

# West Plains Housing Authority

January 2026

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



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\*\*\*2026\*\*\*

## Jerry's Journal

Greetings Residents!

Happy New Year! Hope your 2026 is off to a great start. Remember each day is a gift. Use it to its full potential.

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*

*Celebrate endings—for they  
precede new beginnings.*

-----Jonathan Huie

## Dates to Remember:

- WPHA offices will be closed on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



**"Isn't it GREAT, Daddy? This all started with just one flake!"**

## WPHA Staff

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







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

### Nacho Potato Soup

- 1 package (5-1/4 ounces) au gratin potatoes
- 1 can (11 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 can (10 ounces) diced tomatoes and green chiles, undrained
- 2 cups water
- 2 cups 2% milk
- 2 cups cubed Velveeta
- Dash hot pepper sauce, optional

In a 3-qt. saucepan, combine the contents of potato package, corn, tomatoes and water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 15-18 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Add the milk, cheese and hot pepper sauce if desired; cook and stir until the cheese is melted.

*"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year."*

--Venn McClellan

### Garlic Bread Ritz Crackers

- 1 sleeve Ritz crackers
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon grated cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

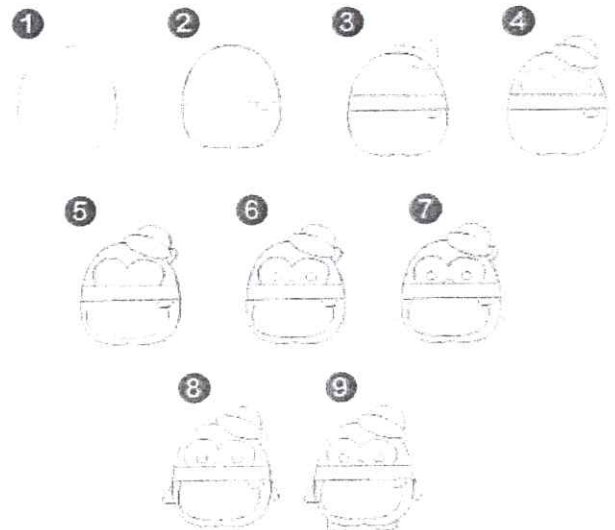
In a bowl, mix the softened butter, minced garlic, grated cheese, dried parsley, salt, and black pepper until well combined.

Spread this mixture onto the Ritz crackers. Place the crackers on a baking sheet.

Bake in the preheated oven for about 10 minutes or until the edges are lightly golden and the cheese has melted.

Serve warm and enjoy!

### HOW TO DRAW PENGUIN



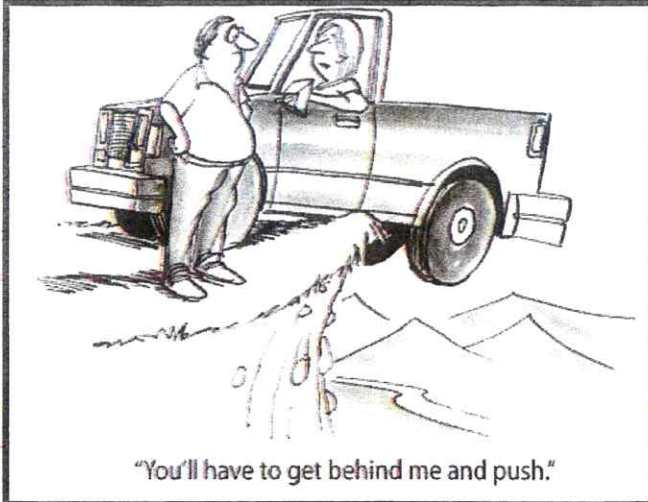
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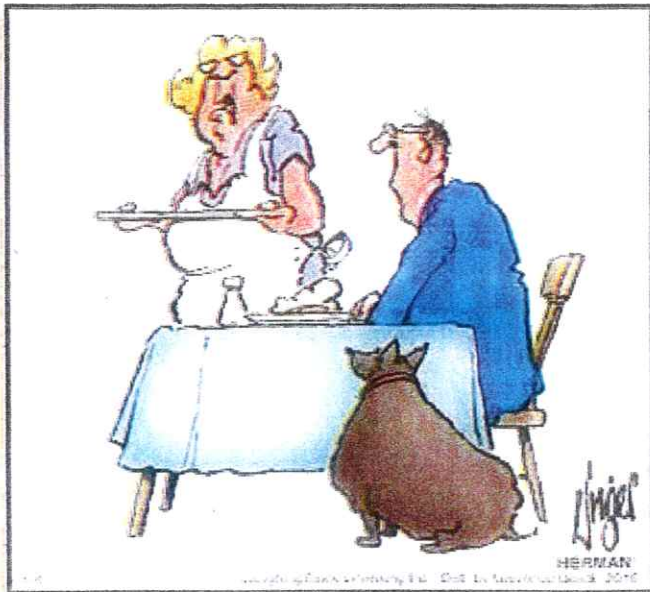
# Just for Fun

What's the difference between the bird flu and the swine flu?

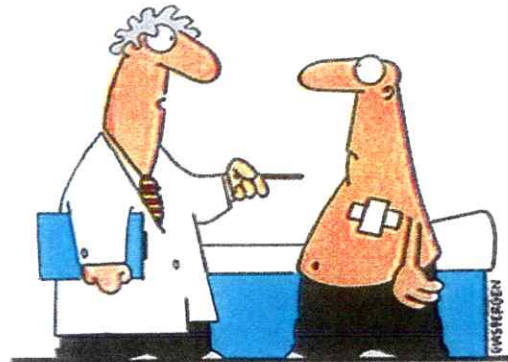
*One requires tweetment and the other an oinkment.*



What's the difference between a man's wallet before and after kids?  
*There are pictures where the money used to be.*



**"I don't know how you manage to eat all my cooking and never put on any weight."**



**"It's a pacemaker for your heart. Plus, you can download apps for your liver, kidneys, lungs, and pancreas!"**

Wife: "Honey, let's play a game."

Husband: "Sure, what's it about?"

Wife: "If I say a country, you run to the left wall. If I say a bird, you run to the right wall. But if you go the wrong way—you give me your whole month's salary."

Husband: "Fair enough. And if YOU fail, your salary's mine too, right?"

Wife (smiling sweetly): "Of course, darling."

Husband (jumps up ready to sprint): "Okay, let's go!"

Wife: "Turkey."

Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon?  
*Great food, no atmosphere!*

**"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start."**

— Nido Qubein





## Snow Trivia

Snow isn't white---it's clear. It just looks white because light bounces around all those ice crystals.

A single snowflake can have up to 200 ice crystals.

Snow keeps animals cozy. It is 95% air, so it traps heat and makes the perfect winter blanket.

The world's largest snowflake was 15 inches wide and 8 inches thick.

"Thundersnow" is a real thing. It is when lightning and thunder crash during a blizzard.

Fresh snowfall actually absorbs sound. This is why the world feels so calm after a big snowfall.

Frost is not snow. Frost is made from water that was already on the ground.

Light and fluffy snow is often called "powder".

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### Winter Crossword

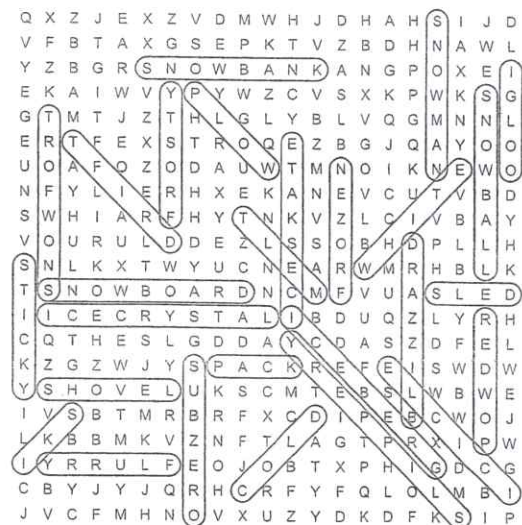
SOLUTION



### It's Snow Time

Word Search

SOLUTION



### Winter Word Search



Gingerbread	Snowflake	Blizzard	Sled
Cookies	Snowman	Mittens	Cold
Apple	Winter	Cocoa	Ice
Boots	Frozen	Scarf	Hat



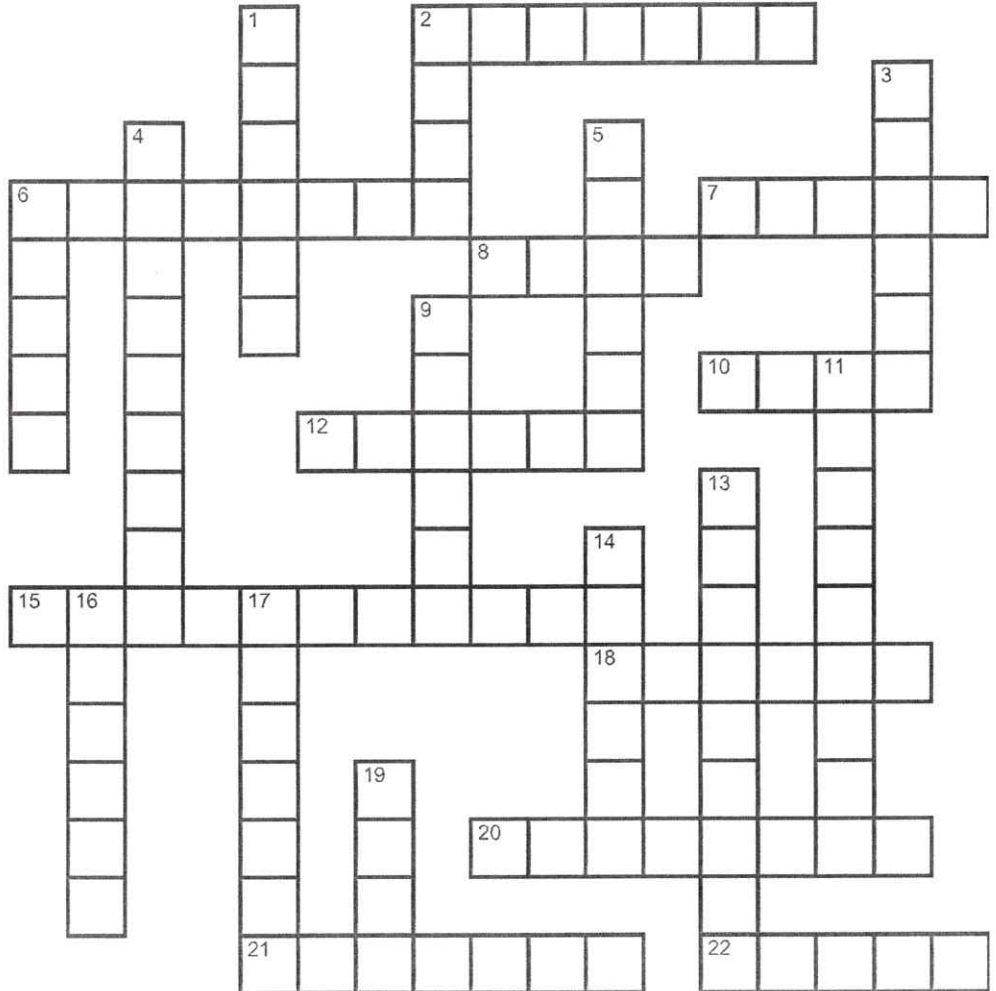
# Winter Crossword

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

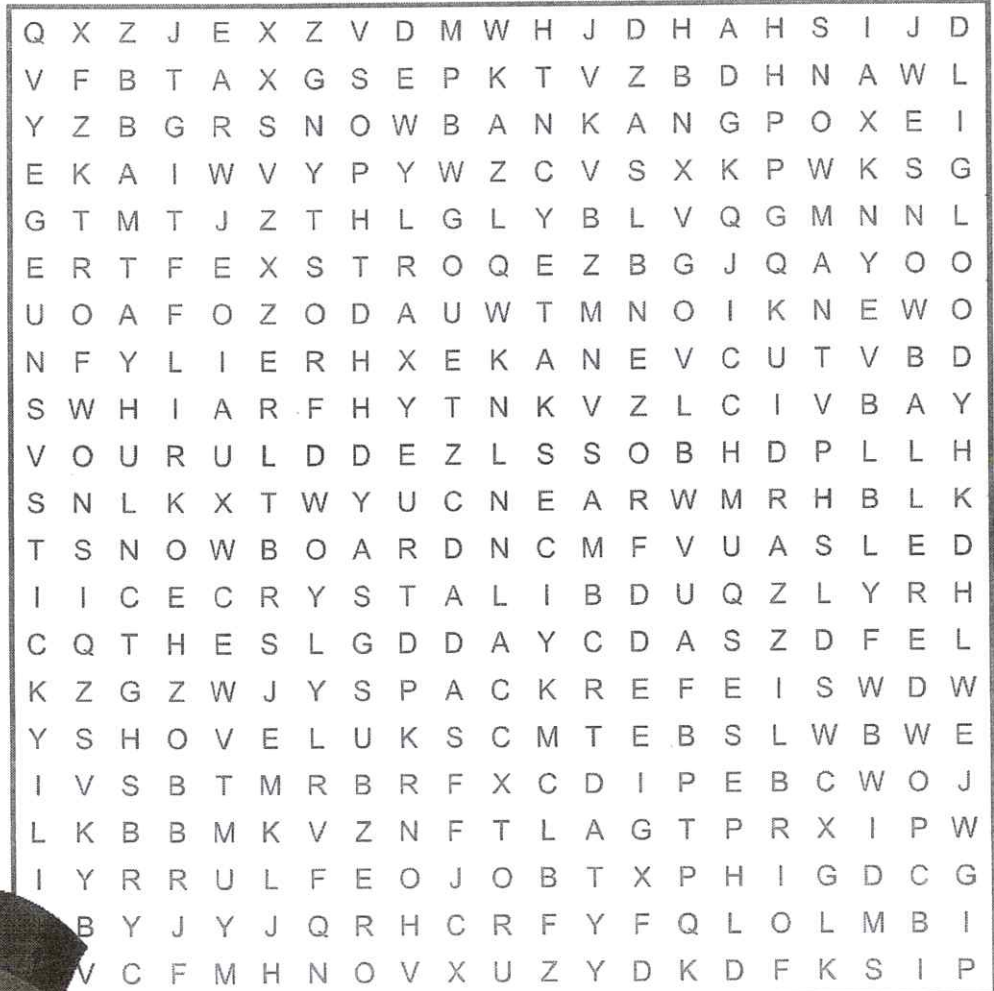


# It's Snow Time

## 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