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CARROLL COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

As we inch our way to spring and anxiously await the arrival of Groundhog's Day, the Carroll County housing staff has been working on Phase III of the Carroll Apartments patio/sidewalk project. This year we will be asking contractors to bid on three sections of the Carroll Apartments patio/sidewalks. Our plans detail new front sidewalks and front and back patios at Carroll Apartments units 1-4; new front sidewalks and front patios at units 9-12; new sidewalks and front patios for units 17-18 and 19-20; and new back patios for units 17-18. We are also investigating repositioning the downspouts to prevent heavy rains from washing out the ground by these buildings. We anticipate this project to begin in late spring/early summer of this year. Phase IV will be the final phase of this project and will occur in the summer of 2023. Watch our newsletter for further information as we get closer to the start of this project.

"In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing."

~ Theodore Roosevelt



VALENTINE'S RECIPE MAMAW EMILY'S STRAWBERRY CAKE

VALENTINE'S RECIPE CONT'D STRAWBERRY CAKE

Valentine's Day is a sweet inspiration to make this scrumptious strawberry cake!

* Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 25-30 minutes. Cool in pans 10 minutes before removing to wire racks; remove paper. Cool completely.

INGREDIENTS

- * 1 package white cake mix (regular size)
- * 1 package (3 ounces) strawberry gelatin
- * 3 tablespoons sugar
- * 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- * 1 cup water
- * 1/2 cup canola oil
- * 2 large eggs, room temperature
- * 1 cup finely chopped strawberries

* For frosting, in a small bowl, beat the butter until creamy. Beat in the crushed strawberries. Gradually beat in enough confectioners' sugar to reach the desired consistency. Spread frosting between layers and over top and sides of cake.

YIELD: 12 servings.

FROSTING

- * 1/2 cup butter, softened
- * 1/2 cup crushed strawberries
- * 4-1/2 to 5 cups confectioners' sugar

VALENTINE'S DAY HUMOR

Q: What do you call two birds in love?

A: Tweethearts!

Q: What did one lightbulb say to the other on Valentine's Day?

A: I love you a whole watt!

Q: What did the cucumber say to the pickle?

A: You mean a great dill to me.

Q: What did one bee say to the other?

A: Bee-ing with you is my favorite.

Q: What did one oar say to the other?

A: I love our row-mance!

Q: What is the best breakfast to have on Valentine's Day?

A: A hug and a quiche!

DIRECTIONS

- * Preheat oven to 350°. Line the bottoms of 2 greased 8-in. round baking pans with parchment; grease parchment.
- * In a large bowl, combine cake mix, gelatin, sugar and flour. Add water, oil and eggs, beat on low speed 30 seconds. Beat on medium 2 minutes. Fold in chopped strawberries. Transfer to prepared pans.

(Recipe Continued) →



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 7th
Approx. 10:30 a.m.
(Mest Manor Dining Room)
* Available to Mest Manor & Maple Lane Tenants **Only**
- **Regular Board Meeting**
Wednesday, February 16th
2:00p.m.
(Mest Manor Dining Room)

OFFICE CLOSURE:

PRESIDENTS' DAY
Monday,
February 21st





FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Brinda Spencer	1
Hailee Engaldo	2
Kay Anderson	4
Steven Delp	4
Trinity Perry	9
Alexander Gouty	12
Laura King	17
Raphnie Lawrence	17
Dusty Crutchley	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.



WHY DOGS LIVE LESS THAN HUMANS

HERE IS THE SURPRISING ANSWER OF A 6 YEAR OLD CHILD...

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home. The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for awhile after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that dogs' lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why." Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life—like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right? The six-year old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay for as long as we do."

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Remember, if a dog was a teacher you would learn things like:

- When your loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Take naps, stretch before rising, run, and play daily. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- When you are happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- Be faithful. Never pretend to be something you are not.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.

That is the secret of happiness that we can learn from a good dog!



SUPER BOWL FUN FACTS



Everyone knows that the Super Bowl is the biggest game of the year, which will be held this year on Sunday, February 13, 2022. However, there is a lot even the biggest football fan may not have heard about the big game. Here are the craziest and most interesting Super Bowl facts to keep you going until kickoff!

1. The Super Bowl has been around since 1967 and is arguably the most exciting event for football fans!
2. Super Bowl XLIX (49) - Seattle Seahawks vs. the New England Patriots is the most watched U.S. telecast of all time, with an average viewership of 114.4 million.
3. Of the top 10 most watched American television programs of all time, nine of them are Super Bowls.
4. The Super Bowl is measured in Roman numerals because a football season runs over two calendar years.
5. Super Bowl is the second largest U.S. food consumption day of the year, only surpassed by Thanksgiving.
6. 14,500 tons of chips along with 8 million pounds of guacamole is consumed on Super Bowl Sunday.
7. Each game gets its own unique coin crafted by the Highland Mint. The front of the coin features the Lombardi Trophy along with the helmets of the two teams playing.
8. Over 700,000 footballs are produced annually for official NFL use, and 72 of them are used for the Super Bowl. All of the balls are crafted by hand in the Wilson Football Factory, located in Ada, Ohio.
9. The average cost of a 30-second commercial during the Super Bowl has ranged from \$37,500 at Super Bowl I, to around \$2.2 million at Super Bowl XXXIV in 2000, and... in 2020 a 30-second commercial reportedly cost between \$5 million and \$5.6 million.
10. The NFL has a policy against holding Super Bowl games in stadiums that have a climate of less than 50 degrees Fahrenheit, unless it is an enclosed stadium.