



Above: The main lobby of The Continental Hotel

Right: The Continental on the east side of the Centerville square



Morgan's hometown of Exline population 190 people, this store takes you back to a time long forgotten including an operating wood stove in what locals call the "sit and spit" corner and a working restored antique soda fountain where you can get any old time drink you can imagine or make up your own recipe of phosphate or soda.

The Leslie School House

A decaying one room school turned garage when it was donated by Carolyn Bauman, it is now restored to its original splendor complete with chalkboards, pot belly stove, school desks and water bucket serving as a museum of a way of life long lost.

The Everett Withrow Insurance and Monument Building

This tiny building was originally on the main street of Exline but many years ago was drug to a side lot to be used as a forgotten little storage building. After being donated back to Exline, Morgan renovated it and dedicated it to the Exline Community Betterment Association which he also financed and helped start.

Exline Hose Company No. 1

A wonderfully unique project, this started after Morgan found and purchased the true original 1923 Ford Model T Exline, Iowa fire truck. The question was, "Where do we put it?" Now you know. Not only does the Exline Hose Company No. 1 Museum house the original town fire truck it also houses a sister 1923 Model T Sinclair Gas truck matching the branding of the old country store which was owned and had been meticulously care for by Dr. Craig Stater who then lovingly donated it to Exline.

Ponds and Prairies

Morgan developed this housing area on the farm he and his brother and sister were born and raised on. With their cooperation it turned into a

log home community that will be occupied by up to 16 properties. Homes and sites are currently available.

Bradley Bank Building

This is the building where Cit-Financial is located. Partially restored, this building houses operations for all of Mr. Cline's activities in the area on the restored second level. It is a mixed use property combining retail, service and residential space. The original copper dome which has been gone for over 70 years was recently replaced by Morgan as part of his continued effort to bring the building back to its original glory.

The Columns, just north of the Centerville square

J.C. Penny Building

The building sat empty after J.C. Penny moved out.

Rubbermaid had expressed and interest in a company store and Morgan feared the space would be sold or rented to a service or professional office business which would damage the longterm viability of the Centerville town square. He purchased the building, renovated the upstairs and then recruited a retail chain to occupy the space thus saving the building and ensuring the Square's retail future.

The Continental Care Center at Seymour

When Seymour was in danger of losing its only nursing home, Morgan stepped in to buy the Seymour Community Care Center. After renovations, it is now the Continental Care Center.

Appliance Discount Depot – Your Square Deal Maytag Home Appliance Center

After hearing some figures on the number of dollars leaving the community when citizens went to metropolitan areas to buy appliances from big box stores, Morgan believed that it would be beneficial to the community to do what it took to provide an appliance business that could encourage people to re-evaluate their purchasing decisions and be confident of a local retailer that would offer "guaranteed low prices" in an effort to stop the flow of locals feeling pressure to leave the community to get a better value elsewhere.

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