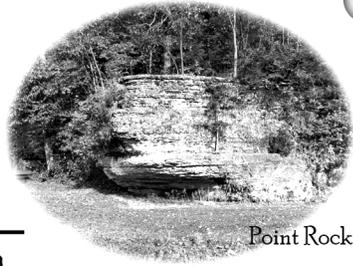


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

May 2015

Membership: 79

Dear Chamber,

So much is happening I am not sure where to begin. Several local chambers have met at the Thomson Prison to meet and greet the new hires at the prison this past month. Local Mayors and Chamber members shared the positives things that their respective towns had to offer them. We have already heard of 4 families that have moved into our area that are now working at the prison. Our Mount Carroll Mapping sessions are wrapping up in the next few weeks. We have heard a lot of great ideas for Mount Carroll and there is a lot of enthusiasm that I believe will be contagious. There is still time to get involved if you want to lend a helping hand for the good of Mount Carroll.

I heard rumors that we may be getting a few more businesses in Mount Carroll. I have heard about a teen center, a new antique shop and hopefully our very own distillery. I look forward to seeing these things come to pass.

Last but not least, Mayfest is right around the corner. Pray for warm-hot weather, that is what we need to be successful. Much planning and preparation goes into this event and cold and rainy weather does nothing good for the future of Mayfest. Speaking of the future of Mayfest, the chamber has been informed this will be the last year we can hold Mayfest at the Campbell Center. There has been talk to move Mayfest to the park or downtown Mount Carroll. There are many pros and cons to these locations so it is not a decision that only a few can make. We need your input, we need your thoughts, and we are open to your ideas, so if you have anything to offer please visit our chamber website to send us an email.

Bob Hatheway
Shaw's Market 1614
Mt. Carroll, Illinois

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 General Membership Meeting

May 7, 2015

Oakville Country Club

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Menu: Ham Loaf Dinner \$12.00

Please RSVP by

Monday, May 4, 2015

at 5:00PM

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Gary Foltz from Triumph Community Bank will give a presentation on identifying counterfeit money.

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Raim and Ruide Jusufi of the Mount Carroll Café for the 20 years of business in 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.

April Treasurer's Report

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

REVENUE

Sub-total

\$ -

EXPENSE

4/1/15 Keystone Specialties Inc. 2015 ornament	\$ 630.32
4/9/15 Bald Guyz Bistro-chamber bucks	\$ 20.00
4/22/15 Land of Oz-Chamber bucks	\$ 135.00
4/22/15 Cash-garage sale	\$ 250.00
4/22/15 Sauk Valley Media-LCN	\$ 37.80
4/22/15 Mirror Democrat	\$ 18.00

Sub-total

\$ 1,091.12

Balance as of April 29, 2015 **\$8,047.32**

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Mayfest Checking Account \$9,797.48

Mayfest Savings Account \$ 779.29

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—April 2015

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting April 22, 2015 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Bob Hatheway, Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Sibyl Doty, Amy Sack, Carol Frey, Anna Gray and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Bob Hatheway

April Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-Larry DeSpain/ 2nd-Carol Frey/ Approved

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

2015 Events:

Rummage Through Mount Carroll: About 40 participants signed up. Thank you to John for getting map and listings on the website. Suggest to those without computers at home to go to the Library. Advertising in Lake Carroll newsletter, website and smaller ads in more papers. Savanna having its city wide garage sales this weekend as well.

Farmer's Market: Heather Houzenga has arranged for an artisan market to run the first Saturday of the month (May through October) from 10a to 2p. Spots are \$10.00 each. Money will be collected by Carol Frey. Musicians will be paid from these funds.

Mayfest: Campbell Center has notified the Mayfest committee that this will be the last year that Mayfest will be held at Campbell Center (they want to focus on the arboretum). A new location for future Mayfest's will be sought.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? The Jusufi's of Mount Carroll Cafe for 20 years of business (anniversary date is April 19th).

New Business:

Nomination Committee for officer/board member elections has been appointed. Laura Miller-DeSpain, Anna Gray and Carol Frey are working on nominees.

Community showcase at Thomson Prison was held on Thursday, April 16. Larry attended and said that 10 surrounding communities were represented and the first 30-45 minutes were very busy.

V.P. Report: There will be a general membership meeting on May 7 at Oakville Country Club.

Meeting Adjourned

Marketing

Tis the season ... Lots happening in Mount Carroll! Our Farmer's Market, which runs every Saturday – May through October – is being joined by an Artisan's market. Heather Houzenga, from Zenga's Imaginarium, has invited several artisans to sell their wares the first Saturday of every month – May through October. The Farmer's Market will run from 8 to noon, and the Artisan's Market will run from 10 to 2. The Artisan's Market is in conjunction with the All River Road Talent Drive which also takes place the first Saturday of every month. Heather is arranging for music for the Artisan's Market. You will find the music and the artisans downtown on Market Street.

The Flea Market will be at it again beginning May 16th. Then it will run the first and third Saturday of the month June through October. There is no charge to attend the Flea Market, and the vending spaces have been reduced in cost. The Flea Market is located in the lower level of Riverview Antiques (420 N. Main St.). It runs from 9 to 3 pm. Let me know if you'd like info on vending – inside or outside.

Soon we'll be celebrating our 34th Mayfest!!! As always, volunteers will be needed for the wine tent, info tent & more. Please contact Larry DeSpain at 815-244-4058 IF you'd like to help. He'll also have a sign-up sheet at the next general membership meeting.

Marketing will be creating ads for Mayfest, the Farmer's Market, Artisan's Market & Flea Market. THREE more reasons to visit Mount Carroll. We'll be sharing all of these venues on Facebook, too.

IF your community organization has an event coming up, be sure to let us know so we can help you promote thru our website, on Facebook and/or ads when possible. We do a running "Have you been to Mount Carroll lately?" ad in the Lake Carroll paper. Here we list our upcoming events as well as our Open Mics at Charlie's and the Market Street Commons.

Our membership year begins again July 1st. Please invite your friends and business peers to join us. Together we can do more.

See ya soon.

Laura Miller DeSpain

815-244-4058

shop@dabluz.com

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

May 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 Farmer's Market
3	4	5 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library	6	7 Chamber General Membership meet- ing	8	9 Farmer's Market
10	11	12 7:30PM City Council meeting	13	14	15	16 Farmer's Market
17	18	19	20 Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p	21	22 Mayfest	23 Farmer's Market Mayfest
24 Mayfest <hr/> 31	25	26 7:30PM City Council meeting	27 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	28	29	30 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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"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	