

# SUDOKU

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

## Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

**Answer key on page 8!**

Level: Beginner

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## FLOWER FRIENDS WORD SEARCH

A H A Y E G S G E A S V P B H A M B G B  
 N E R F T F O T S B I H H Y A N C N A F C  
 C T I T M E T A U M Y P I M G V L G V  
 T E B M E A O A M B M I G A H A I N H Y  
 A E R B P I H M R M E A N I O G M D N B  
 R P S I Y L I V I G R D U C H P V O U C  
 T A N T E N N A E O I P C T P G L T H U  
 T D T C G T E C F B L M S O S O T R H I  
 O Y R B O T A L L A V T L H C E Y A A S  
 H B I O S F L E T E C L A Y R S L E B C  
 T R H U N T S E C T E F G F A D L T I F  
 D E U Y M E P I P N H M L L N R V H T I  
 N M E T S Y S O C E S Y I F G T F O A D  
 O T P D R N A V U H A S T A M E N V T V  
 V F V U B O A M O S O L B C N L E G G  
 A V B U M B L E B E E S B I E R A R V N  
 R H V G M S I C S O B O R P P T R F L Y  
 Y V S F Y O I D O E T L Y U Y F V L A F  
 L C M I F O S M Y R A I P A R P A Y I I

### WORDS

- ANTENNAE
- APIARY
- BEE
- BLOSSOM
- BUMBLEBEE
- BUTTERFLY
- CHRYSALIS
- COLONY
- DRONE
- ECOSYSTEM
- FLIGHT
- FORAGING
- HABITAT
- HOVERFLY
- HUMMINGBIRD
- LARVA
- MANDIBLES
- MIGRATORY
- NECTAR
- OVARY
- PETAL
- POLLEN
- PROBOSCIS
- STAMEN

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

## HORSE SALE STORIES: THE CARRINGTON HORSE SALE

BY DARELL HOVLAND

Located a few miles north of Carrington on Highway 281 was a large livestock auction barn. Its location made it a prime place for sales. They would have horse sales there once a month. If I remember it right, it was on the third Friday of the month. These sales would start at about 5 p.m. and oftentimes continued into the wee morning hours.

The Carrington sale attracted buyers and sellers from all over -- South Dakota, Minnesota, Canada -- and was one of the biggest horse sales in the upper Midwest. You could find any type of horse or equine animal at this sale. And of course, they always had a big tack sale before the horse sale.

Things could get pretty wild at these sales. There were frequent fights and lots of shenanigans occurred.

Keep in mind that a lot of the buyers and sellers there were not local people, so they felt they could get away with more things than you could at a small local sale. And of course, "alcohol was a factor."

The use of alcohol was pretty prevalent and sometimes people would get a little carried away. I remember one time there were these two young women, all dressed up fancy Western, and they were sitting together so I assumed they knew each other. And they were obviously very drunk, loud and annoying. They would yell and bid on horses and then laugh loudly. They thought they were funny. The two men with them looked very embarrassed, like they would rather be someplace else.

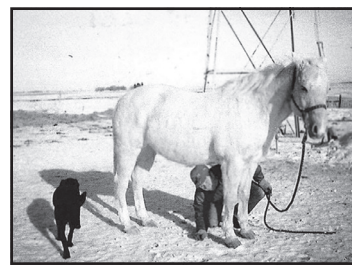
All of a sudden the women stood up and were yelling at each other, and then one of them slapped the other in the face. And the fight was on! They rolled down the bleachers, on top of and over people, and ended up on the floor in front of the sales ring. They started tearing at each other's clothes and it soon became apparent that nasty, embarrassing things were about to happen. The two guys with them -- with the help of others -- were finally able to drag them out of the building, where the fight continued. Eventually things quieted down and these two women and their dates/husbands left. I bet it was an interesting ride home!

The rules at these sales were pretty loose. Besides the use of alcohol, there was quite a bit of horse drugging and sedating going on. It was pretty much a "buyer beware" situation. If you were interested in a certain horse, it was best if you checked the horse out and spoke with the owner before the horse entered the sales ring. If you did this, there was a pretty good chance of you getting the horse you thought you were getting.

Many is the time when someone would buy a horse without checking it out first, and when they got it home and tried to use or ride it, the horse was completely different than what they thought they had bought.

A young fellow from Warwick told me about the time he bought what he thought was the quietest horse in the sale, but when he got it home and turned it loose in the pasture, they never saw it again. That horse took off running and never stopped!

One of the most egregious examples of sales manipulation occurred when four young fellows from eastern North Dakota decided to team up and run up the price of their horses during the sale. There was this foreign-born doctor at the sale, a really nice and trusting person;



This horse was bought at a horse sale and sold many years later to a young girl by Hurdsfield who used him in 4-H. Darrell is under the horse. The dog's name was Dude.

soon someone brought it to the attention of the sales manager and he quickly put an end to the scam. I'm sure the auctioneer knew what was going on, but he was liking those high prices!

In my opinion those four young guys should have been banned from the sale and the horses that the doctor bought should have been re-sold to reflect their actual worth price. But none of that happened. I think the doc didn't even realize what had happened to him.

There were many horses sold privately after they had been run through the sales ring. If the seller didn't like the bid price offered, they would no-sale it and would sell it later on back.

The seller would take it through the sales ring just to show it off so he could sell it later for a higher price. If you were buying a horse, this was probably the best way to assure you got a good horse.

Although there were a lot of strange and funny things happening at the sale, the Carrington horse sale served a huge purpose.

There were many good horses sold at the sale and with all the buyers in attendance from several states, you knew you were getting a fair market price for your horse.

Unfortunately, most things come to an end and eventually the Carrington horse sale was no more. Kind of the end of an era. In fact, the entire Carrington auction barn was closed and torn down. I don't recall the details about why it closed; more than likely it was from a combination of many things. But it did leave a big hole in the horse industry, making it much more difficult to buy or sell a horse. But it was fun while it lasted!

In the last segment of horse sale stories, I will reminisce about private horse sales of that era.

### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING LAKOTA SCHOOL BOARD May 6, 2026

Chairman Sorlien called the regular school board meeting to order at 7 p.m. with no additions to the agenda. Board members Trent Matejcek, Travis Schmidt, Kris Rainsberry and Derrick Marquart were present.

A motion by Trent Matejcek, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Kris Rainsberry, seconded by Derrick Marquart, to approve the April 8 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Audience -- Sam Preble. A motion by Derrick Marquart, seconded by Trent Matejcek, to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Snyder, high school principal, reported the current high school enrollment of 71 students, Army National Guard visitation, state/ACT testing, staff evaluations and current extracurricular activities.

Mr. Preble, elementary principal, reported on current elementary enrollment of 123, student activities, staff evaluations and professional development, and state testing.

Dr. Kelly Peters, superintendent, reported on building improvements at high school and elementary, ACT testing, spring activities, drivers' education, and new concrete and asphalt on the west side of the building.

Old and Unfinished Business -- None.

New Business -- A motion by Kris Rainsberry, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the bid from TJB Construction in the amount of \$28,620 to remove and replace concrete on the west side of the high school. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to approve the bid from Tri-State Paving to remove and replace the asphalt on the west side of the high school in the amount of \$33,600. The motion carried unanimously.

The next school board meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Lakota High School.

A motion by Kris Rainsberry, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the May bills as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ACT/PLAN	\$525.00
Advanced Business	
Methods	1,899.50
Amazon Capital	
Services	2,542.04
Cole Papers	2,176.04
Connecting Point	194.00
Dollar General--	
Regions 410526	58.00
Double Z Broadcasting	100.00
DRN ReadTech	2,506.50
EduTech Education	
Technology Service	40.00
Farmers Union Oil Co.	5,612.67
Gerrells & Golden Rule	243.92
The Glass Shop	476.11
Global Safety Network	522.21
Haugland Trucking	6,489.04
Home on the Range	10,808.05
Houghton Mifflin Co.	11,343.78
I-State Truck Center	228.47
LR Special Education	696.94
Lakota American	209.82
Lakota Hardware Store	271.34
Lakota Municipal	
Utilities	3,897.64
Langdon Fire Equip.	994.00
LeeAnn Loe	75.00
ND Educators Service	
Cooperative	400.00
Pitney Bowes Global	
Financial Services	268.87
Polar Communications	521.44
Premium Waters, Inc.	165.57
Rysavoy Plumbing	135.00
Solberg Motor Co.	2,520.75
William Solberg	75.00
Brenda Steffan	95.98
Unum Life Insurance	
Co. of America	48.31
WEX, Inc.	70.00
Total	\$56,210.99

A motion by Trent Matejcek, seconded by Derrick Marquart, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Sorlien adjourned the meeting.

Tessa Varnson  
Business Manager

Jason Sorlien  
Board President

## Annual Lakota Turkey BBQ coming June 27

The annual Lakota Turkey BBQ is back Saturday, June 27 for a day of fun, food, music and more. Come and enjoy not only the barbecue, but also a centenary celebration of the A. M. Tofthagen Library and Museum, a parade, a car show, music by Matt Hodek and the Dakota Dutchmen, a street dance featuring Next Chapter, and more.

The Lakota pool will be open for free swimming from 1 to 4 p.m. each day from Friday, June 26 through Sunday, June 28. The Lakota Community Foundation is sponsoring this swimming opportunity.

If the turkey talk has you craving barbecue, get an early fix by coming to the Till House Saloon and Grill for a barbecue rib special Friday evening, served from 5 p.m. until gone.

Saturday is the big day. Get a nourishing start with a grab-and-go breakfast served at Market Village on Main Street for a free-will donation. Offerings benefit the Nelson County Sheriff's Office K-9 program.

After breakfast, Valkyrie Fitness is having a Turkey Trots 5K Fun Run at 9 a.m., also benefitting the K-9 program. Tours of Lakota High School will be available from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

Between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., celebrate 100 years of the A. M. Tofthagen Library and Museum. Visitors can self-tour and enjoy refreshments. Lakota High School yearbooks will be on display.

Lots of fun for the kids is happening on the library lawn between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Enjoy Buddy Beats, bubble fun and other outdoor activities. Florious Face Painting will also be on the library lawn from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m.

In the mood for a sweet treat? Ice Cream Express will be driving its truck around town all day.

Afternoon activities kick off with a patriotic parade on Main Street starting at 1 p.m. No pre-registration is required. Entries should line up by the high school at 12:30 p.m.

Kids will get to compete in a tractor pull at 2 p.m., and the

Show and Shine Car Show also gets underway at 2. Both activities are on Main Street. If you want to dance or listen to music, Matt Hodek and The Dakota Dutchmen will be playing on the library lawn at 2 p.m.

Drumstick . . . er, drum roll, please . . . the turkey barbecue gets underway at 5 p.m. at the Lakota City Park. Turkey and smoked pulled pork will be served until 7 p.m.

The Fort Totten Little Theatre will offer a performance at the city park at 6 p.m. A s'mores fundraiser starts at 8 p.m. on Main Street; free-will offerings benefit the France/England student travel group. Round out Saturday with a dance on Main Street from 8 until midnight with music by Next Chapter.

The Rock Creek Golf Course will be having the Rock Creek Open starting at 10 a.m. Sunday morning. This four-person scramble is limited to 18 teams. A steak dinner will be served.

Check the Lakota Turkey BBQ Facebook and Instagram pages for more information.



Tuesday, June 30, 2026

2:00-4:00 p.m.

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Karl Blake

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Tim Olson

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