

SUDOKU

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down and each 3x3 box.

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	5				6			7
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Answers to last week's puzzles

5	1	8	3	4	9	6	7	2
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When Wolves Run Wild

In past years Oregon has made a great effort to reintroduce wolves to its fertile lands. It is to be expected that a carnivore is going to hunt for food, but what happens when its prey become domesticated animals? For ranchers in northeast Oregon the answer is devastation. George Rawlings, who works on a ranch in Baker County, said, "We've seen them, (wolves), in our meadows."

The ranch owner had Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife confirm a cow was killed by a wolf in 2012, followed by 24 missing cows in 2013 and 11 missing in 2014. Rawlings said that before the wolves started coming around, typically only two to three cows went missing per year.

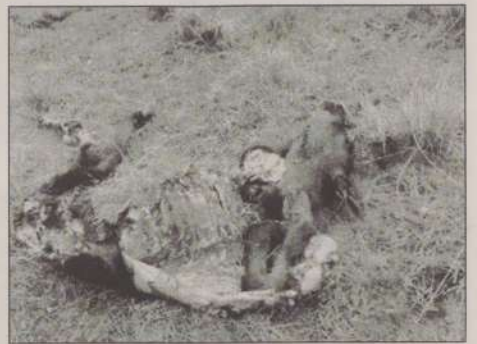
"Everybody around here is watching cattle closer," Rawlings said. He recently found wolf tracks in the snow just 200 yards from the ranch house. "We try to make a presence so the wolves know we are there," he said. This is one of the tactics that Oregon Fish and Wildlife recommends to deter wolves.

Ron Anglin from ODFW admits that they are having some problems. "Certainly every time wolves have shown up in a new place you end up with some kind of problem," Anglin said. He does see that a good percentage of ranchers are trying to comply with ODFW's standards to deter wolves from their livestock. Anglin said those who are trying "are to be commended."

Meanwhile, ranchers like Rawlings suffer great losses. Fred Phillips from Baker Valley has also seen wolves on his property. "The wolf is very stealthy and pretty much nocturnal," he said. "They're not afraid of anything."

Rodger Gulick from Baker Valley was short 16 cows this year. He said his cattle came home several months early and were scared and underweight. The losses are a heavy financial burden to Julick. In reference to how many cattle he sent out to graze this summer, Gulick said, "To lose seven or eight cows you're pushing 10 percent."

Todd Nash, Wolf Committee Chair for the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, said the burden that comes



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with losing cows isn't just financial; it is also emotional. Nash said, "I've seen a number of grown men and women cry" after finding their cow killed by a wolf. The killings are brutal. Nash has seen a 1,400 pound pregnant heifer alive but torn apart from a wolf. "They got the calf out of the cow while she was alive," he said.

The situation is complicated to be sure. Anglin encourages ranchers to "continue to work with their district wildlife biologist" to find a solution to stop the killings. Currently, ODFW's website states, "Wolves are protected throughout Oregon. It is not legal to shoot one, except in defense of human life." Gulick said he will, "continue to do everything ODFW requests." He isn't sure what else ranchers can do. "Until the laws change, the cow people in northeast Oregon are going to suffer."

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association was founded in 1913 and works to promote environmentally and socially sound industry practices, improve and strengthen the economics of the industry, and protect its industry communities and private property rights.

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Third Annual Western
Treasure Valley Ag Show
Thursday and Friday, Jan. 15 and 16

The Western Treasure Valley Ag Show is coming to Ontario's Four Rivers Cultural Center on Thursday and Friday Jan. 15 and 16. Free Admission, free parking, presentations and demonstrations as well as hourly door prizes all day, will occur both days. The show will be open from 9-4 p.m. (Mountain Time) both days at Four Rivers Cultural Center.

Farmers and Ranchers will find information and resources they need including farm equipment, renewable energy, integrated biology, solar irrigation and much more.

The event is sponsored this year by the Four Rivers Cultural Center and the Ontario High School FFA Chapter. The FFA members have the opportunity to make money for their district, state and national trips based on their contributions in preparation for this show.

Thursday, Jan 15, from 8-noon (MT), is the 'Private Applicator Core' class and from 1-5

p.m. (MT) is the 'Private Applicator Review' class. Both of these classes are hosted by TVCC. Thursday there will also be a Stew Cook Off contest featuring stews from 12 local restaurants beginning at noon. The cost for the stew lunch is \$5. Proceeds will go to the Oregon Food Bank. For those who want to register in advance for the Private Applicator Core and Review pesticide classes, contact Jennifer Ainsworth at the TVCC Center for Business, Workforce and Community Learning at 541-881-5755. These courses will prepare individuals to take the State Of Oregon pesticide examination.

Friday morning at 9 a.m. there will be a free farmer's appreciation continental breakfast.

There will be more than 30 local area vendors on hand with booths to showcase their products and services. Visit agshow.4rcc.com to get a list of speakers, topics and participating vendors.

Treasure Valley Livestock Market Report

January 2, 2015

Class	Weight	Average Price	Top Price
Steers	300-400	350.00	350.00
	400-500	295.00	295.00
	500-600	208.00	247.50
	600-700	198.50	235.00
	700-800	139.00	139.00
	800-900	163.75	202.50
	900-1000	133.75	180.00
	1000 and Up	105.00	160.00
Heifers	400-500	182.50	250.00
	500-600	200.75	207.50
	600-700	156.75	230.00
	700-800	158.75	210.00
	800-900	102.50	130.00
	900-1000	110.75	121.00
	1000 and Up	112.00	135.00
Cows	900-1000	89.75	92.00
	1100-1200	98.00	98.00
	1200-1300	102.00	102.00
	1300-1400	96.75	105.00
	1500-1600	100.00	100.00
Bull Cf.	1100-1200	114.00	114.00
Bulls	1900-2000	119.00	119.00

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Water and
Snow Levels
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Brownlee Reservoir Water Level: 2,070 feet (7 feet below Full Pool)

Brownlee Reservoir Water Storage Volume: 1,798,762 acre-feet (137 percent of 30-year average)

Thief Valley Reservoir Water Storage Volume: 9,542 acre-feet (78 percent of 30-year average)

Phillips Reservoir Water Storage Volume: 13,850 acre-feet (46 percent of 30-year average)

Pilcher Creek Reservoir: 2,033 acre-feet (34.5 percent of Full Pool)

Wolf Creek Reservoir Water Storage Volume: 2,659 acre-feet (102 percent of 30-year average)

(An acre-foot is defined as the volume of one acre of surface area to a depth of one foot.)

Anthony Lakes SNOLITE Site - 7,160 feet: Snow Depth - 46 inches

Bourne SNOLITE Site - 5,850 feet: Snow Depth - 28 inches

Taylor Green SNOLITE Site - 5,740 feet: Snow Depth - 35 inches

Wolf Creek SNOLITE Site - 5,630 feet: Snow Depth - 27 inches

Moss Springs SNOLITE Site - 5,760 feet: Snow Depth - 41 inches

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62								63					

Across

1. Sidestroke ____ kick
8. One who speaks with drawn-out vowels
15. Like some lenses
16. Salad ingredient
17. Charge of wrongdoing
18. Experiencing an excited, prickling sensation
19. Extols
20. An end to sex?
22. Kidney enzyme
23. Tops
24. Kind of position
26. Opera star
27. "____ moment"
28. Number by which a dividend is divided
30. P.I., e.g.
31. Noodgie
33. Penetrating
35. Decorated, as a cake
36. Famous on-screen pig
37. Magazine feature
40. Unaffected by time
44. "____ we having fun yet?"
45. Intent
47. Ceiling
48. Clothe
50. Avarice
51. New Year's Day game
52. Key material
54. "Is that ____?"
55. Prefix with linear
56. Greasiest
58. Shoreline problem
60. Appraise anew
61. Edit and correct
62. More wonderful
63. Some stanzas

Down

1. Marine bivalve having a fluted fan-shaped shell
2. Addictive narcotic drug
3. Anvil-shaped bones in the middle ear
4. Wind-driven clouds
5. Back talk
6. Egg cells
7. Freed from pain
8. Serious narrative works for TV
9. "Baloney!"
10. Gulf V.I.P.
11. Abated
12. Brown coal
13. Animate
14. Show, as a historic battle
21. Ado

24. Andiron
25. Situated
28. Coffee order
29. Clothed in fine attire
32. 20-20, e.g.
34. Come together
36. Unfounded
37. Rescuers
38. Advance showing
39. Clear up
40. Face-off
41. Destruction of the natural environment
42. Made certain of something (3 wds)
43. Rigid supports for broken bones
46. Volcano's bowl-shaped opening
49. Courtroom event
51. Assault
53. Cry
55. Holds up
57. "So ____ me!"
59. Morgue, for one

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