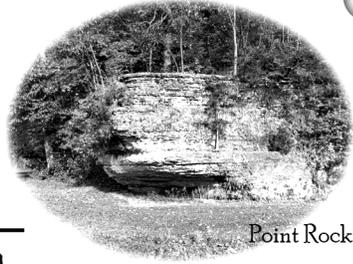


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

April 2016

Membership: 78

Hi everyone,

Spring is here and that means Mayfest is just around the corner.

With that in mind, HELP. There are several areas of this wonderful Mount Carroll tradition (the 34th) where we need some folks to step up and lend a hand. Specifically in helping coordinate our Chamber of Commerce tent, and our 50/50 raffle. Without your help, these two events may not happen. We also need help selling buttons and checking ID's at the entrance of the Rotary beer & wine tent.

If you can help, please give me a call @ 815/238-5203.

Thank you.

Larry

Board of Directors

Larry DeSpain-President: Hotel Glenview

Sibyl Doty-Treasurer:



Catherine Pokropinski-
Secretary

Board Members:

Amy Sack:



Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-Mount
Carroll

John Pokropinski

Diane Bausman: Blackhawk Waterways CVB

Carol Frey: Land of Oz/Subway

Connie Zink: Roberts' Roost Country Guest
House

Jeff Elliott: Kunes Country

Lydia Hutchcraft, Carroll County Treasurer's
Office

Lisa Lewis

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

Bob Hatheway-Past President Shaw's Market
Place

John Pokropinski-Website Administrator

Andrew Williamson-Ribbon Cutting Liaison

Chamber General Membership Meeting

April 7, 2016

Location: Henry's Double K

Menu: Pork chop, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bar and
dinner roll

Price: \$12.00

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Please RSVP no later than

Monday, April 4, 2016

at 5:00PM

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Triumph Community Bank for all their support in the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce and their community activities.

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 29, 2016

\$10,382.59

	<u>REVENUE</u>
02/29/16 Interest-February	\$ 0.27
03/04/16 redeposit Cash-Memership Meeting	\$ 125.00
03/04/16 50/50	\$ 16.00
03/04/16 Dues	\$ 181.00
03/04/16 Membership Meals	\$ 276.00
3/30/2016 Dues	\$ 93.00
Sub-Total	\$ 691.27

	<u>EXPENSES</u>
03/03/16 Cash-Membership meeting	\$ 125.00
03/03/16 Henry's Double K-meals	\$ 300.00
03/09/16 Shaw's-chamber bucks	\$ 10.00
03/09/16 Sauk Valley Media	\$ 37.80
03/29/16 Catherine Pokropinski-Sec./Jan-March	\$ 300.00
03/29/16 Sibyl Doty-Sec/Jan-March	\$ 300.00
Sub-Total	\$ 1,072.80

Balance as of March 29, 2016

\$10,001.06

Mayfest Checking Account

\$ 2,882.39

Mayfest Savings Account

\$ 779.69

Unapproved General Membership Meeting Minutes:

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce held a general membership meeting March 3, 2016 at Henry's Double K. Seventeen members and ten guests were present.

Meeting was called to order by President Larry DeSpain. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Pokropinski and the blessing was led by John Swiech.

Treasurer's reports for December 2015, January and February 2016 were reviewed. John Lundquist moved to approve, Jeff Elliott seconded, and the reports were approved. The Secretary's report for December 2015 was reviewed. Bev Lundquist moved to approve, Mary Ann Hutchison seconded and the report was approved.

Events:

Mayfest 2016: Plans are well on the way for this year's Mayfest which will be held at the Campbell Center campus.

New Business:

Sherry Morel spoke on behalf of the Mapping committee group 3 events and festivals. This group is exploring a "Taste of Mount Carroll" later this year.

Local candidates and representatives in favor of the Illinois County School Facilities Sales Tax proposal were invited to speak. Patti Hiher and Carol Remrey each running for Carroll County Circuit Clerk spoke as well as Craig Mathers, West Carroll CUSD #314 Superintendent (in favor of the 1% tax proposal).

50/50 winner Patti Hiher \$8.00 (donated back)

Meeting adjourned.

WANTED:

The 2016 Mayfest needs volunteers for staffing the Chamber information booth (which will be open during the Craft fair hours on Saturday and Sunday) and also coordinate the 50/50 raffle. If you are able to spare a couple of hours please contact Larry DeSpain.

Marketing

Greetings. Spring is springing. Rummage through Mount Carroll always kicks us off. We appreciate the Triumph Community Bank's help in not only the printing of our list but collecting the sales/addresses, too. Our deadline is April 15, so get your sale added! It's still only \$6. In addition to various newspaper classified "garage sale" ads, we have a Facebook page called Rummage Through Mount Carroll. We will continue to post & share share share. Soon our Farmers Market and Artisan Market will begin. Another sure sign of Spring. We will work with Stephanie Samuels and Heather Houzenga on how we can best promote these venues. We will be having a Chamber Info Tent at Mayfest, and you're invited to help us "person" it. We'll be visiting more about that at our General Meeting on the 7th. Our vendor spaces are filling up — it's gonna be another great Mayfest. We will be working with the Mayfest Committee to help them get their ads placed. Mapping Our Future is working on some new ideas, too. Whenever possible, we will continue to coordinate our marketing efforts. We're all in this together. See ya soon!

Laura Miller DeSpain
dabluz boutique
815-244-4058

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—March 2016

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting March 30, 2016 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Larry DeSpain, Sibyl Doty, Diane Bausman, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Anna Gray, Carol Frey, Lydia Hutchcraft, Jeff Elliott, Lisa Lewis, Connie Zink, Bob Hatheway, John Pokropinski and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Larry DeSpain

March Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-Bob Hatheway/2nd-Jeff Elliott/Approved

February Secretary's Report: Moved to approve-Jeff Elliott/2nd-Anna Gray/Approved

Events:

Mayfest: Volunteers are needed for the Chamber information booth, the 50/50 drawing, and checking ID's and selling buttons. An ad will be run in the newsletter as well as discussion at next week's general membership meeting.

Rummage Through Mount Carroll: Some sign-ups have already been received.

Farmer's Market: Stephanie Samuels has agreed to take over as Farmer's Market manager. She will send out letters to vendors for this year's kick-off. She will also be working with Heather Houzenga and the monthly artisan market which takes place the first Saturday of the month (May through October).

Brick Street Saturday: Dan Brinkmeyer is coordinating this year's Brick Street Saturday and it is tentatively set for the last Saturday in August (8/27/16). Duck Pluck raffle authorization needs to be obtained from City Hall.

Marketing: Will be advertising for Mayfest and farmer's market.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? This month Triumph Community Bank for all their support in the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce and their activities. Next month Stephanie Samuels for taking on managing the Farmer's Market.

Old Business:

Mount Carroll community open house: Upon further consideration, the chamber will not pursue this endeavor at this time.

2016 Ornament: Diane Bausman moved to approve the depiction of the Wachtel building for the 2016 Christmas ornament, Lydia Hutchcraft seconded and the motion was approved.

The West Carroll School Board Community Relations Committee is still discussing the topic of asking the Mount Carroll, Savanna and Thomson Chambers of Commerce to host some type of event to welcome back and welcome new teachers and staff.

New Business:

Diane Bausman attended the City Council meeting last week to hear what was being decided on the proposed 1% business development district tax which will include a hotel/motel tax. This new tax will not impact the Carroll County hotel/motel tax already in existence.

The November shop hop will be marketed as a destination type weekend with local accommodations available.

V.P. Report: There will be a general membership meeting on April 7 at Henry's Double K. The menu will be pork chop, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, dinner roll and salad bar for \$12.00 (tax and tip included). Dan Danielowski from Timber Lake Playhouse will be the guest speaker and the location will be announced. Stephanie Samuels will also be available to discuss this year's Farmer's Market.

Meeting Adjourned.

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #3b5998; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">facebook®</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Become a fan of Mount Carroll, Illinois </div> </div>					1	2
3	4	5 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Community Cen- ter 6 PM—Friends of the Library	6	7 Chamber General Membership Meet- ing Henry's Double K 6pm	8	9
10	11	12 7:30PM City Council meeting	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Open Mike night at the Kraft Building 6p-9p	21	22 Rummage Through Mount Carroll	23 Rummage Through Mount Carroll
24	25	26 7:30PM City Council meeting	27 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	28	29	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.
 Mail to: Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce, 320 N. Main St., Ste 101, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053**

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce

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Mount Carroll, IL 61053

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Web site: www.mtcarrollil.org

"We take the time to care."

Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events

2016

Rummage Through Mount Carroll 2016.....April 22 & 23
Farmer's Market.....May through October
Mayfest.....May 27, 28, & 29
Car Cruise.....June 18
Car Cruise.....July 16
Car Cruise.....August 20
Brick Street Saturday.....August 27
Car Cruise.....September 17
Pumpkin Fest.....October 22
Shop Small Saturday.....November 26
Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes.....December 3

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2015-2016

Jo-Carroll Energy	Sisler Construction Inc	Bausman Mowing
Sand Prairie Wireless	Tom and Pam Sorg	Carroll County Transit
Business Employment Skills Team, Inc.	West Point Tree Farm	Prairie Path Guest House
John Pokropinski	Land of Oz	Ron Foltz
Catherine Pokropinski	Crouse Plumbing & Heating Inc	Marsha Foltz
Mount Carroll Township Public Library	Massbach Ridge Winery	Carroll County Mirror Democrat
Jim Morel	Henry's Double K LLC	Ashford University
Sherry Morel	Imaginarium Now & Zen Gallery	Midwest Technical Institute
Jerry & Sandy Cornelius	Roberts' Roost Country Guest House	CGH Medical Center
Mary Ann Hutchison	Davis Custom Decorators	MTC CGH Medical Center
Ideas 'n Designs	Red Gate Embroidery	Peter & Laura Smith
Law- Jones Funeral Homes, Inc.	Prairie Advocate	Herrell Electric
Mount Carroll Mobil	Mount Carroll Insurance Agency	Triumph Community Bank
John & Jean Hutchison	Highland Community College	Nancy Tobin
Schneider House Furniture	Sieverts Steak-N-Stuff	Lydia Hutchcraft
Dabluz boutique	DQ Grill n Chill	Ray's Garage
Hotel Glenview	WCCI Radio	H.B. Wilkinson Title Company Inc.
Bella Vintaj	Savanna Thomson State Bank	Kunes Country Auto Group
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency, Inc.	John and Thelma Swiech	Sibyl and Jack Doty
Carol Ingram	Pleasant Valley Construction	Timber Lake Playhouse
Mount Carroll Home Center	City of Mount Carroll	YMCA Camp Benson
Consolidated Grain and Barge Co.	Country Palmer House B&B	Plain Jane Vintage Shops LLC
Shaw's Market Place	Moring Disposal, Inc.	Northwestern Service Co.
Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll	Charles Electronics, LLC	The Inn at Molly's
David Purlee, DDS	John Bickelhaupt Insurance Agency	
Campbell Center for Historic Preservation	Mount Carroll Café	
Carroll County Senior Services Organization	Pat & Diane Bausman	