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MARCH 2016

1-MAROA LODGE #454 7:30 P.M.
3-V.F.W. POST #3287 6:00 P.M. LIBRARY
3-AMERICAN LEIGON 6:30 P.M. LIBRARY
8-FOOD PANTRY 9-10 A.M. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
9-MAROA TOWNSHIP MEETING 6:30 P.M. TOWNSHIP BUILDING
9-MAROA LIONS CLUB 6:30P.M. METHODIST CHURCH
10-MAROA FRIENDS OF LIBRARY 5:00 P.M.
14-MAROA-FORSYTH SCHOOL BOARD 7:00 P.M.
15-H.C.E. 5:30 P.M.
21– LIBRARY BOARD 6:30 P.M.
22-FOOD PANTRY 4-5 P.M. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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28-CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

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NEWS LETTER NEWS IS DUE APRIL 15

AT 10:00 A.M.

REST IN PEACE

Jack Hill, 84, of Maroa, passed away on December 31, 2015. Jack was born January 25, 1931 in Decatur, the son of Ambrose Jennings and Mary Virginia (Likins) Hill. He married Kathleen Randall on June 20, 1954 in Maroa. Survivors include his wife, Kathleen of Maroa. Sons: Craig (Dee) of Maroa; Curtis (Sue) of Plymouth MI; Charles "Chuck" (Renee) of Jacksonville, and one daughter Bonnie Nolte of Decatur.

Jack was a member of the United Methodist Church. He was a Veteran of the US Airforce serving in the Korean Conflict. Jack farmed all of his life and retired after 40 years. He was a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge & Lions Club. Jack was a fan of the U of I Basketball team and the Chicago Bears. Jack also served as the Drainage District Commissioner and as Maroa Farmers Co-op director for many years.

Vera (Pasisinic) Braden, 69 of Decatur passed away on December 30, 2015. Vera was born July 2, 1946 in Steyr, Austria the daughter of John Ivan and Olga (Pomerkovna) Pasisini. She married James MacWilliam and later married Robert E. Braden. Survivors include her son, Christopher Braden of Coral Springs FL, grandson Grayson Braden. Brother, John Pasisinic of Decatur. Sister Connie (Doug) Stoutenborough of Decatur. Step-son Rick Maurer of Chicago. Vera is preceded in death by her parents, daughter Emily Jane Braden July 2, 2014 and 2 sisters.
Vera had served in the US Air Force.

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M. Jean Redman, 77 of Maroa passed away February 3, 2016. Jean was born September 24, 1938 in Pana the daughter of William & Mary (Waddinton) Carlock. She married William A. "Billy" Redman November 19 1960 in Pana. He passed away July 24, 2005. Survivors include her daughter Stephanie Jill (Ken) Davis, 3 granddaughters Morgan, Madison, and Maci all from Mt. Zion. Sister Patricia (Loren) Glasscock of Oreana. Brother Greg (Leigh Ann) Carlock of Pana. Brothers-in-law Richard (Mary) Kramer and Mert Hunter both from Decatur. She was preceded in death by her parents and 2 sisters Phyllis Hunter and Marjorie Kramer. Jean retired from John Warner Bank in Clinton after 20 years. Jean was a Member of the Maroa Christian Church also a volunteer at the Maroa Food Pantry. Jean loved the St Louis Cardinals. Her 3 granddaughters were the pride and joy of her life.

Edwin Harold Miller, 71 of Maroa passed away December 26, 2015. Edwin was born August 25, 1944 in Decatur he was the son of Marvin S & Mary C. (Wilkey) Miller. He married Cheryl Ann Richards on May 18, 1968 in Maroa. Survivors include his wife Cheryl Miller of Maroa. children Scott (Heather) of Clinton, Jenni (John) Overbey of Hallsville and Joshua of Maroa. Siblings Lynnette Miller-Ishmael & (Jerry) Ishmael of Clinton, James (Cathy) Miller of Argenta. 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Edwin was preceded in death by his parents. Edwin was a member of the Maroa Christian Church & American Legion Post # 0660 of Maroa. Edwin was a US Air Force Veteran serving from 1964-1968. He retired from AT&T.

REST IN PEACE

Eileen Burns, 84 of Maroa, passed away January 15, 2016. Eileen was born June 8, 1931 in Dousman Wisconsin, the daughter of William & Nellie (Kuntz) Zurlinden. She married Thomas J. Burns Jr. on March 18, 1950 in Decatur. He passed away February 15, 2008. Survivors include her daughters; Sandra (Alan) Sans of Bloomington, Janien (Dennis) Small of Farmer City, Christine (Jeff) Stroud of Clinton. Five grandchildren,11 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. Eileen was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and two sisters. Eileen was a wonderful cook and homemaker. She loved to garden and loved her flowers.

Larry K. Carder, 68 of Decatur, formerly of Maroa, passed away on January 18, 2016. Larry was born March 23, 1947 the son of Edwin Paul & Martha (Lunsford) Carder. He married Judy Wakeman on January 29, 1972 in Decatur, Il. Survivors include his wife Judy; sons; Doug (Crystal) Carlson of Decatur, Jeff Pedigo of Lincoln, John Carder of Decatur; Jason (Katie) Carder of Decatur. 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Siblings; Deborah (Tom) Coggins of Mt.Zion, and Mark (Jan) Carder of Decatur. He was preceded in death by his parents. Larry was a US Navy Veteran serving during the Vietnam War. He was a graduate of Maroa-Forsyth and Joliet Jr. College. Larry was a member of Maroa Masonic Lodge and a volunteer Fire Fighter and EMT at Warrensburg. Larry retired from A.E. Staley.

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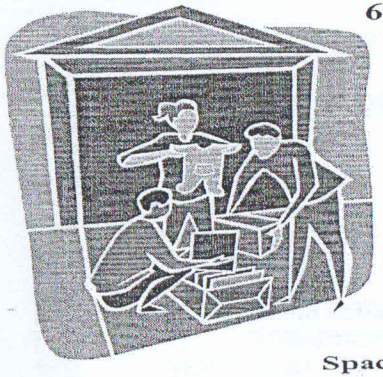

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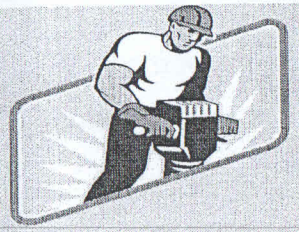

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Richard E. Brelsfoard, 71 of Maroa passed away February 9, 2016. Richard was born December 17, 1944 in Decatur a son of Homer & Nina Maxine (Miller) Brelsfoard. He married Nancy Anderson on March 21, 1965. Richard was a lifelong farmer and drove a semi-truck 12 years for Briggs Enterprises. He was a member of Warrensburg Gun Club. He is survived by his wife of 50 years Nancy. 2 sons Troy (Kathy) of Decatur and Todd (Karrie) of Maroa. Three grandchildren Tim, Mike, and Ashley. One sister Barbara Anderson of Argenta; 2 brothers, Gary (Sharon) of Maroa and Stanley (Marcia) of Decatur. Richard was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law Larry Anderson. Richard loved to trap shoot and hunt.

Marilyn C. Pennypacker, 80 of Normal, formerly of Hopedale and Maroa, passed away on February 2, 2016. Marilyn was born January 3, 1946, daughter of Harry & Evelyn Dash Morgan of Maroa. She married Jerry Pennypacker on September 17, 1955. She graduated from Maroa High School in 1953. Marilyn received her registered nursing degree from DMH in 1956, worked 10 years in OB at DMH, 5 years as OB supervisor at Brokaw Hospital, and 20 years at Hopedale Medical Complex. Marilyn is survived by her daughter; Cathy (Dewayne) Bess and son; Curtis (Susan) Pennypacker both of Normal. 4 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, one sister, one brother and a brother-in-law.

REST IN PEACE

R. Eileen Hardy, 87 of Forsyth passed away on January 31, 2016. Eileen was born July 13, 1928 in Forsyth, daughter of Ralph & Minnie Heller Marquis. She graduated from Maroa High School and was a member of Forsyth United Methodist Church. She had fond memories of times spent with her high school ladies group, the Buzzin Dozen. She married Billy Hardy in June of 1946 and together they were Mayor and First Lady of Forsyth. They were very instrumental in the Library and The Hickory Point Mall coming to Forsyth. Surviving are daughters: Bonnie (Glen) Morgan of Collinsville. Connie (Chris) Janvrin of Forsyth, son Bill (Penny) Hardy of Clinton. Grandchildren; Brandon, Hollie, Corey, Chelsea and Jobey. Seven great-grandchildren. Eileen was proceeded in death by her parents, husband, grandson Joel Morgan, two sisters and one infant brother.

MAROA COMMUNITY BUILDING BOARD

Sharon Woolum has resigned from the Board of Managers of Maroa Community Building. We wish to extend a sincere thank you to Sharon for her 7 plus years of services to the board. Sharon has been a very dedicated board member with a deep sense of commitment to the community. We thank you for your service! Kim Moore will be fulfilling the vacancy created on the board. THANKS AGAIN SHARON!!

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VACATION CHECKS	28
OPEN DOORS	20
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	5
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ASSIST DCFS	1
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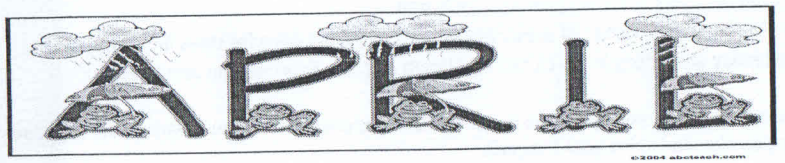
SEX OFFENDER REREGISTER	2
DRIVERS EXCHANGE	1
BURNING COMPLAINT	1
CHECK WELFARE OF ADULT	1
DOMESTIC PROBLEM	3
NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEM	1
TOTAL	225

THE MAROA PATCHWORK

We met at Crawford's on January 19. We enjoyed dinner together and spent the evening catching up on current happenings, There were 6 present, Karen Halicki passed out our new books and went over some of the lessons that would be offered this year. During the conversation some of the ladies decided at attend a Mexican cooking class offered at Richland Community College. They also plan to attend a painting class in the near future. We enjoyed a great evening together. Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month come and join us. New members are always welcome.



MAROA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thank you to everyone who come out to the pancake and sausage breakfast!! We appreciate all of your support. The money raised will be used to purchase new firefighting and EMS equipment. Starting in March, 14 of our members will begin taking 1st responder course at the firehouse. After the members complete the course they will be able to help and treat patients on EMS calls. We currently have 2 Paramedics, 1 EMT-B and 5 1st responders, adding more 1st responders will allow us to provide even better service to the community!

APRIL 27, 2016

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Maroa Community Pantry would like to Thank the Maroa-Forsyth Grade School for their recent donation to the pantry. Cans of soup were collected by students for "Souper Bowl Sunday". The students presented the pantry with over 400 cans of soup to be distributed to our patron. Thanks to all that had a hand in this project, it is truly appreciated.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ronald & Joyce (Haenny) Holland of Maroa were married in Clinton on February 11, 1956. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family gathering. They are the parents of Steve (Jean) of Elwin; and Barbara Hill of Moweaqua. They have three grandchildren Alex (Angela) Holland, Callie Hill & Trevor Holland. Two step-grandchildren, and three great-step grand-children who live in Alabama.

April

April 5 (Tuesday) 3:30-4:30 pm: Spring BINGO for the kids.

April 14 (Thursday) 1-3 pm & April 19 (Tuesday) 6-7 pm: Adult coloring workshops! We will have coloring pages and colored pencils to use. Bring your own supplies if you wish.

April 27 (Wednesday) 10:30 am: Adult book club will meet to discuss *The House Girl* by: Tara Conklin. Copies of the book will be in at the beginning of March.

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!
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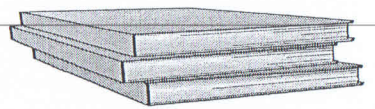
Morning Exercise Class: All are invited to the invigorating exercise class that is held every Wednesday and Friday in the Community Room at 9 am. Exercise and socialize!

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



BOOKS FOR SALE AT LIBRARY

MAY Friday 13 10-3 Saturday 14 10-noon. STOP IN !!!!!!

Rhonda Braden is setting up a 5 K run on May 21, 2016.

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Library News and Events

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Exciting News and Thank Yous:

The library needs your help in the upcoming election. We are asking the voters to please vote yes to allow for an increase in the corporate fund tax rate. Like everyone else these days, the Maroa Public Library is struggling with the increased costs of goods, materials and utilities. We have exhausted every avenue, including cutting $20,000 from our already stretched budget, in an attempt to still provide the public with the services they deserve while battling these costs. We have reached a point where we need your help! Here is some of what a YES vote will provide:

- Resuming previous hours of operation
- Increased book budget
- More frequent and varied programming

Upcoming Events:

March

March 17 (Thursday), 1-3 pm and March 22nd (Tuesday) 6-7 pm: Adult coloring workshops! We will have coloring pages and colored pencils to use. Bring your own supplies if you wish. On the 17th bring a St. Patrick's Day treat to share!!!

March 26 (Saturday) 10 am: We will be holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the kids. Ages: Birth-10 are welcome to search for eggs on our lawn. Age groups are divided. WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE DONATIONS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY. Please drop off at the library. Thank you!

March 30 (Wednesday) 10:30 am: Adult book club will meet to discuss *The Invention of Wings* by: Sue Monk Kidd. Copies of the book will be in at the beginning of March.

****There will not be any after school programming the week of Spring Break (March 28th-April 1) We will resume on April 5th. Thank you****

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ELECTION HELD: MARCH 15, 2016

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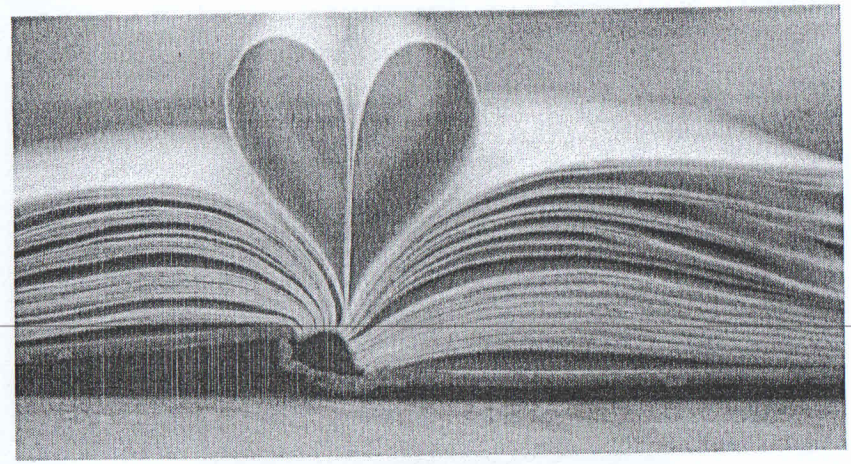

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We thank you for all your support. Please feel free to contact the library with questions. (217)794-5111

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MAY 21, 2016

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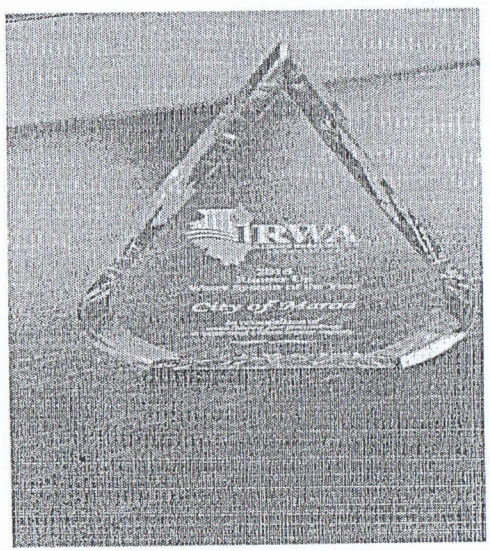


American Street Dreams, Inc., located at 120 N Wood Street, here in Maroa, IL, brings a part of history back to Maroa.

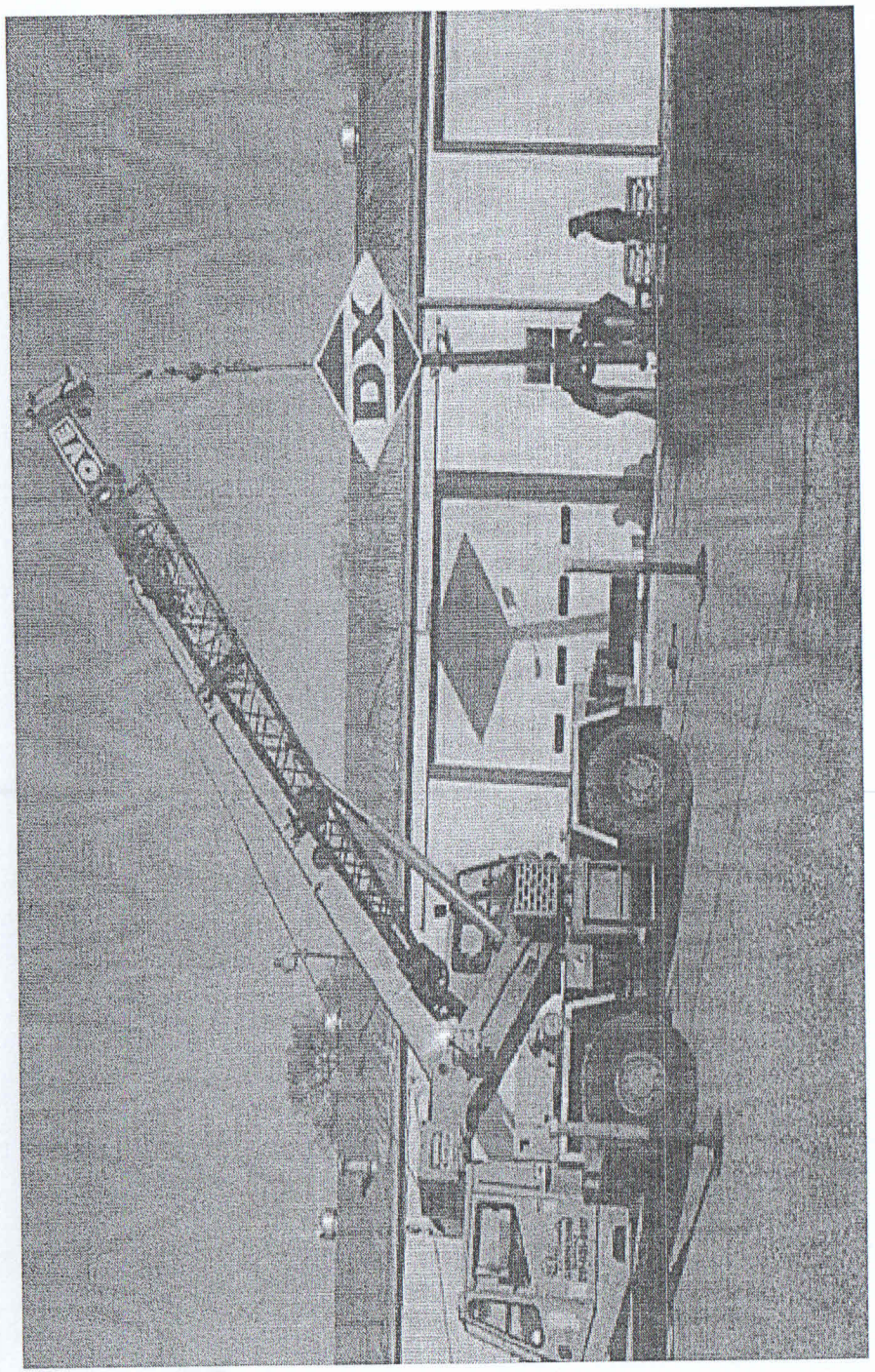
On November 6, 2015, American Street Dreams Inc., (of Maroa, IL) won at auction, 4 of 6 nostalgic outdoor gas station signs. These signs were previously owned and displayed for the last 30 years at Norm Huff's home, along the west side of Route 51 in Clinton, IL. The gas brands purchased by American Street Dreams, Inc. were DX, Gulf, Mobil and Texaco.

American Street Dreams, Inc. is a collector, vehicle restoration and Hot Rod shop, residing in Maroa for the last 17years. In keeping with their theme, they purchased the 4 nostalgic signs, refurbished each with new wiring, painting the base structures and all new bulbs.

On January 12, 2016, the signs were erected in American Street Dreams, Inc.'s lot, just south of their main building, at 120 N. Wood Street, Maroa, IL. This is the same building and lot previously owned by the late Bob Linehart, of Maroa, IL, and is where he once owned and operated an Oliver Dealership, as well as, a Gulf Station. The Gulf sign that was installed in January, stands approximately 3 feet from where the original Gulf sign stood.

American Street Dreams, Inc.'s intentions are to restore the nostalgic theme of years gone by, and create awareness to a past era by bringing the Gulf sign back, as well as, to peek interest with the enhancement of all the signs while giving a drive by picture opportunity. You can view a video of the signs being installed online at: https://www.facebook.com/dreamcarscometrue

The signs look even better at night. Cruise by, take a look, and post your thoughts on the above Facebook page. American Street Dreams, Inc. looks forward to hearing from you.



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On Tuesday, February 16, 2016 the Illinois Rural Water Association, the state's largest rural utility association, selected the City of Maroa as its "Runner-Up Water System of the Year at the 34th Annual Technical Conference in Effingham.

The Illinois Rural Water Association's "Runner-Up Water System of the Year" award is given to a system dedicated to managing their water system to the highest of standards. The winner of this award must meet the strictest industry standards in appearance, record keeping, compliance and consistency of operations. "This is accurately describes the City of Maroa," said Frank Dunmire, Executive Director of the Illinois Rural Water Association. "The City of Maroa has met or exceeded all compliance standards and is managed, maintained and operated to the highest of industry standards".

Accepting the "Runner-Up Water System of the Year Award at Illinois Rural Water Association's Annual Technical Conference in Effingham was Mike Hoffman Superintendent for the City of Maroa Water Treatment System. Also, in attendance was Kevin McCullough.

The Illinois Rural Water Association is a private, not-for-profit association of small wastewater systems, and is dedicated to training and technical assistance to those individuals who work in the water and wastewater industry. For more information, visit IRWA's website at www.ilrwa.org.

MAY 12,13,14,2016

MAROA CITY WIDE

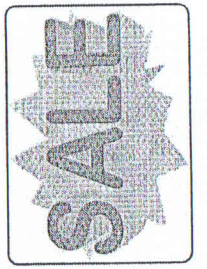
RUMMAGE SALE

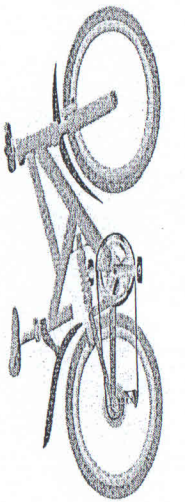
Thursday 4-8 pm-Friday 8:00 am –
5:00pm-Saturday 8:00am till NOON .
No maps

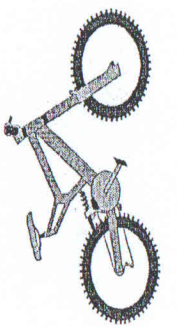
Also clean up day

May 21

MAROA POLICE DEPT
WILL HOLD BIKE/MISC.
ITEMS SALE!!!!
MAY 14, 2016







GYM AT CITY HALL Saturday 8:00am till NOON