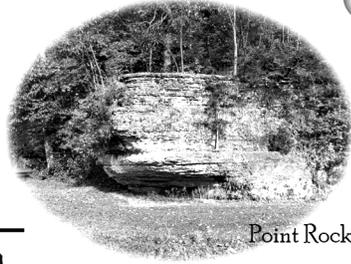


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

June 2014

Membership: 79

Dear Chamber,

Summer is here and I am hoping we do not go to the other extreme with HOT HOT Days. I will say that the warmer weather sure brings people out and about, looking for things to do and buy. It's nice to see progress is alive and well in Mt. Carroll. Improvements are being made to the old National Bank Building and the former Bella's Restaurant building is being remodeled into what I've been told will be a sports bar. I look forward to the sports bar opening and also to see what Jill Bess has in store for her renovation project. Progress gives something for people to talk about, so if possible this year or this month try changing something about your business that people would notice. It could be as simple as a fresh coat of paint or as in depth as a complete remodel. Let's make 2014 a year to improve and grow.

Sincerely,
Bob Hatheway
Chamber President

Board of Directors

Bob Hatheway-President: Shaw's Market
Larry DeSpain-Vice-President: Hotel Glenview
Sibyl Doty-Treasurer: THE National Bank
Catherine Pokropinski-Secretary

Three year Board Members:

Kim Riley-Mount Carroll Township Public Library
Vacant
Vacant

Two year Board Members:

John Pokropinski
Vacant

One year Board Members:

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

Events Coordinator: Laura Miller-DeSpain

Marketing Coordinator: Laura Miller-DeSpain-dabluz boutique

Laura Miller-DeSpain—Past President
dabluz boutique

Nancy Tobin—Telephones

Chamber General Membership Meeting

June 5, 2014

Brick Street Coffee
Social Hour—6:00PM
Dinner—6:30PM
Meeting —7:00PM

Menu: Pulled Pork Dinner, Potato Salad,
Brownie, Coffee or Lemonade

**Please RSVP by
Monday, June 2, 2014
at 5:00PM**

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the 2014 Mayfest Steering Committee and all the volunteers for another successful fest. Special Thanks go to Nola Charles for the outstanding weather.

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.

May Treasurer's Report

Balance as of April 30, 2014 **\$ 7,082.93**

	REVENUE
04/30/14 Interest	\$ 0.17
05/02/14 50/50	\$ 9.00
05/02/14 Redeposit membership mtg cash	\$ 100.00
05/02/14 General Membership mtg meals	\$ 132.00
05/02/14 garage sale vendors	\$ 306.00
05/09/14 Farmer's Market	\$ 160.00
05/16/14 Dues	\$ 75.00
05/21/14 Farmer's Market	\$ 40.00
05/27/14 Dues	\$ 75.00
05/27/14 Redeposit Cash-wine garden	\$ 500.00
05/28/14 Farmer's Market	\$ 45.00
05/28/14 Wine Cooler Sales	\$ 25.00
Sub-total	\$ 1,467.17

	EXPENSE
05/01/14 Oakville Country Club-membership meeting	\$ 156.00
05/01/14 cash for membership meeting	\$ 100.00
05/12/14 Mt. Carroll Mirror Democrat	\$ 64.00
05/12/14 Clinton Herald	\$ 22.00
05/12/14 Sauk Valley Media	\$ 94.09
05/23/14 Cash-wine garden	\$ 500.00
Sub-total	\$ 936.09

Balance as of May 28, 2014 **\$ 7,614.01**
\$ 7,614.01

Mayfest Checking Account \$10,759.84
Mayfest Savings Account \$ 778.99

Meeting & Business After Hour Schedule for 2014

July:	Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm at shops @ glenview (downtown)
August:	Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm at Good Samaritan Society Mount Carroll
September:	General Membership Meeting - Potluck/ Picnic - tba
October:	Business After Hours 5 to 7 pm Mount Carroll Township Public Library
November:	Available for Business After Hours
December:	Christmas Party - tba

Marketing

Happy post Mayfest greetings. For the past few weeks, everything I've considered doing has been categorized two ways: pre Mayfest or post Mayfest.

As we bid adieu to another Chamber year, I want to thank everyone who helped me with events and/or marketing. Couldn't/wouldn't have done it without you. I'm proud of our Chamber. We accomplish a lot, and our community is better for us being in it.

Our new Chamber year begins July 1st. I hope you will renew your membership, as well as invite and encourage your friends and associates to join. The more bodies and monies we have, the more we can do. And if you know someone whom should be contacted but you can't do it, PLEASE pass that information on to me and I'll make the contact. We've set a goal of raising \$6000 thru memberships. Let's do it!!!

Our Farmers Market is up and running, and thanks to the City and the hard work of Heather Houzenga, we have musicians. PLEASE support these hard-working vendors by shopping locally at our market every Saturday from 8 to noon - May thru October. Marketing will be putting together some advertising to help promote.

Our next big event is Brick Street Saturday -- first Saturday in September. IF you'd like to be on the planning committee OR if you have ideas, please let me know. As always, we will be celebrating our traditional Duck Pluck. We will begin selling Duck Pluck "numbers" at our June meeting, as well as at Business After Hours and Car Cruises through August. (And hopefully somewhere in-between). We'll keep you posted.

In addition to print and radio ads, we market our Chamber through Facebook. IF you haven't visited our Facebook page yet, please find us and "like" us at <http://www.facebook.com/mountcarroll-chamber>. Be sure to check "get notifications" so you don't miss a thing. When Chamber businesses share their info on Facebook, we also share it when applicable. So "post" & "share" away.

We also have a great website at <http://www.mtcarrollil.org/> but it's only as good as the info you submit. So send your business and/or organization items to John Pokropinski at admin@mtcarrollil.org.

That's all for now -- see ya soon!

You can find me at 815-244-4058 or 815-244-1630.

Laura Miller DeSpain
Marketing & Events Coordinator

ATTENTION ALL CHAMBER BUSINESSES

We are putting together new "Welcome to Mount Carroll" packets and welcome any information you may want to include. If you are interested in adding your pamphlet, flyer, or business card, please drop them off at the Mount Carroll Township Public Library before the end of June 2014 to Kim Riley.

Just a minute...

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce held a general membership meeting May 1, 2014 at Oakville Country Club. Twelve members were present.

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

Treasurer's reports for December 2013 through April 2014 were reviewed. John Lundquist moved to approve, John Hutchison seconded, and the reports were approved. The Secretary's report for December 2013 was reviewed. John Hutchison moved to approve, John Lundquist seconded and the report was approved.

Events Update:

Rummage Through Mount Carroll: \$203 was made on the Chamber Garage Sale held at Land of Oz, \$306 for those signed up to participate and \$160 was spent on advertising. Special thanks go to Rich and Carol Frey for letting us use the meeting room for our garage sale and to Carol Frey for delivering leftover items to the Savanna Thrift Shop.

Farmer's Market: Starts this Saturday, a few vendors are expected. The Carroll County Flea Market also starts this Saturday and will run the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from May to October. Flea market hours are 9a-3p.

Mayfest: On track with only a few obstacles to overcome. The insurance company is not going to write another rider this year due to past claims. Clark Carroll Insurance Company is shopping around to find one who will. Entertainment is in place, 34 crafter spaces are filled. Wine garden chairperson has been replaced and volunteer sheets are now available.

Car Cruise: Evaluation will be made after all our car cruises this year since other communities are also having car cruises throughout the summer.

New Business:

The chamber 800# received one call from mid November through the end of March. The line is located at the home of Nancy Tobin who is planning to move from the area and has already listed her house. The board has decided to eliminate the number eventually and the number will no longer be printed on pamphlets, etc.

Nominations for board members: New board members are being sought.

V.P. Report: The next general membership meeting will be held on June 5, 2014, location to be announced.

50/50 winner Nancy Tobin- \$4.50 (donated back to chamber).

Meeting adjourned.

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—May 2014

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting May 28, 2014 at Land of Oz. Attendees: John Pokropinski, Sibyl Doty, Anna Gray, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Kim Riley, Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Catherine Pokropinski

May Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-Anna Gray/ 2nd-John Pokropinski/ Approved

April Secretary's Report: Moved to approve – Anna Gray-/ 2nd-Kim Riley/ Approved

2014 Events:

Mayfest: Too soon to report out on finances for this year's Mayfest. We are still expecting a few outstanding bills.

Farmer's Market: The sandwich board will be moved from its current location at the four-way stop to a different location for the season. Catherine will work on finding a suitable new location for it.

Car Cruise: We will be selling Duck Pluck numbers starting at the first Car Cruise of the season.

Brick Street Saturday: Brainstorming ideas on what activities to have at this year's Brick Street Saturday. More discussion is needed.

Ghoulish Gallop: Sibyl will work on coordinating this event again.

Marketing Update: Mayfest advertising bills are still coming in. We will do some advertising for Farmer's Market as well. Laura will send the electronic version of the ads to post on the website also.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? The 2014 Mayfest Steering Committee and all the volunteers who helped to make this year's fest a success. A special thanks to Nola Charles for the good weather.

New Business:

The 2014-2015 budget: Laura Miller-DeSpain moved to approve and John Pokropinski seconded. Budget has been approved.

Chamber board nominations: officers and at least two board members have been identified.

Bob Hatheway is working on repairing The Welcome to Mount Carroll sign on the east side of town.

2014-2015 membership letters will be sent out in June.

V.P. Report: The June general membership meeting will be at Brick Street Coffee on Thursday, June 5th.

Meeting Adjourned

June 2014

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 meet-	4	5 Chamber General Membership meet- ing 6p at	6	7 Farmer's Market
8	9	10 7:30PM City Council meeting	11	12 Open Mike night at Imaginarium 6p-9p	13	14 Farmer's Market
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Farmer's Market
22	23	24 7:30PM City Council meeting	25 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	26	27	28 Farmer's Market
29	30	<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; 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, 320 N. Main St., Ste 101, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053**

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce

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Mt. Carroll, IL 61053

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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
Car Cruise.....	June 21
Independence Day.....	July 4
Car Cruise.....	July 19
Car Cruise.....	August 23
Brick Street Saturday.....	August 30
Car Cruise.....	September 27
Pumpkin Fest.....	October 25
Ghoulish Gallop.....	October 25
Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes.....	December 6

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2013-2014

Jo-Carroll Energy	Highland Community College	Heritage Market
Sand Prairie Wireless	Mount Carroll Insurance Agency	Cornerstone Chiropractic
Bella's	Ronald Foltz	Shaw's Market
John Pokropinski	Marsha Foltz	Carol Ingram
Catherine Pokropinski	Sisler Construction	H. B. Wilkinson
Diane Bausman	Mount Carroll Café	Area Small Engine
Bausman Mowing	Pharmacy Center	The Driftless Area Stillroom
Jerry & Sandy Cornelius	Crouse Plumbing and Heating	Barb Brierton
Carol Remrey	Sievert's Steak-N-Stuff	Mt. Carroll Township Public Library
Tom & Pam Sorg	Elizabeth McMillin	Good Samaritan Society-Mt. Carroll
Wylma Colehour	Moring Disposal	Carroll County Mirror Democrat
Fawn Ridge Realty, Inc— Jill Bess	Kunes Country Auto	John & Thelma Swiech
James Morel	Hotel Glenview	Oakville Country Club
Sherry Morel	shops @Glenview	City of Mount Carroll
Mount Carroll Home Center	dabluz boutique	Heather Houzenga-Now & Zen Gallery
Doty's Collision Center	Peter & Laura Smith	Red Gate Embroidery
Carroll County Senior Services	Dairy Queen	Davis Custom Decorators
Law Jones Funeral Home	WCCI	Savanna-Thomson State Bank
Mount Carroll Township Public Library	Prairie Advocate	Brick Street Coffee
Prairie Path Guest House & Sampler	Charles Electronics LLC	Ideas 'n Designs
West Point Tree Farm	Schneider House Furniture	New Morning Glass
THE National Bank	Land Of Oz/ /subway	Kallemezoo's
Consolidated Grain & Barge	Carroll County Historical Society	Market Street Walk-Up
Timber Lake Playhouse	Nancy Tobin	Allwork
Country Palmer House Bed and Breakfast	Country Companies/John Bickelhaupt	Dr. Purlee
Northwestern IL Ctr for Independent Living	Mary Ann Hutchison	Henry's Double K
Herrell Electric		