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Maroa-Forsyth Foundation & Archives

presents the

2024 HALL OF FAME DINNER/AUCTION

Master of Ceremonies.....Matt Hall

Welcome.....Dr. Jeff Holmes

Defying Gravity.....sung by the HS Honors Choir

Celebrating the Present.....Brice Stewart

Honoring the Past.....Matt Hall

Induction of the Class of 2024 Hall of Fame

Dana Dale

Pat Hall

Dr. Franklin McLean

Rachel (Hockaday) Peterson

Jeremy Ridlen

1995 Baseball Team

2001 & 2002 Girls Golf Teams

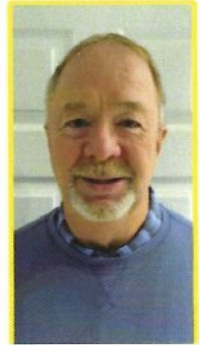
Live Auction

Looking Toward the Future.....Tina Horve



DANA DALE

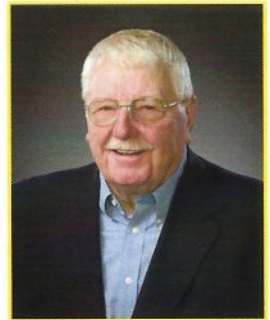
Dana Dale worked for the Maroa-Forsyth School District for more than forty years, which makes him one of the top six longest employees of all time. During his time at Maroa-Forsyth, Dale was the industrial arts teacher, and coached golf, track, and boys basketball. He also was the athletic director and served on the IHSA Golf Advisory Committee. He helped establish the OKAW Junior High Conference and served as President of the OKAW Valley Athletic Directors. Dale was named Macon County Basketball Coach of the Year in 1992 and 1994 and Class 1A/2A Athletic Director of the Year by the Illinois Athletic Directors Association in 2008.





PAT HALL

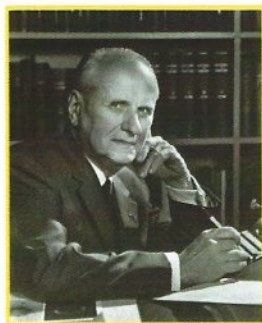
Pat Hall, a Navy veteran who moved to Maroa in 1986, has been involved as a member and supporter of the Maroa-Forsyth School District and community since 1987. Hall has two sons, both graduated from MFHS ('92 and '98). His wife of 53 years, Connie, worked in the lunch room for several years. Hall's fondest memories include the eight trips to the football state championships, coaching at Busch Stadium with the Trojans, and the 1992 boys basketball Regional Championship (first time in 30 years). Pat Hall continues to be involved by attending events at all Maroa-Forsyth schools and in the community, as well as finding his way on the football field coaching. After 37 years of positive impact on the community, Coach Hall would like to be remembered as someone who helped instill pride in the Trojan name and as a friend who is always willing to be there when needed.





DR. FRANKLIN MCLEAN

Dr. Franklin McLean graduated from Maroa-Forsyth High School in 1904 and earned his MD, MS, and PhD from Rush Medical College. Dr. McLean founded the Peking Union Medical College and helped create Provident Hospital in Chicago. During WWI, he served in the Army Medical Corps. As the first appointed Director of the University of Chicago Medical Clinics, he founded the National Medical Fellowship, which continues to give scholarships in his name. In 1973 the University of Chicago named a building after him, the "Franklin McLean Memorial Institute." Dr. McLean also published multiple medical papers.



Know someone you would like to nominate?

The nominating committee would appreciate your help! Use the QR code below or visit www.mfschools.net/news/hall-of-fame. Nominations need to be submitted by July 31st.





RACHEL (HOCKADAY) PETERSON

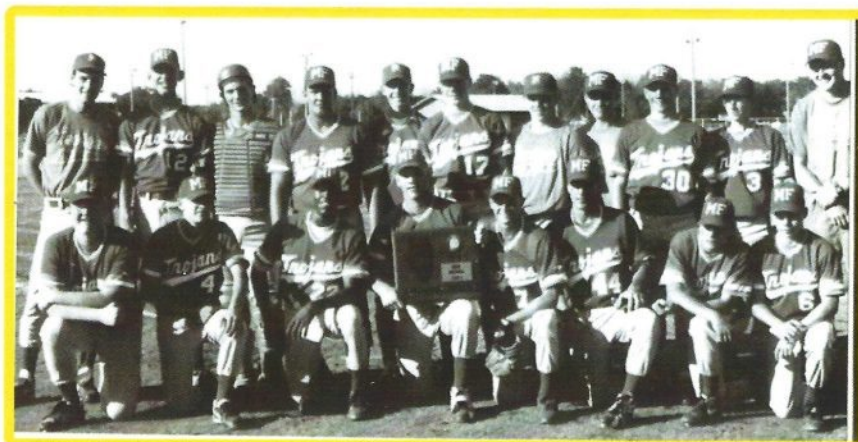
Rachel Hockaday graduated from Maroa-Forsyth High School in 2008. After high school, Rachel continued her studies at Iowa State and played volleyball. During her volleyball career, Rachel made the Academic All-Big 12 first team in 2012, Academic All-Big 12 second team in 2011, Preseason All-Big 12 Team in 2010, All-Big 12 Honorable Mention in 2009, and Big 12 All-Freshman Team in 2008. Rachel also was a part of Iowa State's 1,000 Dig Club with a career total of 1,227 digs, eighth most at Iowa State.



JEREMY RIDLEN

Jeremy Leon Ridlen of Maroa, IL was born August 29, 1980, in Decatur, IL. He was the son of Edward and Cheryl Ridlen and brother to Jason Ridlen and Amanda (Ridlen) Brady. Growing up, Jeremy and his twin brother Jason attended Maroa-Forsyth High School, where they enlisted in the National Guard. Together, they attended Illinois State University. Jeremy and Jason were active in their church, played on the softball team, and were included in the weekly prayer list after they deployed. They were assigned to the 1544th Transportation Company based out of Paris, IL. The National Guard activated their unit in 2003 and deployed to Iraq, where Jeremy served as a gunner in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. On May 23, 2004, Jeremy gave the ultimate sacrifice in service of his country and was awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart.





1995 BASEBALL TEAM

The 1995 Trojan Baseball team finished the season with an overall record of 20-11 and an Elite 8 appearance. Under first-year coach Jim Stewart, the Trojans entered Regionals as a 6-seed. However, the Trojans upset the 3-seed St. Teresa 2-0; they beat the 2-seed Clinton 5-0, with a pitching shut-out by Josh Williams; and they shocked Argenta, who expected to win the Regional Championship, with a 3-2 Trojan victory. The baseball team went on to defeat Bethany 8-3 and Newton 9-6 in the Sectional finals.

All County Team: Adam Haines and T. J. Jackson
Best of the Rest: Chad Hunter, Chad Boyle, and Bart Rose

Coach Jim Stewart was honored as Macon County Coach of the Year.

Six members of the team went on to play college baseball, with 3 of those achieving college All-Conference status.



2001 & 2002 GIRLS GOLF TEAMS

The 2001 and 2002 MFHS Girls Golf Teams played some of the best golf Central Illinois ever witnessed. The teams, a co-op from Maroa-Forsyth, Warrensburg-Latham, and Mt. Zion, were able to come together for remarkable back-to-back seasons.

The 2001 team finished the regular season 19-0, winning three invitationals. The team shot a remarkable 166.8 average for 9 holes and 338.4 for 18, led by junior Hilary Anderson with a 38.3 stroke 9-hole average. In the post-season, the girls won the Regional and finished runner-up at Sectionals. At the IHSA State Finals, the girls finished runner-up to New Trier High School, a school with over 3,000 students located in Winnetka, Illinois.

In 2002, the team finished the regular season at 20-1, with Anderson once again leading the way with a 37.7 stroke 9-hole average. Overall, the team shot 162.7 for 9 holes and 326.8 for 18 holes and finished runners-up in their three invitationals and tournament. In the IHSA postseason, they finished third in the Regional and won Sectionals. In the IHSA State Finals, the girls fell one stroke short to finish as 2002 IHSA State Runners-Up.



The Maroa Foundation & Archives HOF Committee would like to thank the following people for all of their contributions. Without their help, this evening would not have been possible.

Phil Applebee for having the vision for a Hall of Fame for the Maroa-Forsyth School District.

Matt Hall (class of 1998) for agreeing to be our Master of Ceremonies & Auctioneer

Jayla Johnson (current student) for designing our program cover

Grace Allsup (current student) for providing music during our Cocktail Hour

The Maroa-Forsyth High School Honors Choir, under the direction of Christopher Weisenborn, for the entertainment.

HS art teacher, Ashlyn Britz, for working with her Graphic Design class on designing our program cover.

HS National Honor Society sponsor, Ken Parks, for working with the NHS students to capture the essence of our inductees in their bios.

NHS students, Jolie Stewart and Avri Tertocha, for writing our inductees' bios.

Cassie Crouch and her students for the beautiful table decorations and for making the Hall of Fame Plaques

Jason Queen and Wallender-Dedman Printing for the programs

The Maroa-Forsyth Foundation & Archives board and members for their support.

**Maroa-Forsyth High School
presents**

CHICAGO

Thursday, April 11 @ 7:00pm

Friday, April 12 @ 7:00pm

Saturday, April 13 @ 1:00pm

Saturday, April 13 @ 7:00pm

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MF School Archives
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The School Archives promotes the collection, preservation, and digitization of historical items from the Maroa-Forsyth School District and its communities. The Archives holds school records dating back to the late 1800s, yearbooks and school newspapers, photos, videos, clothing items, and more, with the goal of increasing public access to these items through its website, social media, and in-person events. Alumni, former faculty, staff, and community members are welcome to contact the Archives for research or for donations of school-related materials.

Use the QR code below or visit www.MFSchoolArchives.com



Maroa-Forsyth Foundation



Started in 1996, the Foundation is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization that is dedicated to enriching, enhancing, and supporting the Maroa-Forsyth School District. It provides funds to enhance classroom curriculum and aids teachers through the fulfillment of Teacher Classroom Grants.

Through the generous donations of alumni, parents, community members, and other supporters, the Foundation has provided over \$250,000 in classroom grants and over \$44,000 in scholarships to graduating MF seniors. Foundation classroom grants have purchased materials for Grade School, Middle School, and High School students across all programs, including music, reading, art, science, social studies, school assemblies, and the Wall of Valor display.

Please take a moment tonight to donate to the Foundation by check or credit card at the silent auction table. Your donation makes a huge difference in the lives of current MF students and the work their teachers can do in the classroom.

Thank You!