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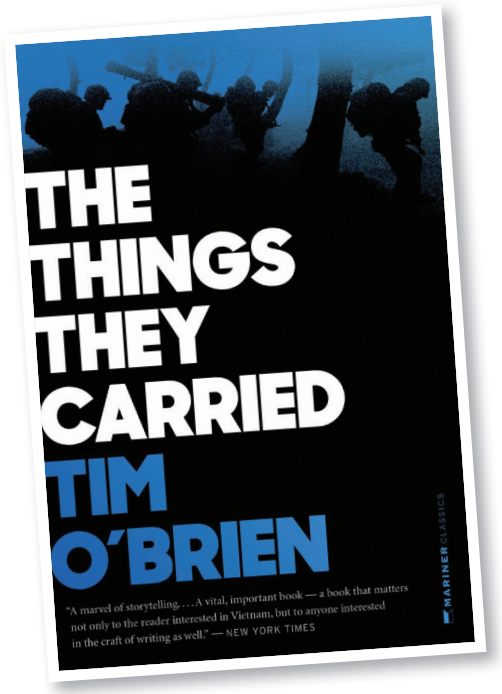
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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

November 11, 2026, 7pm Grout Museum of Iowa presents 'Voices of Iowa: Pearl Harbor,' Vinton Palace Theatre
November 19, 2026, 6pm Benton County Conservation presents 'Iowa Bald Eagles' program, 6pm, Vinton Public Library
November 21, 2026, 10am Frontier Foraging program, Benton County Nature Center
December 8, 2026, 7pm Lecture with Alex Vasquez, 7pm, Vinton Palace Theatre
December 9, 2026, 7pm Film Showing of 'Midway,' Vinton Palace Theatre

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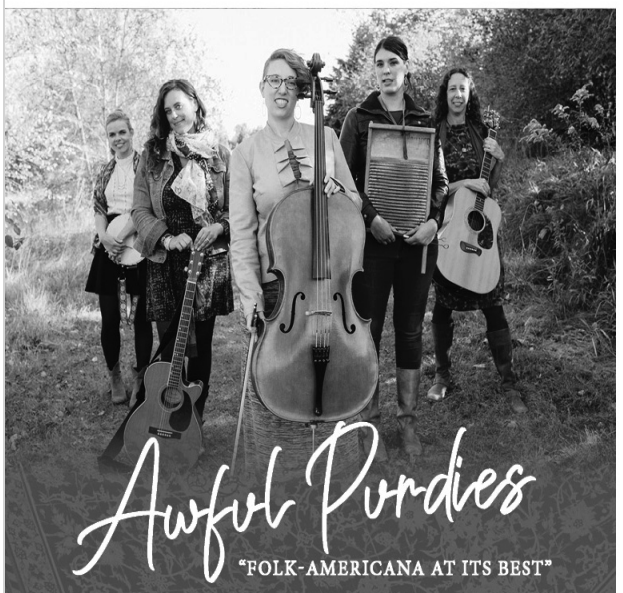
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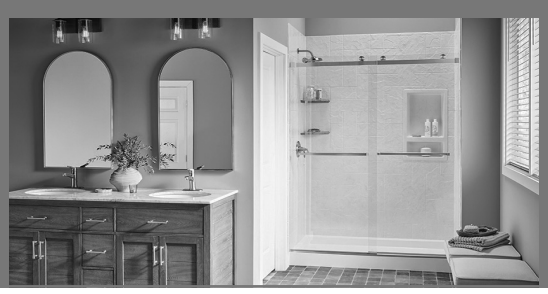
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- Electric/Telecommunication Board of Trustees (1 seat)

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Tharp Family

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Thank you all for your continued support as I look forward to continue serving as your Benton County Recorder.
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Lexa S Speidel
Benton Co Recorder



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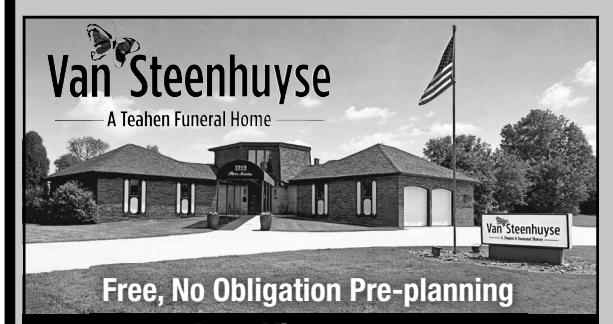
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As the holiday season approaches, Vinton is getting ready to celebrate! From the glow of the Holiday Lighted Parade to the sights and sounds of Holiday Open Houses throughout town, there are plenty of opportunities to get out, enjoy the season, and share a little holiday cheer with friends and neighbors.

Mark your calendars for **November 19 at 6 p.m. as the annual Holiday Lighted Parade** makes its way down 4th Street in downtown Vinton. Gather your family, invite your friends, bundle up, and find a spot along the parade route to enjoy an evening filled with festive floats, sparkling lights, and plenty of Christmas spirit. **Vinton Unlimited will also be serving free cups of cocoa to help warm your hands and souls while you enjoy the festivities!** And, of course, Santa will be making a special appearance in the parade. Afterward, children will have the opportunity to visit with Santa inside the courthouse, so be sure to stick around and share a little Christmas magic.

Then, on **November 22 from noon to 4 p.m.,** Vinton will welcome shoppers and visitors for **Holiday Open Houses** throughout town! Spend the afternoon exploring local businesses, finding unique gifts, and enjoying all the little extras that make holiday shopping in Vinton special. You'll find great sales, a variety of specials, holiday goodies and treats, festive music, and strolling carolers filling the air with familiar holiday favorites. Keep your eyes open, too! Santa may even be popping in around town to check on his naughty and nice list!

While the shopping and specials are certainly part of the fun, the real value of these events goes beyond what ends up in a shopping bag. Every time we choose to shop locally, we are doing more than making a purchase. We are supporting our neighbors, helping local businesses thrive, strengthening our downtown, and investing in the community we call home. Those dollars help keep local businesses going, support local jobs, and preserve the experiences and small-town charm we all enjoy.

Shopping local also gives us something online shopping and big-box stores simply cannot replicate: personal connections. It's the business owner who remembers your name, the friendly conversation while browsing, the familiar face you run into downtown, or the unexpected visit with a friend you haven't seen in a while. These are the little moments that make shopping local an experience rather than just another item on a to-do list.

A thriving community doesn't happen by accident. It takes people who care enough to show up, participate, support one another, and take pride in the place they call home. Events like the Holiday Lighted Parade and Holiday Open Houses are wonderful reminders of what can happen when a community comes together. Local businesses, organizations, volunteers, and residents all play a part in creating the holiday atmosphere that makes Vinton special.

So this holiday season, make a little extra room in your schedule for hometown traditions. Come enjoy the parade, visit the open houses, shop the local specials, listen to the carolers, share a treat, and maybe even catch a glimpse of Santa. Bring your family, invite a friend, and take time to enjoy the people and places that make Vinton feel like home.

After all, the best holiday gifts aren't always wrapped in a box. Sometimes they're found in the friendships we strengthen, the traditions we create, and the community we continue to support. **This season, let's make the holidays merry, bright, and local.**

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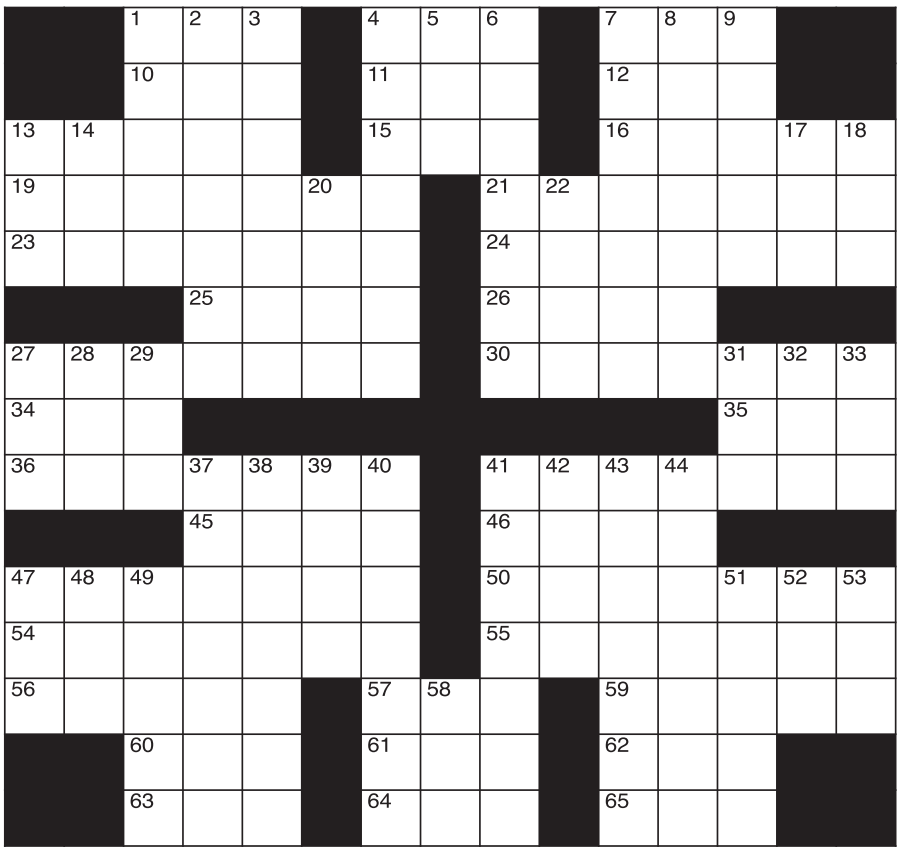
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CLUES ACROSS
1. Tire pressure metric
4. Request
7. Clairvoyance
10. 007's creator Fleming
11. Male adult
12. Norse mythological figure
13. Coffin cloths
15. Breeze through
16. Ladyfish genus
19. We all take them
21. Nobleman's jurisdiction
23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Rummy-like card game
25. Unable to move
26. Type of horse
27. Parted
30. Woman's cloak
34. South American plant
35. Prohibit
36. Something one takes
41. Dish detergent manufacturer
45. Romanian river
46. Personification of pity
47. Makes upset
50. Discuss again
54. Medical instrument
55. Support
56. Informal term for money
57. Catch doing something wrong
59. Prehistoric people
60. Large African antelope
61. Automobile
62. "Losing My Religion" rockers
63. High-resolution scientific instrument
64. A major division of geological time
65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN
1. Indoor plant
2. Fit to be sold
3. Rather
4. Collected
5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
6. Irish rap group
7. Ageless
8. Lists indicating curriculum
9. Pokes at
13. Public television station
14. They ___
17. Cooking tool
18. Separately managed account
20. Iron-containing compound
22. Swiss river
27. Former French coin
28. Electronic countermeasures
29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms
32. Unhappy
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Glowing
38. Lists of items to be discussed
39. An informal body of friends
40. Indispensable quality
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. A place to dock
44. Festive singer
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Northernmost point of mainland Wales
49. Most worthless parts
51. Type of "bear"
52. Take or consume
53. Defunct European organization
58. Swiss river

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

CRYPTO FUN

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

Solve the code to discover words related to Thanksgiving.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 12 = A)

A. **10 5 24 4 11 18**
Clue: Poultry

B. **14 12 10 22 11 24**
Clue: Get together

C. **10 22 12 19 4 1 5 25**
Clue: Showing gratitude

D. **1 12 8 16 25 18**
Clue: Relatives

Answers: A. turkey B. gather C. thankful D. family

HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Try to take emotion out of your decision-making this week, Aries. Lead with your head instead of your heart, especially where work is concerned.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
A series of events at work may have you thinking about a change in position and/or career, Taurus. Don't make any rash moves just yet.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Family matters come to the forefront this week, Gemini. You may find yourself in the middle of a family squabble. Fortunately, things will blow over quickly.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Try your best to turn a situation that could easily get out of control into one you can manage more easily, Cancer. This is likely to require some quick thinking.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, enjoy socializing with your friends this week. You have been on the go so much that it is time to settle down and enjoy a break and some good conversation.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
You are very good at compromising, Virgo. This is one reason why people like you as a friend. However, do not compromise your own ideals to go along with every plan.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Your creative side will be on display this week, Libra. You can showcase crafts or artwork that is inspired by the colors of autumn. Put your thoughts in motion.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, if you have been mulling over going back to school, then now is your opportunity to enroll in a vocational class or take college courses for more credit.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sometimes going about the same schedule day after day can put you in a rut. Change up one aspect of your daily life, and you may notice a big difference, Sagittarius.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Expensive items have been on your mind, Capricorn. However, this may not be the best time to make big financial decisions. Give them a little more thought.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, a new coworker may come to you with questions because you are an expert in a particular area. This presents a good opportunity to serve as a mentor.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, surround yourself with people who have more experience than you and can offer advice. Listen to the pearls of wisdom they may share with you.

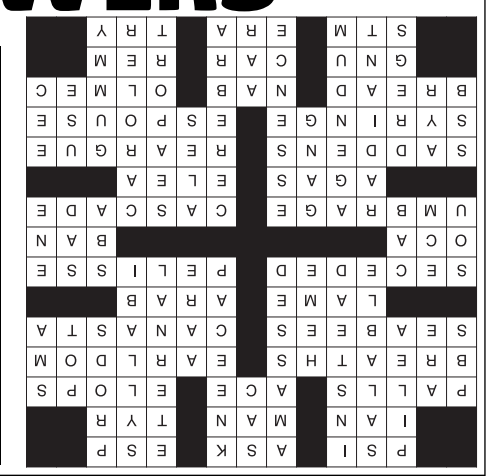
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Answer: Anne Hathaway

ANSWERS

6	7	4	9	5	8	3	1	2
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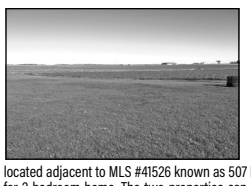
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -- Actual and Budget
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026
County Name: BENTON COUNTY County Number:06

		General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Permanent	Actual Totals	Budgeted Totals	
Revenues & Other Financing Sources									
Taxes Levied on Property	1	10,054,632	5,491,609		765,070		16,311,311	17,042,149	1
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2		0		0		0		2
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3		0		0		0	643,031	3
Net Current Property Taxes	4	10,054,632	5,491,609		765,070		16,311,311	16,399,118	4
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	227	146		17		390	3,918	5
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	81,972					81,972	64,000	6
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	157,203	1,750,578	0	11,542	0	1,919,323	1,777,117	7
Intergovernmental	8	2,427,815	7,565,417	70,640	48,843	0	10,112,715	10,709,965	8
Licenses & Permits	9	22,853	145,035	0	0	0	167,888	266,755	9
Charges for Service	10	1,151,630	18,450	0	0	0	1,170,080	1,110,440	10
Use of Money & Property	11	470,327	359,633	57,500	0	30,442	917,902	480,204	11
Miscellaneous	12	477,601	542,761	0	0	0	1,020,362	1,082,454	12
Subtotal Revenues	13	14,844,260	15,873,629	128,140	825,472	30,442	31,701,943	31,893,971	13
Other Financing Sources:									
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0	0	0	0		14
Operating Transfers In	15	7,500	3,964,150	0	0	0	3,971,650	4,071,650	15
Proceeds of Capital Asset Sales	16	1,327	112,838	3,450	0	0	117,615	80,000	16
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	14,853,087	19,950,617	131,590	825,472	30,442	35,791,208	36,045,621	17
Expenditures & other Financing Uses									
Operating:									
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	7,183,794	1,246,258			0	8,430,052	10,710,658	18
Physical Health Social Services	19	1,543,923	95,868			0	1,639,791	2,146,900	19
County Environment and Education	20	1,494,313	911,548			0	2,405,861	2,850,654	20
Roads & Transportation	21	0	9,965,836			0	9,965,836	11,725,569	21
Government Services to Residents	22	1,135,897	18,550			0	1,154,447	1,310,662	22
Administration	23	2,922,852	160,960			0	3,083,812	4,015,466	23
Nonprogram Current	24	0	153,707			0	153,707	475,000	24
Debt Service	25	0	0	0	810,950	0	810,950	810,950	25
Capital Projects	26	0	1,217,727	88,365		0	1,306,092	4,648,513	26
Subtotal Expenditures	27	14,280,779	13,770,454	88,365	810,950	0	28,950,548	38,694,372	27
Other Financing Uses:									
Operating Transfers Out	28	285,750	3,685,900	0	0	0	3,971,650	4,071,650	28
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	29	0	0	0	0	0	0		29
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	30	14,566,529	17,456,354	88,365	810,950	0	32,922,198	42,766,022	30
Changes in fund balances	31	286,558	2,494,263	43,225	14,522	30,442	2,869,010	-6,720,401	31
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2025	32	10,830,494	14,193,046	862,999	58,900	1,059,943	27,005,382	23,183,280	32
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budget)	33	0	0	0	0	0	0		33
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	34	0	0	0	0	0	0		34
Fund Balance - Restricted	35	10,221,670	15,131,813	0	73,422	1,090,385	26,517,290	16,939,726	35
Fund Balance - Committed	36	895,382	1,555,496	289,926	0	0	2,740,804	983,754	36
Fund Balance - Assigned	37	0	0	616,298	0	0	616,298		37
Fund Balance - Unassigned	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1,460,601	38
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2026	39	11,117,052	16,687,309	906,224	73,422	1,090,385	29,874,392	16,462,879	39

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