

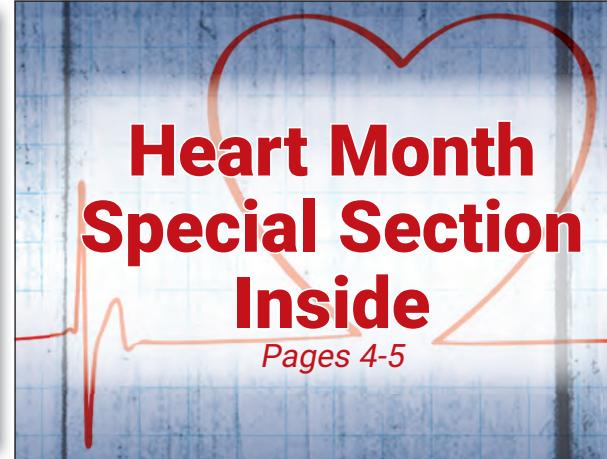
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3 ways to take charge of your health this Heart Month

American Heart Association's Nation of Lifesavers initiative calls on individuals: "You are the first responder until help arrives"

THAT HEART'S NOT GOING TO START ITSELF

DON'T BE AFRAID. GIVE CPR. SAVE A LIFE.

More than
350,000

out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur each year in the United States.

During cardiac arrest, immediate CPR can

DOUBLE OR TRIPLE

a person's chance of survival.



But currently, bystanders only perform CPR

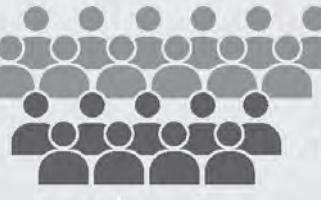
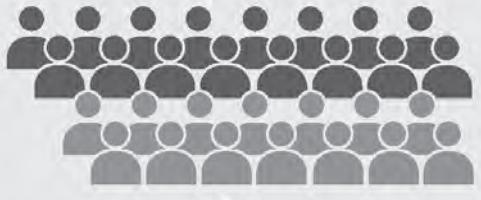
46% of the time.

In a nationwide online survey, respondents commented on why they did not perform CPR on someone in cardiac arrest despite having the opportunity to do so:

31% Afraid of legal ramifications

24% CPR is too complicated

16% I have not been trained to perform CPR



28% Afraid I might hurt the person

18% I did not feel confident performing the steps

14% I did not want to give rescue breaths

Source: 2016 Hands-Only CPR Research Tracking Study, American Heart Association. Published April 4, 2017

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Cardiac arrest can affect anyone, anywhere - at the gym, in the grocery store, or during a child's soccer game. However, bystanders only intervene less than half of the time, often due to uncertainty or lack of training. Yet CPR, especially if performed immediately, can double or triple a person's chance of surviving sudden cardiac arrest. [3]

"In an emergency, bystanders don't need medical training to save a life. All you need is knowledge, courage, and the willingness to act," The Association's Nation of Lifesavers initiative offers suggestions on how to take charge of your personal health and inspire a Nation of Lifesavers this American Heart Month:

Learn CPR and join the Nation of Lifesavers™. In Des Moines, individuals and families can take an online or in-person CPR course, watch a 90-second video to learn Hands-Only CPR for adults or watch this video to learn how to save an infant or child using CPR with breaths. To learn more about CPR, including new CPR guidelines published in Circulation this fall, visit heart.org/nation.

Make a plan. During a cardiac emergency, a well-developed plan could make all the difference. Don't wait for help, become it. Remember, you are the first responder until professional help arrives. A cardiac emergency response plan or (CERP) establishes specific steps to reduce death from cardiac arrest in any setting - be it a school,

"I see it all the time. In a real emergency, the actual first responder often isn't someone in uniform, it's often a coworker or a family member," Yolana SEE HEART: Page A5

February is Heart Month

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American Heart Association.



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At right: photo reenactment of hands only CPR.

Wakefield-Wilson, MS, Business Development Manager, Community CPR at American Heart Association "Learning CPR is really a civic duty. Ordinary people have the extraordinary power to make a difference in someone's life.

Being prepared can turn the chaos into calm and give that person the best chance of survival."

The Association leads global efforts in public awareness, education and policy change, while also serving as the scientific

authority that develops the official CPR and emergency cardiovascular care guidelines used by other CPR and first aid training providers in the U.S. and in over 90 countries worldwide.

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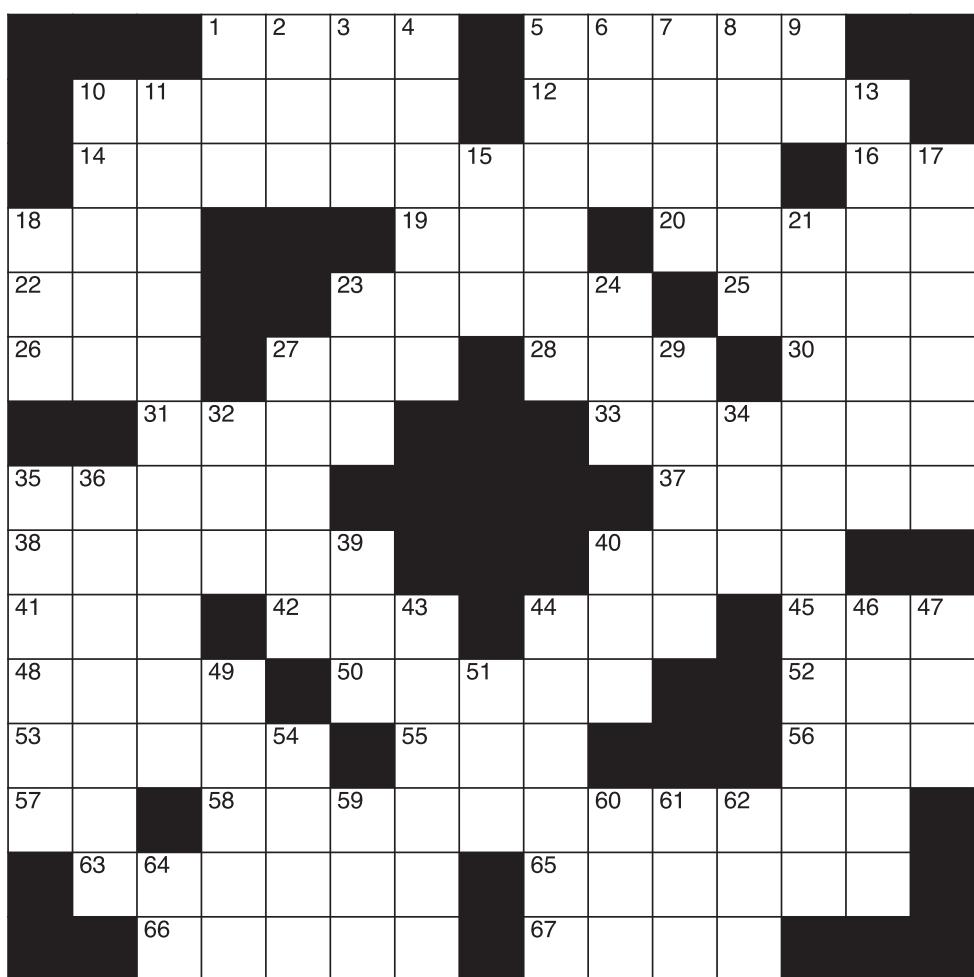
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- Tool to remove
- Rods
- One who renews
- They precede C
- Chatter incessantly
- King Cole, musician
- Insect parts
- One from Utah
- The world of the dead
- Singer Redding
- NBA legend Nelson
- Indicates wrongly
- Unhappy
- Anger
- Dark brown
- Some are in kitchens
- Made a mistake
- Damp
- Type of fuel
- Actor Damon
- What thespians do
- One's mother
- Disallow
- Swiss river
- A banana has one
- Philippines lake and volcano are two
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Agave
- Journalist Tarbell
- One-time tech giant
- Indicates upon
- Intestinal bacteria
- Loose sheaths around the spinal cord
- It goes with nook
- A fashion
- Very eager to hear or see

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- Utilize
- Writing utensil
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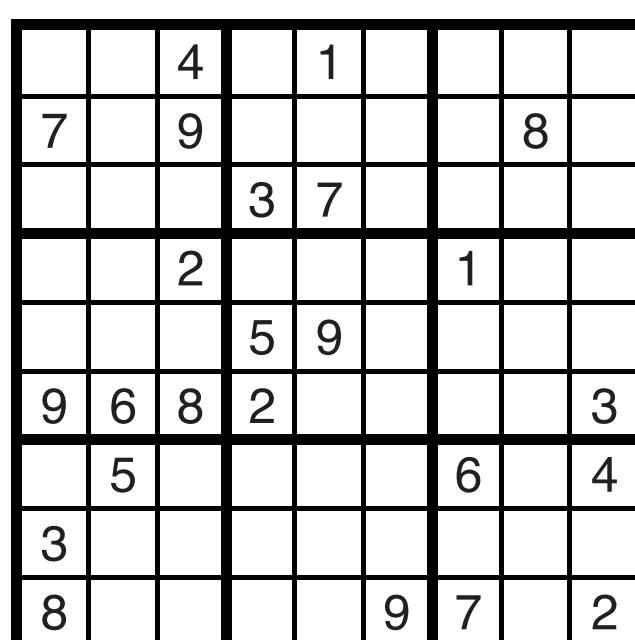


6. Consume
7. Greek mythological figures
8. California mountain town
9. Tin
10. Muse of lyric and love poetry
11. Animates anew
13. Humorous criticisms
15. Cool!
17. Worst
18. Wet dirt
21. Designed to be useful

23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
24. High schoolers' test
27. Computer device
29. Indian territory ___ and Diu
32. A place to sleep
34. AI tool
35. Pass or go by
36. Indicates a purchase
39. A digital tape recording of sound
40. More (Spanish)

43. Disfigured
44. White (Spanish)
46. Church building
47. Georgia rockers
49. Type of surgery
51. Much ___ about nothing
54. Make by braiding
59. Local area network
60. Unit of work or energy
61. Member of indigenous people of Thailand
62. Liquefied natural gas
64. Distance to top

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CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to Valentine's Day.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 19 = E)

A. 24 7 19 14 19 12 9

Clue: Gift

B. 21 11 25 21 25 26 3 9 19

Clue: Confection

C. 7 25 5 3 12 21 19

Clue: Feelings of affection

D. 11 19 3 7 9 14

Clue: Love symbols

ANSWERS: A. present B. chocolate C. romance D. hearts

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

A spark of excitement brightens your week, Aries. You may rediscover enthusiasm for a goal you set aside. Take one confident step and watch momentum gather.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

This week brings steady comfort and satisfying progress, Taurus. Something you've been nurturing starts to show real signs of growth. You're building something meaningful.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Your mind is in full brilliance mode, Gemini. New insights, clever connections and energizing conversations fill your days. A fun invitation or unexpected message may lift your spirits.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Your emotional intuition is your superpower this week, Cancer. You may find a simple solution to a situation that once felt complex. Supportive people drift into your orbit.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, your confidence is glowing, and others notice. This week favors bold creativity and joyful self-expression. A moment of recognition or praise may remind you of your natural leadership.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Organization comes naturally, and your clarity is on point, Virgo. You'll wrap up tasks with surprising ease. A shift in priorities may free up space for something you genuinely enjoy.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Balance returns in a way that feels refreshing, Libra. Your relationships flow smoothly, and you'll find harmony even in busy moments. An inspiring experience may uplift you.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Determination meets opportunity this week, Scorpio. You're sharper, more focused and ready to move forward with confidence.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Optimism fuels everything you touch, Sagittarius. You may stumble upon a new interest, adventure or opportunity that fills you with excitement.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Your efforts align perfectly with your goals, Capricorn. This week rewards patience and consistency. You may receive encouragement from someone who truly understands you.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Innovation thrives in your world right now, Aquarius. You'll devise unique solutions, unexpected shortcuts or refreshing ideas with ease. Stay open to teamwork.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

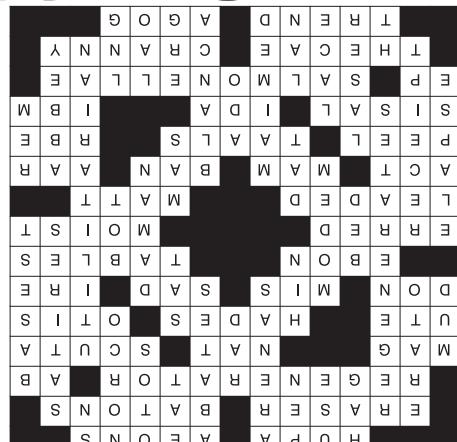
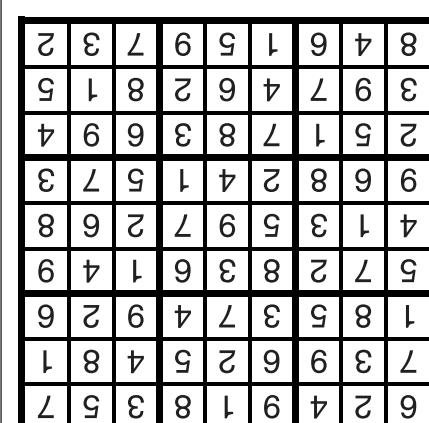
A creative wave washes over you, Pisces. Inspiration feels effortless, and small moments carry extra meaning. A heartwarming interaction or sweet surprise brightens your week.

GUESS WHO?

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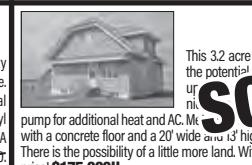
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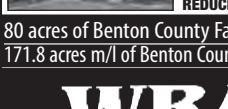
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PUBLIC NOTICES

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NOTICE OF COUNTY ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR SALE OF PROPERTY

The Benton County Board of Supervisors will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of county-owned property located in Benton County, Iowa, referred to as the "Animal Shelter" and is described as follows:

One acre in the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$), all in the West Half (W $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-Two (22), Township Eighty-Five (85) North, Range Ten (10) West of the 5th P.M.

Upon the publishing of this notice, sealed bids may be submitted and accepted by 12:00 P.M. on February 6, 2026. No sealed bid will be accepted after 12:00 P.M. on February 6, 2026. All sealed bids will be opened on the 10th day of February, 2026, at 10:30 A.M. in the Conference Room, Benton County Service Center, 811 D Ave. Vinton, Iowa, for the purpose of selling said real estate.

All sealed bid inquiries, and submissions shall be made through the Benton County Auditor's Office. The Board of Supervisors will only accept sealed bids through the designated accepted form that provides all reasonable notices to all seal bidders. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

All inquiries about the property

shall be made through the Benton County Conservation Department.

Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

all budget went down a little bit.

Mark Erickson presented the Transportation FY27 Budget. Erickson discussed vehicle replacement. He is wanting to start setting money aside in committing funds for when vehicles need to be replaced. Overall budget is increasing not quite \$1,000.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To acknowledge the resignation of Rodney Clark, part-time transportation driver effective January 5, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-5, Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-5 APPROVAL TO POST PUBLIC NOTICE AND SEALED BID PACKET FOR REAL ESTATE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

RE: ANIMAL SHELTER

WHEREAS, on or about October 14, 2025, after the conclusion of a

public hearing regarding the sale of

county property, the Benton County

Board of Supervisors determined

that such county property shall be

sold; and

WHEREAS, the county property

at issue is commonly known as the

Animal Shelter located within Ben-

ton County, Iowa, with the following

legal description,

One acre in the Southeast cor-

ner of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$)

of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$), all

Benton County Auditor

Committee Reports: Supervisor Seeman reported that WMA is requesting approximately \$8,000. Seeman toured the Sheriff's office to

look at the heating/cooling and see what can be done to save money on utility bills. There is over 80 motors running 24/7. Each individual room has their own heating/cooling unit.

Dispatch they are looking at putting a mini-split in since dispatch is so warm.

Supervisor Seeman asked for a motion to adjourn, motion failed.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To recess at 10:21 until 11:00. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To re-enter into session and out of recess at 11:00. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m. the board entered into exempt Session 20.17(3) where a strategy meeting of public employers is exempted from the provisions of Chapter 21 of the Iowa Code.

The board exited exempt session at 12:00 p.m.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 12:00 p.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman ATTEST: Gina Edler, Deputy Benton County Auditor