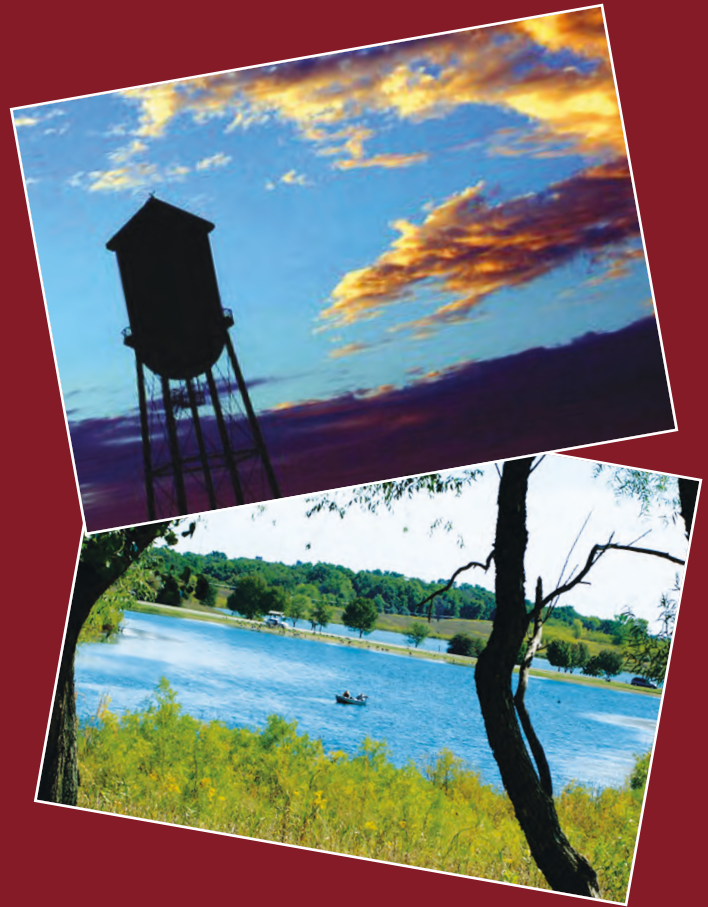


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COMMUNITY GUIDE



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HISTORY

Founded by Isaac Swan in 1825, Canton has a long and fascinating history. It is populated with inventors and adventurers as diverse as Elizabeth Magie, a contributor to the creation of the Monopoly board game, and Charles Duryea, who actually developed the first practical automobile. Astronaut Colonel Steve Nagle, the 100th American in space, is from Canton, as is Bill Cook, founder of Cook Group, Inc., the largest privately held medical device manufacturer in the world. Perhaps fitting, since Canton is surrounded by rich and bountiful farmland, the town is best known for the genius of William Parlin, and his business partner, William Orendorff, who created the P&O Plowworks, which later became International Harvester - Canton Works.

**The Canton community today has the same drive for
innovation and creative thinking, thriving when
other small communities may have lost sight of the
very thing that made them special.**

We cherish our heritage, we take advantage of the opportunities available today, and we can't wait for the future.

city government

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The City of Canton operates under a Mayor-aldermanic form of government, with a Mayor as the chief executive officer and eight aldermen, representing four wards, serving as the City Council.

Administration of City government is headed by the Mayor who is elected on at-large basis for a four-year term. Although the Mayor and aldermen all serve for four years, half of the city council members are up for elections every two years.

The City Council makes up the policy that directs the City government to meet the wants and needs of its residents. The City Council has the responsibility for setting all municipal policies not designated by City charter or state legislation such as adopting ordinances and resolutions and approving the city budget.

The City Council meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month. Eight committees, each with a chairman, are comprised to present and work through City issues in order to recommend policy. Those committees include:

Finance
Community & Industrial Development
Negotiations, Grievance & Personnel
Public Works, Water & Sewer
Streets & Garbage
Lake, Buildings & Ground
Public Safety & Traffic
Legal & Ordinance

Meetings are held at the historic train depot located at 50 N. 4th Ave. (Donald E. Edwards Way)

Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noticed. All agendas and minutes are posted on this website under Resident Information, Agendas/Minutes. Agendas are also posted onsite at the Depot at least 48 hours in advance, per the Open Meetings Act. Minutes are posted on this website after approval by council at the following meeting.



All citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in these meetings. Citizens are allowed to address the council by completing a Public Participation Request Form (available at cantonillinois.org) and submitting it to the City Clerk by noon on the Friday prior to the meeting at which they wish to speak.



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Mayor's Office

2 North Main Street
Canton, IL 61520
(309) 647-0065

City Clerk's Office

2 North Main Street
Canton, IL 61520
(309) 647-0020

Canton Police Department

2 North Main Street
Canton, IL 61520
Non-Emergency: (309) 647-5131

Canton Fire Department

101 East Spruce Street
Canton, IL 61520
Non-Emergency: (309) 647-0040

Canton Public Works Department

2 North Main Street
Canton, IL 61520
(309) 647-5022

Canton Water Department

2 North Main Street
Canton, IL 61520
(309) 647-0288

Canton Wastewater Department

350 West Hickory Street
Canton, IL 61520
(309) 647-1391

Planning and Zoning Department

2 North Main Street
Canton, IL 61520
(309) 649-5338

Canton City Engineer

Maurer-Stutz, Inc.
1670 E. Ash St.
Canton, IL 61520
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Websites/Social Media

CantonIllinois.org is shared by the City, the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development, the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce, and Canton Main Street. Information about City services, economic development, business services, festivals, events and weather.

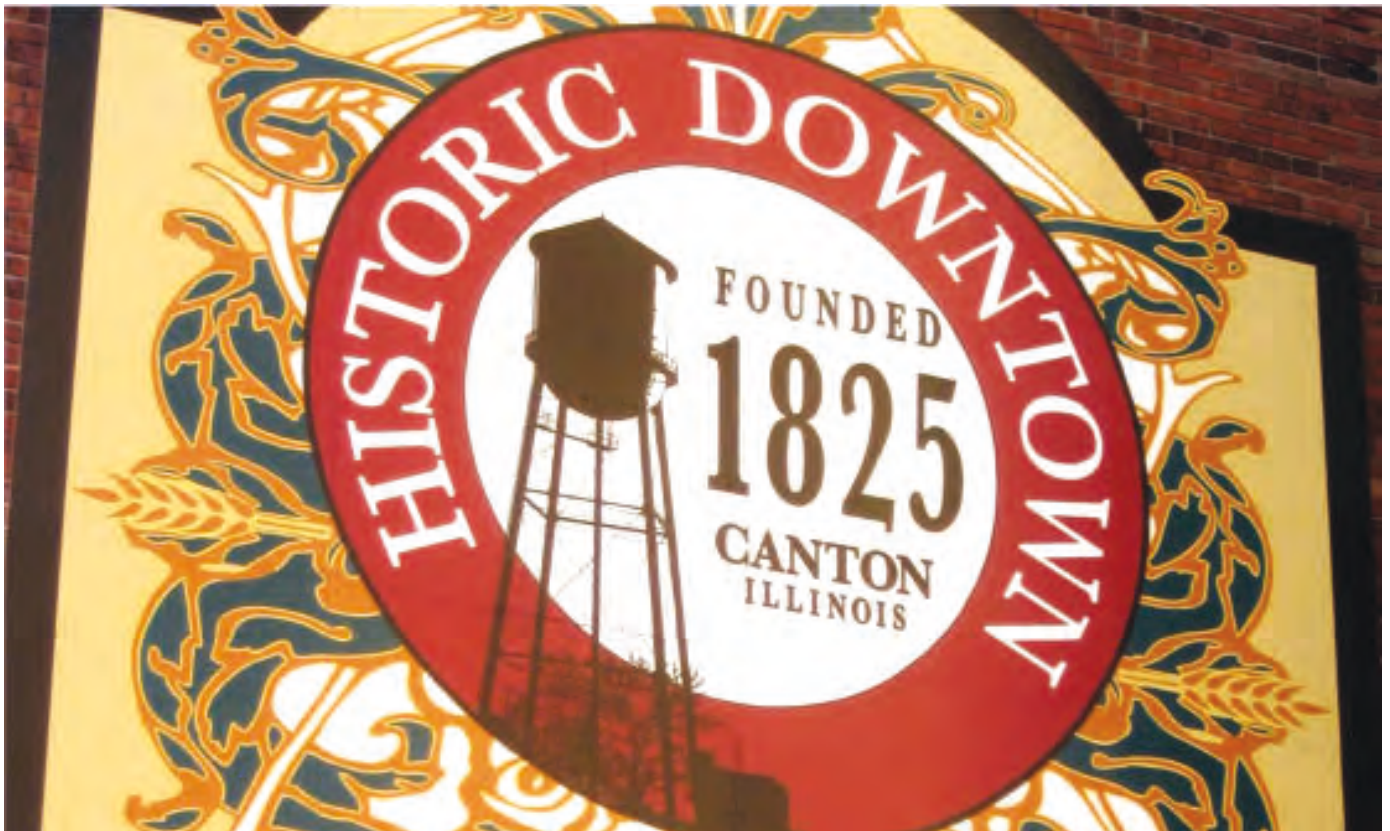
VisitCantonIl.org serves as the marketing and tourism site to attract visitors to Canton and Fulton County. Information on attractions, events, things to do.

Facebook

Canton, Illinois Community (www.facebook.com/cantonIllinois)
Canton Area Chamber of Commerce (www.facebook.com/CACC61520)
Canton Main Street (www.facebook.com/CantonMainStreet)

Other Information Services

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Business Service: (800) 232-2477
7:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. M-F

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Residential - Move Existing Service: (844) 723-0252
www.att.com

MidCentury Communications

Customer Service: (309) 778-8611
www.midcentury.com

Comcast/Xfinity

Customer Service: (800) 934-6489 • www.Xfinity.com

Water/Sewer

Contact the City of Canton Water Department to establish or to move service. For new customers, you must provide a rental agreement or property deed to prove residency.

Canton Water Department

2 North Main Street, Canton, IL 61520
(309) 647-0288

Driver's License Facility

Renew or obtain an Illinois driver's license. Proof of residency is required for a new Illinois license. Proof of insurance is also required for new license plates, or to renew the registration of the vehicle.

1015 West Locust Street, Canton, IL 61520
(309) 647-6811

8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. T; 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. W-F; 8:30 a.m.-Noon Saturdays

Garbage Collection

Garbage pick-up is paid for through your water/sewer invoice. Contact the Canton Water Department at (309) 647-0288 to determine your pick-up day. NOTE: The City of Canton garbage trucks will NOT pick up appliances, furniture, electronics, paint and/or chemicals, or yard waste.

Yard Waste Disposal

As a convenience to its residents, the City of Canton maintains a yard waste disposal site for the dumping of grass clippings, tree or bush trimmings, discarded landscaping plants, limbs and other bio-degradable materials. It NOT a site to dispose of garbage, hazardous waste, appliances, furniture, electronics, paint and/or chemicals. It is located at the west end of Cedar Street on the southwestern corner of the city limits.

Recycling Program

Recycling services in Canton are available from a private outside contractor who provides containers for qualifying recyclable materials. No sorting is required. The service is billed independently by the contractor, not through the City.

Eagle Enterprises Recycling
510 SE Industrial Avenue
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(309) 932-2936

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Electronics, paint, chemicals and other waste that cannot be placed in regular garbage pick-up can be taken to the Fulton County Health Department for safe disposal on Thursdays of each week.

Please call to determine if your items are among those that can be dropped off.

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schools & colleges

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For students of any age, excellent educational opportunities exist both in Canton and around Central Illinois, beginning with Canton's own award-winning school district and Spoon River College.

Graham Hospital also offers an outstanding, fully accredited School of Nursing, graduating sought-after health care providers.

Canton Union School District #66

CUSD#66 Administration Office
20 W. Walnut St., Canton, Il 61520
(309) 647-9411
www.cantonusd.org.

Eastview Elementary
1490 E. Myrtle Street, Canton, Il 61520
(309) 647-0136

Westview Elementary
700 W. Old Vine St., Canton, Il 61520
(309) 647-2111

Lincoln Elementary
20 Lincoln Road, Canton, Il 61520
(309) 647-7594

Ingersoll Middle School
1605 E. Ash St., Canton, Il 61520
(309) 647-6951

Canton High School
1001 N. Main St., Canton, Il 61520
(309) 647-1820





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CHOICES

Whether you're interested in Spoon River College's arts and sciences program that leads to a four-year degree, or want to pursue a career and technical degree, SRC offers many great choices.

SRC lets students choose many different career paths in high-growth, high-wage jobs. With campuses in Canton and Macomb, and Centers in Havana and Rushville, SRC serves the needs of a wide geographical area, and accepts students from any state.

Whatever career path you choose, SRC will make sure you are well prepared and ready to take the next step. Or, if you plan to pursue advanced studies that lead to a degree in medicine, law, engineering, business or education, SRC will help you launch your career with our expanding programs.

In addition to an excellent education, SRC also offers athletic programs in baseball and softball, and has completed construction on a beautiful multi-purpose center and a student housing facility at the main Canton campus.

Recognized as among the best

In addition to providing a high quality education that is affordable, outside agencies have recognized the hard work of Spoon River College's faculty and staff. The Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence named SRC as one of the top 120 Community Colleges in the Nation and Digital Community College Survey named us 8th in the Nation for improved technology for students.

Others are in agreement that SRC is a great place to learn.

Spoon River College
23235 N. County Hwy 22,
Canton, IL 61520
(309) 647-4645
www.src.edu



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Graham Hospital School of Nursing

Founded in 1909, the school is a three year (27 months) fully accredited diploma program, which has maintained a 104 year tradition of educational excellence.

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Nursing education at Graham is enhanced by the School's relationship to Graham Hospital. The direct link to a health care facility enables us to quickly recognize and respond to changes in the health care delivery system.

Graduates benefit from having a broad educational base as well as having additional college credits to transfer should they decide to pursue further education in Nursing.

The School has a cooperating agreement with Spoon River College to provide support or general education courses.

Many graduates have successfully completed baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral programs and are employed in a variety of settings.

Graham Hospital School of Nursing

210 West Walnut Street, Canton, IL 61520

(309) 647-4086

www.grahamschoolofnursing.org



DIRECTIONS TO CANTON FROM:

BLOOMINGTON/NORMAL

Take I-74 West to I-474 Bartonville Exit. Take Bartonville exit to US-24 West.
US-24 turns into IL-9 to Canton

CHICAGO

Take I-55 South to I-74W near Bloomington. Take I-74 to I-474W.
Take Bartonville exit to US-24 West. US-24 turns into IL-9 to Canton.

PEORIA

Route 1:

Take US-24 West to Bartonville. Continue on US-24 West.
US-24 turns into IL-9 to Canton.

Route 2:

Take Farmington Road (IL-116) west to Farmington. In Farmington take IL-78 South to Canton.

ST. LOUIS

Take I-55 North to Springfield. Take IL 97 West to IL 136 in Havana.
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The Parlin-Ingersoll Public Library provides a current, diverse collection of resources in a variety of formats, which meet the basic cultural, educational, informational and recreational needs of community residents of all ages.

The library offers many types of programs for adults and children of all ages throughout the year.

205 West Chestnut, Canton, IL 61520-2499
309-647-0328 (phone) - 309-647-8117 (fax)
parlin@parliningersoll.org

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Year round)
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Canton Family YMCA

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(309) 647-1616
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Graham Hospital is a highly accredited, full-service community hospital offering 24-hour emergency services, inpatient care, and imaging and laboratory services. The emergency room facility also participates in the Regional II Trauma Network, assessing and stabilizing patients before arranging for transfer to a Level I Trauma Center by helicopter if necessary from the hospital's helipad. The trained staff of experienced physicians, nurses, and physician's assistants offer care to all ages, from neonatal to geriatric patients.

214 West Walnut Street
Canton, IL 61520
(309) 647-5240
www.grahamhospital.org

Graham Medical Group is part of Graham Health System, and the clinic provides quality medical and surgical services to the all members of the community. A new, state-of-the-art, four-story clinic was completed in 2010, allowing its physicians and healthcare providers to offer even better access to healthcare for Canton-area patients.

175 South Main Street
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(309) 647-0201
www.grahammedicalgroup.org

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2076 North Main Street
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www.unitypoint.org

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700 East Oak Street
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BUSINESS SERVICES

Economic, Business & Community Development

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Canton Area Chamber of Commerce

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City Clerk's Office

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TRANSPORTATION

Ingersoll Airport

Ingersoll Airport is a public use airport located two nautical miles northwest of the central business district of Canton, a city in Fulton County, Illinois, United States. The airport is owned by the Canton Park District.

26013 North Ingersoll Road • Canton, IL 61520 • (309) 647-2072 • www.cantonpark.org

Fulton County Rural Transit

Fulton County residents can schedule transportation to and from doctor's appointments, shopping, dining or personal services within the County. FCRT has an emphasis on providing transportation services to seniors, the disabled, and the economically disadvantaged, but is available to any Fulton County resident for a modest fee. (309) 357-5226

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11603 North County Hwy 9

Lewistown, IL 61542

(309) 412-5239

www.bighorsevineyards.com

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The museum is open year-round, daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas).

There is no admission charge.

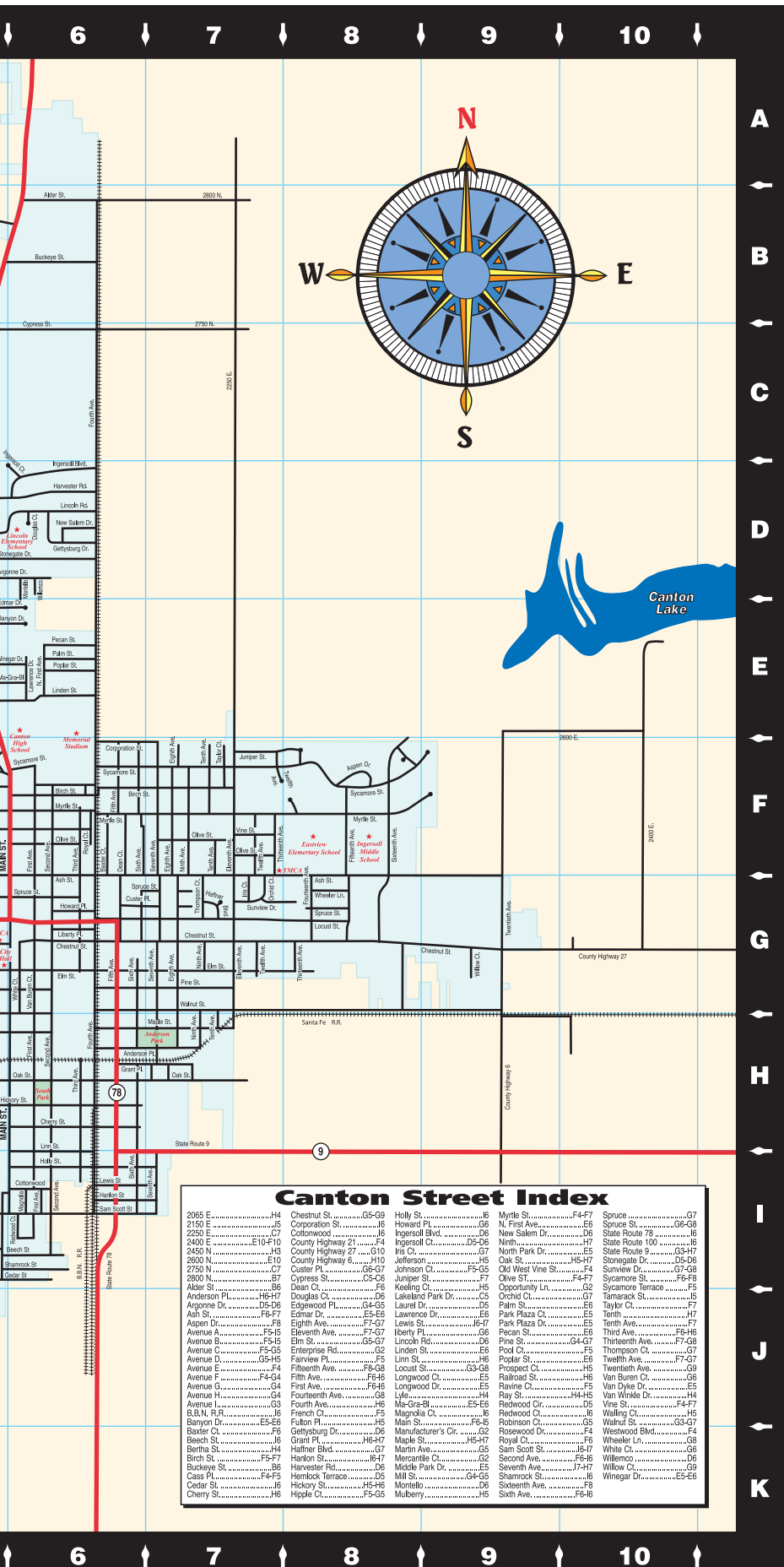


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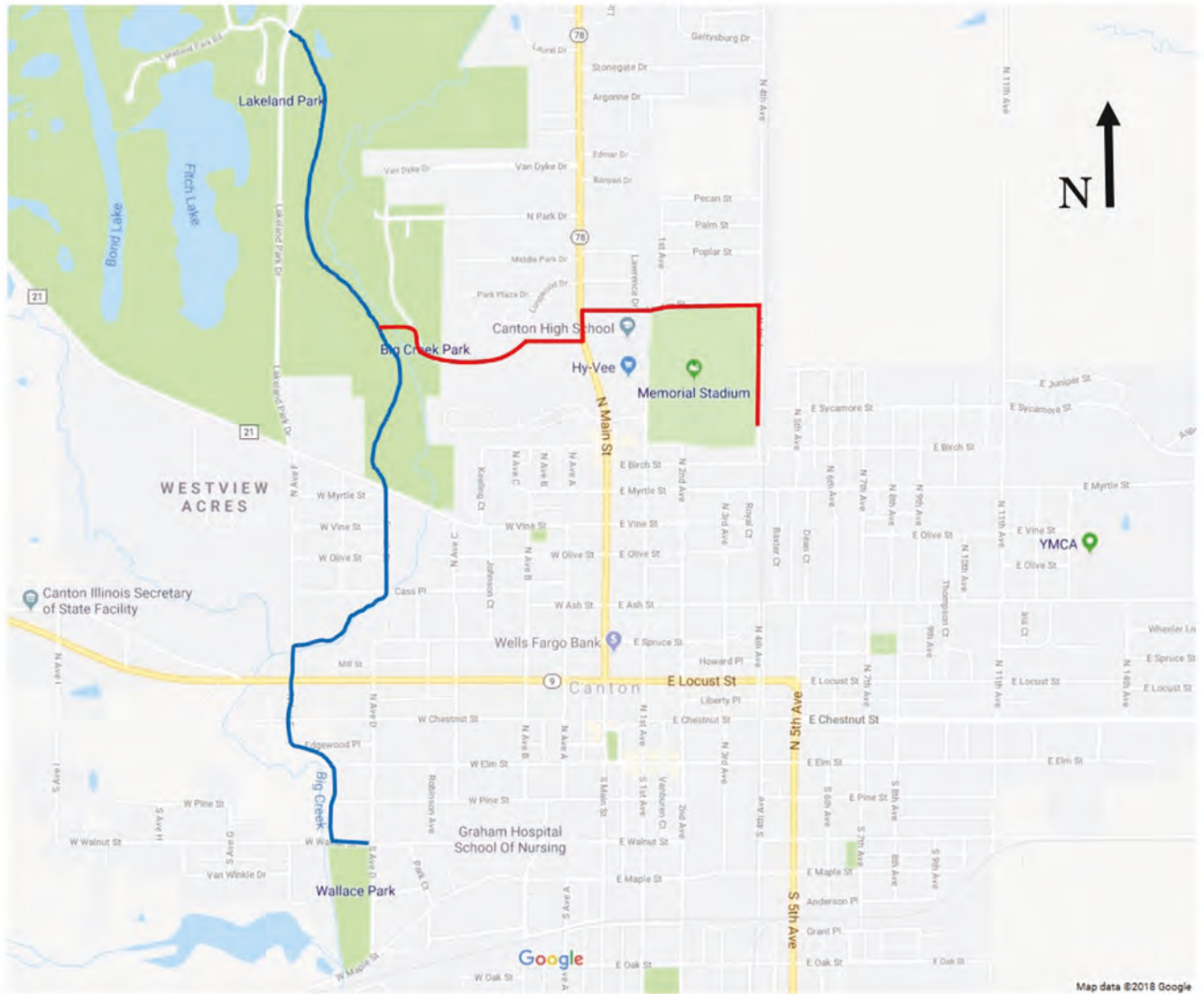


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Remember that the use of motorized boats are permitted at no wake speeds only.

- Hunting is open on specified areas north of the Spoon River. See refuge regulation sheet for detailed hunting information.

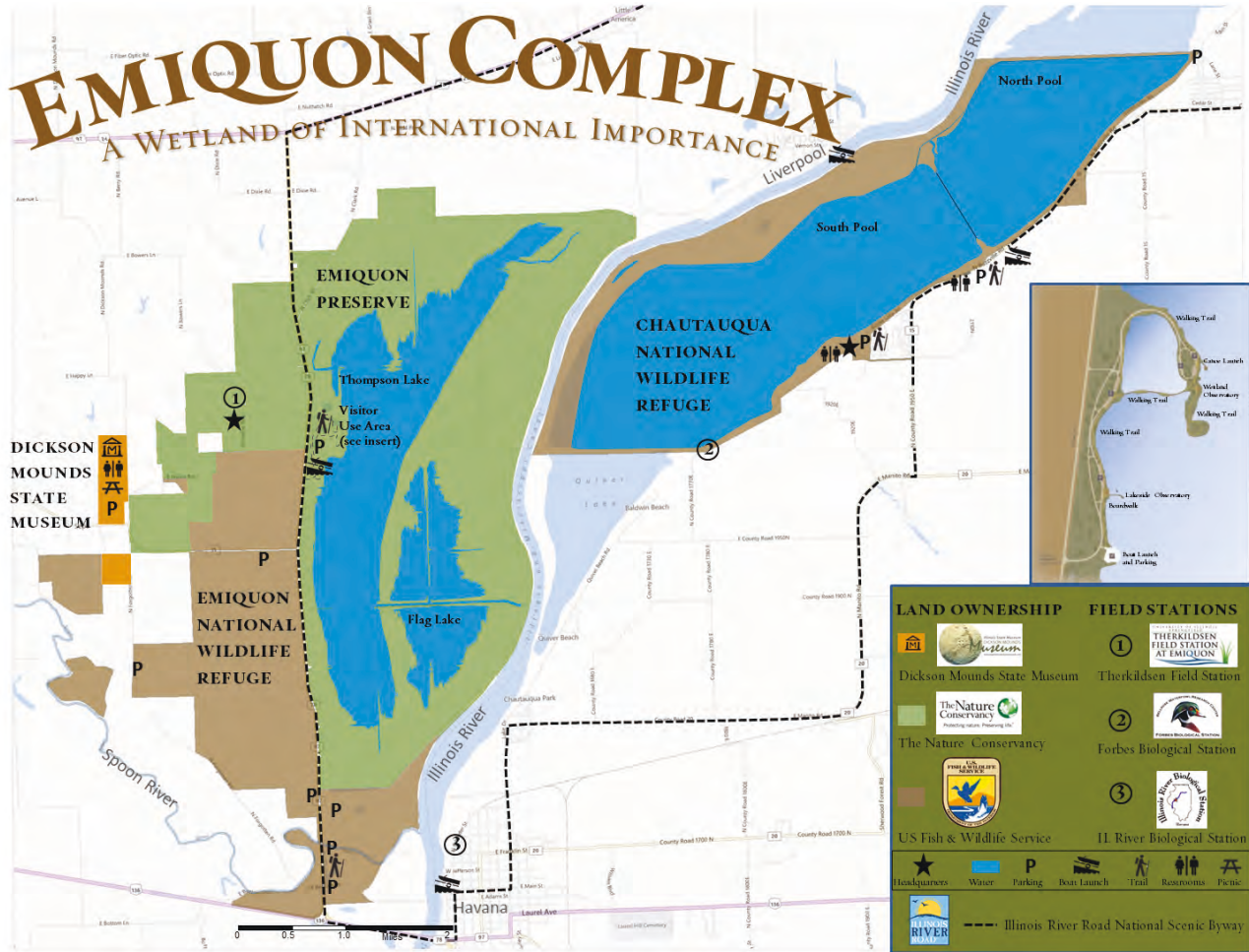
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Disc Golf Course

The Big Creek Disc Golf Course is an 18-hole course that winds through the trees and layout of Big Creek Park. It was established in 1999 and features concrete tee pads and is Par 65. This 5,279 foot long course begins at the bottom of Big Creek Park next to the parking lot.

Pavilion

Big Creek Pavilion is located within Big Creek Park at 940 North Main in Canton. It features a pavilion that can be rented out for \$50/day. Close proximity to the pavilion is restrooms, a playground, a baseball diamond, Frisbee golf course, outdoor grills, and tennis courts.

Call 647-1345 to reserve it for your next party!

Tennis Courts

The tennis courts are located on the north end of Big Creek Park just inside the Park Drive entrance. This fenced in area features 4 snap-together surface courts for the community to use free of charge.

Ball Diamonds

The Canton Park District has 7 baseball/softball diamonds available for use. Four are located at Athletic Park along 4th Avenue. Three diamonds are adjacent to each other and are used for adult and youth leagues. Kiwanis Diamond is a youth league diamond that is beyond the fences of the other three Athletic Park Diamonds. The other 3 diamonds are located at Wallace Park, Big Creek Park, and McCall School on Locust Street. Diamonds are available to rent by calling 647-1345!

Skate Park

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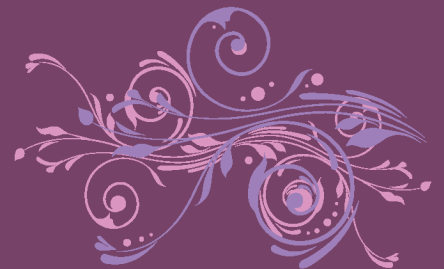
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Lakeland Park

Fishing

Lakeland Park is home to great recreational fishing. This area features 100 acres of water over five different lakes in which patrons can either fish from the bank, or out on the water. Lakes are stocked each year with a variety of sport fish including: Largemouth bass, hybrid bass, channel cat, walleye, crappie, tiger Muskie, northern pike, bluegill, and sunfish. Visit the Ranger Station at Lakeland Park for fishing pass information!

Hiking/Biking Trails

Lakeland Park features over 5 miles of paved walking and biking trails. In addition to those trails within Lakeland Park, there is also nearly 4 miles of paved walking and biking paths that connect our featured parks. One trail runs from the entrance of Lakeland Park, through Big Creek Park, and connect with Wallace Park. A second trail begins at Athletic Park on 4th Avenue and flows into the main entrance of Big Creek Park. For trail map information, please call 647-7665 or visit the Baker Recreation Center at Big Creek Park!



Bird Watching

Lakeland plays hosts to a number of different bird species including ducks, geese, swans, white pelicans, egrets, herons, wrens, woodpeckers, sparrows, gulls, as well as the customary robins, cardinals, finches, hummingbirds, doves, chickadees, nuthatch, and blue jays. Birds of prey can also be spotted such as the red-tailed hawk, barred owl, turkey vulture, and on occasion the bald eagle.



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Wallace Park

Wallace Park is the operational hub of the Canton Park District and houses the Donaldson Community Center, administrative offices and maintenance facilities.

The Donaldson Community Center was recently improved to allow for all public activities to be held on the first floor.

The Park itself offers many recreational activities; two that stand out are the one-half mile hiking trail and the accessible playground.

Pavilion

Wallace Park Pavilion is located within Wallace Park at 250 South Avenue D in Canton. It features a pavilion that can be rented out for \$50/day. Close proximity to the pavilion is restrooms, a playground, a baseball diamond, a walking path, basketball hoops, and plenty of parking. Call 647-1345 to reserve it for your next party!



Hiking/Biking Trails

Wallace Park features a 1/2 mile walking path around the entire park area. Along the way are benches, water fountains, and restrooms close by. Connecting to this path, is a paved walking and biking path that extends from Wallace Park to the entrance of Lakeland Park.

Ball Diamond

Wallace Park features a youth baseball/softball diamond at the northwest edge of the park.

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Canton Lake

Canton Lake is a freshwater reservoir located in Fulton County, Illinois known for its trophy sized largemouth bass and its abundant channel catfish. Fishing is available from shore at various points just off the lake road. The Old Boat Dock is a great place for family fishing, with several areas to cast a line from and accessible parking for more than one vehicle. Fishing is also popular along much of the perimeter of the New Boat Dock and beyond. Numerous parking spaces are available there.

Canton Lake offers fishing, boating, and a seasonal campground.

To contact the Campground Supervisor about camping, please call 309-647-9600.

To inquire about or purchase a boat license, contact the Water Department at 309-647-0288.

The Canton Lake Campground season begins April 15th and ends the Monday after the Spoon River Scenic Drive, which is mid-October. Campground options include tents, tents with electric, and camping with electric. Tent camping is on a daily basis and arrangements for campers include daily, weekly, monthly and the entire season. Daily checkout time is 1 p.m. In the event of severe weather, a storm shelter is located at the Water Treatment Plant.

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Art on Main Fine Arts Festival

**1st weekend in June, Saturday, 10am - 5pm &
Sunday, 10am - 4pm • Downtown Jones Park**

The Canton Art on Main Fine Arts Festival will feature original art from the best of our Midwest artists. Come to view and to purchase excellent art pieces in Painting / Drawing, Jewelry, Clay/Ceramic, Photography, Glass, Sculpture, Textiles, and Wood



Farmer's Market

**Each Saturday from June - September , 7:30am-11:30am
Downtown Jones Park**

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Kids' Fest

**2nd Saturday in July, Times 9-12
Downtown Jones Park**

Games, Food, crafts, balloon art, face painting, inflatables, K-9 demonstration, fire truck & ambulance tours!

Annual Canton Cruise-In Car & Motorcycle Show

Friday of Father's Day Weekend, Downtown

This great event is for the whole family. Thousands of classic car enthusiasts and bike lovers come to the area to see restored cars, special vehicles and custom motorcycles. More than 350 cars and 100 bikes are on display each year.

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free kids activities!***



Music in the Park

**Summer Concert Series every Friday in July
Downtown Jones Park from 6:00-8:00pm**

Bring your lawn chair or blanket, and get comfortable in beautiful Jones Park in downtown Canton while you enjoy some great entertainment.

Canton Main Street hosts a Free Music in the Park Concert series each year to offer family fun for music lovers. Enjoy!

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Taste of Canton

Last Saturday in September, Big Creek Park

This fall event offers a variety of food tastings from our local eateries, beer and wine area, and features live entertainment. Bring the family out to enjoy our kid's activities and pie eating contest!



Spoon River Valley Scenic Drive

1st two full weekends in October

In Canton, the Scenic Drive is held in Jones Park in downtown Canton, where for four days in October, visitors descend on the city to browse through stands and tents, and sample funnel cake, rib eye sandwiches, and the best pork chops on the Drive. Start in Canton, grab a guidebook, and enjoy the organized chaos of getting from one place to another!



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Munchkin Masquerade

Friday, before Halloween 5:00-7:00pm

Jones Park - Families and children can enjoy safe trick-or-treating throughout the downtown area during Munchkin Masquerade, a tradition that has evolved from "Merchant's Night" into spooky decorations throughout Jones Park. Free candy for the children, music, entertainment and an all-around fantastic celebration! Merchant's all over the immediate downtown area will be participating. Admission to this event is free and open to the public.

Small Business Saturday

Saturday after Thanksgiving

This is the Saturday after Thanksgiving and this Shop Local campaign demonstrates what a big part of the Canton community our local entrepreneurs are.

Christmas Walk

1st Friday in December 5:00-7:30pm, Jones Park

Carriage rides, trolley rides, Santa's House and Christmas carols are all a part of this annual event. Plus, look for scenes from the Nutcracker Suite performed in business storefronts, beautifully decorated store windows and trees wrapped in twinkling lights in Jones Park. What a holiday treat! Merchants around the downtown area keep their doors open late to show their appreciation to customers for their patronage over the past year, and offer cookies, cocoa and other goodies. Even if it's cold outside, the holiday decorations and the spirit of the season bring a special warmth to this event. Admission to this event is free and open to the public.



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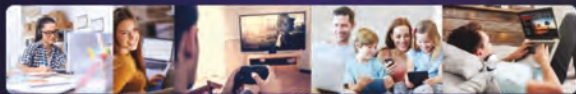
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Canton offers a wonderful experience for shoppers who like to explore one-of-a kind stores filled with unique gifts, antiques, furniture, women's fashions, jewelry, hand-made candles, florals, wine baskets, sweet confections and much more.

♥ **Black Crow Candle Co.**
30 West Elm Street - 309.647.1400
Black Crow is filled with candles, essential oils, potpourri, room sprays, and some wonderful women's fashion.

♥ **Blessings Primitives**
74 North Main Street - 309.649.1010
Located in the Orendorff Emporium, this adorable shop is filled with primitive home décor, crafts, and goodies.

♥ **Blessman's Boutique**
50 East Elm Street - 309.647.2449
Pamper yourself with handmade soaps, lotions, body scrubs, home decor and gifts.

♥ **Bloom Box**
15 White Court - 309.647.5500
This florist and gift shop has beautiful bouquets and wine baskets, jewelry, home décor and other fun and classy treats.

♥ **Capitol Music**
30 South Main Street - 309.647.6929
Find your rhythm in this music store's extensive collection.

♥ **Citadel Comics & Collectibles**
27 South Main Street
Become a kid again browsing through a fabulous variety of your favorite comics and collectibles.

CJ's Flowers and More
5 E. Ash Street - 309.647.9662
Here you can browse through beautiful flowers and colorful flower arrangements.

♥ **Crawford's Home Furnishings**
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♥ **Crow Hollow Boutique**
30 West Elm Street - 309.647.2699
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♥ **Di's Boutique**
114 North Main - 309.647.0600
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♥ **East Side Antiques**
29 East Side Square - 309.357.5194
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♥ **Fuller's Jewelry**
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♥ **K&L Antiques**
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Hunt through antique treasures and fabulous finds.

♥ **Mel's Sporting Goods**
104 East Chestnut Street - 309.647.3778
Show allegiance to your favorite team, or outfit the athlete in your family.

♥ **Sweet Shoppe**
8 South Main Street - 309.647.7320
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♥ **The Breathing Tree**
17 East Side Square - 815.901.1053
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♥ **The Flying Feather Boutique**
64 East Elm Street - 309.712.2551
Browse through a collection of women's clothing that are comfortable, stylish and affordable, along with beautiful accessories to them together.



dining & lodging

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When you visit Canton, you need to bring your appetite, because our town has a veritable smorgasbord of cuisines, styles and taste. Whatever it is you are hungry for, you can find it here.

Casual Fine Dining

♥ **Bistro 101**
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♥ **Camino Real**
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♥ **Canton Family Restaurant**
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