



# Carroll Valley Citizens Association



Spring-Summer 2006

## Letter from the President



Just a year ago, Ron Harris started this column with: In show business, there is a phrase used by comedians: "Never follow a tough act."

My name is Alan Olson, your new president, and that phrase still applies. Ron is indeed a "tough act" to follow, with all the leadership and inspiration he has provided the Citizens Association. However, the big WIN for all of us is that Ron now takes that inspiration to the office of Mayor of our Borough, and we plan to support him in even greater endeavors.

Ron's biggest accomplishment was to build broad commu-

nity support, starting with the CVCA, for the first annual July 4th celebration right here in the Commons. Plans for the second annual July 4th are well underway with even more exciting events (check the article on pages 2, 5 & 6), and the CVCA again offers our full support.

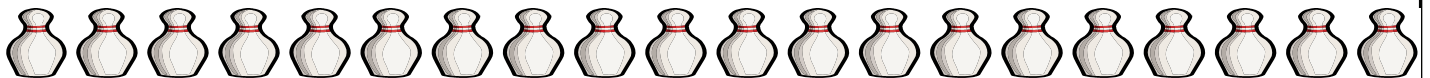
One of the my goals this year, shared with the CVCA Board, is to work together with the Borough Council and employees wherever possible to promote the quality of life for us citizens of Carroll Valley. One of the first opportunities was to support the Borough local efforts to repair and upgrade the Sally B. Courtner Pavilion in the Carroll Commons, so the CVCA board and membership has

voted to donate \$1000 toward this effort. You can notice the new siding and window, as you pass by on Route 116. Curiously, it was the early CVCA members that provided the materials and labor to build this pavilion.

Of the CVCA Board, I am sad to note the loss of our VP of Membership, Nancy Rodriguez as she and Howard move to North Carolina for a new job. Best wishes in your new home and job, Nancy and Howard.

I look forward to a very good year, working with the Board of some very inspiring and hard-working folk.

Alan Olson



## CALLING ALL BOWLERS!!!

If you are over the age of 16 and like to bowl, you should know that Carroll Valley has a mixed bowling league. The season begins in September and meets every other Saturday night at Sunshine Lanes in Rouzerville (Waynesboro area). The cost is \$9 per person per night. There are two 50-50 drawings each week. Other monies eventually are awarded at the end of the season to winning teams. There is an end of year of year party and a good time is typically had by all. If you would like to join, please contact Bill and Brenda Rigby at 642-8096.



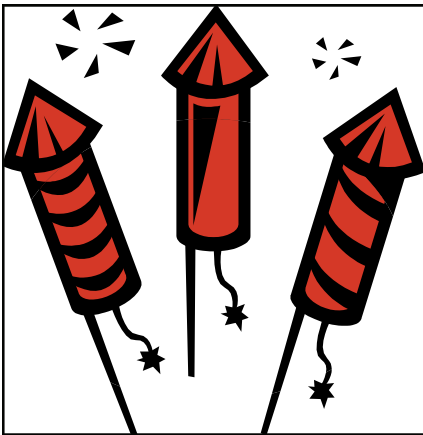
## CVCA Meeting Programs for 2006

<b>May:</b>	Fairfield High School Show Choir
<b>June:</b>	Tai Chi for Health Demonstration
<b>July:</b>	No dinner meeting. 4th of July Celebration in the borough commons
<b>August:</b>	Fairfield High School Senior, Cody Musselman, will make a presentation on her school-year trip to France.
<b>September:</b>	Art Show presented by local artists.
<b>October:</b>	Oktoberfest.
<b>November:</b>	Ron Harris One-Act Play

## Carroll Valley Community Yard Sale

The spring yard sale, sponsored by the Carroll Valley Citizens' Association, will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2006 at the Carroll Valley Commons from 8 am to 2 pm. As last year, this year spaces only will be provided, not tables. Participants will provide their own folding tables or other types. This will be a true yard sale, since we will not have spaces inside or under the pavilion. The pavilion may be used for food service. Advertising in local papers and posting of signs will be included as in previous years. Spaces are still \$10 each (payable to CVCA) and may be reserved on a first come first served basis by contacting John Springer, by phone, at 642-9741. As you may know, our yard sales are well attended and we have ample parking and food service available if possible. Sign up now for fun and profit.

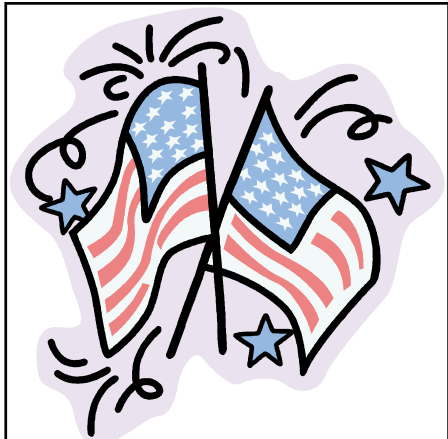
## Plan to Come to the July 4th Picnic



Yes, the citizens of Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Hamiltonban and Liberty are planning to have another Old Fashion July 4th picnic. Did you miss the last one? Well, last year's picnic was a tremendous success. Approximately 800 people attended the various events during the day and another 1,000 individuals attended the evening entertainment and fireworks display. The fireworks were launched from atop Ski Liberty Mountain and could be seen as far away as Gettysburg, PA and Emmitsburg, MD.

Once again, there will be events held throughout the day for both young and old. Horseshoes, volleyball, children's games, a magic show, bingo, duck races, pie baking contest, a car show and an air show performed by model airplanes. The evening will be full of live entertainment provided by local talent. Come and join your neighbors to celebrate who we are. Again, the picnic will be held on Tuesday, July 4th from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm (admission and parking free) at the Carroll Valley Commons Area.

If you are interested in volunteering to help out during the event, please contact Mayor Ron Harris at (717) 642-9270 or email him at [ron-harris@adelphia.net](mailto:ron-harris@adelphia.net). The July 4th Planning Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the Carroll Valley Borough Office.





# Lake Kay Happenings

Enough about the waterfowl on Lake Kay, how about the mammals? No, I am not referring to the dogs, cats and rabbits, but the aquatic mammals. We have at least two, the beaver who visit us from time to time and newcomers should be warned to keep chicken wire around the base of their trees, and muskrats who leave large trees alone. The beaver were moved to other locations, if not to the great pond in the sky. But our muskrat friends are still with us.

From the internet Kildeer Countyside Virtual Wetlands Preserve web site I gleaned the following information:

## **Introduction**

*Muskrats are very important to the wetland ecosystem. They balance the food web. Other creatures depend on them, as they depend on aquatic plants and other small animals. Muskrats are named because of the musk glands located near the underside of their tail. These secretions are used to warn other muskrats to leave this muskrat's territory alone. The muskrat also goes by other names, including musquash or ondatra by the American Indians. It is fondly referred to as a mud cat or a mud beaver by other people.*



## **Habitat**

*Muskrats are found throughout North America. They are usually found in wetlands, marshes, bogs, and near rivers and streams. They like to live near or even in water. As farmers cultivated the land, a wide variety of grasslands appeared where there was once dense forest. This, coupled with abandoned farmland and destruction of trees enabled the muskrat to thrive throughout the continent.*

*Most muskrats build their homes, called lodges, out of branches, mud, cattails, and other aquatic plants. They also have a feeding hut built near the main lodge. These lodges are used for a bedroom, a warm place to stay in the winter, and a place to hide from predators. These lodges look just like a three-foot mound of sticks and plants. They keep muskrats warm in the winter, because they are coated with multiple layers of mud, which insulate the lodge. They also hollow out tunnels inside the mound for a quick getaway in case of an emergency, and for easy access in and out of the lodge. From above, no channel is visible. That is because the tunnel is on the underside of the lodge, and can be entered by swimming underwater. Sometimes the lodges get broken, and have to be rebuilt stronger the following year. Some other ones get washed away by strong currents, and have to be built somewhere else where the current is not so strong.*

Our Lake Kay Muskrats homes are built of tunnels hollowed out of the lakeside lots. These hollowed out tunnels are found in several of the lakeside lots, particularly those not ripped for erosion prevention. During a heavy rain I once saw a whole family playing in the runoff depression filled with water from my drain spouts.

The evidence of their presence is shown in the photos. A locust tree's roots were eroded and the tree fell into the lake. Mr. or Mrs. Muskrat got very hungry when the lake partially froze over so one cold night it went out on the ice and ate the bark off the low hanging limbs. I don't have a picture this year, but last year they trimmed a low hanging erect weeping willow to about 18" above the ice as neatly as if a barber had been hired. They are mostly nocturnal but are also seen in the day if there is little other activity like people or dogs around.

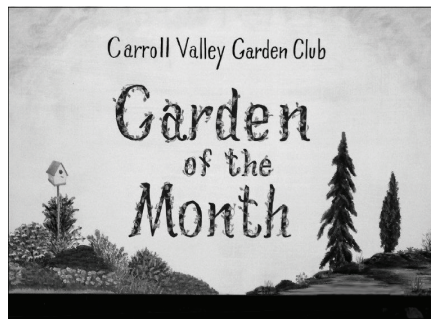
*Bill Devlin*

# Garden Club News

The Borough Commons Beautification Project continues to come along nicely as we enter Year 3 of the 5-year planting program. All plantings survived the rather mild winter and should do well this year. Pray for no drought, however, since we volunteers must do all watering with buckets of water from Toms Creek. Many people have commented favorably on the choices since we began planting specimen shrubs and trees along the walking trail and believe that the area has been enhanced. If you would like to sponsor a tree or shrub, or dedicate one to a loved one, please contact Laura Scudder, 642-8680, [lscudder@adelphia.net](mailto:lscudder@adelphia.net). Although donations of all sizes are welcome, a minimum amount of \$75 is necessary for attribution on the

signs that accompany the plantings. Please help us make our park the showcase of beauty that our wonderful community deserves.

The Carroll Valley Garden Club meets on the second Monday of each month at 1:00 pm, usually at Liberty Mountain Resort at Carroll Valley. The meetings typically involve a program consisting of a speaker, garden-related demonstration, or a tour of an area garden. Annual dues are \$10 per person. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jean Compton, 642-8177, President.



## Carroll Valley Kudos

To Barbara Hertz, CVB Secretary, for being selected as a recipient of the Thomas F. Chrostwaite Award, given by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, for faithful and effective service for more than 20 years as Borough Secretary. This award is named in honor of the founder and first president of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.

To Laura Oswald, of Skylark Trail, winner of Frederick County's Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award. Laura teaches English at Walkersville High School and is described as "one of that rare breed that were born to teach." Laura strives to let her students know that each is capable of success. She also conveys why reading is important enough to transcend the classroom. "The more you're exposed to, the better able you are to deal with experiences in your own world."

# Easter Egg Hunt



## July 4<sup>th</sup> Community Picnic Fund Raiser

Come to the Auction on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Fairfield Fire and EMS Banquet Hall. The auction will be run from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The monies collected will be used to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Community Picnic. This event involves the citizens of Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Hamiltonban, and Liberty. The items being auctioned come from our neighbors and businesses in the surrounding area. Come! You never know. You may find a "diamond in the rough."

If you have anything you would like to donate for the auction. Please contact Gayle Marthers (717) 642-8269 Ext 31 or Mayor Ron Harris at (717) 642-8269 Ext 32 or [mayor@carrollvalley.org](mailto:mayor@carrollvalley.org). You can drop off your donations at the Carroll Valley Borough Office, 5685 Fairfield Road.

# 2006 JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> Pie Baking Contest Form

I have read and accepted the rules for the 2006 July 4<sup>th</sup> Pie Baking Contest. My pie will be delivered to the Carroll Valley Pavilion on **Tuesday, July 4, 2006 between 9 and 10 AM.**

Please return entry form in person or via mail to: Carroll Valley Boro Office, M-F, 8:30-4PM to the attention of Gayle Marthers.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY NUMBER( to be assigned at arrival) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **JULY 4<sup>th</sup> Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Liberty, and Hamiltonban Pie Baking Contest Rules**

If you are an amateur chef who loves to bake, the Community 4th of July Celebration is offering you the opportunity to try your skill and luck. Our Amateur Pie Baking Contest will be held Tuesday, July 4, 2006. Pies must be at the park by 10:00 AM. Judging will begin at 11:30.

Please read the rules and complete the application if you would like to participate.

### The Rules:

The pie must be made from scratch.

Only one pie per contestant will be accepted.

Pies must be made from fresh fruits. (It is too hot in July for cream pies.)

Creativity and original ideas are encouraged.

The recipe must be entered with the pie, or a list of ingredients (allergy factor).

The pie must be displayed in or on a non-returnable pan. No glass containers will be accepted. After judging, pies will be sold by the slice and proceeds will be donated to the fireworks fund.

Pies should be brought to the Carroll Valley Park Pavilion, no earlier than 9 AM and no later than 10 AM the morning of Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Each entry will be recorded and a number assigned to the contestant. Only the number and recipe will be displayed with the pie for judging.

There will be 3 judged age groups:

Adults: 18 years and older

Youth entries: 10 to 17 years of age. & 9 years and under

Winners will be announced at 12:30 from the July 4th command post.

Application forms may be picked up Carroll Valley Borough office between the hours of 8:30-4:00, Monday through Friday. Applications are also available via e-mail Marian Morgan: [raven31@supernet.com](mailto:raven31@supernet.com)

The completed application form may be submitted at the Carroll Valley Borough Office marked to the attention of Gayle Marthers by June 15, 2006 prior to July 4th or may submitted along with the pie at the park on the day of the contest.

Prize ribbons will be awarded for the tastiest, prettiest, and most unique.



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## **JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2006**

### **THE SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

### **PIE BAKING CONTEST**

Looking for pie bakers, pie judges and pie eaters! Do you fit one of those descriptions? If so please contact Marian Morgan, 642-9234, [raven31@supernet.com](mailto:raven31@supernet.com) for more information.

Join the fun, eat some homemade pie, even win a prize ribbon! See page 5 for details.