grassyfork and Goethe Link Observatory will continue to be monitored with period contact with the owners of each property. For more on Pioneer cemeteries and the Martinsville Sanitarium, see the articles later in this issue.

Endangered William Landers Farm Once Honored by State

Contributed by Joanne Stuttgart

From the Martinsville Daily Reporter, December 1, 1977. This article recently surfaced in an old scrapbook created by Becky Hardin, former Morgan County Historian and founder and president of the Morgan County Historical Society.

The Indiana Department of Commerce is honoring a 156-year-old business on Mann Road in Madison Township. Landers farm, now owned by William Fisk Landers of Indianapolis, was deeded to William Landers in 1821 and has been owned by the same family since then.

Landers tells us that his ancestor came to Madison Township from Virginia by way of Kentucky and was deeded over 2,000 acres by President John Quincy Adams in 1821. Landers possesses these original documents

Currently [1977], the farm has 421 acres with grain, cattle and hogs, operated by 13-year resident Charles Hoagland and his family. The impressive brick home, built in 1865 by Jackson Landers, overlooks the White River bottom ground and another family home, a large log cabin (now stuccoed) owned by the Harry Lugar family..

Pioneer William Landers also brought to Indiana his father, Jonathon Landers, a veteran of the revolutionary War. They and many of their family and pioneer neighbors are buried in the family cemetery on Mann Road near the Marion County line.

Landers hosted the state commissioners from Vincennes at the farm in 1821. Those commissioners visited the Whetzel settlement at Waverly and then the [William Conner Farm] near Noblesville before [selecting] the site of McCormick's Tavern on White River, near Eagle Creek, [as the state capitol].

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A settlement [named Landersdale] grew up around [the Landers Farm]. It had shops and a post office at one time, [as well as a schoolhouse.]

[William Fisk Landers] says his father recalls his pioneer grandmother telling of muzzling their dogs on Saturday nights to prevent drunken Indians, on their way home from Indianapolis, from becoming irritated and stealing

from the farm. A large Indian camp was located just two miles downstream at a ford in the river near the presents SR 144 bridge.

The Landers family was proliferate and much of the family stayed in the area. [William's brother], Franklin Landers, founded Brooklyn and built the large brick farm[house] on Old SR 67 on the west edge of Brooklyn.

Morgan County Plan Commission Votes No to Development of Historic William Landers Farm

by Keith Rhoades, *Reporter-Times*
May 9, 2006

Editor's note: Joe Mills and Joanne spoke at the public meetings leading up to the commissioner's decision. They presented MCHPS's official stand against the proposed development preservation of the house and immediately surrounding acreage. Joe also met with a representative of PRIDE, along with members of the Morgan County Park Board.

A proposed 1,496 unit subdivision on Landersdale Road received an unfavorable recommendation Monday from the Morgan County Plan Commission.

After three hours of testimony from Pride One, which was petitioning to rezone the property to build the subdivision, and several citizens against the project, commission members took less than 10 minutes to make their decision. By an 8-1 vote, the plan commission decided to send the matter to the Morgan County Commissioners with an unfavorable recommendation. The commissioners have the final say.

Commission members can send rezoning requests to the county commissioners with a favorable, unfavorable, or no recommendation on changing the zoning of a parcel of land.

The lone vote against the decision was cast by commission member Jeff Quyle. After the meeting, Quyle, who is also a county commissioner, said he is not in favor of the development, but feels the plan commission should have discussed it further, or tabled the request until next month before voting on a recommendation.

Before the meeting, the dividers in the main meeting room were opened to allow the placement of nearly 200 chairs for the public. It was standing room only.

Before voting, three commission members made statements.

Bob O'Neal said he is concerned about traffic problems the development could bring. He said the county has seen what happens with this type of development. What the developer says will happen, often does not. O'Neal said he would not want the wastewater treatment plant close to home, and he would vote what he thinks would be in the best interest of Morgan County.

Bill Rumbaugh said he had is concerned about the possibility of the development falling short of what the developers have designed. He wants to see either an extremely nice development or he would like to see the land stay as farmland.

After listening to the developers speak on how the development would be good for the county, those opposed spent nearly two hours explaining why the development would be bad for the county.

Warren Waymire, who is on the county's soil and water conservation board, said the Landers Farm contains some of the best ground for growing crops in Morgan County. Waymire said Morgan County's main economic business is agriculture and that the highest and best use of the land is for it to remain zoned for agriculture. Waymire said he was not against development but it should be confined to land that is not good for growing.

A number of people involved in real estate sales also spoke against the development. Joni Whiteis, a realtor with Century 21, gave the board a list of properties close to the proposed development that have either been repossessed by a lending institution or foreclosed that are still on the market. She said Heartland Crossing was a great concept that has fallen on hard times and gone down considerably. At this time, Whiteis said there are about 200 homes for sale in Heartland and they are not being sold quickly. She said those homes are bringing only 60 to 70 percent of what they sold for five years ago.

As for the expansion of FedEx, Whiteis said those jobs are part time and many of the people who take them would not qualify for home loans. She said the market for homes in the Landersdale development "is not here."

Bob Ferguson, who owns land next to the proposed development, said he and his family have turned down offers from Pride One for their land. Ferguson said he is concerned that the "Landers Estate" would become "Landers Slum" if the developers have problems selling lots.

Others told the commission that because of what they consider unethical work by some lending institutions,

many homeowners don't realize their low monthly house payments will double or triple within five years. This could lead to the loss of the home.

A resident said the proposed wastewater treatment plant would be within 100 feet of her home and she is concerned with the odor and noise. Others are thinking the site may be in a flood zone.

A number of people expressed concerns about the impact the development would have on the school system. One man said the amount the developer is planning to give to the school system would only purchase the land and would contribute nothing to the building of a school. After the remonstrators finished, Currens was given a chance to offer rebuttal to what was said.

Mooresville attorney Tim Currens began the evening by telling commission members the development, planned by his client Pride One, is the highest and best use of the 584-acre Landers Farm. Currens said the developer has reduced the number of proposed lots from the 1,633 originally planned to 1,496. He said the land would only be used for homes and not commercial or industrial type businesses.

Currens, along with a number of people employed by Pride One, spent more than an hour explaining why the development would be good for Morgan County. They said the development is targeted to people in their late 20s to early 30s with children. They want value-conscious family and outdoor entertainment. Also, they say newly constructed homes are more appealing than existing homes and the development brings quality to the neighborhood.

In addition they pitched the development as an area for "empty nesters" and "baby boomers," who are looking for maintenance-free homes and who still have an active lifestyle.

The developers feel that job growth around the area, such as the planned expansion of Federal Express, would bring more people to the development.

There would be a 57-acre park on the property dedicated to Morgan County, and the developers would increase the setback requirements on Mann Road to allow the road to be widened in the future.

The development would have a wastewater treatment plant that could be expanded to include other developments in the area.

The development would have 253 acres of open space, more than two miles of community trails, and an extension of the public bike trail system.

Developers said they would contribute \$467,000 to the school system, \$100,000 to the Morgan County Park District, \$50,000 to both the Madison Township Fire Department and the historical society for the preservation of the Landers Farm.

Home prices would run from \$120,000 for ranch homes to \$210,000 for homes on the larger lots.

Currens said the developers would be willing to wait 30 days for a decision to allow commission members time to think about the project before making a decision.

Landers Farm Rezoning Denied

by Keith Rhoades, *Reporter-Times*
June 6, 2006

The decision by Morgan County Commissioners to deny rezoning for land on Landersdale Road, which would have accommodated a 1,500-unit residential development, brought applause from residents who attended the commissioners' meeting Monday morning.

Pride One of Ohio had requested the old Landers Farm be rezoned from agricultural to Planned Unit Development to allow the construction of more than 1,500 single family homes. At the May Morgan County Plan Commission meeting, the company presented plans for the development. More than 100 people protested the company's plan. They cited the impact the development would have on the school system, police and fire services, the transportation system, and the effect the development would have on property values in the area as reasons for opposition.

After hearing both sides, the plan commission voted 8-1 in May to give the development an unfavorable recommendation for rezoning.

The decision to deny rezoning means that under the county's zoning ordinance, the property cannot be brought back to the plan commission for a rezoning request for 12 calendar months. There is a provision in the county's zoning ordinance that will allow the developer/owner to make "substantial" changes to their plans and then petition the plan commission to allow the matter to be reheard. This process has occurred once since the county reinstated planning and zoning.

The county commissioners are the final authority on rezoning requests. More than 40 people attended the meeting Monday to voice their continuing opposition to the project.

Mooresville attorney Tim Currens, who represents Pride One, said his clients are in the process of accessing their options and they understood that an 8 to 1 vote against their project from the plan commission would be hard to overcome. While he and his clients don't agree with the plan commission, they understand the hurdle is too great to overcome at this time, he said.

Commissioner Norman Voyles said it was not necessary for the neighbors to speak. He accepted a motion from commissioner Jeff Quyle to deny the rezoning and it passed 3-0.

It's Not All Doom and Gloom with Preservation in Morgan County. John and Suzanne Hickey Win 2006 John Arnold Rural Preservation Award

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(Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana press release)

Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana presented John and Suzanne Hickey of Morgan County with the 2006 John Arnold Rural Preservation Award today at the Indiana State Fair on August 16. Eleanor Arnold joined Tommy Kleckner, director of Historic Landmarks' western office, in presenting the honor to the Hickeys for exemplary stewardship of their historic farm.



Suzanne Hickey, Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman, Eleanor Arnold, John Hickey, and Tommy Kleckner at Indiana State Fair

The Hickeys have farmed the 210-acre Cedar Point Farm near Morgantown since 1944, but only purchased the property in 1994. When the Hickeys acquired the farm, they rehabilitated the historic farm structures, reversing years of neglect.

A massive three-bay English barn and the brick Greek Revival I-house, both built in the mid-nineteenth century, form the centerpiece of the farm. The Hickeys also restored the farm's historic outbuildings, including a corn crib, granary, tractor shed, garage, privy, hen house, dog house, a windmill and two hand water-pumps. In 2002, the Hickeys won listing for Cedar Point Farm in the National Register of Historic Places. Agricultural production at Cedar Point Farm consists of corn, soybeans and wheat, along with hay used for horses boarded there.

The John Arnold Preservation Award memorializes a Rush County farmer tragically killed in a 1991 farm accident. John Arnold, son of Historic Landmarks' Rural Preservation Council member Eleanor Arnold, combined progressive agricultural practices with a deep respect for the natural and historic features of rural Indiana. Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana presents the award bearing his name to recognize farmers for the preservation and continued practical use of historic farm buildings.

This is the second time Morgan County farm has received recognition with the John Arnold rural Preservation Award. The first were Archie and Blanche Burnett of rural Paragon. They won the award in 1995.

For information on nominating a farm for the 2007 Arnold Award, call Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, 317-639-4534 or 800-450-4534.

"Designing Place" Website Complete

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The Designing Place website that has been in production for more than a year is now complete and available for use at:

http://scican3.scican.net/designing_place/index.htm

Written by Joanne Stuttgen and Kathryn Maxwell and designed by Terry Bunton, this website is devoted to the history and architecture of Martinsville, Indiana. A few contextual essays deal with Morgan County. It originated with a special eighth grade art honors course taught by Kathryn Maxwell at Martinsville West Middle School in 2004-05. "Designing Place" gave students their first exposure to architecture as an art form. They studied historic styles, learned to draw in two-point perspective, and created amazing renderings of historic Martinsville buildings. One student, Chelsea Kouns, produced the artwork used on historic district signs erected in 2006.

We developed and implemented an important and successful art curriculum and felt a need to share it with other teachers and school districts.

Here it is. All laid out for you. Art. History. Architecture. Curriculum. Historic Preservation. Community identity. Community pride.

We hope "Designing Place" will excite you and encourage you to develop innovative ways to use the materials it contains. Please share with us your ideas, efforts, successes and innovations. As historic preservationists, educators, historians, scholars, civic boosters and proud Martinsville residents, we are receptive and eager to learn more about ways to protect and preserve the treasures of our past.

Special workshops and training sessions for target groups are being planned for the coming months. Stay tuned for more information.

Tax Credit Program Kicks Off Focus on Public Education

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Editor's note: In the coming year, Board member Hallie Fleener-Durnal will coordinate a series of programs and workshops as part of MCHPS's new focus on public education. The first was held June 20. It dealt with rehabilitation tax credits. As word spreads about the economic benefits of preservation, we are getting an increasing number of requests to repeat the program. As a result, upcoming programs yet this year will deal with related topics, namely researching historic properties and how to list a property on the National register of Historic Places. The tax credit program will be repeated in January or February. Look for postcards in the mail after details are finalized.

by Amy Hillenberg, *Reporter-Times*

If you're living in a home or operating a business from a building more than 50 years old, it could be eligible for listing on the State or National Register of Historic Places. What's even better - you could restore it using a state or federal Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit (RITC).

This would require a \$10,000 minimum expenditure. A tax credit benefit would be 20 percent of rehabilitation costs for qualified work at income-producing properties or rentals that are certified historic buildings. Owner-occupied private residences are eligible only for the Indiana Residential Historic Rehabilitation Credit (RHRC).

These must be listed in the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures.

David B. Duvall, R.A., historical architect for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, presented a program on the subject Monday night at the Academy Building in Mooresville.

Also on hand was Craig Reynolds from the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, Central Regional Office. Reynolds said he had a list of contractors who were knowledgeable about historic rehab work and used required standards.

The program was sponsored by the Morgan County Historic Preservation Society, and people interested in restoration had plenty of questions for the two visitors.

They wanted to know who could write a nomination and what significant features qualified a structure for the Historic Register and income tax credit.

Duvall said the historic timeline is moving. "There wasn't much building going on between 1927 and 1947, during the Depression and World War II years. That means post-war homes and structures, which are now 50 years old or more, are thought of as historical."

Duvall pointed to a Web site and some publications that homeowners can use to nominate their homes or business structures to the Historic Register.

The Morgan County Interim Report rates every building in the county that is more than 50 years old. It puts them in categories: contributing, notable and outstanding. Duvall said architects decide where each structure should go. Although the survey information is not on the Web, the Guide to State Preservation can be accessed at www.in.gov/dnr/historic/.

Another publication, Historic Indiana, has information on building styles and properties, which were on the Historic Register in 2004.

"Almost all outstanding buildings make it on the Historic Register," Duvall said. "Sometimes a notable property gets listed, and if there is a cluster of contributing structures that are close together, the area could get on the list. Buildings that are associated with an important person or event are also eligible for nomination."

Duvall said anyone can nominate a structure for the Historic Register - it doesn't have to be the owner. However, the individual must get familiar with the language required on the application. He must produce

archival-quality photos (and there is a published protocol on photographs), give a physical description and statement of significance. In layman's terms, why is the property considered as a historic place?

A state review board meets quarterly, so nominees could wait six months for a review. "There is a technical review and a substantive review, which may or may not require more background information," Duvall said.

He added that if the federal RITC is claimed, the building must be listed in the National Register within 30 months following claiming of the credit.

He noted that the scope and cost of the renovation is between the owner and the Internal Revenue Service. But the quality of work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Duvall said special care is taken with masonry treatments, brick pointing, windows, etc. He said energy efficiency could still be achieved by maintaining the structure's integrity.

Duvall said if a house or building has siding, the structure is not automatically disqualified for the register.

Reynolds said if an individual gets a property tax reassessment on historic preservation rehab, the assessment can be abated for five years.

To find out more about using income tax credits for historic restoration, call Duvall at (317) 232-1646 or email him at dduvall@dnr.in.gov.

News Briefs

Board of Directors

2007 Historic Homes Tour (Tina Chafey) • This year's tour will showcase the houses in the East Washington Street Historic District. Tour goers repeatedly request to see these houses, and we have listened. We are trying to get as many houses on the tour as we have homeowners willing to host a public open house. Our goal is at least ten! Repeats are welcome as people seem to want to see the same houses again and again.

This year's tour is scheduled for Sunday, December 3 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Plans are to make this a very special tour, with musicians and minstrels and other artists inside homes and on the sidewalks.

Please contact Tina for more information, or if you would like to participate by having your house on tour.

Martinsville Sanitarium (Joanne Stuttgen) • An extensive feasibility study for the adaptive reuse of the former sanitarium hotel into a community services center has been recently completed by DLZ Indiana, LLC. The project manager was Martinsville native Eric Ratts. The DLZ Design Team completed an exhaustive review of the facility, noting visual defects and areas requiring attention. The scope of work includes all typical architectural and building engineering systems and consideration of required ADA and other compliance issues.

WellSpring and the Community Service Center of Morgan County are committed to preserving this historic building. Total project cost is estimated at \$3.25 million, more than \$3 million less than new construction. Grants are available but will require a local cost share of at least \$150,000 before application can even be made.

Obviously, a major fundraising effort is necessary. To this end, a "Boats, Bluegrass, and Barbecue" bash is scheduled for Saturday, September 2. The all-day event will be held at Bradford Woods (fishing) and the Morgan County Fairgrounds (blues and barbecue). The first breakfast seating is at 8:00 and the second is at 10:00. Lunch is a barbecue cook-off between four of different service clubs. Come out and eat and vote for your favorite Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, or other 'cue! Bluegrass music from a whole list of entertainers will fill out the day from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact Jennifer Blankenship at WellSpring at (765) 342-6661 ext 303.

In addition, MCHPS will be partnering with WellSpring on at least two other fundraising efforts during the next six months. Details are currently being worked out.

Cross School (Joanne Stuttgen) • From Gary Oakes comes news that the Martinsville Kiwanis have received grants and gifts totaling \$12,000 for replacement of the aging asphalt roof on the Cross Schoolhouse. The Martinsville School District gave \$7,000, with another \$5,000 coming from the Community Foundation of Morgan County. An historically appropriate roof of wood shakes and half-round gutters is anticipated to be installed this fall.

Hall School (Randy Marsh) • Much is going on. Randy will meet soon with the superintendent of the Monroe-Gregg School Corporation to negotiate the donation of the historic school building to the Hall Civic Association. The corporation has recently submitted a grant application on behalf of HCA for funds to do immediate necessary repairs. A second dinner theater (this time with a western theme) and steak dinner is in production. The date and time will be Saturday, November 4, at 6:00 p.m. The place: the new Monrovia Elementary School auditorium.

Tickets will be available at Hummingbird heaven and Jailbird Antiques and from members of HCA. Plan to come and wear your Tony Llamas!

Investigation of Preservation Ordinances, Martinsville Plan Commission (Joanne Stuttgen) •

The first educational session on historic preservation ordinances was presented to the Martinsville Plan Commission in July. Mark Dollase of Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana spoke about historic preservation commissions (HPCs) and how they work. Approximately 40 communities in Indiana have established HPCs since 1977. Established by local ordinance after substantial public consultation, HPCS are governed by a board of citizen appointees whose role is to review the impact of alterations to individual historic properties and those in districts. An HPC is just one of several ways allowed by state law of preserving historic resources. Over the next year, representatives from other communities will speak to the Plan Commission about alternative strategies they are using. Commission members will also make visits to see what is and is not working in other places.

Coincidentally, the fall Affiliate Council meeting of Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana will be dealing with the same subject. See below. Joanne will work her darndest to get Plan Commission members to attend.

HLFI Fall Affiliate Council Meeting (Joe Mills) • The fall meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2006, at the Henry County Historical Society in New Castle

Join representatives from HLF I and other Affiliate Council members for a panel discussion on historic preservation commissions--the good, the bad, and the ugly. A team of experts from the communities of various sizes will share their secrets to successful commissions. We'll also learn from their mistakes as they explain the process for developing preservation district guidelines.

The day will end with a tour of the Henry County Historical Society's restoration in progress. The interior restoration consultant for the Boyd-Joyner House will be on hand to answer questions about her role in the project.

HLFI Spring Affiliate Council Meeting (Joe Mills) • Joe Mills and Joanne Stuttgen attended the spring meeting of HLF I's Affiliate Council in Pendleton and came away excited about Historic Pendleton-Fall Creek's façade grant program. Historic property owners vie for an annual grant of up to \$2000 for exterior restoration work. Projects must conform to the Secretary of the Interior's standards for the rehabilitation of historic properties. We're working out the details and ongoing funding for a similar program here in Morgan County and hope to be ready to offer our first round of grants in 2007. We'll have more on this later. Meanwhile, you can view the federal guidelines at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/TPS/tax/rhb/>. If you would be

interested in serving on the grant review committee, contact Joe Mills at (765) 342-0391 or mills@reliable-net.net.

Tea Cup Auction Fundraiser (Tina Chafey) • An afternoon tea and tea cup auction is planned in conjunction with Pregnancy Care for Sunday, October 22, at Liberty Christian Church. Come out and enjoy scrumptious desserts and a variety of specialty teas, followed by a lively auction of antique and collectible tea cups. Profits from the desserts and drinks will be split with Pregnancy Care. Profits from the auction will go to MCHPS. For more information or to make reservations (highly recommended due to the great interest), call Hummingbird Heaven and Jailbird Antiques at (765) 349-1949 or Tina Chafey at (765) 342-6082. If you have teacups to donate, let us know! The more, the merrier.

Martinsville's Carnegie Library Celebrates 100 Years (Joanne Stuttgen) • As the Back Cover Girl of the last issue of *Indiana Preservationist*, the bi-monthly news magazine of Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, the Morgan County Public Library is looking pretty good after a century of continued use. Its recent exterior restoration, with historic paint colors and a replica tile roof, is captured in a new commemorative Cat's Meow piece that is due for the September 19th Centennial Celebration. Be part of the celebration of a century of reading, public programming, and community education! Contact the Library at (765) 342-3451 for more information.

Morgantown Historic Commercial District (Joanne Stuttgen) • The Morgantown Historic District, containing 37 properties located along Washington Street (SR 252) between Marion and the old Christian church. was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in April.

WANTED

Historic Morgan County postcards

I am at work on a pictorial history of Morgan County based solely on historic postcards. We are seeking postcards of Mooresville, Morgantown, Paragon and other towns and villages, as well as rural scenes of Morgan County. If you are willing to lend postcards to be scanned for use in the book, please contact me. All postcards will be returned. I'll bring my portable scanner to your house so your cards do not have to leave your hands.

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VACANT

STILL NEEDED! New board member(s).

In the last several newsletters, it was reported that Joe Mills, who has served as President for the past three years, and Joanne Stuttgen were stepping down from the Board. Because no one has stepped up to fill their places, they have agreed to stay on for one more year. **But only one more!** However, Cheryl and Steve Edwards have stepped down. This means there is at least one vacancy on the board.

In addition, other board members have served for many years and are interested in pursuing other interests. Please! We need new ideas, new blood, and new energy. MCHPS will have a difficult time moving forward without a turnover in directors.

Contact Joe Mills at (765) 342-0391 or mills @reliable-net.net if you are willing to serve for a year or two. Make your membership count for even more.

MCHPS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

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\$18.00

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\$25.00

Organization

\$35.00

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