



"Whitepine Whispers"

News of Whitepine Grange #102

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Yard Sale Dog of the Year →

Every year at our big Whitepine Grange Yard Sale, we seem to have some extra-cute pups visit with their human parents. This little guy wins the award for the cutest from the 2023 sale, which took place June 22-23.

The Yard Sale was well attended, and we thank everyone who donated some amazingly nice items for it. We raised a big chunk of money that will be applied toward construction of the new ADA bathroom and retrofitting of the existing one, both on the Grange's main floor.

We have some VERY nice items that did not sell. **Some of them are listed within the pages of this newsletter**, so give it a thorough look!



This little English bulldog pup was definitely NOT FOR SALE but he deserved to have his picture taken!



Oneida Silverplate Serving Pieces for sale!

We have nine of these exquisite silver platters and serving bowls, brand new in the box, all by Oneida. They did not sell at the Yard Sale where we asked typically \$20 each for them. You can now buy ALL of them if you'd like for \$150. The money goes toward our ADA Bathroom remodeling project. These make wonderful "extra special" gifts for brides, housewarmings, or just for occasionally "puttin' on the Ritz!" Contact Jan, 406-827-6385, if you would like to take them ALL home, AND help the Grange!

COMMIT YOURSELF

From the Grangemaster:

I need to be committed!

Nope, this is not a plea for someone to admit me to the care of Nurse Ratched at Oregon State Hospital! It is, instead, a statement of the type of person I choose to be.

There needs to be a little more COMMITMENT in people these days.

Marriages don't stay solvent without COMMITMENT.

Difficult tasks are not completed without COMMITMENT. Financial, professional, and sports goals are not realized without COMMITMENT. If I want to get something done, I need to be COMMITTED to the task.

In everyday terms, a COMMITMENT is a promise you make to others who are depending on you to get a job completed. When you break the commitment, you break the promise. Ouch! Who wants to be that kind of person?

Of course, the easiest path is to simply not make COMMITMENTS. Leave those to someone else. After all, someone else will always take up the slack for you, right? After all, the government does it all the time. Let someone else do it, whether it's the government or a small group of volunteers who always come through in a crisis. You will be taken care of by others, right?

How many of you, when asked to volunteer your time for a worthy project, say, "Oh, I'd like to, but I JUST CAN'T COMMIT TO IT RIGHT NOW." That's an easy way out for most people. And it basically means you don't care enough about the mission. Let someone else do it.

Stop looking for the easy way out of COMMITMENT. Yes, you CAN commit to some part of a service project. Let your conscience guide you.. Get involved. Take ownership. Find pride in what you do. Know that your volunteer efforts are serving a cause even greater than yourself. Make the world just a little bit better place. Volunteer for projects, and honor your COMMITMENT.



Jan Manning

FOR SALE
*Gorgeous Porcelain
 Soup Terrine*
No cracks, chips or blemishes!

\$20

Wanted!

Picnic Tables
 In good condition.
 One or two. Contact
 Whitepine Grange.

Whitepine Grange #102 Officers 2023

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Summer Events at Whitepine Grange



Saturday, July 8:

Biffy Painting Party & Picnic!

11:30 to 1:30, Whitepine Grange

Help us decorate the old outhouse! Paint will be provided. YOU provide the creativity.

Bring the kids and have them paint their own decorations on it!

Bring your own picnic lunches.

Tuesday, July 25

Brent Hudson, "Bear Aware" presentation

7pm, Whitepine Grange

Free and open to the public

Brent Hudson, the professional bear guard and survivor of a Kodiak bear attack, returns to teach us how to avoid problems with bears while recreating in our great outdoors.

Don't miss this exceptional presentation, brought back by popular demand!

Cancer Network Fundraiser on June 17:

Someone got really lucky!!

The turnout was disappointingly low, with less than 20 attending the Cancer Network Fundraising Dinner that was organized and hosted by Friends of Whitepine Grange on Sat., June 17.

Nonetheless, those who showed up were treated to a great dinner of traditional Cajun gumbo (sausage and chicken) and Cajun cake. The dinner was FREE and open to the public, and guests were even invited to bring their own beer to the event.

Two games were held to raise funds for the Cancer Network. Of Sanders County. One was an egg-drop game. Thirty eggs sat in a tray, and only two of the eggs were hard-boiled. Participants could buy an egg for \$20 each and then, when all the eggs were sold, they lined up to break their eggs into a big bowl. Whoever purchased one of the hard-boiled eggs won a \$200 gift certificate to Harvest Food. That person was Wyatt Clawson, one of our Junior Grange members, from Trout Creek.

The second game was "Heads or Tails." Participants could buy into the game for \$10. Just before a coin toss (by Don Manning), contestants would declare "heads" by placing their hands on their heads, or "Tails" by placing their hands on their rear ends. Each time the coin was tossed and results revealed, those who guessed wrong would be eliminated.

The last man standing in this event was—you guessed it—Wyatt Clawson once again! This time the 11-year-old won a \$200 to the Trout Creek Local Store.

Happiest of all were his grandparents who promised Wyatt he could buy some ice cream, and his 12-year-old sister Neveah could buy a pizza. The rest went into the family grocery fund.



That magical moment....Wyatt breaks his egg and discovers it's a winner. Susan McFarland, Whitepine Grange volunteer, affirms with delight.

Due to the low turnout for the dinner, Friends of Whitepine Grange was only able to raise \$230 for the Cancer Network. This was generously augmented by a check from Trout Creek Community Improvement Association which donated \$1,500 to be presented through the Grange.

At left, Kenda Brester oversees the table of eggs while Wyatt shows off his \$200 gift certificate, flanked by grandmother Juanita Triplett, grandfather Cal Pomeranke, and sister Neveah.



The Hall is alive with the sound of music!

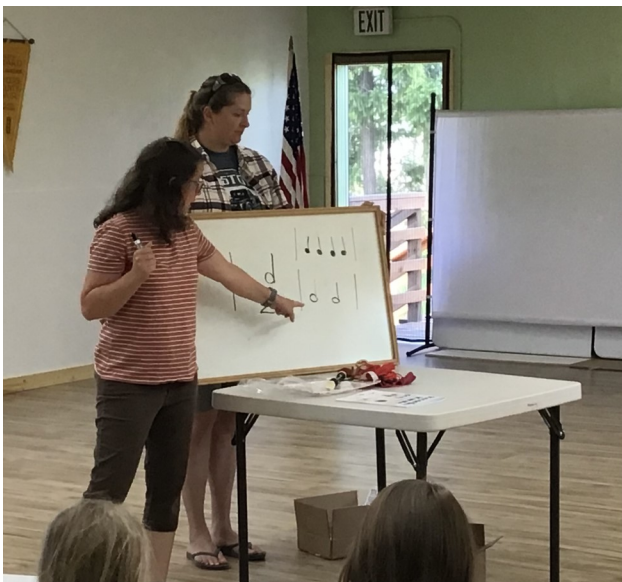
On Monday, June 26, 11 youngsters from the area launched on a new adventure: learning how to play the recorder.

The young musicians who have joined the summer class at Whitepine Grange range in age from 5 to 12. Some have limited musical training, but most have none.

Taylor Etienne, Noxon elementary school music teacher, is remedying that. With help of retired kindergarten teacher Sue Marsh, Thompson Falls, she's showing the kids how to read music, keep time, and toot out familiar tunes like "Hot Cross Buns."

The recorders and class materials were purchased from a grant from the Mockingbird Foundation, which encourages musical training for youngsters. The students get to keep the recorders for good if they finish the seven-week program at Whitepine Grange.

Their big goal now is to prepare for a special concert at Huckleberry Festival in Trout Creek on Sat., Aug. 12.



Help! This group needs a name.

Come up with a great name for this musical ensemble and you'll win a front-row seat to the concert at Trout Creek's Huckleberry Festival on Sat., Aug. 12. Submit your suggestions to:

whitepinegrange@gmail.com

Do you like the things Whitepine Grange is doing? Let us know! We want and need your support to become the Community Center our area needs!

Marty Stuart: Another chance for you to **GIVE** and **WIN!**

By Jan Manning

Country music superstar Marty Stuart is coming to the Rex Theater on July 27 for one show. It's a miracle we were able to snag him for our own show in Thompson Falls, as he'll be on his way to Kalispell for a huge concert and then on to the famous "Red Ants" music festival in White Sulphur Springs, where he is a headline act.

Back in 1977 when I was a journalist for Music City News in Nashville, my friends and I would hang out most weeknights at the original Station Inn, a bluegrass joint where the nightly entertainment was a jam session with the best bluegrass musicians in the country, most of whom were

broke and had nothing better to do than pick each night. Marty Stuart was about 17 at the time and would frequently stop by and sit in with his mandolin for a set or two. Even then, young Marty was a phenome. Though fairly small in stature, he always caused a murmur as he'd saunter in, wearing sharply creased bluejeans and a dapper scarf around his neck. His thick black hair was carefully coiffed and nothing was out of place. He was quiet and sure of himself, with an air of wisdom beyond his years. In short, he didn't quite fit in with our mutually scruffy musician friends. But his musical ability certainly did!

Marty had started his showbiz career just two years earlier when, at age 15, he was recruited to go on the road with the legendary Lester Flatt (as in "Flatt and Scruggs"). That gig subsequently opened every door in the business. Marty married Johnny Cash's daughter, formed his own band (now called "The Fabulous Superlatives"), signed with MCA Records, played on countless recording sessions, wrote musical soundtracks for movies, he's been nominated and won numerous Grammys, and later married the woman of his long-time dreams, recording star Connie Smith of the Grand Ole Opry.

Oh, and he also had his own TV show. All these decades later, I still think of Marty as that young kid in the creased bluejeans at the Station Inn. Even then, everyone just knew Marty was destined for greatness. We frankly expected this show at the Rex would sell out overnight.

It's a mystery that there are still tickets available. If you want to see true greatness once in your life, in your own little theater in Thompson Falls, reserve your tickets NOW. Treat yourself; you are worth it! And so is Marty Stuart! Call Deb at Edward D. Jones, 406-827-2300 to purchase your tickets!

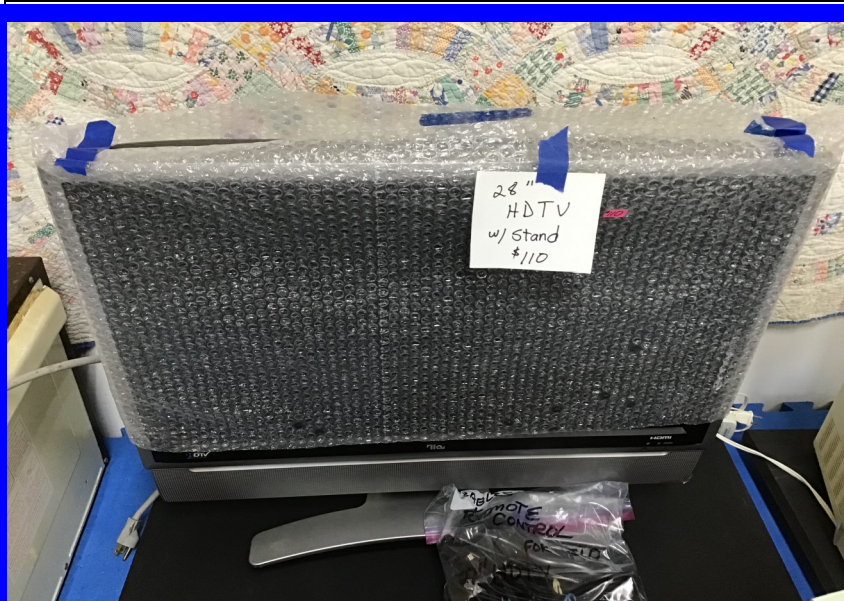
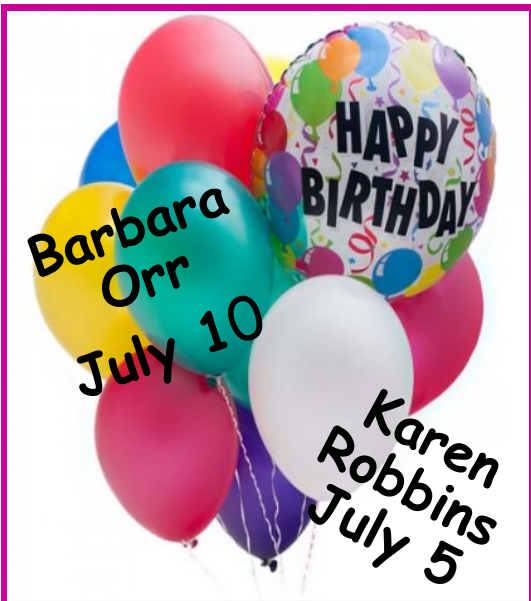


**Tickets are \$100, but
you can win one for \$10!**

**Whitepine Grange has ONE
Marty Stuart ticket (worth
\$100) to raffle off. Raffle
tickets are \$10 each. Only
40 will be sold. Winner will
be drawn as soon as all 40
tickets are sold. To purchase
a raffle ticket, contact Jan at
whitepinegrange@gmail.co**

or call 406-827-6385.

**Proceeds from this raffle will go
toward Whitepine Grange's ADA
restroom project.**



Yard Sale Leftover:

28" HDTV, mint shape, clean

All cables plus swivel stand included.

Perfect for your kitchen!

Make a Reasonable Offer!

Proceeds benefit the Whitepine Grange ADA Restroom Project!

Email: whitepinegrange@gmail.com

**Rent the Grange
for your Event!**
**Nice, affordable,
convenient!**
Call 406-827-6385 for info.

FOR SALE

Christmas Village

About 40 pieces, exquisitely painted, perfect condition.

Complete set \$100

Proceeds benefit Whitepine Grange ADA Restroom Project!

Email: whitepinegrange@gmail.com



Are you **BEAR AWARE?**

Professional Bear Guard is returning for encore presentation

Tues., July 25

7pm

Whitepine Grange

Free Admission



Brent Hudson spent 38 years as a professional bear guard in Alaska, Canada and parts of the U.S. He has studied and encountered, and guided hunters to thousands of bears of all species in North America.

He also survived a brutal attack by a Kodiak bear, and now has dedicated his life to helping others avoid “bear encounters of the worst kind.”

Last year Hudson presented his “Be Bear Aware” class at Whitepine Grange and kept the large audience enthralled for more than two hours. During his presentations Hudson covers everything from bear behavior to migratory trends, pointing out that the threat of bears to humans is rising exponentially with changes in hunting legislation, development of wilderness land, and more humans recreating in the back country.

Hudson will return for another two-hour presentation on **Tuesday, July 25, 7pm at Whitepine Grange**. His presentation is geared toward average recreationalists—hikers, mountain bikers, campers, backcountry horse folks—venturing into the Montana great outdoors. You may be shocked at some of the photos and first-hand accounts he has, but you will never forget the advice he imparts. It is grounded in experience and knowledge.



Join Whitepine Grange today!

For yourself, your family, your rural neighbors & community!

MEMBERSHIP TYPES - Check Box

Individual Membership: \$35/year Family Membership: \$70/year

Name: _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Date of Birth ____/____/____ Phone _____

Email (please print clearly) _____

What are your hobbies? (so we can plan programs of interest to you and maybe utilize your expertise) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

For Family Memberships:

Spouse/Partner's Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Date of Birth ____/____/____ Phone _____
Email (please print clearly) _____
Children:

Date of Birth ____/____/____

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Seven winning reasons to join Whitepine Grange:

- Build a support network with your rural neighbors.
- Great monthly programs on topics of local interest.
- Family friendly activities like potlucks, parties, dances and Bingo.
- Community service projects like highway cleanup, the dictionary program, Family & Friends shut-in outreach, and military care packages.
- Exercise classes for all ages.
- A gathering place for neighbors.
- Your membership dollars help pay for upgrades and maintenance for this historic building. Whitepine Grange was chartered in 1938. The building was constructed in 1961. In 2023 the Grange is still going strong! Join Whitepine Grange #102 and become part of its long, wonderful story!



Please make checks to "Whitepine Grange #102"
Return this form, with payment, to any Whitepine Grange officer, or mail to:

Whitepine Grange #102
PO Box 1313
Trout Creek, MT 59874