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NEW PLYMOUTH NEWS

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WELCOME TO THE NEW NEW PLYMOUTH NEWSPAPER

Note from the Mayor

Scott Moscrip

Let me be the first to say WELCOME to the inaugural edition of the New Plymouth News. When I was running for Mayor, my wife and I discussed what we perceived to be the challenges facing the City of New Plymouth. We saw three major issues to work on. First, and what we saw as the biggest challenge, is communication. No one seems to have the whole picture of what is going on in the City of New Plymouth. We frequently learn about activities we want to attend AFTER the event has occurred. We decided that the New Plymouth news coverage in the two local papers was not enough to keep us informed. So, the idea to re-start the newspaper was borne. Some people may remember the Red Apple Bulletin that used to be published with New Plymouth happenings. This newspaper is an effort to bring back the sense of "community" that publication provided.

The second challenge we see in New Plymouth is stagnation. As a City, we have become complacent. A wise man said, "When climbing a hill of sand, you must keep moving. If you stop, then you will slide back down the hill." We cannot afford to stop. We must work diligently to broaden the tax base of our city. The County and State are planning on spending more money every year, which means that if we do not

find other people to share the tax burden with then our taxes will go up every year. To avoid this stagnation, we will be required to annex property in the City of New Plymouth and we will also have to revitalize some of the older areas of the City. Properties immediately adjacent to the City will be the ones most likely to be annexed, but we need to look at annexation of large tracts of properties and not just 5 and 10 acres at a time. It costs just as much to annex in 1000 acres as it does to annex in 10 acres. New Plymouth Planning and Zoning has been working on a comprehensive plan so that this growth can be planned and managed.

Lastly, taxation is going to be a huge issue. I have already mentioned that the County and State are expecting more money every year and are willing to raise rates and levy fees. Percentage-wise, our taxes are among the very highest in the state. I would like to see us hold our tax rate steady over the next several years and look to growth and fiscal responsibility to help make that possible. The County has an economic development group and new economic development coordinator that are working to help make our County better and to grow. We will be using their help to reduce the taxes each of us pays.

We live in a great City. In early December I had the privilege to take the same flight to Chicago as Governor Dirk Kempthorne. The

flight was delayed, which gave me the opportunity to speak one-on-one with the Governor about New Plymouth. He is aware of our new JIANO Light Industrial Park that Mayor Williamson helped build. Governor Kempthorne was the mayor of Boise a few years ago, so he has some idea what it takes to run a city and the effort needed to get everyone working together.

The people of the City of New Plymouth are our greatest resource and are often an unused resource. There are many exciting programs within our City, school district, churches, and service clubs. Get involved and, more importantly, tell the rest of New Plymouth what is going on so we can join you!

On a final note, I want to express my appreciation to the City employees. They are working hard to help the City function smoothly. They responded well to the first snow fall of the season!

Email the mayor at scott@truckstop.com

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New Plymouth Senior Erin Kerby watches her shot in last weekend's game vs. Marsing. NP won 45-38.

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Or email editor@newplymouthnews.com

New Plymouth Senior Citizen Center

We invite all Seniors to join in the activities at the Center. Join us for a delicious dinner, a hearty breakfast, a friendly game, or to sit a spell and have a chat. You are always welcome.

If you are in need of a "Meal-on-Wheels," please call 2785320 before 10:30 am. We deliver meals five days a week (Monday through Friday) with the exception of holidays.

Meal Schedule:

Thursday Jan 22 — Dinner Noon
Friday Jan 23 — Breakfast 8:00 am to 9:00 am
Tuesday Jan 27 — Dinner Noon
Thursday Jan 29 — Dinner Noon
Friday Jan 30 — Breakfast 8:00 am to 9:00 am

MENU:

Thursday Jan 22nd:

Chicken & Noodles
Green Beans, Carrot Salad
Strawberry Short Cake
Bread & Butter
Coffee, Tea, or Milk

Tuesday Jan 27th:

Baked Ham
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Buttered Peas
Jello Cranberry Salad
Fruit Cup & Cookies
Bread & Butter
Coffee, Tea, or Milk

Thursday Jan 29th:

Polish Sausage & Saurkraut
Macaroni & Cheese
Mixed Vegetables
Tomatoes

Sliced Peaches & Cookies
Bread & Butter
Coffee, Tea, or Milk

Breakfast Menu

Pancakes, Toast
Bacon, Sausage, Eggs
Hash-Brown Potatoes
Choice of Fruit
Orange Juice, V-8 Juice
Coffee, Tea, Milk or Hot Chocolate

Each Wednesday Evening from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm: Country Western Dance with live music. Come enjoy the evening with us!

Crafts each Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:00 am. Bring your crafts and share.

Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar testing on last Thursday of every month (January 29th). Courtesy of Sun Bridge in Payette.

VFW News

Veterans of Foreign Wars



Annual Valentine's Day Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 14th from 7:00 am to 11:00 am at the VFW Hall in New Plymouth, located at 114 N. Plymouth Ave. Breakfast includes sausage, eggs, sourdough pancakes and all of the trimmings. Donations: \$4 per person or \$12 per family. Tickets can be purchased in advance from your local VFW member or at the door.

Kiwanis Club

Last week, the guest speaker was Mrs. Carrie Aguas, principal of New Plymouth Elementary school. She spoke about the new reading program at the school. She encouraged the Kiwanis members to come to the school and read with the children in the library.

Next week, High School principal Arlo Decker will be the guest speaker.

The club has been working for 3 or 4 years to plan a skateboard park for New Plymouth. Space has been donated for the park. The club is still trying to get an engineer to help design the park so that it will be safe and useful and pleasing for the community to see.

Kiwanis Clubs worldwide provide service projects to benefit children. Some of the projects the New Plymouth club has been involved in include: Help Them to Hope, Paint the Town, Easter Egg Hunt, Santa Train, scholarships for graduating High school students, financial assistance to send students to State and National competitions, reading with children at the elementary school and computer purchases for schools.

Membership in the club is open to anyone age 18 or older.

For more information about Kiwanis, see us on Monday at noon at the Senior Center or call the current club president, Anne Moscrip, at 278-0171.

A brighter day....

We are asking the pastors of each of our churches to write a spiritual or up-lifting thought. We will print one each week. Thank you to Pastor Susan Howe of Plymouth Congregational Church for this week's thought: "Right Time"

Dear Friends,

Time is a funny thing. Sometimes a day, an hour, or a moment can last so long we are sure that whatever we are facing is all there is.

Other times it has a way of sneaking up. Suddenly a month, a year, many years have flown by without any notice all. In ancient times, the Greeks had a couple words for "time." One was "chronos."

Chronos means the quantity of time. Today, we would call it "clock time" or "calendar time." Their other word for time, "kairos," focused on the quality of time rather than the amount. It is "time for" something. It is, as Jesus often said, the "right time."

There is not much we can do about chronos time. The days will pass. Kairos time is the time you can do something about. What might it be "time for" in your life? Is it the "right time" for God to be at work in you?

As you settle into the new year, leave a place for kairos. Allow God to put some quality time into your life. A few reflective moments alone, with family, or visiting a friend. Maybe learning to pay attention and appreciating the moment you are at. Look at what this community holds for you: a variety of church and school activities are available. Could one of these be the "right time" place for you?

We are at the "right time" for something. Open yourself to what right time God has in mind for you at this "kairos moment."

Church Directory

Please send corrections or additions to editor@newplymouthnews.com

Assembly of God

278.5711
Worship: 11:00am, 6:00pm
Family night Wednesday @ 7:00pm
Pastor: Elden Isaac

Bible Faith Fellowship

278.3125
Worship: 11:00am
Evening Worship: 7:00pm
Wednesday Bible study 7:00pm
Pastor Jim Mayes

Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints

521 S. Plymouth Ave 278.9290
Seminary David Ferrara 278-9290

1st Ward

Sacrament Meeting 11:00 am
Bishop Lane Austin

2nd WARD

Sacrament Meeting 9:00 am
Bishop Gordon Topham

Church of the Nazarene

1278.9494
Worship: 11:00 am
Evening Evangelistic Hour: 6:30 pm
Wednesday Midweek Service: 6:30 pm
Rev. Rod Tegethoff

Community of Christ

278.5817
Worship: 11:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am
Fellowship: 9:45am
Pastor Wilda Brock

First Baptist Church

278.3233
Worship: 9:30 & 11:00am
Evening Prayer service 7pm
Youth Fellowship 5:30 pm
Wednesday Adventure Club 3:30-5:00pm
Pastor Phil Pittman, Jr.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

278.3080
Worship: 11:00
Pastor Robert Rowley

Plymouth Congregational Church UCC

278.3577
Worship: 10:30am
Wednesday After-school Program: 3:30-5:00pm
Pastor Susan Howe

Seventh Day Adventist

278.3813
Worship: 11:00
Vishers Saturday 5:30pm
Prayer meeting Wednesday: 7:00pm
Pastor Allan Payne

Corpus Christ Catholic Community St Aloysius Catholic Church

642-2261
Mass Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Mass Wednesday at noon

Father Calvin L. Blankinship Jr.

Treasure Valley Mennonite Church

4110 SW 1st Ave 278.3769

School Board News

Report from January regular meeting on January 12th. The Board met at the High School Library at 7:00 pm. All Board members were present.

The Principals and Superintendent reported the results of the State testing from the end of last year. The new Federal legislation called "No Child Left Behind" has caused many good changes in the way we do education. One of the good changes is the regular testing of the children to find out what they have learned. This regular testing allows the teachers and administrators to adjust their teaching throughout the school year to fill in gaps in the children's knowledge.

Mr. Kerby reported that he is writing legislation to ask the Idaho State Legislature to consider funding full-time Kindergarten classes for all children with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). Mr. Kerby reasons that if these children can hear the lessons in English everyday (instead of every other day as our Kindergarten class is now) then they have a better opportunity to learn the material and to improve their English. He also said that in addition to the LEP students that the 20% of students at the bottom of the Kindergarten class would benefit from coming everyday, regardless of their English-speaking ability. Mr. Kerby expressed doubts that the Legislature would approve funding for the project.

Next month on February 10th, two of our board members will go to Boise for Day on the Hill. This is the time for educators across the state to see the Legislature in action and have lunch with their District Representatives.

The Board approved changing the Elementary School schedule in March. Friday March 12th there will be no school for the Elementary School only. The parents, teachers, and staff will use the time to set up for the school carnival which takes place that night.

The Board approved a High School baseball trip to Orofino on March 26-27, provided our team will get to play more than one team while they are there. The trip will take place over Spring Break.

The Board discussed installing Air Conditioning in the Middle & High Schools. The cooling units are needed not just for the comfort of the students & staff, but also to preserve the expensive computers and other technology equipment that are over-heating and not lasting as long as they should.

School News

High School

Girls Basketball team is currently undefeated in League play (depending on the outcome of their game with McCall on Monday). Idahosports.com has our Varsity team power-ranked 3rd in the State. District Tournament takes place at TVCC.

The Boys Basketball team is 2-3 in League, though they have won their last two games by more than 20 points each.

Wrestling News: NPHS Wrestling meets Weiser in a dual meet at 6:30 pm on Thursday January 22nd in Weiser. The team is doing very well so far. Here are NP results from recent matches:

New Plymouth Invitational Jan 10th: NP team placed 7th out of 15 teams. Individuals who placed in the top 4 for their weight class:
119: David Claypool
135: Casey Dill
140: Kerry Brown
152: John Chapman
215: Charlie Pollock

Jan 15th
NP 43, Marsing 0

125: Willis Griffith NP pin Carver 1:29
130: Eric Hinson, NP, dec. Wright 10-2
145 Miguel Garcia, NP pin Brannin 1:52
152 John Chapman, NP pin Gibson 1:31
160 Daniel Mena, NP pin Heffner 1:18
171 Tony Mandujano, NP pin Billareal
215 Charlie Pollock, NP dec Pierce 7-0

NP 25, Aberdeen 48
112 Ardaldson, pin Joe Winward NP
119 Gonzales pin David Claypool NP
125 Vellmer pin Willis Griffith
135 Casey Dill, NP maj dec Pulliam 13-3
140 Kerry Brown, NP pin Chappell 1:28
145 Parker, pin Miguel Garcia 3:40
152 John Chapman NP, pin Stuffen 5:11
160 Johns, pin James Pollok 3:02
171 Daniel Mena NP, dec Hess 14-8
215 Charlie Pollock NP, pin Rommrell
HWT Pullson, pin LJ Blay NP 3:58

School Sports Calendars

High School Games:

Boys BKB
vs. Melba Friday Jan. 23rd at NP
vs. McCall Saturday Jan 31st at NP at Homedale Tuesday Feb 3rd.
Girls BKB
vs. Parma Thursday Jan 22rd at Parma
vs. Nampa Christian Saturday Jan 24th at NP (last home game).
final regular season game on Tuesday Jan 27th @ Homedale
Wrestling
Tuesday Jan 20th at NP 2:00 pm
Monday Jan 26th at NP 3:00 pm

Elementary School News

Elk's Hoop Shoot Results

We would like to congratulate the winners of the Elk's Hoop Shoot winners from New Plymouth Elementary. Each year students have an opportunity to participate in the free throw contest by attempting 25 free throws. The student who scores the most baskets within their respective age group is then invited to participate in the local competition at TVCC. At this level, the students are competing against Fruitland, Payette, Ontario, Vale, and Nyssa. This year's winners are:

8-9 yr old Girls: 1. Rebecca Toland
8-9 yr old Boys: 1. Jake Henggeler
2. Cassandra Brown 2. Chase White
3. Sammy Gillette 3. Lane LaCrone
10-11 yr old Girls: 1. Courtney Warner
10-11 yr old Boys: 1. Drew McKie
2. Kadee Bonds 2. Luis Vargas
3. Kaitlyn Hardin 3. Devin Barker
12-13 yr old Boys
1. Chance Chambers
2. Patric Smith
3. Oscar Banuelos

January Students of the Month

Perseverance:
Cherokee Leppert
Mateo Kraft
Marlen Nunez
Mitch Oltman
Juan Mares
Carl Ford
Aide Banuelos
Roscoe Jarboe
Jack Rabourn
Dennisse Vasquez
Jose Buetler
Luis Castro
Lyric Smith
Anthony Rabourn
Derick Davison
Tyler Bentz
Salomon Castro

School Sports Calendars

Middle School Games:

Boys Basketball Home Games:
Games start at 4:15. At the end of the season, the top 4 teams advance to 8th grade tournament.
Thursday Jan 22nd 7th grade vs. Nampa Christian
Tuesday Jan 27th 7th grade vs. Vale
Thursday Jan 29th 8th grade vs. Homedale
Tuesday Feb 3rd 7th grade vs. Marsing

Middle School News

Academic Bowl by Coach Rick Harts-horn

The Middle School Academic Bowl teams are having a great season. There have already been three competitions and the kids have done well at each of them. Students get points by answering questions on geography, math, science, and history. The last meet that we had was in Homedale and the questions were very challenging. The teams consist of 6 students and each student contributes to the answer by giving their idea of what is correct. I am amazed at some of the answers these kids come up with because of the difficulty of the questions. This year Mrs. Byers is helping by doing practices on Mondays at lunchtime with the kids. This has helped the students learn how to answer questions and has lead to them doing well in the meets. Thanks to Mrs. Byers for giving her time to help the students. The next meet will be at New Plymouth on February 2nd at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to watch the meet and test their knowledge to see if they can get the answers correct.

Technology Grant by Martha Schneider, Middle School Language Arts Teacher.

We have just been informed that we were awarded a federal Government 2004 Enhancing Education Through Technology grant for "The Proficiency Project" in the amount of \$69,455.00. These funds are designated for the specific hardware and software included in our grant. This grant proposal was written for the Classroom Performance System (CPS). With this technology, teachers at the 5th grade and Middle-School levels will be able to provide small groups, teams, and whole classes with immediate feedback on their responses to lessons and tests. Students will use wireless keypads to input answers to questions on a screen. Data will be instantly assessed and anonymously posted on the screen as percentages, while each individual's keypad choice is sent to the teacher's computer. Reports are available to the teacher and results are transferred to a grade book. Picture the audience response section of Jeopardy with its instant feedback and 100% involvement and you get the exciting concept of CPS.

Our District has been quite successful in writing grant proposals, and while I officially wrote this grant, I would like to thank Vicki Matthew-Burwell for her input which was invaluable.

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.
-Mother Teresa

Book Review

Hiking Idaho's Seven Devils By Gary D. Jones

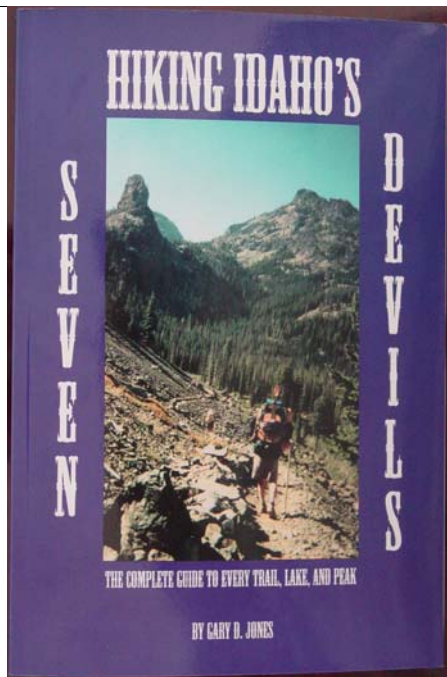
Gary Jones is a teacher at the New Plymouth High School. He is also a serious hiker and backpacker. This recently published guide to "every trail, lake, and peak" in the Seven Devils area is a labor of love. The author invested 20 years of research into this project and documents the many people who helped him in the Acknowledgements section.

Readers of this book will find detailed information about the trails, including sights to see and places to stop for the night. The author even notes good fishing spots. With this guide, a hiker could conceivably find any lake, trail, or mountain peak in the Seven Devils area.

The author notes that his book is intended to be a guide to hiking the Seven Devils. It is not a "How-to" book, and he urges readers to use caution and common sense.

Mr. Jones says that the book is for sale at Benchmark Adventures in Boise, as well as other sporting goods stores in the valley.

The book is available locally at Pioneer Enterprises or directly from Mr. Jones for \$15.



Community Organization Meetings

	Location	Day & Time
City Council	Library at City Hall	1 st & 3 rd Monday 8:00pm
School Board	High School Library (District office in summer)	2 nd Monday 7:00pm
Kiwanis	Senior Citizen Center 126 N. Plymouth Ave	Monday Noon
Gem Community Library	at City Hall	3 rd Wednesday 7:00pm
Library Board	Library at City Hall	1 st Tuesday 6:00pm
Planning & Zoning	Library at City Hall	4 th Monday 7:00pm
Chamber of Commerce	Senior Citizen Center 126 N Plymouth Ave	2 nd Wednesday 7:00pm
American Legion	American Legion Auxiliary Unit 107 Ron Hart 278.3348	1 st Tuesday 1:00pm
308 Holly		
Odd Fellows Lodge 73	4167 SW 2 nd Ave 2 nd & 4 th	Thursdays 8:00pm
Veterans of Foreign War	VFW Hall downtown	3 rd Tuesday 7:30pm
Quick Response Unit	Nazarene Church 127 Holly Ave	1 st Tuesday 7:00pm
Fire Department	Behind City Hall	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 7:30pm

Send us your articles. We'll even write articles for you. We need more information so we can make this a real newspaper! Let us know your church news, club, association, or board info. Farming, Scouts, 4-H. And advertising!

School Directory

District Office 278-5740
Elementary School 278-5333
Middle School 278-5788
High School 278.5311
Transportation Dept 278.3168
Treasure Valley Mennonite School
2110 SW 1st Ave 278-3368

City /County Directory

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Emergency 911
Post Office 278-5868
Library 278.5338
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