



CHAMBER Insider

DECEMBER 2025

CELEBRATE LOCALLY

Ideas for the Holidays in the Marengo/Union Area

- **Chamber Gift Certificates** ~ Available in \$5-\$10 denominations
- **Round of Golf** ~ Marengo Ridge
- **Farm Fresh Eggs & Milk** ~ Cody's Farm & Orchard
- **Day Care** ~ Brown Bear Day Care & Learning Center
- **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner or a Night Out** ~ Abbondanza Cucina, Café 20, Cody's Farm, Dino's, Joe's Place, Flatlander Market, Marengo Café, McDonalds, Ming's Garden, Miss Kitty's, Northside Tap, Pointer's Saloon, StoneBakers, Sullivans, TrYst Lounge, Sam's Tavern
- **Ride the Rails** ~ Illinois Railway Museum
- **Giving cash?** ~ First National Bank, Prairie Community Bank
- **Work-Out** ~ Marengo Park District
- **A Great Book to Read** ~ Marengo Public Library
- **Vehicle check/repair** ~ Karsten's Tire & Auto, Marengo Auto Body & Glass, Remke's Garage
- **Sports & Recreation** ~ D5 Range – Marengo
- **Investments** ~ Edward Jones, Savant Wealth Management, Lanci Financial, FNBO
- **A Nice Bottle of Wine** ~ Armanetti's, Sullivan's
- **Custom Embroidered or Marengo Indians Gear** ~ HyperStitch
- **Card/Unique Gift** ~ Jane's on State, Marengo Emporium, Three Bee's Honey, First Presbyterian Thrift Store
- **For the Home** ~ Air Management, Advance Welding, BelRock Asphalt Paving, C&H Design, Carr's Air Maintenance, Diamond H Farms, Doug Kunde Excavating, Knobloch Plumbing, Mr. Goodwater, Quality Water, SPW Snowplow Parts, Suburban Sewer & Septic, Tri-County Preferred Garage Door, White Pines Tree Svc
- **Attend Church** ~ Marengo United Methodist, Victory Rock Fellowship, Zion Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church, St. John's Lutheran, First Baptist Church, Sacred Heart, First Assy. Of God
- **Pamper Your Pet** ~ Wholesome Petz
- **Self Care** ~ HIVE Infusion Spa, Marengo Vision, Three Bee's Honey
- **One of a Kind Decal for Your Vehicle** ~ Marengo Signs
- **Centerpieces for Holiday Meals** ~ Marengo Floral
- **Home Help** ~ Compassionate Choice Home Help 815-289-9438
- **Physical Therapy** ~ Athletico Physical Therapy, CORA Physical Therapy
- **Planning an Event** ~ KP Acres
- **Museums to Visit** ~ McHenry Co. Historical Society, Illinois Railway
- **Storage** ~ Highway 20 Self Storage, Marengo Mini Storage
- **Insurance Check** ~ Marengo Insurance
- **New Home** ~ Century 21, Re/Max Connections, MI Homes
- **Custom Pillows, Blankets, T-Shirt Quilts** ~ Patti's Patchwork

From our families to yours, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

MARENGO CHRISTMAS PARADE
Hosted by Marengo Fire & Rescue Districts

Saturday, December 6, 2025
Parade kicks off at 5:45pm
Lighted Parade Theme: Your favorite scene from the movie 'A Christmas Story'
Parade entries must be made by November 28!

For questions regarding parade entry: marengofdevents@gmail.com

You can't buy happiness but you can buy local and that's kind of the same thing!

For every **\$100** spent at a local business...
\$68 STAYS IN OUR LOCAL ECONOMY

SMALL BUSINESS SEASON
#SmallBusinessSeason



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Marengo, IL 60152

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chamber@marengo-union.com

www.marengo-union.com



— Friends of the —
MARENGO-UNION
LIBRARY DISTRICT

Dec. 6, 2025 ~ 9-3pm

COOKIE SALE

Girl Scouts Troop 222
Warm Winter Wishes
Donation Drive

Nov 28th - Dec 6th

We are collecting new and gently used blankets, winter gear, and winter clothes for those in need. Donations will be delivered to the Marengo MORE Center. We will pick up the donations after the Marengo Christmas Parade.

We will have donation boxes set out at:
Marengo Emporium
Marengo Fire Department
Sullivans

December

2025 Dates to Remember



- Dec. 2, 9, 16 ~ Queen of Hearts Drawing -7 pm at Northside
NO drawing on 12-23 or 12-30
- Dec. 3 ~ Paint & Sip - Pointers 6pm
- Dec. 5 ~ Winter Recital @ MCHS ~ 6pm
- Dec. 6 ~ Winter Recital @ MCHS ~ 2pm
- Dec. 6 ~ Christmas Parade 5:30pm, Tree Lighting & Santa, food, beverages
- Dec. 6 ~ Marengo Library cookie sale 9am-3pm
- Dec. 11 ~ Santa @ Three Bees 3-5pm
- Dec. 12 ~ Home Spa Make & Take @ Three Bees 5-7pm
- Dec. 12 ~ Santa @ Pointers 6-8pm
- Dec. 13 ~ Cocktails, Candy Canes & Claus Crawl 5-8pm
- Dec. 13 ~ Santa @ Prairie Comm. Bank 9am-12pm
- Dec. 13 ~ Breakfast with Santa & Mrs Claus @ Marengo Park Dist.
- Dec. 13 ~ Elderberry Syrup & Cider make n take @ Three Bees 12-3pm
- Dec. 14 ~ Cody's Farm Christmas Live Nativity 4pm
- Dec. 18 ~ Merry Jane's Market 5-8pm @ Jane's on State
- Dec. 18 ~ Christmas Home Decorating Contest registration ends – register at Marengo Park District
- Dec. 19 ~ Bees Wax Luminary make n take @ Three Bees 5-7pm
- Dec. 19-20 ~ Christmas Cookie Walk @ Sullivans 10am-6pm
- Dec. 20 ~ Incense & Potpourri make n take @ Three Bees 12-3pm
- Dec. 21 ~ Christmas Cookie Walk @ Sullivans 10am-1pm
- Dec. 18 ~ Jan 4 ~ Limited Chamber office hours
- Dec. 24 ~ Last day for Shop Local, mail by Jan.9th
- Dec. 23 & 30 ~ NO Queen of Hearts drawings
- Dec. 27 ~ Kids NYE Party @ Pointers 6-9pm
- Dec. 29 ~ Holiday Tea with my doll & me—Marengo Park Dist.



Cocktails, Candy Canes & Claus Crawl

Saturday, December 13th 5-8 pm

NORTHSIDE POINTERS SALOON, TRYST, SAM'S TAVERN, CAFE 20, MISS KITTY'S & ABBONDANZA GUCINA

Wristbands - \$25.00 includes:
 • 7 Raffle Tickets
 • Exclusive Crawl Drinks
 • A Visit from Santa
 • PRIZES !!

Begin & End at: Northside Tap - 104 N. State St.

Questions - 815-568-6680

Must be 21 to participate.
Beverages must be consumed within the participating establishment
ABSOLUTELY NO open alcohol may be carried onto the street.



PRAIRIE
Community Bank

SANTA & THE GRINCH ARE COMING!

In partnership with
SCHROEDER
ASPHALT SERVICES, INC.



Member
FDIC
Lender

What: Come celebrate the season with us! 🎄 Meet Santa, take a festive photo, and tell him your Christmas wishes. Don't miss the Grinch—he's up to his usual mischief! Plus, enjoy a special gift, courtesy of Schroeder Asphalt Services (while supplies last).

Where: 800 W Grant Hwy Marengo, IL 60152

When: Saturday, December 13th from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Who: This event is for our community and open to the public! Come visit your community bank!



Prairie is hosting a holiday food drive! Non-perishables and monetary donations are accepted at all Prairie locations from now until December 12th!



Marengo Park District

Serving the Community Since 1938

AARP DRIVER SAFETY

Older adults overall are safe drivers with good driving records. However, medical conditions, certain medications, and age-related physical changes can increase the risk of injury and crashes

among older drivers. It is critically important that older drivers make driving safely a personal priority. AARP Driver Safety is committed to helping Americans 50 and older sustain mobility and safety as they age, especially as that population segment grows larger.

Days: Tuesday, December 3rd and Wednesday, December 4th from 9:00-1:00 pm (8 total class hrs.)

Cost: AARP Member \$20, Non-AARP Member \$25 (Cash or Check day of)

Registration closes: November 29



Real Possibilities

WWW.MARENGOPARKDISTRICT.ORG



Live Nativity
December 14th 4pm

Cody's Farm & Orchard—Marengo

**Sullivan's Foods
Annual
Christmas Cookie
Walk
Poem**

December 19 - 20, 2025

10am-6pm

December 21, 2025

10am-1pm

**Upcoming
Events**

December at Three Bees

<p>DEC 05 5:00 - 7:00 PM Beeswax Luminary Make & Take</p>	<p>DEC 06 Shop Three Bees at Streamwood Library pop up 12:00 - 4:00 PM Infused Honey Make & Take 5:00 - 7:00 PM</p>	<p>DEC 07 10:00 - 4:00 PM St. Ambrose Day Celebration</p>
<p>DEC 11 3:00 - 5:00 PM Meet Santa Claus</p>	<p>DEC 12 5:00 - 7:00 PM Hive Based Home Spa Make & Take</p>	<p>DEC 13 12:00 - 3:00 PM Elderberry Syrup & Fire Cider Make & Take</p>
<p>DEC 13/14 12:00 - 6:00 PM Three Bees at Elgin Holly Days Pop Up Market (offsite event)</p>	<p>DEC 19 5:00-7:00PM Beeswax Luminary Make & Take</p>	<p>DEC 20 12:00 - 3:00 PM Incense & Potpourri Make & Take</p>

www.threebees.net

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**Breakfast with Santa
and Mrs. Claus**

Enjoy a family breakfast outing and pancakes with the big guy and Mrs. Claus. Arts & crafts

and a photo with Santa & Mrs. Claus.

Day: Saturday, Dec. 13th;

1st Seating 8:45 am, 2nd Seating 10:15 am

Cost: R \$15, NR \$20 per person - Kids 2

and under eat free

Registration Closes: December 10



www.marengoparkdistrict.org

**Meet
Santa**

at **NIKOS POINTERS SALOON**
106 S STATE ST
MARENGO, IL 60152

**DEC 12th
6-8 pm**

JOIN US IN SOME
HOLIDAY MAGIC! GET
YOUR PHOTOS WITH
SANTA AND GET YOUR
FIX AT THE FREE HOT
COCOA BAR!

RESERVATIONS ARE
RECOMMENDED.
MESSAGE US OR GIVE
US A CALL TODAY
815-568-7955





Looking for an amazing and enchanting way for your family to spend time with Santa? Come ride the Illinois Railway Museum's Happy Holiday Railway!

Buy your tickets at: www.irm.org
Schedule

Dec. 6 & 7, 2025	10am~8:30pm
Dec. 13 & 14, 2025	10am~8:30pm
Dec. 20 & 21, 2025	10am~8:30pm
Dec. 22, 2025	10am~7:30pm

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School of Dance

UNWRAP THE WONDERS OF DANCE

FRIDAY DEC 5TH @ 6PM
SATURDAY DEC 6TH @ 2PM

WINTER 2025 RECITAL	\$7 TICKETS AT DOOR	MARENGO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
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DANCE@MARENGOPARKDISTRICT.ORG



Christmas House Lighting Contest

Enter your house in the Christmas House Lighting Contest.
Register online by 2:00 pm Thursday, December 18
Judging: Saturday, December 20
Prizes: Yard signs for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

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SHOP LOCAL & YOU WIN!

Marengo Union
Chamber of Commerce

This year to enhance your holiday shopping experience the Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce proudly presents "Shop Local & YOU WIN" just for shopping local.

From Saturday, November 29th through December 24, 2025, spend a combined total of \$200.00 or more at Marengo & Union businesses (excluding gas/diesel), submit by mail: copies of your receipts along with the entry form by January 9, 2026 and receive a \$10.00 Chamber gift certificate. ** limited to the first 100 entries **

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

2025 "Shop Local & YOU WIN" terms and conditions

- Complete entries must be submitted by mail to Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce—116 S. State Street, Marengo, IL 60152 and postmarked no later than January 9th, 2026;
- Complete entries must include 1) copies of sales receipts totaling \$200.00 or more from Marengo Union area businesses—excluding gas/diesel 2) completed form.
- All receipts must have the store name, location, date and total amount.
- Limit one refund per person; open to residents and non-residents of at least 18 years of age;
- Eligible purchases include all goods and services, taxable and non-taxable; gas and diesel are excluded from this promotion.
- We are not responsible for incomplete forms, late, lost, illegible, stolen, delayed, un-postmarked, postage due or misdirected mail.
- Questions can be directed via email to: chamber@marengo-union.com or by phone 815-568-6680. Any other additional information can be found on our website www.marengo-union.com or our facebook page.
- Limited to only the first 100 entries—no exceptions.



**MEET
and
GREET
with
SANTA**

**DECEMBER 11, 2025
3-5 pm**

**Three Bees
Honey Shop**

219 S. State St., Marengo



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

PAINT & SIP

POINTERS SALOON
106 S STATE ST.
MARENGO, IL

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 3RD
@ 6 PM**



Kids New Years Eve Pajama Party

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27TH
6-9PM**

Tableside magic shows!

\$15 per kid 12 and under

Fun goodies for the countdown

KID'S BUFFET
- MAC 'N' CHEESE
- FRENCH FRIES
- PIZZA
- ICE CREAM

APPLE JUICE TOASTS & BALLOON DROPS AT 6:30PM & 8:30PM

**NIKO'S POINTERS SALOON
106 S. State St Marengo, IL 60152**

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HOLIDAY TEA WITH MY DOLL & ME



**Ages: 4-9 years old
Cost: \$15 per child**

Registration closes: December 22

Date: Monday, December 29 from 11:30-1:00 pm

This special day is just for you and your favorite doll. Dress in your tea party finest, and we will have mini sandwiches, snacks and even some "tea" (water or apple juice) for sipping. Instructor Emily will lead us in the activities and story time as well as a mini fashion show for you and your doll. Parent/child required.

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MERRY jane's MARKET

CREASY COOKIES*HERBAL REVIVAL
THE LUCKY LEMON*SINLESS SOAP

Stocking Stuffers, Last minute gifts, Hostess
gifts, and don't forget yourself!!!

December 18, 2025

Jane's on State 110 N State Street, Marengo

Beeswax craft

Luminary Class

Make and Take

Make a beautiful beeswax luminary and decorate it with dried flowers and leaves for a lovely keepsake

December 5, 2025

Three Bees Honey Shop

219 S. State St.
Marengo, IL

www.threebees.net

Join Us!
5:00-7:00 PM



Healthy for the Holiday
Self Care Series

Home Spa

Make and Take

Make all natural, hive based body care and learn about the benefits and importance of clean products and healthy living.

December 12th, 2025

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Join Us!
5:00 - 7:00 PM



Healthy for the Holidays

Elderberry Syrup

& Fire Cider

Make and Take

Make 2 delicious and healthful herbal elixirs and learn about the benefits and uses of both.

December 13th

12:00-3:00pm

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December 19, 2025

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5:00-7:00 PM

