

SUBLETTE CENTER NEWSLETTER

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Ellen, on the trail during a trekking trip with husband Hammer Reed.

Celebrating 100 Years of Ellen

By Lillian Palmer

A Sublette Center resident will claim the title of centenarian this year, something few get to do. Ellen Reed, Sublette County native, will celebrate her 100th birthday on September 19. An accomplishment such as this is merely a drop in the bucket for this spunky 100-year-old.

Ellen grew up in Daniel, Wyoming, with two siblings, her father, a cowboy and mother, a teacher and postmistress. Ellen pursued a career in education, following in her mother's footsteps, but not before joining the Navy WAVES. During her time in the service, she worked as a weather observer.

"I could tell the pilots whether they could fly or not," Ellen said. "I liked it. You know, something different." After the war ended in 1945, she returned to Daniel where she reunited with a beau from her childhood, Hugh "Hammer" Reed. He too, was returning from wartime service. The two fell in love, were married on Sep. 1, 1947 and as they say, the rest is history.

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Ellen in her Navy WAVES uniform.

The two finished their degrees, roamed and rambled, then made their home in Pinedale, in 1954. A few years later, Ellen started her teaching career.

When asked how she would like to be remembered, Ellen said, "As a 1st grade teacher."

After a 25-year teaching career in Pinedale, she will be. Ellen and Hammer lived a long, happy life together, had five children and traveled the world.

They took up "trekking" later in life, and together trekked through Argentina and twice through Nepal.

"I've had lots of best days," Ellen said. "Don't worry about your health and you may live to be a hundred. I never thought much of it. I just stay happy and eat lots of fruit." Whatever her key to longevity may be, a positive attitude can take you a long way, and Ellen is living proof. It's easy to say Ellen has lived a full life, and one she will be remembered for, by Pinedale especially. Cheers to 100!



Ground Breaking Ceremony

On August 25th the boards for both the Sublette County Hospital District and the Sublette Center broke ground on the new shared facility. It was a historic moment, as Sublette County is the only county in Wyoming without a hospital. About 650 people attended the ceremony, and enjoyed dinner and music by Jared Rogerson after the event.

Construction is set to begin mid September and expected to be complete by May 2024.

Sublette Center Board members Ruth Steele, Kerry Majhanovich, Patty Racich and Marilyn Jensen break ground.

Not pictured: Nancy Guio



STAFF & RESIDENT

September Birthdays

Sep. 16 - Dale J.

Sep. 17 - Ty Estrada

Sep. 19 - Ellen R. "100th"

Sep. 19 - John S.

Sep. 21 - Margaret O.

Sep. 24 - Katie Hoffman

Sep. 27 - Twila Bolgiano

COMING UP::

*Families welcome to attend,
pending Covid-19 restrictions*

September Cocktail Party

in the Heritage Room,
Tuesday, Sep. 13 @ 5 pm

Saturday Night Music

in the Grand Dining Room,
Saturday, Sep. 3 & 17 @ 7 pm

Ellen Reed's 100th Birthday Celebration

in the Heritage Room,
Monday, Sep. 19 @ 3 pm



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Word in the Center: Our Favorite Pets

National Dog day happened recently, so I decided to ask our residents about their favorite family pets, dog or otherwise.



"Tippy, she was a little black cocker spaniel. I don't know how long, but I had her for quite a while. I got her as a puppy and she grew up with me. She was just loveable, she loved you and kissed you and she was just a good dog. We dressed her up in doll clothes. She was a cutie,"

Barb

"Midget, she was a welsh pony. I had Midget when I started school. She was my school bus. I grew up with her and then my kids had her too. She lived 'til she was 35 years old. We left her out in the meadow all the time and she'd come to the house and get 'em every morning. They'd put a string in her mouth and that's all they rode her with,"



Dale



"My favorite dog's name was Betsy Sue, a mutt. I used to ride my bike and she'd be right next to my bike. I was in my 20s, just starting out, she was my best friend. My kids grew up with her. She'd let them crawl all over her and she never got mad or growled at them,"

Maggie

"My favorite family pet of mine was a mule, Jake. Jake and I became very good friends for about 20 years. Dr. Johnston said that Jake must be smart, but he doesn't know where the hell he's going. I said, 'I'll bet you a case of whiskey that from right now, we got about two miles to go to where we're gonna camp, and I won't touch him.' I held my hands up in the air, tied a knot to the saddle horn and said, 'Jake, let's go to camp and he went,'"



Monte



"Tom Cat. He was a good cat. He'd come up in my bed until I woke up then he'd go down stairs. He was the best cat ever. He just showed up one day. I still miss him. He's the only pet I ever had. "

Darlene

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