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## West Plains Housing Authority



#### 4th of July Jokes.....

What is red, white, black, and blue? Uncle Sam after falling down the stairs.

What is the most popular sporting event on July 4th? Flag football.

What protest by a bunch of dogs happened in 1773? The Boston Flea Party.

What did the parrot say on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July? Polly want a firecracker?

What do you call an American drawing? Yankee doodle.

What do you call our 16<sup>th</sup> president waiting to turn at a red light? *Abe Blinkin.* 

What's red, white and blue? A sad candy cane.

# Does Europe have a 4th of July?

Yes, it comes right after the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July.



#### Dates to Remember:

\*Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, is the last day to pay rent without a penalty. Payments may be left in the drop box any time.

\*WPHA Offices will be closed Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.



#### WPHA Staff

Mandy, Executive Director / HR Brenda, Deputy Director Stacie, Housing Specialist



## RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

are the colors of fun. Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with laughter, friends, and memories for everyone.



Desirae, Housing Clerk Sandra, Section 8 Coordinator Nina, Financial Operations Specialist Jerry, Resident Initiative Coordinator

# Happy McReaders

Beginning June 2, the West Plains McDonald's brought back its popular Happy McReader program, a literacy initiative designed to encourage children to read throughout the summer.

The program is simple and rewarding: children can pick up a Happy McReader punch card at the West Plains Public Library and earn a free Happy Meal after reading just ten books. With each book read, participants mark their progress using a hole puncher on their card.

The initiative runs through August 30 for card punching, and completed cards can be redeemed for a free Happy Meal through September 30.

This program has been praised for promoting literacy and giving kids a fun incentive to dive into books during the summer break.

For more information, stop by the West Plains Public Library or the West Plains McDonald's and ask about the Happy McReader card.





### **Caramel Crackers**

Oyster crackers (1 package/9 ounces)

- 2 sticks butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spread crackers evenly on parchment-lined baking sheet.

Melt butter in saucepan. Add sugar, vanilla, and cinnamon. Stir until dissolved. Boil 2-3 minutes until thickened.

Pour caramel over crackers, coating evenly. Sprinkle with salt.

Bake 7-9 minutes, watching carefully to prevent burning. Let cool completely before breaking into clusters.

Store in airtight container.





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