



Farmer's Market Started This Month!!

Join us at the Farmer's Market in **Jones Park** every **Saturday 7:30am - 11:30am** until **September 26th**! If you would like to become a vendor at the market visit the link below for more information and an application! Or contact Amanda Woodruff at awoodruff@cantonillinois.org, (309) 647-2677, Ext. 1

COVID-19 Guidelines while shopping at the Market...

Wear a mask... Customers at the market will need to wear masks or other facial coverings.		Sanitize your hands... We will be providing a hand sanitation station for customers to use before visiting vendor booths.	
Do not touch produce... Do not touch any of the items for sale, but allow the vendor in the booth to bag your selections for you.		Social distancing... Standing spaces will be marked in front of each vendors' booth to assist with maintaining the 6' requirement of social distancing.	



Farmer's Market

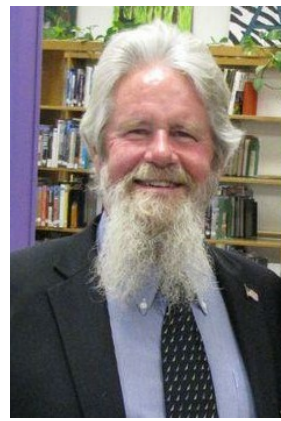


June Spotlight...Bar-Mac Farms!

Canton Main Street is happy to announce the June

Spotlight of the Month, Bar-Mac Farms of Canton, IL. Even though they are not a business specifically located in downtown or on main street, Bar-Mac Farms has been a member and supporter of Canton Main Street for many years!

Bar-Mac Farms is owned and operated by Leonard and Wendy Bernard. The farm is strictly a grain one, with corn and soybeans. The farm has been in the family and continuously operated since 1888. The name Bar-Mac is a mix of Bernard and Wendy's maiden name, MacBroom. Leonard and Wendy run the farm with the help of his brother and sister, and grandson who will be attending Spoon River College.



Leonard grew-up on the farm with his father L.D., and his mother Virgina, along with his brother and sister. He graduated from Canton High School in 1971. Barnard stated he has always had a love of cars, so after graduation he headed to Nashville, TN to a trade school to study auto diesel mechanics.

After he finished in Nashville, he came back to Canton to work on his parent's farm. Bernard planted his first crop in 1975. He worked several different jobs over the next several years: Locked Auto where he was able to work on cars, Consolidated Coal in Norris, and the City of Canton.

The Barnards are very community oriented. They have been involved with many different organizations in the community. Leonard now sits as President of Canton's School Board. He states that it is important to support Canton's downtown, as small businesses are the backbone of any small community.

Bar-Mac Farms

A Message From the CMS President...

President: Dana Smith

Last month I talked about the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on not only on the world, but on Canton, and the overwhelming hardship it has placed on our community, and specifically local businesses. Fulton County has been blessed to have very few cases and no deaths, but the stay-at-home orders mandating that all non-essential establishments close to prevent the spread of the virus hit our downtown business hard. I said we needed to roll up our sleeves and get to work.

I am very proud to tell you that we have already started. In collaboration with the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development, Canton Main Street redirected \$3,000 set aside for micro-grants and pooled resources with the SRPED to help provide nine \$1,000 grants to local business. Three of the awardees are located in Fulton County, while the remainder are here in Canton. I can tell you after being a part of the team that read and scored the applications, the need was heartbreaking. Canton Main Street should be proud to have been a part of that effort. My only wish is that more funds were available to do more to help these hometown operations.

So, we will continue to look for ways to help assist our downtown to recover and thrive. That is what Canton Main Street does, and a long-term focus will be needed. At some point, the virus will dwindle, vaccines will become available, and we will find a new normal. But if we want these wonderful shops and businesses to survive, we each have a responsibility to keep our sleeves rolled up and dig in. We are now in Phase Three of Illinois re-opening, which means most businesses have opened their doors again, even if it is with limitations. We will be surveying the downtown to find out what other needs these businesses have that we may be able to address as they open.

In the meantime, wear your mask, take your hand sanitizer and *patronize* them. Give them a hand up by walking through their doors and shopping, dining or using their services. They need us. We can help.

Canton Zip Code Day

#61520



Occurring only once in a century, Canton's area Zip Code will match the date of Monday, June 15, 2020; 6-15-20. Canton Zip Code Day; on this day the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce (CACC) and the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development (SRPED), are asking everyone in the community to celebrate this day with them. They want to see via social media the support everyone can give to our Canton community! Here is how we can all, via social media, show Canton our love and support!

On Monday, June 15, 2020 at 8:00a.m. there will be a banner placed in the south-west corner of Jones Park by the parking lot. The banner will say "Canton Zip Code Day, #61520." CACC and SRPED will be taking their picture with the banner and posting "Canton Zip Code Day, #61520" along with the things they love most about Canton.

Everyone is invited to stop by Jones Park to take their own picture with the banner and post "Canton Zip Code Day, #61520" with the places, businesses or things they love most about Canton. In your posts, you can tag your favorite places, businesses or things and then tag your friends to challenge them to go take their own picture and create their own posts! CACC and SRPED asks that everyone practice the proper social distancing COVID -19 requirements while stopping at Jones Park to take your picture.

Let's flood everyone's social media pages with some love and support for Canton on Monday, June 15th, Canton Zip Code Day, #61520!

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



Executive Director Cole McDaniel

The City of Canton has faced many challenges throughout the years, but nothing could prepare us for the disruption, uncertainties and health risks presented by the outbreak and spread of COVID-19.

While these are unprecedented times, the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development is responding as we have in times of crisis in the past—by coming together and finding ways to help our community and businesses persevere. SRPED is proud to be part of this community-wide effort.

Our team has worked to respond to the impact of COVID-19 on Canton and Fulton County, providing much-needed programs and services to our entire county. As an organization that serves all of Fulton County, we offer a valuable focus, and we set out to bring together information essential to all of our communities.

Canton and Fulton County businesses, government leaders and people have fulfilled their responsibility—and more. Many believe that leaders are defined by how they conduct themselves in times of crisis. The same can be said for good citizens. In the case of Canton and Fulton County, we are showing ourselves to be good leaders and good citizens.

The physical offices of SRPED have been reopened as of June 1st, and we encourage anyone looking for additional assistance or resources for their business to reach out.

In a world where the social fabric seems to be rapidly fraying, the economy is uncertain, and the future of the planet is at risk, is there a better way to hit the reset button than to come back to the community level and begin to genuinely rely on one

another again”

Let's all do our part to support the local bars and restaurants,, hair salon's & barber shops, boutiques, and all of the other retail and service businesses that have been able to open back up as part of Phase 3 in Illinois. Our local businesses need us to help them through this very difficult time by spending our hard earned dollars locally!

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy; the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development wishes everyone the very best during these very difficult times.



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.

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COVID-19 Shopping Local...



A message from Mayor Kent A. McDowell Guidelines re: Retail and Restaurant Openings May 29, 2020

The Governor has issued a directive enacting Phase 3 of his reopening plan which goes into effect on May 29, 2020. This directive allows restaurants/bars (only in outdoor areas), retail businesses, fitness facilities, service salons, golf courses, and State parks to open with limitations. Precautions are to be taken such as social distancing, face masks, sanitation, signage, etc. His directive also encourages each municipality to help restaurants/bars expand their outdoor seating areas. Be aware that our region could slip back into Phase 2 if the health matrixes indicate a rebound in virus cases, etc. Also understand that the conditions outlined below are only temporary and things will change again when we enter the Governor's Phase 4...

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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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