



"Whitepine Whispers"

News of Whitepine Grange #102

9 Faro Lane, Trout Creek, MT 59874

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It's Really Happening!

After 60 years, Whitepine Grange is finally getting WINDOWS!!

There's just no substitute for real sunlight and fresh air. Finally, 60 years after its original construction, Whitepine Grange is getting windows installed.

Work began on Wed., Feb. 23, by Cottrell's Construction which won the bid for the windows and re-siding project. Mason Cottrell and his wife Tricia, who are Whitepine Grange members and Trout Creek residents, put their crew to work on the window project immediately, anticipating the indoor work will be finished and cleaned up in ample time for the Pomona Potluck/Meeting we're hosting there on March 6.

The new windows will be 3' x 3' vinyl sliders, which will also let some welcomed fresh air into the building on warm summer days.



Joe Milner of Cottrell's Construction marks the spot for a new window in the Grange hall.

One negative discovery made by the Cottrell crew: the walls have NO insulation, and the attic insulation is sparse at best. Adding insulation to the walls would be cost prohibitive, but blowing new insulation into the attic is definitely possible, as soon as "Friends of Whitepine Grange" can raise enough money (several thousand dollars more) for that improvement.

It's also been suggested we purchase an entire new front door to improve our energy efficiency and security. Again, this will happen with the financial support of donors.

Removal of the old vinyl siding and installation of the new metal siding should happen within the month. It will be white, in keeping with the building's tradition, with green trim.

For timely renovation updates: check out the Whitepine Grange page on Facebook!



Tricia Cottrell touches up the wall above the kitchen window box.

Don't cook dinner on Sunday, March 6!



Come to the Grange's big Pomona Potluck instead. If you like baked spiral sliced ham, come over at 1pm and partake. Bring a side dish to share. Coffee and tableware will be provided.

Following the early dinner will be a "Pomona" Grange meeting....this is a gathering of Granges from throughout our area. We get together to compare notes and make plans for the year ahead. It's fun to meet other Grangers and to observe the correct rituals of a traditional Grange meeting.

The Pomona Potluck/Meeting is open to all Grange members plus their families and guests. Questions? Call Jan, 406-827-6385.

We hope to see you on **Sunday, March 6,**

Rent the Grange for your event!



Planning a baby shower? A reception? A candidates' forum or public meeting? Rent the Grange for just \$25. We have tables, chairs and a PA system, plus a kitchen and easy parking. Great venue! Call Jan, 406-827-6385 for details, or contact whitepinegrange@gmail.com.

Grange Calendar March 2022

- Tues., March 1 Doggy Boot Camp, Week 3, 10:30
Line Dancing, 3pm
- Wed., March 2 Ruff 'n' Rowdy Dog Class, 10:30
Rally Drop-in, 2pm
- Sat., March 5 Private Dog Lesson, 10am
- Sun., March 6 Pomona Potluck & Meeting, 1pm
- Mon., March 7 Kinds' Tumbling Class, 4:30
- Tues., March 8 Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 4 (final), 10:30
Line Dancing, 3pm
- Wed., March 9 Ruff 'n' Rowdy Dog Class, 10:30
Rally Drop-In, 2pm
- Thurs., March 10 Dancercize with Dogs, 11am
- Mon., March 14 Kids' Tumbling Class, 4:30
- Tues., March 15 Line Dancing, 3pm
- Wed., March 16 Ruff 'n' Rowdy Dog Class, 10:30
Rally Drop-In, 2pm
- Thurs., March 17 Dancercize with Dogs (final), 11am
- Mon., March 21 Kids' Tumbling Class, 4:30
- Tues., March 22 Doggy Boot Camp, Week 1, 10:30
Line Dancing, 3pm
GRANGE MONTHLY MEETING 6:30
- Wed., March 23 Ruff 'n' Rowdy Dog Class, 10:30
Rally Drop-In, 2pm
- Mon., March 28 Kids' Tumbling Class, 4:30
- Tues., March 29 Doggy Boot Camp, Week 2, 10:30
Line Dancing, 3pm
- Wed., March 30 Ruff 'n' Rowdy Dog Class, 10:30
Rally Drop-In, 2pm

The Grange strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy and agriculture awareness. Not yet a member? Join today! Membership form on page 5.

www.whitepinegrange.com

Whitepine Grange #102 now has 45 members!!

“Hey, how do we pay for all this construction stuff?!”

Let's talk about our Grange building. It's old. It's historic. It sat dormant for several decades, and NOW it has come back to life! With all the new activities happening there, we need to improve the old gal to make her safe and sound for the next several generations of Sanders County residents.

“Friends of Whitepine Grange,” a 501.c.3 nonprofit formed solely to raise funds for grange building improvements and maintenance, successfully accumulated enough money for a new roof last year. This year, with the help of a couple really generous donors plus lots of smaller donations, we have enough to *START* the windows/re-siding project. We do *NOT* have enough to finish it. This is not the normal, acceptable way to tackle projects or investments, but it was necessary for the Grange. The building itself was in jeopardy of survival without the action we are now taking to fix it up. So we proceed on faith and determination.

We're writing grant requests like crazy. We deserve these grants; however, there is lag time between applying for grants and receiving them (if we're lucky enough to win them).

We launched a *GoFundMe* campaign which brought in a few hundred dollars, but we have since cancelled our alliance with *GoFundMe* after realizing it was a less than reputable organization.

So what's left? We're back to asking for money. **OUR BUILDING IS WORTH IT!!** We currently have about six separate groups, representing close to 90 people, using the Grange on a regular basis. We are recruiting more groups and members every day. Sanders County *NEEDS* this building! Most of our revenue comes from rentals, and that's barely enough to pay the propane bills, let alone cover major construction improvements.

If you can help us with \$25, \$50, \$200 or whatever, we will use it to insure your future use of this building. Donations can be made to “Friends of Whitepine Grange,” and they are tax deductible. Please send them to PO Box 1313, Trout Creek, MT 59874, or just bring them to First Security Bank in Thompson Falls. Thanks for helping us keep the faith!!



Clean out your closets for Grange Yard Sale in June

The biggest yard sale weekend of the year is June 24-25 right here in Sanders County, and Whitepine Grange will participate in this annual event.

Please clean out your closets, basements, and storage units and donate good, clean, serviceable items to the Grange for this fund-raising event. We will begin taking donations in April. While it's said that “one person's junk is another person's treasure,” we respectfully request **NO JUNK** at all, etc. In other words, don't donate things that you wouldn't have considered buying and using yourself. Let's sell everything rather than take it to the dump the following week.

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*Thank you ahead
of time for
thinking of the
Grange!*



The Grange yard sale on June 24-25 will be indoor/outdoor.

Bison ranching is a hot topic

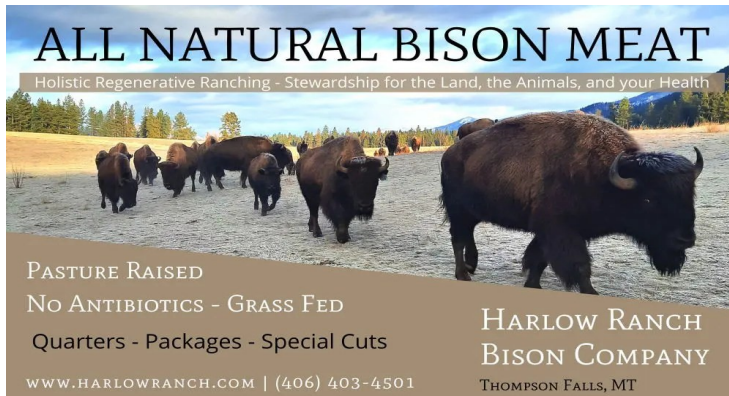
Our February grange meeting featured **Melinda Harlow Anakalea** as a guest speaker. She is a bison rancher from right here in Thompson Falls.

Anakalea answered a multitude of questions from a very engaged audience: how do you vet the bison? how much acreage do you need? how big a herd do you need to make a profit? how much do they eat?

Her Harlow family established a cattle ranch in 1919 and evolved into a bison ranch just a few years ago. She shared her experiences working with and managing the magnificent animals whose meat offers so much more nutrition than standard beef.

The Harlow Bison Ranch sells all-natural bison meat, pasture raised and grass fed with no antibiotics. Their philosophy is “holistic regenerative ranching—stewardship for the land, the animals, and your health.” For more information, or to arrange purchases or ranch tours, contact Harlow Ranch Bison Company at (406) 402-4501.

Thank you, Melinda and Adam Anakalea, for this wonderful presentation at our Grange meeting!



Did someone say BINGO?

Whitepine Grange is planning to offer BINGO once a month on Thursday evenings. We are in the process of organizing and setting some dates. STAY TUNED!

Kids will be tumbling

Melissa Evans will start a tumbling class at Whitepine Grange for kids on Monday, March 7. This is a 4-week class for kids 6-12. For more information, contact Melissa at sportsfourme@gmail.com.

Ruff ‘n’ Rowdy Wednesday goes to the dogs

If your dog needs socialization and impulse control training, drop in at the Grange on Wednesdays at 10:30 for “Ruff ‘n’ Rowdy” class. This is for reactive dogs who desperately need a day out for social interaction with you and other dogs. We play soccer, horseshoes, basketball, we bowl, and we do lots of control exercises to desensitize your dog to lots of “triggers.” It’s a barrel of fun for everyone. \$5 drop-in fee. All dogs must be leashed. Call Jan for more info, 406-827-6385.

The cabbages are coming



More on this venture next month!! Stay tuned!



Beginner Tumbling & Acro

Mondays: 4:30-5:30pm
March 7, 14, 21 & 28

Ages 6-12
\$50 (for the month)

The White Pine Grange #102
9 Faro Ln., Trout Creek, MT

This class offers your child opportunity to practice new skills, learn teamwork and burn off a little springtime energy!

The instructor, Melissa Evans, has taught beginner recreational classes at Northwest Gymnastics and amateur AcroSports for a homeschool co-op.

E-mail: sportsfourme@gmail.com to register and receive your waiver form.





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 **Montana** 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: _____

This Section must be completed by Applicant			
Street Address:		City	State
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Date of Birth:	Phone Number ()	Email Address	
Occupation (if retired, please list occupation you retired from)			Retired? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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