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West Plains Housing Authority

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



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Dates to Remember:

December

*WPHA Offices will be closed Monday, December 23rd - Wednesday, December 25th for Christmas.

January

*WPHA Offices will be closed Wednesday, January 1st for New Year's Day.

*WPHA Offices will be closed Monday, January 20th, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day.



WPHA sends wishes for a joy filled holiday season and a peaceful new year to each of you. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Inhale the future, exhale the past.

Make 2025 the best year yet!

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

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

Jerry's Journal

Greetings Residents!

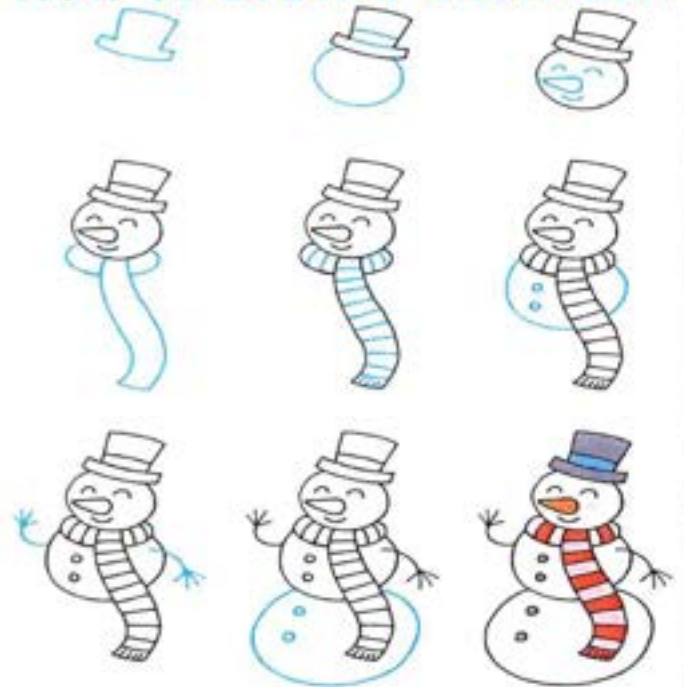
Holiday Greetings! I feel like it has been a long time since I have been with you. I am so glad to be back. Thank you for making me feel missed.

Hopefully, life is getting back to a normal schedule. After the holidays I will be back in the office Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8:00 to 4:30. I look forward to seeing and assisting you in the new year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

HOWTODRAWEASY.NET How to Draw a Snowman



LET EVERYDAY
BE CHRISTMAS

Merry
Christmas

Christmas is forever,
not for just one day,
for loving, sharing,
giving, are not to put away
like bells and lights and tinsel,
in some box upon a shelf.
The good you do for others
is good you do yourself.

Peace on Earth, good will to men,
kind thoughts and words of cheer,
are things we should use often
and not just once a year.

So keep the Christmas spirit,
share it with others far and near,
from week to week
and month to month,
throughout the entire year!

Nubia Group
NUBIAGROUP.BLOGSPOT.COM

~ Author : Norman Wesley Brooks

Easy Fudge

3 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 (14 ounce) can eagle Brand Sweetened
Condensed Milk
1 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
Dash salt

Instructions

Line an 8 or 9-inch pan with wax paper. It might help to lightly grease the pan before so it sticks.

In a heavy saucepan over low heat, warm the chocolate chips, condensed milk, and salt until melted and well combined. Do NOT use high heat, as it will burn the chocolate.

Remove the pot from heat and stir in vanilla. Then, using a rubber spatula, transfer the fudge to the prepared pan. Spread it as evenly as possible.

Chill for 2 hours or until firm. Then, grip the excess wax paper and lift the fudge out of the pan. Peel off the paper, cut the fudge into squares and enjoy!

mein noodles and roasted peanuts. Stir gently until combined.

Drop rounded tablespoon scoops of the mixture on the prepared baking sheet. Allow to set for several hours or overnight.

You can also speed up this process by placing them in the refrigerator. Then enjoy!



Haystacks

11-ounce package butterscotch chips
½ cup creamy peanut butter
10-ounce bag chow mein noodles
1 cup roasted peanuts (optional)

Instructions

Prepare a baking sheet by lining with wax paper. Set aside.

In the microwave or medium saucepan over low heat, melt the butterscotch chips until smooth.

Remove from heat and stir in the peanut butter until well combined. Add the chow



Santa has a senior moment



The High Rise

News from South Tower

Good morning to everyone from South Tower to Walnut Grove. It seems like we went from summer to fall overnight. So, so cold in the mornings but warm in the afternoons.

Happy birthday to all from Walnut Grove to South Tower. I hope you have a great day!

Oh, so good:

We had a bar-b-que and potluck at South Tower and it was great. Thank you to those who hosted this event. Thank you to those that grilled the meat--hot dogs, hamburgers, and steaks and to all the ones who prepared the other food. Everything was so good. Most of all, thank you to Carol for putting the event together. About 50 were in attendance. If you were grouchy when you sat down, you were full and happy when you went home. (Smile now!) Thank you to those who stayed after for clean-up. An AMAZING get-together. Bless you all.

We have had a few residents in the hospital and are now home recovering. Some have scheduled surgeries happening soon.

A big shout out to all maintenance workers for maintaining our homes at South Tower to keep us safe. We so appreciate all of you and Vicki for working so hard to keep it clean. I know how hard it is on your back and joints to do mopping and cleaning.

It has come to my attention that people need to clean up their dog's messes outside. I know most of you do, but there is still messes not picked up in front and back of the building. I sure hate stepping in the mess and then realize it when I'm home and there is poop on my floor. It's not fun! (If you run out of doggie bags, just use Walmart bags.) Thank you!

Do any of you have family coming for the holidays?

Touchy Subject:

If you have issues with anyone, please quickly resolve the problems. Don't let it linger on. Work it out. Talk to the person. You will feel so much better. Listen to each other. Being negative or bullying others hurts your heart and mind. There have been people of all ages commit suicide from this type of behavior. Too much of this goes on. It must end. Everyone is special in their own way.

Reflection:

Don't carry your mistakes around with you. Instead, place them under your feet and use them as stepping stones to rise above them.

---Author Unknown

Just a reminder: there are resources on the bulletin board in the lobbies. If you need insurance or a ride, food banks, taxi, or Car Tender, the numbers are on the board.

Just a reminder:

*Call maintenance when needed. Put work orders in as soon as possible.

*Jerry will help you with needs.

*If you call for deliveries, be downstairs to receive them. We can't hunt you down.

*Respect the rules.

*Pick up your trash and cigarette butts.

- *Join in and support building activities.
- *Continued prayers for those still recovering from illnesses.
- *Remember to call medical rides at least three days in advance, not counting the weekend.

Final Thought:

Allow yourself to slow life's passing. Ease mind, body and soul for healing. Take time to reflect on all good memories and meaningful moments. Take care of yourself and be well.

---Samantha Chase Meyers

'Til next time. Stay safe, healthy and happy. Bless you all.

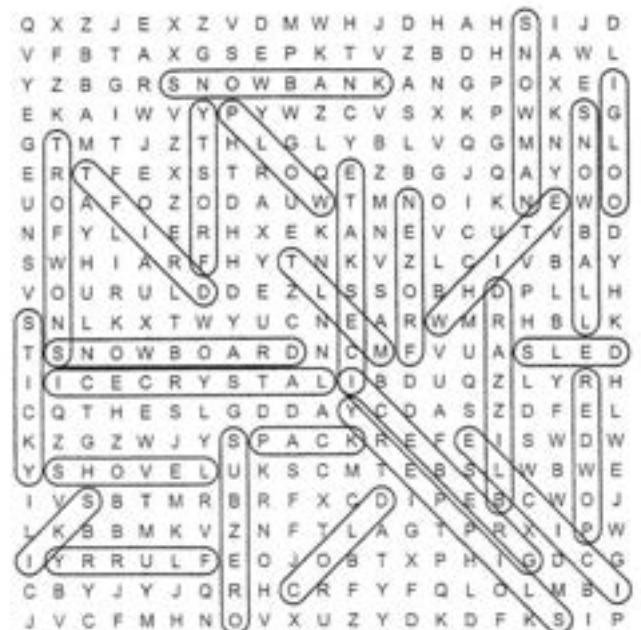


Puzzle Answers



WINTER

L D H U F S W X P V E C
 I C A G M J I T L H R N
 B R T K I E Q C O A T U
 S N O W T A Y P W Z J S
 U S F R T G S L E D M K
 P K X J S Z N H Q Y B I
 E A L D U S C A R F O W
 Y T B I Q X O K J N O H
 O E V C P R L U W S T A
 G Z M E H B D N I K X F



It's Snow Time

Word Search

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

BLIZZARD
COLD
DRIFT
FLURRY
FROSTY
FROZEN
ICE CRYSTAL
ICE SKATE
ICEBERG



ICICLE	SLIPPERY
IGLOO	SNOW FORT
MELT	SNOWBALL
PACK	SNOWBANK
PLOW	SNOWBOARD
POWDER	SNOWMAN
SHOVEL	STICKY
SKI	SUB-ZERO
SLED	WHITE

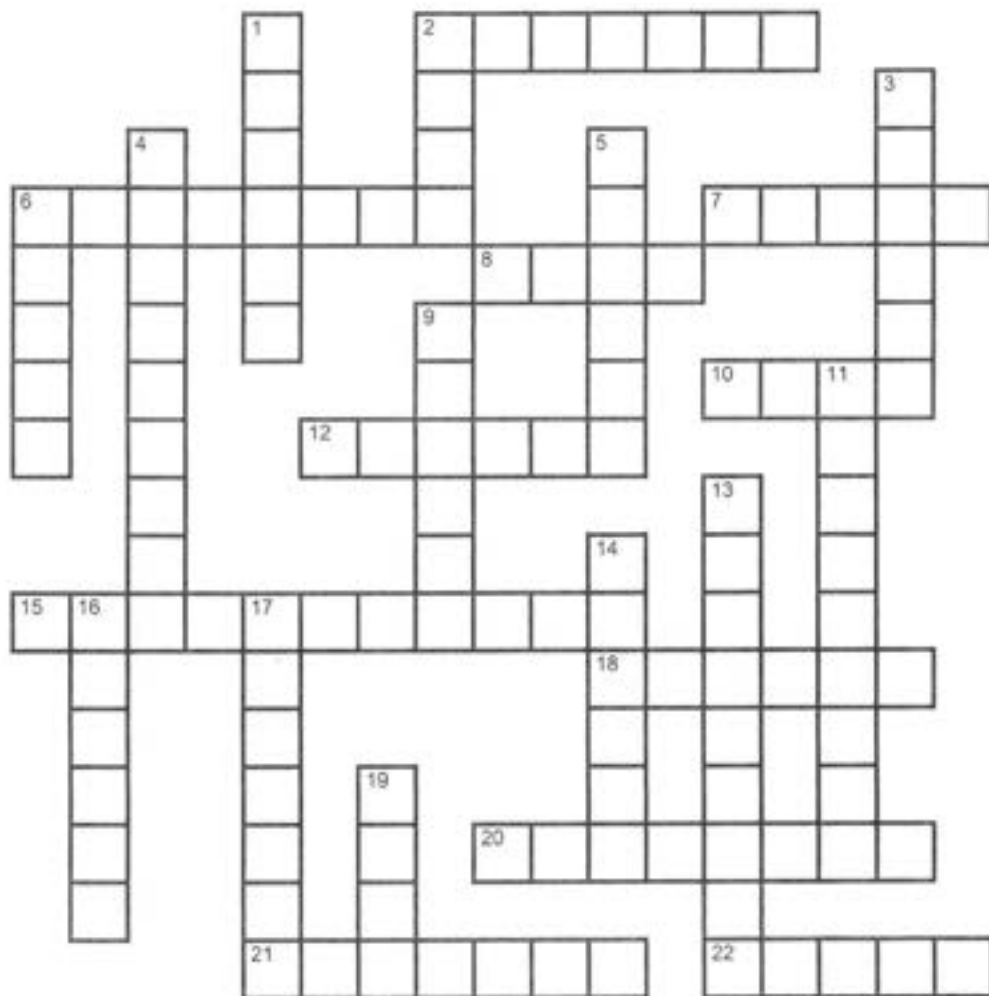
Winter Crossword

Across

2. Knitted top.
6. Snowstorm with winds.
7. Month that winter ends in.
8. When the air moves.
10. A sudden blast of wind.
12. Shake from the cold.
15. Tells you how cold it is outside.
18. Rather cold.
20. Month that winter starts in.
21. He might have a carrot for a nose.
22. Keeps you neck warm.

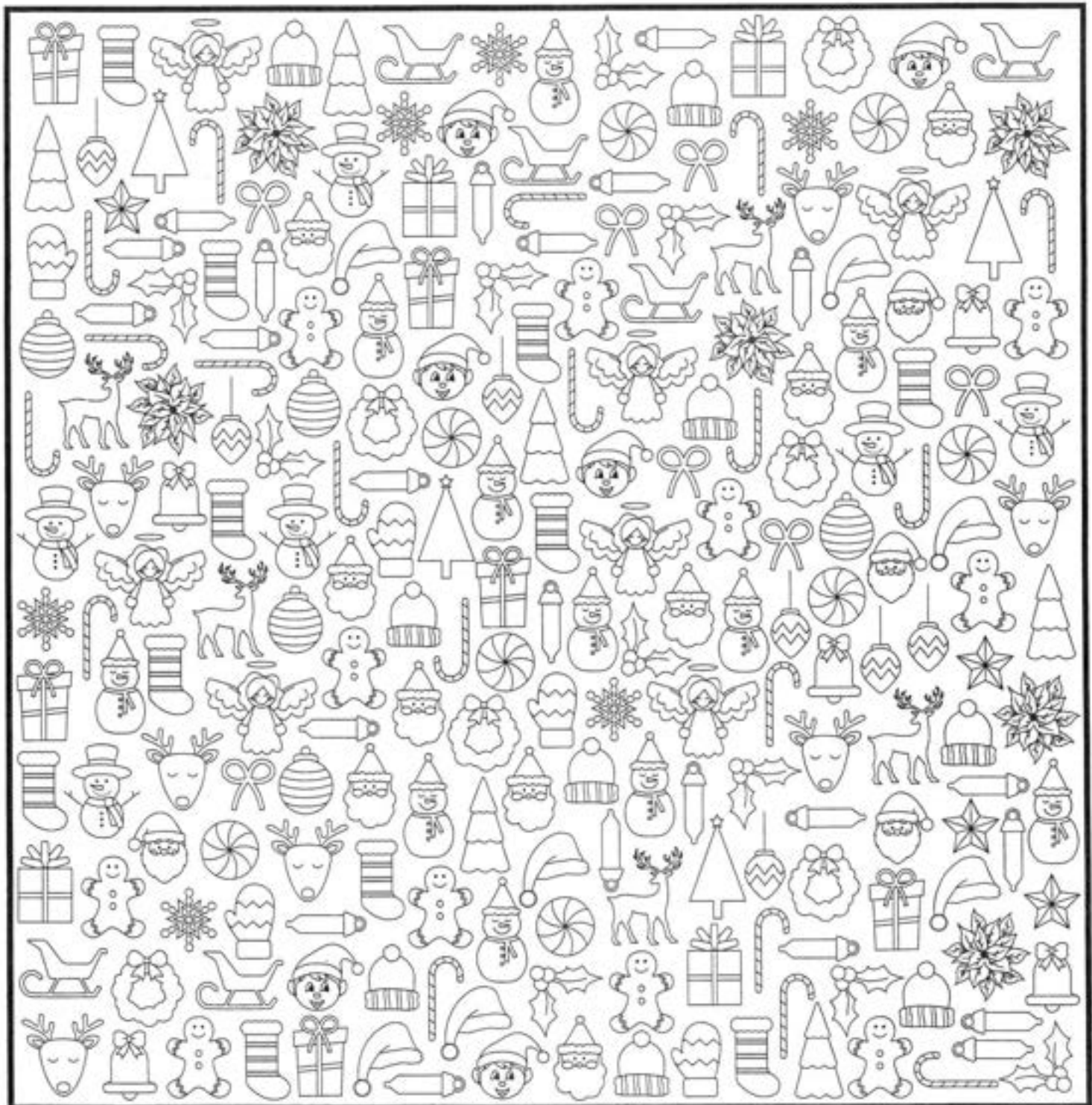
Down

1. Turned into ice.
2. It goes downhill fast.
3. A short coat.
4. What bears do in the winter.
5. Opposite of summer.
6. Shoes for snowy days.
9. Frozen trickle of water.
11. Ice crystal.
13. December 25th.
14. Area around the North Pole.
16. Used to warm a room.
17. Winter hand warmers.
19. Temperature (in Celsius) at which water freezes.



Arctic, Blizzard, Boots, Chilly, Christmas, December, Frozen, Gust, Heater, Hibernate, Icicle, Jacket, March, Mittens, Scarf, Shiver, Sled, Snowflake, Snowman, Sweater, Thermometer, Wind, Winter, Zero

CHRISTMAS I SPY



														
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10	11	9	4	6	6	4	5	5	9	5	7	6	7	8