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PLAIN TALK

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CHELAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #9 AUXILIARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST & CRAFT BAZAAR

Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club
Saturday, December 2
Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon
Bazaar 8 am - 1 pm
Come support our local fire fighters.

PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH WINTER EVENTS

December 2 - Tree Decorating Party
and Chili Feed
December 17 - Christmas Program
December 24 - Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
For event times please call 763-3621.

PICTURES WITH SANTA

The Plain Valley Preschool students
have invited Santa Claus to visit
Plain Hardware on Saturday,
November 25, from 10 am to 2 pm.
Come get your picture taken with
good ol' St. Nick for only \$12.

This includes one 5 x 7 and two 4 x
6 prints. Photos will be available for
pick-up at Plain Hardware on or
after Saturday, December 2.

All proceeds to benefit the
Plain Valley Preschool.

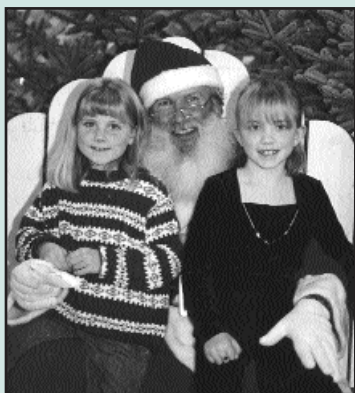


Photo by Karen Dickinson

Best friends Haley Hannah and
Bronte Gonder sit with Santa after
telling him their Christmas wishes.

Scottish Lakes High Camp – A Hidden Treasure

What is it? Where is it? Those were the questions I asked a couple of years ago upon receiving literature from Don and Chris Hanson, co-owners and operators of Scottish Lakes High Camp, a stunning hideaway of eight cozy rustic and romantic cabins located 17 miles east of Stevens Pass at the edge of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. At 5,000 feet in the Chiwaukum Mountains of the Central Cascades they are very remote as well.

A couple of days ago, I was lucky enough to hitch a ride up to High Camp with a weekend camper, something I have been wanting to do ever since my parents spent the weekend there and had the time of their lives spring skiing on my dollar (it was a Christmas gift from Rob and me). After leaving my car at Scottish Lakes private parking lot located directly across from the Nason Creek Rest Area, I rode 8-1/2 miles up the bumpy, but incredibly scenic Coulter Creek road to High Camp. Don, the ever perfect tour guide, made sure by

two-way radio that all the logging trucks knew they were sharing the road with us

(Scottish Lakes land is leased from Longview Fiber Timber Company). Coulter Creek Road is restricted and gated and the only way to enter High Camp is to ride with a Scottish Lakes staff member via 4-wheel drive vehicle in the summer or Sno-Cat in the winter.

But the ride is definitely worth it. Glorious vistas, including an awesome view of Glacier Peak, surround High Camp. With 22 miles of developed cross-country ski trails, plus extensive backcountry routes in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, Scottish Lakes High Camp is an ideal winter getaway for cross-coun-

Please see Scottish Lakes continued on inside back cover



Photo by Karen Dickinson

We've got lots of new faces at Plain Hardware. Drop in and say hi.

*Mike, Candy, Teresa, Jake, Jerry, Jody, Jim, Dave,
Kendra, Rob, Gwen, Katie, Rebekah, Caren and Mike*

What a great year of progress! We now have a customer friendly lumberyard, with all our lumber items clearly labeled with new yard signs. We even have a map to help direct you to the right stack! Our yard guys are in radio contact with the front desk, which means they know you're coming and what you need before you even get there. The bottom line is that we get you served quickly, with no hassles or delays.

Our aggressive approach to pricing continues to pay dividends. Whole house package sales to contractors and homeowners have increased dramatically this year. The builder's are learning that we are usually priced lower than Marson & Marson, or any other competitor, with incredible service to boot. How do we

do it? We keep our overhead low, so we don't have to mark up the materials as much as the competition. So why drive farther, wait longer, and pay more?

As usual, Gwen has the front of the store looking great and filled with all sorts of awesome gift items. Try the new Huckleberry Razzle Jam, Chocolate Covered Huckleberry Gummi Bears, or the watermelon scented Fruit Frappe body cream. We also have an incredible new apparel line, Tsunami Fleece Wear for women. Tsunami jackets are second to none for beautiful fabrics, design and quality. We have a huge selection of the best selling Smartwool Socks, with the best pricing! Christmas shopping at Plain Hardware is easy, with special and very unique gifts that you won't find just anywhere. See ya' soon!

Great Snow, But Don't Know Where To Go?

Lake Wenatchee State Park just off highway 207, approximately 8 miles from Plain has a great sledding and tubing hill for kids of all ages. There is no charge to use the hill, but you do need to have a Snow Park Permit to park in the parking lot (Snow Park Permits are available at Plain Hardware).

Stop by and pick up an inner tube, a sled and some Plain Valley Huckleberry Hot Chocolate mix and you'll be ready for an afternoon of old fashioned fun!



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Open Monday through Saturday
8 am to 5:30 pm

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Now Stocking at Plain Hardware...

- Roof Rakes
- Heat Tape
- RV Antifreeze
- Green Trails Maps
- PVA Drywall Primer/Sealer
- Automotive Batteries

A better work glove!

Finally, an advance in glove technology! The Blue Palmed Atlas Work Glove provides a breathable, comfortable, and durable work glove. Water resistant palm and fingers that fit snug provide great "feel", yet are amazingly durable. They don't bunch in the palm like a leather glove, which minimizes the odds that you'll develop a blister after a hard day's work. Try a pair and see what you've been missing. Only \$4.29 a pair.



**Rob's
Handy Hints**

Composite decking that looks great!

Intrigued by the advantages of composite decking (sawdust and recycled plastic) but turned off by the appearance? We now stock a second generation composite decking that looks like wood! LP Weatherbest comes in a 5/4 x 6 or 2 x 6 size, in 12' or 16' lengths, and is stocked at Plain Hardware. While the initial cost is higher than cedar, composite decking does not require seasonal staining. It quickly becomes the more affordable product when painting costs are factored in. We have samples at the store. Come check it out.

Best boot grease in the world?

Hey contractors - here's a product you'll appreciate. Obenauf's boot grease. Quite simply, it's the best. It's made from propolis, which is a resin collected from honeybees. The bees use it to waterproof their hives. Nothing is better on leather. Try a small jar and you'll feel the difference with warmer and drier feet as the winter wetness sets in.

Snow, snow, everywhere

Need to move a ton of snow off your deck or roof? Try our new "Snow Scoop". It's made to scoop snow up, then you slide it to the edge (without picking it up), and dump it. It's like a plastic scoop with handles. It's what they use at Steven's Pass, and they know snow!

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

The News Beat

Medical Center Asks for Help

Election Day, November 7, 2000 is a critical date for the residents of the entire Upper Valley. The ballot will contain a request for the approval of a renewal levy in support of vital Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The continuing operational sustainability of Cascade Medical Center's emergency room, ambulance and advanced life support service is at stake. We simply cannot afford to lose these essential, strategically located medical services, facilities and equipment now used by so many people - young and old, workers and retirees, locals and visitors. Fact sheets and brochures are available at Cascade Medical Center or Plain Hardware.

Help Name the New School in Plain

Construction has begun on the new school in Plain. According to Cascade School District Superintendent Howard Cook, the projected completion date is set for late December of this year. The name of the new school has yet to be decided. A name suggestion box located inside Plain Hardware will be given to the school district to assist in the name selection. Stop by and submit your favorite name.

Volunteer Firefighters Needed!

Call Chelan County Fire District #9 at 763-3034 for more information.

Employee Profile



MIKE FLIPPO

Growing up in Anacortes, Washington with a last name like Flippo you had to grow up tough. After graduating from Washington State University with a degree in Police Science and Administration, Mike became a Seattle area police officer, working on the street and later in administration. After a twenty-five year career in law enforcement he retired at the tender age of 46.

Mike heard through a co-worker about a beautiful piece of property for sale located near the Plain Valley. He had never been to Plain before, but it sounded perfect, so he hopped in his car and in one weekend checked the property out, loved what he saw and decided to buy it on the spot. This was back in 1993.

In 1997 after his son graduated from high school and joined the United States Marine Corps, Mike and his wife Candy, moved to the Plain area and began building their home, which has consumed Mike's every free moment since.

Mike has worked for Plain Hardware since May of this year and was originally hired to work a measly 16 hours a week, but somehow it has turned into a 40 hour a week, full time job. Mike's main responsibility is inside lumber and retail sales and assisting homeowners with plumbing, electrical and building questions. "I like to meet people and it is satisfying to help customers. I have personally made many mistakes in building my own home and have learned a lot on how to do it right. I enjoy sharing what I know. This job is great!"

Mike and Candy have three grown children and two grandchildren. Mike is very active as a volunteer fire fighter with Chelan County Fire District #9 and is lucky to be able to eat lunch with his wife every day at work because she also works for Plain Hardware. But that is another employee profile yet to be written. Stay tuned...

Attention Builders – Now Available

- Finger Jointed Studs
- LP Weatherbest Composite Decking
- Framer's Apron - CLC Brand
- Therma Tru Doors
- Penofin Stain - Best Prices!
- Simpson Mastermark Wood Doors
- Milgaard Windows
- Trusses — Boom Truck Delivered
- BHP Roofing

Scottish Lakes continued ...

try skiers, backcountry skiers and snowboarders, snowshoers or couples seeking the romance and silence of fresh fallen snow. High Camp also has a wood heated outdoor hot tub and sauna, snacks in the cozy, main lodge and plenty of stories, route guidance and friendly chatter. I definitely plan to visit again, but this time I will have my cross county skis in tow.

Don and Chris have been running high camp since 1994, when they decided to chuck the hectic city life and get back to nature. Co-owners Marc and Linda Wells of Seattle long to do the same. Don and Chris are the perfect hosts of such a perfect destination. Honest, happy and bursting with enthusiasm. Campers are welcome Thanksgiving Day till the end of April. If you are interested in experiencing the beauty and solitude of High Camp you can call Don and Chris at 888-944-2267 or visit their web site at www.scottishlakes.com.

Sell Your Snowmobile!

Park your sled outside Plain Hardware and for a small fee, we'll do our best to sell it for you.

If your snowmobile is priced right, it'll fly off the lot! Call or stop by for more information.

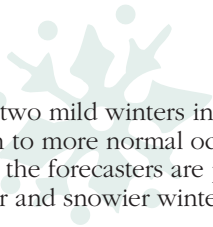
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- Back braces
- Visors
- Cool videos
- Helmets
- NGK spark plugs
- Gloves
- Headlight and taillight bulbs

Bargain Buy

SUNFLOWER SEEDS

- 50# bag — \$11.63



Heavy Snow This Winter?

After two mild winters in a row, and the return to more normal ocean temperatures, the forecasters are predicting a wetter and snowier winter this year.

Could this be another big snow year? Here is a historical look back, collected by Jean Moore a resident of Shugart Flats since 1945, of snow amounts in

our area. Could this be another winter like '71 - '72 with 290" of snowfall, or more like '76 - '77, when only 45" fell the entire winter?

Snowfall record for Plain, Washington from October 1969 to April 1999

WINTER OF	FIRST SNOW	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	ACCUMULATED SNOWFALL	DATE MAX. DEPTH REACHED
69/70	Nov. 16	0	3.5	41.5	92	6	3	4	150"	Jan. 24 — 54"
70/71	Oct. 23	0.5	27	76.5	71	16	41	3	235.5"	Dec. 30 — 52"
71/72	Oct. 19	5	25	95	95	36	28	6	290"	Mar. 5 — 62"
72/73	Oct. 28	0.5	7	26	19	2	0	0	54.5"	Jan. 13 — 12"
73/74	Oct. 31	4	55.5	69	43	20	13	1	205.5"	Dec. 28 — 46"
74/75	Nov. 17	0	10	46.5	72	46	6	1	181.5"	Jan. 12 — 43"
75/76	Oct. 24	3	51	11.5	55	54	25	0	199.5"	Jan. 8 — 32"
76/77	Dec. 22	0	0	9	5	10.5	20	1	45.5"	Dec. 25 — 7"
77/78	Nov. 1	0	26.5	67.5	31.5	20.5	4.5	0.5	151"	Dec. 10 — 40"
78/79	Nov. 16	0	29.5	24.5	26	60.5	5	2	142.5"	Feb. 7 — 42"
79/80	Nov. 22	0	6	49	52.5	17.5	8	0	133"	Feb. 2 — 36"
80/81	Nov. 17	0	11.5	24.5	9	30	0	6	81"	Feb. 12 — 14"
81/82	Oct. 29	2	4.5	59	80.5	24.5	10.5	2	183"	Jan. 13 — 60"
82/83	Nov. 5	0	21	53.5	18.5	11.5	0.5	1	106"	Jan. 4 — 30"
83/84	Nov. 6	0	18.5	43	9.5	15.5	3	0.5	90"	Jan. 1 — 30"
84/85	Oct. 29	4.5	35.5	51.5	4	32.5	17.5	5	150.5"	Feb. 11 — 40"
85/86	Oct. 26	2.5	45.5	21.5	44.5	36	0	0	150"	Dec. 4 — 32"
86/87	Nov. 18	0	15.5	25	46	18.5	9	0	114"	Jan. 29 — 33"
87/88	Nov. 30	0	1.5	69.5	30	4.5	0	0	105.5"	Dec. 21 — 40"
88/89	Nov. 12	0	15	24.5	42.5	18.5	13	4	117.5"	Jan. 15 — 30"
89/90	Nov. 13	0	10	1	61	32	8	0	112"	Feb. 2 — 40"
90/91	Oct. 5	1	19	54	23.5	2.5	12.5	1	113.5"	Jan. 9 — 36"
91/92	Oct. 31	4	19.5	5.5	21.5	5.5	0	0	56"	Jan. 23 — 15"
92/93	Nov. 21	0	17	44.5	82	5.5	5	0	154"	Jan. 24 — 38"
93/94	Nov. 22	0	3	41	13.5	43	10	0	110.5"	Jan. 3 — 29"
94/95	Oct. 31	6.5	47	54.5	29	20.5	5.5	0	154"	Jan. 9 — 45"
95/96	Nov. 5	0	31	31.5	33.5	24.5	4	1.5	124"	Feb. 7 — 39"
96/97	Oct. 17	10	31	115	19	16.5	32	0	223.5"	Dec. 30 — 75"
97/98	Oct. 6	2.5	9	27.5	84	7.5	2.5	0	133"	Jan. 17 — 37"
98/99	Nov. 29	0	8.5	65.5	43.5	48	18.5	0	184"	Dec. 28 — 47"



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