

# White Bird, Idaho

## Community News

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## Community Briefs

**WB Chamber:** 3rd Mondays, 6:30 PM at Hoots. The Chamber offers a way to participate in your community, please join us.

**Women's Social Group:** 3d Saturdays, 12-2 PM, Place varies. 839-2456.

**Next Newsletter:** December 1 (quarterly).

**Library Committee:** 1st Wednesdays, 10AM at the library.

**Salmon River Art Guild.** 2nd Thursdays, 10 AM, Gresham Studio.

**White Bird Days.** Our annual celebration was a big success this year. Participants had fun and local businesses benefitted, as will future WB projects.

### Upcoming Events:

**September 25: Harvest Potluck.** This harvest fest will take place from 4-7 PM in the city park. Bring anything you make from your harvest and share the bounty. There will be posters and a display showing ideas for a gazebo in the park. Community input will be welcome. The Chamber will provide lemonade and setups.

**Oct. 30: Chili Cook-off.** Setup at 10 AM, judging 3 PM, eat after. Kids party @ IOOF Hall.

**November: Gun Club Turkey Shoot and Rebekkahs Turkey Bingo.**

**December: Annual Christmas Program** (details in the December issue).

**White Bird Website.** While we need to replace a few of the photos, our community website basically rocks. You can even see newsletter issues there—and *in color!* Anna Holden creates PDF files for each one and has our webmaster load them. While the printed version has to be black and white (cost), online versions display photos and ads in color. Anyone can view any issue, print it or send the link to someone else. Your friends and relatives can keep in touch with White Bird by browsing to...

[www.visitwhitebird.com/contact/index.html](http://www.visitwhitebird.com/contact/index.html).

After finishing an issue, I used to mail copies to my daughters and a friend. Now I can simply email the link, so the new system saves me \$ and time. Thanks, Anna.

**Colorful Critters.** This western tanager perched just outside our kitchen window. You see it here in black and white so, ho hum, it's just another bird. Go to the website and look at this issue of the newsletter to check out some fine plumage coloration. Oh, and you'll find Brian Lowe (left) to be a pretty colorful fellow, too.



JayCee and Clay Marek navigate WB Days parade.



White Bird Days really was  
A Western Feista



**Local Exercise Group.** The Fit and Fall-Proof exercise class will resume on October 4. The group meets Mondays and Fridays, 2 PM at the Baptist Church. Newcomers welcome. Participants say the exercise helps them in many ways—plus the social aspect. A sub-group liked the exercise so much they continued thru the summer. Call Leah (2285), Kathy (9944), Ellie (2831) or Pepi (2866).

**Newsletter Cost.** I've heard some concern about paying for this little rag—that the money spent on the newsletter might take away from other community projects. Not to worry. Here's how it works: the recent June issue, a big one, cost \$160 to print and mail. After I write the text and peddle the ads, I take it to Lewiston for printing, count pieces for the P.O. and fill out forms—no cost. June ads brought in \$200. So it's a money maker, folks, however small.

### Where's Your Camera When You Need It?

Nancy and Greg Gresham had a "Where's Your Camera..." moment on one of their wildlife drive-arounds. A couple of miles up Free Use Rd, they approached the left corner at the three ponds, when something caught their attention. Off to the right was a stack of round bales with a wolf standing on top. Rats! Missed it.

But they got this one. Greg (second from left) caught an almost 9-foot Snake River sturgeon this summer. Hope it wasn't ticklish.





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**White Bird is a Great Place!**

**Recycling News:** With a month to go in the first year, collections will hit 350,000 pounds. That is more than 100,000 over the target! And we got 41,000 lbs. in August, so next year will likely be even higher. These data can help the county deal with Walco when the contract is up (1½ years). Companies in G'ville are saving money by being able to use smaller dumpsters. Are you scared yet, landfill? Remember, White Bird recycles monthly, on each third Saturday at the highway kiosk, 9 AM-12.

**White Bird Precipitation.** Compared with recent years, the last three months produced a lot of rain. And look at June—Amazing! To date we are well ahead of the last four years, and bearing down on another 20+ inch year. Maybe the long drought we've suffered has turned a corner. And things were even green in August. And farmers reaped a good hay crop, a big relief after the grass's slow start. And we probably won't have to worry about fires. And hello September.

**But...**the bad news came on July 31—bad for our garden, at least. We were hammered with 1" hail and 40-60 mph wind (my guess) screaming up White Bird creek and driving those hail stones like bullets. The storm only lasted 10 minutes or so but it was pretty scary. The noise was deafening and we weren't sure the south-facing windows would hold up to it. Plants with large leaves sustained the most damage—like our squashes. Most have come back and we're hoping there will be time enough to set new fruit. Nothing serious happened to the house or cars. Five days later the storm gods produced an encore, across the river and a little north. We just got some heavy rain at the edge of that one. These canyon weather patterns are purely baffling. I wouldn't want to be the meteorologist trying to predict them. As for the last three months, June was amazing, July and August just fine.

Precipitation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Average, '06 -'07	0.56	1.15	1.34	1.75	1.66	2.65	0.39	0.62	1.91	1.00	1.82	1.20	16.05
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	0.09	1.12	1.56	0.62	20.23
2010	1.91	0.43	1.55	1.96	3.33	5.46	1.10	1.50					

# White Bird's Churches

**Community Church**     Worship 6 PM Sundays.

**Pleasant View Baptist**     Worship 10 AM Sundays, Sunday school 9 AM.

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

**Salmon River Art Guild.** The WB Days Art Show was such a hit that we are making it an annual event (nearly 200 people came by). Thanks to the Rebekah's for use of the hall and to patrons who viewed and purchased art. The money will fund the fall show. Nancy Gresham won People's Choice Award and Tammy Stone won the raffle.

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That's what we're talking about—kids having fun at White Bird Days. This was, from upper left, Amanda Murphy, Cassidy Joslin, and Emily and Ian Kurnet, with their prize-winning parade entry.



Reward at the end of Summer Reading

The Guild has 34 members now and new ones are welcome. Come as our guest to your first meeting. No experience necessary. Meetings are the second Thursday of each month at the Gresham Studio in White Bird.

Member artists have or will have showings at local establishments:

- Jeannette Klobetanz, photography, Sterling Bank, Riggins, September
- Elaine Lathrop, watercolor, Cattleman's Restaurant, Riggins, September
- Rick Weholt, water media, Cattleman's Restaurant, Riggins, October
- Gloria Teats, oils, Dahmen Barn Artisans, Uniontown, September
- Kathryn Van Acker, paintings, Wells Fargo Bank, Grangeville, November

### Workshops and classes:

- Sept 9 - Learn to paint with a palette knife. Mary Bakker.
- Sept. 14 - Nov 16 - Ten week class in oil painting. Gloria Teats
- Oct. 2 - Workshop on watercolor landscapes. Mary Bakker
- Nov. 11 - Learn to paint water. Cindy Greer, Leah Harvey, Gloria Teats.
- Dec. 9 - Learn to paint flowers. Elaine Lathrop, Nancy Gresham, Mary Bakker.

**Regional Art Show.** Best Western Salmon Rapids Lodge, Riggins. Saturday Oct 9, 8am – 6pm & Sunday Oct 10, 8am – 3pm. (Mountain Time). Anyone can enter. Call 839-2493 or [kathy2bears@gmail.com](mailto:kathy2bears@gmail.com).

## Kids' Summer Program

Thirteen White Bird children took part in this program. Great bunch of kids! We'd love it if more local children would show up. The whole concept seems good for them, they can only prosper from the experience. Brenda is always organized and maintains good control. The kids read during sessions at the library and win prizes for the books they read at home. They get inventive with craft projects. They create art stuff. And a nice treat usually materializes at break time.

Dean and Brenda's home hosted a special end of season party (left).

Few things are as important to the future of a child as learning to read well—especially these days. The summer reading experience helps them sustain their skill and learn to enjoy reading.



Busy, busy. Brenda Heckman guides White Bird children in the summer program.

## White Bird Classifieds

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| <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>• Clay pigeon thrower with partial box of birds. \$25. 839-2603</li> </ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Scaffolding</b>, 3 sections high. Includes three 10' aluminum planks, side bars and wheels. \$200. 839-2825</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very nice wrought iron table with heavy duty glass top. 38"X 38".</li> <li>• Perfect for indoors or out. \$45. 839-2603</li> </ul> |

## Your Library

The WB volunteer library staff wish to thank everyone for supporting our Duck Derby at White Bird Days. Because of your help we met our monetary goal.

We are finishing the final draft of our 2011 calendar. Its theme is "Gold Mines in Idaho County." The new calendar will be available in November for \$8. Our two annual fund raisers, the Duck Derby and calendar, help pay for keeping the library open. Thank you again for that. Your library is really a community gem.

We encourage readers and budding readers alike to use our great collection of books. Our computer, with internet service, is available free for anyone to use. We add new books every month. Please come in and browse. If you are interested in a book that we don't have, let us know and we'll try to get it. Library hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday from 10 AM-1, and Thurs 3-5 PM.

Thanks to Brenda Heckman for a successful/fun Summer Reading program.

We joined the "Adopt a Highway" program. In Sept/Oct we'll be out picking up debris on both sides of a stretch of the highway just south of Hoot's.

Library volunteers are always needed and welcome. Please visit our monthly meetings, at 10 AM on the first Wednesday of each month.

**Member News. Pathfinders.** Safety certification will soon be mandatory to ride on Forest Service land. Five of our members took an ATV safety course so that the club can be certified to instruct others. Free courses will be offered monthly for ages seven and up (2-3 hours). We have over 400 members in the club now. Fun Run Sept. 19. Questions? 839-2303 or [eanda@frontier.com](mailto:eanda@frontier.com).

## White Bird School.

The keys to White Bird elementary school building were handed to Mayor Rick Alley on August 12, after an agreement on a one year lease was reached between the city and Mountain View School District. City offices with equipment and supplies have likely moved to the new location by now, allowing White Bird and its larger community to 'test drive' the facility for the year. Local groups are welcome to use the building for a nominal fee. Contact the City Clerk at 839-2294 or [wbcityhall@frontier.com](mailto:wbcityhall@frontier.com). A long term possibility: the city might purchase the entire school property. Seems like a good thing.

## Summer Travel

I spent my first 18 years in Bellingham WA, and didn't get to Victoria BC—just across Puget Sound—until 40 years later. I lived in Missoula MT for five years and never got to Yellowstone—almost a neighbor. In both cases I missed a lot. But we have made up for it since then by having now visited our country's first National Park three times. In June, we camped there for a



week. We had a glorious time in the "wild" with friends and family. Really, it is hard to believe how the National Park Service accommodates so many people there, while maintaining the park's wild side. It was tough duty but we suffered through it.



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