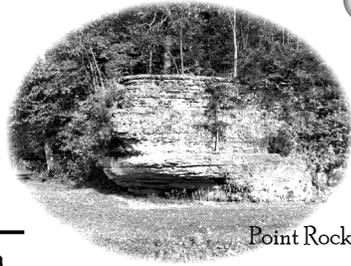


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

April 2015

Membership: 79

Dear Chamber,

It appears that the Thomson Prison is moving forward, slowly but surely. We have been told that the current staffing is at 144 of the anticipated 300 expected to be hired by the end of the year. Inmates will be arriving around May 1st. They (Thomson Prison) will be receiving minimum security inmates that pose little threat to the community and are not considered sophisticated.

The Thomson prison is really showing interest in the communities by getting involved with Thomson's 150th anniversary trivia night and they have plans to build an outhouse for the "Outhouse" races in June of this year. I think we can expect to see patronage to Timberlake playhouse and resort along with attending our local events that we host such as Mayfest and Brick Street Saturday to name a few.

The prison will be offering tours in the future, they will announce this when it becomes available.

I believe that this could be a nice shot in the arm for all surrounding communities. We must make every effort to build up our events as well as our town positive assets to attract new people to our community. In other words, IT'S OUR TIME TO SHINE. We are off to a great start with the mapping committee getting organized so if you can help just a little, let's get involved and make a difference in our town.

Bob Hatheway
Shaw's Market 1614
Mt. Carroll, Illinois
<http://www.shawsmarketplace.com/>
815-541-8627

"The kind of store you want us to be"

Board of Directors

Bob Hatheway-President: Shaw's Market
Larry DeSpain-Vice-President: Hotel Glenview
Sibyl Doty-Treasurer:



Catherine Pokropinski-Secretary

Three year Board Members:

Amy Sack:



Two year Board Members:

One year Board Members:

Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-Mount
Carroll

John Pokropinski

Diane Bausman: Blackhawk Waterways CVB

Carol Frey: Land of Oz/Subway

Marketing & Events Coordinator: Laura Miller-
DeSpain-dabluz boutique

Laura Miller-DeSpain-Past President
dabluz boutique

Nancy Tobin-Telephones

John Pokropinski-Website Administrator

Andrew Williamson-Ribbon Cutting Liaison

Chamber Business After Hours

Roberts' Roost Country Guest House
12142B Roberts Rd.

Savanna, IL

will host

Business After Hours Thursday,
April 2, from 5 - 7 pm.

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Rich and Carol Frey for donating the space for the annual Chamber Garage Sale during Rummage Through Mount Carroll.

ATTENTION all businesses participating in the chamber bucks program. Please make certain that your business name is written somewhere on the chamber buck turned in to Sibyl Doty so she can make the proper reimbursement.

Mission Statement: The Mount 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 Mount Carroll.

March Treasurer's Report

Balance as of February 23, 2015 **\$10,023.75**

	REVENUE
02/27/15 Interest to date	\$ 0.49
03/18/15 Cat's Meow	\$ 10.00
3/25/2015 Donation	\$10.00
Sub-Total	\$ 20.49

	EXPENSES
03/05/15 Carroll County Hotel/Motel Tax Board	\$ 150.00
03/12/15 Mirror Democrat	\$ 18.00
03/12/15 Sauk Valley Media	\$ 37.80
03/16/15 Mapping Our Future	\$ 100.00
3/25/2015 Catherine Pokropinski/Jan-March Secretary	\$300.00
3/25/2015 Sibyl Doty/Jan-March Treasurer	\$ 300.00
Sub-Total	\$ 905.80

Balance as of March 25, 2015 **\$ 9,138.44**

Mayfest Checking Account \$ 4,696.43

Mayfest Savings Account \$ 779.29

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—March 2015
 Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting March 25, 2015 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Bob Hatheway, Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Sibyl Doty, John Pokropinski, Amy Sack, Diane Bausman, Carol Frey, Anna Gray and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Bob Hatheway

March Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-John Pokropinski/ 2nd-Larry DeSpain/ Approved

February Secretary's Report: Moved to approve – Diane Bausman/ 2nd-Laura Miller-DeSpain/ Approved

2015 Events:
Rummage Through Mount Carroll: Laura had poster made from Vista Print, John will scan and post on the website. Volunteers are needed to help with the Chamber garage sale.

Marketing Update: All newspaper ads are ordered for Rummage Through Mount Carroll. Next major marketing focus will be Mayfest.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Rich and Carol Frey for donating the space to Chamber for their annual garage sale.

New Business:
 April Business After Hours will be at Roberts' Roost Guest House
 Nomination Committee for officer/board member elections has been appointed. Laura Miller-DeSpain, Anna Gray and Carol Frey will work on nominees.
 Community showcase at Thomson Prison will be held on Thursday, April 16. Anna has volunteered to attend during the day.

V.P. Report: There will be a general membership meeting on May 7. Location tba.
 Meeting Adjourned

Marketing

Events

Rummage thru Mount Carroll is right around the corner. Sign-ups have started at the dabluz boutique. Deadline is April 19th. Cost is \$5.

The Chamber's sale will be held at the Land of Oz on Friday and Saturday from 8 to 2 on both days. Donations may be dropped off Wednesday and Thursday on April 22nd and 23rd. No clothing or appliances. Volunteers are needed to help sort Thursday evening, to sit at sale Friday and/or Saturday and to help load up afterwards on Saturday. IF you can help, please let me know.

Marketing

We are marketing Rummage thru Mount Carroll in several newspapers, as well as on Facebook.

Laura Miller DeSpain
815-244-4058
shop@dabluz.com

Meeting & Business After Hour Schedule for 2014

April 2 Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm
Roberts' Roost Country Guest House

The Cat's Meow collectibles
are now being sold for
\$10.00 each!
Get yours now
while supplies last.

April 2015

pSun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Become a fan of Mount Carroll, Illinois</p> </div> </div>			1	2 Chamber Business After Hours Senior Center 5p-7	3	4
5 Easter	6	7 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 7:30PM City Council meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p	23	24 Rummage Through Mount Carroll	25 Rummage Through Mount Carroll
26	27	28 7:30PM City Council meeting	29 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	30		

Be a member of the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce (renew your membership).

Dues are \$75 for businesses and \$25.00 for individuals.

It is NOT necessary to own a business to be a Chamber member.

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Mount Carroll, IL 61053

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"We take the time to care."

Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events

2015

Rummage Through Mount Carroll.....April 24 & 25
Farmer's Market.....May 2 through October 24
Mayfest.....May 22-24
Car Cruise.....June 20
Car Cruise.....July 18
Car Cruise.....August 15
Brick Street Saturday.....September 5
Car Cruise.....September 19
Pumpkin Fest.....October 24
Christmas Walk.....December 5

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2014-2015

Jo-Carroll Energy	Nancy Tobin	Doty's Collision Center
Sand Prairie Wireless	Charles Electronics, LLC	Imaginarium Now & Zen Gallery
YMCA Camp Benson	Law-Jones Funeral Home	Carrie Prowant – Thirty – One
John Pokropinski	West Point Tree Farm	Ashford University
Catherine Pokropinski	John & Thelma Swiech	Carroll County Mirror Democrat
Diane Bausman	Mount Carroll Mobil	Carpenter's Corner
Bausman Mowing	Wylma Colehour	Crouse Plumbing & Heating
Jerry & Sandy Cornelius	Ron Foltz	Elizabeth McMillan
Pleasant Valley Construction	Marsha Foltz	Mount Carroll Bowling Center
Hotel Glenview	John Hutchison	Sisler Construction
dabluz boutique	Jean Hutchison	Dairy Queen
Land of Oz/Subway	Tom & Pam Sorg	WCCI
James Morel	Prairie Path Guest House	Pete and Laura Smith
Sherry Morel	Schneider House Furniture	City of Mount Carroll
Mount Carroll Home Center	Kunes Country Auto Group	Moring Disposal
Mary Ann Hutchison	Red Gate Embroidery	Mount Carroll Banking Center
Carroll County Senior Services	Davis Custom Decorators	Oakville Country Club
Shaw's Marketplace	John Bickelhaupt Insurance Agency	Mike & Deanna Doty
Carol Ingram	Highland Community College	Heritage Market
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency Inc.	Timberlake Playhouse	Molly's Kitchen and Bar
Ideas 'n Designs	FHN-Freeport Health Network	Driftless Area Stillroom
Triumph Community Bank	Mount Carroll Insurance Agency	Mount Carroll Pharmacy Center
Consolidated Grain & Barge	Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll	Prairie Advocate
Henry's Double K	Dr. David Purlee	Massbach Ridge Winery
Herrell Electric	Sievert's Steaks-N-Stuff	Roberts' Roost Country Guest House
Mount Carroll Township Public Library	Country Palmer House B&B	
Campbell Center for Historic Preservation	Mount Carroll Cafe	