



Community Newsletter Oct 2014

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FIRE IN THE BOWL!



It is time to register for the 2014 North Plains Chili Cook-off at www.npfun.org. Trophies and a year of bragging rights are awarded to best chili makers. Entry is free.

It will be a little different this year. New state laws prevent the sampling of foods that are prepared in non-commercial kitchens. Only judges will have that privilege. That said, if you want to join the judging ranks and taste the many delicious and exotic chilies that will be presented at this free event at Jessie Mays Community Hall you can sign up online or at the door. We probably give you sticker and a ballot. We have no limit on judges for the judges' choice.

Everyone can share the chili and corn bread prepared by the North Plains Senior Center begins at 6 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

Election Day is November 4

The City of North Plains has three openings on City Council for the November 4, 2014 General Election. The six candidates running are Michael (Mike) Broome, Sandi King, Greg Kuhn, Sherrie Simmons, Glen Warren, and Scott Whitehead. It has been a



long time since the City of North Plains has had a contested campaign for our City Council positions. Be sure you are registered to vote so you can participate in the election. For learn more about each candidate go to: <http://cityofnp.org/index.php/about/election-2014/>

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVISIONS Conversations Continue!

The City of North Plains has been reviewing an update of the Comprehensive Plan (the Plan) for the City of North Plains since August 2013. The Plan is the guiding document for the City's future growth. This has been a long process that has involved many opportunities for the public to comment on the Plan.

There are still more opportunities to voice your opinion about how the City should grow. Residents should be aware that applications for annexations are likely in the near future. Voters will be determining the pace and direction of growth. More importantly, residents can advise the City Council and Planning Commission about what kind of growth is desirable.

The City is very grateful for input they have received and looks forward to hearing from you.

More information, including drafts of the plan and ordinance changes is available at <http://cityofnp.org/index.php/departments/public-meetings/planning-commission/comprehensive-plan-update/>

North Plains

October 25, 2014

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.



PumpkinRun

and Costume Parade

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 3. 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.



Join us for another day of pumpkin fun!

The day starts with a Pumpkin Pancake Breakfast at the North Plains Senior Center from 7:30 a.m. until 11 a.m.

At 9 a.m. the **Pumpkin Run 10k/5k run** starts at Jessie Mays. The run will benefit the North Plains Elementary Parent Teacher Organization. If you register in advance you will receive a t-shirt: Adults \$30, Seniors or Teens \$25. Same-day registration will cost \$40 and does not include a t-shirt. This run/walk follows the same route as the garlic festival run/walk. A link to online registration is at <http://www.npfun.org>

At 11:00 a.m. the **Costume Parade** sponsored by North Plains Veterinary Clinic will be held on Commercial Street. It will feature kids of every age and their dogs. Dress up and show off! The route will be from Main and Commercial to Jessie Mays. Awards will be presented for most creative costume, best dressed animal and best group costumes.



By 12 noon more activities will be held indoors at Jessie Mays Community Hall including:

- **Pumpkin Carving Contest** (pumpkins provided)
- **Pumpkin Cookie Decorating**
- **Face Painting** (in case you need a costume)



- **Harvest Flavors Baking Contest** (We hear the Mayor makes a mean pumpkin muffin.)
- **Coloring Contest**

If all this fun makes you hungry, **Gonzales Boring and Tunneling** is sponsoring a free hot dog lunch for everyone.

At 2 p.m. you and a couple buddies can join the **Mini-Pumpkin Launch** where teams of 3 use giant slingshots to hurl tiny pumpkins for distance and win the "Golden Pumpkin." This was a really popular event last year.

Many thanks to the businesses and organizations supporting this free event, including North Plains Christian Church, North Plains Senior Center, Recology, Oregon Road Runners Club, Sports Authority, Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course, Last Waterin' Hole, Rogue Brew Pub & Eatery.

More information about the event and volunteer and sponsorship opportunities is at www.NPFun.org.

17th Annual Elephant Garlic Festival

In its 17th year, the three-day North Plains Garlic Festival was a huge success. Aug. 8 was the busiest Friday the North Plains Events Association had ever seen. Vendors reported a 30 percent sales increase over the 3 day event this year.

"Just Shuck It Oysters" won first place for its garlic oysters and shrimp dishes in the Food vendor cooking contest, they sold out in the early afternoon on Sunday, selling 80 dozen oysters.

The Tigard Knights of Columbus took second place and also sold out of their award-winning garlic green beans, mashed potatoes and chicken meal, going through 1,000 pounds of chicken.

Mita's Italian Ice won third place for its garlic ice cream and sold more than 80 gallons of the treat.

The Hillsboro American Legion sold 1,000 ears of corn and Loughridge Farms of Hillsboro sold 1,500 pounds of fresh garlic.

A few North Plains establishments took their expertise al fresco, including the Rogue Brew Pub & Eatery selling pizza and the new guys in town, Hits the Spot Café selling "Stuffy Burgers".

The North Plains Events Association would like to thank the City of North Plains and all the volunteers for their hard work making this such a successful event.



Photo Credit: COURTESY PHOTO - Mary Ellen and Melvin VanDomelen are all smiles as they pose beside their antique car before the Garlic Festival parade. Melvin was the 2014 Grand Marshal.

LIBRARY NEWS

Beginner Internet Genealogy. Learn how to use Family Search, Heritage Quest, and Ancestry databases. Explore websites such as Find-a-Grave and Cyndi's List. Three FREE classes will be taught by Library staff member Donna. Call the Library to sign up for one or all classes (503-647-5051):

- **Wednesday, October 8** Basic Record-Keeping and Heritage Quest
 - **Wednesday, October 15** Family Search, Find-a-Grave, and Cyndi's List
 - **Wednesday, October 22** Ancestry and Wrap-up
- Classes will be hands-on. Come prepared with whatever information you have about people you want to find - names, dates and locations of birth, death, and marriage. Class size is limited to the nine public computers (which may be shared by two participants), or if you bring your own laptop, you will be able to log onto all sites except Ancestry.

DVDs Now on 21-Day Checkout. The Library's *new* adult and children's movies will continue to check out for 7 days, but all of the main adult movie collection and all of the main children's movie collection will now be checked out for 21 days. This will allow our North Plains patrons

This ad paid for by Sherrie Simmons

Vote YES
For
Sherrie Simmons

North Plains City Council

November 4, 2014

I want to help manage our impending growth
and ensure our small town feel remains intact.
Transparency, open communication and a
strong City Council will be key.

longer time to view their favorite movies, and it is consistent with other libraries' practices within the WCCLS system.

Art Exhibit. The art exhibit on display in October features Guardian Relics by Patricia Cochran. "I see my glassed figures as haunting little relics that nod to our common past - a time when we lived in tribes, or clans, or villages and worked together to survive. By placing my figures in groupings, and combining tiny treasures of nature with scraps of fabric and bits of bead, I hope to evoke within the viewer an echo of recognition to an ancient time when ancestral voices sang, a tree was sacred, or the earth was venerated. Art has the power to help quiet our busy lives. It gives us a place to focus our attention and allow the inner voices to speak. It can connect us with our past and those who came before us."

Quilt Display. The **October** quilt on display above the checkout desk was created by Nancy Stober, a member of the Westside Quilters Guild. This Halloween themed work of art, entitled "Cats Go Trick or Treat," will be an all-time favorite. Nancy: "I have always loved Halloween and have stacks of Halloween fabric. This was a panel I had had for a quite a while and then found a pattern using the exact panel. I love the checkerboard X design. It was a new challenge at the time and gave me more confidence in piecing."

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 1** Storytime with Miss Marion: Crazy Creatures
- **October 8** Storytime with Children's Librarian Becky: Folktales
- **October 15** Special Guest Storytime: Officer Brennan and K9 Rikko
- **October 22** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Farms
- **October 29** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Owls

Writers' Group. Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, October 2** at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

First Friday Flick. Join us on the first Friday of each month at the Jessie Mays Community Hall at 30975 NW Hillcrest Street at 6 p.m. for a FREE movie showing. On **Friday, October 3**, come for a DOUBLE FEATURE! First see an animated family adventure film in which a group of friends takes a road trip into bayou country to attend a vampire festival. Then watch a G-rated animation adventure that first premiered as a television Halloween special.

Super Saturdays are free, hour-long performances for children and their families held at 1:00 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall at 30975 NW Hillcrest Street on the second Saturday of most months during the school year. The October 11 Super Saturday will feature BJ the Clown. All ages are welcome to enjoy an exciting hour of comedy, juggling, magic, music, storytelling, puppetry, and audience participation – a high-energy show that children will talk about for months!

Friends of the Library. There will be a general meeting of the Friends on **Monday, October 13** at the Library from 7:30-9 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Library Book Club. Join us on **Wednesday, October 29** at 7:30 p.m. at the Library to discuss The Paris Wife by Paula McLain. This is a fictionalized story of the extraordinary love affair between Ernest Hemingway and his first wife, Hadley Richardson. From a whirlwind courtship and wedding in Chicago in 1920 to the exotic life of Paris where they hobnob with other famous expatriates, the



couple wrestles with his flourishing writing career and a deception that could undo their lives together.



North Plains Nonprofit Assists Local Families

Like the man this organization memorializes, Lucky to Serve is dedicated to improving the lives of needy children and their families in the North Plains area.

Ronald "Lucky" Bottema's family founded the 501(c)3 nonprofit a year after his death in 2008. Since then, they have used 100% of their donations to provide kids with school supplies, Christmas gifts, and winter clothing

Lucky to Serve is run by local educators including North Plains' Brenda Bottema.

The group is dedicated to providing children the best opportunities for success and to make a child's life more memorable.

If you or a family you know in North Plains could use assistance, please pick up an application at City Hall and submit it by November 15 to Lucky to Serve. Participation is free and confidential.

Address: PO Box 25, North Plains, OR 97133

Website: <http://lucky2serve.org>

Email: lucky2serve@gmail.com

News and Views from the Senior Center

FLU SHOT CLINIC—October 8th

Rite Aid Pharmacy will be here at the Senior Center Wednesday, October 8, from 12:00 to 3:00 to give flu shots. No appointment necessary. Don't forget to bring your Medicare and Insurance cards with you. You'll also get a free immunization evaluation to stay healthy.

SAFE DRIVING FOR SENIORS—October 14 & 21, 1:30 to 4:30

Safe-driving classes will be October 14th & 21st, 1:30 to 4:30 at the North Plains Senior Center. **You needn't be 55 to take the class.** The course focuses on areas where older drivers could benefit from additional training, including Oregon-specific rules of the road, roundabouts, pavement markings, stop-sign compliance, red-light running and safety issues. Cost is \$15 for AARP members; \$20 for non-members. Check with your insurance agent. You'll likely save money on your insurance. Call the Center at 503-647-5666 to register.

**PUMPKIN RUN
ACTIVITIES—October
25th**



Join us for Fluffy
Pumpkin
Pancakes
(with or
without spiced
applesauce &

whipped cream), Sausage,
Juice and Coffee for only \$5.
Proceeds will benefit our
Center which provides meals
to homebound seniors in our
area, hot lunches every day
at the Center and various
programs and activities
throughout the year. Then,
from 11:30 to 3:00 at Jessie
Mays, we'll be serving hot
dogs, chips and soda or
water. No fixed price;
donation only. See you
there!

**HALLOWEEN AT THE
CENTER**

October 31st, 4:00

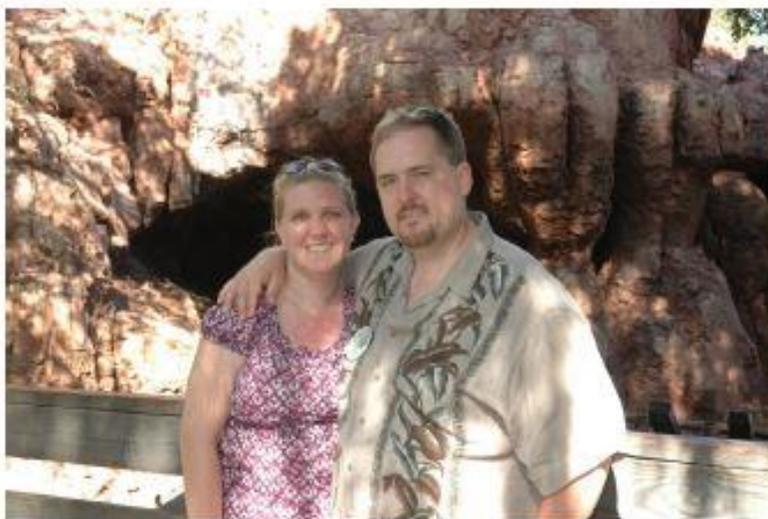
Ghosts, goblins, kids and
parents of North Plains, drop
by Halloween Evening for our
annual hot dog barbecue.
Treats will be served to our
visitors. Put on your best
costume and come on down.

**RESERVE A TABLE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR—November 8th**

Time to think about Christmas. We're taking reservations now for our Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, November 8, from 9:00 to 3:00. Eight-foot tables are \$10 each and chairs are provided. Make checks payable to North Plains Senior Center; no refunds. Payment due no later than November 1st. Each vendor is asked to contribute one item for a door prize. Set-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. All baked goods must be wrapped, priced and contain the following warning: Food not prepared in a commercial kitchen which may contain traces of nuts, milk, etc. Call 503-369-8951 to reserve a spot.



**Please come in and meet the new owners of
Gerald's West, Jon and Jacee Teninty.**



**Enjoy \$3 off any large pizza or
\$4 off any extra large pizza.**

**Like our Facebook page for specials too!
Gerald's West in North Plains**

HELP NEEDED

Serving dishes, platters and
utensils are needed at the
Senior Center. Our remodel
included many pieces, plates,
dishes, etc. but we are in need
of the additional platters and
serving pieces, as well as
serving spoons and other
utensils. If you have some "lightly" used pieces, please
drop them off at the Senior Center anytime.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to drive and deliver Meals on Wheels meals to seniors who are homebound. Hours for delivery are 10:30 to 1:00, and you would drive the Senior Center van. If you can help us, we can accommodate your schedule. Contact the Senior Center at 503-647-5666 or come in and talk to us.

SAVE THE DATE—January 17th

Mark your calendars now for our 7th Annual North Plains Crab Feed, Saturday, January 17, 2015. Tickets, in advance, are \$30 for crab; \$35 for crab & steak; at the door, \$35 and \$40. We'll have baskets to raffle off and chances on a hand-knitted heirloom afghan. It'll be lots of good food, good music and fun!

Those were the good old days...

Out By Our Barn

By Melvin VanDomelen—Mountindale, Oregon



About as close a call I ever had was around the spring of 1947. My father, Jake, and my brother Dale, were renting the old Harms place at that time. There was farmland on both sides of Dairy Creek, and a wooden bridge connected the fields. My

brother, Dale, and I had been running tractors there all day, and we had crossed over the bridge at least six or seven times. At the end of the day, we left a light wagon with a few sacks of fertilizer on it in the field. After supper, Dad sent me over to get the wagon, because he thought it might rain and get the fertilizer wet.

Herbert Corey and Merlyn Connolly, two of the boys I grew up with in the neighborhood, went along for the ride. We crossed over the bridge with the tractor, hooked



onto the wagon, and started back. The bridge inclined slightly upward at this end. I had the tractor idled way down, and the engine died as the tractor started up the end of the bridge. I back down a few feet and restarted the engine.

I had just got to where the bridge leveled off when it started to collapse. The mud sill, a timber on the bottom of the creek that supported the middle of the bridge, gave way upstream and the bridge twisted downstream. We were about ten feet above the water. The tractor flipped upside down as it broke loose from the wagon.

Herbert and I went under the water with the tractor. Merlyn was riding on the wagon and he slid down with it into the mess below. Herbert had been riding the drawbar, and he came up in the water between the rear wheel and the drawbar of the tractor. We landed in about five feet of water, with the tractor upside down. I really thought I was dead. I surfaced once, but the planks and timbers were still coming down, and one of them hit me behind the ear. I was under the water again for what seemed like a long time.

I was thinking; "So this is what it's like to be dead," and it didn't hurt a bit. I believe what they say about your life flashing before you at a time like this; I saw a lot of mine during this potentially fatal accident.

The next time I came up was about 15 feet downstream where the water was pretty shallow. The other two boys were looking for me; we called out and checked on each other. We were just 100 percent lucky. Merlyn got a sliver in his hand from sliding down the wooden wagon, but we had no serious injuries.

Herbert was telling me: "Don't worry, Mick, we will get the tractor out with a stump puller, don't worry, we'll get a stump puller."

We asked Harold Harms to drive us home, and it was hard for me to tell my dad what had happened. He said he could care less about the tractor, that it was just so many pieces of metal. He told me: "it's not going to get any wetter than it is now," and he didn't even go over to look at it that evening.

The night after the bridge collapsed, I was trying to fall asleep on the sleeping porch of the house. My dad came out and put his hand on my shoulder and told me how thankful he was that I was alright. He stayed and talked with me for quite a while.

The local farmers pitched in to help in an event like this. The next morning, by 9 a.m. Joe Baker, Clarence Meek and Lawrence Cropp were all there. Lawrence had

somehow managed to get a crawler tractor on that side of the creek.

Brother Dale went into the creek and hooked onto the front end of our tractor to flip it back over. The crawler put a pull on, but was just sliding the wheels of our tractor in the creek. Dad told Dale to put the tractor out of gear, and Dale answered that it was out of gear, but the brakes were locked down. I remember my Dad standing beside me and saying "Well, you managed to get it out of gear and lock the brakes, why didn't you turn off the key while you were at it?"



Dad had me back out in the field on another tractor that afternoon. It took about two days for us to get the wrecked tractor running again. They didn't rebuild the bridge until fall when I was at school.

I just had a sore head for a few days, but I've often thought in later years that everything could have come to an end that day in 1947.

I've been afraid of water ever since.



2013 Pumpkin Fun Run Day Coloring Contest participants

Did You Know? You can access audio recordings of City Council and Planning Commission meetings at www.cityofnp.org.

Check on North Plains' events at www.NPFun.org. There is also a Facebook page with more photos of events. Like us on Facebook.com!

October Calendar

See community events at NPFun.org

- 10/01 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at North Plains Library.
- 10/02 Writers' Group** 6:30 p.m. at the Library
- 10/03 First Friday Flick** 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays Hall.
- 10/06 Historical Society Meeting**
1 p.m. Call 503-648-9597 for details.
- 10/06 City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 10/08 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at North Plains Library.
- 10/08 Flu Shot Clinic** 12:00-3:00 p.m. at the North Plains Senior Center
- 10/09 Food Pantry** 5 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street.
- 10/11 Super Saturday** 1:00 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 10/13 Joint Work Session with Planning Commission and City Council-Comp Plan discussion** 7:00 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall
- 10/13 Friends of the Library** 7:30 at the NP Library
- 10/14 Safe Driving for Seniors** 1:30-4:30 at the Senior Center
- 10/15 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at North Plains Library.
- 10/16 Chili Cook-Off** 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall
- 10/20 City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 10/21 Safe Driving for Seniors** 1:30-4:30 at the Senior Center
- 10/22 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at North Plains Library.
- 10/22 Parks Board Meeting** 6 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street.
- 10/24 Food Pantry** 5 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street.
- 10/25 Pumpkin Fun Run/Walk** 9 a.m. Jessie Mays Community Hall.
- 10/29 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at North Plains Library.
- 10/29 Library Book Club** 7:30 p.m. at the NP Library
- 10/31 Halloween**-Visit the North Plains Public Library and the North Plains Senior Center
- 11/04 Election Day**
- 11/08 Christmas Bazaar** 9:00-3:00 p.m. at the North Plains Senior Center

Opening October 1st New Mortgage Lender & Real Estate Office in North Plains!

Jenni McCoy @Stearns Lending, LLC is partnering up with Steve Davis @ Summa Real Estate

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