WVFC

The WVFC conducts training on Thursdays @ 7pm, at the Fire Hall, 30480 Boggs Ln. in Whitmore. Join the team by contacting Chief Bill Ellis at (530) 472-3245 or Assistant Chief Sara West at (530) 472-3990 for more information.

The Time Is Now

Keep your home and property firesafe by trimming, clearing, thinning and disposing of any trees or brush that pose a fire hazard. A safe and effective way to dispose of this material is with a small, controlled and properly monitored burn pile. Get your burn permit in just a few minutes by visiting the CALFIRE burn permit website.

www.burnpermit.fire.ca.gov

You'll also find information & tips on preparations to keep your family & home safe.

News From The Top...

By the time you are reading this, it will be 2020. I hope your holidays were merry, and that you gave as well as you received. I was fortunate to be home with my wife, two dogs and two cats. There was even the tiniest amount of snow that fell as we exchanged gifts, making fora beautiful experience. This year has seen big accomplishments in Whitmore, such as the formation of the Fire Safe Council, bringing more community ties to our residents, and accomplishing big financial goals already. If you haven't been to a meeting yet, please do, this is a great opportunity to help yourself and your neighbors be ready when disaster strikes. The Whitmore Volunteer Fire Company has raised a big amount of funds to ensure we have the right equipment and supplies to fight fires and provide emergency medical aid to the citizens. The one shortage we have is volunteer firefighters. Its the one thing we can not buy with the money raised by the community. We need you, a few of you to come join the volunteer fire company. You will be trained, you will be challenged, and you will have the experience of giving back to your community in a powerful way. Call myself, Chief Bill Ellis, or Assistant Chief Sara West, to find out more. We meet most Thursday nights at the fire hall @ 7 PM. Joining the Whitmore Volunteer Fire Company would be a fine way to make good on a New Year's Resolution.

Brian

(530) 604-9933

Whitmore Community Center
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Community Breakfast

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet

- January 12 & February 9
- Served 8am-11am
- Adults $9
- Children 10 & Under $3

Bingo Night & Dinner

- January 25 & February 22
- Dinner @ 5:30pm
- Bingo @ 6pm

W.C.C. Board Meeting

Open to the Public

March 11, @ 7pm

Extra helping hands are always welcome at our monthly breakfasts, bingo night, or any of our other community events. Every event hosted by the W.C.C. is possible because of an all volunteer staff. We really need some volunteers to help us with our events, especially the breakfast... having 2 crews of volunteers who could alternate months would be wonderful. Please, help if you can ...

Chris Withey
W.C.C. Chairman

Did you know the W.C.C. is available for rental for your next big event?

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Community Events

Get more details by visiting our website.
www.WHITMORECC.com

Whitmore Fire Safe Council

The WFSC will be holding its public meeting on February 4th at 7pm at the Whitmore Community Center. This will be the first of the regular FSC meetings which are scheduled for the first Tuesday of even numbered months. Our next public meeting will be held on April 7th. Phone tree drills will be held on the first Monday of each month.

Matt Iles from Farmers Insurance is scheduled to be on hand for a discussion about homeowners insurance.

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Congratulations on a job well done Whitmore! Our 3rd annual Giving Tree project was a great success thanks to the kind hearts and generous donations of the Whitmore community & beyond.

Teaming up with the Whitmore General Store, the Whitmore Community Center was able to make the holiday season a little brighter for several Whitmore families. Every year, it is truly amazing to see how this project not only brings joy to those who receive gifts, but also to those who donate to make this project happen. We'd like to send out a huge Thank You to everyone who participated this year by donating or shopping for gifts, and also to those who received gifts and showed their gratitude in the most heartwarming ways. This project is a perfect example of what can be accomplished when a community comes together to love and support each other, and we can't wait to do it all over again next year!

WHITMORE WILDCATS

Dear Community Members:

Happy New Year and welcome to all the upcoming events this coming year. Whitmore Elementary has welcomed Andrea Rodrigues as a paraprofessional who will assist Ms. Gonzalez and assist with the instruction of the Pre-Schoolers and Kindergarteners. Pre-school is accepting new students; your child will need to be potty trained. Pre-School runs from 8:10 for breakfast, class begins at 8:25 a.m., lunch and students need to be picked up at 12:30 p.m. Dr. Larry Robins has retired, and Ms. Cindy Gonzalez will assume the Superintendent's responsibilities. Mrs. German will continue as the Principal in charge of discipline. Randy Johnson has completed his bus driving training, passed the CHP test and is waiting for his license. He is looking forward to transporting Whitmore's students to and from school.

The Community-Parent Club is starting up, their first meeting is scheduled for January 14th at 4 p.m. As community members, you are invited to join, your ideas and helping hands are welcome.

The Annual Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for the last Sunday of the Month, January 26th. Enter your chili, this is always a fun event, not to mention, good chili. Entry forms will be at the store, post office and the school. The Event will be held at the school this year, so mark your calendars and start looking for that favorite chili recipe.

We are looking for a maintenance person. This is a part-time hourly position, if you have a knowledge of electricity, plumbing and landscaping, please stop in and pick up an application. Beginning wage is $12/hr., however, this is negotiable, dependent on experience.

We hope you enjoyed our Winter Festival play and musical assortment. We look forward to seeing you at all our events this year.

Linda Barneby
Administrative Assistant

Your old books can be dropped off at the Library.... so you will have room for new ones. The Library has several sets of Time/Life Books, a hard bound collection of Zane Grey books, a collector's set of Dr. Sues books and some hard bound books of foreign lands and America. If you are interested in any of these, call Jeri at 472-1471 or visit the Library on Tuesdays. Volunteers still needed for Mondays and Fridays. We are currently not open those days until volunteers sign up. Shifts are 3 hours only.

WVFC FIRECRACKERS

WINTER Newsflash from the Firecrackers

WE HAD AN AMAZING CHRISTMAS IN WHITMORE event!
Thank you to Terri Morales for gathering the talented people to create a truly beautiful and joyful day, fitting for the season. Thank you, Terri, Karen, Kim, Linda, Pat, Diane, Bobbi, Margie, Jeri, Debbie, for planning, setting up, decorating, serving, cleaning up and being the wonderful people that you are. Please forgive me if I left your name off the list. Thank you, firefighters and community members, for cutting Christmas Trees, setting them up and selling them. Thank you, Melissa, for hosting the Tree Lighting event. Thank you, Whitmore students, for singing. Thank you, Whitmore Community Center, for the "All Day Café" goodies, coffee and tea. And thank you Whitmore Community for supporting our volunteer Fire company!

2020 is here and plans are in the making for our 4 events this year. Stay tuned! For more information about the fire company, fire safe council, firecrackers, the community or need assistance, call me.

Holly Ellis 472-3245

WINTER

KNOW SNOW!
TOP TIPS FOR WINTER DRIVING
SLIP AND SLIDE: TEST ROAD CONDITIONS FREQUENTLY
Periodically, check traction (available grip) when driving in challenging conditions. Road conditions can change drastically in a short period of time/distance in winter. Apply the brakes with moderate pressure to determine the available grip and modify your driving, if needed, to respond to ever-changing road conditions.
GRIP IT GOOD!
It's best to avoid braking or acceleration when negotiating a turn.
1 Brake before the turn
2 Negotiate the turn
3 Accelerate after the turn
YOU CRUISE, YOU LOSE
Avoid cruise control in wet, icy or snow conditions to maintain control of acceleration and deceleration at all times.

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HYPOTHERMIA

How to Avoid, Recognize & Treat

Avoiding Hypothermia

- Dress Warmly & In Layers,
- Base Layer (Next to Skin) Anything But Cotton 100% Polypropylene is Recommended
- Insulating Layer, Fleece will help move sweat from your base layer and is very light weight.
- Outer Layer, This layer should be waterproof & windproof. Gore-Tex® and eVent® are excellent materials for this layer.
- Wear a hat, neck scarf, gloves, and heavy pants to protect the large vessels.
- When warming up you can remove the outer layer to prevent perspiration.
- Carry at least oneThermal heat blanket in your suvival kit at all times.

Symptoms

- Shivering (Constant Shivering Means The Body Cannot Warm Itself)
- Loss Of Coordination
- Mumbling And Slurring Of Speech
- Difficulty Forming Thoughts
- Confusion
- Lack Of Energy
- A Person Will Not Realize They Are In A Life Threatening Situation
- Person Is Unconscious
- Pulse Is Weak
- Takes Shallow Breathe

Hypothermia happens gradually and as people become confused they are not aware, they are developing this life threatening condition.

Treatment

When You Can't Call 911

Once you realize someone has developed hypothermia that person must be warmed up quickly by getting them to a shelter and covering with blankets near a heat source. Do not lay them directly on the ground. You can strip to bare skin, strip them, and have skin-to-skin contact to warm them up while under blankets. If their clothes are wet, remove immediately. Warm beverages will help as well but do not give them alcohol or any type of caffeine products. Place warming packs/compresses from a first aid kit on their chest and groin area but do not place on their legs or arms because this will force cold blood to rush to the heart. Do not rub the body of anyone you suspect has hypothermia. They must be handled gently because their heart at this point may be struggling. Do not drench the body in hot water or apply a heat source directly to the body, such as a heating pad. This can damage the skin and if the body if experiencing irregular heartbeats it can put them into cardiac arrest.

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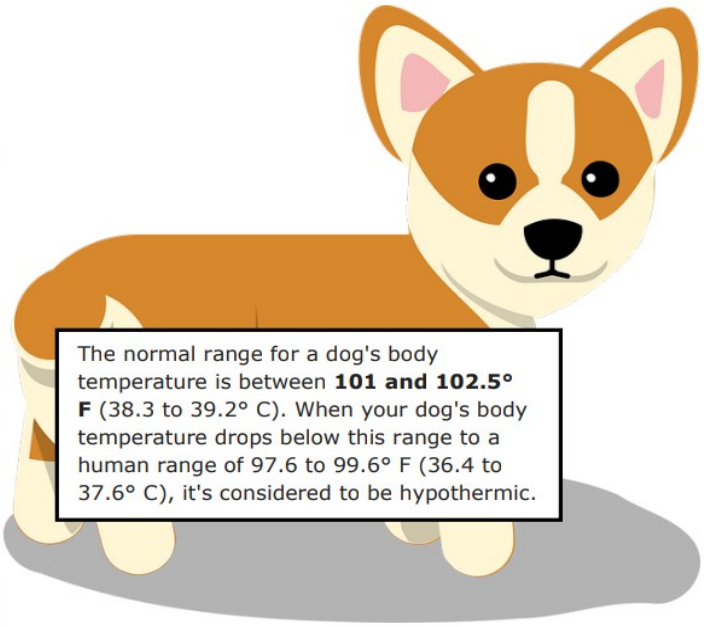
SIGNS/SYMPTOMS OF FROSTBITE IN HUMANS

Redness and/or pain in any area of the skin
White or grayish-yellow skin
Skin that feels firm or waxy



The normal range for a dog's body temperature is between **101 and 102.5° F** (38.3 to 39.2° C). When your dog's body temperature drops below this range to a human range of 97.6 to 99.6° F (36.4 to 37.6° C), it's considered to be hypothermic.

FROSTBITE IN DOGS

Pale skin with a bluish-white hue, and ice forming around the affected area, which will feel cold or brittle.

When the body warms and blood returns to the affected area, the dog's skin will be swollen and red, and the skin will start to peel. This can lead to blisters or skin ulcers.

If the dog's frostbite is severe, the area will turn black.

HYPOTHERMIA IN DOGS

Excessive shivering and trembling, followed by numbness.

The dog can experience sleepiness, weakness, and lethargy.

They'll have a decreased heart rate, low body temperature, difficulty breathing, and dilated pupils.

The dog may also be in a stupor and have difficulty walking.

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