



October Newsletter 2025

From the President's Desk



Ryan Milligan
2025 Chamber
President

Dear Chamber Members,

October is here, and with it comes a vibrant lineup of community events and opportunities to connect. As the leaves turn and the air cools, Carroll continues to thrive thanks to your energy and involvement.

Our Chamber Coffees continue to be a consistent buzz of community engagement. Join us each Friday at 8:00 am to support local businesses and enjoy great conversation. Coffees this month include Family Resource Center, the Carroll County Fraud Coalition, Rueter's, Elderbridge, and VitaSuite. Also, don't forget to come out for a Night Shift on Tuesday, October 7th, at Starline Lanes. Take a look at the updated facility and meet the team. Then join us on Thursday, October 9th, for Moonlight Madness. Enjoy adult Halloween beverages and treats while shopping, and keep an eye out for the Chamber witches and their goodie bags!

The 68th Annual Carroll Band Day is Saturday, October 4th. This annual parade showcases marching bands from across the region in an Iowa High School Music Association-sanctioned event. Additionally, local businesses and non-profits showcase their organizations with parade floats. Join us at 10:30 am for Carroll's largest parade.

For the past 26 years, the Carroll County Leadership Institute has been an outstanding program that enhances leadership skills, offers on-site business and community tours, and features conversations with a variety of community leaders. Once again, this year's class was filled and had its first session on September 24th. Best wishes to this year's participants, and thank you to all the alums who have previously participated.

Thank you for being a vital part of the Carroll Chamber of Commerce. Your support helps our community flourish.

Go Local. Choose Carroll!

Welcome New Chamber Members!



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The **CHAMBER**

NEW
MEMBER

● **Schulz Painting**
Tim Schulz

Schulz Painting 

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712.830.9583 

timschulz34@yahoo.com 

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NEW MEMBER



Starline Lanes

Bobby Blessington
23688 E Highway 30
Carroll, IA 51401
www.starlinelanes.com

712.775.2695



contactus@48bowl.com



NEW MEMBER



VitaSuite IV & Ketamine Therapy

Ruth Petros, DNP, CRNA,
NSPM-C
509 N Adams St, Suite 2
Carroll, IA 51401
www.vitasuiteiv.com

712.775.2434



vitasuiteikt@gmail.com



Carroll Band Day

Join us for Carroll Band Day on October 4th! Business entries are still coming in, so there's still time to lock in your parade spot. It's a fun and easy way to get your business out in front of more than 1,000 attendees! Register at www.carrolliowa.com/band-day.



—  POWERED BY THE CHAMBER —

BAND DAY

4th OCT

Calling all marching bands, businesses, and community groups—show your spirit, showcase your talent, and be part of one of Carroll's favorite traditions!

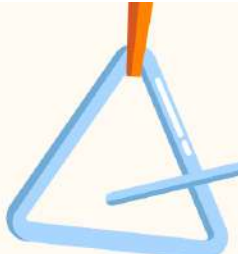
Bring the music, the fun, and your best parade style for a day filled with community pride and celebration.

MAKE SOME NOISE

SEE YOU IN THE PARADE

Register at www.carrolliowa.com/band-day

Thanks to our sponsors:



Night Shift

It's time for a Night Shift at Starline Lanes! On Tuesday, October 7th, come see and learn about all the major improvements made to the bowling alley.



Tuesday, October 7th, 4:30 – 6:00 PM



Grab your friends — Bring your co-workers.

Clock-in for the Night Shift!

Nothing hits the spot after a long day of work like ... refreshments!

Don't miss out — come join the fun at

Starline Lanes

23688 E Highway 30

Carroll, IA

FOOD & DRINK

NETWORKING

... AND MUCH MORE

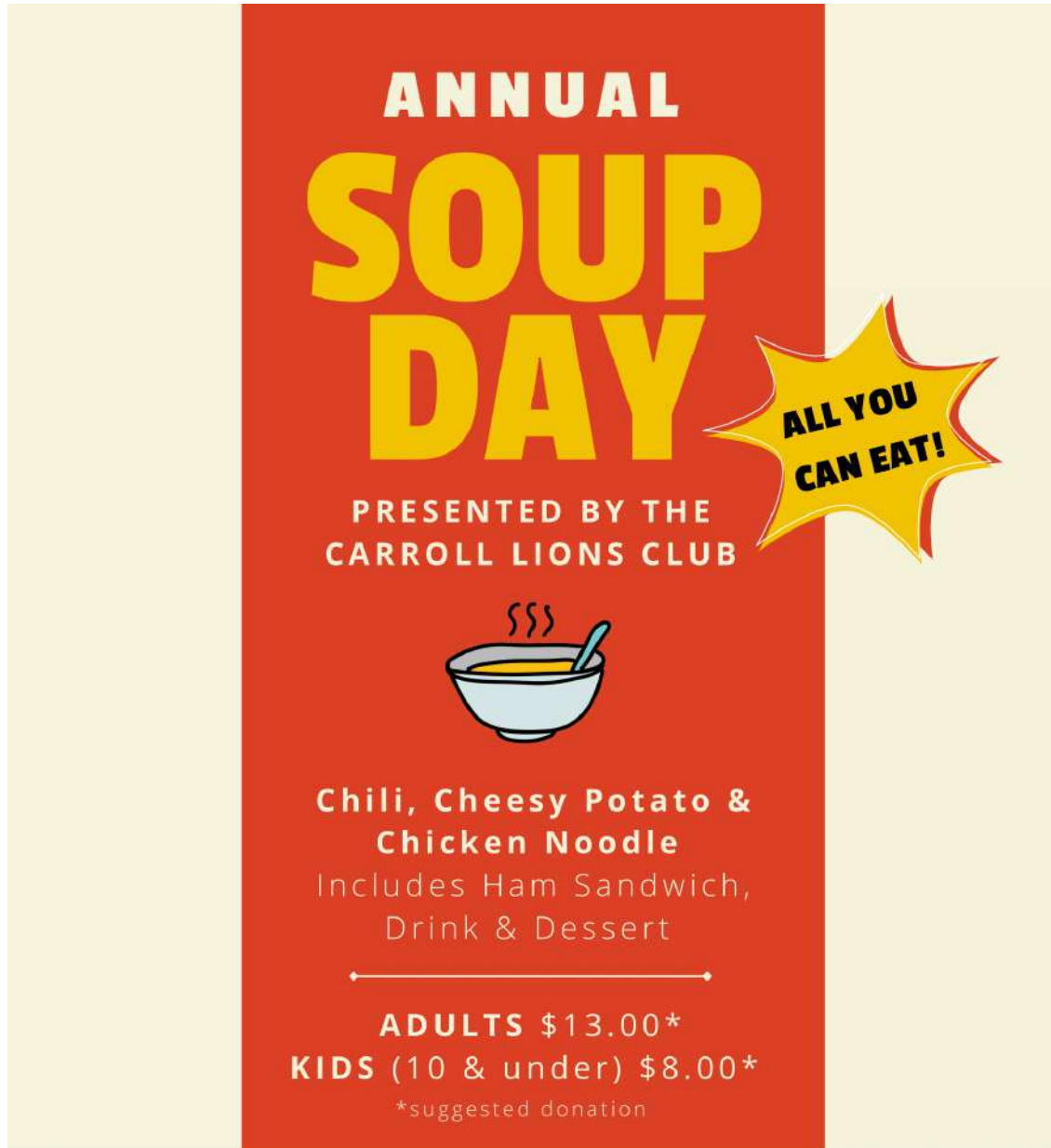
Lions Club Annual Soup Day

Enjoy all-you-can-eat soup while supporting the amazing projects the Carroll Lions Club champions in our community. Chili, cheesy potato, and chicken noodle soup, plus a ham sandwich, drink, and dessert are included. **Just \$13 for adults and \$8 for kids 10 and under!**

Lions Club Annual Soup Day

When: Friday, October 17 | 11 am-7 pm

Where: Graham Park Shelter House in Carroll

A vertical poster with a red central band on a yellow background. The text 'ANNUAL SOUP DAY' is prominently displayed in white and yellow. Below it, 'PRESENTED BY THE CARROLL LIONS CLUB' is in white. A yellow starburst graphic on the right says 'ALL YOU CAN EAT!'. In the center of the red band is an illustration of a bowl of soup with steam rising from it. Below the illustration, the menu items 'Chili, Cheesy Potato & Chicken Noodle' are listed, followed by 'Includes Ham Sandwich, Drink & Dessert'. At the bottom of the red band, the prices 'ADULTS \$13.00*' and 'KIDS (10 & under) \$8.00*' are shown, with a small note '*suggested donation' below them.

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SOUP
DAY**

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CAN EAT!**

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CARROLL LIONS CLUB**



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Chicken Noodle**
Includes Ham Sandwich,
Drink & Dessert

ADULTS \$13.00*
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*suggested donation



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 11 AM - 7 PM
GRAHAM PARK SHELTER, CARROLL

All proceeds benefit Lions Club projects in our community.



CITY COUNCIL & SCHOOL BOARD

GET TO KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES



Candidate Forum

Tuesday, October 21 | Carroll Rec Center

Come meet the candidates and hear where they stand—before you cast your ballot.

- ✓ **Learn more about local issues**
- ✓ **Ask questions**
- ✓ **Be an informed voter**

Free and open to the public.

CCSD Board of Education:

Jeff Cullen
Hunter Harmening
Kristen Lundstrom
Angela Owen
Charles Svensson

Carroll City Council:

Mayor
Jerry Fleshner
Dee Svensson

At-Large
Jeff Cayler
John Lawson

Ward 1
Deb Koster

Ward 3
Kyle Bauer
Tage Henkelman

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION CAN BE EMAILED TO CHAMBER@CARROLLIOWA.COM

MOONLIGHT MADNESS SALE

Thursday, Oct. 9th

Shop these participating Chamber Businesses

A Fun Top & Jeans / Merle Norman

A Touch of Country

Artworks Studio

Buckle

Children's Museum

Earl May Garden Center

Glik's

Jeanine's Hallmark

Just Around the Corner

Michael's Shoes

Mrs. Glynn and Co.

New Hope Bargain Shoppe

Promesing Image Salon & Spa

Shoe Sensation

True Value Hardware & Home
Store

Wilkie Clothiers

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKY GOOD TIME!

Enjoy adult Halloween drinks and treats
while you shop, from 4-7pm

Watch for the Chamber Witches handing out treats from 4-7 Pm



ELDERBRIDGE AGENCY ON AGING CAREGIVER CONFERENCE



Our Speakers

November 6, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 3:30p.m.
East Shelter House - Swan Lake
23428 Swan Lake Road
Carroll, Iowa 51401

DISCUSSION & INSIGHT

Caregiver Empowerment

Dementia Awareness

Relational Resilience

Connection-Centered Care



Dr. Elaine Eshbaugh
University of Northern Iowa



Dr. Joe Sample
Iowa State University

- This event is **FREE** to providers & community members
- Complimentary lunch will be served, catered by Lidderdale Catering
- This is an opportunity for both providers & community members
- 3 CEUs offered

To register or for more information please contact:

Noa Sample-Bartels at nsample@elderbridge.org or 641-847-4283



Scan the QR code to register!

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/C1zBwrAZZd>

Holidays in Carroll

The holidays will be here before you know it, so get these dates on your calendar!



Holiday Magic in Carroll



November

6



Jingle & Mingle



November

28



Live Reindeer
5:30-7:30 pm at
the Depot Park

November

28

Welcome Santa & Mrs. Claus
at Depot Lighting 6 p.m.



November

29



Small Business Saturday!



November

29

**Free Horse-drawn
carriage rides 3-6 p.m.**



HOST A CHAMBER COFFEE!

8-9 on Friday mornings

Call 712.792.9793 or email chamber@carrolliowa.com to schedule!



- Get one week of free advertising on the Chamber website, Facebook page, newsletter, and weekly eblast for your Coffee.
- Have your five minutes of fame on Facebook live during the event.

...and check out our upcoming coffees!



Upcoming Chamber Coffees:

- **Friday, October 3** - Family Resource Center, 502 W 7th St, Carroll
- **Friday, October 10** - Carroll County Fraud Coalition at DMACC, 906 N Grant Rd, Carroll
- **Friday, October 17** - Rueter's Equipment, 1803 Radiant Rd, Carroll
- **Friday, October 24** - Elderbridge Agency on Aging, 514 N Court St, Ste 1, Carroll
- **THURSDAY, October 30** - VitaSuite IV & Ketamine Therapy, 509 N Adams St, Ste 2, Carroll

2025 Board Members

Ryan Milligan - President
Justin Yetmar - Vice President
Noah Dryden - Secretary/Treasurer
Steve (Hans) Auen - Past President
Eric Boes
Quentin Buswell
Beth Glynn
Stephanie Hackfort
Kelsea Hawley
Lisa Irlbeck
Chad Lawson

CALENDAR

Friday, October 3

Coffee at Family Resource Center, 8-9 a.m.

Saturday, October 4

Band Day, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 7

Night Shift at Starline Lanes, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Nicole McCarville
Dr. Thomas Parrish
Heather Pietig
Sondra Rierson
Benet Snyder
Keeley Young

Staff

Kimberly Tiefenthaler - Executive Director
Rosanne Nees - Business Development Director
Ashley Schable - Program Director
Dani Stipe - Administrative Assistant
Della Lappe - Financial Director

Thursday, October 9

Moonlight Madness,
4-7 p.m.

Friday, October 10

Coffee at DMACC with
the Carroll County Fraud
Coalition, 8-9 a.m.

Friday, October 17

Coffee at Rueter's
Equipment, 8-9 a.m.

Tuesday, October 21

Candidate Forum, 7-8 p.m.

Friday, October 24

Coffee at Elderbridge
Agency on Aging,
8-9 a.m.

Thursday, October 30

Coffee at VitaSuite IV &
Ketamine Therapy,
8-9 a.m.

Focus Statement

Carroll Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization dedicated to promoting the Carroll area businesses and developing community assets and resources to encourage growth within the area.

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