

# Mount Carroll

## Chamber of Commerce



## Chamber Pot

### July 2009

### Membership: 83

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#### From the Prez — Laura Miller-DeSpain

Lots going on in the big city of Mt. Carroll during the summer. The Farmer's Market is sprouting new vendors (get it? sprouting...) every week. The umbrellas look great! The first Car Cruise was a huge success!!! Let's hope for the same for the next three! Folks have been in the boutique getting supplies for 4th of July parade signs. Mmmmm....I can almost smell the Firemens' pork chops from here. You're welcome to sit on our porch and watch the parade before heading out to the field for the fireworks. I'm especially looking forward to the Hwy 64/78 Junk In Your Truck Festival. I know, that's not the official name, but it has my attention. Learn Great Foods has graciously invited us to their kitchen for a potluck Business After Hours (July) -- keep reading this Chamber Pot for details! The PFP are throwing a shin dig on August 20th to celebrate all the progress this fabulous community has accomplished (and continues to accomplish). Watch your newspapers and look for posters for more info. And speaking of shin digs -- we're planning one for our September general meeting -- a Membership Drive and Appreciation Supper. We're gonna set it up like a business fair. Just one more reason to keep your eyes and ears open -- we'll keep you posted. Heck, we already put you on a committee (you're welcomed). WOW! I better go -- I gotta lot to do. See you on the 4th!!! If you need

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### Board of Directors

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Ann Crouse: State Bank of Pearl City  
Nancy Tobin: Retired

Karen Davis—Events Coordinator

Cindy Merzwa—Marketing Coordinator  
Fur The Luv Of Dogs

Sibyl Doty—Past President  
THE National Bank

### TIMBER LAKE PLAYHOUSE

July 2—12

July 16—25

July 30—Aug 9



Call the Box Office to reserve your seat  
at (815) 244-2035

### Learn Great Foods—Business After Hours Campbell Center Hatheway Hall Potluck Dinner Thursday, July 9th

\$5 per person -- Learn Great Foods  
will supply beverages & dinnerware  
Please bring a dish to share & see you there!

**Mission Statement:** The Mt. Carroll Chamber of Commerce is a community organization in partnership with business, tourism and government to further promote economic growth and quality of life in Mt. Carroll.

## Events Committee

### Summer Happenings

What fun was had by those of us who attended the Saturday, June 13, performance of the **Family Fun Circus**. It's been a long time since Mount Carroll has had the cotton candy, the clowns, the animals, and the entertainment of a traveling circus. The huge pink big top did not let us down. The two performances were attended by approximately 300 adults and children who went away smiling. Please let me know what you've heard and if you would like to see the circus return again in the future. Sponsorship of this event was shared with the city.

You have all probably heard by now that this year's **Garden Walk** has been cancelled due to a lack of available gardens. Let's all help the cause by keeping our eyes open for local gardens to include next year. Contact Diane Bausman with any ideas you may have.

Our first **Root Beer Floats** at the June Cruise Night was successful. Thank you to Terrie for delivering all the supplies to our booth and to Anna Gray, Sarah Reken-thaler, Lydia Kice, and Paul and Nancy Tobin for serving the root beer floats to the Cruise Night crowd. The next Cruise Night is *Saturday, July 18*. Don't miss it!

It may be possible that you are one of the generous ones who volunteers right away to help at an event. In that case you have never received a call from my ever faithful callers. *Barb Lange* and *Ann Crouse* are the ones keeping their digits busy by dialing phone numbers to fill vacancies on our various volunteer schedules. Thank you ladies for all you do to support Chamber events. You two are priceless.

Be sure to look for forthcoming details on **Route 64/78 Festival** (July 25), **Brick Street Saturday** (Sept. 5) and **Oktoberfest**. These three events need many helpful and fun-loving people to make them successful. If you would like to participate, please email Christiene (admin@mtcarrollil.org) right now and she will forward your name to the appropriate event leader. Or, contact the leader directly: Route 64/78 Festival – Gwen Lowe; Brick Street Saturday – Lou Schau and Randy Remrey; and Oktoberfest – Tom Cravatta.

Have yourself a cool and safe summer and thank you in advance for helping when and where you are able.

Karen Davis, Events Coordinator

### Oktoberfest Planning

In less than four months Oktoberfest AKA October Happenings (October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>) will be alive and well. We are looking for volunteers to head and help with certain events for that weekend. To date the venue looks like this: Cemetery Tours, Story Telling, Wagon Rides, Magic Show, Pedal Tractor Pulls, Bingo, Antique Tractor Show, Craft Show, 5K Run/Walk Race, Polka & Country Bands, and Beer and Wine Tents. Other ideas for events are welcome. With your help we can make Oktoberfest a weekend of fun and games.

## Marketing Committee

So far, six new umbrellas for the Farmer's Market. At our next meeting, we will discuss whether to have them screen printed or make signs.

Len Anderson has done a fabulous job promoting the Car Cruises with articles, advertisements and posters.

We will again be mentioned in the Trail of Terror. Thanks to Tom Cravatta for agreeing to be the Oktoberfest (formerly Halloween Happenings) Chair and for working on the advertisement.

A nice ad is going out soon in the Northwest Illinois Quarterly magazine. The section directs folks traveling on Hwy 20 and invites them to travel down Scenic Hwy 78 to our quaint town.

We are so excited to have Cindy Mierzwa (Fur The Luv Of Dogs) as our new Marketing Chair. Cindy is new to our community but not new to marketing. She has a degree in Marketing!!! You'll learn more about her later -- promise.

I am very grateful to John Swiech's hard work this past Chamber year. He took on a huge task. His regular meetings were well attended and through his fine leadership, we accomplished a lot. Thank you, John.

I know there's a lot more going on, and I promise (through serious delegation) that you'll have a better report when Cindy takes over.

### Mt. Carroll Fire Dept Presents



### 4th of July Fireworks Display

10:30 AM - 4 PM: At Fire Station  
Pork Chop Sandwiches  
Hotdogs & Brats  
Chips & Pop

4 PM - Dusk: At Athletic Field  
Hotdogs, Candy, Popcorn, & Pop

5:30 PM: Parade Line-up  
In front of the Naples Center  
(old Main Street school)

6 PM: Parade ending at the  
Athletic Field

Dusk: Fireworks Display  
at Athletic Field



# July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Visit the Community Calendar online at <a href="http://www.mtcarrollil.org">www.mtcarrollil.org</a></b></p> <p><b>Educational Seminars/Webinars are also listed under the Community Calendar Heading</b></p>			<p>1 6 PM—Friends of the Library meeting at Library</p>	<p>2 Opening Night at Timber Lake Playhouse: The Wedding Singer</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Farmer's Market  Mt. Carroll Fireworks  <b>Independence Day</b></p>
<p>5  Savanna Fireworks</p>	<p>6 6 PM—Highway 64/78 Festival Planning meeting at Land of Oz</p>	<p>7 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products</p>	<p>8 8 AM—Marketing Committee meeting at Savanna-Thomson State Bank in Mt. Carroll</p>	<p>9 Business After Hours—Learn Great Foods</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Farmer's Market</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products  7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 9:30 AM—Carroll County Board meeting at Courthouse  Opening Night at Timber Lake Playhouse: Wait Until Dark</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Farmer's Market  5 PM—Cruise Night in Downtown Mt. Carroll</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 6 PM—Relay For Life Wrap-up Meeting at Heritage Center in Lanark</p>	<p>23 5:30 PM—Carroll County Health Dept Board meeting at Health Dept building</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Farmer's Market  10 AM - 2 PM Highway 64 &amp; 78 Festival</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 6 PM—City Committees meeting at City Hall</p>	<p>28 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Mt. Carroll Banking Center  7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall</p>	<p>29 7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz</p>	<p>30 Opening Night at Timber Lake Playhouse: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels</p>	<p>31</p>	

**Be a member of the Mt Carroll Chamber of Commerce (renew your membership).  
Dues are \$75 for businesses and \$37.50 for individuals.  
It is NOT necessary to own a business to be a Chamber member.  
Mail to: Mt. Carroll Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 94, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053**

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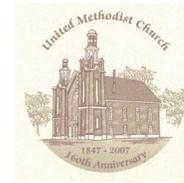
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## Past Chamber Ornaments

### Still Available



Green  
Lettering  
on Green Mist



Brown  
Lettering on  
Golden Mist



Red  
Lettering  
on White



Gold  
Lettering on  
Tan

## Christmas Ornaments

The 2009 Limited Edition Treasured Scenes Ornaments featuring the Pharmacy Center Building are available. Please contact JoAnn Palmer at 244-2343 or stop by Flower Fan-A-See or dabluz boutique.

Some past ornaments are still available; including Lutheran Church, Methodist Church, Colehour Elevator, & Main Street School.



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# HIGHWAY FESTIVAL

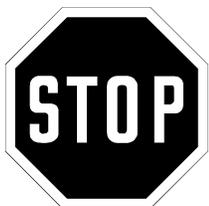


## JULY 25, 2009

## 10 AM - 2 PM

## ENTERTAINMENT • GREAT DEALS • FOOD

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