



“Whitepine Whispers”

News of Whitepine Grange #102

9 Faro Lane, Trout Creek, MT 59874

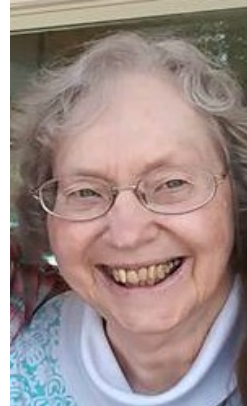
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Happy Birthday to Peggy!

Peggy Carlson, who has served decades as Whitepine Grange’s secretary/treasurer, celebrated her 85th birthday on Feb. 16.

Thank you, Peggy, for your long and continuing service to the Grange! We appreciate all you have done for us over the years!



Peggy Carlson

New sign, new yard light!

After several years of darkness in the parking lot, the dusk-to-dawn yard light has been repaired and replaced with an economic LED lamp, thanks to Glen Haas Electric.

We also have a new sign, which will be mounted on the northwest corner of the building where it will be very visible from Hwy 200. This will greatly help first-time visitors find our little white building on the corner of Faro Lane and Hwy 200.

Gone to the dogs?

For the past 18 months, Whitepine Grange #102 has been the unofficial “clubhouse” of Sanders County Dog Training Club, which



holds classes several times a week in the main hall. The club is one of two main “tenants”

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Calendar

- Feb. 22: Puppy Play Class, 11am
- Feb. 25: Line Dance Class, 3pm
- Feb. 27: Rally Dog Class, 1pm
- Feb. 29: Puppy Play Class, 11am
- Mar. 3: Line Dance Class, 3pm
- Mar. 5: Rally Dog Class, 1pm
- Mar.7: Puppy Play Class, 11am
- Mar. 10: Line Dance Class, 3pm
- Mar. 11: Therapy Dogs, 7pm
- Mar. 12: Rally Dog Class. 1pm
- Mar. 14: Puppy Play Class, 11am
- Mar. 17: Line Dance Class,3pm
- Mar. 17: Grange Mtg, 6:30pm
- Mar. 17: “Friends” Mtg, 7:30pm
- Mar. 19: Rally Dog Class,1pm
- Mar. 21: Puppy Play Class,11am
- Mar. 24: Line Dance Class, 3pm
- Mar. 26: Rally Dog Class, 1pm
- Mar. 28: Puppy Play Class, 11am
- Mar. 31: Line Dance Class, 3pm

Rent the Grange

Planning a bazaar? A party or potluck? Holding a class? Need a meeting place? Ask about renting Whitepine Grange #102 for your event. It’s clean, convenient, and it’s extremely economical. For info, call Jan, 406-827-6385.



Gone to the dogs

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of the building at present; the other is JoAnn Pruett, who has been holding line dancing classes there on Tuesdays for many years.

Between the dog folks and the dancers, the Grange is getting used and cared for. There is plenty of room on the calendar, however, for more groups to rent the Grange for special functions. With a new furnace (installed in 2019) and a full working kitchen, the Grange has much to offer. As we generate more income from rentals and fundraisers, we will be able to replace old tables, chairs and light fixtures, and complete structural and cosmetic repairs inside and out, making the Grange an even better place to hold your functions!

At left, dog club members conduct a “Canine Good Citizen Test” at the Grange. Classes are open to the public.

*Thank you,
Clay and Nan!*

Many thanks to Clay and Nanette Blake for donating \$\$ to be used for new chairs at the Grange! The Blakes recently moved to Trout Creek from Oregon. They have built a new home and have both become licensed real estate agents with Clearwater Properties. And...they have two dogs who've taken several training classes at the Grange. Clay and Nan, your chairs will be reserved for you!

Who are “Friends of the Grange”?

That’s you (we hope)!

“Friends of the Grange” is a group of neighbors and friends who have organized to help support, promote and maintain the historic Whitepine Grange #102 building, which has served our area for so many years.

While some of the “Friends” are actually Grange members, it’s not necessary to join the Grange in order to be a “friend.” We’re just looking for folks like you who recognize the importance of preserving the building as a community resource we can all utilize.

At present, the “Friends” group is just getting organized. Our goal is to involve as many of you as we can, to form a charter, appoint officers, open a bank account, and apply for status as a 501.c.3 nonprofit charitable group. If you have ideas, experience, and/or skills in organizations...if you have basic carpentry skills and a little time...if you’d like to get involved in a great community project that will benefit you and your neighbors for the next hundred years...then please let us know! Contact Jan Manning at 827-6385 or email sandersagility@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars!

“Friends of Whitepine Grange” Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 7:30pm

At the Grange

“Friends of the Grange” will hold an organizational meeting on Tues., March 17, 7:30pm. We will choose officers and establish a charter. Please join us. St. Patrick’s Day goodies served (but no green beer)!

This meeting will immediately follow the Whitepine Grange monthly members’ meeting which starts at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend this meeting as well.

*Sponsor a new
chair or table!*

We need funds for new folding chairs and 6-foot banquet tables, which will be purchased LOCALLY. If you’d like to donate, please send a check payable to:

**Whitepine Grange #102
c/o Peggy Carlson, Sec’y
35 Willow Lane
Trout Creek, MT 59874**

Thank you!!