



# CCHA NEWSLETTER

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## CARROLL COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE



Carroll County Housing Authority (CCHA) has officially reached its year anniversary on Facebook! We have enjoyed utilizing our Facebook page to connect with tenants, relatives and friends of tenants, as well as, the general public throughout this past year. Facebook has provided us the opportunity to share CCHA projects and renovations, weekly Wednesday Wisdom, tenant holiday, back-to-school and birthday celebrations pictures, recipes, and much, much more. In addition, it has successfully allowed us to bring awareness to the general public as to our CCHA facilities, program, and sense of community that we have to offer. During the month of December 2020 we had reached over 8,500 people with our Facebook posts, and to date, we have 415 page followers.

You can assist us in our efforts on making our CCHA Facebook page a continued success by following us @CCHASavannaL and sharing it with all of your connections. We will continue to utilize this page as a central location for sharing of our events, photos, memories, and general information. If you have news or photos you would like us to consider sharing on Facebook, please send it to [maddie@fourgesocial.com](mailto:maddie@fourgesocial.com).

### VALENTINE'S RECIPE CHOCOLATE-COVERED STRAWBERRY COBBLER



Top this delicious dessert with whipped cream, either plain or with a little chocolates syrup stirred in.

#### INGREDIENTS

- \* 1 cup butter, cubed
- \* 1-1/2 cups self-rising flour
- \* 2-1/4 cups sugar, divided
- \* 3/4 cup 2% milk
- \* 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- \* 1/3 cup baking cocoa
- \* 4 cups fresh strawberries, quartered
- \* 2 cups boiling water
- \* Whipped cream and additional strawberries

#### DIRECTIONS

- \* Preheat oven to 350°. Place butter in a 13x9-in. baking pan; heat pan in oven 3-5 minutes or until butter is melted. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine flour, 1-1/4 cups sugar, milk and vanilla until it is well blended. In a small bowl, mix cocoa and remaining sugar.
- \* Remove baking pan from oven; add the batter. Sprinkle with strawberries and cocoa mixture; pour the boiling water evenly over top (do not stir.)

(Recipe Continued ) →

### VALENTINE'S RECIPE CONT'D STRAWBERRY COBBLER

\* Bake 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into cake portion comes out clean. Let stand 10 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream and additional strawberries. **YIELD:** 12 servings.

### VALENTINE'S DAY HUMOR

- Q: What did one pickle say to the other?  
A: You mean a great dill to me.
- Q: What kind of flowers do you never give on Valentine's Day?  
A: Cauliflowers!
- Q: What did the paper clip say to the magnet?  
A: I find you very attractive.
- Q: Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day?  
A: Sure, they are very sentimental!
- Q: What do farmers give their wives on Valentine's Day?  
A: Hogs and kisses.
- Q: Why did the banana go out with prune?  
A: Because it couldn't get a date!
- Q: What do you call a vampire's sweetheart?  
A: His ghoul-friend.
- Q: What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day?  
A: I'm stuck on you!

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"There are no accidents in my philosophy. Every effect must have its cause. The past is the cause of the present, and the present will be the cause of the future. All these are links in the endless chain stretching from the finite to the infinite."  
~ Abraham Lincoln



### CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- **Annual Re-Examinations**  
Throughout the Month of February (All Tenants)  
\* Please call the office as soon as possible to schedule an appointment if you have not already done so.
- **Mest Manor Market Day**  
Monday, February 1st  
Approx. 10:30 a.m.  
(Mest Manor Dining Room)  
\* Available to Mest Manor & Maple Lane Tenants **Only**
- **Regular Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, February 17th  
2:00p.m.  
(Mest Manor Dining Room)

### OFFICE CLOSURE:

**PRESIDENTS' DAY**  
Monday,  
February 15th



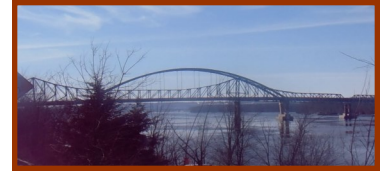


**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Brinda Spencer	1
Steven Delp	4
Trinity Perry	9
Alexander Gouty	12
Euriah French	13
Elijah French	16
Laura King	17
Raphnie Lawrence	17
Dusty Crutchley	23



**BRIDGES OF CARROLL COUNTY**  
417 MAIN STREET | SAVANNA, IL



All are welcome to come GRO with us! Where community happens.....building bridges through life-giving relationships. Bridges of Carroll County provides a safe place to volunteer and serve one another in variety of ways that use your spiritual and natural gifts. It's a place where people can come together to build a better community in Savanna.

Store Front Gathering Place.....A place where folks can make new friends, a place that offers a variety of activities for the entire community, a place where people can come together to.....

- Share life experiences and support one another
- Learn new life skills and grow as individuals
- Serve one another by building life-giving relationships that promote trust and a deeper sense of community

A place to volunteer and help others while growing community! Volunteers are trained:

1. In listening and relationship building skills
2. How to identify and focus compassionately on people's needs
3. How to build trust while helping people grow

Sponsored by: The Great River Outreach (GRO); offering a hand up in life.

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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.



**SEVEN FUN FACTS ABOUT GROUNDHOGS**



According to legend, groundhogs can predict the beginning of Spring. On February 2nd, Groundhog Day, a famous groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil will wake up and come out of his den. If he sees his shadow, he will go back into his den for 6 more weeks. This will leave us with 6 more weeks of winter. If he does not see his shadow, spring will come early! In celebration of Groundhog Day, here are a few fun facts about groundhogs:

1. Groundhogs are excellent swimmers and tree climbers
2. The names groundhog and woodchuck both refer to the same animal
3. Because of harsher winter climate, groundhogs in Quebec, Canada will hibernate for about 167 days whereas groundhogs in Pennsylvania will hibernate for about 114 days
4. During hibernation, a groundhog's heart rate will drop from 80 bpm to 4 bpm
5. Groundhogs typically live between three to six years in the wild
6. Females will give birth to four to six cubs in the early Spring, and the young will remain with the mother for several months
7. Groundhogs can grow to 13 pounds and are the largest member of the squirrel family

**STORY OF THE MONTH**

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On the return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "It was great, Dad," the son replied. "Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked. "Oh yeah," said the son. "So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered: "I saw that we have one dog and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are.

**NOTE:** Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have. Appreciate every single thing you have.