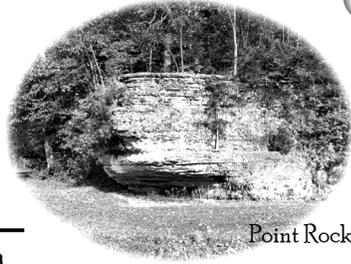


# Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



## Chamber Pot

January-February 2015

Membership: 77

Dear Chamber,

Well, we have made it through January with little incidents of any measurable snow fall. Hopefully February will be as kind to us. I don't want to rush things but hurry up spring!

Our Mayfest meetings have begun and we always, always can use more volunteers to help with the organization and execution of the many areas of responsibility that come with running Mayfest. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Larry DeSpain at the Hotel Glenview. Thank You Larry for being the chair person for this event, you have done an outstanding job. Keep praying for great weather again like last year, we need another warm Mayfest.

I did want to take a moment to say Thanks to my fellow board members that make leading Chamber a pleasure. Thank you Catherine, Chamber Secretary, for taking the minutes of our meetings, publishing the Chamber Newsletter and all correspondence between board members. Thank You Laura and Larry (Mr. & Mrs. Mount Carroll). Laura for all you do to market Mount Carroll through Facebook, radio and printed ads. Larry for your position as Chamber Vice President and the much planning that goes with Mayfest. Thank You Sibyl for accurately recording and reporting the Chamber Finances. Thank You John for all the work you do on the Chamber website. Thanks to all the other board members that sacrifice an hour or more every month to offer your input at our monthly meetings. I appreciate you all.

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 General Membership Meeting

February 5, 2015

Land of Oz

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Menu: Pulled pork sandwich \$10.00

Please RSVP by

Monday, February 2, 2015

at 5:00PM

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

### Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all those who helped to make the 2014 Shop Small Saturday and annual Christmas Walk successful. Additionally, we wish to thank the Mount Carroll City Council for organizing and supporting the Mapping program and all the volunteers who stepped up to help.

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.

**December Treasurer's Report  
Balance as of November 28, 2014**

**\$11,216.48**

	<u>REVENUE</u>
12/04/14 Interst to date	\$ 0.56
12/05/14 dues	\$ 75.00
12/05/14 Halloween Posts	\$ 210.00
12/05/14 Shop Small Saturday	\$ 180.00
12/08/14 50/50	\$ 38.00
12/08/14 Redeposit cash for membership meeting	\$ 100.00
12/08/14 Late Meal Paid	\$ 12.00
12/08/14 Membership meeting meals	\$ 180.00
12/08/14 Badger Book Sale	\$ 10.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 805.56</b>

	<u>EXPENSE</u>
12/04/14 Blackhawk Waterways Convention	\$ 50.00
12/04/14 Aj's Coffee	\$ 180.00
12/04/14 Cash-Membership meeting	\$ 100.00
12/04/14 Cash-Thomas Booth painting raffle	\$ 100.00
12/05/14 WCCI	\$ 100.00
12/05/14 Prairie Advocate	\$ 177.60
12/05/14 Sauk Valley Media	\$ 37.80
12/05/14 Mirror Democrat	\$ 276.00
12/05/14 dabluz-chamber bucks	\$ 25.00
12/08/14 WCCI	\$ 150.00
12/08/14 Sauk Valley Media	\$ 37.80
12/08/14 Mirror Democrat	\$ 96.00
12/08/14 Joe Tappainer	\$ 50.00
12/12/14 Mt. Carroll Mobil-chamber bucks	\$ 25.00
12/12/14 Catherine Pokropinski-Secretary/4th qtr	\$ 300.00
12/12/14 Sibyl Doty-Treasurer/4th qtr	\$ 300.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,005.20</b>

**Balance as of December 12, 2014**

**\$10,016.84**

**Mayfest Checking Account  
Mayfest Savings Account**

**\$7,419.36**

**\$ 779.19**

**Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—December 2014**

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting December 17, 2014 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Bob Hatheway, Sibyl Doty, Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller-DeSpain, John Pokropinski, Amy Sack, Anna Gray and Catherine Pokropinski.

**Call to order:** Bob Hatheway

**December Treasurer's Report:** Moved to approve-John Pokropinski/ 2<sup>nd</sup>-Larry DeSpain/ Approved

**November Secretary's Report:** Moved to approve – Larry DeSpain/ 2<sup>nd</sup>-Anna Gray/ Approved

**2014 Events:**

**Shop Small Saturday:** Winner of \$100.00 Chamber Bucks was George Ritter who shopped at Land of Oz. This year's Shop Small Saturday was successful partly due to the gaining popularity of the national Shop Small Saturday campaign.

**Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes:** Started the raffle ticket sales for the Thomas Booth painting. Proceeds from the raffle will help with the new community wagon.

**Marketing Update:** Continuing advertising monthly in the Lake Carroll newsletter.

**Newsletter Items:** Who to thank? All who helped to make the Shop Small Saturday and the Christmas Walk successful.

**New Business:**

2015 meetings and Business After Hours: There will not be a business after hours for January. Laura will seek potential participants to include for 2015 (March is already scheduled for Carroll County Senior Services).

Open mic night at Market Street Commons will resume starting in January on the third Wednesday night of the month.

A general membership meeting is being scheduled for February 2015. An invitation to other community organizations such as the Rotary, the Lions club and the Ministerial Association will be extended to discuss community events. Carol and Laura will work on the agenda.

**V.P. Report:** The February general membership meeting will be Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at Land of Oz.

Meeting Adjourned

**January Treasurer's Report**  
**Balance as of December 12, 2014**

**\$10,156.84**

		<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>EXPENSE</u>
	1/22/15 Ornament Sales	\$ 45.00		\$ 0.29
	1/22/15 Badger Book Sale	\$ 10.00		\$ 83.11
	1/22/15 City of Mt. Carroll website payment	\$ 275.00		\$ 37.80
	1/26/2015 Dues	\$ 75.00		\$ 65.00
	Voided check to Blackhawk Waterways #6449 and replaced on			\$ 50.00
	1/26/2015 12/4/14	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
	1/28/2015 Ornament Sales from Land of OZ	\$ 180.00		\$ 25.00
	<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>\$ 635.00</b>		<b>\$ 550.72</b>
	12/31/14 Interest			
	1/22/15 Prairie Advocate			
	1/22/15 Sauk Valley Media			
	1/22/15 Freeport Journal Standard			
	1/22/15 City of Mt. Carroll/chamber bucks			
	1/22/15 Shaw's - chamber bucks			
	1/26/2015 Mirror Democrat			
	1/28/2015 Land of OZ-chamber bucks			
	1/28/2015 West Bend Ins-reinstatement fee			
	<b>Balance as of January 28, 2015</b>		<b>\$10,241.12</b>	
	<b>Mayfest Checking Account</b>		<b>\$ 7,419.56</b>	
	<b>Mayfest Savings Account</b>		<b>\$ 779.29</b>	

**Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—January 2015**

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting January 28, 2015 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Sibyl Doty, Carol Frey, John Pokropinski, Anna Gray, Diane Bausman, John Swiech and Catherine Pokropinski.

**Call to order:** Larry DeSpain

**January Treasurer's Report:** Moved to approve-John Pokropinski/ 2<sup>nd</sup>-Anna Gray/ Approved

**December Secretary's Report:** Moved to approve – Laura Miller-DeSpain/ 2<sup>nd</sup>-Carol Frey/ Approved

**2015 Events:**

**Rummage Through Mount Carroll:** Scheduled for the last Friday and Saturday in April (24th & 25th). There will be a Chamber sale again this year with the proceeds going toward our portion of the donation to the amount of money being spent on the city Mapping program.

**Marketing Update:** Continuing advertising monthly in the Lake Carroll newsletter with the addition of Open Mic night at the Market Street Commons the third Wednesday of every month. Will also be looking at the best way to spend marketing dollars (newspaper vs. radio, e.g.)

**Newsletter Items:** Who to thank? All who helped to make the Shop Small Saturday and the Christmas Walk successful and to the Mount Carroll City Council for organizing the Mapping program as well as all the volunteers who have stepped up to help. Will run an announcement that Cat's Meow's will now be sold for \$10 each.

**Old Business:** Discussion of Information folders took place. Folders are used for newcomers to Mount Carroll as well as for the "meet and greet" sessions held by area businesses and organizations (such as the recent one held by the Thomson Prison). Some folders are being stored at the library and some are located in the closet at Market Street Commons. Additional information is being sought to include in these handouts.

**New Business:**

2015 meetings and Business After Hours: There will be a February General Membership meeting and a Business After Hours is scheduled for March (at the Senior Center). Additional meeting will be scheduled for rest of the year at a future time.

Small Town America video opportunity was discussed and decided that we will not be ready in time to participate for this one.

A general membership meeting is being scheduled for February 2015. We will talk about the 2015 Chamber events, the chairpersons for these events as well as other community events that we will be participating in (the Mapping program , AART and the Farmer's Market, etc).

A Thank you letter was received from the City of Mount Carroll for our contribution towards the repair and update of the Welcome Sign located on the northeast corner of Hwy 52/64 and Clay Street.

John Swiech spoke on the current affair of the CDC stating the plans for the Market Street Commons, the Stone House and a memorial in honor of Lou Schau.

**V.P. Report:** The February general membership meeting will be Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at Land of Oz.

Meeting Adjourned

**Marketing**

As the New Year arrives, we are gearing up for events: taking a look at what we did in 2014, and making our plans for 2015. With that in mind, at our February meeting, we will have a square-table forum, inviting everyone to make suggestions on what we can do to further promote our fine community. Our event coordinators will be on hand to give an update and welcome your participation. Our discussion will also include how we can help promote other community events through our website and Facebook page. We're all in this together.

So far, these are our 2015 events:

- Rummage Thru Mount Carroll -- April 24 & 25th (Always the 4th Fri & Sat in April)
- Mayfest - May 22, 23 & 24 (Always Memorial Day Weekend)
- Brick Street Saturday - September 5 (Always the Saturday before Labor Day)
- Pumpkin Fest - October 24
- Shop Small Saturday - November 28 (Always the Saturday after Thanksgiving)
- Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes December 5 (Always the first Saturday in December)

So bring your brainstorming cap and your ideas. Positive vibes only. This is not a place for complaints on what we haven't done but rather an opportunity to improve upon what we have done.

See you soon! It really does take a village.

Laura Miller DeSpain  
 815-244-4058  
[shop@dabluz.com](mailto:shop@dabluz.com)

**Just A Minute... (unapproved)**

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce held a general membership meeting December 4, 2014 at Market Street Commons. Sixteen members were present. Meeting was called to order by President Bob Hatheway. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Pokropinski and the blessing was given by Bob Hatheway.

Treasurer's reports for September, October and November 2014 were reviewed. Len Anderson moved to approve, Jeff Elliott seconded, and the reports were approved. The Secretary's report for September 2014 was reviewed. Laura Miller-DeSpain moved to approve, Jeff Davis seconded and the report was approved.

**Events Update:**

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes: Tour of Homes has been cancelled but the Christmas Walk will still be held this Saturday. Carol Frey will chair the tour of homes for next year. A new feature will be added called "A Collectible Christmas" This year will include: bake sales (Good Samaritan Society and the Catholic Church), pictures with Santa at the Senior Center, story time with Father Christmas at the Library, collections of Nativity Scenes at the Methodist Church. There will also be a Mount Carroll Community Foundation meet and greet at the Market Street Commons

**New Business:**

- JoAnn Palmer suggested we sell older Christmas ornaments (buy 5, get the 6th one free)
- Len Anderson reported that the new billboard (located at the northeast corner of Hwy 52/64 and Hwy 78 is about a week away from completion
- Len Anderson spoke about developing a community wagon for use by community organizations. Len and Jeff (Elliott) are looking at specifics.
- Sherry Morel announced that a mapping effort will be taking place in the coming months and more information will be discussed at the next city council meeting on December 9th at 6pm
- Small Town America video opportunity will be discussed at the next board meeting
- Shop Small Saturday winner of \$100.00 Chamber Bucks was George Ritter who shopped at Land of Oz

50/50 winner Jeff Elliott - \$19.00.

Meeting adjourned and the annual Christmas party ensued.

**Meeting & Business After Hour Schedule for 2014**

- January (2015) Cancelled
- February General Membership Meeting - 6 pm Land of Oz
- March Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm Carroll County Senior Services

**Mount Carroll Mapping the Future 2015**

*Mapping the Future of your Community*

History  
Ideas  
Creativity  
Experiences

MOUNT CARROLL

Public Mapping Program Sessions 2015

**A series of five public meetings to look at where we've been— and where we're going together— to help us make Mount Carroll the best town possible!**

- Meetings start March 26 at Naaman Diehl Auditorium, on Thursday Nights from 6:00-9:00 PM:
- Community mapping program sessions:
  - March 26
  - April 9
  - April 16
  - April 23
  - April 30

**INFO: Mount Carroll City Hall 815-244-4424**

Or— find us on Facebook at "Mount Carroll Mapping the Future"

Followed by a townhall meeting (date to be set)

**This is a public meeting! Your ideas and creativity are needed!**

 *Sponsored by The Mount Carroll City Council, with meetings facilitated by The Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Western Illinois University*

Mount Carroll has enlisted the help of the MAPPING the Future of Your Community Program through the Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University to take a proactive approach to planning for our community and economic development.

With the sponsorship of the Mount Carroll City Council , the "Mount Carroll MAPPING the Future" group will build on the legacy work of the People for Progress program.

We invite community members of all ages and interests to join in this important program that will consist of five, three-hour sessions to create a long-range vision for our community with a plan of action for achieving it.

If you are interested in being a part of these five strategic visioning sessions, please contact Mount Carroll City Hall at 815-244-4424.

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

# January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Visit the Community Calendar online at <a href="http://www.mtcarrollil.org">www.mtcarrollil.org</a></b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #1877f2; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">facebook</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-left: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Become a fan of Mt. Carroll, Illinois</p> </div> </div>				1	2	3
4	5	6 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 6 PM—Friends of the Library (rescheduled)  7:30PM City Council meeting	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Lu- ther King Jr Birthday	20	21 Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p	22	23	24
25	26	27  7:30PM City Council meeting	28 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	29	30	31

**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**

# February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library	4	5  Chamber general membership meet- ing and Christmas Party 6p Land of Oz	6	7
8	9	10    7:30PM City Council meeting	11	12	13	14  Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18   Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p	19	20	21
22	23	24   7:30PM City Council meeting	25 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	26	27	28
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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	
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	