

Matua Moments

Serving the Matua Community

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The bridge has changed



After a lot of comment on social media and submissions to Council the little stone bridge in Kiriwai reserve has been replaced. Many people were upset that the old one could not be saved but unfortunately the initial construction (a voluntary project by Rotary) and the affect of time and tide meant a replacement was needed. Input from the community influenced the final design away from a flat wooden construction with no sides to one that resembles the old style.

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From The Committee

Just like all in the community our activities have been affected by Covid and the restrictions on being able to get together. It is not a numbers thing as we operate as a small committee but there have been plans to host public meetings with other organisations and they have had to be curtailed.

It is no doubt we are very lucky to be under Level two and have the freedoms that allows but it is a fine line before we face a move up a level. As a community we need to rally around those that do not have close support, be they neighbours or friends, and make sure their mental and physical wellbeing is maintained. One way of doing this is through your local Neighbourhood Support group contacts. We are lucky to have a very good coordinator for the Matua group's but his efforts can be hampered by some streets not having coordinators. If yours is one of these streets have a thought about putting your hand up. Often it is just a case of making sure neighbours have phone numbers and emails for your neighbours.

At our last meeting we agreed to make a grant to two local organisations, Bowls Matua and Otumoetai Sports and Recreation. Both clubrooms have a high community use and we are lucky to have such



good facilities owned by the Clubs but readily made available for a wide range of activities. Our grants will allow air conditioning installation and maintenance be undertaken without putting stress on their normal funding models. We will also assist the Otumoetai Railway community gardens with their upgrade of garden surrounds and storage sheds.

The NS emails of late have shown there are some troublesome people knocking on doors at all hours, potentially seeing who is home or what can be easily taken. Make sure your doors and windows and cars are kept locked and all valuables kept out of sight. There has also been vandalism on some streets. Almost undoubtedly these are our own teens so parents if your children are out and about late at night please ask the question as to their behaviour.

Take care of each other and vaccinate please.

Richard Kluit

Chairman Matua Residents Assn

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is hosted by the Matua Residents Assn and is a vehicle of communication within our community.

There is information about the roles of the Association plus

Community Patrols and Neighbourhood Support
Civil Defence
Matua Estuary Care Group
History of Matua

(photos and information is keenly sought)

Links to connect to pages / websites for Matua Bowls, Matua Baptist Church, Matua Kindergarten and Matua Primary are also included. A local business directory will be included.

If your community group wants to be part of this initiative contact Richard on 0274 337 675 or any committee member.



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Matua Estuary Care Group: estuarycare@matua.org.nz

If you are thinking of contributing to the community why not check out these organisations that meet in Bowls Matua Clubrooms.

The Old Caretakers Shed

Well past it's use by date the old shed beside the Clubrooms at Fergusson Park is to be replaced. Originally a shed for the park caretaker's equipment and tractor the shed was due to be demolished when the clubrooms were extended thirteen years ago. With a need to cover and enclose trailers and other equipment for the member clubs the council has agreed to a larger replacement.



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Tracey's corner

Hello Matua, my name is Tracey Donovan, and I am part owner (26 years) of Superior Automotive, and long-time Matua resident, you will find me hiding in the back office seeing to all the admin.

I am passionate about our business and community supporting the Matua bowls club and local school galas. We are fortunate to have an amazing family of technicians and front office staff here at Superior. On a personal note, I am also a professional body builder, so you may see my guns out when the weather warms up. I love chatting to our customers so don't be afraid to say hi!

Something I get asked frequently and from a non-

mechanic here are my thoughts and observations regarding a Warrant of Fitness (WOF) vs Vehicle Servicing ...

Most New Zealanders rely on their WOF only for vehicle maintenance, which is not ideal.

A WOF is not a service, a maintenance check, or a pre-purchase inspection. This is what some people assume it is. It doesn't include many areas of a vehicle's condition. For example, it doesn't check:

- engine, clutch, gearbox, and differential condition
- lubricant levels and condition
- brake pad thickness or life expectancy, unless they are visibly below safe limits
- paint work condition and some rust in non-structural areas.
- Plus other components

A warrant of fitness (WOF) IS a regular check to ensure that your vehicle meets the required minimum safety standards as set out by the NZ Transport Authority (Waka Kotahi), for road worthiness. The WOF is only as good as the vehicle was presented on the day it was inspected. For example, tyres, lights and brakes can pass today, but fail tomorrow.



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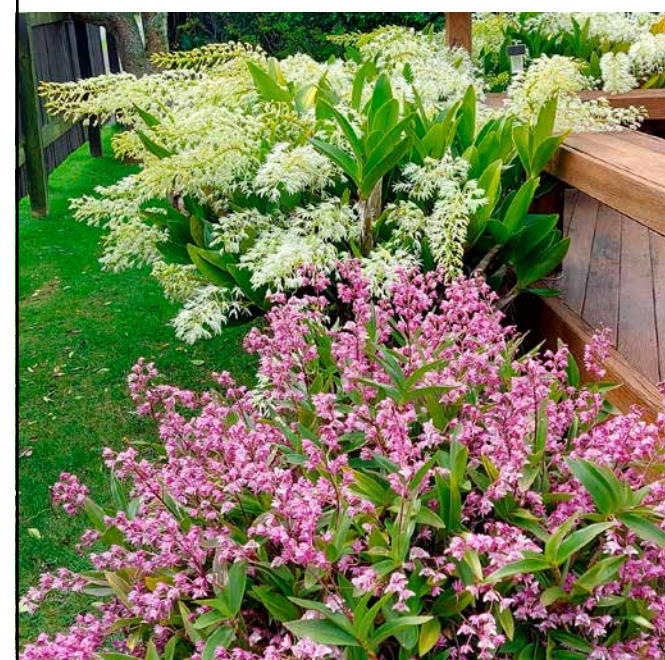


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Gardens of Colour

Matua is a suburb where many take pride in their gardens. At this time of year there can be spectacular colour from a wide range of plants, including orchids such as these in one such keen gardener's yard.



- The WOF is a very important PART of your vehicle maintenance program but is not the only thing to rely on when it comes to maintaining your vehicle.
- Proper regular vehicle servicing is another crucial part to your vehicle's maintenance schedule, it is a key aspect to increasing the chances of having trouble free motoring.
- Remember, it's your responsibility to always keep your vehicle up to WOF standard.
- Take an example, the brake pads on your vehicle may pass on the day of your WOF inspection, they may be noted stating "you'll need to replace them soon".
- You may be driving your vehicle and you start hearing a "scrapping" sound with your foot OFF the brake i.e driving the car normally, this noise indicates your brake pads have now worn to the low-level warning tag, if you were to keep driving the vehicle you may have to replace both pads and rotors which could be a costly repair.
- That is why if you own a vehicle, it is imperative to regularly service it which will pick up on the little things that may prevent future breakdowns and expensive repairs even though your vehicle is warranted.
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In the next issue of Matua Moments, I will talk about vehicle warning lights that may appear on your vehicles dash display and how to interpret them!



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"Did you know there's a miniature woman tied to the train tracks who looks remarkably like me?"



We are an active, sociable club still following many of the early garden club traditions mixed with a modern-day approach to gardening.

Garden club members get together for club days on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1:00pm. Venues may

vary so phone for more information. Guest speakers are arranged regularly covering various topics mainly garden related.

Members are encouraged to bringing along blooms, fruit and veges from their gardens for a friendly competition. There is also a Floral Art competition for the more adventurous! Trophies are awarded in each category at the end of year at the AGM and Prize Giving. Members are also encouraged to bring along any problem plants for discussion and advice. Meetings are concluded over afternoon tea and an informal chat.

We also arrange tours to local gardens,

garden centres, parks, and other places of interest. Venues may vary so phone for more information.

You do not need to have a large garden, or even your own to enjoy the club's monthly meetings.

Annual Subscription \$20.00.

Visitors and New Members are most welcome.

For more information contact:

Chris Diez	Secretary	07 576 3434
Cynthia Stokes	Treasurer	07 576 1715



Garden Club Decor visit

Kulim Petanque

On Wednesday mornings a small but cheerful group gather at the Kulim Park Petanque court for a social game. While not a formal Club these enthusiasts are keen to promote the sport. All ages are welcome to join in and should just come along. No boules needed.



The club of Altrusa International Tauranga is a womens service group that enjoys friendship and fellowship while serving the community, with a special focus on literacy projects.

We have a dinner business meeting at Matua Bowling Club on the second Tuesday of the month and meet for a programme night on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Programme nights can be anything from a quiz night or pizza to assembling the Sandjars for our annual fundraiser.

Our projects this year have included putting on a high tea for the carers of people with Alzheimers, reading in class at

Gate Pa Primary School, holding a Theatre Night to raise funds for Tauranga Living Without Violence, knitting beanies for the Seafarers Union, putting together emergency toilet packs for the Tauranga Womens refuge, donating warm clothing to Street Kai and ingredients to Bellyful. Currently we are preparing to put together Christmas Crackers for the childrens' ward at Tauranga Hospital and assemble jars of Brownie ingredients for our annual Sandjar fundraiser.



We always welcome new members so if this sounds like something you would enjoy please email the club president, Sandra Bonney, at president.tauranga@altrusa.org.nz

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Matua Scouting Group recently received information on all aspects water in the community, a very topical subject at council level presently.

Where does our drinking water come from?

As a city we use an average of 42 million litres of water per day and in summer this can rise to 57 million litres per day.

This water comes from two spring feed streams – the Tautau and Waiorohi.

Recently, flow in these streams has been impacted by the knock-on effect of three unusually dry summers for the Bay of Plenty. Water is not an endless resource, so let's make every drop count. Check out the tips to the right to save water.

Tips to save water and keep your water bill down

- Take showers of four minutes or less
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth
- Wait until your dishwasher or washing machine is full before turning it on, and use the 'eco' cycle when possible

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ŌTŪMOETAI COLLEGE
Kia māramahia te ora e te akoranga

Ōtūmoetai College's purpose as a school is to prepare students for life. That preparation takes many forms, through programmes of learning, sporting and cultural activities and the development of capabilities which will help young people become confident, connected and actively involved lifelong learners.

One pathway for developing these capabilities is through a range of student leadership opportunities available to students from all year levels. In recent years, the number of student leadership opportunities on offer has grown.

Our current committees encompass the Creative Arts,

Environment, Hauora, Academic Mentoring, Publicity, Ruamano, Special Events and Sport. In addition, since 2019 we have been developing a vertical Whare system.

All form classes are assigned to one of 5 Whare. Each of these Whare, named Whare Ōtanewainuku, Whare Pūwhenua, Whare Maunganui, Whare Manunui, and Whare Karewa after prominent local maunga, is supported by a Whare committee, made up of students from each year level. These committees assist with the running of Whare assemblies, organising Whare activities and competitions and

growing Whare spirit. Another significant leadership opportunity awaits Year 12 students, who can apply to be a STARS Peer Mentor to a Year 9 class. The STARS programme is one of several youth development programmes run by the Graeme Dingle Foundation.

As a member of a peer mentor group, under the watchful eye of local STARS co-ordinator Jade Raumati, students regularly deliver lessons to their Year 9 group on topics such as communication skills, cultural beliefs and values, digital citizenship and mental toughness. They also organise Community Projects and help out with Year 9 camps.

Students who graduate from the programme can log hours towards an SVA Service Award and add it to their CV. By which time, needless to say, they have added invaluable skills to their toolkit for life.



STARS students taking part in a Starsopoly Community Adventure

Cricket Net Upgrade

With the help of a grant from TECT Albion Cricket Club have been able to undertake an upgrade of their cricket nets at Fergusson Park. The nets are a vital tool to enable players to improve their skills with both bat and ball. Growing up as Otumoetai locals Black cap stars Kane Williamson and Trent Boult honed their early cricket skills at the park, as have many other Northern District cricketers. The world stage can start right here in Matua.



Tilby Drive Crossing

After years of deliberation the Council has installed a pedestrian crossing outside the Tilby Drive shops. Previously served by a traffic calmer the primary children often found some cars would stop and others legally carried through, hence causing great confusion and a safety issue.



Garage Sale Fundraiser



Date: **Sat 6 Nov 2021**
Time: **8am - noon**
Place: **Bridge Club**
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COVID 19 vaccinations are now available by appointment for our patients at Otumoetai doctors.

Vaccination activates our immune system to recognise the virus and mounts a defence in the body preventing serious illness. It is safe and recommended for those with long term health conditions and pregnancy. Healthy pregnant women can become seriously ill if they get COVID 19 and the virus can cause premature labour.

Simple measures that reduce disease transmission are still important.

- Physical distancing
- Hand washing/sanitising
- Wearing a mask when out in public

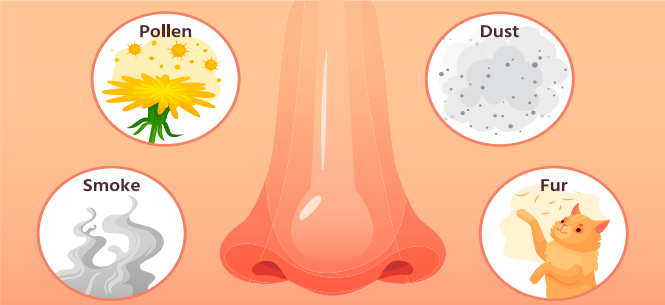
Balance and falls prevention.

As we get older balance becomes more important to our continued wellbeing. Sport Bay of Plenty run "Keep on your Feet" strength and balance classes for those aged 65years and older. Your nurse or doctor can refer you to these classes which are free. They have safety protocols for level 2:

- 2 metre distancing
- Masks to be worn on entry and exit (taken off during class)
- No sharing equipment such as weights or resistance bands

Asthma and Allergies

This time of year we see more people with problems. Have you had a review with your doctor in the last year? Management of asthma has changed in the last 2 years. Now is a good time to book in with your doctor to make sure you are on the best treatment available for you.



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The only reason given to take the vaccine is it might reduce symptoms.

**THE SIMPLE TWO LETTER ANSWER
TO ALL OF THE ABOVE IS
NO**

Celebrating 100

How many clubs can boast a member still playing serious sport at 100. Bowls Matua can and joined with Dennis in a celebratory toast and cutting of the cake with the centurion who can be seen on the greens two or three times a week.

Congratulations Dennis.



**Drinking Fountain Fergusson
Park kindly donated by the
Matua Garden Club**

Joggers, bather's, picnicker's and strollers have over the years benefited from the drinking fountain located on the waterfront at Fergusson Park, so what is the story behind it?

The fountain was donated by the Matua Garden Club as a centennial gift to the Tauranga City Council in September 1982. Locals who used the park regularly had noticed that people were trying to drink from a tap with great difficulty, so the idea of drinking fountain was proposed to the club.

The project took around 18 months to complete with fundraising from the local community, local businesses and organisations. The fountain structure was designed by Mr S Henry and the stones used to decorate the cairn were collected by Mr Ross McNaughton and Mr Brian Piper. Mr McNaughton and Mr Piper were keen members of the Tauranga Rock and Mineral Club and collected the stones from various sites around the North Island including the Coromandel Peninsula, Mercury, Great Barrier and Mayor Islands, and the King Country.

On your next visit to Fergusson Park take a look at the drinking fountain that has serviced the community for the last forty years and beautiful stonework that adorns it!



Here There and Most Places

This is the title of a book by Rata Roden who as a child was Rata Lever of the Lever family from which the main road through our suburb takes its name. Educated in Tauranga and then Auckland, nursing was her career that took her all around the world, including stints at Queen Charlott's hospital London, and active service in WW2 in Egypt.

Following on from the last excerpts from her book of the days growing up in Matua.

"Counting the sheep every evening had to be done on foot. Normally I enjoyed this for I loved the little lambs. Every sheep and every lamb was accounted for every day on our farm. The times when there was one missing I would search for hours. They had usually scrambled through the fence on the cliff edge. Having the seas around more than half the farm meant there was a great deal of cliff edge all planting in trees. Sometimes the sheep or lambs would slide down and become caught up in the branches, but sometimes they would slide right down to the beach below and that was a major job getting them back again. I spent many hours chasing those mutton headed animals around. To have to go back and report a lost sheep was courting trouble. I realised that it meant a financial loss, but I could never understand why I was blamed. After all, I was only the shepherdess!

We enjoyed fishing, especially flounder fishing. For this we set nets across a small stream running in to the Wairoa River. Our best record catch was eighty nine flounder. The remaining part of the day was spent with two or three of us on ponies delivering the fish to the neighbours to share the catch. There were few houses on Levers Road then so everyone would have flounder that night. I should add that when we built there were only six houses on the road. Perhaps our most unusual catch was a 61lb kingfish with a hayfork.

My father was very impatient and always punctual- the latter virtue I inherited. One day he and mother were getting ready to go to town in the buggy. He was ready first and impatient to be going and as mother was not quite ready he just went off without her. He was completely without understanding of the difficulties of running a home. Probably she would have even cleaned his shoes to save him time, but he would not remember that. We all at different times

went into town in the buggy, the dray, the wagon, but the sledge was about the only mobile unit used exclusively for the farm. How embarrassed I used to feel when travelling in the dray. I hated anyone I knew seeing me and always looked in the opposite direction, hoping they would not recognise me. If the tide was out we would go across the Waikareao estuary, shortening the journey by several miles, but sometimes it was a bit deeper than expected and this called for quick action. We had to grab all shopping and pile it up on the seat beside us, and with feet up on the rails water rushed over the floorboards of the buggy just under our bottoms. In a way it was all very exciting.

In the early days when we had to help with haymaking, harvesting of oats, and maize picking, my young brother and I spent time waiting for midday when mother would ring a bell summoning us to dinner. The bell, an old school bell belonging to a schoolteacher aunt originally came from England. It could be heard all over the Otumoetai Lever's Road area and acted as a midday siren for all the neighbours as mother never dared to be late with the dinner. At sundown and not one moment before, we could stop work.

The second grade maize was put to one side and shelled with the aid of a small hand machine, for food for the fowls. The cobs were left to dry out, and later used as fuel, and very good fuel it was too, burning very quickly but with a fierce heat. The first grade maize was sold to the stores as seed maize, keeping back just enough for next year's crop.

About 1930 we were venturing into the citrus world. We had trial grapefruit trees, then known as "poor man's orange", mainly used for marmalade. We then went in for citrus in a bigger way having several acres. This still left room for a mixed orchard and sufficient pasture, including lucerne, for a small herd of pedigree Jersey cows. A small flock of Shropshire sheep and some pedigree middle white pigs plus horses made up the farm livestock.

More in the next edition of Matua Moments



Photo courtesy of Tauranga City Libraries. Bessie Rata Lever (Rata) was born in 1908 to Alice and Harry Graham Lever. Rata trained as a nurse and married Alan Roden who died in WW2. She travelled widely, wrote newspaper articles and a book titled "Here There and Most Places". An interview with Rata can be found on the Tauranga District Museum Oral History unit.

Delicious street food, a few cheeky beverages, and ambient beats from talented local musicians, Dinner in the Park is summer's weekly must-attend event!

The artisan food market on Sunday afternoons brings together people from all walks of life to gather and enjoy a shared interest in food and community. Choose from a selection of the best food from local Bay of Plenty food trucks coupled with great entertainment and activities for the whole family to enjoy. Not only will the food promise to deliver, but Dinner in the Park is fully licensed, so you can wash down your cheesy pizza or crispy fried chicken with a glass of locally brewed craft beer from Mount Brewing Co.

If you can't decide what to pick out of our sixteen food trucks, send your mates out and grab a few different things to try. You'll get to share and enjoy every piece of local cuisine with plenty of vegetarian and vegan options. To top off a hot Sunday evening, finish with a real fruit ice cream or a couple of sweet slices, we have options to satisfy your sweet or savory tooth.



Dinner in the Park is held at Matua Park and operates every Sunday evening from Sunday 12th December 2021 to Sunday 3rd April 2022

Check out @dinnerintheparkmatua on Instagram to keep up to date with new foodies and event information.

The Leak that won't go away.

You may be forgiven for thinking that the constant flow of water from the men's toilet at the Fergusson Park clubrooms is from a leaking pipe or worse.

It is caused by a spring in the bank behind that has worked its way under the floor and up through the concrete. It will be a few weeks before the source can be diverted and the toilet reopened. Tests have shown there is risk or impurity.

Unfortunately it is not a hot spring otherwise we could have set up a spa in the back changing room.



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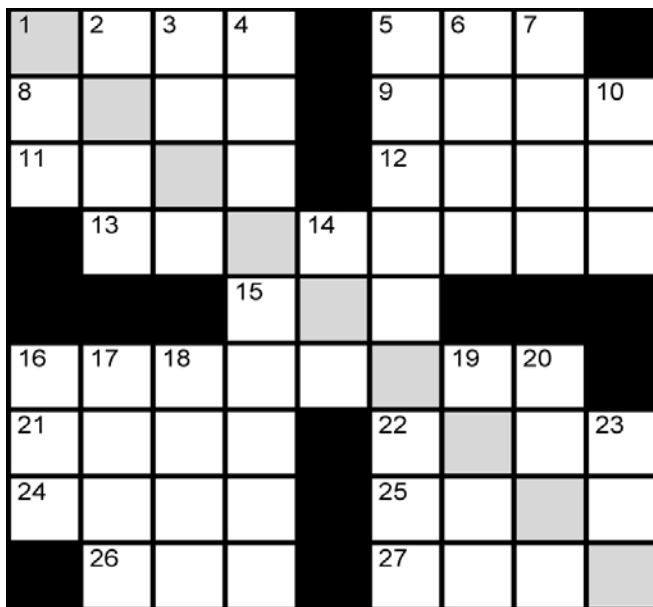
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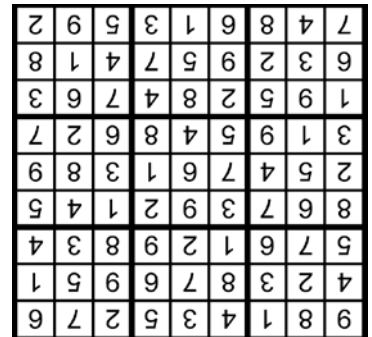
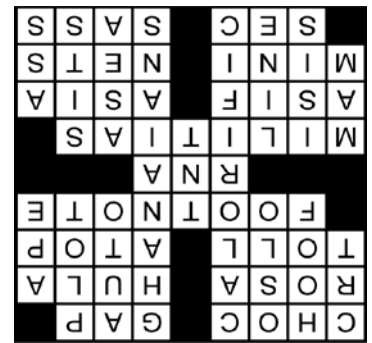
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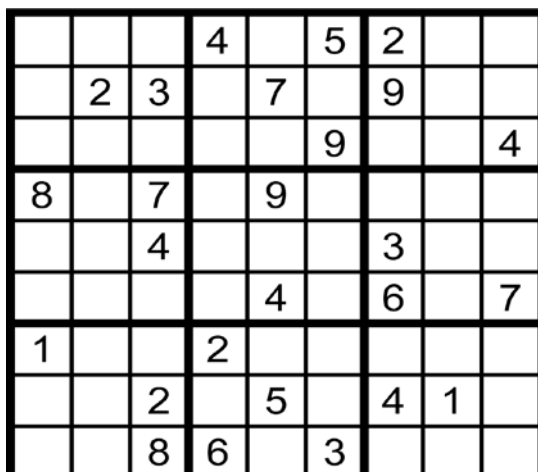
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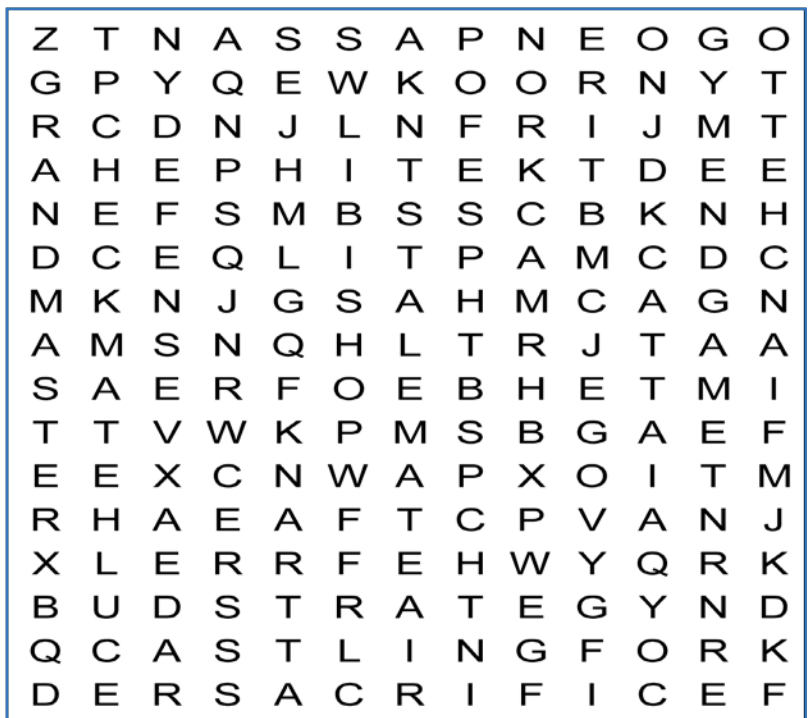
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How to solve sudoku puzzles. No math is required to solve a sudoku. You only need logic and patience. Simply make sure that each 3x3 square region has only one instance of the numbers 1-9. Similarly, each number can only appear once in a column or row in the larger grid. *The difficulty on this puzzle is easy.*