

A GUIDE TO GASTON, IN

Visit, Eat, Work, Live.



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WELCOME TO GASTON: AN HISTORIC NATURAL GAS BOOM TOWN

Nestled in east central Indiana, Gaston began its existence as a result of the natural gas boom in 1850.

After natural gas became all the rage to heat homes and stoves, a pocket was discovered in the middle of farm land. People came from all around to extract the resource, which led to the necessity of a town.

And thus, Gaston was born. Unfortunately, the pocket of natural gas was a lot smaller than they assumed. But even after the gas was gone, the town remained as a home to the people who settled there. The fertile soil was a boon and many people who remained in the town stayed to farm the land.



COMMERCE & INDUSTRY:

A FARMING & SLEEPER TOWN

The main industry of the area is farming. The drive into the town is surrounded by corn and soy bean fields, and hog farms are detectable in the air.



A number of residents who live in the town work outside of it in nearby Muncie, only returning in the evening to sleep and be with their families.



Recently, however, there have been movements to revive the downtown to its previous glory. These are most notably driven by Cary and Amy Malcow who own the recently opened Barking Cow.



CEMETERIES:

A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH



Something here about how Gant funeral home, and the cemetery.



ARTS & FESTIVALS: MURALS AND HOMECOMING



PEOPLE & HISTORY:

MAJOR FIGURES IN GASTON'S PAST & PRESENT



We interviewed Neil Mauck, farmer and prominent community member.

Q: How long has your family been in Gaston?

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Q: What do you love most about the community?

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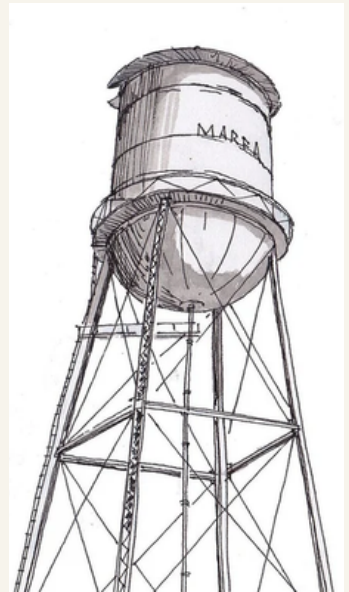
Q: What do you think could be improved about the community, and how would you like to see those changes happen?

OTHER PROMINENT FIGURES:

The Schlenkers have been in Gaston for four decades. Initially from other small towns, Tipton and Farmland, IN, the Schlenkers have been prominent member of the Gaston community. Donating time, money, and energy to community efforts as well as supplying th community with seriously good sweet corn.



SKETCHING THE TOWN



THANKS FOR VISITING GASTON:

WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR VISIT

Gaston may not be the largest town with all the amenities a bigger city would offer, but it's got history and heart.

