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PLAIN TALK

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FLOWERS ARRIVE AT PLAIN HARDWARE

Friday, April 21st

Get ready for gorgeous perennials, herbs, hardy annuals and native shrubs and trees. Tender annuals, vegetable starts and hanging baskets will be arriving in May. *Remember, we only sell perennials that can survive our cold winters.* Take the guesswork out of your plant shopping and pick out your favorites at Plain Hardware.

FREE MOCHA FOR MOM ON MOTHER'S DAY!

Sunday May 14th at Plain Hardware. If you're a Mom come in for a FREE 16 oz Latte, Mocha, Italian Soda or Hot Cocoa on Mother's Day. Just show us a picture of your children or grandchildren to receive your free drink. Our gift to you for all you do!



Gwen Whitten with her Mom, Glenda.

SUMMER ART CLASSES OFFERED

June 19 thru August 24, 2006

Grunewald Guild Retreat Center
19003 River Road, Plain

One week workshops offered in a variety of visual arts. Pick up a class schedule booklet at Plain Hardware or visit The Guild online at www.artfaith.com.

LAKE WENATCHEE CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS

Every Saturday in July and August at 8pm. Lake Wenatchee Amphitheater. For a program schedule call 548-6977.

PLAIN HARDWARE WEBSITE COMING SOON!

This summer log on to www.plainhardware.com for local weather, to read past Plain Talk newsletters, for a listing of local events and recreational activities, to see the latest Plain Hardware gear, for local lodging info and of course to contact us about special orders, lumber deliveries and more!

Historical Highlight—Plain Community Church

“CHAPEL IN THE PINES”

I have always been curious about the little white church in our beautiful mountain valley, so I sat down with local historian Byron Newell the other day to “talk church.” Although we kept getting distracted and ended up talking for hours about everything from Sunday school curriculum to feminism to great books we’ve recently read, I did manage to glean some interesting tidbits about the history of the Plain Community Church.

Plain Community Church is located at the end of Chapel Drive just before you reach the old wooden footbridge. The church was officially organized on December 7, 1941 and being nestled among the majestic pine trees on the banks of the Wenatchee River was appropriately nicknamed the “Chapel in the Pines.”

The church's first pastor was Willis Barney who came to Plain in 1942. He was paid six dollars per week with the promise of veg-



Plain Community Church members stand outside the original Plain Schoolhouse circa 1940. The church members held their services at the school until their church was built in 1952.

etables from the gardens of church members. Church services at this time were being held in the original Plain schoolhouse, which was being rented from the school district for four dollars per month. This building is still standing today and is located on River Road just across the wooden footbridge from the church. It is currently owned by the

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IF YOU CAN'T FIND IT AT PLAIN HARDWARE ... YOU DON'T NEED IT!

Back row left to right: Jody Allen, Paul Rawlins, Jerry Franklin

Middle row left to right: David “Cowboy” Yocum, Katie Whitten, Gwen Whitten, Rob Whitten, Jake Whitten, James Walker **Front row left to right:** Caren Karnofski, Teresa Gonder, Lynette Strong, Katie Wiley, Kim Wiley, Deb Pobst

Not pictured: Kelly McDaniels, Andrew Holm, Karen “K.D.” Dickinson, Sarah Butler, Jackie Frazier, Joan Foote, Zelda Scott and Lauri Jones

Looking back on 2005, I must say it was the busiest year yet at Plain Hardware. As a result of that, we have added a few new faces to the Plain Hardware crew. There's Andrew and Cowboy out in the lumber yard, Lynette, Zelda, Lauri and Debbie all at the front counter, KD in Contractor Sales, Kim in Accounting and Human Resources and Joan in Marketing.

It's Plain Hardware's great employees that make our store such a fun place to visit, shop, and work at. The following three employees have quickly become "old hands" here at the store and have had a large impact on the success of Plain Hardware in 2005.

JAMES WALKER

James has done just about everything for us as the need has arisen. His primary focus is in Contractor Sales and we have really seen the positive results of his hard work. But he'll also run the till, rent skis, unload trucks, fix things, deliver, pick loads, and I've even seen him making his own lattes. He's even found the time to add one more baby, Meredith, to his growing family!



running smoothly under the hood here at Plain Hardware, dealing calmly with the chaos that surrounds her on a daily basis. Payroll, receivables, payables, tax returns, Rob's missing credit card receipts – all handled with a calming, friendly smile.

DAVID "COWBOY" YOCUM

Cowboy has been a great addition to our lumber yard. He is hard working, customer focused, and fun. He loads, un-loads, picks, delivers, and keeps the semi truck drivers laughing and happy. If you've been in the lumber yard lately you might notice how organized it's getting. Cowboy has been a huge part of that effort, and we are really looking forward to this next building season as we continue to make the lumber yard better and better.



Great Job!!!

KIM WILEY

Kim is one of our "behind the scenes" employees. We keep her hidden in the loft office, and if you don't hear from her, well, that is usually a good thing. She is in charge of the Accounting/Human Resources department. She keeps things



Rob's
Handy Hints

Emergency TV Antenna

Seahawks in the Super Bowl??? Who would have thought that was possible. Too bad you couldn't watch the big game at your cabin because you don't have cable!

Well, don't ever let that happen again—you can make your own antenna from materials at Plain Hardware—and it really works! Buy 8' of 1/4" soft copper tubing and crimp flat about 1" of each end. Next drill a small pilot hole in each crimped end for a #6 x 1/2" sheet metal screw, and then bend the copper into a hoop. Take an antenna transformer and attach each open end of the transformer to the crimped ends of the tube with the sheet metal screws. The two ends of the copper tube should not be touching. Attach your TV cable to the threaded end of the transformer, and your antenna is ready to go. Experiment with different locations, angles, and elevations. We are able to pick up ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox and PBS with our antenna hanging off our front deck!

Beautiful Flowers & a Green Lawn—All Summer Long

If you only make it to your cabin on the weekends, or every other weekend, it can be difficult to keep your flower baskets, plants, and lawn thriving in the heat of the summer. We offer many options for automatic watering to keep your place green and flowering all summer. From simple single zone battery powered timers starting at \$31 to in-ground twelve zone 110 volt electric timers, we offer a variety of solutions.

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

Historical Driving Tour of Plain

Many of the homes and buildings built by Plain's first homesteader's in the early 1900's are still standing today. Pick up a copy of the Plain Valley Historical Driving Tour at Plain Hardware to learn more about the early history of Plain.

Native Shrubs and Trees For Sale at Plain Hardware— End of April thru Mid June

*Availability is limited so shop
early for the best selection!*

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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.



Yellowjacket Traps— Defend your Home!

Take action now to prevent yellowjackets from building a nest near your home.

Queen yellowjackets emerge from hibernation during the first warm days of spring to look for nest sites. When you place these traps outside at that time, you can capture these queens and reduce the likelihood that a yellowjacket nest will be established on or near your property.



These traps do the following:

- ★ Lure all the major yellowjacket species
- ★ Last for weeks without daily maintenance
- ★ Catch queens and workers, spring to fall
- ★ Attractant is included

Don't wait, stop by Plain Hardware and get your trap today!

Flowers and Garden Prep Products: We've Got It All!

It's gardening time once again. Stop by Plain Hardware and check out our fresh, healthy, beautiful bedding plants, perennials, native shrubs and trees, vegetable starts and gorgeous hanging baskets arriving this spring.

And remember, we only sell perennial plants that will survive our cold winters. You can count on them coming back year after year. Take the guesswork out of your plant shopping and pick up your perennials at Plain Hardware. If you need help picking out the perfect plant ask for Gwen, Lynette or Jody. We love to "talk plants!"

We also stock:

- ★ Ed Hume Flower and vegetable seeds
- ★ Bulk wild flower seed
- ★ Peat moss
- ★ Fertilizers
- ★ Steer manure and chicken manure
- ★ EKO compost
- ★ Lime
- ★ Beauty bark and bark mulch
- ★ Grass seed
- ★ Potting soil
- ★ Gardening Gloves
- ★ Gardening Hand Tools and Rakes

Why waste all that great gardening time driving to Wenatchee? Stop by Plain Hardware—we are sure to satisfy all your gardening needs.

Employee Profile

Lynette Strong

One of our newest employees, Lynette Strong wasn't the least bit nervous during her interview for the retail sales clerk/barista job at Plain Hardware. Why? Lynette began working at the age of 16 and has had too many jobs since to count. "I love to try new things and enjoy learning new skills. Plus, I have moved around a lot in my life and have been lucky to have had really fun and interesting jobs" says Lynette.

Lynette was born in Bellingham, Washington and lived there until the 2nd grade when she and her family moved to Des Moines, Iowa where she graduated from high school. After high school, Lynette worked at a Convalescent Home for Children, where she was a nurses aid for two years. "The children living at the home were aged 2 to 20. Most were physically and mentally handicapped as a result of having been abused. I really loved those kids and still enjoy taking care of and spending time with children who are mentally or physically challenged. I would like someday to maybe venture back into that field. It was a very rewarding job." said Lynette.

Lynette met her husband Phil back in the early 80's while attending a Conference of Pastors in Des Moines, Iowa. "I walked into the conference with a girlfriend, spied Phil and another guy and whispered to my friend...I get the blond! It was love at first sight. We were married a year later in the summer of 1983."

Soon after their marriage, Lynette and her



husband took the job of Youth Pastors at a church in Dayton, Ohio where Lynette's father was the Pastor. After six years there, they moved to Cambridge, Ohio after Phil accepted a job there as a senior church pastor. For the next 13 years, they moved to a couple different churches in Ohio, ending up in Houston, Texas.

"Houston just didn't feel like home to us, so we began looking for open pastor positions at other churches. It had always been my heart's desire to live back on the West Coast, so when the Plain Community Church pastor position came open, we felt we should apply. We were familiar with the area because my Father, Ed Anderson was the previous pastor at Plain Community Church. So, for the last 7 years we have been visiting him and my mother Deloris in Plain. We really love the area and especially the people. Plus we wanted to live in a close knit community—especially after living in such an impersonal city like Houston. So, we applied for the pastor job at Plain Community Church and began interviewing last fall. We are so happy we were selected. This place feels right to us. We want to retire here, so I believe we are here for the duration!"

During her free time, Lynette likes to play with her new grandson (born February 27th) and dig in her garden. "I love landscape design and can't wait to start planting. Gardening is my passion!"

When I asked Lynette why she applied for a job at Plain Hardware she said, "It is an interesting store and I love the product mix. Plus, I knew I would meet a lot of people while working the front counter."

So, if you haven't met Lynette yet, stop in and introduce yourself. Being the "new kid on the block," I am sure she would appreciate it!

LOVE TO GARDEN? Ya Gotta Get these Gloves!

No gardener is complete without their very own pair of our incredible "nitrile touch" gardening gloves. The very thin nitrile coating gives your fingers great sensitivity for feeling or handling very small objects, while being extremely durable and puncture resistant. You actually forget you have them on! They are breathable, machine washable and are absolutely the most awesome gardening glove you will ever wear. Now available in sage green, butter yellow, sky blue and black.

Bug Off!

Summer is here and that means sun, fun and... unfortunately MOSQUITOS! But we've got what you need to keep those nasty critters

at bay—mosquito repellent—from kid-friendly to the serious DEET drenched stuff, citronella candles, torches, mosquito dunks, "Bug Free Backyard" mosquito spray and more. Plus, the Lake Wenatchee Blood Donor T-shirts are back—only \$19.99.

Stop in and stock up so you're not caught defenseless!



PLAIN HARDWARE
Logo Wear Challenge
Wear It—
The Furthest Away
and Win a \$50 Plain
Hardware Gift Certificate

Send us a photo of yourself wearing a Plain Hardware t-shirt, sweat-shirt or cap and if your entry is the photo taken the furthest away from Plain between January 1, 2006 and October 1, 2006 you will win a \$50 Plain Hardware gift certificate! Make sure there is proof of your locale in the photo, i.e. standing next to the Statue of Liberty, Eiffel Tower, etc., Also, send us your phone number so if you are the winner we can notify you.

The deadline for this contest is **October 1, 2006**. The winner's name and photo will be published in the Winter 2006 issue of the Plain Talk Newsletter. You can drop photos off in person, mail them to us at:

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 Plain, WA 98826
 or e-mail us at
plainhardware@hotmail.com

Good luck and
start snapping those photos!

Please keep sending us photos of you in your Plain Hardware gear even if you know you can't win the "furthest from Plain" prize. We are getting quite a collection! And remember, when you drop off your photo, you get a free 16oz drink from our espresso bar!

P.S. Need some Plain Hardware logo wear? Stop by and check out our new women's and unisex styles for spring and summer.

EKO Compost – It Turns Dirt into Soil

Lets face it—some of the dirt around here won't even grow weeds! We have the answer—EKO compost, EKO compost is a quality compost, dark brown with a sweet earthy aroma. The compost is manufactured slowly over a 9-month period. Bio-solids are mixed with large volumes of waste wood products, and composted using an aeration process. The temperature is carefully monitored to insure that weed seeds are eliminated, but that the beneficial microbial life is maintained. Compost will add nourishment and essential organic matter to your soil. The

organic matter holds nutrients and water in the soil for stronger and more beautiful trees, flowers, lawns and gardens.

EKO Compost

Great for gardens,
 flower beds and new lawn prep.

1,000 lb. Tote—\$49.99
 (\$25 refundable deposit on bag)
 (delivery available)

40lb. Bag—\$4.70

The News Beat

Land Use Planning
Project for Lake Wenatchee
State Park to Begin in 2006

Washington State Parks has begun a land-use planning project for Lake Wenatchee State Park. The planning project, also known as Classification and Management Planning (CAMP) will address overall visitor experiences, natural and cultural resources, use of the park's buildings, recreation fields and trails, and other topics of interest to the community and customers.

The entire planning process includes a series of public workshops over an approximate year-long period. There are opportunities for the public to comment at each of the four planning stages.

One of the topics being considered is upgrading or expanding the winter recreation opportunities available at the park. If you'd like to see more cross country skiing, better grooming, a Nordic center, or perhaps more skate ski trails, the park needs to hear from you. You may email them at: lake.wenatchee.planning@parks.wa.gov

You can check on the progress of this project at: www.parks.wa.gov/plans/

Forest Service Land Sale

The Forest Service is considering selling

"disposable" lands. These are parcels that are isolated and inefficient to manage due to their location or other characteristics. Four parcels have been identified in the Plain area. Three are surrounded by non-Forest Service land, while one is surrounded except that it sits kitty-corner to a larger Forest Service parcel. The public comment period has yet to begin, and then it has to be approved by Congress. Stop by Plain Hardware to look at the map that shows the location of these parcels.

Natapoc Ridge Forest
Restoration Project

The Forest Service is planning an extensive forest management program for Natapoc Ridge. The purpose of the project is to reduce the risk of wildfire and improve forest health and sustainability. The project is expected to start in 2006, and take over ten years to complete. The project will include fuel reduction burning, non-commercial thinning, commercial thinning, road closures, and new roads.

Questions can be addressed to project leader Steve Willet at (509) 548-6977, extension 228. Web site with project information can be reached at www.fs.fed.us/r6/wenatchee/planning/planmain.htm, then select "Forest Projects".

Local Entrepreneur

Colleen Charbonneau—It's a Dog's Life Pet Sitting

Local animal lover, Colleen Charbonneau is the ultimate pet pamperer. Three years ago Colleen started her pet sitting business at her own home, which is located on a wooded acre near Lake Wenatchee—no kennel to be found. She has created the kind of place where she would want to leave her own dog if she had to. She treats each of her doggie guests as if it were her own pet. She gives them lots of special attention and love, walks,

field trips, their own comfy sleeping space and even special I.D. tags while they are under her care. Not only does Colleen offer pet boarding for dogs, but she also offers dog boarding for visitors to the area who are staying at local cabins or lodges. Owners can leave their dog with Colleen at night and take it with them during the day while they are here on vacation. It's a Dog's Life Pet Sitting can be reached at 509-763-3201.



Grow Peace

Great message and adorable graphics on ladies t-shirts, caps and infant onesies. Stop by and see the entire collection...truly a gardener's delight.

GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

Rob and I feel very lucky to own a business in such a wonderful community. We really appreciate the support from our customers and friends. We are dedicated to giving back to our community by supporting it through volunteering, donations and indirectly by giving our employees the work schedule flexibility to volunteer themselves.

Plain Hardware is proud to have supported many local programs and organizations in the Plain, Lake Wenatchee and Leavenworth areas. Here are just a few...

Beaver Valley Elementary School

The Just Plain Fun Run and Family Walk, organized by Plain Hardware, raised money to support extracurricular activities for the children who attend Plain's two room school house.

Chelan County Fire District #9

We are very grateful that we have such outstanding local volunteer firefighters. Over the years we have donated numerous items to be auctioned or raffled off to raise funds for their equipment and supplies.

Bavarian Bike and Brew Mountain Bike Race

This fun and exciting mountain biking competition held on the Freund Canyon trail system promotes physical activity and health for adults and children. We support this race by donating prizes for participants and promoting the event to our customers.

Cascade Quest Sled Dog Race

This annual sled dog race is an Iditarod qualifying race. Through financial support, we aided in the success of a very unique and exciting event that was held for the first time right here in Plain.

Cascade Medical Center

We donated flowering plants from our garden center for the Cascade Medical Center Golf Tournament. They were used as

centerpieces and then raffled off to help raise funds for the purchase of up-to-date medical equipment for our local hospital.

Leavenworth Soccer Club

Through sponsoring and coaching a youth soccer team, as well as volunteering time as the President of the Leavenworth Soccer Club, Plain Hardware helps to promote soccer and fitness to our local children.



Coach Rob with the Plain Hardware Hammerheads.

Osborn Elementary School

Plain Hardware has had the opportunity to help purchase materials for student use in the physical education program, after school program, and reading program.

Leavenworth Winter Sports Club

Plain Hardware has supported the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club both financially and through prize donations. This club sponsors and organizes an array of winter recreational activities at the Leavenworth Ski Hill and at the local cross country ski trails for both children and adults.

Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club

Their local Fishing Derby held annually at Fish Lake is a fun event for all, as well as the club's annual Kid's Halloween Party. We like to support these two family focused events by donating gift certificates to be given away as prizes.

Peshastin-Dryden Elementary School

An exciting event that encourages the kids to "get active"—the Annual "Jog-a-Thon" is a fun activity to help sponsor. In the past Plain Hardware has donated popsicles to all participants. This event, done in conjunction with Osborn Elementary School raises funds for extracurricular activities at both schools.

Plain Community Church Youth Group

This local youth group provides guidance and social activities for the tweens and teens in our community. We donated 30+ pumpkins for the kids to paint and then after Halloween to use them for their pumpkin smashing party!

SHARE Community Land Trust

This organization helps to provide affordable housing for families in our area. Plain Hardware is a proud contributor to this necessary and worthwhile organization.

Leavenworth Mountain Jumpers Jump Rope Team

Their annual spaghetti feed and auction raises funds for these amazing jumpers to attend the National Jump Rope Championship. We are always willing to help support such a talented group of young athletes.

Upper Valley Swim Team

Plain Hardware is a proud supporter of this summer swimming program that helps children to acquire and refine their skills in the water. This organization also provides fun, local competition for the children of our community.

NEW "PLAIN" GEAR IS HERE!

Come check out the new selections...

- Women's zip up hoody sweatshirts in Grasshopper, Azalea and Citrus — Yummy colors for spring and summer.
- Unisex long sleeve "baseball" t-shirts —ultra soft and comfy.
- Unisex t-shirts — eight new designs —some funny, some just plain cool...

- T-shirt/baseball cap combo— you get both for only \$19.99!
- Vintage ¾ sleeve tees for women in chocolate with pink stripes on the sleeves—ultra feminine and hip!
- Two new sweatshirts—in hip new colors—bitterscotch and pine green.
- Plus, garden tote bags, mugs, magnets and more!

TRASH IT!

Dryden Transfer Station Hours:



Tuesday — Friday
9:30am to 5pm
Saturday & Monday
8:30am to 4pm
Closed Sundays

For more information,
please call 509-548-5592.

SOLITUDE GUARANTEED

Do you ever get out to your cabin seeking time alone only to find yourself cornered by bored neighbors, a spouse who wants to catch up on what is going on with your work, or a friend who wants to talk politics or sports? It can make you CRAZY! Next time you are reaching the breaking point and feel that you must figure out a way to get some personal time away, I have a suggested solution. Stop into Plain Hardware and purchase three items:



BY
JOE BOYD
OFFICIAL PLAIN
HARDWARE
PRODUCT
TESTER

- (a) a "Hike Naked" tee-shirt;
- (b) a bag of Plain Valley Bear Poop
- (c) a Silverfoot Bear Bell.

Next head home, slip on the tee, tuck the Poop and the bell in a pocket and head out to a favorite trail. Start down the trail and open the bag of Bear Poop.

Conceal the content, as the wonderful chocolate covered, toffee encrusted peanuts do not look anything like the real deal. What is important here is to make sure that the label is visible to anyone who might encroach on your space. At odd intervals, stop, look around, laugh out loud and say something vague about alien life forms that are trying to take over your body. If nagging interlopers persist, you might be forced to use the nuclear strike. This involves leaving your britches hanging neatly in a bush where they can be retrieved on the way back home and attaching the Bear Bell to a hiking pole, walking stick or your ball cap if necessary. The Bear Bell is essential in this instance, as it is only fair to warn other hikers that you have read your tee shirt and are interpreting it quite literally by walking bare yourself!

Trust me, the shirt is comfy, the bear poop is tasty and the solitude is divine! The Bear Bell, well let's just call it a necessary evil!

Our Favorite Summertime Activities in the Plain and Lake Wenatchee Area

Family Hike to Hidden Lake

Take the entire family on this great day hike. A gently sloping trail winds through an ancient forest and leads to a sparkling alpine lake in less than a mile. Swim, fish, sunbathe, hike around the lake or enjoy a picnic lunch on the lakeshore.

Spend a Day at Lake Wenatchee

Spend a sunny afternoon at the scenic Lake Wenatchee State Park swimming beach. Paddle out to the island, bask in the warm sun floating on an air mattress or watch the kids build sand castles near the water's gentle edge. Inner tubes, rafts, air mattresses, life jackets and beach toys can all be purchased at Plain Hardware.

Float the Wenatchee River

Grab a raft, an inner tube, a life vest and floating cooler at Plain Hardware and you're ready to hit the river for a relaxing and scenic trip down the beautiful and refreshing Wenatchee River.

Mountain Bike Through the Forest

Nothing is more exhilarating than riding down a winding trail through the forest on your mountain bike. The Sea and Ski trail is perfect for beginners, while Minnow Ridge is a thrilling ride for the more experienced biker. Bike rentals are available at Plain Hardware. Call for rates.

And there's more...

Go on a horse pack trip with Mountain Springs Lodge or Icicle Outfitters,

watch the water crash over the White River Falls, go fishing or bird watching at Fish Lake, go on a trail run to Spider Meadow, hike to the top of Beaver Hill, visit the fire lookout on top of Sugar Loaf, pick wild huckleberries up Stevens Pass, watch the beavers work at the Ware Walk Interpretive Site, or...sit back and just plain relax.

Maps, trail parking passes, sunscreen, sunglasses, water bottles and of course espresso drinks are all available at Plain Hardware. Stop in and get the summer fun started!

Lodging & Activities Information Available at Plain Hardware

Come check out our brochure rack to get info on places to stay, fun activities in the area and even real estate agent information. Plus, we have back

issues of the Plain Talk Newsletter as well as hiking and mountain biking maps and trail recommendations.

STOP IN ANYTIME!

"CHAPEL IN THE PINES"

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Grunewald Guild and is used as their library.

Soon after the church was organized, three acres of land and a small house along the river came up for sale. It was located just across the Wenatchee River from the Plain schoolhouse. This land was purchased by the church for a total of \$475 dollars. Tax on the property in 1942 was fifty-nine cents. The little house on the property became the home for the first pastor. It served as the parsonage for every pastor thereafter until 1985 when the new parsonage was built just a few hundred feet down river. The original parsonage is now fondly referred to as "the cottage" and is used primarily as the church's youth group meeting place.

In 1952 the first Plain Community Church building was constructed just adjacent to the parsonage. It cost \$5200 to build, with church members donating their labor. W.W. Burgess, grandson of Plain Valley pioneer W.O. Burgess, donated the land. He originally intended to use the property for a cemetery, but found out it was too rocky and instead generously donated the land to the church.

The modern church you see today was built out of local timber and rocks from a slide near Lake Wenatchee. It was completed in the fall of 1979. The former church building was renamed Burgess Hall after W.W. Burgess and is now used for various church and community activities.

The current pastor, Phil Strong, has just recently moved to Plain from Houston, Texas. He and his family are excited to become a part of the "Chapel in the Pines" history and just as importantly to become a part of this wonderful community we call Plain.



*Pastor
Phil Strong*

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

Check Out Our New Titles

- Campfire Songs
- Classic Ghost Stories
- Animal Tracks of the Pacific Northwest
- Stargazing
- Mountain Flowers of the Cascades
- Butterflies in the Backyard
- Trees of the Pacific Northwest
- Lookouts and Firewatches of the Cascades

New books will be arriving throughout the summer. Happy reading!



Teresa Gonder, Gwen Whitten and Jackie Frazier gettin' ready to saddle up.

Ride'em Cowgirl!

The western look is all the craze...cowboy boots, cowboy hats and of course... cowboys! Well, Caren and I found a great giftware line called Saddle Up! during our buying trip to San Francisco. Fun cowgirl attitude tee-shirts, funny mugs, a girly game (must be 18 or older to play!), wine charms, candles, soap, inspiring quote books and even jewelry. If you ever thought you wanted to be a cowgirl, or have cowgirl wannabee girlfriends, you're sure to love this line! Yeehaw!

Real Clothes for Real Women ... Like Us

Tired of too short and just plain too tiny when looking for clothes these days? Well so are we! Luckily, I found a great women's clothing line at the Outdoor Retailer's Show in Salt Lake City last fall. Note, I say womens and NOT teens clothing line. Sometimes I think clothing designers get the two mixed up! This clothing line is called Aventura and it has finally arrived in Plain for the spring/summer season. Cute casual feminine tops, skirts and crop pants in hip, trendy colors and designs. Remember we have a "real" dressing room now, so come on in and try something on!

PLAIN HARDWARE

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"Make a Friend Smile... Buy'em a drink

Our Espresso Bar Buddy Board is coming soon!



Coffee lovers Caren Karnofski and Enid Lemley have been "best buds" for years.

Want to make a friend's day or thank someone who has really helped you out? Well, we now have what we are calling the "Espresso Bar Buddy Board." Here is how it works...

1. You pay for a drink you think your friend would enjoy, like a 16 oz. mocha, for example.
2. We will then write your friend's name and drink description on a notecard.
3. You will then sign your name on the notecard and write a message if you like.
4. We will then thumbtack the note to the Buddy Board, so all customers can see it and read the lucky recipients name.
5. Finally, when your friend comes into Plain Hardware and sees their name on the buddy board they then claim the drink you bought for them! They can have the drink made for them at that moment or they can hold onto the notecard and have the drink a different day.

Plain Hardware's Espresso Bar Buddy Board—a great way to brighten someone's day!

Calling All Kids ... Come Check Out the New Toys for Spring!

Just in ... colorful and challenging 500-1000 piece puzzles, Klutz books, table tennis sets, indoor horseshoes, whistling rockets and even mini remote control cars. Plus, we are still selling inner tubes, air mattresses, rafts, squirt guns and more. So, come check out our ever changing selection of toys and sporting goods and get ready for a summer of fun!

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