



"Whitepine Whispers"

News of Whitepine Grange #102

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Lots of growing ahead this summer!

Whitepine Grange presents plants to local third-graders



Third-graders at Thompson Falls Elementary School received take-home basil plants from Whitepine Grange and Bonnie Plants.

Whitepine Grange members recently presented third-graders at Thompson Falls Elementary with baby basil plants to take home and raise over the summer. The starts were provided by Bonnie Plants, which sponsors an annual program to get kids interested in gardening and agriculture.

One eager youngster asked, "Can we eat it?"

Another exclaimed, "Wow, my mom is going to love this!"

Jan Manning, Whitepine Grange president, delivered the plants to the schoolrooms just a few days prior to the start of summer vacation.

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***You will
S.A.V.E.
here!***



Jan Manning, president,
Whitepine Grange 102

Why did you join the Grange? Here are some reminders of what you get as a member of Whitepine Grange #102:

Socialization.

We offer neighbors the chance to get acquainted, to network, and to enjoy good times **together**.

Activity.

The Grange gives you and your family opportunities to enjoy a variety of wholesome activities together, from potlucks to hikes.

Volunteerism.

As Grange members, we volunteer for many community-based projects, from highway cleanup to shipping CARE packages to deployed military. We are always looking for chances to serve.

Education.

Grange programs and projects aim to inform and educate our members, whether the subjects are agricultural, historical, practical or just plain entertaining.

When we **volunteer** for **social activities**, we **educate** ourselves in the process. Every Grange member is a community volunteer. Always look for ways to serve. Remember that "we are all in this together."

—Jan Manning president, Whitepine Grange #102

Grange Calendar June 2022

Tues, June 14:	Doggy Boot Camp, 10:30am
Tues., June 14:	Line Dancing, 3pm
Thurs., June 16:	Walkercize, 9:15am
Tues., June 21:	Doggy Boot Camp, 10:30am
Tues., June 21:	Line Dancing, 3pm
Thurs., June 23:	Walkercize, 9:15am
Thurs., June 23:	Yard Sale Prep, 6pm
Fri., June 24:	YARD SALE, 8am
Sat., June 25:	YARD SALE, 8am
Sun., June 26:	Yard Sale Clean-up, 10am
Tues., June 28:	Doggy Boot Camp, 10:30am
Tues., June 28:	Line Dancing, 3pm
Tues., June 28:	Grange meeting and "Sanders County Hiking Trails," 7pm
Thurs., June 30:	Walkercize, 9:15am

Whitepine Grange #102 Officers 2022

President:	Jan Manning
Vice-President:	Carolyn Nesbitt
Secretary:	Patty English
Treasurer:	Kathy Hill
Advisor:	Peggy Carlson
Chaplain:	Susan McFarland
Greeter:	Arne Carlson
Executive Committee:	Gene Pope, Debbie Mason Ron Kilbury

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 last page.

www.whitepinegrange.com

***For timely renovation updates:
check out the [Whitepine Grange page](#)
on [Facebook!](#)***

Northwest Farm Credit Services awards grant to WPG

The Whitepine Grange hall will be much cozier next winter, thanks to a generous grant from Northwest Farm Credit Services.

The grant will help pay for blown-in insulation in the Grange attic, bringing the insulation factor to near R60.

Tyson Reese, manager of Missoula's NWFCS office, said, "I am so please to be able to help out the community of Trout Creek." NWFCS has a history of helping rural communities and non-profit organizations with funding for basic needs that support improvement projects.

"We are so honored to have this gift from NWFCS," says Jan Manning, Whitepine Grange president and secretary of "Friends of Whitepine Grange," which is the 501.c.3 branch of Whitepine Grange. "This is going to improve the comfort level astronomically, so we can hold more community events with much lower heating costs."

Cottrell Construction will be doing the insulation job as soon as possible. The blown-in insulation will be supplemented with some rolled insulation donated by Grange members Monte and Carolyn Nesbitt.



Thank you,

NWFCS!!

—"Friends of Whitepine Grange"



Carolyn Nesbitt, vice-president of Whitepine Grange, and Jan Manning, secretary of Friends of Whitepine Grange, with the check from Northwest Farm Credit Services. It will help fund attic insulation for the Grange building.

Next Grange meeting: “Hiking Trails in Sanders County”

Want to go hiking in Sanders County, but don't know where to go? Looking for easy, short hikes or longer, more challenging treks? The June 28 Whitepine Grange meeting will feature Juli Thurston, MSU Extension Service in Sanders County, providing information on where to find the best local hikes for you and your family.

Juli is an avid hiker who helped form the local “Sanders County Hiking Trails” group and Facebook page. The group organizes and sponsors frequent day hikes and presents educational seminars on topics like forestry and foraging.

Don't miss this exciting presentation on **Tues., June 28, 7pm at Whitepine Grange**. We will start with a very short business meeting and then move on to our featured guest. Of course it is free to the public and open to all, so bring your family and friends for a fun night!



Learn about the best day hikes in the county on **Tues., June 28, pm at Whitepine Grange**. Open to the public, no charge.

Walkercize Class Every Thursday at 9:15 Whitepine Grange

Get a full body workout that will leave you energized instead of tired. **ANYONE CAN DO THIS WORKOUT!** Come try it this Thursday as we “Walkercize” to some **GREAT** tunes in 45 minutes. Matted surface, PA system.

\$5 donation goes to the Grange. Bring a bunch of friends!

FOR RENT

Whitepine Grange is available to rent for your receptions, seminars, parties, dances, classes and crafters' meetings. Rent is \$25 a day, including full access to kitchen. We have seating for up to 60, lots of tables, a PA system, and projection screen. Contact Jan Manning at 406-827-6385 for more information.

Mushroom ID class draws eclectic audience



The Western Montana Mycological Association, in cooperation with the MSU Extension Office in Sanders County, presented a “Mushroom ID” class at the Grange on May 25.

Turnout was excellent for the event, which brought people from throughout the northwest who were taking part in a “mushroom foray” camping experience that weekend outside Thompson Falls. Class participants got to see and touch a variety of mushrooms found in this area. The Mycological Association is based in Missoula.

Experts estimate there are more than 11,000 species of mushrooms in North America!

Whitepine Grange Improvement Projects Still Coming



- Insulate the attic. We now have the funds, and it will happen prior to fall.
- Move furnace to the basement for less noise and efficiency. Will include additional ductwork.(Est. \$3k)
- Purchase and install new vinyl planking over the old original particle board flooring in main room. (Est. \$12k)
- Improve and landscape the grounds for outdoor recreation and picnics. Involves clearing, leveling, rolling, seeding, and addition of picnic tables and/or a pavilion and barbecue. (Est. \$22k)
- Purchase and install an on-demand hot water heater to replace the old tank heater in the basement. (Est. \$2k)

Want to help? Make a donation to Friends of Whitepine Grange at First Security Bank in Thompson Falls. Your donation is tax deductible, as Friends of Whitepine Grange is a 501.c.3 nonprofit organization.

HUGE YARD SALE!!

**Whitepine Grange #102
June 24-25, 8am to 4pm**

Furniture, antiques, tools, crafting supplies, nice bedding, floor lamps, room-size rugs, throw rugs, dishes, pots and pans, Fans, Heaters, men's western shirts, Antique farm implements, Poultry feeders, Food scales, Bath scale, sewing machine, antique doll, Christmas tree, walking sticks, clocks, purses/bags, dish towels, baskets, afghans, ceramic figurines, many ceramic figurines and décor pieces, ceramic molds, curtains, Skil drill motor w/battery, leaf blowers, heavy duty clothing rack, mirrors, picture frames, stair stepper, mops, bread box, steam floor cleaner, cleaning supplies, Makita drill w/battery, framed picture of Jesus, new pots for plants, hamper, fuzzy blanket, bird houses, electric can opener, yogurt maker, Yamaha receiver, Denon receiver new in box, sandpaper, ironing board, crutches, granite-wear pots, plastic chairs, small electric cooktop, woman's leather jacket, alarm clock, bear-motif headboard, men's jeans, ceiling lights, paraffin wax kit, Dyson vac, Oreck air purifier, dehydrator, hand mixer, lamp shades, ceramic thimbles, teddy bear, vases, and MUCH more nice household items in estate sale boxes we haven't even opened yet!

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

Nominations sought for Community Service awards

Community Service efforts have been a keystone of Grange since the order began. This year, Whitepine Grange has been asked by the state president to identify and honor FOUR INDIVIDUALS in our area who exemplify the role of COMMUNITY SERVICE. Please help us in this task by nominating **one** person in each of the following categories:



1. Teacher
2. Firefighter/EMT/Quick Response Officer
3. Law Enforcement Officer
4. Outstanding Granger or Citizen

Grange membership is NOT required for any nominees.

Nominations are needed **NLT Aug. 1, 2022.**

Nominate only one person in each category.

Please send your nominations by email to:

whitepinegrange@gmail.com.

OR send by snail mail to:

Whitepine Grange #102

Hometown Heroes

PO Box 1313

Trout Creek, MT 59874



...And then there was lunch...

Everyone who attended the Pomona meeting at Whitepine Grange on June 5 at was treated to a fabulous potluck in the Grange tradition. The menu featured pulled pork sandwiches, pistachio salad, macaroni salad, tater tot casserole, Waldorf salad, rhubarb crisp, brownies, Kahlua cake, pie and more.

At the meeting, we discussed the Community Service Awards (see above story), the State Grange Convention which will be held in Trout Creek, and the need to get more young people involved. It was a great turnout with 30 people from Whitepine, Avon, and Thompson Falls Granges.

Volunteers desperately needed for the **Yard Sale** on June 24-25, AND for the **State Grange Convention** to be held Oct. 6-8 in Thompson Falls. Contact Jan at whitepinegrange@gmail.com, or call her at 406-827-6385. Thank you!!





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 a member in your Grange.
(Please Print Your Full Name)

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
			Zip Code
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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