



THE CHAMBER COURIER

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The Benefits of Volunteering in Your Community

By Carla Bobell

You are going to see some great pictures in this October issue of the Courier of folks who volunteered their time during the Taste in Canton on September 24th. I cannot express how thankful I am for all who helped and how we truly need volunteers to make and event of this scale happen. Volunteering in your community is a powerful way to make a positive impact while enriching your own life. Here are a few compelling reasons why getting involved in local volunteer work is a good thing.

- 1.Strengthening Community Bonds:** Volunteering fosters a sense of belonging and connection among residents. When you work together on community projects, you build relationships with your neighbors and create a stronger, more tightly-knit community.
- 2.Personal Growth:** Volunteering offers opportunities for personal development. You can learn new skills, gain valuable experiences, and even discover hidden talents. It can boost your confidence and self-esteem.
- 3.Professional Benefits:** Volunteering can enhance your resume and open up career opportunities. It showcases your commitment, teamwork, and leadership skills, which can be attractive to potential employers.
- 4.Health Benefits:** Research shows that volunteering is linked to improved mental and physical health. It reduces stress, combats depression, and promotes overall well-being.
- 5.Sense of Purpose:** Volunteering gives you a sense of purpose and fulfillment. Knowing that you're making a positive impact on others' lives can bring a profound sense of satisfaction and happiness.

By volunteering you contribute to the betterment of your community and it is not only a good thing; it's a win-win for everyone! If you are ever interested in volunteering for a Chamber event contact our office.



COME AND JOIN US!
CANTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BUSINESS


after hours

**Watch for
Details on
Location**

HOSTED THIS MONTH BY:

LIVE UNITED

United Way



Thursday, October 19

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Food, beverages, fun, giveaways and networking



SPOON RIVER SCENIC DRIVE

DOWNTOWN CANTON, JONES PARK

Saturday & Sunday, OCTOBER

7th, 8th, 14th & 15th, 9am -5pm

Music 11am - 2pm all four days! Blacksmithing Demo. Sat. 14th!

Vendors: The Flying Feather Boutique, Linda Cordes Art, Adornment by Design, Jeweled Ears, Gillam's Produce, J&S Catering, Sunshine Concessions, Graham Hospital Bakery, Chef's B's Rollin Restaurant, and Elote Loco.

HOSTED BY:







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CANTON, ILLINOIS ~ BIG CREEK PARK

Starts Saturday, November 26th

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER H & A PARTY RENTALS, LLC

H&A Party Rentals of Canton is a family focused business that provides many different Inflatable bouncy houses at a variety of affordable prices that can be rented out for small events, birthday parties or special occasions. They set up and manage the indoor and outdoor inflatables so you don't have to worry about a thing.

H & A Party Rentals is owned and operated by Taurean and Amanda Nelson from Canton and began the business this year. Taurean moved here from Detroit Michigan in 2012 and Amanda was raised in Canton and graduated from Canton High School. They have two small children, one daughter age 6 and one little boy that is 2. The inspiration of the H&A Rentals logo is near and dear to our hearts because their daughter was diagnosed with Autism in 2022. Their hope with starting this business is our way of giving back to the community and spreading awareness while doing so.



H&A Rentals service Fulton County and the surrounding counties. Currently they have traveled to Pekin and Bartonville for a small travel fee. Contact them for more details on rentals on their Facebook page H&A Party Rentals LLC or call 309-323-8905 or via email at H.ARentals2023@yahoo.com. Taurean and Amanda look forward to partnering with the community for all future events.

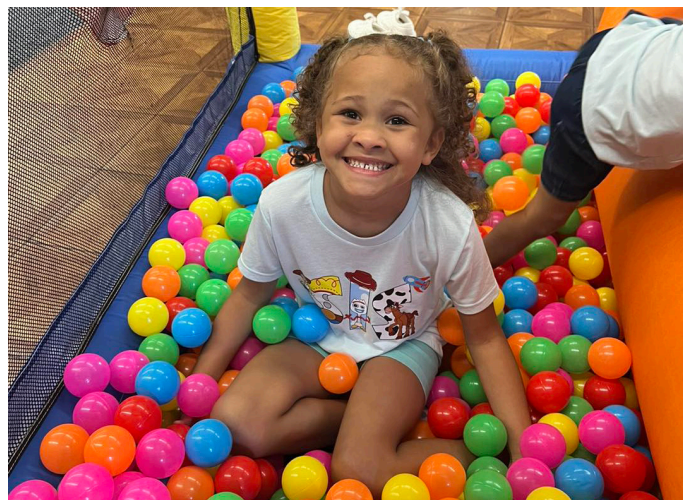


PRICES

- The Spider man \$150
- The Dunker \$150
- The Ahoy Matey \$200
- The Slip-N Blue \$200
- The H2O \$200
- The French Fry \$200

The price is for the whole day!

We set up and tear down for all events so all you have to focus on is having fun for your event. After each use we make sure to give the best quality to you by making sure they are washed and sanitized!



Dimensions

- THE SPIDER-MAN LENGTH 10X8 WIDTH 9X1 HEIGHT 7X3
- THE DUNKER - HEIGHT 6FT WIDTH 9FT LENGTH 6FT
- THE AHOY MATEY- LENGTH 23FT WIDTH 12FT HEIGHT 7.5 FT
- THE SLIP-N-BLUE HEIGHT 7FT LENGTH 12FT WIDTH 7.5FT
- THE H2O GO- HEIGHT 9FT LENGTH 12FT WIDTH 10FT
- THE FRENCH FRY- WIDTH 15FT LENGTH 12FT HEIGHT 6.5 FT

WELCOME NEW MEMBER THRIVENT FINANCIAL CHRISTOPHER PIPER

Thrivent is a diversified financial services organization that helps people achieve financial clarity, enabling lives full of meaning and gratitude. Thrivent and its subsidiary and affiliate companies serve more than 2.3 million clients, offering advice, insurance, investments, banking and generosity products and programs over the phone, online as well as through financial professionals and independent agents nationwide. Thrivent is a Fortune 500 company with \$189 billion in assets under management/advisement (as of 12/31/21). Thrivent carries an A++ (Superior) rating from AM Best, a credit rating agency; this is the highest of the agency's 13 rating categories and was affirmed in June of 2021.

Christopher Piper of Canton, IL has joined Thrivent as a financial professional. Thrivent is a Fortune 500 diversified financial services organization offering advice, investments, insurance, banking and generosity programs and solutions to clients nationwide.

Piper comes to Thrivent ready and eager to support clients in all stages of their financial journey. With the belief that money is a tool, not a goal, he is passionate about taking a purpose-based approach to financial guidance. He takes time to understand his clients' unique goals and priorities and helps them develop a holistic financial strategy so they can achieve their most important goals. Through his work, he wants to help people achieve financial clarity, enabling lives full of meaning and gratitude.

Before joining Thrivent, Piper worked at the Canton Union School District. Piper graduated from Western Illinois University receiving a bachelor's degree in elementary education and from American College of Education, in Indianapolis, IN, receiving a master's degree in educational leadership. Piper attends Evangelical Free Church.

His office is located at 24 East Elm Street, in downtown Canton.

To reach Chris Piper, call 309-224-5151 or christopher.piper@thrivent.com



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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TASTE IN CANTON WINNERS



2023

BEST OF SHOW **Walnut Tree Baking Co.**

Appearance of Booth

Contact Greg Utsinger at walnuttreebakingco.com

2023

BEST DESSERT **Just Donuts LLC**

Cinnamon Roll

Contact Janet Raistrick at facebook.com/justdonutsllc



2023

BEST APPETIZER **Hy-Vee of Canton**

Jalepeno Bacon Cheese Wonton

Located at 825 N. Main St, Canton IL



2023

BEST ENTREE **Don & Nancy's Cafe**

Pulled Pork Slider

Located at 124 N. Main Street Canton IL





Mayor Kent McDowell Joined in on the Fun & Participated in the Pie Eating Contest

Pies Provided by Princess Creations

Thank you to all of our
Volunteers Including the
CHS Football Team &
CHS Tech Class



16 Food Vendors w/
Jack's Bar and Bistro 101
Serving Adult Beverages

Kids Had Fun on the
Inflatables Provided by
Space Walk of Central IL



THANK YOU TO OUR TASTE IN CANTON SPONSORS



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PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences for all Canton Union School District #66 are coming up the week of October 23rd.

Parent/Teacher Conference Schedule:

	<u>2:45-5:30 pm</u>	<u>5:00-8:00 pm</u>
Tuesday, October 24.....	Elementary.....	----
Wednesday, October 25.....	High School.....	Middle School
Thursday, October 26.....	Middle School.....	High School & Elementary
Friday, October 27.....	All Schools 8:00-10:00 am	



The Holiday Season will be here soon. Do you always have that hard to buy for person on your list? Or what will you get for the staff this year? Let the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce help you make it easy by purchasing Chamber Checks.

Chamber Checks can be purchased in denominations of \$5, \$10 and \$20 and are good at Chamber Member businesses in Canton and some surrounding community businesses.

Chamber Checks can be used anytime throughout the year and the checks ensure the recipients shop local, which in turn, generates sales tax dollars for our local communities. Unlike a gift certificate from a single location, Chamber Checks can provide the recipient with many choices as to where they can be redeemed.

All Chamber Checks, no matter the amount, come with a sizable list of local Chamber businesses where the checks can be redeemed.

Chamber Checks can be purchased at the Canton Chamber office at 48 N. Main Street in downtown Canton or at MidAmerica National Bank in the Canton location.

For large orders please call ahead and we will get them ready for you to pick up. 309-647-2677.



A festive poster for a 'Holiday Light Show'. At the top, a string of colorful Christmas lights (red, green, purple) hangs against a light blue background with white snowflakes. Below the lights are two smiling, cartoonish Christmas trees, one blue and one purple. The word 'Holiday' is written in a large, red, cursive font. Underneath it, the words 'LIGHT SHOW' are spelled out using green Christmas light bulbs. A purple banner with white text reads 'ENJOY AN ENTERTAINING, ANIMATED LIGHT SHOW FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR VEHICLE'. Below this, a blue banner with white text says 'November 25th - December 30th'. In the center, there is a QR code. To the left of the QR code, the text 'Hosted by' is above a logo for the 'CANTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE', which features a white building with a dome and a rainbow. To the right of the QR code, the text 'SCAN FOR SHOW TIMES & TICKET INFORMATION' is above a green Christmas tree decorated with red, yellow, and green ornaments and a yellow star on top. The bottom of the poster shows a white snow-covered ground.

Holiday

L I G H T S H O W

ENJOY AN ENTERTAINING, ANIMATED LIGHT SHOW
FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR VEHICLE

**November 25th -
December 30th**

Hosted by

**CANTON AREA CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**

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**150%
CLUB**

The 150% Club is an optional membership upgrade that provides added exposure for your business. By paying an additional 150% of regular membership dues at the time of your renewal or new membership, your business can join the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce 150% Club.

Meet our **2023 MEMBERS**

A&M Storage Company
 Advanced Rehab & Sports Medicine
 American Family Insurance
 American Legion Post #16
 Apex Seed Company
 Art Hossler Auto Plaza
 Axline Pharmacy
 BeMobile Verizon
 BH Materials
 Big Brothers Big Sisters
 Buckheart Solar
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 Fulton Democrat
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 G-M Mechanical
 Harold Jump
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 Harvester Meat Co.
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