



November Newsletter 2026

From the President's Desk



Justin Yetmar
2026 Chamber
President

Dear Chamber Members,

November is here and it's hard to believe how quickly another year has gone by. With the holiday season approaching, there is plenty to be thankful for and a lot to celebrate throughout our community.

First and foremost, I want to recognize the tremendous success of our inaugural Celebrate Carroll event. Anytime you introduce something new, there is always a little uncertainty. But I think it's safe to say our community showed up in a big way! With over 80 parade entries, fantastic participation from local businesses and organizations, a great day of activities at the park, and outstanding performances from the bands, it was an incredible first year.

More importantly, the level of community engagement throughout the day was exactly what we had hoped to accomplish. The weather delivered as well! A sincere thank you goes out to the Chamber staff, board members, event organizers, sponsors, volunteers, and all the businesses and organizations that participated and volunteered. I believe we have established a great foundation for a new tradition that can continue to bring our community together for years to come.

As we shift our attention toward the holiday season, I want to emphasize something that is incredibly important to the strength of our community—shopping local. We are fortunate to have a tremendous variety of locally owned businesses, retailers, restaurants, and service providers throughout Carroll. These businesses do so much more than simply provide products and services. They employ our friends and neighbors, support our schools, sponsor youth activities, donate to local organizations, and continually reinvest in the community we call home.

With holiday shopping beginning to pick up, I encourage everyone to think local first.

Whether you're shopping for gifts, grabbing a meal with family, purchasing gift cards, or utilizing a local service, those dollars make a difference and we have a great opportunity coming up with Jingle & Mingle to do just that.

Let's carry the momentum from Celebrate Carroll into the holiday season. Get out, support our businesses, shop local, and continue to take pride in everything that makes Carroll a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and a great start to the holiday season!

Sincerely,

Justin Yetmar
President, Carroll Chamber

Jingle & Mingle

Once again, it's time for the always popular Jingle & Mingle! The Grinch, Buddy the Elf, and more Christmas friends will be handing out gift cards and Chamber Bucks, and there will be plenty of delicious treats and beverages to enjoy at each stop.

It's a fun way to get out and shop local, and we hope you see you there!



Jingle & Mingle

Thursday, November 12th

4:00 - 8:00 PM

Enjoy holiday shopping, festive drinks, and treats at participating Chamber businesses.

The Chamber elves, the Grinch, Cindy Lou Who, Buddy the Elf, and Mrs. Claus will hand out \$1,000 in Chamber Bucks and gift cards from participating businesses.

Grab your friends, make a night of it, and enjoy this growing holiday shopping tradition. Choose Carroll, mingle with friends, and celebrate the season.

After shopping, keep the fun going with a delicious meal at one of our Chamber member restaurants.



The **CHAMBER**



CHAMBER MEMBER
RESTAURANTS

YOU'RE INVITED TO

Jingle & Mingle

Thursday, November 12
4:00–8:00 PM

Turn holiday shoppers into dinner guests!
Join this growing Carroll shopping tradition and invite shoppers to enjoy a meal or drink after shopping.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

- Donate ten \$5 gift cards (\$50 total), or more, for our holiday characters to hand out to shoppers.
- Offer dining or drink specials for the evening.

Restaurants that donated gift cards for Jingle & Mingle will be listed on the Chamber's Facebook page.

**SIGN UP BY WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 11**
Contact Rosanne
r.nees@carrolliowa.com
712-792-4383



New Hope Soup Day

New Hope's Annual Soup Day is coming up with chicken noodle soup, vegetable beef soup, chili, and dessert on the menu! Join them for a delicious meal in support of their Client Special Needs Fund.

When: Thursday, November 12 from 11am - 7pm

Where: First United Methodist Church in Carroll



NEW HOPE VOLUNTEER SOUP DAY

A homemade meal making
a meaningful difference.

Funds raised benefit New Hope's Client Special Needs Fund, helping individuals with rental assistance, basic essentials, Camp Courageous experiences, and more.

THURSDAY, NOV. 12, 2026

11 AM- 7 PM

First United Methodist Church, Carroll
Dine in or Carry Out



CHICKEN NOODLE



VEGETABLE BEEF



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DESSERT

\$15/MEAL-ADULTS

UNLIMITED SOUP WHEN DINING IN.

\$7/MEAL-KIDS (10 & UNDER)

(NEW THIS YEAR, SOUP OR HOT DOGS)

**PREORDER FOR A NOON
PICKUP OF 6+ MEALS**

www.newhopevillage.org or email:
supportNH@newhopevillage.org

Preorder deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 10
Carry-out available all day Nov. 12



Special thanks to the **Carroll Hy-Vee** for providing ingredients and to our **volunteers** for cooking up delicious homemade soup and desserts!

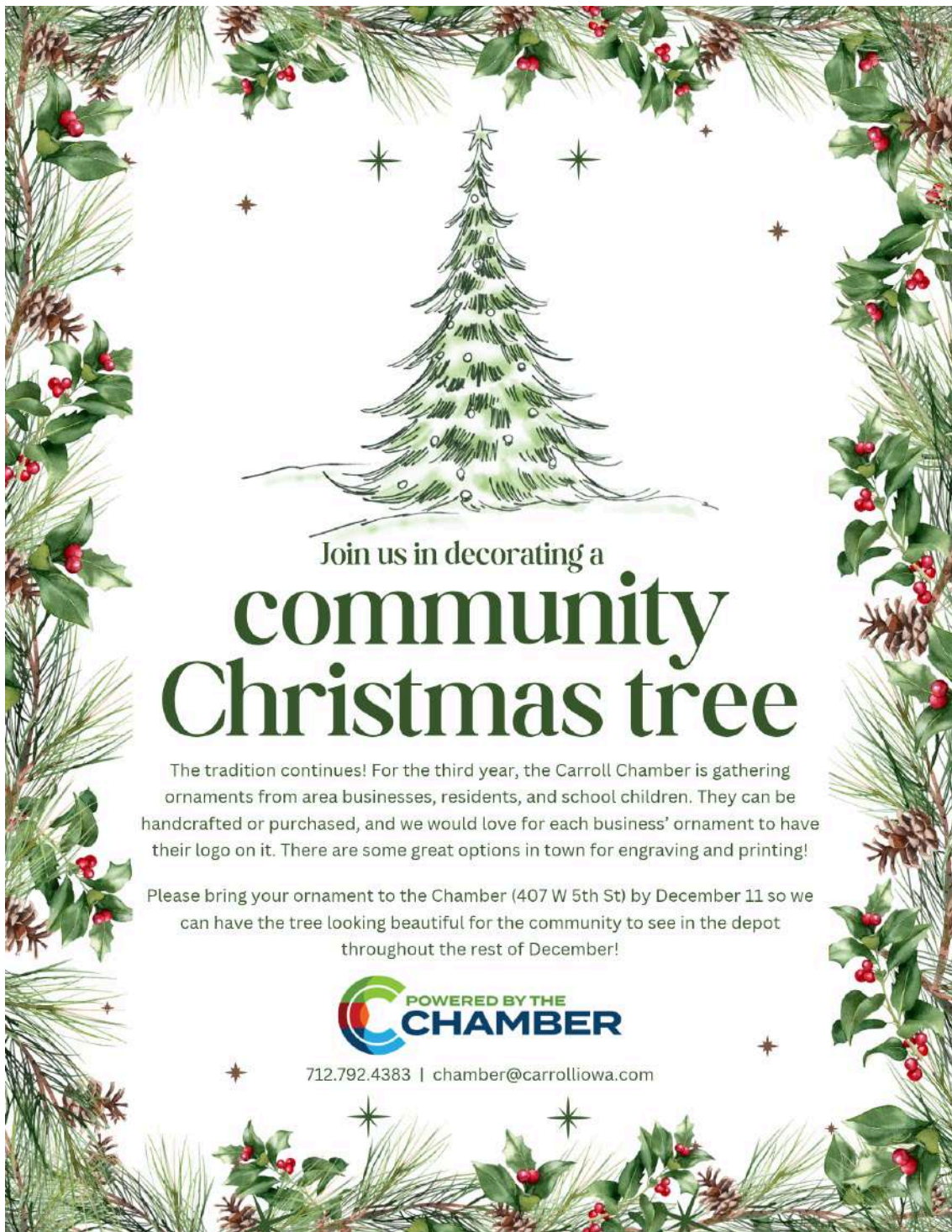




Community Christmas Tree

It's **year THREE** of the community Christmas tree! We'll be filling the tree with all the ornaments we've received the last two years but hope to continue adding ornaments from businesses and city residents young and old. Handmade, store-bought, printed with your logo...we're excited to see what each ornament looks like!

If you want to participate, please have your ornament to the Chamber by December 11th.



Black Friday and Small Business Saturday are two of the biggest shopping days of the year! Let's Choose Carroll by shopping local and keeping those dollars invested here.

Chamber Bucks are a great way to encourage local shopping. Give the Chamber a call at 712-792-4383 to order your Chamber Bucks today!



On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner & Blitzen!

Santa's reindeer are coming to Carroll to spread their magic and say hello to all the good little girls and boys. They're ready for their close ups with the whole family and will be welcoming Santa and Mrs. Claus to town for our annual Depot lighting!

When: November 27th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Where: Carroll Depot (407 W 5th St)



**Before their big Christmas Eve flight,
Santa's reindeer are making time for a
little Christmas magic in Carroll!**

Friday, November 27th

5:30-7:30 p.m. at Depot Park!

Santa & Mrs. Claus arrive 6:30 p.m.



Here Comes Santa Claus!

Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming to Carroll to join in the lighting of the Chamber Depot for the holiday season. Bring the little ones to say hello to Santa and his friends and experience this magical moment!

DEPOT LIGHTING

LIGHT UP YOUR HOLIDAY WITH US

Friday, November 27th

6:00 p.m. Depot Park

Santa & Mrs. Claus arrive on the
fire truck at 6:30 p.m.



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Santa & Friends



**Live Reindeer
5:30-7:30 pm**



Lighted Train



SANTA'S WORKSHOP

WESTGATE MALL
SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS
1:00-4:00 P.M.

Saturdays: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, and 19
Sundays: Nov 29 Dec. 6, 13 and 20

 **POWERED BY THE CHAMBER**


**Drop your letters in
Santa's mailbox
on Adams St.**

Chamber Bucks Bonus!

HOLIDAY
SPECIAL
**CHAMBER
BUCKS
BONUS**

**BUY \$100
GET \$25 BONUS BUCK**

**Tuesday, December 1st
Bucks sales start 12 Noon**

Chamber office, 407 W 5th St



Limit of \$100 per person while
bonus funds last!

In-Person Sales Only. No phone orders.

No picking up for others.

Cash or Check, No Cards.

Even if you aren't able to get the Bonus Bucks promo, Chamber Bucks are still available any time of the year. They make perfect stocking stuffers!

GIVE THE GIFT OF CHAMBER BUCKS

UNDER YOUR
CHRISTMAS TREE



1

NEED A GIFT IDEA? CHAMBER BUCKS ENCOURAGE LOCAL SHOPPING!

2

THE PURCHASE AND USE OF CHAMBER BUCKS ENSURE THE DOLLARS ARE BEING SPENT LOCALLY!

3

CHAMBER BUCKS ARE REDEEMABLE AT OVER 350 CHAMBER MEMBER BUSINESSES.

4

CHAMBER BUCKS COME IN \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20 AND \$25 DENOMINATIONS.

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CALL THE CHAMBER AT 792.4383 AND LET OUR ELVES GET YOUR CHAMBER BUCKS READY TODAY!



**Now Accepting Applications
for Chamber Awards!**

2027 CHAMBER BANQUET

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 4, 2027

We are now accepting award nominations.



COMMUNITY SERVICE & BUSINESS AWARDS

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

GOOD NEIGHBOR

HUMANITARIAN

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC SERVICE

HERITAGE BUSINESS

HOMETOWN HERO

See Award Applications below



[Citizen of the Year](#)

[Public Service](#)

[Humanitarian](#)

[Good Neighbor](#)

[New Business](#)

[Heritage Business](#)

[Hometown Hero](#)

Court Classic

Court Classic is a huge event for Carroll in February! Coaches should get their teams registered, and businesses should start thinking about ways to promote their restaurants and shopping opportunities.



21ST ANNUAL COURT CLASSIC

**FEBRUARY 20-21, 2027
CARROLL, IA**

- **T-SHIRT FOR EVERY PLAYER**
- **GUARANTEED 3 GAMES**
- **ALL GAMES PLAYED ON FULL COURTS**
- **CERTIFIED OFFICIALS**
- **MEDALS & CHAMPIONSHIP SHIRTS
FOR WINNERS**



**\$175 PER
TEAM**

**BOYS PLAY SATURDAY
GIRLS PLAY SUNDAY**



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process and identify one or two ways
you may be able to save time or
improve your financial reporting.

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Just practical advice.*

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and up to date



Understand
your financial
picture



Make smart,
confident
decisions



Save time
and reduce
stress



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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 30** - Carroll County Fraud Coalition, 110 W 6th St (The West End), Carroll
- **Friday, November 6** - Robinson Ruhnke, 903 E Highway 30, Carroll
- **Friday, November 13** - Availa Bank, 126 W 6th St, Carroll
- **THURSDAY, November 19** - Living Well Home Care, 407 W 5th St (Chamber's Harold Bierl Community Room), Carroll
- **Friday, November 20** - A Head of the Times, 201 W 4th St, Carroll
- **Friday, November 27** - No Coffee

Call the Chamber at 792-4383 to get your Coffee on the 2027 calendar!

2026 Board Members

Justin Yetmar - President
Noah Dryden - Vice President
Eric Boes - Secretary/Treasurer
Ryan Milligan - Past President

CALENDAR

Friday, October 30
Coffee with the Carroll
County Fraud Coalition,
8-9 a.m.

Friday, November 6

Quentin Buswell
Beth Glynn
Tim Hawkinson
Kelsea Hawley
Matt Lujano
Nicole McCarville
Dr. Thomas Parrish
Heather Pietig
Lori Pietig
Dr. Sondra Rierson
Benet Snyder
Maci Wittrock
Keeley Young

Staff

Ashley Schable - Chamber Director
Rosanne Nees - Business Development Director
Dani Miller - Administrative Assistant
Della Lappe - Financial Director

Coffee at Robinson
Ruhnke, 8-9 a.m.

Thursday, November 12
Jingle & Mingle, 4-8 p.m.

Friday, November 13
Coffee at Availa Bank,
8-9 a.m.

Thursday, November 19
Coffee with Living Well
Home Care, 8-9 a.m.

Friday, November 20
Coffee at A Head of the
Times, 8-9 a.m.

Friday, November 27
Black Friday, store hours
will vary.

Friday, November 27
Reindeer Visits,
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 27
Depot Lighting Ceremony,
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 28
Small Business Saturday,
store hours will vary.

**Saturday/Sunday,
November 28-December
20**
Santa's Workshop,
1-4 p.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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