Volunteer Recognition

The North Plains annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner will take place on Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. This is an excellent opportunity to come and say thanks to the many volunteers in North Plains who make this such a great place to live. The North Plains Senior Center will provide a “free spaghetti dinner” for attendees. The Volunteer of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement recipient will both be announced during the evening.

Library News

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.

March 22. Storytime with Mr. Will - Bears come out to play.
March 29. Storytime with Mr. Will - Bubble bath time!
April 5. Storytime with Miss Marion.
April 12. Storytime with Barbara, NOISE!

Tutoring assistance

Math and Science tutoring help is available during the school year. Volunteer Aaron or Stacie will be available for half-hour segments each Saturday morning, from 10am until 10:30am and from 10:30am until 11am. Half-hour segments will additionally be available from 6pm until 6:30pm and from 6:30pm until 7pm on Tuesday evenings. The tutors will provide help with math from an elementary school level through calculus. Science help will be provided from an elementary school level through college level. Call the library at (503) 647-5051 to book a free tutoring session.

First Friday Flick.

Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on the First Friday of each month for a free showing of a PG-rated movie. There will be no showing in April due to the Art of the Story event that falls on the same day.
May 5 at 6:30 p.m. Moana.

From Walt Disney Animation Studios comes Moana, a sweeping, CG-animated adventure about a spirited teenage who sails out on a daring mission to prove herself a master way finder and fulfill her ancestors’ unfinished quest. During her journey, Moana meets the once-mighty demi-god Maui, and together, they traverse the open ocean on an action-packed voyage, encountering enormous fiery creatures and impossible odds.

Saturday April 8 Fun with Brad Clark!

An All-Star lineup of fan favorite Stories & Songs for children and the young at heart! Storytelling (with props, costumes, instruments and volunteers) mixed with music (lots of activity and fun; like “games-that-you-sing”). Designed for the whole family and fun for all ages!

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 fresh foreign film every month. All showings occur at the Abbey Creek winery tasting room on Commercial Street. Fine food and wine are available to purchase.

On Thursday April 20 we will screen The Ardennes by Robin Pront. This feature artfully blends gritty kitchen-sink realism, noir and post-Coen Brothers humor to reveal a tense, and twisted drama of brotherly love and betrayal. Brothers Dave (Jeroen Perceval) and Kenny (Kevin Janssens) are lumpen Flemish hoodlums whose ineptitude causes Kevin to take the fall when a heist goes wrong. Four years later Kevin is out of prison, but, as he learns, things have changed. The Ardennes draws its stylish suspense from the specific details of its luckless lowlife characters. Doors open at 6pm the feature begins at 7pm.

The North Plains City Council would like to thank all of our loyal library patrons for their continued support! Make sure to keep the library in mind for your summer reading needs. It is always the library’s goal to keep our community informed on what is happening in North Plains. For more news, events and happenings visit our website www.cityofnp.org or call the library at (503) 647-5051.
**Friday April 7** at North Plains Elementary Art of the Story performance.
Kevin Locke (Tokaheya Inajin in Lakota translation “First to Rise”) is a world famous storyteller and visionary Native American Hoop Dancer and preeminent player of the Indigenous Northern Plains flute. He is a NEA Heritage Award Fellow and Cultural World Ambassador from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in South Dakota.

Kevin is Lakota and Anishnabe. His instructions were received from his immediate family and community and from extended family in every part of the world. Kevin Locke will perform **Love Stories** at 6:30pm. **Friday April 28**, 8pm until 10pm. See the Portland Music Video Festival Showcase at North Plains Public Library.

The Portland Music Video Festival is an exciting showcase of the work of musicians and filmmakers from Portland and around the world. Founded and directed by Portland State University professor Dustin Morrow, the festival focuses on widely varying approaches to interpreting music for the visual medium. Many of the videos showcased at the Festival come from local artists and filmmakers. Other videos come from as far away as Korea, Sweden, Denmark, and Japan. The Portland Music Video Festival is one of only a handful of festivals in the world dedicated exclusively to the art and craft of music video production.

**Senior Center News**

**DEEP IN THE HEART OF TAXES**—AARP is on-site each Thursday through April 13th. Call 503-647-5666 to reserve a spot. No charge. Everyone welcome; you don’t have to be a senior to come in and use this service.

**AND SPEAKING OF TAXES**—If you’re knee-deep in tax preparation you might consider a charitable donation to the North Plains Senior Center. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit and your donation is tax-deductible. A win for both of us.

**MUSIC MONDAY**—Monday, April 10. Join us for lunch and some great country classic music from D.T. & Country from 11:00 to 1:30. Good food, good fun and terrific music.

**LARRY WILDER**—Wednesday, April 19th. Enjoy the music of Larry Wilder from 11:00 to 1:00. Larry’s approach to Americana music includes many genres of Roots music, ranging from cowboy tunes to Irving Berlin, bluegrass to folk, Johnny Cash to Gordon Lightfoot. This results in shows and recordings that have a unique musical fusion.

**APRIL CALENDAR**

**Music at the Center**—D.T. & Country, Monday, April 13th from 11:00 to 1:30.

**Larry Wilder**—Wednesday, April 19th from 11:00 to 1:00

**Liver & Onions Lunch**—Monday, April 17th

**BINGO**—Wednesday, April 5th, 6:30 p.m.

**BUNCO**—Thursday, April 6th & 20th, 1:00 p.m.

**Those were the good old days...**

**April Greeting**

*By Melvin Van Domelen*

Mountaindale, OR

Around the first of April, 1953, I got my “Greetings, you have been selected by your friends and neighbors to be inducted into the military service”. This notice didn’t come from my friends and neighbors. This was the time of the ongoing Korean conflict.

I was about 3 years out of high school and had a small dairy herd started. With my Father and brother we farmed over 200 acres around Mountaindale. Much of the land was rented. I appealed to the draft board’s decision, but by April 23rd I was in the Army. We were told to report to the Hillsboro bus depot to be checked off. The bus depot was then where the fountain of the Civic Center Plaza is today. The Times Café next door gave us a cup of coffee. Here I met Allen Clark from Chehalem Mountain. We are off for a short stay at Fort Lewis and then a flight to Fort Ord, California near Monterey. Here was 4 months of basic training. How to kill and keep from being killed.

Near the end of basic training the cease-fire was reached in Korea. Our daily routine changed overnight. We were bused to classes in how to present being a good soldier. Take off your hat when entering a building, remove the spoon from your coffee cup, look sharp. Most of our company was then ordered to Europe after being given a week at home around Labor Day. I recall Allen kicking the tires, for safety sake, of the plane that brought us back to Portland.

On the Northwest Air flight to New York, Allen Clark was right there with me. Our destination being Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. Waiting here for a troopship to Germany.

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We were able to spend a weekend in New York City, Times Square, The Empire State Building, the Bowery, all of that. The next weekend saw us at the New Jersey State Fair and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

So, it’s off to Europe on a slow troopship, the General Harley Taylor. It took us over 8 days to reach our destination. I never dreamed the Atlantic Ocean could be so wild. One would expect the ship to shake apart when the propellers came out of the water. Wet sheets were spread on the dining tables to keep your food tray in front of you.

Someone working on K. P. decided to open a port hole for a look outside. A 10 inch stream of water came in under enough pressure to shoot halfway across the ship before it hit the deck. There was then operating, a luxury cruise ship. I believe it was called the S. S. America. This ship could make the Atlantic crossing in a little over 4 days. The America passed our ship 3 times, coming and going, before we reached the English Channel. Clark is on the bottom bunk, I am on the top.

At the time I was inducted in Portland we filled out papers as to our personal information. I didn’t want to list my occupation as being a farmer so I wrote down log truck driver. All I had ever done was to ride with George Connolly and Oris Maller.

Upon arrival in Germany we were sent to a distribution center for the Army to decide where to send us. I am in a waiting room when I get a tap on my shoulder. “How would you like to get out of the infantry?” was the question. This sounded good to me because I knew the infantry was then spending 9 months camped out in the woods and 3 months back in a barracks. The interviewer says “We see you have been driving log truck in Oregon”. My reply was “Oh, yes, I had a 2 ½ ton Dodge with a 4-speed transmission and a utility trailer”. I was told “drivers were needed in an engineer company, we will send you there.”

When I climbed into the truck to take me to this Engineer Company, Allen Clark was already there and gave me a helping hand aboard. Clark, as a civilian, had attended a diesel school in Portland and was a natural for the engineers.

After arriving at the company, I found it was still segregated. All of the African Americans were supposed to be truck drivers, they had their own platoon. I was asked if I knew how an internal combustion motor worked. I replied “Sure, the pistons have 4 strokes, intake compression, power and exhaust.” I was an instant mechanic.

All of this happened at Baumholder, Germany. This was where General Rommell had trained his German tank corps. Allen and I were labeled “Oregon Woodcutters” here. We changed positions on the bunk bed here. Clark on top, I got the bottom. I was then ordered to an Army mechanics school at Murnau, Germany, near Garmish in the German Alps. The scenery was beautiful there, good food, good beer, like a paid vacation. There was a wonderful shop to work in. I gained a lot of weight.

When I returned to the 370th Engineer Company it had been moved to Kaiserslaughten and given larger quarters and motor pool. Clark had a bed waiting for me in his room. That summer Allen and I were able to go to Amsterdam, Holland for a week. I wish I had known where my Father’s family had originated in Holland. I would have made an effort to locate the family still there.

I was promoted to the rank of Corporal and given this shop truck to drive. This outfit, the 370th Engineers, was in the Army in name only. Very few military regulations were enforced. We had caterpillar operators, road grader drivers, a crew that ran an asphalt plant, and we had
the best military welder in West Germany. These guys just wanted to do their job, to hell with spit and polish.

I had spent one Christmas in the barracks in Baumholder and decided to never do that again. I asked for a leave and signed on for a 10-day tour of Italy for under $400.00. Some of the best money I ever spent. I saw Florence, climbed the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and spent Christmas day in Rome. I saw St. Peters, threw coins in the fountain, and was in Venice for New Year’s Eve.

I kept driving the shop truck until it was time to come home in the spring of 1955. Clark and I both returned on the same ship, one much larger and faster. Upon arrival back at Camp Kilmer it was off the ship and onto a plane headed west. Allen was given orders and was responsible for the return flight.

I had met my future wife before I left for the Army. While in mechanics school, I wrote her. She wouldn’t write back until I sent her a stamp. More money well spent. As of the year 2016 we had been going together for 59 years.

It should be noted how nice it was to have Allen Clark remain with me during our Army years. He always had my back and was a shoulder to lean on. I attended his funeral some years back. I had to rise to attention and snap him a salute in gratitude.

April Calendar

04/03 Historical Society 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays
04/03 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
04/07 First Friday Flick 6 p.m. at Jessie Mays
04/08 Super Saturday 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays
04/10 Budget Committee 7 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall
04/13 Volunteer Recognition 6:30 p.m. at Jessie Mays
04/13 Food Pantry 5:30 p.m. at the Yellow House, 31311 NW Commercial St
04/17 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street
04/24 Budget Committee 7 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Hall

04/26 Parks Board 6 p.m. at North Plains Senior Ctr.
04/28 Food Pantry 5:30 p.m. at the Yellow House

Fire Department News

Beginning in June, North Plains residents will see the addition of a fourth firefighter responding to emergency calls on Engine 17.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is increasing the staffing of Station 17 from three professional firefighters to four on each shift, bringing all frontline engines to the industry standard of four-person crews.

The existing three-person staffing on the engine requires more crews to arrive on a fire scene to provide enough personnel to perform the many critical tasks required to mitigate the incident. Four-person staffing on all engines improves TVF&R’s ability to assemble 15 personnel in a shorter timeframe than currently allowable and will enable the responding units to keep fires minimized to the area of origin or reduce the overall amount of fire spread.

Moving to a four-person crew also improves firefighters’ ability to more quickly begin search operations because the engine will have the federally required “two-in and two-out” staffing to enter a burning structure. This staffing minimizes risk to individual firefighters by allowing for safer, faster and more effective fire-ground operations. Ultimately, it provides for safer overall response operations and better outcomes for the communities TVF&R serves.

By being able to provide a more robust initial fire attack, responding crews will also be able to return to service more quickly following a fire, which improves response reliability in the event of another emergency incident.

In addition, having a fourth set of highly-trained hands on a crew will help complete the critical tasks associated with providing advanced life support care during medical emergencies and rescuing entrapped passengers in motor vehicle collisions. More emergency responders on scene during a complex incident such as a patient suffering from cardiac arrest, means patient care can be delivered more efficiently when life hangs in the balance.
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Breakfast Stuffed Bell peppers Country Fried potatoes
Black Forrest Cherry Blintz Denver scrambled eggs
Baked Custard French Toast with toasted Almonds

Seasonal Spring Salads & Seafood presentation
Craisin–broccoli Slaw, Paleo Cucumber noodle
Peel-n-Eat Shrimp Bar with House Cocktail sauce

Seasonal Fruit Display
Artisan bread basket & whipped butter
Cauliflower collage with Mornay sauce
Havarti Mac & Cheese
Spinach Florentine Stuffed Pork loin
Wild Quinoa Rice Pilaf
Apple Salmon Maltese

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Baron of Beef

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