



"Whitepine Whispers"

News of Whitepine Grange #102

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At last...a flagpole for the old Grange!



It's a Grand New Flag that now waves proudly over the Whitepine Grange building, thanks to the efforts of Grange members Don Manning, Monte Nesbitt and Tim Greene, with financial support from **First Security Bank** of Thompson Falls.

The 32-foot lodgepole was harvested by Manning, then prepared with scraping and sanding. He built a cantilevered base so the finished product could easily be lowered for maintenance when necessary. The flag was set in its base Oct. 4 with the help of Greene and Nesbitt. Manning's tractor pushed the pole up and into position, where it was anchored. The flag went up at high noon.

This is the first time the Grange building, constructed in 1961, has ever had a flag pole. It is equipped with a solar light to illuminate the flag, meaning it can be flown 24 hours a day.

First Security Bank provided funding for this important project. Bank spokesperson Kate Baxter said, "We're so pleased to be a part of such a worthy project."

We'll have a formal dedication of the flag and pole on Friday, Nov. 11 at 11am. That's Veterans Day. We encourage all veterans to attend, in uniform if they wish. The public is cordially invited to attend!



From the president:

PITCH IN!!!

Part of the fun of living in a small town and/or rural area is that you get to actually know your neighbors. Granted, you might have some beefs with them, but mostly we're supportive of each other. At least you KNOW them. Think about the masses living in huge urban centers and high-rise condos. Many of them don't know the people next door to them. It must be pretty difficult when disasters like hurricanes, floods or tornadoes hit, and you have no one to turn to. Isn't it ironic that loneliness is more prevalent in large cities than it is out here in the wide open spaces?



We all own this area, this town, this neighborhood, this beautiful place we call home. This spirit is conducive to volunteerism. We want to help our neighbors, not just because it feels good, but because we are all **family**. And that's what you do for family.

Our Grange's primary mission is community service. That means helping educate, entertain, inform, assist, and share with our neighbors. If you'd like to help be part of this "old-fashioned revolution" of community pride and helpfulness, join the Grange. Or at least come to our great monthly programs. Pitch in with us! And if there is a special need or community project you think we can all work on together, let us know.

whitepinegrange@gmail.com

—Jan Manning, president

Whitepine Grange #102 Officers 2022

President:	Jan Manning
Vice-President:	Carolyn Nesbitt
Secretary:	Patty English
Treasurer:	Kathy Hill
Advisor:	Peggy Carlson
Chaplain:	Susan McFarland
Greeter:	Arne Carlson
Executive Committee:	Gene Pope, Debbie Mason Ron Kilbury

Grange Calendar October+ 2022

Mon., Oct. 10:	Rally Dog Class, 10am Tumbling, after noon
Tues., Oct. 11:	Line Dance 3pm Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 4, 6pm
Wed., Oct. 12	Rally Dog Class 2pm
Thurs., Oct. 13	Rockin' Walkin', 10am Bear Aware Class, 6pm
Sun., Oct. 16	Agility Classes, 2 and 3:15
Mon., Oct. 17 thru Fri., Oct 21:	
SEWING RETREAT	
Sun., Oct. 23	Agility Classes, 2 and 3:15
Mon., Oct. 24	Rally Dog Class, 10am Tumbling, after noon
Tues., Oct. 25	Line Dancing 3pm GRANGE MEETING 7pm
Wed., Oct. 26	Rally Dog Class 2pm
Thurs., Oct. 27	Rockin' Walkin', 10am
Mon., Oct. 31	Rally Dog Class, 10am Tumbling, after noon
Tues., Nov. 1	Line Dancing 3pm
Wed., Nov. 2	Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30 Rally Dog Class 2pm
Thurs., Nov. 3	Rockin' Walkin' 10am
Sun., Nov. 6	Agility Classes, 2 and 3:15
Mon., Nov. 7	Rally Dog Class, 10am Tumbling, after noon
Tues., Nov. 8	Line Dancing, 3pm
Wed., Nov. 9	Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30 Rally Dog Class 2pm
Thurs., Nov. 10	Rockin' Walkin' 10am
Fri., Nov. 11	Flag Dedication, noon
Sun., Nov. 13	Agility Classes 2 and 3:15
Mon., Nov. 14	Rally Dog Class 10am Tumbling, after noon
Tues., Nov. 15	Boot Camp Make-up, 10:30 Line Dancing, 3pm
Wed., Nov. 16	Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30 Rally Dog Class 2pm
Thurs., Nov. 17	Rockin' Walkin' 10am
Sat., Nov. 19	Craft Bazaar, 9 to 3pm
Sun., Nov. 20	Agility Classes, 2 and 3:15
Mon., Nov. 21	Rally Dog Class, 10am Tumbling, after noon

Activities return to Grange with cooler fall temps

As summer ends, more activities are returning to the Grange.

Melissa Evans resumes her Tumbling for Kids classes this month on Monday afternoons.

Dog training classes are returning on Monday mornings, Tuesdays mornings, Wednesdays and Sunday afternoons.

Thursday mornings are reserved for Jan Manning's "Rockin' Walkin'" class, which involves gentle cardio exercise for those who want to get moving again and feel younger.

For more info on any of these activities, just contact the Grange at: whitepinegrange@gmail.com.



State Grange holds annual conference in Thompson Falls



Marilyn Johnson, state grange president, delivers her address to delegates and officers at the Montana State Grange session held in Thompson Falls on Oct. 6 at the New Life Fellowship Church.

Marilyn Johnson, president of Montana State Grange, presided over the annual conference of Montana State Granges Oct. 6-8, this year in Thompson Falls.

Grangers from across the Big Sky State will gathered here, using New Life Fellowship Church as their session headquarters for the three-day event. The Grangers held committee meetings, discussed the activities of various Granges within the state, planned legislative policies, and hashed out an assortment of issues that affect Montana Granges as well as others. This meeting was a precursor to the National Grange Session which will be held in Reno in November.

Representing Whitepine Grange were Jan Manning, Patty English, Ruth and Will Tucker, Kathy Hill and Carolyn Nesbitt. Special thanks to Carolyn for donating items for the Grangers' "swag bags," to Debbie Mason for preparing custom Koozies, and to Ruth and Will Tucker who acted as receptionists for the 30+ Grangers attending the session. Thanks also to Ruth for the snack goodies, and to Carrie Greene for the vegetable platter.

The session ends Saturday afternoon.

Maurita Crew and Liz Stender receive “Hometown Hero” awards from Whitepine Grange

The Grange believes in recognizing the important work done by individuals in our rural communities. These folks often work tirelessly, volunteering behind the scenes on projects that benefit us all. The “Hometown Heroes” program recognizes those priceless individuals.

Four “heroes” in four separate categories were chosen by Whitepine Grange members. Liz Stender, Trout Creek, was lauded as “Citizen of the Year” for her outstanding work with Trout Creek Community Improvement Association, the Trout Creek Park Board, school board, and other groups that help make Trout Creek so special.

Maurita Crew, principle and head instructor at Trout Creek Adventist School, was chosen for her innovative teaching and leadership methods at the small private school across the highway from Whitepine Grange.

Also receiving an award for “First Responder of the Year” was Brad Stewart of Thompson Falls Ambulance.



Unfortunately an ambulance call kept Brad from attending the ceremony to receive his awards.

To be honored at the November Grange meeting (Nov. 22) is the fourth “hometown hero,” Detective April Phillips of Sanders County Sheriff’s Office, who was chosen as Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

All recipients were given a certificate, a bag of Whitepine Grange fraternal items, and a \$25 gift card for the local grocery store.



Liz Stender (left photo) and Maurita Crew (right) accept their awards from Whitepine Grange President Jan Manning at the well attended public ceremony to honor them as “Hometown Heroes” for 2022.

Survivor of Kodiak Bear attack to share his experience

Brent Hudson knows what it's like to stare down an angry Kodiak bear just inches from his face and vital organs. He knows what it's like to feel the weight, the force, the tearing and gnashing of a bear trying to killing him.

He's going to share that experience...but more importantly he will share his knowledge of how to live with bears and how to survive those unanticipated attacks. He'll do that **Thurs., Oct. 13, at Whitepine Grange. Class starts at 6pm.**

Hudson is a professional bear expert who moved to North Idaho several years ago after working as a guide and commercial "bear safety officer" for several corporations in Alaska's bush. He has 38 years of experience as an Alaskan Master Guide, and is a USMC Vietnam veteran.

He presents his two-hour seminar at no charge, although donations will be accepted to cover his travel expenses. He says that surviving the bear attack gave him the signal that he was to share his experience and knowledge to help others become more "bear aware."

Don't miss this fascinating and educational opportunity! As seating is limited to 60, we recommend you arrive early to get a good seat.



On Thanksgiving weekend, don't send the grandkids home before this!

Photos with Santa

Sat., Nov. 26, Noon to 3pm

at Whitepine Grange.

Donations accepted!

Get your digital photos delivered by email the next day. Kids, pets, and even adults welcome! Cookies and cider will be served! AL proceeds support Whitepine Grange's flooring project. Tax receipts available!



Whitepine Grange receives BIG GRANT promise for flooring...but we need your help to get it!

FABULOUS NEWS!! The Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation is awarding Whitepine Grange \$6,000 to help pay for a new floor in our main room!

The grant was announced late last month. The Foundation will initially award Whitepine Grange \$3,000 this year, and will follow it with an additional \$3,000 in early 2023 **IF** we can come up with \$3,000 to match it.

Total projected cost of the re-flooring project is around \$12,000. This should cover purchase and installation of quality vinyl plank flooring. Assuming we get the entire grant of \$6,000 and add \$3,000 of our own, that will still leave us at least \$3k short of what we'll ultimately need. We will be scrambling, but we should be optimistic that it will all come together. There may be other grants to supplement the Washington Foundation grant. By next summer we should have our beautiful new flooring in the Grange hall, which will make it even more attractive for more functions.



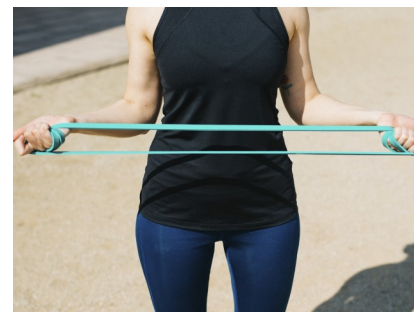
This is the original subfloor installed in 1961. Time for an upgrade!

Blue Cross/Blue Shield awards \$750 for Grange exercise class equipment

Grab your sneakers, water bottle and towel....it's time to go "work out" at Whitepine Grange, thanks to a grant of \$750 from Montana Blue Cross/Blue Shield.



BCBS supports the Grange's efforts to keep our ruralites healthy by providing safe exercise outlets for all ages of residents. The BCBS grant money will be used to purchase resistance bands, light dumbbells, and stepping platforms, all of which can be used in group fitness classes. At this time only one class is offered each week; that's the Thursday morning "Rockin' Walkin'" class which provides a gentle cardio workout for ANYONE (even the wheelchair-bound). The hour-long class is set to upbeat music of the 50s, 60s and 70s and is taught by Jan Manning.



New classes, involving the new equipment, will be added to the weekly schedule soon. Watch for announcements on Facebook (Sanders County 411 and Whitepine Grange pages) and watch your email. Spread the word. Our goal is to get people who have NOT exercised for a while back into the swing of it, and to help them re-discover the JOY OF MOVEMENT which is the best medicine of all. Thank you, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, for helping us accomplish this goal!

Happy Birthday

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Percy Plante 10/3

Will Tucker 10/19

Nan Blake 10/28

Best wishes and blessings from your Whitepine Grange family!



Application for Individual Subordinate Grange Membership

To the officers and members of Whitepine Grange No. 102
(Please Print Grange Name)

I _____ respectfully petition to be initiated and enrolled as
(Please Print Your Full Name)

a member in your Grange. In presenting this application, I am influenced by no motive other than a desire to unite with others in elevating and advancing the interest of my community through the principles of the Grange and receiving in return such benefits and advantages as may accrue to all who belong to the Grange. I promise a faithful compliance with the By-Laws of this Grange, the By-Laws of the State Grange of California and the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Grange. I have not applied for and been rejected for membership in any other Grange within the past six months.

Mail with payment to: Whitepine Grange, PO Box 1313, Trout Creek, MT 59874

Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

Application fee \$ none (must accompany application) Annual Dues \$ _____
Individual Adult \$35, Family \$70

Recommended by 1: _____ 2: _____

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