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PLAIN TALK

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FIRE TRUCK DEMONSTRATIONS

With Smokey the Bear and Forest Service firefighters. Lake Wenatchee State Park Amphitheater. Every Saturday in July and August at 11 am, fires and weather permitting.

Help Celebrate Smokey's Birthday August 12!

FISHING DERBY AT THE COVE

Fish Lake. June 24, 6 am – noon. \$3, Children under 12 – Free. Sponsored by the Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club.

LAKE WENATCHEE CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS

• Storytelling, movies, nature talks and music

Lake Wenatchee State Park Amphitheater. Every Saturday in July and August, 8:30 pm.

For specific program info, call 509-763-3103.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plain Community Church. June 26-30 from 9 – 11:45 am. Children age 4 through 6th grade. For more info, call Lois at 763-2927.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Thousand Trails Adult Lodge. April 22, 1 pm. Lots of fun – lots of prizes! Free coffee, juice and cookies. All ages welcome – infant to adult. Sponsored by the Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club and Thousand Trails.

PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS:

- Easter Service
Sunday, April 23, 11 am. Children's Choir and other special music planned.
- Summer Service Schedule
Beginning June 4, service will start at 10 am., no Sunday School until fall.

Winton School to Relocate

The Winton Elementary School is considering relocating to Plain. They have outgrown their current facility, mainly due to a new state mandate that they must offer kindergarten as well as grades 1st through 4th.

Adding on to the existing school was first explored, but due to the size constraints of the site, it became unfeasible to add on. The School District is currently considering P.U.D. land next to the Chelan County Fire District #9 station in Plain.

Preliminary plans are available for review at Plain Hardware.

The new site would nearly double the classroom space from the existing building, and would have room for a baseball diamond, soccer field, playground, and a bus shed. The School District would like to have the school up and running before the snow flies this fall.



Flowers 'til the 4th at Plain Hardware

Plain Hardware will have fresh, healthy, beautiful annuals and perennials, bedding plants, vegetable starts and hanging baskets mid April through the 4th of July weekend. So don't despair if you still have snow in your yard in May!

We also have flower and vegetable seeds, potato and onion sets, peat moss, various types of fertilizer, steer manure, chicken manure, lime and of course potting soil – everything you need to keep your flowers and vegetables healthy, happy and looking good all summer long!



Come see us for all your gardening needs.

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

Third Year Anniversary on May 1st

We will be celebrating our third anniversary May 1st. Wow! Time flies. It seems that it was just yesterday that I was trying to talk Gwen into buying a small hardware store out in the sticks. It only took me two months to convince her that it was a smart move! We've worked hard these past three years, but are having a great time doing it!

We never stop changing.

In our never-ending quest to improve the store, we have changed lots of things this spring. We have redesigned our front office, painted, and finally put down some laminate on the check-out counters. The automotive department

has been moved to the back, making room for an expanded housewares and gift section, as well as a new roomier layout for our painting supplies.

In the lumber yard, we have opened up a new front gate to allow for a pull-through yard. We continue to add new lumber lengths and other products.

We are proud of the progress we have made in these three short years, and would like to thank you for your support.

We would also like to thank all the contractors and home builders for buying building materials from us. The volume created by their purchasing has improved Plain Hardware's product offering and service for everyone in the community.

The News Beat

KL VH is now KOHO

KL VH, recently purchased by Harriet Bullit, has been renamed KOHO and is now broadcasting live. The Roundhouse, a morning show from 6 am to 10 am, features great bluegrass, including live performances, as well as interesting interviews with local personalities. A well-rounded mix of music styles completes the day, with classical music being played at night. Tune KOHO in at 101.1 FM. Check it out!

Icicle Junction to Add Theater

Icicle Junction is remodeling what used to be the game room, and turning it into a movie theater. This project will be completed sometime in the near future.

Poor TV Reception?

If you receive TV through an antenna, you do so because of the services of the Lake Wenatchee TV Association – a non-profit organization run solely by volunteers to improve TV reception in our area. In order to strengthen the reception, the Association has convinced Air Touch Cellular to construct a higher signal tower. The Association in return is responsible for constructing the permanent building to house the equipment.

Volunteers and \$35 yearly Association dues are needed for the project. Drop off dues at Just Plain Grocery. For more info call Marjory Blake at 763-3448.

Snowed again?

Even with this winter's light snowfall, when the snow slides off the roof – well, what a mess of snow blocking your walkway or garage!

Consider using composition shingle roofing rather than the traditional metal. This keeps the snow on your roof and provides extra insulation during the winter. The building codes have progressively increased the snow load requirements, so with today's beefier roof designs, the need to shed the weight might not exist. Composition roofing in many attractive colors and styles is available by special order from Plain Hardware.

Bigfoot spotted in Plain!

Need to pour footing pads for sono tube columns? We've got a great time and money saving footing form – the Bigfoot! The Bigfoot is a plastic form developed to accept an 8", 10", or 12" sono tube. Just dig your hole, roughly level out the bottom, toss the Bigfoot into the hole, stick your sono tube on the top, screw it down, brace it off, and you're ready to pour. Use an upside down Bigfoot on top of the sono tube to help keep the mud from the chute from spilling during the pour.

Tired of shoveling that white stuff every winter?

Consider putting a snow melt slab in for your walkways, stairs, or driveway. A snow melt slab has a heating device embedded in the concrete that will melt the snow away without you having to get out of your recliner. Contact Plain Hardware for a contractor referral.

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



Rob's
Handy Hints

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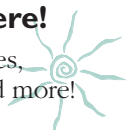
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LOCAL ARTIST

HEATHER WALLIS MURPHY



Heather Wallis Murphy was one of the first local artists to sell her artwork at Plain Hardware, and she remains one of the most popular. Her pen and water-color cards of local scenes and wildlife

capture the area's natural beauty, with an attention to detail seen mostly in biology text books. That makes sense because Heather is a wildlife biologist for the Lake Wenatchee Forest Service.

Heather discovered her talent for drawing at the age of 24. While taking Wildlife Habitat Management classes at the University of Washington, she pursued her passion for drawing at the U.W. School of Art. Back in 1993, Heather started keeping field journals that documented what she saw out in the wild. The journals are a combination of art, poetry, stories, and technical notes. It is directly from these weathered

journals that she began reproducing her artwork, creating cards that still show the spiral binder of her journals.

Heather stumbled into the card business quite by accident, but not without the prodding guidance of a friend, local interior designer Patti Bosket. Using art from her journals, she made thank-you cards for some friends. One of these cards was shown to the Sleeping Lady Gift Shop in Leavenworth. They recognized the quality of the artwork, and soon they became her first retail outlet. Today Heather sells her cards all over the United States.

Heather is currently working on her first non-fiction book – a guide to nature journaling. She continues to produce new cards to add to her collection. And don't forget to look at the back of Heather's cards. They are as interesting as the front!



Employee Profile

JASPER



Plain Hardware's official store greeter, an eleven-year-old Alaskan Malamute, has what you could call a "cush" life. He hangs out with his beloved Rob every day at

the store, while being fed dog treats, pig ears and even an occasional container of cottage cheese from the dairy delivery man. And what great service to our customers does he provide to warrant all of this royal treatment? Umm, hmm..., well he is awfully cute and occasionally he will actually wake up to say "hi."

Jasper has it easy now, but he did have a rough early life (Rob rescued him from an animal shelter in 1989 and Jasper was actually scared of people for about six months). But as you can tell if you've seen him hangin' at the store, he has completely recovered from his puppyhood trauma and has seems to have veered to the other extreme – he has been known to sleep through customers stepping over his head. I guess he just gets tired. It's a tough job being Plain Hardware's official store greeter and not just any ol' dog could do it.

Lawn Care Tip

Apply KwikKick lawn fertilizer to all areas of your yard this spring – a sure fire way to green up your lawn. Pick up a bag or two at Plain Hardware.

Now Stocking at Plain Hardware...

- Shoelaces
- Women's casual socks (Smartwool!!!)
- Curtain rods, blinds, and accessories
- Hemlock trim – full line
- Bigfoot sono tube footing form
- Sono tube forms 8"-12" diameter
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Gardening with Susan



Can't wait to see some color in your flower garden? Here are a few of my favorite early flowering perennials, all of which are available at Plain Hardware.

FORGET ME NOTS

These delightful flowers come in blue, white and pink and will reseed happily. They love a cool, moist root run with morning sun. They can be grown in a hotter location, but be sure to provide plenty of water and mulch.

PANSIES AND VIOLAS

These ever-popular flowers can be planted out as early as mid-April, despite our 25-degree nights. Violas have a Napoleonic temperament (they plot to take over your garden in a gently aggressive way) and will readily reseed. Look out for seedlings as you're putting out new plants and leave them room so that they may charm you in May and June and carry out their legacy.

LEOPARDS BANE (DORONICUM)

A great perennial for early color, this flower blooms profusely in early May with yellow daisy-like flowers. This spring I discovered a host of little *Doronicum* seedlings next to my original plant. This was a first for me and I assume it is the result of not being so obsessive about deadheading them as I had been in the past. They prefer cool, moist soil with lots of bright indirect sunlight. They will burn up in direct sun here in our semi-arid conditions.

Susan Deliduka, owner of Deliduka Garden Design, has 22 years of gardening experience in Eastern Washington.

Susan is available for consultation or design, implementation and teaching. She can be reached at her home in Leavenworth at 509-548-4878.

Student Highlight

Kendra Helseth Jumps For Joy... and Speed!

At the age of 13, local jump rope enthusiast Kendra Helseth can jump 310 times in one minute. That equals 5 jumps per second! Wow! Her amazing endurance and coordination have earned her and three other Leavenworth Mountain Jumpers the title of Grand National Champions in the speed jumping relay competition last summer at Disney World.



Kendra has been competitively jumping since she was eight years old and is hoping to qualify again in May for the National Championships – this would be her fifth trip to the competition at Disney World. Kendra's not the only jumper in her family. Her mother, Cathi, is competing this year in the 30 years old and over category. As they say, "Like mother, like daughter."

Kendra, her parents Brian and Cathi Helseth and her two older sisters have lived in the area since 1992 and in the Plain Valley for the past five years. Even though the joy of Kendra's life is jumping, Kendra also likes to read, play the piano and trombone and amazingly is still able to maintain a 3.9 grade point average at Icicle River Middle School in Leavenworth. I could say she is one lucky kid, but in Kendra's case, I think it is simply hard work and determination that keeps her on top. Go, Kendra!

Burning Permits No Longer Required

According to the Washington State Department of Ecology and Chelan County Fire District #9, it is no longer necessary to obtain an outdoor burning permit for those wishing to burn in the Lake Wenatchee/Plain area. However, the following burning regulations still apply:

Outdoor burning is permitted only from October 1 thru May 31. **NO OUTDOOR BURNING, OTHER THAN A SMALL COOKING FIRE ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY IS ALLOWED JUNE 1 THRU SEPTEMBER 31.** A safety burning ban may be in effect at any time, in which case

ALL outdoor burning is restricted. If such a burning ban is in effect it will be publicized in the local newspapers and posted at local businesses.

Do not burn during any stage of impaired air quality. You must extinguish your fire immediately if one is called. Call 1-800-406-5322 before your start burning to see if any air quality burning restrictions have been issued for our area.

Burning Permits are still required for Fire District #4 (Ponderosa Estates) and Fire District #3 (Chumstick).



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