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MAROA, IL. 61756



2022

MAROA, A GREAT PLACE TO  
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**MAROA CITY HALL HOURS**

MONDAY – FRIDAY 9 AM – 12 PM & 1 PM – 3 PM

Phone: 217.794.2206

**Website:** www.maroaillinois.gov

**Maroa Police Department** Non-emergency phone:

217.794-5526

EMERGENCY: 911

**Maroa Fire Department:** 217.794.3375 or 911

**Waterworks, Sewer Plant, superintendent of Streets & Alleys**

Mike Hoffman

Phone: 217-794.3842 After Hours Water Water Dept.: 217.519.2102

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**Mayor:** Ryan Wilkey 217.972-.676

**City Clerk:** Crystal Parrott- 217.972.1684

**City Treasurer:** Matt Bohlmann: 217.972.1685

**City Administrator:** Ted Agee- 217.972.1675

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**Aldermen/Alderswoman**

Ward-1: Monty Gruetman- 217. 972.1689

Ward-1: Jeremiah Grider- 217.972.1690

Ward-2: Michael Brown- 217.972.1680

Ward-2: Blake West- 217.972.1679

Ward-3: Matt Riley- 217.972.1681

Ward-3: Angela Bogle- 217.972.1682

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**City Attorney:** Lindsey Wise (Brown, Hay & Stephens) Office-217.428.4689

**City Engineers:** Chastain & Associates

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Call JULIE before you DIG: 1.800.892.0123



If you believe in the spirit of Christmas you believe in TRUE MAGIC!!

If you would like to see the newsletter in color go to the city website at www.maroaillinois.gov and click on newsletter and which ever months you would like to see. :)

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

Reminder if anyone would like anything in the newsletter please let Crystal Parrott, City Clerk know by email at [maroa.clerk1@gmail.com](mailto:maroa.clerk1@gmail.com) or call her at 217.794.2206.

Also if anyone would like their water bills emailed to them instead of mailed also let Crystal Parrott know at either her email above or by calling her.

### RETAIL

Dollar General – 561 S Wood – 217.794.2333

### RV SALES

Four Winds RV – 15277 N Wood – 217.794.2292

### SCHOOLS

Maroa-Forsyth Grade School- 217.794.5775

641 E Shafer St Forsyth

Maroa-Forsyth Middle School – 217.794.5115 - 101 Cedar St

Maroa-Forsyth High School – 217.794.3463 – 610 W Washington

### STORAGE

My Space Self Storage – Greg Ooton – 15405 N Wood – 217.794.5015

Space Makers Self Storage – 611 N Wood – 217.519.1913 or 217.794.5032

Maroa Storage- Steve Bland 115 Williams Way 217-791-3245

### SMALL ENGINE REPAIR

Pest Outpost LLC - 416 S Wood - 217.794.2559

### SNOW REMOVAL

Doak Snow Removal – 217.412.9080 or 217.412.9454

### TOWNSHIP

Jamie Zombro – Maroa Township Commissioner – S Wood – 217.794.3720

### TRUCKING

Braden Trucking

Cunningham Trucking

Farmers Express Inc.

Hoffman Trucking

### WELDING

Performance Welding LLC – Greg Hale Sr – 217.412.5723

Greg Hale Jr – 217.412.5722

### WELL DRILLING

Mashburn Well Drilling – Cody Parrott – 217.794.3728



1– Maroa Masonic Lodge #454 at 7 pm

3- American Legion 6 pm at Library

7- **City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm**

8- General Election at City Hall

8- Maroa Township Community Center Board at 6:30 p.m.

9- Maroa Township Meeting at 6:30 pm – 540 S Wood St.

14 - Maroa School Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. - High School Library unless posted otherwise.

17 - Maroa Zoning Board Meeting at 6 p.m. - City Hall

21– Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm at the Library

22– **Water Shut Off for non-payment of bill at 9 am**

24- **Thanksgiving Day- City Hall is Closed**

25- **Day after Thanksgiving City Hall is Closed**

26- **Christmas Tree Lighting up at City Hall**

I READ THIS AND THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE UPLIFTING AND FUNNY FOR EVERYONE TO READ. WE ALL NEED UPLIFTING THINGS IN OUR LIVES. SO I HOPE YOU ENJOY THIS LITTLE PIECES AS MUCH AS I DID AND I HOPE IT BRINGS A SMILE TO EVERYONE'S

## Funny Things To Be Thankful For

This list is as funny as it is true. Whether it's the appreciation for your crazy, mismatched socks or the sound your TV makes when it turns on— sometimes it's the comically small things that make us happy.

1. Indoor plumbing
2. Food delivery services
3. Wifi
4. Naturally missing every crack in the pavement
5. Happy Hours
6. Netflix
7. Waking up seconds before your alarm
8. Fuzzy Socks
9. Deodorant
10. The ability to Google any question
11. Toilet Paper
12. Duct Tape
13. Good hair days
14. Your celebrity crush
15. The five second rule

### INSURANCE

Stoutenborough Insurance Agency – 125 W Main – 217.794.2245

### LAUNDRY

Maroa Village Laundry – 105 N Hickory

### LAWN CARE

Harold Dunham – 507 N Maple – 217.794.5941

George & Diane Campbell – 401 N Wood – 217.794.5281

Gillespie's Lawn Care & Home Improvement – Grier Gillespie 217.855.6355

Walters Lawn Care – DJ Walters – 217.859.6811

### LIBRARY

Maroa Public Library – 305 E Garfield – 217.794.5111

### LUMBER

Maroa Lumber Company – 229 E Main – 217.794.2226

<http://www.maroalumber.com>

### MASSAGE SPA

Sarandipity Sanctuary – 230 E Main – 217.416.3657 or

Email [7272aburns@gmail.com](mailto:7272aburns@gmail.com)

### PARKS

Spenser Park (City Park) – 500 E McKinley – 217.794.2206

### PLUMBING

Alpha Drains- 406 E. Jefferson- [alphadrainsillinois@gmail.com](mailto:alphadrainsillinois@gmail.com) - 217-917-5691  
[www.alphadrains.llc](http://www.alphadrains.llc)

Larry the Plumber Guy – 217.848.7114

Thoms Plumbing & HVAC Inc. – 300 S Walnut – 217-794.3326

### POST OFFICE

Maroa Post Office – 200 E Main – 217.794.5011

### RENTAL FACILITIES

The City HALL Gym – 120 S Locust – 217.794.2206

### RESTARURANTS & TAVERNS

Crawfords Pizza & Pub – 535 S Wood – 217.794.2700

Maroa Pub, Inc. – 102 W Walnut – 217.794.3532

Smokey's Café - 119 W Main - 217-794-5114 (offers catering)

Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/smokeyscafemaroa>

## CEMETERIES

Maroa Cemetery – E Washington & W Washington – 217.794.3720

## CHURCHES

Maroa Christian Church – 430 E Main – 217.794.3492

<http://www.marochristian.org/>

Maroa Methodist Church – 202 N Walnut – 217.794.2209

<http://www.loc8nearme.com/illinois/maroa/maroa-united-methodist-church/6449861/>

## COFFEE SHOP

TLC Coffee House – 543 S. Wood – 217-794.2668

## CONTRACTORS

Huffman Cabinets Company – 110 N Hickory – 217.794.3301

Thoms Plumbing & HVAC Inc. – 300 S Walnut – 217-794.3326

Koehl Bros – 615 N Wood – 217.794.3412 (Millwright grain industry)

## CRAFT BEER

Full House Craft Beer, LLC- Justin Ford – 103 W Main

Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/fullhousecraftbeerbar/>

## FERTILIZER COMPANIES

Evergreen FS – 389 E School Road – 217.794.2247

Maroa Ag – N Wood – 217.794.5117

## FUNERAL HOME

Calvert Funeral Home – 202 S Wood – 217.794.5554

## GAS/COVIENCE STORE

Casey's General Store – 506 S Wood – 217.794.5261

Freedom Oil – 101 S Wood – 217.794.5542

## GRAIN ELEVATORS

Topflight Co-op Grain – 539 Emery Rd – 217.794.2240

Topflight Elevator – 103 N Oak – 217.794.5533

## HOME CARE

Lisa Cyrulik - 217.620.6639 - [lcyrulik6168@gmail.com](mailto:lcyrulik6168@gmail.com)

## HOME IMPROVEMENT

Gillespie's Lawn Care & Home Improvement – Grier Gillespie  
222 N Maple – PO Box 31 – 217.855.6355

17. Fortune cookies with perfectly timed fortunes

18. Pet videos

19. Clothes fresh out of the dryer

20. Inside jokes

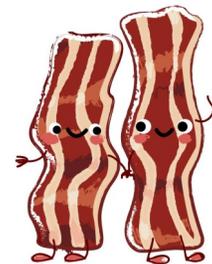
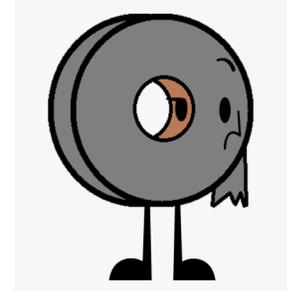
21. GPS

22. Auto save

23. Spellcheck

24. Chapstick

25. Getting everyone to smile in the family photo at the same time



# MAROA LIVESTOCK 4-H CLUB

Maroa Livestock 4-H Club had their first meeting on September 8. We have over 20 members in the club, and we meet at the Methodist church. On October 2, we attended the Methodist Church service to hold a meeting and project display as a thank you for letting the club use the building. On October 9, we had a wiener roast at the DeWitt County 4-H Fairgrounds. We got to roast marshmallows and hotdogs. We also played games and carved pumpkins. We do all sorts of projects in 4-H like livestock, art, gardening, woodworking, photography, and more. Members also work on leadership skills and community service. You must be 8 years old by September 1 to join, but ages 5-7 can join Cloverbuds. Call the University of Illinois Extension Office at 217-877-6042 to learn more about 4-H and how to join the Maroa Livestock 4-H Club.

Kennedy Rusk  
Maroa Livestock Reporter  
Age 9



# BUSINESS DIRECTORY

A few updates to the Business Directory!

## APARTMENTS

Country Place Apartments – 202 S Maple – 217.794.5326  
Hoyt Apartments – 103 S Walnut & 102 W Main – 217.794.5414  
Maroa Capital LLC. 110 S Wood  
C&R Properties – W Jackson & S Wood – 217.620.4888

## ATTORNEYS

Brown, Hawkins & Basola – 112 E Main – 217.794.3851 or 217.423.3411

## AUTO RESTORATION

American Street Dreams – 120 N Wood – 217.794.2731  
Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/dreamcarscometrue/>

## AUTO SALES

Maroa Auto Sales – 408 S Wood – 217.412.1312  
Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/maroaautosales/>

## BACKHOE & HAULING

Doak Backhoe, LLC – 112 N Pine – 217.412.9080 or 217.412.9454

## BANK

Scott State Bank – 110 E Main – 217.794.2227

## BARBER SHOP

Dunham's Barber Shop – 111 E Main – 217.794.3711  
Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/DunhamsMainStreetBarberShop/>

## BEAUTY SHOPS

Mendy's Trendy Hair Shop – 501 N Pine – 217.794.5564

## CAR WASH

The Wood St Car Wash (Robert & Angela Sarver) – 406 S Wood  
217.794.5234



# December

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- 5- **City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm**
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- 19– Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm at the Library
- 23- - **City Hall Closed (for our Christmas Eve Day)**
- 26- **City Hall Closed (for our Christmas Day)**
- 30- **City Hall Closed (for our New Year’s Eve Day)**

# MAROA-FORSYTH FFA

## National TEACH Ag Day 2022

The Grade School allowed us to visit kindergarten classrooms with lessons on the seasons on the farm. A Book was read and then shared with the classrooms.



We have a great relationship formed with Ag Focus Learning in Junior High. We started earlier in the year with our FL Visits. This time Reece and Gehrig highlighted Carbon content in the soil profile and allowed them to do an experiment to visualize the amount of Organic Matter in soils.



## Chapter Visits & LTS - Meridian

Derek Sample visited MFHS, and taught lessons focused on Leadership, teamwork, and goal setting. Our 7,8, FL groups loved the State connections that were made.



Our members traveled to Meridian HS to experience a series of career event and leadership focused programs.



We even had a special presentation of an FFA Jacket to LeeAnn Agee for her essay about ag perspective.



# MAROA POST OFFICE

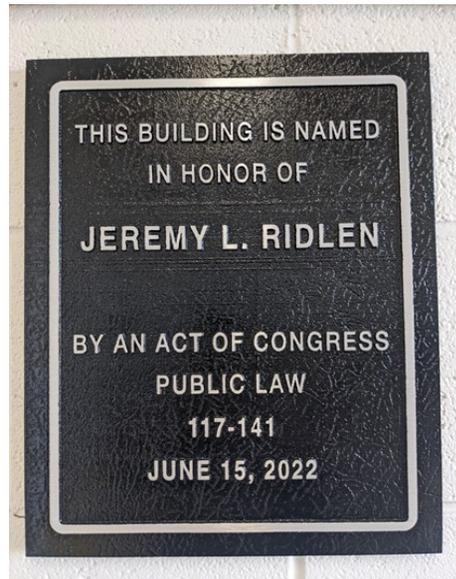
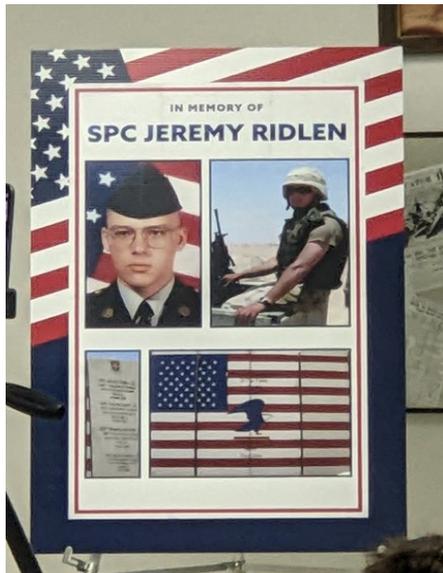


Tuesday October 25, 2022, Congressman Rodney Davis and the United States Postal Service held a dedication ceremony for the Maroa Illinois Post Office Building in honor of Illinois Army National Guard Specialist Jeremy L. Ridlen.

It was a very nice ceremony and Tammy did a very nice job on getting everything ready for the dedication. Thank you, Tammy, for all your hard work in making that ceremony a success.

If you have not made it up to the post office to see the plaque that they hung up to honor Specialist Jeremy L. Ridlen please take the time to do so. Our thoughts and prayers still go out to Jeremy's family, and I believe I speak for everyone in saying thank you to Jeremy Ridlen's for his service to our country and its citizens.

Jeremy gave the ultimate sacrifice in service of his country and was awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Designating the Maroa Post Office in honor of Jeremy will serve as a testament of his bravery and a reminder to all of those who have given their lives for the United States of America.



# A Few Favorite Christmas Movies to Get You In The Mood

Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer

Frosty the Snow Man

The Polar Express

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

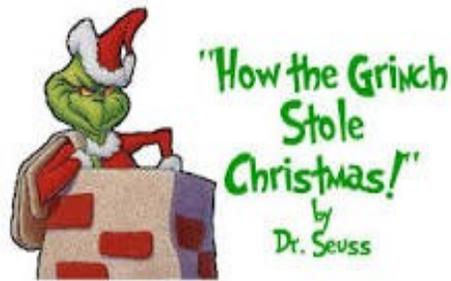
Charlie Brown Christmas

Home Alone

A Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street

It's A Wonderful Life

Merry  
Christmas



# NEWS FROM MAROA POLICE DEPARTMENT

- The Maroa Police Department was honored to be invited and attended the re-naming of the Maroa Post Office in honor of Illinois Army National Guard Specialist Jeremy L. Ridlen. Specialist Jeremy Ridlen and his twin brother Jason both attended Maroa-Forsyth High School and enlisted in the Illinois Army National Guard and deployed to Iraq in 2003. In 2004, Specialist Ridlen made the ultimate sacrifice while supporting Operation Iraq Freedom. Specialist Ridlen was awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his bravery, commitment, and service to his country. The Maroa Post Office shall now and forever be dedicated and in the remembrance of Specialist Jeremy L. Ridlen.
- The Maroa Police Department continues to actively recruit state Illinois certified police officers.
- The Maroa Police Department would like to remind everyone to drive safely during harvest season and be aware of slow-moving vehicles.
- As a reminded to residents, the Maroa Police Department offers business and residential security/vacation checks free of charge. If you plan to be away from you home or business for any reason, please feel free to stop by a complete a security check form so that our officers may conduct some extra patrols.



## Brighten your holidays with a visit to MAROA PUBLIC LIBRARY

HOLIDAY TAKE HOME CRAFTS

REGULAR & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

SEASONAL MATERIALS

+217-794-5111

maroalibrary@gmail.com

FACEBOOK – @maroapubliclibrary

ONLINE – maroa.lib.il.us

Holiday closure dates:

11.24 - 11.28

12.21 - 1.3



# MAROA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Christmas Eve services will be held at 10 pm  
Christmas Day services will be held at 9:30 am



The Maroa Christmas Project will be using donations for gift cards for the families this year. Donations can be given to the Maroa Scott State Bank to be placed in the account that is set up. The Maroa Football team will deliver everything to the families on December 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 a.m. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact Crystal Whetstone at 217-433-5526.





This year we will be having an event from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with vendors in the City Hall Gym on Saturday November 26, 2022. Santa and Mrs. will be on the stage from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for meet and greet and pictures as well as following the Tree Lighting service until 8 p.m.

Santa and Mrs. will leave the firehouse about 6:20 p.m. and go their usual route to City Hall for the Tree Lighting service at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments following the Tree Lighting service will be in the gym.

Also, we will be having a Christmas Tree Walk in City Hall following the Tree Lighting service. The Christmas Tree Walk will continue through December 26<sup>th</sup>.

If any business is interested in decorating a tree for the Christmas Tree Walk, please contact Jeremiah Grider at (217) 972-1690 by noon on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

We hope to see you all come and enjoy this event and watch the magic in the kids' eyes as well as the big kids as we light the tree up this year. We know the kids are going to love to see and visit with Santa and Mrs. this year and be able to tell them what they want for Christmas.

A graphic for the Winter Festival. It features a central circular snow globe containing a black and white illustration of a snowman, a Christmas tree, and a house. The globe is surrounded by several hanging Christmas ornaments of different shapes and patterns. The background is light blue with a subtle gradient.

# WINTER FESTIVAL

26TH NOVEMBER 2022

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**DECORATIONS  
CRAFT VENDORS  
4PM- 8PM**

**MEET AND GREAT WITH  
MR. & MRS. CLAUSE  
4-6**

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**CHRISTMAS WALK NOVEMBER  
26 - DECEMBER 26TH**

**CITY HALL  
120 S LOCUST ST.  
MAROA IL, 61756**