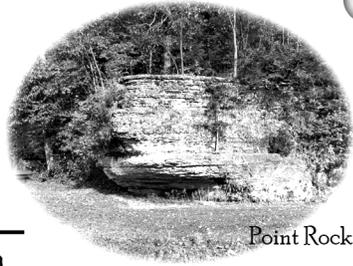


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

May 2014

Membership: 79

Dear Chamber,

Spring has finally arrived, and we are deep into planning and organizing our annual Mayfest, which our Chamber will be putting on for the 33rd time. This wonderful event brings many folks, new and old to our community, and aside from being a lot of fun, it is the best fundraiser for many of our local non-profit organizations.

It is also a lot of work, and that is where we need your help.

We need help in the following areas:

- working in the wine garden.
- checking and selling buttons at the gate.
- checking ID's in the beer garden.

Sign up sheets will be at the Chamber meeting, at THE National Bank, or at the Glenview. Please step in and volunteer as to help make this Mayfest a success.

Thank you.

Larry DeSpain, Chamber Vice President

Board of Directors

Bob Hatheway-President: Shaw's Market

Larry DeSpain-Vice-President: Hotel Glenview

Sibyl Doty-Treasurer: THE National Bank

Catherine Pokropinski-Secretary

Three year Board Members:

Kim Riley-Mount Carroll Township Public Library

Vacant

Vacant

Two year Board Members:

John Pokropinski

Vacant

One year Board Members:

Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll

Brandt Hutchcraft: Savanna-Thomson State Bank

Vacant

Events Coordinator: Laura Miller-DeSpain

Marketing Coordinator: Laura Miller-DeSpain-dabluz boutique

Laura Miller-DeSpain—Past President
dabluz boutique

Nancy Tobin—Telephones

Chamber General Membership Meeting

May 1, 2014

Oakville Country Club

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Cost: \$ 12.00

Menu: Roast Beef

Please RSVP by

**Monday, April 28, 2014
at 5:00PM**

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Rich and Carol Frey for the use of the Land of Oz meeting room for Mayfest and Farmer's Market meetings as well as the Chamber Garage Sale.

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.

April Treasurer's Report

Balance as of March 26, 2014 **\$6,911.91**

	REVENUE
3/31/14 Interest	\$ 0.20
4/18/14 Chamber Buck-Mt. Carroll Library	\$ 50.00
Sub-total	\$ 50.20

	EXPENSE
4/22/14 Mt. Carroll Mirror Democrat	\$ 16.50
4/22/14 Sauk Valley Media-LCN	\$ 37.80
4/22/14 dabluz-Chamber Bucks	\$ 10.00
Sub-total	\$ 64.30

Balance as of April 29, 2013 **\$6,897.81**

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Mayfest Checking Account \$5,339.19

Mayfest Savings Account \$ 778.99

Meeting & Business After Hour Schedule for 2014

June:	General Membership Meeting -- tba
July:	Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm at shops @ glenview (downtown)
August:	Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm at Good Samaritan Society Mount Carroll
September:	General Membership Meeting - Potluck/ Picnic - tba
October:	Business After Hours 5 to 7 pm Mount Carroll Township Public Library
November:	Available for Business After Hours
December:	Christmas Party - tba

Marketing

Spring has finally sprung!!! Marketing enters into a busy time. As you read this, we just finished Rummage Through Mount Carroll. All the numbers aren't in, but we listed about 50 sales. We were able to list our event in 9 newspapers, so we're hopeful for a great event turnout. In addition, we were able to advertise FREE in the first annual (I hope) Vintage Shop Hop. A new event highlighting various vintage shops in NW Illinois and Southern Wisconsin. All of this activity is sure to bring new folks to town.

And speaking of bringing new folks to town: Penny Lally and I are organizing a Carroll County Flea Market to be held the first and third Saturday of the month from May thru October. We were invited by Chris, from Riverview Antiques, to hold our sale in their lower level. We are inviting vendors for inside spaces as well as outside tents and trunks. We're off to kind of a slow start, but it's a start. We are confident that our Carroll County Flea Market will help promote all of our businesses, our Farmer's Market, as well as our entire community. As part of our Marketing budget, along with the approval of our Chamber Board, we will be able to purchase some signs to help promote the Carroll County Flea Market. We had three different Chamber business owners chat at us about needing signs and suggested we ask for help from Chamber, and so we did. We are appreciative of the business community encouragement, as well as support from our Chamber. As many of our businesses can attest to, this was a harsh winter.

Mayfest is right around the corner. Marketing will be working with the Mayfest Committee to place their advertising.

As always, we are mindful of our budget. And as always, we welcome your help in promoting our wonderful community. As many businesses can attest to, it was a harsh winter. Please share our Mount Carroll Chamber Facebook page with your friends. It really does take a village.

You can find me at 815-244-4058 or 815-244-1630.

Laura Miller DeSpain
Marketing & Events Coordinator

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—April 2014

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting March 26, 2014 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Larry DeSpain, John Pokropinski, Sibyl Doty, Anna Gray, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Larry DeSpain

April Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-Anna Gray/ 2nd-Laura Miller-DeSpain/ Approved

March Secretary's Report: Moved to approve – Laura Miller-DeSpain-/ 2nd-Anna Gray/ Approved

2014 Events:

Rummage Through Mount Carroll: List of participants (about 50) will be sent for website and google map. Ads have been run in 7 area papers as well as facebook.

Farmer's Market: Kick off meeting was held April 12th, 8 people attended representing 4 vendors. Tom Kocal attended representing the Lanark Chamber Farmer's Market as well as the Prairie Advocate coverage. There were no changes to the guidelines for this year's market. Heather Houzenga is coordinating musicians for the market. Carroll County Flea Market will be running the first and third Saturdays May through October.

Mayfest: Insurance from last year is not being renewed, new insurance is being sought. The wine garden chair has stepped down and a new chairperson is being trained. Sign up sheets will be available at the General Membership meeting on May 1st.

Marketing Update: Lake Carroll newsletter ads are run every month and in area newspapers as needed. A proposal will be prepared to ask for signage to promote the Carroll County Flea Market.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? Rich and Carol Frey for the use of the Land of Oz meeting room for Mayfest and Farmer's Market meetings as well as the Chamber Garage Sale.

New Business:

General discussion for the 2014-2015 budget.

Chamber board nominations are being sought.

The Welcome to Mount Carroll sign on the east side of town now has two sections damaged. Bob Hatheway is looking at costs for repair.

The chamber 800# received one call from mid November through the end of March. The line is located at the home of Nancy Tobin who is planning to move from the area and has already listed her house. The board has decided to eliminate the phone number.

V.P. Report: The May general membership meeting will be at Oakville Country Club on Thursday, May 1st.

Meeting Adjourned

May 2014

Sun	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 Mt. Carroll, Illinois</p> </div> </div>				1 Chamber General Membership meeting 6p at Oakville	2	3 Farmer's Market
4	5	6 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library meeting	7	8 Open Mike night at Imaginarium 6p-9p	9	10 Farmer's Market
11	12	13 7:30PM City Council meeting	14	15	16	17 Farmer's Market
18	19	20	21	22	23 Mayfest	24 Farmer's Market Mayfest
25 Mayfest	26	27 7:30PM City Council meeting	28 7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	29	30	31 Farmer's Market

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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Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events 2014

Farmer's Market.....May through October
Mayfest.....May 23-25
Car Cruise.....June 21
Independence Day.....July 4
Car Cruise.....July 19
Car Cruise.....August 23
Brick Street Saturday.....August 30
Car Cruise.....September 27
Pumpkin Fest.....October 25
Ghoulish Gallop.....October 25
Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes.....December 6

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2013-2014

Jo-Carroll Energy	Highland Community College	Heritage Market
Sand Prairie Wireless	Mount Carroll Insurance Agency	Cornerstone Chiropractic
Bella's	Ronald Foltz	Shaw's Market
John Pokropinski	Marsha Foltz	Carol Ingram
Catherine Pokropinski	Sisler Construction	H. B. Wilkinson
Diane Bausman	Mount Carroll Café	Area Small Engine
Bausman Mowing	Pharmacy Center	The Driftless Area Stillroom
Jerry & Sandy Cornelius	Crouse Plumbing and Heating	Barb Brierton
Carol Remrey	Sievert's Steak-N-Stuff	Mt. Carroll Township Public Library
Tom & Pam Sorg	Elizabeth McMillin	Good Samaritan Society-Mt. Carroll
Wylma Colehour	Moring Disposal	Carroll County Mirror Democrat
Fawn Ridge Realty, Inc— Jill Bess	Kunes Country Auto	John & Thelma Swiech
James Morel	Hotel Glenview	Oakville Country Club
Sherry Morel	shops @Glenview	City of Mount Carroll
Mount Carroll Home Center	dabluz boutique	Heather Houzenga-Now & Zen Gallery
Doty's Collision Center	Peter & Laura Smith	Red Gate Embroidery
Carroll County Senior Services	Dairy Queen	Davis Custom Decorators
Law Jones Funeral Home	WCCI	Savanna-Thomson State Bank
Mount Carroll Township Public Library	Prairie Advocate	Brick Street Coffee
Prairie Path Guest House & Sampler	Charles Electronics LLC	Ideas 'n Designs
West Point Tree Farm	Schneider House Furniture	New Morning Glass
THE National Bank	Land Of Oz/ /subway	Kallemezoo's
Consolidated Grain & Barge	Carroll County Historical Society	Market Street Walk-Up
Timber Lake Playhouse	Nancy Tobin	Allwork
Country Palmer House Bed and Breakfast	Country Companies/John Bickelhaupt	Dr. Purlee
Northwestern IL Ctr for Independent Living	Mary Ann Hutchison	Henry's Double K
Herrell Electric		