

**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.

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

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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

UPPERS SHAM'S PROM  
MOO LYRIC PIECE  
PALAESTRA LEPTA  
CORES EM PYREAN  
THICKO SPA AVE  
HES SPY EDITOR  
ORTS UMLAUT  
SPELLEBLINDER  
ORDEAL MEET  
BISTRO VOU APE  
ENE PEPER STALIN  
TALLTALE TUNIC  
INVAR ETHERIZE  
DEEDY GROAN END  
ERSE VOWLS SET

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13					14				15		16
17				18							19
20						21			22		
			23			24			25		
26	27	28		29		30		31			32
33			34		35		36		37		38
39			40		41			42			
43					44			45		46	
		47		48		49			50		51
			52				53		54		
				55			56	57		58	59
62				63			64				
65				66						67	
68					69					70	

- Across**
- Crow's home
  - Gangster's blade
  - Fix, in a way
  - Birdlike
  - Desert sight
  - Victorian, for one
  - Bring back into original use
  - Be in session
  - Bosses
  - Vacation souvenirs (hyphenated)
  - Shoestring
  - Warm, so to speak
  - Cheat
  - Duck's home
  - Arm bones
  - Artist Chagall
  - Bakery buy
  - Belief in God based on reason, not revelation
  - Skating jumps
  - Bill and
  - Taste, e.g.
  - Japanese-American
  - Chinese dynasty
  - Accommodate
  - Power glitch
  - Tablet
  - Blonde's secret, maybe
  - Coquette
  - Checked item
  - Having flat polished surfaces, like on a gemstone
  - Ancient upright stone slabs bearing markings
  - Airline's home base
  - Argue in protest
  - "Is that \_\_\_?"
  - Insinuating
  - Overthrow, e.g.
  - Carry on
  - Bring (out)
  - Grating
- Down**
- Hawaiian tuber
  - "... happily \_\_\_ after"
  - Piper
  - Artist's stand
  - Bag
  - Blubber
  - "Stop right there!"
  - Egyptian fertility goddess
  - Hindu deity, protector of worlds
  - Held back
  - Western blue flag, e.g.
  - Gangster's gun
  - Police officers' badges
  - English race place
  - Wife of a raja (pl.)
  - Legislate
  - F.B.I. operative (hyphenated)
  - Part of a plane (hyphenated)
  - By reasonable assumption
  - Sag
  - English exam finale, often
  - Divine
  - Bartender's supply
  - Allocate, with "out"
  - Washington and Franklin on the Constitution
  - Luster
  - Scope
  - Second of two
  - cotta
  - Holding as much as possible
  - Arabic for "commander"
  - Birdbrain
  - 1968 Chemistry Nobelists Onsager
  - Above
  - Mysterious: Var.
  - Accident
  - After expenses

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## Scholarships Available through Oregon Farm Bureau Foundation for Education

The Oregon Farm Bureau Foundation for Education is pleased to announce that applications are available for two scholarship programs for the upcoming 2015-2016 academic year.

Oregon Farm Bureau Memorial Scholarships (OFBMS) with 10-12 awards annually are available to new and continuing full-time students (12 or more hours per quarter or the semester equivalent, must be an Oregon high school graduate or an Oregon home school graduate with a full year, 24 semester or 36 quarter hours, of completed college coursework documented by a transcript and proof of parents Oregon residency (to consist of three consecutive land-based utility (power, sewer, water, or landline phone) bills within the last six months.) Students must be preparing for an agriculture or forestry-related career. Students attending institutions outside of Oregon are also eligible. The goal of the OFB Memorial Scholarship program is to "Support students that will have a positive impact on production agriculture and other agriculture-related fields." The deadline for applications is March 15, 2015.

The Oregon Farm Bureau, COUNTRY Insured, Associate Member Scholarship, funded by COUNTRY Financial, one award at \$1000 is available to new and continuing full-time students (12 or more hours per quarter or the semester equivalent, must be an Oregon high school graduate or an Oregon home school graduate with a

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\*Associate membership must be current and at least six months old to be eligible to apply, and student or students' parents must be insured by COUNTRY Financial.

Scholarship procedures & applications and additional information are available on the Oregon Farm Bureau website. [www.oregonfb.org/scholarships](http://www.oregonfb.org/scholarships).

## Women in Agriculture Invited to One Day Conference in La Grande

Women from NE Oregon have the opportunity to gather at OSU Extension in La Grande to participate in the 2015 Women in Agriculture Conference. Organized by Washington State University extension, the conference will bring together women at 28 locations in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Alaska for a unique opportunity to hear knowledgeable speakers and inspiring stories, network, and take home practical advice and new skills.

This year's event, "Put Your Best Boot Forward," will focus on the topic of marketing.

"Everyone has a story that needs to be told to promote agriculture," says Margaret Viebrock, conference chair, and WSU Douglas County Extension Director. "The format of this conference enables us to offer our two headline speakers at all 28 locations, and to engage women at each site in activities to apply conference content to their own operations. The conference will also help provide ways to inform decision makers, non-farmers and community members about best management practices."

Keynote speaker Emily Asmus is a Walla Walla farmer and marketing specialist. Asmus will discuss how her farm, Welcome Table Farms, keeps their "brand" fresh to build interest and loyalty. Participants will learn the tools and techniques critical to her marketing plan.

Marketing expert Erica Mills of Claxon Marketing believes every woman should have a consistently compelling way to describe her farm business. Mills will

lead a marketing workshop to help farms of all shapes and sizes tackle this challenge by learning to use a simple and effective 3-step marketing method and create a marketing action plan to get results.

The conference runs from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, February 21, at OSU Extension Service - Union County, 10507 N McAlister Rd, La Grande. Early bird registration is \$25 and includes the marketing workshop, light breakfast, lunch and conference materials. After February 13, registration increases to \$30. A limited number of scholarships are available for aspiring farmers, college agriculture students, and 4-H and FFA members. Visit the website at [www.womeninag.wsu.edu](http://www.womeninag.wsu.edu) for registration and details.

The conference is designed for women who have been farming for years, as well as new and aspiring farmers. Supporting spouses, students, interns or people who own an agriculture-related business are also welcome. The number of women in agriculture grows every year, and the conference helps meet their need to connect with other women farmers and ranchers and enjoy sharing resources. NE Oregon Economic Development District (NEOEDD) applied to host the conference in La Grande. "We are so glad that La Grande was selected as one of two host sites in Oregon. It is a great opportunity for women in ag to get together in our region," says Sara Miller of NEOEDD. For more information contact Miller at 541 426 3598.

### Christmas Bird Count in Union County Successful

The 39th Union County Christmas Bird Count was held on Dec. 14. "We topped out at 89 species, the second highest species total ever detected. Our record was set in 2012 at 94 species. European Starling took the high count with 2,243, Mallard took second place with 1,670, and Canada Goose placed third with 973," said Trent Bray.

The 39th (2014) Union County Christmas Bird Count - Realized Records (Number of previous counts seen)

- 1) Rob & Robin Ostermann, of Area # 6 [Gekeler/Godley], relocated the first count day detection of a Ross's Goose! This was a single individual with a large flock of Canadas.
- 2) We found our highest count of Cackling Goose: 40, up from 30 in 2004 (8).
- 3) We found our highest count of Red-Tailed Hawk: 221, up from

- 172 in 2005 (39).
- 4) We found our highest count of Eurasian Collared-Dove: 169, up from 126 in 2012 (7).
- 5) We found our highest count of Western Screech Owl: 4, up from 3 in 2005 (15).
- 6) We found our highest count of Great Horned Owl: 21, up from 17 in 2013 (35).
- 7) We found our highest count of Black-Billed Magpie: 626, up from 452 in 2013 (39).
- 8) We found our highest count of Red Breasted Nuthatch: 25, up from 18 in 1976 (28).
- 9) We found our highest count of Bewick's Wren: 21, up from 14 in 2010 (13).
- 10) We found our highest count of Marsh Wren: 28, up from 18 in 2005 (11).

See **Union Co. Bird** pg 11

### Intermountain Livestock Market Report January 22, 2015

1025 Receipts

Calves & Yearlings - Lower market on all classes of Stockers and Feeders, Significant futures loss. Market Report Does include Extreme Highs in Stockers and Feeder Classes

STEERS		HEIFERS	
300-399#	280-320	300-399#	240-270
400-499#	270-315	400-499#	240-270
500-599#	250-285	500-599#	220-260
600-699#	210-240	600-699#	200-225
700-799#	180-215	700-799#	180-210
800-899#	180-210	800-899#	185-200
900# & UP	170-190	900# & UP	180-190
Slaughter COWS		Stock COWS	
Steady		700 on test	
		Better	
Heiferettes	120-145	Bred Heifers	2400-3000
Utility		Solid Mouth V&T	2000-2900
High Yielding	100-110	Solid Mouth NV	
Low Yielding	75-100	Broken Mouth V&T	1300-1800
Feeder Cows	90-110	SM V&T Pairs	2200-3000
		BM V&T Pairs	2000-2400
Bulls	Sheep	Horses	
Higher	Higher	Better	
Best	Lambs	Best	30-45
Feeder	70-90	Ewes	15-55
		Lighter	15-25

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### Current Reservoir and Snow Depths

- Brownlee Reservoir Water Level: 2,063 feet (14 feet below Full Pool)
- Brownlee Reservoir Water Storage Volume: 1,798,760 acre-feet (136 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: 3,645 feet (25 percent of full pool)
- Pilcher Creek Reservoir Water Level: 3,950 feet (38 percent of full pool)
- (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 - 40 inches
- Bourne SNOTEL Site at 5,850 feet: Snow Depth - 23 inches
- Taylor Green SNOTEL Site at 5,740 feet: Snow Depth - 29 inches
- Wolf Creek SNOTEL Site at 5,630 feet: Snow Depth - 26 inches
- Moss Springs SNOTEL Site at 5,760 feet: Snow Depth - 38 inches

All measurements are current as of Jan. 27, 2015 at 10 a.m.