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Secret Ingredient to Your Business Success

by: *Carla Bobell*

Everyone wants to know the big secret to business success. You know the one that happens overnight with very little work? Success that happens automatically, like the rubbing of a genie's bottle? But guess what? There's no such thing. Even for those rare businesses that do well over-night (like people who bought fidget spinners in bulk and sold them at a huge profit), to increase sales past that initial push, they need to work to put things in place that will ensure long-term success. But what if I told you there is a secret to long-term business success and it's incredibly easy to put into place? When you have the right ingredients or tools, it becomes easier. Chamber membership is one of those secret ingredients for business success.



Chambers may not be secret societies but they are often underestimated in their ability to help. Here's some powerful ways a Chamber can assist your business growth in ways that may have been secret to you up until now:

1. Chambers can help promote your business, your events, and your successes year after year.
2. Chambers are excellent (business) matchmakers and offer many networking opportunities.
3. Chambers have large, sought after business oriented audiences.
4. Chambers can help with sourcing and are the best at referrals.

Every business that already has the secret ingredient of Chamber membership uses that ingredient differently, just like any good recipe. Some go all out by being really involved and some are more reserved and call on a "when needed" basis. No matter your level, the Canton Chamber is that secret ingredient to help you and your business turn out great. Okay, is anyone else hungry?!



COME AND JOIN US!
CANTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BUSINESS
after hours

Networking
Opportunity

HOSTED THIS MONTH BY:



Will be held at
White Oaks Sports Bar
46 White Court

Register to Win 2 General Admission Tickets to Tailgate & Tallboys

Thursday, June 15
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Food, beverages, fun, giveaways and networking

Congratulations to Whitney Parrish for becoming
a partner at Barnhart, Tinsman & Parrish Ltd.



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 costs for the Golf Raffle this year.



Nick Wright Lance Moring

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Congratulations to the Winning Team Progressive Vision Center



Winning team Left to Right: Justin White, Jeremy Kauzlarich, Chad Murphy & John Turgeon
Executive Director Carla Bobell - photo bombed



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CANTON ART ON MAIN FINE ARTS FESTIVAL IS CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

Canton, IL – The Canton Art on Main Fine Arts Festival returns this year on Saturday, June 3rd, 9:00am – 4:30pm and Sunday, June 4th, 9:00am – 3:00pm in downtown Jones Park for its 10th year!

For this 10th Anniversary festival, presented by Canton Main Street, 31 professional artists will be featured! Out of those 31 artists, 7 are new artists to the festival! Categories being represented at the festival, with awards, include painting/drawing, jewelry, glass, photography, clay/ceramics, textiles, sculpture, mixed media and wood. The Art on Main Fine Arts Festival is a juried show, and an Art on Main committee, which is made up of artists, art patrons, designers and other volunteers, review work submitted for consideration.

Visitors to this two-day festival may view and purchase artwork from the 31 featured artists. Music by local musicians, kid's art activities, silent auction, food vendors, and wine may be enjoyed as well. Spoon River Junction Winery, will be offering for purchase glasses of their wine. Food Vendors include Deadwood BBQ, The Lunch Wagon, Young's Popcorn Heaven, Behr Necessities Custom Cakes & Pastries, and Eats on the Street. Local Musicians will play on Saturday, June 3rd from 11:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday, June 4th from 11:00am – 3:00pm. Admission to the festival is free!

The Canton Art on Main Fine Arts Festival receives significant support from the City of Canton, CEFCU, CFC Properties, Edward Jones – Rusty Melhouse, Edward Jones – Maggie Connell, Walmart, State Farm – Chuck Taylor, and Charlie & Barbara Luthy. This project is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts & the Two Rivers Arts Council.

Other sponsors include: Town & Country Insurance Agency, Youth Acres, Brooks and Mary Ellen Carver, Ipava State Bank, John & Bobbie McCarthy, Bank of Farmington, Monical's Pizza of Canton, Kiesewetter Insurance Agency, Linn Lanes, Bill & Judy Leitze, Ron & Cheryl Bielema, Larry & Diane Nelson, MidAmerica National Bank, Lambda Chi Omega Sorority, Jim Maloof Realtors Canton, Bill & Jane Buckley, Lozier Oil Company, Inc., Don & Connie Heller, Dana Smith, Gary & Susan Barnhart, Doug & Gayle Blodgett, Cari Blodgett, Sarah & Bradley Beam, Crawford's Home Furnishings, Jim Maloof Realtors, Oak-Hines Funeral Home, Orwig Autobody, Inc., and Roland Pettit.

For more information on the Art on Main Fine Arts Festival and to view the 31 artists exhibiting visit www.cantonartonmain.com or like and follow the Facebook page at Canton Art on Main. You may also obtain more information by calling Amanda Sampson at (309)647-2677 Ext: 3 or emailing asampson@cantonillinois.org.



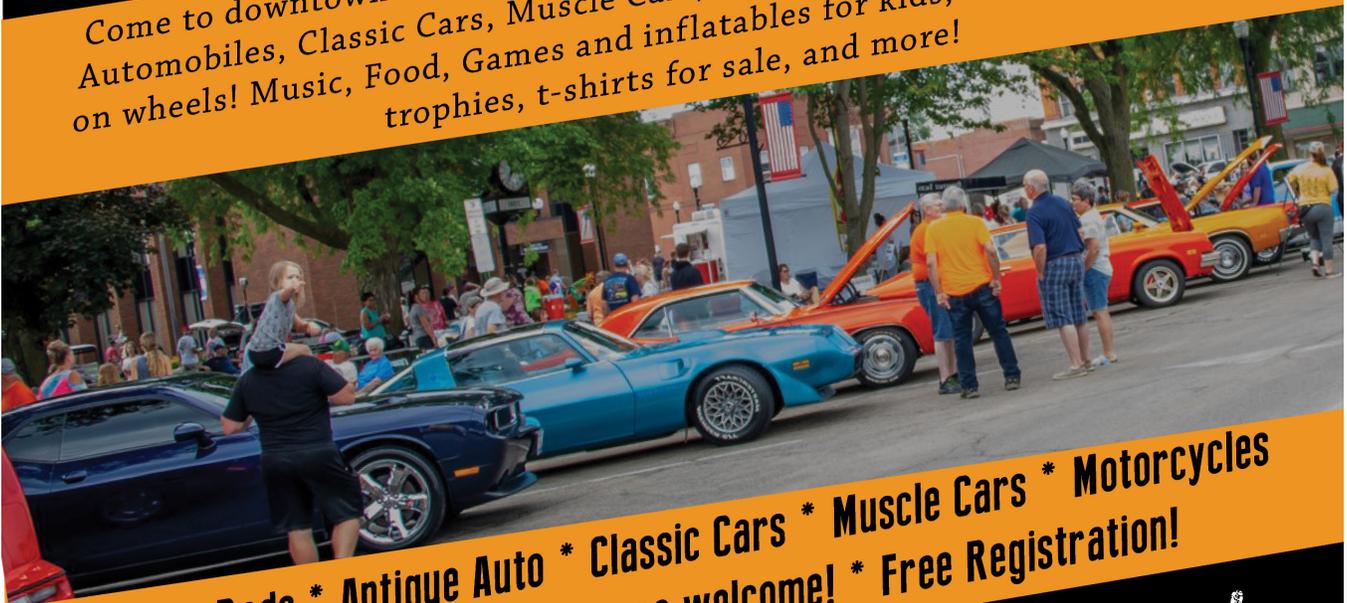
Canton 32nd Annual CRUISE-IN



4:00-8:00 PM

Friday June 16, 2023

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!



Street Rods * Antique Auto * Classic Cars * Muscle Cars * Motorcycles
All Collectibles on Wheels are welcome! * Free Registration!

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MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT TAD DERENZY

Commencement Celebrated at Spoon River College The conclusion of a school year is filled with numerous recognition ceremonies, with the much-anticipated commencement serving as the grand finale. This year, Spoon River College proudly hosted a successful commencement ceremony, marking a memorable milestone for graduates. The achievements of these exceptional students were further elevated by a record-breaking amount of scholarships, totaling over \$620,000!



Renovations Underway at Canton High School Looking ahead to the future, the summer months will witness significant progress at Canton High School, as construction work continues on an exciting addition. Anticipated to be completed in July 2024, the expansion project will encompass a brand-new all-purpose room, a state-of-the-art band room, and a modern greenhouse. Moreover, the current band room will undergo a renovation to transform into a dedicated chorus classroom.

Also, Lincoln Elementary School will also receive attention this summer, with paving work and the installation of new bleachers. Furthermore, security upgrades will be implemented across the district, ensuring the safety and well-being of all students and staff.

Empowering Education through Summer School Programs During the sunny season, numerous students across all grade levels are embracing the opportunity to enrich their education by participating in summer school programs throughout the month of June. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the teachers and staff who make this valuable experience possible. Their dedication ensures that students continue to grow and learn beyond the confines of the regular academic year.

Exciting Plans for the Upcoming School Year While the warm summer days invite relaxation, the district is already in full swing, making preparations and plans for the 2023-24 school year. Mark your calendars as students are scheduled to return to school on August 16. Before the academic year begins, several engaging activities are in the pipeline. We encourage everyone to stay updated by following our announcements on social media platforms, where important information will be shared. With promising renovations, engaging summer programs, and an exciting future on the horizon, the district remains committed to providing an exceptional education experience for all students. Together, we embrace progress, empowerment, and the pursuit of knowledge, fostering a bright future for our community.



CANTON
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MESSAGE FROM SPOON RIVER PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A strong and constant connection between the City and the business community is vital for the growth and development of our communities. As the landscape of commerce and industry continues to change, it is essential for businesses and local government to work closely together to ensure that everyone is on the same page and has a unified vision for the future.

One of the key benefits of a strong connection between the City and the business community is the ability to create a supportive environment that encourages growth and innovation. By working together, businesses can gain access to resources and support from the City, which can help them to develop new products and services, expand into new markets, and improve their bottom line. Likewise, the City can benefit from the knowledge and expertise of the business community, and can provide us with real time information to inform policy decisions and drive economic development.



Ultimately, a strong and constant connection between the City and the business community is critical for the success of both parties. By working together, they can create a more supportive and sustainable environment that benefits everyone. Whether through collaborative research and development, joint initiatives to promote community sustainability, or simply building stronger and more productive relationships, the City and the business community have much to gain from working together. Let's continue to keep that connection strong here in Canton, IL!

New owners Selena & CJ Jones recently installed a brand-new hardwood floor at Skateland in Canton. It is a must see! Book your birthday party, class reunion, work outing, or fundraisers at Skateland and be guaranteed that everyone will have fun!

**Skateland is located just west of
Canton at 1040 W. Hickory**

Contact them at (309) 647-6958





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

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