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New User Meeting
Thursday
July 1st
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Summer Photos
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General Meeting
Sunday
July 11th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Apple at its Core

Better Living Through Apple,
(At Least Better Media)

Meeting Locations

The New User & General Meetings are typically held at the Lakewood Public Library

Located at the southwest corner of Gravelly Lake Drive and Wildaire Road.

http://www. nwapplpkrs.org

Celebrating Independence Day, 2010

America's 234th year of Independence

Eleven score and fourteen years ago...

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Meeting Notes
The NWAP Board will meet at the Lakewood Library on July 11th at 1:30 pm before the start of the General Meeting.

Special Guest Speaker, July 11th
Jesus Areyano will be our special guest speaker at the General Meeting
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New User Report

The June meeting was a chance to review the first several sessions of the 2010 Snow Leopard learning cycle and we had a chance to hear from the folks who reveled in the Grand Opening at the Tacoma Mall of our very own Apple Store!

For July we plan to begin our two month survey of iLife applications by exploring iPhoto. Just in time to work on those vacation pictures! The other topics we'll look at during July and August will include iDVDm, iMovie, and iWeb, as well as iTunes.

Please join us at the Lakewood Library on **July 1ˢᵗ from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m**.

Contact Bob Moffat
(phone 253-845-5233 or email ramoat@me.com)

Mortvedt Session

The July 9th meeting at the Lutheran Retirement Community's Mortvedt Recreation Center is another place to learn about Mac computers. These monthly morning sessions , held the second Fridays, are open to all Mac users whether or not they live in the complex. Our coaches work with small groups to help answer questions. If you have a MacBook, bring it to the meeting. You don't have to have a computer to attend.

Mortvedt Center is at 1705 N. Vassault St.

Please join us Friday **July 9th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.**

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General Meeting

Learn from an expert! Jesus Areyano is our guest speaker on Sunday, July 11th. He has worked as an Apple Genius and later formed his own consulting company. He will discuss his experiences as an Apple insider and demonstrate some of the basics on setting up audio/visual solutions for your home using Apple products

Please join us at the Lakewood Library on Sunday, **July 11th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m**.

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Board Meeting

The NorthWest Apple Pickers Board will meet prior to the General Meeting on Sunday, **July 11th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m**. at the Lakewood Library.

Contact Erick Camp
(phone 253-841-0091 or email campej@comcast.net)

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Tacoma Area PC User Group

NWAP and TAPCUG, a PC user group, are two organizations working together to support the Macintosh and PC platforms in the Greater Tacoma/Pierce County area. TAPCUG meets the second Saturday of each month. Send inquiries to: 6824 19th Street West PMB #170, University Place WA 98466.

<www.tapcug.org>

Help & Information

General Club Matters	Erick Camp, 253-841-0091 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)
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See our website for maps and driving directions to all meetings:

www.nwapplpkrs.org

Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.
July starts at $9.00

Word Wrap

By Bob Moffat July. 2010

We begin Summer in our vicinity with an extra glow. We may need it, since our Summer still appears to be stalled somewhere in the South Pacific. We seem to be stuck in Early Ice Age.

The glow is from enthusiasm local Mac users feel with the opening of an Apple Store at the Tacoma Mall at the end of May. Hooray! Mac users in our area are walking around with more smiles than usual. The history of retail outlets offering Mac products to Pierce County consumers has been full of ups and downs for many years. More downs than ups, to say the least. For more than a dozen years we've had to drive to Seattle to find a dedicated Mac store.

When I began shopping for my first Mac in 1994 there was one Tacoma Mac retailer (remember Micro Computers?) There were many stores that stocked several brands of computers and some of them "handled" Macs. Unfortunately, most of these outfits thought computers were just electrical products, like stereos, vacuum cleaners, and VCRs. Finding a store that featured Macs was a great treat. The display models worked. Mac software and peripherals were available. Staff could actually show you how the computer worked and answer questions. Gosh...what a concept!

At Micro I bought my Performa 550. I picked up a copy of the NorthWest Apple Pickers *CompuNik* Newsletter (predecessor of the *Apple Pickin's*) from their counter and soon joined this organization to get help understanding my magnificent new Mac.

Gettysburg Address

November 19, 1863

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Membership Report

Total Memberships: 67

Membership Renewals:
Robert & Annette Donham, Mary & Dave Fleck, Gerald & Kathy May and Norma Bartlett

Due in May: Diana Foster

Due in June: Ardith DeRaad, Mary Johnson

Due in July: Persis Shook, Stewart Beels, Clarene Johnson,and Jerry & Maureen Kunz

Meeting Attendance:
June 6th New User: 20 & 5 visitors
June 11th Mortvedt:10 & 2 visitors
June 13th Board: 7
June 13th General: 15 & 3 visitors

60 Plus Days Later With My iPad.

By Stewart Beels

Let me first apologize for the way my previous article ended. There were two additional paragraphs that should have been included. But that's what happens when I wrote the article on the iPad with a different version of Pages than what I have on my computer (I couldn't review the article on my computer before I sent it to Bob Moffat). As I had said in the correct article, the iPad doesn't replace a notebook computer but it is a supplement to your computer experience. The iPad is for the consumption of media, as my previous experience showed it isn't good for the creation of media.

Let me explain what happened. The only way to transfer something on the iPad is through iTunes. In the Apps tab you have some new abilities if you have an app that allows you to create documents. I successfully initially transfer an incomplete article to my Document Folder on my computer. I thought that after that all I had to do was to sync the iPad and everything would get synced. WRONG!!! So that is my sad story of why you only had a partial article last month.

Now for an update. This month's article is written on my NEW iPad. Was I so turned off by my experience that I threw my original iPad into the Puget Sound? NO but that was tempting. You may have heard about a Grand Opening in the Tacoma Mall. A little company called Apple, Inc. opened a store. Well, Bob Moffat and I went over to the opening only to be overwhelmed by the throng of folks standing in line. After walking around and visiting some of the fine folks from NWAP we got in line. It was then that I decided that if they had the 3G version with 64Gb of storage I would snatch it up. You see during my first 30 days with the Wifi version I knew that for me I'd needed the 3G model. I had already decided that I would give the Wifi model to my wife and get the 3G for myself, I just didn't know when. It didn't take long to go through the line and get into the store. With so many people visiting and the shortage of iPads I hurried to a sales person and inquired about the availability of a new iPad. As it turned out the other Apple stores in the area were shorted on their shipments of iPads so that the Tacoma store would have enough on hand.

With the 3G model you have the choice of signing up for a month-by-month plan with AT&T to access their wireless 3G network. I had no idea which plan was right for me. 250Mb for $14.99 or the unlimited version for $29.99. So I chose the cheaper version. As it turned out, I'm classified as a power user (go figure). After one week I had gone through my monthly allocation and transferred to the unlimited plan. You may have heard that AT&T has changed the rules for their plans, as of June 7, 2010 they no longer have an unlimited plan. But if you had a plan in place prior you were grandfathered into the unlimited plan. The question will be for how long?

I still have not tested the iPad out for what I really need it for, transferring photos from my camera. Apparently everyone has the same idea and has caused a shortage of the camera adapter for he iPad, mine will arrive around the 3rd of July.

Who is the iPad for? Power Users? Anyone who doesn't want a notebook?

ANSWER: Anyone who wants to supplement their computing experience.

PS: For this article I decided to try out iWorks.com, a cloud computing answer for iPad iWorks users. This is a place to upload your documents created on an iPad to share. The problem is the term share! People can view the document without needing iWorks (if you can log into iWorks.com, it is beta after all), you just cannot download the document. The obvious answer for sharing documents is iDisk (if you have MobileMe), and you can view your iDisk on your iPad, you just can't save your iWorks documents to your iDisk even with the iDisk app (there's NO app for that)

South Sound Adobe User Group (www.ssaug.org)

Date: July 12th
Where: Cascade Print Media in Tacoma at 5:30 p.m.
Topic: Topic: Photoshop tips and tricks plus Results from the Photo Scavenger Hunt we held during the Summer Potluck in June.

Check out details at our website!

Sunday, July 11ᵗʰ
Guest Speaker, Jesus Areyano
Owner/Consultant, *Fusion AVS*

Jesus has worked in and around Apple for years, he was worked as a Genius and a store Lead in Western Washington for the past 2 years. After leaving Apple he formed a Apple consulting company where he works with medium and small businesses to find IT solutions and he also works with residential market to create home networks that include audio and video setups. Most recently Jesus has began involvement in the growing podcasting market, as a editor and contributor.

Apple at its Core

Jesus will share his experiences at and with Apple, he will give a unique view of Apple retail from the inside. Including his time training in Cupertino and how that changed the way he looked at the culture of Apple. Jesus will also be sharing some anecdotes from his time as a Apple Genius that will reinforce that job title.

Better Living through Apple (At Least Better Media)

Sharing more then a decade of home entertainment experience, Jesus will demonstrate how to use you Apple products in your current or future home audio and video setups. He will walk through the basics of home A/V setups including "all those wires". He will briefly discuss each of the current Apple products and how they can easily be integrated into almost any A/V system.

Word Wrap -- (continued from page 3)

Remember 1994? Mac OS 7.1? Motorola 68030 and 68040 chips were just being upstaged by the PowerPC processors installed in Power Macintosh models. A color PowerBook 540c with 4 Megabytes of RAM and a 320 MB hard drive sold for $4250. RAM was sold in MBs and a 16 MB chip cost $670. (No, that is not a typo: that is Megabytes.) A high-end PowerMac 8100 with a "1000 MB" hard drive and 16 MB of RAM was listed for $5449. An Apple LaserWriter cost $1900. Inkjets were more affordable: an Apple Color StyleWriter ($569) or an HP DeskWriter 520 black & white ($289.) Microsoft Office sold for $479. Fourteen inch CRT monitors ranged from $285 to $600. My Performa base price was $1449 to which I added $179 for 4 MB of RAM (to total 8) and the HP 520 printer for $268. Only about half the models came with built-in CD drives (and none yet offered CD burners: if you needed to save something you used the floppy drive.)

My Performa had a serial port and came with a 14,400 baud modem for connecting to the phone line to reach bulletin board services (the Internet was not quite ready for prime time.)

When I walk into that new Apple Store today, I am accompanied by this cloud of memories and of all those local retail experiences stretching back to 1994. Looking at today's well-lit displays, functioning demo machines with nearly every model available to touch and try, it is a bit less painful to remember the years of dingy, inoperative Mac displays (remember the blinking question marks or sad Macs?) or hostile sales staff trying to earn fatter commissions by selling any other brand of computer. And it doesn't smart quite a much to recall the agreements with managers to display our newsletters quickly sabotaged by staff who tossed out the publications shortly after we left the store.

Hearing the buzz and watching crowds of folks browsing the products at our new retail outlet seems to remind that if a picture is worth a thousand words, a touch and tryout must be worth thousands more.

The glowing smiles of customers–or visitors–leaving the new store certainly raises my spirits as I wait for the weather track to deliver our

TOM'S MAC NOTES JULY 2010
By Tom Garcia

Spotlaser from Frovil Heavy Industries (Japan) is donation-ware that enhances what Spotlight does. I prefer it to plain and simple Spotlight. The interface page is overly complicated but once you get accustomed to using it things work out OK.

For the less technically inclined Cisco has a new router called the Valet. $100 via Amazon. It comes with a USB "Easy Setup Key." Plug the USB key into a Mac or PC. Then plug the Valet router into the wall with the supplied power adapter. Then attach the router to your computer with the supplied ethernet cable. Select the "connect" option on the computer screen and in a few minutes the network will be setup.

From the "It Just Works" department. Nifty program fast launches applications, Google searches, and I don't know what else. Now I don't have to remember in Spark that Control-B opens Bean. (That is an easy one but I forgot a few of the others.) The program is Alfred. Go to alfredapp.co to get a copy. What is so great about Alfred? I hit the default Alfred launcher which is Option/Space-bar and I get a nice big rectangle center screen to enter whatever. If I type "B" because I want to open Bean I immediately see Bean, H& R Block, Address Book, Hand Brake in that order and several others. If I continue with the "e" in Bean the entries are whittled down to just Bean. The latest beta version also works well as a quick calculator. Enter 100/3 and 3.3333 pops up. It's free.

Looking through a magazine article I wrote in 1985 I see some funny stuff, well funny now. No doubt anything written today that is cutting edge will seem quaint 25 years from now. Example from 1985: "Anchor Volksmodem 1200 works great. One thing is for sure, you will need 1200 baud in the future.

Sanyo has a new and smaller (28 pounds) portable computer, the Model 675. This one is small enough to be shipped via UPS.

Always something new out there in collaboration programs. Take a look at type with me for example. I

won't try to explain it. Took me about 4 minutes to master it and I'm slower than you probably....
Adobe.com has something like the above free application. Probably more bells and whistles at $15 a month.

I have a little green hard drive icon in my task bar. It's OK as long as it is green. Something else like the dreaded red icon is very bad news. Get your free hard drive monitor at

www.corecode.at/smartreporter/

Back in time to the really old days. I belonged to a ham radio club in California and much of the discussion revolved around computers. Everyone in the club had an Apple II of one version or another. I was the odd-ball not using an Apple but rather a Radio Shack Color Computer. Why? Because the CoCo was 1/4 the price of an Apple. I was writing for all the CoCo magazines and there were a surprising number of them. Every week or so I stopped in a bookstore that carried computer magazines and there were not many on the rack. Byte was there as well as Popular Computing (?). Later Kilobaud came out. What Apple specific publications were there in the 1975-1978 era? I have heard of one called InCider put out by Wayne Green but have never seen a copy.

Computer prices are in something of a similar situation back 30-35 years ago. I am willing to pay the price for a Mac laptop but various PCs from Dell, Sony, etc. are half the price of a Mac. Buyers have choices.

Dear NWAP members, in my absence
Bob Moffat has done an excellent job as editor.

I would give Bob the job but I need him as my assistant editor to keep me on the straight & narrow. He is also a great proof reader. Besides he has a full plate without being the editor too.

I wish thank all the members for their kind thoughts & prayers during my medical leave.

Also thanks to all for their contributions to the newsletter.

Hope to be back to 100% soon.

Thanks

David

Traveling With the Clouds   By Eldon Estep

Have you heard people talking about "The Cloud" as it relates to computing? When I went to Wikipedia I found the following definition:

Cloud computing is Internet-based computing, whereby shared resources, software and information are provided to computers and other devices on-demand, like the electricity grid.

When I think about it, I picture spreadsheet software stored on a server that I can use instead of the spreadsheet software (NeoOffice or iWorks) that resides on my home computer or laptop. I can sign on to the server via the internet and use the software they make available to create a spreadsheet and have the file stored there as well. Wherever I have internet access during my travels, my folders and files will be available and I can view and work on them. I can also share them with other people.

Until a recent trip when my wife and I were gone for an extended period of time, I thought "The Cloud" wouldn't have any applicability to me. However, I find myself using it to a limited degree and will probably expand my usage.

First, there's my email account with Google. So I don't have to wonder whether my most current email files are on my desktop computer, laptop, or the Google website, I used the IMAP protocol to set up my computers for use with the Apple Email program. Basically, it keeps all three locations in sync whenever I am connected to the internet. If I make changes (e. g. delete an email on my desktop computer) they will be reflected in the other two places whenever I am connected to the internet and access email. The "Cloud" part is the email stored on the Google website which I view as my primary storage location.

Second, I now use the Google website for my address book and calendar. I've set the calendar up so my children can access it if they want to know what I have scheduled. (However, they still call if they want to visit or find out what we're planning.) I view my address book on the Google website as my primary source but it isn't as full-featured as the Apple Address book. I've tried syncing the address book with my desktop computer and laptop like I do with email but it hasn't worked well for me. Sometimes a change in one location will appear in another and sometimes not. I need to spend some time experimenting to find out how the address books work together but just haven't found the time to devote to it.

Third, Google offers "Google Docs" when you establish an account with them. This is where the application software comes in. You have access to a basic suite of office tools including spreadsheet, document, presentation, forms and drawing. (Microsoft is also providing Cloud computing solutions on the web.) I'm using the document application to create this article. I keep the club's Red Chip Register spreadsheet at Google Docs and have set it up so the newsletter editor and membership chairmen can check it any time. I also have additional spreadsheets that I created that are stored on the Google servers. One is a trip plan that I set up to share with my family so they could log on and see the whole trip plan anytime and note any changes that might affect them. I use NeoOffice on my computers to create documents and spreadsheets and all that I've tested were easily uploaded to Google docs without any loss of data. When I go to the Google Docs site, it's a little like opening NeoOffice on my computer. I can select and work on files I already have stored there or open a blank spreadsheet or document and begin creating. I can also upload and download files from my computer. The Google Docs application software is not as full-featured as NeoOffice, iWorks, or the Microsoft Office Suite but will be adequate for most of my needs. The first thing I noticed was a very short list of available fonts but I have some fairly complex spreadsheets and they uploaded and worked just fine with all the formulas calculating correctly.

Last, my PowerBook G4 is getting a little long in the tooth and I'll be wanting to replace it one of these days. I'm happy with it but it gets a little heavy to tote around and it will be expensive to replace. Could I get by with an iPad for traveling instead of a laptop? With "The Cloud" I just might be able to do that and save a little money and toting weight.

Security will be an issue for some, I'm sure. I feel comfortable that my files are secure because I have a strong password for my Google account and change it periodically.

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overdue sunshine and raise the temperatures around here to seasonal norms. Whatever happened to Global Warming?

NorthWest Apple Pickers
Board Meeting Notes

Sunday June 13, 2010 – notes by Bob Moffat

President Erick Camp called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Library.

Members present were President Camp, Peter Winderling, Eldon Estep, Francette Beeler, Mary Fleck, Clive Berglund, and Bob Moffat.

The Board voted to accept the reports.

The Board discussed renewal options for the website and decided to renew for one year.

The purchase of business cards was discussed. The Board recommended investigating pricing the alternatives for both quantity and color versus black and white designs. The opening of the Apple Store created interest in having cards (or flyers) available to pass out to potential members.

The Board discussed the inquiry relayed by Kathryn Whitacre about demonstrating at the Western Washington Fair Hobby Hall in September. It was unclear how the group would benefit by simply displaying computers. The Board decided to not participate.

Vice President Peter Winderling reported he had met with Andrew Klesken, the Manager of the Tacoma Mall Apple Store, and had extended an invitation to him to present at one of our meetings. We will continue to explore ways to establish a close working relationship with the store.

Bob Moffat reported one of the South Sound Adobe User Group members was proposing to produce a training seminar and had requested permission to use the projector. The Board agreed this was an appropriate use as long as equipment remained in Moffat's control.

The Board discussed potential topics for upcoming General Meetings. Peter Winderling noted that

confirmations for July's meeting presenters were expected within the next week or two.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Software Updates

About Mac OS X v10.6.4 Update

The 10.6.4 Update is recommended for all users running Mac OS X Snow Leopard. It includes Safari 5 and general operating system fixes that enhance the stability, compatibility, and security of your Mac.

About Safari 5.0

This update contains new features including:

- Safari Reader: Click on the new Reader icon to view articles on the web in a single, clutter-free page.
- Improved Performance: Safari 5 executes JavaScript up to 25% faster than Safari 4. Better page caching and DNS prefetching speed up browsing.
- Bing Search Option: New Bing search option for Safari's Search Field, in addition to Google and Yahoo!.
- Improved HTML5 support: Safari supports over a dozen new HTML5 features, including Geolocation, full screen for HTML5 video, closed captions for HTML5 video, new sectioning elements (article, aside, footer, header, hgroup, nav and section), HTML5 AJAX History, EventSource, WebSocket, HTML5 draggable attribute, HTML5 forms validation, and HTML5 Ruby.
- Safari Developer Tools: A new Timeline Panel in the Web Inspector shows how Safari interacts with a website and identifies areas for optimization. New keyboard shortcuts make it faster to switch between panels.

iTunes 9.2 was updated to in mid June. For more info go to:

http://www.apple.com/itunes/whats-on/

Club Info emails...

keep you informed of NWAP announcements of interest. Thanks to Loretta Chamberland's efforts, members are kept up to date on the latest developments. Members: ***please keep us informed of your current email and mailing address changes*** so you won't miss an issue of the newsletter or a worthwhile announcement.

(contact: **mcintosh@nwapplpkrs.org**)

Hi, I'm Eldon Estep,

I'm the club treasurer. I see my role as accurately accounting for all club financial transactions. Revenue is recorded and promptly deposited in our bank account. Expenses are paid promptly and are properly authorized and documented through receipts or board minutes. Payment is made with a check or, occasionally, cash which is signed for by the recipient. We don't keep petty cash on hand but do have a petty cash account to record cash received and on hand until it is deposited in the bank account. I have a key for the club mailbox so I can check for receipts on a regular basis.

I use Quicken as the accounting tool for club finances. It has several features that I like such as the ability to download transactions from our bank account and an easy-to-use bank reconciliation tool that I use each month to reconcile our accounts to the bank statement. Also, our income and expenses can be easily categorized and meaningful reports are prepared monthly for the board.

The accounting records are audited annually or with a change in treasurer so it is important to organize the financial documents so that they can be easily audited. I do that by filing the receipt and expenditure documents with the corresponding bank statements which show them clearing.

I haven't kept track of how much time I spend on treasurer activities but it's probably a couple of

hours a month. I try to get to each board meeting and club activity in case someone wants to pay their dues and to account for any Red Chip monies. Being club treasurer doesn't require a bookkeeping background but does require someone with good attention to detail and accurate recording skills. Quicken makes if fairly easy to keep track of our finances.

New User Group Recap

Our June meeting was a pause in the annual tour of the Mac Operating System so that we could review some of the topics we've covered since January. An important topic was the grand opening of the Tacoma Mall Apple Store on May 29th. Needless to say, several of us had tales to tell and some of us even had new toys to show.

We also checked in with our members to see what projects they were planning to work on in the next few months and we answered questions. Among the topics we discussed were:

- Back up planning: reviewing various methods and strategies for safeguarding information and surviving the inevitable moment when Something Happens to The Files or (shudder) The Hard Drive.

- Security issues: discussing the threats and the anti-virus software protection some companies offer. Since OS X was introduced a decade ago it has avoided the threat leveled at the PC world, in part because of its architecture and in part because the other operating system is in such wide use it makes an easier target. Mac users still need to be vigilant and not give permission when unexpected or unfamiliar software asks to be installed.

We will look at iLife programs during the July and August meetings with emphasis first on the features of iPhoto. Many of our members identified dealing with photos as the biggest project they faced this summer--July 1st will be a chance to refresh our memory on how iPhoto can help.

July 2010

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Check the NWAP Website For Calendar Info. <**www.nwapplpkrs.org**>

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