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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CARLA BOBELL

Well, here we are, in the middle of the summer. We are all getting ready to celebrate 4th of July, planning parties, reunions, picnics, BBQ's (wait are those the same thing?) and as many outdoor activities as possible to enjoy before the students of our communities go back to school (yes, I said that out loud!).

Did you know that the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce has an online Membership Directory of local businesses that could serve as a very handy tool for you while planning for your events this summer? You could be looking for a caterer to cover the food, a venue location that can hold everyone, a bakery for the sweet treats so you don't have to do it, entertainment for the kiddo's or just a place to purchase supplies for what you need for your special event.

All you have to do is head to the cantonillinois.org website, click on the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce tab and then click on **Shop Canton** where the Membership Directory will appear. You can either start typing in the name of a business or click on the business categories listed for ideas. Contact information will be listed for each business along with some information about the business in most listings. Click on the Chamber logo below to take you right to our website.

While you are on the Canton Chamber website you can also check out how to join the Chamber, Annual Chamber Events, How to get Involved, pull up past Chamber Courier newsletters, get details on the Canton Area Chamber Young Professionals group, or see a listing of our Chamber Board of Directors and Ambassadors.

Two of the most visited areas on our website are the Job Opportunities, which lists local job openings in our area and the Calendar of Events. This is a place where many local events are listed. In fact, if you have an event you would like to include, just send the information or flyer to the Canton Chamber office and we will get it listed for you at no charge! Email information to cantonareachamber@gmail.com

Create memorable moments with ease by shopping local and support your community at the same time. It's a win win!



WELCOME NEW MEMBER: SERVPRO

Established in 2000, SERVPRO has been providing premier disaster mitigation services to the Central Illinois area, assisting people in Fulton, Tazewell, Mason, Peoria, and many other counties extending as far west as the Mississippi. During their expansion over the years, they were awarded the Large Loss Designation in 2022. This designation, shared by only a few in Illinois, enables them to handle major disasters such as storm damage, large commercial or environmental projects, and residential needs. With this achievement, Team Fletcher was born!

SERVPRO Team Fletcher offers a comprehensive range of services and utilize state-of-the-art equipment, some exclusive to them downstate. Their restoration capabilities include water, fire, storm disaster, mold, and biohazard remediation. Additionally, their construction capabilities allow them to manage most jobs entirely in-house. They are committed not only to delivering high-quality service to their clients but also to enhancing the experience of their team members and supporting first responders.

In their office, they host numerous educational events annually. Their facility serves as a training ground for their team and other SERVPRO franchises across the United States. This is so SERVPROs can obtain their IICRC certifications. They are proud to house the only IICRC-certified flood house in the state and a "smokehouse" that provides hands-on training for their technicians, insurance agents, and fire science students at ICC. Additionally, they conduct training seminars at the Peoria Fire Training Academy using their sponsored burn cells, which have been featured on local news channels. These burn cells simulate house fires using discarded items and furniture providing valuable lessons in fire safety and science.

At SERVPRO Team Fletcher, they have dedicated their resources to bettering the community as well as being at their best when disaster strikes. If you ever need them, they're here to help 24/7, 365 days a year. Call them at 309-356-5600, so they can make it like it never even happened.



Cleaning. Restoration. Construction.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 CANTON CRUISE IN WINNERS!

1963 Chevy Corvette
Bobby Clay of Galesburg



MAYOR'S CHOICE BEST OF SHOW

WINNER

Bobby Clay of Galesburg IL
1963 Chevy Corvette

**JUDGE MAYOR KENT MCDOWELL
& GRANDSON BEAU**
Seated inside the car

SPONSOR'S CHOICE 1960 & NEWER

WINNER

Jeff Olson of Canton IL
1972 Oldsmobile 442

**JUDGES: ERIKA REDDING WITH STATE FARM
AGENT DEE CLARK
JASON GUMBART & JASON GULLIDGE
WITH APEX SEED COMPANY**



1972 Oldsmobile 442
Jeff Olson of Canton IL

1957 Chevy Cameo
Mike Martin of Galesburg



SPONSOR'S CHOICE 1959 & OLDER

WINNER

Mike Martin of Galesburg IL
1957 Chevy Cameo

**JUDGES: EMPLOYEES FROM
PIZZA HUT**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 CANTON CRUISE IN WINNERS!

2014 Jeep Wrangler
Dave Johnson of Canton IL



BEST OF SHOW JEEP

WINNER

Dave Johnson of Canton IL
2014 Jeep Wrangler

JUDGES: EMPLOYEES FROM TBK BANK

BEST OF SHOW MOTORCYCLE

WINNER

Max Kumer of Cuba IL
2009 Harley Davidson
CVO Road Glide

**JUDGE: BRIAN MIARS
WITH WINDSHIELD SPECIALISTS**

2009 Harley Davidson CVO Road Glide
Max Kumer of Cuba IL



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Jimmy John's
MidAmerica National Bank
Monical's Pizza
Nick Wright - Country Financial
Orwig Autobody
Rhoades Real Estate & Land Auction
State Farm - Chuck Taylor
The Loft of Canton

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR KENT MCDOWELL

Summertime is when the big projects get moving. Our first box checked was the sidewalk in the 100 block of North Main Street. This stretch has needed repair for years, but it was complicated by basements extending under the sidewalk. But after a couple of weeks of construction mess, we have a nice, new sidewalk to enjoy.

Second project in mid-stream is construction of new water line extension along 20th Avenue. This will allow for a potential of 6 households to receive city water. The plan is to extend further into the north Lake Canton residential areas in the coming years.



Best news of the month is confirmation of a 1.5-million-dollar CDGB grant the City will receive from the State of Illinois. This will be used to replace a stretch of water main along East Hickory Street affectionately referred to as “the zipper line” because of the many, many water main breaks that have occurred over the years.

The City is still waiting to hear results of our application for Phase Two of the Lead Water Line Replacement project. We used grant money to replace approximately 225 lead lines on a first-come, first-served basis, and with another round of grant money, we could replace up to 400 more lines.

Work on the Opera House Plaza has begun, although you may not see much happening as you drive by. The property survey has been completed. The original site design is being adapted per the survey findings. Soil borings have been taken to develop a geotechnical report. Various contractors have been consulted regarding the specialty elements of the plan, such as the ironwork and the archway. Expect to see groundbreaking in a few months.

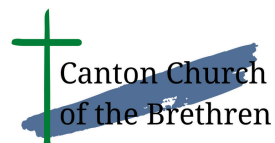
Lastly, thank you to all who came out and supported the MidAmerica National Bank’s Fireworks Cookout. Their fine event benefits our annual July 4 Fireworks Display, and we greatly appreciate the work and planning done by the MNB employees to host this event. If you’ve never been, it’s a great, hometown social event that sends you home feeling really good about Canton.

Mayor Kent A. McDowell

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John Clark

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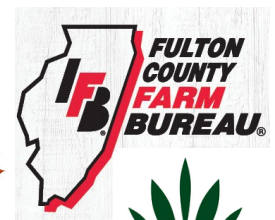
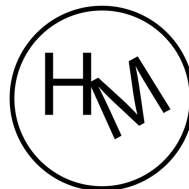
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June Business After Hours



Hosted by Rock Valley Physical Therapy

Upcoming BAH

JULY 18TH

Di's Boutique, Jim Maloof - Renee Lewis
Edward Jones - Maggie Connell

AUGUST 15TH

Buckheart Solar

SEPTEMBER 19TH

TBK Bank

OCTOBER 17TH

United Way for Fulton County IL

NOVEMBER 21ST

Barnhart, Tinsman & Parrish, Klinedinst Chiropractic,
Stinauer Family Dentistry, Oakdale Vet Clinic, OTO

DECEMBER 12TH

Ipava State Bank & Billy's Tap



Holiday

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Trivia Night

A Fundraiser for the Holiday Light Show

July 20th

Canton Elk's Lodge
61 W Elm St. Downtown Canton

Team of 8 - \$110

includes ways to earn extra trivia points

5:00pm - Doors Open

6:00pm - Trivia



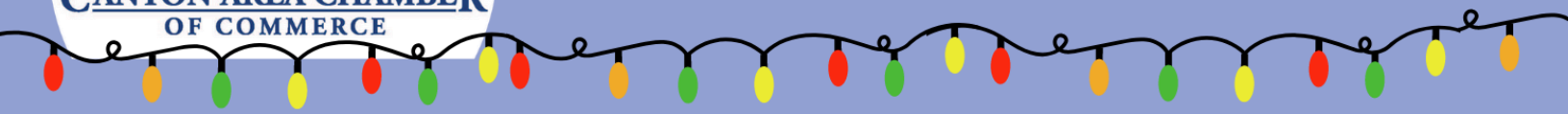
\$40 - Sponsor this community fundraiser

Dress in your favorite holiday theme! Best dressed wins prize!

\$7 meal, silent auction items,
pictures with Santa, and a sleigh full of fun!



Contact the Canton Chamber
for more information at 309-647-2677



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