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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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Teri Greeno, Owner

EVENTS *at a glance*

November

11-26 & 27 Thanksgiving Holiday
Chamber Office Closed

December

- 12-1 Expo Committee Meeting
Noon - Flatlanders
- 12-3 WIB Holiday Wine Tasting
& Networking 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Flatlanders
- 12-5 Breakfast with Santa
Marengo Park District 9 - 11 am
- 12-9 Member Holiday Luncheon - Noon
- 12-13 Santa Visits Union
Noon - 3 pm
- 12-15 Mixer - Merriehill Farms 5 - 7 pm
- 12-16 Chamber Board of Directors
Meeting 7:30 am
- 12-24 thru 1-3 Christmas Holiday
New Year's Holiday
Chamber Office Closed



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Carl Griffith



To all my fellow members from Marengo and Union

I first would like to take this opportunity to tell you how excited I am to represent the Marengo/Union Chamber of Commerce in 2009/2010 as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. I am taking on this role with a fantastic Board of Directors already in place. We are also fortunate to have a very capable Chamber staff, led by our hard working CEO/President, Marlene Slavin. Marlene and her staff are always ready to assist the Board and its members. Additionally, former Board Chairperson, Lisa Rossow has agreed to work with the Board for another year. All this talent and support, will not only make for a smooth transition, but will allow me to better serve you, our Marengo/Union Business Community.

I am sure you will agree the economy is slowly starting to rebound, however we are not there yet, and still have a way to go. As chairman, I can assure you that the Chamber is strong fiscally and we are continuing to grow with new membership. You can count on your Chamber being there for you through good times as well as bad.

Chambers are only as strong as its membership therefore; I must encourage each of you to become more involved, we need your support! With your support, we can achieve our goals and provide our members with opportunities for growth and prosperity. New voices bring new ideas. This year, a new idea turned out to be a great one! We had over 650 people attend the Chamber's Harlem Ambassadors basketball fund-raiser. This program was a success for the Chamber and for the community.

Through Chamber involvement there are many opportunities to network with your business community. Please consider attending a business mixer and the always well attended Marengo/Union Expo. If you are more comfortable networking in small groups, I encourage you to attend a member's luncheon, women in business meeting, or start your own networking group. Just contact the Chamber office to find out how you can get involved.

This year will be the 40th year celebration for the Marengo/Union Chamber of Commerce. We are planning a gala celebration to mark the occasion so look for the information with the dates and times, and be ready for an evening of dancing and excitement.

I am excited about all the opportunities for us to come out and support the Chamber, while also having a lot of fun. I know that with all of your support there is not any chance of not having a positive outcome. My phone is always on 815-482-0601 so give me a call anytime with your thoughts and ideas. Please remember, we are here to serve you our members.

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Welcome to the Board, new Directors: Pat Signore (Illinois Alliance Insurance), Sheila Amiry (Franks, Gerkin & McKenna), and Julie Remke (CARQUEST of Woodstock)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK Marlene Slavin



The Chamber is gearing up for the 2010 Expo scheduled for February 13th and 14th at MCHS. Our Exhibitor space is about 65% full and we expect by Christmas to be at capacity! If you are thinking about participating, contact the chamber office ASAP to make your reservation now. If you delay, you may miss the opportunity to be a part of this very popular event.

We've added some very special entertainment this year: **The Bubble Wonder Show** Featuring world renowned "bubbleologist" Geoff Akins who will mesmerize the audience with his amazing feats on Saturday, February 13th at 11 a.m. Tickets will be available at the Chamber office starting December 1st. Prices: 4 yrs & up – Only \$3, Free to kids under 4 yrs. Seating is limited. Call the chamber and reserve your seats with a credit card. Makes an outstanding Christmas Gift!

On Sunday, February 14th **Corbin's Exotic Pets** will bring us their **Exotic Reptile & Mammal Show**. A hands-on event filled with exotic animals from around the world. Show is free and starts at 11 a.m.

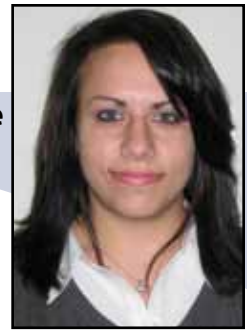
Chamber members Tim & Jeanne Camp are providing **NASCAR Style R/C Racing** all weekend with their **Rolling Thunder** race track. Experience chills and thrills excitement on both days of the Expo. New this year is a Crafters' Corner featuring handmade items from local crafters. Mark your calendar and bring the family for a fun-filled weekend!

You've probably noticed there is a lot of commercial activity taking place in Marengo. Karsten's Service has opened their new facility on Lindow Lane & Rt. 20. Directly across the street, The Glo-Bowl broke ground and already has walls up for their new entertainment center scheduled for a spring opening. Blackstone Golf Club has broken ground for their new 6,000 sq. ft. Club House, which is expected to be completed late in 2010 and Swedish Covenant Hospital plans to open their medical care facility in downtown Marengo this spring. Prairie Community Bank has moved into their new banking facility in Union and is open for business. Members, we encourage you to stop in and check out these new business facilities and support our local businesses. The Marengo and Union business community is on the move!!!

Chamber **Women in Business** invite you to join them at their **1st Anniversary Celebration**, scheduled for December 1st at Flatlanders' Market. Wine Tasting and Appetizers will be served. Networking starts at 5:30 (until 7:30pm). Please RSVP at the Chamber. Congratulations! to the founding members of this very special organization! You successfully developed a much needed and popular program for our female members.

And finally, plans are already underway for the Chamber's 40th Anniversary Party next year. If you are interested in helping us organize this important Gala Event call the office and join us at our next planning meeting. We can use some more help.

New Staff at the Chamber Nicole Shadle



We are pleased to welcome Marengo resident, Nicole Shadle to our staff as the Executive Assistant to the Chamber President. Nicki brings knowledge and experience she will use to keep the chamber website updated, maintain the calendar of events, membership directory and eblast schedule, as well as help members with their advertising copy. We hope to tap into her other creative talents like photography, as well. Next time you are in the neighborhood, be sure to stop in and say "hi"! Welcome to the Chamber Nicki!

Dianna K. Torman
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BIZ JOURNAL BOOK OF LISTS - 2010 SIGN UP TODAY!

It is the time of year again when The Business Journal prepares their annual McHenry County Book of Lists, the directory of businesses for businesses in McHenry.

They are still asking businesses who have not participated in the free surveys to take time to fill out a survey that corresponds to their industry. If you have not filled out a survey, we encourage you to visit <http://www.biz-journal.com/forms/surveys/>

Advertising opportunities are also available. If you have any questions on the advertising rates, please contact your account rep. If you do not have an account rep, you can contact Mark Earnest at 815-526-4451 or mearnest@shawsuburban.com

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Ryan Vanderkoy passes CPA Exam

Caufield & Flood would like to congratulate Ryan Vanderkoy on passing the CPA exam. Ryan joined the firm in July of 2007. In addition to accounting and income tax services for business, Ryan performs payroll and sales tax compliance services.



Blackstone Golf Club Breaks Ground

Groundbreaking for the new Club House at Blackstone Golf Club was made on November 10th. The 6,000 square foot main floor includes: a Pro Shop, Grille Room and Bar, Dining Room, Banquet Capabilities, Outdoor Patio and Grill, Men's and Ladies' Locker Rooms and beautiful views looking out over the 9th green and fairway.

Estimated completion date of the project is late 2010.



Centegra Health System awarded Gift of Hope Medal of Honor

Centegra Hospital-McHenry recognized for organ donations
McHENRY – Centegra Hospital – McHenry became one of 23 hospitals in Illinois to receive the National Medal of Honor for its work in saving and enhancing lives through organ and tissue donation.

Awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), each hospital granted the prestigious Medal of Honor also works with Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network. To qualify for the award, hospitals must have eight or more potential organ donors during a 22-month period, ending in April 2009. In addition, Centegra Hospital – McHenry sustained a donation rate of 75 percent or higher from eligible donors throughout the year.

Centegra representatives were recognized at the Fifth National Learning Congress for the Donation and Transplantation Community of Practice in Grapevine, Texas in October.

"It takes commitment from many people and the work of several partnerships to achieve these remarkable outcomes," said Sue Murphy, Chief Nursing Officer at Centegra Hospital - McHenry. "We are proud of our award-winning program and all the hard work our Associates perform to save lives."

This recognition shows the dedication to patients and collaboration with the community.

To receive additional information on HHS' donation initiatives and Donation and Transplantation Community of Practice Collaborative, visit www.organdonor.gov.

Glo-Bowl Fun Center breaks ground in Marengo

MARENGO, IL — Family fun opportunities are expanding in Marengo with a new entertainment center, bowling alley, restaurant and game room called Glo-Bowl Fun Center. Community members, business colleagues and families joined in for the ground-breaking on Wednesday, September 16, 2009. The new 16-lane Brunswick bowling and entertainment center is located on East Grant Highway and will serve the tri-county area.

Glo-Bowl Fun Center on East Grant Highway in Marengo will require five to six months to build, with a grand opening planned for spring 2010.

Family fun starts with 16 state-of-the-art Brunswick lanes. Also included in the 24,000 square foot facility plans are party rooms, a game arcade, restaurant and sports bar. "The whole family will feel at home at Glo-Bowl," notes Don Huntington, a partner in the project. "We want to create a destination for family activities. This will be THE place for sports, games, food, bowling and parties. Plus, Glo-Bowl offers a friendly atmosphere to appeal to residents from around the area as well as businesses seeking a place for parties, leagues, and team-building events."

Families have been involved in the planning from the beginning, providing input on the name, décor, and overall plans. Community leaders have also collaborated on the project. According to Mayor Donald Lockhart, "It's a great time to develop a new entertainment center in the area as more people are seeking fun that is close to home." Hank DeBoer of Marengo Economic Development is also a strong supporter of the project.

The 2.75 acre property is located on Grant Highway, across from the new Karsten project and nearby Marengo High School. Rockford architecture firm Larson & Darby Group has prepared plans for a 24,000 square foot building with stone facia, a two-story entryway and lots of contemporary elements. Gallant Construction Company of Marengo will provide construction management for the project.

The interior has been designed with a global theme to be sure the personality of the entertainment center is attractive, comfortable and appealing to a broad range of people. Global elements such as clouds and stars will enhance the overall look.

A full menu of food choices will be served in the restaurant, beyond the expected nachos and pizza. Free Wi-Fi will be available, and Glo-Bowl will be a cell-friendly zone. It's designed to be a great place to hang out!

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630-493-0585 Est. 7119

Glo-Bowl

Don Huntington, Helen & Gene
Lindow , Roy Lamki
Entertainment/Bowling Center
101 Franks Rd.
Marengo, IL. 60152
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RENEWING MEMBERS

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following members who have renewed their memberships this month:

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American Family

Ray Jones
815-568-8050

Arnold Magnetics

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815-547-8973

Blackstone Golf Club

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815-923-1800

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Corey Brackmann
815-568-6377

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Brenda Courtney
815-568-7331

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Adam Dobrowolski
312-813-1604

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Jonathan Hayes
815-568-5653

Cambridge Dental, DDS

Dr. James Sweet
815-568-7822

Carmichael Construction, Inc.

Jim Carmichael
815-568-8337

CARQUEST Auto Parts

Julie Remke
815-790-0971

Carr's Air Maintenance LTD

John Carr
815-568-6107

Castle Bank

Carla Weiss
815-568-7252

Caufield & Flood

Michael Flood/Roberta Wojrowski
847-669-5950

Centegra Health System

Lisa O'Neil
815-338-6600

Century 21-New Heritage

Lisa Rossow
815-568-8093

Charter Communications

Jennifer Christianson
608-826-1593

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Jason Pratt
815-568-3175

Chicago Car Rental

407-396-4152

Child Assessment/Family Care

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815-568-0243

Cindy Miller Design

Cindy Miller
815-544-5627

City of Marengo

Deborah Neir
815-568-7112

Counter Creations

Mark Evans
815-568-1073

COUNTRY Financial Services

Brad Schumann
815-568-0300

Crescent Valley Landscaping, Inc.

Jeff Olbrich
815-206-5211

Cross Winds Farm

Kelly Watson
815-923-7400

Dayton Bag & Burlap

John Hendle
815-923-1234

Doug Kunde Excavating, Inc.

Doug Kunde
815-568-0532

Edward Jones Investments

Brian Stout
815-568-7522

Elgin Foot & Ankle

Kenneth Jacoby
815-568-8160

Express Employment Professionals

Teri Greeno
815-778-8556

Family Services and Community Mental Health

Geri Davis
815-669-2550

Farmers Insurance

John Kengott
815-923-3200

First Assembly of God – Marengo

Cathy Jones
815-568-1170

First Place Products

Laura Evers
815-943-7870

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Rev. Phyllis Mueller
815-568-7441

The Fold

Toni Neil
815-568-5370

Gatto Construction, Inc.

Gary Gatto
815-568-6967

Glo-Bowl

Don Huntington
815-568-8848

The Growing Scene

Kathleen Carr
815-923-7322

H & R Block

Dave Miloch
815-568-8053

Harmony Computer Inc.

David Wickboldt
815-568-2649

Harris Bank

Deborah Ritchie
815-568-7236

Highway 20 Self Storage

Jerry Lindley
815-568-1307

Homestead Millwork

Bill Hoeske
815-568-3803

Hometown Landscaping

Jeremy Adams
815-943-2326

Huntington Service Company

Don Huntington
815-568-0715

HyperStitch, Inc.

Pat Lawlor
815-568-0590

Illinois Alliance Insurance Agency

Pat Signore
815-568-7560

Intren, Inc.

Carl Griffith
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Joe's Place

Joe Miceli
815-568-2500

Jude Schmidt Custom Construction

Jude Schmidt, Jr.
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Tim Karsten
815-568-6100

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Lyle Giese
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Lane Chiropractic Inc.

Dr. George Lane
815-568-8411

Lindow's Appliances

Gene Lindow
815-568-8848

Lindsay Auto Parts

Mary Lindsay
815-568-6523

Lisa Mobile Pet Grooming

Lisa Halwix
815-568-8300

MDC Environmental Services

Greg York
815-568-7274

Marengo-Union CDS #165

Lea Damisch
815-568-8323

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Dawn Vevang
815-568-8131

Marengo-Union Library District

Mary Hanson
815-568-8236

Marengo Auto Body & Glass

Debbie Wallace
815-568-1777

Marengo Auto Group

Brian Holst
815-568-1700

Marengo Coin Shop

Karen DeBock
815-572-2490

Marengo Community High School #154

Dr. Dan Bertrand
815-568-6511

Marengo Dental

Dr. Gary Dettman, DDS
815-568-1202

Marengo Fire Protection District

Chief Brad Bradbury
815-568-8912

Marengo Insurance Agency

Brittany Bauman-McKenzie
815-568-7108

Marengo Main Street

Pam Gitta
815-568-8440

Marengo Mini Storage

Bill Kline
815-568-5856

Marengo Park District

Denise Anderson
815-568-5126

Marengo Police Department

Chief Martin Podosek
815-568-7231

Marengo Rescue Squad District

Chief Barry Beckwith
815-568-6310

Marengo Ridge Golf Club

Robert Witek/Jim Robinson
815-923-2332

Marengo Signs

Ryan Varney
815-568-2902

Marengo Society for Historic Preservation

Dorothy Otis
815-568-5359

Marengo Tool & Die

Gilbert Tauck
815-568-7411

Marengo Township

Steve Weskerna
815-568-1355

Marengo Vision Center

Dr. Mike Thomas
815-568-6508

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Catherine Jones
815-455-4717

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815-568-7392

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Bill Talidis
815-923-2161

Nicor

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815-455-0271 x. 292

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Lee VanSyckle
815-568-0061

Nissan Industrial Engine

Sandy Klinger
815-568-4506

Northern Illinois Fire Museum

Marty Gallagher
815-568-8950

Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association

Brian Shahinian
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Northwest Herald

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815-526-4447

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Harvey Meyers
815-568-8071

Prairie Community Bank

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Prudential

James E. Regelin
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Bryan Welder
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Stokes Decorating, Inc.

Tom Stokes
815-482-6347

Strelcheck Chiropractic Clinic

Daniel Strelcheck
815-459-3860

Techalloy Company-d/b/a Central Wire Industrial

G. W. Ruopp
815-923-2131

The Salvation Army

Major John Price
815-455-2769

The Travel Gallery

Kate Ficke
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Tri-County Garage Doors

Paul Beisner
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TSC North America – Store Consultants

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815-568-1900

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Harvey Fedrowitz
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Dave Barber
815-363-1377

Wisted's Supermarket

Harold Wisted
815-568-7741

Yellow Book USA

Stephen Dilthey
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Marengo American Legion Post 192

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Mary Kay Cosmetics

Judy Nepil-Shaw
815-923-4891

Pro Fit Services, Inc.

Randy Prohaska
815-568-5646

Swift Technologies, Inc.

John Bussert
847-289-8339

CHAMBER EVENTS

11-26 to 11-27

Thanksgiving Holiday
Chamber Office Closed

Sunday December 13th

Santa visits Union
Noon - 3 pm

Tuesday December 1st

Expo Committee Meeting
Noon - Flatlanders

Tuesday December 15th

Mixer - Merriehill Farms
5 - 7 pm

Thursday December 3rd

WIB Holiday Wine Tasting
& Networking 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Flatlanders

Wednesday December 16th

Chamber Board of Directors
Meeting 7:30 am

Saturday December 5th

Breakfast with Santa
Marengo Park District
9 - 11 am

12-24 thru 1-3

Christmas Holiday
New Year's Holiday
Chamber Office Closed

Wednesday December 9th

Member Holiday Luncheon
Noon

Town Hall Meetings

Please Join State Senator Pamela Althoff and State Representative Jack D. Franks as they host Town Hall Meetings.

Where/When:

McHenry

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, City Council Chambers
333 South Green Street

Woodstock

Wednesday, December 2, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
McHenry County Government Center
Conference Room A
667 Ware Road

Harvard

Thursday, December 3, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
Castle Bank, Community Room
355 South Division Street

Please join Senator Pam Althoff and Representative Jack Franks at their annual town hall meetings to discuss the concerns of area constituents. The lawmakers will highlight new legislation, and will be available for questions and answers.

Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP 815-334-0063 or
Email: jack@jackfranks.org

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL WINNERS

Nicole Shadle	9-14-09	Game #1
Suzanne Morosi	9-14-09	Game #2
Jim Zenk	9-21-09	Game #3
Stephanie Mier	9-28-09	Game #4
Carla Weiss	10-05-09	Game #5
Marlene Slavin	10-12-09	Game #6
Pam Gitta	10-19-09	Game #7
Marlene Slavin	10-26-09	Game #8
Angela Trent	11-02-09	Game #9
Carla Weiss	11-09-09	Game #10
Mike Minakis	11-16-09	Game #11



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Annual Awards Dinner

On October 22nd Chamber members and their spouses enjoyed an evening filled with great food, a silent auction, recognition awards, and loads of fun at Joe's Place in Marengo. Keeping with the Halloween theme guests were encouraged to wear costumes. Party goers were treated to some really creative and outrageous entertainment by fellow members!

Winner of the Most Creative Costume, Sheila Kiney (Kiney Computers): At first everyone thought she was wearing a mask, but her "Wolf Man" costume was all make-up that she started applying at 11 a.m. that morning!?

Outstanding Sheila!!!



Rich Browne Marengo Auto Group was another finalist in the costume contest with his "Tired & Worn out Cub Fan". Very Creative Rich!



Brad Schumann (COUNTRY Financial) was a tremendous hit with his clown costume.

Seen here receiving an award from outgoing Chairman Lisa Rossow, for his outstanding service to the Chamber as a Board Director. Brad's term expired this year. Thanks, Brad for all your years of service. We look forward to working with you on various program and events in the future.



**Joe's waite staff
Carissa Volpendesta,
DeAnn Wagner &
Jean Schiffer**



**Nicole Shadle &
Pete Morzos
"Mustard & Ketchup"**



Awards & Installation Ceremony



Lisa Rossow (Century 21-New Heritage) Outgoing Chairman gives a recap of the year and makes her farewell speech.



Lisa Rossow, Outgoing Chairman receives the Gavel Award from Carl Griffith (Intren) incoming Chairman. Thanks for all you've done Lisa!



Lisa Rossow presents Pat Lawlor (HyperStitch) with the Advocate of the Year award for 2008-2009.



Lisa Rossow presents the 2008-9 Chairman's Award to Intren, Inc. Carl Griffith accepts the award.



Carla Weiss accepts the 2008-9 Cornerstone Award from Lisa Rossow.



Carl Griffith (Intren, Inc.) is the new Chairman of the Board for 2009-10.

2010 EXPO

Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce



Mark Your Calender for Feb 13th & 14th 2010!

Saturday, February 13th - 11:00 a.m.

The Bubble Wonder Show

Internationally Renowned
"Bubbleologist" Geoff Akins
Comes to Marengo

Audiences worldwide have been spellbound as Geoff creates amazing Bubble Caterpillars, mist-filled volcano bubbles, dancing bubbles Square Bubble and more!
He can even place you inside a bubble!
Fun for the entire family!



Tickets on sale
at the Chamber office.
Seating is limited,
so get yours today!

Ticket Prices:
4 years & Up - \$3
Under 4 years - FREE!

Makes A Great
Christmas Gift!

Sunday, February 14th, 2009 11:30 a.m.

Corbin's Exotic Pets Show

Prepare yourself to experience
the exciting world of reptiles,
extraordinary albinos,
exotic birds and furry creatures from
around the world.

Free admission to
this family event.



- * Raffles & Door Prizes
- * Entertainment Both Days
- * Rolling Thunder - NASCAR STYLE R/C RACING
- * Over 80 Exhibitors
- * Free Admission to Expo
- * Free Parking
- * Hand Made Crafts

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Have you registered for your Exhibitor Booth Yet? We are over 65% full already. Don't delay if you wish to participate. Registration form and more information can be viewed on this website or call the Chamber office at (815) 568-6680. This year we are adding a 'CRAFTER'S CORNER'. If you or someone you know wish to exhibit in this special area of the show, please contact the chamber office. Space is limited.

Harlem Ambassador Basketball

Harlem Ambassador Basketball Event a Big Success!

On October 6th approximately 650 local residents packed the Marengo Community High School gymnasium to watch the Chamber Chiefs challenge the Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Team. David Wickboldt (Harmony Computer) started the evening with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. It was an evening filled with fun for the entire family.

The Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank our residents and businesses for supporting this program. Their participation and generosity has generated money for the new scholarship fund recently created by the Chamber Board of directors and will insure the continuation of other established programs and projects. A total of over \$2,000 was raised with this event.

The Chamber Chiefs, a team consisting of local teachers, business owners and executives, contractors, bankers and tradesman both male and female proudly did their best to keep up with the fast paced antics of the Ambassadors throughout the game. And certainly more than a few sore muscles, aches and pains were felt on Wednesday after the game. Congratulations to the Chamber Chiefs for representing our community so well.

Team members: Brian Anderson and Bill Nightingale from Intren, Inc.; Jeff Dobbertin, Jason Robertson, Nick Rode, Chad Olson and Nate Wright from Marengo Community High School; Jodie Hoch of Marengo Middle School; Pastor Ayers from Zion Lutheran Church; Business owners: Gene Lindow of Lindow's Appliances, Corey Brackmann of Brackmann Construction, Jonathan Hayes of Café 20, Brian Holst of Marengo Auto Group; tradesmen Scott Fischer, Brian Johnson and Carlos Velesquez; Bankers Dawn Wagner of Prairie Community Bank and Patti Griebel of Castle Bank, as well as Trae Anderson representing Joe's Place.

The event would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors: Intren, Inc., HyperStitch, Inc. Century 21-New Heritage, Joe's Place, Associated Electrical Contractors, Brackmann Construction, Castle Bank, Café 20, Marengo Auto Group, Landmark Contractors, Lindow's Appliances, Karsten's Service, Prairie Community Bank, Dayton Bag and Burlap.



Past Mixers

Castle Bank Mixer

On November 17th chamber members congregated at the annual fall mixer at Castle Bank.

Delicious treats were catered by Flatlander market and Castle awarded some great goodie filled baskets and wine to door prize winners. Once again, great party Castle Bank!



Marengo Ridge Golf Course Mixer

The Annual October Mixer at Marengo Ridge Golf Course was a great success once again this year. Bob Witek and his staff certainly know how to entertain a crowd. Don't forget it's not too late to sneak some golfing into your plans. If the weather holds out....we'll be golfing until Christmas!! Thanks for the hospitality Bob!

Upcoming Mixers

Merriehill Farms Mixer

The December Mixer will be held at the Merriehill Farms from 5-7 pm (Located at 6715 Meyer Road, Marengo). Stan and Paulette Bodnar invite you to join them kicking-off the Holiday Party Season. Merriehill Farms is known for their champion Morgan Horses so this is sure to be a very interesting event. Be sure to save the date, December 15th. Hope to see you there!



Join us
for the
Annual Chamber
Holiday Luncheon

December 9, 2009 at 12:00

Joe's Place

\$16/person

Call for reservations by December 7



WIB October Meeting

The WIB membership welcomed Dr. Staicu, cardiologist and Dr. Gupta, Internist from Centegra to discuss Women's Health Issues. After a brief introduction the program turned to an open forum format. With an intimate setting it was ideal for some very open discussion. Members were able to obtain answers to specific questions concerning themselves or family members. A very worthwhile luncheon. Thank you to our program committee for making these arrangements. This program was very well received.



2010 Business After Hours Mixer Schedule

Mark your calander.

Plan on joining us for networking and to support other local businesses & chamber members.

January 26th	_____
February 23rd	_____
March 23rd	Edward Jones Investments
April 27th	Strelcheck Chiropractic (Multi-Chamber)
May 25th	Donley's Old West Steakhouse
June 22nd	Harris Bank
July 27th	Frontier Landscaping, Inc.
August 24th	Intren, Inc.
September 28th	Prarie Community Bank
October 26th	Marengo Ridge Golf Club
November 16th	_____
December 14th	_____

Want to host a Mixer and showcase your business?
 Call the chamber to schedule your event.
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Santa Claus Is coming to town...

Bring the kids to join Santa & Mrs. Claus for breakfast

Saturday, December 5th
 9-11 a.m.

Marengo Park District
 825 Indian Oaks Trail, Marengo

Start your day out with Hot Cocoa & Continental Breakfast. After breakfast your child can enter a Coloring Contest (prizes donated by Farmers Insurance) or have their photo with Santa courtesy of Century 21-New Heritage.

Each child receives a personalized apple ornament and gets the chance to meet Ms. Settler's Day

Thank you to our annual event sponsors

- Marengo Park District
- Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce
- Century 21-New Heritage
- Farmer's Insurance
- Wisted's Supermarket



Special Thanks

To Shirley Franicevic for her artistic creativity in producing something new each year for the children to color, and to the Girl Scouts for helping.



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Women In Business
Holiday Wine Tasting & 1st Anniversary Celebration

Multi - Organization Event

You are cordially Invited to join us.
Thursday, December 3rd, 2009
Located at Flatlander's Market
(125 S. State St, Marengo)
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
\$30/pp



Please R.S.V.P at chamber@marengo-union.com
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Note: There are times when it will be necessary to close the office during normal business hours due to special events, meetings or even illness. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause any of the members.

The Chamber office is looking for more information and announcements about member businesses and their staff. Please send us your news. Deadline for newsletter entries is the 15th of the preceding month of publication.

NEW ADVERTISING RATES in 2009

Deadline 15th of the preceding month

Current Rates for newsletter ads

	1X Insertion	6X Insertion	
Business Card	\$35	\$30	per issue
1/4 Page	\$45	\$40	per issue
Insert*	\$55	\$45	per issue
Calendar Sponsor	\$50	n/a	per issue

*8-1/2 x 11 sheet, one or two -sided. Advertiser must provide the Chamber with 300 inserts. Ads and inserts must be paid at time of reservation.

ADS MUST BE CAMERA READY

Typesetting/layout services available at additional charge. 6X rate applies to six ads running within a 12 month period.

For pricing on other Chamber media advertising, check our web site at www.marengo-union.com. Or call the Chamber at 815-568-6680.

MEMBER²MEMBER DISCOUNTS

If you have a discount you want to offer your fellow chamber members, please call the office to participate; (815) 568-6680



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