# **West Plains Housing Authority**

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



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## Dates to Remember:

\*WPHA Offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.

### \*Chat with Mandy

South Tower: Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM Walnut Grove: Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

# \*Watermelon with Southern Care and Comfort

Walnut Grove: Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 South Tower: Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00

What is red, orange and yellow and doesn't get hurt when it falls?

Autumn leaves!



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# Jerry's Journal

Greetings Residents!

Here we are, ready to change seasons again. As we look back, the summer was not all bad. We did not have many days that were extremely hot. We can always find something to complain about, but it is just as easy to focus on the positive. Being positive makes us a better person for others to be around.

Rolling into September, I will be out of the office beginning Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. In my absence, the office will not have the extra personnel to help you with many of your personal needs that I help you with. Please take this time to have friends and family become involved and to offer needed assistance to you. If there are things I can do to help you prior to September 18<sup>th</sup>, please stop by for assistance.

At this time, I plan to return on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Take care and keep smiling. Things could always be worse. "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!"

Keep smiling!

Jerry



HAPPY FALL!

# New Program To Help Homebound Citizens With Safety



The Howell County Sheriff's Office recently announced a new program they will be implementing to take the fear out of being alone. The Are You Okay? (RUOK) program will check on homebound citizens, seniors, and the disabled in the community.

The program is a computer program that checks on seniors and homebound disabled residents in Howell County to see if they are "ok". The RUOK Telephone Reassurance System is meant to ease the concern of friends and family who may find it difficult to maintain consistent, reliable contact with their loved ones living alone in Howell County, and the RUOK system brings a sense of comfort into every subscriber's home. Each day at a pre-arranged time, the program will automatically make a computerized monitoring call to residents signed up. The specified time will be chosen by the individual between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. When individual answers the phone a recorded message will play and they can simply hang up.

If they do not pick up, they will be called again in another 15 minutes. If they fail to answer again, an alert will pop up on the Howell County Sheriff's Office computer and information will be printed out. At this point, a contact person, which could be a relative or a neighbor, will be called to go over and check on that person. If the

contact person provided is unable to check in on the individual a patrol will be sent immediately to the house of the individual to check on their well-being. This program is free to Howell County residents.

Everyone who signs up for the program will have to fill out a form with medical and other information that law enforcement may need in an emergency. More information on how to sign up for this program will be provided soon once the program is set up and tested.



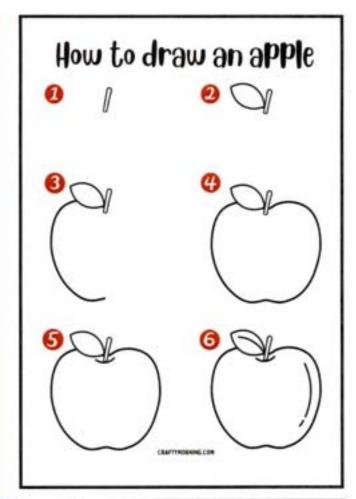




## The 3 C's in Life

CHOICE CHANCE CHANGE

You must make The CHOICE, To take the CHANCE, If you want anything In life to C HANGE.





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

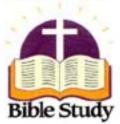
Michelle Tucker -- South Tower











Walnut Grove Residents: Would you be interested in a weekly Bible study? We are checking to see if there would be an interest in starting a weekly Bible study for the Walnut Grove residents. Location, day, and times are flexible.

This would be an excellent time for fellowship and growth in God's word. If you are interested in a Bible study, there is a sign-up list on the lobby bulletin board.

# What's Cooking?

## **Apple Cinnamon Muffins**

- 2 cups flour
- 1 ¼ cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup finely diced apples
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350°. Line muffin tins with cup cake liners.

In a medium sized bowl mix dry ingredients. Add milk and eggs, one at a time. Add melted butter, vanilla anf stir. Fold in diced apples. Pour batter into muffin tins and sprinkle with additional cinnamon and sugar on top. Bake for 30 minutes.



# Apple Dump Cake with Fresh Apples

6 Granny Smith apples, coarsely chopped (about 5 cups)

¼ cup white sugar

¼ cup brown sugar

1 teaspoon cinnamon

¼ teaspoon nutmeg

Pinch of salt

1 package spice cake mix

1/4 cup butter, melted

Caramel sauce, optional

Preheat oven to 350°degrees. Spray a 9x13 baking dish with cooking spray. In a large bowl mix apples, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Pour apple mixture into the baking dish. Sprinkle dry cake mix over top of the apples. Pour melted butter over the cake

mix. Do not stir. Bake 50 minutes, until golden brown.

Optional--Drizzle with caramel sauce and top with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream.



## **Apple Cinnamon Loaf**

1/3 cup brown sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

2/3 cup white sugar

½ cup butter, softened

2 eggs

- 1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 cup milk

1 apple, peeled and chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9x5 inch loaf pan. Mix brown sugar and cinnamon together in a bowl and set aside. Beat white sugar and butter together in a bowl using an electric mixer until smooth and creamy. Beat in eggs one at a time, until incorporated; add vanilla extract. Combine flour and baking powder together in another bowl; stir into creamed butrter mixture. Mix milk into batter until smooth. Pour half the batter into the prepared loaf pan. Next, add half the apples and half the brown sugar-cinnamon mixture. Lightly pat apple mixture into the batter. Pour the remaining batter over apple layer; top with remaining apples and add more brown sugar/cinnamon mixture. Lightly pat apples into batter; swirl brown sugar mixture through apples using a finger or spoon. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center of the loaf comes out clean, 30 to 40 minutes.



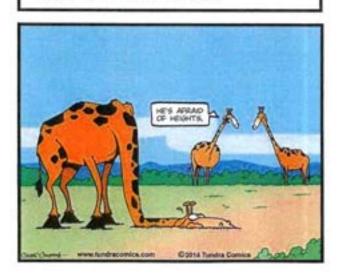
# Just for Fun!



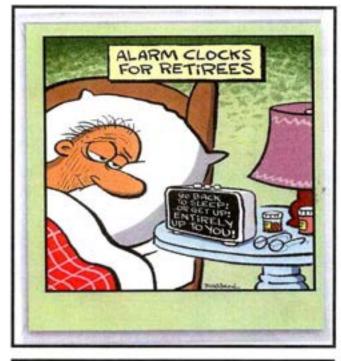
A minister told his congregation, "Next week I am going to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you to all read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up.

The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

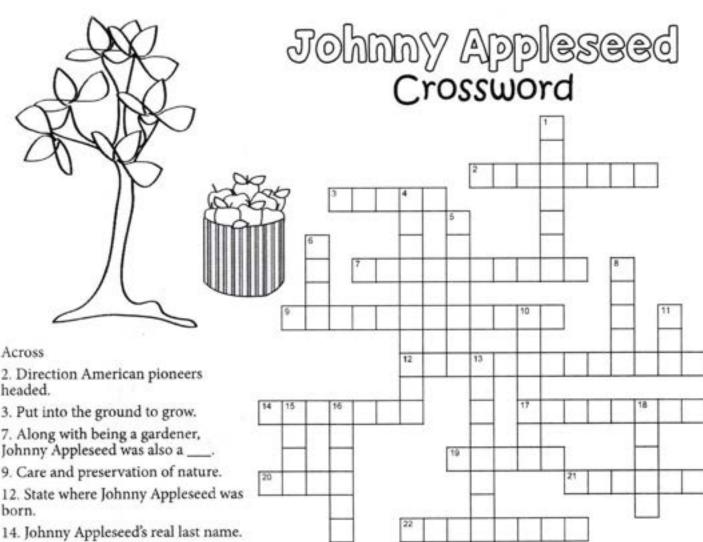


Visited my doctor today. He told me my sugar was too high. So I came home and moved it to a lower shelf.



In the span of 11 years 115
people died in a weightlifting
accident at the gym.
In the same 11 years only 1
person died eating a donut.
Make good choices.





- 17. Johnny Appleseed is an \_\_\_\_ legend.
- 19. Johnny Appleseed supposedly threw these on the ground wherever he went.
- Mr. Appleseed's first name.
- 21. A popular story regarded as historical but not necessarily true.
- 22. No shoes on his feet.

#### Down

- A person who moves into a new area.
- 4. A person who grows plants to sell them.
- Johnny Appleseed cared deeply about all
- 6. The "Buckeye State", where Johnny planted many nurseries.
- 8. Fruit such as a Granny Smith or a Red Delicious.

- Place to pick apples.
- Johnny Appleseed's hat.
- 13. In what month do we celebrate Johnny Appleseed Day?
- 15. A courageous person.
- 16. An early settler or explorer of an area.
- Beverage made from apples.

	Word Bank	
American	John	Plant
Animals	Legend	Pot
Apple	Massachusetts	Seeds
Barefoot	Missionary	September
Chapman	Nurseryman	Settler
Cider	Ohio	Westward
Conservation	Orchard	
Hero	Pioneer	

# DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

Applejack

Baked

**Brown Betty** 

Butter

Cake

Candied

Caramelized

Chips

Cider

Cobbler

Crisp

Danish

Dried

Dumpling

Eve's Pudding

Fritter

Juice

Pie

Sauce

Soda

Strudel

Tarte Tatin

Turnover

# An Apple a Day

# Word Search

