



"Whitepine Whispers"

News of Whitepine Grange #102

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Kids' summer music program to begin at the Grange

Thanks to a grant from the Mockingbird Foundation, Whitepine Grange will sponsor and host a summer music program for youth ages 7 to 14.

The budding musicians will all be given recorders and will attend weekly practice sessions at the Grange, led by retired teacher Sue Marsh of Thompson Falls and Taylor Etienne, music teacher in Noxon.

The program launches Monday, June 26 at 10am at Whitepine Grange. At least a dozen kids have already signed up for the classes, which are **free of charge**. All classes will meet weekly on Mondays, except for the second week which meets July 5 to accommodate the Independence Day weekend. Each session lasts one hour.



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At the end of seven-week class, the students will perform a short program at Huckleberry Festival on Aug. 12 in Trout Creek. Those who stick with the program through the HuckFest performance will get to keep the recorders issued to them at the beginning of the classes.

Any other children interested in this summer music program at Whitepine Grange can contact Jan Manning at whitepinegrange@gmail.com, or call 406-827-6385, or just show up at 10am on June 26 for the kickoff session.

Happy Birthday to these Whitepine Grangers!

- Tim Greene, June 3
- Sherry Eddy, June 29
- Barbara Linderman-Orr, July 10
- Debbie Mason, July 27
- Ron Kilbury, July 31

How to win \$400 in groceries on June 17

Whitepine Grange is giving away TWO \$200 gift cards—one for Harvest Foods in Thompson Falls and one for Trout Creek Local Store. It's happening on June 17. "Friends of Whitepine Grange" is holding a fundraising dinner for **Cancer Network of Sanders County**. On the menu: authentic Cajun chicken/sausage gumbo with rice, and Cajun cake for dessert. Soft drinks are available, and you can BRING YOUR OWN BEER. You will be thirsty, because the gumbo will be as spicy as the wild Cajun music for dancing and merriment.

During the evening we'll play two fun, easy games, giving you two chances to win \$200 in groceries. The odds are in your favor, especially if you can tell hard-boiled eggs from raw eggs, and if you know the difference between your head and your "tail."

NOT A BIT BORED!

From the president:

No excuses for boredom here!

Remember the last time you saw a good friend at the grocery store and they asked, “How’ve you been? Are you keeping busy?”

Think about that question and how ridiculous it is in this day and age! Is there anyone out there who is NOT overbooked, who doesn’t go to bed exhausted, who takes time to actually relax and meditate (beside our yoga instructors), and who doesn’t have a gazillion



projects mucking up their brains? A friend of mine recently said, “Anyone who lives here and is bored must just be a boring person!” I think she’s right. After all, most of us CHOOSE to be this busy. Not much time is devoted anymore to summer afternoons spent in the back yard shade, sitting in lawn chairs, sipping lemonade. That was a good tradition—one that, like the Grange, fit into a quieter, simpler lifestyle.

It’s up to you now to put “relaxation and quiet time” into your busy schedule, whether it’s Grange activities or lemonade sipping. It won’t happen unless you do.

Of course you’ll have to fit it in around stuff like this:



YARDSALE



- the Cajun Night on June 17 to benefit Cancer Network,
- the Grange Yard Sale on June 23-24,
- the Grange picnic/outhouse painting on July 8,
- and the Marty Stuart performance at the Rex Theater on July 27. See page 7 to find out how you can **WIN A \$100 TICKET for just \$10**. Yes, we’re selling ONLY 40 TICKETS, so your chances of winning this raffle with a \$10 ticket are pretty dang good! (See details on page 7!)



Jan Manning



Whitepine Grange #102 Officers 2023

President:	Jan Manning
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Whitepine Grange June Schedule of Events



It's Summer!!!!

Most Grange classes are on hiatus.

Enjoy your "summer vacation" in the sunshine!

We do, however, have a few MAJOR EVENTS coming up.....

June 17:

Fundraiser for Cancer Network. It's a Cajun "fais do-do" (dinner and dance party) See details on **page 4**.

June 23-24:

The Big Yard Sale at Whitepine Grange. Lots of treasures! All proceeds go toward building a second ADA restroom in the Grange building. Details on **page 5**.

June 27:

Whitepine Grange monthly meeting, 7pm

July 8:

Community picnic and Biffy Buff-Up Day. See details on **page 6!**

Cancer Network

of Sanders County

Benefit Dinner/ Cajun Dance

Sat., June 17, 5 to 8pm

Whitepine Grange in Trout Creek

Free Admission!

Games and Prizes:

Win \$200 from Harvest Foods

Win \$200 from TC Local Store

Dinner: Authentic chicken/sausage gumbo w/rice.

Soft Drinks available.

Bring your own beer.

Music for Dancing the Cajun Two-Step & Waltz!

A-a-a-y-e-e-e-e!

Sponsored by Friends of Whitepine Grange

The Big Event

YARD SALE

June 23-24

Whitepine Grange

8am to 3pm both days

All donations & proceeds go to Whitepine Grange restoration projects.

This fundraiser will help build new ADA restrooms for this historic community center!

Featured items:

Total Fitness Gym
28" HDTV
Hand Spa Machine
Amazing framed artwork
Quality clothing
Unique vintage purses
Kennetrek Boots, size 15
Ceramic Kitchen Bowls
Area rug, 5'x7'

Fire King White Dishes
Dog beds
Ceramic Holiday Village
Vintage tricycle
Kids' toys
Beverage sets
Custom-made riding boots, size 14
Silver-plated serving platters
Tomato and tomatillo plants

And, of course, LOTS MORE!!!!

Community Picnic and Biffy Buff-Up Day: July 8

Bring the kids!

She served Whitepine Grange for more than two decades. Now she's facing her mortality. She's no longer needed, and she is deteriorating. We're going to get rid of her one of these years....but for now, we're hanging on to the old darling for posterity, a symbol of bygone days and Whitepine history.

So we're giving her a facelift. It's happening Sat., July 8, from 11 to 2pm. It's a "Paint the Outhouse" picnic for your whole family at Whitepine Grange. She'll receive a coat of primer first, and then she'll be ready to decorate with YOUR imaginative painting artwork.. The Grange will supply the paint and brushes. All we need is you. Let your kids write their names, make hand prints, and get creative. Can you paint flowers? Have it it!

This facelift will be like a Botox injection; the effects won't be permanent. Yet they'll turn the old outhouse from "eye sore" to "eye candy." Pack your picnic baskets and be at Whitepine Grange with kids in tow on Saturday, July 8. Let's have a blast "buffing up the biffy!"



Ode to the Outhouse

Ode to the Outhouse – Author Unknown

One of my bygone recollections,
As I recall the days of yore
Is the little house, behind the house,
With the crescent over the door.
'Twas a place to sit and ponder
With your head bowed down low;
Knowing that you wouldn't be there,
If you didn't have to go.

Ours was a three-holer,
With a size for every one.
You left there feeling better,
After your usual job was done.
You had to make these frequent trips
Whether snow, rain, sleet, or fog—
To the little house where you usually
Found the Sears-Roebuck catalog.

Oft times in dead of winter,
The seat was covered with snow.
Twas then with much reluctance,
To the little house you'd go.
With a swish you'd clear the seat,
Bend low, with dreadful fear
You'd blink your eyes and grit your teeth
As you settled on your rear.

I recall the day Granddad,
Who stayed with us one summer,
Made a trip to the shanty
Which proved to be a hummer.
'Twas the same day my Dad
Finished painting the kitchen green.
He'd just cleaned up the mess he's made
With rags and gasoline.

He tossed the rags in the shanty hole
And went on his usual way
Not knowing that by doing so
He would eventually rue the day.
Now Granddad had an urgent call,
I never will forget!
This trip he made to the little house
Lingers in my memory yet.

He sat down on the shanty seat,
With both feet on the floor.
Then filled his pipe with tobacco
And struck a match on the outhouse door.
After the Tobacco began to glow,
He slowly raised his rear:
Tossed the flaming match in the open hole,
With not a sign of fear.

The Blast that followed, I am sure
Was heard for miles around;
And there was poor ol' Granddad
Just sitting on the ground.
The smoldering pipe was still in his mouth,
His suspenders he held tight;
The celebrated three-holer
Was blown clear out of sight.

When we asked him what had happened,
His answer I'll never forget.
He thought it must be something
That he had recently et!
Next day we had a new one
Which my Dad built with ease.
With a sign on the entrance door
Which read: No Smoking, Please!

**WIN A
TICKET
for \$10**

Marty Stuart

Marty

and his

Fabulous Superlatives Band



Normal ticket price \$100.
Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, live at your own Rex Theater!!

Ticket Raffle for Marty Stuart Concert

July 27, 7pm - Rex Theater, Thompson Falls, MT

RAFFLE TICKETS \$10 EACH. ONLY 40 RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!

Drawing to be held as soon as all 40 raffle tickets are sold.

Sponsored by Whitepine Grange #102 and The Rex Theater Project

To purchase raffle tickets: Call 406-827-6385

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 ____/____/____

Date of Birth ____/____/____

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