

West Plains Housing Authority

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



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Dates to Remember:

*Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 8th. Remember to "SPRING FORWARD".



The 3 C's of Life

Choices, Chances, Changes
You must make the choice, to take a chance, if you want anything in life to change.



Jerry's Journal

Greetings Residents!

Welcome SPRING! A time of new beginnings.

Spring brings new life all around us. Start the new season with new acts of kindness. "*Kindness never goes out of season.*" I think about this quote each time we have a change of the season. If you really stop and think about that statement, there is so much truth spoken here. The way you show kindness may change during the year, but the act of being kind should never leave.

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

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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.

"Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none." —
William Shakespeare

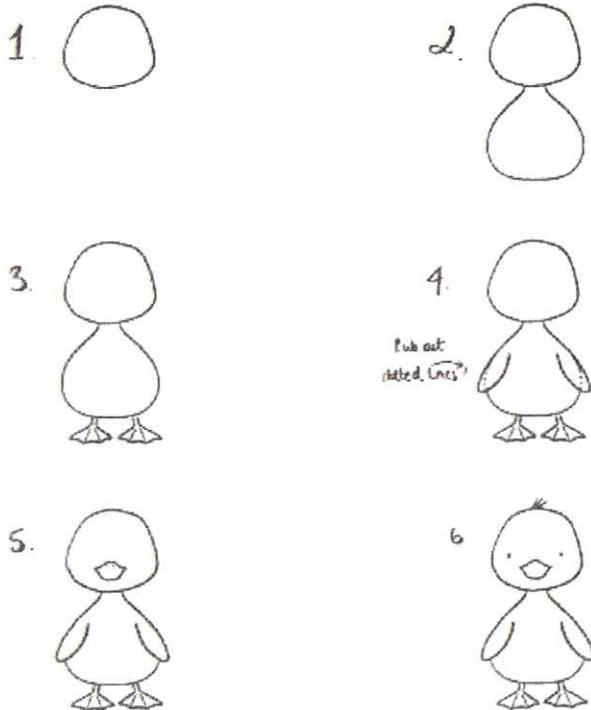


Ice Cream Socials Planned

Brookhaven Health Care Facility in West Plains is planning ice cream socials for residents at both towers. These events will take place in the community rooms at Walnut Grove and South Tower.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 10th. Brookhaven staff will be at Walnut Grove at 1:00 PM and South Tower at 2:30 PM. Make plans to attend! Remind your neighbors and come down for a sweet treat.

How to draw a cute duckling



← Paint your duckling and add details!

"If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."

--Roald Dahl



What's Cooking?

Crinkle Cookies

- 1 egg
- 1 box cake mix, any flavor
- 1 (8-oz.) tub whipped topping
- Powdered sugar
- Sprinkles (optional)

Preheat the oven to 350°. Grease two baking sheets, and set them aside. In a large bowl, lightly beat the egg, then add in the cake mix and whipped topping. Mix well, and roll into small, 1-inch balls. Roll each ball in the powdered sugar until completely coated. Place the dough balls about 1 inch apart on the baking sheets. Bake for 10-12 minutes, or until the edges appear firm, not letting them brown. Top with sprinkles, if desired.



TOFFEE CHEX MIX

- 4 cups Chex cereal (any variety)
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). In a medium saucepan over low heat, melt the butter. Stir in the brown sugar until combined and bubbly. Remove from heat and mix in vanilla extract and salt. Pour the Chex cereal into a large bowl and drizzle the butter mixture over it, gently folding until all pieces are coated.

Spread the mixture onto a parchment-lined baking sheet and bake for about 15 minutes, stirring halfway through. Allow to cool completely before serving.



Old Fashioned Sloppy Joes

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 small onion finely chopped
- 1 medium bell pepper finely chopped
- 1 Tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Tablespoon brown sugar
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 2 teaspoons yellow mustard
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 6 hamburger buns for serving

In a large skillet over medium heat, brown ground beef, onion and green pepper until beef is fully browned and onion and pepper is very soft.

Drain excess grease.

Stir in ketchup, brown sugar, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper.

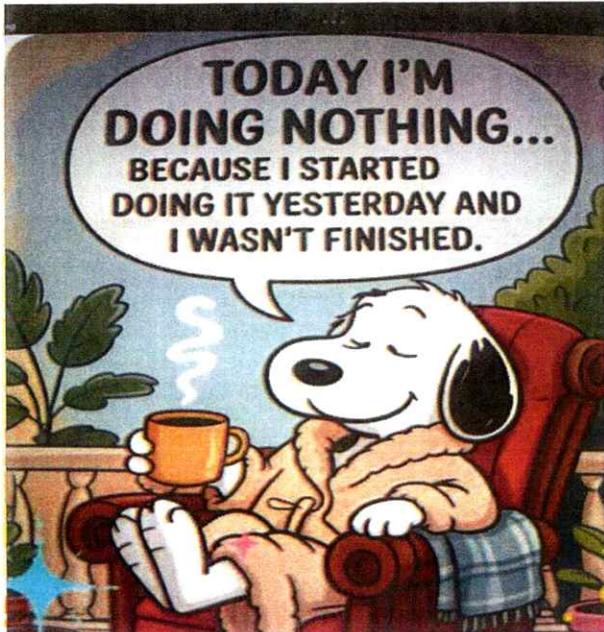
Reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 20-25 minutes, stirring occasionally, until thick but still saucy.

Spoon onto buns and serve warm.



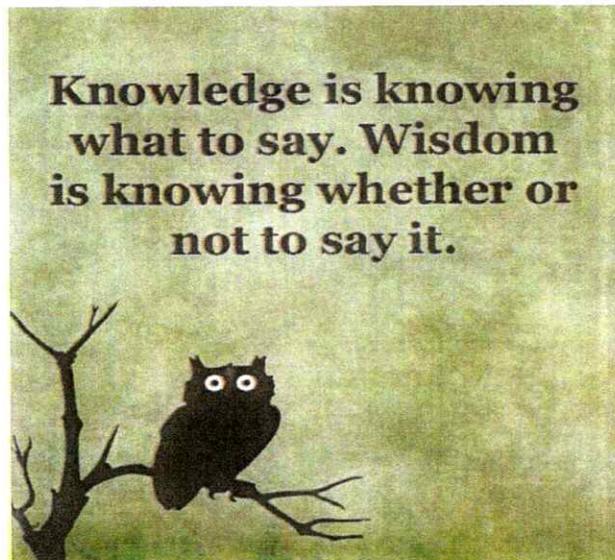
Just for Fun!

One benefit of old age is that your secrets are always safe with your friends ... because they can't remember them!



Why do retirees smile so much?

Because they can't hear a word you're saying.



What's the key to a structured retirement?

A rigid nap schedule.

The older we get, the earlier it gets late.



RD

Bickering with your spouse is like trying to read the Terms of Use for a new service. In the end, you just give up and click "I agree."

I'm getting older and wider instead of older and wiser!

Don't let aging get you down; it's too hard to get back up again.

Retirement is wonderful. It's doing nothing without worrying about getting caught.



RD

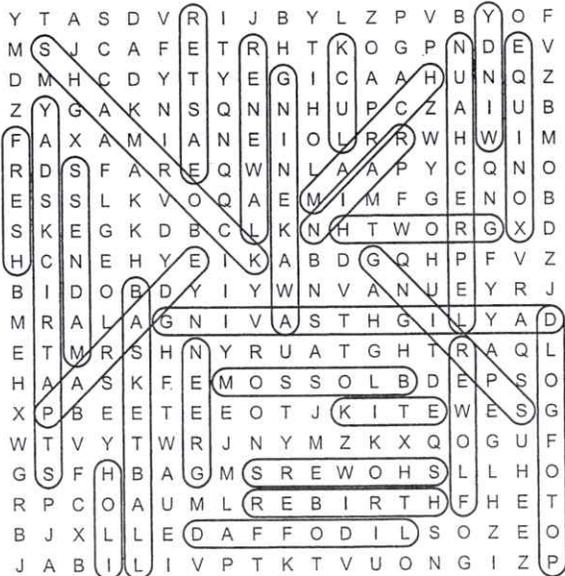
Aging gracefully is a nice way of saying you're slowly looking worse.

PUZZLE ANSWERS



Word Search

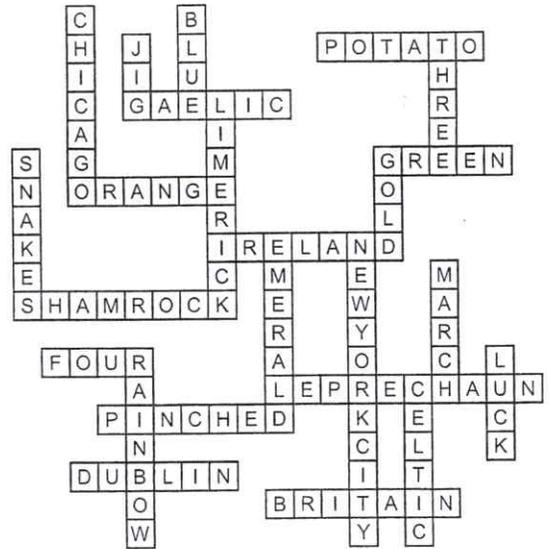
SOLUTION



Saint Patrick's Day

Crossword

SOLUTION



Saint Paddy's Sudoku

SOLUTIONS

RAINBOWS

O	B	I	S	A	N	W	R
I	A	B	N	R	W	O	S
W	N	O	R	S	I	A	B
R	S	W	A	O	B	I	N
N	I	A	O	B	S	R	W
S	W	R	B	I	A	N	O
B	O	N	I	W	R	S	A
A	R	S	W	N	O	B	I

CLOVER

O	C	R	V	E	L
L	E	V	R	C	O
E	V	O	C	L	R
C	R	L	E	O	V
V	O	C	L	R	E
R	L	E	O	V	C

SHAMROCK

C	M	O	A	H	R	K	S
H	K	R	S	O	M	A	C
A	R	S	H	K	O	C	M
O	C	M	K	R	A	S	H
S	H	A	C	M	K	O	R
R	O	K	M	C	S	H	A
K	A	H	R	S	C	M	O
M	S	C	O	A	H	R	K

DUBLIN

D	I	L	B	U	N
B	N	U	D	L	I
N	L	D	I	B	U
I	U	B	L	N	D
U	B	I	N	D	L
L	D	N	U	I	B

AWAKENING

BASKETBALL

BLOSSOM

DAFFODIL

DAYLIGHT SAVING

EASTER.

EQUINOX

FLOWER

FRESH

GREEN

GROWTH

HOLI

KITE

LEPRECHAUN

LUCK

MADNESS

MARCH

PARADE

POT OF GOLD

RAIN

REBIRTH

RENEWAL

SHAMROCK

SHOWERS

SPRING

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

WINDY



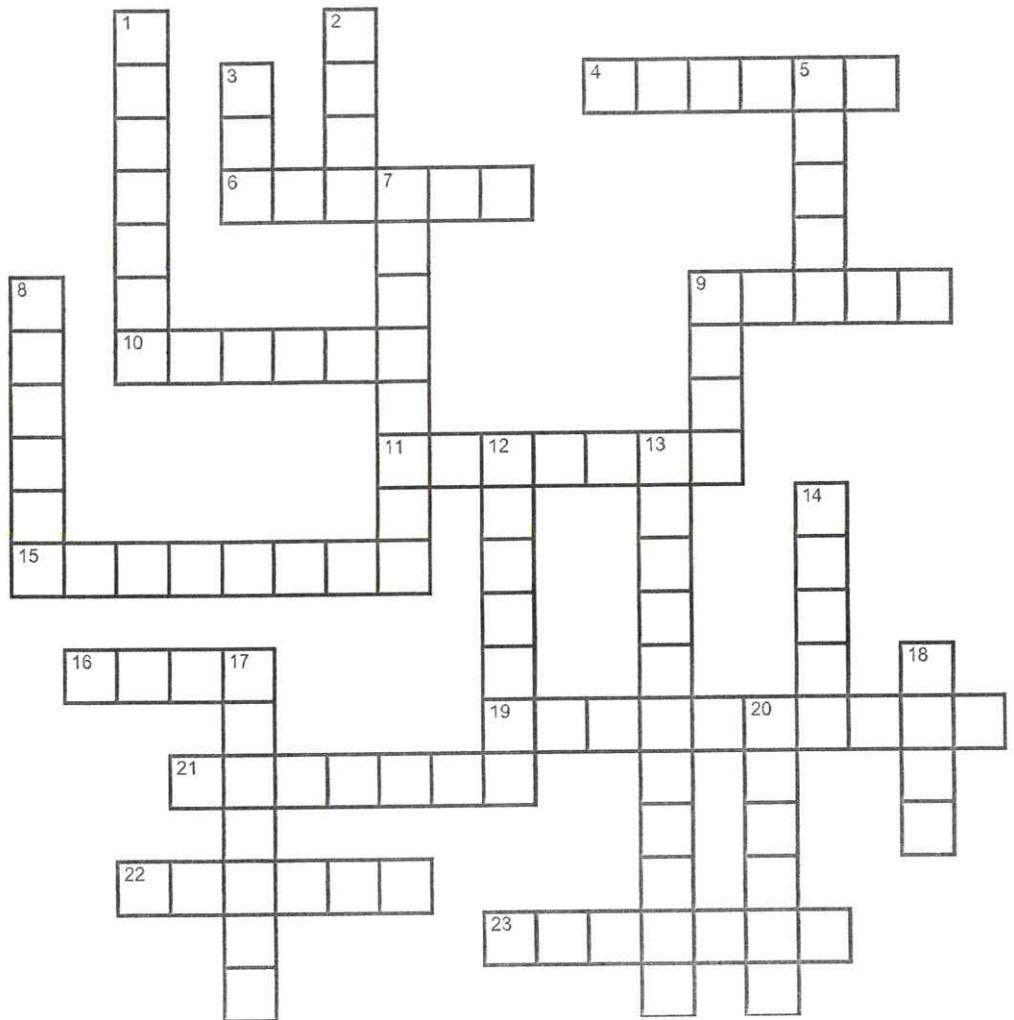
WORD SEARCH DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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

Saint Patrick's Day

ACROSS

4. Historically important vegetable in Ireland.
6. Native language of Ireland.
9. What color are the hills of Ireland?
10. The Irish flag is green, white and . . .
11. St. Patrick is the patron saint of which country?
15. Used by St. Patrick to represent the Christian Holy Trinity.
16. Number of leaves on a lucky piece of clover.
19. A trickster with a pot of gold.
21. If you don't wear green on March 17th, you might get . . .
22. Capital city of Ireland.
23. Saint Patrick's birthplace.



DOWN

1. This city dyes its river green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.
2. Color originally associated with St. Patrick's Day.
3. Name for the leprechaun's dance.
5. Number of leaves on a shamrock.
7. A funny poem with five lines.
8. According to legend, St. Patrick chased these out of Ireland.
9. It is the pot at the end of a rainbow.
12. Ireland nickname: The ___ Isle.
13. Saint Patrick's Cathedral location.
14. Month in which we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day.
17. Arch of colors in the sky.

18. Good fortune.
20. Ancient culture of Ireland.



Blue	Leprechaun
Britain	Limerick
Celtic	Luck
Chicago	March
Dublin	New York City
Emerald	Orange
Four	Pinched
Gaelic	Potato
Gold	Rainbow
Green	Shamrock
Ireland	Snakes
Jig	Three



Saint Paddy's Sudoku

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the grids so that each horizontal row contains each letter exactly once, each vertical column contains each letter exactly once, and each subgrid contains each letter exactly once. We recommend you use a pencil.

RAINBOWS

	B						R
		B	N	R		O	
W					I		
	S					I	
N			O				W
							S
	R	S		N			B

CLOVER

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		L			V
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R	L				

DUBLIN

	N	U	D		
N					
			L		D
	B				
	D		U	I	

SHAMROCK

C	M				
					A
A				O	C
O		K	R	A	S
	H				O
R		K		C	
	A	H			
			O		R

