



"Whitepine Whispers"

News of Whitepine Grange #102

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"Hey, what's that sound I don't hear?"

THE NOISY MONSTER IS GONE!

It didn't seem like a big deal until you tried to address a group of people in the meeting room on a cold day. The furnace at the back of the room drowned out even those using a microphone.



Alas, our big project of moving the monster down to the basement is completed, thanks to the work of JSI Mechanical of Thompson Falls. New ductwork was installed from the basement, providing even and quiet heat through multiple floor registers upstairs. Many thanks to the **Sample Foundation** of Billings for the grant that made this major improvement possible! It makes our Whitepine Grange facility even more attractive to use as a meeting place for so many community events and classes!



Left: Grange volunteer Nan Blake leans over the bulky furnace and ductwork to repaint walls two years ago.

Top right: The furnace and ductwork are gone, giving us more storage space and QUIET!
Next project: new floors!

Last Call for college scholarship apps!

Grange scholarship apps are due by February 23!

The Montana State Grange has scholarship money available for high school seniors and GED grads to continue their education in college or certified trade schools. The application for applying is Feb. 23.

Applicants need not be Grange members, but must meet other criteria including a 2.5-point grade point average. 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.

For complete judging criteria and an official application form, email Jan Manning at whitepinegrange@gmail.com. Remember that applications must be sent to the Montana State Grange secretary in Helena and **postmarked by Feb. 23.**

Don't let this money go unclaimed! The Grange works hard to provide this financial assistance for Montana's young graduates, and we want to insure that it goes to deserving individuals.

From the president:

PSSST! We're 85 years old!!



And we almost didn't make it! Five years ago this Whitepine Grange building was a derelict, virtually abandoned by the community and waiting to fall down. Together we've brought it back to serve future generations in our rural neighborhood and beyond.

The organization of Whitepine Grange #102 becomes 85 years old on Sat., Jan. 14. These local Grangers started out in 1938, meeting at the Whitepine School and sometimes Whitepine Church, and finally building their own hall across the highway in 1961. As Grange members, we are pieces of history AND promises for the future! The Grange is an organization that brings neighbors together, networking them for individual support and common good. We are going strong in that direction once again, so we're celebrating on **Sun., Jan. 15, with a BIG community birthday party here.** There'll be live music, raffles, silent auction, goodies, prizes and —of course— "MORE." **Our goal is to raise money, through donations, to share with TROUT CREEK SCHOOL LIBRARY.** Admission is free, but donations are welcomed!

We're going to continue sharing with nonprofit groups in the area. Watch for "Donation Night Bingo" in February. Help us choose the nonprofit of the month by sharing some suggestions with me.

It's going to be a great year for all of us in the Whitepine Grange family. Whether you're a member or not, that includes YOU!
—Jan Manning

Welcome these new Whitepine Grange members!

This month's new Grange members are John and Melissa Haakensen from up Whitepine Creek. We are so happy to have you on board!!!

Whitepine Grange #102 Officers 2023

President: Jan Manning
 Vice-President: Carolyn Nesbitt
 Secretary: Patty English
 Treasurer: Kathy Hill
 Executive Committee:
 Gene Pope
 Debbie Mason
 Ruth Tucker

New plant posters are worth studying

Thank you to Vice-President Carolyn Nesbitt and husband Monte for their donation of new framed posters depicting Montana native plants, noxious weeds, and "new invaders." It's good information for all of us living in a rural environment, especially our newcomers who may not realize that "those pretty little blue flowers" (aka knapweed) need to be controlled and not proliferated.



Whitepine Grange Calendar

January -February 2023

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| Sun., Jan. 1 | Dog Agility 2:30pm | Thurs., Feb. 2 | Rockin' Walkin', 10am |
| Tues., Jan. 3 | Line Dancing 3pm | Thurs., Feb. 2 | Rebounding, Wk 3, 5:30pm |
| Wed., Jan. 4 | Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am | Sat., Feb. 4 | Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 4, 11am |
| Wed., Jan. 4 | Rally Practice, 2pm | Sat., Feb. 4 | Beginning Rally, Wk 4, 1pm |
| Thurs., Jan. 5 | Rockin' Walkin', 10am | Sun., Feb. 5 | Agility Intro, Wk 3, 1:30pm |
| Sat., Jan. 7 | Beginning Rally, Wk 1, 1pm | Sun., Feb. 5 | Intermediate Agility, 2:45pm |
| Sun., Jan. 8 | Dog Agility 2:30 | Mon., Feb. 6 | Tumbling, afternoon |
| Tues., Jan. 10 | Line Dancing 3pm | Tues., Feb. 7 | Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 4, 10:30 |
| Wed., Jan. 11 | Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am | Tues., Feb. 7 | Line Dancing, 3pm |
| Wed., Jan. 11 | Rally Practice, 2pm | Wed., Feb. 8 | Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am |
| Wed., Jan. 11 | Rebounding Preview, 5:30pm | Wed., Feb. 8 | Rally Practice, 2pm |
| Thurs., Jan. 12 | Rockin' Walkin', 10am | Thurs., Feb. 9 | Rockin' Walkin', 10am |
| Thurs., Jan. 12 | USFS Public Meeting, 6pm | Thurs., Feb. 9 | Rebounding, Wk 4, 5:30pm |
| Sat., Jan. 14 | Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 1, 11am | Sat., Feb. 11 | Private Birthday Party |
| Sat., Jan. 14 | Beginning Rally, Wk 2, 1pm | Sun., Feb. 12 | Agility Intro, Wk 5, 1:30pm |
| Sun., Jan. 15 | SHINDIG, 2-6pm | Sun., Feb. 12 | Intermediate Agility, 2:45pm |
| Tues., Jan. 17 | Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 1, 10:30am | Mon., Feb. 13 | Tumbling, afternoon |
| Tues., Jan. 17 | Line Dancing 3pm | Tues., Feb. 14 | Line Dancing, 3pm |
| Wed., Jan. 18 | Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am | Wed., Feb. 15 | Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am |
| Wed., Jan. 18 | Rally Practice, 2pm | Wed., Feb. 15 | Agility Practice, 2pm |
| Thurs., Jan. 19 | Rockin' Walkin', 10am | Thurs., Feb. 16 | Rockin' Walkin', 10am |
| Thurs., Jan. 19 | Rebounding, Wk 1, 5:30pm | Thurs., Feb. 16 | Rebounding, Wk 5, 5:30pm |
| Sat., Jan. 21 | Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 2, 11am | Sat., Feb. 18 | Beginning Rally, Wk 5, 1pm |
| Sat., Jan. 21 | Beginning Rally, Wk 3, 1pm | Mon., Feb. 20 | Tumbling, afternoon |
| Sun., Jan. 22 | Agility Intro, Wk 1, 1:30pm | Tues., Feb. 21 | Line Dancing, 3pm |
| Sun., Jan. 22 | Intermediate Agility, 2:45pm | Wed., Feb. 22 | Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am |
| Tues., Jan. 24 | Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 2, 10:30am | Wed., Feb. 23 | Rally Practice, 2pm |
| Tues., Jan. 24 | Line Dancing 3pm | Thurs., Feb. 24 | Rockin' Walkin', 10am |
| Tues., Jan. 24 | GRANGE MONTHLY MEETING 7pm | Thurs., Feb. 24 | Rebounding, Wk 6, 5:30pm |
| Wed., Jan. 25 | Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am | Sat., Feb. 25 | Fabric/Craft Swap, all day |
| Thurs., Jan. 26 | Rockin' Walkin', 10am | Sun., Feb. 26 | Beginning Agility, Wk 5, 1:30pm |
| Thurs., Jan. 26 | Rebounding, Wk 2, 5:30pm | Sun., Feb. 26 | Intermediate Agility, 2:45pm |
| Sat., Jan. 28 | Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 3, 11am | Mon., Feb. 27 | Tumbling, afternoon |
| Sun., Jan. 29 | Agility Intro, Wk 2, 1:30pm | Tues., Feb. 28 | Line Dancing, 3pm |
| Sun., Jan. 29 | Intermediate Agility, 2:45pm | Tues., Feb. 28 | GRANGE MONTHLY MEETING, 7pm |
| Tues., Jan. 31 | Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 3, 10:30am | Wed., March 1 | Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am |
| Tues., Jan. 31 | Line Dancing 3pm | Wed., March 1 | Rally Practice, 2pm |
| Wed., Feb. 1 | Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am | Thurs., March 2 | Rockin' Walkin', 10am |
| Wed., Feb. 1 | Rally Practice, 2pm | Sat., March 4 | Beginning Rally, Wk 6, 1pm |

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**DONATIONS will be shared
with Trout Creek School Library!**

It's Party Time!

*Come one, come all!
Sunday, Jan. 15, 2 to 6pm at
Whitepine Grange! Celebrate the
Grange's 85th birthday!*



FREE ADMISSION!



- **Live Music featuring "Western Sky"**
- **Dancing!**
- **Bucket Raffles/Silent Auction, Popcorn & Munchies**
- **Be one of the first 47 guests and receive a free Squeazy Chicken! (!?!?)**

Whitepine Grange is on the corner of Hwy 200 & Faro Ln, near MM38 between Thompson Falls & Trout Creek.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2pm to 6pm!

News in bits and pieces . . .

Patty needs your help! Patty English, Whitepine Grange secretary, needs your help to get all the Grange's membership records reported on time to the Montana State Grange secretary. **IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR DUES YET**, please do so at once. She needs them by the end of this month. Dues are \$35 for an individual and \$70 for a family. If you're not yet a member, this is the best time to join. There's an application on the last page of this newsletter. Just fill it out and send it in, and welcome to the Grange family!

Ready for new flooring... Thanks to a generous gift from one of our members, plus a grant from the Washington Foundation, we are now ready to choose and install flooring in our main room and hallway. It could be another two months before the project is started, but we'll let you know. By spring we'll have a beautiful new floor suitable for many activities.

Birthdays? Sandy Snodgrass, our birthday greeting coordinator, says there are **NO GRANGE BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**...at least, none that were reported to her. If we missed a January birthday, please contact Sandy at s.bigsky@gmail.com. We like cake, so give us reasons to eat it in your honor!

Bingo in February... We're tentatively planning to hold another Donation Bingo night on Tues., Feb. 24 (our monthly meeting night.) We are seeking out some really good prizes for these events. Help us decide which nonprofit group to split the proceeds with, mark Feb. 24 on your calendar and come have some fun.

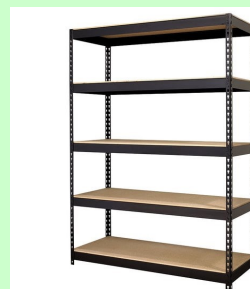
SHINDIG on Jan. 15... Aren't you curious to know what a "squeazy chicken" is, and to own one?? Be one of the first 47 folks to come to our Sunday afternoon family-friendly bash on Jan. 15 and you'll find out! **FREE ADMISSION**. Live music with "Western Sky," plus silent auction, goodies, a big cake, popcorn, door prizes and more! The party runs from 2 to 6pm. Come celebrate the 85th birthday of Whitepine Grange #102. Open to the public!!

Looking for... **A new two-handle kitchen faucet.** The current one leaks badly, and it's been determined that the best thing is to replace the whole unit since it is very old. Would you like to donate one to the Grange? And maybe even install it???



Utility shelving units for the basement. We are accumulating more and more equipment (mini-trampolines, dog agility equipment, seasonal items, etc.) and need places to organize and store them in the basement. Several sets of utility shelving, new or used, would be a terrific help, as currently everything has to

sit on the cold concrete floor in piles.



Available for rent... Whitepine Grange is a great place to hold a public meeting, class or workshop. The rent is **VERY** low and includes use of a kitchen. Please contact Jan Manning, 406-827-6385 if you're interested in reserving the Grange for your event, or send an email to whitepinegrange@gmail.com.

Crafters & Quilters Swap...

If you have extra fabric or crafting supplies to swap or sell to others, mark **February 25** on your calendar! Whitepine Grange will host a one-day swap that Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Ten tables will be available for \$10 each. Clean out your cabinets and come have some fun. To reserve a spot, contact Jan Manning, 406-827-6385 or email whitepinegrange@gmail.com.

Join us Thursday morning at 10am!

ROCKIN' WALKIN'!



10am Every Thursday at Whitepine Grange

Have fun! Burn calories! Strengthen your bones! Go at your own pace. All ages, shapes and sizes are accommodated and welcome!

Description: Walk and move to the tunes you love. The one-hour class consists of two 25-minute segments with a rest in between. You will gently move nearly every muscle in your body, without getting breathless or sweaty. Great cardio for older adults who haven't "worked out" for a while. Rediscover the joy of MOVEMENT!

Fee: 5 visits for \$20, or \$5 drop-in . All funds support Whitepine Grange Renovation Project.

Facilitator: Jan Manning

"Motion is the Best Medicine!"

Whitepine's holiday party was an old-fashioned delight!

The weather was not our friend this past month, and it definitely cut down on attendance at our annual "After Christmas Party" on Tues., Dec. 27. Nonetheless about 15 hearty souls, including several non-members turned out to celebrate, eat a great potluck meal, exchange gifts and play Bingo. It turned out to be a really fun night!

Besides the meal, which is always a standout at Grange events, the "Aggy Gift Exchange" brought plenty of chuckles. Each participant brought a present that represented some

phase of agriculture (since the Grange is, after all, about growing things). There was a strange preponderance of GLOVES in these surprise packages, although other items included a Farmers Almanac calendar, a kneeling pad, a garden trowel and other practical delights.

We also signed up two new members: John and Melissa Haakensen, who are new residents to the Whitepine area. Welcome to the best neighborhood on earth!



Some good New Year's Resolutions you can actually keep!

1. Get to know your neighbors. Network with them. Invite them to a neighborhood Grange event.
2. Rediscover the joy of MOVEMENT by taking an exercise class tailor-made for YOU. (We offer such classes at Whitepine Grange.)
3. Smile and make eye contact with those you see at the grocery store and elsewhere, even if you don't know them. Smiling becomes habitual and makes everyone feel like "we're all in this together."
4. Attend Grange meetings and events, and become a community volunteer. Pay it forward. The interest rate is high.
5. Put your cell phone in your pocket. You can always call someone back later, when it's socially appropriate.
6. Give thanks to the Lord several times a day that you live in such a beautiful place.
7. Drink more water.
8. Take stairs whenever you can. Use it or lose it.
9. Plant something in a sunny window and watch it grow as the days lengthen.
10. Always remember that the sun is shining beautifully above the gray clouds.



Join Whitepine Grange today!

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

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) _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

- Individual Membership: \$35/year ← (Circle the one you choose)
- Family Membership: \$70/year ←

Signature _____ Date _____

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



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 2022 the Grange is still going strong! Join Whitepine Grange #102 and become part of its long, wonderful story!

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Application received on _____ Dues received on _____

Amount of Dues Received _____

Form of payment: Check Cash Other

Type of Membership: Individual Family