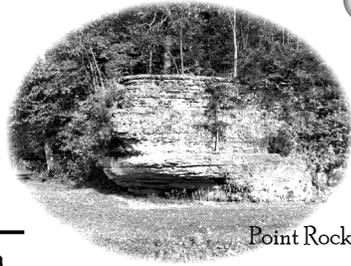


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

October 2014

Membership: 71

Dear Chamber,

Fall is quickly approaching and the leaves are starting to turn beautiful fall colors. Your Chamber has been busy planning and preparing for our annual Pumpkin Fest that will be held on October 25. We will have the famous pumpkin races along with other events that are still being planned. We are asking for help in decorating our town square by decorating a lamp post. It cost \$10 to join the contest with an opportunity to win chamber bucks that can be used at any business that is a current chamber member. By decorating a lamp post, you are making our pumpkin fest a huge success. So let's show the visitors that come to town our Mt. Carroll spirit, and maybe they'll see a few spirits while there here.

Have a great Fall,
Bob Hatheway
Chamber President

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

Meeting & Business After Hour Schedule for 2014

October: Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm Mount
Carroll Township Public Library

November: Business After Hours - cancelled due to scheduling
conflict with Mount Carroll United Methodist
Church annual Turkey Dinner

December: Christmas Party - tba

January (2015) Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm tba

February Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm tba

March Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm Carroll County
Senior Services

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Linda Anderson, Wayne Brooks and all the volunteers for "A Night at the Cemetery" 2014 tour.

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.

September Treasurer's Report
Balance as of August 25, 2014

\$10,289.66

REVENUE

9/3/14 Dues	\$ 25.00
9/3/14 Brick St. Golf Classic	\$ 1,140.00
9/5/14 Redeposit Cash-Membership Meeting	\$ 100.00
9/5/14 Membership Meals	\$ 190.00
9/5/14 Farmer's Market	\$ 15.00
9/5/14 Brick St. Saturday Vendors	\$ 20.00
9/5/14 50/50	\$ 21.00
9/5/14 Dues	\$ 225.00
9/5/14 Brick St. Saturday Music Donation	\$ 200.00
9/8/14 Duck Pluck	\$ 479.00
9/8/14 Brick St. Classic	\$ 40.00
9/17/14 Dues	\$ 80.00

Sub-Total

\$ 2,535.00

EXPENSES

9/4/14 Cash for Membership Meeting	\$ 100.00
9/4/14 Oakville Country Club-membership meeting	\$ 190.00
9/5/14 Mirror Democrat	\$ 270.00
9/6/14 Sievert's Chamber bucks	\$ 30.00
9/24/14 Catherine Pokropinski/July - Sept Secretary	\$ 300.00
9/24/14 Sibyl Doty/July-Sept Treasurer	\$ 300.00

Sub-Total

\$ 1,190.00

Balance as of 9/24/14

\$11,634.66

Balance in projects account

\$ 43.63

\$11,678.29

Mayfest Checking Account

\$6,009.51

Mayfest Savings Account

\$ 778.69

Just A Minute... (unapproved)

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce held a general membership meeting September 4, 2014 at Oakville Country Club. Twenty members were present.

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Hatheway. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry DeSpain and the blessing was given by Bob Hatheway.

Treasurer's reports for June, July and August 2014 were reviewed. Laura Miller-DeSpain moved to approve, John Pokropinski seconded, and the reports were approved. The Secretary's report for June 2014 was reviewed. Carol Frey moved to approve, Larry DeSpain seconded and the report was approved.

Events Update:

Pumpkin Fest: We are adding a cemetery tour to this year's fest. Linda Anderson has volunteered to chair the event. This year's Pumpkin Fest theme is "Everything Pumpkin" and it will be held on October 25. The committee is looking for volunteers. There will not be a Ghoulish Gallop this year. Laura Miller De-Spain is doing the Lamp post decorating contest again this year.

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes: Penny Lally is working on the Tour of Homes and Sherry Morel is helping.

Brick Street Saturday: This year was successful. We sold 98 out of 100 ducks. Nancy Tobin won 1st place.

New Business:

Looking for new board members. We have had two resignations since June.

Saturday, September 13 is Lions Club appreciation day at Point Rock Park.

Suggestion made to put a committee together to brainstorm ideas for signage, generating business, beautification, etc.

This year's Christmas Ornament depicting the Post Office is on sale at the Mirror Democrat, Market Street Commons and coming soon, the Land of Oz.

V.P. Report: The next business after hours will be at the Mount Carroll Township Public Library on October 2, 2014 from 5p - 7p

The scheduled business after hours for November at the Carroll County Senior Services Center has been rescheduled for March 2015. A new location for November is being sought.

The next general membership meeting will be held on December 4, 2014 location to be announced.

50/50 winner Kathleen Weber - \$11.00 (donated back to chamber).

Meeting adjourned.

Marketing

Good morning, afternoon or evening, Chamber Friends! So much to do. So much to do! So much to do!!!

We had a great Brick Street Saturday celebration. Thank you to everyone who helped make it so. Now we are rolling upon our annual Pumpkin Fest (formerly known as Halloween Happenings, October Happenings, etc. etc. etc.). The Pumpkin Fest committee is hard at work bringing another great event to our community. So far, we're looking forward to the annual Pumpkin Drag Races (thank you Kunes), a pumpkin decorating contest (thank you Bev & John Lindquist), a Mutt Strut (thank you Mount Carroll Veterinary Clinic, and the return of our Cemetery Tour, now known as A Night In The Cemetery (thank you to Linda Anderson & Wayne Brooks). And that's not all!!! The committee is working on MORE activities. MORE family fun. So keep watching for fliers posted in windows, on the website and newspaper ads.

AND remember -- it's time to rent your lamppost for the annual Halloween Lamppost Decorating contest. You may sign up at the dabluz boutique. Lampposts are first come/first served so don't delay. It's only \$10 to rent a post (we give away Chamber Buck prizes). You do NOT have to be a business to participate. We also welcome community organizations and families. The more the merrier -- makes for a great display for our lovely downtown.

The Annual Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes is also underway. IF you have a suggestion for the Christmas Walk or Tour of Homes or if your business or community organization would like to host something special during our event (Saturday, December 6th), just let me know.

We continue to market our events in various newspapers and on the radio. Our website administrator does a great job of posting all of our events, and we even have a Chamber Facebook page. We need your help, too! Please place our fliers in your business window or bulletin board. And PLEASE "like" and "share" our Chamber Facebook posts. Your good word of mouth is the very best advertising.

Chat at me if you have ideas or suggestions for marketing and/or events. It really does take a village.

See ya soon!

Laura Miller DeSpain
dabluz boutique
815-244-4058

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—September 2014

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting September 24, 2014 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Bob Hatheway, Sibyl Doty, Diane Bausman, Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller-DeSpain, John Pokropinski, Carol Frey, Amy Sack, Anna Gray, Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Bob Hatheway

September Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-Larry DeSpain/ 2nd-Laura Miller-DeSpain/ Approved

August Secretary's Report: Moved to approve – Carol Frey/ 2nd-Larry DeSpain/ Approved

2014 Events:

Brick Street Saturday: Financials are all in, Brick Street Saturday and Brick Street Classic both successful.

Pumpkin Fest: Diane Bausman event coordinator, holding committee meetings periodically until October 25 Pumpkin Fest date. Linda Anderson coordinating "A Night at the Cemetery" with Wayne Brooks narrating during the hours of 6p-9p on October 25. Daytime activities include Farmer's Market 8a til noon (or longer if vendors wish to stay), Chamber information tent (voting for lamp post, pumpkin decorating and membership information), food vendors from 10a-3p, pumpkin decorating contest, "Great Pupkin Mutt Strut" pet costume contest, Children's story time at the Library, pumpkin chunking/pumpkin pitch, 3rd annual Kunes Country Pumpkin Street Drags, and pumpkin bowling.

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes: No update from Penny Lally yet, Sherry Morel will help on tour of homes. Christmas walk may include a "Find the elf" quest at local businesses.

Marketing Update: All the usual media will be utilized for Pumpkin fest this year.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? Linda Anderson, Wayne Brooks and all the volunteers in making "A Night at the Cemetery" happen.

Old Business:

Larry will help Catherine in promoting the raffle of the donated painting of downtown Mount Carroll.

New Business:

Business After Hours for November is cancelled due to a scheduling conflict (same night as the annual Mount Carroll United Methodist Church annual Turkey Dinner)

The annual 64/84 Shop Hop will take place November 7 & 8 and November 14 & 15. Chamber will donate \$50 again this year.

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce will hold a raffle for the Thomas Booth painting of downtown Mount Carroll (donated by Janice Koch of Wyoming). Tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 starting Saturday, October 25, 2014 through May 24, 2015. Drawing will take place on Sunday, May 24 2015 at 8:00pm (the conclusion of Mayfest 2015). Motion made by Laura Miller-DeSpain, seconded by Anna Gray and approved by the board.

V.P. Report: The December general membership meeting will be Thursday, December 4th at location to be determined.

Meeting Adjourned

October 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	2 Chamber Business After Hours-Mount Carroll Township Public Library	3	4 Farmer's Market
5	6	7 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library	8	9 Open Mike night at Imaginarium 6p-9p	10	11 Farmer's Market
12	13	14 7:30PM City Council meeting	15	16	17	18 Farmer's Market
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Farmer's Market Pumpkin Fest
26	27	28 7:30PM City Council meeting	29 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	30	31 Halloween	

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 2014

Farmer’s Market.....May through October

Pumpkin Fest.....October 25

Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes.....December 6

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	
Carol Ingram	Highland Community College	
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency Inc.	Timberlake Playhouse	
Ideas ‘n Designs	FHN-Freeport Health Network	
Triumph Community Bank	Mount Carroll Insurance Agency	
Consolidated Grain & Barge	Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll	
Henry’s Double K	Dr. David Purlee	
Herrell Electric	Sievert’s Steaks-N-Stuff	
Mount Carroll Township Public Library	Country Palmer House B&B	
Campbell Center for Historic Preservation	Mount Carroll Cafe	