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**News around The
Highlands**

Board Meeting News

Since there was no board meeting this month, the Board would like to extend a Happy Year wish to all!



Other news

Firstly, I would like to give a big shout out to Jennifer Riley for helping with decorating the clubhouse for Christmas. A thank you went out for Mearline Schmidt and I, but Jennifer was not mentioned. She was the first to volunteer to help me and I really want to acknowledge her for her help.

The gate closing time will be reset to close at 5:00 PM starting Jan. 4, 2025.

Thank you all for responding to our impromptu poll of who is reading the Newsletter. We received a nearly 60% positive response. We will continue to provide the newsletter, but it has been decided to no longer include board meeting news in the newsletter as CJ faithfully sends a copy of the minutes of each meeting via email and hand deliveries.

ONGOING EVENTS

Bowling – 12:30 pm
Mondays at Ten Down
Bowling Lanes

Clubhouse Coffee –
every other Tuesday at
09:30 am, see Calendar

Billiards – Wed 11:00am

Walk Walk Exercise –
M-W-F 8:45-9:30 am

Chair Yoga - Mon/Wed/Fri
9:30-10:30 am

**Caregiver Support
Group** – first Friday of
each month. Next mtg
should be Jan.3. Contact
CJ @ 805-822-7344

SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLES ON PAGE 65

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WINTER WARM-UP: 96783 + 5786 = 102569,
MENTAL AGILITY: COSTA RICA, SAY THAT
AGAIN: DOVE

MEETINGS

Board Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 23, 1:00 pm

Reserve Committee Meeting: TBD

Finance Committee Meeting: Jan. 21, 11:00 am

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

We have had our first volunteer to for this feature! Thank you so much for doing this Mearline! My first plan for the return of this feature fell through. So I am thrilled that someone volunteered. Please consider volunteering, or responding affirmatively if I contact you, to share a little about yourself so we can all get to know each other. A brief bio, interests/hobbies, and how you came to move here are some of things that would be of interest.

Hello, my name is Mearline Schmidt and I live at the bottom of the hill at 176 Highland Vista Lane.

My early years were spent in Klamath Falls, OR. My father worked for the Railroad during WWII and our family spent many summers living in a converted boxcar down at the rail tracks. I remember how proud we were to collect string and gum wrappers to help the war efforts and to recite the Pledge of Allegiance every day at the beginning of school.

When I was seven, we moved to Tiller. There were no utilities and one of our chores was to carry water from a spring up the road to our house. We attended a one room schoolhouse and studied by an oil lamp at night.

When I was ten, we moved to Roseburg where I was able to enter the Roseburg school system, graduating in 1956. Big full fluffy skirts and white saddle shoes were in vogue then. Those were happy years for me being involved in sports, rallies and school activities. I had perfect attendance. To this day my classmates and I get together at least twice a year.

After graduating, I spent a couple of years finding myself before I found the man I spent the next 61 years with, raising two wonderful children. Not always easy, but worth every gray hair and wrinkle. Sadly, my husband and daughter are no longer with us.

Along the way, I joined Epsilon Sigma Alpha, an international ladies sorority dedicated to helping others. I excelled in this journey becoming the Oregon state president in 1993. More importantly, we make a difference in helping those who are less fortunate. The organization's chapters have organized the Easter Seal telethon for years and support St. Jude's every year as well.

This brings me to my love and dedication to The Highlands at Vista Ridge.

My husband, Wayne, and I moved into this development in 1998. At that time, there were only 13 or 14 homes developed. I have served several years on the Board and various committees. I have watched the community grow into one of the most enticing communities in Roseburg and I continue my desire to get to know all of my new neighbors. Now, I would like to hear from some others, so I can get to know YOU better! 😊

There should be confetti in tires, so that when you have a blowout it's still kind of an OK day.

A FRUSTRATED WIFE told me the other day her definition of retirement: "Twice as much husband on half as much pay."

THE WEARY SALESMAN knocked on another door, fully expecting to have it slammed in his face. Sure enough, the older woman who answered angrily demanded that he leave once she figured out why he was there, then went to shut the door.

The door bounced back open, and the woman shouted, "Get your foot out of my door!"

"Ma'am ..." the salesman began when the woman again tried to slam the door in his face. Once again, it bounced back open.

"I said to get your foot out of my door!" the woman yelled. One more time she tried to slam the door, and one more time it bounced open.

"Ma'am ..." the salesman started again.

"I want you off my property!" the woman screamed. She tried to slam the door a fourth time, only for it bounce open again.

"Ma'am," the salesman yelled as he beat a hasty retreat down the sidewalk, "you'll be able to close your door if you move your cat out of the way!"

DID YOU HEAR about the man who fell into an upholstery machine? He's fully recovered.

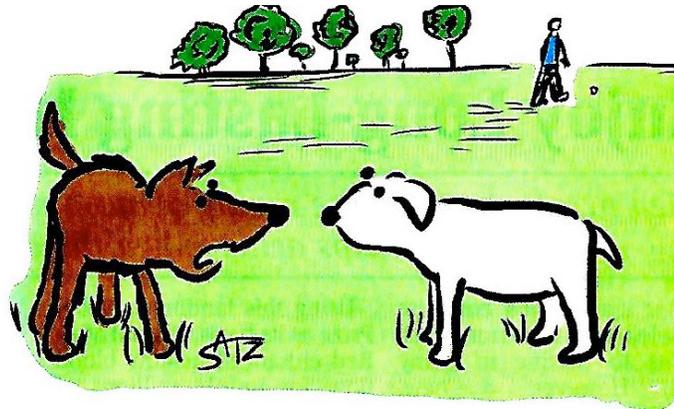
TWO OLD SAILORS were sitting in what used to be their favorite barroom. The place had been completely refurbished, and they started reminiscing about the good old days.

"I suppose this is all right," one said, "but I miss the old spittoon."

His companion nodded. "You always did."

A FRIEND OF MINE won't stop talking about photography. You can't shutter up.

"THE SONG GOES, 'Morning has broken,' and I'm pretty sure my children broke it. Like everything else they break, if they did break it, they'll never admit it." - *Jim Gaffigan*



"I'm doing it for him. If I brought the ball back every time, he wouldn't get any exercise at all."



"Hunting now streaming exclusively on cave wall."



"It's going to be a cold one, so if you're going outside, I suggest you pull those peels up."



EVENTS

There is not much going on so far for the month of January, 2025. I guess everyone is resting up from the Christmas holiday! There are some weekly events at some of the local breweries/pubs, wineries, and farmer's markets. For more info, see the website listed below

Jan. 1-Feb. 28 – Quilts and Christmas-10-5pm Douglas County Museum. Entrance rates apply.

Jan. 11 – Michael Firestone “I am King” tribute to Michael Jackson, 7-9 pm, \$20-30, Seven Feathers Casino, Canyonville. Tickets available in person at the gift gallery, on line, or through ETix #800-514-3849

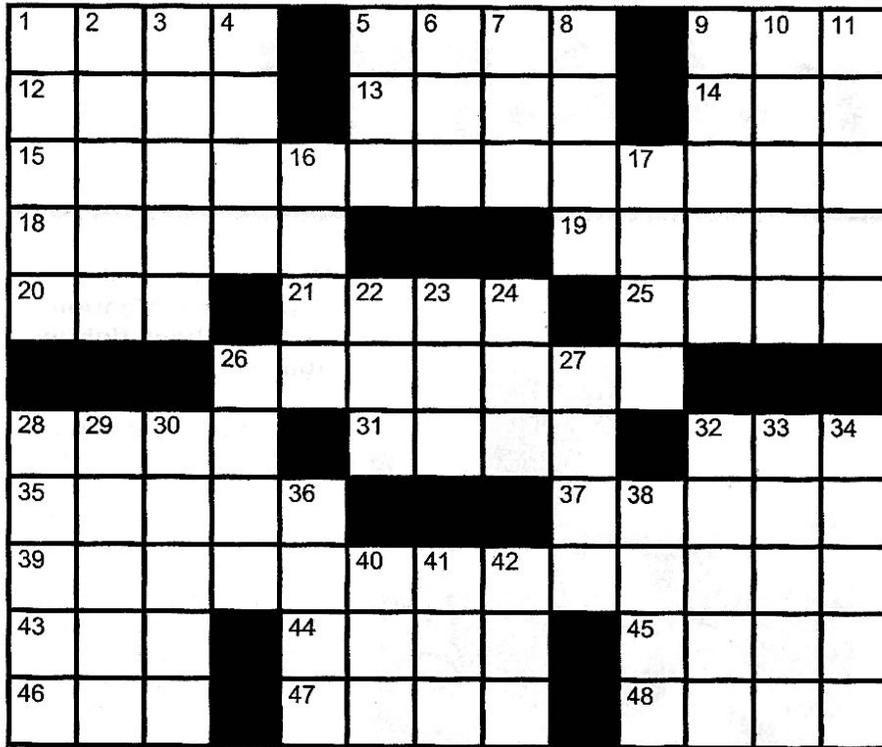
There's numerous **Trivia/DJ Trivia** and **Karaoke** nights.

For details, see the website below:

More info at <https://www.experienceroseburg.com/>

BrainGames

PUZZLES BY STANLEY NEWMAN



CROSSWORD

Snowy

ACROSS

- 1 Open-mouth stare
- 5 Assist in wrongdoing
- 9 Traffic tie-up
- 12 Taj Mahal city
- 13 Sport played on ponies
- 14 Metallic rock
- 15 Corn cereal brand
- 18 Not as many
- 19 Lenders' legal claims
- 20 Long, thin fish
- 21 Corn Belt state
- 25 WWII turning point
- 26 "Charlotte's Web" author
- 28 Top of a mountain
- 31 Harp-shaped constellation
- 32 Industrial tub

- 35 Polite military denial
- 37 City near the Sphinx
- 39 Detective's fingerprint revealer
- 43 Early afternoon hour
- 44 Fuel for Old West locomotives
- 45 Grassy fields
- 46 Streets or avenues: Abbr.
- 47 Feeling nervous
- 48 Just average

DOWN

- 1 Minor mistake
- 2 See eye to eye
- 3 Hunt like a lion
- 4 Make simpler
- 5 Chimp or gorilla
- 6 Physique, for short
- 7 North Pole toymaker
- 8 Turnpike charge
- 9 Kidded around
- 10 Venue for boxing
- 11 Needing straightening up
- 16 Chicago newspaper's nickname
- 17 Personal assistant
- 22 Big-eyed bird
- 23 "How come?"
- 24 Ventilate
- 26 Freeway off-ramp
- 27 Crunchy Mexican food
- 28 Conjunction with a slash
- 29 British currency
- 30 Double-curve letters
- 32 YouTube upload
- 33 Regions
- 34 Sculpted upper body
- 36 Starch in sushi
- 38 Holemaking tools
- 40 Head gesture
- 41 Comedian's one-liner
- 42 Two-__ paper towels

NUMBER FUN

WINTER WARM-UP

Each of the nine letters in the equation represents a different digit. T is three times G, and 4 is not used. What is the solution?

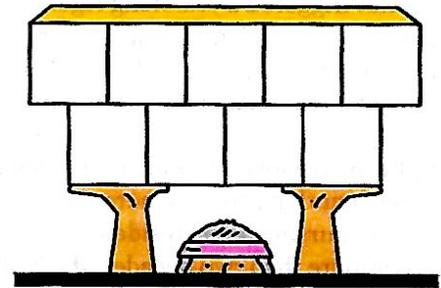


WORDPLAY

MENTAL AGILITY



Delete one letter from the word ACROBATICS and rearrange the rest to get the two-word name of a nation in the Western Hemisphere.



THINK!

SAY THAT AGAIN

What four-letter word for a common type of bird, pronounced differently, is also a common past-tense verb?



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