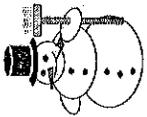


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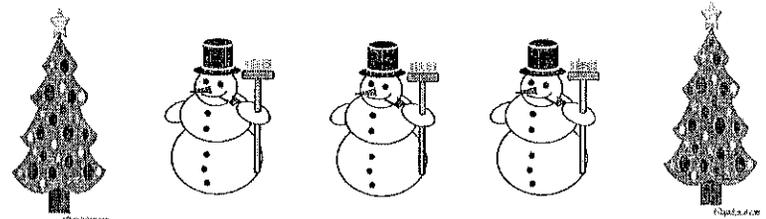
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- 1-MAROA LODGE #454 7:30 P.M.
- 3-V.F.W.#3287 6:00 P.M. @ LIBRARY
- 3-AMERICAN LEGION 6:30 P.M. @ LIBRARY
- 8-FOOD PANTRY 9-10 A.M. @ CHRISTIAN CHURCH
- 12-XMAS COOKIE WALK AT LIBRARY 9-12
- 14-MAROA-FORSYTH SCHOOL BOARD 7:00
- 15-H.C.E. 5:30 P.M. @ CRAWFORDS PIZZA
- 18-NEWSLETTER NEWS DUE AT 10:00 A.M.
- 21-LIBRARY BOARD 6:30 P.M.
- 22-FOOD PANTRY 4-5 P.M. @ CHRISTIAN CHURCH
- 24-CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED
- 25-CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED
- 28-CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 P.M.
- 31-CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED
- JANUARY 1 2016 CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED.
- CITY HALL WILL REOPEN ON 1-4-16.



# REST IN PEACE

Audrey "April" Francis, 88, of Maroa passed away September 27, 2015. Audrey was born April 1, 1927 in Maroa, the daughter of Austin S. & Vey M.(Bird) Beasley. Survivors, include her daughter Stacy Francis of Knoxville TN; sister Margaret King of Maroa. Brother Milton (Jan) Moomaw of Santa Fe, New Mexico. She was preceded her in death parents and brother Rexford. April was Assistant Professor at ISU in Reading Methods.

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Elmer "Dale" Turney, 89 of Clinton passed away October 17, 2015. Dale was born May 16, 1926 in Cerro Gordo son of Elmer & Gladys (Wallace) Turney. He graduated from Bement high School in 1944. He married Juanita Howland on September 29, 1946 at Grace United Methodist Church in Decatur. Dale was a member of First Christian Church of Clinton and in their choir. Dale was co-owner of Soy City Tire & Treading and later Fleet Maintenance Manager of General Transfer. He is survived by his wife of 69 years Juanita Turney of Clinton; two sons Richard (Sue) & Bob (Donna) both from Clinton; two daughters, Deb (Doug) Tilley of Clinton and Jan (Roger) Dial of Maroa. Eleven grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchildren. Three sisters Betty Moery of Ottawa, Martha Postlewait of Bement and Linda (Ron) Hoekstra of Alexandria VA. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Janet Mulvaney.

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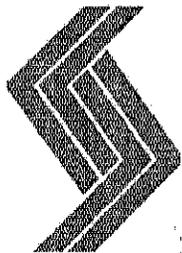
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Donald E Massey, 90, of Clinton passes away October 21, 2015. Don was born February 1, 1925 in Decatur to Carl & Beulah (Myers) Massey. He married Marie Pollock on May 30, 1947 in Clinton, she passed away Sept 8, 2010. Survivors include his sons: David (Diane) of Clinton and Roger Massey of Bloomington. Sister Betty (Donald) McCool of Forsyth. Grandsons Nick (Holly) Massey of Clinton. Brian (Kristie) Massey of Frammer City and Brad (Morgan) Massey of Heyworth IL. 2 Great Grandsons and 2 Great Granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 Grandchildren Crystal "Christy" Massey & Todd Massey. Two sisters Marjorie Tuggle & Doris West. Don served in the U.S. Army in Okinawa Japan. He became a part-time DeWitt County Deputy Sheriff and served until he was elected Sheriff in 1978. He retired in 1986. After his retirement he was active in managing coin auctions in conjunction with the Wapella Auction House.



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Richard B Harrington, of Clinton passed away on October 26, 2015. Richard was born October 3 1950 in Decatur he was the son of Chester & Betty (Greenwood) Harrington. Survivors include his siblings: Nancy (Marvin) Hubbell of Maroa, Carolyn Bragg of Clinton and Ronald (Linda) Harrington of Decatur. Richard worked for Revere Copper & Brass Inc. in Clinton. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Ruth Helen Moore Wikoff, passed away October 26, 2015. Helen was born on November 26, 1928. She was the daughter of Edwin & Ruth (Davis) Moore. Helen and her family returned to the family farm here in Maroa 1942. She married Virgil C Wikoff on August 23, 1947. She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant daughter (Deborah) and her husband in March of 2012. Survivors include two daughters, Terri (Robert) Bolduc of Frisco TX and Patti (Greg) Bolton of Champaign. Five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. With friends, Helen and Virgil ran a Construction Company named Lyman-Wikoff Inc., in Champaign Il.

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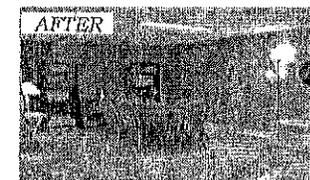


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Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Jan 16, 2016. 6:00 A.M. till Noon...

## ENGAGEMENT

Cedric Leach & Rosie Dunn are planning to be married January 16, 2016 in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Eddie Dunn and the late Julia Little of C.A. are parents of the prospective bride. Trevor and Janice Leach of Maroa are the bridegrooms parents. Rosie is employed as a psychologist for California Dept. of Corrections and Cedric is a manager at Fed-Ex in Sacramento CA.

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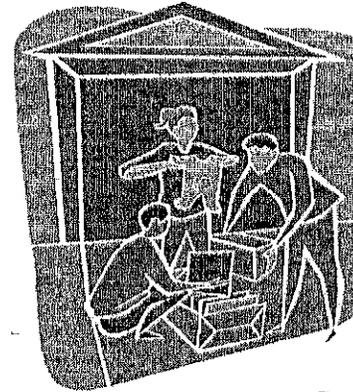
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Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle	2	Other Public Services	11
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Animal Complaint	6	Motor Vehicle	1
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Assist Dewitt C.S.O.	3	Device	1
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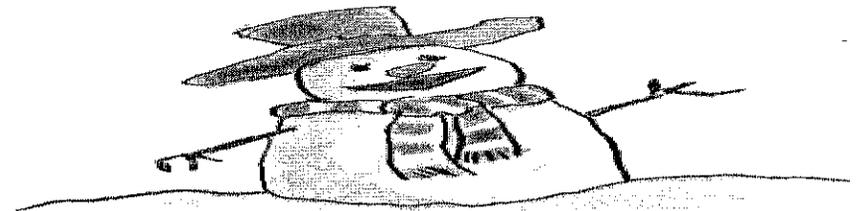


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### **THE CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

The Christmas Baskets are looking for volunteers to help sort food pack boxes and to help carry out or delivery boxes. Well be working at the Old Maroa Grade School this year from Dec 3-12 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. On Saturday Dec 12 boxes maybe picked up from 9-11. e will need help delivering boxes to senior citizens or people with no cars. Any questions please call Barb at 217-454-3639.

## THE FIREPLACE

Hello, from The Fireplace!! Our Blizzard of Blankets drive started Oct.1 with some changes made, so please keep this in mind as you shop. Donations may be dropped off at The Fireplace 109 E Main. Monday-Friday from 8-4 P.M. during November and the first week of December. All donations must be turned in before December 5. Updates of donations may be found on The Fireplace face book page. New towels/washcloths were added this year to our blanket drive, and there is a need for those to be included with Maroa Food Basket organization. All towels/washcloths will be donated to this project, along with the amount of blankets that are need for Maroa-Forsyth residents who are on a list for those needing a little extra help. Blankets that are left will be donated to the Maroa Pantry and churches. We feel these changes are very positive and will help so many children, adults, seniors in our are. We have come to rely heavily on your generous item donations to our drive and we want you to know how much we appreciate all you do. We have never advertised but wanted to put this out there this year. If you want to donate, but do not have the time, we will shop for you. This drive is always a success, because of YOU!!!!

Next, our yearly Santa and Mrs. Claus will be held on Saturday December 5th from 11- 1P.M. This entire event is free and everyone is welcome. You can take all the photos you want at this event. Come and enjoy this event right here in Maroa! Santa and Mrs. Claus have a busy schedule this year. On Saturday December 12th we will be greeting residents at the Maroa Food Basket Distribution, listening to children to their wish list at the Maroa Public Library during the bake sale, and also Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at Lowe's. Let's keep others in our heart's and mind, not just at Christmas, but all through the year. A simple act of kindness may brighten a child, a parent who is struggling, and for elderly person who is alone. Please reach out and make a difference.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!

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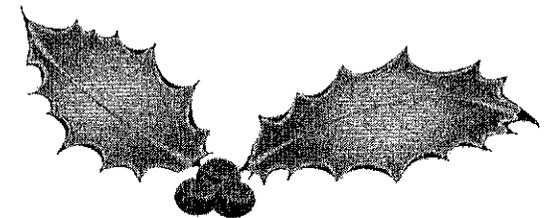
**December 12, at 10.00 a.m. Terry Walters from Maroa will be here at the Library. Terry will be signing books and the first 25 families to show up will get a free copy of his book. Twas the Night Jesus Was Born.**

**Additional copies will be available for purchase.**

December 17 (Thursday) Christmas BINGO for the kids 3:30-4:30

**The Library will be closed starting Thursday December 24 and will reopen Tuesday January 5. We wish everyone a safe and festive Christmas and New Year !!!**

January 12 (Tuesday); Girls Night Out-Frozen Style. Girls grades K-5, put on your fanciest Frozen style dress and join Mrs. Julie for a fun night of Frozen themed activities and viewing of the movie, snack included 6-8 P.M. **Sign up required!** Don't worry boys, your fun day is coming in February. Are there programs you would like to see your Library provide? We love hearing your ideas. So swing on over and share your thoughts.



### The Maroa Patchwork

The Maroa patchwork unit met October 20th at Crawford's in Maroa. We enjoyed a nice dinner together and welcome two new visitors that we hope will join us. Ann & Kim were a wonderful addition. There were 8 of us in total. Dues of \$15.00 each were collected. We voted for next years programs. Then Karen Halicki gave us handouts from October HCE week. One of the handouts was of making a bucket list. There were several pages of suggestions as to how to do this. It was very informative. Our next meeting was Nov 17th. We will decide at that meeting where to have our Dec 15th Christmas dinner.

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Feb 9	Feb 23
Mar 8	Mar 22
Apr 12	Apr 26
May 10	May 24
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July 12	July 26
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Oct 11	Oct 25
Nov 8	Nov 22
Dec 13	Dec 27

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## LIBRARY NEWS

December 1 (**Tuesday**) Join us for family craft night at 6:30 p.m. We will be making adorable Mason Jar Snowmen just in time for the Holidays!! Contact the Library to sign up. Cost is \$5 per family! Can't Beat it !!.

December 12 (**Saturday**) The Friends of the Library's annual cookie sale will take place from 9-12. Come early for the best selection !! Also, we heard a rumor that a man with a white beard, jolly, laugh and red suit will be joining us for a visit. Keep watching our Facebook page and website for information to find out if the rumor is true (shhh..it is) and at what time he will be here!!!

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## MAROA COMMUNITY PANTRY

As the holiday season approaches, we have already begun to receive donations in the mail and in person. Great surprises are sometimes in the mail and validates the fact that the pantry touches so many lives in our community. These additional funds make it possible to continue our work for the coming year. Products at the pantry are distributed in a "choice" environment. Patrons shop for items they know their families will use and enjoy. This makes for far less waste and gives the patron control of what they receive. Thank You doesn't seem sufficient when considering how many groups and individuals are sharing their resources on a local level...but thank you so much. We invite you to visit on a pantry day to see just how all of this works. The schedule is always included in this publication. Thank you City Council for continuing to provide this to the community. If you need assistance or have questions, please call Kathy 217.794.3780 or Joyce 217.794.5975.