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# West Plains Housing Authority

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



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*Life is like a camera...*  
Focus on what's important  
Capture the good times,  
develop from the negatives,  
and if things don't work out,  
*take another shot*



Mark your calendars for the recurring events taking place at both towers each month. First Monday of the month is the birthday party sponsored by Southern Care & Comfort. Come out for Birthday Bingo and cupcakes. The first Wednesday each month is breakfast provided by Assist America Home Care. They have been serving up some good biscuits and gravy. Later each month is a seasonal activity sponsored by Southern Care & Comfort. Make plans to attend these activities.

## WPHA Staff

**Mandy**, Executive Director / HR  
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**Sandra**, Section 8 Coordinator  
**Nina**, Financial Operations Specialist  
**Jerry**, Resident Initiative Coordinator

**WPHA Offices will be closed Thursday, June 19, for the Juneteenth Holiday.**



## Jerry's Journal

Greetings Residents!

Here comes summer! Get out the sun screen and let the summer fun begin.

Whatever your summer plans are, be safe and enjoy the warm weather. I know we need the rain, but some sunshine would definitely be welcome.

Life is precious. Take time to enjoy your blessings **each** and **every day**.

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](mailto:wpharic@gmail.com). I am here to help YOU! There is never a silly question.

*Jerry*



## Like to Dance?

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, June 3, at 1:00 to discuss the interest in having weekly dance/mobility sessions at South Tower. The meeting will be held in the Community Room. This would be for residents only and **NO** partners are needed. **EVERYONE** is invited to attend, regardless of how mobile you are. All ages and mobilities are invited. If you use a walker, wheelchair, etc., there will be activities for you to be a part of.

Mark your calendars, dust off your dancing shoes and make plans to attend. Hope to see you at the meeting!



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

## Ice Cream Social

Walnut Grove residents will be having a tenant-sponsored ice cream social. All Walnut Grove residents are invited to attend. This event will be held in The Brill Community Room on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00.

These monthly tenant-sponsored activities are for residents only. Donations are gladly accepted to continue these monthly activities.

Mark this on your calendar and make plans to attend! If you have questions, see Shirley LaClair.



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## HOW TO DRAW A BUMBLEBEE





# What's Cooking?

## Doritos Chicken Casserole

- 1 (14.5 ounce) package nacho cheese-flavored tortilla chips (such as Doritos), crushed
- 3 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 2 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend, divided
- 1 ½ cups salsa
- 1 (15.25 ounce) can corn, drained
- 1 (10.5 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 (10.5 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 8 ounces sour cream

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly spray a 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Spread crushed chips out on the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Stir chicken, 1 cup cheese, salsa, corn, condensed soups, and sour cream together in a bowl. Pour chicken mixture over crushed chips into the baking dish. Bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes. Spread remaining 1 cup cheese over the casserole and bake until cheese is melted and bubbling, about 5 minutes more.



## Millionaire Pie

- 1 (20 oz) canned crushed pineapple, well drained
- 1 (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup sweetened shredded coconut (optional)
- 1 cup pecans, chopped
- 4 Tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 8 ounces frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 2 standard ready-made graham cracker crusts

In a large mixing bowl. Combine the sweetened condensed milk, drained, crushed pineapple, and fresh lemon juice. Stir in the shredded coconut and chopped pecans. Gently fold in the whipped topping until uniformly combined.

Divide the filling evenly between the two graham cracker crusts, spreading it out smoothly.

Refrigerate for at least four hours or until set. Store in the refrigerator until ready to serve.



## Creamy Corn Dip

- 2 (15 oz) cans of sweet corn kernels, drained
- 4 slices of bacon
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup shredded Mexican cheese blend
- 3 scallions, chopped
- 1 jalapeño, chopped
- ½ tsp black pepper, or to taste
- ¼ tsp garlic powder
- ¼ tsp onion powder
- Tortilla chips/crackers for serving

Drain the corn.

Cook the bacon to your liking. Once done, chop it into small bits.

Chop the scallions and jalapeño. These will add a fresh, zesty kick. If you're a fan of spice, leave the seeds in the jalapeño. If not, take them out for a milder taste.

In a medium-large bowl, throw in your drained corn, sour cream, mayonnaise, shredded cheese, chopped bacon, scallions, jalapeño, and seasonings (black pepper, garlic powder, onion powder). Give it all a good mix until everything is well combined. Chill until you're ready to serve. This lets all those flavors really meld together.



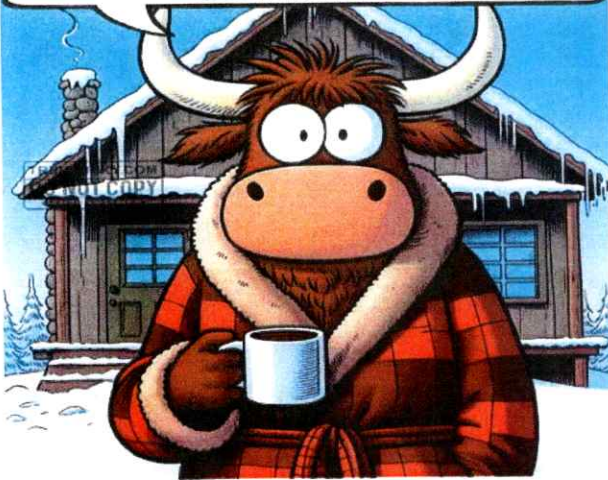
# Just for Fun!

A policeman sees a little lady driving and knitting at the same time.

Aggravated, he pulls up beside her, rolls down his window, and yells, "Pull over!"

The little lady yells back, "No silly, it's a scarf."

Never use GPS when going to a cemetery. It's not nice to hear "you've reached your destination."



You know how they throw the ball into the crowd after winning the game?



Yeah...turns out that's not allowed in bowling.



I know that now!

Old age is a thing...last night I was in bed for 20 minutes when I heard the pizza guy cough. Then I remembered I came in the room for my wallet.

**I CAN KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT BUT**



**YOU CAN READ THE SUBTITLES ON MY FACE**

I always start the day with  
**GOOD INTENTIONS**



**THEN I GET OUT OF BED**

--and that's **USUALLY** where it all goes wrong!

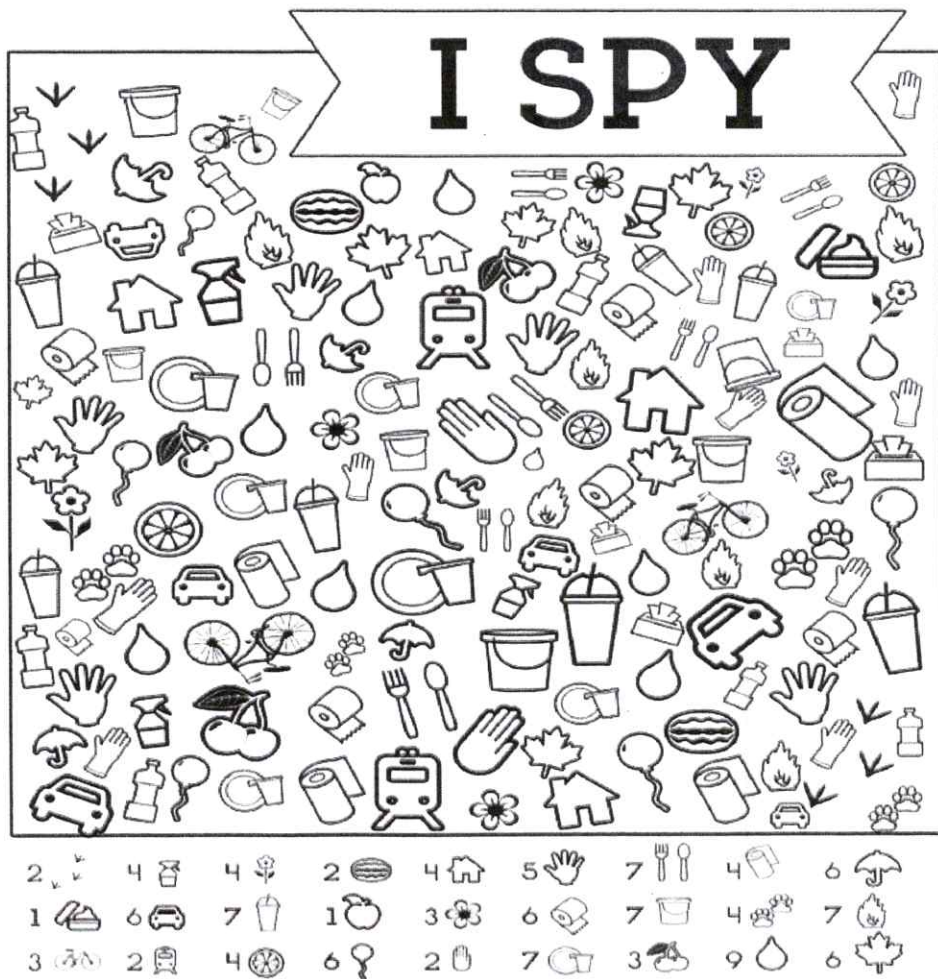
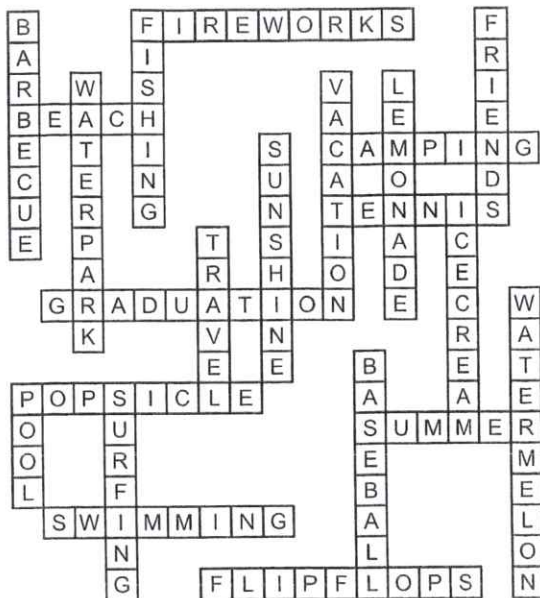
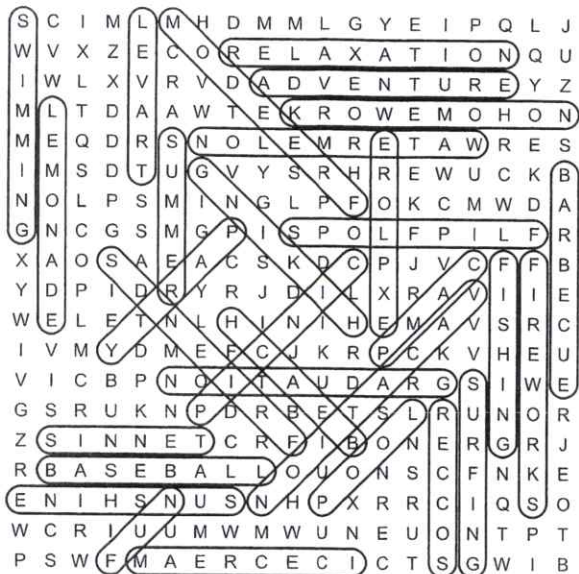
9:00 AM... Me: I think I'll roast a chicken for dinner, steam some asparagus and make mashed potatoes.

4:45 PM... Me: "Hi. I'd like a large pepperoni pizza for delivery."





## Puzzle Answers





## Summer Trivia Questions

1. What are the three months of summer? **June July and August**
2. What is the longest summer month in the northern hemisphere? **June**
3. What is the name of the icy treat that is popular during the summer and comes in various flavors? **Ice Cream**
4. What is the name of the large body of water where many people go swimming in the summer? **Ocean**
5. What is the name of the insect known for its buzzing sound and often seen in the summer? **Cicadas**
6. What is the name of the outdoor activity that involves jumping into a body of water from a high platform? **Diving**
7. What is the name of the outdoor game that involves hitting a ball with a bat and running around bases? **Baseball**
8. What is the name of the protective lotion that people use to prevent sunburn in the summer? **Sunblock**
9. What is the name of the event where people gather to cook food outdoors on a grill? **Barbecue**
10. What is the name of the small, sweet fruit that is often picked in the summer and used to make pies and jams? **Berries**
11. What is the day that marks the onset of summer and has the longest daylight hours of the year? **Summer Solstice**
12. What is the name of the popular outdoor activity that involves setting up a tent and sleeping under the stars? **Camping**
13. What is the name of the fruit that is often associated with summertime and is known for its red color and juicy texture? **Watermelon**
14. What is the name of the outdoor game that involves throwing a flying disc to teammates? **Frisbee**
15. What is the name of the outdoor activity that involves riding waves on a long board? **Surfing**





ADVENTURE

BARBECUE

BASEBALL

BEACH

CAMP

EXPLORE

FIREWORKS

FISHING

FLIP FLOPS

FREEDOM

FRIENDS

FUN

GRADUATION

HIKING

ICE CREAM

LEMONADE

NO HOMEWORK

PARTY

PICNIC

POOL

RELAXATION

SOCCER

SUMMER

SUNSHINE

SURFING

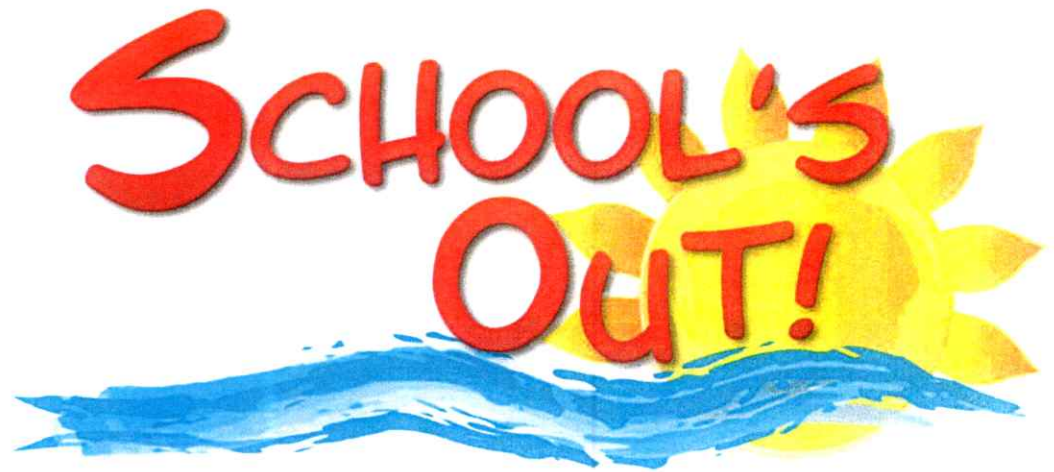
SWIMMING

TENNIS

TRAVEL

VACATION

WATERMELON



## Word Search

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

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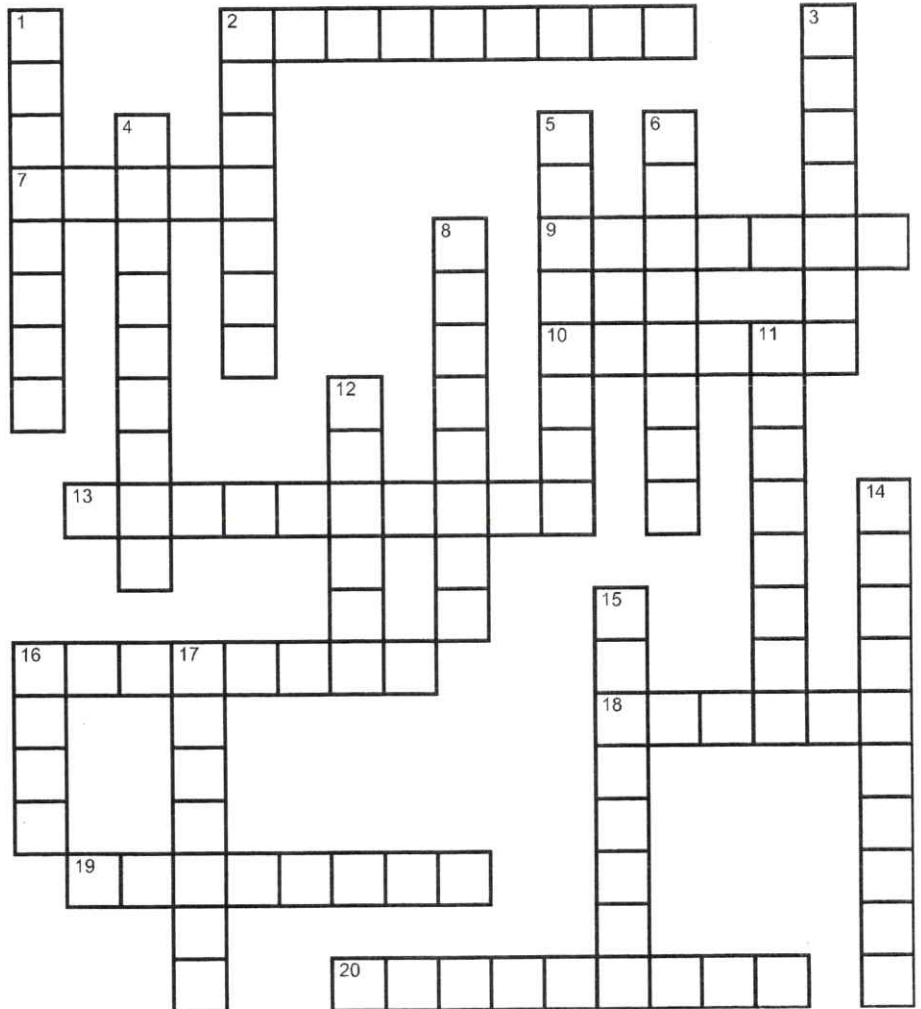
# School's OUT!

across

2. July Fourth entertainment in the sky.
7. Sandy area by the ocean.
9. Outdoor activity of staying over-night in a tent.
10. Sport played with a racket and ball.
13. Ceremony marking the completion of school.
16. Frozen treat on a stick.
18. Warmest season of the year.
19. Doing the crawl or the backstroke.
20. Casual footwear worn in summer.

DOWN

1. Outdoor cooking event with grilled food.
2. Sport using a pole, a line and a lure.
3. People you enjoy spending time with.
4. Summer recreation area with slides.
5. Time off from work or school.
6. Refreshing citrus drink.



8. Solar light and warmth.

11. Cold, sweet frozen dessert.

12. Journey to different places.

14. Large fruit, green on the outside and red on the inside.

15. Sport played on a diamond.

16. Water-filled area for swimming.

17. Riding waves on a board.



Barbecue  
Baseball  
Beach  
Camping  
Fireworks  
Fishing

Flip Flops  
Friends  
Graduation  
Ice Cream  
Lemonade  
Pool

Popsicle  
Summer  
Sunshine  
Surfing  
Swimming  
Tennis

Travel  
Vacation  
Watermelon  
Waterpark