

*April 2024*

*Village of South Rockwood  
Southern Post*



*Happy Spring!*

## WATER INFORMATION

To pay your water bill online:  
Go to the Village website at  
[villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com](http://villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com)

- Click on, "Please click on this link here to pay by credit card"
- When a new page opens, Click on, "Make a Quick Payment" at the bottom of the page.
- On the first line of the next page, enter your Account Number as your FULL HOUSE NUMBER & STREET NAME  
(We need this info so your payment does not get credited to someone else's account.)
- Follow the remaining directions to enter credit card information  
3% convenience fee will be added to all credit/debit card transactions by the bank.

## UNPAID BALANCES:

If you have an unpaid balance on your water bill for **2023**, now is time to pay it off.  
The unpaid balance will go on your taxes if not paid by May 2024.

## Drop Box:

The Village Hall drop box is located to the right of the office doors.

After hours payments may be placed in the drop box located next to the Village Hall entrance.

## Notice of Curfew Hours

The Police Department would like to remind Village residents of the following curfew hours for unaccompanied minors.

During the months of Daylight Saving Time:

Ages 15-17 years

11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Under 15 years

10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Council Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission dates are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Public welcome.

## PHONE NUMBERS:

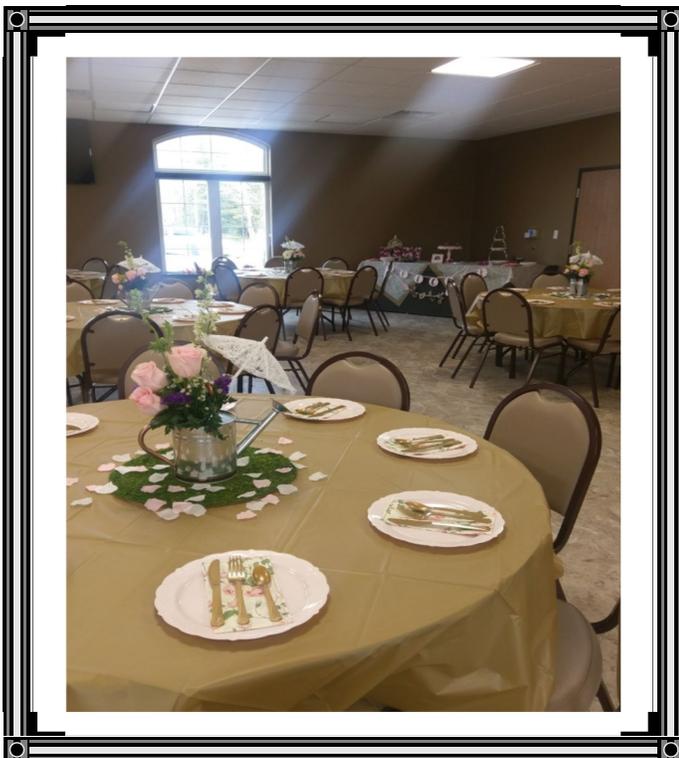
Should issues arise within the Village and we need to contact you, **we need to have accurate phone numbers!**

**Please call the Village Hall at 734-379-3683 to update your phone number. It is important that we have your up-to-date information in our system.**



## Community Room Rental

Our Community Room is available for Rent for Bridal or Baby Showers, Birthday parties, Weddings, Graduations, Retirement Parties, Conferences, or any occasion that you might need a large space. Our Community Room holds up to 125 guests with round or rectangle tables and a kitchen with a counter for serving.



**ANNUAL VILLAGE**  
**YARD SALE DATES:**

**Friday, June 7th 9am-5pm**  
**Saturday, June 8th 9am- 5pm**  
**Sunday, June 9th 9am-5pm**

***Stop into the Village Hall  
to have your name added to  
the participation list.***

**GARAGE  
SALE**



# **SUMMER BASEBALL 2024**

## **Boys & Girls Ages 3-15**

**Sign ups will be held at the Village Hall  
(5676 Carleton-Rockwood) on the following dates:**

### **Mornings from 11am-2pm:**

Saturday, March 16th

Saturday, March 23rd

Saturday, April 6th

Saturday, April 13th

Saturday, April 20th

### **Evenings from 6pm-8pm**

Wednesday, March 20th

Thursday, April 18th

If you have any questions or are interested in coaching, please contact via Text, Email or Facebook for more information:

**Phone: 313-304-9287 Steve Drummond**

**Email: [s.rockwoodsummerbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:s.rockwoodsummerbaseball@gmail.com)**

**Facebook: Village of South Rockwood Summer Baseball**



**T U E S D A Y**

**BERLIN SENIOR TUESDAY:**

**Come on out!**

**Play some cards, enjoy delicious  
food and great company!**

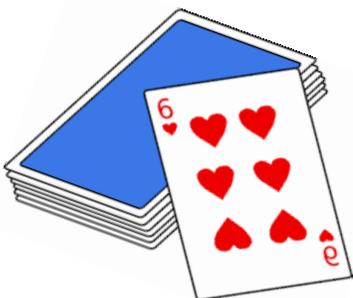
**The Seniors meet on Tuesdays from 10:00am-3:00pm  
at the Village Hall in the Community Room  
(5676 Carleton Rockwood Rd).**

The cost is only \$15.00 annually to join.

Lunch with your membership is \$5.00 & \$7.00  
without membership. Lunch is served around noon.

If you are interested in joining the seniors group  
and are 60 years of age, and a Monroe County Resident,  
you can sign up on any Tuesday.

The menu can be found on our website at:  
[villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com](http://villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com)



## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

**Applications for Building Department Permits** can be picked up from the Building Department at the Village Hall or printed from the Building Department Page on the Village website at: **villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com**

**Permit fees can also be found online.**

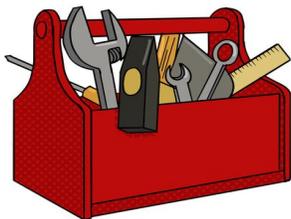
There is a drop box next to the Village Hall doors if you can't make it in during normal business hours.

**If you are a contractor, please be sure to include a copy of:**

- Your contractor's license
- Your state I.D.
- Your Liability Insurance with the Village of South Rockwood listed as the Certificate Holder

**Please be sure to check with the Building Dept before making any structural changes to your home or putting up any type of accessory structure on or around your home.**

**Call 734-379-3683, ext 101 with questions.**



**\*\*The Ordinance Officer will be going through the Village periodically checking for unlicensed vehicles.**

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### GUN REGISTRATIONS:

The Village Hall DOES NOT handle gun registrations.

- All gun registrations in the County of Monroe are handled by and through the Monroe County Sheriff's Department.
- The Village of South Rockwood is not involved in any part of the gun registration process.
- For more information or for filing your gun registration you may contact the Monroe County Sheriff's at 734-240-7415.

### GUN SAFETY:

Gun safety is very important!

We provide gun locks for FREE here at the Village Hall. Feel free to come in and pick one up during normal business hours.

There is a limited supply. First come, first serve.



## CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT:

MONROE COUNTY NON-EMERGENCY  
DISPATCH PHONE NUMBER  
734-243-7070

In case of Emergency, Dial 911

It has been noted that citizens have recently become dependent on contacting the Police Department via the general office phone.

Although it is ok to contact us using the office phone, if there is something happening that needs attention by an officer, the best and quickest way to get in contact with someone from the Police Department is through Central Dispatch.

In the case of an emergency always dial 911.

The Monroe County Central Dispatch center is always in constant radio contact with our on duty officer.

734-243-7070 is the number you should call if you need a police officer sent to your house for non-emergency services.

Please make note of this number so that you may better activate and utilize the services that your Police Department provides.

# **SCAM ALERT!!! SCAM ALERT!!!**

If you are receiving threatening calls from the “IRS”, ignore them and **DO NOT** call them back.

\*\*A caller may also say that you have a refund coming in order to trick you into sharing personal information, **DO NOT return these calls either.**\*\*

The IRS reminds people that they can know pretty easily when a “supposed IRS” caller is a fake.

Here are six things that scammers often do, **but the IRS will not do.** Any one of these six things is a tell-tale sign of a scam.

## **The IRS will never:**

1. The IRS will never call to demand immediate payment.
2. The IRS will never call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
3. The IRS will never demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
4. The IRS will never require you use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
5. The IRS will never ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
6. The IRS will never threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

# **WARNING**

## **GRANDKID SCAMS**

### **HERE'S HOW THEY WORK:**

You get a call: “Grandma, I need money for a ball”. Or money for a medical bill. Or some other kind of trouble. The caller says it’s urgent– and tells you to keep it secret.

But is the caller who you think it is? Scammers are good at pretending to be someone they’re not. They can be convincing: someone using information from social networking sites, or hacking into your loved one’s email account to make it seem more real. And they’ll pressure you to send more before you have time to think.

### **HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

#### **1– Stop. Check it out.**

Look up your grandkid’s phone number yourself, or call another family member.

#### **2– Pass this information to a friend.**

You may not have gotten one of these calls, but chances are you know someone who will get one– if they haven’t already.

### **PLEASE REPORT SCAMS:**

If you spot a scam, please report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

Call the FTC at 877-382-4357  
Go online at: [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint)

## WARNING

### **Foreign scammers are stealing money from Michigan Seniors daily**

**Law enforcement agencies within Monroe Co. and all over the state are reporting an increase in fraudulent scams targeting senior citizens.**

Reports indicate scammers are telephoning or using pop-up notices on the internet to mislead senior citizens into believing that their bank account and private information have been hacked. The victims are instructed to withdraw large amounts of cash from their savings or checking accounts and deposit those funds into Bitcoin machines. The caller then falsely claims that the money is being deposited into a new, individual Bitcoin account belonging to the victim. When actually the victims have transferred cash into a foreign bank account belonging to the scammers and have no possibility of getting their money back.

The scammers claim to represent either the federal reserve, a government agency, bank security or Microsoft. The scammer cautions the senior citizen NOT to tell anyone, including a bank representative, the real reason for the withdraw, because the caller convinces the victim that an employee of their bank is involved with the alleged theft.

If you receive a call like this or a pop-up notification on the internet, hang-up and ignore them. Notify police. The scammer will not continue to call you if you don't take their bait. The number from which the victims are called are often spoofed or ghosted and is not the real name or location of the caller. Although Federal Law Enforcement agencies are assisting, most of these scammers are from foreign countries that do not honor United States search warrants or extraditions. Please share this information.

# MCLS South Rockwood Branch Library

## Upcoming Events!

### Weekly Children's Programming:

Running from January 11th - March 28th

BREAK April 1st - April 5

Back in session April 8th

BREAK May 27th - June 7th

Back in Session June 10th

### Mondays at 10:30AM - Toddler Storytime (Ages 18mos-4 yr):

Story times increase the crucial language skills that help children get ready for school. They also promote listening skills and prepare them for social situations. Fun and engaging activities advance children's motor skills while creative art projects help develop color and shape recognition.

### Thursdays at 11AM - Mini Movers (All Ages):

Get your body movin', shake out your sillies and get loose at this dance program. We will be moving and grooving to fun songs. Bring your party fingers and get this dance party started! This guided dancing program is open to children of all ages!

### Monthly Adult Crafting:

- Wednesday April 1, 2024 @ 530-630 PM - Dried Flower Magnets
- Wednesday May 15, 2024 @ 530-630 PM - Succulent Planters w/funny sayings
- Wednesday June 26, 2024 @ 530-630 PM - Cupcake Liner Flowers
- Wednesday July 17, 2024 @ 530-630 PM - Patriotic Garland

These crafts have limited spacing. Please register online using the link here: <https://mymcls.evanced.info/signup/calendar>

This project is for adults 18 years and older. These crafts must be done here at the library. All supplies will be provided!

These crafts are sponsored by The Friends of the South Rockwood

Library! Please direct questions to Kelli Bejster

at [kelli.bejster@monroe.lib.mi.us](mailto:kelli.bejster@monroe.lib.mi.us) or by calling the South Rockwood Branch at 734-379-3333.

# MCLS South Rockwood Branch Library

## Upcoming Events!

### Historical Fiction Book Club

Every second Wednesday of the month at 2:30PM.

- March - A Day of Fire By Stephanie Dray
- April - The Covenant of Water By Abraham Verghese
- May - Lessons in Chemistry By Bonnie Garmus
- June - Flight of the Earls By Michael Reynolds
- July - Weyward By Emilia Hart

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 6:00PM

Country Critters 4-H present: Bunnies! Bunnies! Bunnies!

Join us for a night of BUNNIES! The Country Critters 4-H Club will be here to talk about all things bunnies with bunnies!! Enjoy a presentation about bunnies, pet some bunnies and hear a bunny tale! Register by visiting: <https://monroecounty.librarycalendar.com/events/upcoming> or by calling the library at 734-379-3333

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 6:00PM

Family Glow Dance Party:

Have some fun during spring break with a glow dance party here at the library!! Bring your friends! Bring your Family! Wear your neon or white dance wear and bust a move!! Register by visiting:

<https://monroecounty.librarycalendar.com/events/upcoming> or by calling the library at 734-379-3333

April 3, 2024 at 6:00PM

The Orphan Train in Michigan Lecture:

Did you know that 12,500 orphans from New York City and the Boston area were placed in Michigan from 1854 to 1927? Al and David Eicher, research historians and television producers, spent a year and a half in research and searching for photos of the Orphan Train Riders in Michigan. The lecture and visual presentation provides in depth detail about this event in Michigan's history. Register by visiting:

<https://monroecounty.librarycalendar.com/event/orphan-train-michigan-lecture-960> or by calling the library at 734-379-3333

# MCLS South Rockwood Branch Library

## Upcoming Events!

Friday, April 12, 2024 at 11:30AM - 5:00PM

Blood Drive

April 20, 2024 @ 10am-12pm

Puzzle Competition:

Love putting together puzzles and being competitive? Prove it. Join our competition with your puzzle building team of choice. Puzzle competition will be made of 6 teams of 4. The competition will run for two hours. In that time you and your team will put together a 500 piece puzzle. All teams will be putting together the same puzzle. First team to complete their puzzle in the time frame will receive a prize! This program is sponsored by The Friends of South Rockwood Library. Please register by visiting:

<https://monroecounty.librarycalendar.com/event/adult-puzzle-competition-3698> or by calling the library at 734-379-3333.

May 1, 2024 at 6:00PM

Michigan Lumbering Days and Camp Life Lecture:

Two hundred years ago, the early pioneers of the Michigan territory wrote about the majestic forests, the tall white pines, and the great oaks. This lecture series on the history of lumbering in Michigan covers the first settlements and earliest forms of lumber harvesting. Register by visiting:

<https://monroecounty.librarycalendar.com/event/michigans-lumbering-days-and-camp-life-lecture-965> or by calling the library at 734-379-3333.

May 3, 2024

All MCLS Branches closed for Staff Training

June 17, 2024- July 22, 2024

Mondays at 2pm

Summer reading program: Adventure begins at your library!

Check the online calendar for more details!

# MCLS South Rockwood Branch Library

## Upcoming Events!

July 24, 2024

### Early Days of Radio in Michigan Lecture:

Join us as we dive into the history of the first commercial radio stations and the programs of that era. As the public interest increased and radio set sales sky rocketed, radio soon became an “All American past time”. From the mid 1920’s to the 1950’s, several hundred network radio programs were created. Some of the best shows originated from Detroit, Chicago and New York City. This lecture will stimulate many wonderful memories of the early days of radio. Please call 734-379-3333 to register or by visiting:

<https://monroecounty.librarycalendar.com/event/early-days-radio-michigan-lecture-971>

- Notary Service is available and FREE during business hours.
- Device guidance is also available during business hours.

Please call 734-379-3333 and schedule an appointment with Kelli.

Please remember to check the Friends of the South Rockwood Library and Monroe Library System on Facebook for updates on programming!



# WEED / GRASS CONTROL ORDINANCE

## NOTICE IS GIVEN

That all ***weeds, brush and grass*** growing on any lands except as exempt under the ordinances of the Village of South Rockwood must be ***cut and maintained at a height not to exceed six inches*** and destroyed and removed to prevent such weeds, brush and grass from going to seed, from becoming a fire hazard and/or creating a condition detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of South Rockwood.

***Failure to comply with this notice and ordinance on or before May 1st*** shall make the property owner liable for the cost of cutting, destroying and removing the weeds, brush and grass by the Village of South Rockwood or its representative or agents and the costs may be levied and collected in the same manner as taxes are levied and collected and being a lien upon the land.

The Village may cut the weeds, brush and grass as often as necessary to achieve compliance with the ordinance and charge costs to the property.



## Monroe County Animal Control Ordinance

With warm weather approaching we would like to remind our residents that it is **unlawful** to permit any dog to trespass upon the property of another person, or stray beyond the owner's property, unless the dog is restrained by a leash, or within voice command of the owner.

Be courteous and clean up waste left by your animal.

**Remember, your pet is your responsibility.**



### Cats

**Please keep your cat at home.**

**Cats are a roaming animal that can be mischievous. Those who do not own a cat do not want them in their yard.**



**Steven's Disposal Recycle Dates:**

April 10th & 24th

May 8th & 22nd

June 5th & 19th

**Burning Brush at the Village Hall:**

Please note that the gate to burn brush in the back of the Village Hall closes at 2:45pm, Monday-Thursday.

*No treated lumber*

*No plastic garbage bags*

**ONLY grass, weeds and brush allowed!**

**Cemetery Lots for Sale:**

Riverside Cemetery has lots for sale in our new section. Please call the Village Hall for more information.

# RUBBISH PICKUP

Remember to place trash and recycle out by the road by 6:00am, as recycle collection is very early.

Make sure ALL your garbage is placed IN A BAG. This prevents loose garbage from falling onto the roadway and into our yards when the garbage company dumps the cans.

In the event that your garbage falls on the ground, please pick it up and bag it so we can keep our community clean.



Please remember that Ord-35,102 Section 2. states that:

- Rubbish containers shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 5:00pm on the day before collection day.
- All containers must be taken in before 8:00pm on the day of collection and placed out of general view.

*This includes recycle totes.*



Damaged totes & trash cans will be replaced at the expense of the homeowner.

Thank you for your cooperation!

# **Monroe County 2024 Recycling Events Calendar**

## **Electronics Recycling:**

Habitat for Humanity ReStore- 840 LaPlaisance Rd, Monroe

Tuesday– Saturday from 10am-5pm

- Computers, monitors, CPU's, printers, keyboards, peripherals, laptops and televisions

## **Household Hazardous Waste Collections:**

Monroe Charter Twp Hall—4925 E Dunbar Rd, Monroe

Tuesday, May 7th, 4-7pm & Saturday, August 10th, 9a-12p

- Pesticides, fertilizers, automotive fluids, cleaning products, oil-based paints, flammable items, batteries, mercury-containing items and fluorescent bulbs. No business waste, appliances, ammunition, garbage, debris or radioactive materials.

\* Water-based paint should be dried up and thrown away at home.

## **Tire Recycling Collections:**

Monroe County Drain Commission Office– 1005 S. Raisinville, Monroe

April 24th, May 29th, June 26th & July 31st

All events are 9am-12pm

## **Secure Document Shredding:**

Monroe Charter Twp Hall– 4925 E. Dunbar Rd, Monroe

Tuesday, May 7th 4-7pm

\* 100 pound limit per vehicle

## **Medication Take Back:**

May 9th—Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

May 23rd– Dundee Assembly of God Church

All events are 8am-12pm

All events are for Monroe County Residents only and are FREE.

Questions? Contact Dan Rock, Recycling and Green Community Program  
734-240-7909 / [greenmonroecounty.com](http://greenmonroecounty.com)

## **STORMWATER– KEEP IT FRESH:**

**Storm water is any water that falls into the ground, including rain, hail and snow.**

**This water flows off ground surfaces and into underground pipe systems, where it makes its way into local waterways. Water is our most precious natural resource.**

**Keep it fresh. Allow only rain down the storm drain.**

### **Tips to keep our water fresh:**

- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the trash.
- Never fertilize your lawn before a storm. Reduce the amount of chemicals you apply to your lawn.
- If you can, implement a rain garden at your house. Green infrastructure, such as rain gardens, help water absorb into the ground, preventing water and pollutant runoff.



As warm weather is approaching,  
let's get out and get some fresh air!

**Southeast Michigan Park Finder.**  
**[Semcog.org/ParkFinder](http://Semcog.org/ParkFinder)**

# Egg-cellent Easter Wordsearch

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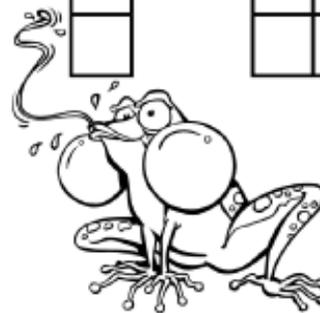
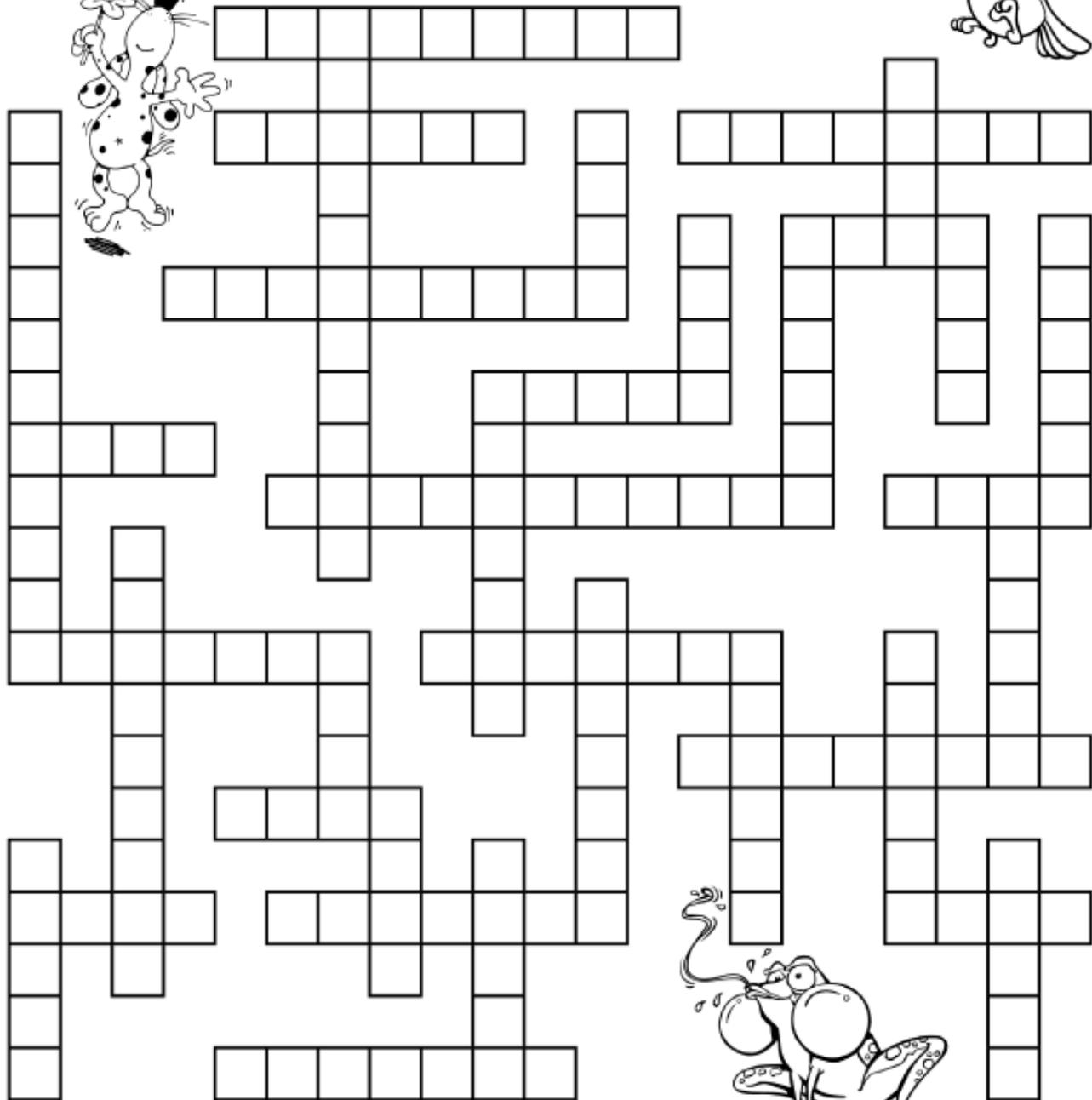
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hop  
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egg hunt  
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decorate  
bonnet

parade  
rabbit  
colours  
eggs  
chocolate  
basket

spring  
nest  
sunday  
easter morning  
chick

# SPRING ANIMALS



**4 letter words**

bees    frog  
bugs    lamb  
calf    nest  
eggs    owls  
fawn    worm  
foal    swan

**5 letter words**

birds  
foxes  
geese  
hatch

**6 letter words**

chicks  
kitten  
rabbit  
robins  
snails  
Spring

**7 letter words**

bear cub  
bunnies  
insects  
piglets  
puppies  
sparrow

**8 letter words**

ladybugs  
raccoons  
**9 letter words**  
chipmunks  
dragonfly  
ducklings

**11 letter words**

baby animals  
butterflies  
caterpillar

# **SPRING DESSERT!!**

## **Lemon Pudding Cake (2 servings)**

### **Ingredients:**

- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup whole milk
- 2 tablespoons all purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- Optional: Confectioners' sugar, lemon slices & whipped cream

### **Directions:**

1– Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a bowl, beat egg yolk. Add sugar, milk, flour, lemon juice, zest and salt; beat until smooth. Beat egg white until stiff peaks form; gently fold into lemon mixture. Pour into 2 ungreased 6 ounce custard cups (cups will be very full).

2– Place the cups in an 8 inch square baking pan. Pour boiling water into pan to a depth of 1 inch. Bake until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean and top is golden, 40-45 minutes. If desired, top with confectioners' sugar, lemon slices and whipped cream.



## **Attention Older Adults and Caregivers!**

Could you or someone you know 60 years of age or above benefit from services specially designed for Monroe County older adults?

Contact the Monroe County Commission on Aging for more details:

Phone (734) 240-3290

Email: [mcco@monroemi.org](mailto:mcco@monroemi.org)

Website: [www.co.monroe.mi.us/commonaging](http://www.co.monroe.mi.us/commonaging)

### **Services Include:**

- Adult Day Services
- In-Home Services
- Health & Nutrition Services
  - Transportation
  - Resource Advocacy
  - Senior Legal Services
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Senior Counseling Services
  - Senior Groups
- Multi purpose Senior Centers
  - Counseling



P.O. Box #85  
5676 Carleton Rockwood Rd.  
South Rockwood, MI 48179

734-379-3683  
734-379-2523 (fax)

**Hours:**  
**Monday & Wednesday 8AM-1PM**  
**Tuesday & Thursday 11AM-4PM**  
**Closed Fridays**

**[www.villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com](http://www.villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com)**

VILLAGE OF SOUTH ROCKWOOD  
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