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Executive Director Report Seth Klinedinst

As we turn the page to July, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who helped make the first half of 2026 such a success. From our Annual Dinner and Chamber Golf Outing to the 35th Annual Canton Cruise-In, these events showcased the incredible partnerships, volunteers, businesses, sponsors, and community members who continue to make Canton a community worth celebrating.

The Chamber is more than the events we host. Our mission is to strengthen local businesses, foster meaningful connections, and create opportunities that encourage economic growth throughout our community. Every ribbon cutting, new member, business expansion, networking event, and community partnership contributes to the momentum we are building together.

As we move into the second half of the year, our focus remains on serving our members while continuing to strengthen relationships throughout Canton. We are already looking ahead to upcoming events, welcoming new businesses, supporting existing ones, and working alongside our local governments, schools, nonprofits, and community organizations to continue moving Canton forward. One of the greatest strengths of our community is the willingness of people to step forward and get involved. Whether you volunteer at an event, support a local business, attend a Chamber function, or simply encourage someone to shop locally, you are helping make a difference. Strong communities are built by people who choose to invest in one another.

Thank you for your continued support of the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce. Together, we are creating new opportunities, strengthening local businesses, and building an even brighter future for Canton.

Have a safe and happy Independence Day, and thank you for being part of what makes our community so special.

Sincerely,
Seth Klinedinst
Executive Director
Canton Area Chamber of Commerce





CELEBRATE!!

ANNUAL JULY 4
FIREWORKS DISPLAY

STARTS AT DUSK



Canton Area Chamber of Commerce presents



LUAU PARTY

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

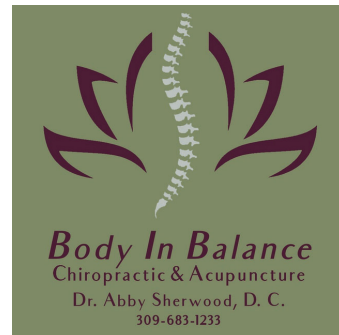
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July 16
5PM TO 7PM

- ✓ *Networking Opportunity
- ✓ *Free Drink Tickets
- ✓ *Free Food Provided
- ✓ *Cool Prize Giveaway

White Oaks Sports Bar 46 White Court, Canton

Location:



Welcome Markley Realty

Gorsuch Realty & Auction is proud to join the Chamber of Commerce and continue serving our community with trusted real estate and auction services. Owner Chad Markley is a native of Central Illinois and a graduate of Western Illinois University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree before returning to complete a Master's in Economics. Following his studies, Chad moved to Chicago and worked at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, where he discovered a passion for commodity trading. After several successful years in the trading world, Chad returned home and began acquiring farmland—an experience that sparked his interest in real estate. In June 2025, Chad purchased Gorsuch Realty & Auction from the late Curtis Gorsuch. Gorsuch Realty has been a long-standing and respected business in our community, and Chad is honored to carry on its legacy of service and integrity. Markley Realty LLC, doing business as Gorsuch Realty & Auction, is a full-service real estate and auction company serving residential, farm, and commercial clients. Our experienced team of seven licensed real estate brokers is dedicated to helping customers navigate every step of their buying and selling journey. Our team includes: Traci Miller, Trudy Stuckey, Jeanine Smith, Leslie Gorsuch, Doug Falk, Heather McAdams, and Harriett Ellis. We look forward to building new relationships through the Chamber and continuing to serve our community for years to come.



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Support LOCAL.



Strengthen Our Community



KEEPS MONEY IN THE COMMUNITY

More of every dollar spent locally stays in the community, supporting local jobs and families.

Why Shop Local Small Business?

Every purchase
makes a difference



CREATES LOCAL JOBS

Small businesses provide employment opportunities and help our local economy grow.



BUILDS A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Local business owners sponsor school, youth sports, charities and community events



FIND UNIQUE PRODUCTS & PERSONAL SERVICE

Enjoy one-of-a-kind items and friendly, personalized customer service you won't find everywhere else.



ENCOURAGES ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Supporting small businesses helps local dreamers and innovators succeed.



HELPS YOUR COMMUNITY THRIVE

Healthy local businesses contribute to vibrant downtowns and stronger neighborhoods



Why Shop Local Small Business?



**YOU'RE INVESTING IN
OUR COMMUNITY'S
FUTURE.**

CANTON CRUISE-IN

WINNERS!



OVER 200 VEHICLES - DOWNTOWN CANTON
JUNE 19TH, 2026

35th Annual Canton Cruise-In
Mayor's Choice Winner for 2026

1956 Chevy Belair
Carl Cleaver



MAYOR'S CHOICE / BEST OF SHOW

CARL CLEAVER

1956 Chevy Belair

BEST MOTORCYCLE

1959 & OLDER

1960-1979

1980 & Newer



2012
Custom Harley
Rich Dykeman



1955
Chevy Belair
Louis Vogel



1966
Chevy C10
Mike Hardwick



1981
DCM Delorean
Kaleb VanVleet

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTICIPANTS, SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND COMMUNITY FOR MAKING THE CANTON CRUISE-IN A SUCCESS!



**CANTON AREA CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**



Thank you!

The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Canton Cruise-In a Tremendous sucecess!

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

Your time, effort, and support helped bring our community together for a day full of cars and camaraderie. We are truly grateful for every single person who played a part

TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS... THANK YOU!

To our Ambassadors, Chamber Board, Queen Pageant Girls, Canton High School Football Team, and every amazing volunteer who helped before, during, and after the event
we couldn't have done it without you!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

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- The Loft
- Buckheart Soloar
- Orwig Auto Body
- Dee Clark State Farm Insurance Agency
- Davis Ford
- TBK Bank

SUPPORTING SPONSORS

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- MidAmerica National Bank
- Edward Jones - Maggie Connell
- Hocker, Fitzjarrald & Richardson
- Stinauer Family Dentistry
- Country Financial - Nick Wright
- State Farm - Chuck Taylor
- Art Hosslers Auto Plaza
- Canton Collision Center & Restoration
- Apex Seeds
- Brew N Cue
- Rancho Nuevo
- Line-Ex
- Bar-Mac Farms
- Rhoades Real Estate
- Odds & Ends Resale
- Klindedinst Chiropractic

***THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE 2026 CANTON CRUISE-IN
One to Remember!***

LIVE AT THE PLAZA

Canton



FREE COMMUNITY
CONCERT

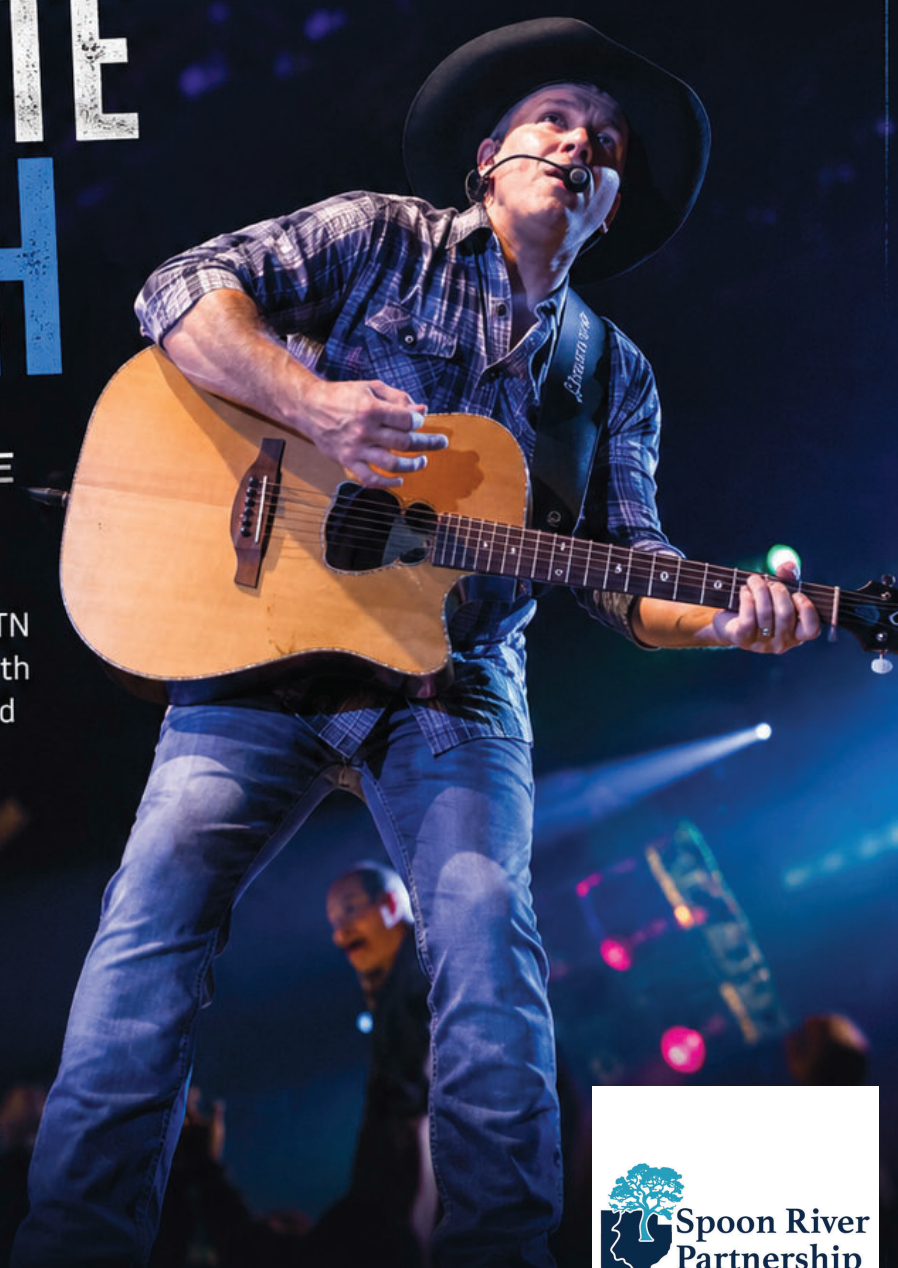
ULTIMATE GARTH

THE ULTIMATE
GARTH BROOKS TRIBUTE

The ULTIMATE GARTH BROOKS TRIBUTE ft. Shawn Gerard is a high-energy show from Nashville, TN recreating Garth's greatest hits with world-class musicians... guaranteed excitement for all ages.

THURSDAY
JULY
17

★ 7:30 PM ★



OPERA HOUSE PLAZA

45 EASTSIDE SQUARE, CANTON, IL

★ FREE MUSIC. GREAT NIGHTS. OUR COMMUNITY. ★



STORYTIME

AT THE PLAZA

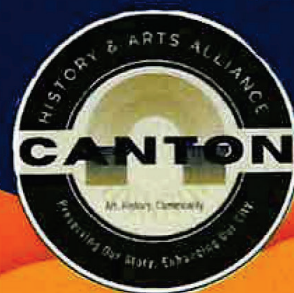
READ & EXPLORE

10:00 AM

EVERY OTHER
SATURDAY

MAY 30TH - SEPTEMBER 19TH

OPERA HOUSE PLAZA
45 EASTSIDE SQUARE,
CANTON, IL



 CANTON HISTORY
AND ARTS ALLIANCE

City of Canton Spotlight

Projecting Forward in 2026

As Canton hits the midyear point of 2026, I see our city involved in projects of all types, shapes and sizes. All are serving to move Canton forward in a positive direction, to make our community safer, stronger, and more progressive. We've been following the grant projects for a long time, but they are worth mentioning because of their magnitude. With assistance from the State of Illinois, we are rebuilding our Wastewater Treatment Plant. We are building a new water main basically from Wallace Park to County Road 22. We are also replacing a second round of lead water service lines. These projects strengthen our infrastructure and could not happen without large grants from the State. A fourth project, smaller but exciting, will be the lighting of the downtown's historic Tin Man water tower, compliments of another Illinois grant. Expect to see completion and lighting sometime this summer.

A fifth project, nearly dig-ready, is the extension of the water main on Park Plaza Drive. This area has been known to have low water pressure for decades, due to the fact that the current main comes to a dead end. A new main extension will "loop" the service and vastly improve the water pressure for residents in that neighborhood. The Business Development District continues to produce exciting improvements of all sizes, but all offer a financial boost to the business owners who dare to dream them. Notable recent projects include Encore Dance Academy's complete studio renovation, Brew-n-Cue's second story golf simulator/event space, and now Big Cats Bowls rebuilding of a new facility at their current location, and the Super Wash, which has been leveled and rebuilt into a modern operation. Poised to impress, the Canton Daily Ledger building is undergoing a total refurbishing that will both honor the historic features of the structure and transform it into a fresh, current retail space.

With all this activity, it's hard not to be optimistic about our future here.

Mayor Kent A. McDowell



Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development Spotlight



SRPED Announces New Executive Director
The Board of Directors of the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development (SRPED) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jennie Grove as Executive Director.

Jennie has been serving as Interim Executive Director for the past five months and has been with SRPED for the past two years, supporting regional initiatives focused on economic development, business support, tourism growth, and community revitalization across Fulton County.

She brings multiple years of experience in tourism marketing, events, and destination promotion, along with a strong understanding of how visitor activity, place-based development, and community events contribute to local business revenue, job creation, and broader economic impact.

In her interim role, Jennie has already partnered with the Board to refine the mission statement, advance a new Strategic Plan, and reassess the organizational roles needed within the Partnership. These early efforts position her, and SRPED, to capitalize on the significant opportunities ahead and deliver meaningful benefits across the entire county.

Jennie will continue working alongside local business owners, community leaders, elected officials, and regional partners to advance collaborative strategies that support a strong, business-friendly environment and long-term economic vitality across Fulton County.

Jennie is a Fulton County native and graduate of Cuba High School. She earned her Associate Degree from Spoon River College before completing her Bachelor's Degree in Recreation, Sports, and Tourism Administration from Western Illinois University. Outside of work, Jennie cherishes time with her husband, Aaron, and their two young children. As a family, they enjoy discovering new places, experiencing local attractions, and making memories together wherever their adventures take them.

Please join us in congratulating Jennie on her appointment as Executive Director.

Jennie Grove, Executive Director
Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development

Canton Area Chamber of Commerce

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

One of the most visited areas of the Canton Chamber website is the Job Opportunities section.

If you are looking for a new job or need to post a job opening at your business, check it out at www.cantonillinois/chamber/jobopportunities

Email your business's job posting to the Canton Area Chamber at **cantonareachamber@gmail.com** and we will upload it to our Job Opportunities section of the CACC website for four weeks

SEE
JOB POSTINGS
HERE

Job Opportunities



Consumer Loan Administrator – MidAmerica National Bank

MidAmerica National Bank is hiring a full-time Consumer Loan Administrator for its Canton and Macomb locations. The ideal candidate is organized, detail-oriented, and has strong communication and computer skills. Competitive pay and benefits are offered. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply online and submit a resume.



Compliance Specialist – MidAmerica National Bank

MidAmerica National Bank is hiring a full-time Compliance Specialist to support the Bank's compliance and regulatory programs. The ideal candidate is detail-oriented, organized, and has strong analytical, communication, and computer skills. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply online and submit a resume.



Roofing Installers, Service Technicians & Laborers – Holthaus Companies

Holthaus Companies is hiring full-time Roofing Installers, Service Technicians, and Laborers based in Canton. Candidates should be safety-minded, dependable, self-motivated, and work well in a team environment. Interested applicants can contact info@holthausroofing.com or call (309) 647-9209.



Employment Opportunities – Fulton County Health Department

The Fulton County Health Department is hiring a full-time MCH Nurse and a part-time Health Professional/Educator. Both positions offer competitive pay and excellent benefits, including paid time off and holidays. Qualified candidates are encouraged to contact the Fulton County Health Department at (309) 647-1134 for more information.



Health Professional/Educator – Fulton County Health Department

The Fulton County Health Department is seeking a part-time Health Professional/Educator to assist with community health education and outreach programs. Starting pay is \$19.19 per hour with paid time off, paid holidays, and additional benefits. Interested applicants should submit a resume to Amy Rose at ajrose@fultonco.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



Assistant Director – Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development

The Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development (SRPED) is hiring a full-time Assistant Director to support economic development, community engagement, marketing, and organizational operations throughout Fulton County. The position offers a salary of \$42,000–\$48,000, along with paid time off, holiday pay, and insurance and retirement stipends. Interested applicants should submit a resume, cover letter, and three professional references to marketing@cantonillinois.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Job Opportunities



RN/LPN – The Loft of Canton

The Loft of Canton is seeking compassionate RNs and LPNs to join its skilled nursing team. Competitive pay, a supportive work environment, and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of residents await qualified candidates. For more information, call (309) 647-6135.



Housekeepers – Canton Harvester Inn

The Canton Harvester Inn is hiring full-time and part-time Housekeepers. Weekend availability is required, and applicants must be able to pass a background check and drug screen. Apply in person at 150 N. Main St., Canton. No phone calls, please.



Director of Ministry & Operations – The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is seeking a Director of Ministry & Operations to help lead its mission of serving the Canton and Fulton County community. Qualified candidates who are passionate about ministry, leadership, and community service are encouraged to apply. For more information, call (309) 647-0732.



Insurance Sales Position – Shelter Insurance

Shelter Insurance is hiring in Canton! The ideal candidate has strong sales and customer service experience, a positive attitude, and a desire to succeed. Insurance experience is preferred but not required. Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter to jfletcher@shelterinsurance.com.



MEET OUR CHAMBER TEAM

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State Farm Insurance



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Orwig Auto Body



Sarah Nottle
Salvation Army



Julie Tarvin
CUSD #66

CHAMBER AMBASSADORS

- John Lemon PRESIDENT - Rise of Canton
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- Dr. Jacob Standard, SECRETARY - Spoon River Animal Clinic
- Amanda Ketcham, TREASURER - Spoon River College
- Joe Christian - MidAmerica National Bank
- Stephen Clark - Town & Country Insurance
- Brandy Cozad - Official Time Out
- Tama Duhs - Bank of Farmington
- Jake Green - Graham Health System
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- Fonz Hale - Bistro 101
- Dave Lewis - Dave Lewis Studio, Ltd.
- Caleb Miller - Ipava State Bank
- Shawn Pardieck - Wee-Ma-Tuk Golf Course
- Amanda Reed - MidAmerica National Bank
- Dr. Abby Sherwood - Body In Balance
- Codi Swibold - Hy-Vee of Canton
- Dr. AJ Thum - Associates in Dentistry
- Bryce Vaughn - CEFCU of Canton

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GET NOTICED

- ✓ Provide the Chamber an article about your business
- ✓ Include your logo or picture of your business/staff
- ✓ Contact Chamber for deadline per issue
- ✓ Get results by potentially gaining new business

Would you like your business or organization to be highlighted in a Chamber Courier newsletter?

**Contact: Seth Klinedinst at the
Canton Area Chamber of Commerce Office**

Chamber Courier goes out
to over 350 Chamber
emails

CANTON CHAMBER SPONSORSHIPS

2026

Annual Dinner

Lead Sponsor \$500
Supporting Sponsor \$175

Chamber Golf Outing

Lead Sponsor \$1,000
Cart Sponsor \$500
Tee Sponsor \$175

Canton Cruise In

Lead Sponsor \$500
Supporting Sponsor \$175

Women in Business

Program Sponsor \$175

Holiday Lightshow

Lit Display Sponsor \$1500
Lead Sponsor \$500
Supporting Sponsor \$175

Youth Leadership Academy

Program Sponsor \$350

The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce is committed to providing quality events & programs for our members and the community.

We know large events are what bring people together as a community and bring others from outside our community here to enjoy our town. Our goal is that these sponsorship opportunities are helpful and enable you to positively promote your business through the Chamber to those in our community and those who are visiting out of town. Contact the Chamber office for a Sponsorship sheet.

ANNUAL DINNER

Thursday, March 19



Friday, May 15



Women in Business

October 2026



Friday, June 19



Month of December



Call Us for more information
309-647-2677

For More Details visit our website
cantonillinois.org/chamber



EVENT and PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT SHEET 2026

Event Sponsorships (see attached chart for benefits of sponsorship)	Yes!	Comments
Annual Dinner – Major Sponsor \$500		
Annual Dinner - Celebrity Waiter/Waitress \$300		
Annual Dinner – Supporting Sponsorship \$175		
Golf Outing – Lead Sponsor \$1,000		
Golf Outing – Cart Sponsor \$600		
Golf Outing – Tee Sponsor \$175		
Cruise-In – Lead Sponsor \$500		
Cruise-In – Supporting Sponsorship \$175		
Women in Business – Supporting Sponsorship \$175		
Holiday Lightshow - Lightshow Display \$1200-\$1500		
Holiday Lightshow - Lead Sponsor \$500		
Holiday Lightshow - Supporting Sponsor \$175		
Program Sponsorships		
Canton Area Chamber Young Professionals – Program Sponsorship \$300 (need 4 for year)		
Youth Leadership Academy – Program Sponsorship \$350 (need 7 for school year)		

Name of Business _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Email _____

Phone # _____

Mark all boxes next to the sponsorships you are interested in for 2026

Feel free to pay all sponsorships at one time or each sponsorships will be billed prior to the event/program and need to be paid in full before recognition will be given

Please return this form to the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce at 48 N. Main Street or email to cantonareachamber@gmail.com

Know there may be a new event in 2026 with the lead of a new Executive Director

CHAMBER CHAMPIONS



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!