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## ~ WHITE BIRD DAYS & RODEO ~

**Kickoff Concert Saturday, June 13**

**Main Events Friday and Saturday, June 19-20**

This will be our 31st annual White Bird Days festivity, and the rodeo's 20th year. Just think of it as a "Big Celebration in a Little Town". Expect new events, some of the old favorites and lots of food, fun, prizes, music and family gatherings. Honoring two White Bird originals, our Grand Marshals this year will be Ron and Ruth Mahurin (see p. 8).

KICKOFF CONCERT. Saturday, June 13, 7 PM, at the IOOF hall. This FREE and fun evening features Wendy Lindsley on vocal and the Swingshift band playing soft jazz and 50s & 60s music. Donations will go to Clint Sickels.

### MAIN STREET EVENTS (Saturday)

- 9:30 **Art Show** by Salmon River Art Guild in the IOOF hall. Includes youth art.
- 9:30 **Egg Toss** on Main Street.
- 10:00 **Horse Pucky** fun.
- 11:00 **Parade.** Oldies but goodies and lots of new entries.
- 11:45 **Basket Auction** by Kids Klub, at announcer's stand after first parade run.

### FUN FOR ALL (Saturday)

- 12:00 **Kid's Games** (by age) next to Mac's. Expect goldfish races, frozen waffle flip, water balloon toss and whipped cream whistles — all with cash prizes.
- 12:00 **White Bird Raffle.** After parade at announcer's stand. Cash prizes: \$250, \$100, \$50 (2) and \$25 (6). Many will name Clint Sickels on their tickets.
- 1:00 **Duck Derby,** by White Bird Library. Tickets available at local establishments and from library volunteers. Great prizes.
- All day **Sweet Revenge Jailhouse.**
- Nez Perce Exhibit,** including a tepee — on the Ringsmith's property, next to the old Foskett house.

### IN THE PARK (Saturday)

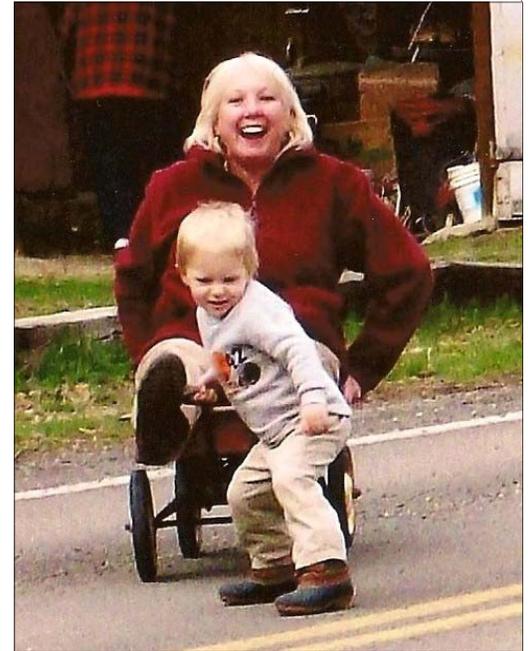
- 12:00 **Old Time Fiddlers.**
- 2:00 **Clearwater Wind Ensemble,** playing classical music and soft jazz.
- All day **Get Acquainted Wall.** Photos of White Bird families, yesterday and today. Let us see your family pictures.
- All day **Logo T-shirts** on sale by Chamber volunteers.
- All day **Arts & Crafts Vendors.** See next page for list.

### GOOD FOOD

- 7-10 AM **Cowboy breakfast** at the IOOF hall Saturday.
- 9-4 **BBQ beef sandwiches,** foot long hot dogs and homemade pies: Friday after the rodeo and all day Saturday at the Chamber stand.
- 9-4 **Chinese food** booth.

### STREET DANCES (evenings, after the rodeos)

- Friday **Home Town Band** live music (poster says Saturday — it's wrong).
- Saturday **Karaoke/Dance.**



Parade entry? Looks like a sure fire winner.  
Barb Lowe, grandson Byron. Courtesy W. Shuck

## White Bird Rodeo

**Friday, June 19, 6:15 PM**  
**Saturday, June 20, 4:45 PM**

**Tickets at the gate**  
US-95 at Twin Bridges, 6 miles S. of WB

# WHITE BIRD DAYS, cont.

## VENDOR LIST

### Arts and Crafts Vendors

- Hand-crafted wood products
- Bird houses
- Carved moose antler art
- Rustic frames and prints
- Magnetic jewelry
- Sterling silver jewelry

### Chamber as Vendor

- Tee shirt stand
- Hotdog stand, offering barbeque beef sandwiches, hot dogs, potato salad (refrigerated) homemade pies, coffee, pop, water.

### Other Vendors

- Chinese food



White Bird's "high school", new in 1915, a 4-roomer built for \$7,000.  
Courtesy Barbara Roberts

## MORE at WHITE BIRD DAYS

**Get Acquainted Wall.** You are invited to post photos of your immediate and extended family on this wall in the park. Those who wander along the wall may be reminded of old timers they knew, learn some area history and get to know newcomers. Questions? Call Virginia Adkison 983-1902.

**Adopt-a-flower.** You might notice some of the 24 hanging flower containers decorating the town. These have been arranged by Green Acres, purchased by local women and loaned to the Chamber for White Bird Days.

**Cleanup after White Bird Days.** Anyone who can, please gather at the school yard Thursday at 4 PM. It won't take long if enough people show up.

*Bring Your Lawn Chairs*

**~ NOTICE: Main Street will have limited access during White Bird Days ~**

You can use the wide spot below Canyon House for parking.

## Other White Bird Happenings

**Farmer's market** in White Bird. It may or may not happen this year and if it does will certainly be limited for booths, but it's a great idea and we think it will take off. If you have things you want to sell, call Robert 839-9968.

**School starts** August 26.

**Yard Sale.** Several households. Day of the parade, 8 AM — at Angel's Nook RV Park. 839-2880.

**White Bird Precipitation.** Here's the score so far this year: January super, February sucked, March rocked, April barely drizzled in and May was average. Compared with the previous three years, the latest three months' total was slightly above average.

Data and graphs are posted on the outside library bulletin board.

Precip.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2006	0.75	0.57	1.48	2.26	1.84	2.54	0.79	0.64	2.29	0.90	1.16	0.91	16.13
2007	0.36	1.73	1.20	1.24	1.47	2.77	0.00	0.60	1.54	1.10	2.48	1.48	15.97
2008	1.40	1.56	1.62	2.75	2.99	1.48	0.27	1.35	1.04	0.56	1.96	2.22	19.15
2009	2.08	0.54	2.90	1.31	1.98								



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## 2009 White Bird Grand Marshals – Ronnie and Ruth Mahurin

Contributed by Beth Dalgliesh

Ronnie and Ruth Mahurin, the 2009 Grand Marshals, are honored to be a part of the White Bird Days and Rodeo celebration. The Mahurins have been community-minded folks in Salmon River country for many years, helping neighbors and friends throughout Idaho County. On July 26, 1986, White Bird mayor Ben Canaday married Ronnie and Ruth. They have lived at Slate Creek since then in the same house Ronnie's parents lived in, which has stood since before 1879. Ronnie said their home community has been variously called Freedom and Slate Creek, but after the post office closed it became Slate Creek officially.

Ruth was born in Weed, California in 1939, and moved to Riggins in 1953. She has two children, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. Ruth is an exceptional homemaker who can turn her hands to any task — like her beautiful quilts and sewing projects, or gardening by knowing so much about plants and landscaping. She has quite a unique assortment of antiques and conversation pieces. Best of all, if you ever ate at the Mahurin home, you knew you were in for a treat. Ruth is a wonderful cook and bread maker. Outside the home, Ruth finds enjoyment and fellowship at her church in Riggins.

Ronnie was born May 31, 1946 in Grangeville. He then came home to the Slate Creek family house, from which he attended school for six years in White Bird, and then six years in Riggins. After going to heavy equipment school in Weiser, Ronnie logged and worked on many road construction projects. In 1980 he went to work at the rock crushing plant on the Salmon River and, when the opportunity to buy the plant came up in 1985, he bought and operated it for nineteen years. Ronnie says he has crushed a lot of rock over the years. He made aggregate for bridges from Craigmont to New Meadows and supplied materials for the concrete grain elevators in Craigmont. He retired in 2004, selling the plant to Kashmitter's Camas Sand and Gravel, who still run the business.



Ruth and Ron Mahurin, parade Grand Marshalls  
Photo courtesy Beth Dalgliesh.

For fun, Ronnie loved to run the rivers. He decided to build his own jet boat, called the "May Sink," and it's still in his bone yard at Slate Creek. Ronnie and many friends have fond memories of running the rapids up to Corn Creek, or from Pittsburgh Landing to White Bird, and even up to Hells Canyon dam. When he's not out enjoying Idaho's trails and playground by four wheeling and camping, you can find Ronnie at a local auction, bidding against you or even against his wife, Ruth. With the Internet he's found a great new challenge. Now he can find great equipment deals for neighbors and friends at the on-line auction sites.

Ronny loves to talk about Idaho County history. His great grandparents, Steve and Kay Mahurin, left Windsor, Missouri by covered wagon train. They arrived in White Bird in early 1892 with their 16-year-old son, Lee Mahurin. Lee married Gertrude Bender, but she died in 1908 leaving Ronnie's dad, Walter, motherless at 7 years of age. Eight years later in 1916, Lee remarried Catherine Brodrick, an area schoolteacher who taught in schoolhouses from Grangeville to Riggins. In a terrible Iowa blizzard, Catherine lost both of her legs as a young girl. Later, she got around just fine on two wooden legs. Walter Mahurin married Alice Robie. The Robie's on Ron's mother's side have an interesting history too. Samuel and Isabella Benedict were married and had four children. The Indians killed Samuel, which raised emotions prior to the 1877 Nez Pierce war at White Bird. Isabella then married Ed Robie and they had four children. Ed Robie was born in New York in 1833. After fighting in the civil war he moved west and bought the Baker property, Horseshoe Bend, on the Salmon River. Ed and Isabella's children were Emerly Robie Chamberlain, Ed Robie Jr. (Ronnie's grandfather) who was dragged to death by a horse, and Alice Robie Russell. (George Russell's mom). Grandpa Ed Robie Jr. homesteaded on the Snake River at Dry Creek and ranched in the Salmon River Valley. He married Mammie Large and they had six children: Bill, Mary, Alice (Ronnie's Mother), Ben (Peck), and Ralph. They lost Willy in the 1918 flue epidemic. Mammie Large Robie had many friends; one was Agnes Moses, daughter of Tolo. The Larges have early roots around Slate Creek. Ronnie's parents, Walter and Alice Robie Mahurin, lived at Slate Creek. Walter ranched and worked on the highway department. They had one son, Ronald Mahurin, and Ruth said he lived up to the reputation as an only child! If you have lived on the Salmon River or in Idaho County very long, you are probably related to Ronnie.

The Mahurin's carry a long legacy in Idaho County. We are proud to call these upstanding citizens our 2009 Grand Marshals. ■

## Community Briefs

Next Chamber Meeting, June 15 (every third Monday), 6:30, Hoots.

Next Newsletter, September 1 (quarterly).

Women's Social: Third Saturdays, 12-2 PM. Place varies. 839-2456.



Here is a White Bird Women's Social Group from another era — probably the '50s. Looks like the average age of the current group might be somewhat less. The names that we know are, from top left: Mrs. Painter, Anita Robinson (?), Beverly Baldwin, Flossie Mahurin, Viola Mahurin, Mattie Wyatt, Myrtie Hagen, Betty Denizen (?), ???, Lena Smurthwaite, Della Rider. Front row left: Bessie Bentz, Bessie Hardin, Esther Currie, ???, Bridget Nelson, Neva Shuck, ???.  
Courtesy Barbara Roberts

**US Forest Service.** Again this year, Susan Jenkins will be doing home fire assessments. These are for anyone who wants to find out how to create defensible spaces to protect their property from wildfire (around here, everyone *should*). If you are interested, call Susan at the Slate Creek ranger station: 839-2211.

**Small World.** After we moved here I was driving back from Riggins and noticed a real estate sign: *Cereghino Realty* or some such. I thought, How many Cereghino's can there be? Turns out Dave's daughter and one of mine were best buds in H.S. in the 70s—in Sherwood OR, a little burg south of Portland.

**The Sport Shop** convenience store is open for business between Mac's and the Silver Dollar. Josephine invites everyone to come and check out her good selection of foods, drinks, candies and specialties. Let's help support her efforts.



## Support our local businesses

### Silver Dollar Bar and Grill

*A White Bird, Idaho gathering place*  
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~ Happy White Bird Days ~



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# White Bird School

**Mountain View School District News.** Well, it's done. White Bird school will be closed. A surprisingly narrow margin of all district voters (56%) said yes to closing it. Other communities have later regretted such decisions. It was ironic that White Bird voters were almost exactly as unanimous in their vote to keep the school open as they have been in voting down past levies.

## Brenda Heckman\* Wishes to Thank Some People...

- Everyone who helped support our school and teacher in the run-up to the election, including those who spent Sunday evening brain storming, collecting information and putting together a strong case for our little school.
- Those parents who went the extra mile to help out over time — like chaperoning special trips with the kids, pitching in on holiday functions, dinners and craft day. And to those who were there when needed on rare occasions to discipline their child on the phone or in person.
- Hoot's Café, the Silver Dollar and parents and teachers who provided extra food for the kids to eat when one of them forgot lunch or snack.
- These special helpers: Ethylee Kryns for music, Nancy Gresham for art, Chris Ray for always being there and the Forest Service and ICL&P for interesting demonstrations.
- Tony and Jane Carlson: Tony for reading with the children every day for two years; Jane for her personal time driving us around on field trips, and for her hospitality in putting on our annual nature field trip at the Carlson homestead, for which a Carlson biologist daughter came from Portland each year to be field "expert."
- Mrs. Mimi Brege our teacher. Working with her for two years, I learned from her and became a friend. She taught me more about teaching than any book could. She has kept me motivated in my life of helping children.

**\* And Brenda deserves *our* thanks. She is one of White Bird's most absolutely committed and dedicated volunteers.**

**Local Heroes.** David Hickman is a 2nd grader at White Bird school, and getting to be a good reader. He told me something that explains it — and defines a hero as much as any firefighter or cop doing a job. David said, "My grandma told me that if I learn to read good I can do anything." I should have known but didn't, so I asked who his grandma was. It was, of course, our own Hooty McReynolds. Why a hero? Perhaps Hooty wasn't rescuing a fire or shooting victim, but she was certainly offering David a *chance* at a good life. She was mining a resource that can make our community, state and country better. Kids tend to live up



Bohemian waxwing, one of the more elegant birds in Salmon River country. It's more common cousin, the cedar waxwing, is slightly smaller and a bit less colorful. As this flock flew through, they stopped at our place to scarf down rose hips (whole). TCC

to parental expectations (in this case, grandparental). She was telling David, "I expect you to read well, and I'll help you." With that kind of encouragement he will read even better with the continuing support. He will more likely be able to do the "anything" Hooty referred to. Parental expectation is a simple thing, and it is a *really big deal*. If we expand Hooty's words to all kids and to math and other subjects, we have a better chance of producing kids who can compete in this world. With no guarantees for a given individual, many studies have shown a straight line relationship between education and earning power. They also show that the more education you have, the lower your chance of being unemployed. So, way to go, Hooty and Clarence — and David — good start. Who knows where the journey will take this 2nd grader.

**Collecting School History.** The closing of White Bird Elementary School ends a significant chapter of White Bird history. Anna Holden is collecting stories and memories about the school from as many years back as possible, to present day. She's planning to assemble the stories and memories in an interesting format, including articles in local papers and a posting on the new, soon-to-be-launched, White Bird web site. Whether you are a student, teacher, neighbor, helper or parent, your perspective will be of interest. Please submit memories, photos, and stories by email to [anna.whitebird@gmail.com](mailto:anna.whitebird@gmail.com), or by regular mail to P.O. Box 150, White Bird, ID 83554.

**Local Charter School?** Are you a parent or interested resident who is bummed out about the closure of White Bird Elementary School? Let's research together the feasibility of a charter school in White Bird. Charter schools fit in a niche between private and public schools. They are funded with public money (except for their facilities) and they are an alternative to regular public schools. A private group of people can submit to get approval for running their own charter school. Charter schools receive waivers from public school districts in exchange for promising better academic results. You can learn more about charter schools at <http://www.publicschoolreview.com/articles/3> or email Anna Holden at [anna.whitebird@gmail.com](mailto:anna.whitebird@gmail.com).

## Friends Club

Each year the kids' Friends Club raises money for many community projects. The next one, its annual Basket Auction, is coming up during White Bird Days. Please produce a great basket or bid on one. Auction at 11:45 Saturday, between parade passes.

## The Library

**This year's Duck Derby.** We are proud of our community library and work hard to keep it up to date. Toward that end, the White Bird Library will once again sponsor the annual Duck Derby during White Bird Days. Besides being a lot of fun, it is our biggest money making event of the year. The money we make helps pay for utilities, maintenance, insurance, phone and internet service. Tickets sell for \$2 each, \$5 for three, and \$20 for twelve tickets. There will be lots of prizes, including a jet boat tour by Killgore Adventures, \$100 cash, original art pieces by local artists, flowers from Green Acres, an overnight stay at the Canyon House suite and an MP3 player. Tickets are available at the library, at community events and from volunteers.

The Duck Derby will take place at 1 PM, right after the parade, at White Bird Creek by the park. Library volunteers will put the numbered ducks in the creek to float down and be scooped out. Winners to be announced. You don't have to be present to win.

The library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00AM to 1:00 PM and on Thursdays from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. It is available for meetings, internet service is free and we have a good selection of books. Please come check us out!

**Summer Reading Program.** June 22-26 from 10-12. Theme: *Creative Ideas*. Questions? Call 839-2303.

**Summer Study.** Attention parents and grandparents! This program will be available this summer for children K-4 at the library. Starting June 29, every Monday, through August 10, Brenda Heckman will be at the library from 10:00-12:00. She'll be available to guide general reading, writing and math study. The idea is to keep fresh some of the things the children have learned throughout the school year — without feeling like they are in school. It is a drop-in program. The kids are not required to stay for the whole session, or to come every time. If you would like to have your child participate, please sign up at Hoot's or Canyon House or call Brenda at 839-2303.

## Salmon River Art Guild

A new arrival in town. What used to be a strictly Riggins affair now pretty much resides in White Bird. The Guild sponsors workshops for members to learn various art forms. For example, in the last couple of months they have held workshops on acrylic styles, gourd bird house painting and framing techniques.

### Upcoming Art Events

- Jun 1-4 Oil painting class by Gloria Teats
- Jun 20 WB Days Art show; Sat. 9:30-3 PM. Contact the artists to purchase items. Any area artist may exhibit.
- Jul 11 Beginner's pastel class, Mary Bakker
- Aug 10,11 Portrait pastels. Donna Baker. 6 only.
- Aug 13 Scheduled meeting at Nancy Gresham's studio. Non-members welcome.
- Aug 15 Picnic and outdoor painting in Gospel area. Open to everyone.
- Sep Greeting card workshop



Some of the Art Guild members; standing from top left: Cindy Greer, Gloria Teats, Kathryn VanAcker, Nancy Dreher, Leah Harvey, Bonnie Lym, Mary Bakker and Nancy Gresham. Joyce Close is kneeling. TCC

Anyone can join the Salmon River Art Guild or participate in classes. Just bring your talents and interests. Please call in advance to reserve space and for any fees: 839-2493 or 839-2808. Everyone is welcome to participate, including men.

# Salmon River Classifieds

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maytag washer</b>, 1 year old. 839-2603</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DelHon folding bicycle</b>. Minor repairs. 839-2880</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cuisinart CustomPro food processor</b>; 650 watt, 11 cup, many extras. Good condition. \$75.</li> <li>• <b>Extra Cuisinart discs</b> with instruction booklet and more extras. \$50. Buy it all for \$100. 839-2687</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PortaBote folding boat</b>, 8' with RV mounts and 2 -hp Honda 4-stroke engine. \$950. 839-2881</li> <li>• <b>Antique outboard motor</b>, 2 hp, 2-stroke, ran well the last time I used it. \$100. 839-2881</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Farm fresh brown eggs</b> (blue, too). \$2.50/doz. 839-2625</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Office furniture, fixtures and equipment</b>. Bargains. 839-2620</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Antique typewriter desk</b>, solid walnut (20x42") \$250.</li> <li>• <b>La-Z-Boy Rocker/Recliner</b>, gold color, 4 years old. New \$779, asking \$250. 839-2881</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Basshound 9.4 mini bass boat</b> w/ canvas top &amp; live well. Also included: trolling motor, battery, launch trailer and new 6-hp Tohatsu 4-stroke engine, \$1450. 839-2881</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pickup tool box</b>, Alum. weatheguard diamond plate, 27"x 61"x 20 " tall. New \$429, asking \$175. 839-2881</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Aluminum pergola</b>, 10'X 10', \$750 new. \$250.</li> <li>• <b>Oak bookcase</b>, 7' adjustable, 6-shelf. \$125. 839-2881</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hanging flower pots</b> (2), planted. Beautiful. 839-2499</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Barnett Revolution Crossbow</b>, Like new, fired 3 times; + 15 arrows, quiver, etc. New \$450, asking \$250. 839-2881</li> </ul>

## Member News

**Mac's** will host special events during White Bird Days. On Friday and Saturday nights there will be DJ music and dancing from 8-12. Coyote Ugly contests, too. And check out the food and appetizer specials both days.

**White Bird Antiques.** Recently, the Ringsmiths were heard to say: "God willing and the creek don't rise, our plan is to open at the new location by White Bird Days." By then they hope to get the stock moved from the old Haney house over to their historic Foskett place, where there is more room and a perfect atmosphere for antiques. And our community is better for the renovation.



Even after they move in there will be lots of work remaining, especially on the outside, but the old building is really shaping up. No pressure from us, of course, but we're counting on you, Pat and Bruce, to bring it in by White Bird Days. Good luck.

## Churches

**Community Church.** Worship 6 PM Sundays.

**White Bird Catholic.** Worship 9 AM Saturdays.

**Pleasant View Baptist.** Worship 10 AM, Sunday school 9 AM Sundays.  
Free car wash June 6, 9-12AM at the park. Donations to Clint Sickels.  
Vacation Bible School June 15-17

## White Bird Library

**Your Community Resource**

Hours  
 Tue, Wed, Sat, 10 AM-1; Thu, 3-5 PM

839-2805, 839-2866



In early March I got a call to bring my camera. Whenever this bear heard some noise he would stick his head out, and thus the first photo at left. He had built that ball of vegetation and pulled it in behind him. A week later, another call. The sleepyhead was stirring around again, but in a serious way this time. I got there just in time to catch it leaving the den — though not for good. The bear returned that night to log a little more sack time. The bear-went-over-the-mountain photo on the front page would be the last one in this series, which I never expect to repeat. TCC

**White Bird Newspapers.** Every three months I have to think about this little rag. In the twelve years I've been here I've just heard it called the *Chamber Newsletter*; at least that's the name that came with it when I started scribbling in it a few years ago. But doesn't that name just make you fall asleep? White Bird has had a string of properly named newspapers; for example:

- Oct, 1903. D.M. Nolte closed his short-lived paper, *The Standard*. It might have been the first one.
- Apr, 1912. After the town fire, the editor of *The Sentinel* discontinued his version of a White Bird newspaper.
- May, 1912. Claude Woodward launched the *Salmon River Sun*.

Reference to these items were from old issues of the *Idaho County Free Press*, by way of research by Chris Cornett. There were probably later examples, too, but you can see what I mean. OK, so our current Chamber sheet is not a dyed-in-the-wool newspaper but, come on, we can do better than "Newsletter." Any ideas? 839-2625 or carlson@ctcweb.net.

**Lyon's Camp Road.** From almost anywhere across the river you can see it — otherwise known as the BLM road — a rough old jeep trail following the Salmon River for five miles north from White Bird Creek. If it had been completed, this road would have shortened the distance from White Bird, along the river to Pine Bar and up Graves Creek, to Cottonwood.

Planned in the 1920's and started by the WPA in the late 30s, the project was scrapped in 1940. It was said that Grangeville, which would have been by-passed by the road, lobbied hard against its continuation and won. Hanging out there on that out-of-the-way curve on US-95, Grangeville is always under threat of being by-passed. These days it could be Tolo Lake Road and Johnson Road that might cut it off. Probably not.

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Land Management acquired a strip of ground along the river, including the old road, thus assuring continued public access to the Salmon.

Now people use Lyon's Camp Road to reach steelhead water or white sand beaches for a swim or a picnic. On a have-to-get-out-in-it spring day a few years ago, Gus and I hiked 2 or 3 miles of the road. When we got back, Jane picked 25 ticks off her dog. Later we all hiked to the end of the road. It was a walk to remember, offering river and canyon views from a very different perspective—and this time no ticks.

## WHITE BIRD ANTIQUES

**We are moving to our new location by White Bird Days.  
We will be open for business at the historic Foskett place on River Street.**

**839-2825**

**Large with child.** The other morning a doe came into our back yard sporting a bulge. This gal was *really* pregnant. I keep my spotting scope set up in the living room to watch critters up the canyon, so I trained it on her side and watched the bulge for awhile. The little twerp started kicking and I could see a hoof or something moving the doe's skin all around from the inside. Then today, Jane saw her first doe of the season, with a shaky fawn at her side. Who knows, maybe I got a preview.