

North Plains Community News

November 2013 City of North Plains, 31360 NW Commercial Street, North Plains, OR 97133 www.northplains.org



10th Annual Jingle

December 5, 2013

6:30 pm

A unique North Plains Holiday tradition sponsored by the City of North Plains and North Plains Events Association. See the Holiday Lights and be a part of the parade. Individuals, families, friends, and organizations are encouraged to decorate anything that moves and participate in the parade. You don't have to register for the parade; just show up and sign a waiver at the event. Some folks decorate trucks and trailers, others bring the family car, and many residents rent golf carts from J & S Golf Carts on Main Street (503) 647-1984. It's up to you as long as you can keep pace with the parade, which moves about 10 miles an hour. Awards are given for the best decorated vehicle. The Jingle begins and ends at Jessie Mays Community Park and the procession lasts about 20-30 minutes. Hot chocolate, cider, and cookies are served afterwards courtesy of the North Plains Events Association.

Show Off Your Holiday Spirit!

If you would like your home to be included in the judging for this year's event please register on our website <http://npfun.org/jingle.html>

Lights must be installed by December 1, 2013 to be included in the contest. Awards are given in various categories including:

- Most Holiday Spirit
- Best Lighted House
- Best Street Spirit, and
- Most Likely to Be Seen From Space.



North Plains' newest reserve Police Officer Todd Duncan sworn in at City Council 10/21/13

Playdates are coming back on 11/24/13. See www.NPfun.org for more information



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Those were the good old days...



I am Melvin Van Domelen, I've lived in Mountindale all of my life. My great, great grandfather John Dobbins

settled on a donation land claim of one section, just south of Beach Road on both sides of Glencoe Road. One of John's sons, Flemmon Dobbins, filed a land claim number 41 for 314 acres in Mountindale March 1st 1851. Our family still owns 60 acres of Flemmon's farm and my wife and I live there today.

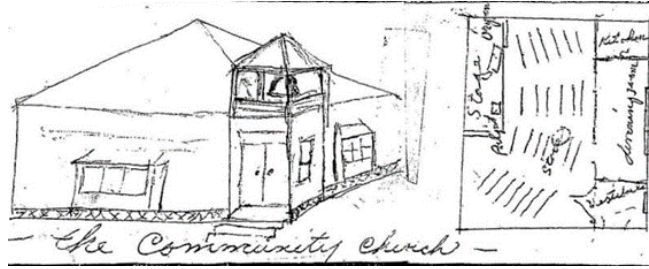
I wrote the history page for the local publication *The Beacon* for three years. Now, I have been asked by City Manager Martha DeBry to submit an article in their newsletter that goes out each month. I am willing to give this a try and see what happens.

Our North Plains Historical Society has a hand drawn map in pencil dated 1910 - 1912. This map was given to us by the Parson brothers. We believe it to have been drawn by Florence Bunger. There is a ton of information on that map. Every house and business that was there is identified. Directly across Commercial Street from City Hall stood a two story grainery building. Commercial Street, in those days was Main Street, the only street in town to have a name.

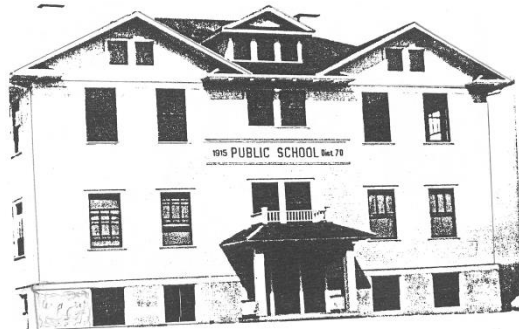
The first school in North Plains was held on the second floor of the mill here in town for two years 1911- 1913. A Mr. Winn and a Mr. Baker were listed as teachers. Shortly after, Roy King remodeled the lower floor and started printing his newspaper, the *North Plains Optimist*. *The Optimist* was published every Friday; subscription was one dollar per year.

During 1913 - 1914 the school was moved to the Community Church, just south of the City Hall across Kaybern Street. I heard rumor that this church

building still stands today. On the old North Plains map there is a sketch of this church. I had two conversations with Bob Scrafford, who bought the



Class of 1913



North Plains Elementary 1915

house, which indeed had been a church, in 1988. He pointed out high windows that had been lowered and siding was used to fill in. Bob has seen records of how the sloped floor was leveled and alterations made.

Bob Scrafford told me that a short time before he looked at this house, he had a dream about this very building. He told me it was almost frightening to go upstairs because he already knew what was up there, and he was right. Bob told me there is a picture in the

North Plains school library of the teacher Ruth Troutman and her students standing in front of the church in 1913. The 1914 - 1915 school year was held in the Methodist Church located on the south east corner of North Avenue right across from the power

substation. This church had been part of old Glencoe years before North Plains came into existence, Miss Bentrod is listed as teacher. I have seen a story that the pews were removed from this church when it was dismantled, and they were used in the Tualatin Plains Presbyterian Church and the old Scotch Church. I have questioned Scotch Church folks about this, but no one knows if this is true.

By 1915 the square two story school building that many of us remember had been built where the tennis courts are now next to the Jessie Mays Hall. This hall was once the school gymnasium, North Plains held school here for about 40 years. An interesting article in the 1915 *Optimist* talks of a firewood purchase for this school.

"Joe Ash sold this week to the local school board, 16 cords of 4 foot fir wood at \$2.35 a cord"



Melvin Van Domelen
North Plains Historical Society

NEWS AND NOTES

FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE

November 16, 9:00 to 3:00. Call 503 447-1025 and reserve your 8' table and chairs now if you have items to sell. Tables are \$10 each; payment is due no later than November 9. Make checks payable to North Plains Senior Center no refunds. Each vendor is asked to contribute one item for a door prize. Set-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. All baked goods must be wrapped, priced and contain the following warning: "Food not prepared in a commercial kitchen and may contain nuts, milk, etc."

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Senior Center is accepting donations until mid-November for Billy Graham's Operation Christmas Child. Items needed are small pads of paper, coloring books, crayons (must be Crayola brand), pencils, pens, glue sticks, erasers, combs and brushes, tooth-brushes, tooth paste, hard candies (no chocolates) and small cars and dolls.

JUST HEAR THOSE SLEIGH BELLS JINGLING

Bring a little Victorian Christmas into your life with this genuine Antique Horse-Drawn Sleigh. Crafted in Quebec in 1909, the sleigh has been 90%



beautifully restored. Original shaft is included. This sleigh needs a home where it can glide effortlessly over the snow and where you can snuggle up under a cozy blanket and count the stars in

the sky. If you need more information or are interested in purchasing this special antique call Margaret Wold at 503-647-5666.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Since 1996, the Box Tops for Education program has helped schools earn cash for the things they need. Support our North Plains Elementary School today and see what a difference you can make! Watch for specially marked box tops on the products you buy and drop them off at the Senior Center.

KITCHEN REMODEL

The remodel is expected to begin the first of December and should take about a month. Meals will continue to be served at the Center as long as possible and then at the Senior Plaza Apartments next door.

MAKE US YOUR CHARITY OF CHOICE

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!

CRAB FEED

January 18, 2014 at

Jessie Mays

Save the Date!!

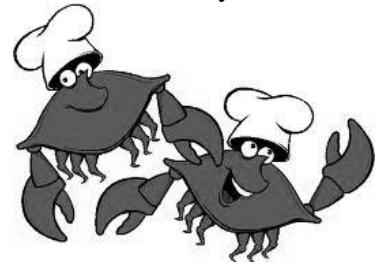
Join us for crab, steak

or both plus

entertainment and a no-host bar.

Advanced purchase: \$30 for Crab or Steak, \$35 for Surf & Turf. At the Door: \$40 for Crab or Steak; \$45 for Surf & Turf. Three seatings—at 3:00, 4:30 and 6:00. Order tickets online at

<http://www.mealsonwheelspeople.org/news/special-events/crab-feed> or at the Senior Center.



Chili CookOff Winners

Traditional With Beans – Charlynn Newton

Non Traditional – Skip Alton

Hot! – Owen Vandehey

People's Choice - Ann King

Kids' Choice – Maria Basile

Thank you to the many cooks, Knights of Pythias, North Plains Events Association and North Plains Senior Center for making this such a wonderful event. More than 300 people attended this year!

Winners Ann King and Owen Vandehey



Library News

Cover Oregon Informational Meetings. Oregon's health insurance marketplace, Cover Oregon, is a resource for citizens who are seeking affordable health insurance or assistance in obtaining insurance. Oregonians will be able to compare and enroll in health and dental coverage that fits their needs and budget, and to access financial help to pay for their coverage. No one will be denied coverage because of pre-existing conditions. Literature is available at the North Plains Public Library, and free presentations and question/answer sessions are scheduled for the following days and times:

Q & A – Friday, Nov 1, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Library
Presentation – Wednesday, Nov 6, 7-8:30 p.m.
Jessie Mays Community Hall

Q & A – Thursday, Nov 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Library
Presentation - Monday, Nov 11 7-8:30 p.m. Jessie Mays Community Hall

Q & A – Tuesday, Nov 12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Library
Presentation – Saturday, Nov 23, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
Jessie Mays Community Hall

Bubble-Wrap Drive. Members of the Friends of the Library are about to launch used book sales online through Amazon. Hundreds of used books will be available. To fill orders by mail, they will need LOTS of packing materials – specifically small-bubble-sized bubble-wrap. Please bring your clean bubble-wrap donations (no tape attached to it) to the Jessie Mays Community Hall annex (just to the right/south of the main entrance). You may simply put it through the slot to the right of the door to the annex - 24/7. If you have a large amount of the small-bubble-sized bubble-wrap to donate, please contact the Library at 503-647-5051, and we will make special arrangements for your delivery. This will be an ongoing need, year-round.

Artwork on Exhibit. Local resident Carolyn Leavitt's original cross stitch pieces will be featured during **November and December**. Carolyn began doing cross stitch in 1990 when a friend gave her a small cross stitch kit. She found it so relaxing and fun that she has continued to do cross stitch ever since. Carolyn soon needed a bit more challenge than kits afforded, so she began creating her own patterns using Photoshop and similar software programs. Most pieces use over 200 colors of thread. Some are copies of famous art, some are taken from photos, and some are her own original art work. A reception for Carolyn

will be held on Friday, **November 8** from 6 -7:30 p.m. The public is invited to this free event, and refreshments will be served.

Quilt Display. The **November** quilt is a lovely fall design with a deep green border and yellow, cream, and orange squares. This piece was made by Westside Quilters Guild member Julie Mason.

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

November 6 Story time with Miss Marion:
Furry Friends

November 13 Story time with Children's Librarian Kay: Birthdays

November 20 Special Guest Story time: Police Officer and K9 Dog

November 27 Special Guest Story time: Air Force/Airplanes with Captain Mark Brodie

First Friday Flick. Join us at the Library on **November 1** at 6 p.m. to watch a popular G-rated Pixar/Disney film. Ever since Mike was a little monster, he has dreamed of becoming a professional Scarer, but at college he soon crosses paths with "Sulley" and the competition becomes fierce. Learn how they overcome their differences to be the best of friends. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

LEGO Bricks Drive. Library Staff and Volunteers will soon be hosting LEGO building events at the Jessie Mays Community Hall for children and teens, and we are currently seeking donations of LEGOS. Please help us get started by giving us your no-longer-wanted Legos and/or by purchasing new LEGOS to contribute. Both small- and large-sized LEGOS are needed. A donation box will be placed near the Library entry door beginning **November 1**. Upcoming Lego events will be planned and published as soon as there are enough materials. Thank you!

Read to the Dogs. First graders and up can gain confidence reading aloud to Taylor, a volunteer pet-therapy dog. Taylor and his owner Ben Benally are a registered team with Pet Partners. This free program offers a friendly, non-judgmental environment for young readers to practice their reading skills. This program takes place on the first Wednesday of



Pet Partners
Touching Lives, Improving Health

every month from 3-5 p.m. and will occur on **November 6**. Reservations are required. Sign up for a 20-minute time slot by calling the Library at 503-647-5051.

Writers' Group. Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on Thursday, **November 7** at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

Super Saturday – Fun with Yarns. On **November 9** at 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall, come enjoy a hands-on event with Meredith Bach who will show how yarn, thread, cord, rope, and other long, stringy materials are created from animal fleece and fibers. Try your skill at making two-ply handspun yarn, and work in teams to make yarn on a drop spindle. Then do some finger-crocheting to fashion a necklace or bracelet to take home. All ages and skill levels are welcome to attend this free event.

Friends of the Library Meeting. There will be a regular meeting of the Friends on Monday, November 11 at the Library from 7:30-9 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.



LAIKA Animation Event on No-School Day. Teens (6th graders through High School), be sure to put Tuesday, **November 19** on your calendars! Mark Shapiro will join us from LAIKA, the animation company specializing in feature films, commercials, and short films using stop-motion photography. He will present behind-the-scenes imagery and rare time-lapse footage that will describe the major details involved in making an animated feature film - breathing life into puppets in 24 frames per second. Shapiro will talk about *Moongirl* (2005), about the two Oscar-nominated features *ParaNorman* (2012) and *Coraline* (2009), and about the upcoming film, *The Boxtrolls*, which will debut in theaters in September 2014. This free event for teens will take

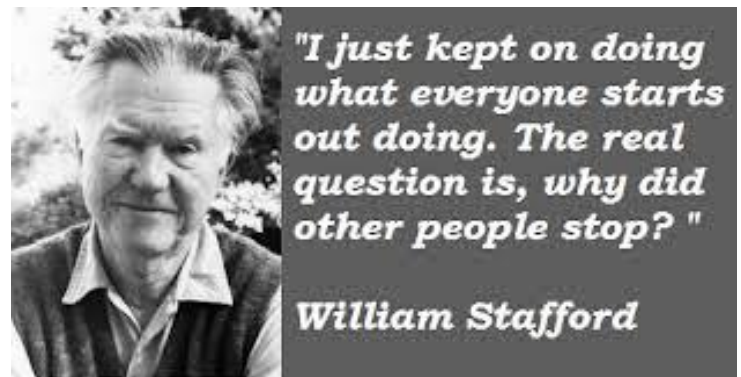
place at the Jessie Mays Community Hall beginning at 3 p.m.

Library Board Meeting. The next meeting of the Library Board will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, **November 20**, at the Library.

Library Book Club. *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver will be discussed on Thursday, **November 21**. Tired of living on a failing farm and suffering oppressive poverty, bored housewife Dellarobia Turnbow, on the way to meet a potential lover, is detoured by a miraculous event on the Appalachian mountainside that ignites a media and religious firestorm that changes her life forever. This meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Library. New members are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Donate to the Holiday Craft Faire. If you knit, crochet, or handcraft other items, you are invited to donate your wares to be sold at the annual Holiday Craft Faire held throughout the month of December at the Library. Donations may be brought to the Library on **November 29 and 30**, and the sale will begin on Monday December 2. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the purchase of new books and DVDs for the North Plains Public Library.

Save the Date – Friday, January 17. A North Plains' evening of fabulous conversation with special guests, wine, and poetry will highlight the statewide Oregon Reads 2014 celebration of the life and works of poet laureate William Stafford.



Library Closures. November 11 Veteran's Day, November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving.

Library Information. Library open hours are Monday – Wednesday 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday – Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 503-647-5051 or visit our website at www.nplib.org for more information. You can also find us on Facebook!

Are You Crafty?

North Plains Holiday Bazaar Vendors Needed
Would you like the opportunity to sell gifts and other products at the annual Holiday Bazaar on December 7, 2013 at Jessie Mays? Applications are being accepted for vendors. A 10 ft. x 10 ft. space costs \$20 for the day. The event was advertised in the Argus, in addition to the newsletter, website and banners. Go to www.NPFun.org for more information.

Calendar

- 11/1 **First Friday Flick** 6 p.m. at the Library
- 11/4 **City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at the NP Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 11/6 **Story time** 11:30 a.m. at the Library, 31334 NW Commercial Street
- 11/6 **Library Board Meeting** 6:00-Library
- 11/7 **Writer's Group** 6:30 a.m. at the Library
- 11/11 *City Offices and Library closed*
- 11/11 Friends of Library Meeting
- 11/13 **North Plains Garden Club**
9 a.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street
- 11/13 **Story time** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 11/13 **Chamber of Commerce** 12 noon at the Fire Station, 31370 NW Commercial Street
- 11/13 **Planning Commission Meeting**
7 p.m. at the NP Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 11/14 **NP Food Pantry Open** 5 – 6:30 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 11/18 **City Council Meeting** 7 p.m. at the NP Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
- 11/20 **Story time** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 11/21 **Library Book Club** 7:30 p.m. at the Library
- 11/23 **Dance** 7:30 pm at Jessie Mays
- 11/24 **Playdate**, 1:30-4 at Jessie Mays
- 11/25 **NP Food Pantry Open** 5–6:30 p.m. at 31311 Commercial Street
- 11/27 **Story time** 11:30 a.m. at the Library
- 11/27 **Parks Board** 6:30 p.m. at NP Senior Center
- 11/28-29 *City Offices and Library closed*
- 12/5 **North Plains Jingle** at Jessie Mays

City of North Plains

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Foot Patrol

North Plains Police Department has a team "The Foot Patrol" participating in the Hood to Coast race from Mount Hood to Seaside, Oregon which is the largest relay race in the world! Over 1,000 teams will run the 199 mile course on August 22 and 23, 2014. The team will be running to raise funds for pediatric cancer research. If you would like to support the team please visit their website at <http://www.crowdrise.com/NorthPlainsPoliceDepartment>



The young men organized crews and obtained materials for their Eagle projects.



*Thank You!
Eagle Scout project leaders
Carson and Logan Miller:
Builders of a minipark at
Wascoe and Main.*