

**PLAIN
HARDWARE**
Home & Garden

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PLAIN TALK

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CHELAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #9 PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND CRAFT SALE

Saturday, December 7 at 8 am
Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club. Come support our volunteer fire department!

PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH WINTER EVENTS

Christmas Tree Decorating/ Chili Supper

Saturday, December 7 at 6 pm

Christmas Musical

Sunday, December 15 at 6 pm

Christmas Children's Program

Sunday, December 22 at 11 am

Christmas Eve Service of Lights

Tuesday, December 24 at 6 pm

Valentine's Day Banquet

Friday, February 14 at 6:30 pm

The community is welcome to all church events.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CERTIFICATION CLASS

Sat., December 21 from 8 am to 3:30 pm
Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club
Must be over 12 years of age and have your own equipment. Pre-register by e-mail at jag@crwnet.com or call 763-1017.

LAKE WENATCHEE RECREATION CLUB SNOWMOBILE POKER RUNS

Sat., January 18 & Sat., February 15
Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club
Go to www.lakewenatcheerecclub.com for more information.

CASCADE QUEST SLED DOG RACE

January 17, 18 & 19
Washington's longest sled dog race—140 miles in three days. Come watch local Iditarod Musher Perry Solmonson! Race begins at Eagle Creek Ranch on the 17th and ends at the Fish Lake Sno-Park on the 19th. Call 360-793-7932 or log on to www.cascadequest.com for more info.



ESPRESSO BAR COMING SOON TO PLAIN HARDWARE

Plain Hardware will soon be offering espresso drinks and accompanying goodies to our coffee loving customers. Good news for all you caffeine addicts!

Historical Highlight

White River Indian Massacre

In the 1800's, the Wenatchi Indians inhabited the areas around Lake Wenatchee. The salmon and berries were very plentiful in the Wenatchee River watershed, and they often camped on the Wenatchee along the same area that the See & Ski loop trail runs through. They dug pit houses in this area, and the indentations can still be seen in the ground.

In late August of 1858, the U.S. Army, under Major Robert Garnett, was chasing a band of Yakima Indians suspected of killing miners in the Cle Elum area. While searching, the Army unfortunately came across the Wenatchi Indian camp of about 10 teepees, housing an estimated 60 – 75 individuals, on the White River near Tall Timbers Ranch.

The only surviving Indians of this confrontation were a few young Indian boys that had been tending horses a short dis-

tance away from the main camp. After the massacre, there was never again a band of Wenatchi Indians at Lake Wenatchee. Due to the Indians' superstitions they did not return, and the site was shunned for many years. This would account for the fact that there were no Indians living in that area at the time of the first white settlements and homesteads in the 1890's. It is rumored that early settlers Lester Brown, George Schugart and W.O. Burgess found graves near the White River around 1920.

Historical information for this story was contributed by Stewart Gardner. Stewart grew up in the Lake Wenatchee area and graduated from Leavenworth High School. He is currently writing a book about the Wenatchi Indians and is living in Boise, Idaho.



Photo by Steve Allen

Hit the trails! Rent your cross country ski gear at Plain Hardware!
Front row left to right: Jake Allen, Rob Whitten, Jake Whitten, Gwen Whitten, Katie Whitten **Back row left to right:** Joylyn Marcellus, Jerry Franklin, Caren Karnofski, Kelly McDaniels, Jody Allen, Teresa Gonder and Patty Drinnin
Not pictured: Rebekah Karnofski, Dave Scott, Sarah Butler and Jasper

CROSS COUNTRY SKI RENTALS AND LESSONS

Continuing on our mad quest to add as many fun things to Plain Hardware as possible, and following on the success of our new mountain bike rentals, we are now offering cross country ski rentals and lessons. We will be renting both "classic" skis as well as "skate" skis for adults and children. See you on the trails!

FARMERS MARKET AT PLAIN HARDWARE

This fall we experimented with the idea of a Saturday farmers' market at Plain Hardware. It was received well by our customers. We plan to expand the market to include a half dozen or so local farmers next year. So watch for the bigger and better Plain Hardware Farmers' Market next summer!

ESPRESSO

Knowing that a happy customer is a customer who has had their morning coffee, we will be adding an espresso bar. We hope to have it up and running by Christmas. All right, is this enough new projects for us this year? I think so!

BOB "POP" WHITTEN – 1934-2002

My father passed away in late September after a fall from a ladder at his home.

At his funeral, I had the opportunity to speak about him, and I'd like to share some of the things that I said. My father is responsible for nearly every good trait that I possess.



Bob Whitten

He did not teach by lecturing, but by setting a good example. He taught me the love of photography, and music of all types. He was an exceptionally hard worker, very giving, and always willing to lend a hand wherever it was needed.

One of the best compliments a son can pay to his father is to emulate his good qualities and copy his examples. Although my life has taken a different path with a different profession, there are so many similarities that it makes me laugh. Dad sold real estate. I sell hardware. He wrote a newsletter for his customers. Gwen and I write this one. He settled in a small community at Lake Cushman. I live in Plain. He had a daughter and a son that he loved. I have Jake and Katie. He married a beautiful woman who's personality complimented his. I married Gwen. I'm afraid I have become very much like my Dad, and I'm grateful for the example he set.

Sometimes, the most important things are so simple that you overlook them, and I forgot to say something during my eulogy. I forgot to thank him for loving my mother the way that he did, for his entire married life. Theirs was an exceptional relationship, and it was in this loving environment that my sister and I had the special honor of being raised. Thank you, Dad. I love you.

The News Beat

New Owner, New Menu, New Name for Kahler Glen Restaurant

As of November 15, locals Pam and Allan Durfy will take over Kahler Glen Restaurant. According to Pam, who has lived in the Plain/Lake Wenatchee area since she was 9, big changes are in store. The restaurant will be called Palander's Restaurant, Lounge and Catering. The menu will change to reflect a more traditional family style cooking. "Lots of homemade stuff!" says Pam. She will also be "cozying" up the place with a warmer and more friendly decor. They also will be offering "Catering for as few as two". Palander's will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Their tentative hours are Friday thru Tuesday 8 am to 8 pm, closed Wednesdays and open for dinner on Thursdays from 4 to 8 pm.

To make reservations call Palander's at 509-763-8004. For catering information call 670-0168. Good luck Pam and Allan!

Insulated "Atlas" gloves

By now nearly everyone has tried our blue Atlas work gloves. But did you know that they make an insulated winter version? They do, and we have them in stock. Get a pair now before we sell out. This is a great stocking stuffer!



Rob's
Handy Hints

Christmas light staple gun

Struggling with the perfect way to hang those Christmas lights? We have the ultimate solution. Check out our new staple gun that shoots a staple designed for hanging Christmas lights. It has an insulated "u" shaped body that securely holds the wires without risk of cutting through them. It is self-aligning before you shoot the staple, so you don't have to worry about your aim anymore. You will be the envy of your neighborhood!

Daptex Insulating Foam Sealant

Expanding foam sealant ranks right up there with duct tape as one of my favorite inventions. But, yuk, what a mess, and it won't stop expanding! Dap® has come up with a solution by inventing a latex (water based – water cleanup) minimally expanding foam. It only expands an additional 25% once out of the tube, can be worked with a putty knife, cleans up with water, and doesn't dry so rigid. It's perfect for around doors and windows, as it allows for some shrinkage or movement by the wall.

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

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 one 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.

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open Sundays 9 am to 3 pm**

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Christmas Tree Permits – \$5

Most of the Wenatchee National Forest is open for Christmas tree cutting. However, a permit is required to cut down or dig up a tree. Permits along with an informational brochure are available at Plain Hardware. **Please note that Plain Hardware will NOT be selling cut Christmas trees this year.**



Employee Profile



JOYLYN MARCELLUS

Joylyn's roots are in Plain, and boy do they run deep. Plain Hardware's newest employee Joylyn Marcellus is the great, great granddaughter of W.W. Burgess, one of the original pioneers of the Plain Valley. Joylyn and many of her relatives still live within

10 miles of W.W. Burgess's original homestead.

Joylyn was born in Wenatchee and raised in the Plain area – just off Chiwawa Loop Road, where her family still lives today. She spent much of her early childhood on the road with her family performing at International Lumberjack shows. They performed in such faraway places as Alaska, Hawaii, Japan and they even spent three months performing at Disneyland. Linda, Joylyn's mother eventually decided the road was no place to raise a family and decided to perform mainly in the Northwest. The Marcellus family now performs regularly at the Evergreen State Fair in Monroe. Joylyn announces the show and sometimes enters the log rolling competition. But what she is really good at is axe throwing. When Joylyn was 18 she won 2nd Place in a national axe throwing competition in Idaho. Wow! Don't make her mad!

After graduating from Leavenworth High School in 2000, Joylyn flew off to Dallas, Texas to go to college at DeVry Institute of Technology to study Telecommunications. After a very successful year (4.0 g.p.a.) Joylyn came back to Plain to help out her family and earn money for her second year of college.

After returning home, Joylyn got a job at the North Central Educational Service District Tech Center in Wenatchee where she worked for a year. Rob heard Joylyn was looking for a new job and after countless glowing recommendations, we offered her a position at Plain Hardware. When I asked Joylyn why she decided to take the job at Plain Hardware instead of looking elsewhere she replied, "I took the job because there is such a great staff here, it is very family oriented and of course it is only 2 1/2 miles from home! I couldn't ask to work at a better place."

So what does the future hold for Joylyn? "I am going to go back to college when I get enough money saved, but eventually I want to end up in Plain. I can't imagine living anywhere but here. My relatives are here and when I have a family I want to raise my children here – most definitely. I couldn't imagine raising children anywhere else! I want my kids to breath clean air, run barefoot all summer long, catch grasshoppers to take fishing, and ride horses 'til dark. I had a great childhood growing up in Plain. I want my children to have the same."

Joylyn's main responsibility at Plain Hardware is to run the front counter and help customers. Stop in and say hi. She has a sparkly personality that is sure to brighten your day. She most definitely brightens ours.

*Don't get left out
in the cold!*

WOOD PELLETS

for sale at Plain Hardware

40# BAG	\$2.97
1 TON (50 BAGS)	\$140.00

Delivery Available

Now Stocking

- Kids' gloves and socks
- Smartwool "Snowrider" socks – great for skiing
- Tube sand for winter driving
- Tire chains
- Boot chains
- Snow shovels and roof rakes
- Heat tape
- Pipe insulation

Bargain Buy

ICE MELT

	Regular	SALE
20# Bag	\$4.88	\$4.23
50# Bag	\$8.70	\$7.54

No quantity limit
Sale ends December 14, 2002



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.

Life is Good Tee Shirts

BY JOE BOYD

OFFICIAL PLAIN HARDWARE

PRODUCT TESTER

A couple of weeks ago as my wife Barbara was getting dressed, she blurted out “dooG sI efiL!” She said it as



if it were an epiphany of some sort. Barb is one of the most grounded and least crazy people I know but I admit that I was concerned. She is not a Star Trek fan and to my knowl-

edge has never been abducted by aliens. I wanted to reply with “Live long and prosper!” and offer the Vulcan hand gesture of salutation but instead decided to ask her what she was talking about.

She said that it had come to her all of the sudden that there was a problem with the Life Is Good tee shirts. The logo needs to be printed in reverse so that you can enjoy how cool you look when you admire yourself in the mirror! As usual she had an excellent point.

She and I have both collected almost

every tee shirt the Life Is Good folks make. We particularly love the different outdoor theme shirts – running, canoeing, tennis, camping, hiking, fishing, rafting. In addition to looking good, these tees make you feel good. They come in cool colors and are soft cotton shirts that fit nicely and last forever. I particularly like the fact that they can sit in the dryer for a week or two and still need no ironing. As soon as they get the “dooG sI efiL” thing worked out, they will have the perfect tee shirt!

Gwen tells me they have some great new tee shirt designs in for the winter season as well as some killer men’s briefs (um, that’s right, men’s underwear...) that say “Life is Good” across the waistband. Whoever designed this underwear most certainly did not have any self esteem issues. I plan to check’em out when Barbara and I come to visit for the holidays. I’m sure Barbara would agree that these briefs would be a better fit for me than the ones I received for Christmas last year that say “The best things come in small packages.” Happy Holidays!

Sno-Park Pass Information

What is a Sno-Park?

The Sno-Park program was developed in 1975 to provide cleared parking areas for winter recreationists. Presently there are two Sno-Parks in the Lake Wenatchee/Plain area – Chiwawa Sno-Park just off of the Chiwawa Loop Road and Lake Wenatchee State Park.

What is the cost of a permit?

Sno-Park permits cost \$9 per vehicle for a one-day permit, \$21 per vehicle for a season permit and \$21 per vehicle for a season grooming sticker. The seasonal grooming sticker is required in conjunction with the season permit at the Chiwawa Loop and Lake Wenatchee State Park Sno-Parks. This helps to pay for the grooming of the cross country ski trails.

Where may I buy a permit?

You can purchase Sno-Park permits at Plain Hardware and other businesses in the Lake Wenatchee/Plain area.

2002 Iditarod Musher Perry Solmonson Thanks The Community And Gets Ready For Iditarod 2003

A Note from Perry:

How can I say thank you to all of you who supported my Iditarod attempt last year? The momentum created by Rob and Gwen organizing the Spaghetti Feed/Silent Auction fundraiser last December was instrumental in other funds being raised. Without the help of key Plain Hardware employees like Teresa Gonder (all the cooking), Jerry Franklin (made buttons) and the rest of the volunteers the event would never have been such an incredible success. Also, I can't thank enough all the businesses that donated items for the silent auction.

Many of the mushers who start the Iditarod get to Nome with basically zero money in the bank. I was no exception. When my “Iditarider” came up to me at the start in Wasilla on Sunday and told me his family wanted to be my last supporter by giving me a \$500 check, I spent 20 minutes in the cab of my truck overwhelmed by their generosity.

One way that I hope I have said thank you to all my supporters was by being a pos-

A Guy's Christmas Wish List

~Rob's recommendations~

- Smartwool socks \$10.95 – \$17.95
- Burt's Bee hand salve \$6.50
- Baja BBQ sauce – Smooth & Spicy \$6.99
- Life is Good t-shirts \$19.99
- Plain Hardware t-shirts \$16.95
- Jelly Bellys \$.40 per oz.
- Cell phone holster \$9.49
- Snow roof rake \$51.99
- Atlas insulated work gloves \$4.95

itive representative of my family, of Plain, of Washington state and of a dog musher who truly loves his dogs.

Perry Solmonson plans to race his dogs in the 2003 Iditarod. If you would like to support his effort financially or otherwise, please give him a call at 509-763-8017. Go Perry!

SNOWMOBILERS

We've Got The Gear To Keep You Going!

Bust a belt? Burn out a headlight? Don't let bad luck keep you off your sled! Plain Hardware has the snowmobile gear to keep you going all winter long.

- Dayco belts
- Batteries
- Visors
- Helmets
- Gloves
- Anti-fog products
- Back braces
- NGK spark plugs
- Headlight and taillight bulbs
- Cool videos

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 Sno-Park permit to park in the parking lot (Sno-Park permits are available at Plain Hardware).

Stop by Plain Hardware 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.



Ready For Winter Driving? NOW IN STOCK

- Tire chains
- Winter wiper blades
- Ice scrapers
- Anti-fog spray
- De-icer spray for autos
- Rain-x windshield treatment



Cross Country Skis For Rent At Plain Hardware – Trail Recommendations, Too!

Dry snow, sunny days, pristine lakes, snow clad mountains, and miles and miles of groomed cross country ski trails... We have some of the most beautiful cross country skiing terrain right here in the Lake Wenatchee area.

Classic skiers will love the stunning vistas at Lake Wenatchee. Skaters can seek out the challenging runs along the softly flowing Wenatchee River. Back country adventurers will be limited only by their imagination and stamina. In short, this area presents the winter adventurer more choices than time will allow!

And if you are new to the sport of cross country skiing and want to give it a try, here is what you need to know...

Cross Country Ski Gear Rental Rates

Plain Hardware will be renting cross country skiing equipment this winter. We are open 7 days a week, so we can outfit you and get you on your way any day of the week! No reservations required. Plain Hardware is open Monday thru Saturday 8-5:30 and Sunday 9-3.

	Day	Additional Day	1/2 Day after 1:30
Package	\$16	\$9	\$12
Skis only	\$10	\$5	\$8
Boots only	\$8	\$4	\$5
Poles only	\$3	\$2	\$2
Snowshoes	\$12	\$8	\$8

Where to Go

So, you've got your equipment, but you still don't know where to go? Here are a couple of our favorite trails:

Lake Wenatchee State Park Trails

(Sno-Park permit and Grooming sticker required)

Breathtaking views of Lake Wenatchee, varied terrain, and many interconnected loops, each approximately 1-2km in length, make this groomed area fun for beginners through advanced skiers. To get there, drive to Lake Wenatchee State Park and park in the designated Sno-Park parking lot. You will see the cross country trailhead across the street from where you have parked. It is marked very clearly with a route map posted. The north unit of the Lake Wenatchee State Park also has several groomed loop trails including some trails groomed wide for skate skiing.

Kahler Glen Golf & Ski Resort

(Sno-Park permit and Grooming sticker required)

Their outstanding trail system is interconnected with the Lake Wenatchee State Park trail system. Wide open vistas and fast skiing abound. You can stop and get a hot chocolate or other treat at Palander's Restaurant when you're done skiing.

See and Ski Trail

(Sno-Park permit and Grooming sticker required)

Located along the softly flowing Wenatchee River, this little known jewel of a trail gently rolls down to and along the river. Its wintery beauty will set your soul at peace. It's our favorite trail. This trail starts just across the road from the Chiwawa Sno-Park. The trail is marked with blue diamond trailblazes, so you don't have to worry about getting lost. Round trip distance from the Sno-Park is approximately 5 miles.

I've mentioned only a few of the cross country trails in the Lake Wenatchee area. For more information, personal trail recommendations and a map stop by Plain Hardware. We also have the Lake Wenatchee Ranger District Cross Country Ski Guide, a free publication with lots of good groomed trail info. We also sell Sno-Park permits and Grooming stickers - a must have if parking in any Sno-Park in the area.

Think snow and happy skiing!





Candle Lovers – Light up your home with wonderful scents from The Country Porch

Light My Fire Scented Votive

Candles—These locally made candles are available in holiday scents such as Cranberry, Cinnamon Spice, Frazier Fir, Bayberry, French Vanilla, Pumpkin Spice, Apple Spice, and Holiday Magic (my favorite).

■ **Country Barn Candles** – These 120 hour burning candles are poured by hand into 16 oz. mason jars with a matchbook tag and “zinc” lid – a great country look that makes a wonderful gift. They come in rich and delicious holiday scents such as Amish Cookie, Christmas Splendor, Apple Cinnamon, Holiday Cheer and Strawberry Rhubarb Pie.

■ **Pacifica Aromatherapy Candles** – These beautiful white pillar candles are very lightly scented. They burn beautifully and come in fragrances such as Lavender Chamomile (Balance), Orange Ylang Ylang (Revive), Pure Lavender (Dream), Mandarin Tangerine Lavender (Tranquility) and Cardamon Ginger Nutmeg (Romance). There is a Pacifica Candle to fit any mood you may have during the holiday season.

■ **Jande Taper Candles** – These dripleless, 14 hour burning tapers from Denmark are unscented and come in great colors such as Bordeaux, Ivory, Dark Green, Moss Green, Caramel, Dark Lilac, Sun Yellow, Pale Green, Ice Blue and Light Lilac - a color to fit any holiday decor.

■ **Candles in a Can** – These pine sprig-scented candles smell like a fresh cut tree and come in cute little “paint cans” that have fun designs printed on them. We carry Tree in a Can, Cabin in a Can, Christmas in a Can and Yuletide in a Can.

Let the winter season burn bright at your home. Come check out the candles at The Country Porch.



at PLAIN HARDWARE HOME & GARDEN

Klutz Activity Books – Kids Love'em! Mom's Love'em!



These activity books are great! My kids Jake and Katie love'em. Jake's favorites are the Lego Crazy Action Contraptions and the Solar Car Kit. Katie's favorites are The Body Crayon Book and Bubble Gum Science. We give Klutz books to my kids' friends and my nieces and nephews because I know they will play with them over and over again. And the best part ... they are educational – so Mom's love'em just as much as the kids! Come check out the expanded selection of titles I have ordered in for the winter season – Bead Rings, Make Your Own Lip Balm Kit, String Game Loops, Body Glitter Art Kit, Secret Rings Kit and Disaster Science.

You're sure to find the perfect book for any child on your list!

Gift Certificates – Buy One And Get Jelly Belly Candy For FREE



A Plain Hardware gift certificate is a sure fire way to give your loved one the perfect gift. Plus, when you purchase a gift certificate for \$20 or more you will receive a half pound of your favorite Jelly Belly brand jelly beans FREE. Wow, no guesswork and a treat for you. What a deal!



Stocking Stuffer Ideas

■ **Funny fridge magnets** – sure to tickle anyone's funny bone!



■ **Burt's Bee's lip balm, hand salve, lotions, etc.** – Everyone loves Burt!

■ **Huckleberry Jam or Syrup** – yummy!

■ **Jelly Bellies** – 12 flavors to satisfy even the most finicky!

■ **Light My Fire scented votives** – for candle lovers everywhere.

■ **Baja Barbecue Sauce** – men love this!

■ **Gardening gloves** – Plain Hardware has the best! Ask to try on a pair.

■ **Peppermint Foot lotion and fizzies** – for the truly pampered!

■ **American Gardener's Soap from France** – heavenly scented! A treat for any soap lover!

■ **Christmas Ornaments** – Plain Hardware has a huge selection!

■ **Earrings and stretch bracelets** – the romantic gift - sure to please!

■ **Trinkets for the kids** – check out the toy aisle.

■ **The Country Porch at Plain Hardware** – fun stuff for all on your stocking stuffer list!

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