



Community Newsletter July 2014

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Fourth of July Celebration



Old-Fashioned Fourth...Colonial Celebration.

You're invited to downtown North Plains on **July 4** from 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. for a patriotic adventure that will take you back in time - a Colonial Celebration, John Adams style. Don your powdered wigs and make ready to traverse through the Thirteen Interactive Colonial Stations. Try your hand at 18th Century

Challenges & Competitions. This free Patriotic Celebration will include a Cruisin' Thru Time Car Show, a Patriotic Parade, live music, delicious food, and will end with the Grand Illumination Fireworks Display followed by Taps. Please join us in honoring the birth of our nation and remembering the sacrifices made for our freedom. (Visit our website at www.np4july.org for a complete schedule).



234th Army Band, Oregon Army National Guard

Summer in North Plains is going to be full of fun activities for friends and families. Come out to Jessie Mays



Community Park on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. for a fabulous concert in the park to be performed by Rock Steady. The rock ensemble of the 234th performed for us last year and provided an incredible show. Don't miss out this year—See you at the park!

Did you Know...

The City of North Plains has a website at www.northplains.org and an event page at www.NPFun.org to provide you with all kinds of information about your City and what is happening. There is also a facebook page with more photos of events. Like us on facebook.com!

Watching Lily Grow At the North Plains Farmers' Market

The North Plains Farmers' Market Board has worked hard the past few years to keep a Farmers' Market alive in North Plains. Vanessa Van Domelen, the Director of the Farmers' Market, tells me this year there will be a young vendor, 11 year old Lily Lockett, from Dixie Mountain. I find this amazing.

There are two things to learn from this young girl.



Not only is she growing products for her booth, she is more importantly growing as an independent person. Lily will begin her vending days at the Market on July 24th. When she arrives, let's all encourage this youngster by everyone dropping by to help Lily grow.

Melvin Van Domelen



Thanks for the Smokehouse Summit

Congratulations, to Jennifer Knowles - Event Coordinator, Jason Specht-Green Mountain Grills and Martha DeBry - City Manager. The Smokehouse Summit was a huge success! We are fortunate to have a city manager who promotes our city by holding special events periodically to generate revenue and provide family activities for our community. --Lyn Davis-Last Waterin' Hole

White Water Rafting Trip

We had our first North Plains Adventures Without Limits outing on May 24. This rafting trip on the Sandy River was offered in partnership with the City and non-profit Adventures Without Limits. For a nominal fee, residents of North Plains, their friends, and family members were invited to explore the amazing outdoors while all the equipment and transportation was provided. It was a great adventure! Be watching for the next adventure without limits.

Small Town Feel...

It's June 5th, 2014, the opening of the Farmers' Market and the 15th Annual Ice Cream Social. The event is downtown North Plains on Commercial Street and oh, the people that showed up! What a great turnout. What a treat to see people meeting old friends and new ones.



On June 7th and 8th the City held the 1st Annual North Plains Smokehouse Summit Championship BBQ. As I walked around the vendors and competitors, I heard people saying how much they liked having the event down on Commercial Street. I had a couple of people come up and say they liked the job the City Council was doing.

These events brought back a lot of wonderful memories of my home town in north Iowa when we would close off Main Street for three days for our annual community event.

To me, this is what small town is all about.

Michael Broome
City Councilor

LaMordden Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

LaMordden Park grand opening was attended by



about 20 citizens who welcomed in the new park with a ribbon cutting ceremony and refreshments. This is a mini-water park with a sprinkler fountain for the kids to play in. Be sure to visit the park this summer. It is located in the middle of Curtis Street behind King Torta.



The North Plains Senior Center thanks Shadybrook Lumber Products & Oregon-Canadian Forest Products for sponsoring our June and July dances at Jessie Mays. Your community spirit is very much appreciated by our Seniors.

Dance for Ruby

July 19, 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Jessie Mays Community Hall

Featuring the classic country sound
of D.T. & COUNTRY

\$5 per person; kids 12 & under free



All proceeds go to
Ruby's fight
against kidney
cancer. We hope
you'll join us for an
evening of dancing
and fun
that will further
help support Ruby
and her family!

Thank you for your generosity!

occurred? Watch in awe as Mad Scientists create a variety of erupting experiments!

- **All I Need - Musical.** July 16, 1 p.m. Join us for this fun musical featuring mixed up fairytales.

- **Tears of Joy Theater: Tad and Fry.** July 23, 1 p.m. Tears of Joy presents this new original tale about friendship, growing up, and biology through puppets, shadows and audience participation.

- **Storyteller, Christopher Leebrick.** July 30, 1 p.m. Oregon Storyteller Christopher Leebrick has enthralled audiences with his remarkable storytelling ability since the age of 13. Children and adults alike enjoy his extensive repertoire of folk tales, legends, and whoppers from around the world.

Events Just for Teens (those entering 6th –12th grades).

These two events are limited to the first 30 attendees to arrive.

- **Ugly Dolls.** July 10, 3 p.m. Learn to sew your own Ugly Doll-style stuffed animal! Draw a creature, scale up the drawing using a grid, make a pattern with seam allowance, and then hand-sew.

- **Archery.** July 24, 3 p.m. Come learn how to shoot a bow and arrow with Archer's Afield!

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 2** Storytime with Miss Marion: Colonial
- **July 9** Storytime with Children's Librarian Kay: Summer
- **July 16** Special Guest Storytime: Farmer Jeff and his Goats
- **July 23** Storytime with Teacher Britta: Pirates
- **July 30** Storytime with Teacher Britta: Frogs and Toads

Art Exhibit and Quilt Display. The art exhibit on display through July 3 features patriotic quilts created by members of The Westside Quilters Guild in honor of Independence Day and the North Plains Fourth of July Colonial Celebration. On **July 4**, a quilt made by Roni Andrews, which is on display above the checkout desk, will be raffled off during the Colonial Celebration activities. Tickets may be purchased at

LIBRARY NEWS

Writers' Group. Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, July 3** at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

Summer Reading Programs for All Ages through August 30. The general theme is **SCIENCE**. The Children's Slogan is **Fizz, Boom, Read!** The Teen Slogan is **Spark a Reaction**. The Adult Slogan is **Literary Elements**.

Wacky Wednesdays are hour-long performances for children and their families held at the Jessie Mays Community Hall at 30975 NW Hillcrest Street.

- **The Charlie Brown Show.** July 2, 1 p.m. Comedy and daring feats of juggling all rolled up into one great big guy, known as Charlie Brown. Juggling fun for the whole family!
- **Mad Science: Spin! Pop! Boom!** July 9, 1 p.m. How can you tell when a chemical reaction has

the Library through July 3 and at the downtown Colonial Celebration throughout the day on July 4 - \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

The art exhibit that will be on display in the Library from **July 5 to September 5** will feature historic North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival posters - one for each of the 17 years the festival has occurred. The creator of nine of these colorful posters was Brenna White of Tualatin, a working artist who paints original work, commissions, and murals. This year's festival will take place on August 8, 9, and 10 at Jessie Mays Community Park in North Plains. For more information and a peek at this year's poster by Brenna White, see:

<https://www.facebook.com/funstinks>.



Friends of the Library Meeting. There will be a general meeting of the Friends on **Monday, July 14** at the Library from 7:30-9 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

First Friday Flick - New location!!!! Our movies will now be shown at the Jessie Mays Community Hall at 30975 NW Hillcrest Street at 6 p.m. on the first Friday of the month. Because the first Friday in July falls on the Independence Day holiday, the July First Friday Flick will be cancelled. Join us on Friday, August 1 for the next movie showing.

Library Book Club. This group takes a summer break in July and August. Join us next on Wednesday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Library to discuss The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt.

Sunset Ridge Ground Breaking Ceremony

Join the North Plains Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, July 8th at 5:30 pm for the Groundbreaking Ceremony at Sunset Ridge on the corner of NW West Union Road and NW Jackson School Road. Work on the infrastructure will begin in July, 2014. The development includes 101 new homes in North Plains with building construction starting in 2015. For more information about the ceremony, contact Cindy Hirst at 503-647-2207 or admin@northplainschamberofcommerce.org. To learn more about the development, contact City Hall at 503-647-5555.

News and Views from the Senior Center...

All we have of freedom—all we use or know—This our fathers bought for us, long and long ago.

--Rudyard Kipling

BARBECUED STEAK DINNER—July 4th HAPPY 4TH OF JULY! We'll be selling selling sno-cones during the daylong festivities. And then we'll fire up the grill



big time serving Barbecued Steak Dinners from 5:00 to 7:00. Cost of the dinner will be \$10.00. Dinners include potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans and corn on the cob.

Yum-m-m-m-m! Come and join us for the steak dinner and enjoy it in the air-conditioned comfort of our Senior Center.

DANCE FOR RUBY—July 19th

Saturday, July 19th, from 7:30 to 11:00 DT & Country will set the beat to some great classic country songs. We'll also be selling sno-cones at our next fundraiser. Admission: \$5 per person. Refreshments available for purchase. Mark your calendar now and join us for this fun evening of great country music to help 7-year-old Ruby and her family in her fight against kidney cancer.



GARLIC FESTIVAL The Seniors will be back again at the Garlic Festival with a variety of baked pies and ice cream. The perfect sweet treat to include in your day of terrific food!

Elections in November Three Openings on City Council

The City of North Plains will have three openings on City Council in the November 4, 2014 General Election. The last day for candidates to file is Tuesday, August 26, 2014. Interested candidates may pick up a Declaration of Candidacy Form and a candidacy packet from the City Recorder at City Hall from 10:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday starting in July. More info to follow in the city website at www.northplains.org

Those were the good old days...

Over the past several months we have been reviewing North Plains as it was in the old days, one section at a time. We have about run out of sections and I think we will have to hopscotch around a bit to pick up the pieces.



A boardwalk on the west side of NW 314th Avenue, by the Senior Center, led down to a wooden bridge over a low area. This drainage was given a name a short time ago of Ghost Creek. Just beyond this low area on the right, was a space designated as a fairgrounds on that 100 year old map I keep referring to. This space looks to be about a city block in size.

I have never heard of any fair activity held here, but it was a park. There was a dance pavilion there, swings, picnic tables, and it looks like there was room for a ballpark. The photo shows the end of the

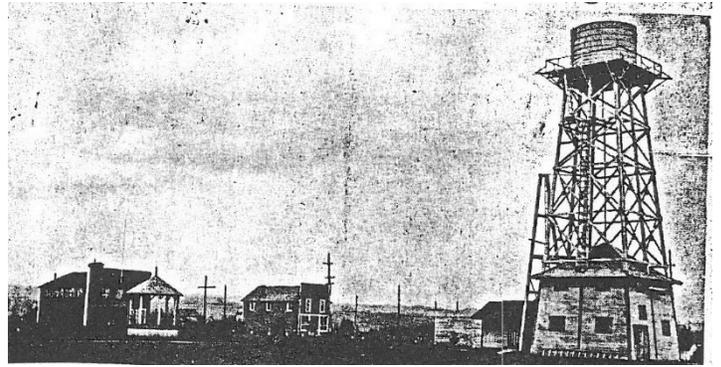


boardwalk and the bridge leading to the park.

Almost exactly where the front door to the Library is today was the location of the town's bandstand. There are several references of bands riding the United Railway out from Portland to play on this bandstand. I can remember seeing the bandstand still there in the 1930's.

The city well and water tank were in this park block also. There were different water tanks there over the years. The original being way up on a high tower. The wooden tank I remember was only about 30 feet

above the ground. The bandstand shows in the lower



right of this photo.

There have been big changes in the landscape on the east end of Commercial Street. I am unsure just when this happened. After putting this question to some of the locals, we believe this road construction happened around 1979.

The viaduct, or bridge over the railroad was removed and the rail crossing on Glencoe Road made level. This viaduct was of wooden construction, narrow, and had a hump in it. You couldn't see what was coming and anything over 35 miles per hour got you airborne. One of the reasons for the viaduct was the water tank for the steam trains, located just below on the north side of the railroad track. This way, if the engine stopped to take in water, it didn't block off Glencoe Road. Don Walter told me a man from the railroad came around once a week and pumped water from McKay Creek into this tank. North Plains' youth were known to sneak in and go swimming here in the tank.



The wooden railroad trestle over McKay Creek had several platforms built into the side with 55 gallon barrels full of water for fire protection. How many of you remember the red buckets with the round bottoms that were kept with the water barrels? No one wanted to steal a bucket with a round bottom, it wouldn't stand up. Kids would shoot holes in the water barrels for the fun of it.

Glencoe Road and Commercial Street used to be the same height as the Old Hitchen Post parking lot. The soil removed from the excavation was used to

build a road down to a new bridge over McKay Creek.

My father had told me the area disturbed by building this new road to McKay Creek would be a good place to look for Indian arrowheads. While this construction was going on, I spent most of an afternoon searching the hillside. I didn't have any luck. More artifacts were covered than exposed.



This road construction also

wiped out any remains of the brickyard that once was on the slope above McKay Creek. There used to be a depression in the hillside where the material for the bricks had been taken out. In her writings, Florence Bunger lists a Mr. Dicke as owner of this brickyard. On the map we drew up for Old Glencoe, the name Elliott comes up as once being associated with the brickyard. Some descendants of the Elliott's once attended a meeting of our North Plains Historical Society. Bricks for North Plains' first saloon came from this brickyard.

In years past, the space now occupied by the Old Hich'en Post was once the Sunset Market. This was a small grocery store operated by the Sundins and someone whose last name was Nelson. The Sundins also raised chinchillas behind their home next door. I wasn't in this store very often, but do remember the floor had waves in it. Next door there was once an ice cream parlor for a short time.

Also, there was a strawberry receiving station on that corner. In those days, 1940's to the 60's, there were many small strawberry growers around. They would deliver berries here by the way of pickup, trailer, or in the backseats and trunks of their cars. Once collected, the berry flats were hauled off by large trucks to distant processing plants.

With the end of this article, I believe we have just about covered North Plains as it was in the "Good Old Days". It has been a good trip.

Some information coming from Eileen Riddell's book- North Plains- Early Pictorial.

Melvin Van Domelen
North Plains Historical Society

Smokehouse Summit

Thank you to the community and businesses for your support of the Smokehouse Summit. This year's event attracted residents and visitors to sample world-class BBQ, craft brews and listen to blues music. The City estimates about 10,000 people participated in the two day event. Overall Winner was Movin' the Chains BBQ team from Beaverton Oregon. A total of 31 teams from Canada, Montana, Nevada, Idaho, and Oregon participated in the event. A list of all winners and photos from the event are posted on the



<https://www.facebook.com/BBQNorthPlains> Hosting large events on Commercial Street is part of a larger economic development strategy to attract new businesses to downtown, which in turn will make our community more vibrant. The event also raised funds for the North Plains Senior Center, the Police Department's Hood to Coast Team and local organizations that participated including the Boy Scouts 275 and Knights of Pythias.



Staff would like to offer special thanks to Oregon Coffee Roasters, Duyck's Garage and Global Electric for their patience and understanding regarding this event. First year events present unique challenges, and the cooperation and support of our business community has been essential to their success.

July Calendar

See community events at NPFun.org

- 7/02 **Wacky Wednesday** 12 p.m at the Library
- 7/03 **Thursday Marketplace/Farmers Market** 5 p.m.
- 7/04 **Fourth of July** festivities
- 7/07 **Historic Society Meeting** 1 p.m. Call 503-648-9597 for details.
- 7/07 **City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 7/09 **Planning Commission** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 7/09 **Wacky Wednesday** 12p.m at the Library
- 7/10 **Ugly Dolls Teen Summer Reading** 2 p.m. at the Library
- 7/10 **Thursday Marketplace/Farmers Market** 5 p.m.
- 7/10 **Food Pantry** 5 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 7/12 **DJ Wild Teen Dance** 7 p.m. - 12 a.m. at Jessie Mays
- 7/16 **Wacky Wednesday** 12 p.m. at the Library



- 7/16 **Concert in the Park** 6:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 7/17 **Thursday Marketplace/Farmers Market** 5 p.m.
- 7/19 **Dance for Ruby Reese** 7 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 7/21 **City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 7/23 **Wacky Wednesday** 12p.m. at the Library
- 7/23 **Parks Board Meeting** 6 p.m. at the Senior Center
- 7/24 **Archery Teen Summer Reading** 2 p.m. at the Library
- 7/24 **Thursday Marketplace/Farmers Market** 5 p.m.
- 7/25 **Food Pantry** 5 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 7/26 **DJ Wild Teen Dance** 7 p.m. - 12 a.m. at Jessie Mays
- 7/30 **Wacky Wednesday** 12p.m at the Library
- 7/31 **Thursday Marketplace/Farmers Market** 5 p.m.
- 8/5 **National Night Out** Tuesday evening at Jessie Mays Community Park
- 8/8-10 **North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival** For more info see www.Funstinks.com



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ADMISSION**

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**30975 NW HILLCREST ST.
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VALID ON 7/26/14

**NORTH PLAINS
FARMERS' MARKET**



Come out Thursday evenings 5:00-8:00 pm to the North Plains Thursday Marketplace and find fresh produce, fish, bakery goods, flowers and food from Ochoa's and King Cuisine. Additional vendors will have kettle corn, bath and body, art, hand crochet, essential oils, and handmade sweets. All local businesses are open!

Music every week! July 3 Sunny & Mitch

Old time Pie Walk

July 10 John Twist

OSU Extension Food Preservation Volunteers

July 17 Eldorado Gene

July 24 Evan Acey & Tamera

July 31 Catherine & Jim Loyer

Tualatin Valley Gleaners Fresh & Canned food drive

Oregon Trail Card / SNAP Match is \$5.00 per person, per market.

Market Sprouts receive \$3.00 in Sprout Bucks to purchase fruits & Vegetables with each visit.

North Plains Senior Center Grand Re-Opening



With the beautiful kitchen remodel completed, we all celebrated with a Grand Re-Opening of the North Plains Senior Center. There was a great turn out from citizens and friends to enjoy food, festivities and friendly conversation. This incredible commercial upgrade of the Senior Center kitchen and storage area will help streamline preparation for Meals on Wheels lunches. We're very proud of our new kitchen and it will enable us to do more to serve our senior population and our friends and family in the greater community. Lunch is provided Monday through Friday for anyone who would like to join us. We would love to see you for lunch!



NP 15th Annual Ice Cream Social and Opening of the Thursday Marketplace

We had a fabulous turnout for our 15th Annual Ice Cream Social this year. This event coincided with the opening of the very first Thursday Marketplace which will be held weekly on Commercial Street throughout the summer. Music is scheduled weekly and there is good food to enjoy.



**Make Thursdays a "No Cooking" Night
Join Your Neighbors & Bring a Friend to the
Thursday Marketplace**

If you would like to help out, volunteers needed for 1-1/2 hours to help open and 1-1/2 hours to close each week.

Contact Cindy Hirst at 503-647-4600 or admin@northplainschamberofcommere.org.

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