



## Marengo-Union Chamber swears in new Board of Directors Chairman

On November 16, 2023, Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Chairman - Tim Sebastian swore in our newest Board of Directors Chairman, Hayden Creasy at the Chamber's Annual dinner at Trio Grille. Senator and Mrs. Syverson, the Mayor, Police Chief, City Administration, Business Owners, and past Board members witnessed this bittersweet changing of the guard.

Incorporating in October 1970, the Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors have had 41 unique area businessmen and women serve as Chairman. Current treasurer William Pulak served for two years as Chairman and has 16 years on the Board in various positions, Jim Duncan—two years, Randy Hauschildt 4 years as Chairman and 20 plus years' service and Tim Sebastian 6 years as chairman and 8 years of service.

Tim was elected in 2017 and came into the chamber world with great ambitions. He brought us through a pandemic, the pandemic recovery, and the office remodeling. He was instrumental in updating the By-Laws, put together a strategic planning meeting, updating the mission statement, vision statement and core values in which we collectively formed committees to address the people, the growth, the structure and the financial health of the Chamber and the community. Tim loved helping plan the golf outings and added more opportunities/programs to not only the business members but also the community.

Tim is currently serving as an elected trustee of the McHenry County Regional Office of Education, President of WXMR 94.3 Marengo Community Radio, a Re/Max real estate agent, volunteers at MCHS and is the "voice" of the Marengo Indians sports. Tim enjoys his children: Colin (Kristin), Grace and Gretchen and grandson Michael with his wife Toni.

Hayden Creasy, was born on Christmas Day in 1991 to Greg Creasy and Cathy (Joe) Simonini. He has two brothers, Jordan Creasy and Hunter Simonini and one sister, Isabella Simonini. Hayden attended Zion Lutheran school through out his elementary years, then attending Marengo Community High School. After graduating from MCHS, Hayden ventured off to NIU.

Hayden married the love of his life, Katie (Wilyat) in March of 2022. Hayden is employed by Prairie Community Bank as a Commercial Lender and in his spare time, he loves to go golfing, sing and play the Piano. You've probably heard the smoothness of his voice as he has played and sang with his brother, Jordan at Settlers Days and other locations.

Very much family oriented, Hayden loves spending time with his family and friends whether it's watching a movie or working on a puzzle with Katie.

His goals align with those of the Executive Director "to help provide opportunities for the community to come together and assist the businesses in our community to help them grow and succeed".

The Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce is a strong advocate for everything local. From the State of the Community, the Hometown Hero banners, the Queen of Hearts (a sustainable fund for our many scholarships), Settlers Days, informational and educational luncheons, the Community guide to many solid community partnerships.





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Join us for  
**Valentine's Day**  
February 14th

Choose one from each Course:

- 1st Course: Escargot, Crab Cake or Bruschetta
- 2nd Course: Spinach Mandarin Salad or House Salad
- 3rd Course: Lobster Bisque or French Onion Soup
- 4th Course: Pistachio Crusted Salmon, Lamb Chops or Shrimp & Scallop Pasta
- 5th Course: Creme Brulee, Chocolate Mousse or Frozen Mocha Cake

Five Course Dinner \$60 pp

Full Menu Available - Reservations Suggested

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UNION FIRE DEPARTMENT  
**MEAT RAFFLE**  
FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 24th, 2024

Miss Kitty's Saloon  
- Route 20 in Marengo -

FROM 1pm-4pm

EVERY ONE IS A WINNER WHEN HELPING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS!

STEAKS, PORK CHOPS, PRIME RIB, BACON, CHICKENS, HAMS  
Provided by Kearns Quality Meats

YOU CAN'T BUY  
love  
BUT YOU CAN BUY  
local  
AND THAT'S KIND OF  
the same thing

## February EVENTS

2024 Dates to Remember



- Feb. 6,13,20,27 ~ Queen of Hearts Drawing-7 pm @ Trio
- Feb. 1 ~ STATE OF THE COMMUNITY 8~10 am
- Feb. 1-14 ~ FFA Strawberry Sales
- Feb. 7 ~ Valentine's for Seniors DUE
- Feb. 10 ~ Sweetheart Dance 5:30-7:30pm Marengo Park Dist
- Feb. 10 ~ Galentine Event @ Jane's on State 10am-1pm
- Feb. 14 ~ Valentine's Day ♥ ♥
- Feb. 15 ~ Board of Directors Meeting 8:30 am
- Feb. 19 ~ President's Day—Office CLOSED
- Feb. 24 ~ Union Fire Dept. Meat raffle 1~4pm @ Miss Kitty's
- Feb. 26 ~ WXMR 94.3 Live Broadcast -7pm ~ discussing the local upcoming referendums.
- March 10 ~ CCL Renewal Class at D5 Ranges
- March 16 ~ St. Patrick's Pub Crawl



jane's on state  
*Galentine event*

SWEET TREATS.  
MINI MARKET.  
GRAPHIC TEES.  
PERMANENT JEWELRY  
VALENTINE ITEMS  
HANDMADE GOODS

SATURDAY 02/10  
10AM-1PM

ANNUAL VALENTINES FOR  
SENIORS CARD DRIVE

HOSTED BY  
SENATOR DAVE SYVERSON

JANUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 7, 2024

Seniors have been especially impacted the last few years by Covid related isolation. In an effort to lift their spirits and let them know how special they are we are again running our Valentines for Seniors Drive. Last year with your help we collected over 5,000 cards that went to Seniors in assisted living, long term care, or in their homes.

Seniors are incredibly important to our community and Senator Syversen is asking for your help in writing cards to those living in assisted living and long-term care facilities. To help us reach our goal to deliver to at least 2500 seniors, we are asking students, churches, businesses and families to either make cards or purchase cards with a message from you to our seniors. The hope is to bring joy to our community's seniors this Valentine's Day.

We will be accepting cards until February 7th.

WHAT: Valentines for Seniors Card Drive Program

WHEN: January 9 - February 7, 2024

DROP OFF OR MAIL CARDS TO:

Senator Syversen's Office:  
527 Colman Center Dr, Cherry Valley, IL 61108

If you have any questions or if you are a school, church or business and would like to have cards picked up or have a visit by Senator Syversen to personally thank your group contact info@senatordavesyversen.com or call 815-987-7555. Thank you and we look forward to your participation in the Valentines for Seniors Card Drive.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

STATE SENATOR  
DAVE SYVERSON  
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SenatorDaveSyversen.com



Moms and sons, Dads and daughters come out to share a night to remember as we present our annual Family Sweetheart Ball. Everyone comes dressed to impress. Photo station, DJ, dance contests and more. Dinner and a candy bar will be provided. (Doors open at 5:15 pm)

Where: Marengo Park District Indian Oaks Park

When: Saturday February 10th, 5:30-7:30 pm

Cost: R \$20 per individual 16+, \$15 per child  
NR \$25 per individual 16+, \$20 per child

Registration closes on February 5th. All attendees must register.  
www.marengoparkdistrict.org

