3rd Annual Valentine’s Day Reception

Will you be our Valentine? Please join us for our 3rd Annual Valentine’s Day Celebration. We will be serving up sweets, treats, and an afternoon full of fun socializing with all of your fellow residents.

**DATE:** Friday, February 13, 2015

**TIME:** 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Mest Manor Community Room & Lobby

**NOTE:** Please R.S.V.P. to the CCHA office (815-273-7081) by Monday, February 9, 2015.

Cherry Kiss Cookie Recipe

Topped with a chocolate kiss, these cherry-flavored cookies look super cute.

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup confectioners’ sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons maraschino cherry juice
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 6 drops red food coloring, optional
- 2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup chopped maraschino cherries
- 54 milk chocolate kisses unwrapped

**DIRECTIONS**
- Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, beat butter, confectioners’ sugar and salt until well blended. Beat in cherry juice, extract and, if desired food coloring. Gradually beat in flour. Stir in cherries.
- Shape dough into 1-in. balls. Place 1-in. apart on greased baking sheets.
- Bake 8-10 minutes or until bottoms are light brown. Immediately press a chocolate kiss into center of each cookie (cookie will crack around edges). Cool on pans 2 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool.

**Yield:** 4-1/2 dozen.

Hidden Meanings Whatzit?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in the following arrangement of letters.

1. RELATIVES
2. con tract
3. TRY tenderness
4. Alec M.D PhD B.Sc
5. YOUR 1111 LIFE
6. SDICTIONARY
7. ODOMO
8. CASHEW
9. i2i
10. FOLIAGE

See the answers below to the above brain teasers. Remember, it is always good to exercise your brain!

**ANSWERS:**
1. Family ties
2. Breach of contract
3. Try a little tenderness
4. Smart Aleck
5. For once in your life
6. In so many words
7. Domoines
8. Doughnut
9. Eye-to-Eye contact
10. Fig Leaf

February
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Steven Delp 4
Elenor Paisley 6
Trinity Perry 9
Laura King 17
Raphnie Lawrence 17
Albert Anderson 21
Kathryn Broderick 23

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Mission Statement
The Housing Authority of the County of Carroll is committed to providing quality, affordable housing that is decent and safe, to eligible families in this community. We endeavor to instill pride and desire for an enhanced quality of life for our residents and their families. We are committed to serving our residents and this entire community in a manner that demonstrates professional courtesy, respect, and caring.

NATIONAL TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. In a recent national survey, 1 in 10 teens reported being hit or physically hurt on purpose by a boyfriend or girlfriend at least once in the 12 months prior to the survey. Nearly half of all teens in relationships say they know friends who have been verbally abused.

Unhealthy relationships can start early and last a lifetime. Teens often think some behaviors, like teasing and name calling, are a “normal” part of a relationship. However, these behaviors can become abusive and develop into more serious forms of violence. That is why adults need to talk to teens now about the importance of developing healthy, respectful relationships.

What are the consequences of dating violence? As teens develop emotionally, they are heavily influenced by experiences in their relationships. Healthy relationship behaviors can have a positive effect on a teen’s emotional development. Unhealthy, abusive, or violent relationships can have severe consequences and short- and long-term negative effects on a developing teen. Youth who experience dating violence are more likely to experience the following:

• Symptoms of depression and anxiety
• Engagement in unhealthy behaviors, such as tobacco and drug use, and alcohol
• Involvement in antisocial behaviors
• Thoughts about suicide

Additionally, youth who are victims of dating violence in high school are at higher risk for victimization during college.

Abusive relationships have good times and bad times. Part of what makes dating violence so confusing and painful is that there is love mixed with the abuse. This can make it hard to tell if you are really being abused.

Dating violence can be prevented when teens, families, organizations, and communities work together to implement effective prevention strategies.

If you think you may be in an abusive relationship, please call the Riverview Center hotline at 888-557-0310 (Sexual Assault Hotline) or 815-777-3680 (Domestic Violence Hotline.) For any additional information contact our local Riverview Center office at 815-244-7704.

SOME THOUGHTS ON VALENTINE’S DAY LOVE

• I love you not because of who you are, but because of who I am when I am with you.
• A true friend is someone who reaches for your hand and touches your heart.
• Don’t try so hard, the best things come when you least expect them to.
• Never frown, even when you are sad, because you never know who is falling in love with your smile.

THOUGHTFUL VALENTINE’S DAY GIFT

Jim asked his friend, Tony, whether he had bought his wife anything for Valentine’s Day. “Yes,” came the answer from Tony who was a bit of a chauvinist, “I have bought her a belt and a bag.” “That was very kind of you,” Jim added, “I hope she appreciated the thought.” Tony smiled as he replied, “So do I, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now.”

VALENTINE JOKES

Q: What do squirrels give for Valentine's Day?
A: Forget-me-nuts.

Q: Why did the banana go out with the prune?
A: Because it couldn’t get a date.

Q: What did the valentine card say to the stamp?
A: Stick with me and we will go places!