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News around The Highlands

For those of you who haven't read the minutes from the last board meeting, please be advised-the HVAC system in the clubhouse is in need of replacement. The cost will be over \$5,000 so we will need to have a vote by the homeowners on this matter. Stay tuned to receive more information on this matter from the board.

Kathy Wheat is currently maintaining our flower beds. She has requested that if anyone is about to throw away dirt from old flowerpots, replanting's, etc. that you let her know. She can reconstitute that dirt and use it in the community planting areas. She is willing to pick up the dirt and you can call

her at 541-221-2799 to do so. Thank you, Kathy!

ONGOING EVENTS

Bowling – 12:30 pm Fridays at Ten Down **Bowling Lanes**

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

Billiards - T, W, Th. 10:30 am

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. Contact CJ @ 805-822-7344

VOLUNTEERS

We still need someone to take over the Newsletter and someone to chair the Social Committee. In addition, we need preferably 2 people to volunteer for maintenance. The majority of volunteer tasks is done by the same handful of people. It would be really nice if others in the community that enjoy the labors of those few volunteers would take a turn and volunteer themselves. Thank you to Kathy and Burt Sipes for stepping up to help.

Tai Chi classes are postponed until September. At that time, they will only resume if 3 or more sign up. Let Nancy Skanchy know if you are interested.

MEETINGS

Bingo: Sunday, September 21st

Board Meeting: Thursday, Aug. 28, 1:00 PM

Finance Committee Meeting: TBD

FreeDailyCrosswords.com

1st August

ACROSS -

- 1) Gymnasts' protectors
- 5) Tidal flood
- 10) Jet-setters' jets, once
- 14) In a berserk way
- 15) Having better skills
- 16) Frigid finish?
- 17) Indian royal
- 18) Meccan, e.g.
- 19) 1997 role for Peter Fonda
- 20) Small quahog
- 23) He took two tablets
- 24) Birds' lodgings
- 25) Like a tough teacher
- 28) Gets free (of)
- 30) Camera diaphragm
- 31) " and sometimes Y"
- 33) Tennis ploy
- 36) Thing on an office desk, often

- 40) "Get it?"
- 41) Words after "deaf as" or "dumb as"
- 42) Hideous
- 43) Cut with quick strokes
- 44) Gets on the nerves of
- 46) Broke off
- 49) Cold shower?
- 51) Bad thing to do on an application
- 57) Got an A+ on
- 58) Some batters protect it
- 59) Honeyed drink
- 60) Infamous emperor
- 61) Santa ___ Park race track
- 62) In desperate need of rain
- 63) Bit at the bottom of the barrel
- 64) Works as a stevedore
- 65) ___ contendere (defendant's plea)

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DOWN

- 1) Cleo's wooer
- 2) Asian female domestic
- 3) Scrambled note?
- 4) Minor scrap
- 5) Where the wealthy live, briefly
- 6) Degrade
- 7) Fills to the gills
- 8) Decorate differently
- 9) " Brockovich"
- 10) Hollandaise and cranberry
- 11) Window parts
- 12) Halloween option
- 13) "What ___ to be the problem?"
- 21) Elephant-snatching bird of myth
- 22) "This ____" (shipping label)
- 25) Drinks gently
- 26) Not false
- 27) Ascend
- 28) Prison outbreak
- 29) A positively charged atom
- 31) On the peak of
- 32) Aliens, briefly
- 33) Apple's apple, e.g.
- 34) "For Your Eyes ____'
- 35) Onetime Turkish governors
- 37) Alternative to a hotel, briefly
- 38) AP rival
- 39) Title character in a 2012 film with Snow White
- 43) Old salt
- 44) Dido's lover
- 45) Born, in bios
- 46) Largest living antelope
- 47) More pleasant
- 48) John of tractors
- 49) Sedately dignified
- 50) Lenya or Lehmann
- 52) Certain gemstone
- 53) Bone in the arm
- 54) Sleek, for short
- 55) Olympics star Devers
- 56) Root of the taro plant













I'M ALWAYS GETTING run over by the same bike. Same day, same place, month after month. It's a vicious cycle.

A TV REPORTER interviewed a 103-year-old man thought to be the oldest person in the county. She asked him what he thought was the greatest invention in his lifetime.

"Oh, easy," he replied. "The Thermos bottle." The startled reporter said, "Really? Why?"

"It keeps things hot, don't it?"

"Yes. Yes, it does."

"It keeps things cold, don't it?"

"Yeah, they do."

"Right," the old man said. "How does it know?"

A TAX ADVISER read the story of Cinderella to his 4-year-old daughter for the first time. She was fascinated by the tale, especially the part where the pumpkin turns into a coach.

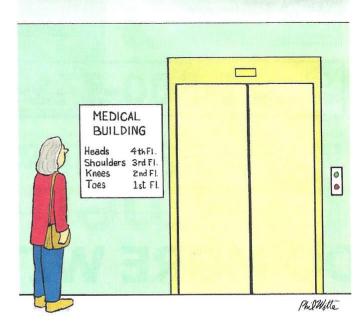
"Daddy," she asked, "would that be classed as income or a long-term capital gain?"

A DOG walks into an employment agency and, in perfect English, says, "I need a job."

Stunned, the receptionist replies, "You're a talking dog! This is incredible! With a talent like that, you could easily land a job with the circus!"

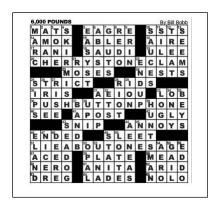
The dog tilts his head, confused. "The circus?" he asks. "Why would they need an architect?"

"I DON'T KNOW anything about history. And I can tell, because every history movie I watch, I watch on the edge of my seat." - Nate Bargatze





"On second thought, I'm just going to unfriend you."



My wife says our poodle is like a member of the family. But which one?

A BOY ASKED his father, "What do 'pro' and 'con' mean?"

"Well, son," the father replied, "pro is your brilliant unanswerable argument. and con is the other person's stupid drivel."

A MAN on a train confided to his seatmate. "I just got out of prison this morning. It's going to be tough facing old friends."

"I sympathize with you," the other man said. "I'm heading home from Congress."

A HUNTER stopped by the grocery store on his way home.

"Give me a couple of steaks," he said.

"We're out of steaks, but we have plenty of hot dogs," the butcher replied.

"You've got to be kidding!" the hunter yelled. "How can I tell my wife I bagged a couple of hot dogs?"

PARENTS TO US back then: "Stop watching cartoons on TV. They'll rot your brain."

Us to our parents now: "Stop watching the news on TV. It'll rot your brain."

DID YOU HEAR about the comedian who told the same joke three nights running? He didn't dare tell it standing still.

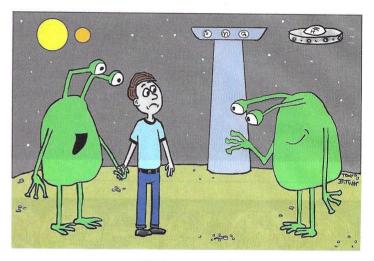
A MOTHER said to her child, "You don't have to be afraid of that dog, honey. He's barking a lot, but see how he's wagging his tail?"

The child replied, "I don't know which end to believe!"

"YOU CAN MICROWAVE a Pop-Tart. How long does it take to toast a Pop-Tart in a toaster - a minute and a half, on the long side? There are people who don't have this kind of time? Listen, if you need to zap-fry your Pop-Tarts before you head out the door, you might want to loosen up your schedule." - Brian Regan



"Oh, please! What I wouldn't have given to be a beast. I was a frog. A frog!"



"He's a rescue."



EVENTS

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:

- Aug 1-3 Anastasia @ UCC Jacoby Auditorium
- Aug 1-31 Pouring Generosity. Umpqua Valley Vineyards, Breweries, and Coffee Brewers Join the Fight Against Hunger.
- Aug 2 Cornhole Tournament. Lookingglass Brewery, 11am
- Aug 2 Yoga in the Park, Stewart Park. Every Saturday, 10-11am, until Aug. 30
- Aug 2 Umpqua Valley Farmers Market, every Saturday, 9am-1pm. 500 Jackson St.
- Aug 6-9 Douglas County Fair, 7am-11pm
- Aug 6 Zumba in the Park, Stewart Park, every Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm
- Aug 9 & 23 Table Top and Board Game Night @ Oran Mor, 6-9pm
- Aug 13 Women's "Just for Fun" summer golf, Stewart Park Golf Course, 5pm
- Aug 15-17 Sutherlin Blackberry Festival, 8am-5pm, Sutherlin Central Park
- Aug 23-24 Douglas County Highland Games, Melrose Vineyards, 8:30am-5pm

There's numerous **Line Dancing, Trivia/DJ Trivia** and **Karaoke** nights as well as various live music.

For details, see the website below:

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

FREE SUMMER MUSIC IN THE AREA

Music on the Half-Shell, Stewart Park – Tuesday's at 7 PM, last event Aug. 12

Riverbend Live! Winston – Friday's at 7PM, last event Aug. 1

Music off Central, Sutherlin – Thursday's at 7PM, last event Aug. 7

Music in the Park, Myrtle Creek – Thursday's 6-8:30PM, through Aug. 28



FOR HIRE

A few people in the neighborhood have used this service and highly recommend it!

Early notice so you can all prepare!

A Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday Dec. 6, 2025 from 12:00 to 4:00pm at the club house.

This will be an opportunity for our Highland crafts-oriented people to have a nice place to show off what they have made or desire to sell. It will be a convenient time for everyone to look at items that are made by the folks here at the Highlands and purchase unique handmade gifts for yourself or those you love.

There is a sign-up sheet in the club house for anyone who has a craft and would like to participate and reserve a spot to display your products. Any craft such as jewelry making, needle work, knitting, crocheting, needle point, cross stitch, paintings of any medium (acrylic, oil, watercolor), pen writing, sketching, etching, sewing, stamping, quilting, wood working, or anything else you think would be a great idea to bring and display or sell.

Contact Kathy Sipes (406-314-1947) or Lynda Stockstad (541-219-6868) for any questions.