

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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Answers to last week's puzzles

8	4	9	5	6	1	2	7	3
3	1	6	9	7	2	4	5	8
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OILIEST EROSION
REVALUE SUBEDIT
SWELLER SESTETS

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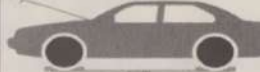
- Across**
- Nuclear fission weapon (hyphenated)
 - Internet-based system for anonymous funds transferral
 - Brilliant performance
 - Adult insects
 - Lunar calendar beginning A.D. 622
 - Earthenware
 - P.I., e.g.
 - Small, edible herring
 - Victorian, for one
 - Carbon compound
 - Pub order
 - Live wire, so to speak
 - Incurred
 - Breathalyzer attachment
 - Wuss
 - Rhapsodic
 - He took two tablets
 - Checked item
 - Bank deposit
 - Blah (2 wds)
 - Rope for raising a sail
 - Hollow passages underground
 - Fifth note
 - Intro
 - Kind of column (2 wds)
 - Chart anew
 - Russian assembly
 - 30-day mo.
 - Strong surface current flowing outwards from shore
 - Non-Jew
 - Mocking playfully
 - Comes down and settles, as a bird would
 - Burn up
 - Folded card for short informal letter
 - Affirm
 - "... have died trying." (contraction)
- Down**
- Magazine
 - Juliet's monologue location
 - Egg cells
 - "... the word." (contraction)
 - Pipe material
 - Correct, as text
 - Cause for concern
 - Khan
 - V.I.P.
 - Female beneficiary
 - Muzzled dog
 - Circus performer
 - Cake topper
 - Frightening
 - Kind of income
 - Staggered
 - Malicious coward
 - Devout
 - Nonmalignant growth from mucous lining
 - Video maker, for short
 - "Cool" amount
 - Dry
 - Occurs
 - Exaggerate a role
 - "Where the heart is"
 - In a way that is not gentle
 - Reduced in rank
 - Cousin of a raccoon
 - Bulrush, e.g.
 - "Thou ... enter." (archaic)
 - Dentist's direction
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Mosier Elected Mayor; Council Moves Forward with Watershed Plan

Story and photo by Hayden Perkins

Baker City's new councilors covered big ground at their first meeting of the year. On Tuesday, Ben Merrill, James Thomas, Rosemary Abell, and Mack Augenfeld all joined the council of seven proper. Kim Mosier was elected mayor, replacing the former mayor Clair Button; Mike Downing was voted in as vice mayor. The new council awarded plaques to Button and former councilor Barbara Johnson in appreciation of their years of service to the city.

After months of planning and debate, the city's five-year Watershed Management Plan was finally passed with some minor amendments. A vote had been delayed in Dec. at newly-elected County Commissioner Bill Harvey's request for the new council to be able to further review the plan. Harvey's concerns, which he reiterated at Tuesday's meeting, were regarding the five year time frame of the plan and specifically, its ability to immediately address fire dangers in the watershed area.

Director of Public Works Michelle Owen explained that although the current plan is set for five years, there would be nothing to stop the council from regular reviews of the progress of the watershed project and making needed amendments. She noted that much of the project's funding comes from grant money and with that means certain requirements have to be met. The watershed area has seen lightning strikes, but it has been reportedly free of catastrophic fires for over 100 years.

Harvey indicated that it is the city's responsibility to immediately thin and maintain the watershed area for fire danger, not the federal government's, saying, "I don't want to ask permission." However, he then went on to say, "You need to have a detailed plan be fully involved in this process."

Language changed within the plan included: clarifying that the watershed area is owned by the federal government and managed by the U.S. Forest Service according to a 1912 agreement between the federal and Baker City governments; stricter language regarding the prohibition of livestock in the watershed area; language encouraging the expediting of fuel reduction; and other changes.

Currently, the city still employs its standing policy to allow some hunting in the watershed area under certain conditions. Owen indicated she would look into getting more information for the council on that policy with regards to how it affects the Watershed Management Plan.

The plan passed with a 5-2 vote. It will be posted to the city's website to include recently approved changes.

Several committees saw new appointments on Tuesday. Gordon Conrad, David Davison, and Troy Woydziak were all appointed to the Airport Commission; three unnamed applicants were appointed to the Planning Commission; two more applicants were appointed to the Public Works Advisory Committee. Openings remain on the Planning Commission and the Historic District Design Review Committee. Applications for those positions are currently being accepted.

Baker City's new Fire Chief Mark John made an appearance to introduce himself to the new council. "I really feel it's a great privilege to be here and serve for all of you," he said.

Newly-elected Mayor Mosier welcomed the new councilors, saying, "I think it's going to be an interesting, exciting four years for you."



From left: Abell, Merrill, Thomas, Augenfeld being sworn in as councilors.

Merkley Becomes Top Democrat on Agriculture Appropriations

Powerful subcommittee controls funding that is key to rural development, Oregon farmers and ranchers, and public health

Jan. 9, Oregon's Senator Jeff Merkley announced that in the 114th Congress he will become the top Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, putting him in a powerful position to advocate for Oregon's rural communities, agriculture research institutions, and ranching and farming families. "Oregon's farmers, ranchers and rural communities deserve a strong voice in the Senate," said Merkley. "Oregon's rural communities are among the most beautiful and unique places in our nation, but too many families in rural Oregon are struggling with tough economies. I've been fighting to create good jobs, grow Oregon's small businesses and family farms, and ensure that every Oregon family has a shot at the American dream — and that's exactly what I'll continue doing with this new platform to work for Oregon's priorities."

The Agriculture Subcommittee oversees the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), controlling funding for rural development, agricultural research, and programs that are key to Oregon's timber and biomass industries. Over the last two years, Merkley has used his position as a member of the Subcommittee to fight and deliver on Oregon priorities such as specialty crop funding, organic crop insurance, and OSU research to strengthen Western forests and improve forest industries.

In addition, as one of the Senate's leading anti-tobacco advocates, he has used his perch to press the FDA to step up and do more to protect children from tobacco and nicotine addiction.

Two years ago, Merkley became the first Oregonian to serve on either the House or Senate Appropriations Committee since his mentor, Senator Mark Hatfield, retired in 1997.

Water and Snow Levels as of Jan. 5, 2015

- Brownlee Reservoir Water Level: 2,069 feet (8 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)
- Wolf Creek Reservoir Water Storage Volume: 2,659 acre-feet (102 percent of 30-year average)
- Wolf Creek Reservoir Water Level: 3,644 feet (24 percent full)
- Pilcher Creek Reservoir Water Level: 3,949 feet (36 percent full)
- (An acre-foot is defined as the volume of one acre of surface area to a depth of one foot.)
- Anthony Lakes SNOLITE Site at 7,160 feet: Snow Depth — 42 inches
- Bourne SNOTEL Site at 5,850 feet: Snow Depth — 23 inches
- Taylor Green SNOTEL Site at 5,740 feet: Snow Depth — 30 inches
- Wolf Creek SNOTEL Site at 5,630 feet: Snow Depth — 23 inches
- Moss Springs SNOTEL Site at 5,760 feet: Snow Depth — 37 inches

All measurements are current as of Jan. 12, 2015 at 12 p.m.

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Calves & Yearlings - Higher market on all classes of Stockers and Feeders
Market Report Does include Extreme Highs in Stockers and Feeder Classes

STEERS		HEIFERS	
300-399#	280-370	300-399#	250-300
400-499#	270-350	400-499#	250-290
500-599#	270-308	500-599#	220-270
600-699#	230-268	600-699#	220-245
700-799#	210-230	700-799#	180-225
800-899#	180-210	800-899#	185-220
900# & UP	170-205	900# & UP	180-200

Slaughter COWS		Stock COWS	
Steady		Light test	
		Better	
Heiferettes	120-145	Bred Heifers	2200-2800
Utility		Solid Mouth V&T	2200-2750
High Yielding	100-110	Solid Mouth NV	
Low Yielding	90-100	Broken Mouth V&T	1250-1700
Feeder Cows	105-125	SM V&T Pairs	2200-3000
		BM V&T Pairs	2000-2400

Bulls		Sheep		Horses	
Higher		Higher		Better	
Best	130-145	Lambs	140-170	Best	30-45
Feeder	70-90	Ewes	15-55	Lighter	15-25

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