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### The Newsletter of Marengo Community Development

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DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS

Tingle Around the Square

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND **DOWNTOWN MARENGO**

8 AM - Breakfast with Santa Iowa Valley Elementary School

4 PM to 7 PM - Santa Supper New American Legion - \$10

5 PM to 7 PM – Jingle Around the Square Starts at City Hall: Wagon Rides, Hot Cocoa, The Grinch, Santa, & More. Maps to follow

> 5:15 PM - Snow Globe Dancers Leanne's School of Dance

6:45 PM - Lighted Christmas Parade Homecoming Parade Route

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## MARENGO COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**RENEW SALON & SPA HAD THEIR RIBBON CUTTING ON OCTOBER 24TH. WELCOME MARENGO! THANK YOU FOR INVESTING** TO **IN OUR COMMUNITY!** 



### MARENGO CLASSIC CAR CRUISE

Over 20 cars participated in Marengo Community Development's first Classic Car Cruise on October 14th. Participants enjoyed some good conversation about the good old days on Court Avenue before they started the cruise. Once the cars started to cruise, it was a great site that took you back in time. Marengo Community Development plans to host a few more in 2024 with a modified agenda.



MARENGO FALL FESTIVAL AND TRAIN RIDE

The Marengo Community Development Fall Festival and Train Ride on October 21st was a huge success. All 900 tickets for the train ride were sold out in under ten days. 85% of the train riders were from outside of Marengo, and it was a treat for them to visit the town. The Fall Festival was also a big hit, and families had a great time trunk or treating with the businesses. Businesses reported being very busy that day and were excited to see some new faces. Marengo Community Development hopes the Iowa Interstate Railroad will want to team up with the Marengo Fire Department and Marengo Community Development again. Thank you to all the businesses and volunteers who participated in this event!



**October 2023 MARENGO MEMBER MIXERS UPDATE** 

Iowa River Apparel hosted our mixer on October 12th. Paul Stults, owner of Iowa River Apparel, shared his journey of opening his shop in Marengo. Paul is in his third year of business in Marengo. Paul specializes in custom apparel items, Iowa Valley apparel and stadium seats, many specialty items from local artists and vendors, and don't forget his rocks. Paul enjoys allowing the local vendors and artists to display their items. Paul is most passionate about his rocks! Paul enjoys going on many adventures to find remarkable rocks for his shop. Paul gave everyone a laugh at his mixer when he passed around a chunk of Coprolite. Many of us, not knowing what Coprolite was, really loved finding out it was, in fact, fossilized dinosaur feces. Paul enjoys talking to his customers and holds the relationships he has established with them dear to his heart.

S&S Plumbing and Heating hosted our mixer on October 26th. Travis Schlabach, owner of S&S, spoke about his businesses other activities he is involved in (assistant chief of the fire department, city council member, drain district manager, and his tractor pulling). Travis said he began his plumbing career almost 40 years ago as he joked about driving his moped to fix furnaces. Travis is passionate about his community and has given downtown Marengo a new life in the last ten years. Many businesses rely on the path that Travis has laid to operate an excellent, efficient, and affordable business in Marengo. Travis also owns many rental properties in Marengo and has also laid that same path when it comes to renting a nice space to live. Travis is an advocate for educating people on how investing in your community benefits everyone as a whole.

MarenGO Member Mixers Schedule for November 2023 November 9th, 2023 @ 9AM - Canceled November 23rd, 2023 @ 9AM - No Mixer - Happy Thanksgiving!