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Ambassadors are there for
your business. Feel free to
contact them anytime.**

Membership Adoption

by Carla Bobell

“Membership.” The first known use of the word was in 1614. What does that word mean to you today? A part of something great? Inclusion? Belonging? Commitment? Community? Association?

The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization funded by memberships and event fundraisers. In fact, 55% of our income depends on memberships each year. The remaining 45% relies on fundraising efforts. Well, just like most not-for-profits, the Canton Chamber is feeling the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic. Because we are a registered 501(C)6, we were not eligible for any federal or state funding to sustain our operations at 100%. In May, we had to let our Assistant Director go.

The Canton Chamber started 2020 with a bang. We were able to have the Annual Chamber Dinner in February and honor well-deserved recipients. But then the pandemic hit. We had to cancel our annual golf outing, scheduled for May 15th, which is the Chamber's largest fundraiser of the year. We canceled rather than re-scheduled it because our committee did not want to ask local businesses for sponsorships while they were trying to get back on their feet. Our focus was (and still is) on helping them – not asking them to help us at this time.

Then, due to the Retore Illinois guidelines, we had no choice but to cancel the annual Canton Cruise-In as we know it. This event is also a fundraiser for the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce but we re-imagined it into the Canton Cruise THRU Parade. We wanted to create a fun day for those who participate in this newly created event, being planned on July 11th at 10:00 am, but we also wanted to create a safe event for the citizens of Canton. While we have all these visitors in town, we decided to create reasons for them to stimulate our local economy by giving them information on where to grab lunch, go shopping or take a drive in Fulton county.

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We want to thank our Executive Board of Directors for standing strong with the Canton Chamber during these uncertain times.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

RISE Canton, previously Salveo Health and Wellness, has been serving medical cannabis patients in Canton since November 2015. Now owned and operated by Green Thumb Industries, LLC, the dispensary was rebranded in November of 2019. GTI owns other Illinois locations in Mundelein, Effingham, Naperville, Quincy, Niles, and Joliet. The Canton location currently has 30 employees and have plans to add more jobs in the near future. On January 1, 2020, RISE Canton began providing both adult and medical cannabis. With recreational cannabis use in Illinois becoming legal, it presented an opportunity for the RISE Canton Cannabis team to further showcase their cannabis passion in the Land of Lincoln.

We believe that cannabis should be accessible and is vital for the health of many. No matter your lifestyle or level of wellness, there is a way for this humble plant to improve your well-being. That's why making you comfortable and helping you feel informed is the foundation of every RISE store experience. Whether you are a first-timer, or an old-pro, we can help you discover the right cannabis product to help you find relief, relax, unwind, and enjoy life.

Our business is driven by patient and customer care in addition to our passion to deliver high-quality products to all who step through our doors. We know that not everyone has had previous experience with cannabis, so we always help educate our patients to make them feel comfortable about the products they are using.

RISE Canton is located at 3104 N. Main Street. Give them a call at 309-647-9333 or head to their website for more details at <https://risecannabis.com/dispensaries/>

Operational hours are

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm



Imagine our city without our local businesses. What would be left? What would the streets look like? Desolate, depressing, empty, boring, abandoned.....just like a zombie movie!

Just how much of a presence and impact do small businesses have on our communities? The Small Business Administration (SBA) reports 28 million small businesses operating in the U.S. alone. And since 1995, those small businesses have generated 66% of all new jobs in the United States.

Small businesses are a big deal.

So get out there, do your part and shop local!

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



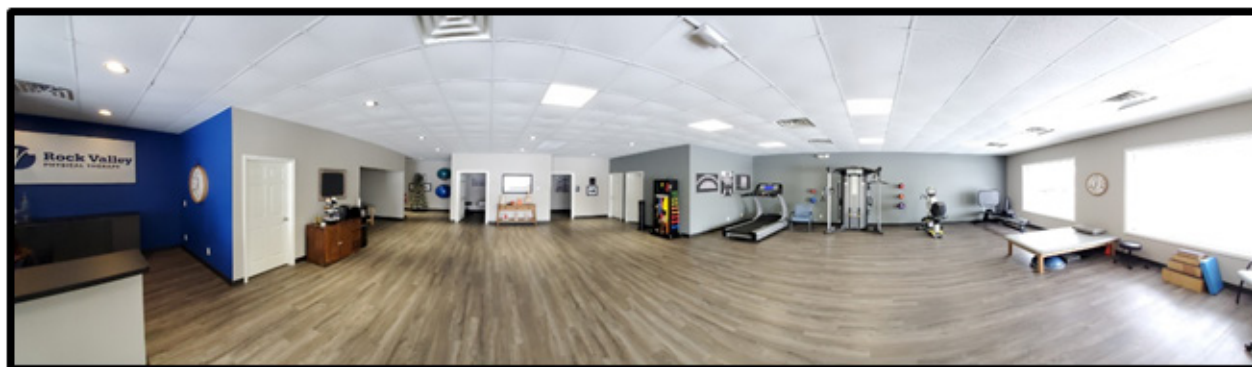
Making Better Lives.

Rock Valley
PHYSICAL THERAPY



Lacey Neal, PT, DPT brings her 18 years of clinical experience to the role of clinic manager at the new location in Canton. A 2013 graduate of Bradley University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program, Lacey has a passion for treating orthopedic patients utilizing a manual therapy approach. In addition, Lacey also has experience treating neurological conditions and balance disorders. Other conditions skillfully treated, but not limited to, include: pre and post-surgical/orthopedic care, TMD, vertigo, complex neck and back pain, chronic pain, lymphedema, walking/running analysis, balance assessment, and general functional decline.

Jeremy Przybylo, PT, DPT, DMT joined the Canton Rock Valley Physical Therapy team in January 2020. A 2006 graduate of Midwestern University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program, Jeremy relocated to the Peoria area where he has spent the last 15 years treating pre and post-operative orthopedic conditions. Furthermore, Jeremy brings a very unique approach to treating patients with his Doctor of Manual Therapy degree from the Ola Grimsby Institute. He has extensive training and experience treating general orthopedic conditions, including over 10 years working with spinal dysfunction.



HOURS

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7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday
7:00 am - 4:00 pm

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Peculiar Projects LLC

Peculiar Projects LLC may sound like an odd name for a local company, but they have been operating in Canton for more than a year. Peculiar Projects LLC is the parent company to the well-known “Eats on the Street” restaurant and a bounce house rental business called “Space Walk of Central IL”. Peculiar Projects is owned and operated by Canton residents Jason Elwell and Celia Babcock. The company was founded after Jason lost his corporate IT job and consequently looking for a career change. Celia, a Canton native, didn’t want to move to a big city to find Jason a new technology job, and instead yearned to do something to give back to the awesome Canton community. That is when they started these various “projects” around Canton.

Eats on the Street

Originally started as a bicycle-powered mobile food cart with staples like 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 offers breakfast and lunch in a quick-service format. In this post-COVID19 world, Eats on Street has been accepting delivery and carryout orders via phone, online, or walkup. Also, stop over and try out the new sidewalk seating area! When Phase 4 is here, we will welcome you into the restaurant located in the back of Blessings Primitives.

Space Walk of Central IL

Space Walk is a national company that has been delivering inflatable fun for over 50 years. Celia and Jason acquired the local Space Walk Branch in August of 2019 and offer bounce houses, wet and dry slides, obstacle courses, and much more. An inflatable might be a great way to let the kids burn off some of that energy this summer! Inflatables are always cleaned, inspected, and insured.

Local Delivery by Peculiar Projects

In addition to the above businesses, Peculiar Projects LLC also runs an on-demand delivery service for local restaurants and shops. By incorporating cutting-edge technology (something Jason has lots of experience in!), their delivery drivers can be dispatched at a moment’s notice to deliver food and goods around town.

Future Projects

Peculiar Projects purchased the building at 154 E Chestnut last year and plan to hopefully resume construction on “The Academy of Play”, a full-service child care center. Keep an eye out for more peculiar projects around town! You never know where they might pop up next!

For questions or more information about Peculiar Projects’ services, contact
Jason Elwell at jason@peculiar.business



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We are looking forward to the Canton Cruise THRU Parade and we hope you come out and enjoy the parade, but know we plan to bring back the traditional Canton Cruise-In next year!

So with fundraisers pretty much non-existent, we are now depending on memberships. Because many local businesses were closed down for two and half months, many do not have the extra money to pay for their Chamber membership for this year. We do understand this, of course, and encouraged any business to pay the bills that are needed to keep their doors open and business running. However, we do not want to lose our members. Without them, there cannot be a Canton Chamber. We are offering deferred or monthly payments to those businesses that are struggling, but there is a way you can help.

You can really make a difference in our small business community by adopting a business and paying their Chamber membership dues (or a part of them) this year. We have a list of businesses that we know would appreciate this extra help because I have been told by many that they want to keep their membership. The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce has over 300 members, which is a strong membership for the size of town we live in and for the number of businesses we have in our area. This tells me that our local businesses are proud to be a part of something good, they value the benefits received from their Chamber membership, and they want to belong to a group of local businesses that work together and help each other out.

Can you help out? Besides shopping locally, supporting a community business with a membership donation is another positive way to assist our businesses' recovery efforts. If you are willing to adopt a business for CACC membership, please contact me at (309) 647-2677, Ext. 3, or send an email to cbobell@cantonillinois.org. Membership in the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce allows you and others to continue to be a part of something great. Come and join us.

Carla

RESTORE ILLINOIS PHASES

STAY INFORMED!

Phase 1 Rapid Spread	Phase 2 Flattening	Phase 3 Recovery	Phase 4 Revitalization	Phase 5 Illinois Restored
<p>Strict stay at home and social distancing guidelines are put in place, and only essential businesses remain open.</p> <p>Every region has experienced this phase once already and could return to it if mitigation efforts are unsuccessful.</p>	<p>Non-essential retail stores reopen for curb-side pickup and delivery.</p> <p>Illinoisans are directed to wear a face covering when outside the home and can begin enjoying additional outdoor activities like golf, boating & fishing while practicing social distancing.</p>	<p>Manufacturing, offices, retail, barbershops and salons can reopen to the public with capacity and other limits and safety precautions.</p> <p>Gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed.</p> <p>Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.</p>	<p>Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed, restaurants and bars reopen, travel resumes, child care and schools reopen under guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health.</p> <p>Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.</p>	<p>The economy fully reopens with safety precautions continuing.</p> <p>Conventions, festivals and large events are permitted, and all businesses, schools and places of recreation can open with new safety guidance and procedures.</p>

MESSAGE FROM COLE McDANIEL

Executive Director SRPED

The City of Canton has faced many challenges throughout the years, but nothing could prepare us for the disruption, uncertainties and health risks presented by the outbreak and spread of COVID-19.

While these are unprecedented times, the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development is responding as we have in times of crisis in the past—by coming together and finding ways to help our community and businesses persevere. SRPED is proud to be part of this community-wide effort.

Our team has worked to respond to the impact of COVID-19 on Canton and Fulton County, providing much-needed programs and services to our entire county. As an organization that serves all of Fulton County, we offer a valuable focus, and we set out to bring together information essential to all of our communities.



Canton and Fulton County businesses, government leaders and people have fulfilled their responsibility—and more. Many believe that leaders are defined by how they conduct themselves in times of crisis. The same can be said for good citizens. In the case of Canton and Fulton County, we are showing ourselves to be good leaders and good citizens.

The physical offices of SRPED have been reopened as of June 1st, and we encourage anyone looking for additional assistance or resources for their business to reach out.

“In a world where the social fabric seems to be rapidly fraying, the economy is uncertain, and the future of the planet is at risk, is there a better way to hit the reset button than to come back to the community level and begin to genuinely rely on one another again?” This statement was made by free lance journalist, Amanda Abrams.

Let’s all do our part to support the local bars and restaurants, hair salons and barber shops, boutiques, and all of the other retail and service businesses that have been able to open back up as part of Phase 3 in Illinois. Our local businesses need us to help them through this very difficult time by spending our hard earned dollars locally!

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. The Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development wishes everyone the very best during these very difficult times.

Feel free to reach out to our office anytime.



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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT of CANTON SCHOOLS

What Will School Look Like in the Fall
by Rolf Sivertsen

Recently the State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carmen Ayala, released administrative guidelines for school districts conducting summer education programs. The document outlined recommendations to provide safe in-person instruction while reducing the risk to COVID 19 infection. The guidelines were adopted through the input from a variety of sources. For example, the State Superintendent assembled a team of stakeholders that included teachers, administrators, school nurses, social workers, students, and ISBE staff. The team shared their thoughts and best practices to develop and hone a final document of guidelines that that will provide a safe and healthy environment for all 852 school districts.

Using a similar process, we anticipate the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to release a transition plan that will advise school districts on the restart of schools for the 2020-21 school year sometime during the third week of June (not known at the time of this writing). We expect the transition plan will provide remote learning recommendations soon thereafter. The nature of the transition plan will be predicated on COVID Data in the EMS Regions 3 & 6 Central Region. It is my opinion that Canton Schools will be under a Restore Illinois Phase 4 order. The Phase 4 model, Revitalization, is defined as the following:

The rate of infection among those surveillance tested and the number of patients admitted to the hospital continues to decline. That means that schools will be restricted to:

- Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed, restaurants and bars reopen, travel resumes, child care and schools reopen under guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health.
- Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.

These guidelines will more than likely require our district to transition to a blended model that will restrict student attendance to 50% on any given day. In response to this anticipated guidance our school district is creating a team of teachers, administrators, and other personnel to create a schedule that will be conducive to a Phase 4 implementation. As this process progresses I will keep all of you informed.



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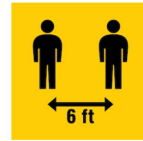
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29th Canton CRUISE-IN THRU PARADE



COVID 19 Requirements

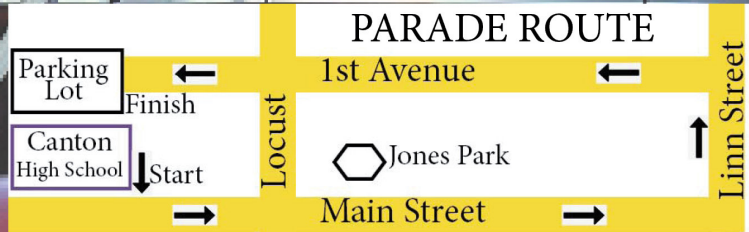
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10:00 am

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