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West Plains Housing Authority

Live in harmony with one another; be compassionate and humble.



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WPHA Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

**Of all the special joys in life,
The big ones and the small,
A mother's love and tenderness
Is the greatest of them all.**

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Jerry's Journal

Greetings Residents!

Happy May, the month of honor. This month is the month to honor our mothers and those that gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

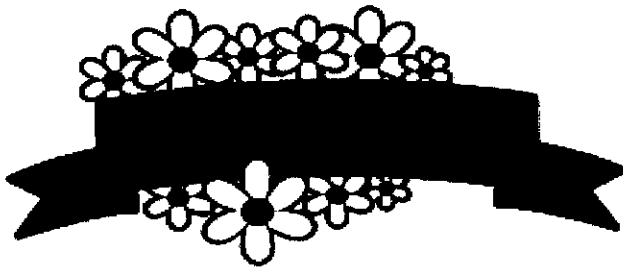
Show your love this month. Make sure to think of Mom on this Mothers' Day. Motherly love comes in all shapes and sizes, so be sure to celebrate your mom-figures too; your mother-in-law, step-mom, grandma, adoptive mom, guardian, or any other wonderful lady who has made a positive difference in your world.

Make sure to remember those men and women that have fought and given the ultimate sacrifice for this country we call America.

If you need help with paperwork, have questions or any issues that concern you, please come by or call the main office (417-256-6663) and choose extension 207. If I do not answer, please leave your name and number and I will call you to schedule an appointment. My email address is wpharic@gmail.com. I am here to help YOU! There is never a silly question.

Jerry





A big "WELCOME" to our new residents! We are glad to have you with us. We look forward to getting to know you.

Lewis Walton – Walnut Grove
Rita Ferguson -- South Tower

Pronunciation Problem

Jeff and Mary, a middle-aged couple, are driving through Louisiana when they come to the small city of Natchitoches.

Neither of them had ever been there before and they started arguing about how the name of the city is pronounced.

Needless to say, both of them thought they knew best and they kept on bickering until eventually, they decided to stop for lunch.

At the counter, Jeff smiled at the pretty, young waitress and said, "Ma'am, before we order, could you help us settle an argument, please?"

The young waitress smiled and said, "Sure! How can I help you, honey?"

"Could you please pronounce where we are right now, very slowly?" said Jeff.

The young waitress leaned over the counter and said, "Yes sir! It's Burr-gerrr Kiling."

Cash Withdrawal

A guy goes into his bank and withdraws \$5,000 cash in \$20 bills.

The teller counts out the cash in front of him and then wraps a rubber band around the cash bundle before she hands it to him.

He quickly stuffs the wad of cash in his pocket before leaving the bank in a hurry.

When he reaches his car, he puts his hand in his pocket to grab the cash but it's not there. He hadn't been close enough to anyone for his pocket to have been picked, so he realized the cash must have fallen through a hole in his jacket.

All he can do is retrace his steps.

He gets all the way back to his bank and there's an elderly lady on the street who says to him, "Sir, did you lose some cash bound with a rubber band?"

"Why yes ma'am, I did," says the guy. "Have you found it?"

"Well," said the lady, "I've found the rubber band."

You are invited to the Walnut Grove Coffee Club.



Come join us Monday-Saturday!

7:00 am

Brill Community Room

What's Cooking?

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

- 1 can pineapple rings (drain and save juice for cake mix)
- 1 jar maraschino cherries
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 stick butter
- 1 box yellow cake mix (plus ingredients for cake)

Preheat oven to 325°. Put stick of butter in center of pan and put in oven to melt. After it melts, spread evenly. Cover bottom of pan with pineapple rings followed by cherries. Sprinkle brown sugar over all.

Mix cake mix as directed, using reserved pineapple juice instead of water. Pour cake batter over the top of the pineapple, sugar and cherries. Spread evenly.

Bake for about 50 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

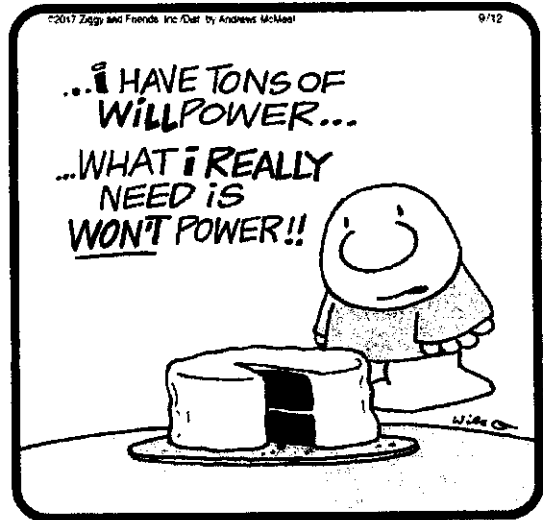


Cracker Pizzas

- Saltine crackers
- Tomato sauce / spaghetti sauce
- Mozzarella cheese, shredded
- Pepperonis or other toppings

Preheat oven to 400°. Line a cookie sheet with saltine crackers. Be sure the crackers are flat. Add a dollop of sauce to each cracker, sprinkle cheese and add additional toppings.

Bake for 8-10 minutes or until cheese is melted and bubbly. Let cool. Enjoy!



5-Ingredient Ground Beef Casserole

- 1 ½ to 2 pounds ground beef
- 10.5 ounce can cream of mushroom soup
- 10.5 ounce can cheddar cheese soup
- 3 cups cubed frozen potatoes
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (divided)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350°. Cook ground beef, drain the grease, and add to a large mixing bowl.

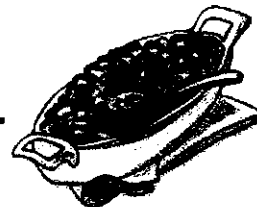
Add the can of cream of mushroom and cheddar cheese soup to the bowl.

Add the frozen cubed potatoes to the bowl.

Add ½ cup of the shredded cheddar cheese to the bowl.

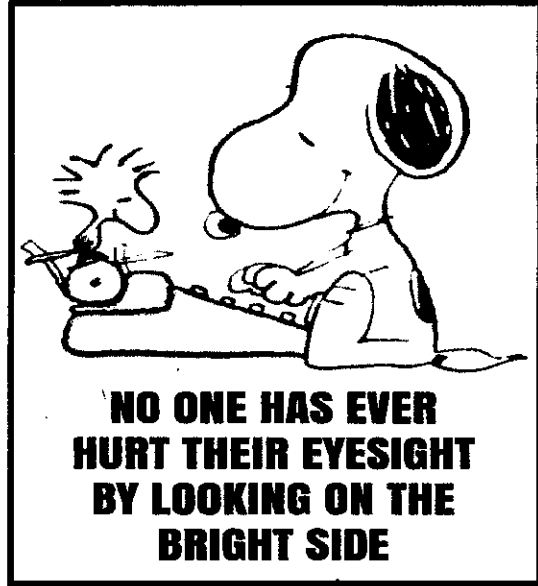
Add a pinch of salt and pepper and mix everything together.

Pour into a greased 9" x 13" casserole dish and sprinkle the remainder of the shredded cheese on top. Cover with tin foil. Bake for 30 minutes, and carefully remove the tin foil. Bake for 30 more minutes.



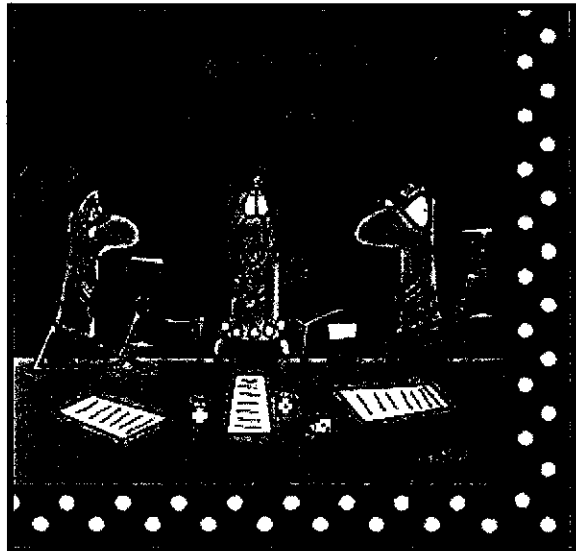
Just for Fun!

Retirement is great. You get to nap during the day, watch your favorite TV shows, and go to bed whenever you want. It's like being a teenager again, except you have money and can afford to go out to eat!



I'm not arguing, I'm just explaining why I'm right. I have a lifetime of experience to back me up.

Q: At what age do you start forgetting how old you are?
A: When it's no longer fun to count!



I never thought I'd be a senior citizen, but it beats the alternative.

I don't always know what day it is, but at least I know how to laugh about it.



The High Rise

News from South Tower

Good morning to everyone from South Tower and Walnut Grove.

For being spring it's been so cold and raining a lot. They always say the farmers need the rain, but sometimes I wish I could move off grid and grow my own food because the groceries are out of control. Everywhere across our nation is out of control. I remember as a young girl that when you saw a doctor, he was the only one that would fix your broken bones, put a cast on and then took it off. They also delivered babies. How things have changed, and this internet world. Wow! Struggling to use my smart phone. Will I ever learn? Everything is online, even to get a job. Oh well. Between South Tower and Walnut Grove we have lost family members and friends.

I want to wish everyone at South Tower and Walnut Grove a "Happy Birthday!"

So, who went to the Eclipse Festival?

It has come to my attention, cigarettes and trash are still on the grounds. It is really nice that they gave us a smoking shelter, so please respect your area. That is why we have cigarette cans to put your cigarettes in. We don't want to lose our smoking area.

Please respect the rules. Asking for cigarettes is a big NO! We only have enough for ourselves. No more cigarettes are to be given and no more money to be loaned out. It has to stop somewhere. It has to stop with us!!!

Numbers to remember if you do not know who to call:

Food Pantries

Baptist Church -- 417-256-0308

Samaritan Outreach – 417-257-7792

First Missionaries – 417-712-3228

Victims

Christos House – 417-256-3408

417-469-1190

Salvation Army – 417-256-6147

West Plains Special Olympics – 417-505-0474

Southern Care was at South Tower for a spring craft class. We had a few in attendance.

Come and support the South Tower events:

Women Bible Study, Tuesday @6:00 PM

Bible Study, Friday @ 6:00 PM

Bingo, Monday and Thursday @6:00 PM

Hang up! Hang up!

Beware of scam calls. They continue to make calls. They even say they are from Wounded Officers Fund Raiser. Hang up! The police will not call you for money to donate. They are using every organization from Social Security to insurance, and even your grandchildren being in jail. Please hang up!

It is always good to meet your new neighbor to see what you can do for them. Maybe they will be your future best friend.

I really hope May will be sunny and warm. This girl, "me", needs that California sun, but of course the many days I spent summers at the beaches finally gave me skin cancer.

Don't forget the Tuesday meals at the Baptist Church---4:30-6:30.

Remember to be kind to one another. If there is a problem, try to work it out.

If you need something fixed in your apartment, put in a work order. They will come as soon as they can.

I want to thank Vicki, maintenance, office staff, Sherry and Jerry for everything you do for us. Thank you from my heart.

Just a reminder:

Call for maintenance when needed.

Jerry will help you with paperwork.

Respect rules.

Pray for one another.

Help your neighbor.
 Remember those who are home recovering or
 in the
 hospital.
 Go to the events. It is nice to support the
 groups.
 Pick up trash and cigarette butts.
 Remember to call ahead for your medical
 transport
 services.

Final thought:

I have endured. I have been broken. I have
 known hardship. I have lost myself. But, here I
 stand, moving forward. Growing stronger each
 day. I will never forget the harsh lessons in my
 life that make me stronger.

Stay safe, healthy and happy.

'Til next time,

Gabby 

Tribute to Judy

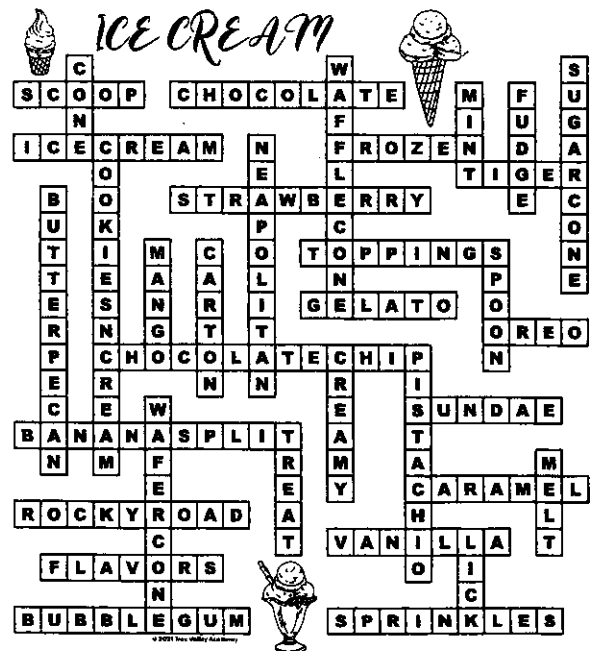
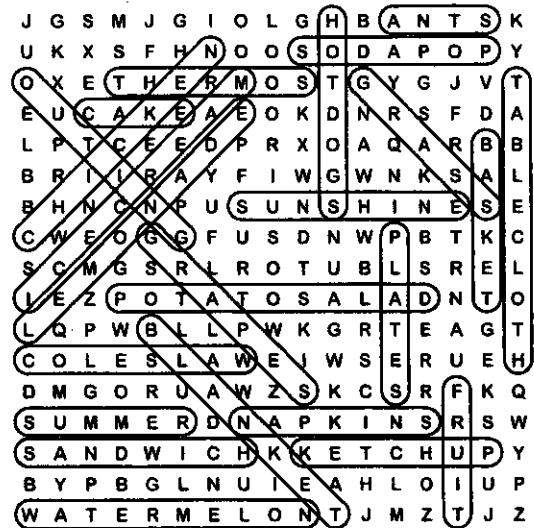
We lost another very special lady named Judy.
 She was a friend to everyone she met. We all
 loved her. Judy always had a smile on her face
 and never spoke bad about anyone. She was
 the most loving grandmother I ever knew. She
 often had some of her grandchildren stay with
 her. Judy baked pies and cakes that everyone
 loved. I really did like that Black Forest cake. It
 would melt in your mouth. She never said she
 couldn't bake a cake even if she wasn't feeling
 well.

I remember how she always greeted you with,
 "Well hello there." She truly loved her family. I
 never saw a mother and grandmother who
 loved and was so close to her family.

Our hearts are saddened at this time. So
 unexpectedly at the end of the day Jesus took
 you by the hand and you quietly went away.
 There is an old song that says fill my cup Lord.
 Fill it up Lord. Judy, he has filled your cup and
 you are drinking from the living waters of
 heaven. Farewell our sweet friend. We will
 meet when we cross over the Jordan River and
 see you face to face.

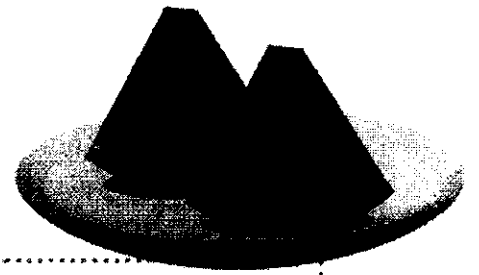
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**Solution for
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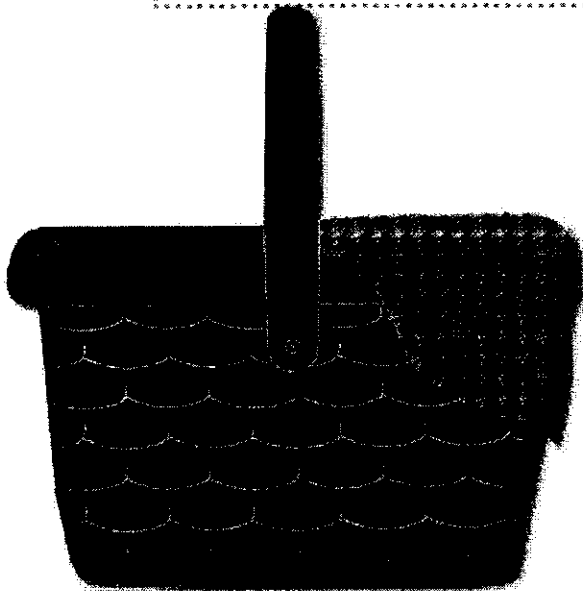


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Word Search Puzzle



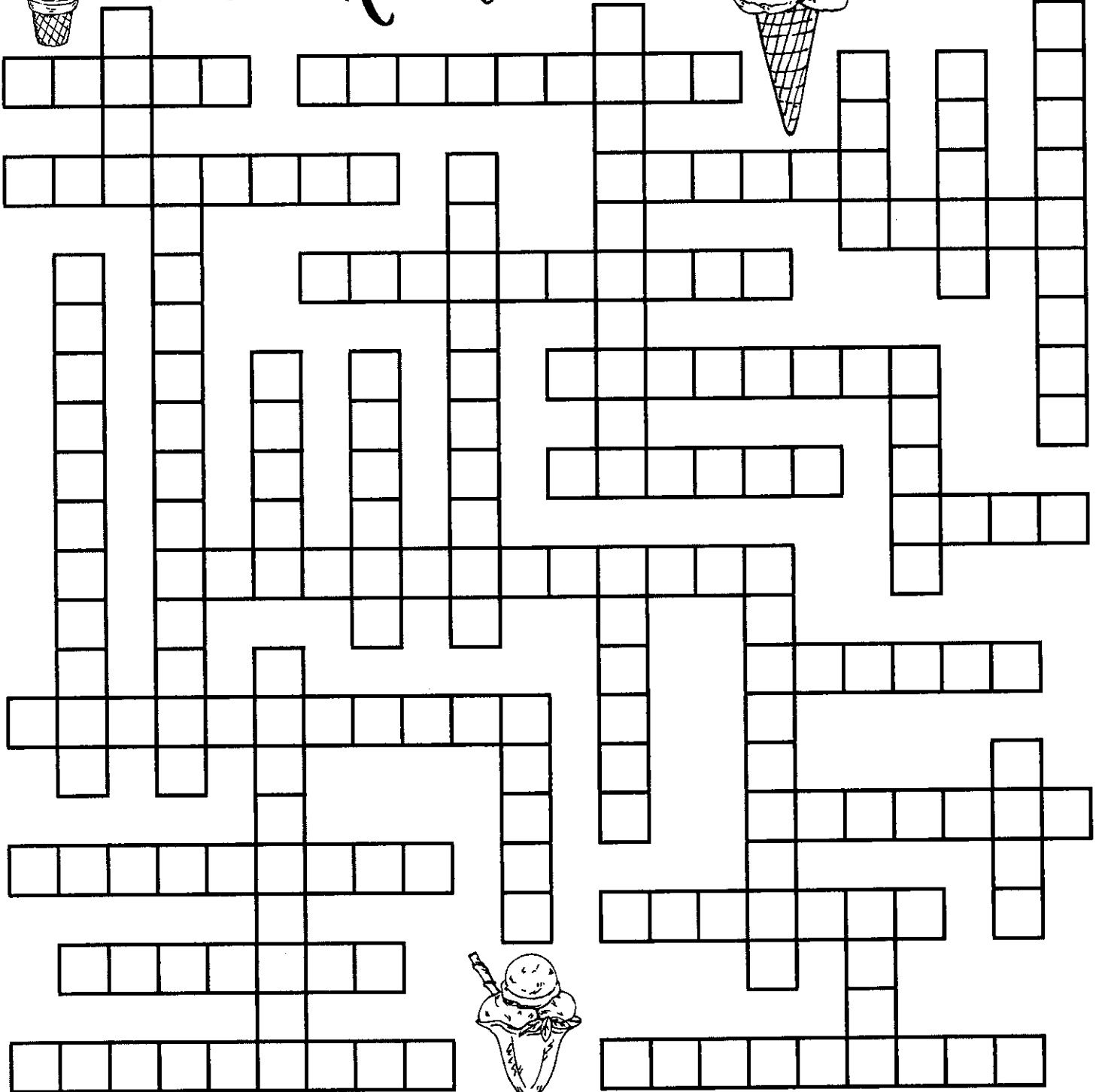
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BLANKET	ICE CREAM	SODA POP
CAKE	KETCHUP	SUMMER
CHICKEN	LEMONADE	SUNSHINE
COLESLAW	NAPKINS	TABLECLOTH
FRUIT	OUTING	THERMOS
GRAPES	PLATES	WATERMELON



ICE CREAM



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4 letter words

cone
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5 letter words

fudge
Mango
scoop
spoon
Tiger
treat

6 letter words

carton
creamy
frozen
gelato
sundae

7 letter words

caramel
flavors
Vanilla

9 letter words

Bubble Gum
Chocolate
Pistachio
Rocky Road
sprinkles
sugar cone
wafer cone

8 letter words

ice cream
toppings
10 letter words
Neapolitan
Strawberry
waffle cone

11 letter words

banana split
Butter Pecan

13 letter words

Chocolate Chip
Cookies N Cream

