



“Whitepine Whispers”

News of Whitepine Grange #102

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Yoga students at Whitepine Grange classes listen to instructor Mary Ferrari’s guidance.

Yoga has a new home at Whitepine Grange

For the past six weeks, certified yoga instructor Mary Ferrari has been offering yoga classes on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Her classes have been enjoyed by beginners and advanced students. The hour-long classes cover stretching, controlled breathing for stress reduction and body awareness, and traditional yoga poses meant to benefit the body and mind in multiple ways. Strength training and balance are incorporated into each class.

Mary will be taking a hiatus for the summer but plans to resume her classes in the fall at Whitepine Grange. Please stay tuned !

Happy Birthday to these Grangers!

* Ruth Tucker, May 15

* Tim Greene, June 3

What would YOU do to fix up this picture? →

Now that our Grange building has beautiful new siding, windows, roof, new back porch, and a wonderful lighted flagpole, it’s time to spiff up the rest of the grounds, starting with the old “fire ring.”

As you can see in the picture, it’s currently a pile of weeds, rocks and rotting railroad ties. It’s an eyesore we can easily fix with some creativity and a couple afternoons of teamwork.

Flowers? Shrubbery? Fire pit?? Rock benches? Your ideas are earnestly sought! Your hands-on help is appreciated! This is YOUR Grange, so let’s hear what you’d do! Send ideas to:

whitepinegrange@gmail.com.



From the president:

Now, where did I just read that?"

Do you have trouble getting to sleep at night? I'm no sleep expert, but I have found that making lists helps quiet my mind before the lights go out. With a list, I can relax, knowing I'm not forgetting anything and I have my projects lined out for the next day.

Lists help me put together this newsletter. This is information YOU NEED TO KNOW to help make your OWN lists! So grab a piece of paper and jot down info as you read it off your screen. It'll be easier for you to remember and retrieve for reference. You won't be saying, "Now where did I see that" and wasting time searching through loads of old emails and Facebook posts.

As I glance at the top of my desk, I see at least seven lists, most pertaining to Grange matters. That's where most of the material in this newsletter originates. What you'll read in the following pages was important enough for me to write it down and include it here. I hope it will be that important to you too.

So grab your favorite gel pen and notepad and get ready to jot as you read this! Below are some suggestions!

List #1: *What to bring to Yard Sale Bingo on May 23*

List #2: *Activities & Special Events coming to the Grange*

List #3: *Who needs a birthday greeting this month?*

List #4: *Ideas for Grange-sponsored community service projects*

List #5: *Ways to win \$200 worth of groceries on June 17 (hint: it's a short list; see page 8)*

List #6: *Ways to avoid getting eaten by a grizzly bear (see page 6).*



Jan Manning, Whitepine Grange #102



Whitepine Grange May Schedule of Events

Mon., May 1	Rockin Walkin 5:30pm
Tues., May 2	Yoga 4pm
Wed., May 3	Rough & Rowdy 10:30am Rally Practice 2pm
Thurs., May 4	Rockin Walkin 10am Yoga 4pm
Mon., May 8	Rockin Walkin 5:30pm
Tues., May 9	Yoga 4pm Dog Club Meeting 6pm
Wed., May 10	Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am Rally Practice 2pm
Thurs., May 11	Rockin Walkin 10am Yoga 4pm
Mon., May 15	Rockin Walkin 5:30pm
Tues., May 16	Doggy Boot Camp, Wk 1, 10:30am Yoga 4pm
Wed., May 17	Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am Rally Practice 2pm
Thurs., May 18	Rockin Walkin 10am Yoga 4pm
Mon., May 22	Rockin Walkin 5:30pm
Tues., May 23	Doggy Boot Camp Wk 2, 10:30am Grange Monthly Meeting 7pm
Wed., May 24	Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am Rally Practice 2pm Bear Seminar 6pm
Thurs., May 25	Rockin Walkin 10am
Tues., May 30	Doggy Boot Camp Wk 3, 10:30am

Dates to Remember

Tues., May 23: Grange Meeting & Yard Sale Bingo, starts at 6pm. Bring your yard sale items to the Grange. Pick out one good item as a Bingo prize for that night's Bingo games. Unclaimed prizes will be surrendered to the Yard Sale.)

Wed., May 24: Brent Hudson, professional bear guard, back by popular demand..."BE BEAR AWARE!" Come hear this encore performance, as Brent returns to Thompson Falls after presenting to us last fall. Brent is the real thing when it comes to bears. He has worked among and around them for decades. He miraculously survived a Kodiak bear attack. If you're an outdoors enthusiast here in Montana, YOU NEED TO HEAR THIS POTENTIAL LIFE-SAVING INFORMATION! No charge, open to the public! DO NOT MISS THIS!!!)

Sunday, June 4: Pomona potluck & meeting. We'll entertain people from various Elks Lodges in the state of Montana with a potluck dinner and a TRADITIONAL Grange meeting. If you've never seen a traditional meeting, come to this and find out about the old Grange traditions and rituals.

Sat., June 10: Biffy Buff-Up Day. Come prepared to help paint/decorate the old outhouse. Paint and brushes will be provided. Just bring your creativity!

Sat., June 17: Cajun Dinner & Dance. Gumbo dinner, music for dancing, games, BIG prizes (\$400 in grocery gift cards)...to benefit Cancer Network of Sanders County. Free admission! Beer allowed (bring your own). Sponsored by Friends of Whitepine Grange.

Thurs., June 22: Yard Sale Prep! We need you Thursday anytime from noon on. We'll be setting up for the Yard Sale.

Fri.-Sat., June 23-24: Yard Sale! Workers needed! Cashier, supervisors, general helpers

Sat., July 8: Biffy Buff-Up Day! Family Picnic Barbecue and Biffy Painting Fun!

Fri., Sept. 29: Harvey Moon Party!! Our biggest community event! Save the date!

Welcome, new members!

Sue Cooperman

Christine Munday

We're happy to have you in our Grange!

Rent the Grange for your event!

**Just \$35 and includes use of our full kitchen.
Call 827-6385 for details.**



Highway Cleanup project pays unexpected dividends



Debb McNary found a tattered but still negotiable \$20 bill on the roadside during highway cleanup.

Picking up highway litter is a mixed blessing. On one hand, we all get disgusted at the folks who trash our roads and countryside. On the other hand, the act of picking up after them can become quite entertaining.

That's why Whitepine Grange made a contest out of our "Adopt-A-Highway" litter patrol between Mile Markers 48 and 50, just west of Thompson Falls. Our cleanup project was April 8. We held a contest to see who, of the 18 wonderful volunteers, discovered the most interesting piece of trash.

Among the volunteers were Susan McFarland, David and Barbara Orr, Lori Wigen, Patty English, Guy Engebretson, Carrie Greene, Tricia and Mason Cottrell, Juanita Triplett, Sherry Eddy, Nan Blake, Christine Munday, Sue Cooperman, Bill Beck, Sharon Galligan, Karin Hanson, Jan Manning and Debb McNary.

Among the interesting items found: a motorcycle bell, pair of scissors, a padlock (no key), pair of sweatpants and jeans, a new 2 x 4, a magnetic "Student Driver" sign, a fancy new cat tunnel, and a tattered \$20 bill. But the winning item—as voted at the following Grange meeting—was a personalized beer bottle with the picture and name of a couple from Michigan. Patty English was the finder. As winner, she was presented a \$50 gift card for Anthony's Restaurant in Coeur d'Alene, compliments of Vice President Carolyn Nesbitt.

Many thanks to all who participated and made this Whitepine Grange community service project FUN!



Susan McFarland and Sharon Galligan show off their treasures from the "Adopt a Highway" cleanup between MM 48 and 50 on Hwy 200.



Debb McNary and Juanita Triplett were among 18 volunteers who turned out for the highway cleanup project.



Bring **QUALITY** yard sale items (items worth at least \$10) that you will donate to the Grange's June 23-24 Yard Sale.

Pick **ONE** of those items for the Bingo Prize Table.

Play **FREE** Bingo.

Each winner gets to choose a prize from the table.

Leftover items will be added to our collection for the Yard Sale.

Open to the Public!

No money involved, so everyone can play!

BINGO! Bingo! Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!

Wed., May 24, 2023

Whitepine Grange, 6-8pm

Whitepine Grange is on the corner of Hwy 200 and Faro Lane, near MM 38. Open to the public. Free admission. Presented as a public service by members of Whitepine Grange #102. #102.



"BE BEAR AWARE!!!"

—featuring Professional Bear Guard
Brent Hudson

Join us for an **encore Bear Safety** presentation by former **Alaskan Master Guide Brent Hudson!** Learn bear traits, behaviors, dangers and how to avoid potentially lethal encounters with these formidable animals.

Brent's qualifications include **38 years as an Alaskan hunting guide and bear guard, Bear Safety Officer with Occupation Health & Safety and Jacobs Engineering Group** and experience with several other companies and projects. Brent is a USMC Vietnam Veteran and works as a consultant with the Boundary County Sheriffs office on local bear issues and activities.

Brent also survived a brutal attack by an Alaskan Brown Bear on Kodiak Island while on the job, and shares this as part of his presentation. His extensive knowledge and firsthand experience in dealing with bears, particularly Grizzlies, is not to be missed. The 2-hour class is free, but a small donation is encouraged to help cover costs. All ages welcome; however, it will include some graphic photos and descriptions of dangerous bear encounters. For more info: 406-827-6385

YARD SALE

June 23-24
Whitepine Grange

We need items!! Please bring them to the Grange and leave on the front porch if no one is there. Large items (like furniture) that can't be stowed in the basement until then) **can be dropped off June 22.**

Please, only GOOD items. No junk.
Questions? Call Jan, 406-827-6385

Historic gem to receive TLC

She's no longer in service, but she served the Grange well for many decades! She's about to receive a temporary facelift.



"Biffy Buff-Up Day" is Sat., July 8 at the Grange.

Bring your family for a great picnic, barbecue, and games....AND you

get the chance to add your personal signature, in paint, to this historic landmark!

Mark **Saturday, July 8** on your calendar and get the family ready for a good old-fashioned Grange picnic (and biffy-signing). Festivities will start at 11:30am. No charge! Open to the public!



Cajun Fais Do-Do

Dance Party & Dinner

Fundraiser for
Cancer Network of Sanders County
Saturday, June 17, 5 to 8pm — Whitepine Grange

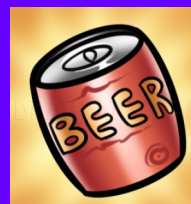
FREE ADMISSION—OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Authentic Cajun Gumbo Dinner

Games! Win a \$200 grocery gift card!

*Dancing and general merriment. **Bring your own beverages!***

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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
PO Box 1313
Trout Creek, MT 59874