Movies at Jessie Mays
Every first Friday of the month, the North Plains Public Library sponsors a family movie - FREE for all who want to attend. This is a great way to get out with your kids and enjoy a movie on the big screen right here in our home town. Check it out on September 5. Stop by Jessie Mays Community Hall for an evening of popcorn and a movie. For the title of each month’s movie check with the North Plains Public Library at 503-647-5051.

Hits the Spot Café—Grand Opening
The North Plains Chamber of Commerce welcomed a new business to town with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, August 16. The place was hopping all day long! Hits the Spot Café is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Owners Sharil and Digger Davis also own and operate the Log Cabin Inn, located on the New Wilson River Highway (Highway 6) in Gales Creek. Looking to expand on their success there, and believing in the potential that North Plains holds, they knew they hit the right spot with their new venture in this community! The Café’s menu includes sandwiches, salads, hamburgers and barbeque items. Breakfast is served all day, and a nightly dinner is featured all seven days after 4 p.m. (except on Sunday when the feature is available at 12 noon). Hits the Spot Café also has espresso drinks and 12 flavors of Tillamook ice cream. Yum! Hits the Spot Café is located at 10355 NW Glencoe Road, Suite D (in the old Corner Bistro site).

Elections in November
Three Openings on City Council
The City of North Plains has three openings on City Council for the November 4, 2014 General Election. Six prospective candidates have filed the initial paperwork with the City Recorder to run for these three positions. It has been a long time since the City of North Plains has had a contested campaign for our City Council positions. Be sure you are registered to vote so you can participate in the election. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. to attend a Candidate Forum, at Jessie Mays Community Hall so you can get to know all the candidates.

Who are the Knights of Pythias?
Here in North Plains, Glencoe Lodge #22 resides on Commercial Street between the Rogue Pub and the Grocery Store. We operate our lodge out of the 2nd floor, above Treasure Chest Antiques.
We are a group of men who come together to give back to our community, and in the process, we form life-long friendships.

Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. These are the words by which we live.
The North Plains Pythians have about 35 active members from ages 25 to 65, and we are proud to give back to our community in different ways. In the past, some of the recipients of our generosity included:

Fire Department, Senior Center, North Plains Public Library, Elementary School, Police Department, Cub Scout Troop, Boy Scout Troop, and many other local groups.
Festival as well.

The art exhibit on display in September.

Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community – librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types – in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular. Come to the Library to see our display celebrating the freedom to read, and watch celebrity videos for the Banned Books Week Virtual Read-Out: http://www.ala.org/bbooks/bannedbooksweek/events/virtualreadout

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

- **September 3**  Storytime with Miss Marion: School Daze
- **September 10**  Storytime with Children’s Librarian Becky: Silly Animals
- **September 17**  Special Guest Storytime: Metro West Ambulance
- **September 24**  Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Turtles

**Art Exhibit.** The art exhibit on display in September and October will feature Guardian Relics by Patricia Cochran. “I see my glassed figures as haunting little relics that nod to our common past—a time when we lived in tribes, or clans, or villages and worked together to survive. By placing my figures in groupings, and combining tiny treasures of nature with scraps of fabric and bits of bead, I hope to evoke within the viewer an echo of recognition to an ancient time when ancestral voices sang, a tree was sacred, or the earth was venerated. Art has the power to help quiet our busy lives. It gives us a place to focus our attention and allow the inner voices to speak. It can connect us with our past and those who came before us.” A reception for the artist will be held on **Friday, September 12** from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Library. Refreshments will be served.

**Blind Date with a Book.** Can’t decide what to read next? Looking for something new? Let us surprise you. Choose a specially wrapped book from our display based on the brief description of the book’s genre and age group (teen or adult). Take it home, unwrap, and read! Then, fill out the enclosed review card and bring it back to the Library where it will be entered in a drawing to win a $20 Barnes & Noble gift card. Return the book, and go on another blind date!

**Banned Books Week – Celebrating the Freedom to Read.** Banned Books Week is an annual event, and will be held this year from **September 21-27.** It highlights the value of free and open access to information. Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community – librarians, booksellers,
and a founding member of the Westside Quilters Guild, established in 2006. She will be missed by all who were fortunate to call her friend.

**Writers’ Group.** Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, September 4** at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

**First Friday Flick** – Join us on the first Friday of each month at the Jessie Mays Community Hall at 30975 NW Hillcrest Street at 6 p.m. for a FREE movie showing. On **Friday, September 5**, come see a PG-rated animated film in which the Muppets find themselves involved with jewel thieves led by a Kermit the Frog imposter.

**Friends of the Library.** There will be a general meeting of the Friends on **Monday, September 8** at the Library from 7:30-9 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

**Library Book Club.** Join us on **Wednesday, September 24** at 7:30 p.m. at the Library to discuss *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. "The author of the classic bestsellers *The Secret History* and *The Little Friend* returns with a brilliant, highly anticipated new novel. A young boy in New York City, Theo Decker, miraculously survives an accident that takes the life of his mother. Alone and abandoned by his father, Theo is taken in by a friend’s family and struggles to make sense of his new life. In the years that follow, he becomes entranced by one of the few things that reminds him of his mother—a small, mysteriously captivating painting that ultimately draws Theo into the art underworld. Composed with the skills of a master, *The Goldfinch* is a haunted odyssey through present-day America and a drama of almost unbearable acuity and power. It is a story of loss and obsession, survival and self-invention, and the enormous power of art."—Text provided by the publisher.

**Coming in October – Beginner Internet Genealogy.** Learn how to use Family Search, Heritage Quest, and Ancestry databases. Explore websites such as Find-a-Grave and Cyndi’s List. Three FREE classes will be taught by Library staff member Donna. Call the Library to sign up for one or all classes (503-647-5051):

- **Wednesday, October 08**  Basic Record-Keeping and Heritage Quest
- **Wednesday, October 15**  Family Search, Find-a-Grave, and Cyndi’s List
- **Wednesday, October 22**  Ancestry and Wrap-up

Classes will be hands-on. Come prepared with whatever information you have about people you want to find—names, dates and locations of birth, death, and marriage. Class size is limited to nine public computers.

**1 Million, 1 Year, 1 Water Kickoff**

Join Washington County Board Chairman Andy Duyck, Clean Water Services, Tree for All partners, and elected officials as we gear up to plant one million native trees and shrubs this planting season! This kickoff is on September 19 at the Tualatin River Farm at 4490 SW Minter Bridge Road in Hillsboro. For more information visit their website at: [http://www.jointreeforall.org/](http://www.jointreeforall.org/)

**Warrior Dash at Horning’s Hideout**

The annual Warrior Dash at Horning’s Hideout will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7. This event is a fundraiser for St. Jude Children’s Hospital. In the past four years and at Warrior Dashes located across six countries and four continents, over $7.5 million has been raised for St. Jude Children’s Hospital. Volunteers are needed to help out with this event. If you are interested in volunteering, please call 206-725-9434 for information.
Did You Know...
The City of North Plains has a website at www.cityofnp.org and an event page at www.NPFun.org to provide you with all kinds of information about your City and what is happening. There is also a Facebook page with more photos of events. Like us on Facebook.com!

News and Views from the Senior Center

A GARLIC BOUQUET OF THANKS
The North Plains Senior Center thanks our friends—old and new—our neighbors, and visitors to the Garlic Festival for attending our Pancake Breakfast and visiting our pie booth. Blackberry and peach pies were our best-sellers, but all varieties were delish! Thanks also to all our volunteers. We couldn’t have done it without you!

IRENE’S 100TH BIRTHDAY—SEPT 7
If that isn’t cause for celebration, we don’t know what is! The Senior Center will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, the 7th, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in honor of this special lady. Let’s have a big North Plains turnout and help make Irene’s special day one to remember!

FLU SHOT CLINIC—Oct 8
Rite Aid Pharmacy will be here at the Senior Center on Wednesday, October 8, from 12 to 3 p.m. to give flu shots. No appointment necessary. Don’t forget to bring your Medicare and Insurance cards with you. You’ll also get a free immunization evaluation to stay healthy.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! You can help the North Plains Senior Center 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 North Plains Senior Center at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our nonprofit number: 92742. Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you help the North Plains Senior Center earn a donation! And don’t worry, you’ll still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates, just as you regularly do!

EXERCISE GROUP ADDS TAI CHI
The Exercise Group, open to the public and not just for seniors, will begin meeting Mondays and Fridays, in September on the lower level of the Senior Center. New cardio exercises will be included. Meeting time is 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Work at your own level, and enjoy the fun!

RESERVE A TABLE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
No kidding—it’s time to think about Christmas. We’re taking reservations now for our annual Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, November 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Eight-foot tables are $10 each, and chairs are provided. Call 503-369-8951 to reserve a spot.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVISIONS
Conversations Continue!
As most of you are aware, the City of North Plains has been reviewing and revising the Comprehensive Plan (the Plan) for the City of North Plains since last September. The Plan is the guiding document for the City’s future growth. This has been a long process that has involved many opportunities for the public to comment on the Plan. A public hearing was opened at the August 13, 2014 Planning Commission meeting...
Those were the good old days...
Out By Our Barn

By Melvin VanDomelen—Mountaindale, Oregon

My parents, Jake and Pearl VanDomelen, owned the farm to the east of the Mountaindale store. One of the farm buildings was a fifty-foot-long dairy barn that stood near the road. For several years running, the circus people would ask my parents’ permission to put posters on the outside walls of the barn. This was done a few weeks before the circus was to arrive in Portland. The posters were in many colors and had a backing that resembled cheesecloth. The workers used barn brooms to spread on the paste that was carried in large buckets.

When the wall was covered with posters, the workmen would come to the house and ask my mother how many children she had. She would tell them eight, which was actually double the correct number. I remember the workers saying: “You sure have a lot of kids, lady,” but they would give her ten tickets for the circus. That way, some of the neighborhood children would get to attend the show.

The seats at the circus were more like “find one if you can,” but it made no difference because those were depression times. When the circus workers had done their job, that fifty feet of barn wall was pure enchantment to this five-year-old.

Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Presents The Greatest Show on Earth. It was all there on that wall—the ringmaster, the fire-eater, the troupe on the flying trapeze. A circle of elephants stood up with their front feet on the back of the one ahead, their trunks curled high in the air. The tiger jumped through a ring of fire, the dancing bears wore short little jackets, and the hippopotamus sweated blood. All in vivid colors, seven feet tall. Cars would stop, and the local children would show up on their bicycles for a look.

In a way, the posters were better than the actual circus performance. During the circus show, I would only be able to see the tiger jump through the flames once, but out by the barn, I could see the tiger leap through the ring of fire any time I wanted.

As fall and the winter storms came, the cheesecloth would begin to sag, and the paper would yield, and soon the cracks between the barn’s boards would break through. The ringmaster became barely distinguishable. But, the thing to look forward to and dream about was what kind of pictures would be on that wall next year out by our barn.

September Calendar
See community events at NPfun.org

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Thursday Marketplace

The North Plains Thursday Marketplace wants to thank the community for its support this summer season! We helped host the first outdoor community Ice Cream Social; signed up 147 Market Sprouts; hosted our first Market Sprout farmer, 11 year old Lily Lockett; and won best theme for our entry in the Elephant Garlic Festival parade. Many thanks go out to our sponsors: The Rogue Brew Pub & Eatery, Garbarino's Disposal, and New Seasons Market. We want to thank our volunteers, City and Chamber members who helped in our success in providing a community gathering place and in increasing access to fresh fruits and vegetables!