



# The Highlands at Vista Ridge Newsletter

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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 Holidays wish to all!

### Other news

At the present time, we have three homeowners cleaning up the damage of failed hot water heaters. Make sure a leak has a way to drain directly to the ground or outside, not through your home first. You may want to call a plumber out to check this out, especially if your water heater is older than 10 years. It's much cheaper than paying for water damage to your home.

Related to this, if you think you might have a rodent issue, call an exterminator. If you put out rat poison, they often work by dehydrating the rats who then become desperate for water. Most water pipes here are PEX, plastic. The rats will eat through that and many homeowner's insurance will not cover that as it is an act of nature.

I will be taking down autumn decorations in the clubhouse and putting up Christmas.

If you would like to help, let me know.

Contact Helen Bressler at 541-679-5691 or 714-394-9579. Thanks!

Both new and old homeowners have been missing the events that the social committee used to put on. When I first arrived at the Highlands, I volunteered to be head of the social committee. I did it

for 3 or 4 years with the help of committee members who were also new and old to the group. It is a great way to get to know the community. I would be willing to help anyone interested in joining/leading the social committee. Or even for a one-time event. Just let me know at the above contacts.

## 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 Dec.6. Contact  
CJ @ 805-822-7344

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😂😂😂 **JOKES** 😂😂



**A college class was told they had to write a short story in as few words as possible. The instructions were: The short story had to contain the following three things:**

- (1) Religion**
- (2) Sexuality**
- (3) Mystery**

**Below is the only A+ short story in the entire class.**

**"Good God, I'm pregnant; I wonder who did it."**



## MEETINGS

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

**Reserve Committee Meeting:** TBD

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



## PARTING SHOTS

***Inflation is getting out of hand, but that's just my five cents.***

**HOW DID** the tractor salesman find out his wife left him? He came home from work and found a John Deere letter.

**A MAN CALLS** his wife and says, "Don't worry, I'm fine, but as I was driving to lunch, a bird hit my windshield."

"Oh no! How much damage did it do?"

"Not much, but I got a ticket."

"How on earth did you get a ticket?"

"Well, I managed to reach the bird through the window and throw it behind me, but it hit the windshield of a highway patrol car. The officer gave me a ticket."

"For damaging his windshield?"

"No, for flipping him the bird!"

**I WENT** to visit a psychic. When I knocked on her door, she yelled, "Who is it?" So I left.

**WHY DID** the chicken cross the road? To get away from all these jokes you tell about him.

**DURING A BLIZZARD**, all the local highway signs were covered with snow. The following spring, the state decided to raise all the signs 12 inches at a cost of \$6 million.

"That's an outrageous price!" a local farmer exclaimed. "I guess we're lucky the state handled it and not the federal government."

"Why's that?" another farmer asked.

"Knowing them, they'd decide to raise all the highways."

**AN OLD IRISHMAN** was coming home late one night from the pub. As he passed the graveyard, he thought of all his friends there, and then spotted a stone by the road.

"The poor man," he thought, "buried out here by the highway. And he lived to the ripe old age of 145. Here's to you, Miles from Dublin."

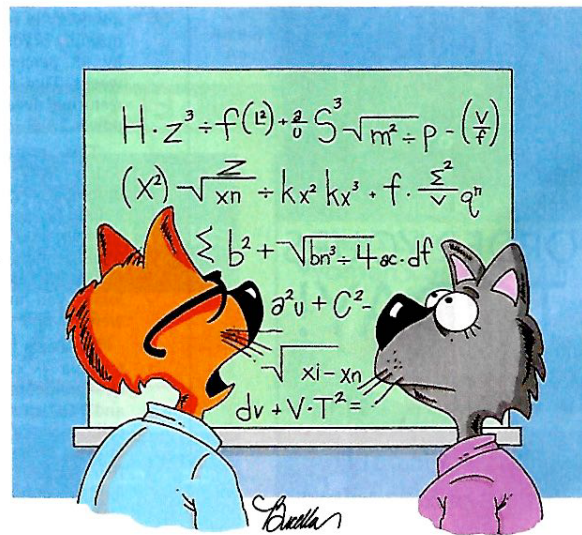
**"I GOTTA STOP** saying, 'How stupid can you be?' I'm beginning to feel like people are taking it as a challenge." - Kevin Hart



"I don't get it. I've asked the two simple questions all business leaders ask, adopted the four key habits of highly successful entrepreneurs, and religiously followed the three secret rules billionaires don't want you to know. And I'm still middle management!"



"I can never remember: Does the phone go on the left or the right?"



"I think I've figured out how to catch the laser beam."

## EVENTS

Dec. 1- Christmas Tree Lighting- Douglas County Courthouse- 6 pm and  
Downtown Oakland – 6pm

Dec. 1-Jan 1 Drive through Festival of Lights – 5:30 – 9:00 pm M-Th, 5:30-10 pm  
F/Sat, River Forks County Park, \$10/car. [uvfestivaloflights.com](http://uvfestivaloflights.com) for tickets

-Special free nights – Dec. 2- Canned Food Night – 5 food items

Dec. 3- Bi-Mart cardholders

Dec. 8- US Bank members with bank card

Dec. 9- Veterans and their families

Dec. 12- NW Community Credit Union with card

Dec. 13- 1<sup>st</sup> Interstate Bank with card

Dec. 14- First Community Credit Union with card

Dec. 20- Cascade Credit Union with card

Dec. 21- Umpqua Bank with card

Dec. 4 – Cooper Ridge Wreath Workshop – 5-6 pm -Cooper Ridge Vineyard -\$65/70,  
Reservations required. Call 541-671-2373

Dec. 5- Festival of Trees Silver Bell Luncheon 10:30 am-1:00 pm. \$50, Reservations  
required. [Mercygiving.org](http://Mercygiving.org) Seven Feathers casino, Canyonville

Dec. 6 - Festival of Trees Senior Day 09:00-1 pm

Dec. 6-7 – Glenbrook Christmas Bazaar, 9-6 pm, 143 W 5<sup>th</sup> St, Riddle

Dec. 6 – Lookingglass brewery Ugly Sweater party 5-9 pm, 192 SE Main, Winston

Dec. 6-8 – Douglas County Christmas Craft Fair- 10-8 pm, \$5-\$1 off with can of food  
donation

Dec. 7 – Lookingglass Brewery Winter Wonderland Week-end. Local vendors from  
noon – 5 pm 192 SE Main, Winston

Dec. 7 – Festival of Trees Gala Benefit and Auction, \$150, Reservations required.  
[Mercygiving.org](http://Mercygiving.org)

Dec. 7 - Winston Parade and Tree lighting 4:30 pm Parade, 5:00 pm Tree lighting, 201  
NW Douglas Blvd

Dec. 7 – Myrtle Creek Tree Lighting 5:30 hot chocolate/cookies, 6 pm lighting, Main  
and 2<sup>nd</sup>, Myrtle Creek

Dec. 7 – Sutherlin Tree Lighting at dark, Sutherlin Central Park

Dec. 13-14 – Christmas Bazaar – 10 – 6 pm Sutherlin Community Center

Dec. 13-15 – Wildlife Safari Wildlights 5-8 pm, \$10/7 (members) 1790 Safari Rd,  
Winston

Dec. 13 – Free Photos with Santa, 2-6 pm Roseburg Honda

Dec. 14 – Lookingglass Craft Fair, 10-4 pm, 7426 Lookingglass Rd

Dec. 14-15 – Breakfast with Santa 8 -10 am Wildlife Safari \$25 adults

Elephant Elves noon -2 pm \$10/7

Dec. 14 – Myrtle Creek Trucker's Light Parade. Departs Riddle at 5:30 Arrives Myrtle Creek 7:30 pm. Festival/refreshments at the Community Center 5-8 pm Myrtle Creek

Dec. 14-15 – Glide Christmas Fair, 10-4 pm, free with can of food, Glide Community Center

Dec. 14 – Wreaths Across America ceremony – 1 pm, Roseburg National Cemetery

Dec. 14 – Zonta Holiday Costume 5k run, 9 am, Roseburg High School, \$25-35,

[www.zonta-roseburg.org](http://www.zonta-roseburg.org)

Dec. 14 – Steve Green concert/dinner at The Chapel, 5 pm, \$40-75, 541-817-2212, 2837 Harvard, Roseburg

Dec. 20 – Pinecones & Holly Tea, 1 pm, live music, \$30, 541-459-9504, Oakland City Hall

Dec. 20 – Sutherlin Electric Light Parade, 7 pm, Sutherlin Taylor Rd-W. Central

Dec. 20 – Christmas Concert at The Chapel, 5 pm, \$25-60, 541-817-2212, 2837 Harvard, Roseburg

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Buffet, 12-8 pm, \$30/25 Diamond Lake Resort, 541-793-3333 ext. 1 for reservations

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

For details, see the website below:

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

*Happy Chanukah*

*Season's Greetings*

*Merry Christmas*

*Happy holidays*



## ACROSS

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| 1) Prices paid                               | 43) Strip in the Middle East     |
| 6) Matures, as wine                          | 44) City of Light                |
| 10) Fjord explorer?                          | 46) Mischievous type             |
| 14) Sneak ____ (glimpse)                     | 48) Coop resident                |
| 15) Romanian coins                           | 49) Affording a view             |
| 16) "That's clear to me," hippie-style       | 51) Monotonous in cadence        |
| 17) Dog found in the pound                   | 53) Comprehension                |
| 18) New York canal                           | 55) Geological time              |
| 19) Grandma, affectionately                  | 56) River border                 |
| 20) Easy ____                                | 59) Weaver's tool                |
| 21) A lift, in Aspen                         | 61) Mended temporarily           |
| 22) Alumnus, for short                       | 65) San Juan, Puerto ____        |
| 23) "Say ____" (dentist's request)           | 66) Emit amplified light         |
| 25) Pungent-smelling                         | 67) Subtle sarcasm               |
| 27) Forrest Gump's forte                     | 68) "Back ____ hour" (shop sign) |
| 31) Abstains from                            | 69) Quarter-miler's path         |
| 35) By way of                                | 70) Launch a tennis ball         |
| 36) Winter fall                              | 71) Bachelor's party             |
| 38) Aid one's alma mater                     | 72) Flogging memento             |
| 39) Eat an ice cream cone, e.g.              | 73) Some playing cards           |
| 41) You can't tell if she's coming or going? |                                  |

## DOWN

- 1) Dwelling in Durango
- 2) \_\_\_\_ out (withdraws)
- 3) Word in a Doris Day tune
- 4) Little sack of leaves
- 5) Airport porters
- 6) Aid in crime
- 7) Pig, in the Flintstones' kitchen
- 8) Early 30-ton computer
- 9) Lead-in for "Madre" or "Leone"
- 10) Door opener?
- 11) Jewish month before Nisan
- 12) One of Columbus' three ships
- 13) "Goodness gracious!"
- 24) Celeste or Ian
- 26) "Direct" ending
- 27) Insect feelers
- 28) "Sacro" addition
- 29) Mother-of-pearl
- 30) A tide
- 32) "Famous potatoes" state
- 33) Thirteen, to some bakers
- 34) What the hillbilly batter did?
- 37) Vehicle at a stand
- 40) Empire State Building climber
- 42) Outfielder's call
- 45) Title of respect
- 47) Stuck-up sort
- 50) Immature
- 52) Hunter, at times
- 54) Dry white Italian wine
- 56) Jewish rite of circumcision
- 57) The "non-existent" contraction
- 58) "Sweet 16" org.
- 60) Soften, as chocolate
- 62) Skin orifice
- 63) Green feeling?
- 64) Pre-Easter purchases

## IN ON THINGS

By Jerry J. Billings

