

The Golden Gazette

December 2022

Welcome, Katja and Mel!

We are pleased to introduce our new Director of Operations, Katja Schalbetter, and our new Meals on Wheels Coordinator, Melissa (Mel) Graf. Katja manages the Center's daily operations and works closely with the Board to help coordinate programs. Mel is responsible for the coordination and day-to-day operation of our Meals on Wheels program.

Katja is an experienced professional social services administrator. Born and raised in Switzerland, she earned her Masters of Advanced Studies in Business Administration from the Fachhochschule Zentralschweiz in Lucerne. In her previous work, she contracted, monitored and evaluated the services of numerous nonprofit organizations. Since 2015, she, her husband and their three children have lived in Whitefish, where Katja also works as a childbirth educator and doula. She and her family enjoy hiking, skiing and spending time with family and friends.

We look forward to Katja being a part of the Whitefish Community Center and using her many and varied skills and experience in the WCC's operation and growth.

Mel was born and raised in eastern Iowa. Through her education and work experience, she has been involved in both environmental and conservation issues and research. She received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, and a Master's Certificate in GIS from the University of Wyoming. Between semesters at college, she worked with county naturalists and park rangers at Benton County Conservation as a seasonal conservation aide. For the past two summers she has worked as a park ranger at Glacier National Park. She is an avid outdoor enthusiast and often can be found hiking and biking in and around the valley. In the winter, she sharpens her computer skills through creating digital art and writing code for video games.

Mel expressed excitement at continuing to serve the local community, getting to know the wonderful people of Whitefish and being a vital part of the Whitefish Community Center.

The Community Center is happy to welcome both Katja and Mel and have them become a part of our Whitefish Community Center family.



Katja Schalbetter



Melissa (Mel) Graf

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December Birthdays

Pat Carter: December 1
 Bob Brown: December 11
 Liz McPherson: December 12
 Glenda Smith: December 13
 Michael Downey: December 19
 Mark Sebrowski: December 19
 Lori VanDell: December 19
 Larry Kossak: December 20
 Barbara Foley: December 23
 Carol Morrow: December 25

Holiday Market

Start your holiday shopping at the Whitefish Community Center. Crafty Women is hosting a

Christmas Sale at the WCC on Saturday, December 3, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be a variety of high-quality merchandise where you will find that special gift you have been looking for, and maybe something for yourself too. We look forward to seeing you!

Christmas Lunch

Our annual holiday meal will be served on Friday, December 23, at 11:30 am. The menu, as scheduled, is Yuletide Pot Roast, potatoes, vegetables, gravy, croissants and frosted spice cake. All are welcome. Come enjoy good company and a

tasty meal! Suggested donation is \$4 for seniors and \$8 for non-seniors. Please call (406) 862-4923 for reservations.

Christmas Ball

Break out the finery! Come join others for an afternoon of dancing to your favorite Christmas songs under lights and surrounded by Christmas décor. The ball will be held at the WCC on Sunday, December 11 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. with a photo station set up to take pictures of you and yours in your holiday attire. Come and dance the afternoon away. Admission is free.

Activity Calendar for December 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Members of the Whitefish High School Choir will treat us to joyful and heartwarming Christmas songs on Monday, December 19, at 5:00 pm. All are welcome. Please come to the WCC and bring family and friends!			12/1 Senior Fitness 10:00 am Lunch service 11:30 am Karate Class 5-7 pm	12/2 Ping Pong 9 am - Noon Lunch service 11:30 am
12/5 Yoga 9:30 am Lunch service 11:30 am	12/6 Senior Fitness 10:00 am Lunch service 11:30 am Pinochle/Cribbage 1 pm Karate Class 5-7 pm Self Defense 6 pm	12/7 Tai Chi 10 am Lunch service 11:30 am Ladies Mahjong 1:30-4pm	12/8 Senior Fitness 10:00 am Lunch service 11:30 am Karate Class 5-7 pm	12/9 Ping Pong 9 am - Noon Lunch service 11:30 am
12/12 Yoga 9:30 am Lunch service 11:30 am BINGO 1:00 PM	12/13 Senior Fitness 10:00 am Lunch service 11:30 am Pinochle/Cribbage 1pm Karate Class 5-7 pm	12/14 Tai Chi 10 am Lunch service 11:30 am Ladies Mahjong 1:30-4pm	12/15 Senior Fitness 10:00 am CRAFT CLUB 10:00 am Lunch service 11:30 am Karate Class 5-7 pm	12/16 Ping Pong 9 am - Noon Lunch service 11:30 am BOOK CLUB 1:00 pm
12/19 Yoga 9:30 am Lunch service 11:30 am CHRISTMAS MUSIC with WHITEFISH HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR 5:00 pm	12/20 Senior Fitness 10:00 am Lunch service 11:30 am Pinochle/Cribbage 1 pm Karate Class 5-7 pm Self Defense Class 6 pm	12/21 Tai Chi 10 am Lunch service 11:30 am Ladies Mahjong 1:30-4pm	12/22 Senior Fitness 10:00 am Lunch service 11:30 am Karate Class 5-7 pm	12/23 Ping Pong 9 am - Noon YULETIDE CHRISTMAS LUNCH 11:30 am
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