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## Around Town

### Homecoming

The Homecoming Committee has been busy putting the final touches on the event. It will be held at Recher Park on Saturday, May 31, 2008. A schedule of events will be found later in this issue.

### Morocco High School Alumni

The Morocco High School Alumni Association annual dinner will be held at the Morocco School Gymnasium on May 24, at 6:30 p.m. (CDT). Preceding the banquet will be the “Old Gold and Black” social hour beginning at 5 p.m., in the school gym.

Honored classes are 1923, 1928, 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 195 8, 1963 and the 1967 11<sup>th</sup> grade class at MHS

A printable ticket is on the Web site at: [www.moroccohighschoolalumni.org](http://www.moroccohighschoolalumni.org).

If you missed the deadline of May 14<sup>th</sup> and hope to attend contact Connie Sell, Secretary, 10104 S. U.S. Hwy 41, Brook, Indiana, 47922.

Doc Schanlaub is this year’s president.

### Missing Funds

The audit of the Town of Morocco by the Indiana State Board of Accounts is complete for the year 2007.

During 2007 118 customer payments totaling \$11,289.49 were posted to utilities accounts but not deposited to the utility depository.

During this period the town business office personnel consisted of two employees, Donna Cady, the Clerk/Treasurer, and the Utility Clerk, Renee Sain

The following amounts are being charged to Renee Sain’s account by the State Board:

Undeposited utility receipts, \$11,289.49

Unpaid utility bill	98.99
Audit costs for missing funds	3,778.83
Total	\$15,166.72

Neither Cady nor Sain are currently employed by the Town of Morocco

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Ron and Georgene Hamann were lunch guests of Harriet Webb on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. They enjoyed an afternoon of visiting.

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Brian and Becky Goddard have purchased the Scott Hivley home on Wallace Avenue.

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The foundations are being laid on the addition to the Styling Stall, which will soon become a residence.

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DeAnna Pappas, niece of Roger Webb will be the Bachlorette beginning May 19<sup>th</sup> on Channel 7 at 8 p.m. Thought you might like to see a photo of the young starlet.

## Morocco Cooks

By Jan Yoder

### Crunchy Cauliflower Salad

- 1 head of lettuce, torn
- 1 head of Cauliflower, chopped
- 1 sweet onion, chopped
- 1 pound bacon , crispy & crumbled
- ½ cup sugar
- 1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper
- 2 cups mayonnaise

In large bowl combine lettuce, cauliflower, onion and bacon; toss well. Set aside. Mix together sugar and parmesan cheese; sprinkle over lettuce mixture; salt & pepper to taste. Spread mayonnaise on top. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Toss and serve. Serves

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8. (Another salad that is good for spring. Enjoy!)

### Grape Salad

1 cup sour cream  
¼ to ½ cup brown sugar, packed  
3 cups seedless green grapes  
3 cups seedless red grapes  
1 cup pecans, chopped & toasted

Combine sour cream and sugar; mix in grapes. Stir in pecans; cover and chill. Serves 6-8.

I first tasted this delicious salad at a restaurant in Attica, Indiana. It is very good! The following recipe works well when asparagus is fresh and in season.

### Asparagus Pasta

5-6 boneless skinless chicken breasts, sliced  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
15 ounces asparagus spears  
1/3 cup sherry or chicken broth  
10 ¾ ounces mushroom soup  
2 tablespoons garlic powder  
½ cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese  
16 ounces angel hair pasta, cooked

Sauté chicken in olive oil until juices run clear when pierced. Add asparagus liquid (if using canned asparagus) If fresh is used increase broth or sherry. Add soup and garlic powder. Reduce heat and simmer until creamy (20 minutes or so) Add cheese and asparagus. Heat for an additional 10 minutes. Serve over warm pasta. May be reheated by putting in oven for 20 minutes. Serves 6.

## Happenings

When long time friend and business woman, Nancy Clifford, of Indianapolis informed Ye Editor that her doctors had told her that due to a recent health concern she could not fly in airplanes, she asked me to accompany her to London on the boat. Always ready for a trip, Ye Editor said yes, only later realizing the boat was the Queen Mary II.

We drove to New York where we met the boat at Brooklyn. Usually I hate to drive on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, but this time it had no more traffic than in the 1970's due in part to the high price of gasoline, and was like a Sunday drive in the park.

In New York we met with Dr. Debby Allen, Nancy's personal physician who also shared our suite of rooms. I had known Debby's parents when I was Director of the Bartholomew County Library, Columbus, Indiana and they were involved in many civic affairs, so we knew a lot of the same people from our Columbus days.

The Queen Mary II replaces the ship of the same name, the flag ship of the Cunard line. To say the accommodations are lush would be an understatement. The state rooms are appointed with rare wood from South America and have a definite Art Deco look, with fresh fruit and orchids brought in daily.

Pampering is the name of the game and the food was excellent. Exiting our suite we could look down a corridor that was as long as two football fields. A map was provided to find your way.

A state-of-the-art planetarium provided entertainment as well as a Shakespeare play, a big band for the dance floor, string quartet for the lover of classical music, and theatrical presentations. Those who wanted to visit the spa and take daily exercise had trainers, who looked after their needs.

My favorite restaurant was Todd English,

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whose chef was world famous and the dining was beyond one’s expectations.

Fortunately the crossing was very smooth. (Many of those who traveled the week before got sick from the rough crossing).

I talked to one lady, who planned to stay on the ship and return to New York. Seems she spends her whole summer aboard ship. She loves to play the slots which are located in the casino.

We stayed at Nancy’s apartment in London, which was located just down the street from Harrods. A highlight of the trip was attending the musical, *Hairspray*, in the theatre district of Soho.

London was having a heat wave, and with no air-conditioning we soon left for Southport, a seaside resort area in the northern part of England, to escape the heat. The train trip was very enjoyable. The horse-chestnuts were in full bloom and more than I ever remember. A new crop, rape oil plants, colored the landscape with a vivid yellow, which was very attractive.

My only advice to those who care to travel in England. Take plenty of money. When I first visited there in 1967 I purchased a book, *England on Five Dollars a Day*, and was able to do just that. Now even a meal at McDonalds will be 12 pounds or 24 dollars, American. For decent seats at the theater be prepared to spend 60 pounds or 120 dollars. And the bill at a good restaurant will be in excess of 180 dollars. I used to go to the airport for around 20 dollars. The cost this trip was 80. I don’t know how regular people afford to live in England.

Morocco looked very good on my return. Travel is wonderful, but it is always good to be home.

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## Discover Science Summer Camp

Registration for this year’s Discover Science Summer Camp deadline is May 30<sup>th</sup>. There is space available for the first 95 to sign up. The camp is for children from 4 to 12 years old with discounts on fees for families with more than one child enrolled in the program. For registration information, call Diane Gonczy at 219-285-6328.

Ruth Ann Falk Chamberlain Camp Scholarships will be available through the Morocco Projects Unlimited to help those who can’t afford the camp fees.

This year’s theme is Eco Systems: Ask me what’s in my backyard. On Monday, the campers will learn what an eco system is. Tuesday, they’ll learn how eco systems work and on Wednesday the topic is “How do we affect eco systems.” Thursday will be, “How do we fit?” and Friday is “How can we help?”

Campers will learn about eco systems in a fun, hands-on learning environment with field trips to emphasize their learning experience. The camp will be held at the Beaver Township Community Center in Morocco from 9 to 11:20 a.m. every day beginning June 16<sup>th</sup>. Projects Unlimited, McClellan Township, Beaver Township, Jackson Township, Lake Township, Town of Morocco, DeMotte State Bank, Keebler, RMT Transport, Solid Gold Sound, Bob’s Archery and Dale Murphey, DJ. are sponsors.

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## United Church

Pastor Walter Terry and his wife, Bonnie, were welcomed by the congregation of the United Church of Morocco to serve as its Interim Pastor. He will begin the first weekend in May. The United Church has been without a minister for over two years.

Pastor Terry, who entered into a full-time ministry after spending 28 years with a graphic arts company in Indianapolis, was active in

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Gideon International during this time. He has served in Indiana Baptist churches for over 20 years, following graduation from Boyce Bible School in Louisville, Kentucky. He retired from full-time ministry to deal with health issues in December 2005.

The Terrys have been married for 48 years and although they have no children of their own, they have shared their love with many children during their ministry.

Sunday morning Sunday School begins at 9 a.m. with the worship service following at 10 a.m. The community is invited to join the congregation in welcoming Pastor Terry and anyone is welcome to attend services.

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### **The Busy Beaver 4-H Club works on projects.**

The Busy Beavers had a 4-H meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> Stephen Blaney called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone who attended.

Andrew Harwood lead in the pledge to the American Flag and the 4-H pledge. Lacie Rieck presented the minutes from the last meeting which occurred on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Tom Dawson gave the treasurer’s report. Then Blaney called for Old and New Business.

The Geranium sales are complete and the money should have been turned in. The plants will be here on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Dawson will call everyone with final arrangements.

The next meeting is May 19, 2008 (if weather permits.) We will go around the park homes for our final food drive. If it is raining or cold, we will wait until the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, so dress accordingly. Since we haven’t had a Junior Leader’s meeting, Neil Riley will report on what happened at the April 16, 2008 meeting. Tom and Janet did a Green Book Demo to show the new and first year members how to fill out the green books.

Richard Watts did a demo on Basic Crafts which was metal punching. Then everyone went around and told how much they have completed on their projects.

Demos for May or June meeting, depending on the weather, are Alisha Watts and Michela Rieck. Refreshments for the May meeting will be provided by Richard Watts (drinks) and Neil Riley (snacks).

Dawson came up with a “fun” game in which the group had to listen to his instructions and draw a picture without talking, and without asking questions.

Stephen Blaney closed the meeting and refreshments were served.

The next meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **National Nutrition Awareness Day**

Senior Citizens from Morocco, Goodland and Roselawn Nutrition Sites along with Newton County community leaders gathered at the Beaver Township Community Center to celebrate National Nutrition Awareness Day.

Nutrition sites across Indiana provide needed services such as home delivered meals and congregate meals. Health and nutritional information along with fellowship and physical activities are also provided.

Governor Mitch Daniels signed a declaration proclaiming March 12 as National Nutrition Awareness Day. On this day nutrition sites across the state of Indiana were serving the same menu of pork loin, lima beans, cottage cheese, pineapple tidbits, bread, butter and milk, and for dessert spice cake was served.

Debbie Wessels, executive director for Newton County Community Services spoke to the guest about the home delivered meals that are served to senior in Newton County or meals that are served at the Morocco, Goodland or Roselawn (Generations) Nutrition Sites. An informational game was shared

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about nutrition facts and myths.

Information was shared about the “new food pyramid,” informing the guests about the serving sizes and the portions that are needed to maintain a healthier life style. Activities were added to the event by completing some brief “stretching exercises” done to lively Irish melodies. After the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation led by Debbie Wessels, lunch was served. Following lunch Bingo was played with plenty of nutritional snacks won as Bingo prizes. This is the scene that is played out daily at nutrition sites across the state as well balanced lunch, fellowship and socialization, nutritional and health information and some type of activity and physical exercise.

This program is open to all seniors regardless of financial circumstance or physical abilities. If you’re a senior (60 plus years) in Newton County, you are welcome to stop in and visit the Roselawn Goodland or Morocco Nutritional Sites.

Morocco Nutrition Site--Carolyn Nantais, site manager, 104 E. State Street, Morocco, 219-285-0658.

## Features

### **World War II; As It Happened To Me By Vic Carlson (final installment)**

#### **Kweiyang, China**

When I arrived at Kweiyang I was totally surprised to look into the eyes of cousin Bob Johnson. Bob was aware that my unit was coming and was looking for me. Bob was company clerk in his quartermaster truck company and had been in C. B. I. (China, Burma, India) longer than I. We went out on the town that night and had a good time. My

unit was quartered in tents close to Bob’s unit and we spent quite a bit of time together.

Troopers of our unit were being assigned to other organizations and we had the unique opportunity to “shop” for an assignment. Bob had a friend, Lt. Duffy, who was in charge of a civilian personnel office which hired and paid Chinese civilians to work for the U.S. Army. His staff was totally Chinese and he wanted a couple of G.I.’s to more or less act as liaison between his Chinese office personnel and the Army officers they dealt with. Mostly through Bob’s recommendation, Lt. Duffy requested Todd Brenneman and I be assigned to him. The office prepared payroll vouchers for the army units using the civilian workers and Lt. Duffy put me in charge of this. I knew more about a mule than a payroll voucher, but the Chinese staff, who were all well educated took care of this. My main duty was to deal with the Army officers who came to pick up their vouchers. Another responsibility was to requisition food for a mess which fed Chinese Army officers being trained as interpreters. Todd worked in hiring and placing civilians for army units.

Todd and I had living quarters above our office and a weapons carrier for transportation. In other words, we had it made. The icing on the cake was a promotion. Todd was now a Technician 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (Sgt.) and I was Tec. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade which was Staff Sgt. Grade. Compared to combat in Burma, we were indeed living “high on the hog.” I believe Lt. Duffy thought we were living a little too high when he discovered we were throwing an occasional party for our friends. Lt. Duffy was a religious person and entered the ministry after the war.

One of the Chinese clerks in the payroll section was a young displaced Chinese girl named Mary Wong. She was well educated and spoke fluent English. Most of the better



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class girls didn't fraternize much with the Americans. I was always trying to get a date with her. Finally she agreed that Todd and I could come over to her and her sister's place and they would give us some bridge lessons. I'm sure we had more than bridge on our minds, but I'll be truthful and tell you we didn't learn much about bridge or anything else for that matter!

I worked at the civilian personnel office for several months and was there when the atom bomb was dropped and the war ended. We were deliriously happy and several of us celebrated in a pyramidal tent. The beverage for the day was 190 proof medicinal (pure) alcohol cut with G.I. canned grapefruit juice which I procured from the mess I managed.

We were living it up pretty good when one of us suddenly became very serious and offered a prayer, thanking God for the war's end and for sparing us in the conflict. There must have been six or eight of us, one was a Jewish boy in the group, and we each offered a prayer individually. I shall never forget this experience. The war was over and so was the celebration party.

Now that the war was over Uncle Sam started sending troops home. In general the “point” system determined when you got your call. Points were determined by length of service, length of overseas service and number of dependents. I didn't have enough points to expect return for a while. I can't recall just how much longer I remained at Kweiyang, but shortly I boarded a C-54 plane and we landed at the port city of Shanghai, China.

## Shanghai, China

Shanghai was much different from the smaller interior cities of China I had seen. Shanghai had an international air and parts of it were very modern. The city had been rather

heavily damaged during the Jap siege, but had healed considerably during the several years of Japanese occupation.

I was assigned quarters in a large modern building, the foreign W.M.C.A. facility, which was in close proximity to the modern business section of Shanghai.

I was soon assigned duty in a large office building which served as base command headquarters.

I and another Sgt. Were assigned to work at the reception desk on the ground floor. The building must have had 10 or 15 floors and a multitude of Army and Navy officers were located here. I had never seen so much “brass” in one place and General and Admiral grade officers were common. An interesting fact was that we were replacing two civilians at the desk. One was a beautiful woman of Dutch origin and a man who I believe was a white Russian. Both had been interned by the Japanese and were still quite thin. They stayed on until we got a feel for our duties. I was quite smitten with the Dutch lady even though she was probably around 30-35 and I was 21 at this time. I soon learned she was engaged to be married. She was a fine lady and I enjoyed working with her even though it was for a short time.

We were kept busy at the desk, mostly advising and directing military personnel to the proper office of their need. We did deal with a number of civilians; one I remember was a lady friend of one of the generals. We had to be discreet on many occasions. Another time we were approached by a Chinese businessman who tried to talk us into allowing him to open a lingerie shop in the lobby. He offered us some cash and a cut of the sale!

I visited the graves registration office in an effort to find information on the grave of

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Richard Augustine, a fighter pilot who was killed in China while strafing an ammunition train. Dick had been a close friend and classmate in high school. I was unable to get much information.

Shanghai was an interesting tour of duty for me as there was much to see and quite a lot of free time to enjoy the sights. I must have been here a couple of months when I boarded a ship for the voyage home.

### Voyage Home

The U.S. Navy was returning troops back to the states in a wide variety of ships. I drew a “baby flat-top” which had been converted from a cargo ship of some kind. Its planes were removed and the hangar deck just below the flight deck was fitted with multideck beds where we slept.

The most memorable thing about the trip was the winter storm we hit in the North Pacific. As the storm became worse and the water rougher the ship was listing in the water to a great degree. In an effort to lower the center of gravity, the flight elevators which carried the planes to the flight deck were lowered to the hangar deck. This left two big openings in the flight deck. The cold gales entered one hole, swept through the hangar deck, and exited out the other hole. Even with extra blankets I believe this was one of the coldest and most miserable nights I ever endured.

A pleasant experience was a stopover at Hawaii. I was impressed with the sight of the carnage at Pearl Harbor.

We were given liberty and really enjoyed it although I must confess most of us saw more of the insides of bars than anything else. To be in an American atmosphere created a feeling I just can't describe after having spent 18 months in Asia.

We left Pearl Harbor and just after Christmas 19 45 we docked in Seattle, Washington.

### Back in the “States”

So many troops were arriving in Seattle that there was a problem finding room ashore to billet them. In fact, we had to remain aboard ship for a few days until we could be put up at nearby Ft. Lewis. We didn't get a big welcome or tickertape parade, but some of us kissed the first bare earth we saw.

While on ship we could get liberty at anytime and Seattle sure looked good. I returned to ship once and was told a sailor had been there looking for me and had left a message. I read the note and immediately recognized the writing as being brother Dave's. If my memory serves me correctly, we celebrated New Year's Eve 1945 together there.

My stay at Ft. Lewis was a matter of only a few days and I was on a train heading for Indiana. My destination was Camp Atterbury, just south of Indianapolis. There I was processed for separation and when completed they sewed the “ruptured duck” separation emblem on my blouse and I became a civilian!

As I stepped on the bus for the final step of my journey home, I experienced a feeling of euphoria I shall not attempt to describe.

I had traveled to the other side of the world and back by train, bus, ship, truck, riverboat, airplane, mule, rickshaw and several hundred miles on foot. Within a few short hour my journey would be complete and I would be home at the point I had started from almost three years before.

### Epilogue

Friendships made in the military under sometimes difficult and dangerous circumstances seem to create a feeling of

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camaraderie that is almost impossible to describe. I believe the term “buddy” probably says it best. Some of the buddies I served with and I have seen or corresponded with since the war are: Todd Brenneman, Iowa; Troy Ray, Mississippi; Elza Cater, Kentucky; Don Emerick, Indiana; Mark Nider, Illinois; Alden Neff, Utah; Don Ronkainen, Minnesota; Clarence Shelmire, Pennsylvania; James Veltrop, Missouri, Al Newman, California; Lt. Duffy, Illinois, and Bob Johnson, Indiana

There are local, state, and national China, Burma, India veteran’s organization of which I am a member. Betty and I are planning to attend the national reunion at Denver, Colorado this Year (1988).

Vic Carlson  
Former Member, H.Q. Troop, 1<sup>st</sup> Sqdrn.  
124<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Special  
1944-1945

## Letters to the Editor

### Backward Glance

#### Norway School (District 5)

Soon after the Enabling Act of 1852 which allowed for the collecting of a tax for the use of free public schools, Beaver Township was divided into districts and small one room schools constructed for each district.

Norway School was built during this time southwest of Morocco in the neighborhood that later became known as Antioch, named for the church that was located about a mile and half west of Turkey Foot Grove on the south side of the road. The school was located in District 5.

From 1852 until 1922, a period of 70 years, it served the area well and many generations

received their only education from this one room school. Quite a few living today attended school there and were equipped to live productive and well rounded lives.

The following article appeared in the May 26, 1922 issue of the *Morocco Courier* and provides the best history I have found to date on the school.

"The last day of school at Norway, west of Morocco was observed last Friday (May 19, 1922) when former teachers and pupils assembled to mark the last closing of this ancient institution of learning. A big basket dinner at the noon hour followed by reminiscent talks by those present, also the reading of letters from former teachers and pupils, were features of the day.

"Norway school was first established about the year 1851, and the present building was erected about 1872. Many residents of Morocco and this section of the county attended school there in the early days, and the passing of the old landmark is observed by all with a deep tinge of regret.

"Former pupils are scattered to the four corners of the globe, and an effort was made by Alvin Stoner, the teacher, to have as many such as possible come for the closing day. Many were unable to do so and wrote letters, one of the most interesting of which, written by B.L. Archibald of Lincoln, Ill., we publish herewith:

"The first school house was built upon the ground between the years 1851 and 1855. I taught the last school in the old school house and the first term in the school house now standing. The present school house was built in the fall of 1872.

"Among the teachers of my boyhood days were Uncle Dan Graves, my first teacher; a Mr. Green, a man known as Lawyer Brown,



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Mrs. Nancy Jane Chaffee, Uncle John Johnson, Isaac Bemenderfer, Phineas Ewan, Wesley Buswell and Preston Bell. There were two or three other teachers, but I do not recall now who they were.

"I wish I could be at the celebration next Friday. It will be fifty years next fall since the present school house was built. The present size of the building is larger than the first, there having been some added to the front several years ago.

"As to the county superintendents, my earliest recollection and knowledge is of James Nelson, and next Judge Peter H. Ward. Then came Rev. Smith, a Presbyterian minister living at Kentland, of whom I obtained my first license to teach. Following him in their order were John Merchant, Orville Conner, Will Hershman, Will Pfrimmer, W.J. Kellenberger, and then Will Schanlaub. I may have forgotten some of the earlier superintendents, but perhaps this is enough, such as it was,"

Benjamin Lawrence Archibald, the writer of this letter was born October 3, 1851 near Battle Ground in Tippecanoe County, and came to the area with his parents, William Dickson and Ann (Graves) Archibald. He had two brothers, Silas Morgan Archibald and William Wiley Archibald, both of whom were born in the Antioch neighborhood on March 16, 1856 and August 19, 1858 respectively."

"Ben" Archibald married Matilda E. Miller, the daughter of Henry Fry and Hettie (Cotroll) Miller of Kosciusko County, Indiana. They were the parents of five sons, Bertram Lawrence, Henry Errett, William Marvin, Paul Vernon, and Lawson Lamar and two daughters, Hettie and Rhonda, who died at an early age. Four of the sons organized the Archibald Quartet and became well known,

first on the Chautauqua circuit and later when they recorded for Columbia Records.

"Ben" Archibald was a noted fifer during the Civil War and he also played in some of the Morocco bands. In later life he ran a newsstand just west of People's Drug Store, where many would buy their Sunday papers.

After the death of his first wife, he married Flora (Ewan) Goddard. At the close of each school term around the turn of the century it was the practice of the teachers to give their pupils a Souvenir Book, which contained along with poems the names of the pupils, who attended school that year. I have one for 1906 when W.D. Martin was trustee and Frank L. Wildrick was the teacher. The pupils were: Metta Johnson, Leona Hagen, Gladys Archibald, Lawson Goddard, Bethel Guinn, Robert Carlson, Ruby Russell, Alvin Noreen, Alice Carlson, Elmer Russell, Edith Voss, Ettie Williams, Maude Guinn, Tunis Wildrick, Vernon Hagen, Marie Guinn, Flossie Williams, Lloyd Johnson, Earl Goddard, Ruth Carlson, Ernest Guinn, Mary Nichols and Gay Nichols.

Recently Margaret Protsman found some other souvenir's of Norway days. One was dated April 25, 1914. Maud D. Smart, Teacher, School Officers, W. O. Schanlaub, Superintendent, Wm. Kessler, Trustee and Pupils, Margaret Protsman, Sydney Carlson, Roger Harwood, Vaneta Potts, Geneva Camblin, John Protsman, Leonard Carlson, Athol Purkey, Cora Kalfise, Bert Deardurff, and Ray Deardurff.

## Norway School Photos

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## Government In Action

### Primary Elections

There were not too many surprises in the recent primary. Most local Newton County Candidates ran without competition.

The only contested race was that of the North Newton School Board District 3 seat and the at-large position. Incumbents David Hayes and Debra Rossiter lost their seats to Mike Russell and Robert Churchill.

With three openings on both Democratic and Republican ballots for county council at-large seats, Democrat, Patricia Kwiatkowski received 30 % of the vote, while Denny Rainford (incumbent) and Katie Smith each received over 30- percent. The three will run against Republican candidate, Matthew Gibson, Scott Madison (incumbent) and Roger Saxon (incumbent) in the fall. Kwiatkowski, disappointed with her low numbers said she plans to kick off her campaign by joining a Poker Run for Veterans on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Charlie Hall, Democrat from Goodland, will challenge Russ Collins in November for the job of Commissioner. Collins is facing an opponent for the first time since he ran for office. Neither of the candidates had opposition within their parties.

### School Election

The tone for the primary election for school board members for North Newton School Corporation was set forth in a letter from Bonnie Story the last week in April.

“Another opportunity for the citizens of the North Newton School Corporation to let their voices be heard is coming up on May 6, 2008, in the Primary Election. Along with other offices, new members of the School Board will be elected. Although, through the remonstrance, the previous consolidation plan

was halted for a year, there is a plan still being considered that would consolidate all three elementary schools.

“ The position held by Nathan Gibson and Dale Morgan are unopposed, but there are two candidates from Lake Township and there are four running for the at-large position. If you believe that students and community both benefit from the schools remaining in the towns, your best option would be to vote for Mike Russell for Lake Township and Robert Churchill for the at-large position. They have both expressed their strong opinions that elementary schools belong in their communities.”

Obviously this frank assessment and the behind the scenes campaigning was successful, for both of the candidates singled out were elected and the incumbents were unseated in the school board race.

The two North Newton School Board incumbents, who were unseated in the primary were long time board member David Hayes, current president of the board, and Debra Rossiter, current board secretary. Newcomers Mike Russell and Robert Churchill, both running against consolidation of the three elementary schools were victorious.

Churchill, who farms, was not at the courthouse when the votes were counted; it was surmised that he was in the fields planting his crops.

Mike Russell and his wife Michelle were on hand when the votes were counted and was very excited by the numbers and the support he garnered.

Two other board members, Dale Morgan and Nathan Gibson, were unopposed and will retain their positions on the board.

The new members will be sworn in at the first July meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> . The North

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Newton School Board meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the high school band room.

### Elementary School Feasibility Study

In February a group was organized to address the dilemma of what to do with the elementary schools in Morocco, Lake Village and Lincoln Township. This was in response to the remonstrance against the plan of combining Morocco and Lake Village schools.

The group consists of Dr. Terry Barker, Superintendent, Mr. Sharp, Assistant, Todd Sammons, School Attorney, Kelly Clark, Scott Carlson, Bonnie Storey, Larry Bingham, Dan Blaney, Kathy Haas, Doug DeYoung, Rhonda Churchill, Tony Barone, Jeryl Leach, Pat Reyes, Cinde Caslin, Kevin Beckrich, Rebecca Crum, Kelly Petri, Teresa Schriener and Patty Norris.

The group was given five options to consider. (1) Address each facility’s needs (2) reconsider the 2004 option of consolidating Lake Village and Morocco in a new building probably built near the high school (3) build a new central school for all three elementary schools (4) build or remodel Morocco only, or (5) do nothing, which would eventually close the Morocco building.

In February the group studied the plans offered in 2004 and reviewed the details.

In March they focused on the costs of each option

And in April they found that there was no consensus, so they agreed to present two of the five options, in effect throwing it back into the School Board’s hands.

Bonnie Storey spoke on behalf of those who want to keep the schools in their communities. She said that most of the group felt that keeping the schools is important to the communities. Hometown schools provide a

homier atmosphere than a consolidated 800 student new school. Parent teacher conferences, activities and athletic programs would have better participation with the schools in the community. Also discussed was the negative impact of having youngsters get up at dawn and ride busses with older children.

On the other hand those who supported one school saw negatives in keeping three schools. Kelly Petrie spoke for the consolidation group. She indicated that there would be more money with one new building and there would be equality for all students. Maintenance costs would be reduced, but admitted that utility costs may be more. She also pointed out the cost savings of having one administrator rather than three.

There was agreement from both sides on some issues. Lake Village needs to be ADA compliant with wider entryways and an expanded media area. The school also needs to have windows replace.

All schools need to have HVAC work and electrical updates. HVAC systems need to be more energy efficient and provide better air quality.

At Lincoln Elementary, they would like to convert some office space back to classroom, improve the water quality, tuck point repair and remodel and expand the kitchen area and update the bathrooms to be ADA compliant

Morocco needs to be more handicap accessible by adding an elevator and more bathrooms on the top floor as well as making restrooms and bleachers handicap accessible on the first floor. The cafeteria and kitchen need improvements as well as electrical and plumbing repairs and some cosmetic fixes.

Morocco Elementary was built in 1921 and is the oldest school building in the stat still is use as a school. Dr. Terry Barker recommended that the Board look at the oldest

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building first. He said that it needs to be remodeled or rebuilt and estimated the cost at around \$8 million.

Barker recommended replacing the heating and air conditioning at Lake Village at a cost of around \$940,000. Upgrades at the Lincoln Elementary would run around \$1 million.

All together the total project cost would be about \$15 million and he suggested that they bond the project at \$16 million for contingency costs.

The cost of building a new school would be in the neighborhood of \$38 million

## Morocco Town Board

Because of the elections, the monthly Town Board Meeting was changed to May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

After the approval of the minutes and the financial report, Duke Gagnon told of the AT&T-One Economy program, a not-for-profit focused on bringing technology to small communities with low-income families. The Town Board is working to provide high-speed internet service to Morocco through the project. Research indicated that some 75 families would qualify for the program.

Jeff Rowe from Umbaugh and Associates, who were charged with projecting the rate increase, when the Hydrants and Main Project is instituted. Rowe indicated that in a worse case scenario, the rate could increase by \$18.00, quite a jump from the \$4.00 to \$6.00 estimated by the Board before the public hearing. Since there were some discrepancies in meter readings, Rowe was asked to resubmit the figures.

Five 30-yard dumpster have been ordered for the Spring Clean-Up day on May 10<sup>th</sup>. This the town is sending encouragement letters to residents informing them of the clean-up and offering assistance to residents.

Randy Decker reported that the town owns a backhoe that is just sitting and taking up space and suggested trading it in for a break hammer, which would be more usable.

Town Marshall, Steve Gibson, reported he had received 44 calls for the month of April—two dog complaints, six traffic stops, which resulted in four tickets and two warnings. He served one arrest warrant and had a number of miscellaneous calls.

Pat Ryan, the town attorney, reported on the curfew law. Under the current Indiana curfew law children 15, 16, and 17 years of age have a curfew of 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. The state allows the town to extend the curfew by two hours, if they deem the law too strict, but they cannot reduce the time. The Board decided to table the matter until a special Board meeting was held on May 13<sup>th</sup> to address this issue.

Ryan also spoke with Barb Avila at Animal Control, as it is becoming a significant issue through the county. She stated that they were operating at capacity.

Since each town has its own ordinances concerning animal control, Ryan spoke to the need of having more consistency in regard to animal control. He is in favor of having a flat fee per animal on a call, and asked Avila to do a financial analysis of her office and come up with a reasonable amount.

Lois Hensel, speaking for Discover Science Camp, stated that this is the third year of a five-year commitment. This year will focus on 11 and 12 year olds. She asked the board to help supplement the cost with \$2,500 covering two years. She said that about 90 percent of the children that attend are from Morocco. The Board agreed wholeheartedly with the program and voted to donate the money

Hensel also spoke for Morocco Homecoming and said the flyers are out. The

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author who wrote the book on Sam Rice will be at the Homecoming to autograph copies.

The next regular meeting of the Town Board will be June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## Transitions

### Shirley DuVall

Shirley DuVall passed away on May 4<sup>th</sup> at her home. No details are available at this writing.

### Harley Wayne Gibson

Harley Wayne Gibson, 81, passed from this life to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 27, 2008. He was born October 22, 1926, in New Liberty, Illinois, to Webb and Elsie Gibson. Harley was the oldest of seven children. Preceding him in death were three brothers and one sister. He served in the U.S. Army during W.W. II.

He married Betty Jean Menser on August 23, 1947, and she survives. He is also survived by three sons and one daughter, Harley (Cheri) Gibson, Jr. of Brook; Steven Gibson of Morocco; Michael Gibson of Fair Oaks; Susan (Ron) Amey of Lafayette. Also surviving are one brother, Larry (Vergie) Gibson of Morocco, sister Diana Dewey of Rensselaer, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews.

Harley lived and farmed in Newton County for 40 years and owned and operated a trucking business for several years before retiring in 1991. He was a 50-year member of the Morocco Masonic Lodge 371 and 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis. He was active in the community serving on the North Newton School Board and the Soil and Water Conservation Board and the ASCS Board.

Visitation was Tuesday, April 29, from 3

until 8 p.m. at the Beaver Township Community Center and services were Wednesday April 30 at 10 a.m. at the Beaver Township Community Center with interment following at Memory Gardens in Rensselaer. The family has requested donation to the American Heart Association.

### Bethel “Betty” J. Severs

Bethel “Betty” J. Severs, age 75, a resident of Morocco since 1938, passed away on Wednesday, April 29, 2008.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Francis Hayslip, Merle Hayslip, and Edward Hayslip.

Betty is survived by her husband, Donald E. Severs and children, Howard (Pat) Severs, Lynn (Bob) Stone, Dave (Terry) Severs, Mark Severs, all of Morocco and Pat Jones of Anderson and sister Doris (Roy) Swartz of Morocco, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held later. Burns Funeral Home and Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, in charge of arrangements.

### Brenda Dale

Brenda “Sue” Dale, 48, of Lake Village, died unexpectedly Sunday, May 11, 2008 at St. Anthony Medical Center in Crown Point.

She was born December 22, 1959, in Watseka, Illinois, the daughter of Lester and Beatrice (Reagan) Wolford of Beaverville, Illinois. She attended Morocco schools and North Newton High School, and had lived in Lake Village since 2001, moving from Morocco.

On June 23, 1979, in Morocco, she married Charles L. Dale, who survives.

Mrs. Dale was a homemaker.

Surviving with her husband and parents are a



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daughter, Tanya Sue Dale (Fiancé: Matt Carlson) of Morocco, and siblings, Carol Davenport (Bill) and Karen Atkins (Rick), both of Buffalo, Donald Wolford and Geneva Cook (Jeff) both of Monticello, Joyce Wolford of Plainville and Lester Wolford Jr., of Winamac.

Services will be Thursday in Morocco.

### **Dorothy L. Kettelhut**

Dorothy L. Kettelhut, 84, of Benton Harbor, Michigan, died Friday, May 16, 2008

Born June 23, 1923 in Morocco, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Alma (Carlson) Zoborosky.

(The complete obituary will be included in the next issue of *Morocco Times* as it arrived when the paper was almost complete.)

### **This and That**

Baseball season is underway, with a game almost every day or evening. How wonderful to have the ball park buzzing with activity again!

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Repairs on U.S. 41. INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) slated the project for 2007, but work did not begin in earnest until recently. One lane is open in each direction from SR 114 at Morocco to SR 14 at Enos. Work is expected to be completed by the end of October.

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The planters on State Street have been filled with geraniums and other very nice flowers. It always adds a uplifting touch to our downtown.

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Yes, Tammy Eastlund, I know your name is not Debbie. I don't know what gremlin possessed me, but it sometimes happens to editors. Please accept my apology.