



# CCHA NEWSLETTER

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HOUSING AUTHORITY

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## August



### BACK-TO-SCHOOL POOL PARTY

Splishing and Splashing in the Summer Sun!  
Come & Join us for Some Swimming Fun!

The 2025-26 school year is fast approaching, as the first day of student attendance for the **WEST CARROLL SCHOOL DISTRICT** is Tuesday, August 26, 2025. 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 21, 2025

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

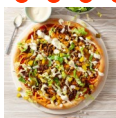
**LOCATION:** Savanna Swimming Pool (West Carroll High School, 500 Cragmoor)

**MENU:** Subway 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 14TH**.



### CHEESEBURGER PIZZA RECIPE

When you cannot decide between a cheeseburger or a pizza, this cheeseburger recipe lets you have both. A true win-win!

#### INGREDIENTS

- \* 1/2 pound ground beef
- \* 1 prebaked 12-inch pizza crust
- \* 1/2 cup ketchup
- \* 1/4 cup prepared mustard
- \* 1-1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- \* 2 cups shredded lettuce
- \* 1/2 cup chopped dill pickle
- \* 1/4 cup chopped onion
- \* 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- \* 2 to 3 tablespoons dill pickle juice

#### DIRECTIONS

- \* Preheat oven to 425°. In a large skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink, 3-4 minutes, breaking it into crumbles; drain.
- \* Meanwhile, place crust on an ungreased baking sheet or pizza pan. Mix ketchup and mustard; spread over crust. Add ground beef; bake 5 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese; bake until cheese is bubbly and crust is lightly browned, 8-10 min. longer. → (continued)

### CHEESEBURGER PIZZA RECIPE CONT'D

- \* Top with lettuce, pickle and onion. Whisk mayonnaise and enough pickle juice to reach desired consistency; drizzle over pizza.
- YIELD:** 6 servings.

### 4TH ANNUAL SWEET CORN DAY



- A family fun event with bounce houses, face painting and SWEET CORN! The event will be hosted by Illinois State Representative Tony McCombie.

**DATE:** Friday, August 1, 2025

**TIME:** 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** District Office  
9317 IL Rt. 84, Savanna, IL

#### Sweet Corn Fun Facts:

- \* The U.S. produces around one-third of the world's corn, but only 1% of the corn planted in America is sweet corn.
- \* Sweet corn comes in all sorts of colors: black, blue, green, grey, purple, red, white, and yellow.
- \* Sweet corn is cholesterol free.
- \* Illinois ranks 2nd in the nation for corn production.

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"The first week of August hangs at the very top of Summer...like the highest seat of a Ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning!"

~ Natalie Babbitt

"Life is an ear of buttered corn waiting to get stuck in your teeth!"

~ Truante D. Memphis

### CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Mest Manor Market Day  
Monday, August 4th  
Approx. 10:30 a.m.  
(Mest Manor Dining Room)  
\* Available to Mest Manor & Maple Lane Tenants **Only**
- Regular Board Meeting  
Wednesday, August 20th  
4:00 p.m. (Mest Manor)
- Back-to-School Pool Party  
Thursday, August 21st  
West Carroll H.S. Pool  
\*Beginning at 5:00 p.m.

"New pencils, new books, new teachers, new friends—the start of the school year is a fresh canvas full of possibilities!"

~ Doreen Cronin



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Kelly Michel	2
Amy Hearne	6
Michael Gouty	7
Brenda Hamm	14
Sylvia Ehrler	20
Victoria Darrah	22
John Novak, Jr.	22
Patricia Moore	26
Misty Feary	27

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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.

**HOORAY FOR KIDS DAY**

Hooray for Kids Day, observed on August 4th every year, is a fun-filled occasion designed to recognize the wonderful energy and innocence of children worldwide. It is a day to celebrate their boundless creativity, curiosity, and resilience. The day provides an

opportunity for parents, educators, and society as an entire whole to show their support, encouragement, and love for the little ones who bring joy to our lives.

What every child always craves and needs more of, even if they don't exactly know it, is attention and love. Their little developing brains need to be attuned to and attached to the adults in their life so that they can learn how to engage with the world around them in a safe manner.

Spending time with a child, talking with them, listening to them, co-creating a project with them or something else where they have your full attention is what kids really want and need. Hooray for Kids Day is a great time to be reminded that kids should be celebrated – not only in the big ways on this one day of the year, but also in the smaller opportunities that come every day!!



**CARROLL COUNTY FAIR**  
**SCHELL PARK | MILLEDGEVILLE, IL**  
**AUGUST 5—9, 2025**



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, Badger State Tractor Pull, College Street Creations, Blue Steel Live in Concert, T&A Bucking Bulls Rodeo (free grandstand), Shelley's Dance Studio performance, and River Country Stomp Line Dance performance

**CCHA RESIDENT SUMMER PICNIC PICS**

Our CCHA Resident Summer Picnics were held on Monday, June 23, 2025, at Mest Manor, and on Monday, July 21, 2025, at Carroll Apartments. Following are a few pictures from both of the fun-filled afternoons.

