



THE CHAMBER COURIER

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The monthly business publication of the Canton Area

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Why Doesn't Someone Do Something?

by: Carla Bobell

If I've heard it once, I have heard it a thousand times! Why doesn't someone do something about....fill in the blank. Why doesn't someone clean up this area of town? Why doesn't someone bring in this business? Why doesn't someone do something about that delapidated building?

Well, since I have been the Chamber Director and working closely with the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development and the City of Canton, I can tell you there ARE people working on all the things that are in need of attention every day. I am blown away on how many projects come through these offices alone that fall through for reasons beyond their control and so many wonderful ideas that would move our community in the right direction. But every once in a while a project sticks and we all see the end result. I have learned that economic development in any community does not happen over night. It takes time, connections, money and commitment.

We are a rural community with no interstate, which makes us a hard sell on some levels, but we have so many amenities here that other communities do not have, like our parks, fishing, walking trails, hunting, and necessities like a state of the art hospital, non-consolidated schools, restaurants, shopping, affordable living, and an amazingly supportive community that takes care of their own.

Know that your community leaders are doing what they can to make improvements in our community, because they care just as much about making our community the best they can be today and into the future.

Here's a way you can help in a small way. Come to Jones Park on April 22nd to the Community Work Day and help us make improvements at some of our local organizations that do so much for our community. Everyone doing something can help keep us all moving forward, but complaining won't get us anywhere.



COME AND JOIN US!
CANTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BUSINESS
after hours

Door prizes
will be
given!

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EATS ON THE STREET

providing mashed potato
bar, apps, and desserts

Location: Renaissance Training Center
29 East Side Square in Downtown Canton

Thursday, April 20
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Food, beverages, fun, giveaways and networking



**COMMUNITY
WORK DAY**

Saturday April 22, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Arrive at 8:45 am in Jones Park

Downtown Canton

Rain Date is Saturday, May 6, 2023

HOSTED BY



We are looking for members of the community and groups to volunteer to help with projects around the Canton Community. Volunteers who participate will be assisting with projects at some of our local agencies, schools and Jones Park in downtown Canton.

Projects will possibly include:

- Painting
- Spreading Gravel
- Spreading Mulch
- General clean-up
- Planting
- Pulling weeds
- Cleaning Cabins
- Maintaining Trails
- Cleaning gutters

If you or those from your business are interested in volunteering or have a location that has a potential project, please contact the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce office at 309-647-2677 Ext. 2 or email at cbobell@cantonillinois.org



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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

The 98th Annual Chamber Dinner & Awards took place on Thursday, March 9th at the Lakeview Event Center & Banquet Hall in Canton with the theme of Viva La Chamber Fiesta. At this event we recognized three very deserving winners of the Excellence Awards given out by the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce. Those winners are:



Business Persons of the Year Ceila Babcock & Jason Elwell (left)
Educator of the Year - Susan Sandman (middle)



Citizen of the Year - Jenny Beal

Also given out this night was **Ambassador of the Year** to **Samantha Braden with Rhoades Real Estate** (left) and an **Appreciation Award** to **Jim Murphy with CFC Properties**, an arm of the COOK Group, for all he has done for the Canton community through the years. Jim will be retiring this May. (right).



Many Chamber Members, families and friends of the winners all gathered together for a wonderful evening.



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AMAZING DESSERTS, CHIPS, AND SALSA

CHAMBER ANNUAL REPORT

Every year the Chamber gives a report of the previous year during the Annual Dinner. Below is a snap shot of numbers from 2022. The only down number for 2022 was our retention rate that was caused by having to let some businesses go after carrying them since 2020. We will continue to provide assistance when needed to any business or organization in Canton and surrounding communities because it is the right thing to do.



WELCOME BACK RENEWED CHAMBER MEMBER

Quality Roll-Off was started in 2004 by Frank Record, owner of Quality Disposal, to expand the scope of his business. In 2018, after seven decades in the disposal business, Frank sold Quality Disposal but continued to operate Quality Roll-Off. Upon Frank's death in 2019, Frank's daughter and son-in-law, Susie and Brian Platt, took over the business and continue to run it today.



Quality Roll-Off is locally owned and operated. They are committed to the communities they serve. Quality Roll-Off is one of three businesses owned by Brian and Susie Platt in the Farmington area, along with Spoon River Home Health Services and Mercantile 25 Event Space in downtown Farmington. They passionately believe in supporting their community with community involvement, stimulating the economy, and job creation. From being a sponsor for local events and school programs, utilizing other local businesses for their goods/services, and being a local employer, they ensure that all residents of the communities they serve have options for keeping their business local.

Owner, Brian Platt, stated "We are all very busy. Using a roll-off container saves you time. A container eliminates you having to haul to the landfill yourself. This takes time, manpower and a truck. Simply call us and have a roll-off container delivered to your home or worksite. Once you have it filled notify us and we will haul it away. It really is that easy."

Quality Roll-Off provides area residents, contractors, and businesses with roll-off containers. Containers are available in 15, 20, and 30 cubic yard sizes and compactor units. Whether cleaning out your basement and garage or making a home improvement, Quality Roll-Off can provide a roll-off container to suit your needs!

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CHAMBER EVENTS COMING UP

WEE-MA-TUK Hills
Country Club



ANNUAL
CHAMBER

**GOLF
OUTING**



**FRIDAY,
May 19, 2023**

LUNCH - 11:00
TEE-OFF - 12:00

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June 16th, 2023

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MESSAGE FROM SPOON RIVER PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Eligible restaurants, hotels and creative arts businesses are invited to apply for \$175 million in available grant funding as part of our efforts to support ongoing recovery in hard-hit industries. As outlined in statute, arts and restaurants grant award amounts will be determined by revenue declines, as reflected on tax returns, and funding for hotels will be allocated by number of rooms.

Applications will be open from April 5 through May 10, 2023 and awards are expected to be made several weeks after the application deadline.



DCEO has enlisted a robust network of more than 100 community navigators to conduct outreach and provide technical assistance in the hardest hit communities. We have a local community navigator in Canton; Cole McDaniel with the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development. You can reach Cole at 309-647-2677 ext. 4.

Statewide webinars on the program have been available and the last one will be on Thursday, April 6th at 2:00 pm. Register at: <https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/k2/j.php?MTID=ta23ccf35e0f4dd0dc6d8037f87e014c1>



The Canton Area Chamber Young Professionals (CACYP) had their bowling social out at Linn Lanes in March. If you are between the ages of 21 and 40 you can be a part of this awesome new young professional group.

There is opportunity to network with your peers and grow professionally by learning from speakers. CACYP's plan to volunteer at the Community Work Day on April 22nd. Come on out and join them!

GET CONNECTED!





150% CLUB

The 150% Club is an optional membership upgrade that provides added exposure for your business. By paying an additional 150% of regular membership dues at the time of your renewal or new membership, your business can join the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce 150% Club.

Meet our

2023 MEMBERS

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 Advanced Rehab & Sports Medicine
 American Family Insurance
 American Legion Post #16
 Apex Seed Company
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