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MAIN STREET

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Member's Newsletter

Membership Renewal

We would like to invite you to join Canton Main Street (CMS) as a Partner, Sponsor, or Community Collaborator in 2020. With your Business or Individual support, you can help us support our mission to keep our downtown vibrant, active, safe, and a true destination for our community.

Last year with the introduction of the monthly "Spotlight" we have been able to feature some of our great businesses in the downtown. We intend to continue the monthly "Spotlight" for years to come. In order to be considered for the our "Spotlight" all we require is for you to be a CMS member! We also offer the following to our CMS members; opportunity to apply for our Micro Grant Program, listing on our CMS website, and sharing of your events and promotions on our Facebook page.

We remain "committed to the revitalization and preservation of Canton's historic downtown," knowing our business community needs shoppers and clients to thrive! Please join us today by returning the membership form included in this newsletter with your payment.

We thank you in advanced for your membership and support! See membership form on Page 4.

Thank You Members!

We would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their new or renewing Memberships! Your support means the world to us!

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| • Keefer Financial Inc. | • Jack's |
| • Kevin & Debbie Stephenson | • Josie's Tap |
| • Jack & Ruth Walker | • Linn Lanes |
| • American Legion Post #16 | • Moore's Pub |
| • Brew N Cue | • Official Time Out |
| • Country Line Bar & Grill | • White Oak Sports Bar |
| • Canton VFW | • The Breathing Tree |
| • Elk's Lodge #626 | • Ray & Emily Cleer |

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Mar./Apr. Calendar

Monday, March 16th, 3:30pm, Sedgwick Business Suites - **Art on Main Committee Meeting**

Friday, March 20th, 5:30pm, FC Rehabilitation Center - **Bingo Night Fundraiser**

Saturday, March 21st, 2-4pm, The Breathing Tree - **Compassion Fatigue: Running on Empty**

Saturday, March 28th, 8:30pm, Brew-n-Cue - **Decade of Decadence, Live in Concert.**

Tuesday, March 31st, Noon, Sedgwick Business Suites - **CMS Board Meeting**

Wednesday, April 1st, **Census day events - See Flyer on page 8**



Spotlight of the Month!

We are happy to announce Youth Acres as our Canton Main Street Spotlight of the Month! Youth Acres is located at 26400 N Youth Acres Rd. Youth Acres takes up two peninsulas of Lake Canton and boasts 70 acres of woods and open fields. Youth Acres has been a member and supporter of Canton Main Street for many years and has donated the use of some of their picnic tables during our annual Canton Art on Main Fine Arts Festival.

Youth Acres began its formation in early 1942 under the leadership of Doctor PD Reinersten, with membership of the Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, YMCA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Indian Guide Tribes. This group formed a corporation known as a Canton Youth Organization. This organization then entered into a lease with the City of Canton for 7 acres of land. This land adjacent to Lake Canton was leased for the use of activities for the young people of Canton and Fulton County. By 1947 other service organizations and churches joined in sponsoring this organization and the name Youth Acres was chosen for the site. Within a few years, under the chairmanship of Fred Hand, the facilities at Youth Acres were completed, a road was built, a field house erected, and the official opening date was June 10, 1950.

Since its opening date it has expanded to 70 acres and the area has been used continuously for a youth camp and picnic ground for various youth organizations of Canton and the surrounding counties. It has provided a natural setting for overnight camping, day trips, church services, picnics, fishing, boating, nature walks and much more.

John Green, President of the Board of Directors, has been involved with Youth Acres for 30 years and has been very instrumental in overseeing the growth of Youth Acres today. Under his leadership, Youth Acres has hosted hundreds of Boy Scout/Girl Scout and Cub Scout outings and has developed a venue for weddings with an outdoor chapel. John has also worked with Outward Ingersoll at Canton's



Ingersoll Middle School to bring Outward Ingersoll out to Youth Acres and Lake Canton. According to Board member, Jan Purtle, thousands of 8th grade children have gone through the Outward Ingersoll experience with a better understanding of lake ecology, first aid, paddling a canoe, building a fire, archery, and many other outdoor skills. In 2012, with a generous donation by Canton resident Nancy Elson, Youth Acres was able to build six small bungalows and six cabin-style bungalows that can be rented for overnight.

John has several goals he tries to meet each year for Youth Acres. One is the execution of their Chicken Noodle Dinner fundraiser. This year's fundraiser was held on March 7th at the VFW with a live auction. John plans to dedicate half of the proceeds to help build a handicapped accessible blacktop trail through the woods on the grounds.

Youth Acres is a non-profit organization and any donations they receive are tax deductible. Limited United Way funding is the only consistent funding that Youth Acres receives in addition to income generated from facility use, but over the years that funding has decreased and does not keep up with the need. Youth Acres does not have any paid staff or maintenance personnel but has been in existence for over 75 years due in large part to the goodwill and volunteerism of the Board Members and the people of Fulton County. Youth Acres is always looking for strong volunteers. There is a lot of physically demanding work that takes

place at Youth Acres, and a strong back willing to help is always welcome.

For more information on Youth Acres, contact John Green at 309-647-8724 or by email at youthacres@yahoo.com.



**SPOON RIVER
PARTNERSHIP**
for Economic Development

How Important is the 2020 Census?

Census responses provide data that can attract new businesses and the jobs that come with them. The data also informs where over \$675 billion in federal funding is spent each year in states and communities that includes money for things like:

- Medicare Part B
- Special education
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Cooperative Extension Service
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
- Water and waste disposal systems for rural communities

Responses to census questions provide a snapshot of the nation. Census results affect your voice in government, how much funding your community receives, and how your community plans for the future. When you fill out the census, you help:

- Determine how many seats your state gets in Congress
- Create jobs, provide housing, prepare for emergencies, and build schools, roads and hospitals.

What info. does the 2020 Census ask?

Number of people at address

They ask this question to collect an accurate count of the number of people at each address on Census Day, April 1, 2020.

Any additional people living or staying there

They ask this question to ensure that everyone living at an address is counted.

Owner/Renter

They ask this question to create statistics about homeownership and renters.

Phone Number

They ask this question in case they need to contact you.

Name

They ask this question to ensure everyone in the household is counted. This also helps them to keep ancestry records.

Sex

They ask this question to create statistics about males and females.

Age and date of birth

They ask this question to understand the size and characteristics of different age groups and to present other data by age.

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

They ask this question to create statistics about this ethnic group.

Race

They ask this question to create statistics about race and to present other statistics by race groups.

Whether a person lives or stays somewhere else

They ask this question to ensure individuals are not included at multiple addresses.

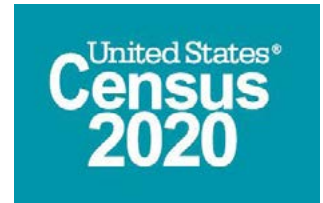
Relationship

They ask about the relationship of each person in a household to one central person to create estimates about families, households, and other groups.

Responding is safe; your personal information is kept confidential by law. Responding is easy; fill out the Census online, by phone or by mail. So make sure you fill out your Census and make sure to tell others how important it is to fill theirs out too!

Amanda Woodruff, Executive Assistant

*Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development,
the umbrella organization of Canton Main Street.*





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Canton Main Street Membership Form

The Canton Main Street Program is in its twelfth year; we remain committed to the revitalization and preservation of Canton's historic downtown. Help make this happen. Join us today by returning this form with your payment.

I am happy to join the Canton Main Street Program for 2020.

Name of Business/Individual _____

Street Address _____

City/ST/Zip Code _____

Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email _____

Web Site or Social Media for my Business/Organization _____

Check membership/donation type:

___ **Canton Main Street Partner** (Business/Organization) = \$ 40.00

___ **Canton Main Street Friend** (Individual) = \$ 20.00

___ **Canton Main Street Sponsor** (Includes Membership & support/promotions of 1 event) = \$100.00

___ **Community Collaborator** (Includes Membership & support of the 6 events listed below) = \$250.00

Specify Event by checking the box below:

☐ Farmer's Market

☐ Kids Fest

☐ Music in the Park

☐ Munchkin Masquerade

☐ Christmas Walk

☐ Scenic Drive

___ **Glacial Golf T-shirt Sponsor for 2021 Fundraising Event** (Listing your Name/Org./Bus. on T-shirt) = \$50.00

Amount: \$ _____

___ **Canton Main Street Friends are our core volunteers.** Please check here if you are interested in being contacted for volunteer opportunities in 2020.

___ **Greens keeper for Glacial Golf for 2021 Event.** Please join us for a fun filled day at our largest fundraising event of the year! This event would not be possible without the help of the greens keepers!

Please return this completed membership form and your payment, payable to "Canton Main Street," to: Amanda Woodruff, 209 East Chestnut, Suite 2, Canton IL 61520. www.cantonillinois.org

FULTON COUNTY REHABILITATION CENTER BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER



Friday, March 20, 2020

6:00pm Doors open at 5:30pm

Fulton County Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

500 North Main Street, Canton, IL.

Bingo cards are \$5.00 each or 5 cards for \$20.00. Same cards used for all games. Prizes for each game! No ink daubers please. Bring your own snacks or purchase from bake sale (No outside beverages). Drinks available for purchase. For more information or to donate prizes contact Shelly at 309-338-4244.

Prizes 50-50 Bake sale



The Breathing Tree presents

COMPASSION FATIGUE: RUNNING ON EMPTY

a workshop with Amber Gregory,
LCSW and Certified Compassion Fatigue Therapist

**Saturday, March 21st
2-4pm**

Donation-based workshop

thebreathingtree.net



The Breathing Tree

17 east side square, Canton, IL

Feb./March 2020 Schedule

\$10 suggested donation per class

Monday

6am Sunrise Flow
6pm Body by Barre

Tuesday

9am Beginning Yoga
5:30pm Yoga for
Stress Reduction
7:15pm HIIT Cardio

Wednesday

6am Sunrise Flow
9am Gentle Flow
5:15pm All Levels Yoga
6:30pm Body by Barre

Thursday

6pm Evening Flow

Friday

8:30am Gentle Flow
5pm Yoga for
Strength & Endurance

Saturday

9am Vinyasa Flow

Check our website
for workshops and
special classes on
weekends.

thebreathingtree.net

ILLINOIS' #1 80's HAIR METAL TRIBUTE

DECADE OF DECADENCE



Playing the Greatest 80's Rock Hits from...

LIVE IN CONCERT!



SAT. MAR. 28TH 8:30PM

**APRIL 1, 2020
IS CENSUS DAY**

United States*
**Census
2020**

Canton Counts!

Breakfast with Mayor McDowell & Senator Koehler

**American Grille
7:00 - 9:00a.m.**

*First 50 people
to fill out the
Census on site
electronically
gets FREE
breakfast!*

History of the US Census

**Parlin Ingersoll Library
2:00p.m.**

*Staff & computers
will be available
9a.m. - 6p.m.
to fill out the
Census.*

**April 1st
CENSUS DAY EVENTS!**

Eat, Play, Complete

**Wallace Park - Donaldson Center
11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.**

*FREE food, toddler bouncy house,
Census poster art show and fill out the
Census electronically.*

**Bring your Census
letter with your ID # on
it and electronically fill
out the Census at any
of these events!!**

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