**Lopez Awarded NICHA Education Grant**

The Carroll County Housing Authority is extremely honored to announce that our very own Stephanie Lopez, a Carroll Apartments resident, is one of this year’s Northern Illinois Council of Housing Administrators (NICHA) education grant recipients, and has been awarded $2,000.00.

Each spring the Northern Illinois Council of Housing Administrators (NICHA) awards education grants. The one-time education grants are available to students residing in Illinois public housing authorities who are about to enter their first year of formal post high school education. These funds may be used for instruction for college admission test preparation, tuition, books, activity fees, or any other miscellaneous items approved by the Housing Authority, provided they are education related. Over the past 20 years, NICHA has awarded an average of $6,000.00 in grants annually.

Stephanie Lopez graduated from West Carroll High School in May 2018. She had always dreamed of attending a four-year college following her high school graduation, unfortunately, financially she was unable to immediately enroll in college last year. However, Stephanie did not let the stress of the financial burden put an end to her dream. She took the initiative during a gap year to create a financial plan that has now allowed her to achieve her dream, as she has recently been accepted to a four-year college. In August 2019, Stephanie will be pursuing higher education by attending the University of Iowa, and will major in Journalism. She will be living in the student dorms on the University of Iowa campus, and is looking forward to making new friends, and becoming involved with different organizations offered at the college.

**Congratulations Stephanie!!** The CCHA Board of Commissioners and Staff wish you all the best on your future adventure at University of Iowa.

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**CCHA Easter Egg Hunt Pictures**

"When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child." - Sophia Loren

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**LEMON BERRY DUMP CAKE RECIPE**

**INGREDIENTS**
- 6 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 package lemon cake mix (regular size)

**TOPPING**
- 2 containers (6 oz. each) lemon yogurt
- 1 container (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping (thawed)
- 1/2 cup marshmallow crème
- 1/3 cup lemon curd
- Additional blueberries, optional

**DIRECTIONS**
- Preheat oven to 350°. Toss blueberries with cinnamon; spread into a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Drizzle with half of the melted butter. Sprinkle with cake mix; drizzle with remaining butter.

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**LEMON CAKE RECIPE CONT’D**

* Bake until golden brown and fruit is bubbly, 45-55 minutes. Cool on wire rack.
* Beat together yogurt, whipped topping, marshmallow crème and lemon curd.
* Serve dump cake with yogurt mixture and, if desired, additional blueberries.

**YIELD:** 15 servings.

**LOCAL HAPPENINGS...**

**FIRST FRIDAY! MAKERS IN MAY!**

You won’t want to miss First Friday in Savanna! May’s theme is Makers in May and will feature artists, makers and other creatives. Join your Main Street businesses for a fun filled night of retail specials, service specials, food and drink specials, and so much more.

**DATE:** Friday, May 3, 2019

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Downtown Savanna
MAY BIRTHDAYS
Marijan Rihtar 1
Anna Hubble 6
Leroy Clayton 9
La’kyra Lewis 13
Brittany Spencer 13
Barbara Bringle 14
Edward King 16
Carol Ingersoll 18
Samantha Eppenstein 19
Juulyn Rihtar 21
Maison Rihtar 21
Ernst Schaefer 23
Aiden Letcher 26
Daniel Lopez 27

SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE BY CLEARING THE CLUTTER
The University of Illinois Extension office will be offering a complimentary healthy living program exclusively for our Carroll County Housing Authority residents. Please join University of Illinois Educator, Karla Belzer, for an open discussion on how to “Simplify Your Life by Clearing the Clutter.”

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019
TIME: 1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEST MANOR DINING ROOM (525 THIRD STREET)

Does the clutter in your house cause you stress? Do you have at least one room that is off limits to company? Is the clutter a cause for conflict with other family members? Do you want less clutter but you are too overwhelmed to begin? Many of us struggle to keep up with the clutter in our lives. If this sounds like you or someone you know, come and learn ways to organize your life in order to de-clutter and reduce stress. We hope to see you there!

EASTER EGG HUNT PICTURES
The Carroll Apartments children celebrated Easter with an EASTER EGG HUNT at our Maple Lane Courtyard on Thursday, April 18, 2019. Following are a few photos from the afternoon: