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JOIN US FOR OUR MARKET AND THE CLASSIC CAR CRUISE COMING UP IN OCTOBER!

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL IN OCTOBER! ALL 900 TICKETS FOR THE TRAIN RIDE HAVE BEEN SOLD AND WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO BRING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THE COMMUNITY!







IN CELEBRATION OF HALLOWEEN, WE WILL BE HOSTING TRUNK OR TREATING DURING THE FALL FESTIVAL AT 3:15 PM. THIS IS FOR BUSINESSES TO LINE THEIR DECORATED VEHICLES UP ON EAST WASHINGTON STREET AND HAND OUT A SMALL TREAT OR AN INCENTIVE TO VISIT YOUR BUSINESS. IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP AND WOULD LIKE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

WWW.GO-MARENGO.COM/FALLFESTIVAL



## THE GATEWAY CHALLENGE SPRINT TRIATHLON

One hundred fifteen athletes participated in the Gateway Challenge Sprint Triathlon on Saturday, September 16th, at Gateway Park and Preserve. The event started at 7:50 a.m. with Sahara Kanke singing the National Anthem A Capella style. Athletes then performed the swimming part, which went straight into the biking and running portions. Sheriff Rob Rotter organized the event with the help of the Marengo Police Department and Marengo Community Development. Compass Memorial Hospital generously donated the t-shirts and the majority of the volunteers. Businesses reported many participants and their families dining in town during and after the event.



## SEPTEMBER 2023 MARENGO MEMBER MIXERS UPDATE

Keystone Savings Bank hosted our mixer on September 14th. Ellie Garringer, Manager of Keystone Savings Bank, shared the history of the branch with us. In the early 1900s, the town of Keystone, Iowa had two banks, German State Bank and Farmers Savings Bank. When the Great Depression hit, both banks failed, and the State Banking Department was placed in charge in 1932. To meet the needs of the community, Keystone Savings Bank officially opened for business on April 27, 1935. Today, Keystone Savings Bank continues to be a strong community bank in Iowa and is owned by local shareholders primarily from the Benton County area. Through the years, the bank has grown and added branches in Marengo (1995), Center Point (2004), Pleasant Hill (2007) and Victor (2018). They remain dedicated to serving their customers and they thank their past and present customers and community members for their support.

Leanne's School of Dance hosted our mixer on September 24th. Leanne Cronbaugh began teaching dance in 1967, first as a traveling instructor in the Iowa, Benton, and Linn counties. A graduate of the University of Iowa who has experience touring with musical theater, she began her studio in 1978, first inside the old People's Savings Bank building along Court Avenue before the move to 249 E Washington St. (now Blackbird Boutique) in 1990. In 2018, after her brother Tom Ryan retired from his business (Peterson's Pharmacy), he thought it would be a great idea for his sister and his niece, Abby Kasper, to open a larger dance studio at 104 E Washington St. where a pharmacy had been.

## MarenGO Member Mixers Schedule for October 2023

October 12th, 2023 @ 9AM - Iowa River Apparel - 1099 Court Ave

October 26th, 2023 @ 9AM - S&S Plumbing & Heating - MarenGO Office in the Library Basement