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MAIN STREET

March Newsletter

March Spotlight...Don & Nancy's Cafe!

We are happy to announce the March Spotlight of the month, Don & Nancy's Café, located at 124 N Main St. Don & Nancy's Café has become a popular staple business in our downtown offering one of the best unique breakfast and lunch menus in town.

Don and Nancy's Café is privately owned by Jesse and Elizabeth Kidd. Jesse had worked as a chef in Peoria for 12 years. Jesse and his wife decided to start a family and Jesse wanted to be able to spend more time at home, so they made the decision to open a breakfast and lunch café.

Jesse and Elizabeth named their café after Jesse's grandparents Don and Nancy Carrell. Jesse grew up going to "mom and pop" diners with them all the time. When Jesse walked into the property at 124 N Main St. it immediately took him back to his childhood. They spent six months renovating and personalizing the café prior to opening on June 13th, 2018.

Don and Nancy's Café serves breakfast and lunch, and also offers catering services. They pride themselves in offering fresh foods with an upscale spin. They hand cut all their potatoes, grind their own burger and breakfast sausage, bake sandwich breads and other baked goods in house. They will also cater and rent out their building for parties after hours.

Don and Nancy's Café is a supporter of Canton Main Street and when in season they purchase produce from local farmers some of who set up at our Annual Farmer's Market in Jones Park. They are also a part of the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Café has new hours since reopening for in-person dining. They are open Wednesday thru Friday 7a.m. - 2p.m., Sat 6a.m. - 1p.m., and Sunday (breakfast all day) 7a.m.- 12p.m. They are closed on Monday and Tuesday. Breakfast is served until 11 am. You can check out their daily specials and some photos of their delicious food items via their Facebook page (Don and Nancy's Café LLC) and you may reach them by phone at (309)435-7005.



Thank you to these renewing members!



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Princess Creations Cakes

Offering 12 specialty cupcake flavors, brownies, cookies and other tasty sweets ready for purchase daily in their shoppe! They also do wedding cakes, birthday cakes, special occasion cakes, pies, cinnamon rolls, French Macrons and so much more!

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The Sweet Shoppe

The Sweet Shoppe is an old-fashioned sweet shoppe with hand-dipped malts and phosphates and sodas made to order, tons of candy, and homemade caramel corn.

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Billy's Tap

Providing awesome bar service and delicious food since 1948! Serving lunch Mon. - Sat. and dinner on Wed. and Thurs.

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Goodwill Industries

Supporting individuals and families who are working to better their lives in Macomb, Canton Illinois, and surrounding areas.

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Canton Area Heritage Center

The Canton Area Heritage Center will collect, preserve, research, interpret and exhibit historical artifacts of Canton, Illinois and the surrounding area.

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Thank you to these individuals for your support of Canton Main Street!

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Congratulations to Carol Kohler!



Congratulations to our very own Carol Kohler, Assistant of the Mayor's Office for being named the 2021 Canton Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen on the Year!

Carol has been a member of our Canton Main Stret Executive Board for many years. She has been instrumental in the planning of our downtown community events as the chair person on our promotions committee. She is also the driving force behind the continued beautification of our Jones Park downtown!

Carol is one of the most hard working, dedicated, caring, and humble people we have had the great pleasure to work with!

Our Congratulation also goes out to Josiah Martin, teacher at Ingersoll Middle School for Educator of the year and Scott Brown, owner of TimbukTech, Inc. for Business Person of the year!

Capture Canton, Illinois

A promotional graphic for 'Capture Canton, Illinois'. It features a stylized illustration of a camera with a purple and white body and a teal lens. The camera is set against a dark teal background with geometric shapes and a light teal wavy line. The text 'Share your pictures of Canton with us!' is written in white. Below this, the word 'Capture' is written in a large, white, cursive font, followed by 'CANTON, ILLINOIS' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook and Instagram, along with the hashtags '#capturecantoniil' and '@capturecantoniil'.

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Share your photos of Canton via Instagram and Facebook!

If you haven't heard yet, Canton is getting a brand-new website, community guide, and dining & shopping guide! AND we need your help! We are in need of pictures from around Canton...from parks, businesses, sporting events, community events, action shots, you name it! We want to see it!

For Instagram users just share your pictures with us by tagging @capturecantonil. If selected you will receive a comment request to email the photo to us. If you are not an Instagram user, no worries! You can also share your photos with us by posting them on Facebook by #capturecantonil, as well as tagging or sending them via message to the Canton Area Tourism page.

A Message from the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development (SRPED)...



Planning for Your Small Business in the Post-Pandemic Economy Executive Director Cole McDaniel

As recent months have shown us, COVID-19 has significantly impacted all sectors of the economy. In particular, small businesses have been among the hardest hit by the pandemic. From the bricks-and-mortar family shops to online service-based companies, business owners are scrambling to make sense of this new reality and the evolving relief programs that have been made available through the Federal Government and the State of Illinois.

Plan tomorrow's success today

Start by looking at how COVID-19 has impacted your business. Consider the following:

- Customer demand: has it increased, decreased, or remained steady?
- Working conditions for staff: for example, have some/all of your staff moved to a work-from-home arrangement
- Supplier issues: can you still get parts/services on time?
- Delivery options: has anything changed?

Getting a snapshot of where your business is right now can help you identify what needs your immediate attention, as well as new opportunities due to the pandemic.

Create a plan to address the necessary issues. This will give you a framework to populate with action items.

After creating an initial plan, prioritize. Break your plan down into a timeline and create a budget. How much will it cost to make the necessary adjustments? And where will you get the money? You have several options.

You could temporarily shut down your business if you haven't already, or slow it down while you put your new plan in place.

This could also be a good time to develop a new product line or service based on new customer demands.

When it comes to surviving and thriving in the current economy it's hard for business owners to make definite plans. No one knows how long restriction will remain in place, whether they will get more restrict or become more lenient, and what our post-pandemic world will look like.

Yet by identifying your current strengths and concerns, taking advantage of State and Federal small business relief programs, planning for different scenarios, and strengthening your company culture and team individuals, your business will be in the strongest possible position when the new normal arrives



SRPED is dedicated to serving as a catalyst for economic and community development. Our mission is to create community partnerships, business opportunities, and implement programs and projects that foster growth and development.

[SRPED Website](#)



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Canton Main Street is committed to the revitalization and preservation of Canton's historic downtown by promoting a positive community image, fostering downtown business growth and development, and encouraging ongoing efforts to improve the heart of our community.

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