

White Bird, Idaho

Chamber of Commerce

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With summer winding down we're thinking harvest time, school's on, dog days, birds gathering, hot, dry, and fires. *Fires?* Not so much this year. The hills looked like April in August. We can't wait for summers to start, then can't wait for them to end. We complain about the heat, then moan about the rain. I don't know, winters just seem less complicated: Most of us simply wish them gone. I've lived in places where it was excessively wet, dry, hot, cold, and humid and, you know, except for August and February, I like every month in White Bird. I can think of reasons to live in other places, but things seem pretty much OK right here. It's just hard to make a living. So now that I'm here, let's put up a sign: *Move here, fine, but you have to hire someone.*

Community Briefs

Next Chamber Meeting, Sept. 21 (every third Monday), 6:30 at Hoots.

Next Newsletter, December 1 (quarterly), 839-2625.

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

City Election November 3. Three city council slots are due to be filled. Also to be decided: a small stipend for the mayor and council members.

School's on. Not ours, but the kids don't get off that easy. Jane Carlson retired from driving the WB bus route and Dean Heckman took it on.

Summer Reading/Schooling. At this year's Monday sessions of Summer Reading & Schooling, the kids spent hours working on reading, writing, math and language. They kept up on school work and did a GREAT job. Love every last one of them. This summer's top reader was Peige Brake. Thanks to Mrs. Brege and Saint Peter and Paul school for the work sheets and books to learn from. And we certainly appreciate the use of Library space every Monday. (Those are Brenda's thank you's. *Ours* go to her for selfless dedication and loving hard work in trying to make life a little more promising for White Bird children.)

The Farmer's market in White Bird got a late start this year. This first one is small but great. It features produce, baked goods and hand crafted items. So far there has been some selling, some trading and a lot of visiting and laughing. Come see for yourself at Canyon House on Saturdays. We'll look for this market to get bigger and even more fun next year.

Idaho County Rural Health Committee Survey will be conducted the week of September 14 to identify existing health care services and gaps. Idaho County and its health care community will use the data to help improve the health care infrastructure of the county. If you get a call during the week of 9/14, please answer it and participate in Idaho County's economic and health future. The University of Oklahoma was contracted to conduct the survey (thus, the call from area code 918). This survey has nothing to do with the ongoing national health debate.

Chamber Website. With a little help from Verna Lowe and Tony Carlson, Anna Holden has come up with a very nice format. The details are being worked out and our new pages should be in service by the end of October. This is a pretty big deal. It announces our community to the world and gives local businesses some good exposure. Over time it will become a valuable resource for local users. We'll be able to do many things with the site.



Brenda Heckman & her summer reading/schooling group.

Good, bad and hard to know where it's all headed. Together, the developments at Twin River Ranch and Salmon River Estates have spawned some 25 or 30 new homes in the area *so far*. In the process they have seeded some nice additions to our community — which then produced a few jobs, objects of interest and activities. Roughly in order of appearance...

- Wild River Cabinets
- Eye of Idaho website and White Bird Images
- Swiftwater RV Park
- Angel's Nook RV Park
- Canyon House
- New Library
- Killgore Adventures
- White Bird Antiques
- White Bird Apartments
- Salmon River Art Guild
- Sport Shop convenience store

The only thing we can predict with any certainty is that White Bird is in for even more growth — pretty much guaranteed by the fact that each year the U.S. population increases by the equivalent of *two new Idaho's*. Hmm...

Support our local businesses

White Bird Library

Your Community Resource

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

839-2805, 839-2866



White Bird Antiques
Bruce and Pat Ringsmith
Phone 208-839-2619

135 Cooper Street
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White Bird, Idaho 83554

Buy Sell Trade
Antlers, Native American,
Old West and Textiles

Young bucks beware



Bull on a Beetle. Darby, Montana, 1962

I drew a late season cow tag this year. It made me think about hunting bucks and bulls, which I usually did back in the day.

Biologists have long known that selective harvest of the big ones can downgrade the genetic quality of a population over time. Under natural conditions the older and bigger males usually do the breeding. Youngsters don't often get to, even if they do survive winter-kill, predators, disease or cars. The stronger males won't let them. That's how it works in healthy populations: Whatever it is in the big guys' genes that help them to succeed can get passed on.

Under heavy pressure the bigger males may get shot or go into deep hiding. If that happens during the rut, the young guys that still run with the does and cows — the untested ones — are free to breed. Mr. Big isn't there to keep them away while their genes prove out.

The process takes many generations and we have only been hunting game with a trophy mindset for a hundred years or so — from around the time of Teddy Roosevelt. So it is hard to tell how much genetic damage we've done by selecting the fittest male game animals. A few states now encourage hunters to take younger bucks rather than trophies. Wonder how that's working for them. Negative aspects aside, the lure of a big rack has become strong. It's anyone's guess whether we can feel good about passing up a sizable one for that spike or 3-point standing next to him. Better eating for sure, but a definite ego test.

White Bird Precipitation. So far we are 3" ahead of 2008, and already have more than the entire year in either 2006 or 2007. In spite of that, the hay cut was apparently not so good (maybe low rainfall in Feb & Apr, and low temps). Then came the wettest August in the 12 years we've been here. Nearly four inches of rain fell in August, three of them in three days. Usually the Battlefield area, where we live, gets less rainfall than other White Bird locales, but Slate Creek recorded 1.3" on the 6th, while we got almost 1.9". Our dog shook all that night, as the storm cell hung right over us.

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	3.54	0.76	3.73					

More data and graphs are posted on the outside library bulletin board.

Member News

White Bird Antiques. We're OPEN, and still working away on the renovation.

Pathfinders. Idaho Pathfinders Association annual Fun Run will be held September 20th. Riders can sign in and start from 8:30AM till noon, and be back in to the last check station by 3:00. The course will be on trails the IPA maintains for the public. Donation of \$5.00 per person is requested. A quick update on the travel plan: The rough draft will be out by the end of September, and the final draft and mapping complete by year end. Meetings are on the first Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 PM (two months at Hoot's, then two months at Oscar's). The September meeting will at Oscar's. Dues are \$20 for family membership or \$15 per person. Please mail to IPA, P.O. Box 53, White Bird ID 83554. For over ten years, our ATV club has been working hard to keep trails open for the public. If you have question please call 839-2303.

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.

Salmon River Art Guild

Spring show. Feedback after the art show at White Bird Days: **big success.**
Sept. 26. Acrylic workshop by Kathryn Van Acker. Gresham studio. 839-2493.
October 24. Acrylic workshop by Jackie Zumwalt. Gresham studio. 839-2493.
October 10-11. Regional Art Show at the Salmon River Lodge in Riggins. Sat, 8 AM-7 PM; Sun, 8 AM-3 PM Mountain Time.
November 21. Quilt workshop, Kathryn Van Acker. Gresham studio. 839-2493.
Wells Fargo shows. The bank in Grangeville presents monthly art shows, at which SRAG members are invited to participate.

Thanks from Evelyn DeWitt to everyone who helped to make Neal's 75th surprise birthday so memorable.

Hair Today. If California and Texas are the environmental impact statements of places to live, Idaho is the Rogaine. You see more hair here than just about anywhere — at least on the faces of men. Long, full biblical beards that haven't been trimmed in years, Van Dykes, mustaches, and lots of plain old stubble. I've been known to sport such follicular frills myself. Now, why would a man grow facial hair when it makes such an easy target for blackmail? (like, "Oh honey, I can't kiss you. Your mustache pokes me.") I don't know, but every few years the urge sneaks up on me. I'll be shaving and wonder idly what I'd look like with a mustache or beard, forgetting that I already know because I was the one who shaved off the last one. So maybe I go a few days without shaving — you know, being really busy and all — pick up the razor, look and think, "Hmm, a head start, why waste it?" So off I go again. I've read that whiskers grow about 1/8" per week. If my new growth is to be a full beard, I'll look like I have mud on my face for at least three weeks and, for even longer, have to suffer ingrown throat hairs that curl back into my skin and raise welts and require a needle to lift their free ends back out. If it's to be a mustache, I'll just look like I've been drinking dirty milk for awhile. The finale of a facial hair episode can be an ego buster. At the end of one mustache affair, I wondered if anyone ever really looked at me. So, I shaved off *half* of the 'stash that had adorned my lip for months and went around talking to family members. It took awhile but each one finally got big eyed, pointed and laughed. Always the glutton for punishment, I did it again a few years later. I put Jane's finger to my recently shorn lip and just got a questioning look. Seems true that you see what you expect to see, so don't go trying to learn something you don't really want to know.

White Bird Classifieds

• 1993 Ford Explorer V-6. Runs good. \$1,950. 839-2245.	• Computer desk. \$50, good shape. 839-2625.
• Farm fresh brown eggs (blue, too). \$2.50/doz. 839-2625.	• 2 Weed eaters, \$25. 5hp chipper/shredder, \$20. 839-9944
• Black upright cupboard w/ 3 covered shelves and 2 drawers. 36"W, 57-1/2"H, 16"D. Like new. \$65. 839-2625.	• Paint gun (unused), \$50. Carpet cleaner, upright, \$25. • Oak dresser, 6 drawer w/mirror - \$60. VCR, \$20. 839-9944

Hells Canyon

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Friends Club. No news about Friends Club this time, but here's a thought about raising kids: The really hard part is remembering that the goal is to create a truly independent person, one who can deal with the world as it lays — which means, if you're really successful, they won't need you any more.

The Library. Volunteers at the White Bird Community Library continue to work hard providing services for our community. The Duck Derby netted about \$1,000 this year, for utility bills and computer and phone services.

Our 2010 calendar theme should interest many people: *Ferries on the Salmon River*. The calendars will be available for sale at the Rebecca's Thanksgiving dinner; price, \$7.00. There is still time to update your entries.

Plans are in the works for updating our shelving to make room for more books, and they'll be easier to find. The shelves should be in place by early Nov.

We urge new volunteers to join our fun group. If you enjoy reading and using the library, please come take a look. Men and women of all ages are welcome! The library board meets on first Wednesdays of each month from 10:00 AM to about 11:30 AM at the library. Remember, this is a community library. You may check out books and use the computer for free.

Fit and Fall-Proof classes start October 6. Tuesdays & Fridays, 2-3 PM at the Baptist Church. 839-2285.



This flock of avocets stopped off at Patty Anderson's pond on their way through. TCC

4-H. Congratulations, 4-H'ers. These kids worked hard on their projects and demonstrations. Members this year were: Cassie Chandler, Sheanna Cook, Bailey Cullin, Tyrel Cullin, Bladen Farmer, Jarom Farmer, Lutra Felton-Barger, Abby Folwell, Treana Hanson, Tressie Hanson, Marie Heckman, JayCee Marek, Hannah Munson, Jessica Munson, Crikor Paris, Monica Smith-Brimacomb, Tate Stowers, and JoJo Thorsell. Congratulations to JoJo Thorsell & Bailey Cullin for getting to District level. Great job, everyone! (You too, leaders: Molly Stowers, Heather Cullin, Carrie Marek and Margaret Munson.)

~ Get Ready ~

We're setting up a whole year of fun for you.

September. Our year-long, monthly photo contest begins. Themes for entries, each pertaining to *Life in Idaho*, will change monthly. The September themes are: Summer days, fun on the river or camping. Prizes will be awarded each month, and the year's winning pics published as a coffee table book. Get your first photographs to us by September 20.

October 30th. Witch's Night Out at Canyon House. Our All Hallows Eve celebration was such a success last year that we're going to do it again. We'll have a costume contest with prizes, discounts, wine tasting, a fire at the gazebo, entertainment and more. Stop in at Canyon House for additional details.

November. Second annual *Gratitude Contest*. What are you thankful for? Submit story, photo, poem etc. No rules.

839-2777

Silver Dollar Bar and Grill

A White Bird, Idaho gathering place
good eats
good drinks
good company

839-2293

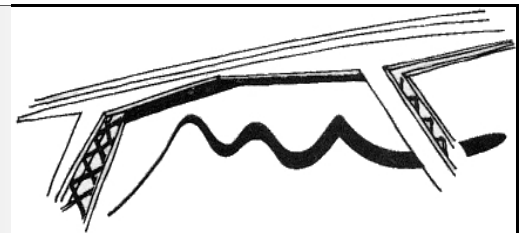
Anna for City Council

I'd like to continue serving the White Bird community as a City Council member.

Thank you for your vote on November 3!

Anna Holden

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Canyon House