The Word on the Street

City Wide Garage Sale & Clean-Up Day

Garage Sale
Let’s get set for a garage sale bonanza!
The North Plains annual Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 5th this year. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this free event either as a buyer, a seller, or both. A list will be put together of all the garage sales in the City and surrounding area at no cost to you. If you would like to participate in this year’s event, please call Patti Burns at 503-647-2619 or send an email to lochlolly1@aol.com.
The North Plains Garden club is hosting their annual plant sale the same day at Jessie Mays. The sale opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m.

Clean-Up Day
Residents in the 97133 zip code are invited to bring unwanted items to the North Plains Annual Clean-Up Day at Jessie Mays Community Park on May 12th. Garbarino Disposal is providing dumpsters for junk materials and recyclables.

Acceptable items (and fees) include:
- Usable items for a charitable organization - No fee
- Large appliances - $5 each
- Air conditioner, refrigerator or freezer - $25 each
- Tires - $4 per tire off the rim; $6 per tire with wheel
- Bulky wastes, furniture, scrap metal, plastics and electronics - $5 per carload, $10 per truck, trailer or van
- Heavy materials (brick, rock) - $20/ half-full mid-size truck

Other items will be assessed at the event. Participants may be asked to help unload their materials.

Do NOT bring:
Household/wet garbage; hazardous waste; paint; medications; light bulbs; batteries or potentially asbestos-containing building materials such as drywall, vinyl sheet, etc.

Important Reminder:
Backflow Device testing is due by June 15th, 2018.
Odor Complaints
If you would like to make an odor complaint, you can now do so on our new website! Visit www.northplains.org and click on the “Resources” tab at the top of the page. Odor complaints are forwarded to the City Manager and other pertinent agencies.

Volunteer Recognition 2017
This past April, the local non-profits, churches and public organizations honored the volunteers who come together to make fun happen in North Plains.

The North Plains Library honored the many volunteers who donate hundreds of hours to the library. Norma Tucker, Board member with the Friends of the Library, was honored for her commitment as Treasurer, her fundraising efforts, and her gift of quilting to hospice patients in need of solace. Diane VanGrunsven was honored for her strong leadership, immense knowledge at the Circulation Desk, and dedication of bringing quality programs to North Plains.

The North Plains Elementary School honored Ron Olsen, a.k.a. Grandpa Ron, for his amazing devotion and tireless efforts to helping both children with their learning and teachers with their teaching. Principal Becky Smith was quoted as saying, "Grandpa Ron is by far the best volunteer I have ever seen and we are SO grateful to have him with us. Students love him, and so do we!"

The North Plains Senior Board honored Karen Jacky and Patti Burns for their tireless efforts at the Center. The Centers' achievements are made possible by these two who work hand-in-hand to make it a warm and welcoming place. They take great pride in the 'little things' that make all who visit feel like family.

The Teen Volunteer of the Year went to Becca Bishop. Becca co-chairs the Teen Council, designs book brochures for the Teen Display and is building the Teen Book Collection.

The Volunteer of the Year award went to Doug Nunnenkamp. Doug was honored for his years of service on the Planning Commission and as Chairperson on the Parks & Recreation Board. He is a strong advocate for making sure there is adequate park and open space in the many new developments popping up around North Plains. Every year he cooks the free community Thanksgiving and Easter meals, and he serves meals for Home Plate Youth Services. He serves on the Transportation System Plan Committee and volunteers as a shuttle driver during the annual Elephant Garlic Festival.

The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Terry Burns. Terry was honored for being an all-around and versatile volunteer. His years of service as a volunteer firefighter with Washington County District #2 and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue have kept him very grounded and humble. Terry has been the behind-the-scenes volunteer for decades. He is instrumental in many of the operational needs for the community events which include, but are certainly not limited to, the Senior Center Crab Feed, National Night Out and the annual Elephant Garlic Festival. He can been seen putting up tents, hauling in merchandise, assisting at the parking area, grilling steaks, setting up tables and he even finds time to

Mayor’s Corner
By Teri Lenahan
It might be too early to think about this, but I think it's pretty important. Every year, the families and friends of North Plains come together to celebrate the Fourth of July. The Knights of Pythias organize a parade and an old fashion BBQ at Jessie Mays Community Center. This year is no different, with one exception. The City of North Plains is pleased to announce that they will host an evening of FIREWORKS! Yes, you read it right, FIREWORKS! The firework display will be shot from Lakeview Farms just off North Ave across from the North Plains Elementary School. I want to publicly thank the Cropp Family for their support and donation of land so that we can have fireworks. Watch the Newsletter for more details.

May 2018
deliver Christmas trees to local businesses during the holidays. We want to congratulate all of this years' recipients and honorees. If you want to learn more about the volunteer opportunities in North Plains, please send an email to volunteeryourtime@northplains.org.

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 occur 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, May 2 – Flowers and Smells with Mr. Will.
- Wednesday, May 9 – Special Guest story time with the Fire Department.
- Wednesday, May 16 – Dinosaur story time with Mr. Will.
- Wednesday, May 23 – Mr. Will visits the farm.

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.

May 4, 6:30pm, Star Wars.
For Family Fun Night in May we will be joined by our teen council, to celebrate the international spirit of Star Wars. May the 4th be with you! While there are no wrong ways to celebrate May the 4th, we aim to mark the day with popcorn, juice, teen assistants, and of course a showing of Star Wars: A new hope. We encourage costumes if you have one.

Retro Game Night with the Teen Council
Our fabulous teen council will be rocking with a game night focusing on “retro” gaming consoles such as the Super Nintendo and others. Gosh the Library staff really feel old now! This will occur on May 11, at 7pm.

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.

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.


The new film from acclaimed directors the Dardenne brothers (Two Days, One Night) is a searing saga of guilt and redemption. One evening after work hours, Jenny (Adèle Haenel), a young doctor, allows the door buzzer at the small clinic where she works to go unanswered. It’s only later that she learns that the person ringing was an unidentified African woman found dead shortly after by the side of a road. Consumed by the thought that she is to blame, Jenny embarks on an obsessive crusade to discover who the anonymous woman was and to see to it that she is not forgotten.

Banks Linear Trail Brave Run

April showers bring May flowers! That is when we like to throw on our running shoes and welcome the warmer weather at the annual Banks Linear Trail Brave Run. This 5k/10k Run/Walk is in its 8th year of directly supporting technology resources in our classrooms.
This event brings novice and experienced runners out to enjoy a morning with family and friends out on the Linear Trail. In addition to the healthy physical activity, and the free kid’s dash, we are adding a costume contest this year. To find additional race details and to register please go to www.banksbraverun.com. We hope to see you there!

**Those Were the Good Old Days**

By Melvin Van Domelen
Mounta indale, OR

Flemmon Dobbins was a son of John Dobbins, my Great-great-grandfather. The Dobbins came here out of Virginia. We have found micro film records of Washington County that Flemmon, a single man, filed a land claim #41, March 1st, 1851. This claim was for 314 acres and stretched from south of Mounta indale to the foot of Pumpkin Ridge.

My Grandparents, James and Mahala Corey, were living on Flemmon’s land around 1900. Pictured is my mother, Pearl Corey, with her horse in front of Flemmon’s homestead house. The Corey’s moved this early dwelling back into the orchard and lived in it while they built the large farm house just east of the old Mounta indale Store. It’s a grand old house that has seen 3 deaths and 3 births over the years. It is full of memories for me, I grew up there.

This house featured a concrete foundation, unusual for 1910. There was 1 bedroom down, 4 more upstairs. A large screened-in sleeping porch extended 35 feet across the north end of the second floor. This space could easily become 2 more bedrooms.

The lower floor held a large kitchen that had room enough where the family had most of their meals. The living room and front parlor were separated by large concealed sliding doors that could be opened to create a great room. This space was over one-half the lower floor and was used for card parties, birthdays, anniversaries and holidays. My Grandfather’s funeral was held here in the parlor in 1913.

The basement held a carbide gas plant. Carbide was a crystal, something like rock salt, that when mixed with water produced a gas. This gas was collected in a large metal dome and piped through the house for lights. I remember seeing a small two-burner gas stove in the attic that had once used this gas. This system was like having a bomb in your basement. Shown is one of the original gas light fixtures that is still on the front porch today that has been wired for electricity.

There was a full working bathroom downstairs that was, again, unusual for 1910. The backup outhouse stood out beyond the garden spot.

Both of my Grandparents were gone by 1913 and my Mother, Pearl, inherited the house and 60 acres of the farm and all the improvements. Those 60 acres are still in the family today.

My Mother had a lending library of well over 100 books before she married my Father, Jake, in 1919. I still have some of her books and inside the cover is written “From the library of Pearl Corey”. This library was kept in built-in book cases in the front parlor. There were leaded in stained glass doors covering these book shelves.

Before she married, my Mother bought a player piano for the parlor. I still have the insurance policy she took out on it. When I was a kid I would push the pedals and watch those rolls go around.

There were also matching stained glass doors on the fancy built-in china closet that faced the living room. This china closet featured a unique pass-through from the kitchen and a silverware drawer that could be used from either side.

The fireplace had an ornate chiseled brick front with a mantle above. This 8-day Seth Thomas clock kept track of the time on that mantle. My Father would wind up the weights in it every Sunday morning.

In early days, when my parents were on the farm, this
home was known as a half-way house. There were still folks coming out of the hills and off of Green Mountain by horse and wagon. They couldn’t get to Hillsboro and home in one day. They would stop in the morning and ask to spend the night at our farm on their way back. If there was room, these people would be put up in the house; if not, they slept in the barn. But, they were happy to be able to get meals and be able to stable their horses.

My Father once bought a load of cedar shakes for our machine shed. The delivery fellow had a young boy with him, around 6 years old. I sat in amazement as I watched this youngster eat his entire meal with his fingers. Green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, applesauce, everything.

The large screened in back porch was big enough to hold the harvest table when the crews came in to help out. When my sister and brothers were in high school that porch was the center of endless ping-pong contests for the whole community.

I used to play up in the attic on rainy days. My Mother had clothes lines there to dry her laundry during the winter months. Monday was always wash day for her.

My Sister, Betty Jean, was given the house after our Mother left us. She once considered selling it. Our Brother, Dale, told her “If you do, you will always be sorry”. Things have turned out well, as Betty Jean’s daughter, Nancy, and her husband have kept the place in wonderful condition.

About a year ago, when the wisteria vine that wraps 130 feet around the porch was blooming, I asked Mitch Ward to take this photo. It’s a grand old house full of memories. 107 years and counting.
Products, will be the Grand Marshal for the annual parade. See www.funstinks.com for more details.

Young Women Have Chance to Explore a Career as a Firefighter

Applications are being accepted for the 10th annual Portland Metro Fire Camp for women ages 16 to 20. This free fire camp will be offered twice this summer on two weekends.

Participants will learn what it takes to be a firefighter while completing hands-on training in hose and ladder skills, vehicle extrication, search and rescue, ropes and knots, live-fire operations, aerial ladder climbs and other firefighting tasks.

They will also receive instruction from professional firefighters on how to prepare for interviews and gain insight on what it is like to have a career in the fire service.

The deadline to apply is June 10, and applicants can select from two camp options this year.

The first camp will take place July 13, 14 and 15 at the Portland Fire & Rescue Training Center, 4800 NE 122nd Ave., in Portland.

A second camp will be held August 10, 11 and 12 at the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Training Center, 12400 SW Tonquin Road, in Sherwood.

Applications and more information are available online at portlandoregon.gov/fire/firecamp.
Pumpkin Ridge
Golf Club

2018 MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH
Ghost Creek Clubhouse
Sunday May 13th

BREAKFAST
Pastries, Muffins & Scones
Newport Bay Shrimp Quiche
Eggs Benedict
Baked Custard French Toast with Strawberry
Hickory Bacon & Maple glazed Sausage
Scrambled Eggs & toppings bar
Fried country Potatoes
Blackberry Blintz

SEASONAL SPRING SALADS & SEAFOOD PRESENTATION
Apple Cranberry Almond Slaw and Greek Antipasto salad
Peel-n-Eat Shrimp Bar with House Cocktail Sauce
Citrus fruit & melon bar

Artisan Bread Basket & Butte
Honey Dijon chicken thighs with apples
Asparagus with pepper confetti
Wild Quinoa Rice Pilaf
Baked Rigatoni with Spinach, ricotta & fontina
Cranberry citrus glaze

CHEF’S CARVING STATION
Roasted Turkey breast & Spiral Ham

DESSERT PRESENTATION
Chocolate Fountain with Doughnut Holes
Cookies, Marshmallows, Strawberries, Dessert bars, Parfaits & cheesecake

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
$35 Adult $17 Teen $9 child 6-12yrs

Please call 503.647.4357 for reservations
Available Seating’s 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

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