

Community Newsletter

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8th ANNUAL NORTH PLAINS CRAB FEED

Saturday, January 16, 2016



It is here already. The 8th Annual North Plains Crab Feed, Saturday, January 16, 2015. This is a fundraiser for the North Plains Senior Center. Tickets are on sale in advance at the Senior Center

or online at www.northplainssc.org. Advance sale prices are \$35 for crab or \$40 for crab and steak. If you wish to wait to purchase your tickets at the door, the prices will be \$40 and \$45. Seating times vary-3:00, 4:30 and 6:00. Raffle baskets will be on hand, and tickets will be available for a chance to win a hand-knit heirloom afghan. There will be silent auction items also, including a guided fishing tour for two. Come and join your neighbors and bring your friends for good food and good music. Beer and wine will also be available.

Curbside Leaf Pick-Up Program & Schedule

Loose leaves should be raked into a windrow 18 inches away from the curb to allow storm water to drain. Keep leaf windrows less than 3 feet high. Please do not park vehicles, or leave refuse bins or other obstacles near the leaf windrows. If your street tree leaves are not in the street on the scheduled date we will not have the opportunity to provide you with this curbside service.



Our second pick-up cycle is scheduled to start **Tuesday, December 8**. Due to limited staffing, it may take a few days for the leaves to be picked up.

Please keep in mind that emergencies, severe weather, and light/heavy leaf fall may cause delays in the schedule. We will keep you posted of any changes on the City's website at www.northplains.org.

Please continue to use your yard debris bins provided by Garbarino's for the leaves from your backyard.

Items other than leaves will not be picked-up.

North Plains Jingle- December 3rd

See the Holiday Lights and be a part of the parade. Individuals, families, friends, and organizations are encouraged to decorate anything that moves and participate in the parade. You don't have to register for the parade; just show up and sign a waiver at the event.

Some folks decorate trucks and trailers, others bring the family car, and many residents rent golf carts from J & S Golf Carts on Main Street (503) 647-1984. It's up to you as long as you can keep pace with the parade, which moves about 10 miles an hour.

Awards are given for the best decorated vehicles.

The Jingle begins and ends at Jessie Mays Community Park and the procession lasts about 20-30 minutes.

Hot chocolate, cider, and cookies are served afterward.

Show off your Holiday Spirit!

If you would like your home to be included in the judging for this year's event please register on our website <http://npfun.org/jingle.html>

Lights must be installed by December 1, 2015 to be included in the contest.

Awards are given in various

- categories including:
- Most Holiday Spirit
 - Best Lighted House
 - Best Street Spirit





A Community Night of Comedy!

Acting With Mo! is looking for comedians! Age kindergarten to grandparent! We are going to have a Night of Comedy for the community of North Plains. Interested contestants will attend three rehearsal sessions on January 19, 22, and 26, 2016. Contact Maureen Hicks at onceuponatime713@yahoo.com or call 503-447-1263 to schedule a spot in the Night of Comedy production! Everyone who is interested in being a contestant for this family night of comedy will go on! No auditions! The first rehearsal will be at Jessie Mays Community Hall on January 19 at 7 p.m. The performance will be held on Friday, January 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. This will be a family-friendly event and will be open to all. Price of admission will be two canned good items. Pizza and cookies will be donated by Gerald's Italian Eatery enabling pizza by the slice and cookies to be available for purchase the night of the performance and all proceeds will go to the North Plains Food Pantry.

Let's show North plains how to laugh after the holidays!

Library News

Garden Club Donates Books. Many thanks to the North Plains Community Garden Club members for their generous donation of 34 new books for the collection. The books include several on Oregon hiking and camping, on gardening and plant identification, on rock-hounding, on hot springs in Oregon, on bees and butterflies, insects, reptiles, and other wildlife of the Pacific Northwest, and on tracking and identifying animals. We are most grateful that the Garden Club helps to keep our collection current and relevant.

Thanks to Loch Lolly and the Friends. Our beautiful holiday tree in the library entryway was donated by Terry and Patti Burns of Loch Lolly Christmas Forest and was decorated by members of the Friends of the Library. It will remain on display through the New Year. Come enjoy the festiveness at our library this season!

Holiday Craft Fair. Craft Guild elves have been making wonderful items which they donate to the library to be sold in our annual fundraising event. Come shop for handmade gifts for friends and family at the library's Holiday Craft Fair during open hours from

November 30 through December 24. Note: the library will close at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 24.

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

- **December 2** Storytime with Miss Marion: Ribbons and Bows
- **December 9** Storytime with Teacher Barbara: Seasons
- **December 16** Storytime with Lauren: Silly People
- **December 23** Special Guest Storytime: Santa Claus!
- **December 30** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Ducks

First Friday Flick. Join us at Jessie Mays Community Hall on **Friday, December 4** at 6 p.m. to watch the PG-rated family comedy about a baby in an orphanage who stowed away in Santa's sack and ended up at the North Pole. Popcorn will be served.

Writers' Group. Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, December 10** at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.) **Note the one-time date change from the usual first Thursday.**

Friends of the Library. The Friends December meeting has been cancelled. They will be meeting January 11, 2016. Come and join with the new year. New members are always welcome to attend.

Library Board. There will be a regular meeting of the Library Board on Wednesday, December 16 at the library beginning at 7 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

Library Book Club. The Book Club will meet at the library on **Wednesday, December 30** at 7 p.m. to discuss *Deep Down Dark: The Untold Stories of 33 men buried in a Chilean Mine, and the Miracle That Set Them Free* by Hector Tobar. Summary from the publisher: "A Pulitzer Prize winning journalist relates the experiences of the thirty-three men who endured entrapment beneath thousands of feet of rock for a record-breaking sixty-nine days during the San José mine collapse outside of Copiapó, Chile, in August 2010." New members are welcome to attend.

Holiday Closures. The library will close at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve, **Thursday, December 24** and remain closed on Christmas Day, **Friday, December 25**. The library will also be closed on New Year's Day, **Friday, January 1**.

Quilt Display. The quilt on display in **December** was made by West Side Quilters Guild member Barbara

Stanbro. Titled "Snowbirds," this gorgeous quilt features black trees on a white background with three red birds and measures 58" by 74." It was a blue ribbon winner in the 2014 Oregon State Fair.

Art Exhibit. Patricia Cochran, artist and retired Hillsboro art educator, will be exhibiting paintings of six of her "Neighborhood Friends" at the library through the month of **December**. "Neighborhood Friends" focuses on various animals from the farms that surround the artist's home near Roy, Oregon. "As an artist, I'm naturally observant, and I enjoy watching all the animals, where they are in the pastures at different times of the day, how they will tilt a head, or stare at something in the distance." Cochran laughs and says that in many cases she's gotten to know the animals better than their owners. Her show will feature six watercolors, each 16" x 20" framed, and each horizontally oriented. Her subjects are Pig, Goat, Chicken, Alpaca, Cow, and Rabbit and will be for sale. For more information, please visit the artist's website: www.patriciacochran.com.

North Plains Senior Center News

Warmest Wishes to All for a Happy Holiday Season

8TH ANNUAL CRAB FEED—Jan. 16

Tickets are on sale now. \$35 for crab *or* steak, or \$40 for both (\$5 more at the door). Proceeds benefit the North Plains Senior Center and Meals on Wheels program. Call the Senior Center to purchase tickets.

HOLIDAY AFGHAN RAFFLE

One of our seniors has knitted a beautiful holiday afghan to be raffled off. You may purchase tickets at the senior center or mail your name, phone number and check made payable to "Meals on Wheels" to North Plains Senior Center, P.O. Box 147, North Plains, OR 97133. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be Dec. 8. Proceeds will benefit the North Plains Meals on Wheels program.

KICK UP YOUR HEELS, Dec. 5th

Dick & Sherry Thompson and their band D.T. & Country will play at our Fundraising Dance at Jessie

Please Keep our Right of Ways Clear!

- Limbs trimmed 7 ½ feet above the sidewalk
- Sidewalks clear of shrubs and leaves
- Sidewalks clear of obstructions like vehicles and basketball hoops.

Mays, December 5th from 7:30 to 10:30. Admission is \$5 per person; raffle; refreshments available for purchase.

THANK YOU NORTH PLAINS!!

Sincere gratitude to Hoss Paving Inc. and North Plains McDonald's for co-sponsoring our Dec. 5th dance at Jessie Mays. The community spirit and support of our businesses in North Plains enables us to provide the programs and services we do for our seniors and the community at large.

MY OH MY, PUMPKIN PIE—AND PECAN TOO!

Tuesdays & Thursdays in November & December

Large 12-inch homemade pumpkin pies and 9-inch pecan pies for sale. \$16 each; proceeds support the Meals on Wheels program, providing hot, nutritious lunches to our seniors—at the Senior Center and through home delivery. Please call and order ahead so we can have your pie ready for pickup.

POP 'N' PAINT WORKSHOP—Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

An art student will come in and teach you how to paint the selected painting of the month (this month's painting is of Cannon Beach, Oregon). You take home your finished painting that night. \$30 in advance, \$37 at the door. Finger foods provided.

EXERCISE CLASS

The class meets on Monday and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at the North Plains Senior Center. It is low impact exercises using weights, bands and movement to increase balance, flexibility and strength. The class is FREE!



Dec. 7th at noon, Blood Pressure Checks with the Fire Department

Dec. 14th 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.—Lunch with D.T. & Country at the Center

Dec. 15th BINGO cards and food ready at 6; start calling numbers at 6:30

Dec. 17th 9-2:00 p.m.—Foot & Nail Care Clinic with Vanessa VanDomelen

Dec. 21st Liver & Onions for Lunch—

Dec. 3, 17th & 31st. Start time is 1:15, BUNCO

Those were the good old days...

The Mountaindale Schoolhouse



By Melvin Van Domelen,
Mountaindale, OR

Wow! That last year went by fast didn't it? We know Christmas is coming when the tree decorations show up in the store about the time school starts. That is when I saw some displayed this year.

Our Mountaindale school house is still standing for well over 100 years. A sign out front says it's been there much longer. My Mother graduated the 8th grade here in 1909. I started my learning in this one room school in 1939. This story is in memory of Marjorie Warnick, my second to fifth grade teacher, the best teacher I ever had.



Marjorie managed to put on a Christmas program that if it had been filmed, could now rate as an old-time television special. We were like one large family.

When December arrived a lot of the children's efforts went into getting ready for the Christmas program. There were decorations to make, parts and songs to learn, and a lot of practice. There was a portable stage of planks and sawhorses that extended across one end of the school room. Certain planks had to go into the correct places. When you grew up to be a big kid, you could put up the stage.

The Mother's Club had box socials and hand made these Mt. Dale pennants to raise funds to buy curtains for the stage.



Every child, there was never more than twenty, had several major parts in the program. We could still sing the traditional carols. It didn't have to be only "Frosty the Snowman" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" like today. The whole community would join in and sing with us. It was standing room only.

Our school house was twenty-two feet wide. For years we children tried to make a paper chain of colored strips of paper glued together that would stretch across the room. We tried and tried, but it never held. Oh well, maybe next year.

The 1939's-1940 were still depression times. In years past, someone local would donate money for candy to give the children at the Christmas program. One year this money failed to arrive. My Father was on the School Board that decided they could not justify spending school funds for candy. But, they could buy another cord of firewood. That is how the expense went into the books and all of the children received their treats.

This goodie bag would likely hold an orange, gumdrops, peanuts, hard candy and a sticky popcorn ball. Everything stuck to that popcorn ball; you couldn't get the peanut shells off your fingers.

When I was in the seventh grade our teacher let the upper grades go to get the tree for our school from the hill across Dairy Creek. Our route was over a large foot log spanning the creek that was half full of water. Can you imagine that? After we selected our tree, I tied my belt to the tree trunk. With Merlyn Connolly holding the top, we inched that tree back across that foot log. We put our tree up next to the stage. Too many decorations were hung on one side and at recess it fell right over into the sixth grade.

My wife and I had a good visit with Elaine Gardner Olsen a short time ago. She attended the Mountaindale School in the early 1930's. Elaine had memories of the Christmas tree in the school, making the paper chain and stringing popcorn for decorations and those sticky popcorn balls. She talked about the warm feeling of our community coming together.

The Mountaindale folks were held together by our school and the Charlie Reynolds Store and Post Office. When we lost our school, we lost our identity. It's never been the same since. Now the Mountaindale Store is closed. It too, served the locals for over 100 years.



So, she still stands there. The school has been moved to the side a bit, but she still stands. And, it waits for the door to open in December for the

program to go on. But the folks don't come; the unity

that held us together is gone. No singing of "Silent Night", no program on the stage, no popcorn balls handed out.

I do give the present owners of the schoolhouse credit for still putting some decorations on the school and a wreath in the window for December 25th.

I feel privileged to have lived on the Mountindale corner all of my life and been part of its history. It has been the best of times.

This year, be sure to cherish the children.

North Plains Historical Society



Our motto is: *You are history in the making*
Please come join us, on Dec. 7th, at the Jessie Mays Community Center at 1:00 pm. There will be lots of stories and items to share. There will be refreshments served.

Call 503-647-2285 for additional information.

December 2015 Calendar

See community events at NPfun.org

- 12/02 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 12/03 North Plains Jingle 6:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 12/04 First Friday Flick 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays

- 12/05 Community Dance 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 12/07 Historical Society 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 12/07 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 12/09 Garden Club 9 a.m. at Jessie Mays
- 12/09 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 12/09 Planning Commission 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 12/10 Food Pantry 5 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 12/16 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 12/16 Parks Board 6 p.m. at North Plains City Hall
- 12/21 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 12/23 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 12/25 Christmas City Offices and library will be closed
- 12/30 Storytime 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 01/01 New Year's Day City Offices and library will be closed.



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<h3 style="text-align: center;">Pizza Delivery!!</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, Friday & Saturday 5 – 7:30 pm \$20 minimum \$3 delivery fee</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Video Lottery</h3> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>New platinum games</i> Enjoy free soda, cookies and chips while you play!</p>
<h3 style="text-align: center;">It's Holiday Time!!</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Let us do the baking . . . Pre-order your fresh homemade pies for your feast.</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Pizza Coupon</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">\$4 off any Extra Large Pizza \$3 off any Large Pizza</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Expires in 30 days</p>

8th Annual North Plains Crab Feed

January 16th, 2016

1st Seating: 3:00 p.m. - 2nd Seating 4:30 p.m. - 3rd Seating 6:00 p.m.

\$35.00 for Crab or Steak — \$40.00 for Surf & Turf (\$5.00 more at the door)

This event benefits the North Plains Senior Center & Meals on Wheels

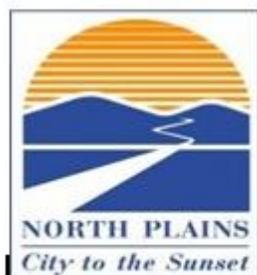
Dinner will be served at:

Jessie Mays Community Center 30975 NW Hillcrest St.



For more information & tickets, call Patti Burns 508-647-5666

Crab Feed Sponsored by:





It's that time again.....



North Plains Elementary School Annual

Holiday Gift Shop!!

The North Plains Elementary PTO sponsors and coordinates a unique gift shop for our students. The PTO reaches out for donations from families and friends of North Plains students as well as business members in the community. Each student will have the opportunity to visit this gift shop and choose a gift for two special adults in his/her life. They will wrap the gifts and prepare them for giving.

Donations are needed for our Holiday Gift Shop. We are looking for small adult gifts with a price range of \$1-\$5. Some suggestions are: golf accessories, jewelry, gloves, fishing supplies, sporting accessories, calendars, coffee items, kitchen gadgets, small tools, candy, knick knacks and small garden tools.



Other items we need for the gift shop are gift bags, tissue paper, bows, small boxes and self adhesive gift tags.

Please drop off new items at the
North Plains Elementary School office
by, Dec. 1st.

Thank you for your help!



If you have any questions, please call:
North Plains Elementary School at
(503) 844-1360

