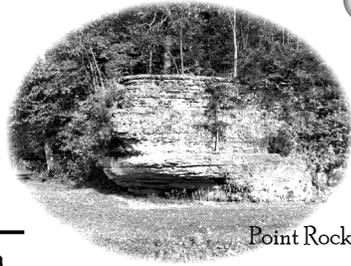


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



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July 2012

Membership: 27

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From the President:

Welcome to July 2012! A very hot and dry welcome it is but if I have to remind myself that this last January I was looking forward to the warmer weather and warmer it is. The summer weather brings many people to our town along with many locals that are out and about looking for something to do. We have a lot to offer our residents as well as those who are visiting. Let's start with a thriving downtown, some of you may not think it's thriving but I consider it thriving when I see people walking up and down Market Street looking in the windows and stopping to browse through the antique stores or stop in for a drink and something to eat. People that visit usually love to talk and Mt. Carroll gives many a lot to talk about. I grew up in this town and I have a lot of fond memories of how things used to be, but when I moved back to this area in 2001 there was not a lot happening here. I saw a lot of empty store fronts, buildings in disrepair, and some buildings completely gone, it was discouraging. I was sure that Mt. Carroll was quickly dying... But Wait a Minute isn't Mt. Carroll the town where people take time to care? Let me answer this question with a big fat YES! Mt. Carroll is made up of residents that care about not only their town but their next door neighbor or even that stranger that is in need of help. Jan Smith shared a story of when she was a kid in Mt. Carroll that the residents saw a need for a public pool but funds were not available for the city to build it, but that

Board of Directors

Bob Hatheway-President: Shaw's Market
Larry DeSpain-Vice-President: Hotel Glen-
view

Sibyl Doty-Treasurer: THE National Bank
Catherine Pokropinski-Secretary

Three year Board Members:

Vacant
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Two year Board Members:

Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-
Mount Carroll
Brandt Hutchcraft: Savanna-Thomson
State Bank
Vacant

One year Board Members:

Carol Frey: Land of Oz / Subway
Nancy Tobin
Vacant

Events Coordinator: Laura Miller-DeSpain

Marketing Coordinator: Laura Miller-
DeSpain-dabluz boutique

Laura Miller-DeSpain—Past President
dabluz boutique

Nancy Tobin—Telephones

did not stop a group of individuals that went door to door asking for any donations or a financial commitment towards the pool. To make a long story short the donations came short of the total amount needed so these same individuals went to the bank and borrowed the rest and put their names on the loan to guarantee its repayment and today we have our public pool. Now the Lions club has seen the need to replace all the playground equipment in our local park. This idea was only born this spring with a goal of \$50,000.00. Folks 3-4 months later there almost at their goal, Mt. Carroll cares! Years ago the Kraft building burnt. The Kraft building was like a cornerstone to the business district of Mt. Carroll without it would mean a void in Mt. Carroll. Again a few select people had a vision for the old Kraft building and they were determined to see it through, Mt. Carroll Cares! 2 years ago tragedy struck our small community with the accidental death of two teenage boys. During that tragedy, this town came out in droves to offer help and support, Mt. Carroll cares. Mt. Carroll has always pulled together to get things done and make Mt. Carroll a better place to visit as well as call home. You might be saying to yourself, how can I make a difference? I'm just one person what could I do to help Mt. Carroll be a better place. The answer is simple, get involved with the Mt. Carroll Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce membership is dwindling and we need your help. We need help making decisions at our board meetings, we need help organizing community events, and we're always in need of volunteers to help at our events. If you're already a member, GREAT! but maybe you know someone that would like to be involved in Mt. Carroll. The Chamber spends every dime on promoting our business members and advertising the assets and events of Mt. Carroll. My Challenge to our current members is this, if you were to find one person (just one) that would be willing to join chamber and get involved with the events of Mt. Carroll, our membership would double. That would be a huge step in the right direction. We need your help.

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.

June Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 5/29/ 2012

\$2,951.83

REVENUE

06/01/12 Redeposited starting cash-wine garden	\$ 500.00
06/04/12 Raffle Sale	\$ 5.00
06/04/12 Farmer's Market Vendors	\$ 20.00
06/08/12 Redeposit starting cash-membership meeting	\$ 100.00
06/08/12 50/50	\$ 12.50
06/08/12 Meals-General Membership	\$ 152.00
06/14/12 Net from Wine Garden	\$ 1,158.59
06/18/12 Farmer's Market Vendors	\$ 55.00
06/18/12 Rootbeer Floats-car cruise	\$ 70.00
06/18/12 Redeposit starting cash-rootbeer floats	\$ 150.00

Sub-total

\$ 2,223.09

EXPENSE

06/04/12 Market St. Commons-July Rent	\$ 100.00
06/05/12 Rebecca Lenz/Joey Lenz Education Fund	\$ 50.00
06/07/12 Mirror Democrat	\$ 150.00
06/07/12 Village Voices - May LCN	\$ 40.00
06/07/12 Sauk Valley Media-Voyager	\$ 75.00
06/07/12 Cash for Membership Mtg	\$ 100.00
06/07/12 Brick St. Coffee	\$ 152.00
06/15/12 Village Voices - June LCN	\$ 40.00
06/15/12 Cash for Car Cruise Rootbeer Floats	\$ 150.00
06/19/12 Chamber Bucks MTC Homecenter	\$ 10.00
06/20/12 Flower-Fan-A-See-Lenz	\$ 8.00
06/20/12 Chamber Bucks-Shaw's	\$ 50.00
06/25/12 Catherine Pokropinski-Sec-March - June	\$ 300.00
06/25/12 Sibyl Doty-Treasurer-March-June	\$ 300.00
06/25/12 Prairie Advocate	\$ 200.56
06/28/12 Catherine Pokropinski-supplies	\$ 8.02
06/28/12 Mt. Carroll Fire Department	\$ 100.00

Sub-total

\$ 1,833.58

Fiscal Year End Balance

\$3,341.34

Projects Account

\$ 43.63

\$3,384.97

Mayfest Checking Acct.

\$8,189.23

Mayfest Savings Acct.

\$ 771.13

**Brick Street Saturday
Saturday, September 1st
(Labor Day Weekend)**

We're going back to a simpler time. Chamber is inviting everyone in the community -- all businesses, churches & organizations -- to participate. We're looking for simple, old-fashioned fun, such as clothes-pin or ring toss, cake walk (we already have this), ping pong drop, penny hunt, scavenger hunt, tricycle race, face painting, clown, tug of war, kids crafts (not to sell but to make), car show (we're hoping we have this), demonstrations, blah blah blah. We are only charging \$10 to participate, which will help us promote Brick Street Saturday. You and yours are welcomed and encouraged to charge whatever you wish! IF you or your organization is interested in participating, let me know!

IF you or your business or organization does not want to provide fun but would like to sponsor advertising, we would be ever so grateful!!! (And by grateful, I mean that your business or organization will receive acknowledgement.

(Food Vendors -- Bob Hatheway is the man in charge of food vendors. You can contact Bob at shaws-foodpride@yahoo.com).

Here's where & how you can reach me!

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Just a minute...June 2012

Meeting held at Market Street Commons
Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance & Blessing - Bob Hatheway
Moment of Silence for the memory of Mike Lenz
Treasurer's Report for May reviewed and approved
Secretary's report for May reviewed and approved
Events:

- 2012 Car Cruise

New business:

- Cash raffle winner for May: Susie Ostrum
- 50/50 winner JoAnn Palmer \$12.50
- Motocross races June 16-17 & June 22-23
- New Chamber board election
- 2012-2013 Budget approved

- New chamber single membership fee
- Northwest Illinois Business Resource Center (NWILBRC) gala event June 27
- Carroll County Garden Walk June 29-30
- Next General Membership meeting will be September 6, 2012. Location will be announced.

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Len and Linda Anderson for setting up this year's Car Cruise nights.

July Marketing and Membership Report

Just a brief note on marketing for this month...

- The Root Beer Float booth for Car Cruise nights has a new location! Find us in front of the H.B. Wilkinson Title building. A hearty thanks to them for our new convenient spot.
- Look for demonstrations taking place at some of the Farmer's Market mornings.
- The 2012-2013 Membership letters and applications have been mailed out. Please contact us if you have not received yours.

Laura DeSpain
shop@dabluz.com or 815-244-1630 or 800-244-9594

July 2012

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 Independ- ence Day	5	6	7 8 AM-12 PM Farmer's Market
8	9	10 7:30 PM City Council meeting	11 8:00 AM- Chamber Market- ing Committee meeting at Market Street Commons	12 Open Mike night at Market Street Com- mons 6p-9p	13	14 8 AM-12 PM Farmer's Market
15	16 Game Night at the Commons	17	18 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	19 3rd Thursday Art Walk	20	21 8 AM-12 PM Farmer's Market Car Cruise
22	23	24 7:30 PM City Council meeting	25	26	27	28 8 AM-12 PM Farmer's Market
29	30	31	<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; 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>			

**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, P.O. Box 94, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053**

