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Around Town

Construction at Morocco Elementary continues. The brickwork on the north wall of the below pictured building was completed at press time.

Here is a glimpse of their weekly progress:



September 21st, 2009



September 29th, 2009



October 7th, 2009



October 12th, 2009

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Handyman Tom Kopin has been sanding, patching, and painting the roof of my Lustron home (the former Castongia home). This is the first time since the house was built in 1948 that anything has been done to the roof. Tom did a wonderful job, drive by and take a look (gutters are next). Tom can be reached on his cell phone

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at 708-705-4333.

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Dale Wynn is in the process of restoring the old Johnson's Blacksmith shop on Clay Street. Tim Storey recently purchased the building for his new venture, Morocco Restoration & Repair.

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Trudie Gruber's store Just In Time, which opened this past April, announced their new fall hours: Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon.

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The first Saturday of October marked the end of Morocco's Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market ran from July through October and offered a variety of locally grown foods and homemade goods. Please support Morocco's Farmer's Market next year.

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Water lines, hydrants, and a water tower are being installed near the dump.

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Sellers' Station Update

By: Tim Storey

Thanks to the efforts of about a dozen community members, the Sellers' Station scaffolding will soon be moved to the south side of the building. And don't worry, the pink paint is just a tinted primer. The building will be red and white as it was prior to the lower band of blue being added decades ago.

While removing the paint, we found that the original color of the station, prior to the addition of the garage, was cream with green trim and roof shakes. The color scheme actually went to red and white prior to the garage being added.

The goal in this restoration project is to preserve as much of the original material as possible, and to train interested volunteers at the same time. Preserving original materials increases the chances that the building can someday receive formal historical status. We are in contact with the Indiana Department of Historic Preservation and Archeology for guidance in order to increase our chances of an official recognition for the building. Historical status has some financial benefits, but perhaps the main benefit is for the image of the town and the opportunities it affords for similar efforts.

So although our work is slow, and our relatively small work force, and time available drags the process out, we will have something truly authentic and durable in the end. This is why the paint isn't just scraped where loose, it's removed. Adding another layer of paint over the old paint would result in an even thick layer that traps moisture and is likely to peel within a few years. Sandblasting or pressure washing would damage the cedar shakes. Pressure washing also tends to trap moisture behind the wood, causing peeling. Fortunately, the front side is the most difficult due to the thicker paint there, so the south side should go much more easily.

The new white paint is a pure linseed oil paint with an expected life of over fifty years.

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Incidentally, this is the same type of paint that was used prior to the 1900's, when petroleum paint took over. The red paint will be conventional paint. Other exterior repairs include windows and trim. Most of the windows have been removed and are being prepared for re-installation.

Recent NN graduates, Nick Bowie and John Pizer, led by Jordan Myers, are taking care of most of the window work. Jordan has been learning about window restoration at Morocco Restoration and Repair and he is applying that knowledge here. For the most part, the windows will be repaired with a small amount of preservation wood epoxy, and are still expected to outlast new windows. The appropriate wood epoxy and borate treatment for rot can extend the life of decayed wood several decades, and they are inexpensive treatments. The windows in the back sections, the former tire area, will be replaced when suitable salvage windows are located. Most people would agree that they find towns with a number of authentic historical attractions to be charming, inviting places to visit or live. That also translates into a nice atmosphere for the residents and higher property values.

As shown in the recently published Historic Sites and Structures Inventory, Morocco has promising potential to pursue a reputation as a “historic town”. This is particularly true of the downtown area but Morocco also has the highest concentration, per capita, of listed historic buildings and homes in the county. Even without this potential, the Sellers’ Station restoration

would be a worthy project considering its history with Route 41.

The work is slow at times, but it is enjoyable and rewarding when done with a group. In fact, that is the principle behind the work Renewed Heritage has planned to do: tasks which need to be done but are too expensive to contract for, can be accomplished by a group that enjoys working together, especially if they have a vision of the outcome.

Morocco Cooks

I got this easy recipe for delicious homemade bread from my friend Alyssa Nyberg.

Easy Homemade Bread

2 ½ cups of white flour
½ cup wheat flour
Package of yeast
A little salt
Extra things (honey, flax seeds, etc.)

Dissolve yeast in a honey water solution. Mix all ingredients together then add yeast water. Knead until moist, form into a loaf. Let rise 2 hours. Bake 20 minutes at 400 degrees.

Poached Pears and Raisins

By: Gerald Born

6 firm pears (such as Bartlett, Anjou, etc.)
Water to cover
¼ cup sugar
2 tablespoons honey

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½ cup raisins
Whole cloves

Carefully peel pears and split in two. Put a whole clove in the bottom of the pear half. If you are lucky enough to find organic pears, be sure you removed all traces of worm holes, etc. as they leave a bitter taste. Arrange the pears in a deep pan about 12 inches in diameter and just cover with water. Add the sugar, honey, and raisins and cook on low heat until the pears are done. Some of the water will cook away and the sauce that is left can be poured over the pears when serving. If you want a thicker sauce, dissolve a tablespoon of corn starch in ¼ cup cold water and add to the sauce and boil until thick. Enjoy

This recipe evolved from a conversation I had with Betty Kessler, whose grandfather owned the pear orchard in the east part of town. Pears have a bountiful yield and are adaptable to many desserts. I have never understood why American cooks shy away from the pear, for it is a versatile fruit and simple to prepare.

Praline-Apple Bread

1 ½ cups chopped pecans, divided
1 (8 ounce) container sour cream
1 cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt

1 ½ cups finely chopped, peeled Granny Smith apples (about ¾ pound)
½ cup butter
½ cup firmly packed light brown sugar

Sour cream is the secret to the rich, moist texture of this bread. There's no butter or oil in the batter, only in the glaze.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake ½ cup pecans in a single layer in a shallow pan 6 to 8 minutes or until toasted and fragrant, stirring after 4 minutes.

Beat sour cream and next 3 ingredients at low speed with an electric mixer 2 minutes or until blended.

Stir together flour and next 3 ingredients. Add to sour cream mixture, beating just until blended. Stir in apples and ½ cup toasted pecans. Spoon batter into a greased and floured 9 x 5-inch loaf pan. Sprinkle with remaining 1 cup chopped pecans; lightly press pecans into batter.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour to 1 hour 5 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted into center comes out clean, shielding with aluminum foil after 50 minutes to prevent excessive browning. Cool in pan on a wire rack 10 minutes; remove from pan to wire rack.

Bring butter and brown sugar to a boil in a 1-quart heavy saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly; boil 1 minute. Remove from heat and spoon over top of bread; let cool completely (about 1 hour).

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Deputy Craig Blann

Happenings

The 1st annual Craig Blann Memorial Scholarship Fund Hog Rost, Silent Auction, and New Year's Eve Party will take place on December 31st, 2009 at the Beaver Township Community Center in Morocco.

Dinner will be served from 6-8 p.m. In addition to dinner, the silent auction will continue throughout the evening, music will be provided by DJ Chad Wynn, there will be door prizes, a 50/50 drawing, and a champagne toast at the stroke of midnight. Admission is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Please call Shaun Wynn at 219-869-1777 or Janet Blann (days) 219-613-5431 (evenings) 219-285-2760. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Proceeds will go to the Craig Blann Scholarship Fund for college bound Newton County High School Seniors seeking to further their education in the field of Criminal Justice.

(Deputy Craig Blann was electrocuted while on duty when he came into contact with a live power line while investigating an automobile accident on County Road 525 West. The incident occurred at at 8:13am on September 6, 2004.



The driver involved in the accident had returned home to report the incident. After Deputy Blann interviewed the driver, he returned to the scene of the accident to continue the investigation. While at the scene, he was killed instantly when he came in contact with a downed power line.

Deputy Blann had served with the Newton County Sheriff's Department for 4 years, and had previously served as a Deputy Marshal for the Kentland Police Department. He is survived by his wife and two children.)

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I had the pleasure of speaking with Wayne Parsons a couple weeks ago. Wayne, who is a member of the Lion's Club, is the sole proprietor of JB Laundry Services. He tells me that other than the name, JB Laundry Services has “no affiliation what-so-ever with JB Equipment or any other groups, etc”. Wayne is also responsible for the new Chestnut Street subdivision where he is replacing mobile homes with regular homes.

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Roger & Harriet Web celebrated their anniversary at the end of September as did Clarence & Shirley Thompson. This was the Thompson's 51st anniversary.

Features

Kit Homes – Gordon Van-Tine

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In the spring of 1866, a sawmill was established by Uriah N. Roberts at Davenport, Iowa on the Mississippi River where it intersected the Rock Island Railroad. The placement of Roberts' sawmill allowed for easy transport of lumber to contractors in the north, south, east, and west. The business flourished over the next four decades when in the early 1900's, the Roberts family took advantage of the *Rural Free Delivery Act* and began offering a mail-order catalog of mill-work and building materials.

On March 21st, 1907, the Board of Directors at U.N. Roberts amended the Articles of Incorporation to permit the establishment of subsidiary companies and the Gordon Van-Tine company was established. And so, on April 15th, 1907, the Gordon Van-Tine Company was born with the purpose of "... buying, selling, manufacturing, jobbing, distributing, handling, and otherwise dealing in and with building materials of every kind and nature, sash, doors, blinds, lumber, and the manufacture of paints, oils, varnishes and painters supplies..." It has been speculated that the name Gordon Van-Tine was derived from the middle names of Horace Gordon Roberts and Harry Van Tine Scott, who, in addition to Edward C. Roberts, were principal stock holders of the company although it is not certain if Harry V. Scott's middle name was indeed Van-Tine.

Gordon Van-Tine began operating out of the U.N. Roberts facility at the corner of Federal & Swift Streets in Davenport, Iowa. There is evidence to suggest that Gordon Van-Tine was established at first to supply Sears Roebuck &

Company with mill-work and building materials. This partnership lasted five years until Sears realized how profitable their mill-work and building materials sales were and purchased their own lumber yard. (Later GVT would supply their pre-cut homes to Montgomery-Ward who sold them under their label "Wardway Homes.")

The Gordon Van-Tine Company (GVT) offered their first "Ready-cut" homes in 1916. The 1916 catalog featured eighty homes ranging from large houses to small cottages. At 100 pages in length, several pages were dedicated to describing the pre-cut housing system with customer testimonials and a letter from GVT president Edward Roberts who assured the public of GVT's quality as he lived in a GVT home himself. (Roberts lived in GVT model home #560 which is a large two story home he had built in 1915. The home still stands at 824 East Locust Street in Davenport, Iowa and was available for \$1260.00 in the 1916 GVT catalog.)

Despite taking losses in the 1920's and throughout the Depression when housing costs dropped, GVT continued selling "Ready-cut" homes until they closed in 1947. During WWII, GVT manufactured barracks and temporary housing for the war effort. They closed just as demand for housing rose due to the post WWII housing boom.

Gordon Van-Tine #521 in Morocco

One of Gordon Van-Tine's most popular bungalows, model home #521 (also known as the Westfield).

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The Westfield—Seven Rooms and Bath



Mike & Karen McClatchey, are the proud owners of GVT model home #521 located on South Lincoln Street (near the Elementary School) in Morocco. Their home was built by Young Daniel & Tennis (Martin) Deardurff in 1917.

The Mc Clatchey's purchased their home on South Lincoln Street in 1972 from Rae Bower. Mrs. Bower had converted the upstairs of her home into separate living quarters (an apartment) for her daughter to live and raise her two young children by adding a separate entrance, closing off the stairs, and adding a bathroom and kitchen. The original attic space was used for a second bedroom. The Mc Clatchey's have since remodeled the home back into a single family dwelling by removing the upstairs kitchen, separate entrance, and re-opening the stairs. They left the added bathroom on the second floor for convenience.

In 2008, the Mc Clathchey's decided to remodel the downstairs of their home to give it a more open floorplan. The home originally had its living room, dining room, and kitchen separated by walls with doors in them. The McClatchey's wanted to remove the walls so they could see the kitchen from the livingroom. During the process of remodeling, they were carefully removing the large wood trim that accented the walls (to preserve it) and found some stampings on the back of the trim.



Young and Tennis (Martin) Deardurff.

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Stampings on the back of the trim:
Gordon Van-Tine Co., Morocco, Ind. 37 358,
NTY, Y.D. Dearduff, Brook, Ind., Ind. R-I. Plan
2538

The McClatchey's had no idea what the stampings meant. With the help of Tim Storey and the GVT website, the McClatchey's soon realized they were living in a kit house. This was the first time the McClatchey's had ever heard of GVT. Prior to finding the stampings on the trim, they had no idea they were living in a kit house.

Prior to remodeling, the McClatchey's home had built in book cases with pillars between the dining and living rooms with a door in the middle. There was also a beautiful built-in hutch in the dining room. The built in book cases and hutch had leaded glass in them. (The person doing the remodeling used the book cases to make an entertainment center for his home and the McClatchey's still have the hutch.)

There is a fireplace in the living room which is original to the house although, like most, it has been re-bricked. The original brickwork featured polished bricks with rounded edges and hexagon tiles (which were also used in the bathroom).

The fireplace had a coal grate in it for burning coal. Their home also had a potbellied stove in the corner of the dining room that had already been removed before they moved in.

For being well over 90 years old, the McClatchey's home is mostly original. The interior doors, trim, and most of the wood floors are original. The front door is also original, Jim Elijah Jr. of AJ Woodworking recently refinished it. Their home has very high ceilings and large, spacious rooms.

(It is interesting to note that Karen lived in the Gossett Sears kit home [featured last month] for a short period when she was a child. I'm also told that when the Deardurff's built the McClatchey's GVT home, they also owned the lot across the street which had cows and a large pasture. After selling the home, Mrs. Deardurff lived in the house next door until she passed away in the 1950's.)

Letters to the Editor

I received a letter from Doris Swartz which read, in part:

If you want to add my news to Morocco friends,

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I would appreciate it. Roy and I have been staying in Dyer with our daughter Cheryl and husband. I was in the hospital (very close 4 miles away) with diverticulitis, very painful. Now I have been sent home to heal from infection. Have to go back and have about five inches of my colon out soon.

Roy has had a bout too. I came home and he had to go in the hospital for blocked bowels. They worked on that for days and then found the gall bladder was full of stones and filled with poison. They did laparoscopic surgery. Now left with a drain to get all the poison out. He's been very ill. Had the surgery on 9-9-09, isn't that unusual? We don't expect him to get home til that clears up. They walk him a little.

Please put our address in the paper. Maybe someone would like to write-I hope!

Roy & Doris Swartz
13667 Stanton Crt.
Dyer, IN 46311-7023

Thanks so much. We love the Times from home.

Doris Swartz

Thank you for your letter Doris. I pray that you and Roy are both recovering from your illnesses.

Backward Glance
By Gerald Born

Moved Houses in Morocco

An old saying in these parts was that “if you don't like your neighbors, just move.” And quite a few did just that. But they not only moved their person, they moved their house as well. In one of the very old *Morocco Couriers* I found a mention of a house being moved from Buffalo Street (and try as I may I have never found Buffalo Street) to a location next to Recher's office on State Street. For many years Ben Archibald sold the Sunday *Chicago Tribune* from this small house. By the early 40's this function was being performed next door by the Peoples Drug Store. So sometime in the late 30's or early 40's the building was again moved to a lot on Grove Street. Not many buildings have the distinction of being moved once, let alone twice. The house is still standing and is home to a family.

My first memory of the house was when the James Dick family lived there. They had a number of children, but many of them had moved away from Morocco by the time the house was moved. James Sherman Dick (1892-1958) was the son of Arthur and Mertia J. Dick, married Jessie Ruth Atkinson (1896-1983), who was the daughter of Cornelius A. “Neil” (1849-1932) and Miriam W. (Anderson) Atkinson. She had deep roots in Morocco, as her grandfather, Ward Anderson was an early postmaster, and her father, “Neil,” Atkinson, an early mail carrier for the post office. “Jim” and Jessie Dick had the following children: James Conger Dick b. September 27, 1910, Ora L. Dick b. April 17, 1911, who married James Flood, Helena I. Dick b. December 9, 1913, who married Floyd Pruett, Bernnie Dick b. April 24, 1916, who married Edwin Cutter, Miriam M. Dick b. February 11,

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1918, who married Henry Hill, Phyllis Jean Dick b. August 4 1921, who married first Gaylord Denton and then George Davenport , and Arthur H. Dick b. March 8, 1924.

Another move occurred at the turn of the last century when the old wooden school was split into two parts and moved to two different locations. The school built in 1869 was a wooden structure that replaced Morocco’s first school building, which was a log structure and has been pictured often. Uncle Dan Graves was the county superintendent at the time the new brick school was planned and purchased the wing of the old school to be used by his family at Polk and Beaver Street while he built a square addition to the structure to complete a home for his third wife, Rachel Ann (Barkhurst) Graves, and their four children, Orth, Raye, Lola, and Mildred Merle Graves. While the construction was in progress the children reached the upstairs by an outside staircase. When completed, the house boasted some of the finest woodwork in the town. The original transoms can still be seen in the old two story part of the house and they were reproduced in the new addition as well.

Owls perched on the Graves porch:
L-R, Elizabeth Robertson, Cybel Templeton, Flossie Smart, ?, Raye Graves, Virginia Kessler, Fannie Darrow, ?, ?, Ora Smart, Bertha Padgett.



In 1963, I purchased the house from the estate of Mildred Merle Graves and spent a whole year restoring it and updating it for my mother, Gay Born. It was a labor of love as we had lived in the house during the Second World War and it always seemed like home to me. Shoring up the front porch was the first task, and I hired Art Lowe to pour a new front porch for me, which had just about rotted away. Next I removed some 13 layers of wall paper from each of the rooms and re-papered the upstairs. When I got down to the plaster in the front parlor, I found that the girls had each signed their name and written the date, May 16, 1903. May 16th is my birthday and I looked on that as a good omen. My mother lived there for forty-five years and the home has served us well. I still maintain it as a residence and have my office there.

The larger part of the old wooden school was moved to the property, now north of the American Legion and converted into a large home, which was later owned by P.O. & Aggie (Cox) Bailey. On occasion I would visit P.O. and talk to him about his gladiolus which he hybridized. He gave me some of the young corms and told me how to grow them, and it worked. He had wonderful stories to tell about his days on the dredge, going to different locations and cutting out channels to drain the swamp land, which took him to Arkansas, Illinois, and I think Minnesota. He told of his shoe shop in Roselawn and the fire that destroyed it, and how the chinch bugs ruined his truck gardening. He was an amateur photographer and gave me tips on what to do

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when I got interested in photography. It was great knowing a man of his experience and depth. The house on the lot now was built at a later date.



Bailey family 50th wedding anniversary.

Before the American Legion was built, the old C. E. & I. depot was moved to that location and used as a club house until the new cement block building could be built. Then it was torn down. That must have been sometime in the 40's.



The CE&I Depot in Morocco.



The American Legion.



Inside the American Legion.

There are other moves that were made, but space is limited and I will save those for another time.

Government In Action Morocco Town Board Meeting Highlights October 6, 2009

- The Town of Morocco welcomed Sylvia Eddy as Assistant Utilities Clerk.
- The town is seeking a grant in the amount of \$696,000 for the Kessler Tile Project (a drainage tile that runs south of Beaver Street to the Deardurff ditch). This is a “shovel ready” project that was started about six years ago for an area zoned for an industrial park. The grant is a non-

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matching grant of up to one million dollars from a state disaster relief fund. It does not interfere with the Hydrant & Main project.

- The town has the opportunity to treat 'leach-ate' (a potentially toxic runoff that filters through the landfill) for profit to help alleviate sewer debt. It would require modification of the existing sewage treatment plant or the building of a new plant. If it's not possible to treat the leach-ate, the “fallback” would be to fix some of the issues the plant currently has. \$8,000-\$10,000 was approved from tipping fees to see if this project is feasible.

- The \$5.2 million dollar Hydrant & Main project is scheduled to begin this spring. The Town Board members and Town Manager Randy Decker, who have yet to see the final design, want to make sure they have more than enough time to review and approve the final design. We want to “slow down and make sure it all gets covered” was one of Town Board President Bob Gonczy's comments.

- The town voted to approve a \$100 donation to the Morocco Elementary School for the PTO's Longaberger Basket Bingo fundraiser.

- \$236,224.65 has been borrowed to date from the BAN (Bond Anticipation Loan) in preparation for the Hydrant & Main project.

- Building Commissioner Allen Banister resigned. Bob Gonczy asked Rick McCann to take over. Rick tabled it until next month. Allen Banister said he would stay on until a replacement was found.

- No ward representatives were present. Ward One is still open.

- There will be a Rise 20/20 meeting in December of 2009. This meeting will focus on

revitalization of Morocco and getting everyone's energy level up about Morocco.

- The town is getting a quote from a Battleground, Indiana Town Board Member/engineer for digitizing the town's ordinances. This will allow for easier searches and greater access of the ordinances. The “ballpark” cost for this is \$5,000-\$6,000 depending on the number of pages.

Town Manager's Report (Randy Decker):

- Indiana and College streets will be paved (by the elementary school) in preparation for plowing snow in the winter.

- Road patching is almost complete, all trees that need to be taken down have been taken down, sidewalks are completed, and they are working on the alleys.

- All but one or two of the street lights have been fixed. Please call the town to report streetlights that are out.

- A list of things to paint, repair, and maintain at Recher park has been made. Some of the equipment has been cleaned and they will take the Merry-Go-Round in for the winter. The rest will have to wait until spring.

- Two females were ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,850 (\$150 month) for the vandalism at Betty Kessler Park. It was requested and approved to borrow \$1,850 to get the broken Plexiglass repaired now (before winter) and pay it back with the restitution payments.

- On October 27th, the USDA will be inspecting the sewage plant.

- It was mentioned by Leon Batchelor that there is a large hole in Lincoln Street (near the elementary school) that is sinking and getting

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larger. Decker said it was sinking over a sewer line and it would be looked into.

- Four people called for help with rerouting their sump pumps in regards to the Sump Pump letter.
- The high school took a field trip to the sewage plant on October 7th. There were about 60 kids, which is the largest group they've ever had.
- The sewage plant's monthly electric bill is around \$31,000. Between \$22,000 and \$25,000 of this is for the blowers. They are looking into upgrading the blowers to more efficient ones.

Town Marshal's Report:

- Shuan Wynn said it was a slow month with only 19 calls for assistance, two arrests, and four warnings issued.

Comments for the Good of the Order.

- Roger Emmrich was concerned about the increased Go Kart and ATV traffic on Atkinson Street. He is concerned that one of the older ladies in town might hit them. They are also tearing up the alley.
- Jay & Kris Woodlock's son is coming home from military service. Jay is flying to California to pick him up on October 7th and will be driving home with him. His son has been to Okinawa and Afghanistan.
- Tim Storey dropped of Newton County's "Historic Sites & Structures" book for sale at the Town Hall. Books are \$15.00 each (checks make payable to Renewed Heritage). The book lists 100 historic sites in Morocco alone with others throughout the county.

Community Calendar

Taco nights are back at the American Legion Post

146 in Morocco! Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m. tacos are served at the Legion for \$1.50 each. The Legion is also in need of volunteers to help with taco night. If you are interested in helping please call 285-6286.

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The First United Methodist Church will be hosting a Tailgate Brunch on Sunday, October 18th, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the church parking lot (inside if inclement weather). There is no cost but donations are appreciated. Proceeds go towards Youth Ministry.

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The First United Methodist Church Youth Group meets Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend.

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The UMW (United Methodist Women) will meet Tuesday, October 20 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church. All women are welcome.

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The United Church's youth programs continue on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. There are classes for children who are preschool age through grade 6.

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Transitions

Paul E. Hoskins

Paul E. Hoskins, 79, of Morocco, died Saturday evening, Sept. 19, 2009, at Jasper County Hospital in Rensselaer.

Born July 5, 1930, in Advance, he was the son of the late Oliver and Fronia Wilson Hoskins. He was educated in Boone County public schools and served in the Army. He had lived in Morocco since 1951, moving there from Jamestown.

On Dec. 6, 1951, he married Bonnie Lanning, and she survives.

Mr. Hoskins was employed at the post office for 35 years as a clerk and rural mail carrier, retiring in 1989.

He was a member of United Methodist Church of Morocco and a former member of the American Legion.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Polly Conover (husband: Charles "Mitch") of Midlothian, Va.; a brother, Oliver "Junior" Hoskins (wife: Lorene) of Dayton, Ohio; and two sisters, Martha Ridner (husband: Wendell) of Brownsburg and Mary Hoskins of Indianapolis.

Also surviving are 3 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Friends may call 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, at the Steinke Funeral Home Brunton Chapel of Morocco. Services there 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, Pastor Greg Waggoner officiating. Interment to follow at Russell Chapel Cemetery, Morocco. To offer

online condolences please visit
www.steinkefuneralhome.com.

Dorothy M. Malott

Dorothy M. Malott, 73, of rural Rensselaer, died Friday morning, Sept. 18, 2009, at Rensselaer Care Center.

Born May 28, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Jewel Basewell Glenn and lived in Newton, Lake and Jasper counties all of her life. She was educated at the Morocco and North Newton schools.

Her marriage was on July 12, 1980, to James Malott. He survives.

For six years she worked in production for Intec of Morocco and had been a homemaker.

Surviving with her husband are a son, Jack Childers (wife: Tina) of Willow Branch, and two daughters, Susan Noble (husband: Paul) of Goodland and Judith Stearns (husband: Wayne) of Lake Station.

Services are Monday in Rensselaer.

This and That

Next month, the *Morocco Times* will feature a special section on Christmas sales, open houses, and events for the Morocco area. If you would like to have your sale, open house, or business added, please contact Yvonne Gibson at 219-285-2398. There is no cost to be featured in this special Christmas section.

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Morocco native, Bernice (Lane) Fontaine, published a book of poetry called “Reflections from Life.” Bernice graduated from Morocco High School as class Salutatorian in 1944. In June of 1944, she married Joseph Fontaine, her high school sweetheart. They had three sons (Joseph, Larry, and Terry) and one daughter (Linda).

Bernice currently lives in Windsor, IL. Her sister Barbara Randolph lives in Rensselaer. Bernice's book is available at Trudie Gruber's store Just In Time or you may contact Bernice at 217-459-2732 or her daughter Linda VanVleet in Rockwell, NC at 704-279-9358 for a copy.

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Dept. of Energy Conference: Replacement Windows Don't Pay

With all the ads for replacement windows over the last few years, nearly everyone has the impression that they save a significant amount of energy over original windows. However, at this summer's Dept. of Energy National Weatherization Conference one brave and well-respected expert announced what the replacement window industry hates to hear: the payback time for replacement windows is much longer than the life of the windows. He gave an estimated savings for replacement windows of \$2-3 per window, per year. That's \$50 to \$75 for the average home. Even the tax credit doesn't

make it a sound investment.

If you'd like to see what is good way to save energy for your home, you can go to: hes.lbl.gov and plug in everything about your house (it takes less than an hour –use “double paned windows” if you have storm windows –funny that storm windows aren't included in the program). You'll see that turning down the thermostat only one degree saves more than new windows and that buying a \$50 programmable thermostat saves many times more. The window industry lobby and advertising have been very effective.

People may also be surprised to learn that the Energy Star program is not just an effort by the Dept. of Energy to educate the public, it is actually a program run by a marketing firm from Great Britain –D&R International Ltd. By exploring the Energy Star website, you can find the pages that point to its close relationship with window manufacturers and D&R International's role. The American public is under the impression that Energy Star is there to help us, but they're really there to sell products.

In the same conference mentioned above, another finding was that people were saving about half of what they were told they would save for many of the “energy improvements”. Sure, our economy does better when people buy things, but that doesn't mean we need to waste functional products. In the case of windows, people have been convinced to throw out windows that will last as long as the house, and replace them with windows that will last maybe 20 years or so. Considering the waste generated, the energy used

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to make the new windows, and lack of energy improvement, it doesn't seem like a very responsible policy, not to mention what it does to the look of a classic house. Even deteriorated windows can be economically repaired to last longer than replacements.

From an economic standpoint, we're better off spending money on repairs because all of that money stays with the local economy—provided there's someone capable of doing the repair. How much local revenue vs. cost is generated from new windows? It's not rocket science, it's just a forgotten skill. Windows are only one of many examples where replacement, rather than repair, draws money out of the local economy and creates waste. Repair is the “greener” choice, but we need the skills and the people to do it. That, and a love for old houses, is why Morocco Restoration and Repair was established. If enough people call Morocco Restoration and Repair for a workshop, I'll put one together for homeowners. We have many homes with historic appeal, but when the windows go, most of the appeal is lost.

A quick tip for those concerned about their windows and air leaks. There's an easily removable clear caulk (interior) that many people simply apply in the fall and remove in the spring. It's inexpensive and easy to do. Morocco Restoration and Repair is still ramping up and we have a large job from Lafayette, but we can give advice on short term repairs and make plans for future repairs if needed. It's amazing what a little repair and \$10 dollars of weatherstripping can do. Call 285-2379 if you'd like us come by,

or if you'd be interested in attending a workshop.

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JESSIE

Chapter III

“Can I be of any help?” A woman asked who Jessie thought looked like a mom. She had short cropped brown hair and plump round cheeks which made her brown eyes look kindly. Without bothering to reply, Jessie walked over to the window and simply brought her the sign and gave it to her. “The apartment?” She asked curiously as she looked at the young red haired girl in front of her. “Would you like to see it?”

“I’d like to live there.” She said simply pointing at the sign. When the secretary was about to make inquiries, she found none came to mind. Without knowing why except that it felt right, she dug the key out of her desk drawer and handed it to Jessie.

“The place is partially furnished and I’m sure it’ll be okay with Mr. Larson if you take it. I’ll bring the contract up later if that’s okay.”

“That will be fine Mrs. Williams and you’re right about Mr. Larson.” Mrs. Williams looked with a question on her mind which wouldn’t come forward enough to ask. “Oh and Mrs. Williams, the sore throat your son has been having is his tonsils. He needs them taken out if you want him to get better.” Jessie smiled as she let her fingers touch the woman’s hand as she retrieved the keys, leaving Mrs. Williams with a feeling of hope for the first time since Jake got sick. “It was nice of you to adopt him, he liked Mr. Hunter but he needs a mother’s love.” It wasn’t until Jessie was out the door and around the corner that Mrs. Williams started to wonder how she knew all those things, then the phone rang and she forgot all about it.

“Mrs. Williams, this is Doctor Welbies office, we have the test results for your son Jake.” She listened as a shiver ran up her spine. “Jakes going to need his tonsils removed...” Mrs. Williams never heard the rest of what the nurse said.

On the second floor window sill facing State Street, a snow white dove landed and tilted its head as it watched the door open through the window pane.

Jessie walked into the main room of the apartment and then the remaining three rooms consisting of a bedroom, bath and kitchen and liked the humble way it was decorated. The futon in the living room wasn’t anything but a Wal-Mart best buy and the bed was a double, but to Jessie the place was perfect. Walking into the kitchen she opened the refrigerator and wrinkled her nose at the stale smell which came from it and saw bare shelves waiting to be filled. Closing the door, she waited a second and then re-opened it to see food items of various kinds on every shelf, all nice and cool and ready to eat.

Turning back into the living room, she went to the window the Dove was at and opened it, seeing Yvonne down the street looking around like she lost something. As Jessie went to bathroom

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where she ran a tub of water, the Dove came in and cooed while following with its side to side strut down the hall.

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