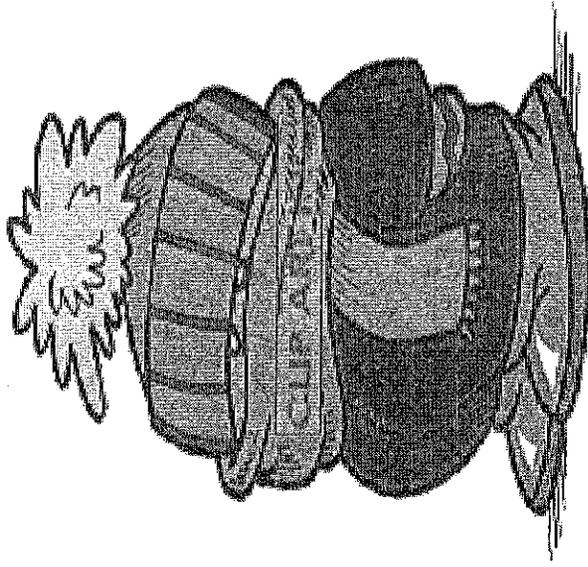
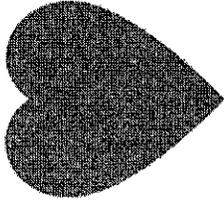


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## JANUARY

5-MAROA LODGE # 454 7:30 P.M.  
7-V.F.W. POST # 3287 LIBRARY @ 6:00 P.M.  
7-AMERICAN LEGION LIBRARY @ 6:30 P.M.  
11-MAROA-FORSYTH SCHOOL BOARD 7:00 P.M.  
12-FOOD PANTRY 9:00A.M.-10:00A.M. @ CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
13-MAROA LIONS CLUB 6:30 P.M. @ METHODIST CHURCH  
16-MAROA FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST 6:00 A.M. TILL NOON.  
19-H.C.E. @ 5:30 P.M. CRAWFORD'S PIZZA  
18-MAROA PUBLIC LIBRARY 6:30 P.M.  
25-CITY COUNCIL 7:00 P.M. CITY HALL  
26-FOOD PANTRY 4:00P.M.-5:00P.M @ CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
27-MAROA LIONS CLUB 6:30 P.M. @ METHODIST CHURCH

## FEBRUARY

2-MAROA LODGE # 454 7:30 P.M.  
4-V.F.W. POST #3287 6:00 P.M. @ LIBRARY  
4-AMERICAN LEGION 6:30 P.M. @ LIBRARY  
8-MAROA-FORSYTH SCHOOL BOARD 7:00 P.M.  
9-FOOD PANTRY 9:00-10:00 A.M. @ CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
10-MAROA FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY 5:00 P.M.  
10-MAROA LIONS CLUB 6:30 P.M. @ METHODIST CHURCH  
15-LIBRARY BOARD MEETING 6:30 P.M.  
16-H.C.E. 5:30 P.M. @ CRAWFORD'S PIZZA  
18-ZONING BOARD MEETING 7:00 P.M. @ CITY HALL  
19-NEWS FOR NEWSLETTER TO BE IN AT 10:00 A.M.  
23-FOOD PANTRY 4:00-5:00 P.M. @ CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
22-CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 P.M. @ CITY HALL  
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## THE FIREPLACE

Hello, from The Fireplace. On Saturday Dec 5th we held our 5th annual time with Santa and Mrs. Claus. This has to be our busiest year yet, and we had so much fun visiting with everyone! Lots of good little girls, and boys visited with Santa. How magical it is to see Christmas through the eyes of a child! Drawings were held, donuts, drinks served to the guests.

We finished our Blizzard of Blankets/towels/washcloth drive on the same day. Would like to Thank everyone who came out and supported our drive again this YEAR! Donations always start out slow but by the end of the day we had exceeded our goals and hopes for another successful drive. Donated items were ... 123 cuddly blankets, 91 bath towels, 345 washcloths, and 50 warm knitted hats from Joy Gardner!!!

Without you, our drive would not exist. It is because of you, that our totals were phenomenal!! Our support from Maroa/Forsyth residents and business groups, plus Clinton Stericycle took on our drive again this year, just amazing!!! Bus #24 made a huge donation of items to our drive.. So proud of them!!.

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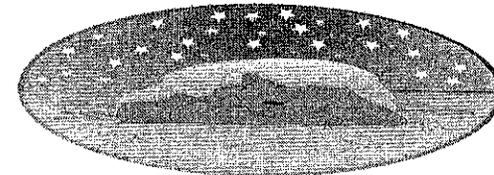
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## Maroa Youth League

The Maroa Youth League is looking for new members !!! You do not have to have children to become a member of the Maroa Youth League. We meet the first Sunday of each month at the Maroa Library.

**Due to the Holidays the next meeting will be Jan 10th at 6:00 P.M.** If you are interested in becoming a member,

please email [maroayouthleague@gmail.com](mailto:maroayouthleague@gmail.com) Thanks Jennifer Foster.

## MAROA COMMUNITY PANTRY

A Story Of Caring

For the last few years during the month of October, the pantry has been fortunate enough to have a great surprise.. A young lady, who will remain nameless, has given a wonderful gift to the local pantry. As her birthday approaches her parents ask her what she would like as a gift... and each year she generously wants her gift to be a gift to the pantry and those community members that are served by us.

Instead of customary "teen girl" gifts, she requests that her friends provide personal care items that are then donated to the pantry. In today's world, we sometimes forget that many of our young people are not self-centered and really are considerate of others. Please consider your own "gift" to your favorite non-profit, and then consider what you can do to help your neighbor or those that are less fortunate than you are.

Thank You Miss C. you are an excellent example for all of us.

The dates and time are in this newsletter.

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M. Eleanor Hoffman 86, of Clinton passed away on November 26, 2015. Eleanor was born August 14, 1929 in Towanda the daughter of Harvey & Mary (Hendricks) Rickgauer. She married H. Gene Hoffman on December 9, 1950 in Clinton. Survivors include her husband Gene Hoffman, Clinton. Children, Robin (Kathy) Hoffman of Twins Lakes, WI.; Kathy (Mark) Haag of Minonk, David (Tammy) Hoffman of Decatur. They have 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren. Siblings, Edward (Dee) Rickgauer of Clinton. Donald Rickgauer of Lincoln CA. and Carol (Don) Gardner of Pontiac. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother Dwight. She worked alongside her husband, Gene, on the farm. She was an avid Illini Basketball fan, she was a true American.

Gladys Koonce 65, of Springfield passed away on December 13, 2015. Gladys was born on November 23, 1950 on Thanksgiving Day. She is the daughter of the late Paul & Daisy (Applegate) Miller. Surviving are two children with Bill Koonce: daughter, Tanya Koonce of Peoria & son Aaron "Bill" (Debbie) Koonce of Maroa. Two grandchildren, Tanner and Charlotte Koonce of Maroa. One brother Dick (Carolyn) Miller: four sisters, Joyce Rhodes, Virginia Cody, Mattha (Larry) Ketchum, Mary (Dan) Deatherage. She is also survived by 15 nieces & nephews, and more than 30 grand and great-grand nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by sister Paula Perko. Gladys was a member of Trinity Nazarene Church of Springfield Il.



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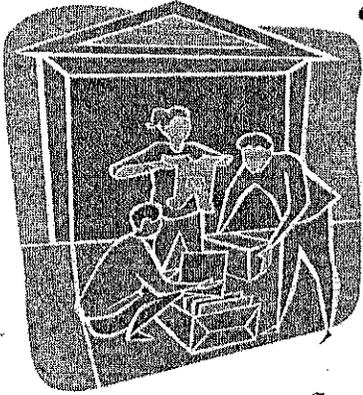
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# REST IN PEACE

Robert L. "Bobby" Thoms 88 of Maroa passed away on November 19, 2015. Bobby was born on February 25, 1927 in Weldon the son of Louis & Sara (Monkman) Thoms. He married Theresa Joann "Jo" Taylor May 8, 1948 in Clinton. Jo passed April 25, 2004. Survivors include his daughters, Rosemarie "Rosie" Fulgham of Clinton, Sarah "Sass" Russell of Clinton. Three grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and 8 great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and 2 granddaughters, seven sisters and five brothers.

Bobby was a WWII Navy Veteran and was a lineman for L.E. Myers for 35 years. He enjoyed Stock car and NASCAR.



JUST A QUICK NOTE THE RECYCLING  
BINS AT THE CITY HALL GET EMPTY  
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Rhonda Braden is setting up a 5 K run on May 21, 2016. If you are a runner and would like information on this event please call Rhonda at 217.841.7330

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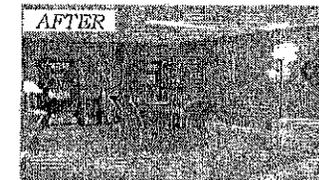
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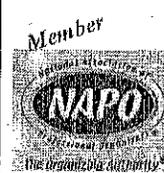
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FEBRUARY 19, 2016 ALL NEWS FOR  
THE NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH/APRIL  
IS DUE BY 10:00 A.M

## THE MAROA LIBRARY QUILTERS

The Maroa Library quilters have been busy during 2015. Quilts have been made and donated to Project Linus, Camp Coco, Maroa Food Basket project, nursing homes, Midwest Distribution Center in Chatham, who sends supplies to disaster areas, and for Slumberland Mattress giveaway. Knitted hats have been given to Maroa Food Basket project, Forsyth UM Church Clothing Giveaway, the telephone Pioneers for their shoe program, and other places. We are grateful for the donations that have been brought to the Library for us to use this year of yarn, fabric and even money. Thanks to all!! So if anyone has extra yarn you are not using, fabric-cotton kid friendly or flannel-(make sure it is smoke free) you may bring to the Library at any time. We appreciate your help in any way you can.



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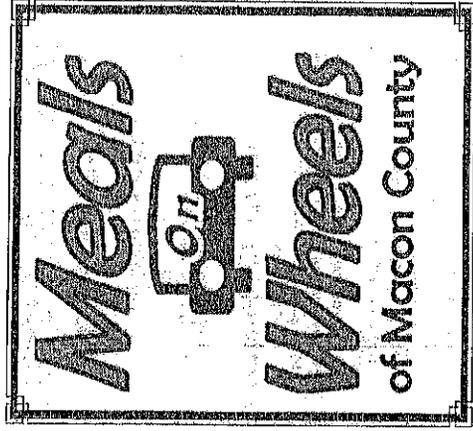
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THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FROM ALL OF US..

We would like to extend our THANKS to the ladies directing the Maroa Christmas Baskets. They are always so generous to remember the pantry by donating any food or gifts that were unclaimed during their distribution on Dec 12th. We would like to give a special thanks to our local Dollar general store manager, Shelly, for allowing is to accept the bread that would be returned to the distributor. This is a huge help to the pantry and we could never purchase such excellent bread items on our own. We have also received numerous monetary donations that will keep us "running" for several weeks. Thank you to all of you and to the citizens of Maroa

THE MAROA COMMUNITY PANTRY.

H.C.E.

Our November meeting was held at Crawford's, with 7 members present. Karen Halicki passed out dip recipes from the last county meeting. Tickets are available to attend the Bread Monk presentation in April, The Dewitt County extension has more information. The Maroa patchwork unit will have their Christmas dinner meeting at Cracker Barrel in Forsyth. New members are always welcome.

## Maroa Christmas Baskets

We would like to Thank everyone involved with the Christmas Baskets this year. We have such a caring community that we were able to help 82 families. There were 87 children that were adopted. For the first time in the 23 years I've been doing this the Angel list did not make it to the Churches!! Thank you everyone who called me to adopt the Angels!!!

We have to send a special Thank You to the Girl Scouts , Boy Scouts and Girls On The Run group for putting out donation bags and picking them up , then for coming to the Old Grade School gym and helping to sort and pack the boxes. We had many old friends and new friends come and help this year also. And we can't forget our fabulous football players and Coach Jostes who came and helped deliver and carry out boxes for the families. What a great way to help others during the Christmas Season!!

Thank you to Maroa Forsyth Middle School teachers and students who collect and donate monies to us to purchase milk, eggs and meats. Maroa Forsyth Grade School for their food drive. Maroa Forsyth High School FFA & FCCLA for their donations. Wayne, Paula and Miller Container for your help and generosity with the boxes. Dollar General for collecting Toys for Tots , which let parents shop for their children. Maroa City Council for the use of the gym. The office staff at City Hall for collecting gifts. Bill & Brenda Zombro for collecting the Blizzard of Blankets and More!!

Merry Christmas!!

Barb Hastings and Barb Wilkey

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## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

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*To nourish and enrich the lives of the homebound and disabled in need by providing nutritious meals that promote independent living.*

### **WHAT IS MEALS ON WHEELS?**

- *Meals On Wheels* is a community service which provides the delivery of a hot & healthy, nutritious meal to an individual in the comfort and privacy of their own home.
- Our menus and meals are planned and prepared under the supervision of a Registered Dietitian at Decatur Memorial Hospital. The meals provide one third of the recommended daily allowance of nutrients and also meet the goals of the Dietary Reference Intake. All meals are heart-healthy and diabetic safe, but more specialized meals are available, including renal and soft.
- The meals are delivered by dedicated volunteers Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE MEALS ON WHEELS?**

- Individuals who are age 60 or older and are homebound are eligible, as well as many disabled people under the age of 60.

### **HOW DOES SOMEONE APPLY FOR MEALS ON WHEELS?**

Anyone can make a referral by calling the *Meals On Wheels* office at 422-6611, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Some basic information will be needed and then *Meals On Wheels* staff will arrange for a home visit assessment.

### **WHAT IS THE COST?**

- *Meals on Wheels* is available to all seniors that need our services, regardless of income.
- Clients contribute based on a sliding fee scale, but no eligible client is ever turned away.

### **FACTS ABOUT MEAL ON WHEELS**

- We've been part of the community since 1967.
- Around 50,000 meals are delivered each year.
- Over 100 volunteers deliver meals each week.

### **FUNDED BY:**

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### **GIFTS & MEMORIALS:**

A gift or memorial to *Meals On Wheels* will help to provide home delivered meals to qualified residents in the community who are unable to contribute towards their meals.

### **WHAT IS REQUIRED IF I WANT TO VOLUNTEER?**

- You'll need a valid Drivers License and your own vehicle for delivery.
- You need no additional insurance beyond basic Liability on yourself and your vehicle.
- We have a short screening process, including a background check, that will be completed prior to you volunteering.

### **THE ROLE OF THE VOLUNTEER**

- Volunteers pick up the meals and route assignments at DMH between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.
- Volunteers should expect to spend half an hour to an hour delivering the meals on their route.
- Detailed instructions for each delivery are included with route assignments.
- Many volunteers work in 2-person teams, though some deliver by themselves. Many volunteers enjoy bringing along their children or grandchildren as well.
- Our volunteers deliver meals with care and compassion. Many times they are the only person the client will see that day.
- The *Meals On Wheels* office is available during delivery to help solve any problems.
- The volunteers *do not* collect money.

## The Maroa Christmas Basket Project

The Christmas Project was started by former Police Chief Leo Plante 30+ years ago. He wanted to provide families in need with a Christmas Breakfast. Many people have worked on it since then and it has evolved into a food basket with gifts for the children. Barb Wilkey has worked with it for the past 26 years and myself for the past 23 years. Somewhere in those years Barb and I have found ourselves as Co-Chairs and have had many helpers over the years.

We are NOT sponsored by any Church or Organization. We receive donations in the account at Scott State Bank here in Maroa. The Maroa Forsyth Junior High School holds "Jam the Jars" in November and so generously donates the monies collected. With those monies we purchase milk, eggs, sausage, bread and other perishable foods. Maroa Forsyth Grade School and High School runs a food drive. Donation Bags are passed out around both Maroa and Forsyth thanks this year to Girl Scout, Boy Scouts and Girls on the Run. In past years FFA and 4-H groups have passed out donation bags.

Family/Senior names are given to us throughout the year by friends, neighbors, teachers, co-workers, family members and the Churches. Letters are sent out to the families/seniors and they can accept or refuse the baskets. A Santa Helpers questionnaire is filled out for every child in the family and that information goes on the Angel List which is then adopted by very caring citizens.

With your help over the last 30 years we have gone from helping 30 families/seniors in Maroa to helping 80+ families/seniors in the Maroa Forsyth School District. EVERYTHING THAT IS DONATED STAYS IN OUR DISTRICT!!!! We have moved from the Masonic Lodge to the old Firehouse to the new Firehouse to the Old Maroa Grade School Gym as we have added more families and out grew spaces we were in.

So Thank You to everyone who has helped in some way over the years to be able to help so many in our community.

Barb Hastings

## LIBRARY NEWS

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 face book and check out our website to keep up to date on all of our fun events [www.maroa.lib.il.us](http://www.maroa.lib.il.us)

### Exciting News and Thanks !

The Library Staff would like to thank Karen Halicki for all of her help cleaning the Library every other week. Karen, you make our lives so much easier and we really appreciate you taking time out of your life to help us. THANK YOU SO MUCH. Thanks again..

### January

**January 15**, (Friday): 6-8 p.m. Frozen Night for Girls. Ages k-5th grade. We will play Frozen Bingo and win Frozen prizes, make a craft and finish the evening with the movie Frozen. Must come in or call to sign up. Space is limited!!

**January 27** (Wednesday): The Book Club is reading Mrs. Lincoln & Mrs. Keckly by Jennifer Fleisher. Come in and check out a copy. Book discussion will be Jan 27th at 10:30 A.M.

### February

**February 9** (6-7 pm) & **February 11** (1-2 pm): Adult coloring workshops! We will have coloring pages and colored to use. Bring your own supplies if you wish.

**February 19** (6-7pm) Lego Car Race Night! All kids are invited. You can build your own car at home or come into Library to borrow our legos. May the Fastest car win. Let's go racing boys and girls...

**Don't Forget !! Story time:** Miss. Julie for story time every Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. 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 with no cost to you.

### NEW FINE POLICY HAS TAKEN EFFECT:

Get those overdue materials in and your fines paid to avoid replacement costs and having your account frozen... 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. Are there any programs you would like to see just let us know.