

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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THE CHAMBER COURIER

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Your Chamber Ambassadors are here for your business.

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Nick Wright, Country Financial



A Special Week for the Canton Chamber

by: Carla Bobell, Executive Director

The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating the National Chamber of Commerce week from September 12 through the 16th, 2022. This is really not a celebration for the Chamber office, it is a celebration of all the wonderful members who are a part of the Canton Chamber.

This year we plan to do an open house at our new office location at 48 N. Main Street on Wednesday, September 14th from 4 to 6 pm, with an official ribbon cutting at 4:30 pm. This is something we did not get done when we moved into our new office in June of 2021.



All current members are welcome to attend and we want to especially invite new potential members to attend. Come and find out why joining this team of likeminded business owners would be a huge benefit to your business. I encourage you to go visit the Chamber website for more details about the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce at cantonillinois.org.

The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce has been serving Canton and the surrounding communities since 1925. It is a strong, vibrant, solid organization that values leadership, excellence, integrity and innovation and will continue to serve this community.

Come join the team!

See more details on
Chamber Open House
on page 5



COME AND JOIN US!
CANTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BUSINESS
after hours

Network Night!

HOSTED THIS MONTH BY:



Location will be at MidAmerica National Bank
100 West Elm Street in Canton




Cornerstone Cafe

Refreshments provided by: Treats provided by: Food provided by:

Thursday, September 15
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Food, beverages, fun, giveaways and networking!

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President - Jana Emmons, Ipava State Bank
Vice President - Chad Holloway, OSF HealthCare
Treasurer - Chad Murphy, Spoon River College
Secretary - Erin Watson, Watson Center for Wellness

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Business and Community Development

Jason Gumbart, Apex Seed Company

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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Jon Johnson, Canton Park District
Mayor Kent McDowell, City of Canton
Superintendent Tad Derenzy, CUSD #66
President Curt Oldfield, Spoon River College

STAFF

Executive Director - Carla Bobell
Assistant Director - Caitlin Mason

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Q: Can you join the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce at any time during the year?

A: Yes! There is not a set month that is required to join the Chamber. The process to join is very simple. Fill out a membership application and pay the membership dues. Once that is complete in whichever month you finish this process that becomes your official renewal month every year. The Chamber office sends out a reminder of your membership dues the month before they are due each year so you don't have to always remember.

If you are interested in joining the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce, feel free to reach out with your questions by contacting us:

Phone: 309-647-2677
Email: cantonareachamber@gmail.com
Website: www.cantonillinois.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome **Barton Tax & Accounting** to the Chamber team. Barton Tax & Accounting is a new business located on the west side of the square in downtown Canton and owner, Gabe Barton, is the accountant.

Gabe graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a degree in Accountancy and has spent the past 24 years working for Caterpillar Inc. in a variety of Accounting and Human Resource roles before making the decision to open up his own accounting business. Barton Tax & Accounting offers many services including:

General ledger maintenance

Accurate recording of business transactions

Bank account and credit card reconciliation

Financial statement development and interpretations

Account Payable

Bill payments to vendors/others

Accounts Receivables

Client invoicing

Accounts collections

Payroll

Employee pay processing (direct check or paper check)

Annual W-2 processing and filing

All applicable federal and state deposits and tax filings

Sales tax

Deposits and tax filings

Income tax preparation

Business and individual

Gabe and his fiancée, Mandy Kosowski are the ones who recently opened Georgia Rae's at 54 N. Main Street. The Barton Tax & Accounting business is located in the rear of Georgia Rae's with its very own secluded office to keep meetings private. Gabe is now accepting new clients for small businesses and individuals. Contact Gabe at Barton Tax & Accounting to let them help you and your business.



Contact Barton Tax & Accounting

309-299-8125

barton.payrolltax@gmail.com

Office Hours 10 am - 4 pm

Or by appointment

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Canton Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome new member **LINE-X of Canton!** Located on the North side of Canton, on East Alder Road right behind the Davis Ford dealership, this business is in high demand and opened June 1st.

For those of you who have pickup trucks, you know that wear and tear happens quickly on the bed. LINE-X truck bed liners are the answer to protecting your vehicle, and increasing the workability and longevity of your truck's life. LINE-X is more than a product or truck accessory shop, it's a promise to deliver exceptional value, support, performance and peace of mind. LINE-X's mission is about being tough, innovative and purposeful. The new Line-X facility is also a full auto-body repair shop and continues to repair vehicles using the same team from Davis-Buick GMC. Customers will be experiencing the same great team and customer experience, but with the use of brand new state of the art equipment.

What might even be more surprising, is that the new LINE-X operation in Canton is run by a woman. Kiley Davis-Crouse has been an intrinsic part of developing LINE-X Canton, and continues in day to day management of the facility. "Our team ensures every application is prepped and sprayed correctly, and inspected for quality control. Many of our products are backed by a Lifetime Warranty, no matter where you are in the country. When it comes to finding people and products to trust, we ask that you turn to us." Davis-Crouse said. She continues to work for the Davis-Ford dealership, and has done so since 2011.

LINE-X is widely known as the market leader in spray-on truck bed liners, and with over 20 years of industry experience and technical expertise, the applicators are the best in the business. The LINE-X brand is passionate about protection and innovation, expanding LINE-X applications beyond bed liners into other areas of the automotive aftermarket — like specialty automotive coatings and accessories — as well as the commercial, industrial, and manufacturing realms. LINE-X products and people are up for almost any challenge. The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes this new and popular business to our community!

Location: 71 E. ADLER ROAD, Canton

Contact: 309-226-4444

Facebook Line-X of Canton Illinois



HOURS:

Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm

Saturday: By Appointment

Sunday: Closed

NATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK

Canton Area Chamber of Commerce





OPEN HOUSE
 Wednesday,
September 14
 4:00 - 6:00 pm
 Ribbon Cutting @ 4:30

- Explore Membership
- Network
- Open to current and potential members

Come Celebrate National Chamber Week!
 Canton Area Chamber of Commerce
 48 N. Main St.

TO OUR MEMBERS:

We love our Chamber Members and we want to celebrate all of you during the National Chamber week. We would not be a Chamber without our Members so we want to say thank you for supporting your local Chamber every year.

TO OUR COMMUNITY:

Did you know our small businesses are the ones who help the Chamber put on major community events like the Canton Cruise-In and the Taste of Canton? They choose to sponsor these events which helps us provide quality events to our community.

Our Members are small businesses, large businesses, organizations, and even individuals.

During the week of September 12 through the 16th we want to encourage everyone to thank our businesses for being here for us every day. You can also thank them when you shop local and give them a shout out on your Facebook page when you shop local. Be sure to tag the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce and you could win \$50 in Chamber checks.

All Current Members:

Attend the Open House and register to win \$50 off your 2023 Membership dues

All Potential New Members:

Get \$50 off a New Membership during the month of September



Executive Director
Carla Bobell

let's do BUSINESS

September 27, 2022

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Graham Hospital Lobby Conference Room

The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce invites you
"Taking Care of Business Breakfast"



John Beintema
Business Marketing Manager

Leidos, Inc. an Ameren Illinois Contractor will discuss the Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program incentives, bonuses, and resources available to help Ameren Illinois customers make their homes and businesses energy efficient. As well as a basic explanation of the current supply costs and that Ameren Illinois is a delivery company only.



Kenny Blum
Public Relations Manager

Breakfast begins at 7:30 am - Presentation begins at 8:00 am
Please register by September 26th by noon



Scan to get
Registered

Registration needed

\$10 if eating breakfast

Register at www.cantonillinois.org

Chamber tab - Calendar of Events - September 27 - TCB

Or call Carla Bobell at 309-647-2677 Ext 2 or email cbobell@cantonillinois.org



ENERGY EFFICIENCY
PROGRAMS

MESSAGE FROM SPOON RIVER PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

With the approval of the Business Development District (BDD) in Canton, there will be many new and exciting programs that will be available for existing businesses, new businesses, entrepreneurs, and much more. The Canton BDD will be used to help further build upon the wonderful businesses and assets that currently exist in our community, through direct and intentional programming and funding.



As we continue to develop programs and priorities within the BDD area, we are hoping to receive feedback on what is being developed and what other opportunities may exist that have not previously been discussed. To that end, you can expect to see a variety of meetings and opportunities over the next few months in Canton regarding the Business Development District planning and programming. I hope to hear from each and every business owner, and I am always happy to answer questions that currently exist.

Anyone who is interested in knowing more about the basics of a Business Development District can visit: <https://www.tifillinois.com/business-development-districts.html>

A hard copy of the Canton Business Development District Plan can be obtained by contacting Cole McDaniel. A digital version and online access to the plan will be made available in the coming weeks, once the boundary is finalized and amended.



Join us for the next Breakfast Business Breakdown or B3. The Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development and the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce are partnering to bring business owners, business manager, and community leaders together to discuss and learn a variety of things related to business, community and collaboration.



The first B3 happened on August 5th at The Venue located at 23 W. Pine Street in Canton and the topic was the Business Development District. The next B3 meeting is set for Friday, October 7th at 8 am at The Venue and will be done by 9 am.

If your business would like to sponsor a breakfast that is served during these meetings, please contact Carla Bobell at 309-647-2677 Ext 2 or email cbobell@cantonillinois.org.



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CUSD #66

It has been an exciting and wonderful start to the school year. All fall activities are taking place and renovation projects are completed. The track surfaces at Canton High School and Ingersoll middle school have been resurfaced. All community members are welcome to utilize both tracks for walking and running. Also, come out and support our students for Homecoming on September 16th. The Homecoming Parade will start at 3:30 p.m. and the P&O Band Club will be hosting a chili supper from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The varsity football game will begin at 7:00 p.m.



Tad DeRenzy

This year the district continues to have late start times on every Wednesday. School busses will operate during their normal times and schools are still

open at 7:30 a.m. Students are welcome to come to school anytime between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and breakfast will be offered at this time.



Over the past year Canton Schools have been working through the process of implementing Professional Learning Communities. Working and learning in a PLC environment is a change in the culture of our schools. PLC's are focused on the big ideas:

1. A focus on learning.
2. A collaborative culture.
3. Results oriented that is focused on student achievement.

Teachers are currently working in collaborative teams to identify essential standards that all students will know. They are also creating common formative assessments for all subjects and these assessments will ensure that all students know the essential standards.

Thank you for the continued support of Canton Union School District #66.

CANTON FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL

Wednesday September 14, 15, 16 and 17

Fairgrounds by Linn Lanes in Canton

Parade is Saturday, September 17 at 10:00 am





TASTE of Canton Downtown Canton

12:00 - 3:00 PM

This Community Event
brought to you by



Sunday
September 25, 2022

Food tastings and beverages will
require the purchase of tokens

The Taste of Canton will offer a variety of food tastings from
local eateries, beer and wine area, and feature live entertainment

CO HOST OF THE TASTE OF CANTON



DIGITAL COPY SYSTEMS



Live Entertainment
Local Band

12:00 - 3:00 Monster lane



Kid's Activity Area
FREE

Games & Inflatables



Featured Beverages
Brew N Cue

Domestic Beers - Microbrews



Spoon River
Junction
Wine



Awards given:

Best of Show, Best Appetizer, Best Entrée and Best Dessert

Pie Eating Contest!

Sponsored by



Sign up to participate in the pie eating contest.

Competition age groups are Elementary School, Junior High/
High School and Adults. Only 12 openings for each group!

Sign up the day of the event.



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

2022 MEMBERS

A&M Storage Company
 Advanced Rehab & Sports Medicine
 American Family Insurance
 American Legion Post #16
 APEX Seed Company
 Art Hossler Auto Plaza
 Associates in Dentistry
 Axline Pharmacy
 Barnhart, Tinsman & Associates, LTD.
 Ben Hendricks Trucking, Inc.
 Buckheart Solar
 Camille's of Canton
 Canton Church of the Brethren
 Canton Elks Lodge
 Canton Family YMCA
 Canton Harvester Inn
 CEFCU Canton Member Center
 Central Illinois Lighting & Signs, Inc.
 CFC Properties
 COOK Medical
 Crawford's Home Furnishings
 Dana Smith
 Dempster Insurance Agency
 First Christian Church
 Froehling, Weber & Schell, LLP
 Fulton County Emergency Medical Assoc.
 Fulton County Housing Authority
 Fulton County Septic
 Giant Goose Ranch
 G-M Mechanical
 Harold Jump
 Helping Hands Resale Shoppe
 Hocker, Fitzjarrald & Richardson, PC CPAs
 Holthaus Companies
 Hulvey Law
 Ipava State Bank

John Clark
 Johnson & Johnson, P. C.
 Jones Surveying & Engineering Corp
 Kevin & Debbie Stephenson
 Kevin Meade
 Kiwanis Club of Canton
 Maurer-Stutz, Inc.
 Meade Law Office, P. C.
 MidAmerica National Bank
 Mid Century Fiber
 Midwest Dental
 Monical's Pizza
 North Central Behavioral Health Systems
 Oak-Hines Funeral Homes
 Official Time Out
 OSF Healthcare
 Otto Stephenitch
 Phil Miller
 Pizza Hut
 Progressive Vision Center, LTD
 Pure Green, LLC
 RK Dixon
 Rhoades Real Estate & Land Auction
 RISE Canton
 Scott Miller
 Sedgwick Funeral Homes & Crematory
 Sherwin-Williams of Canton
 Spoon River Media, LLC
 State Farm Insurance - Chuck Taylor
 Stinauer Family Dentistry
 Timbuk Tech, Inc.
 Town & Country Insurance Agency
 Unity Point Clinic of Canton
 Walgreen's of Canton
 Walmart of Canton
 West Central Powersports