



## April Newsletter 2026

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### From the President's Desk



**Justin Yetmar**  
**2026 Chamber**  
**President**

Dear Chamber Members,

April has arrived, and with it the momentum across Carroll continues. We're seeing tremendous activity from our businesses and organizations. It's exciting to watch local businesses and organizations continue investing in Carroll—opening new locations, expanding current footprints, creating jobs, and forming or continuing strong partnerships. These efforts are what keep our community thriving, and they are a direct reflection of the strength and commitment to our city and region.

Before completely turning the page on March, I would be remised to not recognize the Carroll Tigers and Kuemper Knights Boys basketball teams and their state tournament run. What an exciting time for both programs and schools.

One of the upcoming highlights this month is Rock N Shop on April 8th from 5–7 PM. This event continues to be a great way to bring energy into our local businesses while encouraging residents to get out, explore, and support local. Thank you to all the participating businesses for making this event possible—we appreciate your creativity and engagement in making Carroll a vibrant place to shop and connect.

We've also continued to see strong participation in our legislative forums, including a great turnout at Western Iowa Networks. These forums provide an important space for meaningful conversations about the issues impacting our community and state. The next forum will take place on April 25th at the Kruger Shelter House in Glidden, and we encourage everyone to attend and stay engaged in these discussions.

We're also excited to share progress on new wayfinding signage throughout the community. These updated signs will feature our refreshed branding and logo, helping create a consistent and welcoming look across Carroll. Beyond improving navigation for visitors, this investment enhances the overall experience of our community—making it easier to find local businesses, destinations, and attractions while reinforcing a strong, unified identity for Carroll.

As we move further into spring, we encourage you to stay involved, support one another, and take advantage of the many opportunities to connect across our community. The continued energy and collaboration we're seeing are what make Carroll such a great place to live and do business.

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## A note from Kimberly...

As I reflect on my time serving as Executive Director of the Carroll Chamber of Commerce and the Carroll County Growth Partnership, I am filled with deep gratitude.

To our Chamber members, investors, and the entire community of Carroll—thank you. Your support, belief, and commitment to this community have made every effort meaningful and every challenge worth taking on. It has been an honor to work alongside individuals and businesses who care so deeply about the future of our region.

To both Boards of Directors, thank you for your leadership, your trust, and your willingness to step forward in service. Your guidance has helped shape the direction and impact of our organizations in ways that will continue well beyond my time.

And most importantly, to our incredible staff—there are no words sufficient to express my appreciation. Your dedication, professionalism, and passion are the true driving force behind everything we have accomplished. You are the steady hands and creative minds that turn ideas into impact, and I am so proud of the work we have done together.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the kindness shown to me as I step into this next chapter. The retirement celebration, along with the many cards, messages, calls, flowers, and visits, meant more to me than I can fully express.

Carroll is a special place because of its people. I am grateful to have been part of this journey and to have had the opportunity to serve this community.

With sincere appreciation,  
Kimberly



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**Welcome New Chamber Member!**



The CHAMBER

# NEW MEMBER

## The Cupola



Deb Koster  
519 N Main St  
Carroll, IA 51401

dkkoster81@gmail.com 



The CHAMBER

# NEW MEMBER

## Karl Pre-Owned Glidden



Jeremy David  
901 Colorado St  
Glidden, IA 51443  
www.karlpowned.com

712.659.2209 

j.david@karlpowned.net 



The **CHAMBER**

**NEW  
MEMBER**

**Las Tarascas  
Mexican Market**

Alicia Maldonado  
118 E 7th Street  
Carroll, IA 51401

712.775.2301   
lastarascasmx@hotmail.com 

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## Get to Know Our New Board Member



**Lori Pietig**

My name is Lori Pietig, and I am very excited to be joining the Carroll Chamber Board of Directors! Over the years, I have enjoyed working with the Chamber and am a proud graduate of the Carroll County Leadership Institute.

Through my role at St. Anthony Regional Hospital and as a lifelong Carroll resident, I have seen firsthand the positive impact the Chamber has on our community. Outside of work, my husband Cory and I stay very busy with our four children and our farming operation.

I look forward to working alongside each of you and contributing to the continued success of our community!

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# 2026 CCGP grants are now available!

Carroll County Growth Partnership has made their 2026 grants available, marking the fourth year of their grant program.

This year, four \$1,000 Micro Facade grants and two \$1,500 Jump-Start Accelerator grants are available. Check out the flyer below, and head to <https://www.carrolliowa.com/2026-CCGP-grants> for the applications and detailed grant information.

Previous recipients have included Queen Beans, Artwork Studios, Starline Lanes, Speech Pathways, Klean Getaway, and more!

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## 2026 Micro Facade Grants

- Four \$1,000 grants are available.
  - Eligible use of the funds include paint, windows, signage, doors, construction, materials, etc.
- A minimum of one Micro Facade Grant will be awarded outside the City of Carroll.

## 2026 Jump-Start Accelerator Grants

- Two \$1,500 grants are available.
- Eligible use of the funds include construction, land acquisition, engineering and design, major renovation, legal fees, website, etc.
- A minimum of one Jump-Start Accelerator Grant will be awarded outside the City of Carroll.

### Grant Program Details

- Eligible applicants include private, for-profit, brick-and-mortar businesses in the county.
- Application window is **April 1 - May 30, 2026**.
- **Required match: 25%** of total project cost.
- Funds will be paid on a reimbursement basis. Invoices and canceled checks **MUST** be dated within the **grant funding period of July 1 - December 31, 2026**.

## Helping build the future of your business

To encourage the development of new businesses, expansion of existing ones, and improvements to local storefronts, the Carroll County Growth Partnership (CCGP) has launched its fourth round of grants in 2026. This initiative is designed to provide financial support and incentivize entrepreneurial endeavors across the county.

The **Jump-Start Accelerator Grant** is aimed at new businesses looking to get off the ground or expand. This funding can help reduce the financial barriers that often hinder business start-ups. By targeting emerging businesses, the grant fosters an environment where innovation can thrive, ultimately leading to job creation and a more diverse business community.

Similarly, the **Micro Facade Grant** focuses on improving the physical appearance of storefronts. Many small businesses, particularly those in older buildings or historic areas, struggle to fund upgrades to their facades. These improvements not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of local businesses but also contribute to a more vibrant and welcoming downtown area, attracting customers and boosting foot traffic.

Visit [www.carrolliowa.com/2026-CCGP-grants](https://www.carrolliowa.com/2026-CCGP-grants) for complete details and an application.

Applications must be emailed to [adam.s@carrolliowa.com](mailto:adam.s@carrolliowa.com) or mailed to:

**Carroll County Growth Partnership**  
PO Box 307  
Carroll, IA 51401

# Request Your FREE Chamber Landing Page

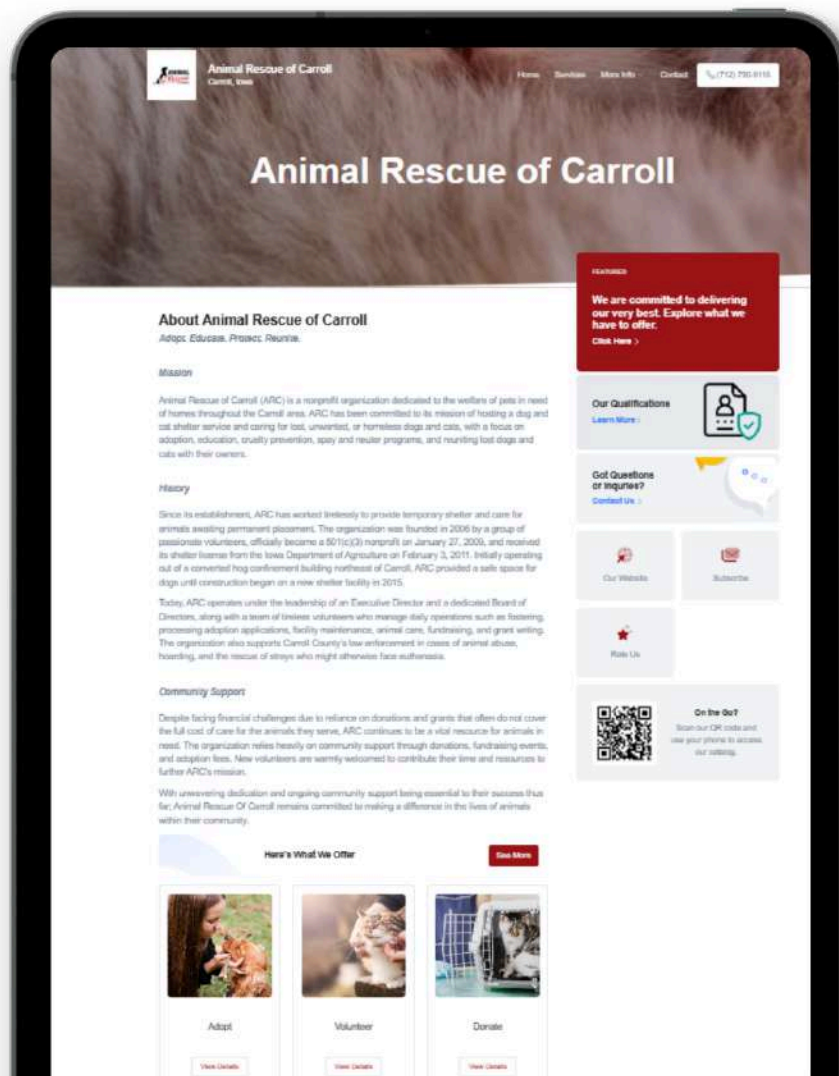
Our business landing pages  
have received 136,621 views and 70,838 clicks.

That is:

## \$170,719.58

in free advertising generated by the  
Chamber landing pages for Carroll businesses.

What do our landing pages look like? See below.  
Then email Dani at [chamber@carrolliowa.com](mailto:chamber@carrolliowa.com) to get your business' page in the queue.





**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> 5-7 PM**

**STEP INTO THE 80'S AND . . . SHOP LIKE A ROCK STAR!**

Turn up the volume and rewind time at 80's Rock N Shop! Where neon lights shine bright, the beats are electric, and the new spring merchandise is totally RAD.

**Shop at these Participating Chamber Businesses:**

A Fun Top & Jeans  
A Touch of Country  
Artworks Studio  
Brown's Shoe Fit  
Buckle  
Carroll Design & Salvage  
Glik's

Just Around the Corner  
Michaels Shoes  
Midwest Style & Co  
Mrs. Glynn and Co  
New Hope Bargain Shoppe  
Promesing Image Salon & Spa  
The Cupola



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Please join us for our upcoming Night Shift with the Carroll Children's Museum on **Thursday, April 16th from 5-8 PM. Please note the time as it is a little different from our typical Night Shifts!** The museum is located inside Westgate Mall.

CARROLL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# NIGHT SHIFT

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH | 5-8 PM

HOSTED BY



Westgate Mall

Networking | Food & Drinks | And Fun



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Our final Legislative Forum is Saturday, April 25th at the Kruger Shelter in Glidden at 223 W 7th Street. Thanks to the City of Glidden for hosting and for Iowa Corn Processors for sponsoring. Senator Jason Schultz will be joining us. Representative Craig Williams has another event that day. Come express your support or concerns and advocate for your interests.

# 2026 LEGISLATIVE FORUMS

Saturdays | 10:00 a.m.

1/24

St. Anthony Regional Hospital

311 S Clark Street, Carroll

2/28

Kerkhoff Shelter House

619 Julia Street, Manning

3/28

Western Iowa Networks

1780 Kittyhawk Ave, Carroll

4/25

Kruger Shelter

223 W 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Glidden



Join us for a summer of Live music at  
Depot Park / Thursdays 6-9 PM



**June 4 - Cover That**

Sponsored by: *Fusion Dance and Greteman & Associates*



**June 25 - Aged Spirits**

Sponsored by: *Drees Co. and  
Mid-Iowa Insurance & Real Estate*



**July 16 - Hap Hazard**

Sponsored by: *Schroeder's ABC Seamless Steel Siding*



**August 13 - 2 ½ Guitars**

Sponsored by: *Dupaco and Karl Pre-Owned of Glidden*



**September 17 - Mighty Mayham**

Sponsored by: *Pella Corporation - Carroll Operations*





# COLOR FUN RUN OR WALK



SWAN LAKE STATE PARK

*Join us for a colorful 5K along the Sauk Rail Trail where every step is a celebration of fun, community, and a splash of color!*

Saturday, June 6th  
9:00 a.m. start  
\$30 adults; \$20 kids  
\*5 and under free



**REGISTER NOW AND PREPARE FOR A COLORFUL BLAST!**

[www.carrolliowa.com/color-run](http://www.carrolliowa.com/color-run)



# HOST A CHAMBER COFFEE!

*8-9 on Friday mornings*

Call 712.792.9793 or email [chamber@carrolliowa.com](mailto: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, April 10** - New Hope Quilt Auction, Carrollton Centre, 1730 N US Highway 71, Carroll
- **Friday, April 17** - Carroll Community School District, Transportation Building, 719 E 18th St, Carroll
- **Friday, April 24** - Haley Equipment, 19504 E US Highway 30, Carroll
- **Friday, May 1** - St. Anthony Regional Hospital, St. Elizabeth Room, 311 S Clark St, Carroll

**June 26 and July 24 are our next available Coffee dates.**  
**Call the Chamber at 792-4383 to get your Coffee on the 2026 calendar!**

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### 2026 Board Members

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

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### CALENDAR

**Wednesday, April 8**  
Rock 'N Shop, 5-7 p.m.

**Friday, April 10**

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 Stipe - Administrative Assistant  
Della Lappe - Financial Director

Coffee with New Hope at  
the Carrollton, 8-9 a.m.

### Thursday, April 16

Night Shift at the Carroll  
Children's Museum,  
5-7 p.m.

### Friday, April 17

Coffee at the Carroll  
Community School District  
transportation building,  
8-9 a.m.

### Wednesday, March 18

Night Shift at Carroll  
Community Theatre,  
4:30-6:30 p.m.

### Friday, April 24

Coffee at Haley  
Equipment,  
8-9 a.m.

### Saturday, April 25

Legislative Forum at the  
Kruger Shelter House in  
Glidden, 10-11 a.m.

### Friday, May 1

Coffee at St. Anthony  
Regional Hospital,  
8-9 a.m.

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## 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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