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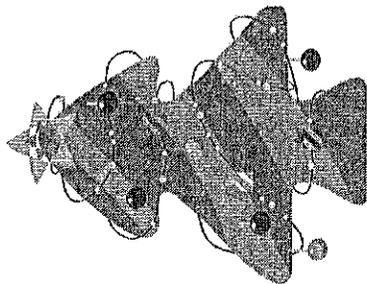
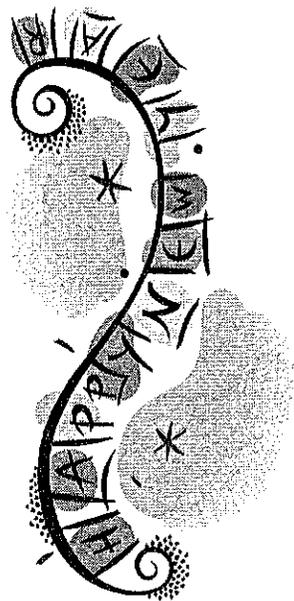
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MAROA FIRE DEPARTMENT



Santa Claus will be making his annual trip to Maroa on Christmas Eve!! Santa will arrive at the Fire House shortly before 4:30pm and will be escorted around town on a Fire Truck !! Listen for the sirens and come out and see Santa.

The Maroa Fire Department will be hosting their annual pancake and sausage breakfast on **Saturday January 17, 2015 from 6:00 am till 12:00 (noon) !!** Money raised during this event will be used to support the volunteers with equipment and gear. If you would like to volunteer with MFD please contact a current Firefighter or visit us on Facebook, for complete details visit us at www.maroafire.com

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THE CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The Christmas Baskets are looking for volunteers to help sort food, pack boxes and to help carry out or delivery boxes. We will be working at the Old Maroa Grade School this year from Dec 8--13 from 6:00PM -8:00PM or later. On Saturday Dec 13 boxes maybe picked up from 9-11. We will need help delivering boxes to senior citizens or people with no cars.

Cash donations are gratefully accepted at the Scott State Bank and will help purchase perishable foods. Non-perishable food items may be left out in bags on Sat Dec 6 and will be picked up from 8AM-10AM. This food will be able to help 80+ families in our school district and the Maroa Christian Church Food Pantry.

Angels may be adopted at the United Methodist Church and Maroa Christian Church or by calling Barb at 454-3639. We have boys & girls from 2 months to 16 years or senior citizens that may need be adopted. Angels can be adopted after Nov 24rd.

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DECEMBER 2014

- 2-Maroa Lodge #454 7:30pm
- 4-V.F.W. Post #3287 6:00pm at Library
- 4-American Legion 6:30pm at Library
- 6-FirePlace "Time with Santa & Mrs. Claus
1pm-3pm
- 6-Children Christmas Shopping
9am-11am at Maroa United Methodist Church
- 6-Non-perishable food items on front porch
8:00am till 10:00am For X-mas Baskets
- 8-Maroa-Forsyth School Board 7:00pm
- 8- thru13 Xmas Baskets City Hall
- 9-Food Pantry 9-10:00am Christian Church
- 9-Maroa Lions Club 6:30pm at Methodist Church
- 12-DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER 10:00am
for Jan/Feb 2015 NEWSLETTER**
- 13-Friends of the Library COOKIE SALE
9am-Noon Stop by Library & get your cookies.
- 15-Library Board 6:30pm at Library
- 15-City Council Meeting 7:00pm at City Hall
- 16-H.C.E. 7:00pm at Library
- 23-Food Pantry 4-5:00pm @ Christian Church
- 24- thru Jan 1,2015 Library will be **CLOSED**
- 24-Santa Claus annual trip on Fire Truck 4:30pm
- 24-25 Merry Christmas **City Hall Closed**
- 31-JAN 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR **City Hall Closed**



MAROA POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR

SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 –OCTOBER 25, 2014

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TRAFFIC

Speeding	38
Passed school bus	
Loading/Unloading	1
Uninsured Motor Vehicle	8
Using an Electronic	
Massaging Device Driving	2
Scott's Law Violation	1
Written Warnings	52
Verbal Warnings	3
Permitting unauthorized	
Driver	1
Unlawful Number of Passengers	
Graduated D.L.	1
Illegal Screeching /Squealing	
Of Tires	1
Speeding School Zone	1
No Valid Driver's License	2

TOTAL 111

CRIMINAL

Possession of a Controlled	
Substance	1
Residential Burglary	1
Possession of Drug	
Paraphernalia	1
Theft<\$300.00	1
Criminal Damage	
To Property	1
Domestic Battery	4
Vandalism	1
Child Neglect	1
Disorderly Juveniles	3
Department of	
Corrections Warrant	1
Disorderly Adults	3
Endangering a Child	3
Juvenile Battery	1

TOTAL 22

OTHER SERVICE CALLS

Assist Motorist	5
Assist M.S.O.	11
Assist D.C.S.O.	4
Assist M.F.D.	2
Assist D.C.F.S.	2
Assist D.A.S.	1
Suspicious Vehicle	2
Animal Bite	2
Suspicious Person	3
Follow Ups	47
Vacation Checks	13
Open Doors	33
Animal Complaint	6
Check Welfare of Adult	1
Parking Complaints	1
911 Hang ups	5
Neighborhood Problems	1
Found Property	4
Returned Found Property	3
Business Alarm	1
Noise Complaint	2
Mental Health	2
Parking Citation	10
Custody Problem	1
Driving Complaints	10
Preserve The Peace	2
Domestic Problem	3
Other Public Service	11
Property Damage	3
Personal Injury	1
Check Welfare of Juvenile	2
Burning Complaint	1
Ordinance Citation	1

**THE FIRES SIDE CHAT
FROM THE FIRE PLACE**

We are currently working on projects, though Dec 6, 2014! Blizzard of Blankets is underway-our goal this year is to collect enough blankets to surpass last year's 163 New Blanket! If you are familiar with our drive-you know the drill. Those of you not familiar here it is. You purchase or make a NEW blanket, drop it off at The Fireplace (please check our site for the days we are open) and on December 6th, we turn all donations over to the Maroa Christmas Basket ladies. They have a list of Maroa and Forsyth residents that need a little extra help. Blankets are distributed with food baskets, blankets that are not needed with be donated to the Maroa Food Pantry.

Project 2: Daughter Billi Zombro and her 2 children have organized Angel Jigby. They are looking for clean **USED** blankets to donate to the area animal shelters. Please check your basements, closets, bedrooms, etc. and you will find OLD blankets at you longer need. (Drop off blankets at The Fire Place, but please put **USED** on them somewhere on the out side of the bag.) You can contact Billi on her Facebook page or call her at 433-4332.

Project 3: We are looking for donations for Team Cannonball. This is a locally ran/operated organization here in Maroa, ran by Heather Ross. Check out her Face Book Page as well, so you may find out exactly what Heather's goal is, and this is how you can help. Please keep in mind most of these items can be purchased at Forsyth Dollar Tree or right here in Maroa at OUR NEW Dollar General items may be turned into the Fireplace. "Items Needed " travel laundry detergent, personal hygiene/ items for men/women, hand lotion/sanitizer, toothpaste/ toothbrushes for children/adults, thank you notes, small children games/toys, puzzles, puzzle books, word search, etc.

Thank You to all of our guests at The Fire Place.
We appreciate your business. Have a great 2015.

Saturday December 6 2014

The Fire Place

The fireplace will host its annual event "Time with Santa and Mrs. Claus". We are changing things up a bit this year and I think it will work out great. Cookies & Punch time will be hosted this year from 1-3pm with Santa's helpers serving our guests! Children will have time to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and you may take all the photos you want FREE-!!!!!! This is a complimentary event that is sponsored by The Fire-place for Maroa residents and children/grandchildren. We welcome everyone young and old, but please remember Cookies & Punch time is for the children and cookies per child will be limited, as we are sure you will understand. Santa accepts letters, drawings, wish lists, and will take everything back to the North Pole when he leaves that day.

If you are familiar with our small banquet facility you already know that we have wonderful places for you to take photos for Christmas Cards, memory books, etc. We encourage guests to snap pictures of their little ones anywhere, inside & out. We are very happy to be able to provide this exciting time for everyone right here at 109 E Main (Downtown Maroa). Please plan to visit and enjoy an old-fashioned special time with Santa and Mrs. Claus!!

If you would like to help with our Christmas projects-please read The Fireside Chat. At The Fire place in this newsletter, Any donation will be greatly appreciated and you may bring your donations when you visit Santa. Thank You!

We HO-HO-- Hope to see you on December 6, anytime between the hrs. of 1-3pm. Christmas Blessings to you and yours!
Bill & Brenda Zombro The Fire Place.

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REST IN PEACE

Melvin Jones, 64 of Maroa passed away on August 17, 2014. Melvin was born February 19, 1950 in Brownsville TN, the son of Jimmie & Rosa Lee (Shelly) Jones. Surviving sons, Maurice Cole of Springfield, Karl Cole of Champaign, Phillip Jones of Decatur and Marvis Parker of Decatur. Daughter Ma'Shara (Kendrick) Alexander of Decatur. Brother Willie (Deborah) Frank Jones of Decatur. Special friend Eliza Brownlee. Grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Russell W Dobbs, 81, of Maroa, passed away Sept 9, 2014. Russell was born April 3, 1933 in Maroa, the son of Floyd & Callie Evans Dobbs. He was a Korean War Air Force veteran. He played softball in the Air Force. He was a member of the Maroa United Methodist Church. He was a meat manager for A&P Grocery in Decatur for 31 years. He worked as a meat Manager for Lindsey's Red Fox in Monticello and Dave's Grocery in Clinton. He married Joan Darlene (McKinney) on June 15, 1952 in Maroa. Joan passed away March 8, 2008.

Surviving are his children, Rick (Diane) Dobbs of Maroa, Darla Dobbs of Castle Rock CO., grandchildren, Daniel (Dareth) Dobbs of Denver CO., Bethany (Ray) Scott of Mt Zion. Great-grandchildren: Cayden, Samantha, and Eva Scott.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brothers Frankie, Gene, Jack, and Bob; sisters, Pauline, Clara Mae and Louise.

REST IN PEACE

Thelma G. Turner 101, of Argenta passed away on October 10, 2014. Thelma was born June 25, 1913 in near Cisco she was the daughter of Harley & Alva (Coffman) Miles. She was a graduate of Cisco High School. She married James C. "Shake" Turner on December 24, 1932. Thelma retired from Argenta High School where she was the head cook at the school. Surviving is her son Bill Turner of Maroa; daughter Mary (Jack) Dickey of Decatur. She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers, and her daughter-in-law.

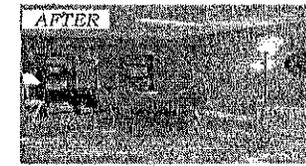
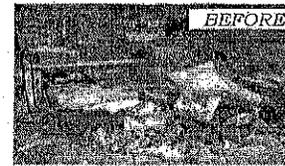
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 Rhonda F. Camfield, 65 of Cisco passed away Sept 27, 2014. Rhonda was born July 20, 1949 in Taylorville the daughter of William & Delores Yonk Divley. She and David were co-founders, co-owners & co-operators of Soy City Sock Co. in Monticello. Rhonda & David owned and operated the Maroa Laundry Service. She and Dave were married Feb 22, 1984 in Gainesville Fl. Surviving are her husband; children Jerry Reinstof of Lawrenceburg KY, Amy McCoy of Cerro Gordo, William Camfield, Richard & David Camfield all of Decatur; Jonathon Camfield of Illiopolis .

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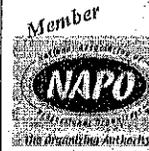
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REST IN PEACE

Rebecca "Becky Jo" Rotuno, 57 of Maroa passed away on September 24, 2014. Becky Jo was born in Decatur on August 15, 1957 the daughter of George W. & Josephine I. (Tipsword) Chaney. She married Joseph Rotuno on August 15, 1985. She is survived by her husband of 28 years Joe; son: Shane E. Richmond of Puyallup WA.; sister: Tracy Cagner of Oakley IL.; brothers: John Chaney of Decatur IL.; Michael Chaney of Irving TX.

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Charles D. Summers, 81 of Maroa passed away Sept 29, 2014. Charles was born June 27, 1933 in Clinton, the son of Vernon & Doris Strange Summers. He was a Korean War Air Force Veteran from 1951 to 1954 as an airplane mechanic and reaching the rank of staff sergeant. Charles retired from Caterpillar Inc. after 40 years. He had also owned and operated the B&C Café and White Barn, both in Maroa. He also worked at the Sinclair & Shell service stations for many years. He married Doris Ann Butler on June 15, 1955 in Clinton. Doris passed away on January 12, 2014. Surviving are his daughter Robin (Mike) Peek of Clinton; sons, Terry (Bonnie) Summers of South Padre TX.; Linn (Tammy) and Gary (Kathie) Summers all from Maroa; brother, George (Lois) Summers of Clinton; sisters -in-law Pat Butler of Clinton; Margaret (Phil) Dial of Maroa; Nora Gilbert of Decatur. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, one brother.



REST IN PEACE

Pamela Jean (Peterson) Hoffman, 60, of Maroa passed away on October 31, 2014. Pamela was born on July 5, 1954 in Rockford, Il. She was the daughter of Sigurd & Nancy (Fairclough) Peterson. She married Steven E. Hoffman on August 31, 1974. Survivors include her husband, Steve of Maroa. Parents Sigurd & Nancy Peterson of Rockford. Children Michael Allen (Joanna) Hoffman and Lisa Ann Hoffman both of Maroa; five grandchildren Shelby, Alyssa, William, Steven, and Tynlee Hoffman all from Maroa; three sisters Vickie (Terry) Gates of Jones Ok; Julie (Joe) Saieva of Brodhead WI., and Debbie (Brad) Jones Rockford IL. She was preceded in death by her loving aunt, Lucille and one grandchildren Myricle.

Connie L. Wattles , 60 of Maroa passed away on October 30, 2014. Connie was born September 3, 1954 in Peoria to the daughter of Larry Livingston and Jerry Doyle. She married Roger Wattles on September 25, 1984. Survivors include her father Larry Livingston of Decatur, husband Roger of Maroa, daughter Jessica Wattles of Maroa; son Kasey (Gabby) Wattles of Springfield ; sister Laura (Kevin) Lockhart of Eureka Il; brother Sam (Shannon) Livingston of Mt Zion. One grandchildren Evan Frye of Maroa. She was preceded in death by her mother. Dance was the love of Connie's life she owned and operated All That Dance in Maroa and Champaign.



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REST IN PEACE

Herbert E "Pete" Marsh 90, passed away on Oct 20, 2014, Maroa. Herbert was born Nov. 23, 1923 in Maroa. He was the son of Charles & Janie Mae (Stogsdill) Marsh. He married Doris E Hill on Sept. 7, 1944. She passed away on Oct 6,2000. Survivors include his children Randy (Kimberly) Marsh of Colorado Springs CO.; Perry (Teresa) Marsh of Cisco, Susan (Bob) Rhoades of Argenta, and Laura (Gordon) Poor of Blue Mound. Siblings Alice Chastain of Decatur, Shirley Lay of Ramsey. Bob Marsh of New Mexico, Carol Woodcook of Forsyth. 14 grandchildren 11 great and 1 great-great grandchild.

RED HATS

The Red Hat Friends met in Sept. at Paco's solBistro in Decatur for lunch to celebrate the birthday of Terri, who became an official Red Hatter. A petty red hat had been decorated for her to wear and the Red-uation ceremony was performed by Karen and Denise. We enjoyed our meals and the fun of the fellowship. We were sorry for the ones that were ill who could not attend.

October, The Red Hat Friends decided breakfast at Cracker Barrel would be a great treat. It is always fun to have a change of pace and we enjoy the shopping. Our Holiday dates were announced and fun time will be had in November and December.

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 The Maroa News . Merry Christmas and Have a great 2015.

Thanks Again!!! Toni

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>

New Director: I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to those of you whom I haven't had the honor of meeting yet. My name is Amber Scott and I am the new director of the Maroa Public Library. I have lived here in Maroa for 7 ½ years with my husband and three children. My background is in education, I worked as a high school teacher before staying at home for two years with my kids. My focuses in this job are engaging people of all ages in the love of reading and planning programs and services that are centered around the needs and wants of the people of our community. To be able to do that, I need your help! Please feel free to share any ideas that you have and also participate in as many of these activities as you can. I look forward to meeting you all!

Upcoming Events:

Family Fun 5k and Children's Run: Planning is underway for this amazingly fun FAMILY event in the spring. Great opportunity to get out, exercise and have tons of fun. We will be needing volunteers, participants and donations to make this successful. Stay tuned, it's going to be epic!

Cookie Walk: The Friends of the Library is holding their annual Cookie Walk and Book Sale on Saturday December 13 from 9-12. Cookies are \$4/pound and candy is \$6/pound. Also, buy raffle tickets to win a beautiful quilt. Drawing held 12/13/14. Come early for the best selection!

Blood Drive: We are attempting to host a blood drive here at the library early next year, but in order to do that, we are needing 30 signatures of people who might be interested. Please come in and sign our sheet if you are willing to give blood and help save a life! Thank you!

Paint Like Me Party: The first party was so successful, we've added a second date. Thursday December 11 @ 6:30. Spaces are limited and already beginning to fill up. We will be creating a glitter deer. Sign up and \$20 pre-payment are required.

15 Books 'Til Spring: Is this winter creeping along? Let's warm it up with a fun reading program for adults to make the last part of winter fly by! Join us in the 15 Books 'Til Spring reading program with weekly prizes. Check facebook and our website for more information. It's sure to make the end of winter HOT!

Polar Express Night: Mrs. Carter is once again hosting a fun night with a craft, snack and movie viewing. The event will be on December 19 from 6:30-9. Grades K-3 are invited to take part and there is a limit of 15 spots available. Sign up in the library before the train is full!

The library will be closed November 27-December 1 and December 23-January 1 so the staff can enjoy the holidays with their families.

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Story Time: Join Mrs. Carter 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!

New Fine Policy Has Taken Effect: Get those overdue materials in and your fines paid to avoid paying replacement costs or having your account frozen.

Tai Chi: 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

The Maroa Public Library **will be closed** for the Thanksgiving Holidays on Thanksgiving Day, Friday and Saturday.

Happy Turkey Day !

Christmas Holidays. Here are the dates that the

Library will be closed.

December 24,25,26,27,29,30 31 and Jan 1 2015

and will reopen on Jan 2, 2015.

Happy Holidays from all the employees and The Library Board of Trustees.



HAPPY HOILDAYS FROM THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND
ALL THE CITY EMPLOYEES AND CITY HALL

MAROA COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY



It is hard to believe that the Holidays are right around the corner. We are so very thankful for the continued community support for the pantry. Many of you have asked how you can help with the success of our project. Basically, we obtain most of our items from the Central II Food Bank and Midwest Food Bank. These two places allow us to obtain our products at little or no cost. The most that we pay is 19 cents per pound for ANY item. Now that is a "deal", so we ask any Donations be made in the form of cash as we can acquire so much more for our \$\$\$. We also want to thank our local Angel that each year asks for food pantry items instead of birthday gifts. What a lesson in giving she provides to all of us. We are here to help you when you and your family have any food insecurities. The only requirement is that you are a resident of Maroa Township.

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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 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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(Please use the rear west entrance)

The hours and dates for 2015 are as follows:

9 to 10 AM dates

Jan 13
Feb 10
Mar 10
Apr 14
May 12
Jun 9
Jul 14
Aug 11
Sep 8
Oct 13
Nov 10
Dec 8

4 to 5 PM dates

Jan 27
Feb 24
Mar 24
Apr 28
May 26
Jun 23
Jul 28
Aug 25
Sep 22
Oct 27
Nov 24
Dec 22

THE PANTRY IS SUPPORTED BY THE LOCAL CHURCHES, GROUPS, BUSINESSES, AND INDIVIDUALS. WE ARE PARTNERED WITH THE CENTRAL IL 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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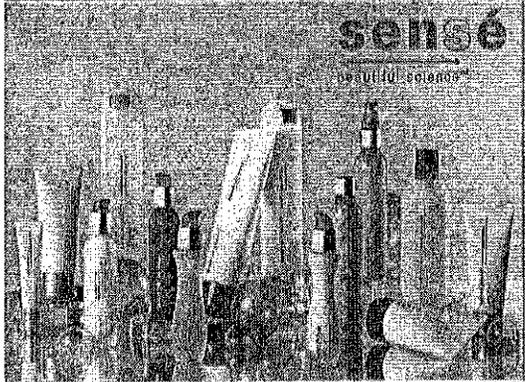
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H.C.E.

The Maroa HCE met on September 9th at Crawford's Pizza in Maroa. We finalized plans for our international day exhibit. Karen Halicki hosted out display at the Sept. 17th event. After our dinner Karen handed out pamphlets on Learn, Grow, Share. It gave instructions on growing fall plants and growing vegetables in buckets. October features HCE week. There are lessons and events going on everyday from Oct 14-17th. The Maroa patchwork unit will have its next meeting on October 21st at 5:30 at Crawford's in Maroa. New members are always welcome.

ANNIVERSARY

65th Wedding Anniversary

John C. Spooner, 1944 graduate of Maroa High School, with his wife Ruth celebrated their 65 th wedding anniversary August 7, 2014.

They were married at the First Christian Church in Rantoul, IL. The Spooner's have resided in Flora Indiana since 1962. John retired from Sears in 1987 and Ruth from nursing in 2001. They have three sons, Chuck (Janet) of Flora IN. Jim (Rebecca) of Boca Raton FL. John D Spooner (deceased). Four grandsons and one great granddaughter.

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Mr. & Mrs. Don McCool of Decatur will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on November 4, 2014. Don & Betty (Masey) were November 4, 1944. Don is a retired farmer and Betty is a homemaker. They are the parents of Judy Query; Barb (Richard) Young both of Maroa; Sandy (Jerry) Davenport and Brad (Teresa) McCool both of Forsyth. They have 15 grandchildren & 33 great grand children & six great-great grandchildren. Daughter Donna Hoffman and an infant son are deceased.

"VETERANS HONOR FLIGHT"

Bill Holey recently returned from Washington D.C. via the Veterans Honor Flight. This special trip was a busy day of touring the war memorials, the Air Force Museum and Arlington Cemetery. Bill was impressed with the "Changing of the Guard" at the tomb of the unknown soldier in Arlington. The trip home proved to be very emotional when the veterans were surprised with "mail call." Bill received so many letters and notes from friends and family. The congratulatory message of respect and love were overwhelming. We Thank each and everyone of you for your kind thoughts. This trip was a wonderful way to thank a veteran for serving his country in such adverse situations and times.

Thank You Bill & Barbara Holley.

If you are looking for a meaningful cause to donate, please remember the Veterans Honor Flight.

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THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time in our lives. The loss of Evan has been very hard on all of us, but you have made it a little more bearable with your kindness. Whether it was food, flowers, a card or just a kind word , it was very much appreciated.

Thank you very much from the family of Evan Workman

Randy & Tammy Workman Family

Bruce & Norma Miles

Mike & Connie Solimanto, Terry & Cheryl Agee, and

Ed & Shelli Miles