

FUN & GAMES

THIS DAY IN...



1815
Napoleon Bonaparte escapes from exile.

1919
Grand Canyon National Park is established.

1935
Radio detection and ranging (RADAR) is first demonstrated.

Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Crochet project

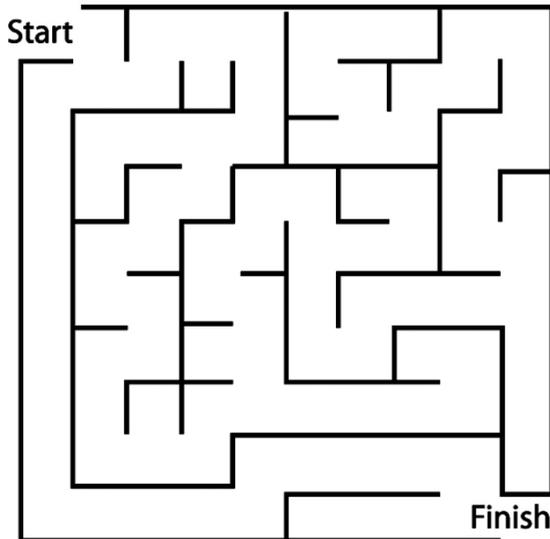
CRAFT* something cozy

How they say that in...

- English:** Blanket
- Spanish:** Manta
- Italian:** Coperta
- French:** Couverture
- German:** Decke

MAZE CRAZE

Can you find your way through the maze?



Solution on back page

Did You Know?

In crochet, the thickness of the yarn should coordinate to the gauge of the crochet hook being used.



What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Tea is different color 2. Kettle has a different handle 3. Flame missing on candle 4. Knitting on top of blanket



ASK DR UNIVERSE

A science column for kids from Washington State University

Dear Dr. Universe: Why does the Earth have lava in the middle? -- Nora, 6, Florida

I live near a few volcanoes. One of them -- Mount St. Helens -- is bubbling with molten material that will probably gush out as lava someday.

I asked my friend Johannes Hämmerli about lava. He's an earth scientist at Washington State University.

He told me Earth is mostly solid.

"The very center of Earth is a solid metal ball," Hämmerli said. "Outside that ball, there's a thick shell we think is liquid. And the rest of Earth -- if you go through the mantle and crust -- is pretty much solid."

Earth formed when a cloud of dust in space collapsed. The elements inside the cloud squished together.

As it squished, it got hotter and melted. Heavy stuff like iron and nickel sank to the middle. That formed the metal core. It's now solid because it's under so much pressure.

That metal ball sits inside a big bubble of liquid called the outer core. It's made of similar stuff, but it's under much less pressure. It's not being squeezed as much, so it flows like any liquid.

That's super important for life on Earth.

The metal atoms in the liquid outer core swirl around in the super-hot metal syrup. That churning makes a magnetic field around Earth.

It works like an invisible shield, deflecting dangerous radiation from the sun.

The liquid outer core is surrounded by the thick layer called the mantle. It's mostly solid rock -- not melted like lava. Over time, changes in heat and pressure make the solid rock slowly flow.

It's like how taffy is solid but stretches and oozes in a way most solids don't.

On top of the mantle is Earth's outer layer, also known as the crust. That's the solid ground we walk on.

Most of the mantle is solid rock. But sometimes parts of the mantle melt and turn into liquid rock. That can happen if the mantle gets hotter or water seeps in.

Or it can happen if the pressure decreases. Liquid rock underground is called magma.

That melted rock slowly rises toward the surface -- because it's less dense than the solid rock. If it erupts from a volcano, the liquid rock is called lava.

Hämmerli told me that nobody has ever reached Earth's liquid outer core. It's about 1,800 miles below the surface. That's the distance from Los Angeles to Chicago -- nearly a 30-hour car ride.

Humans have only drilled about 7.5 miles into the Earth. There's just so much heat and pressure down there. That makes the drills fail or gum up. It would be super expensive to overcome those challenges.

So, how did we figure out there's a liquid outer core if we can't stick a straw down there and slurp up a sample?

It turns out we got clues from earthquakes. They send out two kinds of waves. Some waves can travel all the way through Earth. Other waves can't do that. They come to a screeching halt when they bump into liquid -- like the outer core.

That and other data point toward how we understand Earth's layers today.

Maybe someday we'll drill deeper to volca-know even more about Earth's interior. That would really rock.

Sincerely,
Dr. Universe

Chargers win over Warriors in two of three games Feb. 17

The Nelson County Chargers boys came out ahead of the Warwick Warriors in two of three games played February 17 in McVille. Eighth grade lost 35 to 40, junior varsity won 59 to 29 and varsity won 75 to 58.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

"Nelson County Township Annual Meetings for 2026 will be held at the following locations and times. The electors of each township annually shall assemble and hold a township meeting in the month of March at the place in the township or in an adjacent township designated by the board of township supervisors. Pursuant to Section 58-04-01 of the North Dakota Century Code."

TOWNSHIP	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Adler	March 26	5:00 p.m.	Petersburg Community Center
Bergen	March 17	6:00 p.m.	Jeff Iverson Residence
Central	March 20	4:30 p.m.	McVille Senior Center
Clara	March 17	5:00 p.m.	Courthouse Community Room
Dahlen	March 17	4:30 p.m.	Dahlen Fire Hall
Dayton	March 11	11:00 a.m.	Tolna Fire Hall.
Dodds	March 17	4:00 p.m.	Courthouse Community Room
Enterprise	March 10	1:00 p.m.	Kevin Matejcek Residence
Field	March 17	2:00 p.m.	Our Savior's Church
Forde	March 17	1:00 p.m.	Tolna Fire Hall
Hamlin	March 17	5:00 p.m.	McVille Senior Center
Illinois	March 24	1:30 p.m.	Bonnie Gillett Residence
Lakota	March 13	7:00 p.m.	Courthouse Community Room
Lee	March 10	10:00 a.m.	Sissy's Bakery McVille
Leval	March 18	1:00 p.m.	Tolna Fire Hall
Melvin	March 24	3:00 p.m.	Melvin Township Hall
Michigan	March 10	4:00 p.m.	Horseshoe Saloon & Grill Michigan
Nash	March 10	7:00 p.m.	Petersburg Community Center
Nesheim	March 17	5:00 p.m.	McVille American Legion Cafe
Ora	March 17	7:00 p.m.	Aneta Fire Hall
Osago	March 17	2:00 p.m.	Pekin Community Center
Petersburg	March 10	9:00 a.m.	Petersburg Lutheran Church Classroom
Rubin	March 10	7:00 p.m.	Nathan Steffan Residence
Rugh	March 17	6:00 p.m.	Aneta Community Center
Sarnia	March 19	7:00 p.m.	Ken Shirek Farm
Wamduska	March 17	9:00 a.m.	Kent Swenson Residence
Williams	March 9	9:00 a.m.	Courthouse Community Room

CITY OF LAKOTA FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 2025

FUND	12/31/24	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	12/31/25
General Fund	235,644.27	564,005.09	514,763.85	284,885.51
Street Fund	(999.15)	339,106.66	339,625.31	(1,517.80)
Landfill	(15.99)	16,321.81	15,364.47	941.35
Police	91.04	40,980.00	40,980.00	91.04
Community Center	102,445.50	72,047.53	121,909.20	52,583.83
Library	(466.43)	39,872.17	39,917.90	(512.16)
Lodging Tax	101,766.16	7,201.60	0.00	108,967.76
Pool	(103.68)	48,538.92	48,674.58	(239.34)
Cemetery	68,301.44	26,410.24	21,999.89	72,711.79
Airport	58,135.53	608,986.07	884,008.68	(216,887.08)
Emergency	49,868.59	2,100.14	32,650.00	19,318.73
Economic Development	725.87	44,879.26	44,875.46	729.67
Special Assessments	231,344.82	339,001.67	239,184.29	331,162.20
Sales Tax	638,680.42	145,706.93	138,386.81	646,000.54
Electric Dept.	2,620,791.58	1,552,583.39	1,207,650.45	2,965,724.52
Water Dept.	1,196,623.12	370,162.98	209,092.86	1,357,693.24
Sewer	543,526.14	121,911.47	89,269.91	576,167.70
Trash	47,059.08	152,214.79	149,103.24	50,170.63
Sewer Improvement 2006	61,982.27	21,691.78	573.04	83,101.01
CDBG	0.00	15.00	12.96	2.04
Golf Course	207,255.09	136,587.06	136,390.63	207,451.52
Totals	6,162,655.67	4,650,324.56	4,274,433.53	6,538,546.70