

# Sudoku answers

6	3	7	2	1	8	5	4	9
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## How to use a compass

Global positioning systems have revolutionized the way people get from point A to point B. Utilizing satellites and orbital data, GPS devices can ping these satellites and compute location anywhere on the planet. GPS-enabled maps are used in smartphones, car navigation systems and elsewhere. But before GPS became the primary navigational tool, people relied heavily on other aids, such as a compass.

Understanding how to use a compass can prove invaluable, especially when boating, hiking or engaging in other activities in the great outdoors.

### Parts of a compass

Compasses feature various components. The most basic will have a ringed needle housing that is printed with the cardinal points N E S W for North, East, South, and West. Some also have degrees as markings; a compass pointing due North is at 0 degrees. A rotating ring with arrows or other line markings will be on the outer facing of the compass as well. Other compasses also may have a clear baseplate into which the compass is attached. The baseplate may have rulers for helping to calculate distance when used with the map's scale and a directional arrow.

The compass has a magnetized needle that always points to magnetic North. It will be colored red or white. Magnetic North is not the same as True North. In fact, the two can differ by up to 20 degrees depending on where a person is on the surface of the Earth. For the most accurate reading, compass users will account for this difference, which is called "declination;" otherwise, they may end up many miles away from their mapped destinations. There also will be an orienting arrow. This arrow allows the base plate to be aligned with the magnetic needle. A travel arrow tells the direction a person should head.

### Reading a compass

To read a compass, users must first make sure they are away from structures that can interfere with the compass reading, such as large metal structures or high-voltage power

lines.

Place the compass on the palm of a hand at chest level. Watch for the magnetic needle to rest with the red tip pointing to North.

Turn the dial surrounding the compass until the orienting arrow is completely lined up with the magnetic needle. Once it is, the direction arrow on the baseplate of the compass will now indicate your heading.

Beginners should always practice using a compass and test their map-reading and navigational skills in a place they visit frequently. When using a compass, always be sure the direction traveled coincides with the direction of the travel arrow.

Despite the prevalence of GPS and other digital navigation software, understanding how to use a compass is a handy skill, particularly should one lose battery power, be out of satellite range or lose a map when enjoying the great outdoors.

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## Alzheimer's group to meet

The Alzheimer's Association will be offering an in-person caregiver support group. This group will meet on the third Tuesday of each month from 10 to 11:00 a.m. at the Lake Region Heritage Center, 502 4th St. NE, Devils Lake.

The support group is free and open to all caregivers of an individual with Alzheimer's or related dementia.

Registration is required. Call 1-800-272-3900 or visit [www.communityresourcefinder.org](http://www.communityresourcefinder.org).



Developed by NDSU, the Spring Welcome® magnolia tree is beautiful and has proven to be winter-hardy for the Dakotas. (NDSU photo)

## Dakota Gardener: The steel magnolia for the Dakotas

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Magnolia trees are cherished for their showy, fragrant blossoms in early spring. Common in southern landscapes, magnolias are rarely grown in the Dakotas because their blossoms are sensitive to spring frosts.

The phrase "steel magnolia" is used to describe a woman who is both lovely and shows toughness under adversity. Lovely and tough -- that's exactly the type of magnolia tree we need in the Dakotas.

Get to know our steel magnolia, Spring Welcome®. Developed by NDSU, this small tree should be your first consideration when selecting a magnolia.

Spring Welcome® magnolia is absolutely lovely. Its light-pink buds unfurl into large, fragrant, pristine-white flowers. It has attractive, dark-green, leathery leaves that turn greenish yellow to bronze in autumn.

Spring Welcome® is a dazzler in spring. Its flowers open before its leaves emerge, and these blooms are big and showy. This tree is often used as a focal point in flower plantings, foundation plantings or near terraces and patios.

Spring Welcome® has stunning looks, but the true beauty of Spring Welcome® lies within its toughness.

The cold hardiness of its flower buds is vastly superior to the cold hardiness of any other cultivar's flower buds. The buds of Spring Welcome® are known to tolerate spring frosts and still bloom profusely.

Spring Welcome® has proven to be winter-hardy in USDA hardiness zone 4 for the past 20 years, even after winter

temperatures of minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Spring Welcome® has outperformed other Loebner magnolia hybrids tested in zone 4. This zone includes all of North Dakota except for along the Canadian border.

For those of you living near Canada, the cold hardness of Spring Welcome® makes it clearly the best and perhaps your only option.

Spring Welcome® resists pests and diseases and is rarely damaged by deer or rabbits.

Developed in North Dakota, this magnolia tolerates our prairie soils much better than most magnolias.

The tree has a vigorous habit and blooms at a young age. It grows in an oval to rounded form to about 15 feet high and 10 to 15 feet wide. It can be single or multi-trunked.

The greatest risk when growing any magnolia is that its flowers freeze to death. Our primary goal must be to delay the opening of the blooms as long as possible to avoid their exposure to freezing weather in spring.

To put it another way, we want to keep the planting site cool to keep the tree dormant and safe from killing frosts for as long as possible in the spring.

Start by selecting a suitable planting site. Magnolias prefer a sunny or partly sunny location. An east-facing site is preferred because it receives the cool morning sun. This allows the tree to stay dormant longer. South- and west-facing sites are riskier because warm afternoon temperatures may trigger the magnolia to wake up prematurely.

Once the site is selected, get a bale or two of sphagnum peat moss to create a six-inch-high bed for the tree. Mix this mulch into the native soil before planting. A moss-enriched bed will improve drainage and add acidity to the soil, which every magnolia tree will appreciate.

It is very important to add shredded bark mulch under the tree. This mulch will insulate the soil, preventing the soil from warming up quickly in early spring. Remember, we want to keep the site cool in spring.

I invite you to grow Spring Welcome®, the steel magnolia for the Dakotas. To order one of these trees for planting next spring, search online or contact your local nursery.

## Zebra mussel eradication plan

The ND Game and Fish Department, in cooperation with state and federal partners and local stakeholders, have finalized a plan to eradicate zebra mussels from Smishek Lake.

"This decision was not an easy one, but we feel this plan is absolutely necessary to protect the downstream waters of Lake Sakakawea and lakes in northwestern North Dakota from zebra mussels," said Ben Holen, aquatic nuisance species coordinator. "Generally, eradication is not a feasible option, but in this case we believe we have a very good opportunity to eliminate zebra mussels from Smishek Lake."

During the week of October

13, Game and Fish Department staff plans to apply an EPA-registered copper-based molluscicide called EarthTecQZ. This product, when applied safely, will cause mussel mortality while sustaining other aquatic life. After the treatment, NDGF and Department of Environmental Quality personnel will monitor copper concentrations in Smishek Lake. In late fall or early winter, Game and Fish will also consider dewatering some of Smishek Lake, and if needed, pursue a secondary treatment with EarthTecQZ in spring 2026.

The ramp will be closed on the day of treatment and signs will be placed around the lake.

## Historical look at waterfowl

The storied past of waterfowl in North Dakota is uniquely revealed in the ND Game and Fish Department's publication, *The Duck Factory: A History of Waterfowl in North Dakota*.

Of interest to waterfowlers and other outdoor enthusiasts, the 213-page, full color, soft-cover publication is authored by Mike Jacobs and Erik Fritzell. The book traces the history of waterfowl species and their habitats in North Dakota.

The book is sold online only at the Game and Fish Department's website, [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov), by clicking on "Buy and Apply" and then "Shop."

### UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL October 6, 2025

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on Oct. 6, 2025 at the city hall. Mayor Bill Solberg called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. All council members were present.

The council stood and conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Fahey made a motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 8, 2025 regular meeting, seconded by Member Haugland. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Nelson made a motion to approve the offer of \$7,000 by David Matejcek to purchase Lots 1-4, Block 7, South Addition, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor except Member Matejcek, who abstained. Motion carried.

Member Vasichek made a motion to approve the special events permits from DD's Place on October 21 and Till House on October 18 with both events at the community center, seconded by Member Nelson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Nelson made a motion to approve up to \$2,000 as a match with the Rock Creek Clubhouse to purchase exterior tables and a grill for Rock Creek Golf Course and to apply for funding to the Lakota Community Foundation, seconded by Member Matejcek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Nelson made a motion to approve a \$50 early bird discount for family and single golf memberships for 2026, seconded by Member Matejcek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Vasichek made a motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 17.07011, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Matejcek made a motion to offer Hayley Ross the librarian position with the prorated approved 2025 compensation, seconded by Member Vasichek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Nelson made a motion to reduce the hay contract to \$300 for the airport property, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor except Member Ferguson, who abstained. Motion carried.

Member Ferguson made a motion to approve the storefront improvement application from Lakota Hardware for \$2,500, seconded by Member Haugland. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

After reviewing the bills and vouchers, a motion was made by Member Nelson to pay all the bills presented for payment and those bills

paid prior to the meeting. Member Matejcek seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote of 6-0. Advanced Business

Methods .....	\$261.64
Apex Engineering .....	1,470.00
BCBS .....	8,051.92
Border States .....	541.87
Cole Papers .....	928.93
Computer Express .....	300.00
Cruz, Mahalia .....	100.00
City of Lakota .....	1,000.00
DLL Finance .....	785.28
EFTPS .....	2,609.28
EFTPS .....	2,862.43
Elan .....	2,019.01
Elverud Sewer .....	410.00
Farmers Union Oil .....	2,373.77
Federal Signal .....	32,650.00
Ferguson Waterworks ...	8,534.28
Go-Fer Sanitation .....	300.00
Hawkins .....	869.72
Interstate Power .....	1,202.54
Job Service .....	503.07
Johnson Boys Farms ....	2,640.00
Lake Region Pest .....	435.00
Lakes Area Turf .....	7,162.50
Lakota American .....	112.89
Lakota Auto .....	569.32
Lakota Municipal .....	800.00
Lakota Municipal .....	800.13
Lakota Municipal .....	4,373.36
Lakota Sanitation .....	11,754.89
Menards .....	1,867.61
MARC .....	5,972.50
MRES .....	46,233.27
MMUA .....	815.00
NAPA .....	16.60
NDLC .....	275.00
NDPERS .....	5,791.58
Nelson Co. Sheriff .....	3,415.00
Neonlink .....	47.20
Nodak .....	2,315.02
ND Telephone .....	49.43
North-Holt Electric .....	110,144.56
Office of State Tax .....	212.60
Pifers .....	100.00
Polar .....	1,625.30
Quill .....	42.68
Renewed State .....	2,912.25
Runnings .....	31.99
Rysavy Plumbing .....	400.00
Sundeen, Alma .....	273.00
US Dept. of Energy .....	5,000.00
USDA .....	23,446.00
Verizon .....	191.24
Vestis .....	74.82
Wells Fargo .....	4,326.84
Witzel Construction .....	3,100.00
City Salaries .....	14,216.85
City Salaries .....	16,753.70
Total .....	\$346,061.87

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 3, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Member Vasichek made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Matejcek. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Amie Vasichek  
Auditor

Bill Solberg  
Mayor

\*Full meeting minutes are available upon request at the Lakota City Hall.



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