



# CCHA NEWSLETTER

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## BACK-TO-SCHOOL POOL PARTY Splishing and Splashing in the Summer Sun! Come & Join us for Some Swimming Fun!

The 2023 school year is fast approaching, as the first day of student attendance for the **WEST CARROLL SCHOOL DISTRICT** is Wednesday, August 16, 2023. To help the children kick off another fantastic school year, the Carroll County Housing Authority will be sponsoring a **BACK-TO-SCHOOL POOL PARTY**. All of our CCHA tenants are invited. We hope to see you there!

**DATE:** Thursday, August 10, 2023

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Savanna Swimming Pool (West Carroll High School, 500 Cragmoor)

**MENU:** Sub Sandwiches, Chips, Cookies, Beverage & Popsicles



**NOTE:** CCHA will be distributing **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** (and some goodies) to all of our Carroll Apartments **school-aged children** that are **signed up, and in attendance** at the Pool Party.

**R.S.V.P.** to the CCHA office at (815) 273-7081 by **THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD.**

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“August is the bridge between Summer and Autumn—between how the year has been and how the year will end.”  
~ Author Unknown

### CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Mest Manor Market Day Monday, August 7th Approx. 10:30 a.m. (Mest Manor Dining Room) \* Available to Mest Manor & Maple Lane Tenants **Only**
- Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, August 16th 2:00 p.m. (Mest Manor)
- Mest Manor Unit Inspections Monday, August 21st (3rd & 4th Floors) Wednesday, August 23rd (1st & 2nd Floors) \* Beginning at 1:30 p.m.

“Just because you don’t look like the other “Crayons” in the box...does not mean you still can’t make the most beautiful pictures! Don’t ever give up on you! You are simply amazing!”  
~ Anonymous



### BACON CHEESEBURGER TATER TOT BAKE RECIPE

This bacon cheeseburger tater tot casserole is the perfect dish to bribe your kids; chores, homework, piano practice—consider them done!

#### INGREDIENTS

- \* 2 pounds ground beef
- \* 1 large onion, chopped and divided
- \* 1 can (15 ounces) tomato sauce
- \* 1 tablespoon ground mustard
- \* 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- \* 1 package (8 ounces) Velveeta
- \* 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- \* 12 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- \* 1 package (32 ounces) frozen Tater Tots
- \* 1 cup grape tomatoes, chopped
- \* 1/3 cup sliced dill pickles

#### DIRECTIONS

\* Preheat oven to 400°. In a large skillet over medium heat, cook beef and 1 cup onion, crumbling meat, until beef is no longer pink and onion is tender, 6-8 minutes; drain. Stir in tomato sauce, Velveeta, mustard and Worcestershire sauce until cheese is melted, 4-6 minutes. → (Recipe continued)

### TATER TOT BAKE RECIPE CONT'D

- \* Transfer to a greased 13x9-in. or 3-1/2 qt. baking dish. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese and bacon. Top with Tater Tots. Bake, uncovered, 35-40 minutes or until bubbly. Top with tomatoes, pickles and remaining onion. **YIELD:** 12 servings.

### SCHOOL LUNCH BOX JOKES

- Q: What’s big and yellow that comes every morning to brighten your mom’s day?  
A: A school bus.
- Q: Why don’t you see any giraffes in elementary school?  
A: Because they are all in high school.
- Q: What did the buffalo say when he left his child at the bus stop?  
A: Bison.
- Q: What is a math teacher’s favorite dessert?  
A: Pi.
- Q: Why does the teacher wear sunglasses to school?  
A: Because her students are so bright.
- Q: What did the math book say to the history book?  
A: Boy, do I have problems!



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Kelly Michel	2
Amy Hearne	6
Zachary King	7
Michael Gouty	7
Brenda Hamm	14
Diane Peters	15
Sylvia Ehrler	20
Victoria Darrah	22
John Novak, Jr.	22
James Ingrisano	26
Misty Feary	27



**HAPPINESS HAPPENS MONTH**

Happiness Happens Month is celebrated annually in August. It is dedicated to celebrating things that make you happy. It's a known fact that happiness is contagious and sharing your happiness can bring a smile to someone's face. The month reminds us that happiness can be found in even little things that we might not notice and that spreading the same joy amongst others can help make the world a better place.

**FIVE AMAZING WAYS TO CHOOSE HAPPINESS:**

- Gratitude**  
Expressing gratitude leads to an overall optimistic attitude; it is consistently and strongly correlated to feelings of happiness.
- Volunteer**  
Giving your time to help others has been shown to decrease feelings of depression and improve optimism and a sense of worth.
- Give**  
We have all heard the phrase: it is better to give than to receive—yes, giving is another action that leads to happiness and benefits the giver as much, if not more, than the receiver.
- Encourage**  
Lifting others up brings about a reciprocal effect—put out positive thoughts and feelings and this is what you will likely receive in return.
- Reminisce**  
Spend some time looking at old photos, or reading old letters and you will find feelings of happiness overflowing as you stroll down memory lane.

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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.



**CARROLL COUNTY FAIR**

**SHELL PARK | MILLEDGEVILLE, IL**  
**AUGUST 8—12, 2023**



Come One, Come All to this year's Carroll County Fair! Featured family fun for the entire family include the following attractions:

**Children's Activities:**

Carnival Rides, Discovery Farm for Kids (and Adults), Kiddie Tractor Pull, Ninja Farmer, Power Wheel & Bicycle Races, Power Wheel Kids Demo Derby

**Family Activities:**

Agricultural Exhibits, Animals, Bingo with Prizes, Cake Walk & Live Cake Decorating Contest, Chainsaw Carving Demonstrations, Demolition Derby, Illini State Truck Pullers with the Tri-County Pullers (Mini Rods), Inspired Painting, Queens Blvd. Concert, Rice Bull Riding and Barrel Racing, Tractor Parade

**I SPY...**

I spy with my little eye a super cute couple (look closely in the upper left-hand corner) proudly wearing their "Galena" T-shirts!

Our very own Ed Bochniak, and his wife Annie, experienced the excitement of the Today Show Plaza in New York City on Friday, July 7th! They were even fortunate enough to be chosen to say "Hello" at the beginning of the broadcast.



We officially now have a genuine TV ★ (star) in the house at CCHA!

