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Holiday Light Show Coming to Canton by: Carla Bobell

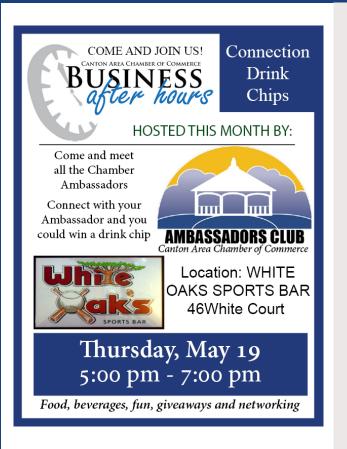
So if you haven't heard the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce is teaming up with local holiday light show guru, Tim Lindsey and his son Peyton to bring a Holiday Light Show to Canton.

Tim and his son Peyton created an amazing light show in their front yard that played the months of November and December in 2020 for all to come and enjoy. Well, they had no idea how popular this light show would be! It started as a fun project that dad and son worked on during the pandemic, but it grew to become something very special.

We, at the Canton Chamber, approached Tim and Peyton and asked if they would be willing to move their light show to a public space and make it even bigger! Once they agreed, we met with Jon Johnson, park commissioner for the Canton Park District, and discussed how the light show could work well in front of the Baker Center at Big Creek Park. Now plans are in place to move forward with a new holiday light show for our community and create a way to attract others to our town to shop, eat and enjoy a new holiday tradition.

Because this is the first year we are doing the show publicly, and expanding it, the Chamber is seeking businesses and community members who would be interested in donating funds to help cover costs of new lights. There will be a small cost to enter the light show, and those funds will be used to help buy additional lights to expand the show each year. If you are interested in donating to the Holiday Light Show, contact Carla Bobell at the Chamber office 309-647-2677 or cbobell@ cantonillinois.org.

See more donations details on page 5





Registration NOW Open!



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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Ben Hendricks Trucking Inc. is a family owned business serving the greater Central Illinois area since 2011 operating two tandem trucks and one tractor trailer. They are a family team with skilled drivers, offering dependable service utilizing late model equipment in excellent condition. Ben Hendricks Trucking, Inc. specialize in trucking, transportation, and hauling.

BH Materials, Inc. is an expansion of their trucking company. They have the products and trucks to fill your order in a timely and accurate manner and help you complete your project on budget and on time.

Materials and services offered are:

Mobile / on-site concrete crushing & recycling
Recycled materials: Asphalt, Concrete, Crushed Concrete, and Millings
Sand: Fill sand, FA1, Mason
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Ben Hendricks Trucking, Inc. and BH Materials Inc. are now open at 47 Enterprise Lane in Canton with the yard at 41 Enterprise Lane. These locations allow them to better serve customers more efficiently and faster. They stock many materials on site at their new location, where you can load your truck or trailer. Delivery and spreading options are also available. Contact Ben Hendricks Trucking Inc. or BH Materials, Inc. today.

Phone: 309-647-6878

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Scott Anderson is the owner and operator of Spoon River Pressure Washing. Scott grew up near Canton and is married to Lyra Anderson. Scott decided to start his own business in 2020 to offer power washing services to the Canton area.

Spoon River Pressure Washing offers services to clean the exterior of homes as well as other services such as gutter cleaning, staining, and sealing decks. They use a special process called soft-washing which uses a house detergent to remove stains and discoloration from your home.

Oh but wait, there's more! Spoon River Pressure Washing also offers the service to hang your Christmas lights, keep them maintained, and take them down at the end of the season. The no-stress solution to Christmas lights!



Spoon River Pressure Washing is licensed and insured and strives to provide the highest quality of service and dedication to their customers. Contact them for a free quote or to set up your pressure washing home service.

Phone 309-224-6512

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How to Register a Team

To register a four-person team, visit the Chamber website. Scroll down to the Headlines and find Chamber Golf Outing. Click here. There you will find a place to register a team. Or you can email us with the following information:

- Business Name
- Team Name
- Primary Contact Person (with phone and email)
- First and Last Names of Team Players

All teams are \$300, and your reservation is not complete until payment is received. If you're a Chamber Member, you can pay online at <u>www.cantonillinois.org/login</u>. Otherwise, make checks payable to the **Canton Area Chamber of Commerce**. We have a limited number of spots for teams, so sign up now!

> cantonareachamber@gmail.com (309) 647-2677 ext. 2

Sponsorship Opportunities

There are three levels of Sponsorship opportunities for the Annual Chamber Golf Outing:

- **Tee Sponsor (\$150)** Includes logo on signage at the event, listed in the Chamber Courier and on the Chamber website.
- **Cart Sponsor (\$500)** Includes logo on all carts at the event, business giveaways in carts, listed in the Chamber Courier and on the Chamber website. Includes 2 golfers' team fees, cart, and lunch.
- **Major Sponsor (\$1,000)** Includes a verbal mention at the event, logo prominent on signage at the event, logo in promotional marketing leading up to the event, listed in Chamber Courier and on the Chamber website. Includes a full golf team's fees, two carts, and lunch.

If you would like to be a sponsor, or if your business would like to donate a prize, please contact us with the information listed to the left.



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MESSAGE FROM SPOON RIVER PARTNERSHIP FOR ECOMOMIC DEVELOPMENT

On February 8th, 2022 the Fulton County Board members approved a \$700,000 COVID-19 Relief Grant Program (FCSBG) for small businesses and nonprofit organizations across Fulton County.

The FCSBG Program was proposed and administered by the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development (SRPED). SRPED



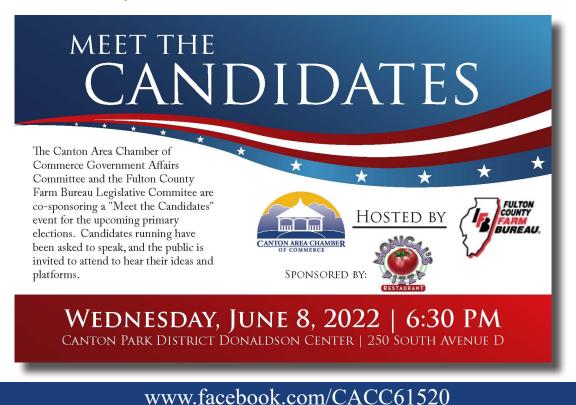
designed this program to prioritize small businesses and organizations in Fulton County that received little to no assistance from other Federal and State COVID-19 business relief programs.

The FCSBG Program was made possible with the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that were directed to Non-Entitlement Units (NEU) of local government throughout the State. In Illinois, eligible NEUs include more than 1,250 cities, towns and villages that each serve a population under 50,000.

In total we received 80 FCSBG program applications. I will be sending some economic impact results and some testimonials from small business owners and organizations out in May so look for those soon.

A brief update that recently took place was the approval by the FC Board to fund a few additional applications in the amount \$57,500. The total funding for the FCSBG program was \$757,500 going directly to a variety of negatively impacted Fulton County businesses.

I would like to thank the Fulton County Board Members for their continued commitment to moving the business owners and residents of Fulton County forward. This program has made a very positive impact for business owners and organizations throughout Fulton County, and helped speed up the economic recovery from the pandemic for so many.



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CUSD #66

The end of the school year provides many opportunities to celebrate the achievements of students and staff. Students will be recognized for the outstanding achievements at each building during their award ceremonies. This includes Little Learners graduations for our pre-kindergarten students, awards at all elementary schools, the middle school, and high school.

On May 1st at 3:00 p.m. the high school will recognize students involved in the National Honors Society and award students with various scholarships. Over the years community members have created very generous scholarship opportunities for graduating seniors and the tradition continues once again this year. We anticipate awarding over \$250,000 in scholarships to students.



Tad DeRenzy

As the graduating class of 2022 attend their last days of class and attend their final activities and events they continue to succeed. This class has persevered through the COVID pandemic, remote learning, and a return to in person learning. They have a variety of dreams, goals, and aspirations.

I am always proud to say that several of our graduates plan serve our country by joining the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, or Air Force. Many others plan to enter the workforce in their chosen profession while others plan to attend college to pursue their dreams. **Congratulations to the Class of 2022.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SENIOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY STUDENTS

April 15th was the last meeting of the school year for the Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) students. At this meeting the senior YLA students did presentations on all of their job shadowing experiences throughout the school year. Unfortunately, not all of our senior YLA students were able to join us this day due to games being rescheduled or family commitments.

We will have 16 incoming juniors and 10 incoming senior's returning and we will be recruiting new sophomore students for next year. We want to wish all of the seniors best wishes and encourage them to go out and make a difference in this world wherever they land.



Pictured from left to right **Front row**:



Anna O'Brien, Trista Buskirk, Brady Smith, Alexa Reavley, Chloe Nelson. **Back row**: Hannah Steck, Bella Rivero, Christian Becker, Turner Plumer, Madison Weaver, Jaydon Fleisch and Chamber Executive Director, Carla Bobell

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150% CLUB

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's 150% Club.

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