

# Welcome New Members:

Eats on the Street  
Village Square Apartments  
Leman Property Management Co.

# THE CHAMBER COURIER

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**Your Chamber Ambassador  
are there for your business.  
Feel free to contact them  
anytime.**

## Let's Stay Healthy & Be Supportive

*by Carla Bobell*

Our community, our county, our state, and our world is being affected by the COVID-19 coronavirus. We are experiencing something that is not normal, scary, inconvenient, frustrating, hazardous, unknown and downright crazy! We will all get through this as long as we work together and help support one another in our communities.

Our Chamber office has been inundated with emails from government agencies that are designed to inform us so we can help our Chamber businesses. But one thing that has been the common theme in all of the articles is to have good hygiene. This is one of my favorites:

- W** - Wash hands with warm soap & water for at least 20 seconds
- A** - Avoid contact with sick people
- S** - Sanitize frequently touched surfaces
- H** - Home! Stay there if you are sick
  
- U** - Use tissue or elbow to cover coughs and sneezes
- P** - Put hands down and away from eyes, nose and mouth

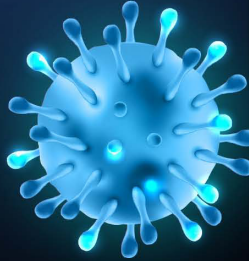
The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce encourages you to support local businesses. If you can, buy a gift card from a restaurant, buy something from a retail store online, reset your appointments with service oriented businesses so they will have future business, look online for cars but then when you can buy, buy one from a dealer in town, buy tickets for the movie theater now to use later, tithe to your church online or mail a check, and the list goes on. Show our local businesses that we will support them the way they have been there for us. They need you now more than ever.

**shopCanton**  
spend it here • keep it here

## Special Updates

### VISITOR RESTRICTIONS

**COVID-19**  
NOVEL CORONAVIUS



**NOW IN EFFECT**

**At Graham Health System, protecting our patients and staff remains a top priority. Effective immediately, the following visitation policy is in place until further notice:**

- Visitors under the age of 18 will not be allowed at the hospital.
- Adult visitors are limited to those necessary to promote the patient's emotional well-being and care.
- Visitors are limited to two persons at one time.
- Visitors who are sick should not visit the hospital - especially those with cold and flu-like symptoms.

*Thank you for your cooperation*



**Before planning any visit to a nursing home or retirement home facility it is recommended you call ahead so you can know their visitation policy.**

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## NEW MEMBER BIO's

**Jason Elwell and Celia Babcock of Canton are excited to announce an expansion of their latest project, Eats on the Street, and join the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce family.**

### **Personal Background**

Celia grew up in Canton and after meeting Jason are now raising their family here. With 3 children (ages 4, 9, and 13) in the local schools, Jason and Celia are involved in local activities and organizations. This experience has motivated them to invest in new family focused business ventures in the area.

### **Company Background**

Eats on the Street, a division of Peculiar Projects LLC, was founded in October 2019. Their approach originally involved serving breakfast from a unique bicycle-powered mobile food cart. The simple menu included breakfast burritos and hearty biscuits n' gravy. The Canton community responded positively and in February 2020 Eats on the Street opened their restaurant at 74 N Main. The new Eats on the Street restaurant seats 25 and allows for an expanded menu. Breakfast and lunch is now available 6 days per week in a quick-service format and the food cart will still be out on the streets of Canton serving breakfast!



## **LEMAN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT Co.**

**Village Square Apartments is a residential community  
located at 1626 E. Myrtle St. in Canton.**

It consists of 130 apartments, including efficiencies, 1-bedroom units, and 2-bedroom units. Seventy- eight of the units are designated for low-income disabled or elderly residents. The apartments have on-site management, maintenance and cleaning staff. Emergency maintenance is available 24 hours per day. Leman Property Management Co. has managed Village Square Apartments since 1980. Marlene Kramer is the Resident Manager. She can be reached by phone at (309) 647-3211, by email at [vsquareapartments@yahoo.com](mailto:vsquareapartments@yahoo.com) or by walking in during business hours.

## Chamber Announcements

Congratulations to Hanes Physical Therapy who just celebrated their 5 year anniversary!

[www.hanesphysicaltherapy.com](http://www.hanesphysicaltherapy.com)

**HP** **Hanes  
Physical  
Therapy Ltd.**

"Very **Knowledgeable**  
and **Respectful.**"

-Todd R.

"**Hands-on** treatment.  
Adam is **Tops!**"

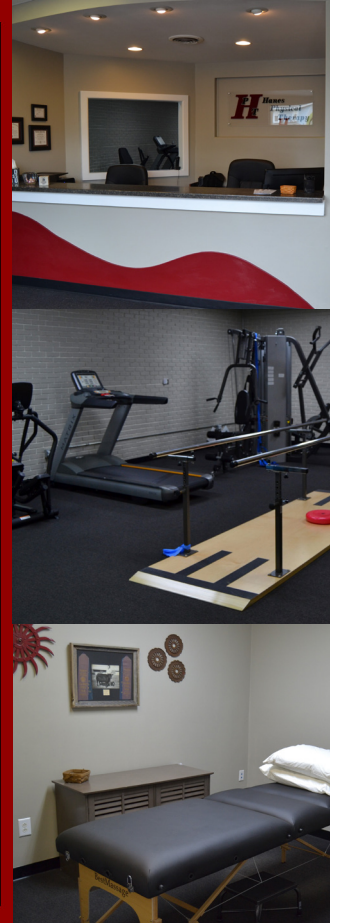
-Claude B.



Adam Hanes, MPT

486 N Main, **Canton**

**357-5470**



### Please help us welcome Chelsea Dodds, our new Assistant Director for the Canton Chamber of Commerce

Chelsea and her husband Mark Dodds, the new Canton Hy-Vee Store Director, recently relocated to Canton from Columbia, Missouri where she attended college. After earning an Industrial Engineering degree, Chelsea decided to take a less traditional career path focused on fitness and supporting non profit organizations in the area.

Chelsea has been a certified fitness instructor for the past 10 years and is currently teaching at the Canton YMCA in addition to working with the Chamber.

We are excited to have a new staff member to brighten up our office. Feel free to stop by and introduce yourself!



## Welcome Cole McDaniel to SRPED



Businesses in Fulton County and the City of Canton can expect to see a new face come April. The Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development (SRPED) is excited to introduce their new Executive Director (CEO), Mr. Cole McDaniel.

Bob Senneff - SRPED chairperson stated “We are excited to have Cole join and lead the Partnership. He is a bright, young professional with significant successes early in his professional career. He will engage himself in the community and help us build on all the success we have seen over Missy Towery’s tenure”. Cole is currently the City Treasurer and Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Havana, and will be fulfilling his duties there through the end of March; in an effort to make their transition go as smooth as possible. McDaniel will then begin his new role with SRPED on April 1st.

Cole attended Spoon River College and then transferred to the University of Illinois at Springfield and will acquire his Bachelors in Business Administration this May. He will pursue further education with his intentions to acquire a Master’s in Business Administration from Lincoln College. Cole has also received training at the Midwest Community Development Institute through the Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University. While attending in 2018 he was deemed “Class Champion.”

Cole brings to SRPED the experience of being involved in and helping coordinate, 32 Downtown Revitalization projects accounting for over \$2.6 Million in both public and private investment in downtown Havana’s business district. He has also been successful with facilitating USDA “Technical Assistance” grant funds totaling \$30,000, which assisted 20 Havana businesses.

“I have had a great experience in my hometown of Havana, and it has made me realize over the last few years that I have a true passion for community and economic development. I am honored to be named the next Executive Director of SRPED, and look forward to continuing to build on the great foundation that Mark Rothert, Missy Towery, organizational staff and previous board members helped to build. I am excited for the opportunity to work with such a great organization and community. I look forward to building strong working relationships with all of Canton and Fulton County for years to come.” Stated Cole.

The Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development (SRPED) is a 501c (3) tax exempt non-profit organization dedicated to serving as a catalyst for economic and community development. SRPED’s mission is to create community partnerships, business opportunities, and implement programs and projects that foster growth and development.

# MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

*By Rolf Sivertsen*

## CORONA AND CANTON SCHOOLS

The Corona controversy has certainly caused much turmoil in our everyday lives. This article will discuss how our school district is coping and what measure we have created to support the Canton community during this time of challenge.

### CLEANING

Immediately after school was closed our custodial staff began cleaning and disinfecting our schools to ensure that our students will be safe when we resume school. Our director of buildings and grounds obtained chemicals from our supply vendor that will specifically kill the Corona Virus. All buildings and the district office will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

### PROVIDING INSTRUCTION

Immediately after the Governor mandated the closure of public schools the Canton Administrative Team convened two emergency meetings on Saturday March 14th & Sunday March 15th. During those meetings the team drafted an E-Learning plan for students pre-k thru 12. The district is planning to deploy the plan if the school closure is extended beyond the projected March 31st return date.

### MEALS FOR STUDENTS

Another important conversation during the March 14th emergency meeting involved providing meals for students. The team agreed that the district should provide meals for all families that needed them. As a result, the district developed a plan to prepare and deliver 500 meals a day. The team also felt that it was important to adjust those meal counts in the event that the demand increased.

### SUMMATION

There is no doubt this is an unprecedented time. It is hard for me to describe the strong sense of pride I felt when I watched our food service staff preparing meals and our bus drivers and monitors deliver them to the homes of children. It was also deeply impressed by our CHS staff that was providing drive-up food items for families. I assure and promise you our district will not panic during this challenge. In fact, we will rise to the event and work as hard as we can to see that the community gets through this challenge. Rest assured the Little Giant Learning Family will be here for the entire community. ALWAYS!!



# SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to Illinois Small Businesses Economically Impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Illinois small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza announced today. SBA acted under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, to declare a disaster following a request received from Gov. JB Pritzker on March 17, 2020.

The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available in the entire state of Illinois; and the contiguous counties of Clinton, Des Moines, Dubuque, Jackson, Lee, Louisa, Muscatine and Scott in Iowa; Benton, Gibson, Knox, Lake, Newton, Posey, Sullivan, Vermillion, Vigo and Warren in Indiana; Ballard, Crittenden, Livingston, McCracken and Union in Kentucky; Cape Girardeau, Clark, Jefferson, Lewis, Lincoln, Marion, Mississippi, Perry, Pike, Ralls, Saint Charles, Saint Louis, Saint Louis City, Sainte Genevieve and Scott in Missouri; and Grant, Green, Kenosha, Lafayette, Rock and Walworth in Wisconsin.

“SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible to assist Illinois small businesses with federal disaster loans. We will be swift in our efforts to help these small businesses recover from the financial impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19),” said Administrator Carranza.

SBA Customer Service Representatives will be available to answer questions about SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program and explain the application process.

“Small businesses, private non-profit organizations of any size, small agricultural cooperatives and small aquaculture enterprises that have been financially impacted as a direct result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) since Jan. 31, 2020, may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred,” said Carranza.

“These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can’t be paid because of the disaster’s impact. Disaster loans can provide vital economic assistance to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing,” Carranza added.

Eligibility for Economic Injury Disaster Loans is based on the financial impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The interest rate is 3.75 percent for small businesses. The interest rate for private non-profit organizations is 2.75 percent. SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years and are available to entities without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**The deadline to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan is Dec. 21, 2020.**

**For more information about Coronavirus, please visit: [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov).**

**For more information about available SBA resources and services, please visit: [SBA.gov/coronavirus](https://www.sba.gov/coronavirus).**

## Be informed of COVID-19 Recommendations

### DURING THE CURRENT RESTAURANT AND BAR CLOSURES YOU CAN:



Get carry out



Order delivery



Order drive-through



Pick up take-out



Dining in option to patrons is temporarily not available

**IRMA**

### DO YOUR PART TO SHOP SMART:



Purchase only enough food for a week and make that your weekly routine.



Do not hoard food. Doing so creates shortages that impact vulnerable members of our community.



Illinois' food supply is secure and working. If there is less in stores, this is due to hoarding.



Opt for delivery or curbside pickup where available.



Don't fear store closures. Even in countries with strict in-home quarantines, citizens are allowed free access to grocery stores and pharmacies.



Practice social distancing and exercise common-sense hygiene.



This includes washing hands, wiping down goods when home and using a sanitation wipe on grocery carts/baskets. Make this a permanent habit.

**IRMA**

**Information provided by Illinois Retail Merchants Association**

# 150% CLUB MEMBERS

The 150% Club is an optional membership upgrade that provides added exposure for your business. By paying 50% over regular membership dues at the time of your dues investment renewal or new membership, your business can join the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce's 150% Club.

## 150% CLUB

Advanced Rehab & Sports Medicine  
 American Family Insurance  
 APEX Seed Co.  
 Aquatic Control  
 Art Hossler Auto Plaza  
 Barnhart, Tinsman & Associates, LTD  
 Brannan's Window & Siding  
 Camille's of Canton  
 Canton Elks Lodge  
 Canton Family YMCA  
 CEFCU  
 Central States Fireworks  
 CFC Properties  
 Cheesecakes by Cheryl  
 Chronos Technology  
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 Crawford's Home Furnishings  
 Dempster Insurance  
 Di's Boutique  
 Dr. Jack Gibbs  
 First Christian Church  
 Froehling, Weber & Schell, LLP  
 Fulton County Emergency Medical Association  
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 Giant Goose Ranch LLC  
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 Kevin & Debbie Stephenson  
 Kiwanis Club of Canton  
 Leander Construction  
 Maurer-Stutz, Inc.  
 McDonald's  
 Kevin Meade  
 Mel's Sporting Goods  
 MidAmerica National Bank  
 Monical's Pizza  
 North Central Behavioral Health Systems  
 Oak-Hines Funeral Homes  
 Official Time Out  
 OSF Healthcare  
 Otto Stephenitch  
 Pizza Hut  
 Progressive Vision Center, LTD  
 Pure Green LLC  
 Renaissance Care Center  
 Rhoades Real Estate & Land Auction  
 Scott Miller  
 Sherwin-Williams  
 Space Walk of Central Illinois  
 State Farm Insurance, Chuck Taylor  
 Stinauer Family Dentistry  
 The Clayberg  
 The Loft Rehabilitation & Nursing of Canton  
 TimbukTech, Inc.  
 Town & Country Insurance Agency, Ltd.  
 Twice the Ice  
 Walgreens in Canton  
 WBYS AM & WCDD FM Radio