

# West Plains Housing Authority

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



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**WPHA Offices will be closed Monday, May 25, for the Memorial Day Holiday.**



## **What is Memorial Day?**

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States dedicated to honoring and remembering the brave men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military.

Observed on the last Monday of May, this solemn day allows Americans to reflect on the sacrifices made by soldiers to protect the country's freedom and values.

Memorial Day traditions often include visiting cemeteries and memorials, participating in parades, and holding family gatherings, ensuring that the legacy of fallen heroes is remembered and cherished by all.

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## **Jerry's Journal**

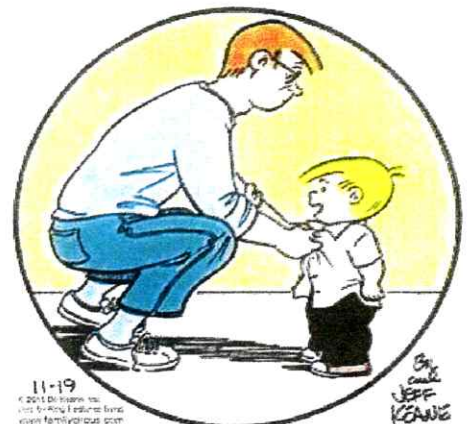
Greetings Residents!

I hope these beautiful spring days are giving each of you positive vibes. Hopefully, you are trying to fill each day with happiness. Happiness is an inner feeling, not always dependent on material things. Sometimes keeping happiness can be delicate and fragile, but at the same time it is very simple. It is up to us and our mind set to find this feeling.

I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather. 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*



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**"Wow! Listen to that! I can't wait till I'm old enough to make MY knees do that!"**



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

### Chicken Noodle Casserole

- 1-12oz. package egg noodles
- 3 cups cooked chicken, diced
- 2-10.75 oz cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1-10 oz. package frozen mixed vegetables
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 cup panko bread crumbs or crushed Ritz crackers
- 1 stick butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 ° F. Coat a 9 x 13 casserole dish with non-stick cooking spray.

Cook noodles al dente according to instructions on the package. Drain and set aside.

In a large bowl, stir to combine chicken, soup, cheese, sour cream, frozen veggies, salt, pepper, and paprika. Gently fold in noodles. Transfer to casserole dish.

Sprinkle with bread crumbs and drizzle with melted butter.

Bake for 35 minutes, or until bubbly and heated through.

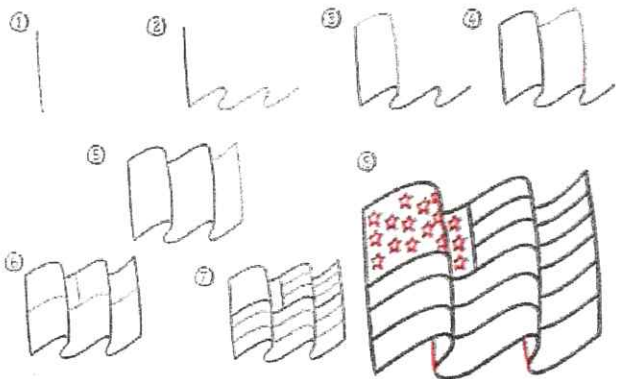
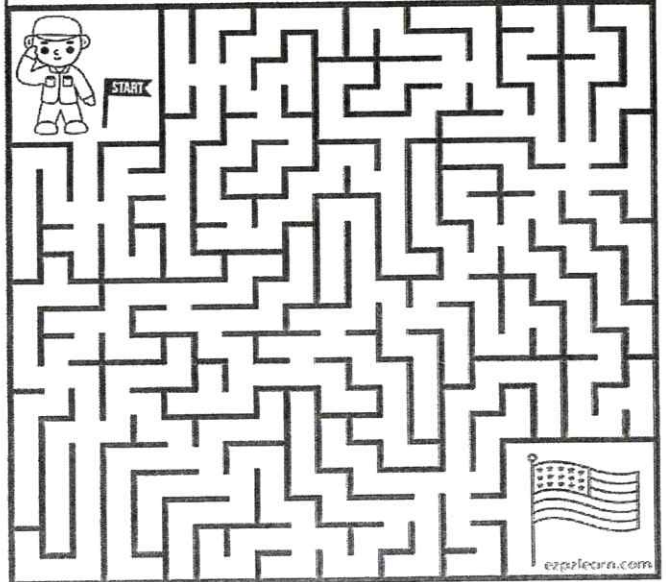
### Notes from the Office



PLEASE bag all shredded paper before tossing in the trash chutes. The shredded paper scatters all over the trash room when not bagged.

### Memorial Day Maze

Help the soldier find the flag.



How to draw the American Flag

I'M NOT OLD!



I just need some  
\* WD-40 AND \*  
A LITTLE DUCT TAPE

They say money comes and goes.  
Mine must have Alzheimer's disease,  
because it leaves and forgets to  
return.



Memorial Day Search

F L A G S Z L N O B  
N T A L O P L Z T F  
M S O B L U E P D R  
W L R E D R D I N E  
C H F W I H A C B E  
S L I B E R R N C D  
D O M T R G A I L O  
T L W F E S P G R M

Flag

Freedom

Red

White



Blue

Soldier

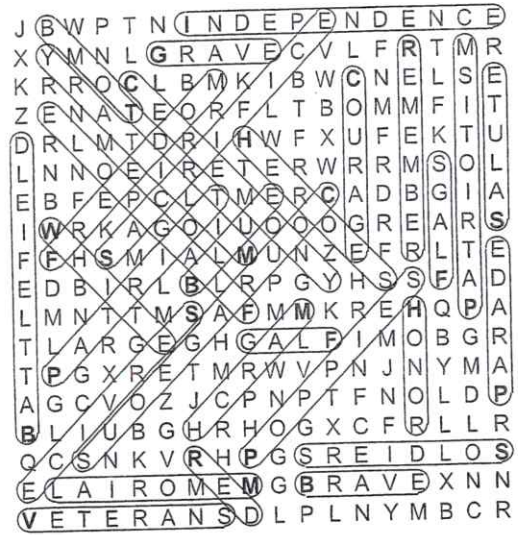
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Parade

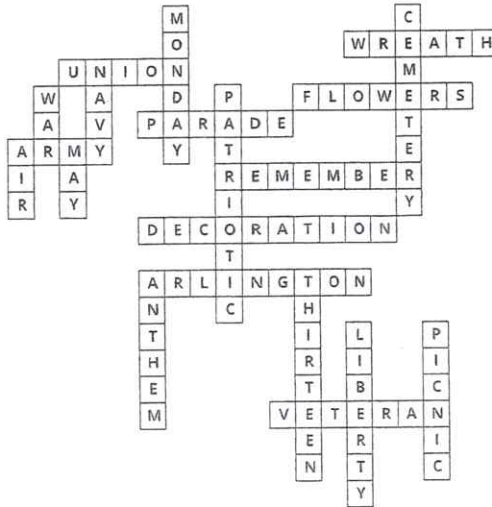
# PUZZLE ANSWERS

## Memorial Day

Solution



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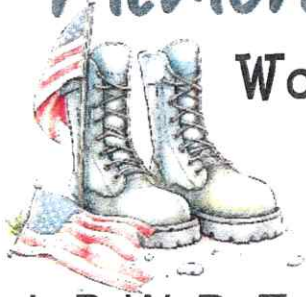


## SOLUTION

AMERICAN  
ANTHEM  
WREATH  
VETERANS  
WAR  
SALUTE  
FALLEN  
PATRIOTIC  
SACRIFICE  
SERVICE  
CEMETERY  
CEREMONY  
TRADITION  
COMMEMORATE  
HONOR  
MEMORIAL  
SOLDIERS  
FREEDOM  
FLAGS  
MILITARY

# Memorial Day

## Word Search



The Memorial Day parade is about to begin, but the patriotic words have scattered across the puzzle! Can you help gather them by searching in every direction? Circle each word you find and cross it off the list as we honor and remember.

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

- BATTLEFIELD
- BLUE
- BRAVE
- CEREMONY
- COURAGE
- COURAGEOUS
- FLAG
- FLAGPOLE
- FLAGS
- FREEDOM
- GRAVE
- HEROES
- HONOR
- INDEPENDENCE
- MARCH
- MEMORIAL
- MILITARY
- PARADE
- PATRIOT
- PATRIOTISM
- POPPIES
- RED

- SOLDIERS
- TOMB
- VETERANS
- WHITE

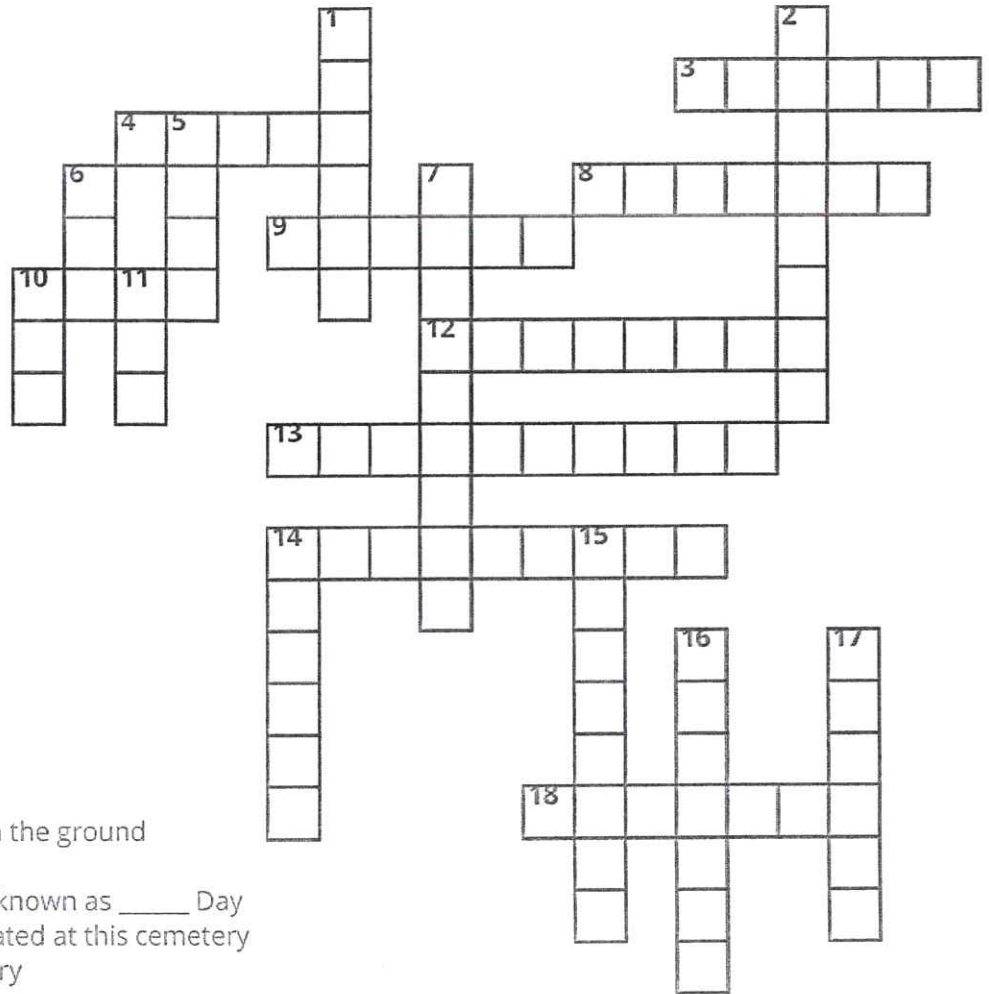
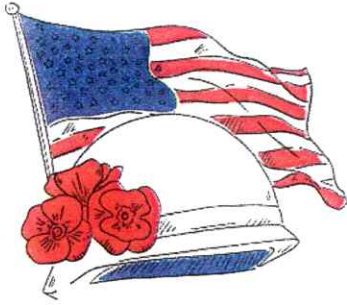


- REMEMBER
- SACRIFICE
- SALUTE
- SERVICE



# MEMORIAL DAY CROSSWORD

Solve the following puzzle based on the clues given!



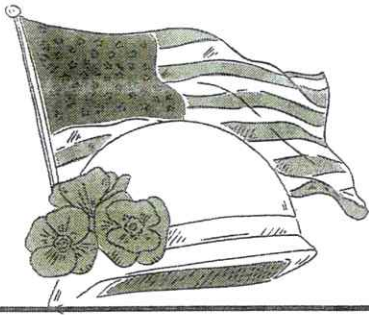
## Across

- [3] Ring of flowers
- [4] Army of the North
- [8] Often placed on graves
- [9] People march in this
- [10] Soldiers trained to engage on the ground
- [12] The opposite of forget
- [13] Memorial Day was originally known as \_\_\_\_\_ Day
- [14] Memorial Day is commemorated at this cemetery
- [18] One who has served in military

## Down

- [1] Memorial Day is celebrated on this day
- [2] A place with many graves
- [5] Soldiers trained to protect the sea are in the \_\_\_\_\_
- [6] The opposite of peace
- [7] Inspired by love of country
- [10] Soldiers trained to engage in aerial missions are in the \_\_\_\_ Force
- [11] Memorial Day is celebrated in this month
- [14] The National \_\_\_\_ was written when flag was flying over Fort McHenry
- [15] Number of stars on Betsy Ross Flag
- [16] Freedom from bondage or restraint
- [17] A meal eaten outside





# MEMORIAL DAY WORD SCRAMBLE

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THANEM

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IIRTODNAT

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OMMRMCAOETE

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OHONR

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IOREMMAL

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ISDLESOR

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RMEDOFE

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GFASL

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YRTMALII

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