



Whitepine Whispers"

News of Whitepine Grange #102

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Whitepine Grange has something for everyone in 2026!

For Families

- Potlucks
- Bingo
- Dances
- Game nights

For Kids

- Tank Drum Class
- "Screen-Free Fun" Days

For the Community Minded

- Annual Highway Cleanup
- Memorial Day Service
- Dictionary donations to 3rd graders

For Fitness & Health

- Adult Fitness Classes
- BEMER sessions
- Herbal Medicine Class

For Dancers

- Sunday afternoon dances
- Clogging class

For Dog Owners

- Socialization, Manners Training
- Competitive Dog Sports
- Therapy Dog Class

For Adults

- Movie Night
- Seniors Support Group
- Cell Phone Class
- Parliamentary Procedure Class

For Crafters

- Craft Bazaar every November
- Crafting Classes
- Annual Stash Sale
- Sewing/Quilting Days
- Knitting Class
- Pine Needle Basket Class

For Gardeners

- Dahlia Swap

Got ideas for programs? Want to teach a class?

Let us know! whitepinegrange@gmail.com

Whitepine Grange is your community center in western Sanders County! If you're interested in any of these Grange activities, check out the details on **page 7**.

\$2,000 is on the table

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRANGE MEMBERS!

By Jan Manning, Whitepine Grange president

If you are a Grange member and have a graduating senior in your immediate family, that senior could earn up to \$2,000 in Grange-sponsored scholarships good for trade schools or college.

If you're not yet a Grange member, you can join. See the member application form on the last page of this newsletter. Join as a family for \$70 (covering all members of your immediate family), or purchase a membership for the graduating senior. Individual memberships are \$40.

Upon joining, the graduating senior can fill out TWO separate scholarship applications. One is for \$1,000 from the Montana State Grange. The other is for \$1,000 from Whitepine Grange. It is possible for one candidate to win both scholarships.

Why the requirement to join the Grange? It's because membership in a civic-minded, highly respected organization like the Grange is a crucial part of becoming a responsible adult. Community involvement starts at the grassroots level and can play a huge part in any developing career, be it engineering or plumbing.

To apply for the Montana State Grange scholarship of \$1,000, contact me directly by email (whitepinegrange@gmail.com) and I'll send you the document package. The completed application must be mailed back to the Montana State Grange secretary and **POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 25!**

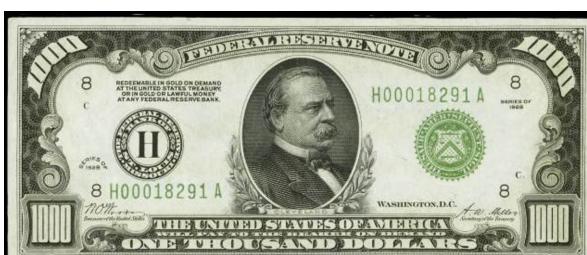
The Whitepine Grange scholarship application is currently undergoing revisions and will be available within the next few weeks. Please notify me by email (whitepinegrange@gmail.com) if you are also interested in receiving that application, and I will send it to you as soon as it's available.



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The Grange's mission:

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

January 2026 Calendar

Mon., Jan 5	Exercise Class, 9am	Tues., Jan. 20	BEMER sessions, 11am
Tues., Jan. 6	BEMER sessions, 11am	Wed., Jan. 21	Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30
Wed., Jan. 7	Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am	Wed., Jan. 21	Rally Dogs, 1pm
Wed., Jan. 7	Rally Dogs, 1pm	Wed., Jan. 21	Clogging, 3pm
Wed., Jan. 7	Clogging, 3pm	Wed., Jan. 21	Movie Night, 6pm
Thurs., Jan. 8	NO EXERCISE CLASS	Thurs., Jan. 22	Exercise Class, 9am
Sat., Jan. 10	Novice Rally, 10am	Sat., Jan. 24	Novice Rally, 10am
Sun., Jan. 11	Intro to Dog Agility, 2pm	Sun., Jan. 25	Beginning Agility, Wk 1, 2pm
Mon, Jan. 12	Exercise Class, 9am	Sun., Jan. 25	Advanced Agility 3:30pm
Tues., Jan. 13	BEMER sessions, 11am	Mon., Jan. 26	Exercise Class, 9am
Wed., Jan. 14	Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am	Tues., Jan. 27	BEMER sessions, 11am
Wed., Jan. 14	Rally Dogs, 1pm	Tues., Jan. 28	Alzheimer's/Dementia Program, 6:30p
Wed., Jan. 14	Clogging, 3pm	Wed., Jan. 28	Rough & Rowdy Dogs, 10:30am
Thurs., Jan. 15	Exercise Class, 9am	Wed., Jan. 28	Rally Dogs, 1pm
Fri., Jan. 16	Sewing/Quilting all day	Thurs., Jan. 29	Exercise Class, 9am
Sun., Jan. 18	Grange Dance, 1-4pm	Sat., Jan. 31	Novice Rally, 10am
Mon., Jan. 19	Exercise Class, 9am		

Dates and times are subject to change due to weather and other issues. Check email and Facebook (Sanders County 411) for last-minute changes or cancellations.



“Best Picture 2025”

Keith Caldwell and Connie Scott, Whitepine Grange members from Plains, tear up the dance floor at the Grange dance last November. Behind them is Dave Oliver, along with the rest of the “Western Sky” band, providing the best in live dance music.

Join Keith, Connie and the rest of us again on Jan. 18 when the Grange dance floor lights up!



Old Time Grange Hall



“Western Sky”

Dance!

Sun., Jan. 18, 2026

1:00pm to 4:00pm

at Whitepine Grange

Live Music featuring “Western Sky”

Admission: FREE!

Family Friendly—bring the kids!

No alcohol, but plenty of snacks & refreshments

Whitepine Grange, corner of Hwy 200 & Faro Lane, near MM38

Tues., Jan. 27, 2026, 6:30pm

Whitepine Grange

Alzheimer's & Dementia: Help for Navigating the Path

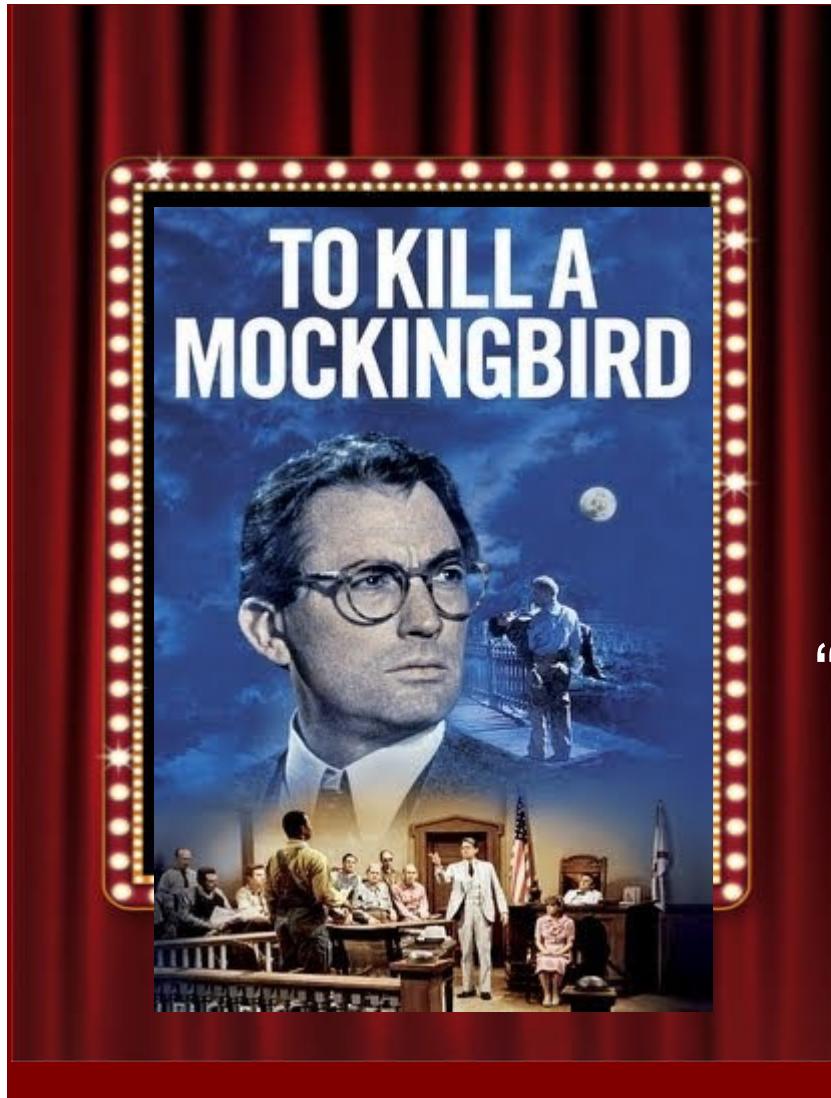


Guest Speaker: Jodie Bittinger

***CCC-SLP,A, Professional therapist and Alzheimer's/
Dementia support group facilitator.***

Learn about Alzheimer's/Dementia and how a support group can help you and your loved ones negotiate the journey.

Free and open to the public



Movie Night

At Whitepine Grange

Wed., Jan. 21

6pm

"To Kill a Mockingbird"
starring Gregory Peck

FREE

ADMISSION

Popcorn provided, BYOB

Save these dates!

Sun., Jan. 18

Old Fashioned Grange Hall Dance ,1-4pm

Wed., Jan. 21

Movie Night: To Kill a Mockingbird," 6pm

Tues., Jan. 27

Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Program,
6:30pm

Tues., Feb. 24

Potluck and Theme Bingo

Wed., Feb. 25

Movie Night, "The Best Years of Our Lives"

Sat., March 28

"Stash Sale," 10am to 2pm

Family Portrait?



Is this really the family portrait you want? Here's a better idea: **Join the Grange** and give your family a life!

(Application on page 9)

2026 Grange Activity Details

Families

Potlucks, 4th Tuesday each month at 5:30pm. Starting in February. Bingo every other month. Open to the public!

Grange Dance Sunday, Jan. 18, 1 to 4pm. Family friendly, no alcohol. Live music.

Fitness

"Joy of Movement" exercise classes every Monday and Thursday, 9am. Free for Grange members, \$5 all others. Cardio, strength, flexibility, balance, and fun, all choreographed to popular music. All equipment provided. Bring sneakers and water bottle.

BEMER sessions: experience the benefits of painless electro-magnetic pulse therapy for systemic health. Administered by Rob Viens. Each relaxing session lasts 8-20 minutes. Call Rob Viens to schedule, 360-296-1232.

Dog Training Classes

Rough & Rowdy, each Wednesday, 10:30am Drop-in training for dogs and owners. Emphasis is on developing manners, self control, focus and communication. Dogs learn critical socialization skills while handlers gain confidence in their dog-parenting skills. Fee is \$5. Instructor: Jan Manning, with 30+ years' experience in dog training and behavior management.

Competition Dog Classes: Learn dog sports like Rally, Agility and Competitive Obedience from true experts. Classes are generally scheduled in six-week series by demand. Contact whitepinegrange@gmail.com for scheduling details.

Therapy Dog Class: Could your dog bring joy to seniors and children? This six-week class will help you determine your dog's suitability for visiting senior facilities and children's classrooms. Dogs must be pre-screened by instructor. Class would meet on Thursday mornings. Contact Jan, whitepinegrange@gmail.com.

Gardening & Agriculture

"Dahlia Swap" is scheduled for Sat., April 25. Contact Sharon Smith at 406-827-3389.

Annual "Honey Buzzar" is Sat., Nov. 7 at the Grange. All regional vendors of local honey and honey-related projects are invited to this event, always widely supported by local residents. Contact whitepinegrange@gmail.com to reserve a table.

Crafts

Pine needle basket-weaving class, taught by Jan Fryer. Tentatively scheduled for March, on Tuesday afternoons for 4 weeks. Limited enrollment! Contact whitepinegrange@gmail.com for details on fee and exact start dates.

Sewing/Quilting on the first and third Fridays each month. Contact Patty English, 406-827-9446, for more information.

Craft Bazaar—the "Cornucopia of Crafts" show on Sat. Nov. 14, organized by FGG Designs. Want to be a vendor? Call 406-282-3589 for info.

"Stash Sale" March 14 at the Grange. Trade or sell your extra crafting supplies to other crafters. To reserve a table, contact Linda Yeargin at 406-827-0089 or email lindayeargin@yahoo.com.

Kids

"Tank Drum" music class starting this spring for kids 8-12. Also known as Panda Drums, Tongue Drums, and Sound Healing Drums, these beautiful instruments will teach your child coordination, timing, and basic music theory while creating beautiful sounds that soothe and heal the psyche. Limit 10 participants. Watch for an announcement of start date, and contact whitepinegrange@gmail.com for more information.

For Dancers

Grange dances are back! Next one is Jan. 18, 1 to 4pm. Family friendly. Refreshments. Live music. We'll be scheduling one every other month.

Clogging Class meets Wednesdays at 3pm. \$5 per week. No tap shoes or partners needed!

Community involvement

Highway Litter Cleanup is Sat., April 18. Our Grange does Miles 48-50 of Hwy 200. All volunteers welcome! We meet at Beagles Coffee, 10am.

Memorial Day Service at Whitepine Cemetery on Sat., May 30. Whitepine Grange organizes this event, which involves distribution of crosses and flags on every veteran's grave in the cemetery, followed by a Memorial Day service involving tributes, prayers and song. Volunteers always needed.

Dictionary Project: Each year Whitepine Grange distributes free student dictionaries to all third-graders in surrounding communities. The project is called "Words for Thirds." Volunteers needed for this program. Contact Patty English, 406-827-9446.

Volunteers needed for school dictionary project

Volunteers are needed to put new dictionaries into the hands of area third-grade students.

Each year Whitepine Grange purchases student dictionaries and distributes them to all third-graders in Trout Creek, Noxon, and Thompson Falls.

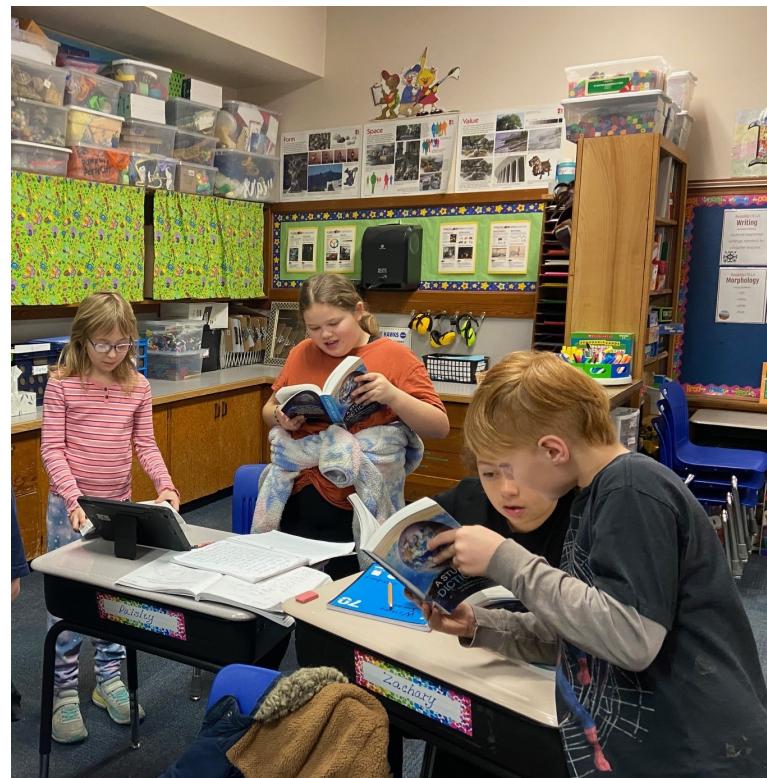
The dictionaries chosen for the project double as history books and mini-encyclopedias containing fascinating facts and figures about U.S. Presidents, geography, state capitols and more.

Purchasing these dictionaries is, and will always be, in the Grange budget as it's been for decades. The dictionary program, which is called "Words for Thirds," is national in scope. Many Granges and other civic organizations take part in it as a community service.

Patty English has headed up Whitepine Grange's "Words for Thirds" project for several years. Her favorite part, she says, is handing out the dictionaries to kids in their third-grade classrooms.

"It's so fun to see how excited these kids get when they receive their very own dictionaries," she says.

Patty needs help getting the books ready for distribution and delivering them to the classrooms. If



The Grange's annual dictionary donation project always lights up the faces of area third-graders. Want to help? Contact Patty English, 406-827-9446, to find out how you can join the distribution parties.

you'd like to have some fun doing this, call Patty at 406-827-9446 and let her know you're available!

Identity Fraud: Not "if" but "when" it happens to you

Shortly before Christmas, our bank notified us of a security breach and suggested steps we should take to protect ourselves. The offending parties had apparently accessed our names, social security numbers and birthdates.

I went to the bank to get the info first-hand. As I stood in line waiting for a teller, an elderly couple was discussing the same situation with the teller next door. They were obviously bewildered, and I heard the gentleman say, "What I'd like to do is just ignore this." The teller gave him a sympathetic look and advised him to instead take the steps the bank was suggesting to mitigate the situation. Ignoring it wasn't the answer.

My own teller was similarly somber about this misfortune. She advised me, step by step, what to do to prevent any future problems that may arise from this security breach. Basically, she suggested we contact all three major credit bureaus and put a "freeze" on our reports so no unauthorized person could access and tamper with them. She also suggested getting at least one credit report each year to oversee the situation, and of course to monitor our credit card statements and charges at least monthly.

This security breach wasn't our fault. We hadn't initiated it by clicking on anything or responding to strange phone calls. It just happened. Expect that it will happen to you too, and be prepared. Follow your bank's advice. **Follow through.** Preventing identity theft is far easier than trying to reclaim it once it is stolen from you. —JM



Join Whitepine Grange today!

For yourself, your family, your rural neighbors & community!

New Membership Renewal

Individual Membership: \$40/year

Family Membership: \$70/year

Name: _____

Veteran? _____

Date _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

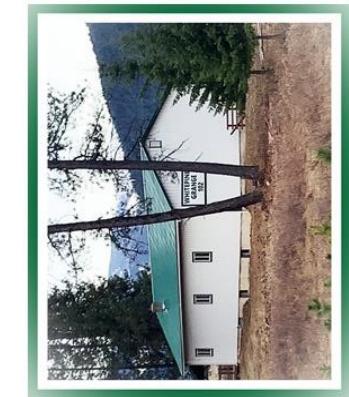
Phone _____

Email (please print clearly) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

What are your hobbies? (so we can plan programs of interest to you and maybe utilize your expertise) _____

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, kid-friendly activities, 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, and also for the many community programs designed for you, your family and neighbors. Whitepine Grange was chartered in 1938. In 2026 the Grange is still going strong! Join Whitepine Grange #102 and become part of its enduring and wonderful story!

For Family Memberships:

Spouse/Partner's Name _____ Veteran? _____

Date _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Phone _____

Email (please print clearly) _____

Children: _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

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