

# Community Newsletter February 2015



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## 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NORTH PLAINS CRAB FEED A HUGE SUCCESS



The North Plains Senior Center would like to thank everyone for their support of the annual crab feed.

A huge thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who spent many hours helping with setup, serving and clean up. We also would like thank all those businesses, organizations and people who donated prizes for the raffle. Funds raised at this event stay local and provide meals to seniors and others in our community.



*Butch pictured at left*

### Great Community – Great Citizens

Barbara and Butch Kindel wish to thank the North Plains Community for all the help contributed by many residents in and around North Plains' area.

Your support in our times of need over the past three months has been overwhelming. Not naming persons or organizations assures us that everyone receives the thanks and appreciation deserved. Living in a small community has been our American dream come true. Working together we can continue to keep the American dream alive in North Plains. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
*Barbara and Butch Kindel*

### “ACTING WITH MO”

It's nearly March, and that means it is time for Acting With Mo! Come and join the fun this year! Children ages 5-12 are welcome to come and learn acting techniques during 8 weeks of classes with a performance at the end of this course. We can use up to 20 children to perform two one-act plays written by either Mo or Julia Richards. Julia is a new addition to the teaching of these classes with over 25 years of acting experience!

Classes will be on Mondays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall, with the final performance on the last day at 5:00 p.m. To sign up your child, call Mo at 503-447-1263 or email her at [mhicks713@yahoo.com](mailto:mhicks713@yahoo.com).

***This class is open to all kids for free,  
and no experience is needed.***

## DID YOU KNOW?...



Did you know that North Plains' residents can drop off wood and yard debris at Nature's Needs/Recology at no cost year round? You only need to present your ID to prove residency.

## 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.

- **February 4** Storytime with Miss Marion: Teddy Bears
- **February 11** Storytime with Teacher Barbara: Transportation
- **February 18** Special Guests: Washington County Fire District 2 Firefighters
- **February 25** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Cows

**Writers' Group.** Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, February 5** 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 6 p.m. for a FREE movie showing. On **Friday, February 6**, come see a PG-rated, animated adventure produced by Laika Entertainment. Based on the novel, [Here Be Monsters!](#) by Alan Snow, the film features an orphaned human boy, raised by trash-collecting trolls, and his valiant efforts to save the trolls from a villain pest exterminator.

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



**Super Saturday - TrashMan and the Noise Band.** Come see this Portland-based puppet rock band perform on **Saturday, February 14** beginning at 1 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. This band is comprised

of trash puppets (puppets literally made of trash) and TrashMan, who plays hand-made instruments made of re-used items. Audience members are encouraged to join in and rock out! KC (Kelly Campbell) of KCPuppetree is a trained and experienced teacher, performer, puppeteer, and artist. Visit <http://www.kcpuppetree.com/> for info.

**2015 Teen Summer Reading Art Contest.** Are you an artist aged 12-18? Submit a design to our Teen Summer Reading Artwork Contest! The winning design will be used on 2015 Teen Summer Reading program materials across Washington County, including posters, bookmarks, flyers, and more. The winner also receives a \$150 gift certificate from Powell's Books. The second place winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate for Blick Art Materials, and the winner of honorable mention will get a \$25 Blick gift certificate. The last day to submit your entry is Saturday, February 14. Find contest details and entry form here:

[http://www.wccls.org/\\_pdf/2015-Teen-Art-Contest-Rules-and-Entry.pdf](http://www.wccls.org/_pdf/2015-Teen-Art-Contest-Rules-and-Entry.pdf). Good luck!

**Holiday Closure.** The Library will be closed all day on Monday, February 16 for Presidents' Day.

**Library Book Club.** On **Wednesday, February 25** beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Library, the first book choice of the new year will be discussed. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

**Art Exhibit.** The art exhibit continuing through **February** features abstract paintings by Hillsboro artist Jeff Jurens. Jurens' abstract expressionist paintings are large, geometric, textured, and colorful. He has been painting since retiring from the Hillsboro Fire Department in 2005, inspired by a lifelong appreciation of art and influenced by New York's abstract expressionism movement of the 1950s.

**Quilt Display.** The quilt on display above the checkout desk throughout the month of **February** is titled *Little Pretties*. It features multi-colored small-print squares on a white background. JoAnn Tannock of North Plains hand-quilted this gorgeous creation.

**Knights of Pythias E-books Donation.** Many thanks to the members of the North Plains Knights of Pythias Glencoe Lodge No. 22 for their generous donation to the Library in support of our e-reader program. The Knights previously purchased a Nook and a Kindle for public checkout. Each was loaded with approximately 25 titles in fiction and non-fiction for adults, teens, and



children. The Knights recently funded the purchase of ten more unique bestseller titles for each device. The Library's e-readers check out for three weeks, and staff are available to introduce the devices to those who have yet to enjoy reading books through this new technology.

**Save the Date – Friday, April 17 – 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Art of the Story Festival.** National storyteller Sam Payne of Utah will perform at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club beginning at 7 p.m. His storytelling skills, jazz-inflected folk music, and soaring tenor voice have established him as an engaging performer. This free program, sponsored by the Washington County Cooperative Library Services, is designed for an adult audience but is suitable in content for ages 6 and up.

**Tax Information.** The Library will carry the most commonly used Federal forms and instructions. Less common personal tax forms are also available for photocopying. Oregon state forms are available for photocopying. Ask at the front desk.

ONLINE INFORMATION:

Federal: <http://www.irs.gov>

State: <http://www.oregon.gov/DOR>

All States: <http://www.taxadmin.org/fta/taxpayer.html>

HOW TO FILE FOR FREE ONLINE:

Federal and State:

<http://www.irs.gov/Filing/E-File-Options>

"Free-file" is available for adjusted gross incomes of \$60,000 or less. This method is through the IRS website and links to tax software companies who offer free filing for taxpayers who meet certain parameters. Even if taxpayers do not qualify to use any of the companies' filing services, this site itself offers free fill-able forms and free filing.

PHONE TAX ASSISTANCE:

Federal: **800-829-1040**

Oregon: 800-356-4222

Oregon out of state: 503-378-4988

AARP TAX AIDES IN NORTH PLAINS:

North Plains Senior Center  
31450 NW Commercial Street  
503-647-5666  
Every Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Beginning February 5, by APPOINTMENT ONLY  
*Note: This day/time is subject to change, as this is a volunteer-run program of AARP.*

## North Plains Historical Society

Our motto is: *You are history in the making.*

The North Plains Historical Society will be meeting at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 1:00 in the afternoon. Bob Jackson will be sharing the history of the property at the corner of Jackson School Road and West Union Road. David Hatcher, the Mayor of North Plains, will share the future plans for the property. All are invited to attend this informative meeting. Please come and join us. Call 503-647-2285 for additional information.

## Community Vision Process First Meeting of Steering Committee!

The first meeting of the steering committee to direct public outreach for the community vision process will meet 6:30 p.m. February 3, 2015 at City Hall. This meeting will be used to set the schedule of events and allow the planning consultant to orient steering committee members to the vision process, and begin planning local outreach efforts.

All steering committee meetings are open to the public, and the dates and times will be published. The purpose of the steering committee will be the creation of community workshops where everyone will be invited to discuss the community vision, surveys and general outreach.

Information about the Comprehensive Plan update process is available at <http://cityofnp.org/index.php/publications/comprehensive-plan-update/>

The Comprehensive Plan will be redrafted after the vision process is complete



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# News and Views from the Senior Center

## PAINTING CLASS OFFERED

Pop and Paint night at the North Plains Senior Center, Wednesday, February 18 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. “Hummingbirds and Roses” (right) will be the picture being painted. \$37.00 is the cost of the class. Snacks and drinks will be served.

Register at: [www.popandpaint.com](http://www.popandpaint.com)



The first Senior Center Pop and Paint participants

## MEAL TICKETS

We are selling meal tickets at the center for congregate meals. The tickets are \$30 for 10 meals. This would make a great gift for a special loved one in your life.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to drive and deliver Meals on Wheels meals to seniors who are homebound. Hours for delivery are 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 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.

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



Once again AARP will provide free tax service Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning February 5.

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.

## Advertise in NP Community Newsletter.

Rates range from \$10-\$90 per month. The newsletter is mailed with over 800 water bills and another 500 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)

## February 2015 Calendar

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

- 2/02 City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at the North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 2/02 Historic Society Meeting** 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall. Call 503-647-2285 for details.
- 2/03 Steering Committee-Community Vision Process** 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Visit [www.envisionnp.org](http://www.envisionnp.org)



- 2/04 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the North Plains Public Library, 31334 NW Commercial Street
- 2/05 Writer's Group** 6:30 p.m. at the Library
- 2/06 First Friday Flick** 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street
- 2/09 Friends of the Library** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 2/11 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 2/11 Planning Commission** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 2/12 Food Pantry** 5 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 2/14 Super Saturday** 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 2/14 Valentines Dance** 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays
- 2/16 Presidents Day-** City Offices and Library Closed
- 2/16 LEGO Palooza** 11 a.m. at Jessie Mays
- 2/17 City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 2/18 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 2/18 Pop and Paint** 6:30 at the Senior Center
- 2/25 Library Book Club** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 2/25 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 2/25 Parks Board** 6 p.m. North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street

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## **Special Events in February**

**SUPER BOWL PARTY** Sunday, FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup> Seahawks vs Patriots

*Come join us for football, wings, and drink specials. Starts at 2 p.m.*

**MOVIE NIGHT** Monday, FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup> Join us for a showing of “Ground Hog Day” The Movie.

*Drink and Food Specials starting at 6 p.m.*

**VALENTINES SPECIAL** Saturday, FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine Acoustic Guitar w/ Doug Plies music at 8

**Surf & Turf for Two**, \$50.00 includes one appetizer; calamari or clams, two dinner salads with your choice of dressing, two entrées; 6-8 oz. rib eye steak grilled to perfection, a fresh poached lobster tail with drawn butter, roasted asparagus spears, two chocolate strawberry parfaits’ for desert and one red rose Also includes your choice of a glass of wine, red, white or Champagne, and coffee, tea or soda.

**The LOVERS PIZZA**, Heart shaped 16” three cheese pizza, your choice of Kobe beef and onion, Canadian bacon and pineapple, or Chicken and garlic for \$15.00 and includes one red rose. (Dine-in only)

### *Live Music in February at the Rogue Brew Pub*

February 06-Friday	Strawberry Roan	February 07-Saturday	Doug Plies Acoustic
February 13-Friday	Norman Sylvester Band	February 14-Saturday	Doug Plies Acoustic at 8:00
February 16-Monday	President’s Day Holiday-Enjoy the holiday at the Rogue with your friends		
February 20-Friday	Lloyd Jones Trio	February 21-Saturday	Rogue River Band
February 27-Friday	Wild Soul Alternative Rock	February 28-Saturday	“Tough” Love Pyle

## **Those were the good old days... SKATING ON THE POND**



**By Melvin VanDomelen—  
Mountaindale, Oregon**

It is February 2, 1996. The outside temperature is about 18 degrees. We have been in a deep freeze for several days. Our daughter, Vanessa, called on the telephone a short time ago and said she

was going to bring her children tomorrow to play on the ice. Vanessa told me a few days ago some of the best memories from her childhood were when we skated on the pond.

I have been checking the ice condition and giving her a daily report. Ice one inch thick, ice two inches thick, ice is good. The lake, or pond, we used is just west of the Mountaindale Store corner. It is on two different properties. About one half of it was on a farm that my brother, Dale, once owned. This lake’s total area is about fifteen acres, so we are talking Olympic sized ice here and then some.

Back when Vanessa and our other daughter, Valerie, hit the ice, my brother would shine a spotlight out of his basement windows to light up the night. We would have a bonfire going at the edge of the pond and marshmallows on hand. If the ice were right, we would be out there every chance we had, day and night.



We never had much in the way of skates, just some make-do combinations. We had a lot of fun with what we had. We found we could pull a steel runner sled behind a bicycle if we didn't cut the corners too close.

We could put a kid on a lawn chair, push her with our skates and get up to a pretty good speed. Probably our best thrill ride was the death spiral we developed. This required a thirty foot length of rope and a flexible flyer sled. The rope was tied in a V shape to the front and rear of the sled on the same side. I would get a daughter on the sled and start it spinning in a small circle around me. As speed built up, more rope could be played out. Larger circles equaled more speed. When that sled is out twenty feet, it is really



humming, and only the outside runner is on the ice. This ride always ended by dropping the rope and the sled and

rider disappearing into the dark. They were gone!

We had a series of really cold weather when I was in high school, 1947-1950. I believe it was the winter of 1949-1950 that the temperature dropped several degrees below zero, and, we were still going to high school. One winter during these cold years, I was able to put my skates on at the back porch of my parents' house and skate all the way to the pond. I could skate over the sidewalk, skate across the front yard, skate on the road past the Mountaindale Store, all the way to the pond. This went on for several days. There was ice everywhere.

Quite a few years back, the local children were on the pond one evening after dark. They had their fire going and were doing their thing. A middle aged man was coming home from work in his Volkswagen and saw activity out there. He drove down to the edge of the ice and shined his car lights out over the surface. Then he decided to try and drive out on the ice. This worked great along the edge.

The problem was that the East wind had been blowing for a few days, creating waves in the center of the pond. Moving water does not freeze easily. All of the children knew the ice was thin out in the

middle. The Volkswagen driver went along the edge and tried to come back across the center. Bad news, deep six!

It scared the driver, but he was in luck and only went down three feet. It froze hard that night and the car was frozen solid. It stayed there for 3 or 4 days. A picture of the frozen car was in the Oregonian newspaper, and someone added a R.I.P. sign.

They finally took chainsaws and cut a path of open water out to the car, well over a hundred feet. The chunks of ice were pushed to the sides, under the surface layer and the car was winched out. The roof of that Volkswagen had resembled a large turtle out in the pond.

I have called my daughter and told her to bring on the children. The ice is thick enough. So, I look forward to tomorrow, I hope my legs hold up. It is nice to have a daughter remember these times as good memories and want to



give her children the same experience. The circle goes on. Come to think about it, some of my best memories also come from the times skating on that pond.

It is February 2, 1996. Eighteen degrees outside.

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Check on North Plains' events at [www.NPFun.org](http://www.NPFun.org).

Like us on Facebook.com! See photos of events <https://www.facebook.com/pages/City-of-North-Plains/117103078350299>.

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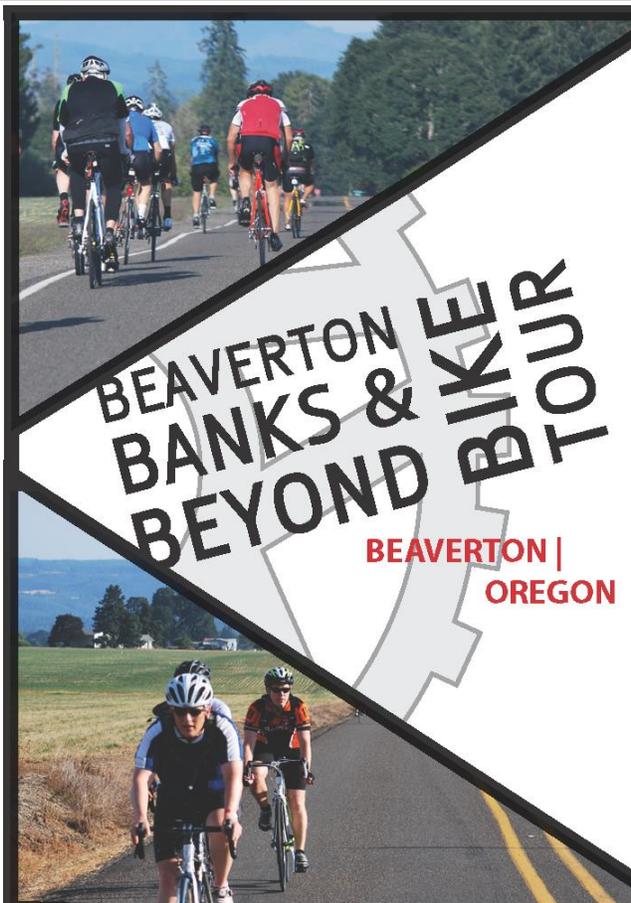
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**AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> 2015**

February 14, 2015



*Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.*

*Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street, North Plains, OR 97133*

*\$10 per person for Dinner from 6:00-7:00 and Dance*

*\$5 per person for Dance only from 7:30-10:30*

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