

**PLAIN
HARDWARE**
Home & Garden

PLAIN TALK

WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMMUNITY BBQ & SOFTBALL GAME

Plain Community Church Baseball Field
Softball game between Harley Riders
and folks from Plain.

Everyone is invited to participate.

June 5. BBQ 1 pm/Softball 3 pm

Sponsored by Plain Community Church
Youth and Columbia River Chapter of
H.O.G.

Adults \$8.50. Kids \$3.50.

All proceeds donated to Vacation Bible
School in Plain and in Canada.

For info, call Joe or Holly at 763-4330.

AWARDS PICNIC & RANCH TOUR

Alpine Boys Ranch, 19537 Chiwawa
Loop Rd., Plain

June 6 at 1:30 pm.

Food and fun for all.

For more info, call Michael at 763-3161.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plain Community Church.

June 21-25 from 9 - 11:45 am

Children age 4 through 6th grade.

For more info, call Lois at 763-2927.

FISHING DERBY AT CASCADE HIDEAWAYS

Fish Lake. June 26

Sponsored by Lake Wenatchee Rec. Club

For more info, call 763-5104.

FIRETRUCK DEMONSTRATIONS

With Smokey the Bear and

Forest Service firefighters

Lake Wenatchee State Park Amphitheater.

Every Sat. in July and Aug. at 11 am,

fires and weather permitting.

SINGER/SONGWRITER MICHAEL DICKES

July 3 at 8:30 pm

Lake Wenatchee State Park

Amphitheater.

For a complete schedule of July and

August programs, call the Lake

Wenatchee Ranger Station at 763-3103.

2ND ANNUAL PRESCHOOL YARD SALE

July 3 from 9 am - 4 pm

At the corner of Beaver Valley Highway

and Chapel Drive.

All proceeds to **Plain Valley Preschool.**

If you have sellable items you'd like to

donate or would like more info call

Gwen Whitten at 763-3011.

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP SERVICE

Plain Community Church

Every Sun. at 10 am (Childcare provided)

(May 30th - 11 am service)

Y2K and Alternative Power Sources

Considering a generator for your home or cabin as Y2K approaches? With so many choices and new products on the market, here are some things to consider.

With any stand-by power unit, fuel storage is a big question. Generators are available in gas, propane, or diesel units. Gas units are the cheapest and easiest to buy and install. Gas is highly volatile and has a tendency to go stale after a period of time. Gas is usually very easily purchased and the generator must be refueled after approximately 8 hours of run time. Propane units allow for greater fuel

storage without the possibility of the fuel going stale. This system also allows for a longer run time between refuelings.

However, when you run out, your replacement fuel usually must be delivered by a pressurized truck. Diesel is the most economical fuel available and has a very good shelf life but may gel up in the winter months and must be winterized. Diesel generators are the most economical to run but they are the most expensive to purchase.

Please see Y2K continued on back cover

Flowers 'til the 4th at Plain Hardware!

Yes, we all know we had a very late spring, but don't dismay! A late spring for us doesn't mean you have to take "what's left" of the picked over flowers and bedding plants in town. Plain Hardware will have fresh, healthy, beautiful annuals and perennials, bedding plants and hanging baskets through the 4th of July weekend. We also have gor-

geous cedar planter boxes built by a local woodworker, potting soil, fertilizers, vegetable and flower seeds, peat moss, grass seed and whimsical garden accessories.



It's finally time to start planting!



We Deliver!

Jake, Jasper, Katie, Gwen, Rob, Caren, Jim and Mike

In April we took a big step forward with the purchase of a 16' dump bed delivery truck. We want to warn everybody to look out for the big green Ford F-700 as trucker Mike and trucker Rob try to figure out how to keep it on the right side of the road! We can now deliver all your building material needs

quickly and dependably to your job site.

We have expanded our selection of pressure treated building materials. We now stock from 2 x 4's through 2 x 12's, as well as 4 x 4's, 4 x 6's and 6 x 6's in most common lengths. Come on in and check out our selection and our pricing. You won't be disappointed.



**Rob's
Handy Hints**

Need to find a stud?

When hanging drapes, mirrors, pictures or towel racks, it helps if you can anchor the hanger directly into a stud. But locating a stud can be a difficult task — until now. New stud sensors are available that “see” through your sheetrock and locate your studs. How do they work? Well, you'll have to ask the Science Guy, but I can tell you from experience that they work great.

Cut the cost of expensive IPN coating varathane

IPN coating varathane is a new water-based varathane that is a joy to work with on interior woods, but — ouch, it's expensive. You can cut your usage by first sealing with benite, then painting over it with the varathane. Benite is less than half the cost of the varathane.

Potted plants drying out too fast?

Gone for a week, only to find your plants wilted due to lack of water? We have the solution — SOIL MOIST™ granules. These granules can be mixed into your soil as a water delivery system. They absorb water, similar to a sponge. When the surrounding soil dries, the water stored in the granules is released into the soil over an extended period of time.

Boards splitting when you try to drive in a nail?

Try blunting the tip of the nail prior to driving it in. Turn it over and tap it several times with a hammer to dull the point. Then nail it in. It works!

Products mentioned in Rob's Handy Hints are available at Plain Hardware.

The News Beat

KLVH Radio

Congratulations to Lake Wenatchee residents Mike and Caroline Dickes on the success of Leavenworth's new radio station KLVH 101.1. We enjoy the local coverage by two of our favorite locals. Check it out!

Cougar Inn Sold

We're sad to report that the Cougar Inn has been sold, and will no longer be a restaurant. The plan is for the building to be demolished, and a private residence built in its place. Our thanks go out to owner Tom Olson for all the years of fun and fireworks. The “Coug” will be missed by all. Good luck, Tom and Dodee!

New Pizza Joint?

Plans are moving forward for the old Headwaters Inn to be re-opened, offering pizza and more to hungry locals. Marilyn Bendotti reports that she is planning to have it open some time in June. Make mine a pepperoni with double cheese!

For the Birds



So, you want to do a little birdwatching this spring and summer and would prefer to do it from your living room window? The surefire way to attract birds to your yard is to fill your birdfeeders with what birds like, and most species love black oil sunflower seeds. When the neighborhood birds get used to finding sunflower seeds at your birdfeeder, they will work awfully hard to find an appropriate nesting site in or near your yard.

Do our feathered friends a favor and stop by Plain Hardware — we've got a great selection of birdfeeders and birdhouses and a whopping good deal on black oil sunflower seeds.

Black oil sunflower seeds

20# Bag \$9.99

50# Bag \$18.99

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Open Monday through Saturday
8 am to 5:30 pm

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Hours

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Closed Sun.

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Caren Karnofski Joins Plain Hardware

Who says hardware is a man's world? As of March 29, local Caren Karnofski has been working at Plain Hardware, learning all she can about plumbing, building materials, electrical gadgets and nuts and bolts. She is a quick learner and most importantly, always ready with a smile!

Caren is from Vallejo, California, but has lived in Washington state for about 20 years and in the Plain area for the past seven. She, her husband Mark and their two daughters moved to the Ponderosa because the company her husband was working for (Leavenworth Electric) moved to the Lake Wenatchee area.

Caren's main focus and interest for the past ten years has been home schooling her two daughters, Rachel (18) and Rebekah (14). She also has worked for Natapoc Lodging for the past six years. She is very active in her church and in decorating her new home in Alpine Acres, which her family just moved into in January of this year.



If you don't already know Caren, stop in and introduce yourself. I'm sure she'd love to meet you!

Local Masseuse

CRYSTAL FRITZ

Crystal Fritz must have the strongest fingers in Plain, and she definitely is the most skilled in muscle manipulation since she has massaged tired and sore muscles for the past 5-1/2 years. After her husband received foot reflexology treatment for a very painful sciatic nerve problem and obtained great symptom relief, Crystal became interested in foot reflexology and took more than 300 hours of training. From there she branched out into overall body massage with the plan to open her own business.

While at the Brian Utting Massage School in Seattle, Crystal says she knew immediately that she had found her calling. The instructor, Brian Utting, said she was a natural and thought she must have had previous training. After completing her training, Crystal opened her office in Leavenworth and most recently an office upstairs in the Plain Hardware building.

Crystal is highly skilled at Swedish and deep tissue massage, which is basic muscle manipulation that encourages muscle relaxation, rejuvenation and healing from fatigue and soreness. She says she works within her client's comfort zone. "You'll feel either incredibly relaxed or incredibly energized afterward," she says.

Crystal specializes in foot reflexology, which is the manipulation of reflex points in the foot that indirectly affect all muscles and tissues of the body. For example, it is a great way to relieve sinus headache from sinus infection. "One patient I had came to me with a two-week-old sinus infection and accompanying backache. She was miserable. After I worked on her feet for an hour, she left pain free and breathing freely," says Crystal.

According to Crystal, "Many people think getting a massage is simply a form of personal indulgence, but in reality it is a form of preventive healthcare. It is much wiser to prevent problems than to solve them later," she says.

Crystal's plans for the future include spa treatments such as body wraps, paraffin treatments and herbal facial massage.

To make an appointment, call **Simple Kneads Massage Therapy** at 763-3156.



TIP

The secret to container planting, unlike your vegetable garden, is to overplant. Overplanting creates the lush full look of an entire summer's growth immediately. As plants grow, thin accordingly.



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- Deluxe lawn seed mix in 5, 10, & 25 lb. bags
- Miracle Gro® plant food
- Roundup® weed and grass killer
- PVA drywall primer
- Exterior latex primer
- Acrylic latex semi-gloss interior paint

Smell My Feet!

So you didn't take me up on my "free socks" offer yet? Well, I have just one thing to say — "SMELL MY FEET!" You see, I wear only SMARTWOOL® socks, even during the hot summer months. My feet stay cool and dry, and don't smell like they would if I wore cotton or poly blend socks. So if your dog whimpers every time you take your boots off at the end of a long hot day, take pity on the poor pooch and try our incredible SMARTWOOL® socks. Still with our 30-day money-back guarantee if you are not completely satisfied.

Memorial Weekend Parking Lot Sale!

May 29, 30 & 31

Plain Hardware's 3rd annual Memorial Weekend Parking Lot Sale will knock your socks off with all the great deals and steals on seasonal merchandise and gift items. Rumor has it that the antique corner will have a table of treasures out front as well.

Don't miss it!

Kids Corner

Fun in the Sun!

We've got squirt guns and water balloons for those hot-weather water fights, snorkeling equipment to explore the lake bottom, rafts to float the Wenatchee river, and a variety of air mattresses and of course inner tubes to keep you afloat while swimming in Lake Wenatchee. And when you tire of the water, we've got badminton sets, croquet sets, horseshoes, and of course cards, puzzles and board games to keep you entertained all summer long.

Innertube Sale \$10
while supplies last.

Return tube undamaged and inflated and receive \$5 back!

Fire Permit Information

Chelan County Fire District #9 (Lake Wenatchee/Plain)

Permits are required for outdoor slash burning in Chelan County Fire District #9. These permits are good for fires up to 3' x 3' only. They are free of charge and available at Plain Hardware, Parkside Grocery and Midway Grocery.

Chelan County Fire District #4 (Ponderosa Estates)

Permits are required for outdoor slash burning in Chelan County Fire District #4. These permits are for fires up to 3' x 3' only. They are free of charge and available at Plain Hardware.

Slash burns up to 10' x 10' are allowed in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources. Call DNR at 1-800-323-BURN for information on receiving a permit.

Y2K continued ...

Many new products are available to install stand-by power and allow connection into your existing system. All systems must be inspected by L & I and need to be isolated so power cannot be back fed onto the PUD power lines. Two years ago a PUD lineman was killed in the Tacoma area when someone illegally hooked up a generator and sent power back down the transmission lines. A manual or automatic transfer switch is required to make the connection between a generator and the PUD lines.

Finally, if you have sensitive computer equipment or certain medical needs, you should investigate a UPS system (uninterruptible Power Source). These units offer stand-by power through the use of batteries and great surge protection. With the potential power outages Y2K could bring, unstable power means surges that can ruin electronics and phone lines.

Information for this article was provided by Mike McComas of Leavenworth Electric. If you need help selecting a generator or other related electrical hardware, you may contact him at 763-2000.

Attention Builders – Now Available

- Particle board countertop in 8' and 12' lengths
- Replacement handles for framing hammers
- Fast-reel chalk lines
- Angle gauges - attach to your framing square for quick stair stringer layouts
- Concrete finishing and masonry tools
- Durock cement board
- Quickrete brand Mason Mix (mortar) and thinset
- Window wells

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