



"Whitepine Whispers"

News of Whitepine Grange #102

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The Grange building is a busy place again!

Word is getting out that Whitepine Grange is a GREAT place to hold meetings, retreats and classes. Our calendar (**page 2**) is filling up!

If you know someone who'd like to use the building for a coming event, let them know how reasonable it is (starting at \$25) and remind them that Grange members get to use it at no cost provided they offer a donation to cover the utilities.

(Right) Quilters from the area gathered at Whitepine Grange last month for four solid days of a quilting retreat. Quilter Patty English, a Grange member, says the women enjoyed it so much they're going to

book Whitepine Grange for an encore event in October 2022. As Charlotte Beaudry, co-organizer of the event, said, "These women really appreciate the opportunity to come in and work on their projects without the interruptions of daily life."



(Left) The Grange hosted a day of Halloween-themed obedience games for the Wednesday "reactive dog class" on Oct. 27. Here the dogs are sit-staying on command by their owners and quietly waiting for the treats to be distributed into their pumpkins. This class is very popular for handlers whose dogs are overly boisterous or sometimes aggressive toward other dogs, because it teaches them self control and manners.

Grange Calendar November 2021

Tues, Nov. 2	Line Dancing, afternoon
Tues., Nov. 2	Dog Tricks Class, 6pm
Wed., Nov. 3	Reactive Dog Class, 10:30am
Sat., Nov. 6	Neighborly Alliance, 3pm
Tues., Nov. 9	Doggy Boot Camp, 10:30am
Tues., Nov. 9	Line Dancing, afternoon
Tues., Nov. 9	Dog Tricks Class, 6pm
Wed., Nov. 10	Reactive Dog Class, 10:30am
Thurs., Nov. 11	Neighborly Alliance, 3pm
Sat., Nov. 13	Sewing group
Sun., Nov. 14	Sewing group
Tues., Nov. 16	Doggy Boot Camp, 10:30am
Tues., Nov. 16	Line Dancing, afternoon
Tues., Nov. 16	Dog Tricks Class, 6pm
Wed., Nov. 17	Reactive Dog Class, 10:30am
Sat., Nov. 20	Craft Bazaar
Tues., Nov. 23	Doggy Boot Camp, 10:30am
Tues., Nov. 23	Line Dancing, afternoon
Tues., Nov. 23	Grange Monthly Meeting, 7pm
Wed., Nov. 24	Reactive Dog Class, 10:30am
Thurs., Nov. 25	THANKSGIVING
Sat., Nov. 27	Santa Photos, 1pm
Tues., Nov. 30	Doggy Boot Camp, 10:30am
Tues., Nov. 30	Line Dancing, afternoon
Tues., Nov. 30	Dog Tricks Class, 6pm

**Next Grange Meeting is
Tues., Nov. 23, 7pm**

(but come at 6:30 for cookies and coffee!)

**Special Program:
All About Ham Radios**

Cornucopia of Crafts!

*A pre-Thanksgiving Craft
Bazaar of artistic bounty!*

Saturday, Nov. 20

9am to 4pm

Whitepine Grange

Local crafters (11 altogether) will be selling their unique items. Don't miss this chance to pick up hand-made, quality gifts for Thanksgiving hosts and guests...and for yourself!

Sponsored by Whitepine Grange #102

Hosted by Lori Wilson and Linda Yeargin

This year, shop **LOCALLY**..get hand-made gifts **MADE IN THE U.S.A!!**

**Photos with Santa
Sat., Nov. 27, 1 to 3pm
Whitepine Grange**

Bring your kids, pets, and families for great pro-quality photos with Santa Claus. Photos are \$10 donation to the Whitepine Grange and will go toward the "Words for Thirds" Dictionary Project for third-graders. You will receive your photos by email within 2 days after the photo shoot, so you can immediately use them for photo greeting cards! See samples from last year on page 4!

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

Contact Jan at sandersagility@gmail.com

“What’s growing on?” (News from the Oct. 26 meeting)



The October meeting was held Tuesday, Oct 26, at 7pm and was well attended, with 19 Grange members present (plus one small Shihtzu belonging to Bill Beck).

Our guest for the well attended meeting was Preston Wenz, superintendent of Trout Creek School District. He spoke about the new garden project they’ve begun at the school, and ways the community can help it along. The garden, he says, will have a dual purpose: first, it will teach kids about gardening , growing things, and even possibly the business side of selling their produce. It will also supplement the food available for the school lunch program.

Steve Cobb, member of Whitepine Grange, queried whether the garden would be the sustainable variety which would produce seeds for subsequent years of plantings. Cobb and several other Grangers expressed interest in getting involved, and the membership passed a resolution to step in, as Whitepine Grange #102, and help out wherever we could. After all, the Grange is



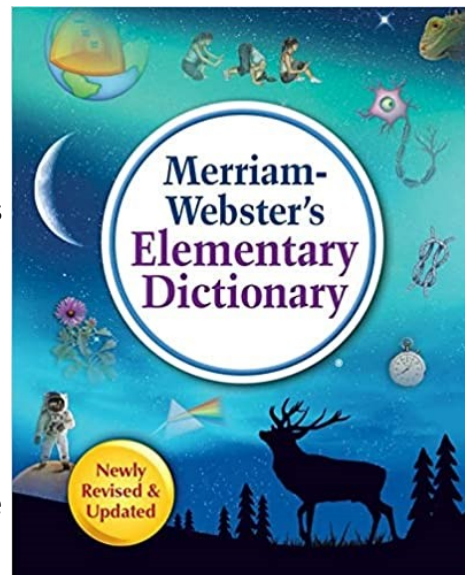
about growing things, particularly for its local citizenry!

In other business at the October 26 meeting, the membership approved its first-ever set of by-laws, which will now be sent to the State Grange and Secretary of State for their records. Since the early days, Whitepine Grange has operated without its own by-laws and simply followed the Montana State Grange by-laws. Now we have our own, which will serve as a guiding beacon to light our way forward as a healthy organization.

Jan Manning, Whitepine Grange president, reported on the Montana State Grange Convention she attended last month in Hamilton. Highlights of the State Convention are mentioned in her account on page 5.

The Grange also voted to adopt an anonymous needy family for Christmas and provide them with specific gifts they need and desire. The “Christmas family” program is sponsored by Sanders County Coalition for Families (SCCFF). By early November, SCCFF will have a family for us to shop for this Christmas. We will know clothing sizes for each family member and then can go out and shop for these items. Presents should not be wrapped. All presents will be delivered to SCCFF, which will do the wrapping and delivering. If you’ve ever thought it would be fun to be a “secret Santa,” here is your chance. Stay tuned for more details.

We also voted to resume the “Words for Thirds” project, which purchases dictionaries for all third-graders in our area. “Words for Thirds” has been a long-standing annual Grange project throughout the U.S. for years. Since its inception several decades ago, Granges like Whitepine have donated nearly two million elementary-level dictionaries to individual third-graders. Whitepine will partner with Thompson Falls Grange, sharing costs, to service schools in the west end of the county.



The Gallery: Photos with Santa, 2020

Don't miss the same event on Nov. 27 this year, 1 to 3pm. Proceeds go to support "Words for Thirds" dictionary project!



Thank you, Ron Weygint, for your gallant and patient help as "The Man."

**\$10
Donation**

Come get YOUR picture taken with Santa this year.

Sat., Nov. 27, 1 to 3pm at Whitepine Grange

We did good at State!

By Jan Manning, president, Whitepine Grange

As your president, it was a great pleasure for me to attend the Montana State Grange convention in Hamilton last month. I learned a ton and got as inspired as if I'd gone to an Amway convention! The Grange is a GREAT organization, not only for rural families but for kids! There are SO many opportunities for our kids to learn responsible leadership skills in the Grange's programs, and I hope to bring these programs to Whitepine Grange for all of you. Especially in these present times, we need to form coalitions of cooperative neighbors who can work together for the common good. This is what the Grange does best!! If you're not a member, please join. If you are a member, stay active on committees because the Grange is about DOING things to help our neighbors and ourselves!

The photo shows me accepting an award from Marilyn Johnson, the Montana State Grange president. Our Whitepine Grange won first place in the "Community Service" project for 2020. All of us volunteered enough hours in community service that we were given this award. Be proud and be inspired. We will do it again in 2021!



Jan Manning, Whitepine Grange president, accepts the Community Service award from Marilyn Johnson, president of the Montana State Grange.

Christmas Parties—Grab Your Calendars!

Christmas Party No. 1

The Pomona Grange Party

Sunday, Dec. 5, 1pm

All Grange members and family welcome!!

Thompson Falls Senior Center

Potluck!!

**Please bring non-perishable canned goods
to donate to the local food banks**

Holiday Party No. 2

Whitepine Grange Christmas & New Year's Party

Tuesday, Dec. 28, 6pm

Potluck!! Gift Exchange! Bingo and Games

All Grange members and family welcome!

Stay tuned for more details! (Watch your email!!)

Join the Grange today for \$35 and get all of 2022 included in your membership. Call 406-827-6385 for more info!