



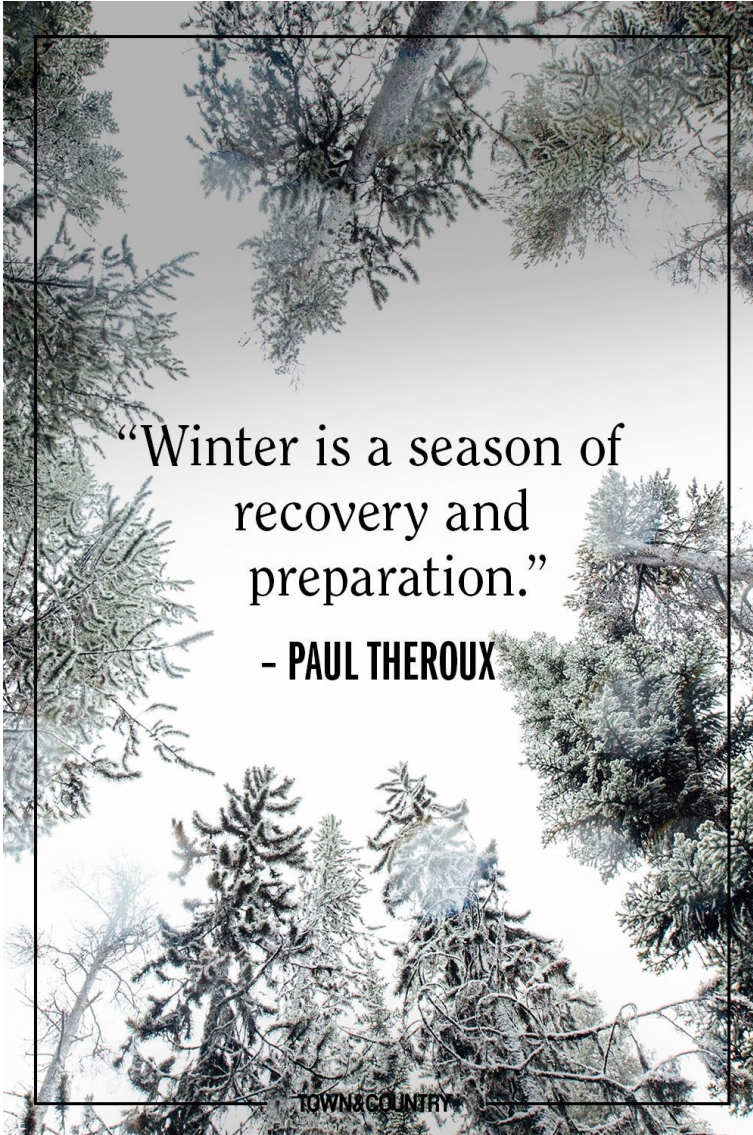
# “Whitepine Whispers”

News of Whitepine Grange #102

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## Enjoy this respite . . . and get ready for Spring projects!

As Grangers, we’re all anxious to start growing things again. Winter can make us impatient as we look through seed catalogs and daydream about balmy days spent outside absorbing the sunshine.

Winter gives everything a chance to renew, whether it’s the soil or our souls.

At Whitepine Grange we prepare for the coming crops of new projects. Among them:

1. Getting new siding and windows installed;
2. Landscaping the area around the Grange Hall to make it nicer for picnics and outdoor activities;
3. Making some improvements to the drainage area on the south side of the building;
4. Putting up signage at our parking lot entrance;
5. Getting new flooring to cover the original sub-floor in the hall;
6. Recruiting youngsters for our Grange Youth Programs;
7. Finding new ways we can be of service to our rural neighbors.

Are you ready? You’d better sit down next to the fire with another cup of coffee. Enjoy this downtime. Tis the season to prepare for spring fun!

## Finally . . . A website for Whitepine Grange #102!

Now you can look up information in past newsletters , download membership applications, check the latest goings-on, and even donate to various Grange projects at our new website, [www.whitepinegrange.com](http://www.whitepinegrange.com). When you go there, please note the menu bar at the top of the homepage. This includes the buttons for **HOMEPAGE, NEWSLETTERS, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, FAQ, QUOTE, and DONATE**. Soon we’ll be adding a blog. We also have a new email address for general Grange business: [whitepinegrange@gmail.com](mailto:whitepinegrange@gmail.com).

## You've got news!!

Not so many pictures this month, but we've got "meat-and-potatoes" news for you!

So let's start... ↓

### 1. You can now pay Grange dues and donate with PayPal!

Whitepine Grange now has its own PayPal account, so you can pay your membership dues right now on-line with your credit card if you choose!



And a reminder . . . **If you joined the Grange BEFORE AUGUST of 2021, your dues for 2022 are due NOW.** We must have them by the end of February to report them to the Montana State Grange. If you have any questions about your status, please ask our secretary, Patty English, at [whitepinelady@yahoo.com](mailto:whitepinelady@yahoo.com). Or you can call Patty at 406-827-9446.

Paying on-line with PayPal is this simple:

1. Go to [PayPal.com](https://www.paypal.com)
2. Enter the email address for Whitepine Grange. It is: [whitepinegrange@gmail.com](mailto:whitepinegrange@gmail.com)
3. Fill in the dollar amount you want to pay, and then follow the prompts. It takes about 15 seconds, and it's safe!

One more reminder . . . Dues are **\$35 annually for an individual adult, and \$70 annually for a couple or family.** Our Grange keeps only \$5 from each member and must turn in the rest to the State Grange. So if you'd like to throw in a little extra for **your** Grange, it would be greatly appreciated! Thanks!

*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](http://www.whitepinegrange.com)



### 2. There's a *Pomona* coming...

No, this is not a storm warning. A "Pomona" is a gathering of all the Granges in our big district neighborhood for a meeting and potluck luncheon.

Whitepine Grange will be hosting the next one, slated for **Sunday, March 6, at 1pm.** Mark your calendars now...come see and learn how Granges conduct this meeting, be a part of the decisions they make, and take part in that wonderful lunch banquet.

Whitepine Grange will be providing the main dish—probably roasted turkey. You, as members, can bring side dishes and desserts. Come hungry. Meet your fellow Grangers from Thompson Falls and Hot Springs and maybe even faraway and exotic places like Kalispell and Anaconda.

An early potluck is always a good excuse not to cook an entire Sunday dinner at home. See you on March 6!



**SNOW DAY** \snow-day\  
noun

1. a day when no farms are closed and farmers and ranchers work through cold winds and heavy snow to tend to their livestock and land.

### 3. First bunch of CARE packages shipped



Thanks to the generosity of donors and the hard work of Grange members Ruth and Will Tucker, the first installment of EIGHT boxes jam-packed with goodies has been shipped out to military troops, all from Montana, and all serving overseas.

Most of the donated items were collected from Whitepine Grangers at the holiday party on Dec. 28. From there, the Tuckers took on the job of packing, filling out customs forms, and delivering to the Trout Creek Post Office in large flat-rate boxes.

Since then, we have received more cash donations to cover

the shipping costs of 15 more boxes! With true gratitude to our donors, we can now look forward to two more shipments later this year. At that time, we'll send out a request for the items—things like chewing gum, lense wipes, candy, batteries and the most loved of all: HOME MADE COOKIES.

### 4. Welcome our new Whitepine Grange members

- Cal Pomrenke, Juanita Triplett, and grandchildren Wyatt and Nevaeh, Trout Creek
- David and Chelle Mitchell, Thompson Falls
- Liz Hudson, Trout Creek
- Debbie Albright, Trout Creek
- Beth Chestnut, Trout Creek
- Kaitlyn Havens, Trout Creek

Members are valuable to the Grange...and the Grange is of value to THEM. Sign up your family today!

**Application on page 5.**

### 5. Money for College & Tech School: Apply by **Feb. 25!**

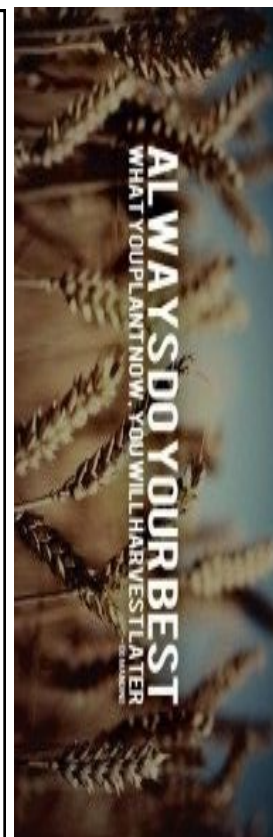
The Montana State Grange offers college and vocational training scholarships of \$500 for qualifying high schoolers graduating in 2022.

**Application deadline is Feb. 25.**

The applicant must be a high school graduate or have an equivalent GED at the time the scholarship is paid. At the time the scholarship is paid, the applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student (based on the educational institution's definition of full-time for under-graduate or graduate studies). Proof of registration must be provided at the actual time of the scholarship payment.

This is for students going on to continued education at an accredited college or vocational school. Applicants will be judged on financial need, volunteer work in the community, church or Grange, letters of reference, and other criteria. Students need not be Grange members to apply.

For a complete application package, please contact Jan Manning at [whitepinegrange@gmail.com](mailto:whitepinegrange@gmail.com). And remember, **the application deadline is Feb. 25, 2022!**



# Rent Whitepine Grange for Your Event!



Rent the Grange Hall, with kitchen, for as little as \$25 a day. Good lighting, PA system, propane heat. Clean and affordable! Contact Jan Manning today at [whitepinegrange@gmail.com](mailto:whitepinegrange@gmail.com), or call 406-827-6385.

## Grange Calendar February 2022

Tues., Feb. 1	Doggy Boot Camp, Week 3, 10:30
Tues., Feb. 1	Line Dancing, 3pm
Tues., Feb. 1	Dog Trick Class , 6pm (tentative)
Wed., Feb. 2	Ruff N Rowdy Dog Class, 10:30
Wed., Feb. 2	Dog Rally Class, 3pm
Thurs., Feb. 3	Dancercize with Dogs, 11am
Sat., Feb. 5	Sewing Retreat, noon
Tues., Feb. 8	Doggy Boot Camp, Week 4, 10:30
Tues., Feb. 8	Line Dancing, 3pm
Tues., Feb. 8	Dog Trick Class, 6pm (tentative)
Wed., Feb. 9	Ruff N Rowdy Dog Class, 10:30
Wed., Feb. 9	Dog Rally Class, 3pm
Thurs., Feb. 10	Dancercize with Dogs, 11am
Tues., Feb. 15	Doggy Boot Camp Make-up Class, 10:30
Tues., Feb. 15	Line Dancing, 3pm
Tues., Feb. 15	Dog Tricks Class, 6pm (tentative)
Wed., Feb. 16	Ruff N Rowdy Dog Class, 10:30
Thurs., Feb. 17	Dancercize with Dogs, 11am
Tues., Feb. 22	Doggy Boot Camp, Week 1, 10:30
Tues., Feb. 22	Line Dancing, 3pm
Tues., Feb. 22	Dog Tricks Class, 6pm (tentative)
<b>Tues., Feb. 22</b>	<b>Whitepine Grange Meeting 6:30</b>
Wed., Feb. 23	Ruff N Rowdy Dog Class, 10:30
Wed., Feb. 23	Dog Rally Class, 3pm
Thurs., Feb. 24	Dancercize with Dogs, 11am

## Whitepine Grange Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2022

Grange members are encouraged to mark these dates on your 2022 calendar and ATTEND MEETINGS.

Monthly meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month. We need our members present to help make decisions about our activities and services. Your voice is critical. Plus...our meetings are a lot of fun!! Each month we feature a guest speaker. Our upcoming topics will be on veterinary acupuncture, hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, Amazon's early days, dog-assisted school reading programs, how to grow great irises, and more.

If you know of a topic or speaker with an inspiring, informative or educational message, please contact Jan Manning at [whitepinegrange@gmail.com](mailto:whitepinegrange@gmail.com)

**FEBRUARY 22**

**MARCH 22**

**APRIL 26**

**MAY 24**

**JUNE 28**

**JULY 26**

**AUGUST 23**

**SEPTEMBER 27**

**OCTOBER 25**

**NOVEMBER 22**

**DECEMBER 27**





## 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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