



# LMH Beacon

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## Spring 2024 Edition

***You're only here for a short visit. Don't hurry. Don't worry. And be sure to smell the flowers along the way.***

**Walter C. Hagen**

While things might not seem to change very much year-to-year there will always be work to do and events to look forward to. Our staff continue to do a great job caring for our residents in all areas, keeping up with physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual care needs, preparing meals and daily snacks, and maintaining the cleanliness and overall function of their Home. There have already been a variety of resident events this year, from low-key activities like crafts and games to large group gatherings to offsite shopping trips.

Between regular job duties our staff have been engaging in different projects, including the collection of donations for local causes, filling resident Christmas stockings at the end of 2023, distributing Valentine's Day cards to make each of our residents feel loved, and participating in different Heart & Stroke Month activities throughout February. Our Leadership Team has been keeping their eyes on the bigger picture, making sure our departments are running smoothly and looking at the different projects planned for 2024 throughout our Home and Complex. Everyone always has something to do at LMH!

It can be easy to get distracted by how busy things get, but we don't want to get caught up in all the busy-ness and forget to take a breath. We spend a lot of our lives hurrying on to the next thing without appreciating where we are in the moment. As the spring season unfolds, let's take the time to appreciate what's around us and the gift that God has given us in each day we are here.

Jeff Konrad  
Administrator

# What did we do this Winter?



December 2023 was full of all sorts of different Christmas events and activities! LTC and RR residents went on a couple of Christmas Light Bus Tours and received beautiful Christmas flowers from our Ladies' Auxiliary. In LTC we made 3-D paper Christmas ornaments and mini pinecone Christmas trees. In RR we spent a cozy evening in the Berg Lounge making and decorating gingerbread houses and had our second annual Christmas Lightstravaganza, where we walked through the colourfully-lit courtyard and enjoyed treats, fellowship, and Christmas carols. We also took a trip to Wal-Mart at the beginning of the month to do some last-minute Christmas shopping.

2023 marked our first resident Christmas Stocking Project, in which families and staff came together to fill stockings for each resident in LTC and RR to open on Christmas morning. We were so happy to see the Christmas spirit spread throughout our Home as we celebrated in old and new ways.

In the new year we've had different crafts, activities, and events. John & Evelyn Woelk brought in various interactive games for our RR and LTC residents to enjoy. We also had some furry friends come to visit from the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program. We spread the love this Valentine's Day as each resident received a special folder with their name on it filled with valentines from our staff and some family members.

While we missed out on a magical snowy holiday season we are happy to let the mild weather continue into spring!

## New Faces

### RR

Aganetha Penner

### LTC Floor 1

Helga Harder

### LTC Floor 3

Katie Cornies

Elizabeth Lehn

Bill Berg

John Robinson

Andrew Pinard

Barbara Damm

## Departed Friends

Hermine Fennema

December 22nd

John Neufeld

December 28th

Hilde Sawatzky

January 24th

Doug Trimble

February 5th

Bob Preston

February 8th

Bill Berg

February 24th



# Spring 2024

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

March 10

Don't forget to turn your clocks one hour forward!



*St. Patrick's Day*



March 17



## EARTH DAY

April 22



## Mother's Day



May 12



## Victoria Day

May 20

Front Office Closed

Our next newsletter will be available at  
the beginning of June



# HE IS RISEN!

*But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes.*

*The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day." (Luke 24:1-7)*

Long Term Care and Retirement residents are welcome to join us for a Communion Worship Service led by Pastor Ruth Boehm from Faith Mennonite Church on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the RR Auditorium. The Good Friday and Easter Sunday services from LUMC will be broadcasted on the mornings of Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> respectively.







# PLEASE DO NOT BRING LILIES INTO OUR HOME

While we all enjoy the brightness that lilies bring to a room, we do have staff within our Home who are severely allergic to them.

Thank you for your helping us keep our Home a safe space for our staff!

# LMH ANNUAL MEETING

**Tuesday, May 7th**

**7:00pm | Heritage Centre Auditorium**



**RSVP to the Front Office by  
Thursday, May 3rd**



Leamington Mennonite Home

# Spring Fundraiser

**Wednesday, May 8th**

at the Roma Club of Leamington

19 Seacliff Drive East

## Pasta & Pizza Night

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Dinner from  
4:30-7:30pm**

**Live Music  
until 8:00pm**



**ADULTS (13+) - \$50**  
**KIDS (5-12) - \$25**  
**KIDS (4+UNDER) - FREE**

Donation Receipts  
provided for  
partial cost of ticket

**Tables of 8 available  
for reservation**  
Tickets can be purchased  
through the  
LMH Front Office  
until Monday, April 22nd  
**Cash, Cheque, and  
Credit Accepted**

Leamington Mennonite Home

*Spring Fundraiser Raffle*

# Baseball Tickets



**Detroit Tigers**

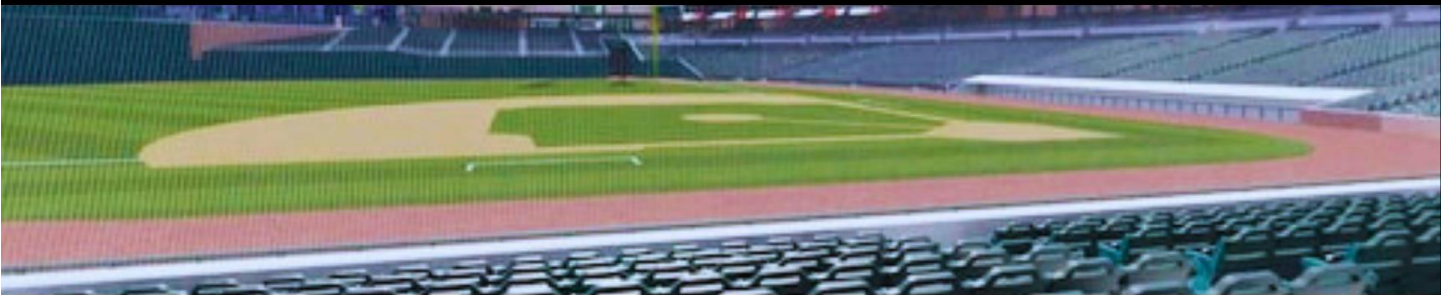
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**Toronto Blue Jays**

**Saturday, May 25th**

**1:10pm at Comerica Park**



**4 Tickets**  
**in Section 134**  
**behind the Tigers Dugout**  
**\$550 VALUE**

**\$20 per**  
**Raffle**  
**Ticket**

**Tickets can be purchased through the  
LMH Front Office until Wednesday, May 8th**

**Cash, Cheque, and Credit Accepted**

**WINNER TO BE DRAWN AT OUR  
MAY 8TH FUNDRAISER**



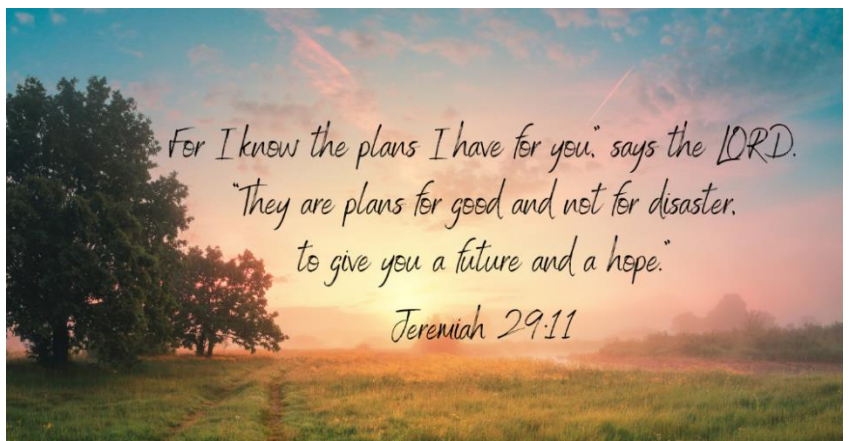
# A word from our Chaplain



Our Home was sad to see Lowell Froese leave the position of Chaplain towards the end of 2023. We are very appreciative of the time and effort he gave to our residents and their families and wish him all the best in the future.

After a couple of months of searching, we are pleased to announce that we have found a new Chaplain for our Home. Anna-Lisa Salo will step into the role towards the end of the summer. She comes to this position with a lifetime of pastoral experience, and we look forward to the enrichment and support she will provide for our residents. Anna-Lisa has some familiarity with our Home having served as pastor at the Leamington United Mennonite Church from 2000 to 2007. We are very excited to welcome her back to this community and look forward to her arrival later this year!

In the meantime, we have different pastors coming in to help with weekly worship services, as well as devotions led by a small group of volunteers and support from our Social Worker and Resident Therapist. We have also brought on Linda Thiessen-Belch to help lead Focus Groups in the Retirement Residence and lend support to any resident needing spiritual guidance. She will be here on Mondays and Thursdays from 1-4pm until further notice.



# Church Family News



## LUMC

December 6<sup>th</sup> - *Friendship Circle*  
December 17<sup>th</sup> - *Child Dedication Service*  
December 17<sup>th</sup> - *Carolinian Wild Church*, an outdoor service of worship with creation at Harrow Mennonite Church Woods  
December 24<sup>th</sup> - *Sunday School Christmas Eve Service*

February 4<sup>th</sup> - *Catechism Starts*, 13-week program exploring Anabaptist-Mennonite tenants of faith with emphasis on discipleship and servanthood  
February 7<sup>th</sup> - *Healthy Church matters*, workshop lead by Pastor Rick Neufeld  
February 7<sup>th</sup> - *Friendship Circle*

## NLUMC

December 8<sup>th</sup>, January 12<sup>th</sup>, and February 9<sup>th</sup> - *Pizza Night*, at the Roma Club for all ages  
January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> - *Credence & Co. Workshop*, focusing on congregational discernment and decision-making through story-based learning and interactive dialogue  
January 1<sup>st</sup> - *Board Games*, an informal time of playing board games together,

bring your favourite board games and snacks, all ages welcome  
January 21<sup>st</sup> - *Annual General Meeting*  
February 10<sup>th</sup> - *Klaibi Family Get-Together*, open house visit with the Klaibi family fifteen years after NLUMC sponsored them to come to Canada  
February 27<sup>th</sup> - *Coldest Night of the Year*, fundraiser for the Leamington Community Hope Centre

## Deer Run Church

December 5<sup>th</sup> - *Ladies Crafty Christmas Party*  
December 24<sup>th</sup> - *Christmas Worship Event*

January 28<sup>th</sup> - *Worship Night*  
February 18<sup>th</sup> - *Mandatory All-Ministry Training*  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> - *Premarital Class*



## Faith Mennonite Church

December 3<sup>rd</sup> - *Christmas Dinner Party*

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> - *Spirit of Christmas Musical*, at the Bank Theatre

December 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> - *County Classic Chorale Christmas Concert*

December 17<sup>th</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup> - *Carolinian Wild Church*, an outdoor service of worship with creation at Harrow Mennonite Church Woods

January 28<sup>th</sup> - *Annual Congregational Meeting*

January 28<sup>th</sup> - *Breads & Spreads*, lunch gathering



February 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> - *Festival of Biblical Telling 2024*, all welcome to join the watch party at the church

February 11<sup>th</sup> - *Chili Cook-Off*, lunch gathering for Valentine's Day

February 18<sup>th</sup> - *Carolinian Wild Church*

## Meadow Brook Church

December 3<sup>rd</sup> - *Christmas Luncheon and Quilt Auction*, potluck dessert, proceeds from auction to *Multiply* for special Thailand project

December 10<sup>th</sup> - *Membership Meeting*, to vote on the new lead pastor

December 17<sup>th</sup> - *Baptism Service*

December 31<sup>st</sup> - *New Year's Eve Family Event Night*

January 9<sup>th</sup> - *Prayer Night*, praising God for what he has done in 2023 and seeking him for 2024

February 12<sup>th</sup> - *Annual General Meeting*

# BOARD *of Management*

### LUMC

MARIANNE DYCK

RANDY LEPP  
CHURCH COUNCIL/NON-VOTING

EWVIN TIESSEN  
VICE CHAIR

JIM WIEBE

### MEADOW BROOK CHURCH

MARLENE TEIGROB

### NLUMC

HELGA ENNS  
CHAIR

BRENDA FISCHER  
CHURCH COUNCIL/NON-VOTING

JAYNE LATAM

### DEER RUN CHURCH

JOHN DYCK

### FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

DAVID BELCH  
SECRETARY

CHARLOTTE MURRAY  
CHURCH COUNCIL/NON-VOTING

### OLD COLONY MENNONITE CHURCH

HENRY KROEKER JR.

### HARROW MENNONITE CHURCH

BEV BRANDENBURG

### WINDSOR MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

N/A



## **Essex Kent Mennonite Heritage Associates**

January 20<sup>th</sup> - *Super Soup Night*, at UMEI, by donation

January 26<sup>th</sup> - *The Thiessen Family Story Book Launch*, by Sandy (Froese) Callahan, admission by donation

## **Mennonite Burial Society**

January 13<sup>th</sup> - *Annual General Meeting*

## **UMEI**

December 8<sup>th</sup> - *Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Goose*, presented by the Senior Drama class

December 13<sup>th</sup> - *Choir Christmas Concert*, donations accepted to help send the choir to the CAMS Music Festival in Winnipeg this April

January 19<sup>th</sup> - *Experience Day*, preview classes for students in grades 7 and 8

January 27<sup>th</sup> - *Small School Symposium*, information for families considering alternative school options

February 4<sup>th</sup> - *Community Fundraising Lunch*

February 7<sup>th</sup> - *Winter Open House*, tour the school, speak to faculty, and learn about student opportunities

**Are you looking for something to do out in the community with your family and friends? Give one of these events a try!**

**Monarch Café - March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**at The Bank Theatre, Leamington**  
**Time: 6:30pm**

Songs and stories by local or touring musicians with all genres. Tickets are \$15 plus HST.

**Family Concert: Flutter - April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**at The Capitol Theatre, Windsor**  
**Time: 10am-11:30pm**

A fantastical opera tale of the Monarch Butterfly's migration from Point Pelee to Mexico, blending the wonders of scientific facts with captivating mythology. Concerts are 45 minutes long. Tickets are \$5.

**Dark Sky Nights - May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**at Point Pelee National Park**  
**Time: from sunset until midnight**

Explore the park after dark and experience the dark skies of Point Pelee. Pick up a seasonal star chart at the front gate upon arrival.







**A REMINDER FOR  
RESIDENTS AND  
THEIR FAMILIES:**

**IF YOU ARE BRINGING A BIRTHDAY CAKE TO  
BE SERVED ON YOUR/YOUR LOVED ONE'S  
BIRTHDAY,**

**PLEASE NOTIFY OUR RECEPTIONIST  
([MELISSAGEBRAEL@MENNONITEHOME.CA](mailto:MELISSAGEBRAEL@MENNONITEHOME.CA))**

**OR OUR DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL &  
RECREATION SERVICES  
([JUDY@MENNONITEHOME.CA](mailto:JUDY@MENNONITEHOME.CA))**

**BY 2PM THE DAY PRIOR**

**THIS GIVES OUR DIETARY STAFF ENOUGH TIME TO  
PLAN ACCORDINGLY AND ENSURES THAT THE  
CAKE WILL BE SERVED AT YOUR DESIRED TIME**

**CAKES MUST BE DELIVERED BY  
9AM TO BE SERVED WITH LUNCH AND  
11AM TO BE SERVED WITH SUPPER**





# **BRINGING A PET INTO OUR HOME?**

**The Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care requires all pets coming into our Home to be registered with our Front Office.**

**Pet owners must provide proof of the pet's vaccination on an annual basis for Infection Prevention & Control purposes.**

**Unregistered and/or unvaccinated pets will not be permitted in our building.**

**Pet owners will be provided with our Pet Visitation Policy upon registration.**





# Resident & Family Councils

All residents are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in the monthly **Resident Council** Meetings. Meetings, led by the Resident Chair, focus on resident preferences for activities, events, and programming. Resident services such as meals, personal care, housekeeping, and laundry are discussed and evaluated.

A **Family Council** consisting of resident family members, meets every three months to review resident services, care, and activities. The Family Council assists in the identification of needs, preferences, and projects for the Long Term Care Home.

The Leamington Mennonite Home has a Family Council consisting of resident family members who work to improve the lives of residents. The Council:

- Allows families to give each other ongoing mutual support and encouragement
- Handles group concerns
- Provides the opportunity to become knowledgeable about the Home's operations
- Advises or recommends what residents would like to see done to improve care or quality of life in the Home



*Elfreda Krueger  
LTC Resident Council Chair*



*Katie Brown  
RR Resident Council Chair*



*Brenda Fischer  
Family Council President*

## Family Council Members

Sandy Brown	Cindy Cox	Brenda Fischer
Delores Klassen	Jane Pursel	Louise Tiessen
Ruth Warkentin	Louise Wiens	



# Meet your Neighbors

## Long Term Care

Dorothy Sinasac



Dorothy was born on August 12, 1930 in Anderdon Township in Essex County. She was the oldest out of her three sisters and one brother and grew up in McGregor. Dorothy was married on June 12, 1950 to Bill Sinasac and they moved to Amherstburg in 1957. Together they had two daughters and two sons. Dorothy was an avid seamstress, sewing her children's clothes and even her husband's suits. She taught sewing at House of Shalom youth activity centre for St. John the Baptist. Dorothy was in the church choir and was active in

the ladies auxiliary at St. John's. Dorothy also plays the piano and speaks fluent French. She worked at the Fort Malden Historical Museum in Amherstburg as a tour guide. She played golf, had a trailer, and took many family camping trips. In their retirement years, Bill and Dorothy wintered in Florida. Dorothy has eleven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Dorothy was married for 66 years before her husband passed away. She moved into our Home in 2017.

## Retirement Residence

Mary was born September 24, 1933, in Adolfsdorf, Yugoslavia, which is now Croatia. She came to Canada on the warship, Beaverbrae, docking at Pier 13 in St. Johns, New Brunswick on January 1, 1950. After settling down in the Leamington area with her family, she soon met and married her husband, Jacob, in March of 1953. After spending more than 50 years on the farm, life as she knew it suddenly changed with Jacob's developing cancer and eventual passing. They raised their two children, all of the grandchildren, and most of the great grandchildren on this farm, but things just weren't the same any more. Mary decided it was time to sell the farm and move to an apartment in town, and eventually moved into our Home in 2018. Mary used to bake tortes, cakes, strudel, cookies, and jammy buns, but now leaves the baking to her children and grandchildren.

Mary Dietz



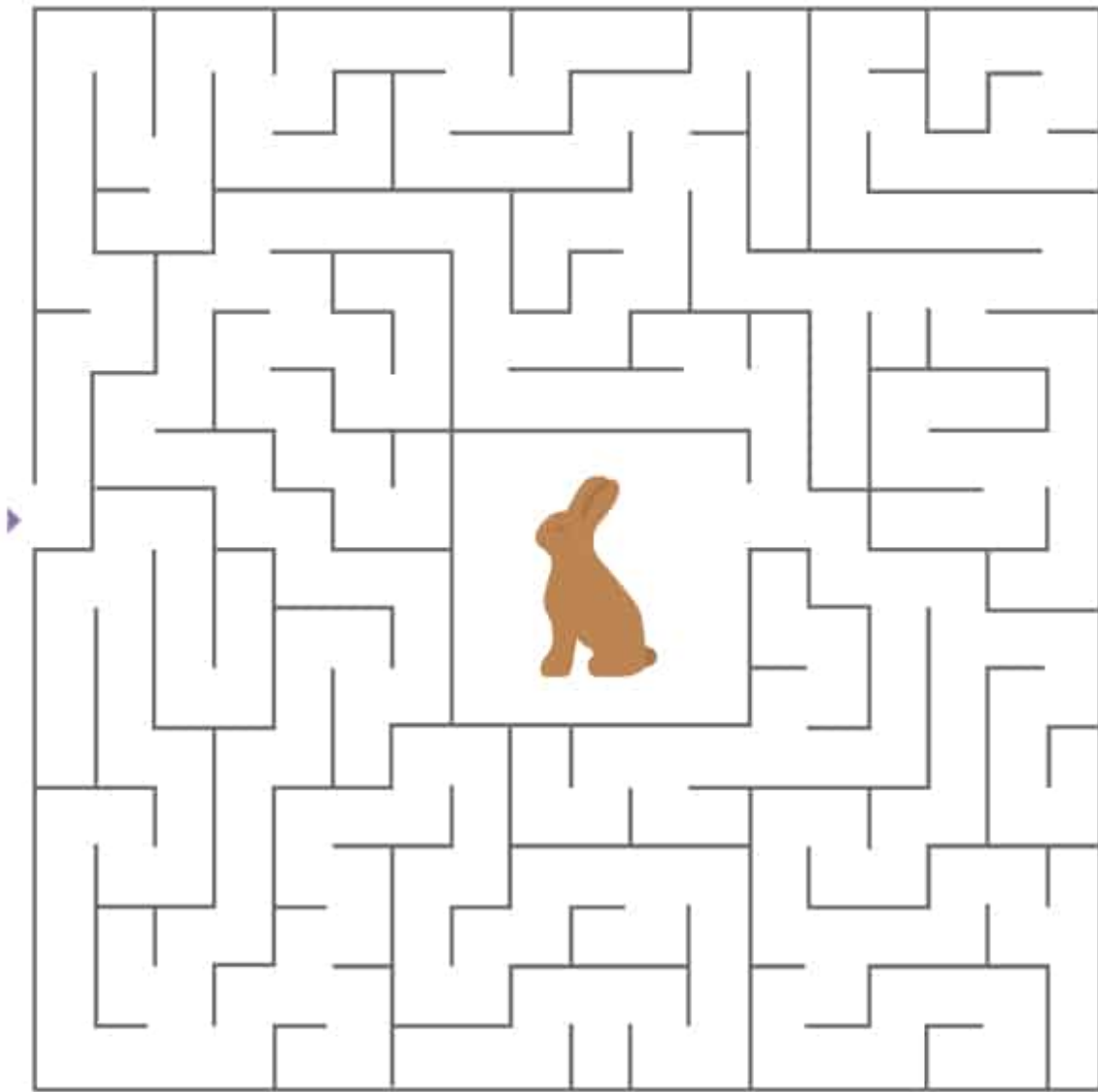


# EASTER MAZE

Find your way through the maze to reach the chocolate bunny in the center.

*Happy Easter!*

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# Spring Crossword

## Across

4. A day set aside for planting trees.

7. A winged insect that comes in a variety of colors.

9. The first month of spring.

11. What happens in April to bring May flowers?

12. After it rains, what is something colorful you might see in the sky?

13. What do the flowers do in the Spring?

14. A basketball tournament that occurs during a spring month.

15. What is it called when time is moved one hour back?

## Down

1. Small round beetles that are often red with black dots.

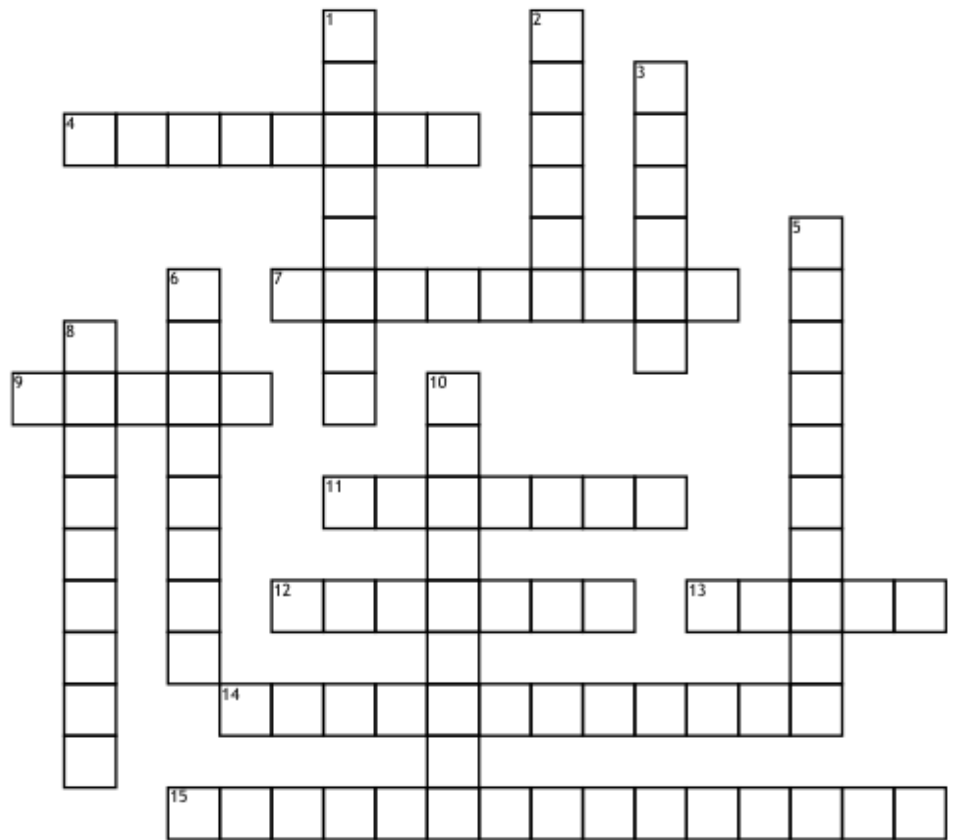
2. A colorful plant with leaves and petals.

3. A small pool of water.

5. A day to play pranks.

6. A name for a young duck.

8. A grassweed with a yellow flower.



10. Animal who shows if spring is coming.

