

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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The monthly business publication of the Canton Area

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## We Have it All Right Here in Canton

*by: Carla Bobell*

We have it all right here in Canton, Illinois! Say what? As the Chamber Director I see and hear a lot that goes on in and around our community.

Okay, I hear you saying “but we don’t have this restaurant and we don’t have that store or there’s nothing to do.” No, we may not have the new fad businesses in town, but we sure do have a wonderful variety of great locally owned businesses that are here for us every day. And sometimes you need to be careful what you wish for because adding certain businesses will surely close others.

However, stores, restaurants and entertainment are not what I am talking about when I say “we have it all”. There is one thing that stands out the most to me. That one thing is the **generosity**. I see generosity coming from our local businesses, the chain businesses we have in town, organizations, churches, and community members. I am sure that many of you have supported a fundraiser, donated to a charity, tithed, volunteered for an event or even helped a neighbor in need or someone you don’t even know. Not every community has this amazing talent and we should appreciate it. When we all do our part and help others, well, what else do you really need in your community?

Let us not dwell on the “things” we do not have in our communities, let us focus on what we can do for others in our communities. We all have what it takes to be generous, weather it is with your time or with your money, so go out and continue to make a difference today and every day, because we really do have it all right here!

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*after hours*

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HOSTED THIS MONTH BY:

Join us on the brand new Eats on the Streets outdoor patio space for lemon shake ups! The new patio space is located on the corner of North Main and West Chestnut.



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**Thursday, June 16**  
**5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

*Food, beverages, fun, giveaways and networking!*

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**Fine Arts Festival**  
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June 4 & 5

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Saturday, 9:00a.m. - 4:30p.m. Sunday, 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

After serving the Canton community for 26 years at the China Inn Buffet, Meng En Wang and Ai Duan Chen decided to close the doors of the restaurant. As their lease was coming to an end they decided not to sign another long-term lease and try to keep up with the restaurant business. However, they were not done serving the Greater Fulton County area. They came up with the idea of a coffee shop that people could come in and sit and visit with their friends, and they wanted a name to go with the Canton community. After much thought they chose the name “Cup of Canton” and hopes it will resonate with the Canton community.



Walking away from the China Inn Buffet at the end of November of 2021 was a bittersweet moment for their family. After making countless, great memories there, Meng and Ai were saddened to no longer serve their loyal customers anymore. However, on December 10th, they, along with family members, began the remodeling process for the Cup of Canton, and began their online training on making different beverages, desserts, and pastries. The family soon visited the Columbia Street Roastery in Champaign and picked out the espresso machine and coffee beans. Meng and Ai became overjoyed for this new chapter and being able to continue serving the greater Fulton County area.

The flagship beverages that the Cup of Canton will be serving are coffees from Columbia Street Roastery, Boba Tea, Smoothies, Slush, and Lotus (plant based) Energy Drinks. They will also serve Shaved Ice, Snow Ice and Ice Cream. To complement the beverages, a variety of pastries, including some Asian pastries, will be served. An aspect of the Cup of Canton is to bring exposure to Asian snacks. People will be able to try a variety of chips, cookies, and other snacks from Asia. Along with the unique Asian snacks, customers will be able to try canned and bottled beverages from Asia. The Cup of Canton strives to provide a unique experience, bringing friends together to enjoy each other's company.

Cup of Canton is located at 52 E. Elm Street in Canton. Phone number is 309-435-7015. For up-to-date information on events, drink menu, and more, find them on Facebook at Cup of Canton. The Cup of Canton family looks forward to serving you!



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52 E. Elm  
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## WELCOME BACK FORMER MEMBER

Sometimes businesses go through administrative changes or even new owners and with that Chamber Memberships may be maintained or dropped. The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce is very excited to have Renaissance Care Center back as a Chamber member once again.

# Renaissance

## Care Center. Inc.

Renaissance was originally named Nursing Center of Canton in the 60's but was purchased by the current owner in 1991 and was renamed Renaissance Care Center.

They offer short-term rehab to home care, long term care and long term residential care for children, young adults and adults with developmental disabilities and skilled nursing needs. They also provide quality skilled nursing along with therapy to rehab patients after surgeries, falls, long illnesses or extended hospital stays.

Renaissance has a dedicated and highly trained staff who are compassionate and committed to their residents. Superior resident outcomes provided by friendly, caring staff make Renaissance a respected member of the community and the provider of choice for a vast array of healthcare needs.

Renaissance Care Center is a Medicare rated 5 star facility. They are continually remodeling and updating their facility to meet their residents' needs. One thing that is very unique is that they staff their own therapy department versus outsourcing which creates a better team environment and better continuity of care. Accepted payment levels include Medicare, Medicaid, Medicaid pending, managed care, private insurance and private pay.

Renaissance Care Center can be reached by calling 309-647-5631, or on Facebook at Renaissance Care Center Inc., or visit their website at [Renaissancecarerehab.com](http://Renaissancecarerehab.com).



Renaissance  
Care Center  
is located at  
1675 East Ash  
Canton



# HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW DONATIONS

# THANK YOU!



CEFCU of Canton  
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# \$500 DONATIONS

The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with Tim and Peyton Lindsey from the Lindsey light show that was created in 2020 in their neighborhood on the west side of Canton. We are bringing their holiday light show to Big Creek Park this coming November and December for everyone to enjoy. Because the show will be expanded, we reached out to local businesses to make donations to help with covering costs of new lights, equipment and supplies needed to make this new light show spectacular. Pictured above are businesses that are helping us move closer to our goal of raising \$5000 to get the holiday light show funded. Also included in the pictures are Tim and Peyton Lindsey and Carla Bobell, Executive Director of the Canton Chamber.



**CHIPPY** says Thank you!

If any other business or community persons would be interested in making a donation towards the new holiday light show, please call the Canton Chamber office at 309-647-2677 Ext. 2 to talk with Carla for more details or send her an email at [cbobell@cantonillinois.org](mailto:cbobell@cantonillinois.org). Watch the Chamber Facebook page, CACC61520, to stay up on volunteer opportunities and more information on the light show.

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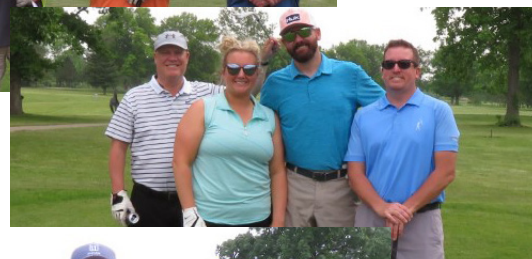


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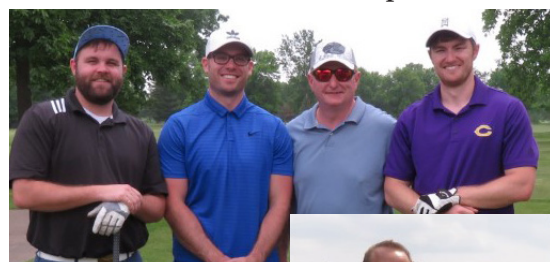
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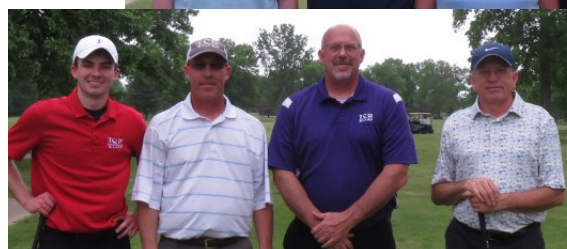
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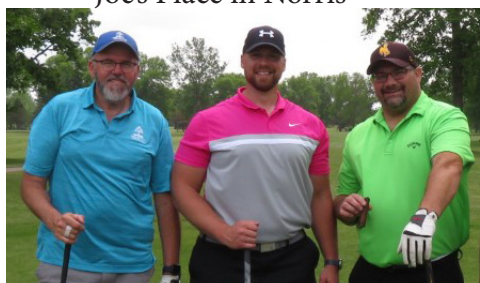


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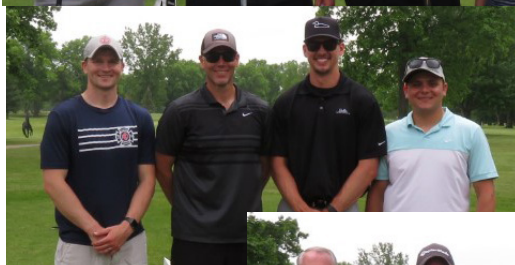
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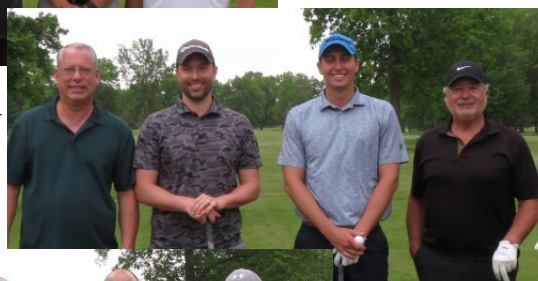
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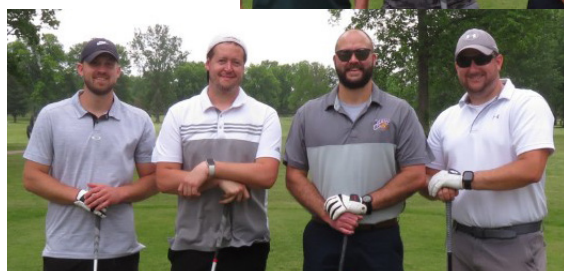
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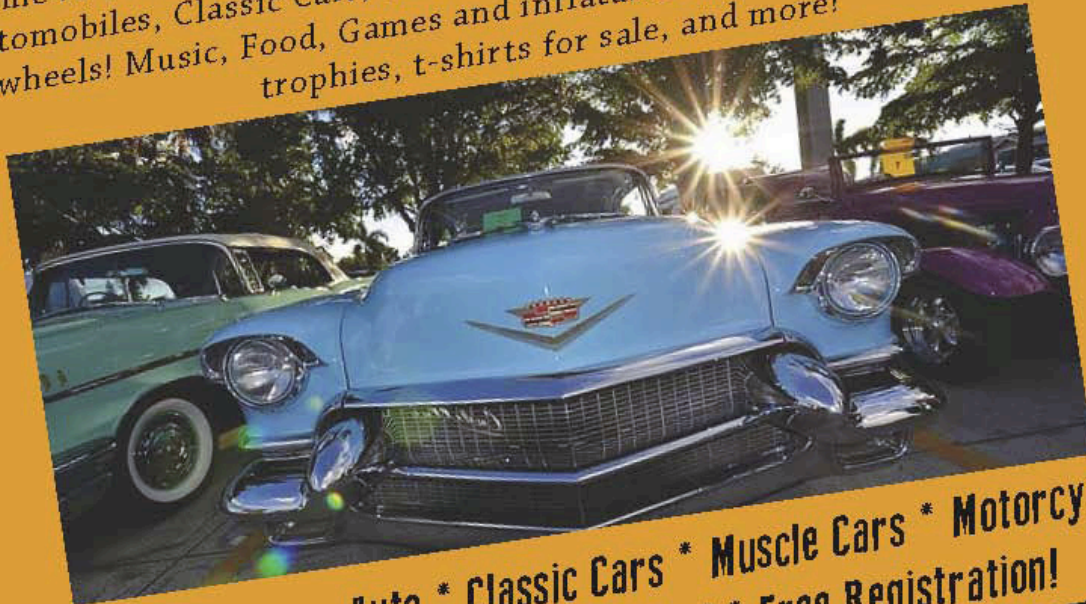
# Canton 31st Annual CRUISE-IN



4:00-8:00 PM

## Friday June 17, 2022

Come to downtown Canton for an evening filled with Street Rods, Antique Automobiles, Classic Cars, Muscle Cars, Motorcycles, and other collectibles on wheels! Music, Food, Games and inflatables for kids, and 50/50 drawing, trophies, t-shirts for sale, and more!



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# MESSAGE FROM SPOON RIVER PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



SRPED Executive Director  
Cole McDaniel



**SPOON RIVER  
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## Fulton County Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program Outcomes

The snapshots of information listed below were pulled from the presentation given to the Fulton County Board members on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### Application & Award Overview

Applications were accepted by SRPED for the FCSBG Program from

*February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 5 p.m.*

#### Overview

*Total Applicants – 80*

*Total Grant Awards – 63*

*Total Funding – \$757,500*

*Most Common Grant Amount – \$15,000*

#### 17 Applications Not Funded

*8 Applicants – Received grant funding that excluded them from having a decrease in gross revenue of \$2,500 or more.*

*6 Applicants – Did not meet the program eligibility guidelines.*

*3 Applications – Deemed to be fraudulent.*

*The Fulton County Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program made a significant impact for our Fulton County business owners. Take the time to thank a county board member for their support and efforts on this dynamic program. – Cole McDaniel*

### Industry Breakdown

- Bar/Restaurant/Food Service – 19
- Retail - 10
- Service – 15
- Health/Fitness - 3
- Agricultural - 1
- Tourism - 7
- Nonprofit - 7
- Manufacturing/Industrial - 1

### Grant Awards by Location

- 32 - Canton
- 13 - Lewistown
- 6 - Cuba
- 2 - Farmington
- 2 - Banner
- 1 - Bernadotte
- 1 - Vermont
- 1 - Ipava
- 1 - Norris
- 1 - Fairview
- 2 - "Fulton County"





## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CUSD #66

### Ingersoll Middle School Principal

Canton School District is excited to announce Amy Jones as the Principal of Ingersoll Middle School starting July 1, 2022. For the past year, Ms. Jones has been an assistant principal at Dunlap High School. She poses a variety of experiences and skills that make her an effective leader. Ms. Jones is student-centered while maintaining a focus on community within the school as well as connecting with the community outside of the school setting.

Ms. Jones states, "As Principal, I aspire to a school culture and educational program conducive to student learning and development. Families are under tremendous challenges today, and I seek to foster positive behavior, student and faculty teamwork, and cooperation in the school environment. I initiate and lead programs to provide clear, concise information both internally to professional staff and externally to students and parents." Ms. Jones is currently a resident of Canton and we look forward to welcoming her to our learning community.



Tad DeRenzy

### Summer Learning

During the month of June, many students are taking part in summer learning opportunities. Canton High School students will be attending credit recovery classes, drivers' education, health, and history classes. Approximately 135 elementary and middle school students will also attend summer learning programs to help close the learning loss gap that remains for some from days missed due to the pandemic. All students in preschool through fourth grade have received a summer learning bag with a variety of family engagement activities and many of these same students have received a free family membership to the ABC Mouse Online Learning Academy.

## MEET THE CANDIDATES

The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee is hosting a "Meet the Candidates" event for the upcoming primary elections. Candidates running for city, county and state positions have been invited to speak, and the public is welcomed to attend to hear their ideas and platforms.



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