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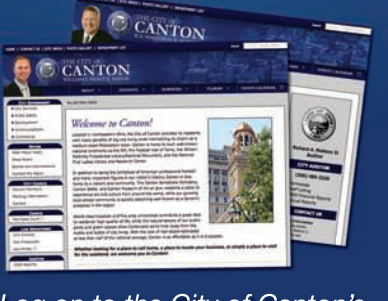

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letter from the mayor

Dear Readers,

After a long winter, summer has finally arrived. Along with warmer weather comes my favorite time of year in Canton – festival season! This issue of the Canton Connection will give readers all the important details about the many fun and exciting events that happen during the summer months each year in Canton, including one new event – the Junior World Championships of American Football (Page 14) – that will surely be one to remember for years to come.

As we celebrate the many great assets of our city, it's also important to stay safe when enjoying the countless fun activities summer has to offer. In particular, be sure to read a few important reminders from our Fire Department on Page 12 when grilling outdoors – nothing will spoil a weekend barbecue more than a trip to the emergency room or a visit from your friendly neighborhood fire department.

As always, please feel free to contact me via telephone, e-mail, or in person whenever you want to share information, request City services, or report a problem in your neighborhood. I am honored to serve as your Mayor!

Sincerely,

Wm. J Healy II

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New franchises coming to Canton?

MAYOR WORKING TO CREATE NEW FRANCHISE BUSINESSES IN CANTON

By Robert Torres, Director of Development

As a member of the Small Business and Franchise Task Force of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Mayor Healy joined with the International Franchise Association to bring a seminar for prospective franchise owners to Canton. **Scheduled for June 23, 2009 at the Metropolitan Centre, the seminar will cover fundamental questions about franchising, experiences of others who have purchased franchise businesses and legal and financial questions.** Participants will also have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with franchise exhibitors. Registration for the seminar will be $15. Other partners supporting the seminar are the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Development Center at Kent State-Stark, Stark County Minority Business Association, and Urban Hope Ohio, a program of Goodwill Industries.

Franchising is a method of distributing products or services. The franchiser lends his trademark or trade name and a business system and the franchisee pays a royalty and often an initial fee for the right to do business under the franchiser's name and system.

Franchise businesses provide an enormous economic impact. In 2008 there were more than 850,000 franchised businesses nationally that employed 9.8 million people and had an estimated revenue of $839 billion. Within the greater Canton area there are 2,133 franchise business establishments, 26,343 jobs with a payroll of $541 million and an estimated revenue of $1,726 billion. ♦

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Where does it all go?

By Linda Morckel, Stark-Tusc-Wayne Waste District

WHEN CANTON'S CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM ROLLED OUT IN AUGUST OF 2008, MANY BELIEVED IT WOULD NOT WORK. THANKFULLY, THE NUMBERS ARE PROVING THEM WRONG!

The chart on the next page shows the number of tons collected since the program began. The program peaked in December, which is normal due to the holidays. Since January and February tend to be the slowest months of the year when it comes to recycling, this chart represents a healthy curbside recycling program. Of course, we want the numbers to grow, and we expect them to grow as education and awareness of the program increases.

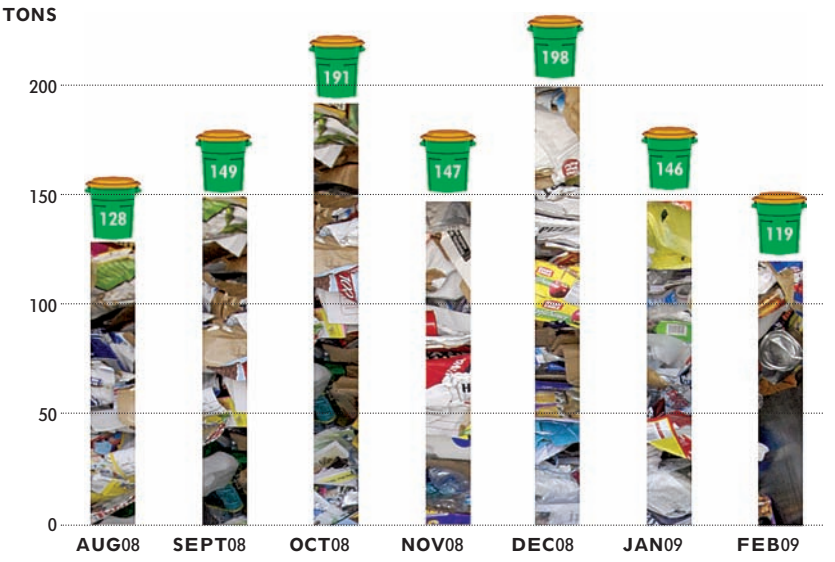
"WHAT HAPPENS TO RECYCLABLES WHEN THEY LEAVE THE CURB?"

The recyclables from the city of Canton go to the **Kimble MRF (Material Recovery Facility).** They travel along a sorting line where they are separated as follows:

PAPER & CARDBOARD PRODUCTS: These products are pulled from the sorting line and baled. They are most commonly made into new paper and cardboard products. They are also used to

make insulation and products such as napkins, tissue and paper towels.

PLASTICS: Plastics are pulled off and dropped to one of three different bays, depending on the type of plastic. **PET (#1 plastic)** is held in one bay – this includes water and soda bottles. Colorless **HDPE (#2 plastic)** is in another bay – milk jugs are the best example of this. Colored **HDPE (also #2 plastic)** is in the third bay – these would be items such as detergent bottles. Each plastic is baled separately and shipped off to become a new item. Bales of PET are made into a variety of items, including carpet, fiberfill for coats or sleeping bags, or maybe even a new soda bottle. HDPE is commonly recycled into plastic lumber, which may be used to make picnic tables or park benches.



ABOVE: FIGURES FROM THE KIMBLE MRF SHOW THAT CANTON'S NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM IS ALREADY BEATING EXPECTATIONS.

STEEL CANS: The steel cans are pulled from the sorting line with the use of a large magnet. **Much of the steel recycled in this area ends up at plants such as The Timken Company,** where it is melted at 2500°F and shipped off to be made into items such as new automobiles, appliances or construction material.

ALUMINUM CANS: When the aluminum cans go along the sorting line at Kimble MRF, they pass under the same magnet as the steel. Since aluminum is not magnetic, it passes by the magnet and is thrown from the line into its own bay. **Aluminum cans are usually made into new cans.** This process is so efficient that the can you recycle is back on the shelf as a new can within 60 days! Aluminum is also recycled into parts for airplanes or aluminum foil.

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS: Once the end of the sorting line is reached, there are no recyclables left on the line except glass. The glass falls from the line into boxes that are filled and shipped for recycling. **New glass bottles and jars are made from recycled glass.** If you have any questions about recycling in Canton, you may call 330-489-3000, or check out the official program Web site ***http://recycle.cantonohio.gov.***

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Investing in Canton's economic future

By Judi Christy, ArtsinStark

IN THE WAKE OF RECENT ECONOMIC EVENTS, THERE ARE FEW THINGS that are thought of as "safe" investments. But while these opportunities are now few and far between, one "safe" bet is right here in our back yard - ***the Arts!*** Don't believe us?

Well, it may surprise you to learn that...

EDUCATION: SmARTS programs (sponsored by ArtsinStark) are enhancing the education of 10,000 students in 32 Stark County schools by funding arts programs that will produce measurable improvements in reading comprehension, writing, and math. For Canton and Stark County to rebound from troubled economic times, we must begin preparing our students for the jobs of tomorrow by ensuring they get a top-notch education!

GALLERIES: While other establishments are closing, **30 new galleries, artist studios, and arts-related businesses have sprung up** in downtowns throughout Stark County. This doesn't even include the 40 new pieces of public art and exciting monthly celebrations like "First Friday" that

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have been growing in popularity as time goes on. Despite our economic downturn, an arts explosion is taking place in Stark County!

ATTRACTIONS: More than 100,000 people came to events surrounding the blockbuster KIMONO Japanese art exhibit at the Canton Museum of Art, which included more than 80 KIMONO-related events throughout Stark County from February through April. This generated an economic impact of more than $6 million to our area!

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Today, the Arts can be used to:
1 **revitalize our downtowns,**
2 **supercharge our schools,** and
3 **transform our neighborhoods.**
ArtsinStark is committed to proving that the Arts can be used to reinvent the image of Canton as a dynamic, entrepreneurial city of the future.

With the rate of return visible right in your own backyard, how can an investment in the arts not be sound? For more information about ArtsinStark, please visit ***www.artsinstark.com*** or call 330-453-1075. ♦

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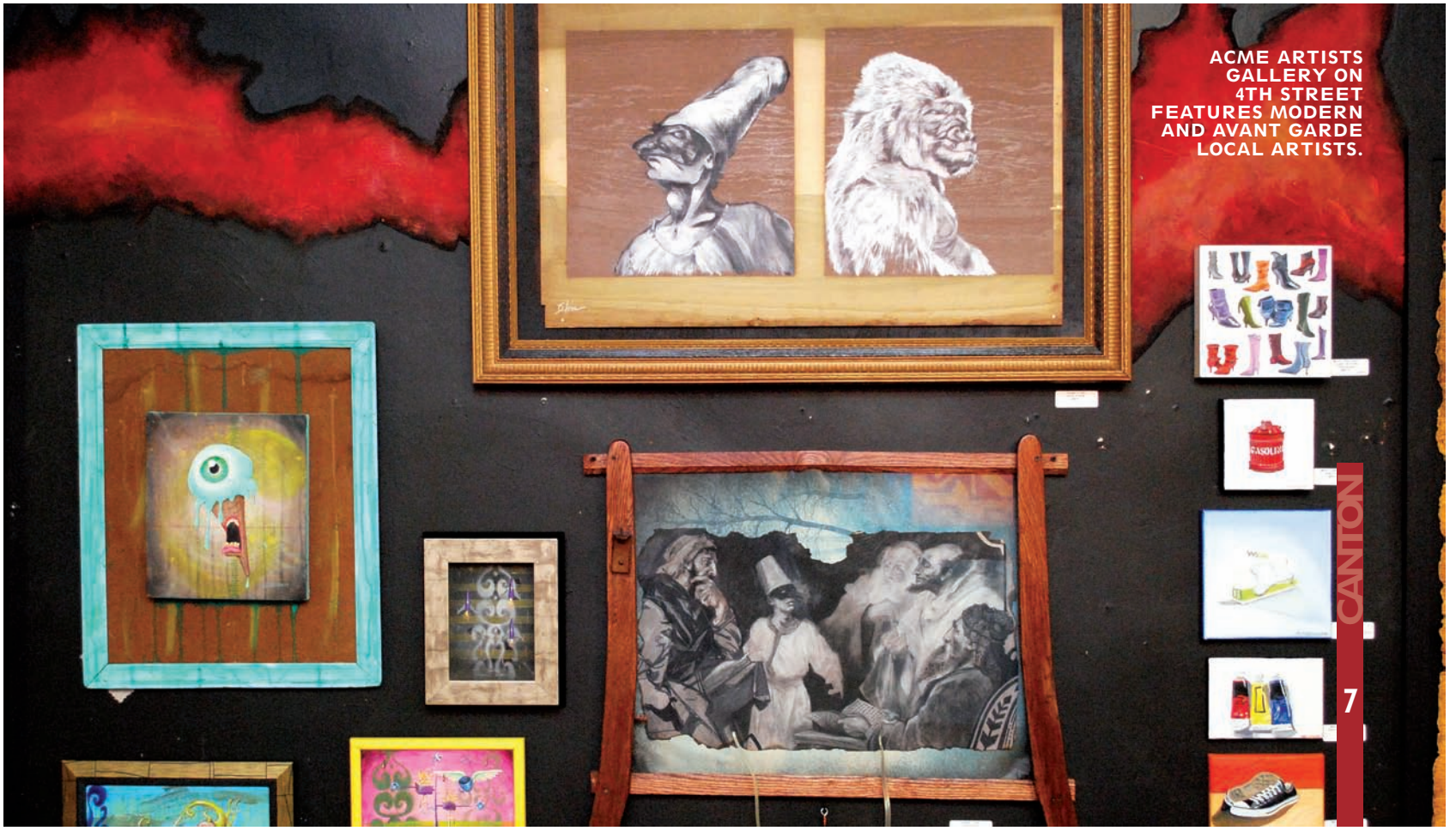

ACME ARTISTS GALLERY ON 4TH STREET FEATURES MODERN AND AVANT GARDE LOCAL ARTISTS.

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police using new "cruisers"

By Captain Dave Davis

ART LOVERS ARE OFTEN LEFT SPEECHLESS AFTER THE FIRST FRIDAY CELEBRATION EACH month in downtown Canton, but this past January it wasn't the incredible collection of art from local craftsmen that stole their words – it was the sight of Canton police officers patrolling the streets on futuristic three-wheeled scooters!

While "RoboCop" will not be making his Canton debut any time soon, **Police Chief Dean McKimm** says residents should expect to see city officers using the new T-3 scooters at several public events this summer as festival season gets underway.

"These new vehicles allow us to provide a more responsive and interactive police presence during major outdoor events," McKimm said, noting that they have already been used successfully in cities like Pittsburgh, Atlanta, and Washington, D.C.

"When we can increase our interaction with the public while also increasing the level of safety at an event, I think we've successfully accomplished our two main goals as police officers," he continued.

CAPTAIN JACK ANGELO, LEFT, AND PATROLWOMAN JACQUELINE MCCLURE, RIGHT, PILOT THE DEPARTMENT'S NEW POLICE PATROL VEHICLES

PHOTOS BY: *ADAM HERMAN*

Purchased using money collected from the sale of seized criminal property, the scooters operate using rechargeable batteries at a cost of roughly 10¢ per mile. McKimm said that this will help his department lower some overhead costs normally associated with summer event security, while contributing to the Mayor's efforts to promote the use of green technology in government. The battery-driven vehicles produce zero carbon emissions.

In addition to the budgetary and environmental benefits provided by the new scooters, officers also benefit from much greater mobility and quicker response times when on patrol at outdoor events. They can reach speeds up to 20 mph and are able

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OFFICER MCCLURE PATROLS DOWNTOWN ON MARKET AVENUE USING A T-3 SCOOTER

PHOTO BY: ***ADAM HERMAN***

to travel over a number of different surfaces like grass, gravel, curbs, and sidewalks – which are typically off-limits areas for police cruisers and motorcycles.

Officers stand on platforms raised nine inches from the ground, giving them a much better vantage point to survey large crowds for signs of trouble. **The vehicles are also designed to work well in confined areas and have a zero-degree turn radius** – allowing them to stop and turn on a dime (literally)!

"It was pretty interesting the first time we took them out in public," said Capt. Jack Angelo, who was one of the first scooter "pilots" trained within the department. "We received a lot of smiles and stares at first, but after a little while, we couldn't move more than a few feet without someone stopping us to ask questions."

Angelo believes residents may sometimes feel intimidated to approach police officers when they are on foot patrol or riding in police cruisers and said he noticed a big difference at the First Friday event in January.

"They are a great community policing tool," Angelo said. **"We like to interact with kids and members of the general public while we are on duty.** These scooters allow us to have fun conversations with residents that don't end up with us handing out a speeding ticket or slapping on a pair of handcuffs."

The scooters, which come equipped with a fully functioning siren and flashing lights, are destined to make a big impact at events surrounding the Pro Football Hall of Fame Festival as well as a number of downtown food and music programs sponsored by the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce. Angelo said that he hopes to be able to ride the scooters at another event before the end of summer.

"This is one part of our job that is fun to do," he said.

For more information about the department's new T-3 Scooters, visit the Canton Police Department online at ***www.cantonohio.gov/police.*** ♦

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Protect our water this summer

KEEP ALL HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS OUT OF STORMWATER DRAINS LIKE THE ONE PICTURED HERE TO HELP PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS

PHOTO BY: ADAM HERMAN

AS STORMWATER FLOWS OVER DRIVEWAYS, LAWNS, AND SIDEWALKS, IT PICKS UP DEBRIS, CHEMICALS, DIRT, AND OTHER pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. **Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into bodies of water we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.** By practicing healthy household habits this summer, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater.

Here are three suggestions for keeping our storm water system free from pollutants:

1. Wash your car on the lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water that enters the storm sewer system.

2. Clean up spilled automotive fluids and use absorbent materials like cat litter or sand to control persistent fluid leaks.

3. Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, only use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. You should also try not to apply lawn chemicals when the forecast calls for rain – it wastes your effort and harms the environment!

To learn more about protecting our local waterways, visit the Engineering Department's Web site at www.cantonohio.gov/engineering. Here you will be able to find a number of useful tips to help preserve the environment in our community for future generations! ♦

The article above appears courtesy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Long-time Water employees retire

By Tyler Converse

THE CANTON WATER DEPARTMENT RELIES UPON THE collective experience of its staff to ensure that the city's water resources are delivered in a safe, efficient, and reliable manner to customers. Our department has been fortunate to have some of the most dedicated and hard-working men and women as members of our staff for several decades. After an incredible run, seven of those individuals have made the decision to retire. While they will be missed, we are happy to have had the opportunity to work with them. They are: **Julia Ward** (13 years), **Dennis Randolph** (30 years), **Bruce Jones** (31 years), **William Still** (32 years), **Donald Cirelli** (33 years), **James Vrbanac** (34 years), and **Eugene Lanzo** (40 years). To those who dedicated themselves to providing Canton residents with clean, fresh water, thank you for your service! ♦

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

The Road Ahead

CITY USING FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS TO CREATE JOBS, FIX CANTON ROADS

By Dan Moeglin, P.E., S.I. City Engineer

Governor Ted Strickland announced in March that **Canton was awarded approximately $2.7 million in federal transportation stimulus funds for infrastructure improvements.** Two projects receiving stimulus dollars include the stabilization and resurfacing of Sherrick Road in the southeast end as well as a project to improve traffic flow in and around the Fulton Road exit on I-77 near the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

SHERRICK ROAD IN SOUTHEAST CANTON WILL BENEFIT FROM FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS

PHOTOS BY: ADAM HERMAN

Sherrick Road has experienced problems since the 1970's when the City installed a major sewer line under the street. In the thirty years since, the material that was used to cover the sewer line has continually shifted under the weight of the road – much more so than the project engineers had originally expected. This shifting caused the road to repeatedly buckle and crack, which gave residents the impression they were driving over a washboard instead of a paved City street. For the past several years, the City has been exploring ways to fix the road. Unfortunately, all options presented were very expensive. The federal stimulus funds awarded this spring will allow the City to undertake this $1.5 million project and give southeast end residents a street they can finally be proud of!

The City also received funds to improve traffic flow to the Pro Football Hall of Fame and enhance intersection safety on Fulton Road near the entrance/exit to I-77N and US-62E. The City plans to add curbs and widen pedestrian walkways in and around Stadium Park near the heavily traveled intersection, as well as install new signals to better manage congestion during peak times.

These two projects will improve our local infrastructure while creating construction jobs and stimulating our local economy. If you have questions about either of these projects, please don't hesitate to contact my office at (330) 489-3381 or visit us on the Web at ***www.cantonohio.gov/engineering.***

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CANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Summer Grill Safety

By Division Chief John Whitlatch

WARM WEATHER OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WILL OFFER CANTON RESIDENTS many opportunities to cook outdoors. In order to prevent a trip to the emergency room or a meeting with your local firefighters, there are a few things to remember when gearing up for your weekend barbecue:

1: Both charcoal and propane grills should be placed at least 10 feet away from material that will easily burn.

2: The use of grills on balconies is very dangerous and is NOT allowed at apartment complexes.

3: As an added safety measure, cooking fires should never be left unattended no matter how low the flames or embers have fallen. It is also very important that an adult is the person in charge around a cooking fire.

4: Remember to always have a functional fire extinguisher nearby – it's better to have one and not need it rather than need one and not have it.

5: Charcoal lighter fluid is highly flammable – be sure to use it according to directions on the container. You should never spray charcoal lighter on a flaming grill to get the flames higher. Fire will follow the stream to the container in your hands, which could explode and cause serious injury (or even death). Gasoline should never be used in a fire.

These are only a handful of the fire safety tips that residents should keep in mind when cooking outdoors. For more information about summer fire safety, visit the Canton Fire Department's Web site at ***www.cantonohio.gov/fire.*** ♦

WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

Park Farms receives City award

By Tracy Mills

THE CITY OF CANTON RECENTLY AWARDED THE 2008 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AWARD to Park Farms, Inc. during a ceremony held in February. The Environmental Quality Award is presented to a company that has been in full compliance with the City's wastewater treatment programs and has implemented an overall policy regulating the creation and control of industrial wastes. **Park Farms, located at 1925 30th Street in Canton,** has developed and implemented programs for pollution prevention, source reduction, water conservation, waste minimization, and recycling in addition to having zero violations throughout the year. Congratulations to Park Farms, Inc. for joining an esteemed list of local companies that understand the importance of conservation and the responsible use of our City's natural resources! ♦

CANTON PARK SYSTEM

We need your help!

By Doug Perry, Director

AS WE ENTER THE SUMMER SEASON, THE HOLIDAYS ARE PROBABLY THE FARTHEST THING FROM THE MINDS of most Canton residents. However, here in the Canton Park System we are already beginning to plan for this winter's **"*Holiday in the Park*"** lighting display that takes place each year from November through January. Over the past 10 years, park staff members have created over 34 lighted displays for all to enjoy during the holidays.

We hope to continue this tradition this year, and ask that you please consider making a donation to keep this annual tradition alive and well in Canton. **With the cost of materials and electricity rising dramatically, this fun family event may soon become unaffordable. You can help prevent this from happening by sending a donation of any amount** (marked for light displays) to the Canton Park System at 2436 30th Street NE. For more information or a brochure about this wonderful event, call 330-489-3015. From the Canton Parks family to yours - have a safe summer! ♦

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Neighborhood programs in full swing this summer

By Carmen West, Deputy Director of Development

THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT'S HOUSING DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REVITALIZING CITY NEIGHBORHOODS BY CONSTRUCTING NEW HOMES, REHABILITATING EXISTING houses, and assisting homeowners with financial assistance programs. Collaborating with other community organizations, the Housing Division is working hard to meet the needs of Canton neighborhoods with the following programs:

Neighborhood Stabilization Program

The City of Canton was recently awarded $3.6 million dollars in federal funds to address vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed properties. With partnering community organizations providing additional assistance, the City will use these dollars to acquire and then demolish or rehabilitate homes in areas of the city that have been hit hard by the housing crisis. By removing eyesores and deteriorated structures from our city streets, this program will improve the image of our city and restore pride in our neighborhoods!

RAP Program

The Remodeling Assistance Partnership Program (RAPP) is a home improvement program operated as a partnership between Project Rebuild and the City of Canton. Homeowners who meet eligibility requirements can participate by paying a small percentage of the total project costs - the remainder will be paid for with city financial assistance. Last summer, this program helped 40 young people from ages 16 to 24 learn a career trade while renovating several Canton homes. This year's program promises to be even more successful – to find out more, log on to ***www.cantonohio.gov/housing.***

Other Programs

Assistance is available for city residents who need to make emergency home repairs, need help making a down payment on a house, or need advice when entering into a mortgage. Foreclosure prevention assistance is also available for those who are on the brink of losing their homes. All homeowners must meet income guidelines to participate – a full list of programs and program requirements can be found on our Web site at ***www.cantonohio.gov/housing.***

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COMING TO CANTON:

American Football on the World Stage

By Craig Federico

WHEN SCOTT HALLENBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF USA FOOTBALL, WAS CHARGED WITH SUPPORTING THE GROWTH OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL WORLDWIDE AND fortifying its foothold in the United States, he chose a historic way in which to fulfill his task. This summer, Hallenbeck, USA Football and the International Federation of American Football (IFAF) will hold a tournament unlike any the world has ever seen. The inaugural IFAF Junior World Championship of American Football will take place this June 27th – July 5th at Fawcett Stadium in Canton, Ohio. It will be a tournament for the ages - an American football playoff on the world stage, with lights too bright for a single Friday night.

The week-long tournament will feature national teams from eight countries – all comprised of high school aged players – in pursuit of a true world championship. What better way to showcase the spirited tradition of American football than to hold an international tournament in the game's birthplace? What better way to celebrate the camaraderie of the game than to bring cultures together under the unifying banners of international competition? The IFAF Junior World Championship will be a first-of-its-kind football playoff, with teams taking the field in their country colors, playing for the honor of a lifetime. **Participating countries will include: Canada, Mexico, Japan, Sweden, France, Germany, New Zealand and the United States.**

Leading the U.S. Junior National Team will be Cleveland St. Ignatius' Chuck Kyle, who was chosen by Hallenbeck and his staff at USA Football, the national governing body of youth and amateur football, in light of his impressive high school coaching résumé (ten Ohio state championships) and revered status among his players and

colleagues. In fact, Coach Kyle's impressive football pedigree has enabled him to assemble an impressive staff of accomplished high school coaches and coordinate with elite Division I college coaches to field some of the nation's best incoming collegiate players.

So, do football teams from other countries have a prayer against a team of American high school all-star players and coaches? Surprisingly the answer is yes. In 2007, a talented Japanese national team took the U.S. Senior National Team, led by former Division I coach John Mackovic, into sudden-death overtime of the 3rd IFAF Senior World Championship, only to lose by a field goal. It was Japan's first loss in eight games of world championship play. In June, the U.S. Junior National Team will test its wares against Team Japan and skilled tournament qualifiers from around the world.

Two things are certain: our international competitors will hope to prove their mettle against America's best on American soil; and coming out to Fawcett Stadium June 27th – July 5th will be a once-in-a-lifetime football experience.

SCOTT HALLENBECK, LEFT, PRESENTS A CEREMONIAL TEAM USA HELMET TO HEAD COACH CHUCK KYLE, RIGHT, EARLIER THIS YEAR.

PHOTO COURTESY: ***USA FOOTBALL***

Be a part of football history. **This June, come out to Fawcett Stadium and support USA Football, Coach Kyle, and the U.S. Junior National Team as they bring America's game to the world stage.** For tournament and ticket information, visit ***www.jwcfootball.com.*** ♦

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Zing in the City

By Jessica Bennett, Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce

DOWNTOWN CANTON HUMS WITH AN AMA-"ZING" SYMPHONY OF SOUNDS

Calling all kids – and all you "kids at heart" – for family-friendly fun in the city! Come downtown on Saturday, May 30, for magnificent music and movies under the stars at ***Zing in the City!*** This FREE spectacular summer symphony performance is sure to delight your senses!

Prepare to take an ***amaZING Cinematic Adventure*** with the Canton Symphony Orchestra under the direction of assistant conductor, Matthew Brown! You'll be entertained with music themes from popular motion pictures, while trailers from the movies play on a pair of jumbo movie screens. Need a snack? Theatre-style concessions snacks will be on sale for munching.

The Cinematic Adventure begins at 8:30 p.m. and a dazzling array of pyrotechnic magic kicks off at 10:30 p.m. Bring the little ones down early from 5 to 8 p.m. to engage in some planned creative arts and crafts activities, including FREE make & take projects. Stroll along "artist's row" and check out the wares of local artisans and roam among in-crowd entertainment – from clowns to magicians and everywhere in between – all planned for 6 to 8 p.m. Visit ***www.ZingintheCity.com*** for more information. Zing in the City, presented by the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, is made possible in part by **The Timken Company, Aultman Health Foundation and AultCare.** ♦

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Singin' the Blues

By Jessica Bennett, Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce

TWO DAYS, TWO BLUES LEGENDS: TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!

Northeast Ohio's premier Blues Festival, ***Canton Blues Fest,*** is back in its eighth year with a 2009 lineup sure to strike a chord with blues fans of all shapes and sizes! The ***FREE outdoor summer festival*** is happening in downtown Canton Friday, June 19, and Saturday, June 20, with incredible headliners ***Johnny Winter and Taj Mahal*** and music ALL DAY from noon to 10:30 p.m.!

Boogie woogie your way downtown, kick back with a refreshing, ice cold drink, delicious midway fare, super cool tunes and great friends, and enjoy the best outdoor music festival north of Memphis! Want the best seats in town? Buy a two-day ***Blues Fest VIP Pass online*** for $75 and take advantage of FREE food, beer and incredible views of the stage.

For over 30 years, Johnny Winter has been a guitar hero without equal, immediately laying out the blueprint for his fresh take on classic blues a prime combination for the legions of fans just discovering the blues via the likes of Jimmy Page and Eric Clapton. ***Don't miss Johnny Winter's performance June 19 at 8:30 p.m.***

Composer, multi-instrumentalist and vocalist Taj Mahal is one of the most prominent and influential figures in late 20th century blues and roots music. Though his career began more than four decades ago with American blues, he has broadened his artistic scope over the years to include music representing virtually every corner of the world. ***Come downtown for Taj Mahal June 20 at 8:30 p.m.***

Visit ***www.CantonBluesFest.com*** for a full list of performers including Inner City Blues Band and Kristine Jackson! The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce's Canton Blues Fest is made possible in part by **Cormony Development and Standard Plumbing and Heating Co.** as well as other sponsors. ♦

Canton Farmers' Market

By Kelly Blandford Bah, Canton Development Partnership

CANTON FARMERS' MARKET IS OPEN EVERY SATURDAY THIS SUMMER BEGINNING JUNE 20TH!

Canton Farmers' Market is a producer- and grower-only market featuring a plethora of local produce plus a variety of jams, jellies, pumpkins, vinegars, breads, fresh cut flowers, baked goods, honey, herbs, potted plants, choice shrubs, pork, lamb, bison, goat, poultry, eggs, meatrubs, pepper butters, relish and more! The 2009 market will be better than ever before with new vendors and many new selections.

The Canton Farmers' Market is the premier Stark County Farmers' Market, located in downtown Canton in the developing Arts District. At each market, there is a variety of activity, including live music, children's art classes, gourmet cooking demos, and yoga. The market is your source for fresh, local produce. Come support your community!

The Market participates in both the WIC and Senior Nutrition Program, helping low income folks gain access to healthy food choices! **The Canton Farmers' Market can be found on Saturdays from June 20 through October 17 from 8-11:30 a.m.** at the corner of Court Avenue and 4th St NW. For more information, go to ***www.CantonFarmersMarket.com*** ♦

First Friday

By Kelly Blandford Bah, Canton Development Partnership

SUMMER FIRST FRIDAYS TURN UP THE HEAT!

First Friday is getting hotter! Each first Friday of the month we celebrate downtown with a party unlike anything else in Stark County! Our incredible restaurants always have something special on the menu and the art galleries and studios are open for your enjoyment and shopping. First Friday is great for all ages - we have lots of activities for couples and families alike. If the weather has kept you away, it's time to mark your calendar for an incredible summer line-up downtown!

We're swinging back to life and moving outdoors on May 1st with a Spring Fling celebration. Grab your sweetheart, and take her out on the town! First Friday is the perfect date night any time of the year, but while spring is in the air, come out and make it special!

On June 5th come experience Jumpin' June – a look at movement and - yes, you guessed it - jumping and dancing in the streets. Live music abounds outside and we'll have a grand time hopping into summer.

July 3rd is the Chalk the Walk First Friday! Come be dazzled by incredible sidewalk artistry. See masters of the art and lots of local art folks, too, creating beautiful pieces on a sidewalk canvas. Bring the kids – there will be chalk for everyone!

On August 7th be prepared to celebrate the Hound Dog Days of Summer. You'll have a hunka hunka burning good time! Come see who's King! Plus, pooches abound in the street parade; all gussied up in their First Friday best.

First Friday is presented by ArtsinStark, the County Arts Council, and the Downtown Canton Special Improvement District. For the most up-to-date First Friday information, visit ***www.CantonFirstFriday.com*** ♦

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Tickets available at www.cantonchamber.org

ARTIST SUSAN ROMAINE'S WORK, PICTURED HERE, WILL BE FEATURED AT THIS SUMMER'S EXHIBIT.

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CANTON MUSEUM OF ART

Pretty, Pretty Purses

By Mary Byrne

COME SEE WHAT'S NEW THIS SPRING AND SUMMER AT THE CANTON MUSEUM OF ART! FROM MAY 15TH TO JUNE 20TH, THE MUSEUM IS PROUD TO HOST AN exhibit entitled ***"Pocketbook Anthropology: A Treasure of Handbags."*** This exhibit of 50 artfully crafted, unique handbags reflects the changing styles of the 20th century. Not just for the ladies, this exhibit is sure to please all who attend. CMA is also proud to announce that the work of local artists will also be displayed in the ***"Canton Artist's League Exhibition,"*** which is set to run concurrently with the Pocketbook Anthropology event. In July, the Museum will be showing "Blossom: Art of Flowers," a traveling exhibit representing some of the country's best artists interpreting flowers of all kinds. This event will run until September 30, 2009, and should not be missed! For event information, visit ***www.cantonart.org*** to learn more. ♦

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Summer Athletics

By Jay Keys, Director

THERE ARE MANY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER for young people of all ages at the Edward "Peel" Coleman Community Center in Canton. As in years past, a large number of fun and interesting programs will focus upon character development, mentorship, sports and athletics training, career building, health/wellness education, cultural arts, and more. From summer basketball leagues to reading programs and everything in between, there is something for everyone at the Coleman Center this summer! For more information about summer programs, including reservation and scheduling info, please visit our Web site at ***www.cantonohio.gov/youth*** or call 330-489-3350 to learn more. ♦

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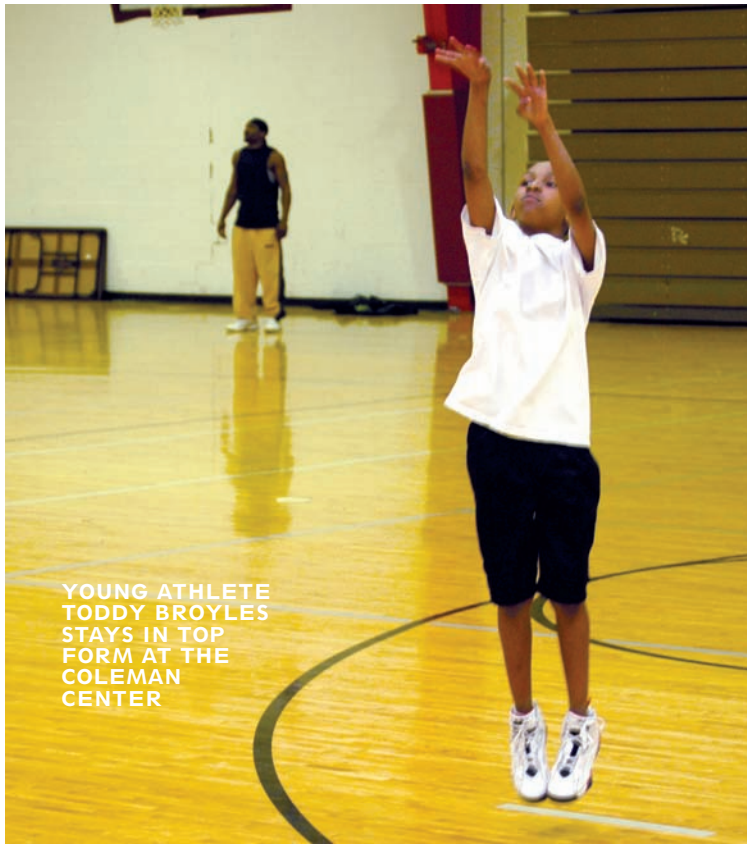

YOUNG ATHLETE TODDY BROYLES STAYS IN TOP FORM AT THE COLEMAN CENTER

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May 2009

National High Blood Pressure Education Month

DURING NATIONAL HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE EDUCATION MONTH, TAKE TIME FOR THIS IMPORTANT HEALTH ISSUE.

- Adopt a diet with lower salt and more fruits and vegetables.
- Lose weight by starting an exercise program or participating in less strenuous tasks like yoga, meditation, or biofeedback.
- Get your blood pressure tested and consult regularly with your doctor. Some medications can help lower blood pressure and - when used along with the above activities - will give you a much better chance of avoiding serious health problems.

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					1 **FIRST FRIDAY – "SPRING FLING"** 6:00 –10:00 p.m., Downtown Canton	2 **BATTLE OF THE MAGICIANS** 8:00 p.m. Canton Palace Theatre **SPRING FLING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW** 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Stark County Fairgrounds
3	4 *Election Day*	5 *Cinco de Mayo*	6	7 **PRO FOOTBALL HOF QUEEN PAGEANT** 7:00 p.m., Canton Palace Theatre	8	9

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10 *Mother's Day*	**11** **CITY COUNCIL MEETING** 7:30 p.m. Canton City Hall *National Police Week*	**12**	**13**	**14** **CANTON SYMPHONY – AULTMAN CAMEO CONCERT "BACH"** 1:00 p.m. Cable Recital Hall	**15** **CANTON SYMPHONY - OHIO LEGACY BANK CASUAL FRIDAY CONCERT "BACH"** 8:00 p.m., Kent State Stark Fine Arts Theater **POCKETBOOK ANTHROPOLOGY EXHIBIT OPENS** Canton Museum of Art *THROUGH JUNE 20* www.cantonart.org	**16** **YOUTH FISHING DERBY** cantonrecreation.com *Armed Forces Day*
17	**18** **CITY COUNCIL** 7:30 p.m. Canton City Hall **CO-ED SAND VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION** *THROUGH MAY 23* **ADULT SAND VOLLEYBALL REG** *THROUGH MAY 23*	**19**	**20**	**21** **CANTON ARTISTS LEAGUE – SPRING SHOW OPENS** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Canton Museum of Art **TASTE OF CANTON** 11:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Downtown Canton - Kresge Lot	**22** **CANTON PLAYERS GUILD – "DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" OPENS** *THROUGH JUNE 14* www.playersguildtheater.com for ticket information	**23**
24 **31**	**25** *Memorial Day* (No sanitation service – delayed schedule)	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30** **CANTON SYMPHONY – ZING IN THE CITY (W/FIREWORKS)** 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Downtown Canton

2009 June

National Safety Month

JUNE 2009 MARKS NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO MAKE SURE THE ENTIRE FAMILY ARE HEALTHY AND SAFE.

- Be aware of hot cars. Don't EVER leave your children alone in the car
- Dehydration is common among children, especially little ones, who forget to drink or to tell you that they need to drink.
- Protect your children against sunburn and UV light. Children's skin and eyes are more sensitive to ultraviolet rays. Babies should be protected from direct sun entirely. Toddlers, preschoolers and older children should be covered well in sunscreen (30 SPF or higher) at least one half hour before going out in the sun.

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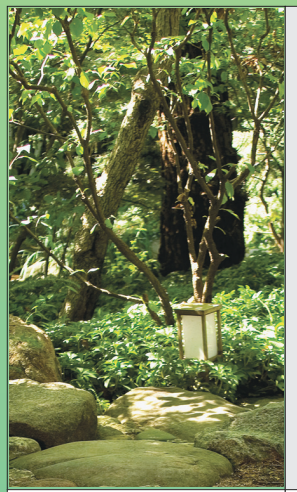
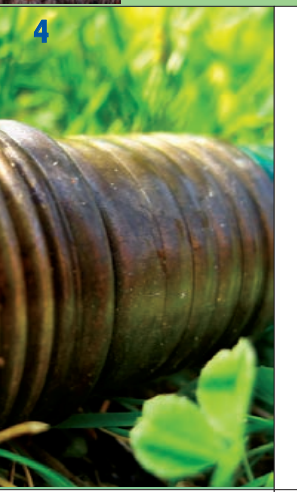
	1	2	3	4 	5 **FIRST FRIDAY – "JUMPIN' JUNE"** 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., Downtown Canton **CO-ED KICKBALL LEAGUE BEGINS** cantonrecreation.com **ASA GIRLS DIVISION "B" 14U, & 10U FASTPITCH** *THROUGH JUNE 6* cantonrecreation.com	6 **MCKINLEY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW** Stark County Fairgrounds
7 **MCKINLEY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW** Stark County Fairgrounds **NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY -** www.ncsdf.org	8 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING** 7:30 p.m. Canton City Hall **FULL DAY SUMMER CAMPS BEGINS** *THROUGH AUGUST 6* cantonrecreation.com **ADULT AND YOUTH TENNIS, MON/WED SESSION I** *THROUGH JULY 1* cantonrecreation.com	9 **ARCHERY SESSION I BEGINS** *THROUGH MAY 25* cantonrecreation.com **ADULT AND YOUTH TENNIS, TUES/THURS SESSION I** *THROUGH JULY 2* cantonrecreation.com	10 **28TH ANNUAL GREEK SUMMERFEST** St. Haralambo's Church, 251 25th St.NW **20 UNDER 40 EVENT** McKinley Monument 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. www.ystark.org *THROUGH MAY 25*	11 **28TH ANNUAL GREEK SUMMERFEST** St. Haralambo's Church, 251 25th St.NW	12 **ASA GIRLS DIVISION "B" 18U & 16U FASTPITCH** *THROUGH JUNE 13* cantonrecreation.com **28TH ANNUAL GREEK SUMMERFEST** St. Haralambo's Church, 251 25th St.NW	13 **2009 GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CAT SHOW** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Canton Civic Center **28TH ANNUAL GREEK SUMMERFEST** St. Haralambo's Church, 251 25th St.NW

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14 **2009 GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CAT SHOW** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Canton Civic Center *Flag Day*	**15**	**16** **RUG RAT TEE BALL BEGINS** *THROUGH JULY 28* cantonrecreation.com	**17**	**18**	**19** **FAMILY MOVIE-IN -THE-PARK** 9:00 p.m. Stadium Park **8TH ANNUAL CANTON BLUES FEST** Noon – 10:00 p.m., Downtown Canton – www.cantonbluesfest.com	**20** **CANTON FARMER'S MARKET OPENS FOR THE SEASON** 8-11:30 a.m., Downtown Canton **8TH ANNUAL CANTON BLUES FEST** Noon – 10:00 p.m., Downtown Canton – www.cantonbluesfest.com
21 *Father's Day* *Summer Begins*	**22** **CITY COUNCIL MEETING** 7:30 p.m. Canton City Hall **TEEN SAND VOLLEYBALL** cantonrecreation.com **ADULT TENNIS OPEN TOURNAMENT** *THROUGH JUNE 28* cantonrecreation.com	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27** **CANTON FARMER'S MARKET** 8-11:30 a.m. Downtown Canton **JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL** Game Day 1, Fawcett Stadium – www.jwcfootball.com for info and tickets. **2009 JAZZ DOLLS GREAT LAKES REGIONAL** 9:00 a.m. *THROUGH JUNE 28*
28 **2009 JAZZ DOLLS GREAT LAKES REGIONAL** 9:00 a.m.	**29**	**30**				

2009 July

National Picnic Month

ENJOY ONE OF CANTON'S BEAUTIFUL PARKS THIS MONTH BY GOING ON A PICNIC.

Do you think your group or organization may be interested in reserving a Canton Parks Facility for your next event?

Call us at 330-489-3015 during normal business hours to reserve a space.

For more information about the Canton Park System, visit our website at **www.cantonohio.gov/parks.**

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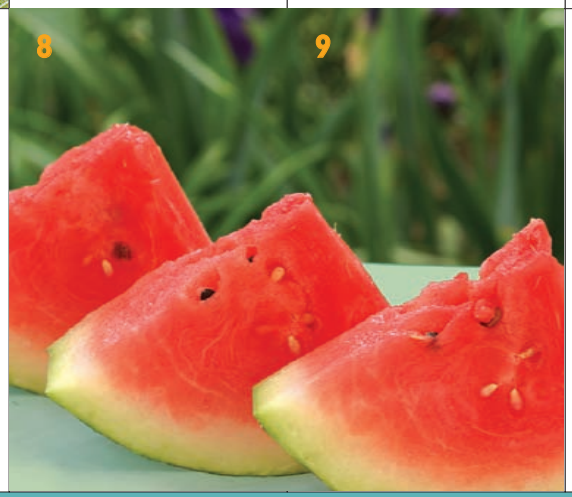
			1 **JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL – GAME DAY 2** Fawcett Stadium – www.jwcfootball.com for info and tickets.	**2** **CANTON SYMPHONY – CONCERT IN THE PARK (W/FIREWORKS)** 8:00 p.m., McKinley National Memorial	**3** **FIRST FRIDAY – "CHALK THE WALK"** 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., Downtown Canton	**4** **JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL – GAME DAY 3** Fawcett Stadium – www.jwcfootball.com for info and tickets. *Independence Day*
5 **JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL – GOLD MEDAL GAME DAY AND CLOSING CEREMONY** Fawcett Stadium – www.jwcfootball.com for info and tickets.	**6** **CITY COUNCIL MEETING** 7:30 p.m. Canton City Hall **ADULT & YOUTH TENNIS, MON/WED SESSION II** *THROUGH AUGUST 5* cantonrecreation.com **ADVANCED DRILL & PLAY, SESSION II** *THROUGH AUGUST 5* cantonrecreation.com	**7** **ARCHERY SESSION II** *THROUGH JULY 23* cantonrecreation.com **CORNHOLE LEAGUE BEGINS** cantonrecreation.com **ADULT & YOUTH TENNIS, TUES/THURS SESSION II** *THROUGH AUGUST 6* cantonrecreation.com	**8** **9** 	**10** **ASA GIRLS DIV. "B" 14U, 12U & 10U FASTPITCH** *THROUGH JULY 11* cantonrecreation.com **CANTON ITALIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL** Stark County Fairgrounds - www.cantonitalianfesta.org for more info *THROUGH JULY 12* **TWIRLING UNLIMITED INTERNATIONAL** 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. *THROUGH JULY 12*	**11** **CANTON FARMER'S MARKET** 8-11:30 a.m. Downtown Canton **CANTON ITALIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL** Stark County Fairgrounds - www.cantonitalianfesta.org for more info *THROUGH JULY 12* **TWIRLING UNLIMITED INTERNATIONAL** 9:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. *THROUGH JULY 12*

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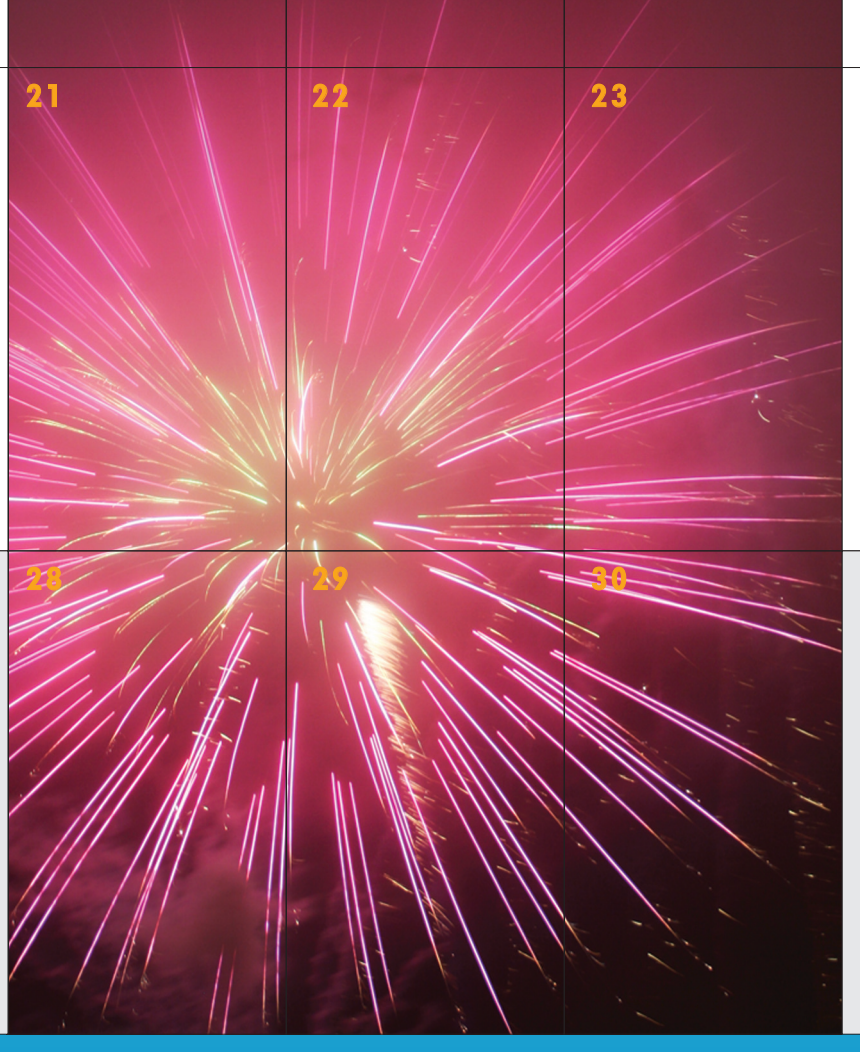
12 **CANTON ITALIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL** Stark County Fairgrounds - www.cantonitalianfesta.org for more info **TWIRLING UNLIMITED INTERNATIONAL** 8:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.	**13** **BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL CLINIC** *THROUGH JULY 16* cantonrecreation.com	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17** **ASA GIRLS DIVISION "B" 18U & 16U FASTPITCH** *THROUGH JULY 18* cantonrecreation.com	**18** **CANTON FARMER'S MARKET** 8-11:30 a.m. Downtown Canton
19 **ARTSPLASH '09** Noon – 5:00 p.m., Canton Cultural Center 1001 Market Ave. North	**20** **CITY COUNCIL MEETING** 7:30 p.m. Canton City Hall **CANTON CITY JUNIOR TENNIS OPEN TOURNAMENT** *THROUGH JULY 24* cantonrecreation.com	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24** **NORTH CANTON PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS "RENT"** 8:00 p.m., Canton Palace Theatre	**25** **CANTON FARMER'S MARKET** 8-11:30 a.m. Downtown Canton **NORTH CANTON PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS "RENT"** 8:00 p.m., Canton Palace Theatre
26 **NORTH CANTON PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS "RENT"** 2:30 p.m., Canton Palace Theatre	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**	



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