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PLAIN TALK

WHAT'S HAPPENING

WENATCHEE RIVER SALMON FESTIVAL

Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery
Saturday & Sunday, September 21 & 22, from 10 am to 5 pm.
Free admission.

Fun, learning and entertainment for the whole family.

Don't miss Plain Hardware's chalk art entry by Plain Hardware employees Jody Allen and Rebekah Karnofski!

For more information call the Salmon Festival office at 509-548-6662 or pick up a brochure at Plain Hardware.

KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club
14400 Chiwawa Loop Road
Saturday, October 26 from 7-8:30 pm

Costume contests for both children and their parents, cupcake walk, games, candy prizes and refreshments.

For children 12 and under. Free admission.

Parents must accompany their children. Very young children attend this party, so please remember not to dress too scary!

Co-sponsored by the Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club and Plain Hardware.

FAMILY NIGHT AT PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Every Wednesday at 7 pm. Classes for all ages. Everyone welcome.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY EVENT LISTED IN THE PLAIN TALK WHAT'S HAPPENING COLUMN?

Please call Gwen at 763-3011 at least 1 month prior to the publish date of the newsletter you'd like your event to be mentioned in and we'll try to fit you in. Plain Talk newsletters are published December 1st, March 1st, June 1st and September 1st.

Historical Highlight

The W.O. Burgess Tapes... "First Car"

Sometimes it pays off to be addicted to caffeine. A couple of months ago, Rob and I were picking up our daily lattes from Bill Newell at Mountain Springs Lodge, when he told us about these tapes he had...

Eighteen years ago, before his grandfather W.O. Burgess passed away, Bill interviewed him about his life and experiences growing up in the Plain Valley. W.O. Burgess was the son of W.W. Burgess, who came to the Plain Valley in 1892 and was one of the original pioneers of the area. So, Bill's grandfather W.O. Burgess was living in the Plain valley in the early 1900's.



Third from left: W.O. "Billy" Burgess circa 1900

Here is just one of the stories that W.O. Burgess shared with his grandson Bill Newell:

"We were walking down from school, right about where your Dad's house is (Chiwawa Loop, near Alpine Boys Ranch), when we heard a noise and we thought

what in the world! Pretty soon here came this car pretty near right at us. My gosh, we were scared to death! I guess we took off into the brush. We didn't know what it was. It was coming slow. There was dirt and deep tracks and ruts you know. There

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Photo by Joe Boyd

Mountain bikes and a cherry red tandem now for rent at Plain Hardware!
Front row left to right: Gwen, Katie, Jake and Rob Back row: Sarah, Rebekah, Patty, Jody, Kelly, Caren, Rebekah and Teresa Not pictured: Steve, Jerry, Dave and Jasper

BIKE RENTALS

We are really excited about the new projects we are working on here at Plain Hardware. The mountain bike rental is a blast for me! I love to ride on the trails here in the valley and it is fun for me to send people off on a bike ride, knowing they are going to have a great time. We hope the locals and tourists alike take advantage of the great mountain biking trails our beautiful little valley has to offer.

CROSS COUNTRY SKI RENTALS

This past winter I learned to skate ski and I am already looking forward to the first big snow. Skate skiing is a form of cross-country skiing, where you ski with a skating like motion on a smooth groomed trail (snowmobile trails work great!). The skis are skinnier and shorter than classic cross country skis and are completely smooth on the bottom. Skate skiing is very fast, and with our terrain around here, it's very exciting. The fact that we have some fabulous ski trails in this area has led us to our second big project - adding cross-country ski rentals to Plain Hardware. We

will offer rentals of traditional track skiing equipment as well as some skate ski equipment. Please be sure to let your cabin guests and friends know that they can rent skis from Plain Hardware, and that we are open seven days a week for their convenience. We will have maps of the many different skiing routes available, as well as our personal recommendations. Need a quick ski report? Give us a call at 509-763-3836.

THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY

In the last few months, fires have destroyed a local family's home as well as a cabinet maker's workshop. Thanks to all for the help, support, money and items that have been donated to these people. The strong sense of community that we enjoy here in the Plain and Lake Wenatchee area is a special thing. We are happy we live here with friends and neighbors who will go out of their way to help make this community a better place for everyone.




TRASH IT! Dryden Transfer Station

Hours of Operation

Tuesday - Friday 9:30 am - 5 pm
Monday & Saturday 8:30 am - 4 pm
Closed Sundays and Holidays
For more info, call 548-5592.

Is Your Business Listed In Our Service Directory?

If you've got a business you'd like to promote in the Plain & Lake Wenatchee areas, the Plain Talk Newsletter is a great place to start. Published quarterly (December 1st, March 1st, June 1st, September 1st), the Plain Talk Newsletter is bulk mailed to all the mailbox holders (approx. 1000 households) in the following areas - Chumstick Highway, Plain, Ponderosa, Chiwawa Loop Road, Lake Wenatchee and the east side of Stevens Pass. The newsletter is also mailed to approximately 1000 people who do not have mailboxes in the areas listed above. Many of them are local vacation home and property owners. Approximately 500 newsletters are also handed out each quarter to customers who visit Plain Hardware and other local businesses.

For further information or to reserve ad space in our winter issue (published Dec. 1st), please call Gwen Whitten at 509-763-3011. Please note that ad space must be reserved up to a month in advance of the publish date and is first come first served.

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They were cute ...

Until they made a nest in the heating system of your car, ripped a hole in your screen door, and kept you awake all night as they skittered around your cabin collecting tidbits for the coming winter. Now you can get rid of those cute little devils (mice, chipmunks, raccoons) without offending your P.E.T.A. supporting spouse. We are now stocking live animal traps in a variety of sizes, and we have found them very effective for catching and deporting the rascals to another neighborhood or zip code.



**Rob's
Handy Hints**

Have you seen Gwen's flower garden? It looks fabulous and...

Of course, I am taking all the credit! The key to her plants' luscious, robust growth this past Summer was the prep work that I did last Fall. After the first hard frost, I cut back most of the plants (except the climbing vine variety), put down a layer of pelletized fish fertilizer (100% organic), followed it with a layer of steer manure, and then I topped it with a good layer of bark mulch. When the snow melted in the spring, the perennials were coming up in an already tidy, barked bed, with nary a weed to be seen. By mid-May, her flower beds were beautiful, and required very little maintenance throughout the season. You can purchase pelletized fish fertilizer, steer manure and bark mulch well into the Fall at Plain Hardware.

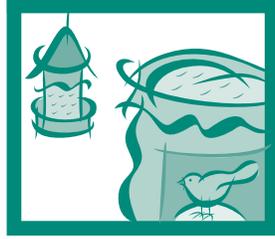
Is it really that easy to have gorgeous flower beds?

Well, almost. The other key to great looking flower beds is to have a drip irrigation system, and late Fall is a great time to install a system. Ranking right up there with the internet, sliced bread, and Velcro as a great invention, drip irrigation is a breeze (and fun) to install. Ours is hooked to a professional 9-zone timer, so we don't have to worry about it while we are away. The best part is that it won't break your budget, and you can add to it or tweak it every year. You can count on Plain Hardware having the parts you need, as well as expert advice on how to set up your system.

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

The Proper Care and Placement of Birdfeeders is Critical to Birds Health and Safety

Here are a few tips on keeping your birds' feeding environment safe and healthy.



1. Spread out bird activity by putting out multiple feeding stations in different areas of your yard. Fighting at the birdfeeder can cause the birds stress, which can make them more vulnerable to disease.

2. Clean your birdfeeders often and keep the area under your feeder clean as well.

3. Keep birdseed dry so that it doesn't get moldy. The Aspergillus fungus (mold) grows on damp seed and in the debris beneath feeders. Birds inhale the fungal spores and the fungus spreads through their lungs and air sacs causing bronchitis and pneumonia.

4. Move your feeding stations periodically, so there will be less bird droppings concentrated in one area.

5. If you find a dead bird near the feeder that has not been killed by a predator, disinfect the feeders with a solution of one part bleach to nine parts water.

6. Place feeders in locations that do not provide hiding places for cats and other predators to wait to ambush the bird. Birdfeeders should be at least 10' to 12' from low shrubs or bushes that provide cover. (Note: In a 1997 study conducted by the American Birding Association, it was estimated that a single domestic household cat can kill more than 100 birds and small mammals each year.)

You can purchase birdfeeders, black oil sunflower seed, niger thistle seed, and wild bird seed mix all at Plain Hardware. Happy birdwatching!

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Employee Profile



KELLY MCDANIELS

Kelly McDaniels, Plain Hardware's Lumber Yard Manager, was born and raised in North Seattle, but his heart has always been in the Plain Valley.

Kelly first visited Plain when he was 13 years old. He, his

two brothers and his father came to Plain to help a friend build a new home. In exchange for their labor, his parents were given their friend's old cabin. This cabin is located across from the Plain Community Church on Chapel Drive, just behind the home they built. One day while taking a break at the "big rock," a local swimming area near the foot bridge by the church, Kelly met his future wife, Nevonne Harris. Nevonne was a local girl whose family has lived in this area since the 1930's. Kelly and Nevonne had a long distance relationship all through junior high and high school and beyond until they married in 1984.

Kelly's first job out of high school was as a mechanic/service consultant for a Ford Dealership in Seattle. He worked there for 8 years and then for Roy Robinson Chevrolet for 13 years. During his years at Roy Robinson, Kelly also worked as an engineer firefighter for the Marysville Fire Department. Kelly juggled both jobs, usually working 10 hour days. These long hours enabled Kelly to semi-retire at the young age of 41 in the fall of 2001. He and his wife and their two children, Kimberly (15) and Stephan (13) moved to Plain in October 2001 and began building their new home with help from his brother-in-law Neval Harris.

So why did Kelly and his family decide to come back to Plain? "I guess there were three main reasons that we decided to move to Plain," he says. "My father had just died and I wanted to be near my mother, who lives by herself in the cabin on Chapel Drive that she and my father were given back when I was 13. Also, my in-laws, (who I might add, are the best in-laws a person could ever have), still live in Plain and we wanted to be near them as well. And finally, we wanted our two children, Kimberly (15) and Stephan (13) to attend school in Leavenworth. My wife received a great education there and we hope our children will benefit from the smaller school size as well."

Kelly began working at Plain Hardware in May of 2002. When I asked Kelly why he decided to take a job so soon after retiring he said "I needed some extra spending money! No, actually, I got bored. My wife works full time as the Managing Editor of the Wenatchee Business Journal and my kids are in school all day. I like to keep busy. And working at Plain Hardware is great. I like the fact that I work outside. I like who I work for and with. It's fun!"

Besides working at Plain Hardware, Kelly is a lieutenant firefighter with Chelan County Fire District #9. He also enjoys snowmobiling, hunting and hanging out with his family.

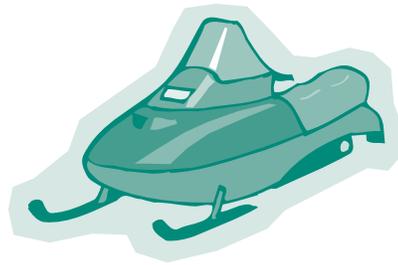
Its been a long time coming, but he and his childhood sweetheart are finally back where they first met. "Living in Plain—it just feels right to us" says Kelly.

Want to Sell Your Snowmobile, Snow Blower or Snowmobile Trailer?

Here's what you need to know to park and sell equipment at Plain Hardware:

Items Accepted: Plain Hardware accepts only snowmobiles, snow blowers and snowmobile trailers (trailers only with Rob Whitten's written approval). Equipment accepted October 1st thru March 30th only.

Fees: Asking price is \$1000 or less—fee is \$50. Asking price is greater than \$1000—fee is 5% of asking price. Fee is calculated from asking price. Fee is due at the time the equipment is dropped



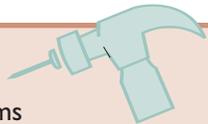
off at Plain Hardware. The fee is not returnable or refundable. This fee allows you to park the equipment on our site for 60 days. We find that if the equipment is priced correctly it will sell within that time.

Determining Snowmobile Value:

Plain Hardware has a "Blue Book" on site to help price snowmobiles. We ask that your asking price does not exceed the average retail value per the book.

For more information, please call Plain Hardware Monday thru Friday from 8 am to 5:30 pm.

Attention Builders – Now Available



■ Roof trusses – boom truck delivery

■ Glue-lam beams

■ Engineered I-joists – TJI's, LPI's, or BCI's

■ Trex decking

■ Gang-lam LVL's, Versa-Lams, Parallams, & Microllams

■ Sono tube forms

■ Pneumatic gun nails

■ Finger jointed studs

■ Redheads 1/4" x 1 3/4" – 1/2" x 7" diameter (aka wedge anchors)

■ Prompt and accurate job site delivery

BURT'S BEES Lip Balm

BY JOE BOYD

OFFICIAL PLAIN HARDWARE PRODUCT TESTER

Burt's Bees Lip Balm is the greatest product ever conceived by mortal man. However, it can be somewhat addictive if not used responsibly. As with any potentially addictive product it is important to understand the prescribed benefit and inherent risk of use. In my opinion, this product should include a much more detailed description of its benefits and risks. I know that I would have controlled my habit much more responsibly if the following warning label had been included with my first tube:

Side Effects, Warnings and Precautions

There are two major categories of concern related to this product.

Dependence

Prolonged use of Burt's Bees Lip Balm can result in severe dependency and may therefore be abused. Indications of abuse include stashing Burt's Bees Lip Balm containers in every vehicle, every pant pocket and in every room of the house. Users obsessed with always having Burt's Bees Lip Balm within easy reach or who become hysterical when a tube of the lip balm is inadvertently included in the wash

could have a dependency problem. The only known treatment is to simply ensure that the abuser is NEVER without their tube of Burt's.

Second Hand Burt

Successful use of Burt's Bees Lip Balm involves building a tolerance to the peppermint oil and rosemary extract - two of the most powerful lip healing agents known to man. Regular users of Burt's Bees Lip Balm lose awareness of the slight tingling sensation of these ingredients. Therefore, users of Burt's Bees Lip Balm should be careful to warn friends and loved ones before kissing on the lips, cheeks, ears and especially on the forehead of babies. When dealing with a victim of Second Hand Bert, keep the patient calm and wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water.

Burt's Bees Lip Balm and other fine, but also addictive Burt's Bees products are available at The Country Porch at Plain Hardware.

Joe Boyd, aspiring retiree and Burt's Bees Lip Balm addict, splits his time between his home in Dallas, Texas and his home at Lake Cushman, Washington. He and his wife Barb (Rob's sister) enjoy traveling, cooking, eating, using Burt's Bees Lip Balm and of course shopping at Plain Hardware.

Historical Highlight ...

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were stumps in the middle of the road and brush. The driver would have to watch for all of them and somebody would have to get out and cut them off so they could get by. It was the first car that was ever up this way. I can't remember who the driver was. We barely survived the scare we got from that thing. I think I must've been probably 8 or 9 years old."

Bill asked his grandfather if he had ever heard of a car before that day. "No, never ever heard of one. We never had any papers, no radio or anything. No way of knowing anything. We just knew what we saw every day around us. Never knew any of the happenings around the world or the country or the city or anyplace. Hard to believe people could get to that age and never know anything about what was going on in the world. Those first cars, after they cut the stumps and brush out, they got along pretty good; about as fast as you could walk, you know."

Bill Newell's interview with W.O. Burgess was painstakingly transcribed by local Rachel Scoun. Many thanks to her and Bill for sharing the transcripts with us. We'll try to include an excerpt from the "Burgess Tapes" in every issue of the Plain Talk Newsletter.

Now Stocking

- Wood pellets
- Penofin exterior wood stains
- Daly's brand wood finishes
- Hot water heaters \$161.75
- Toilets \$56.70
- Cedar decking
- Snow brakes for metal roofing
- Sprinkler system timers
- Drip irrigation systems
- Pelletized fish fertilizer
- Bark mulch



Mountain Bike Rentals—Your Ticket to Thrills or Romance

Plain Hardware is now renting mountain bikes and a romantic, cherry red seven-speed tandem bike. Many fun rides originate right from Plain Hardware. You can choose the romantic ride down River Road with a special friend, or venture to the top of Natapoc Ridge for a hair raising single track descent to the valley floor far below. If you survive, you can cool off in the inviting, clear waters of the Wenatchee River under the old foot bridge. Want something in between? Just stop in, get geared up, and ask Rob for his recommendation on a good trail.



Klutz Activity Books—

A Great Gift Idea!

These kids' activity books make terrific presents for any occasion! My son Jake's favorite is *The Best Card Games in the Galaxy*, because it has—"Very cool card games; one's I've never heard of before."

Choose from fun titles such as *Kid's Shenanigans*, *The Body Crayon Book*, *Window Art*, *Sun Paint*, *Bubble Gum Science*, *The Best Card Games in the Galaxy*, *Lego Crazy Action Contraptions*, *Nail Art*, *The Paper Dolls Book*, *The Shrinky Dinks Book*, *Painted Rocks*, *Solar Car* and a whole lot more. Kids love 'em!

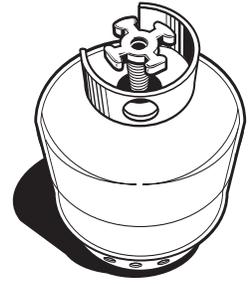


Cross Country Ski Rentals at Plain Hardware

Starting this winter, Plain Hardware will be renting cross-country ski equipment. **Our brand new equipment will arrive in October, and we will be ready to outfit you or your guests when the first snow falls.** We will offer classic style track skis as well as skate ski packages. The basic package of skis, poles, and boots will rent for \$16.00 per day.

The Plain and Lake Wenatchee areas offer in incredible amount of skiable terrain. There are groomed trails for the classic skier at the Lake Wenatchee State Park and at Kahler Glen Golf Course. There is also the Sea and Ski Loop off the Chiwawa Loop Snow Park, which is one of Rob's

favorites. Because it sees less usage than other trails, this is a good trail to skate ski on as well. Groomed snowmobile trails also offer some great skate skiing opportunities. Early morning or mid week is usually a good time to avoid heavy snowmobile traffic. The road heading to Trinity, starting from the Fish Lake Snow Park offers miles of very gentle grades, so it is a great place to practice skate skiing techniques. For you classic skiers out there who haven't tried skate skiing yet, come on down and rent a pair of skate skis. Rob will give you a quick lesson on how to do it. It's tons of fun, fast, and a great workout. See you on the trails!



Propane Tank Refills— New Law In Effect

As of April 1, 2002, most propane tanks are required by the United States Department of Transportation to be equipped with an OPD (overfill prevention device) valve. If your tank does not say OPD on the valve handle, we cannot fill it with propane. Please – check your tank and get a new one if needed, before you run out of propane. We sell new tanks here at Plain Hardware. Tanks that fill in the horizontal position (on their side) are exempt, as well as some larger tanks (20+ gallons).

Architect Profile



Mike Patterson of the Design Ranch, Lake Wenatchee

Local architect Mike Patterson was a young boy living near Washington State University

when he first began to take an interest in architecture and design. At the end of the school year at WSU, the architecture students would throw out the design models they'd built during the year. Young Mike would pick them out of the trash, take them home, and arrange small cities. According to Mike, these buildings would "mysteriously" catch on fire, and the entire "town" would burn down.

The second of seven children in his family, he left Colfax, Washington for the Air Force and an ammunition dump in Viet Nam. After his four-year tour was up, Mike attended the University of Washington, and graduated with a degree in Environmental Design in 1974. Mike worked primarily in the Seattle area for the next 25 years, focusing on residential, light commercial, and medical architecture.

In February of this year, Mike started his own practice from his home at Lake Wenatchee. Mike's architectural style is best described as "practical". He likes to use recycled or sustainable green materials, as well as passive and active solar energy elements. He has a good understanding of how to design roofs with our winters in mind. He likes the "design-build team" approach to projects, where the homeowner, the architect, and the builder work

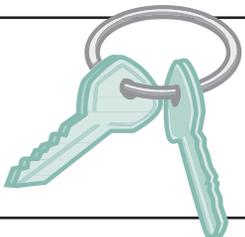
together as a team from the inception of the project. The use of local contractors, craftsmen, and suppliers is also important to him.

While Mike's passion is to help people see their vision in home design, his second love is creating metal sculpture using recycled materials and local river rock. You may have seen some of his creations for sale at Plain Hardware, with the "Recycle Michael" tag on his works of art. He has recently built a metalworking shop, complete with a high temperature forge, chop saws, belt sander, and various pieces of welding equipment.

You can see examples of Mike's architecture on his web site at www.thedesignranch.com, or you may call him at (509) 763-0196.

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Light My Fire Candles—Autumn Scents are Here!

The ever popular Light My Fire “autumn spice” scented votive candles –Apple Spice, Pumpkin Spice, Orange Spice and Cinnamon Spice are now available at The Country Porch at Plain Hardware. We also carry many other scents - Honeydew Melon, Orange Vanilla, Lavender Delight, French Vanilla and Lemon Verbena to name a few of my favorites. Light My Fire candles are handmade by local Gary Newell and are an affordable luxury at only \$1.75 each. Come check'em out. They truly are a treat for your senses!



Pumpkins arrive October 1st!

Pumpkins of all shapes and sizes, perfect for Fall decorating and carving, will arrive October 1st from Zimbleman's Farm in Quincy, Washington. We'll also have decorative squash and Indian corn for sale. Come early for the best selection!



Alps Sportswear for Women—Back Again and Better than Ever!

I never thought Alps Sportswear could improve on the gorgeous clothing they made last year, but they most certainly have. I was thrilled to see that their vests, barn jackets, colorful sweaters and pullovers were even cuter than what we sold at Plain Hardware last year. I personally want one of each, but unfortunately Rob keeps reminding me that the point of carrying this line of clothing is to SELL it, not wear it! Come in in and try something on. You will surely find something you like!

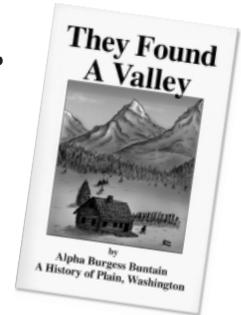


Smartwool Socks— Don't Leave Home Without Them

Unless, of course, you are leaving home to come to Plain Hardware to stock up on the BEST socks ever. Whether you are biking, hiking, skiing, working, or lounging, Smartwool socks are unbeatable. If you haven't tried a pair, come see Rob and try to talk him out of a free demo pair. They last forever, feel great, don't smell, and keep your feet warm and dry like no other socks can. They come in several thicknesses, so you can find a pair that will fit your particular need. As always, Plain Hardware offers them at an unbeatable price. Compare, and then come to Plain Hardware to stock up.

They Found A Valley—A History of Plain, Washington by Alpha Burgess Buntain

This book was written by the daughter of W. W. Burgess - one of the original pioneers of the Plain Valley. It is an easy and interesting read about early life here in the Plain Valley. Out of print for many years, you can now purchase a copy at The Country Porch at Plain Hardware for \$11.95.



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