



“Whitepine Whispers”

News of Whitepine Grange #102

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Gingerbread House Contest a huge hit and new tradition!

Twenty eager youngsters, ages 4 to 12, participated in the Gingerbread House contest at Whitepine Grange in December. The event was sponsored by **Blackfoot Communications** and coordinated by Ruth Boyer.

It was such a happy event that it’s already on the calendar for next year! More photos on pages 6 and 7. Thank you to all who participated and helped build wonderful memories for these kiddos!

“Learn to Knit” class starts February 3

Sue Scott, well known fabric and fiber artist from Trout Creek, will teach a “Learn to Knit” class at Whitepine Grange beginning Mon., Feb. 3, at 2pm.

The class is limited to five students. A registration fee of \$30 for the first two weeks **will include yarn and needles**. After the first two weeks, which will feature the basic knit and purl stitches, the fee will be \$10 per participant per week.

Having owned a yarn shop for five years, Sue says she has plenty of supplies left, and she’s anxious to share her love of knitting with others. Sue says she wants everyone to come with an idea of a project they’d like to pursue, whether it’s a scarf, hat or socks. As the weeks progress, she will guide you through the process of reading and following patterns, fixing mistakes, and completing projects of your choice.

To register for the class, call Whitepine Grange at 406-827-0102 and leave a message. Remember...**class size is limited to five students!**

Movie Night
at Whitepine Grange:

“THE BLUES BROTHERS”

THE BLUES BROTHERS

Thurs., Jan. 16, 6:30pm
Admission: FREE
Open to Grange members & friends!
Let’s have some fun!

From the Grangemaster:

Six Resolutions Goals Worth Pursuing

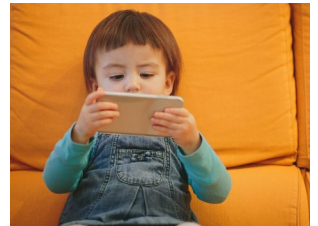
By Jan Manning, Grangemaster

We do it every year, as faithfully as we drink eggnog. But once the eggnog is gone, we tend to forget about it...and our good intentions. So let's call them something other than “resolutions.” Let's call them GOALS instead. Here are just six that can improve our lives and those of others:

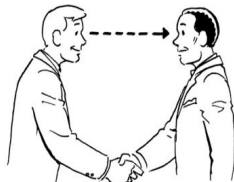
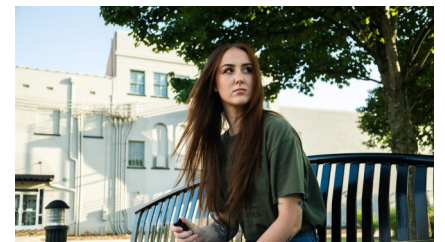


1. Let's get ourselves FIT and HEALTHY! It is entirely possible, and it's the GREATEST gift you can give yourself and those you love.

2. Let's get kids' faces away from SCREENS. Find some other way to babysit them when they're toddlers. Try parenting, for example. It works for teenagers too.



3. Let's become SITUATIONALLY AWARE. In other words, put down YOUR OWN phone and look around you at the real world and real people.



4. Let's make eye contact with people. This isn't the New York subway, so you can—and need—to connect with humans in your midst.



5. Let's lead others by example. That's how Jesus did it, after all. Live what you believe, instead of just preaching about it.



6. Let's earn our right to live every day in a place that's second only to Heaven itself. Leave a mark, create a ripple on a pond. Remember the dying words of CPT Miller (Tom Hanks) in “Saving Private Ryan”: **“EARN THIS.”**

May 2025 be your best year yet!

New Grange officers & appointments made for 2025

Whitepine Grange welcomes new officers who were elected at the Grange Christmas Party in December.

Melissa Porcaro will serve as vice president for 2025, replacing Carolyn Nesbitt who chose to retire. Porcaro has an extensive background in occupational therapy and family counseling. She and her husband John Haakenson moved here from Washington and reside in the Whitepine area.

New executive committee members are Kerri Cobb and John Haakenson. They replace Gene Pope and Debbie Mason who completed their three-year terms. Kerri Cobb has a banking background and is involved as a volunteer in many community events in the Thompson Falls/Trout Creek area.

John Haakenson is one of those great individuals who is always willing to help, whether it's mowing the Grange lawn or making important decisions on the operations of our Grange. He was formerly an airport manager in Washington state.

Chelle Mitchell, another great asset to our Grange and community, has been appointed Legislative Director for the Montana State Grange. Chelle, who lives in Thompson Falls, will be responsible for keeping the state Grange apprised of developments in the state legislature that could have special impact on agriculturalists and rural residents in Montana.

We are thankful for all this great new help as the Grange continues to expand its mission of education and community service.

Whitepine Grange #102 Officers 2025

President: Jan Manning

Vice-President: Melissa Porcaro

Secretary: Patty English

Treasurer: Dona Pope

Executive Committee:

Kerri Cobb, John Haakenson, Tricia Cottrell

The Grange:

“Strengthening individuals, families and communities through service, education, nonpartisan grassroots advocacy and agricultural awareness.”

January 2025 Calendar

Fri., Jan. 3	Sew Day!
Mon., Jan. 6	Joy of Movement, 9am
Tues., Jan. 7:	Gym for Gents, 9am
Wed., Jan. 8:	Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am
Wed., Jan. 8:	Rally Dogs practice, 1pm
Thurs., Jan. 9:	Joy of Movement, 9am
Sat., Jan. 11:	Beginning Rally, 10am
Sun., Jan. 12:	Beginning Agility 2:30
Sun., Jan. 12	Advanced Agility 3:30pm
Mon., Jan. 13:	Joy of Movement, 9am
Tues., Jan. 14:	Gym for Gents, 9am
Wed., Jan. 15:	Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am
Wed., Jan. 15:	Rally Dogs practice, 1pm
Thurs., Jan. 16:	Joy of Movement, 9am
Thurs., Jan.16:	Movie, “The Blues Brothers” 6:30pm
Fri., Jan. 17:	Sew Day!
Sat., Jan. 18:	Beginning Rally, 10am
Sat., Jan. 18:	Fly-Tying Class, 1pm
Sun., Jan. 19:	Beginning Agility, 2:30pm
Sun., Jan. 19:	Advanced Agility, 3:30pm
Mon., Jan. 20:	Joy of Movement, 9am
Tues., Jan. 21:	Gym for Gents, 9am
Wed., Jan. 22:	Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am
Wed., Jan. 22:	Rally Dogs practice, 1pm
Thurs., Jan. 23:	Joy of Movement, 9am
Sat., Jan. 25:	Beginning Rally, 10am
Sat., Jan. 25:	Fly-Tying, 1pm
Sun., Jan. 26:	Beginning Agility, 2:30pm
Sun., Jan. 26	Advanced Agility, 3:30pm
Mon., Jan. 27:	Joy of Movement, 9am
Tues., Jan. 28:	Gym for Gents, 9am
Tues., Jan. 28:	Grange meeting, 6:30pm
Wed., Jan. 29:	Rough & Rowdy dogs, 10:30am
Wed., Jan. 29:	Rally Dogs practice, 1pm
Thurs., Jan. 30:	Joy of Movement, 9am
Sat., Feb. 1:	Beginning Rally, 10am
Sat., Feb. 1:	Fly-Tying, 1pm
Sun., Feb. 2:	Beginning Agility, 2:30pm
Sun., Feb. 2:	Advanced Agility, 3:30pm
Mon., Feb. 3:	Joy of Movement, 9am

“Movie Nights” are new addition to schedule

Got a favorite PG movie you'd like to see again? Let us know! The Grange is going to try “Movie Nights” on the third THURSDAY evening of every month. Depending on the popularity of this event, we can make this a regular event for Grange members and their friends.

Our first feature will be “The Blues Brothers” on Thurs., Jan. 16. Showtime is 6:30pm. Admission is FREE, and popcorn will be available!

Now we need your suggestions for movies. Some folks have mentioned “Second Hand Lions,” “The Wild Bunch,” “The Shootist,” “The Sound of Music,” and “Mamma Mia.” Think of cult classics. Feel free to recite the lines and sing the songs, or get up and dance as you watch the movie on our large screen TV! What do you think? Let us know: whitepinegrange@gmail.com.

Our 100th member!

At the December Grange meeting/ Christmas potluck, secretary Patty English announced we now had 99 members in Whitepine Grange!



Deb Oliver

Upon hearing this happy news, guest Dave Oliver stood up and volunteered, “Here’s your 100th member!” He signaled toward his lovely wife, Deb Oliver, who stood up to take a bow! Welcome to the Grange, Miss Deb!

Four years ago Whitepine Grange had 13 members. Now we have 100+! We appreciate all our members because YOU are the ones who make the Grange organization so effective in serving our community, promoting family values, and providing social outlets for our rural residents. We are “GRANGE STRONG,” now more than ever in our 160-year history!

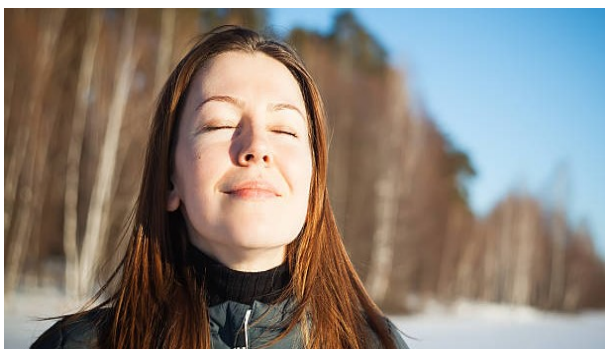
Yes, you need UV protection during Montana winters!

January 28 Grange Program

Learn about skin cancer and how to avoid the dangerous UV rays associated with winter sports. That’s our Whitepine Grange program for Jan. 28 at 6:30pm. Bring the kiddos too, as this information is crucial for their health.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the world, and Montana winters make us especially susceptible if we are wintertime outdoor enthusiasts. The glare of snow, combined with frequent high altitudes, make the sun’s UV rays even more harmful.

Normally, if caught in time, it is treatable. But it can be disfiguring and even fatal if not taken seriously.



We all love Montana sun, whatever the season. Learn how to play safely, including in the winter, to avoid the harmful side of our beautiful sun. See you Jan. 28, 6:30pm, at the Grange!

Ultraviolet rays from the sun can cause skin damage in as little as 15 minutes. Prolonged exposure and damage can lead to various forms of skin cancer, many of which, thankfully, are preventable.



Whitepine Grange #102 2024 in Review



Accomplishments & Programs 2024

- Fitness classes twice a week (ongoing)
- Dog training classes several times a week (ongoing)
- Physical Therapy classes (ongoing)
- First aid & CPR class (February)
- Service Dog presentation (February)
- "Stash" Sale (February)
- Tack Sale (February)
- Seed class (February)
- Avalanche survival class (February)
- Rod Knutson, POW presentation (March)
- Business Fire Safety class (March)
- Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail (March)
- Home Fire Safety class (March)
- Survival Fire class (March)
- Sewing retreats
- Bingo (May)
- Bunco (June)
- Fly Casting class (September)
- Yard Sale (September)
- Surgical Seniors
- 2nd Annual Honey Buzzaar (November)
- Craft bazaar (November)
- Breakfast with Santa (November)
- Bingo (December)
- Gingerbread Houses (December)

Community Service 2024

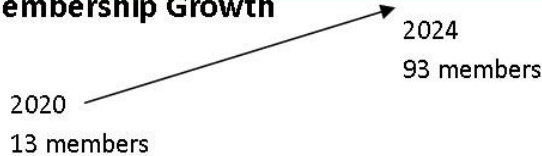
- Highway Cleanup (April)
- Presentation of \$5k check to Trout Creek School Archery Program (September)
- Surgical Seniors Outreach/Education (ongoing)
- Free fitness classes (ongoing)
- Dictionaries for Third Graders (November)
- Adopt-A-Family for Christmas (December)

Facility Improvements 2024

- Two new ADA restrooms
- New stairs to basement



Membership Growth



New and coming in 2025

- Fly-tying class
- Journaling class
- Masterminds in Our Midst
- Beekeeping
- Birds of Prey
- Barbecues
- *And lots of other surprises!!*

Whitepine Grange #102

86 years old and growing strong!!

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406-827-0102 (phone)

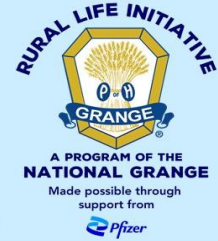
Memories of a Great Year at Whitepine Grange!





Whitepine Grange Schedule for January 2025

“JOY OF MOVEMENT” fitness classes start up again on Monday, Jan. 6. Classes meet every Monday and Thursday at 9am. Free and fun!! Bring water bottle and sneakers. Trampolines, stability balls, resistance bands, steps, music and more! Sponsored by RLI.



GYM FOR GENTS men’s exercise class with Francois Comunetti, Tuesdays at 9am, starting Jan. 7. \$5 donation. Suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Sponsored by RLI.

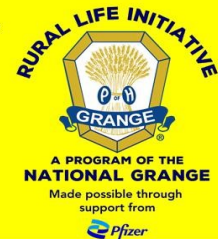
ROUGH & ROWDY Dog Class, Wednesdays at 10:30am, starting Jan. 8. 90 minutes of informal training & socialization for you and your dog. Drop-in class, \$5 per dog. Contact Jan for more info, whitepinegrange@gmail.com.

SEW DAY 1st and 3rd Friday each month, starting Jan. 3 Call Patty English to reserve a place, 406-827-9446. SPACE IS LIMITED!

COMPETITION RALLY OBEDIENCE dog class, taught by Debbie Mason, starts Sat., Jan. 11, 10am. Seven-week class. For info, contact Debbie at mooseduds@yahoo.com.

Sorry, class is full!

FLY TYING CLASS starts Sat., Jan. 18, 1pm. Meets 3 Saturdays. Fee \$50, which includes all tools and supplies for 6 participants. Taught by Ron W. For info, call the Grange, 406-827-0102. Sponsored by RLI.



Sorry, class is full!

KNITTING FOR BEGINNERS, taught by Sue Scott. Meets Mondays, 2pm, starting Feb. 3. Learn to knit, purl, and make projects of your choice. All materials provided! SPACE IS LIMITED. Call 406-8927-0102 for more information.

STASH SALE! Crafters, clean out your supplies! Sat., March 1, 10am to 3pm. Call 406-827-0102 for details!

Whitepine Grange is available for private parties, meetings & community events. Call for information! 406-827-0102 or email: whitepinegrange@gmail.com

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

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 ____/____/____

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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
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Trout Creek, MT 59874