

# Community Newsletter Oct. 2015

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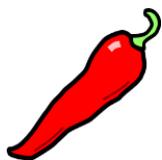
## Fire in the Bowl!

It is time to register for the annual North Plains Chili Cook-off on Thursday, October 15th at Jessie Mays Community Center, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The North Plains Events Association will coordinate the event along with the City of North Plains and the North Plains Senior Center. The event will be judged by 6-7 local folks. People who wish to enter their best chili recipe will be allowed to make their chili entries at home and serve "samples" to people attending the event. The Senior Center will be serving a main chili meal to include hot dogs (CHILI DOGS) and corn bread. Dessert will be provided as well. This event is always FREE!



Trophies and at least a year of "Bragging Rights" are awarded to best chili makers for: Best Traditional Chili, Best Traditional Chili with beans, Hottest Chili, Best non-Traditional Chili, People's Choice Chili, and Kid's Favorite Chili.



To register as a chili chef, either stop by City Hall or go online at [www.northplains.org](http://www.northplains.org) and click on the Chili icon.

It's Fall time and the North Plains "Meals on Wheels" program at the Senior Center will be making and baking homemade Apple pies, they will be selling pies to the public beginning in October. Large 12 inch pies will be made fresh and sold for \$16.00 each, and will be sold each Tuesday & Thursday from 12 noon – 2:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Pies will also be sold at the Annual Chili Cook-off event on October 15<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go to the North Plains Meals on Wheels food program. If you have any questions, please call 503-647-5666.



## North Plains Police Department Resident Survey

Greetings from the  
Chief of Police [Bill Snyder](#):

I am extremely proud of our North Plains Police Department. North Plains has served the community with its own police department for nearly fifty years! Today our police department is staffed with two full time and one part time officer, which includes the Police Chief position. North Plains is also currently blessed with the service of five reserve officers, however we still do not have a fully staffed, 24 hour department.

As your Chief of Police I am absolutely committed to the service of this community. Providing appropriate policing services to our fine community is paramount for the health and safety of North Plains' residents. The North Plains Police Department would greatly appreciate your input about where you believe our police department should be spending its time and resources. Please take a few moments to provide your valuable feedback so we can better serve you. I appreciate your time and interest in keeping our police department informed and aware of your priorities. Thank you again!

Please go to this link to participate in the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYCPMS5> or find a hard copy of the survey on page 6. The survey will close October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Movies at Jessie Mays

Every first Friday of the month, the North Plains Public Library sponsors a family movie - FREE for all who want to attend. This is a great way to get out with your kids and enjoy a movie on the big screen right here in our home town. Check it out on October 2. Stop by Jessie Mays Community Hall for an evening of popcorn and a movie. For the title of each



month's movie check with the North Plains Public Library at 503-647-5051.

## Library News

**New Quilt for Raffle.** Many thanks to Westside Quilters Guild members for their generous donation of a new, colorful quilt for the Library to raffle as a fundraiser. Tickets are now on sale and will be sold throughout the coming year until the winning ticket is drawn at the annual Elephant Garlic Festival in August 2016. Each ticket is \$1, or 6 tickets will be issued for \$5. This year's beautiful quilt was created by Marcia Elliott and is titled, *Japanese Lanterns*. It will be continuously on display in the Library.

**Quilt Display.** The quilt on display above the checkout desk throughout the month of **October** is a Pumpkin Quilt by Paula DiNovo of the West Side Quilters Guild. This quilt features pumpkins and maple leaves and is from the Thimbleberries series of patterns by Lynnette Jensen. Paula reports, "I was so attracted to the fall colors, but it took me six years after purchasing the pattern to get it done!"

**Writers' Group.** Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, October 1** at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

**First Friday Flick.** Join us at Jessie Mays Community Hall on **Friday, October 2** at 6 p.m. to watch the newest Disney movie version of the classic fairy tale of the maiden and the prince who seeks to find her after she leaves behind her glass slipper at the ball. This film is rated PG. Popcorn will be served.

**Art Exhibit.** The art exhibit in the Library's computer room through the month of **October** is photography by Portland resident Sarah Stanze. She finds inspiration in nature and is constantly amazed by the stunning diversity of the Oregon landscape. This is her first official show. Join us for a reception for the artist on **Saturday, October 3** from 6:30-8 p.m. Refreshments will be provided, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

**Storytimes.** Children ages 0-6 are invited to participate every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the children's section of the Library.

- **October 7** Storytime with Miss Marion: Cat and Mouse Game
- **October 14** Storytime with Ranger Lauren: Bedtime
- **October 21** Special Guest Storytime: Razor, the Pot-bellied Pig
- **October 28** Storytime with Teacher Barbara: Frogs and Toads

**Lego Palooza.** Drop in between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on **Friday, October 9**, a No-School Day, for LegoPalooza at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. Hang out and build with Legos or Duplos that we provide. (Please leave yours at home and ours there.) Kids, teens, and adults are welcome to participate.

**Super Saturday.** Magician Jeff McMahon will bring his Family Magic show to Jessie Mays Community Hall on Saturday, October 10 at 1 p.m. One of the top magicians in the Pacific Northwest, Jeff always leaves his audiences amazed, laughing, and thoroughly entertained. All ages are welcome to attend.

**Friends of the Library.** There will be a general meeting of the Friends on Monday, October 12 at the Library from 7 to 9 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

**Teen Read Week™.** Teens, stop by the Library's computer room between **Saturday, October 17 and Saturday, October 24** to pick up a free book to keep as your own. Teen Read Week™ is a national adolescent literacy initiative created by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). It began in 1998 and is held annually during the third week of October. Its purpose is to encourage teens to be regular readers and library users.

**Library Book Club.** The Book Club will meet at the Library on **Wednesday, October 28** at 7 p.m. to discuss *The Meaning of Human Existence* by Edward O. Wilson. The Pulitzer Prize-winning biologist examines what makes human beings supremely different from all other species and posits that we, as a species, now know enough about the universe and ourselves that we can begin to approach questions about our place in the cosmos and the meaning of intelligent life in a systematic, testable way. New members are welcome to attend.

**Celebration of Art and Creative Aging.** The North Plains Public Library received a grant from Lifetime Arts, Inc. to host a skill-building workshop series for adults 55 and older in drawing, painting, and art journaling. Led by professional teaching artist, Valerie Sjodin, classes are currently being conducted and will culminate in a free, public celebration on the evening of Friday, October 30 at the North Plains Public Library beginning at 6 p.m. Finished art products will be showcased and the achievements of every participant will be highlighted. Refreshments will be provided, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

**Halloween Treats.** Everyone is welcome to come by the Library between 2 and 5 p.m. on **Saturday, October 31** to receive a yummy treat! Wearing of costumes is encouraged!

**Free Math and Science Tutoring.** North Plains Public Library now has a Math and Science Tutor available to assist students every other Saturday. Math tutoring is available for students in elementary through college grade levels. Science tutoring is available for elementary and middle school grade levels. Please call the library at 503-647-5051 to make a reservation.

## Evening with an Author

The Friends of the North Plains Public Library will host the fourth event in its "Evening with an Author" series on Saturday, October 24 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Library. Guest author Dr. Kathy Masarie is a Portland-based pediatrician, parent, and life coach who specializes in developmental and behavioral problems. Dr. Masarie will discuss her recently published book, Face to Face: Cultivating Kids' Social Lives in Today's Digital World. This book and several others by the author will be available for purchase. Adult beverages and refreshments will be served. This free program is courtesy of a grant from the Cultural Coalition of Washington County.

## North Plains Senior Center News

### MUSIC AT THE CENTER

Dick and Sherry Thompson and their band D.T. & Country will resume their 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month lunchtime music November 9<sup>th</sup>. And they will host a fundraising dance at Jessie Mays Community Hall, Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Put on your dancing shoes for a great evening of great country classic music and fun.

### BUNCO

Join the lively group of BUNCO players who meet every other Thursday at 1:30 at the Senior Center.

### POP 'n' PAINT

Let your creative juices flow by joining our Pop & Paint group which meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. All supplies are provided and no artistic experience or background is needed. You'll receive step-by-step instructions on how to create your own piece of art to take home the same night. Please join us to relax, socialize and have fun. Cost is \$37 for the class and refreshments.

### NEW TO THE MENU!

Coming every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at the North Plains Senior Center by request, Liver & Onions, along with the salad

bar. A \$3.00 donation for the meal is all that is asked. Salad bar begins at 11:45, hot meal at 12 noon each week day.

### FEELING LUCKY?

October's Bingo night is planned for Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Cash and prizes and lots of fun.

### HALLOWEEN'S AROUND THE CORNER

Ghosts, goblins, kids and parents of North Plains are invited to drop by on Halloween, beginning at 4:00 for our annual hot dog barbecue (donation basis). Treats will be served to our guests too, so put on your best costume and come on down.

### RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW

Time to think about the holidays. Reservations are being taken now for our annual holiday bazaar, November 14 from 9 to 3. Cost for an 8-ft table and two chairs is \$10. Make checks payable to North Plains Senior Center. No refunds. Call 503 369 8951 to reserve a spot.

### EXERCISE GROUP

The Exercise Group, open to the public and not just for seniors, meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the lower level of the Senior Center. New cardio exercise included. Work at your own level. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun!

### TOPS

TOPS, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information call Karen at 503-647-5666. Join this fun and supportive way to lose weight!

## North Plains Farmers' Market

The North Plains Farmers' Market wants to thank our patrons, vendors, the North Plains Chamber of Commerce, City of North Plains, North Plains Public Library, Garbarino Disposal and Recycling Service, and Mike Basile, our volunteer music coordinator and owner of the Rogue Brew Pub and Eatery. We would also like to thank New Seasons Market and the North Plains Grade School for their support for the children's Market Sprouts program. The North Plains Farmers' Market had 188 children from the North Plains area participate in the Market Sprouts program in 2015. Those interested in supporting or volunteering with the North Plains Farmers' Market in 2016 please contact by E-mail northplainsfarmersmarket@gmail.com or phone 503-989-8303. The North Plains Farmers' Market is a project of the non-profit, the Dairy Creek Community Food Web serving Washington County.



# Those were the good old days... Gone With the Wind



By Melvin Van Domelen,  
Mountaindale, OR

Several of my friends have suggested that I write something about the Columbus Day windstorm. I have been hesitant to do this because everyone that lived here that day has their own story. But it's October, the proper month, and this is what I remember and something I'll never forget.

There was a wind that blew up from the south through Oregon on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1962. It was a disaster unequalled in these parts. Anyone who has witnessed this event can always tell exactly what they were doing when the "big blow" hit. Following the same line of thought, I'd like to record some of the things I saw and how it affected us.

The sky to the south had a dull grey look all afternoon. There had been no forecast at all for what was about to happen. Not even a breeze was stirring.

I was out in the farm shop when the wind hit in the late afternoon. One could hear the roar a few seconds before the first gust arrived. I heard the noise and looked out a window and saw the limbs from the fir trees on Stagger's Hill just being shredded off and blown away.

Stagger's Hill is about ¾ of a mile to the southwest of my parent's farm. The first blast that hit us was terrible, like it came out of a shotgun. I watched as limbs up to two feet thick were twisted out of a huge oak tree by our mailbox. These were lifted up and dropped in the middle of the barnyard. The electric wires and the telephone lines went down, poles and all.

The shop door had blown open, the roof was going off the barn, the silo surrendered, and this large machine shed that had stood along the road was flat.



I was really afraid, didn't know what was happening. I looked out the open door and heard my Father shouting out from his house to "Stay there. Stay there."

I did stay in the shop for about 10 minutes and the light pole went down in the barnyard. The large apple trees around the farmhouse were gone like tumbleweeds. I finally made it to my parent's house. The whole front of

the roof had peeled off. It blew over the house, cleared the chimney and came down about 150 feet north in the garden spot.

My parents were frightened and shocked. They had just seen their farmstead torn apart.

I wanted to check on my wife, Louise, and our baby who were in our house in the oak grove. I drove my car across the field and left it parked in the open.



I could hear trees and limbs snapping and the ash trees on the south end of the woods took a beating. Inside the oak grove the wind seemed quieter. My wife wasn't too excited, she has a habit of staying pretty cool. We took our only child at that time, Vanessa, and stayed in a back bedroom for about an hour. We thought this place to be the strongest part of the house.

Louise and I watched the metal roof and second story of a barn that joined the old blacksmith shop at Mountaindale go up Dairy Creek Road. Big pieces of it would go by, sparks flying. After an hour or so the whole second story was blown off that barn, "Gone with the Wind".

The Connolly family who ran the store at Mountaindale were out in an open field to the west, huddled down on the ground under blankets. They thought the store building was going but it stood. This blow had lasted less than 2 hours then things quieted down and it started to rain.

Our house in the oak woods had no problems other than some trees and limbs scattered about. I think the trees broke some of the force of the wind. My Father and I spent half the night trying to keep the rain out of his house. We were up in the attic trying to cover under where the roof was missing.

The next afternoon the only possible way for us to get to North Plains was by driving to Vadis, detouring through Tony Sohler's barnyard, behind his garage and out by way of the front lawn. The grocery store at North Plains was giving away their frozen foods, if you could get there.

It took us around six weeks to get my parent's place cleaned up. We found roofing that had blown in from buildings at Roy, about three miles to the south. We had to wreck the machine shed and dig the equipment out.

Our electricity was out for 10 days. After a few days some portable generators showed up and the local folk

tried to keep them going 24 hours a day. We would go from house to house and run their freezer for a while. My wife took our child and stayed with her parents in Forest Grove. They had power back within a few days.

We hear all sorts of reports on the strength of this wind. Some say 90 miles an hour, some say 130 miles per hour. I just know that those first few minutes were unreal.

My father told me he had never seen anything like it and didn't want to see it again. I would have to echo his thoughts.

That's the way it was at Mountindale, Columbus Day, October 12, 1962.

A very thorough report on this windstorm throughout Oregon can be found in our North Plains Public Library. It is in a book "The Big Blow" by Ellis Lucia.

## North Plains Historical Society

Our motto is: *You are history in the making*

The next meeting will be held at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on Monday, **October 5<sup>th</sup>**, at 1:00 in the afternoon. All are invited to attend this informative meeting. Please come and join us. Call 503-647-2285 for additional information.

## October 2015 Calendar

See community events at [NPfun.org](http://NPfun.org)

- 10/01 Lifetime Arts Pilot Project** 1:00 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 10/02 First Friday Flick** 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 10/03 Artist Reception** 6:30 p.m. at North Plains Public Library, 31334 NW Commercial Street
- 10/05 Historical Society** 1:00 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 10/05 City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 10/08 Lifetime Arts Pilot Project** 1:00 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 10/08 Food Pantry** 5 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 10/09 Lego Palooza** 11 a.m. at Jessie Mays
- 10/10 Super Saturday** 1:00 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 10/14 Planning Commission** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 10/15 Chili Cook-off** 6:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 10/19 City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 10/22 Lifetime Arts Pilot Project** 1:00 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 10/23 Food Pantry** 5 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 10/24 Evening with an Author**, 7 p.m. at the Library
- 10/28 Parks Board** 6 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center
- 10/28 Library Book Club** 7 p.m. North Plains Public Library
- 10/29 Lifetime Arts Pilot Project** 1:00 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 10/30 Lifetime Arts Showcase** 6 p.m. at the Library



### Pizza Delivery!!

Thursday, Friday & Saturday

5 – 7:30 pm

\$20 minimum \$3 delivery fee

### Video Lottery

*New platinum games*

Enjoy free soda, cookies and chips while you play!

### Pizza Coupon

\$4 off any Extra Large Pizza

\$3 off any Large Pizza

Expires in 30 days



Water bill account numbers are used to maintain the survey. One completed survey per household only, please.

**1. What is your water bill account number?**

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**2. Have you or a member of your household sought assistance from an officer or the Department in the last 12 months? YES or NO (please circle one)**

**3. If yes, please rate the experience, with 1 being extremely dissatisfied and 10 being extremely satisfied.**

- Extremely Dissatisfied  Dissatisfied  Moderately Dissatisfied  Somewhat Dissatisfied  Slightly Dissatisfied  
 Slightly Satisfied  Somewhat Satisfied  Moderately Satisfied  Satisfied  Extremely Satisfied

**4. Daytime Patrols in Town (being visible, looking for criminal activity)**

- Least Important  Somewhat Unimportant  Neutral  Somewhat Important

**5. Nighttime Patrols (being visible, looking for criminal activity)**

- Least Important  Somewhat Unimportant  Neutral  Somewhat Important

**6. Traffic Enforcement in Town (monitoring traffic law compliance)**

- Least Important  Somewhat Unimportant  Neutral  Somewhat Important

**7. Traffic Enforcement on Highway 26 (monitoring traffic law compliance)**

- Least Important  Somewhat Unimportant  Neutral  Somewhat Important

**8. Dealing with Code Enforcement Issues (e.g. property maintenance, parking/noise complaints)**

- Least Important  Somewhat Unimportant  Neutral  Somewhat Important

**9. Investigation of Criminal Matters: Initial and Follow-Up (e.g. theft, drug offenses, assault)**

- Least Important  Somewhat Unimportant  Neutral  Somewhat Important

**10. Please feel free to leave additional comments.**

**Note: you can leave personal contact information below for follow-up by North Plains Police Department personnel.**

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