

# APPLE DUMPLINGS

## INGREDIENTS -

- 2 Granny Smith Apples
- 2 (8 oz) cans crescent rolls
- 1 cup butter, plus more for greasing
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 (12 oz ) can of Mountain Dew
- 1 Teaspoon of Cinnamon



## DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven 350°F. Butter a 13-by-9-inch baking dish.
2. Peel and core the apples. Cut each apple in half vertically, then each half into 4 wedges.
3. Working quickly while cold, unroll the crescent dough sheets on a lightly floured surface and separate the perforated dough into 16 triangles. Place one apple wedge on the wide base of a triangle and roll the apple toward the pointed end of the triangle, allowing the dough to overlap and wrap around the apple. Continue with the remaining apples and crescent rolls. Place in the prepared baking dish.
4. In a small saucepan, melt the butter. Add the sugar and barely stir to create a lumpy, grainy mixture. Add the vanilla and barely stir again. Pour the mixture over the wrapped apples. Pour the Mountain Dew soda around the edges of the pan and sprinkle with cinnamon. Bake until the dumplings are golden brown and crispy on top, 30 to 45 minutes.
5. Serve with ice cream, and spoon some of the sauce from the pan over the top.

## Fibbing For Fame . . . ~Activity Connection

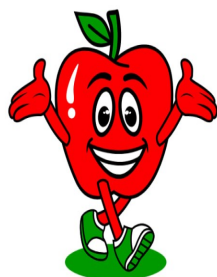
It's no lie; in New Harmony, Indiana, the third Saturday in September brings the Big Whopper Liar's Contest. These aren't little white lies but long, well-wrought yarns expertly crafted to bring tears of laughter to audience members' eyes. There was one story about a woman who discovered that her grandma's trick for the perfect piecrust involved pressing her false

teeth into the dough. Then there's the hunting tale of the boy who had his great-granddad's rifle full of enough shot to take down a rattlesnake, a charging wild boar, an 11-point buck, and 13 turkeys sitting on a tree limb. The grand prize won't make you rich, but it may make you famous... at least in New Harmony.

## Labor Day . . . ~Activity Connection

Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday of September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements in the United States. The popularity of the event spread across the country. In 1887, Oregon became the first state of the United States to make Labor Day an official public holiday. By 1894, thirty U.S. states were already officially celebrating Labor Day. In that year, shortly after the Pullman Strike, the Congress passed a bill recognizing the first Monday of September as Labor Day and making it an official federal holiday. President Grover Cleveland signed the bill into law on June 28. The federal law, however, only made it a holiday for federal workers. As late as the 1930s, unions were encouraging workers to strike to make sure they got the day off.[15] All U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories have subsequently made Labor Day a statutory holiday.

## A Joke for you. . . ~Activity Connection



♦ Why did the apple stop in the middle of the road?  
It ran out of juice

# HILL STREET PLACE HAPPENINGS



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## Welcome to our New Tenants



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## Generation Celebration

## ~Activity Connection

September gives us a great excuse to celebrate the power of cross-generational connection. With both Grandparents Day and Intergenerational Day on the calendar, it's a reminder that meaningful relationships don't have to come from the same age group.

Spending time with younger generations isn't just heartwarming—it's genuinely beneficial. Studies show that older adults who interact regularly with children or teens often feel more purposeful, experience less loneliness, and even see improvements in memory and mood. Meanwhile, younger folks gain a sense of perspective, patience, and emotional intelligence when they build relationships with seniors.

Some communities have taken this idea to the next level. In countries like Japan and the Netherlands, preschools and daycare centers are joining forces with senior living facilities, creating shared spaces where little ones and older adults can learn and play together. It turns out that finger painting and storytelling sessions can do wonders for everyone involved, young and old. Even without a formal program, small moments matter.

Reading to a grandchild over video chat, teaching a neighbor's teen how to knit, or joining a local school's mentorship program are all simple ways to build connections that stretch across generations. Volunteering with youth groups, offering career advice, or attending events at community centers can also open the door to meaningful exchanges. And don't underestimate the value of a casual chat at the park or the grocery store—sometimes the best conversations happen when no one's trying too hard.

Bringing generations together isn't about nostalgia—it's about building stronger communities full of curiosity, empathy, and mutual respect. This month, let's celebrate the many ways we can all learn from each other, no matter our age.



Please Plan to Attend ...

## Tenant Meeting

Tuesday, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:30PM

Dining Room

Update on the Construction:

Roofing 9/8-9/12

Elevator modernization  
9/15-approximately 3 weeks





PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

Tenant Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup>
GOLD College Speaker	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Game Day: Ship, Captain, Crew	4 <sup>th</sup>
500 Card Party	5 <sup>th</sup>
Monthly Birthday Party	8 <sup>th</sup>
Hope Harbor	9 <sup>th</sup>
United Women of Faith	10 <sup>th</sup>
M.E. Darwin Dyce & Samson Obel	10 <sup>th</sup>
Lunch Outing: KB's in Ghent	12 <sup>th</sup>
Bingo with Lorenzo's Family	13 <sup>th</sup>
Page Turners	30 <sup>th</sup>
Fold & Deliver	30 <sup>th</sup>

Upcoming Events . . .

**Page Turners Book Club:** The book this month is *Salt To The Sea* written by Ruta Sepetys. If you would like a copy, stop into the Activities Office. Join us for a discussion in the Pool Table Room on **Tuesday, OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 AM. **NOTE NEW DATE!!**

**Helping Hands at Hill Street Place:** During the month of July, we recorded a total of **27.40** volunteer hours. Thank you so much for all you do at Hill Street Place and everywhere.

**Volunteers Needed:** We would love to have you share your experiences. If you are interested in writing a bit about your history for the Newsletter please stop into the Office.

**Thank you:** We have purchased a new microphone amplifier with money received from memorials in honor of Delores DeVos. We are VERY GRATEFUL!!

**Thank you:** for the birthday donation to the Food Shelf.

Last Month at a Glance . . .



Shire Delight. . .

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J. R. R. Tolkien is best known as the author of *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, and *The Silmarillion*. This set of books conjures the fantasy world of Middle-earth, a magical place inhabited by elves, dwarves, trolls, dragons, wizards, and, of course, the peaceful and portly race of pint-sized people known as hobbits. *The Lord of the Rings*—with 150 million copies sold—is one of the best-selling English books of all time, with *The Hobbit* [at an impressive 100 million](#). The legions of Tolkien fans worldwide now celebrate September 22 as Hobbit Day. After all, September 22 is the birthday of not just Bilbo Baggins, the hero of *The Hobbit*, but also of Frodo Baggins, Bilbo's nephew and hero of *The Lord of the Rings*.



As one day is not enough to honor Tolkien and his fiction, the entire week surrounding September 22 is now celebrated as Tolkien Week. After all, there is so much more to Tolkien's story than just hobbits; he created an entire universe complete with several languages and its own mythology.

The depth of the Tolkien obsession is perhaps best exemplified by the Tolkien Society—part fan club, part charity, and part literary society. In addition to publishing a journal of Tolkien scholarship and maintaining an extensive Tolkien archive, the society also hosts an annual event known as Oxonmoot. Each September Tolkien enthusiasts travel to Oxford, England, and attend a long-weekend's worth of seminars and art shows about all things Tolkien. This Tolkien-related gathering also includes a masquerade ball, where fans dress up as their favorite fantasy characters. For those unable to make the pilgrimage to Oxford, perhaps the best way to celebrate Tolkien Week is to read his novels, watch the film versions of the books, and complain about the many inaccuracies and liberties taken by the films' directors.

Apple Word Search . . .

~Activity Connection



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