



"Whitepine Whispers"

News of Whitepine Grange #102

9 Faro Lane, Trout Creek, MT 59874

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Whitepine Grange turns 85 years old!

It happened on Jan. 14, 2023, and we had a party to celebrate it on Jan. 15! If you weren't there, you missed quite a SHINDIG! We were honored to have WESTERN SKY provide live musical entertainment and dance music, and even got to hear 91-year-old fiddler Bob Sink play some hoedowns.

Proceeds from our games and raffles benefited the Trout Creek School Library. Close to 100 Whitepine neighbors and friends gathered for the Sunday afternoon shindig.

Sincere thanks to all the local merchants and supporters who donated items for the auction. Thanks also to the Whitepine Grange volunteers who help make this shindig a roaring success! Here's to the next 85 years!!



From the president:

Ever been so enthralled with something or someone that you wake up in the middle of the night thinking about it? You lie there, your mind whirling as you plan, consider, calculate, and dream about your chosen passion. To me, passion is something that keeps me awake at night as I scheme, ponder, and create in my mind. That's not a bad thing. In fact, if you're going to get anything done right, any job requires an element of passion.

Passion is generally a good thing. It puts color into your life and helps define **you**. It makes you feel more alive and engaged with your world. It gives you a compass to steer you, and maybe even gives you a reason to live for tomorrow. It is indeed a blessing. If you're lucky enough to have a passion, or two or three, you know what I'm talking about. Passion is like a power boost for your gas tank.

So what's your passion? Haven't found one yet? The Grange can help you with that. Look at the following list of "passion producers." The Grange offers opportunities to discover and enjoy any and all of them.

- **Physical Fitness** (our exercise classes are growing and expanding!)
- **Community Service** (helping other individuals and organizations within our community)
- **Relationships** (You meet people and forge new friendships at Grange activities.)
- **Social Engagement** (Interact with folks face-to-face at Grange dinners, parties and meetings)
- **Relaxation** (Relax and have fun at the Grange. It's a safe place and you're always surrounded by great people like you.)
- **Personal Growth** (Take a class at the Grange and learn a new skill.)
- **Creation** (Make something all by yourself, with support from others. Give your creative juices an outlet.)
- **Education** (Learn about technology, history, agriculture or photography in a Grange class.)

Do you have a passion you'd like to share with others? If so, we want and need you to share your blessing at Whitepine Grange. Maybe you have a specific fitness skill like yoga, dancing or martial arts...the Grange is the ideal place to share that with others. We have space, a great facility, tables, chairs, kitchen, parking. While our schedule is filling up these days, there's always room for a Granger with a good idea.

Thanks for being a Granger!

—Jan Manning

The passion of learning to make bread... Did you know we have a **BREAD -MAKING CLASS** coming up? It will actually be sponsored by Trout Creek School Adult Education, but it's open to anyone. It starts Sat., March 11 at 9am, and runs for four Saturdays. Call Trout Creek School to register: 406-827-3629



Whitepine Grange Calendar

February-March 2023

Wed., Feb. 1 Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am
 Wed., Feb. 1 Rally Drop-In, 2pm
 Thurs., Feb. 2 Rockin' Walkin', 10am
 Thurs., Feb. 2 Rebounders Class, final week, 5:30pm
 Fri., Feb. 3 Private Parties
 Sat., Feb. 4 Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 4 (final), 11am
 Sat., Feb. 4 Rally Obedience Class, 1pm
 Sun., Feb. 5 Beginning Agility, Wk 3, 1:30pm
 Sun., Feb. 5 Intermediate Agility, 3pm
 Mon., Feb. 6 Kids' Tumbling, 4pm
 Tues., Feb. 7 Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 4, 10:30am
 Wed., Feb. 8 Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am
 Wed., Feb. 8 Rally Drop-in, 2pm
 Thurs., Feb. 9 Rockin' Walkin', 10am
 Thurs., Feb. 9 Rebounder Class, Wk 5, 5:30pm
 Sat., Feb. 11 Private Party
 Sun., Feb. 12 Beginning Agility, Wk 4, 1:30pm
 Sun., Feb. 12 Intermediate Agility, 3pm
 Mon., Feb. 13 Kids' Tumbling, 4pm
 Wed., Feb. 15 Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am
 Wed., Feb. 15 Rally Drop-In, 2pm
 Thurs., Feb. 16 Rockin' Walkin', 10am
 Thurs., Feb. 16 Rebounding Class, Wk 6 (final) 5:30pm
 Sat., Feb. 18 Rally Obedience, 1pm
 Mon., Feb. 20 Kids' Tumbling, 4pm
 Tues., Feb. 21 Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 1, 10:30am
 Tues., Feb. 21 Cajun Mardi Gras Dance, 5:30pm
 Wed., Feb. 22 Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am
 Wed., Feb. 22 Rally Drop-in, 2pm
 Thurs., Feb. 23 Rockin' Walkin', 10am
 Sat., Feb. 25 Fabric & Craft Exchange, 9 to 2pm

Sun., Feb. 26 Beginning Agility, Wk 5, 1:30
 Sun., Feb. 26 Intermediate Agility, 3pm
 Mon., Feb. 27 Kids' Tumbling, 4pm
 Tues., Feb. 28 Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 2, 10:30am
 Tues., Feb. 28 Grange meeting, 7pm
 Wed., March 1 Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am
 Wed., March 1 Rally Drop-in, 2pm
 Thurs., March 2 Rockin' Walkin', 10am
 Sat., March 4 Rally Obedience, Wk 6, 1pm
 Sun., March 5 Beginning Agility, Wk 6, 1:30pm
 Sun., March 5 Intermediate Agility, 3pm
 Mon., March 6 Kids' Tumbling, 4pm
 Tues., March 7 Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 3, 10:30am
 Wed., March 8 Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am
 Wed., March 8 Rally Drop-in, 2pm
 Thurs., March 9 Rockin' Walkin' 10am
 Sat., March 11 Rally Obedience Make-up, 1pm
 Sat., March 11 Private meeting, 4:30pm
 Sun., March 12 Agility 1 to 4:30pm
 Tues., March 14 Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 4, 10:30am
 Wed., March 15 Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am
 Wed., March 15 Rally Drop-in, 2pm
 Thurs., March 16 Rockin' Walkin' 10am
 Sat., March 18 Breadmaking Class, 9-noon
 Sat., March 18 Barn Quilt Painting, 12:30-4:30pm
 Sun., March 19 Agility 1-4:30pm
 Wed., March 22 Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am
 Thurs., March 23 Rockin' Walkin', 10am
 Sat., March 25 Breadmaking, 9am-noon
 Sun., March 26 Agility 1-4:30pm
 Tues., March 28 Grange meeting, 7pm
 Wed., March 29 Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am
NOTE: Times and events subject to change.

Join the Grange! Be part of NEW HISTORY!

Membership dues are \$35 for individuals, \$70 for families. We're all about supporting families and our communities! (Plus, we have a lot of fun!) See application on page 7.

March program:

How to take
STUNNING
seasonal
outdoor photos
with your cell phone



Kate Baxter



Photo taken by Kate Baxter with her cell phone

If you've seen Kate Baxter's photos on the local Sanders County and Thompson Falls Facebook sites, you know how jaw-dropping they are. She does it all with a simple cell phone. No fancy lenses or complicated gear. She's going to share her tips on cell phone photography on Tues., Feb. 28, 7pm, at Whitepine Grange. The public is invited to this very special presentation, which is free of charge. Come and be entertained, inspired, and educated! And bring your phones! **Presenter: Kate Baxter**

Trout Creek School offers adult exercise class

Starting Feb. 23, Trout Creek School Adult Education will offer an exercise class to be held at Whitepine Grange.

The class is six weeks long, and will meet for one hour each Thursday at 10am from Feb. 23 through March 30.

This "Rockin' Walkin'" class offers a light cardio workout set to favorite tunes from the past several decades. It can be done gently for those who are just getting back into shape or have limitations, or it can be intensified for those who want a more aerobic workout. This walk-to-music class involves only four basic steps that will produce the equivalent of a two-mile walk. The emphasis is on steady, constant movement at whatever pace suits the individual.

Besides walk-dancing, this class will also incorporate hand weights, resistance bands and rebounders. The floor of the Grange is fully matted for comfort.

Cost of the six-week class is \$20 for those under 60 years of age, and FREE to those 60 and above. **To register, call Trout Creek School at 406-827-3629.**



WANTED!

Utility shelving unit
new or used

for the Grange basement storage.
You deliver, please. We'll wipe off the dust and spider webs.


Donation receipt available.
Contact Jan Manning

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



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MARDI GRAS ★



CAJUN DANCE

5:30 to 8pm

Tues., Feb. 21 at Whitepine Grange

Featuring:

- Authentic Chicken-&-Sausage Gumbo (BYOB)**
- Cajun Dance Music**
- Mardi Gras Trinkets**
- Egg Drop**
- Head or Tails Game**

FREE ADMISSION

Donations to be shared with
Cancer Network
of Sanders County

Laissez le Bon Ton Roulet! (Let the Good Times Role)

Whitepine Grange Birthdays

Tina Daugherty
(2/12)

Dona Pope
(2/12)



Happiest of
birthdays,
Tina & Dona!
***Let us
eat cake!!***

A word of thanks to the CIA!!

The Trout Creek Community Improvement Association (TCCIA) deserves thanks for donating a Solo Stove to Whitepine Grange's 85th Birthday Shindig bucket raffle! This was a very generous gift, and the Grange appreciates it. Ironically the winner was Don Manning,, a TCCIA member, and he will be donating it back.

Speaking of CIA, don't forget the big **REDNECK BALL** coming up at the Lakeside on Sat., March 4. This is also a TCCIA event and one of the biggest fund-raisers of the year for them. The **Redneck Ball** helps pay for the children's Easter Egg Hunt, Shakespeare in the Park, and other events and improvements around Trout Creek. Get your tickets for the **Redneck Ball** at the Lakeside and don't miss this super-fun if slightly irreverent, event. Comedy, music, live auction, buckets, balloons, the works! You may even see some dancing chickens this year!

FABRIC EXCHANGE and CRAFTER SUPPLY SALE

Sponsored by

Whitepine Grange #102

Clean out your cabinets and closets, and turn your unused fabric and crafting items into cash!

Fabrics, notions, patterns, books, tools, stamping, beading supplies and much more . . .

Saturday, FEB 25, 2023

9am to 2pm

Vendor tables available for \$10. Reserve yours today by calling Jan at 406-827-6385 or email to

whitepinegrange@gmail.com

Whitepine Grange #102

9 Faro Lane, Trout Creek, MT

Whitepine Grange is on the corner of Hwy 200 and Faro Lane, near MM38.

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
- Family Membership: \$70/year

{ (Circle the one you choose)

Spouse's/partners' name (opt.) _____

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 2023 the Grange is still going strong! Join Whitepine Grange #102 and become part of its long, wonderful story!

This Section for use by Whitepine Grange Secretary Only

Application received on _____

Dues received on _____

Amount of Dues Received _____

Form of payment: Check Cash Other

Type of Membership: Individual Family

Reported to State Grange: [] Q1 [] Q2 [] Q3 [] Q4 of 20____