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The Taste of Canton Happened!

by: Carla Bobell

14 food vendors, over 50 volunteers, 9 judges, two great bartenders and a whole lot of people came out to the Taste of Canton on a sunny, warm day in downtown Canton. This event is planned by the Canton Chamber Taste of Canton committee and begins planning for the event soon after the Canton Cruise-In is done in mid-June.

The first task at hand is always recruiting food vendors. This year was not a disappointment! All of the restaurants offered their unique tastings and did an amazing job! It's not easy (nor cheap) to serve food at an event like this, so we thank all of them and hope they come back again next year! Be sure to see pictures and the list of all the food vendors in this issue.

We want to thank our sponsors again for stepping in and supporting financially so the Canton Chamber is able to put on events like the Taste, so we are very grateful to those sponsors. See the list of those sponsors within this Courier issue and be sure to say thank you for supporting!

We also want to thank the Monster Lane band for providing amazing music, Princess Creations for providing the pies for the pie eating contest, White Oaks Sports Bar for hosting the beer & wine garden and Space Walk of Central IL for the inflatables.

But most of all we want to thank everyone who came out and enjoyed the afternoon with us. We know there is room for improvement and changes in the new downtown location, so be get ready for better tweaked Taste next year. Cheers!



COME AND JOIN US!
CANTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BUSINESS

after hours

HELD AT



HOSTED THIS
MONTH BY:



Thursday, October 21
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Canton, IL 61520

Join us for food, doorprizes, and fun

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 5TH

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Lakeview Event Center



Women in Business

A morning for professional women to
get encouraged & grow professionally

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Princess Creations... **CHS Football Players**

CONGRATS TO THE WINNERS AT THE TASTE OF CANTON



BEST ENTREE

Big Cats Bowls
Fish Taco Bowl

Located at 51 N. 2nd Canton

BEST APPETIZER

Asher's Bar & Grille
Asher Bomb

Located in Downtown Farmington



BEST DESSERT

Princess Creations
Turtle Cheesecake

Located at 69 E. Elm Canton



BEST OF SHOW

Don & Nancy's Cafe
Most Festive Booth

Located 124 N. Main



OTHER FOOD VENDORS AT TASTE OF CANTON 2021

Camino Real, Eats on the Streets, Champs Chicken, PB&J's Cafe, Ollie's Ice, Mr. Pizza Dude, Bistro 101,
White Oaks Sports Bar, Hy-Vee of Canton, J&S Catering

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TASTE OF CANTON FUN!



ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



Every October the Fulton Mason Crisis Service (FMCS) presents public education regarding National Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). Each year the “Day of Unity” movement has grown to represent the entire month. It is reported that 15.5 million children in the US live in families where domestic violence has occurred at least once in this past year.

#PurpleThursday is a statement for wearing purple, which is the national ribbon color. Each year FMCS participates in the annual Purple Ribbon Campaign for Domestic Violence Awareness month. It is said by campaign coordinators that Purple represents a symbol of peace, courage, survival, honor and dedications to ending violence. It is a salute to survivors and those we have lost to domestic violence.



If you would like to participate in supporting the FMCS purple ribbon campaign, you can contact the FMCS office and they will provide you with a purple ribbon. If you have a small or large group or staff members who all would like to participate, please reach out to the FMCS office. Throughout the year, the Public Education Coordinator conducts presentations and trainings regarding domestic violence, generational violence, and the effect on our community. If you are interested in this information and more, again, contact the FMCS coordinator at 309-647-7487. Business line hours are 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS ON 50 YEARS



Congratulations to L&L Used Cars for being in business for 50 years! Richard Long opened up the business back in October of 1971. His wife Kay Long took over the business after Richard passed. Now son Joe Long is taking over the business. Outside of selling quality used vehicles, they also offer car detailing.

Look for details on a celebration at L&L Used Cars in the month of October.

Located at 450 W. Hickory in Canton
309-647-3282 or 309-635-8180

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY HAS BEGUN

The Youth Leadership Academy program has begun for another school year at Canton High School. Youth Leadership Academy covers all of the job skill basics, such as, career exploration; resume writing, safe online job searches, interview skills, soft skills and mock interviews.

Each student is required to apply by filling out an application to be a part of YLA and then once accepted into the program, they must commit to partaking in all workshops throughout their sophomore and junior years. The senior students focus on job shadowing at various local businesses where they can explore career opportunities. We currently have 45 CHS students enrolled with a new group of 16 sophomores participating this school year.



CANTON AREA CHAMBER YOUNG PROFESSIONALS UPDATE

The Canton Area Chamber Young Professionals (CACYP) group is growing! This group is designed for young professionals between the ages of 21 and 40 who have a job they consider a career. CACYP has been established for those young professionals who are looking to grow professionally, look for ways to give back and serve their community and are seeking opportunities to network and enjoy social outings with like-minded young professionals.

In July CACYP had a Kick Off event with outdoor games and networking. At the meeting in August young professionals that attended were encouraged to become an officer or a committee chair of this developing organization. In September there was a formal (somewhat) voting campaign and votes were tallied and here are the future leaders of CACYP.

OFFICERS:

Chair - Cade Fawcett - works for Country Financial

Vice Chair - Seth Klinedinst - works for Crawford's Home Furnishings

Treasurer - Jacob Ketcham - works for Bradfield's, Inc.

Secretary - Haley Freeman - works for MidAmerica National Bank

Membership Recruitment - Jim Gillam - works for MidAmerica National Bank

Committee Chairs

Grow - Cassidy Klinedinst - works for Carl Sandburg College

Serve - Jackie Duvendack - works for MidAmerica National Bank

Connect - Chase Shawgo - works for Ipava State Bank



For more information go to www.cantonillinois.org, click on CACYP- Young Professional Group

BACK 2 BUSINESS GRANT & UPDATES

A Message from Cole McDaniel

Executive Director for the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development

Back 2 Business Grant Program:

Since August 18th, 2021 the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development has helped submit over 40 "Back 2 Business" grant program applications for business owners throughout Fulton County. This program has been made available through the State of Illinois and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. If you or a business owner that you know would like to know more about the program please reach out to Cole McDaniel at 309-647-2677 ext. 4 or cmcdaniel@cantonillinois.org.



New Business/Expansion News:

There are a lot of exciting projects on the horizon in Canton!

There are several entrepreneurs and new business owners that are ready to take the next step with their projects. Expect to see a lot of new renovation projects starting soon! Here a few new

businesses you can expect to see in the near future in Canton: Georgia Rae's Boutique, Barton Payroll & Tax Services, Arby's, and Pippin Sports!



Along with those new businesses, there have also been several expansion projects in the last few months such as Big Cat's Bowls, Black Maple Coffee, and Hendricks Trucking just to name a few. Although it has been a very trying year for so many, I look forward to providing a full annual report in January, and feel that we will have a lot of good to take with us from 2021 into 2022!

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CUSD #66



Tad DeRenzy
Superintendent

As the school year gets into full swing students, staff, and the community have had opportunities to participate in a variety of activities. All schools have held their annual open house events and all were well attended by students and parents. Students, staff, and community members have had and will continue to have a variety of athletic events and activities in which we invite you to come out to support our students and teams.

In October, -21 Canton Union School District #66 will be hosting parent teacher conferences. Please watch for more information to be released soon.

Conferences will take place October 19th through

October 22nd. Also, the official end of first quarter is October 15th.





150% CLUB

The 150% Club is an optional membership upgrade that provides added exposure for your business. By paying an additional 50% 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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