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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CARLA BOBELL

In the month of May, flowers are blooming, tree leaves are budding, grass is growing (and needs mowed), landscaping projects are in full swing and seniors are graduating. Most of these things encourage change, especially graduating.

This is the month that seniors will be moving towards big changes as they either head into the work force, heading to a college or trade school or going into the military. It can be very intimidating making such a big change like this, but do you realize that many small businesses face change every day?

Most business owners have plans in place for their business and how to run their business but each day can bring challenges that make owners have to adjust, scrap, or modify their plans due to changes in product availability, new laws set by the state, staffing and so much more. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Guidant Financial, about 20% of businesses fail within the first year, and 50% fail within the first five years, but those who stay consistent with self-discipline, excel in customer service, spend wisely and market well, will be successful. Running a business can be exhausting and awarding all at the same time. Did I just hear a big sigh from all small business owners?

Small businesses are the lifeblood of any community. According to Small Biz Trends 52% of small businesses donate to charity. Small business owners tend to also sponsor, organize, and host local events to maintain a lively community. We are thankful for the small, medium, large and extra large businesses we have in the Canton area and surrounding communities. Their presence makes our entire county unique.

The next time you are shopping at a local business (which we hope you do often), let them know you appreciate their business and what they offer and encourage them keep going. They truly would be open to positive suggestions that could help them grow their business. Just like a new graduate needs encouraged, so do business owners, no matter how long they have been in business. Let's build each other up!



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WELCOME NEW MEMBER CANTON COLLISION CENTER



Canton Collision Center was established in January 2024 by owner Joseph Riley. Joseph was raised in Canton, graduated from Canton High School in 2002, and currently resides in Canton with his wife and children. Joseph has been in the car industry for

20 years doing both collision repair and refinishing work. He discovered a need for an additional body shop in town and wanted to provide his expertise to the community so he opened Canton Collision Center on East Chestnut in Canton.

Canton Collision Center offers collision, cosmetic, and restoration services, as well as a lifetime warranty on craftsmanship and the finish of the repair. They hold I-CAR and I-CAR Platinum certifications in virtually all of the major areas of collision repair. I-CAR is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to providing the information, knowledge, and skills required to perform complete, safe, and quality repairs. Canton Collision center has qualified staff and equipment to repair vehicles to the highest standards to ensure a safe and accurate repair.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBER ANGIE HARRISON MCCANN

Angie Harrison McCann is a real estate agent who knows the value of family and home. She grew up in Canton, Illinois and graduated at SIU Carbondale with a major in graphics and a minor in art. She recently began her real estate career in 2023 after making the decision to leave the corporate world to be more involved with her children and closer to her family. Although Angie only recently began her real estate career, she learned the ins and outs of real estate industry from an early age by helping her parents in their real estate brokerage in the Canton area.



Angie owns her childhood home on Canton Lake, is a member of Wee-Ma-Tuk Country Club, and is the co-chair for Red Dog CF; a Canton based foundation that raises money for Cystic Fibrosis. She also flips homes, and owns rental properties and Airbnbs in the Peoria area. In her free time, Angie enjoys spending time with her husband Jerry, and their daughters Elliana and Vivian.

Angie has a passion for helping people find their dream homes in the Peoria surrounding area. She has several years experience in the field, and has earned a reputation for being honest, reliable, and professional. Angie listens to her clients' needs and preferences, and works hard to negotiate the best deal for them. Whether you are looking to buy or sell a property Angie Harrison McCann is the agent you can trust.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBER WALNUT TREE BAKING CO.



Walnut Tree Baking Co. began in January 2022, shortly after major changes in Cottage Food Laws took effect due to the passage of the Home-to-Market Act in Illinois. Cottage Food Laws allow home bakers and cooks the opportunity to sell limited products directly to consumers with limited regulations.

Walnut Tree offers special order baked goods and candies, along with a weekly "farmer's market" style shop most Saturday mornings from October through May at their location on Locust in Canton. During the summer months, the baked goods can be found at the Canton Main Street Farmer's Market in Jones Park. They specialize in small batch, home style baked goods. The shop on West Locust

also sells a limited selection of specialty curated merchandise.

Greg Utsinger, Owner of Walnut Tree, grew up in the Canton area. He has a background in Interior Design, Retail Merchandising and Photo Styling and a lifelong love of baking and cooking. While living and working in Denver, Colorado he attended Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts in Boulder, Colorado, graduating with honors in April of 2011 from their Pastry Arts Program. He has combined his love for design and baking into Walnut Tree. Walnut Tree Baking Co. believes that every day is a special occasion and worthy of celebrating. Celebrate today with a sweet treat from Walnut Tree Baking Co.



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Growth and Job Opportunities

With our continued growth, Graham Health System is providing job opportunities not only for Fulton County but for all the communities we serve. We are proud to have added 120 new jobs in the last 18 months, solidifying our position as the largest employer in Fulton County.

Expansion and New Offerings

Graham Medical Group – Macomb opened its doors in the summer of 2023, providing McDonough County with a Convenient Care Clinic and a range of primary and specialty care services, including Family Medicine, Women’s Health, Behavioral Health, Wound Care, and Orthopedic Services.

Meanwhile, Graham Medical Group Galesburg opened their doors in two locations along Seminary Street. At Seminary and Freemont we offer a standalone Convenient Care clinic where we also provide Family Medicine and Diabetes Management Services. At our Seminary and Grove location we deliver Primary and Specialty Care offering Family Medicine, Women’s Health, Behavioral Health, Wound Care, Dermatology, Podiatry, and Urology services.

The overwhelming support of Graham Health System into the Galesburg community has led us to a commitment to build a new 30,000 square foot outpatient campus at the corner of Carl Sandburg Drive and North Seminary. Graham began construction on the first phase of the clinic that will combine our Primary Care and Convenient Care services into one location. The proposed opening date of phase I is August 2024. The two additional phases will include ambulatory surgery services, computed tomography (CT) and space for specialty physician clinics. Phase II will open in March of 2025 and phase III in mid to late 2025.

Graham is continuing its expansion within the Galesburg market by opening a remodeled Primary Care and Convenient Care Clinic on the Southside in August 2024. The East Third and Seminary Street location will address the historically underserved healthcare needs on the Southside of town.

Additional Services

In the fall of 2024, Graham will introduce a stand-alone Wound Care & Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBO) Clinic at Seminary and Fremont, followed by a separate Physical, Occupational, Speech Therapy and Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Facility at Seminary and Grove.

Positive Impact on Canton

The expansion of Graham Health System outside of Canton has allowed for growth within Canton itself. Visits and care at our satellite facilities have resulted in significant growth in our Canton-based Surgery, Imaging, Lab, and Inpatient Services. This expansion also allows consumers to take advantage of the shops, restaurants, gas stations, etc. that Canton has to offer.

COMMUNITY WORK DAY

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT CAME OUT FOR COMMUNITY WORK DAY!



MidAmerica National Bank at Jones Park



Silver Sneakers at Canton Area Heritage Center



First Christian Church at Canton Family YMCA



Girl Scouts at Youth Acres



LCO Sorority at YWCA



The Rotary Club & First Christian Church at Salvation Army

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY YEAR END GATHERING

A handful of the 2023-2024 Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) students gathered together for a year end event at Old Dog on Sunday, April 21st. Buckheart Solar was the food sponsor which covered the cost of the meal. A few of the YLA seniors talked about their job shadowing experiences in front of the YLA sophomore and junior students and YLA mentors.



Graduating YLA Seniors are: Ava Barrera, Emma Hamm, Lillian Kinne, Zachary Lingenfelter, Madison Long, Brady Mayall (pictured), Rachel Parry, Makynna Plunk (pictured), Baylee Reed, Natalie Spiva, Abigail Stevens, Kyla Zedric

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Canton Agency

Nick Wright

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Location:

Wee-Ma-Tuk Hills Country Club

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Thursday, May 16
5:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Food, beverages, fun, giveaways and networking

First 50 to arrive receive a FREE Drink Token!



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Bobby Brown - Flat Branch Home Loans
Joe Christian - MidAmerica National Bank
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Brandy Cozad - Jack's Bar
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Tama Duhs - Bank of Farmington
Sherri Delost - Jim Maloof Realtor
Madison Embry - Bank of Farmington
Jake Green - Graham Health System
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Dr. AJ Thum - Associates in Dentistry
Missy Towery - Mid Century Fiber
Bryce Vaughn - CEFCU of Canton
Nick Wright - Country Financial



ANNUAL CHAMBER **GOLF** OUTING

FRIDAY,
MAY 17, 2024

WEE-MA-TUK COUNTRY CLUB

LUNCH - 11:00
TEE-OFF - 12:00

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