



Community Newsletter



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Mayor and City Council Election Year

This is an election year for the City of North Plains. Three City Councilor terms and the Office of the Mayor are all expiring December 31, 2016.

Now is the time to begin the paperwork to commence your campaign for the November 8, 2016 elections. If you are interested in running for a City Council or the Mayor position you will need to declare your candidacy. There are numerous steps in the process so if you are interested don't delay. You have until the end of August to complete all the steps. Contact City Recorder Margaret Reh at margaret@northplains.org or visit the Washington County Elections website at <http://www.co.washington.or.us/AssessmentTaxation/Elections/Forms/filing-forms.cfm>. Look for the Form SEL101 and read up on the manuals for campaign finance reporting and voter pamphlet forms.

North Plains History Exhibit

The city of North Plains will be showcased for the month of July at the Hillsboro Civic Center museum. The exhibit will include historical facts from 1910 to 2016. The theme will be North Plains-City we are history still in the making.

North Plains' residents with a valid ID will receive **half-off (50%) admission throughout July** to the Museum's exhibition galleries in the Hillsboro Civic Center, AND they will receive **FREE ADMISSION** on the third Saturday of the month - **July 16, 2016**. They will also receive 10% discount on any gift shop purchases during the month.

Library News

Quilt Display. The quilt on display through July features a patriotic theme and was made by North Plains resident Renee Wallace. This is a 64" X 77" quilt designed by Diane Tomlinson, the associate

editor of LOVE OF QUILTING. Renee used fabrics from the Stonehenge Stars and Stripes collection by Linda Ludovico.

Art Exhibit. The art exhibit in **July and August** features photographs of the quilts exhibited in the library above the checkout desk during the previous 15 months, April 2015 through June 2016. The photos were taken and framed by Library Board member Stephanie Farris.

Math Help Available. North Plains Public Library now has a math and science tutor to assist students. Volunteer Stacie will be available for two half-hour segments each Saturday morning, one from 10-10:30 and the other from 10:30-11. She will help in math from an elementary school level through calculus and in the sciences from an elementary school level through the college level. Call the library at 503-647-5051 to sign up for a free tutoring session.

Book Babies Storytimes. Babies 0-12 months are invited to hear stories, enjoy finger plays, and share songs and rhymes with Early Childhood Specialist Lauren every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the children's section 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.

- **July 6** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Fireworks
- **July 13** Storytime with Miss Barbara: Folktales
- **July 20** Special Guest Storytime: Music and Memories with Melvin Van Domelen and Mitch Ward
- **July 27** Storytime with Miss Carol: Chickens and Foxes

First Friday Flick. Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on **Friday, July 1** at 6 p.m. for a free showing of a PG-rated, animated action adventure by Disney. In the metropolis of Zootopia, a rookie bunny

cop joins forces with a wily fox to solve a mysterious case. Popcorn will be served.

Holiday Closure. The library will be closed on **Monday, July 4** in recognition of Independence Day.

Wacky Wednesday – Mad Science. Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street, on **July 6** at 1 p.m. for an hour of free entertainment and fun. Summer, Sports and Science! Let Mad Science show you how athletes use physics to keep their balance and manipulate gravity. Help our Mad Scientist light the Mad Science Olympic Torch and learn how physics and nutrition can help you throw farther, jump higher, and run faster. Join in some fun activities that will show you how science and sports are cool together. Come see what it takes to win the race!

Friends of the Library. There will be a general meeting of the Friends on Monday, July 11 at the library beginning at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Wacky Wednesday – LEGO Palooza. Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street, on **July 13** at 1 p.m. for an hour of free entertainment and fun. Come get a taste of our newest school year program, Lego Palooza! This special summer addition runs from 1-2 p.m. We'll provide the LEGOs. You provide your imagination to build fantastic creations. Best for ages 3 and up.

Just for Teens. On **Thursday, July 14** at 3 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, feel the power of the Taiko rhythm! Learn aspects of Japanese Taiko drum-playing such as stance, traditional rhythms, and playing with partners. Create your own rhythms and be prepared to be LOUD! This teen event is open to those entering grades 6-12.

Wacky Wednesday – Lucky Diaz and the Family Jam Band (program provided by the Washington County Cooperative Library Services). Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street, on **July 20** at 1 p.m. for an hour of free entertainment and fun. Rock out with the very first Americans to win a Latin Grammy! With smash-hits like "Thingamajig," this bilingual duo is ready to show you why they've been named PEOPLE magazine's "#1 in COOLEST kids music."

Library Board. The Library Board meeting for July 20 has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on August 17 at the library.

Artist Trading Cards. Connect and swap art with others on **Thursday, July 21** from 6-7:30 p.m. at the library. Hillsboro craft artist Marie Buckley first

introduced Artist Trading Cards (known as ATCs) to our community in February. Once a month since then, she and other local craft artists who have created these miniature works of art – about the size of a baseball card – bring them to the library to trade with others. This is a fun way to meet other artists and exchange creations. The get-together is free and open to the public.

Goodbye Reception for Sam Ramirez. Library Assistant Sam Ramirez has worked for the North Plains Public Library since January 2010. Sam has relinquished his public desk duties at our library, but he will stay on our payroll to continue with all the behind-the-scenes library computer needs, performing those duties when the library is closed. There will be a public goodbye reception for Sam from 3-5 p.m. on **Saturday, July 23.**

Wacky Wednesday – Teatro Calamari (program provided by the Washington County Cooperative Library Services). Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street, on **July 27** at 1 p.m. for an hour of free entertainment and fun. Tim and his puppet pal, Plumkin, retell the story of the Three Pigs with suggestions given by the audience. Don't miss this hilarious and interactive puppet show!

Library Book Club. On Wednesday, July 27 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Library, the book *Martin Marten* by Brian Doyle will be discussed. From the publisher: "Dave is fourteen years old, living with his family in a cabin on Oregon's Mount Hood (or as Dave prefers to call it, like the Native Americans once did, Wy'east). He is entering high school, adulthood on the horizon not far off in distance, and contemplating a future away from his mother, father, and his precocious younger sister. And Dave is not the only one approaching adulthood and its freedoms on Wy'east that summer. Martin, a pine marten (a small animal of the deep woods, of the otter/mink family), is leaving his own mother and siblings and setting off on his own as well. As Martin and Dave's paths cross on forest trails and rocky mountaintops, they — and we — witness the full, unknowable breadth and vast sweep of life, and the awe-inspiring interconnectedness of the world and its many inhabitants, human and otherwise. Martin Marten is a coming-of-age tale like no other, told in Brian Doyle's joyous, rollicking style." New members are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Just for Teens. On **Thursday, July 28** at 3 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, join Darren Davis of Bluewater Productions for a **Graphic Novel Workshop** in which he will be demonstrating and teaching how to

draw comics. This teen event is open to those entering grades 6-12.

SAVE THE DATE:

Bluegrass Banjo with Tommi Poelstra. If you've ever wanted to know more about bluegrass banjo, how to become part of the Portland bluegrass community, or just want to hear what bluegrass music sounds like, join us on **Thursday, August 18** at 6:30 p.m. at the North Plains Public Library for an entertaining evening of bluegrass banjo and guitar accompaniment. Tommi Poelstra will be accompanied by fellow "bluegrasser" Fred Coates, who will assist with singing, harmony, and guitar backup. This free event promises a memorable performance of music and educational entertainment. All ages are welcome to attend.

4th of July Activities

Due to low staffing and budgetary constraints, the City of North Plains is not planning a celebration or fireworks show for the 4th of July this year. However, the Knights of Pythias are sponsoring a 4th of July parade. It starts at noon from Jessie Mays Community Park. After the parade there will be hot dogs and soda at the park. There will be prizes for the best entry in a number of categories.

NEWS & NOTES FROM THE SENIOR CENTER



HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE 4TH OF JULY

COWBOY UP!



ENJOY THE CLASSIC COUNTRY SOUNDS OF D.T. & COUNTRY SPAGHETTI DINNER & DANCE Saturday, September 17th, Jessie Mays Community Hall Dinner & Dance \$12; Dance Only \$5

MENU: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert & Drink

Dinner begins at 6:30; dancing 7:30 to 10:30

MUSIC AT THE CENTER

Dick & Sherry Thompson and their band D.T. & Country will play Monday, July 11th from 11:00 to 1:00. Come and join us for lunch and some great music.

JULY CALENDAR



VALLEY MACHINE

P R E C I S I O N M A N U F A C T U R I N G

30780 NW Highland Court, North Plains, OR 97124

Valley Machine LLC, a North Plains Precision Manufacturing and Machining business is pleased to announce a business expansion on their existing site located on NW Highland Ct. Valley Machine specializes in producing complex machined components and assemblies primarily for the medical and high technology industries. In conjunction with Spiering Development LLC, they have entered into an agreement for construction of a 30,000 square foot industrial building to accommodate increased customer demand, staffing and machine tools. Russ Sheldon, NP Chamber President, indicated that this investment in North Plains is about building a community where people can work, live and play and quoted as saying, *"The vitality of any community relies on its businesses."* Permitting and planning are currently in process with an estimated completion date in March 2017.

Bingo—Tuesday, July 26th, 6:00 p.m.

Bunco—Thursdays, July 7th and 21st, starting at 1:00.

Pop & Paint—Cancelled for month of July only;
resuming in August

Music at the Center with D.T. & Country—Monday,
July 11th 11:00 to 1:00

Liver & Onions Lunch—Monday, July 18th

Those were the good old days...

Fourth of July



**By Melvin Van Domelen
Mountaindale, OR**

In last month's newsletter we were at the 4th of July celebration at Shute Park in Hillsboro. We left Chief White Eagle beating on his water tank trying to drum up another match for

his house wrestler, Killer King.

The public address system is still paging Suzie Spencer.

I have joined up with my father and we pass a sideshow tent with the rat-a-tat-tat of a tommy gun and blaring siren. The attraction is supposed to show bank robber John Dillinger's bullet riddled car, for 25 cents.

I was with my father when he played a game of chance involving a white mouse that would be turned loose in the middle of a group of numbered holes.

The players would pay a nickel to choose the hole they thought the mouse would dive into.

My Dad put his nickel on the hole number two and won a large cowboy lamp with carnival glass



background the first time he tried. I was amazed at this, and Dad let me carry the lamp around the "grounds". I still have that lamp today and the memories that go with it. "A nickel on number two".

There was always some man around with a car



that had its hood removed and a big umbrella over the motor. He was selling something to make the car motor run better. This was serious guy stuff. He'd have some gadget to atomize the fuel or increase the spark, maybe make the oil slicker.

To demonstrate how good his product was, he would keep pulling off the spark plug wires until he had the motor running on one cylinder. I bought one of the atomizers once. It was just a screen that bolted under the carburetor. I was going to atomize that fuel and go farther, faster. It was worthless.

I spent one of the longest days of my life at this carnival one year. I was at the age where I had a mind of my own and wanted to stray at the "Grounds" instead of going someplace with my parents. So, they left me by myself with a few dollars and were to meet me before the fireworks. The dollars didn't last long.

I spent some time and money trying to Spill-The Milk. This was a tent where one threw baseballs at a pyramid of six wooden milk bottles. Three balls to knock them off the box and win a kewpie doll. The problem was these wooden shaped bottles had weight in the bottom of them. You could knock them over with the baseball, but the crazy things would spin around and stand back up. The chances of winning that kewpie doll with the blue feathers was almost nil.

Another game of skill nearby involved throwing baseballs at stuffed cats sitting on three rows of shelves. I use the word "skill" pretty loosely here. If one studied any of these games of skill or chance for a while you could spot the gimmick. They all had a gimmick somewhere. Anyway, these stuffed cats looked to be about a foot wide, an easy target from twenty feet away. The gimmick was that the material on the edges was very thin and three inches of yarn stuck out on the sides. Unless the baseball hit them low and dead center, they wouldn't budge.

I have an older cousin, Tony, who was a pitcher for a semi-pro baseball team. It didn't take him long to find the right spot and after that he seldom missed. Tony pitched them in from another twenty feet out in the midway and drew quite a crowd. In time, total strangers were giving him money just to see him slaughter those cats. After a while they wouldn't set the cats back up and they made him quit throwing. It was fun to watch.

For several years running there was an American Indian selling some kind of cure-all medicine. This guy has to rate as one of the greatest talkers I have ever heard. He had his spiel and banter down to a science

and could hold a crowd as long as he wanted. One of his gimmicks was to grin, turn around and shout out “Hey Louie, bring on the Snake”. There was no Louie and there was no snake, but that maneuver helped to hold folks in anticipation. He would only push his product every fifteen or twenty minutes, but in between it was a real show. I saw this same American Indian operate at the State Fair and the Pacific International Livestock Exposition. It was always the same, “Hey Louie, bring on the Snake”.

Time began to drag on this long day, the feet were tired and as evening came on, it got cold. I had no jacket and I was hungry. I would stand around one of the stands where they were cooking hamburgers and soak up some heat and the smell of frying onions. The people operating this stand would run me off, “move along kid, you’re blocking the front”. I’d just move over to another hamburger stand and wait. I thought my parents would never come. They did show up with a jacket for me and some hamburger money. I’ll always remember this as one long, long day. It was a learning experience. There has to be folks out there who still remember; “The Penny Pitch”, the “Side Shows”, “Ring the Bell”, and “Guess your Age”. Then there was spinning the “Prize-Every-Time” “Clacking Wheel” and all those frying onions. Those of you who never had a chance to take part in this celebration, you missed something special.

The fireworks were the final touch, usually about 10 p.m. As darkness approached, the people would spread

blankets on the grass to stake out a spot on the south end of the “Grounds”.

There was a fence there and railroad

tracks just beyond. The fireworks were set off across the railroad tracks.

When the rocket was shot up, everyone in the crowd would let out an “Oooh”, and when the burst exploded it was “Aaah”. All the time during the fireworks display it was “Oooh- Aaah”, “Oooh, Aaah”, “Oooh, Aaah” as the fireworks went off. This custom went on as long as this celebration was held at Shute Park. The climax was always a big final multiple burst and a sign or figure



outlined in fireworks, like a huge pinwheel or an American Flag.

So, the fireworks are over and that is the end of the 4th of July. Suzie Spencer has gone to her folks’ car and they have all gone home.

I have probably gone on too long on this holiday, but there are a lot of good memories here. It was one of those times that can never be duplicated, only remembered.

Farmers Market



The North Plains Thursday Marketplace is participating in the Double Up Food Bucks program and offering a \$10.00 match for Oregon Trail Card/SNAP recipients. Senior and WIC vouchers honored.

The Market Sprouts Program is offering \$3.00 to each child ages 4-12 to purchase fresh fruits & vegetables at the market. Market Sprouts is sponsored by Dairy Creek Community Food Web (DCCFW), our 501(c)3 fiscal sponsor. Donations for the North Plains Farmers Market are tax deductible through the DCCFW.

Upcoming community partners and events at the market in July are:

July 7, Mel’s Historical Walking Tour of North Plains, Pie Walk, Washington County Solid Waste & Recycling Program

July 21, Tuality Community Hospital Health Screenings, Pie Walk

July 28th, Tuality Community Hospital Mammography Van at the market

The Rogue Pub is sponsoring free live music each week during the market hours.

The market will run through September 1st, 2016, 5:00-8:00 pm. See you there!

July 2016 Calendar

07/04 4th of July Parade-Noon at Jessie Mays

07/05 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street

07/06 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at the Library

07/13 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at the Library

07/13 Planning Commission 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center

07/18 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street

07/20 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at the Library
 07/27 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at the Library
 07/27 Parks Board 6 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center



NPEA News Corner
 Events Calendar

- August 12 - 14 - North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival
- October 13 - Chili Cook-off
- December 8 - North Plains Jingle Parade

We are looking for Volunteers to help with the Garlic Festival. Please contact Patti Burns at (503) 319-5428 or email: patti.funstinks@gmail.com

New North Plains Residents,

Welcome to our community! If you have school-aged children, please don't wait to get them registered. Students entering grades Kindergarten-6 will attend North Plains Elementary School, located at 32030 NW North Avenue in North Plains. Students entering grades 7 and 8 will attend Evergreen Middle School, located at 29850 NW Evergreen Road in Hillsboro. Students entering grades 9-12 will attend Glencoe High School, located at 2700 NW Glencoe Road in Hillsboro. Registration information and forms are available on the District website at www.hsd.k12.or.us under Parents/Enrollment Process. School office staff are typically available from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to answer questions or accept enrollment paperwork. Please note that elementary school offices will be closed from June 22-August 17. We are excited to meet you!



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