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Around Town

Allied Waste is painting the old Intec building; their colors are gray and a royal blue, with bright blue awning over the doors at the rear of the building. The ribbon cutting for the remodeled structure took place on July 29th and first call received at the call center was on August 14th. Look under Happings in this issue for more details.

Southlake Machine Corp.(SMC) building on Polk Street is having a complete facelift. The whole façade of the former Brandt’s building is being redone. A bulge had developed in the brickwork near the top, and that has been removed and the roof has been shorn up while cement blocks are being put in place and the bricks replaced. A number of young people have been busy chipping the mortar off the removed bricks and they are being reused on the face of the building.

I spoke with Dale Wynn, who contracted the job, and since he is always aware of the historical aspect of the buildings told me that they had discovered the signature of Dave Cox written into the concrete at the last remodeling. Both of us thought immediately of Dave Cox, the banker’s son, who would have been at the right age to have put his John Henry there.

However, upon thinking about it some more, it occurred to me that there was another Dave Cox in town at the time who might have been a more likely candidate. Dave Cox, the son of Tom and Rosalie (Ackors) Cox, was my brother’s age and they spent a lot of time at Brandt’s Garage when they were in high school.

An eyesore in the town has been removed thanks to Wheatfield Grain. They have been

busy painting the two rusted storage bins on their property that had been neglected for the past decade and were truly a blot on the town.

The glistening white paint covered the rust and they are much easier on the eyes than before. New scales and loader have also been installed, which entailed the removal of the huge slabs of concrete and the iron pit which was under the scales. The site looks like a war zone, but day by day debris is being removed and the old elevator is returning to normal..

The Methodist Church has new sidewalks. Slabs of concrete from the old one were piled high at the rear of the church property Mary Zelivetz reports that she was rudely awakened one morning recently when the clank of these slabs were being loaded and removed from the property. Hardly a trace remains and again things are back to normal.

Many Morocco people were seen in Brook at Wes Kessler’s auction. The business had been discontinued after 68 years of continuous service to the area, first as an Alice Chalmers implement dealership and later selling riding mowers. The whole family has been busy for many months preparing for the auction.

First the extensive parts department had to be sorted, packaged, labeled and inventoried and shipped back to the company; some of the parts had been there since the beginning of the business. And next all of the rest of the contents had to be organized. Two auction rings ran simultaneously. Ye Editor saw many antique dealers there and many local citizens who were hoping for a bargain.

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Morocco Cooks by Jan Yoder

Zucchini Bread

Sift together::

- 3 cups flour
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - ¼ teaspoon baking powder
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 3 teaspoons cinnamon
- Set aside.

Mix together:

- 3 slightly beaten eggs
- 1 cup oil
- 2 cups peeled and grated zucchini

Add:

- 1 2/3 cups sugar
- 1/3 cup brown sugar

Add:

Dry ingredients and ½ cup chopped nuts
 Mix well and bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.
 Makes two loaves.

Although I have tasted other zucchini bread recipes, this is my favorite because the brown sugar adds so much to the flavor.

This is a family favorite and a great way to use the zucchini that’s flourishing in your garden.

Asian Slaw

- 1 pound broccoli slaw (in bag)
 - 1 cup sunflower seeds
 - 1 cup slivered almonds (sautéed in pan with butter).
 - 2 cups carrot strips
 - 2 packages ramen noodles (uncooked)’
 - 1 bunch of green onions sliced
- Dressing: (best made the night before and chilled)
- 1 cup oil
 - ½ cup sugar

- ½ cup white vinegar
- 2 packages of seasoning from the ramen noodles

Shake well and apply dressing to the mixed slaw ingredients. Serve.

Note: I’ve used chicken and oriental flavor. This fantastic recipe was given to me by Amy Sell after I enjoyed it at one of the monthly dinners at the Brook Methodist Church.. Sooo good! Thanks Amy!

Better Butter Burgers

Can be made in whatever quantity is needed for your meal. Figure two patties per serving.

Form desired amount of ground beef or turkey into very THIN patties, three to four inches in diameter. Place a pat of butter on top of the bottom patty and chopped fresh herbs of your choice in the center. (I love fresh parsley and garlic, but let your own creativity guide you). Sprinkle with salt and pepper and top with a second patty and seal the edges. Grill and enjoy!

This is an idea I developed when cooking at the coffee house. It seemed to be very popular and is great on an onion bun!

Happenings

On Saturday, July 26th, Larry Schanlaub hosted a cook-out for family and friends. Out of town guests were Scott and Gina Iseminger of Indianapolis, Bud Schanlaub of Kingman, Ron LaCosse, sons Billy and Bobby, daughter Brandy, grandsons, Clay and Noah, Audrey Duley and her son, Jerry, and daughter, Cindy Philpott all of Lafayette.

Morocco guests were George and Pearl Schanlaub, Wanda Schanlaub, daughter, Pat Wynn, and granddaughter, Robin Pitman, Donna and Harold LaCosse and Dee Dee

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Towne.

On July 29th Allied Waste officials, county commissioners, and guests were welcomed to the Allied Waste Service Center for an official ribbon cutting. The service center, housed in the old Intec building, no longer resembles a factory, but has been repainted in Allied Waste colors of gray and blue with bright blue awnings over the employee entrances.

Although the majority of the building is a large open space, the first set of offices, located at the front of the old factory, will house the newly hired employees.

17 new employees, many from the Newton County area have been in training for several weeks and will “go online” August 14. They have been learning how to handle customer inquiries. Cathy Kohl Turner is their instructor

Jennifer Whitfield of Allied Waste indicated that a second round of hirings will take place this Fall.

Jim Van Weelden, senior vice-president of market planning and development for Allied Waste welcomed all to the ceremony. “There has been a lot of work for six months by a lot of people,” he said, “to make an empty building into a call center, but we stand here this morning.

He mentioned the merger between Allied Waste and Republic Services, Inc. by saying, “I can’t say anything about the Republic merger, because I really don’t know...According to Republic’s Web site, the merger between the two companies was unanimously approved by both boards.

County Commissioner, Jim Pistello, told of the continuing cooperation of the county with Allied Waste, and the tipping fees that the county receives from the dump. He told of a \$5,000,000 loan that Allied Waste made to the

county to fund the building of the government center in Morocco, interest free. “Where can you get a loan for nothing,” Pistello said.

“Thank you for not applying for a tax abatement,” Pistello said. “The town needs you here without taking from their tax base.”

(Digested from an article by Cheri Glancy in *The Morocco Courier*, August 6, 2008. Further details are contained in that article.)

The United Church had their Bible school July 27-31, although the organizer, Rene Deardurff was at the Carle Clinic with her daughter, Becca, who had an accident on July 23rd. Her left arm was broken in two places and her left cheek bone was crushed. After several surgeries, she is home recovering. Meanwhile, several members of the United Church stepped up to the plate and carried on successfully, Their Bible school averaged 60 children each night.

The Hivley Family Reunion was held at Bass Lake on August 3rd. About 75 people were in attendance. The day was enjoyed with great food, Bingo, a white elephant auction and of course the lake

The Momence Gladiola Festival is in full swing this weekend with antique and flea markets, parades, cars and lots of food stands and crafts.

Editorial

In a gutsy gamble the Morocco Town Board decided not to accept the \$500,000 Focus Fund Grant the state had awarded them and go for a federally funded project that pays for 75% of the cost. (An attempt was made to have the state grant restructured and reallocated, but

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they were told that they would have to reapply since the scope of the project changed).

Rather than the one million dollar project that would replace the water mains in phases and do some upgrades, the Board hopes to completely replace the mains based on a prior assessment, which estimated the cost to totally replace the water delivery system as well as replacing auxiliary functions at a cost of 4.2 million.

The time frame for applying and approval would be approximately two years, before work could start, if the project were approved..

At the last meeting of the Town Board Ye Editor asked to have a question answered at the close of the meeting and rather than discuss it at the open meeting was invited to stay after the close of the official meeting.

At that meeting the town manager and members of the Board seemed more intent on reaming a new orifice for Ye Editor than answering questions. Seems as though they were upset at some of the opinions expressed in last month’s editorial Intimidation, threats, and verbal abuse may be management tools that work on the athletic field, but they don’t seem to be too effective in the Board Room or the work place. With such histrionics in place there seemed to be no possibility of asking a logical question, so I will pose it here.

The 4.2 million dollar estimate for the original project is four or five years old. Recognizing the rampant inflation that has occurred during the past year and a half, is the new figure of 4.3-4.5 million figure realistic. Figuring just 20% increase in costs of materials and labor, that would bring the total projected cost to 5 million rather than the new projection and would mean that the town would have to float a bond of 1.5 million, or three times more than the cost of the scrapped project.

The Board seems to be relying on the fact that Morocco fits all the criteria for an economically depressed area and that approval would be a shoo in. This may or may not be the way it will come down.

John Sturgill of McMahan Associates compared Morocco to Medaryville several times as being very similar in make up and needs. Some time ago McMahan completed a project for them and did receive federal funds. However thing have changed since then.

At Lon Rhanor’s auction last Friday I asked Hank and Elvira, antique dealers who have their shop in Medaryville, about their experiences in having a new system installed in their town. They expressed overall satisfaction. They said that their water had been awful before, but that the new well McMahan drilled east of town has provided them with good clean water. Their only negative comment was that they wished that the water and sewers could have been done at the same time, as the roads were a mess for a long time. They now pay \$64 a month for their water and sewers.

There is no question that Morocco’s water delivery system needs to be replaced. It is outdated and crumbling. The question is how and when this is to be done. We hope that the Town Manager and the Town Board have chosen a wise course of action.

From a memorandum prepared for the Board Meeting by John M. Sturgill of McMahan Associated, Inc. comes the reasoning used to scrap the old plan and adopt a new one.

“The findings of the evaluation clearly indicate that the Town would be best served to pursue a complete system upgrade. The reasons for this suggestion are based on the following:

- Due to utilization of different funding

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sources, the Town of Morocco would only need to finance an additional \$500,000 to undertake the complete water system upgrade, even though project costs are nearly 4 times greater.

- Due to the structuring of the loan funds, the annual financing payments made by the Town would be nearly identical between the two projects, yet the Town gets a nearly new water system.
- The Town currently expends approximately \$72,000 annually on costs related to repairs and maintenance of the current water system. Under the multi-phased approach, these costs would not be reduced until a significant portion of the Town system is replaced. Under the complete upgrade, the Town would see an immediate reduction in repair costs, as most of the system would be new.
- Every \$10,000 saved in annual cost saves the average water user approximately \$1.80 per month.

The bottom line is simple; the utilization of Rural Development Funding in Morocco will provide the Town with a nearly new water system for a rate increase which is essentially the same as a partial upgrade. This coupled with potential savings in operation cost due to fewer repair expenses will result in a safer, more efficient, more reliable water utility.”

Features

Vane “Speed” Harrison’s World War II Experiences

At 91 Vane “Speed” Harrison lives alone in the house on the northwest corner of Beaver and Main. I remember it as the Abe and Hattie (Deardurff) Poole home.

His walls are covered with mementoes of his long and full life. There are pictures of his family and a photo of him as a young pilot. Many of his mother’s oil paintings line the walls. Nellie (Pickering) Harrison was a talented artist and well known for her paintings of flowers. His father, Charles Harrison, was an agent for the New York Central and worked at the Depot not far from their home on Dewey Street for 50 years.. He and Lou Hunter covered the shifts at the train station, used Morse code to transmit messages, and were in charge of the freight that arrived at Morocco on the train.

When World War II started Vane Harrison sought to enlist, so he could choose the branch of the service he wished. They threw out his application at Renssler as he had been briefly married right out of high school, and the military didn’t think they could make a airman out of a man who had been married.

He told the storey to Bob Tittle, who said go to another board and don’t be so damn honest. And that is what he did. He enlisted at Gary, failing to mention his prior marriage. He almost didn’t make it there as his heart beat was way above what it should have been. They told him to come back in a couple of days and by that time he had settled down and his heart beat was normal.

As part of the Gary Vulcaneers he was sent to Iowa for pre-flight training from June to

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August. The pre-flight training occurred at Iowa City at the college there. This ended on Thanksgiving Day and in two months he would be 24 years old.

He then took his flight training at the Gary Airport in a Piper Cub.

After a number of tests he was put into pilot navigation school at Hollywood, Florida to become a celestial navigator with a Ensign rank

After training he was shipped to San Francisco where he joined a 8 man crew, with 2 pilots, him as the navigator and the rest manning guns and doing other jobs on a PBV

A word should be said here about the PBV Catalina.. The initials stand for Patrol Bomber and the “Y” is a code for Consolidated Aircraft, developed by our military. It would cruise at 110 knots and was an American flying boat of the 1930s and 1940s. It could be equipped with depth charges, bombs, torpedoes and .50 mm Browning machine guns and was one of the most widely used multi-military aircraft of World War II.

PBVs served with every branch of the U.S. military and in the air force and navies of many other nations. They were used as anti-submarine warfare patrol bombers, convey escorts, search and rescue aircraft and for transports. The PBV was the most successful aircraft of its kind and no other flying boat was produced in greater numbers. The last PBVs were not retired from service until the 1980s. They cost \$10,000 to build in 1935 and an estimated 4,050 were built between 1936 and 1945. .

From San Francisco Harrison was shipped to Oregon and it was there he joined the Squadron that was being prepared to send to the Aleutian Islands

From Oregon they were shipped to Washington state, north of Seattle, where they

practiced landing their amphibian plane (BPV) on a lake and taking off from there. They spent five flying days on this training mission and were then ready to go on assignment

The Aleutian islands are a chain of more than 300 small volcanic islands forming an arc in the Northern Pacific Ocean and extending about 1,000 miles westward from the Alaskan Peninsula toward the Kamchatka Peninsula in the Russian Far East They were in a very strategic spot for both the United States and Japan. The chain was owned by the US and the furthest island was only 790 nautical miles from Japan. Japan on the other hand could use the islands as staging areas to attack the west coast of the United States.

Fogs are almost constant. The mean temperature for Unalaska, the most populated island of the group average between 38 and 52 degrees. The islands are destitute of trees with the exception of some stunted willows and pines, which rarely reach the height of 10 feet because of the constant strong winds, which can reach the velocity of more than 100 miles an hour. Hardly more than 8 or 10 days a year are clear.

Unalaska is almost 1,000 miles from the Alaskan land mass and 750 miles northeast of Japan. Westward from Unalaska stretch the islands in order, Umnak, Atka, Attu, and Shemya. One writer wrote, “Attu is the lonesome spot this side of Hell.” It was not an environment Vane Harrison found at all familiar. It was a far cry from the neatly plowed fields of corn and beans around Morocco.

And in spite of the fog and the bad weather, he was expected to keep track of where they were in the sky. Their crew was considered a search and rescue mission, but they also did reconnaissance mainly on the Japanese and the Russians. They took photos of the installations

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and the movement of supplies by both groups.

They were bombed when on Attu. Vane remembers carrying parts to the kerosene burner up into the hills, as it was so necessary in such a hostile climate. They also carried 10 gallon tanks of oil which was necessary for their plane. The Japanese Bettys were like the B-24s.

Harrison was up there one year and flew four missions over northern Japan. His plane was shot at by Japanese anti-aircraft. They flew at 10,000 feet to avoid the guns. Complete radio silence was maintained. They always carried out their missions at night so they couldn't be seen.

He recalled one instance when his skills as a navigator were tested. Returning from one mission they were always in the clouds or above them and since there could be no radio contact, he was not sure just where they were. Taking a chance he opened up the radio and Attu was right beneath them. No place on earth do they have 50 mile an hour fog, and that is what made his job not only difficult but important.

They were able to land their craft on all the islands that had a landing strip. There were 18 crews in the squadron.

After the year in the Aleutians, Vane was sent to Ponce de Leon, Florida for training as a pilot. Only 2 out of the 18 might be chosen. He got his wings using a PB4-C plane, with two 1250 Pratt and Lambert engines. This was in October of 1945.

He first piloted as a co-pilot and was with the Black Cats on search and rescue missions. Part of his training was to land in water. He was then shipped to Texas and put in a PBM plane, which was twice as large as the PB4.

He made one flight to the Panama Canal Zone in the PBM flying above the clouds all the time. It usually took 15 hours from Texas,

but they made it in about 11 hours.

In January of 1946 his crew was shipped to San Diego. All of them has served enough time and all had enough points to get out. Fortunately, all of his crew members came home.

Vane came home, married his second wife, and did not reenlist. He spent 10 years in the active reserves and was then released into the inactive reserves.

Harrison got a commercial license from Midway, and thought that he might get a job with the airways. However, to get his green instrument card it cost \$2,500 and about that time jets were being used for many of the flights, so it did not seem to be an option for him.

About 30 days after being home, Albert Best called and was after him to take a job with the Railroad on the Chicago Northwestern where he worked. He lived with the Bests until he could bring his wife and daughter Karen out to Iowa.

They lived in former barracks that had been converted into housing and lived in Clinton, Iowa for some time, until they were laid off. Albert went to West Chicago where he worked for Inland Steel as a hot metal provider in a labor gang attached to a floor crew.

Vane followed and soon the provider asked if he would like to run an engine. In 30 minutes he became an engineer. Several Morocco people also worked there.

He was a full Lieutenant in the navy and was promoted. They were in the Aleutians when the bomb was dropped on Japan.

As an after thought he commented on a friend, Cam Chappa, who was jailed by the Russians when his plane went down over Russian territory for the rest of the war, even though the Russian were supposed to be our friends and allies. A U.S. destroyer almost

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saved him, but lost his life raft in the dense fog.

Letters to the Editor

Gerald

I sure love reading this paper. Thanks so much for making it so good.

Alice Warne
Morocco, Indiana

I'm glad you enjoy the *Morocco Times*, Alice. It makes all the effort and work worth while. Alice's son, Jerry Warne, was one of my best friends in High School and he is certainly missed, having died from a rare lung disease several years ago.

Dear Gerald,

I had not realized that my subscription had expired.

The Pearl Harbor pictures were awesome. You didn't say who had taken them.

It is great to keep in touch with my home town.

Roberta Musser
Petaluma, California

Roberta, the photos of Pearl Harbor have been commented on more than just about any other thing that has appeared in the *Morocco Times*, and it is an interesting story of how they came to me. George and Pearl Schanlaub gave me a copy of them at coffee one day. They had been given to them by Pearl's niece, Beverly (Dubea) Boates, who lives in Nova Scotia and whose family was from this area.

She found them on the Internet. It seems that nobody knows who took them, but it had to be someone who was there on that fateful day, probably a sailor or some other military personnel. They were found in a camera that had been stored in a military footlocker and the film had never been developed until when it was discovered recently. Imagine the surprise of the person who found them and had the film developed. They were put on the Internet and my efforts to find the source has come to naught. However, they are some of the most compelling images I have ever seen of the attack on Pearl Harbor. (Roberta is John Kessler's sister).

Gerald,

Thank you for a good read! I look forward to each new issue. I put every thing on hold until I read every word.

We don't get to make trips anymore, but if we did, I'd visit Morocco, look you up and again say "Thank You:" for this little bit of home.

Sincerely,
Billie Bingham (Mrs. Raymond F. Bingham)
Ellenton, Florida

Billie, we all miss you and Raymond. I'm still enjoying the ceiling fan Raymond installed for my mother when she could find no one to do it. That's what good neighbors are all about.

Backward Glance

Morocco's Deer Park

Did you know that Morocco had a zoo at one time? It came as a surprise to me too, and it

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wasn't called a zoo, it was referred to as a deer park, but it contained not only deer, but buffalo, guineas, peacocks, and other types of birds and animals as well...

The park was a fenced area starting at Clay and State street, running behind some on the few building on State Street, such as the old Methodist Church, to Polk Street (old Highway 41), thence north to Beaver, and running down Beaver to Clay Street, where the Hanley house stood.

This was before the railroad came to town, before the elevator and the lumber yard were built, which were located to be near the railroad. Laura Hale told of it and it is my understanding that no other building were contained in the fenced area.

No records have yet been found as to the time it was created, or how long it existed. We do know it was the work of Dr. Milton Humston, who built the house where Lincoln ends at State Street. This house was later occupied by Henry and Clarice Brandt. And was the only house in that area when the deer park existed.. Dr. Humston seems to have kept the park for his own amusement.

Dr. Humston, was a nephew, of Dr. Charles Triplett, the elder, as his sister, Susan Morehead Triplett, married Dr Charles Morehead Humston of Henry County, Kentucky. They had two sons, who both became doctors and who both practiced in Morocco at one time. Dr. Milton arrived soon after completing his studies at Kentucky School of Medicine in 1866. He married L. Amanda Nichols of LaGrange, Kentucky and had five children Mrs. Humston died July 3, 1878 and is buried in the Murphey Cemetery. He continued his practice at Morocco until 1883, when he moved to Goodland. So it appears that the deer park existed in the time frame of 1866 to 1883. It is not known when

it was abandoned, but probably soon after Dr. Humston's move to Goodland.

Government In Action

Morocco Town Board Highlights

- Gonczy told of the new hydrants and main project. It would be completed in three years at a cost of 4.7 million. Morocco would be eligible for 75% of the cost at 2.75% interest, payable in 40 years

-They met with OCRA (state agency) and discussed reallocating the grant, and were told they have to reapply.

-There is extreme risk involved. There are no guarantees and might have to wait in line for the Rural Development federal grant..

-Rick McCann. Have to give up the \$500,000. If it goes through we will have lost only \$125,000 in the big scheme of things

-Duke Gagnon We are making a long term decision--an educated decision. We have put a lot of thought into it. We think we are making the right decision.

-Vote taken on de-obligating the Community Focus Fund Grant of \$500,000. 3 to 0 in favor of not accepting the grant.

-Vote taken on accepting the contract with McMahan and Associates, contingent on the contract with AIA. 3 to 0 in favor.

-Gonczy reported on the North Newton School Corporation's 1028 hearing held on August 4th. Board voted 6 to 0 to have all three grade schools stay within their own communities. No one appeared to voice an opinion against.

-Decker reports on NIPSCO/REMC energy use. Budgeted \$ 70,000 for energy, \$15,000 for lights, including the light north of town on the sign, park, and Christmas lights, etc.. Suggested that there is firewood available

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from cut trees to heat the old firehouse.

-Claim paid to Gary Wiseman of \$350 for work done on tree on College Street..

-Town Marshall answered 65 calls, a busy time including 5 dog, 4 traffic, 3 civil complaints, 8 assists and 2 thefts and 1 arrest.

-Gibson received questions as to why county guys were in town. They are updating the 911 information and preparing for a reverse 911. Meeting at government center to discuss.

-Gibson also requested a part-time deputy fund.

-Attorney Ryan spoke on the recovering of fees for the audit of \$6400. Town is responsible. Question of whether these can be charged to an individual.

-In regard to the demolition ordinance they are waiting on the county to update fees and expenses, which may take another month or two. Town wants to be in line with county.

-\$5,500 paid to Umbaugh for a water rate audit. Necessary for the new grant. They suggest a \$55.00 rate Goczzy thinks the rate increase is reasonable. Have to do what it takes.

-Ryan in referring to the hydrant and main project said that it is a calculated risk to take. Projects don't always get funded at the 75% level. There is risk involved

-Planning Commission requests a ramp and a railing for the Masonic Lodge building. Tree may have to be removed. Also widening the step on the west side of the building. Accepted.

-Ward 1 Taden welcomes Dale Kressen as Ward Representative for Ward 2

-Kressen thanks the board for spraying for mosquitoes.

-Glancy-commented on making the alley behind Montemayer's a one-way street

-Roads, Sidewalks and Trees Update.

Milestone should be done with the repaving of

41 in a week and a half. Planning on how to connect a walking path on the west side of Polk to the Extreme Sports Park. It is necessary to have a safe way to get to the park from town. Checking easement. Move money in budget for walking path.

-Request for \$1,000 donation for pre-school to off-set cost. 7 attended this year while 20 were there in the past year.

-Sarah Snell appeared asking the board if there is a limited time on building permits. She complained that the remodeling behind her house has gone on for a year and that even the stray cats won't live in it now. Wants something done. (Reference to the John Morgin property on S. Clay that is undergoing extensive remodeling)

Conservancy Board Highlights

-Discussion of claims and need to borrow money until the tax draw.

-Bill for \$6,700 of Craig King and \$7,800 of Eugene Yoder needs to be paid plus \$78,00 for publishing the budget and some utility supplies

-May have to borrow money, either from the bank or through an intergovernmental loan from the county

-It will be the middle of September before the College Avenue project is completed.

-TV camera will be used to check water flow on College. Camera now in Griffith and is about 30 days away.

-Rapers are no longer pumping water and their basement is dry

-Wait to see about the tile going down the alley behind the houses on College.

-Opened the catch basin at Gary Goddard's shed

-The Scott-Lucas house drains to the east.

-The tile at the Mashino house is broken under the street.

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- Approved a new tile to tie into the one at the elevator.
- McCann will bring copies of the area to the next meeting.
- The property east of the tracks and on the south side was discussed. Where is the vent? And does it drain into the Kessler Ditch or into the peony patch..
- Waste water coming for the area seems to be blocked at Beaver.
- perhaps a check valve is needed.
- the tiles coming from Beaver Street are too small to and there is no fall so the drainage is flat in that it is slowed down by friction and there is not a proper fall in the tile.
- The drainage north and south of Beaver Street goes into the Warner Ditch.
- Need to explore to find the course that water takes. It comes from the manhole north of the highway garage.. A jetter is needed.
- The retention pond has been mowed and sprayed.

Transitions

Wendal Munson

Wendal Munson, 94, of Kankakee was born May 15, 1914, to Fred and Anna (Anderson) Munson on the Munson family farm northeast of Donovan. As a young boy, he and his brother, Wilbur Munson, walked approximately one mile to the one-room country grade school named Salem School. Wilbur and Wendal farmed together many years as “Munson Brothers Farms.”

While playing baritone for the Morocco Boy Scout Band, Wendal met his future wife, Jean Hafstrom in 1936. Jean was temporarily playing drums for a band member on vacation. On May 4, 1940, Wendal married Jean in Morocco. Together they started a life-long

commitment of 48 years to each other on a farm located in the Swedish community of Beaver.

Wendal was preceded in death by his devoted wife, Jean, in December 1988.

Wendal was an avid trapper and hunter of the Beaver Creek area. Wendal also worked for the ASCS office in Watseka, Illinois, as a corn, wheat and soil bank supervisor for Iroquois County. Wendal retired from General Foods, Gravy Train Division, Kankakee, Illinois.

He and his wife, Jean, wintered in Mesa, Arizona for 32 years. His interests included traveling, camping, woodcarving, croquet and volunteering at nursing homes. He was a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Through the years he was always part of his grandchildren’s activities and the families special occasions.

Wendal was a 64-year Mason, member of the Iroquois County Historical and Genealogical Societies and the Kankakee County Historical Society.

He is survived by two children, one daughter and son-in-law, Donna (David) Kendregan of Bradley, Illinois, one son and daughter-in-law, Bob (Marcy) Munson of Boulder, Colorado, four grandchildren, Mike (Joan) Munson of Superior, Colorado, Chris (Jennifer) Munson of Longmont, Colorado, Scott (Regan) Kendregan of Bourbonnais, Illinois, and Sherry (Brian) Good of Conifer, Colorado and 11 great-grandchildren, Calvin, Noah, Isabelle, Christopher, Natalie, and Josie Munson, Caleb and Aaron Kendregan, Anna Lynne, Joren and Katrin Good. Also surviving are one brother and two sister-in laws, Wilbur (Berniece) Munson of Donovan, Illinois, and Dorothy Hafstrom of Sacramento, California and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr.

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Munson was preceded in death by two brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law, Ivan Hafstrom and Jack and Mary Ann Hafstrom.

Memorials may be made to the Aroma Park Methodist Church or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Visitations were held Wednesday, July 9, 2008, from 4-7 p.m. at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral services were held at the Aroma Park Methodist Church on Thursday, July 10, at 10 a.m. Burial followed at the Beaver Cemetery in Donovan.

James H. Wilson Jr.

James H. Wilson Jr., 55, of Brook passed away at Jasper County Hospital in Rensselaer on July 4, 2008.

He was born on August 18, 1952, in Plentywood, Montana. He worked as a mechanic and welder at J & B Manufacturing in Morocco. He was a member of the Local 150 Operating Engineer Union.

He was married to Debra J. Honn Wilson on April 28, 1971. She survives.

Along with his wife, Wilson is survived by three sons, Rodney A. (Jennifer) Honn, Jim Bo (Cheryl) Wilson and Randy (Shauna) Wilson of Brook; mother Lillian M. (Graham) Wilson from North Dakota; four sisters, Julie Ann Burton of Plentywood, Montana, Kathy Wilson of Williston, North Dakota, Bessie Engh of Plentywood, Montana and Lillian (Dennis) Lee of Sydney, Montana; two brothers, Dennis Wilson of Brook and Kenny Wilson of Plentywood, Montana; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father James H. Wilson Senior and granddaughter Alyssa Jean Wilson.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 8 at 10 a.m. with burial immediately following at the Riverside Cemetery in Brook. Pastor

Kelly Howard officiated.

Harley E. Hickman

Harley E. Hickman, 92, of Morocco, died on Sunday, July 20, 2008, at Jasper County Hospital.

He was born May 15, 1916, on the Gegum Farm in Colfax Township, to the late Elbie and Alice (Smith) Hickman. He attended Colfax and North Star schools, and later rode his horse to school at Mt. Ayr.

On June 1, 1935 he married Bethyl (Shide) Hickman in Mt. Ayr.

Mr. Hickman drove for Short Way Bus Line, P. J. Keller, and Arkin Truck Line of Chicago, while maintaining a farm.

He was a member of Mt. Ayr United Methodist Church from the age of 11, and was also a member of the Masonic Lodge of Morocco.

Surviving is his son, Ron Hickman (wife Nancy).

Friends called from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the Steinke Funeral Home, Brunton Chapel, of Morocco, Masonic Services will be Friday evening. Funeral services were held Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment followed at Memory Gardens of Rensselaer. Also surviving are a granddaughter, Ashley Ballou (husband: Aaron) and great-granddaughters, that he played with this winter, Reese Madison and Addison Olivia Ballou, all of California; a sister-in-law, Helen Warne and many loving nieces and nephews, along with so many wonderful friends that he thought so much of and dearly loved, who also survive him.

Preceding him in death were his parents, wife, four brothers and one sister. The family would like to thank all those who helped care for Harley. Any donations or memorials may be made to Mt. Ayr Methodist Church or the charity of your choice in Harley's memory.

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Harley was loved by so many people. His humor and spirit will always live in our hearts. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.steikefuneralhome.com.

Ronald C. Wiser

Ronald C. Wiser, 60, of Lowell, Indiana, passed away on Monday, July 21, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; one son, Timothy Wiser of Florida; three step-children, Sher Garcia of Lowell, Kevin Menefee of Crown Point, Monica Garling of Lowell; six grandchildren, Brandon Wietbrock, Amanda Manley, Cameron and Carter Garling, Frankie and Devin Menefee; three sisters, Judy Voyles of Wheatfield, Gail Hoskins of Morocco, Brenda Edison of Morocco; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Janet Sue (Miller) Wiser; parents, Marion and Mildred Wiser and brother, Dennis Wiser.

Ronald was a Vietnam Army Veteran and worked for Mittal Steel in East Chicago for 37 years.

Private service were held. Arrangements handled by Sheets Funeral Home in Lowell.

John “Jack” F. Horner

John “Jack” F. Horner, 86, of Clinton, Missouri, formerly of Morocco, passed away on Friday, July 18, 2008. He is survived by sons, Randy and Jack Horner of Clinton, Missouri, and daughters Karen Cain and Kathy Brown of Lafayette and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Other survivors include sisters, Peggy Graves, from Oregon and Irene Lape of Crown Point as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Jack was a retired farmer in Newton County and a brother with the Colfax Blue Masonic Lodge in Lowell.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean,

in 1955.

Funeral services with a Masonic service were held on Saturday, July 26, at the Sheets Funeral Home in Lowell, with burial following at Lowell Memorial Cemetery.

Delbert Wayne Kay

Galivants Ferry, South Carolina. Delbert Wayne Kay, 65, of Highway 1115 and formerly of Morocco, passed away Sunday, August 10, 2008 at Conway Medical Center following an illness.

Wayne Kay, as he was known to us in Morocco, was born January 10, 1942 in Morocco, Indiana, a son of the late Milton William “Billy” and Blanche May (Purdy) Kay. He was a retired Master Sergeant with the U.S. Army.

Surviving are his wife Carol (Hammond) Kay of the home; three brothers, Charles Kay and his wife, Margaret, of Albion, Indiana, Jim Kay and his wife, Dottie, of Clanton, Alabama, and John Kay and his wife, Yvonne, of Galivants Ferry; one sister, Evelyn Batchelor and her husband, Larry, of Morocco; five stepchildren; and six step-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, August 16, 2008 at Oak Lawn Cemetery, Morocco, Indiana.

Please send your condolences to Myrtle BeachOnline.com.

Johnson Funeral Home, 290 Ninth Avenue, Aynor, S. C., (848) 358-5800, is handling the local arrangements.

This and That

The Punkin Vine county fair has come and gone and school is about to begin. How fast the summer has past.

The fair was well attended, especially the

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Rodney Atkins concert.

The weather cooperated beautifully this year.

The vegetable gardens are doing well. Green beans in abundance, some of the sweetest corn ever, zucchini, and those first delicious tomatoes have been well worth the wait. Canning and freezing these vegetable for winter is also on the agenda.

Ye Editor attended the Bailey reunion held at the Brook Christian Church on the first Sunday in August. He was invited to interview Paul Bailey on his World War II experiences when he was part of the “Lost Convoy” that was stranded in Russia. It is an interesting story and is in the process of being written.

The Kessler reunion was held at the park last Sunday. 41 attended. Many of the Kay family were there as they had come to Morocco for Wayne Kay’s burial.

North Newton School Corporation

In an effort to see just what a \$16,200,000 bond issue would be buying Ye Editor turned to the project scope delineated in the official publication of the school corporation, *Due North*, the front page of which is included here, and was distributed before the meeting on August 4th

From the material presented in *Due North* it would appear that the money would be spent primarily for remodeling, new heating and air-conditioning, new computers and printers, and an all-weather track for PE. (controversy surrounded this choice as some thought an auditorium was more needed)