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JANUARY



2014

- Jan-2 V.F.W. Post #3287 6:00 pm @ Library
- Jan-2 American Legion 6:30pm @ Library
- Jan-6 Library Board 7:00pm @ Library
- Jan-7 Maroa Lodge #454 7:30pm
- Jan-8 Maroa Lions Club 6:30pm @ United Methodist Church
- Jan-13 Maroa-Forsyth School Board 7:00pm
- Jan-14 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00am @ Maroa Christian Church
- Jan-18 Fire Dept. Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 6:00am-12pm
- Jan-21 H.C.E. 7:00pm @ Library
- Jan-22 Maroa Lions Club 6:30pm @ United Methodist Church
- Jan-27 City Council Meeting 7:00pm @ City Hall
- Jan-28 Food Pantry 4:00-5:00pm @ Maroa Christian Church

FEBRUARY



2014

- Feb-3 Library Board 7:00pm @ Library
- Feb-4 Maroa Lodge #454 7:30pm
- Feb-6 V.F.W. #3287 6:00pm @ Library
- Feb-6 American Legion 6:30pm @ Library
- Feb-10 Maroa-Forsyth School Board 7:00pm
- Feb-10 Newsletter deadline 10:00am City Hall**
- Feb-11 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00am @ Maroa Christian Church
- Feb-12 Maroa Lions Club 6:30pm @ United Methodist Church
- Feb-18-H.C.E. 7:00pm @ Library
- Feb-20 Zoning Board 7:00pm @ City Hall
- Feb-24 City Council Meeting 7:00pm @ City Hall
- Feb-25 Food Pantry 4:00-5:00pm @ Maroa Christian Church
- Feb-26 Maroa Lions Club 6:30pm @ United Methodist Church

NEWS

Meters are read on or near the 15th of each month and bills are sent out no later than the last business day of the month or the first day of the next month. Payment are due by the 17th of each month. If payments are not made by the due date then there will be a 15% late fee added on to the nonpaid balance on the 18th of each month. **Shut-off is now odd months of the year.** January 28th will be shut-off and a shut-off fee of \$25.00 will be added to non-paid balance. **The only way to pay your water bill is by cash or check.** We have the drop off box 24/7 in front of City Hall. Thanks Maroa Water Department.

THE RED HATS

The Red Hat Friends met in October at Crawford's. We had a large group for a delicious meal and fellowship. For November the group headed to Kenney to see the Festival of Trees. They enjoyed the beautiful decorated Christmas trees and refreshments. Then headed to Clinton to Ted's Garage for Lunch. The December Christmas Party was held at the home of Joy Gardner. All enjoyed the meal provided by the Trio. Joy, Marilyn and Karen. Games were played and prizes given out. All had a good time. We missed those who have headed south of winter and who could not come. We will be making plans for 2014 soon.

X-MAS BASKETS

The Maroa Christmas Baskets would like to thank everyone in the Maroa and Forsyth Communities that have made donations to the baskets. We would also like to thank the Forsyth Fire Dept., Maroa Masonic Lodge, FCCLA and Mrs. Daggett, FFA and Mrs. Crouch, Football Boosters, Joe Reeser, Rachel Lawson, Tracy Wickenhauser, Coach Jostes and The Maroa -Forsyth Football Team, The City of Maroa. Also a BIG THANK YOU to the M-F Grade Sch., the M-F Jr. High Sch. and the M-F High Sch. and the Teachers and Staff for all their hard work each year collecting food and money. We could not do this without all the help we receive. It will truly help make the Holiday's brighter.

THE FIREPLACE

Blizzard of Blankets was a huge success this year, all because of your thoughtful, caring donations of new blankets! Hoped to beat last years 83 and we did...158 blankets!! :) By the time you read this, those blankets will have found a new home and keeping someone warm and toasty. They were given to the Christmas Basket project organizers and they will distribute them in the Maroa-Forsyth area. Thanks to Maroa Public Library ladies for their hand-made donations, Scott State Bank of Maroa ladies for their donation of 40 blankets. Thank you to Bus #24 students for their donation of 29 blankets, and thank you to everyone who went out of their way to drop a blanket off at The Fireplace! Every blanket is important to us. It takes caring people to make a drive a success, and this was a huge success, thanks to each of you!

Our 3rd annual Lunch with Santa and the Mrs. was so much fun this year! 160 attended, enjoyed a visit with Santa and a free lunch sponsored by The Fireplace! :) Thanks to Crawford's Pizza and Pub for doing a fantastic job working with us on our orders during the 2 hour event and for the great delivery service. Thanks to Chelsea Hardy from Main Street Café, Maroa, for baking 10 dozen cookies and delivering them before our event. Thanks to Casey's for their donation! This is a time where we feel so fortunate to have business's right here in Maroa that we can work with and count on-priceless! Special thanks to Anna Vest and Amber Scott for their help before, during and after the event! Thanks to our 3 kids for their support and help, and grandkids Parker and Zoe for getting involved this year-LOVED IT! Thank you to our favorite photographer, Sharon Woolum for giving up her Saturday to take photo's for us during this event-she has an eye for those once in a life time shots! :) Last but certainly not least, thank you for attending! :) Those little ones make us smile and at times, laugh! :) So sweet and precious! Parents/grandparents it was a special time for our family and we took home memories. When the event was over we had 2 medium size hampers filled with donated socks and underwear from those who visited Santa! They will be delivered to the Maroa Pantry. Thank you for thinking of the pantry and totals were, 35 packages of underwear (that's 202 prs) and 36 packages of socks (215 prs) :) Thank you everyone from the bottom of our hearts!

Submitted by Brenda & Bill Zombro/The Fireplace

MAROA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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October 25 to November 22, 2013

CRIMINAL

Theft under \$300.00	1
Disorderly Adult	7
Criminal Damage to Property	1
Domestic Problem	1
Unlawful Visitation Interference	1
Scam	1
Warrant Arrest	3
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TOTAL	14

OTHER SERVICE CALLS

Assist M.S.O.	6
Assist Motorist	2
Assist I.D.O.C.	1
Assist D.C.S.O.	1
Suspicious Vehicle	2
Suspicious Person	2
Noise Complaint	1
Follow ups	43
Parking Citation	3
Security Checks	13
Burning Complaint	4
Peddler Complaint	1
Other Public Service	4
Preserve the Peace	1
Found Property	2
Parking Complaint	1
Diving Complaint	2
Open Doors	6
Violent Offender Reg.	1
Residential Alarm	1
Moving Mobile Home w/o Permit	1
Return Property	1

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TOTAL 97

TRAFFIC

Speeding	9
No Valid Insurance	1
Speeding in School Zone	1
Written Warnings	10

TOTAL	21



THANK YOU

A Big Thank You to The Fire Place from all at the Maroa Christmas Baskets. Thank You Bill & Brenda Zombro.

The Maroa HCE patchwork unit met November 12 at Crawford's. Karen Halicki passed out papers on recent workshops. One was a bow making, another was on fire safety. We decided to make monetary donation to the Maroa Christmas Baskets. We will be taking the months of June & July off. New Members are always welcome.

The Southern Explores 4-H Club met December 1 at Cindy Hoffman's home. Our activity focused on our theme of Dog Rescue. The Clover buds decorated paper bags that looked like dogs to fill with the dog biscuits we made at a prior meeting. The 4-H kids made no sew fleece dog beds and braided the left over material for dog toys. These items were donated to Second Chance in Clinton that will be given out to the foster dogs in the community. The club will also be working at the old grade school Dec 10 for the Maroa Christmas Baskets. Our January meeting will be on 5th. We plan to go ice skating from 1-3:00pm at the Decatur Civic Center. Reporter Zion Hoffman.

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MAROA COMMUNITY PAN-

On November 26th we distributed 65 Thanksgiving meal baskets to our local pantry patrons. Thank you to our secret donor for providing the funds to make this possible again this year. We also set a new record of families served during November, 70 families which comprises 216 local individuals. On December 10th Maroa Christian Church distributed winter hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves to those attending the pantry that day. This is the third year they have done this, and it is exciting to see all of the articles being carefully chosen as gifts for loved ones. We hope our service has made 2013 a little brighter for those in our community that are food insecure. Thanks to all of you that helped in so many ways. If you or someone you know in Maroa Township needs assistance, please contact Kathy, 794-3780 or Joyce, 794-5975. Our 2014 schedule is always included in this newsletter.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oreana-Nancy Jean Mount Schmutzler celebrated here 70th Birthday with a family gathering and a trip to Niagara Falls. Mrs. Schmutzler was born on December 1, 1943 in Edwardsville. She married Donald Schmutzler Sr. on April 11, 1960 in Glen Carbon. He is deceased. She is a homemaker. She is the mother of Donald "Donnie" (Carol) Schmutzler Jr. of Forsyth, Denise (Jeff) Carter of Maroa, Dale Schmutzler of Oreana. Nancy has 4 grandchildren.

Beason-Wilbur William Ruwe will celebrate his 90th birthday with a family gathering. Wilbur was born on December 14, 1918, He married Lois Mae (Hasebrock) on December 12, 1943. Wilbur & Lois will also celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on December 12, 2013. He is the father of Alan (Phyllis) of Maroa, Carol (Steve) Goebel of Shelbyville, Cathy (John) Anderson Mount Zion & Aldon (Susan) Ruwe of Argenta. He has 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren and four great-stepchildren.

100th Birthday of Ina M. Fugate. Ina was born January, 29, 1914 in rural Bible Grove. Mother of Linda Miller & Brenda Osborn both of Maroa. Cards may be mailed to P.O.Box 92 Maroa Il 61756. Yes she's the lady who baked those pies for twenty two years at the M&M Café. Happy Birthday Ina.

WITH SYMPATHY

Decatur-Barbara Joan Shinn, 84, passed away November 19, 2013. Barbara was born on April 13, 1929 in Maroa, she was the daughter of Dewey R.& Ruth (Adams) Bunner. She married John W. "Jack" Shinn on Oct.1, 1949. Surviving are her sons: Randy (Joy) Shinn, John (Marlene) Shinn, David (Sandy) Shinn, daughter Janet (Stuart) Whitfield.

Decatur-Barbara Jean Faulkner, 85, passed away on November 15, 2013. Barbara was born on September 20, 1928 in Witt IL, the daughter of Olin Nathaniel & Rachel Mae (Bote) Snyder: Barbara attended Green Valley Grade School, which was a one room school house in Roundtree Township in Witt IL. She already knew her basic number facts and know how to read so she was placed in second grade after a few days as a first grader. She graduated from Witt High School when she was 16. She graduated from Washington University School in Nursing 1950. As a devoted member of First United Methodist Church of Decatur, she participated in many committees over the years. Barbara worked for Dr. Downing as an RN when first coming to Decatur and later continued with her nursing, working for 14 years for Dr. Paul S. Reeder. She is survived by her children; Douglas Lynn Faulkner of Arlington VA. Dawn Ilene Faulkner Hinterlong of Elburn IL; David Laren Faulkner of Phoenix AZ; Dwayne William Faulkner of Tyrone Ga. Sister Marjorie Ruth Reynolds of Nokomis IL, Hazel Mae Furness of Hillsboro IL, Joyce Marie Kirk of Carrollton TX. Grandchildren Edward Hawley Faulkner and Connor William Faulkner. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Wayne Snyder & Lynn Snyder.

WITH SYMPATHY

Maroa—Gary Gene Brown was born in Maroa on December 16, 1959. He attended Maroa-Forsyth schools. Gary played center for the Maroa-Forsyth Trojans basketball team and led the team to many victories as top scorer as well as named M.V.P. Gary is survived by his wife Marquita Walker, and son Dane Brown. Bill & Sue Brown are his parents, two brothers Alan & Bryant Brown. Gary passed away on November 29, 2013.

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Decatur—Dores B. Cox, passed away on Monday November 25, 2013. Dores was born on January 3, 1927, in Decatur. She was the daughter of David & Gertrude (Redburn) Boyd. She married William “Bill” Cox on November 12, 1948. He preceded her in death on April 7, 2000. Surviving are her son, Bruce (Diana) Cox of Oakley; daughters Carolee (Tim) Burge of Lincoln, Dores (Ron) Agee of Maroa.

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Maroa—Ellen Marie Sinkosky, 79, passed away on Tuesday November 26, 2013. Ellen was born December 14, 1933, in rural Maroa. She was the daughter of Woodrow & Helen (Day) Agee. She married William Stanley Sinkosky on January 16, 1953 in Argenta. Ellen is survived by her husband; sons Tony Sinkosky & wife Rhonda Killian of Monticello, Tim (Cindy) Sinkosky of Maroa. Daughter Tamara (Kevin) Ripley of Argenta. Sister Linda (Earl) Ripley of Decatur. Grandchildren Cara Sinkosky, Lisa (Blake) Doss, Michael Ripley, Brad Ripley, Laura Ripley, Antanas Sinkosky and Maxinus Sinkosky. Two great grandchildren Brady & Drake Doss of Maroa.

WITH SYMPATHY

Maroa-Charles W. Hamilton, 87, passed away November 8, 2013.

Charles was born on October 14, 1926 in Pontiac the son of Dr. O.P. and Martha (Winter) Hamilton. He was a 1944 graduate of Forrest High School, Forrest IL. Charles proudly served in the Army Air Corp, being stationed in Germany. He was owner of Maroa Lumber since 1955 and former partner with Weldon State Bank. Charles was a charter member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church where he served on the church council and a lot of committees. He was a charter member of Maroa Lions Club, served on the board for American Red Cross and was a member of Maroa American Legion. Mr. Hamilton married Margaret Lucille (Metz) on September 4, 1948. She preceded him in death on July 19, 1997. He is survived by his children: Martha (Stephen) Ward of Cedar Rapids, IA. Dennis (Chris) Hamilton of Maroa, Carol (David) Wooward of Pontiac, Jane (Michael) Smith of Decatur; grandchildren: Melissa Ward, Christopher (Kristen) Ward, Gregory (Aubrey) Ward, Jennifer (Kevin) Wood, Andrew (fiancé Ursula) Hamilton, Elizabeth Hamilton, Jeremy Woodward, Emily (Steve) Gall; 8 great grandchildren; sister-in-law Thelma (Edwin) Harms of Forrest IL.; brother-in-law Glen (Betty) Metz of Normal IL; 5 nephews. Charles was preceded in death by his parents,

Joel S. Morgan 44, of Fairview Heights II, formerly of Maroa passed away on December 5, 2013. Joel was the son of Glen & Bonnie (Hardy) Morgan. Brother of Hollie (Greg) Stoltz; grandson of the late Harry & Evelyn (Dash) Morgan, Eileen and the late Bill Hardy; uncle of Gregory & Addison Stoltz. He graduate from Maroa-Forsyth High School in 1988. He was self-employed, owner of Morgan Home Improvement Joel was a huge fan of the St Louis Cardinal's.

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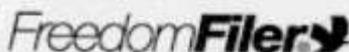
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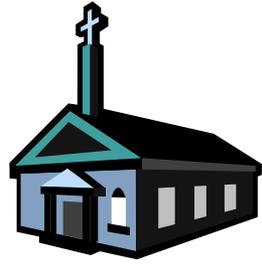
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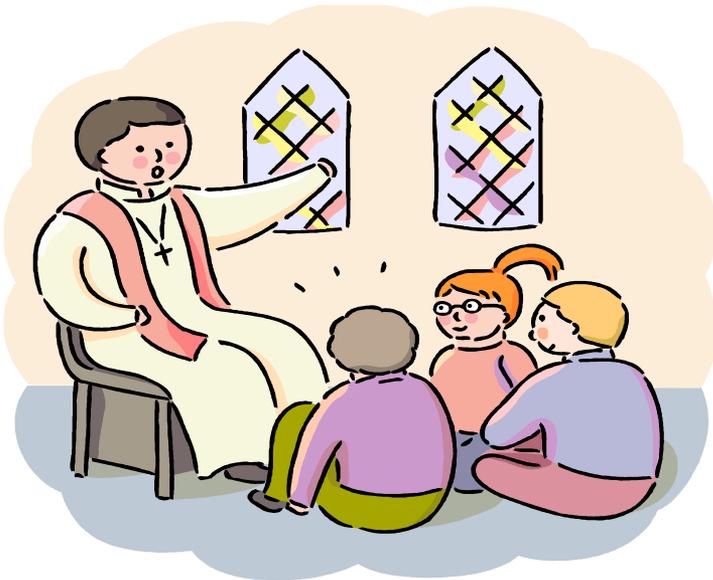
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Maroa Fire Department is hosting their annual All-You-Can-Eat pancake and Sausage Breakfast on January 18, 2014 from 6:00am till 12:00pm. Prices for adults are \$7.00, children \$3.00 and ages 3 and younger are free. We will be using the funds raised to purchase training materials and tools to better serve you.

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Our Sunday School Class wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. For all of us 2013 was filled with unexpected events. Life is like that. Who knows what 2014 will bring? One thing we know for certain is that things will continue to change. One of the greatest things about

God is that He never changes. He can be our rock for 2014. The scriptures describe the Lord as eternal, all powerful, all knowing, all wise and all loving. He is the God of the ages. Many times in the Bible it says His kingdom and authority is indestructible and forever. I heard a man say once that our lives are like the dash between the years on the tomb stone. Looking at things that way is a little depressing and morbid, but it is true none the less. We are the dash, and the Lord is the eternal One. The great God of heaven loves you and wants you to seek Him and know Him. We are all looking at 2014 and wondering what will come. Some are making goals, resolutions, exercise plans, and diet plans. What could be better than to set out this year to know your Maker? I have it on good authority that if you seek Him you will find Him. (II Chronicles 15:2)

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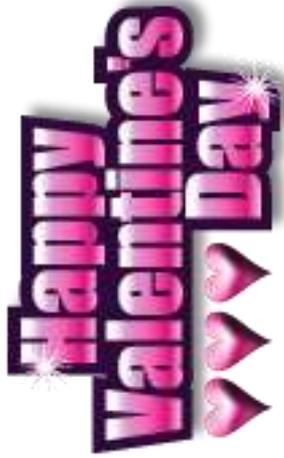
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