



June Newsletter 2026

From the President's Desk



Justin Yetmar
2026 Chamber
President

Dear Chamber Members,

First, I want to extend a sincere thank you to the volunteers and Chamber Board members who recently dedicated their time and effort to landscaping and spring cleanup projects at the Depot. Their hard work helped prepare one of our community's most visible gathering spaces for another busy season of events. Community pride is built through service, and we are grateful for everyone who pitched in to make a difference.

Speaking of the Depot, we are excited to kick off the first Live & Local event this Thursday evening. A special thank you goes to Greteman & Associates and Fusion Dance for sponsoring this fantastic community event. Whether you're bringing the kids or meeting friends after work, it's an event that truly offers something for everyone.

Summer also means baseball season, and the Carroll Merchants are off to a tremendous start. Opening night welcomed more than 750 fans to the ballpark, a testament to the enthusiasm and support our community has for local baseball and historic Merchants Park. There is something uniquely special about spending a summer evening at the ballpark.

Congratulations are also in order for the graduates of the Carroll County Leadership Institute. Under the leadership of Rosanne Nees, this program has become a cornerstone of leadership development in our community. Year after year, participants gain valuable insight into the businesses, organizations, and opportunities that make Carroll County thrive. Just as importantly, they build relationships, strengthen leadership skills, and develop connections that will benefit our community for years to come. We congratulate this year's graduates and thank everyone involved in making the program such a success.

As always, there is no shortage of things happening in and around Carroll. From community events and youth activities to local shopping, dining, and recreation opportunities, there are countless ways to enjoy everything our area has to offer. I encourage you to get out, enjoy the beautiful weather, support

local businesses, and explore all that makes Carroll a great place to call home.

Thank you for your continued support of the Chamber and our community. We look forward to seeing you throughout the summer.

Welcome New Chamber Members!

The **CHAMBER**

NEW MEMBER

BenzQ and Catering

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BenzQ and catering



Congratulations to the 2026 Carroll County Leadership Institute Graduates

We are proud to recognize the 2026 graduates of the Carroll County Leadership Institute. Over the course of eight sessions from September through May, these dedicated individuals:

- Built lasting connections with fellow participants
- Strengthened leadership skills
- Gained firsthand insights through on-site business and community tours

A big thanks to CCLI Leader Sponsors:

Front Door / American Home Shield
DMACC
Landus
New Hope
United Bank of Iowa

Thanks to CCLI Partner Sponsors:

Availa Bank, Collins Aerospace, Commercial Savings Bank,
Core-Mark US, LLC DBA Farner-Bocken Company,

Pella Corporation-Carroll Operations,
Performance Tire & Service, Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative,
St. Anthony Regional Hospital, Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative



Front Row L-R: Monica Schwardt, Availa Bank; Tera Petersen, Sparky's; Arica Bowman, American Home Shield; Tracy Sturm, New Hope; Erin Sundrup, Kuemper Catholic School. Middle Row L-R: Krysten Bernholtz, City of Glidden; Andrea Rohe, Manning Area Partners; Ericka Willenborg, United Bank of Iowa; Chris Ozarowicz, St. Anthony Regional Hospital; Jenna Anthofer, Carroll Family Chiropractic & Acupuncture; Tammie Wetzel, St. Anthony Regional Hospital; Nikki Olberding, Edward Jones-Haluska; Josh Young, Pella Corporation - Carroll. Back Row L-R: Cody Davis, Collins Aerospace; Carter Brodersen, United Bank of Iowa; Cody Haberl, Van Meter Industrial; Roger Pieken, American Home Shield; Nate Mertz, Commercial Savings Bank; Joshua Sporrer, American Home Shield. Not pictured: Stephen Grimm, Landus and Cody Schleisman, Landus.

Now Available...

Punch cards for the Carroll Merchants' games are now available at the Chamber!
\$50 - cash or check (please make checks payable to the Carroll Merchants)

2026 CARROLL MERCHANTS

BASEBALL

SEASON PUNCH CARDS!

ONLY \$50 FOR 20 GAMES!

- ✓ 20 ADMISSIONS TO ANY 2026 MERCHANTS HOME GAME
- ✓ SAVE BIG ALL SEASON LONG
- ✓ SUPPORT YOUR MERCHANTS!

2026 PUNCH CARD

ONE CARD. 20 GAMES. ENDLESS MEMORIES.

GET YOURS TODAY! #MERCHANTSBASEBALL

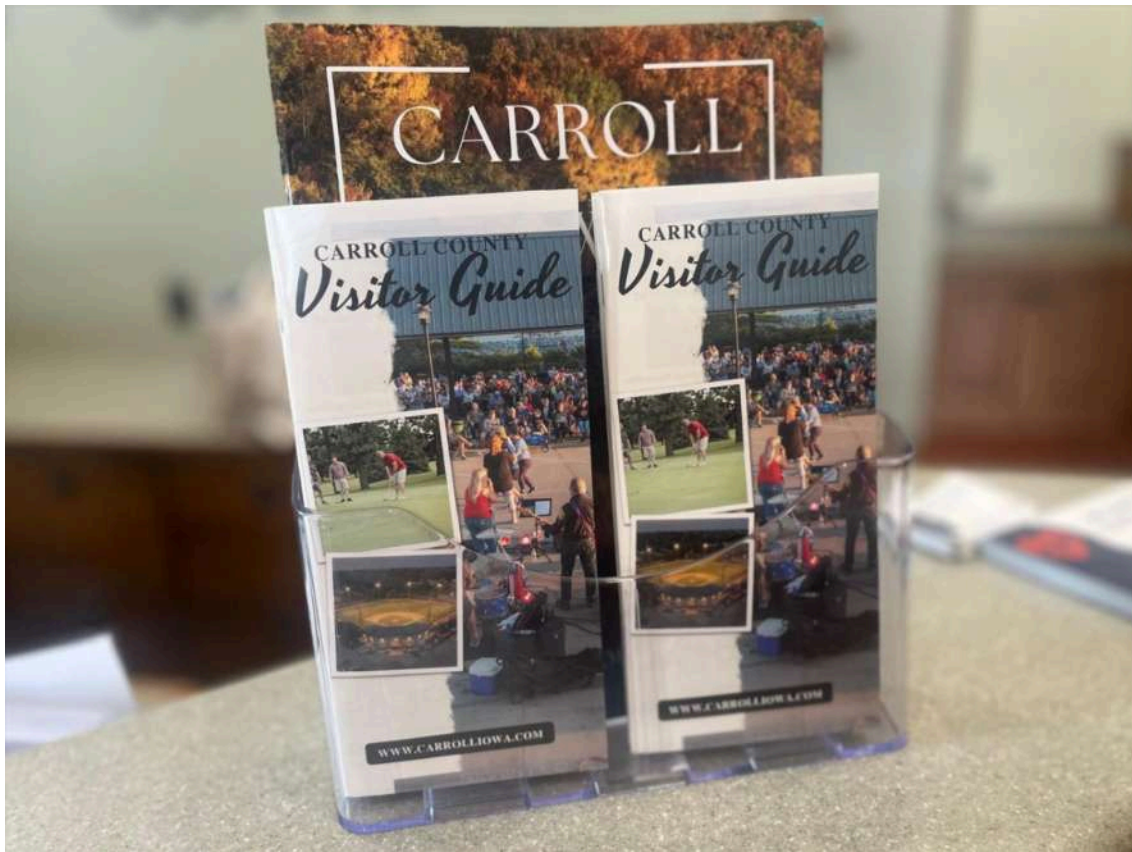
The advertisement features a blue and white color scheme. At the top, the text '2026 CARROLL MERCHANTS' is flanked by two crossed baseball bats with the 'CM' logo. Below this, 'BASEBALL' is written in large, bold, blue letters, followed by 'SEASON PUNCH CARDS!' in a script font. A baseball graphic on the left contains the price '\$50 FOR 20 GAMES!'. To the right, a checklist of three benefits is shown. The central image is a '2026 PUNCH CARD' with a cartoon player and 20 punch holes. A black banner at the bottom of the card reads 'ONE CARD. 20 GAMES. ENDLESS MEMORIES.'. The bottom of the ad has a dark blue bar with the 'CM' logo, 'GET YOURS TODAY!', and the hashtag '#MERCHANTSBASEBALL'.

2026 Carroll County Visitor Guides are in

The new Carroll County Visitor Guides are now available at the Chamber office. The Visitor Guide is a publication that provides county-wide information on upcoming events, attractions, lodging, dining and much more. It's exciting to be able to freshen up brochure racks with the new Visitor Guide.

The Carroll Chamber of Commerce compiles the information for the Visitor Guide and prints thousands of copies for distribution. They will soon be on hand at local hotels, Swan Lake Education Center and at Welcome Centers throughout the state. This is one of the first pieces of information out-of-town visitors receive before making plans to come to the Carroll area.

You can pick up free copies for your business, customers, or personal use at the Chamber office at 407 W 5th St in Carroll.



Live + Local is Back!

The 2026 Live + Local season kicks off this Thursday, June 4th at the Depot Park. We have loved watching this event take off, and are excited to see how much it grows this year! There will be food trucks and cold treats throughout the season, and there's usually some fun goodies for the kids!

If you've never been, please try it out - you won't regret it! If you're a seasoned Live + Localer, THANK YOU! Share what you love about the event and introduce some friends to our summer of live music!



FREE CONCERT

Thursday June 4th - Depot Park

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Bring your own lawn chair and your own soda, beer or seltzer.
Cans only-No Glass. No hard liquor!



Sponsored by:



11th Annual Color Run | June 6th

The 11th Annual 5K Color Run/Walk is coming up on Saturday, June 6th! Join us at Swan Lake State Park for a bright, bold, and family-friendly celebration like no other!

Don't miss this colorful blast—we can't wait to see you there! Let's make this the most vibrant celebration yet!

It will be an exciting day of color-infused fun thanks to 8 Color Zones sponsored by Chamber members this year, including: **American Home Shield, Caring Hearts of West Central Iowa, Crossroads Nutrition, Game One, JP Flooring, Midwest Heritage, Robinson Ruhnke, and Smithfield.**

Also joining us as Event and T-shirt sponsors are: **Carroll Eye Care Associates, Custom Technology Solutions, First American Home Warranty, Next Generation Chiropractic, Pella Corp-Carroll Operations, and United Bank of Iowa.**

A huge thank you to all our sponsors!

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Runners will take off at 9:00 a.m. with walkers to follow at 9:05.

There is still time to register online - <https://www.carrolliowa.com/color-run>. Cost is \$30 for adults; \$20 for kids (age 6-12) with age 5 and under free.

Register for the Color Run!



June Night Shift at The Cupola

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for an evening of networking, sipping, shopping, and fun during Night Shift at The Cupola!

Explore this beautifully restored downtown space while enjoying:

- A self-serve wine bar
- Curated home goods, gifts, and décor
- Great conversations and connections

Whether you're coming to mingle, sip and shop, or just check out one of Carroll's unique downtown spots — this is the perfect after-hours event!

Grab a friend, coworker, or fellow Chamber member and join us for a fun evening!

CARROLL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NIGHT SHIFT

THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH | 4:30-6:30 PM

HOSTED BY



519 N Main St, Carroll

Networking | Food & Drinks | And Fun



Chamber Golf Outing

The Chamber Golf Outing is Friday, July 10th at Carroll National, and sponsorship requests are starting to come in!

Check out the sponsorship opportunities below, and email Rosanne at r.nees@carrolliowa.com to lock yours in!



Want to get your business in front of a vibrant audience and enjoy a day of fun in the sun on the golf course? Be a sponsor at our long-standing summer tradition the Chamber Golf Outing.

Sponsorship Opportunities



Flight Sponsor: \$175

Help us celebrate the winners!

- Recognition in the event program and a shoutout during the awards presentation



Beverage Sponsor: \$175

Cheers to your business - your business will be listed on drink tickets given to each golfer.

- Recognition in the program and your logo/name on drink tickets and at the beverage stations



Eagle Sponsor: \$100

Get seen on the green with your business sign near the hole.

- Recognition in the event program and a company-branded sign near the green (provided)



Raffle Sponsor: Donate a prize

Fuel the fun - donate a gift card or a prize valued at \$100 or more.

- Recognition in the event program with your business logo and signage in the clubhouse



Team Sponsor: \$600

Invite your customers, co-workers or friends for a fun day on the links. Organize your foursome and call us today to reserve your spot.

- Golf and Cart
- Drink Ticket
- Gimme Putt
- Mulligan Toss
- Lunch - sponsored by The Market on 30
- Dinner - prepared by Chef Trevor

Let's Get You Involved!

Contact the Chamber office (712-792-4383) or email r.nees@carrolliowa.com

The CHAMBER

GOLF

OUTING

Friday, July 10, 2026

Noon shotgun start

CARROLL NATIONAL GOLF CLUB



\$600 PER TEAM – SIGN UP TODAY

Call: 792-4383 Email: r.nees@carrolliowa.com

Fees include: Golf, Cart, Drink Ticket, Lunch, Gimme Putt, Mulligan Toss and a Delicious Dinner

Lunch

11:00 am – Noon

Provided by:

The Market on 30



Cause 4 Paws

If your business would like to donate a prize for the Pick-A-Raffle, please bring it to the Chamber by Friday, June 5th.

This event is a great way to support our local shelter and all they do for animals looking for their forever homes.

Visitors to the event will bring an item or two for the shelter (the more you bring, the more prize entries you receive!), enter into the prize drawing(s) of their choice, cuddle some cute cats and dogs, and hopefully win some great prizes!

CAUSE 4 PAWS

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

10:00AM - 1:00PM

Join us in making a difference for our furry friends!
We're collecting supplies for the Animal Rescue of Carroll.

Pick-A-Prize Raffle

Participating businesses donate prizes valued at \$50 or more!

All prizes will be displayed in Westgate Mall.

- Each prize will have a box in front of it, labeled with your business's logo.
- When customers drop off their donation, they'll receive raffle tickets to place in the box(s) of their choice.
- Winners will be drawn at the end of the day!

Meet & Cuddle!

The Animal Rescue of Carroll will be on-site with adorable, adoptable cats and dogs for you to hold and cuddle.
Who knows—you might meet your new best friend.

If your business would like to participate
by donating a prize for the Pick-A-Raffle,
contact the Chamber 792-4383.

DEADLINE for donations
is Friday, June 5th



Passport to "POUR"IDISE

Explore Carroll County one sip at a time! Visit participating locations, enjoying your favorite drinks, and collect a "punch" at each stop!



Scan the QR Code to get started



Visit every stop and scan their QR code to check off your stop (ask the bartender for this)



Make memories stopping at each stop and complete them by Labor Day



Get entered to win a prize basket of swag from the participating stops!

Memorial Day - Labor Day

Make it a summer adventure - discover new places, support local,, and sip your way to prizes!



The Carroll Chamber and Carroll County Growth Partnership have helped launch the Carroll County Pour Passport Summer Campaign.

From now through Labor Day, sip your way across Carroll County while discovering local favorites, hidden gems, and fun new hangouts!

- Visit participating businesses
- Check in digitally with your phone
Collect stops all summer long
- Be entered to WIN amazing local prizes

And the best part? It's for EVERYONE!

30 participating stops
No app download required
Road trip vibes all summer long

Get started here: <https://tinyurl.com/2znnvj4y>

Grab your friends, plan your route, and start scanning your stops this summer because the only thing better than a great drink is discovering somewhere new along the way!

Carroll Band Day Evolves Into Parade and Community Event



After many years as a cherished Carroll tradition, Carroll Band Day will evolve into a new community-focused celebration beginning in 2026.

The event, scheduled for Saturday, October 10, 2026, will continue to feature the community parade residents know and love while expanding into a full day of activities, entertainment, food, and family fun centered around local businesses, organizations, and community pride.

[Read the full press release](#)

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, June 5** - Piranha Club, 1215 Plaza Drive, Carroll
- **Friday, June 12** - New Creation Pregnancy Resource Center, 1205 W Highway 30, Suite H-2, Carroll
- **Friday, June 19** - Access Systems, Chamber's Harold Bierl Community Room, 407 W 5th St, Carroll
- **Friday, June 26** - St. Anthony Daycare Center, 1524 E Highway 30, Carroll

Call the Chamber at 792-4383 to get your Coffee on the 2026 calendar!

2026 Board Members

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

Quentin Buswell

CALENDAR

Thursday, June 4
Live + Local, 6-9 p.m.

Friday, June 5
Coffee at Piranha Club,
8-9 a.m.

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

Saturday, June 6

Color Run, 9 a.m.

Thursday, June 11

Night Shift at The Cupola,
4:30-6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 12

Coffee at New Creation
Pregnancy Resource
Center, 8-9 a.m.

Friday, June 19

Coffee with Access
Systems, 8-9 a.m.

Saturday, June 20

Cause 4 Paws,
10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 25

Live + Local, 6-9 p.m.

Friday, June 26

Coffee at St. Anthony
Daycare Center, 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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