



Seventh Annual

# OneBOOK OneCOMMUNITY

North Plains Reads!  
**Running The Rift**

Events Begin February 1, 2014

See Inside for more information



City of North Plains, 31360 NW Commercial Street, North Plains, OR 97133  
(503) 647-5555 [info@northplains.org](mailto:info@northplains.org) [northplains.org](http://northplains.org) Events: [www.npfun.org](http://www.npfun.org)

Your City Council: [Mayor David Hatcher](#), [Council President Teri Lenahan](#)  
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## Bingo Time!

When: February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014

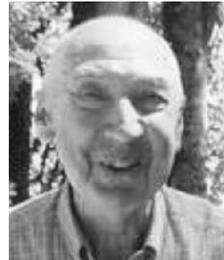
Where: North Plains Elementary

Time: 5:30 - 8:00pm

Food and refreshments available for purchase along with Amazing prizes to win!

Come and support  
North Plains Elementary  
with a night of fun, laughter, and BINGO!

## Those were the good old days...



There have been four lumber companies operating in the area between Commercial Street and the railroad in my lifetime. Plus another, the Hollenbeck Lumber

Yard, shows on that old hundred year map we have. This is the same location occupied by the Oregon Canadian Forest Products today.

I have recently learned that the operator of a large sawmill in the 1930s was Humphrey Cherry. This mill had little more than a roof over it, and one could see the logs go through the circle-saw from the street. This mill burned about 1940 on a very hot day. My parents drove to North Plains to see the fire and left my older sister and I playing in a lawn sprinkler. It was warm enough that the oil in the road was melting. My sister told me the mill fire was going to ignite the road, and the fire would come clear up to Mountaindale. This scared the devil out of me, and I kept the garden hose ready and watched for the fire to come around the corner.

Chester (Chet) Bates then built and operated a saw mill in the same location. He used a high-line system to get the logs into the mill from the cold deck instead of the usual mill pond. The early mills featured the large cone-shaped wigwam burners that burned the sawdust, bark, and slabwood. Today, very little goes to waste. I believe Bates left North Plains when I was away in Germany with the Army Engineers in the mid 1950s. When Chet left, he gave the City a productive water well that he had dug for his mill operation. This well is near the big blue water tank we see today.

Al Rose, (we think his first name was Al), then ran a planing mill almost in the same location. This mill

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took in the rough lumber and planed it down to standard sizes. When we built our house in Mountindale in 1961, I asked Rose about getting cedar siding for our new house. He was a very accommodating man, and in about a week, he had it ready. Beautiful materials; I hated to paint it.

There was a high-wheeled straddle lumber carrier that ran almost non-stop between this planing mill and the large Koennecke sawmill that was in the space now used by the compost facility. This carrier



**Modern Lumber Carrier**

was a high vehicle; the motor and driver sat up seven feet in the air. It could drive over a stack of lumber, pick up, move, and lower it. This rig ran right through town; it was chain-driven and made a lot of noise.

One could bring a farm truck with side racks, and load up shavings here for \$3.00. We used these on the farm for the cattle bedding and just dumped some in the cow corral for the animals to lie on.

This mill built the lumber-drying sheds that were the incentive for natural gas to come into North Plains. This was a relatively new process, and lumber men came from afar to check it out. My cousin lived on Pacific Avenue, and he told me the gas company gave them a heater for their house. They installed it for free and maintained a six month check-up schedule. And, the gas was cheap. Those really were “the good old days.”



**Wigwam burning shed**

Now, we have the Oregon Canadian Forest Products and the North Plains Forest products to the west. On the south side of Commercial, where the Oregon Canadian Forest Products and Hoss Paving are today, there was, in the late 1930s, a government farm. These farms were a product of President Roosevelt’s New Deal. During the Great Depression, these were “make work projects” for the unemployed. I had a friend, a computer whiz, trying for two hours to find more information on this program. Not much luck. I believe these were built on properties that had gone

back for taxes or just been vacated. Men were put to work building small houses and barns on these sites. Then, they were made affordable for the



folks to own. There were six of these farms within a mile and a half of North Plains. Some farms were only a few acres; some were of considerable size. Many of these buildings still stand today.

I had a chance to talk with Irvin Olsen, who had lived on one of these farms with his parents. Irvin said “The barns were all alike, and the houses were small, but most had been added to over the years.”

So, that’s the way I remember it.

Melvin Van Domelen  
North Plains Historical Society

## North Plains Historical Society

The North Plains Historical Society was started through the efforts of Ruth Pasley in August of 2008. I was one of the four or five that attended our first two meetings. As time went on, we arranged for good speakers and interest grew. We have had over sixty folks show up at several meetings. The important thing is that these historical talks are being recorded. Ruth left her mark on this community. Meetings are on the first Monday of each month. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Jessie Mays Community Hall at 1 p.m. Speakers are: Bob Gutmann on Nurseries and Julie Mason on The Westside Quilters Guild. Please come and join us. Call 503-648-9597 for additional information.

## Congratulations Caitlin Johnson!

She earned a spot on American Idol’s Hollywood week. North Plains wishes you the best!



### DID YOU LOSE A RING?

A man’s ring was found at Lenox and 313<sup>th</sup>. Please call City Hall to claim it.

# NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE SENIOR CENTER ....

## FINALLY . . . KITCHEN REMODEL



Yes, it's really true. Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> will be the last day we will be serving lunches at the Senior Center. *Beginning Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, lunch only will be served from 10:00 to 1:00*

*in the downstairs Community Room of the Senior Plaza Apartments, directly behind the Senior Center.*

Our lunches during the remodel will be primarily soup, sandwich, salad and dessert, however once a week, we'll serve something special instead. The morning "Koffee Klatch" group will still meet downstairs at the Center.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Our sincere thanks to all who attended this year's Crab 'n' Steak Feed and made it such a success. The crab was delish . . . sweet and buttery, and the steaks were superb. It doesn't take a village, but it does take a lot of volunteers to put on this event, and we thank them for their dedication to the event and to the Senior



Center. A special thanks to our good friends Dick and Sherry Thompson and D.T. & Country for providing the entertainment. Here's to next year!!

## FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS

You can help Meals on Wheels People earn donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card. Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to nonprofit organizations in Alaska, Oregon, Idaho and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Meals

on Wheels People at [www.fredmeyer.com/community\\_rewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/community_rewards) You can search for us by our name or by our nonprofit number 84340. Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you help Meals on Wheels People earn a donation! And don't worry, you'll still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates, just as you regularly do

## DEEP IN THE HEART OF TAXES . . . IT'S THAT TIME



Once again AARP will provide free tax service Thursdays from 9:00 to 5:00 beginning February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Appointments are being taken now, so call the Center and get your name on the list: 503-647-5666. Remember, when you come in to have your taxes done, be sure to bring all W-2s, 1099s, the previous year's tax return, your social security card and photo ID. Just a reminder that the Senior Center runs on community donations and proceeds from our various fundraisers. If you'd like to make a *tax-deductible* donation, send it to North Plains Senior Center, PO Box 147, North Plains, OR 97133. Thank you

## 55 ALIVE—SAFE DRIVING FOR SENIORS



This year's safe driving classes will be held May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 at the North Plains Senior Center. As a result of evidence-based research

findings, the course has been adjusted to include a focus 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 for the 55 ALIVE course is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. And remember, you could save money on your insurance rates. Call the Center at 503-647-5666 to register.

## BREAD DISTRIBUTION



We are happy to have been able to provide the bread distribution service but are no longer able to do it. Our remodel includes locked storage where the bread shelves were located. Anyone wishing bread/pastries can get it at St. Vincent dePaul in Hillsboro from 10:00 to noon on Saturdays.

# Library News

**One Book One Community.** February 2014 events highlight the novel, Running the Rift by Naomi Benaron. All activities are sponsored by the Friends of the North Plains Public Library and are free and open to the public.

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**First Friday Flick.** Join us at the Library on **February 7** at 6 p.m. to watch a PG-rated, animated family comedy sequel about an island of menacing food-animals. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

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

**Super Saturday – One Book One Community.** Join us on **Saturday, February 8** at 1 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall for this special Super Saturday event featuring the Kukatonon Children's African Dance Troupe performing traditional African dances with two drummers. The performance is suitable for all ages. Website: <http://www.kukatonondance troupe.com>

**Friends of the Library Meeting.** There will be a regular meeting of the Friends on **Monday, February 10** at the Library from 7:30-9 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

**Thursday, February 13, 7 p.m.,** North Plains Public Library. [Enric Sifa](#) will perform Rwandan songs and tell his story.

[Singer/songwriter Enric Sifa](#) grew up in Rwanda and lived through the Rwandan Genocide. After losing his parents at the age of nine, Sifa lived on the streets struggling daily for food and shelter and suffering from loneliness and abuse. To combat loneliness, he sang his mother's songs and brought comfort to many other street kids. He became known on the streets for his extraordinary talent.



In 2002, Sifa met American business people Tony and Serena Morones who were working to develop **Africa New Life Ministries**. They helped him get off the street, attend school, and they gave him a guitar. Soon after, in 2004, he won a national singing competition that put him on Rwandan radio and TV. Sifa speaks and performs in Rwanda and the US, advocating for marginalized children.

Many of Sifa's songs are popular on Rwandan radio and he has released three albums in the United States. You can see his videos at his website [www.enricsifa.com](http://www.enricsifa.com). He now attends college in Portland, Oregon and hopes to pursue a career in conflict resolution and human rights advocacy.

**Friday, February 21, 7 p.m.,** North Plains Public Library. Movie showing of *Hotel Rwanda*, a 2004 PG13-rated drama. The film is set in 1994 during the Rwandan Genocide, in which an estimated 800,000 people, mainly Tutsi, were killed by Hutu extremists. It is the story of a hotel manager who saves the lives of 1,200 people who have come into his care by using his skills of bribery, flattery, apology and deception.

**Thursday, February 27, 7 p.m.,** North Plains Public Library. Book discussion of Running the Rift by Naomi Benaron.

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

- **February 5** - Storytime with Miss Marion: Drip, Drip, Drip
- **February 12** - Storytime with Children's Librarian Kay: Bears
- **February 19** - Special Guest Storytime: Hillsboro Dentist, Dr. Tony Hoffman
- **February 26** - Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Crocodiles

**Cover Oregon.** Learn about affordable health care insurance and how to access financial help to pay for coverage. Cover Oregon Educator (and North Plains Library staff member), Donna Medica, will be making the following appearances. All presentations are free and open to the public.

- Forest Grove Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street, Forest

Grove, **Wednesday, February 5**, presentation at 7 p.m.

- West Slope Community Library, 3678 SW 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, **Saturday, February 8**, presentation at 11 a.m.
- Sherwood Public Library, 22560 SW Pine Street, Sherwood, **Saturday, February 8**, presentation at 2 p.m.

**Holiday Closure.** The Library will be closed on **Monday, February 17** for Presidents' Day.

**Library Book Club.** Running the Rift by Naomi Benaron will be discussed on **Thursday, February 27** beginning at 7 p.m. at the Library. This debut novel is about an aspiring runner's family and the Rwandan genocide of 1994. Free copies of the book will be distributed while supplies last on Saturday, February 1 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Library during the kickoff event for the annual One Book One Community program sponsored by the Friends of the North Plains Public Library. Refreshments will be served. New members are welcome.

**Artwork on Exhibit.** North Plains resident Timothy Radtke will show his paintings through **February**. His landscapes are composed in oil on canvas and on wood.



Kim Stafford and Brian Doyle at the William Stafford Centennial Celebration St Edward parish Hall on January 17, 2014



**Quilt Display.** The **February** quilt on display was created by Paula DiNovo of The Westside Quilters Guild and is titled, "Midnight Valentine."

## Calendar

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

- 2/03 City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 2/05 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 2/06 Writer's Group** 6:30 p.m. at the Library
- 2/07 First Friday Flick** 6 p.m. at the Library
- 2/10 Friends of North Plains Library Meeting** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 2/12 North Plains Garden Club** 9 a.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest
- 2/12 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 2/12 Planning Commission Meeting** 7 p.m. at the Senior Center
- 2/13 NP Food Pantry** open 5 – 6:30 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 2/15 Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dance** 7:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall
- 2/17 City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at the Senior Center
- 2/19 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 2/19 Library Board Meeting** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 2/20 Library Book Club** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 2/23 Play Date** 1:30- 5 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall
- 2/26 Parks Board Meeting** 6-8 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center
- 2/28 NP Food Pantry** open 5–6:30 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street

### Advertise in this Newsletter

Advertise in the North Plains Community Newsletter. Rates range from \$10-\$70 per month. The newsletter is mailed with almost 800 water bills and another 300 email addresses.

Local non-profits and youth leagues receive up to a half page at no cost. Ads must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Email: [info@northplains.org](mailto:info@northplains.org)

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BLUES, MICROBREWS & NEWS

February 2014

## Rogue Brew Pub & Eatery

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In Beautiful Downtown North Plains

Open weekdays at 11 am and weekends at 9 am

(503) 647-5268 - [roguepub@gmail.com](mailto:roguepub@gmail.com) -

Have you heard? We are New and Improved.

Actually, we are not exactly new; in fact the building, which has been here since the early 1900s, has always been a tavern, (except during prohibition when it was a "Speak Easy") and is home to the "New" Rogue Pub and Eatery. The Rogue Pub was founded in November of 1994 and has been an active part of the community.

We recently changed to new/old management and would like to invite you in to see our neighborhood gathering spot. To sweeten the deal, we are even going to give you one of our famous Rogue Brownies. Stop in and meet our new chef, or check out our daily specials board. We have the best burgers around, an expanding menu, and 20 beers on tap including our handmade ROGUE ROOT BEER.

## We also offer Live Music and Events

Music starts at 9 pm

- 02/02/14 Superbowl Party...food and drink specials
- 02/07/14 **Responsible Party "Boy's Night"**
- 02/14/14 Valentine's Dinner and Show with **The Strawberry Roan**  
2 Shows - Reservations accepted. Seating is limited.
- 02/21/14 Acoustic Blues Master and Muddy Award winner **Lloyd Jones**
- 02/22/14 **Willow Tree**...local rock and roll
- 02/28/14 Alternative Rock with **Wild Soul**
- 03/01/14 Blues Legend **Norman Sylvester**, "The Boogie Cat," and his All Star Band including **Rob Shoemaker** and **Frankie**



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February 15, 2014



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*\$20 per Couple*

*Hor d'oeuvres*

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*Live Music by DT & Country*

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02/23/2014

Jessie Mays Community Hall. Free indoor fun for kids

