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West Plains Housing Authority

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



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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. 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 19th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



WPHA Staff

Mandy, Executive Director / HR
Brenda, Deputy Director
Stacie, Housing Specialist
Desirae, Housing Clerk
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."

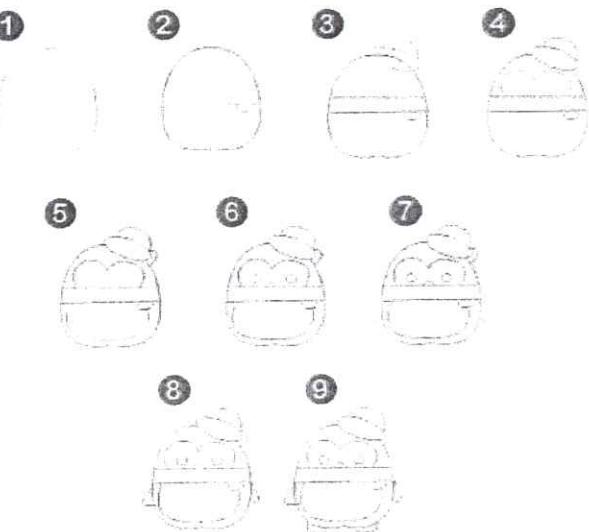
--Venn McClellan

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.

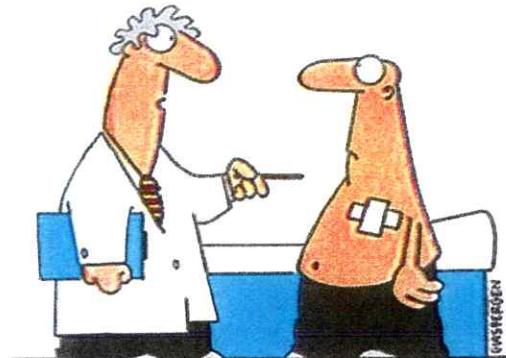


"You'll have to get behind me and push."

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."

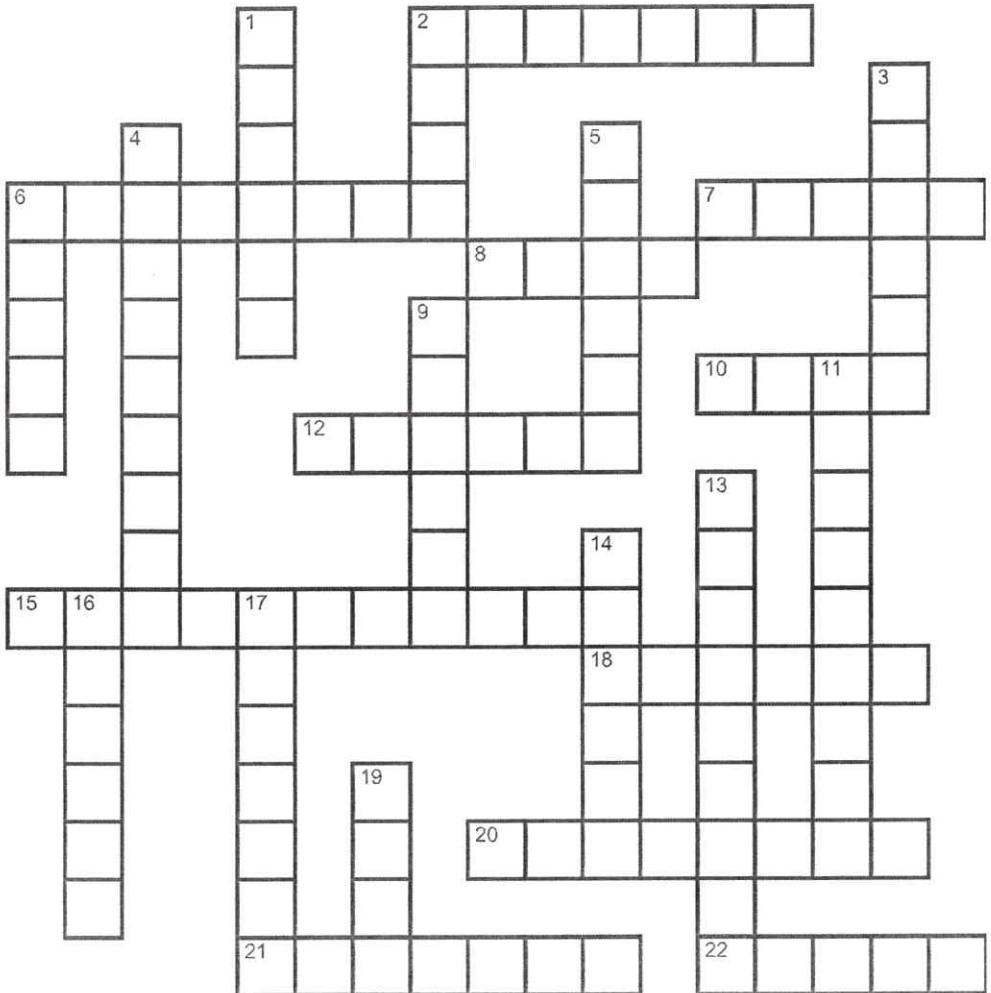
— Nido Qubein



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

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

It's Snow Time

Word Search

BLIZZARD

COLD

DRIFT

FLURRY

FROSTY

FROZEN

ICE CRYSTAL

ICE SKATE

ICEBERG

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



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