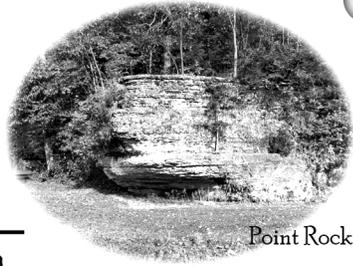


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

October 2015

Membership: 69

Hi everyone

We just finished a successful Brick Street Saturday. Thank you to all who participated in making it happen. It takes a lot of work to put on an event while making it look like no work at all.

While Brick Street Saturday marks the end of summer, it also is the beginning of a very busy 'season' for all of us, with the Chamber being no exception. It is time to decorate the lampposts for Halloween, followed by our Pumpkin Fest.

Not long after that comes Shop Small Saturday, followed quickly by the Christmas walk and Tour of Homes. My how time flies.

We are always looking for volunteers to step in and continue making these events successful, so if you can help in any way, please contact anyone in the Chamber.

It takes a village.
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

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

Bob Hatheway-Past President Shaw's Market Place

Nancy Tobin-Telephones

John Pokropinski-Website Administrator

Andrew Williamson-Ribbon Cutting Liaison

Chamber General Membership Meeting

December 3, 2015

Location: To be announced

Menu:

Price:

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Menu: **Please RSVP no later than**

Monday, November 30, 2015

at 5:00PM

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Tania Dunn and the Pharmacy Staff for selling Duck Pluck spots for this year's Brick Street Saturday and to Brandt Hutchcraft for another successful Brick Street Saturday Golf Classic.

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 21, 2015

\$10,846.04

REVENUE

9/2/15 Dues	\$ 250.00
9/4/15 Redeposit Cash/Membership Meeting	\$ 125.00
9/4/15 Membership Meeting Meals	\$ 300.00
9/4/15 50/50	\$ 11.00
9/4/15 Dues	\$ 125.00
9/4/15 Brick St. Days Bouncy House	\$ 50.00
9/14/15 Dues	\$ 100.00
9/14/15 Brick St. Days Bouncy House	\$ 50.00
Donation for Mapping Committee/check	
9/14/15 made out to Chamber	\$ 150.00
9/17/15 Golf Tournament Fees	\$ 450.00
9/17/15 Golf Tournament 50/50	\$ 65.00
9/17/15 Golf Tournament Hole Sponsors	\$ 440.00
9/21/15 BSS bouncy House	\$ 100.00
9/21/15 Golf Tournament Hole Sponsors	\$ 40.00
9/21/15 Cat's Meow	\$ 10.00

Sub-Total

\$ 2,266.00

EXPENSES

9/2/15 Holiday Hop Shop	\$ 50.00
9/2/15 Market St. Commons Rent/July-December	\$ 600.00
9/3/15 Henry's Double K-Membership meals	\$ 332.28
9/3/15 Cash-membership meeting	\$ 125.00
9/4/15 Carroll Co. Review	\$ 99.00
9/4/15 dabluz-chamber bucks	\$ 40.00
9/14/15 Prairie Advocate	\$ 75.00
9/14/15 Sauk Valley Media	\$ 162.90
9/14/15 Mirror Democrat	\$ 264.00
9/14/15 WCCI	\$ 100.00
Mt. Carroll Mapping Committee/check sent	
9/14/15 to Chamber	\$ 150.00
9/23/15 Catherine Pokropinski/July-Sept. Secretary	\$ 300.00
9/23/15	

Sibyl Doty/July-Sept. Treasurer

\$ 300.00

Sub-Total

\$ 2,598.18

Balance as of September 21, 2015

\$10,513.86

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Mayfest Checking Account

\$2,219.15

Mayfest Savings Account

\$ 779.49

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—September 2015

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting September 23, 2015 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Larry DeSpain, Sibyl Doty, Diane Bausman, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Connie Zink, John Pokropinski, Jeff Elliott, Amy Sack, Carol Frey, Bob Hatheway, Lydia Hutchcraft, Laura Smith, Suzanne Miller and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Larry DeSpain

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

August Secretary's Report: Moved to approve – Bob Hatheway/ 2nd-Amy Sack/ Approved

Events:

Farmer's Market: Stephanie Samuels is considering taking over managing the Farmer's Market and is also looking into the possibility of extending the market to an indoor winter market.

Brick Street Saturday: Laura Miller-DeSpain has the list of duck pluck winners. Ninety ducks were sold.

Pumpkinfest: Everything is shaping up, new events are being added to this year's fest. Volunteers are needed at the Chamber booth which will be set up from 9am - 3pm. Carol will provide the table and some festive decorations.

Shop Small Saturday: Laura is working on ideas.

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes: Carol Frey is working on coordinating participating homes and locations. Laura will speak with Julie at City Hall regarding the annual fluffing of the wreaths.

Marketing: Will be running ads for Pumpkinfest, Holiday Shop Hop, Shop Small Saturday and the Christmas Walk/Tour of Homes via Facebook, flyers, radio and some local newspapers.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? Tania Dunn and the Pharmacy Center staff for selling Duck Pluck spots for this year's Brick Street Saturday and to Brandt Hutchcraft for another successful Brick Street Saturday Golf Classic.

New Business:

Halloween Parade: Laura Smith will coordinate the giveaways and the annual hot dog, chips and a drink at the Community Center for all participating trick or treaters. The Church of God will have their "trunk or treat" in the Church parking lot again this year. Lydia Hutchcraft will step off the parade at 5:30pm on October 31st.

The board voted unanimously to accept Lydia Hutchcraft as a new Board Member.

V.P. Report: There will be a general membership meeting on December 3 at Henry's KK.

Meeting Adjourned.

Just a minute...(unapproved)

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce held a general membership meeting September 3, 2015 at Henry's Double K. Twenty-seven members 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 Anna Gray.

Treasurer's reports for June, July and August 2015 were reviewed. Jeff Elliott moved to approve, Len Anderson seconded, and the reports were approved. The Secretary's report for June 2015 was reviewed. John Lundquist moved to approve, Jeff Elliott seconded and the report was approved.

Events:

Brick Street Classic and Brick Street Saturday, September 4 & 5: The classic still needs some volunteers for set up and during the classic, Brandt Hutchcraft is the chair. The Saturday event is shaping up with the bounce house, dunk tank, a dance for dollars, the Farmer's and Artisan's markets, and food (by Bob Hatheway).

Car Cruise: Len Anderson passed out flyers for the 2016 season and announced that he is stepping down as leader for the Car Cruise (but will still actively participate).

Mapping Town Hall meeting, September 12: Michelle Fossitt, chair announced there will be lots of giveaways and the committee hopes to attract 250 attendees.

Pumpkin fest, October 24: Diane Bausman, chair listed this year's highlights. Lamp Post decorating, Farmer's Market, Chamber information booth, food vendors, pumpkin decorating contest, pet costume contest, pumpkin slingshot, pumpkin street drags, street bowling. There will not be a cemetery tour this year.

Shop Small Saturday, November 28: Laura Miller-DeSpain, chair.

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes: No chair for either, Carol Frey and Bev Lundquist will help with the Tour of Homes.

Rummage through Mount Carroll 2016, April 22 & 23: Laura Miller DeSpain, chair.

Mayfest 2016: Location will definitely be at Campbell Center again.

New Business:

Thank you to Diane Bausman for planning and decorations for this evening's meeting

"My Dashboard" statistics from the Mount Carroll website for the July 1 through September 1, 2015 time period provided by John Pokropinski, website administrator.

Chamber board has a few openings: Vice President, and board members

General membership meeting are now quarterly, board meeting are still held monthly.

50/50 winner John Pokropinski \$5.00 (donated back)

Meeting adjourned.

Marketing

Thank you to everyone who helped make Brick Street Saturday a success. I'm especially happy since we didn't have a chairperson. I've already received some interest in possible chairing for next year, so keep your fingers crossed. Our Duck Pluck was very successful. Thank you to the Pharmacy Center for helping us — another fine tradition. Altogether we sold 93 numbers!!! Our winners of Chamber Bucks were:

\$75 - Gerry Lantz
 \$50 - Tina Jacobs
 \$25 - Fred Pascke
 \$15 - Larry DeSpain
 \$10 - Bill Timm

And thank you to Catherine Pokropinski for coordinating the Farmers Market, and thank you to Heather Houzenga for coordinating the Artisan Market. The Artisan Market has been a nice addition to our downtown on first Saturdays from May thru October. Just a few Saturdays left for the Farmers Market. Please support these fine folks. I'd also like to thank our Mapping Our Future folks. They brought the Dunk Tank & Dollar Dance to our event. I'm encouraged by their support and look forward to working with them on future events.

Next up is Pumpkin Fest - Saturday - October 24. Thank you to Diane Bausman for chairing this fun, family-filled event. Please contact Diane at dbausman@bwcb.com if you can help.

The first two weekends of November are the Holiday Shop Hop. Several Mount Carroll businesses, as well as businesses in other towns, are offering holiday specials. Watch the newspapers and Facebook for more information. Chamber helped sponsor this event with a \$50 donation toward marketing.

Shop Small Saturday is Saturday, November 28th. I'm the chair person. MJ Reusch (formerly Schaffner) is helping me. She was a huge help last year. We don't know what we're doing yet, but we have contacted American Express and our Chamber is accepted as a community organizer. We'll keep you posted. If you'd like to be on our Team/Committee, just chat at me.

The Christmas Walk (Saturday, December 5) follows. Thank you to Carol Frey for chairing this annual event. If you'd like to help Carol, please let her know. You can email her at landofoz@grics.net.

Marketing will continue to promote all of these events. Please "like" us on Facebook: Mount Carroll Chamber. And when you have "liked" us, please "share" us. Facebook is a great way to share our events at little to no cost. Mostly no.

OK, that's all for now. Thank you always and in all ways for your support of our fine Chamber of Commerce. It really does take a village. See ya soon!

Laura Miller DeSpain
 815-244-4058
shop@dabluz.com

Pumpkin Fest is coming Sat, Oct 24th and our committee has already firmed up a variety of terrific, family friendly events that are sure to draw not only locals but out-of-towners, too! We are opening the event to vendors of all kinds so if you know of an individual or organization who would like to have a booth or table let me know – the fee is only \$10 which helps with our advertising costs. We are especially looking for people selling pumpkins & gourds and groups who want to hold a bake sale or sell snack type items such as caramel apples, caramel corn, snack mix, etc. In addition, we could use more volunteers that day to spend an hour or 2 helping in the following areas:

- * staffing the chamber information tent which will be open 9am to 3pm
- * working at the pumpkin sling shot event from 11am to 1pm
- * assisting with registration prior to the pumpkin races from 1pm until the races start at 2pm
- * helping during the 'Spooky Tails' pet costume contest that starts at noon

Call (815-275-4868) or shoot me an e-mail (dbausman@bwcvb.com) if you can give an hour or 2 to help make our **2015 Pumpkin Fest** another success!

Diane Bausman, Pumpkin Fest chair

Calling all Chamber Members! As part of the *Kunes Country Pumpkin Street Drags* held during Pumpkin Fest we will be having a business division so here's your chance to show off your talents while promoting your business! The rules are simple – attach a REAL pumpkin onto a chassis of any kind (skateboard, stroller, toy truck, etc.) **OR** Insert two independent axels through your pumpkin and attach wheels to the axels; spice up your racer with style – be creative but remember no motors, explosives or pyrotechnics and on October 24th bring it to the registration table any time after 1pm to get it entered in the races that begin promptly at 2pm.

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Become a fan of Mount Carroll, Illinois</p> </div>				1	2	3 Farmer's Market
4	5	6 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library	7	8	9	10 Farmer's Market
11	12 Columbus Day	13 7:30PM City Council meeting	14	15	16	17 Farmer's Market
18	19	20	21 Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p	22	23	24 Farmer's Market Pumpkinfest
25	26	27 7:30PM City Council meeting	28 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	29	30	31 Farmer's Market 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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Mount Carroll, IL 61053

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"We take the time to care."

Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events

2015

Farmer's Market.....May 2 through October 24
Pumpkin Fest.....October 24
Shop Hop.....November 6 & 7
Shop Hop.....November 13 & 14
Shop Small Saturday.....November 28
Christmas Walk/Tour of Homes.....December 5
Rummage Through Mount Carroll 2016.....April 22 & 23

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2014-2015

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	Bridgepoint Education
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.	Bridgepoint Education	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	DQ Grill n Chill	
Hotel Glenview	WCCI Radio	
Bella Vintaj	Savanna Thomson State Bank	
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency, Inc.	John and Thelma Swiech	
Carol Ingram	Pleasant Valley Construction	
Mount Carroll Home Center	City of Mount Carroll	
Consolidated Grain and Barge Co.	Country Palmer House B&B	
Shaw's Market Place	Moring Disposal, Inc.	
Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll	Charles Electronics, LLC	
David Purlee, DDS	John Bickelhaupt Insurance Agency	
Campbell Center for Historic Preservation	Mount Carroll Café	
Carroll County Senior Services Organization	Pat & Diane Bausman	