



Community Newsletter



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Update on City Events

During the October 5th City Council meeting, Councilors came to the consensus of discontinuing the 4th of July festival and the Concerts in the Park series, hosted by the City. The Garlic Festival will still be as big as ever this August 11th-13th, so if you would like the opportunity to volunteer, please contact Patti Burns at www.patti.funstinks@gmail.com or locholly1@aol.com or phone: 503-319-5428 with the North Plains Events Association. The theme this year is "May The Stink Be With You".

Library News

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

- **March 2** Storytime with Miss Marion: When the Wind Blows
- **March 9** Storytime with Teacher Barbara: Naughtiness
- **March 16** Special Guest Storytime: Baby Goats and Stories brought by the Spitz family
- **March 23** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Ocean
- **March 30** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Crocodiles

Writers' Group. Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, March 3** beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the library. 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, March 4** at 6 p.m. to watch an animated adventure comedy. In this PG-rated film, dinosaurs and humans live side-by-side. An apatosaurus meets a Neanderthal, and the duo embark on an epic adventure.

Colored Pencils Mini-Workshop. Come join artist and teacher Valerie Sjodin in coloring with colored pencils on **Thursday, March 10** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the North Plains Public Library. Valerie will be demonstrating colored pencil techniques using pages from her new



Fun Fact!

Did you know...



The North Plains Vet Clinic is offering a low cost male cat neuter clinic? It's only \$50 for surgery, or a donation that fits your budget. Please call 503-647-0928 to schedule an appointment.

coloring book, *Colorful Blessings*, published by Taunton Press. A coloring page from the book will be provided for each participant. Please bring your colored pencils and come ready to color together. Coloring books will be available for optional purchase, \$9.95. Please call the North Plains Library at 503 647-5051 to reserve your place in this free workshop.

Super Saturday – Three-Hand Stephen. Join us on **Saturday, March 12** at 1 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. Performing and recording artist Stephen Cohen will present a free concert of original children's music, using voice, acoustic guitar, homemade and custom-made cigar box guitars, a custom-made miniature guitar, and original homemade percussion instruments. Audience members will have the opportunity to use their voices and to play some of the homemade instruments as part of the show. All ages are welcome to attend.

Friends of the Library. There will be a general meeting of the Friends on Monday, March 14 at the library beginning at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Library Board. There will be a regular meeting of the Library Board on Wednesday, March 16 at the library beginning at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Lego Palooza. Drop in between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on **Friday, March 25**, during Spring Break Week, for Lego Palooza 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.

Library Book Club. On **Wednesday, March 30** beginning at 7 p.m. at the Library, the historical fiction book, *Mary Coin* by Marisa Silver will be discussed. This book was both an NPR and a BBC Best Book of 2013. From the publisher: "In her first novel since *The God of War*, the critically acclaimed author takes Dorothea Lange's 'Migrant Mother' photograph as inspiration for a breathtaking reinvention — a story of two women, one famous and one forgotten, and of the remarkable legacy of their chance encounter. In 1936, a young mother resting by the side of a road in Central California is spontaneously photographed by a woman documenting the migrant laborers who have taken to America's farms in search of work. Little personal information is exchanged, and neither woman has any way of knowing that they have produced what will become the most iconic image of the Great Depression." New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Introduction to Beekeeping. Join us at the Library on **Thursday, March 31** from 6-7 p.m. to learn about the benefits of keeping honeybees. Jeff Clark and his family keep bees in rural northern Washington County. He is the President of the Tualatin Valley beekeepers and a journeyman in the Oregon Master Beekeeper Program. This free presentation will cover:

- Hives and equipment
- Cost of getting started
- Local rules and regulations
- Resources for more information (local bee groups, and bee schools)

Come listen and ask questions to find out if beekeeping is for you!

Art Exhibit. John Driscoll, North Plains resident, photographer and naturalist, will exhibit some of his favorite photos at the library through **April**. His works feature local images as well as those captured while traveling to western British Columbia and Alaska. He has been photographing for several years, especially focusing on nature. John is also a volunteer naturalist for Metro and Tualatin Riverkeepers, leading field trips for school-aged children.

Quilt Display. The quilt on display above the checkout desk throughout the month of

March was created by Barbara Summey, the library's Teacher Barbara who conducts Storytimes on the second Wednesday of each month. In this quilt, Barbara honors children's author Theodore Geisel, otherwise known as Dr. Seuss. Annually, on March 2, which is Dr. Seuss's birthday, there is a nationwide reading

celebration that takes place. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens, and books.

Save the Dates:

NEW - Book Babies Storytime. Beginning Wednesday, April 6, at 10:30 a.m. and every Wednesday morning thereafter, library volunteer Lauren will share stories, songs, rhymes, and finger-plays with babies up to 12 months old. Come meet other families with little ones and introduce your baby to early literacy activities. This is a free program that precedes the library's regular Storytime for children up to 6 years old.

Art of the Story. Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) will host its **12th Annual Storytelling Festival from April 2-9**. The week-long extravaganza features twelve unique storytelling performances throughout Washington County. Admission is always free, and all festival performances are designed for the enjoyment of adults. The North Plains Public Library will host national storyteller Kevin Kling (<http://www.kevinkling.com/>) on **Friday, April 8** beginning at 7 p.m. at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club. **Ten-Year Library Anniversary – Friday, April 29.**

Cornerstone Montessori

Now Enrolling **2016-17 Preschool**



www.MontessoriCornerstone.com

Check us out on facebook too!

North Plains Historical Society

Our motto is: *You are history in the making*
Please join us, on March 7th, at the Jessie Mays Community Hall at 1:00 pm: Tales from the Cemeteries of the North Tualatin Plains History and Lore about the Cemeteries of our area.

Call 503-647-2285 for additional information.

North Plains Senior Center News

May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow,

And may trouble avoid you wherever you go.

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



Once again AARP is providing free tax service Thursdays from 9:00 to 5:00 through April 14th. Appointments are being taken now. You need not be a

Senior Citizen 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!

A GREAT DAY FOR THE IRISH . . . AND THE REST OF US, TOO!



We'll be fixing and serving a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner on St. Patrick's Day, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. Along with the corned beef & cabbage, carrots, potatoes and

onions, we'll have Irish soda bread, dessert and coffee. Only 50 seats will be sold. Cost is \$25 per person. Call 503-647-5666 to reserve a spot.

CAN YOU LEND A HELPING HAND?

North Plains Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to help out in the kitchen Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — prepping food, serving, and cleaning up! *Please* come in and fill out a registration form.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Bunco—Thursday March 3rd, 10th and 31st at 1:00 p.m., not 1:15.

Liver & Onions Lunch—Monday, March 14th.

Pop 'n' Paint Workshop—Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Bingo—Tuesday, March 22nd (date changed due to conflict). All cash prizes. \$5 gets you in the door and your first card. Additional cards and blackout cards are \$1 each. Doors open at 6:00. Cards and food ready at 6:00; start calling numbers at 6:30. Come and join the fun.

Those were the good old days...

In the Beginning



**By Melvin Van Domelen
Mountaindale, OR**

I started to write down some of my memories and stories during the winter of 1979. I intended these to be some kind of a record for my family to have later on. Over the years this has been a never-ending project.

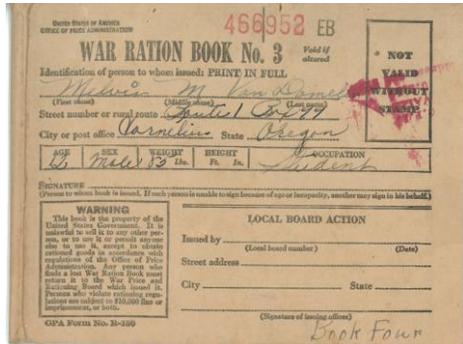
My parents, Jacob VanDomelen and Pearl Corey, were both born back in the 1890's. The very first article I wrote was about the changes they had seen in their life time. Stop and think about it! They grew up when horsepower and manpower moved just about everything. Neighbors depended on one another to survive.

The cars, trucks and tractors came along. The railroads and airplanes came. Stop signs and traffic lights didn't exist. Dirt trails and roads became paved highways. Some towns mushroomed while others vanished and are now forgotten.

Our parents married in 1919 after my Father had served in the Army during World War I. They raised four children during the great depression that set them back ten years and almost took their farm. Telephone and electric lines came on poles spread out along country roads. Our parents then had a radio and refrigeration. It was wonderful to have ice at home. Jake and Pearl kept the



farm going during World War II that took the men. Everyone was issued a food rationing book of stamps, but we on the farm ate pretty well.



They saw the atomic age come into being and television came into their home. My Mother lived to see a man walk on the

moon. From a man walking behind a horse-drawn plow to a man walking on the surface of the moon. That is a lot of changes in a lifetime. I doubt that those of us who follow will ever see so many.

Now, all of the changes seem to be in technology, can't keep up with it. Some of that technology scares me. I look back and have to wonder how my parents kept the farm going during World War II. My older brother, Nolan, was classified 4-F, as being unfit for military service. He worked as a welder in a Portland shipyard. My sister and other brother, Dale, were in high school. After graduation Dale enlisted in the Marines and was gone.

My Father also worked in the shipyard at times on the swing shift as a ship fitter. He told of having to brush the

asbestos off to clear a place to eat his lunch. I could help milk the eight or ten cows we had and I could drive the tractor, I was thirteen years old.

My mother sewed sacks on the combine. She didn't think it to have been a good year unless she had done 300 jars of canning.



To this day I can't remember just how they managed to keep the farm going through those times. There were crops to plant, hay to put up, harvest time and always those cows to milk.

I've said it before, but, we will never again see this country so united as it was during World War II.

Meet our new provider



Shannon Richards, Registered Nurse, Family Nurse Practitioner

Voted one of Portland's top nurses by *Portland Monthly* magazine

Shannon's health care goals include:

- ▶ Listening to what patients truly want for their health
- ▶ Motivating patients to make healthy choices
- ▶ Helping patients with chronic conditions
- ▶ Creating a compassionate, non-judgmental environment

Shannon is now accepting new patients at Tuality Healthcare's primary care clinic in North Plains

Tuality | Sunset Family Health Center

10395 NW Glencoe Rd., Suite 200
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March 2016 Calendar

- 03/04** First Friday Flick 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 03/07** Historical Society 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 03/07** City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 03/09** Garden Club 9:00 a.m. at Jessie Mays
- 03/09** Planning Commission 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center
- 03/12** Super Saturday 1:00 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 03/16** Library Board 7:00 p.m. at the Library
- 03/21** City Council 7 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall-30975 NW Hillcrest Street
- 03/23** Parks Board 6 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center
- 03/25** Lego Palooza 11:00 a.m. at Jessie Mays



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