Letter from the White Bird Chamber Pres.

Dear, Chamber Members, Community Partners, and Friends of White Bird,

Winter is here in this beautiful place that we live-White Bird Idaho. This year, our goal was to build community collaboration, by having our community organizations, and public services work to support activities, and community improvements. By encouraging activities we support our local business, and our community. This is part of the White Bird Chamber mission statement:

- To advance the commercial, professional, and economic interests of its members, and the civic interest of the town of White
- Encourage development of commerce, tourism, community, and recreational activities.
- Promote understanding and cooperation among local businesses, private and public agencies, and government entities.
- The Chamber will remain non-partisan, non-political, non-sectarian, and non-discriminatory.

We have the opportunity to see good things happen in our community. With that in mind, these are some of the activities and events that the White Bird Chamber of Commerce and Friends have been focused on this year.

With your support, Working together- We can accomplish great things!

Along with Your Community, the WB Chamber has accomplished and plans to support these events.

- Feb: We contributed \$1500.00 to all four Volunteer Fire Departments-White Bird, Salmon River Rural, Riggins city, and Grangeville. From the Volunteer Fireman's ball
- March: Chamber contributed \$500.00 to the Rebekah's –from the Sausage Feed
- March: Chamber contributed \$300.00 to the White Bird EMTs –from the sausage feed
- April: Chamber contributed \$300.00 to the Easter egg children's fund.
- May: Chamber contributed \$1000.00 to the parks and recreation district for start-up monies and plan on supporting this project with events as soon as they are up and running.
- June: White Bird Days -The Medical & Relief and Chamber contribute to the Rodeo, to the Parade, to the band and prizes. We all helped to set up the town, Pies in the Park with the Library, Grab-Bag Bingo in the park with the Rebekah's, and Idaho Potato Bar with the Baptist Church and Ice Cream sales for the Kids' fund account.
- We are supporting the Raise the Roof project for the WB Library with proceeds from the Church potato bar, and pies-\$425.00
- Fall decorations on main street White Bird.
- Oct: we support the Kids' Halloween party with funds and volunteers.
- Nov: Chamber Open House, the purpose is to inform the community and encourage membership.
- Nov: The Chamber decorates the City Park and town for Christmas.(City of White Bird Pay for the electricity)
- Dec: We support the Christmas Parade, chili in the park, and the Christmas dance. (2014-\$659.00expenses)

A Great Story!

The White Bird Chamber has a public suggestion box at the Canyon House. One of the suggestions that we had received was, "To have better Christmas lights on main street" —We took this suggestion and contacted ICLP to see if this could be a possibility —they own the poles and have to come and plug in the old banner Christmas light yearly. We researched the price of lights, and a silhouette that could stay up for different holidays besides just Christmas. We contacted ICL&P, they were excited and started with a donation of \$300.00. From this the White Bird Community organizations, businesses, and folks opened their pockets and donated the \$2400.00 we needed to purchase the lights and connectors. *The Ruralite* magazine, did an article in September about our little town patriotic stars. We also contacted the Grangeville Chamber and received Christmas garland for trimming the town. On November 28th we will be decorating White Bird and would appreciate your help and suggestions.