

# The Golden Gazette

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A monthly newsletter from the Whitefish Community Center

## Welcome, Michelle!

Hello Whitefish Community Center members!

I am very excited to become part of this worthwhile community organization. I feel fortunate to have been selected for the comanager position.

I am a born-and-raised Whitefish local. My parents were also born in Whitefish. My maternal grandparents settled in town around 1910. It goes without saying that I have deep roots and affection for "Stumptown."

My husband and I returned to Whitefish in 1982 after working out of state off and on for a few years. After deciding to make Whitefish our home, we owned two businesses and made a living from the timber industry. In 1994, we became a railroad family and raised our two sons through elementary, middle and high school in Whitefish schools. Over the years, we have been involved as volunteers in baseball, football and scouting.

I look forward to working with the board of Whitefish Community Center and Meals on Wheels and am hoping soon to be helping organize post-Covid events and activities!



Michelle McDowell

## We are so grateful!

On Friday, September 18, the Great Fish Challenge came to a close.

The people of this valley are amazing, their donations to our Community Center totaled \$19,249. Each and every donation warmed our hearts.

The funds we raised will maintain and expand community outreach through our current Meals on Wheels program, in addition to increasing awareness through marketing, senior citizen activities and program growth. A portion of it will support operating costs for the Whitefish Community Center.

This is turning out to be a year of epic adjustments, between our Covid closure and building construction. The grant money from Great Fish is coming at a time when revenue from other sources, such as our building rental, have disappeared.

A grand and heartfelt thank you goes to the Whitefish Community Foundation for organizing and implementing this community project. We want everyone to know that the folks there work tirelessly to make this six-week campaign successful for all the participating nonprofits. Everyone at the Whitefish Community Center sends our sincerest thanks to the Whitefish Community Foundation for the support they provide to our community during this annual summer fundraising effort.

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Whitefish Community Center offers a “user-friendly” space for young and old alike. We host and sponsor many activities and programs for adults who are young at heart.

The Center is also an affordable and conveniently located rental space for receptions, club meetings, banquets, parties, reunions and fundraisers. Stop by, say “hello,” and see what we’re all about.



## HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!



Whitefish Community Center is still closed to the public due to the Corona Virus Pandemic. However, we do want to wish the happiest of birthdays to our renewing members listed here. We hope you are able to celebrate in a safe and meaningful way. We will put out the word when we open and can resume the birthday party tradition.

## Under Construction (soon)



We are pleased to share with you news of the upcoming repairs to our building.

As you remember, two years ago our building shifted. The northeast corner sank as a result of the three-story loft building being constructed next to us.

This coming October and November our building is scheduled to be repaired. Because these repairs are large in nature, we will have to vacate the premises. This is actually good timing, as we are still closed to the public due to Covid.

However, this means our Meals on Wheels distribution will have to move to a temporary location (which has not yet been identified). Our volunteers will have the challenge of working from a new location, but we will be able to feed the clients depending on us without skipping a beat.

- Sybil Kinonen: October 2**
- Jean Phillips: October 2**
- Barbara Saunders: October 3**
- Ronnie Budge: October 7**
- Betty Schwegel: October 9**
- Rick Boule: October 15**
- Alanna Strong: October 22**
- Arri Sendzimir: October 22**
- Susan Robison: October 24**
- Ralph Ammondson: October 27**
- Debbie Dante: October 29**
- Mike Kinne: October 31**
- Leslie Rogers: October 31**