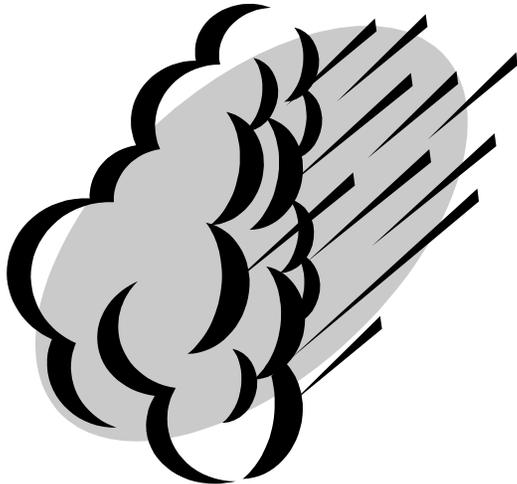


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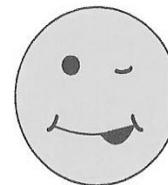
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JAMES F. LOBB, 66, Maroa, died February 13, 2010. Memorials are to Maroa Christian Church. He married Shirley Cunningham. Surviving are his former wife, Shirley. Surviving from Maroa is daughter Susan Dunham. He has 5 grandchildren.

FRANCIS E. CLIFTON, 78, of Clarksville, AK., formerly of Maroa, died February 10, 2010. Burial was in Lone Pine Cemetery in Clarksville. He was born April 27, 1931 in Argenta to Delmar and Elsie (Holland) Clinton. He was a graduate of Maroa-Forsyth High School. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He married his first wife, Betty Lou Hasler on April 5, 1952. He later married his second wife, Ada Rose Mandrell on July 3, 1969 in Clinton. He is survived by his wife, Ada; 7 children, Mary Ann Clinton of Maroa; Elsie Reed of Rantoul; Delmar (Diana) Clifton of Maroa; Martin (Tina) Hitchcock of Decatur; Lori- (Bill) Hallum of Hartman, AR; Donita (James) Craft and Jason (Kaye) Clinton, both of Clarksville, AR; two sisters, Ardella Pennington of DeLand, FL; and Wanda (Steve) Hicks of Blue Mound; two brothers, Delbert (Gwen) Clifton of DeLand, FL; and Vernon (Carol) Clifton of Decatur; 22 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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FROM THE EDITORS:

WHAT A WINTER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! March will bring SPRING!! We hope.. We look forward to Easter time and pray that you will attend the church of your choice during this Lenten season. We are sorry that the dates for the January and February meetings of the Lions Club was wrong in last issue.

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MARCH SCHEDULE

- March 2 Maroa Lodge #454, 7:30 p.m.
 March 3 Weight Watchers begins at library-see details
 March 4 American Legion, 6:30 p.m., M&M Café
 VFW Post #3287, 6:00 p.m., M&M Café
 March 8 MF School Board, 7:00 p.m.
 Maroa Park Committee, 7:00 p.m.
 Maroa Library Board, 7:00 p.m. , library
 Maroa Food Pantry, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
 March 9 Maroa Lions Club, 6:30 p.m. , M&M Café
 March 10 Pancake breakfast at Forsyth UM Church-see details
 March 13 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIMES BEGINS
 March 14 HCE, 7:00 p.m., library
 March 16 St. Patrick's Day
 March 17 Maroa Zoning Board
 March 18 FIRST DAY OF SPRING!!
 March 20 City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 March 22 Maroa Food Pantry, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
 March 23 Maroa Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., M&M Café
 March 24 Share Pickup, firehouse
 March 26 Palm Sunday

APRIL SCHEDULE

- April 1 APRIL'S FOOL'S DAY
 American Legion, 6:30 p.m., M&M Café
 VFW Post #3287, 6:00 p.m., M&M Café
 April 2 GOOD FRIDAY
 April 4 EASTER SUNDAY
 April 6 Maroa Lodge #454, 7:30 p.m.
 April 9 HS Musical, 7:00 p.m.
 April 10 HS Musical, 7:00 p.m.-see details inside
 April 12 MF Board meeting, 7:00 p.m.
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 April 27 Maroa Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., M&M Café

CLARA SHULL, 104, Monticello, died January 30, 2010. Burial was in Keller Cemetery, Lovington. She married James Shull who preceded her in death. Memorials are to Faith in Action, Monticello. Surviving from Maroa are nephew, Ivan (Norma) Porter and niece, Joy (David) Gardner. She leaves 1 other nephews and 2 nieces; 17 great nieces and nephews, 37 great-great nieces and nephews, and 18 great-great-great nieces and nephews

HELEN M. MILLS, 99, Maroa, died February 3, 2010. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Taylorville. She was a member of Moundford Free Methodist Church, a dress maker at Simplicity Frocks and Rothley Dress Factory, retired as cook at Taylorville HS. She married Delbert Mills, who preceded her in death. Surviving from Maroa are son, D. Leroy (Ruth) Mills, granddaughter Judy (Bobby) Kennedy. She has 6 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren.

JANICE L. MERCER, 74, Maroa, died February 4, 2010. Burial was in Maroa Cemetery. Memorials are to Maroa UM Church or Dr. John Warner Hospital. She was born in Maroa, daughter of Harold and Mabel Austin McKinney. She worked at Methodist Hospital in Peoria, Muhlenberg County Hospital and Murry Calloway Hospital in Kentucky. She retired from Dr. John Warner Hospital in Clinton after 27 years of service. Surviving from Maroa are daughter Kim (Curt) Young and brother-in-law Wayne Dobbs. Also surviving are grandson, Chad Young and finance Lauren Colee of Decatur; brother, Gary (Marilyn) McKinney of Forsyth

PATRICIA A. ATKINS-WISLEY, 77, Decatur, died February 4, 2010. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery. Memorials are to Tabernacle Baptist Church, Decatur. She was an interpreter for the deaf for over 35 years, worked in the District Attorney's office in Macon County. Surviving from Maroa are brother, Tom (Mary Lou) Atkins. She has 7 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



BARBARA HUGHES, 77, Warrensburg, died January 2, 2010. Burial was at St. Mary's-Lourdes Cemetery in Metamora. Memorials are to Barclay Public Library, PO Box 349, Warrensburg, 62573. She was a registered nurse and worked in Dr. Terrill's office in Maroa for several years. She married James Hughes who preceded her in death. She enjoyed coming to the M&M Café for senior meals and seeing her many friends there.

ROBERT L. "ROB" RUNYEN, JR., 49, Loami, died January 9, 2010. Memorials are donor's choice. He was a member of Loami Christian Church, worked for Diebold Inc., married Sheila Knollenberg who survives. Surviving is father, Robert Runyen Sr.

 JIMMY DEAN PLUMMER, 57, Denver, CO., died January 14, 2010. He attended Lakeview HS, retired from Air Force and the sheriff's dept. Surviving from Maroa are sister, Pamela (David) Ziegler.

WILLIAM "BILL" BAILEY, 77, Tucson, AZ., died January 15, 2010. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery. He was born in Maroa, son of Elzie and Vera White Bailey. He graduated from Maroa High School, and married Shirley Nash. She preceded him in death.

MILDRED E. HEUSER REEVES WOODS, formerly of Decatur, died January 19, 2010. She married John Charles Reeves in 1937 and he died in WWII. She married Paul Worth Woods who died in 1986. Surviving from are daughter, Binnie (Bill) Bencoter. She has 20 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, 9 great-great-grandchildren.

MAROA-FORSYTH ALUMNI BANQUET

The alumni banquet will be held on April 3, 2010 at the Elks Club in Clinton. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m. with dinner following at 7:00 p.m. The dance will follow. This banquet is open to all Maroa-Forsyth graduates. Tickets are \$25.00 per person in advance or \$30.00 at the door. If you only come for the dance, cost will be \$5.00. If you would like to sponsor a 2010 MF graduate, you may donate \$25.00. If you plan on attending, reservations are helpful in advance for count. For reservations, call 217-841-7330 or rkbraden@yahoo.com.

MAROA - FORSYTH HS MUSICAL

MFHS presents "All Shook Up" a new musical inspired by and featuring the songs of Elvis Presley on April 9 and 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Cafetorium. Reserved seating is available. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, and \$5.00 for Students/Senior Citizens and may be purchased in the HS office each morning from 7:30-8:00 a.m. beginning March 15. For more information, please call 217-794-3463.



ST. JUDE BIKE-A-THON

The St. Jude Bike-a-thon will be held Saturday, April 24, 2010 starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Maroa Elevator. Participants may bike, trike, walk, or jog to raise money for the hospital. Contact Jerry or Jill Kuykendall at 794-5210 to obtain sponsor sheets. If you cannot attend, please sponsor a participant.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY 13,14,15, MAROA CITYWIDE RUMMAGE SALES; SALES WILL START THURSDAY EVENING AND RUN UNTIL SATURDAY. PLEASE SIGN UP AT CITY HALL ASAP IF YOU ARE HAVING A SALE. COST IS \$1.00 PER PERSON, NOT ADDRESS. (IF 4 PEOPLE ARE HAVING A SALE AT ONE ADDRESS, COST WILL BE \$4.00) **FOR ADVERTISING IS EXPENSIVE. THE CHARGE COVERS ADVERTISING AND THE COST OF THE MAPS. THANKS. SALE**

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MAROA HCE PATCHWORK UNIT

The Maroa HCE Patchwork Unit has had two meetings so far in 2010. On January 19, we met at the Maroa Library and had a lesson on Brain Health. Karen Halicki handed out a word game for us to do and suggestion on other ways to keep the brain active. We finished our meeting with a wonderful chocolate éclair dessert made by hostess, Ruth Darelius. We met again at the Maroa Library, February 16 to make sandwiches for the local blood drive. Barb Hastings brought the supplies to make ham and chicken salad and peanut butter sandwiches. After that we discussed events that would take place in the upcoming months. We were informed by President Ruth Darelius that knitted hats and scarves were needed for our troops. She has the pattern and they have to be out of 100% wool. Karen then taught the game Mexican Train with dominoes. This was another suggestion from last months lesson. Games make



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<p>Maroa Christian Church 430 E. Main-794-3492 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am The Well (teens)-6 :00 p.m. Nursery Available Andy Glass, pastor Casey McCormick, youth pastor Christopher Weisenborn, music minister maroacc@2techs.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE</p> 

TO MAROA RESIDENTS: Some changes have been made in the Utility Ordinance Code Book. The Council has approved to discontinue charging \$25.00 when water is temporarily shut-off at the request of the user. The user can now request to have their water temporarily discontinued without paying the charge of \$25.00. However, you will be required to pay the minimum charge, which is \$10.80 per month. This charge will help in the cost of maintaining the water and sewer lines. Thank you, Water Dept.

PART-TIME POSITION: if you are looking for a part-time position in Maroa, City Hall is seeking a part-time office clerk. The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00a.m. to noon, 1:00to 3:00 p.m. If you are interested please contact City Hall, 794-2206.

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your brain work! It was a fun evening. Karen was our hostess and served a delicious pineapple coffee cake. Our next meeting will be March 16 at 7:00 at the Maroa Library. Karen will have lesson and Cindy Hoffman will be hostesses. The April meeting will be on April 20 at the library. New members are welcome.

MAROA COMMUNITY PANTRY

Thanks to everyone that was so generous during the holiday season. We received many monetary gifts and gifts of food to keep our pantry stocked. We would like to thank the First Christian Church in Clinton for continuing to share their bread supply with us. We appreciate it so very much.

Do you and your family need some help with your food bills? It is so easy to visit the pantry and obtain many of the everyday items that your family may need to get by. You merely have to present proof of residence in Maroa Township (copy of a monthly bill, rent receipt, etc.) to the registration person at the Pantry. All information is confidential. If you or someone you know needs help, please do not hesitate to call one of us. Joyce Holland, 794-5975, or Kathy Marsh, 794-3780. We will be open March 9, March 23, April 13, April 27, all days 9:00 –10:00 a.m. at the Maroa Christian Church basement. Please use west entrance.

SENIOR FREEZE

On April 28, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Barb Lamont, Maroa Township Assessor, will be at the Maroa Township Building doing the senior freeze forms. The requirements are: must be 65 years old, live in the home, and household income must be \$55,000.00 . Please bring proof of income. If you have any questions call Barb at 468-2365.



SENIOR CITIZENS MEALS



Senior Citizens meals are served to those over 60 Monday to Friday at 10:45 a.m. at the M&M Café. The meals cost \$2.00 per person. Call 794-5114 to sign up the day before you want to eat. If you need meals delivered to you while you are ill, let them know and it will be brought to you. Menus are available.

TASTE OF CHOCOLATE SUCCESS.

Thank you Maroa!! Because of each and everyone of you that supported us during the preparation and the evening of our 6th Annual "Taste of Chocolate" it was a huge success. In spite of the weather forecast, the turn out was amazing-more than we could have hoped for. Everyone seemed to be in very good spirits. Samantha Allen was crowned our 2010 "Chocolatier of the Year" with her winning recipe of Red Velvet Truffles. Michelle Wilson won the PS3 player and Holly Nord won the Xbox 360. They were all very excited. We had 54 varieties of chocolate delights to choose from on our buffet and 280 baskets in our silent auction. Now how in the world could anyone ask for anymore than that? The ladies worked diligently keeping the buffet filled. It always looked fresh and appetizing. We had 3 cashiers this year to check out the silent auction winners. I believe they really rocked it. As far as I know, we didn't have one mix up or one basket that wasn't accounted for. I don't know how you feel about this accomplishment, but I think it is truly amazing. All of our volunteers deserve a GOLD MEDAL.

Our goal is to make sure everyone had a good time. Hopefully we lived up to that goal. All monies raised by this event will go back into local outreach. Thank you, thank you, thank you, for making this possible.

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On Saturday, February 20, five of the Tuesday Quilters were able to join the 175 ladies for Make A Blanket Day at DMH for a day of fellowship and making quilts. There were over 1500 quilts turned in that day. Some will go to local hospitals, some will be shipped to Haiti, and some for Camp Coco, a camp near Bloomington for kids with cancer, during July.

WEIGHT WATCHERS BEGINS at the Maroa Library on Wednesdays, beginning March 3 at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-ins will start at 5:00 p.m. We are so thrilled to have Weight Watchers come to Maroa, especially with Spring being right around the corner.

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It is now time for our family to let go of the reigns and pass them on. This decision was a tough one, because we have enjoyed Winks so much! We've gotten to know many people in our community that we may have never know otherwise. Maroa is full of wonderful people.

We are offering our business up for sale, either as it, or in parts. We plan on remaining open through April 9 in the same capacity, but the rest of April is dependent on selling the business. Our hope is that someone sees the need to carry on the service and we can



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Robert and Jennifer Greutman Foster of Maroa are parents of a son born December 29, 2009.



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There is a great opportunity started here! The options are limitless. If you are seriously interested in taking over all or part of Winks, please contact us. Where one window closes, another one opens. Please consider continuing our efforts in providing service to a terrific community. We will miss seeing each and everyone of our customers. Thank you Maroa!

Ben and Gretchen Kapraun 217-855-8541

RECYCLING SERVICE COMING TO MAROA: Through the support of the Macon County Board and county Chairman, and with partial grant funding provided by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Energy and Recycling, Macon County Environmental Management Department (formerly Macon County Solid Waste Department) provides convenient 24 hour drop off recycling trailers for Macon County resident.

Recycling trailers are intended to allow residents not currently served by curbside recycling in their respective communities easy access to convenient recycling. All nine recycling trailers are in their current location 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Items accepted at the recycling trailers include: aluminum and tin cans, plastics #1-7, newspapers, office paper and junk mail, magazines, phone books and catalogs. The recycling trailers for Maroa will be at City Hall, 120 S. Locust St.

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Maroa Police Department for
December 19,2009 to January 21, 2010.

TRAFFIC:	
Speeding	10
Suspended drivers license	01
Uninsured vehicle	08
Expired registration	03
DUI a-2	01
DUI a-4	02
DUI a-6	01
Driving revoked	02
Improper lane usage	04
Improper turn	01
Improper lighting one headlight	02
No valid drivers license	02
No valid drivers license graduated License violation	02
Driving to fast for conditioning	02
Disobey stop sign	02
No rear reg .light	01
Drivers license not on person	02
Only one red tail light	01
Using an electronic device	02
Illegal transportation of alcohol	01
Written warnings	09
Verbal warning	01
Total	60
CRIMINAL:	
Possession of Cannabis <2.5 grams	01
Possession of Cannabis 2.5g<10 grams	01
Possession f Cannabis >30.0 grams < 500 grams	01
Manufacture/delivery >30 grams< 500grams of Cannabis	01
Possession of drug perihelia	04
Possession of a controlled substance	01
Aggravated fleeing and attempting To eluding police	01

Domestic problems	06
Disorderly juveniles	03
Disorderly adult	01
Phone harassment	01
Fraud-identity theft	01
Warrant arrest	02
Total	24

OTHER SERVICE CALLS:	
Assist Maroa Fire	01
Assist Chicago PD	01
Assist Macon Co Sheriff dept	05
Assist DCFS	01
Assist DeWitt Co Sheriff dept	03
Assist Ameren IP	01
Assist motorist	11
Barking dog complaint	01
Suspicious vehicle	04
Follow up investigations	30
Involuntary medical admittance	02
Suspicious person	02
Abandoned trailer	12
Sex offender renewal	01
Vacation checks	07
911 hang ups	02
Trespass notice	02
Abandoned vehicle	01
Other Public Service Calls (city)	05
Total	93

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS:	
Property damage accident	02
Personal injury accident	01
Total	03

Respectfully submitted by
L. Brad Wilkey, Chief of Police



Maroa Christian Church

Our church clothing room needs you! Beginning March 9 the clothing room will be open on the second Tuesday from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and fourth Saturday, 9:00-12:00 noon of each month. (March 9 and March 27; April 13 and April 24) We need volunteers to help set up on Monday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. and Friday, March 26 at 3:30 p.m. and also to work at the clothing room when it is open. **DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THE LAST WEEK OF EACH MONTH.** Please mark your calendars for a time that you can be a part of this wonderful ministry.

Coming in April—a **50 day Spiritual Adventure!!** Together we will focus on 8 qualities of Jesus that drew others to Him. We will discover ways to truly be “light” in Maroa, as we ourselves draw closer to Jesus. The Celebrate Jesus journal will guide us through several specific actions:

- Once a day..”show me” prayer
- Journal time
- Affirm someone

Once a week...”light your street” focused prayer for 5 families or individuals in Maroa

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Maroa United Methodist Church



Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Worship, 10:10 a.m. Children and Youth Ministry Sunday at 5:00 p.m. with meal. March 7, 21 and April 18.

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, sponsored by Maroa and Forsyth United Methodist Men, Saturday, March 13 from 6:00-11:00 a.m. at Forsyth UM Church.



Jim and Shirley Tubbs Music Ministry at Forsyth UM Church, Sunday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by Maroa and Forsyth UM Churches.

Easter Sunday, April 4, 8:00 a.m. Community Sunrise Service at Maroa UM Church, Sponsored by Maroa Christian and UM Churches. Regular Easter worship at 10:10 a.m.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Donald W. Curry of Decatur celebrated his 75th birthday on January 28, 1935 in Decatur. He married Mary Minks, is a Navy veteran and retired from Bridgestone/Firestone and is employed at Macon County Memorial Park. He is the father of Loretta Curry of Maroa. He has several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

FRANCES LOUISE DEARDORFF EWALD of Decatur celebrated her 80th birthday with a cruise. She was born February 7, 1930 in Decatur. She married Michael Ewald. She is the mother of Patricia Ewald McCoy of Maroa. She has 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. LYLE SIMS of Pana celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 26. Mr. Sims married Lorene Glick in Pana. He is a retired cement mason. She is retired from Cyrus Chiropractic Clinic. They are owners of Trophies 'R Us. They are the parents of Vincent Sims of Maroa.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits and food. They were all appreciated. Special thanks to Pastor Mark, Pastor Ferrill and Kathy Schlag..

The family of Jan Mercer, Curt and Kim Young and Chad Young.

The members of the Maroa Fire Department would like to thank everyone from the community and the surrounding area for making this year's Pancake and Sausage such a great success. We will use the funds raised to help our department protect the community better. Once again, thank you for making the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast a great success year in and out.

(Next Year's Pancake and Sausage will be January 15, 2011.)

A special thank you to all who stopped by to help Bill celebrate his 80th birthday. Thank you for the cards, notes, phone calls and gifts. Bill and Barbara Holley, Lynn, Ellen, Megan, Jessica and Clark.

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Many things in life are the same way—simple to understand, yet not so easy to practice. The difficulty most people have with losing weight and staying in good shape has little to do with knowing how to do so. The tough part is changing life-long habits.

You have to have the courage to make the change. You have to have the fortitude to maintain the new habits. You have to have the resilience to constantly say no to the barrage of temptations you are faced with every day. You have to have the strength to not make excuses. All of this take a lot of work, but it is worth it.

Start by taking small steps. Don't eat Twinkies. Drink water instead of soda. Make eating an abundant amount of fresh veggies a part of your daily routine. Get food fats and protein into your diet. Turn off American Idol and put on your sneakers. Get outside on a regular basis. Get plenty of sleep. Have fun. Don't overwhelm yourself with specifics. Get back to the basics: Eat Well, Move Well and Think Well.



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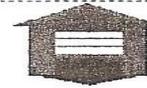
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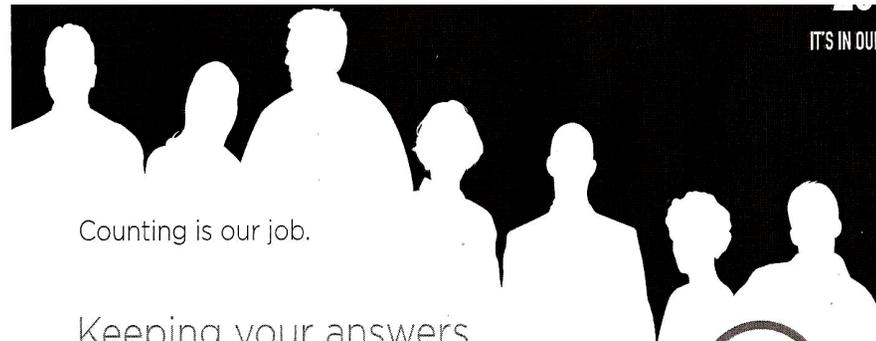
Responses to the 2010 Census questionnaire are required by law. All responses are used for statistical purposes only, and all are strictly confidential.

For more information, visit the 2010 Census Web site at <<http://www.census.gov/2010>>.

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2010 CENSUS: MAROA CITY HALL WILL BE HOSTING A "BE COUNTED SITE" FOR THE UPCOMING 2010 CENSUS. THERE WILL BE A CENSUS REPRESENTATIVE TO HELP ANY MAROA RESIDENT IN FILLING OUT THEIR FORM.

TENTATIVE DATES ARE FEBRUARY 26 TO APRIL 19, 2010. SCHEDULED TIME WILL BE LISTED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL MAROA CITY HALL, 794-2206.



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All Census Bureau employees take an oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

Completing the 2010 Census form will shape the future for you, your community and the country.

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2010 CENSUS: IT'S IN OUR HANDS

An Introduction to the 2010 Census

Counting Everyone Once — and Only Once — and In the Right Place

The foundation of our American democracy is dependent on fair and equitable representation in Congress. In order to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the nation's borders, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.

The census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress. It also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. 2010 Census data will directly affect how more than \$4 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years. In order for this funding allocation to be accomplished fairly and accurately, the goal of the decennial census is to count everybody, count them only once, and count them in the right place. The facts gathered in the census also help shape decisions for the rest of the decade about public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more.

Reaching an Increasingly Diverse Population

The goal of the 2010 Census is to count all residents living in the United States on April 1, 2010. The U.S. Census Bureau does not ask about the legal status of respondents in any of its surveys and census programs. To help ensure the nation's increasingly diverse population can answer the questionnaire accurately and completely, about 13 million bilingual Spanish/English forms will be mailed to housing units in neighborhoods identified as requiring high levels of Spanish assistance. Additionally, questionnaires in Spanish, Chinese (Simplified), Korean, Vietnamese and Russian — as well as language guides in 59 languages — will be available on request.

Recruiting Census Workers

By 2010, there will be an estimated 310 million people residing in the United States. Counting each person is one of the largest operations the federal government undertakes. For example, the Census Bureau will recruit nearly 3.8 million applicants for 2010 Census field operations. Of these applicants, the Census Bureau will hire about 1.4 million temporary employees. Some of these employees will be using GPS-equipped hand-held computers to update maps and ensure there is an accurate address list for the mailing of the census questionnaires.

10 Questions, 10 Minutes to Complete

With one of the shortest questionnaires in history, the 2010 Census asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about 10 minutes for the average household to complete. Questions about *how* we live as a nation — our diversity, education, housing, jobs and more — are now covered in the American

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