The Word on the Street

Library News

TUTORING SERVICE
Stacie, our tutoring volunteer will provide Homework Help on Wednesday evenings from 5pm until 7 pm. Please contact the Library to schedule a no cost session. The tutor will provide help with all subjects including math from an elementary school level through calculus.

Police Officer Matt Glem will offer math help, specializing in Junior High through College Mathematics including College Prep (CPM). These sessions will run on Saturdays from 3:30pm until 5pm beginning January 6. Students are welcome to come on a drop in basis or by signing up.

Book Babies Storytimes
Babies 0-12 months are invited to hear stories, enjoy finger plays, and share songs and rhymes with Early Childhood Specialist, Lauren, every Wednesday at 10:30am in the children's section of the library.

Storytimes
Children ages 0-6 are invited to participate every Wednesday at 11:30am in the children's section of the library. Here is a run-down on some of our upcoming story time themes for the next few months:

- Wednesday, February 28, 2018 – BUBBLE BATH
- Wednesday, March 7, 2018 – BUG OUT,
- Wednesday, March 14, 2018 – SPECIAL GUEST SUPER BUNNY
- Wednesday, March 21, 2018 – SPECIAL GUEST (buses/cars)

Mayor’s Corner
Do you love living in a small town? Would you like to get to know some new people in town, or do you have a special interest in something happening within the City? Did you know that it takes thousands of volunteer hours to successfully put on events? In April we will be hosting the Volunteer Recognition Night. We invite you to join us for a Free Spaghetti dinner prepared by the NP Senior Center. Come and learn about all the different committees and groups that are run entirely by volunteers. Following the dinner, we ask that you stay and witness and applaud the recipients of the 2017 Volunteer Recognition Awards. We hope we can add your name to the 2018 list of award winners in April 2019.
If you would like to volunteer, please email volunteeryourtime@northplains.org!

Important Reminder:
Backflow Device testing is due by June 15th, 2018.

City of North Plains
31360 NW Commercial St.
North Plains, OR 97133

City Hall hours are
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday.

(503) 647-5555
www.cityofnp.org

Contact Your Council:
Mayor Teri Lenahan
Sherrie Simmons
Robert Kindel
Larry Gonzales,
Russ Sheldon
Cameron Martinez
Garth Eimers

March 2018
Family Fun Night
Join us at the Library on the First Friday of each month for a free showing of a PG-rated movie, and a chance for parents to get their holds or have a quiet moment! Board games are available for older kids to enjoy.

March 2, 6:30pm, Wallace and Gromit: a matter of Loaf and Death.
A classic animated tale! Looking for a fast way to earn dough, Wallace decides to make it. Armed with a batch of ovens, an army of robotic kneading arms, and an old-fashioned windmill, Wallace and Gromit start ‘Top Bun,’ their new bread-baking business. When bakers suddenly start disappearing, Gromit realizes that his master is in danger as he follows a twisting, turning trail of crumbs to solve a murder mystery.

Super Saturday.
Come join the library at Jessie Mays Community Center for fun performers and activities for all ages! These events occur from 1pm until 2pm. Events are always a blast, and always free of charge.

Saturday March 10th paint a pet with the library staff
The library staff will be showing you how to paint your very own pet … rock! That’s right - join Will and Brenda for rock painting fun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ADULT SERVICES
Here is a rundown on the adult focused news and programs that occurred recently or are scheduled to occur next month. All are welcome at our programs.

One city one book! Worthy Brown’s Daughter March 10, 7pm until 8pm.
Over the last few months many of our patrons have gotten together to enjoy the pleasure of reading with Phillip Margolin’s Worthy Brown’s Daughter. Known for his critically acclaimed contemporary thrillers, New York Times bestselling author Phillip Margolin explores an intriguing tale of the old west in Worthy Brown’s Daughter, a compelling historical drama, set in nineteenth-century Oregon. This tale combines a heartbreaking story of slavery and murder with classic Margolin plot twists. Join us for a fascinating book talk with the author on the listed date. Refreshments will be provided for this special occasion. To reserve your spot just call the library.

Culinary Literacy - Good Food, Great Medicine
Our North Plains Library has been offering a series of talks on culinary literacy. This popular series has covered growing herbs, understanding spices, and holiday cooking to date. We are pleased to offer a presentation by author, Dr. Miles Hassell on nutritional literacy as it pertains to health. He is the co-author of Good Food, Great Medicine, a guide for using diet and lifestyle for optimal health. Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Center on Saturday, April 28th, 2018 from 9:30am until 10:30am for this Culinary Literacy event! Admission is free but a reservation is required for this event. Please call the North Plains Public Library to reserve your spot.

International Movie Night
With the kind support of the Cultural Trust of Oregon, the Cultural Coalition of Washington County, and the Abbey Creek Winery, we are able to bring you a fresh foreign film every month. All showings occur at the Abbey Creek Winery tasting room on Commercial Street. Fine wine is available for purchase. Doors open at 6pm for a short movie then the feature runs at 7pm.

Pick up after your Pooch!
The City has received a number of complaints of people not picking up after their dogs. According to North Plains Municipal code 4.10.035, “no person shall allow a dog owned by or under the person’s control to defecate on property other than the owners without immediately thereafter picking up and disposing of the excrement.” Along with being a violation of the municipal code, it’s also not cool! Please respect the other citizens of North Plains, and pick up after your dog!
Thursday, March 15, International Movie Night will be *Waking Ned Divine*.

Commercial director Kirk Jones makes his feature directing debut with a story about a small town in Ireland called Tulaigh More, where one of their 52 inhabitants wins the lotto jackpot of nearly seven million pounds. When nobody claims it, the town goes on a search to find out why. They find the winner, old Ned Devine, dead - a smile on his face, clutching the winning ticket. In Ireland, the lottery winnings must be claimed by the purchaser, which puts the town in a spot. If the lottery officials discover Devine dead, he forfeits his money. What ensues is a community coming together in hopes of getting his money to split 51 ways. What they learn is the importance of friendship and the true value of money.

**Police Department News**

*A Message from Chief Baker*

In recent months, with the increasing popularity of neighborhood apps like Nextdoor, we are seeing more and more communication between neighbors and communities. While this is a wonderful tool and one of the many reasons we love our small town, we have seen an increase in reports of suspicious persons or activity via the app, but are not being informed of it through official channels. I would like to remind everyone to please report any suspicious activity or persons to dispatch either by calling 9-1-1 if it is an emergency, or the non-emergency dispatch at 503-629-0111 so an officer can respond and investigate. Help us keep our community safe by saying something if you see something!

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**Senior Center News**

**MUSIC MONDAY**: DT & Country will be playing at the Senior Center on Monday, March 12th at 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

**EXERCISE CLASS**: Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:30 – 10:30 AM, down stairs at the Senior Center, this class is FREE and open to anyone.

**CICRIT BOOT CAMP**: Monday thru Friday 5am - 6am Just show up $5.00 for drop in or $25.00 a month

**MARCH CALENDAR**:

BINGO: Wednesday, March 7th 6:30 p.m.
Liver & Onions Lunch: Monday, March 19th salad bar opens at 11:45, lunch at 12 pm

**TAXES**: Free AARP tax preparation will be here thru April 12th on Thursdays, call 503-647-5666 for an appointment.

**St. Patrick’s Day Dinner**: Saturday, March 17th the center will have a Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner with all the trimmings. Dinner begins at 5:00PM, $15.00 per person. Reservations are needed by March 12th so please call to 503-647-5666.

**Meals on Wheels People** is having its first annual, walk-a-thon fundraiser called “Stride for Seniors” on Sunday, April 22nd @ the Portland International Raceway. We are seeking sponsorships and/or team captains and participants to help make this fundraiser successful. For more information or to register, you can go online @ https://www.mealsonwheelspeople.org/news-events/stride-for-seniors/ or call Angie Boyd (Nutrition Program Manager for the North Plains Center Meals on Wheels) @ 503-647-5666. Or email: angie.boyd@mealsonwheelspeople.org our team for North Plains is called “Pioneers of North Plains” if you’d like to join or donate.

The North Plains Senior center and Meals on Wheels would like to thank everyone who supported and attended the 10th Annual Crab Feed, the event was a huge success! We would also like to thank all the volunteers who worked to make this fundraising event happen.
Those Were the Good Old Days
Remembering Jake
1890-1963

By Melvin Van Domelen
Mountaindale, OR

I will always be grateful for the fact that during the last month of my father, Jake VanDomelen’s, life my young family spent 3 of the 4 Sundays with my parents. Dad would ask me on Saturday “What are you doing tomorrow? Let’s go someplace.” And we did, it just worked out as though it was meant to be that way.

We went to an Indian artifact show at OMSI and to the coast twice. I drove my parents 1953 Pontiac car that resembled an Army tank, no power steering, on these trips. A coast drive all but wore me out.

One of these coast trips was to visit Fort Stevens near Astoria. My father had been a soldier during the time of World War I. He had once been stationed at Fort Stevens and had watched the training there of the Coast Artillery at Battery Russell. Dad gave us a tour of Fort Stevens as he remembered it. He showed us the parade grounds, the cemetery, and some of the officer’s quarters that were still there.

From the Visitor Center, Jake pointed out the sand dunes where wooden platforms had once held the tents that housed the troops when he was there. Father told us that during the influenza outbreak of 1918 soldiers were dying at Fort Stevens every day.

There were three gun positions built at Fort Stevens in 1903. The 10-inch cannon there had a range of 9 miles. They fired a 600 pound shell that was transported by a railroad. These guns featured a disappearing carriage that enabled the gun to be lowered, loaded, raised and rotated to zero in on a target. I have heard a story that once several of these guns were fired simultaneously and the blast broke windows in Astoria.

On June 24th, 1942, during World War II, a Japanese submarine surfaced 10 miles offshore from Fort Stevens. The sub fired 9 shells into the area doing no real damage. Return fire was not ordered because the submarine was thought to be out of range and they didn’t want to give away their position.

Jake was later ordered to go by troop train to Newport News, Virginia for shipment overseas. I have letters that he wrote back to his then fiancé, Pearl Corey. The cross country train trip took 4 days and he wrote about eating “goober peas”. It took me a while to realize he was referring to peanuts. Pearl took care of Dad’s horse while he was gone.

The Armistice was signed in Europe while my father was still in Virginia waiting to ship out. He was then able to return, claim his horse, and marry Pearl in 1919.

Pearl Corey had inherited a working farm at Mountaindale when she was only 19 years old. After my parents married they lived on this farm all of their lives and produced 4 children. Jake milked cows all of his married life, sometimes 8 or 10, sometimes only 2.

On the last Sunday trip to Fort Stevens, my father took us to Battery Russell. Jake had a group of adults and children listening to him tell about how the big cannon operated, how the big guns were loaded, raised, rotated and fired. Dad stood up there on the parapet with the wind in his hair and these folks
gathered around listening to him. I’ll never forget that sight. It would have truly been a Kodak moment. On one of our return trips from the coast, while I was driving their Pontiac, the Tank, Father was teaching our first daughter, Vanessa, to count in the Dutch language. Pictured is the last photo I have of my parents together, Vanessa is giving her grandpa a bear-hug on the beach.

My wife, Mary, and I, built a house on my parent’s farm in 1961 and still live in the oak grove there today.

Some information coming from “The Book of Jake” that I have written about my father’s life.

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**March Calendar**

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**Fire Department News**

**ISO Rerate May Save TVF&R Patrons Money on Insurance Premiums**

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) helps establish industry standards used by most insurance companies to determine fire premiums. All insurance companies who utilize ISO were required to recognize Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue’s improved ratings by February 1. Property owners in TVF&R’s service area should talk with their insurance provider to determine which rate is applied to their property following ISO’s comprehensive analysis of the district’s fire protection and prevention capabilities. Results of that analysis led to improved ratings that included the following:

- On a 10-point scale with Class 1 being the highest, TVF&R is rated a Class 2 in all areas within five miles of a fire station. This could mean big savings for people in North Plains, Midway, Stafford, Sherwood, Newberg and some of the rural parts of the district.
- Properties located more than five miles from a fire station are considered a Class 10. TVF&R has very few of these areas.
- Some properties located five to seven miles from a fire station might be considered a Class 10w, depending on the features of the property, giving customers a 5 to 10 percent discount.
- TVF&R is among the top 3 percent of the 46,042 fire departments evaluated by ISO. Currently, there are no Class 1 departments in Oregon.

“We are so pleased with our improved rating. It has the potential to save the people we serve money on their insurance premiums,” states Fire Chief Mike Duyck. “We also appreciate the comprehensive analysis of our operations and prevention capabilities by an objective third party.”

ISO considered TVF&R’s staffing, equipment, training, fire station distribution, incident reporting, data collection and community-risk-reduction efforts. They also evaluated water infrastructure, water-shuttling abilities and emergency communications.

Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency, the 911 dispatch center, earned the highest marks possible in all categories, and TVF&R’s fire prevention and community-risk-reduction programs earned the highest marks in Oregon to date.
**Nuisance Complaints**

Have you noticed an abandoned vehicle, blackberries impeding pedestrian traffic, noxious vegetation, or other nuisances as defined in chapter 4 and 5 of the North Plains Municipal Code? Please call City Hall and we would be happy to investigate the complaint further. Please note, abandoned vehicles are described as having stayed in the same location for more than 24 hours AND a) the vehicle does not have an unexpired license plate lawfully affixed to it, b) the vehicle appears to be inoperative or disabled, or c) the vehicle appears to be wrecked, partially dismantled or junked. If you have questions about whether or not a nuisance exists, please call 503-647-5555 and we will advise if there is code pertinent to your complaint.

**PCC Chorale Auditions**

The Portland Community College Rock Creek Campus Chorale is looking for new members for this Spring quarter. The Chorale meets on Thursday evenings starting April 2 from 6:00 - 8:50 in building 3, room 114 at the college, 17705 NW Springville Rd., Portland.

No audition or experience is required, and seniors 62+ receive free tuition. Registration begins February 27. To register, go to [pcc.edu/enroll](http://pcc.edu/enroll). To learn more, please contact [samuel.barbara@pcc.edu](mailto:samuel.barbara@pcc.edu), 971-722-7867.

The Chorale's Winter concert will be on March 15 at 7:00 pm in building 3, room 114. Come hear the group perform!

Parking is $2, and admission donations are appreciated. For more information about the PCC Rock Creek music program, please go to [http://www.pcc.edu/programs/music/rock-creek/](http://www.pcc.edu/programs/music/rock-creek/)

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**TENINTY’S PIZZA & SUBS**

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