

White Bird, Idaho



Community News

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Soon a door will open before us, the one through which we trudge out of the dog days of summer and step a bit more lightly into one of White Bird's very pleasant autumns. We'll be way too healthy from eating the fruits of spring plantings. Many will dream of the big one while they clean and sight in rifles or practice with bows. And the Salmon will produce steelhead (really). At our place we'll hear the bales down the creek being ground into more efficient feed for the cows. And round and round it goes...

White Bird Days notched another big success this year. In spite of the rain there were good crowds and lots of fun.



Tom Schwartz still gets into his uniform.



Gloria Teats, painter of faces



The sawdust dig was as popular as ever.

Keeping Up With Whitebirdians

Sara Dalgliesh, daughter of Beth and Steve, currently lives in Peoria AZ, where she owns her home, teaches second grade and manages a basketball program for 40 teams (coaches one). During summers, her group builds homes for people like Kevin (right), in Mexico.

Lydia Chrane will be installed as state president of the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho in October.

Anna Holden is Project Coordinator for *The Top 10 Scenic Drives in the Northern Rockies*, which connects some of North America's most scenic mountains, lakes, charming towns, and historic places—several of them in Idaho. In January Anna applied on behalf of the project, to be considered for a national marketing award. Her entry won and she recently flew to Minneapolis to receive the award for the project. While there she presented two workshops: One on social media marketing, and the other about the *Top 10 Scenic Drives*. Then she flew on to Washington D.C. to spend a few days with her son Aras, who lives and works there.

Bailey Cullin, daughter of Heather and Todd, is this year's first princess of the Idaho County Fair. Shown here with queen Hannah Baker and second princess, Mary Kaschmitter, both of Grangeville.

4-H. Congratulations to all of the 4-H'rs on their amazing projects and awards.



Kevin with Sara Dalgliesh



Mary Kaschmitter, Hannah Baker, Heather Cullin

Gatherings and Meetings

Next Chamber meeting: September 19; 3d Mondays. 839-2444

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

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

Women's Social: Resuming soon, place varies. 839-2625

Salmon River Art Guild: 2nd Thurs, 10 AM at Gresham Studio. 839-2808

Fit & Fall-Proof exercise class will start again September 19. 839-9944.

City Council. 2nd Fridays, 6 PM at the community center.

White Bird's Churches

Community Church. Worship 3 PM Sundays.

White Bird Catholic. Worship 9 AM Saturdays.

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

Community Briefs

White Bird Website. Another grant has been awarded to the Chamber for development and upkeep of our community website. Once again Anna Holden's grant writing skills came through for White Bird. www.visitwhitebird.com

Summer Reading Program. This summer the kids put in three hour sessions at the library on Mondays. They included projects, reading, games and a nice lunch. They seemed to have a good time, we seemed to end up tired and our new puppy, Gabe, reveled in the brutal maulings he received there.

City Elections will be November 8 at the IOOF hall. Four seats will be on the ballot. Candidates must declare at the city office by September 9.



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White Bird Precipitation

While August handed out little in the way of precipitation—less than one tenth inch—we could still be headed for a 24-25” year if the rest of it produces at average. With all of the vegetation from a wet spring, we mostly dodged the wildfire bullet. We'll cross our fingers for reasonable fall/winter rainfall to recharge soil moisture for next spring. As is always the case, we shall see.

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	1.99	1.01	2.02	2.04	2.05	24.85
2011	1.33	1.71	2.81	1.78	6.27	2.81	1.54	0.07					

See more detail and graphs on the library message board. * '06 and '07 were almost identical.

White Bird Library News

Volunteers are busy on the 2012 community calendar. This year it's dedicated to the memory of Jim Killgore. The theme: farming and ranching. The calendar is the library's main fund raiser, proceeds helping to keep the doors open. It will be available in mid-November at the Rebekah's turkey dinner and the library.

The Canyon Art Scene

Regional art show. Sat, Oct. 8-5. Highlight of the year for the Salmon River Art Guild, to be held at Salmon Rapids Lodge, Riggins. Anyone can enter.

Oil class by Gloria Teats, on still lifes. September 13 through November 10.

Monthly workshops on Saturdays. 9/24, watercolor; 10/22, WB outdoors.

Thursday get together. Hook up to paint or watch painting videos.

Now showing. View local art at Sterling Bank (Riggins) and Canyon House.

WB art on the web. See works by local artists at www.visitwhitebird.com.

The guild welcomes new members. Come to your first meeting as our guest. No experience necessary. Meetings are 2nd Thursdays at the Gresham Studio.

For information on meetings, workshops, joining or other items contact: srag.idaho@gmail.com, 839-2493, or 2808. Drawing classes after each mtg.



Haven't seen this couple for a while. I hope they made it through with a clutch.

Upcoming Events

October 29

- **Chili Cook-off.** Downtown. Cooking at 10 AM, judging at 3 PM.
- **Rebekah's bake sale.** IOOF hall, until we run out. 839-2446
- **Halloween Party.** 6-8 PM at the IOOF hall. 839-2205

November 13

- **Rebekah Turkey Feed.** IOOF hall. Dinner @ 12 N, Bingo 7 PM. 839-2446

Chamber News

Welcome to New Members: *Idaho County Light and Power, Gem Designs, Thompson & Co. CPA* (all of Grangeville).

Current Members. Dues were payable in January. Please update your membership. The money goes to support community projects, which we feel help everyone in White Bird in some way. It's a community thing, and we thank you.

Web site. We loaded some nice local art recently, with more coming. Definitely worth a look. We also added an interactive Google map of the area, with photographs and highlighted points of interest, and more coming later at www.visitwhitebird.com.

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Church Service – Sunday 10 AM

Youth Group – Wed 7 PM

Bible Study – Wed – 5 PM

Sunday School – 9 AM

Good News Club – Wed 3:45 – 5 PM

Pastor: Charles Stefani

839-2220

Silver Dollar Bar

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good drinks
good company

839-2293

Getting out of Dodge

When August hit, we bailed. Headed for the Oregon coast. We dragged the camper to Nehalem Bay State Park at Manzanita and spent ten lovely days there. I knew it was the right place to be when Jane pumped her fist and said, “Hey, it’s August and I’m wearing a sweat-shirt...yessss!” The weather was perfect. Morning fog rolling in over the water, soon to burn off and disclose a kindly sun that never heated things over 70 degrees. Wind came up in the afternoons, calling forth a variety of surfers, who tried to don wetsuits without revealing too much, and launched their boards. There were a few of the original Hawaii kind, who had to catch a wave. But some sail boarders and a lot of crazy parachute boarders hitchhiked on the wind. They all looked like they wouldn’t be anywhere else. OK, maybe Oahu or Hood River.

While *some* people slept in, my day started by feeding the dog, making a fire (and coffee to drink by it), then reading from my Kindle and stirring the fire, as a boy must do. Until 8:30 or 9:00 it would be real quiet in the park. Then the dog walkers and kids on articulated skateboards would appear. Most of the sites were occupied, but we never felt crowded. People kept pretty much to themselves. We met nice people over familiar license plates, picked up dog poop and hit town for single scoops of Tillamook ice cream that had to weigh four pounds. We ate one meal out (and outside). For me it was another 4-pounder (lasagna) that a bald eagle eyed from his perch just across the Nehalem River.

After breakfast we’d walk over the dunes to the beach. One morning we came up on a 4-point bull elk feeding in the dune grass. Those dunes are a test—loose sand that makes you feel like you’re trudging a mile for every hundred yards. To recover, we’d hike a mile or two along the harder sand near the surf, watching the joyful racing and roughhousing as Gabe found new friends to maul. He even raced a greyhound and held his own. Quick little bugger. One of our daughters stayed overnight and brought her dog, Rudy—about five times the size of Gabe, who we caught hanging from Rudy’s ear. I kept thinking they would wear down but it went on all day, then they slept like logs.

Two guys I talked to had limited out on keeper Dungeness crabs in a couple of hours—that’s 24 of the tasty crustaceans. The last time I went crabbing in Nehalem Bay (*long time ago*) I got skunked.

One section of the park sported a horse area, which had no utilities, except water for the horses, and each site had its own log corral. We talked with some horsey Idahoans there.

RV campers reveal themselves by the plastic (poo) bags hanging from their pockets and by the way they scan license plates. Certain topics of conversation prevail: *What a cute dog!* *Where you from?*, *Where you headed?*—and, of course, serious talk of pickup and camper specs.

Three daughters, a granddaughter and some friends came over from Portland to visit (us, or the beach?). The whole time was special. But perfect as it was, by the end of the two weeks we were ready to hit the road. Funny, the August heat in White Bird didn’t carry its usual impact when we got back. Home is like that.

Refreshed by the beach weather, we thought about why we had left Portland 15 years ago. Easy answers: On the way through the Columbia Gorge we stopped at Multnomah Falls, which was as beautiful and amazing as ever. It was also shoulder to shoulder with people—literally. And any more the Portland traffic is always crowded. Conclusion? Take a break from it once in awhile, but really, White Bird rocks.

