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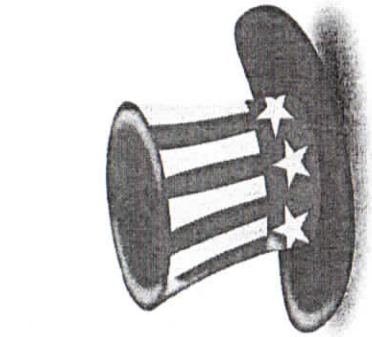

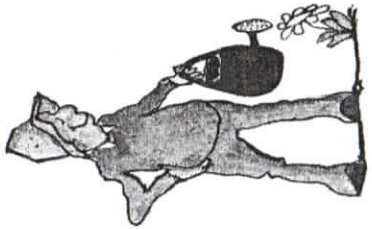

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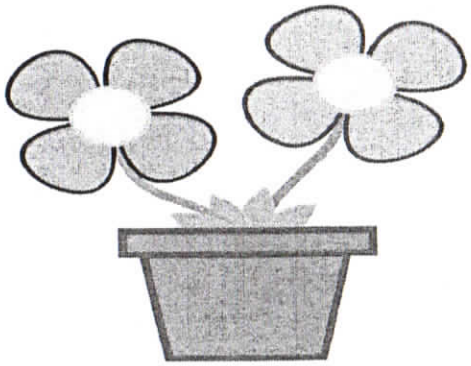

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3-MAROA LODGE #454 7:30 P.M.
5-V.F.W. POST # 3287 6:00 P.M.
5-AMERICAN LEGION 6:30 P.M.
9-MAROA-FORSYTH SCHOOL BOARD 7:00 P.M.
10-FOOD PANTRY 9 AM-10 AM CHRISTIAN CHURCH
11-LIONS CLUB 6:30 P.M. METHODIST CHURCH
11-MAROA TOWNSHIP 6:30 P.M.
12-MAROA FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY 5:00 P.M.
16-LIBRARY BOARD MEETING 6:30 P.M.
17-H.C.E 5:30 P.M.
19-ZONING BOARD 7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
23-CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 P.M.
24-FOOD PANTRY 4 P.M.-5 PM CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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JUNE

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10-**NEWS FOR NEWSLETTER/ON OR BEFORE 10AM**
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25-LIONS CLUB PORK CHOP DINNER 5-7 AT CITY HALL/GYM
25-FIREWORKS AT DUSK
27-CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 P.M. CITY HALL
28-FOOD PANTRY 4-5 P.M. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

REST IN PEACE

Ross W. Densmore, 68 of Decatur passed away on March 6, 2016. Ross was born on January 11, 1948 in Decatur. He attended Maroa-Forsyth High School where he played football, ran track, and sang in the choir and boys ensemble. After school he worked at G.E. then stared farming with Richard Hanes for many years. He then went to work for Keith Hackl at Warrensburg-Latham Middle School for 6 1/2 years. Ross married the love of his life Vickie L. Dean and has been married for 24 years. He loved deer hunting and loved NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson. Ross is survived by his wife: Vickie; son: Wesley Walsh of Arizona and his children: Valerie, Jake and Liam; daughter: Candita M. "Candi" (Wilson) Mosley and son-in-law Roger Mosley of Maroa and their children: Felicia, Kali, Erika and Savannah. Ross also has two great-granddaughters. A special Aunt Cleo Rose of Decatur and many cousins. Ross was preceded in death by his parents: Elizabeth and Glenn Bartley, grandparents and Aunt Janice and Uncle Tom Doak.

Bruce Allan Osgood, 63, Kernersville, NC passed away on February 19, 2016. Bruce graduated from Maroa-Forsyth High School in 1971.

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REST IN PEACE

Barbara Heinz Brown, 89, passed away on February 19, 2016. She was born on a farm near Maroa and graduated from Argenta High school and University of Illinois. She began her teaching career at Fair Play School built by her grandfather and attended by her parents. She married Donald F. Brown in 1957. Surviving relatives include: her son, Eric; daughter, Linda (Brad) Argue; grandchildren, Tyler & Kailey Argue and Jayme Brown and nephew John Oliver. Barbara is preceded in death by her husband Don; her parents, Eric & Elizabeth Heinz; aunt, Mrs. Ruth Glosser; sister, Betty Oliver, and nephew James Oliver.

Ronald. L. Edgecombe, 65 of Decatur, passed away on March, 31, 2016. Ronald was born on August 20, 1950 in Maroa, the son of Wilbur & Laura (Slayback) Edgecombe. He earned his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Illinois, Ronald was a school teacher, farmer, and Insurance agent for Country Companies and Miller Mutual. Ronald is survived by his son: Matthew Edgecombe of Warrensburg, sister: Marla (Brain) Wright of Warrensburg, brother: Dale (Krista) Edgecombe of Mt Zion, ex-wife Rhonda Edgecombe of Warrensburg. He was preceded in death by his parents.

TUSEDAY MAY 3, 2016 , THE MAROA POST OFFICE WILL BE HAVING AN OPEN HOUSE FROM 11-2 . STOP BY FOR SNACKS AND JUST TO TALK TO THE POST OFFICE STAFF AND GET NEW INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRICES AND THE FOOD DRIVE. THANKS MAROA POST OFFICE.

REST IN PEACE

Margaret "Margie" Mary Memmott, 60, of Maroa passed away March 10, 2016. Margie was born September 19, 1955 in Downers Grove, the daughter of Norman & Edith Ellen (Witt) Memmott. She was a C.N.A. for over 30 years.
She is survived by her three children, David (Tamara Moore) Delmonico, Richard Memmott, and Margaret Memmott. Six grandchildren, Addison Lenchner, Lexis Grotjan, Bradley Cramer Jr., Rebecca Leach, Eva Delmonico and Naomi Delmonico. 3 brothers Charles (Kathy) Memmott, Michael Memmott and Richard (Sandy) Memmott, and one sister Nancy Ramirez. Margie was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Susan Memmott.

Clinton, Juanita Cumi Turney, 92 passed away Sunday March 20, 2016. Juanita was born September 8, 1923, in Decatur, to John Wesley & Emma (Laskowski) Howland. She graduated from Lovington High School, she was a nurse at John Warner Hospital. She married Elmer "Dale" Turney on September 29, 1946. She was a member of First Christian Church. She loved fishing at the Ozarks and in Minnesota. She is survived by her two sons, Richard (Sue) and Bob (Donna) both of Clinton. Two daughters Deb (Doug) Tilley of Clinton and Jan (Roger) Dial of Maroa. Eleven grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchildren. Juanita is preceded in death by her parents & her husband Dale & one brother John "Jack" Wesley Howland II and one sister Virginia Robbins.

MAROA COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Did you know you can receive assistance at the local Food Pantry? No proof of income is required and anyone residing in Maroa Township is eligible. Proof of residence is needed. (No P.O. Boxes) All information is strictly confidential.

The pantry is located in the basement at the
Maroa Christian Church
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The hours and dates for 2016 are as follows

9 to 10 AM dates	4 to 5 PM dates
Jan 12	Jan 26
Feb 9	Feb 23
Mar 8	Mar 22
Apr 12	Apr 26
May 10	May 24
Jun 14	Jun 28
July 12	July 26
Aug 9	Aug 23
Sep 13	Sep 27
Oct 11	Oct 25
Nov 8	Nov 22
Dec 13	Dec 27

THE PANTRY IS SUPPORTED BY THE LOCAL CHURCHES, GROUPS, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS. WE ARE PARTNERED WITH THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS FOOD BANK AND THE MIDWEST FOOD BANK. REMEMBER, THIS IS FOR ANYONE IN MAROA TOWNSHIP REGARDLESS OF ANY CHURCH AFFILIATION OR INCOME LEVEL.

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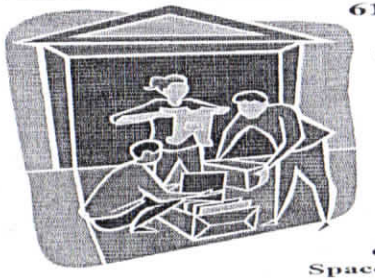

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FOR ALL NEWSLETTER NEWS AND FOR RENTAL OF GYM OR PARK PLEASE EMAIL tonis120@frontier.com
You can call 217.794.2206 and ask for Toni.

MAROA POLICE DEPARMENT FOR

FEBRUARY 17 2016– MARCH 25, 2016

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Speeding	24
No Valid D/L	2
Driving on Suspended Lic.	6
Expired Reg.	3
Improper Stopping In the Roadway	1
Written Warnings	24
Verbal Warnings	3
Stolen License Plate	1
Vandalism to a Motor Vehicle	1
Assist Motorist	10
Assist I.S.P.	1
Assist Bureau County S.O.	1
Assist D.C.F.S.	1
Assist ILEAS Rep.	1
Assist D.P.D.	1
Found Property	1
Animal Control	7
Preserve the Peace	1
Suspicious Person	10
Suspicious Vehicle	2
Neighborhood Problem	2
Complaint on a Vehicle	1
Follows Ups	67
Vacation Checks	30
Parking Citation	3
Open Doors	23
Domestic Problem	3
Business Alarm	2
Return Property	54
Check Welfare of a Juvenile	3
Parking Complaint	1
Dog Bite Report	2
Drivers Ed Classes	4
Residential Alarm	1
Check Welfare of Adult	1
Driving Complaint	2
Other Public Service	10
Drivers Exchange	1
Improper Turn	1
No Insurance	4
Improper Use of Electronic Device	1
Suspended Registration For No Insurance	1
Counterfeit Money	2
Internet Scam	1
Juvenile Battery	1
Trespass of a Residence	1
Theft>$300.00	1
Criminal Damage To a Building	1
Assist Shelbyville P.D.	1
Assist Macon C.S.O.	5
Mental Health Issue	1
Register Sex Offender	1
Register Il. Murder & Violent Offender	1
Loud Music Complaint	1
City Injury Report	1
Recovered Property	1
Garbage Complaint	2
Garbage Violation Notice	1
Burning Complaint	1
Service of No Trespass	2
Found Property	1
Hit & Run	1
Exchange of Information	1
TOTAL	293

FOOD DRIVE

The Post Office will be having their food drive on Saturday May 14. You may leave your food products by your mail box for your carrier to pick up or bring into Post Office. Remember this all stays right here in MAROA for your local food pantry needs.
Please always support YOUR Maroa Post Office we appreciate it. M-F 8:30-11:30 12:30-4:30. Saturday 8:00-10:00.

MAROA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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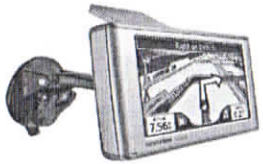

NEWS LETTER NEWS NEEDS TO BE IN JUNE 10 AT 10:00 A.M. NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE JULY 2016

June

June 14 (Tuesday) 6-8 pm: Beginner Card Making Class. Pre-registration AND Prepayment required. Cost is $10. All supplies are provided and we will be making 5 cards with the theme of your choice. Some examples are Father's Day, Birthday, Thinking of you, Spring, etc...

June 29 (Wednesday) 10:30 am: Adult book club will meet to discuss *A Lesson Before Dying* by: Ernest J. Gaines. Copies of the book will be in at the beginning of June.

Summer Reading Program Begins the FIRST week in June: Our theme this year is "Reading for the Win."

Wednesdays- 10:30 am - We will play a variety of outdoor games such as Giant Jenga, Frisbee Tic Tac Toe, 4-Square/Chalk Drawing, Bean Bag Toss and Frisbee Golf. All kids are welcome to join and there is no sign-up required. Rain day for Wednesday will be the following Friday at 10:30.

Thursdays - Each Thursday we will be doing Thursday Thinkers. There will be a different science based activity each Thursday. **SIGN-UP IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND**

Fridays- Each Friday 10 am-3pm in June will be a **CHECK IN DAY**. Make sure you come in and show us how much you've been reading throughout the week so we can enter your name into the weekly Grand Prize Drawings. We will also be doing our Read to Give campaign again this year.

Also on Fridays - We will have art activities **SIGN-UP REQUIRED**

Be sure to check our Facebook page to stay up to date on changes in programming and cancellations due to weather.

Don't Forget:

Story Time: Join Miss Julie for storytime every Thursday at 10am. Hear a story, play, do art and have a snack while making new friends. There's never a dull moment! Ages: Birth-Pre-K
Tablets and e-readers: The library offers options for checking out books on your tablets and e-readers at no cost to you, simply by using your library card! Stop in and get information on how you can use this fantastic tool to enhance your literary experiences!
Fine Policy Is In Effect: Get those overdue materials in and your fines paid to avoid paying replacement costs or having your account frozen.
Morning Exercise Class: All are invited to the invigorating exercise class that is held every Wednesday and Friday in the Community Room at 9 am. Exercise and socialize!

Are there programs you would like to see YOUR library provide? We love hearing your ideas so swing on over and share your thoughts.

Library News and Events

Come join the fun at the Maroa Public Library this winter! We offer so much more than books and movies!!! Be sure to "like" us on Facebook and check out our website to keep up to date on all of our fun events! http://www.maroa.lib.il.us

Exciting News and Thank Yous:

We are thrilled and grateful to everyone who took the time to vote YES to help support funding for your library. A huge thank you to Toni Stoutenborough for offering to cover the cost of the flyers that went to everyone's house. We are looking forward to the money coming in so we can increase our hours and cover the costs of utilities, programs and materials without worry. Thank you again!

We also want to thank everyone who donated candy and/or time for our egg hunt. It was a huge success and all the children were able to find lots of eggs. We love our community!

Finally, a huge thank you goes out to Niklas P. and Haris K. from MFHS who have volunteered nearly every Thursday this semester with our after school program. Their help has been invaluable. Thank you, boys!

Upcoming Events:

May

May 12 (Thursday): THIS WILL BE THE LAST DAY OF THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT WHEN WE WILL START UP AGAIN IN THE FALL. THANK YOU!

May 12 (Thursday) 3:30-4:15: Kids BINGO.

May 17 (Tuesday) 6-7 pm: Adult coloring workshop! We will have coloring pages and colored pencils to use. Bring your own supplies if you wish.

May 25 (Wednesday) 10:30 am: Adult book club will meet to discuss *Boys in the Boat* by: Daniel Brown. Come in and pick up your copy today.

****May 24th-28th will be Summer Reading Program Sign-ups. Come in at any point when we are open to get yourself signed up for the program,Thursday Thinkers activities and Friday Art Days ****

THANK YOU

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR ACTS OF KINDNESS DURING THE LOSS OF OUR LOVED ONE. THANK YOU FOR THE FLOWERS, MEMORIALS. CARDS AND PRAYERS. EACH AN EVERY ONE OF THEM WERE APPRECIATED VERY MUCH.

THE RICHARD BRELSFOARD FAMILY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 60th.

Harry J. O'Riley & Margaret M. Gordon were married on January 7, 1956 at the United Brethen Church in Beecher City. Harry is retired from Revere/Corning. Margaret is retired from the Maroa-Forsyth School. They are the parents of Lori (David) Dougherty, Steve (Teri) O'Riley, and Vickie (Charles)Buckingham. They have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The couple celebrated the 60th anniversary with a family dinner.

CLOTHING GIVEWAY MAY 7

8:30-11:30 Forsyth United Methodist Church 210 Ruehl St.

Donations of clean, gently used clothing will be received from April 16–April 29 at the back of the church, where a collection box will be located. Spring and summer clothing for men, women, and children is needed. For pick-up of clothing donations, call 877.1441 or 433.5396. If you know someone who is in need of spring or summer clothes, please share this information with them. A free continental breakfast will also be served. Thank you for helping us help others in their time of need.

THE MAROA PATCHWORK

The Maroa Patchwork Unit met March 22nd At Crawford Pizza. There were 7 members present. Karen Halicki passed out the most recent lesson information. It was about women self defense. It gave many suggestions to protect from identity theft. Our next meeting will be April 19th at 5:30 at Crawford's. Most likely we will also meet the third week in May. If you would like to join us please contact a member to find a definite time and location .

MAROA FIRE

Several members from the Maroa Fire Department are finishing up their 1st Responder class. Once completed, we will be able to better serve the community with more medical personnel responding on EMS calls. The Maroa Fire Department is selling reflective home address signs. These signs will ensure that if you are ever in need of our help, we will be able to locate your address quicker and get you the help you need. If you are interested in finding out more about these signs, please contact a member of the Maroa Fire Department .

JUNE 24 FRIDAY

CAR & BIKE SHOW 3 P.M.

AT THE BALL PARK

VENDORS 12– 7

BALLGAMES ALL DAY

BAND ON STAGE/ BEER TENT 6-10

JUNE 25 SATURDAY

PARADE 10:00

BALLGAMES ALL DAY

VENDORS 12-7

BAND ON STAGE 6:00 TILL FIREWORKS

FIREWORKS AT DUSK

MAROA COMMUNITY PANTRY

Happy Spring to all of you!! It won't be long until all the Maroa gardeners will be preparing and planting their gardens. The folks at the Community Pantry would like to encourage you to "plant a row" for distribution to those using the pantry. Last year we had lots and lots of fresh produce given on a regular basis. It was very much appreciated by everyone. In July, we will complete our ninth year of service to our community– thank you Maroa for your continued support of this program and thank you to all our volunteers. If you or someone you know needs food assistance, please check this publication for the dates and times. Call Kathy 794.3780 or Joyce 794.5975.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS....Karen Halicki has been our "grocery getter" since the Community Pantry started in July 2007. She has made 215 +trips to make sure everyone has what they need. A pantry director accompanies her to either Bloomington or Springfield to obtain a trailer full of products for distribution. We would also like to express our thanks to everyone that takes time out of their our lives to help unload upon delivery. We literally receive one ton of groceries most of the time and it takes a lot of muscle power to get things down the stairs and put away. Thanks to all of you!!! Thanks again