



Community Newsletter

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PLANNING OUR FUTURE

North Plains has started the process of reviewing and updating its Comprehensive Plan (Chapter 16 of the Municipal Code) and related codes. In the coming months the City will be inviting residents to make written comments and attend public meetings on proposed changes to the plan including zoning definitions, related zoning maps, and population projections which will determine where and when the community will expand. Additionally the City will need to review its transportation and parks and recreation plans as part of the process.

A vacancy exists on the Planning Commission if you would like to actively work on shaping the City's future. Please apply at City Hall.

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 5** - Miss Marion: Lions and Lambs
- **March 12** - Children's Librarian Kay: Multicultural
- **March 19** - Special Guest: Becky's 4H Bunnies
- **March 26** - Youth Librarian Jackie: Spring

Haiku Contest for All Ages. Get ready for the release of the movies *Divergent* and the *Muppets Most Wanted* with our Haiku Contest! *Enter a Haiku about one of these two movies and bring it to the Library between March 1st-17th.* Enter as many times as you want! Winners will receive two movie tickets to see a movie of their choice! There will be one winner chosen from each of the following categories: children, teen and adult.

Cover Oregon. There are just two more chances to hear Cover Oregon Educator (and North Plains Library staff member), Donna Medica, speak about affordable health care insurance and how to access financial help to pay for coverage before the March 31 open enrollment signup deadline. These presentations are free and open to the public:

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Writers' Group. There will be no meeting on Thursday, March 6. The next meeting of the Writers' Group will be held on Thursday, April 3.

First Friday Flick. Join us at the Library on **March 7** at 6 p.m. to watch *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2*, a PG-rated, animated family comedy sequel about an island of menacing food-animals. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served. (This movie was previously scheduled to be shown on Friday, February 7, but the showing was cancelled due to inclement weather.)

Super Saturday Painting/Pizza Party. Join us on **Saturday, March 8** at 1 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall for this special Super Saturday painting event with free pizza! Participants will paint the backdrop created by local artist Timothy Radtke for the upcoming Art of the Story Festival in North Plains which will take place on Wednesday, April 9 with professional storyteller, Olga Loya.

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

Artwork on Exhibit. Local high school student, Dylan King, will show his original drawings, cartoons, and caricatures in **March and April.** Meet the artist at a special reception on **Friday, March 14** from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Library. Refreshments will be served.

Quilt Display. The **March quilt** to be displayed will feature an Irish Chain pattern in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Save the Date – April 9 – Art of the Story with Olga Loya. Join us at Jessie Mays Community Hall at 7 p.m. to listen to folk tales, myths, legends, and magical stories from around the globe. With an emphasis on Latin American Stories, Olga Loya is a national recognized bilingual storyteller from San Jose, California. She performs a large repertoire of family and personal stories. Loya has been a featured teller at the Latin-American Storytelling Festival in

Guadalajara, Mexico, and twice has been featured at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee. Loya is a National Storytelling Network recipient of the 2013 Oracle Award for the Circle of Excellence.

Those were the good old days...



It is Sunday, February 9th and we are snowed in at Mountindale -- have been for four days. We have been lucky to have had the electricity on and the water running. With our freezer stocked, a closet full of canned goods, and a full woodshed, we could easily

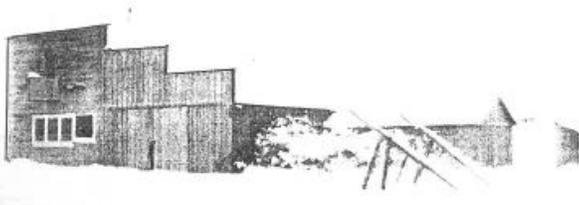
last for a month here without going out.

I have measured the snow at 10 inches here and am told there is much more up in the hills. This is the most snow I have seen here since December 2008, when I shoveled 14 inches of wet snow off our roof.

So, we are snowed in, couldn't get out if we tried, because the snowplow has blocked our driveway; it is a good time to sit back and work on an article for the next newsletter.

I thought we would take a walk this month, on a nice sunny day, along Main Street, going North across the railroad tracks. Around a hundred years ago, North Plains' first saloon was here. This is the same location that All Terrain Body and Paint occupies today.

The building I remember being there was

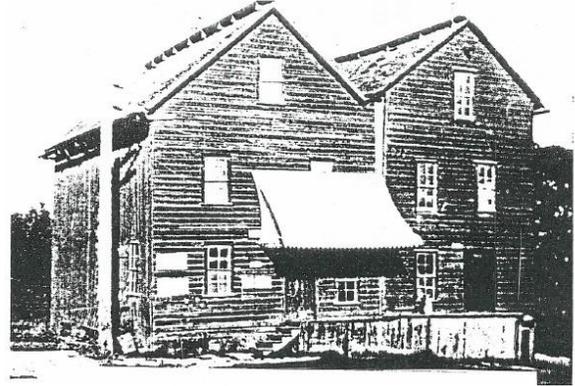


Stigum's Utility Trailer Company

Tom Stigum's machine shop in the 1930's. Stigum specialized in building log truck trailers, he came up with some new innovations, and formed the Utility Trailer Company. My parents sold Stigum the forge and blacksmith equipment from the Stanley Hahn blacksmith shop at Mountindale before they dismantled it. I was in the building when these logging trailers were being built, and remember the floor being dirt as a protective measure in case of fire.

Directly across Main Street to the West, was a grain warehouse. I have heard the name of Buchan and Sellers being associated with this operation in the early days. In 1923 the warehouse was being operated

by A. K. Reynolds and J. Kennon. By 1940, the business was taken over by Smith and DeFrees. If you had known Clarence DeFrees, you would have heard his favorite joke, "Arti doesn't like rutabagas because rutabagas make Arti choke!" and he would laugh and laugh! His son, Norman DeFrees, came back from World War II and was involved in the grain business. Farmers could sell grain here, buy seed, and get feed ground for their livestock.



One year, when DeFrees had the warehouse, there was a crop failure across the country of brewing barley. At that time, Oregon grew hundreds of acres of barely, but it was not considered up to the standard for brewing beer. But, this year, the buyers came with cash in hand. The old warehouse was not geared up to handle the volume being moved. The elevator was slow and loaded trucks of grain lined up beside the lower tavern waiting to unload.

The old feed mill burned in 1959, and then the VanDykes got into the grain business here. They built the large metal building and also a grain elevator on the vacant lot across from the street where the saloon and Stigum's shop had once been. This elevator also burned later on.

When the VanDykes were buying grain, the same problem with unloading the trucks came about. Again, they parked alongside the lower tavern waiting. One night, young vandals opened the rear grain gates on several trucks and let the wheat spill out onto the street. What a mess that was!

On the next block, west side of Main, in later years, lived a North Plains legend; B. S. Brown. He was known as a teller of tall tales. He almost always wore a hard hat. "B.S." were not his real initials, but you can figure it out.

At the NW Corner of Main and Wasco Street, stood the Woodmen of The World Hall. I remember this weathered old building very well. It had two stories with only a few windows. I believe this building moved here from Glencoe, but haven't been able to

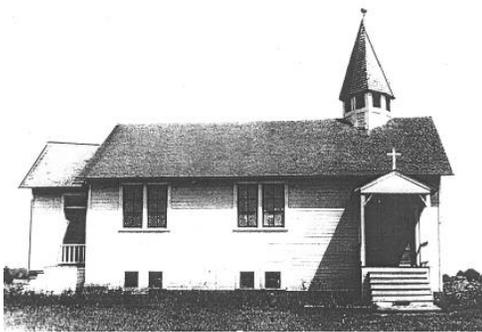
verify this. We do know there was a dance hall in Glencoe where the Woodmen of The World (a fraternal organization) held meetings, earlier. There is a mention of the Catholics of the area using a Woodman of the World hall before the construction of their St. Edward Catholic Church started in 1914.

Now we will cross over to the east side of Main Street. There is a boardwalk there and not so much dust. It is interesting to note the only boardwalk on the North side of town goes to the homes of Julius Schoenberg and the Mays Brothers. The Schoenberg house on the east corner of Main and North Ave was earlier the home of Elmer Mays. It stood next to the dance hall in old Glencoe and was moved to this location. Julius was a partner with the Mays brothers in their bank and store. Their house is still there.

The Mays Brothers, Marion and Elmer, each built new homes on Lenox Street that still stand there today. I still believe these are two of the most attractive and comfortable looking houses in town. I remember being in grade school when several of the local schools in the area had a sing-a-long between those two houses. We all sat on the lawn and there were pianos playing at each house. We sang "You are my Sunshine" and "Home on the Range".



Mays Bros Homes on Lenox 1912



Original St Edward Church

Elmer Mays house. When we came to the east end of Lenox and look to the right, we would see construction going on in an open field. This would be for the Saint Edward Catholic Church that was completed in 1915 and dedicated May 30th 1915. A band from Banks came to take part in the ceremony.

If we continue East on Lenox, we will be walking in the dust again, because remember, the boardwalk only goes as far as the

Construction of the present Church was from 1965-1966.

That is probably enough of a walk for today, the shoes are dirty. It would have been nice to go back to the saloon where we started and have a cool one.

Melvin VanDomelen
North Plains Historical Society

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

FINALLY . . . KITCHEN REMODEL

Currently, lunches 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.

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 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 6th. 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 14th and May 21st 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.



PANDA EXPRESS FUNDRAISER

3/27/14 from 11 am to 9 pm. Please bring this page with you to the Cornelius Pass Panda Express (on Imbrie Drive in Hillsboro) and the North Plains Senior Center will receive a portion of the proceeds.

Sandy River Rafting Trip MAY 24th, 2014

Offered in partnership with the City and non-profit **Adventures Without Limits**, North Plains residents, their friends, and family to explore the amazing outdoors. The best part? Once you've signed up, the hard part is done. The adventure includes transportation and use of equipment. You can sign up for the trip at:
<http://www.npfun.org/-north-plains-adventures.html>



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**You and your dog will wag a whole lot more with lessons from Certified Dog Trainer Cheryl Flemming.
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**Puppyhood and Dog Manners Classes are offered Tuesdays at Jesse Mays Community Hall, 30955 NW Hillcrest St., North Plains
Private lessons also available.**

Call for times. **503-318-8548** <http://www.ForTheLoveOfDogsTraining.com>



Community Food Conversation

A conversation addressing food needs, resources, and opportunities in
North Plains



WHO: Any consumer of food in the North Plains Community

WHEN: Saturday, March 8, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

WHAT: A conversation around the food, resources, needs, and opportunities of the North Plains Community facilitated by the Oregon Food Bank

WHERE: North Plains Public Library, 31360 NW Commercial St.

WHY: To share knowledge, ideas, and concerns revolving around food to strengthen the community. Addressing such issues as:

- Alleviating hunger
- Accessing local food
- Supporting local farmers
- And more....

Local Bakery Treats and Snacks Provided

Co-sponsored by the Oregon Food Bank & North Plains Farmers' Market



NORTH PLAINS
FARMERS' MARKET

Contact Jessica Abad with any questions or concerns: jabad@oregonfoodbank.org; (503)439-6510 x3337

THE ROGUE REPORTER

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The Rogue has a lot going on this month

Music starts at 9 pm unless noted differently

03/01 Norman Sylvester Band - "The Boogie Cat" sings the blues

03/04 "Fat Tuesday" with Alfred Easter Live Acoustic Music starts at 7:30 pm.

Fat Tuesday is the traditional name for the day before "Ash Wednesday" the first day of Lent. It is more commonly known as "Mardi Gras" which is simply Fat Tuesday in French. In the spirit of Mardi gras we will be serving up a special dinner of Sausage or Shrimp Gumbo, Red Beans and Rice, and greens for just \$5.00

03/07 The Strawberry Roan Band everyone's favorite "girl next door"

03/08 Big Mama Gayle "Daylight Savings Time"

The Rogue Pub is Proud to welcome back Past Playboy Starlet Big Mama Gayle and her band of Merry Men. This is a "one of a kind show" complete with party hats, special toys and go go girls.

03/14 The ROGUE RIVER BAND good ol' rock & roll

03/15 Responsible Party, and a party it is when this band rocks

"The Ides of March" is a day on the Roman calendar that corresponds to the 15th of March. It became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar in 44 BC. ...

03/17 St. Patrick's Day with Alfred Easter Live Acoustic Music starts at 7:30 pm

We will be celebrating with a traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner with buttered carrots, and soda bread for just \$7.50. We will be also celebrating with \$2.50 pints of Rogue Irish Ale, pints of Guinness, and shots of Irish whiskey. The custom of imbibing alcohol on St. Patrick's Day comes from an old Irish legend. As the story goes, St. Patrick was served a glass of whiskey that was considerably less than full. He took this as an opportunity to teach a lesson of generosity to the innkeeper. He told the innkeeper that in his cellar resided a monstrous devil who fed on the dishonesty of the innkeeper. In order to banish the devil, the man must change his ways. When St. Patrick returned to the inn some time later, he found the owner generously filling the patron's glasses to overflowing. He returned to the cellar with the innkeeper and found the devil emaciated from the landlord's generosity, and promptly banished the demon, proclaiming that everyone should have a drop of the "hard stuff" on his feast day.

03/20 First day of spring. Come celebrate the end of winter with our new spring specials.

03/21 LLOYD JONES... Award winning Blues Master Acoustic

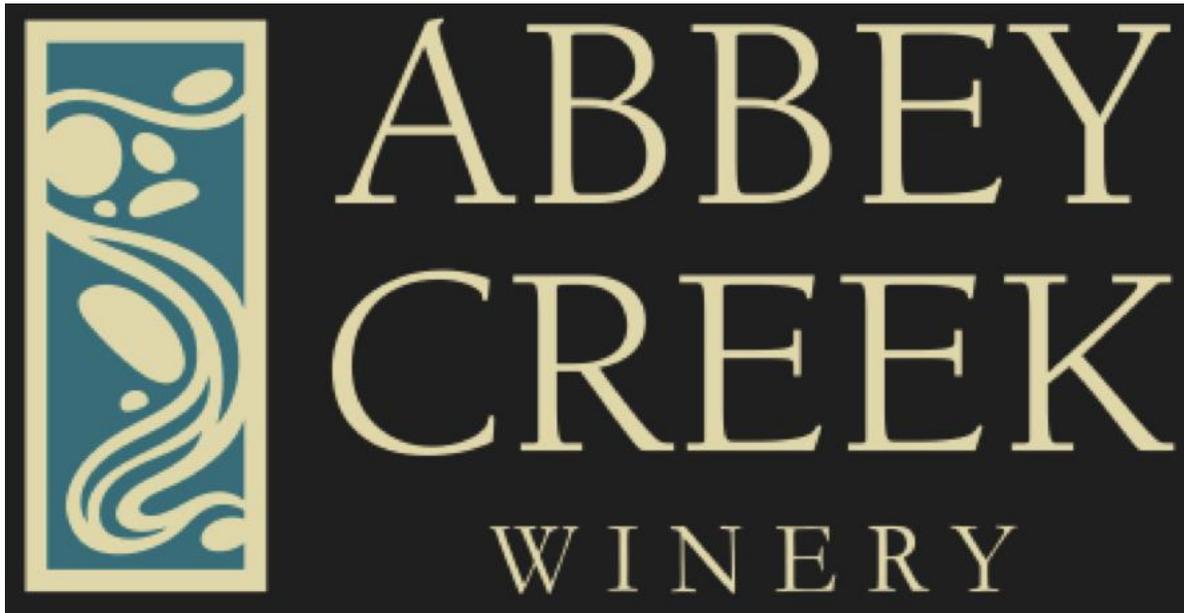
03/22 Willow Tree local rock & roll

03/28 Wild Soul "Spring Break Fever"

03/29 Bob Love and Friends

Toast of the Month

*"May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His Hand."*



Presents...

An Artists Spotlight

Kicking off on Friday March 28th

6 -9 pm at our tasting room

31441 NW Commercial in North Plains

Local artists of all platforms will be featured with a new artist being showcased each month

Attendance is \$15 and includes;
light hor d'oeuvres & a glass of wine or tasting flight

Questions about our upcoming event?
503-389-0619 or info@abbeycreekvineyard.com
www.abbeycreekvineyard.com

“Meet me at the Crick”

New Ordinances Regarding E-Cigarettes

Recently Washington County Tobacco Prevention and Education Program advised City Council about the local trends regarding tobacco and nicotine use. As a result the City Council is considering ordinances to ban the sale of e-cigarettes and other similar products to minors under 18 and ban smoking, including “vaping” at City facilities.

One of the most alarming trends is the use of e-cigarettes among youth. "The increased use of e-cigarettes by teens is deeply troubling," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "Nicotine is a highly addictive drug. Many teens who start with e-cigarettes may be condemned to struggling with a lifelong addiction to nicotine and conventional cigarettes." **A 2013 survey of Oregon teens suggests that 5.2% of 11th graders now use e-cigarettes. Nationally, almost 10% of middle and high school students are using e-cigarettes according to the Centers for Disease Control.** The electronic cigarette was introduced to the U.S.



market in 2007 and offers the nicotine-addicted an alternative to smoking tobacco. Most "e-cigs" are similar enough in appearance to be mistaken for regular cigarettes, but one look inside and you'll see the main difference: E-cigarettes don't contain tobacco. Instead, there's

a mechanism that heats up liquid nicotine, which turns into a vapor that smokers inhale and exhale. The vapor comes in different concentrations from 0-24 mg of nicotine, and a vapor cartridge equals about a half-pack of cigarettes.

Because they contain no tobacco, e-cigarettes aren't subject to tobacco laws, which means they can be purchased without proof of age, especially online. This raises concerns e-cigs may be particularly appealing to kids and may encourage nicotine addiction among young people. The new ordinances only applies within the City limits of North Plains. Similar ordinances are being adopted by other local agencies.

In Washington County:
 50,045 adults regularly smoke cigarettes.
 9,748 people suffer from a serious illness caused by tobacco use.
499 people will die from tobacco use (That's 18 percent of all deaths in this county).
 \$91 million is spent on medical care for tobacco-related illnesses for Washington County residents.

Calendar

See community events at NPfun.org

- 3/03 City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 3/05 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 3/07 First Friday Flick** 6 p.m. at the Library
- 3/08 Super Saturday Painting/Pizza Party** at 1 pm at Jessie Mays
- 3/10 Friends of North Plains Library Meeting** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 3/12 North Plains Garden Club** 9 a.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest
- 3/12 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 3/12 Planning Commission Meeting** 7 p.m. at the Senior Center
- 3/13 NP Food Pantry** open 5 – 6:30 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 3/14 Artwork on Exhibit Reception with Dylan King,** 6-7:30 pm at Library
- 3/17 City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at the Senior Center
- 3/19 Storytime** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 3/19 Library Board Meeting** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 3/20 Library Book Club** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 3/23 Play Date** 1:30- 4 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall
- 3/26 Parks Board Meeting** 6-8 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center
- 3/28 NP Food Pantry** open 5–6:30 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 4/9 Art of the Story with Olga Loya, Jessie Mays** 7 p.m.

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