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LocSec Thoughts

We've survived the extra weeks of winder Punxsutawney Phil sent our way and Spring finally has arrived. The Calendar Page has details and a map to events. Looking forward to submissions for the May newsletter and to seeing folks at the Saturday Lunch Bunch in April. Remember that our website is updated at least once a week, so please visit https://missouriozarks.us.mensa.org to check the updates. Lonny Burger – LocSec

Regional Vice Chairman April Thoughts

Spring is here. Finally, we can get away from the fireplace and instead fire up the grills and smokers. The rabbits are running around building their warrens and harassing my dog when we go on walks. There is even a hawk building a nest in my back yard keeping an eye on them, so they won't get too out of hand. Pretty soon we'll be dying eggs, hopefully at a reasonable price, and hiding them for the kids to find.

April isn't just about enjoying our own backyard though. It also brings Mensa Cares week. Check out the Mensa website at https://www.us.mensa.org/volunteer/community-service/ to see what other groups have done in the past. If you find something fun your local group can do, let us know what you're planning.

My favorite part in this change of seasons is seeing the bright colors from the first flowers pushing out of the ground. It always

gives me hope when Demeter blesses the ground on Persephone's return. Daffodils, then tulips, always sprout first here. That got me thinking of the diverse experience members of Region 7 have. From Kansas Sunflower Mensa to North Dakota Mensa, we span 5 different growing seasons. That diversity is our strength. Keep in touch with your local groups, but also reach out where you can to see how everyone else is doing. For those able to attend the AG in July, I'll see you in Chicago. Otherwise drop a line on Facebook or Mensa Connect. I would be happy to send flower pics to brighten your day.

Always keep on the sunny side. The days are growing longer, shining more light where we may have seen shadows. On the trees we can see bare branches sprouting new blossoms and hear new songs from the birds as they nestle into their nests. That can't help but remind us of the possibility renewal always brings with it. So grab that chocolate bunny (it keeps the dementors away) and let's make Mensa better this year! Et Tu Brute? Curt Krambeck – RVC7

Current Steering Committee/Volunteers

STEERING COMMITTEE

Local Secretary (LocSec):	Lonny Burger
Recording Secretary:	Felicia Ellis
Ombudsman:	Wes Younger
Newsletter Editor (Temporary)	Lonny Burger

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Testing Coordinator:	Charles Myers
Testing Proctor:	Charles Myers
Webmaster:	Lonny Burger
Puzzle Master	Wes Young

Puzzle Page

Easy Sudoku

	8	7	1	3			5	
6	5	4	7	9	8			
3					5	7		
7			2	4	1	3	6	5
	6	3					1	4
4	1			5	6	8	9	7
8				1	3	6		2
	4	6	9	8		5	3	
1		5	6	2	4			8

Hard Sudoku

	9	8				5		6
4			9		8			
1			6	4				9
9	8					4		
			2	6	4	7		
	2					3		
				2	1		3	
				3	6		8	7
3	5	6		8			2	

April Crossword

Science

ACROSS

1 Process plants use sunlight

4 Speeds up chemical reactions

5 Water movement through a membrane

9 Physics branch dealing with subatomic particles

10 Nearly massless subatomic particle

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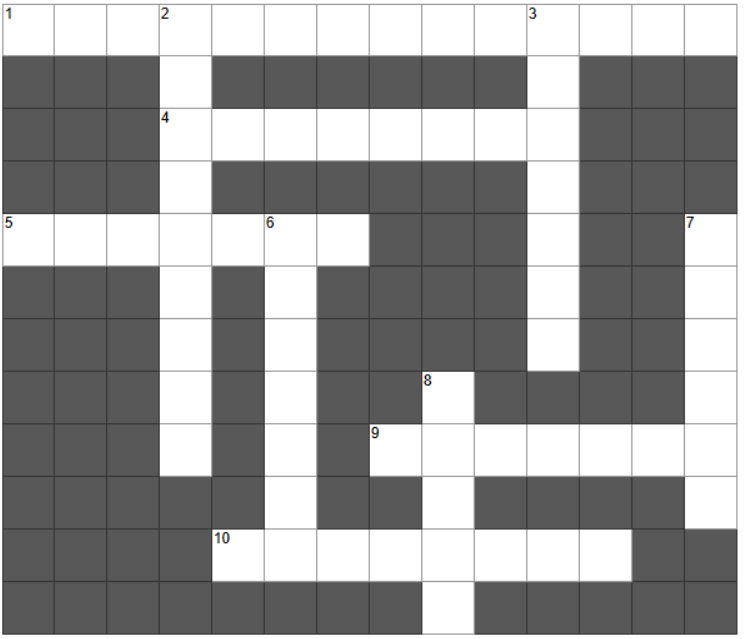
2 Study of Earth's crust movements

3 Measure of disorder

6 Atoms with same protons, different neutrons

7 Complete set of genes

8 Elementary particle type



Coming Events

Deadline for Calendar/Illuminate Submissions

April 18 at 5pm: This is the deadline for submissions of Events and Articles for the May Newsletter/Website to assure we have time to get them posted to the Website and included in the Newsletter in time for printing and mailing. Since we don't have an Editor yet, please email your events and any articles you want to include in the newsletter to the LocSec (who is also the Webmaster and temporary Editor).

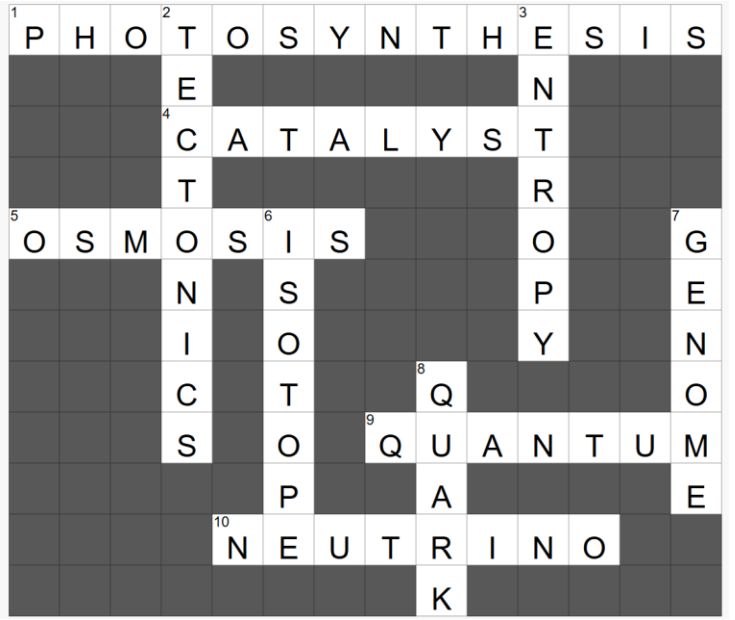
Saturday Lunch Bunch

April 26th at 1pm: We will gather at Thailand Station, 1730 E Republic Rd, Suite U, Springfield, MO 65804. Please RSVP to the LocSec by 5pm, April 15th, so that we can let them know how many to expect. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Events Calendar

APRIL 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Submissions Deadline	19
20	21	22	12	24	25	26 Lunch Bunch
27	28	29	30	31		

Crossword Puzzle Solution



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