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## **Elections 2020: Nominations Sought for Elm Grove Board** of Trustees

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

Elm Grove residents interested in taking active leadership roles regarding current and future issues of importance to our community may wish to consider running for a seat on the Village of Elm Grove Board of Trustees next year.

A Primary Election, if needed, will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020; the Spring Election is set for Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

The Village Board seats up for election include those of Trustees John Domaszek, George Haas, and Pat Kressin, whose terms all expire on April 21, 2020. Trustees serve two-year terms and receive no financial compensation.

To qualify as a candidate, you must be a citizen of the Village of Elm Grove, age 18 or older, a resident of the Village for at least 10 days before any election, and an eligible elector.

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2019. No less than 20 and no more than 100 signatures are required. All forms are available at Village Hall and on the Village website: www.elmgrovewi.org (under Departments, Clerk, Elections).

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Vintage World War II era U.S. Army Air Forces "M-O-T-H-E-R" pillow cover from the collection of Lisabeth Passalis-Bain.

Veterans Day is November 11. **Honor & Support Our Veterans!** 

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## Village **Update**

By Neil Palmer,

President – Village of Elm Grove npalmer@elmgrovewi.org

The Village Finance Committee is busy reviewing the 2020 Village Budget. The proposed budget is prepared by the department heads in cooperation with the Village manager and then discussed with related Village Board committees before being submitted to the Finance Committee for review as a total budget for compliance with state law limiting expenditures by local governments. The Village plans capital expenditures through a 5-year capital budget through which we attempt to "save" money annually for identified equipment replacements or building replacements or repairs. Some large unique projects, like the new Splash Pad at the pool are funded through contributions and/or borrowing.

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## The Holidays are Coming!

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### **Elections 2020**

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Nomination Papers, Declaration of Candidacy, and a Campaign Registration Statement all must be filed at Village Hall no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. Call (262) 782-6700 for further information.

Additional elections to be held in 2020 include the Fall Partisan Primary, August 11 and the General Election, November 3.

## "I Know Where You Live!"



Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

## Walking the Plank...

After a series of delays, the summer + several-weeks-into-fall Watertown Plank Road, \$500,000 + "pathway" project is, for the most part, completed. Now, those of us who love "Walking the Plank" or riding bicycles or running or pushing strollers can do so on a much smoother, even surface. Let us be Thankful for the improvement!

The themes of Thanksgiving and Fall are explored by (a record-breaking high of 30) Young Writers on Pages 9 and 10. I am Thankful for the opportunity to present their work within the *News-Independent* and hope that you will take time to read their thoughts. Students in grades K-12 are welcome to submit writing for consideration. Contact me at elmgrovenews@yahoo.com for details.

Past Times columnist Stephen K. Hauser continues the Thanksgiving theme this month with "George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation" – Page 4.

We also salute our VETERANS this—and every month. Attend a local Veterans Day ceremony, visit a V.A. Hospital, join or support an area Veterans' organization, and take a moment to THANK a veteran for his or her service.



### **Veterans Day Ceremonies Scheduled**

(ELM GROVE) Pilgrim Park Middle School, 1500 Pilgrim Parkway, is proud to announce that we will again be holding our annual Veterans Day Ceremony on the morning of Monday, November 11.

If you, a family member, or someone close to you is a veteran or active duty military, please contact **Sandy Morris** (morriss@elmbrookschools.org) and provide us with the name and contact information so that we can extend a formal invitation for our Veterans Day ceremony.

(BROOKFIELD) The Sons of the American Legion organization at Cudworth-Stenz-Griesell-Smith American Legion Post 449, 3245 North 124<sup>th</sup> St., will hold an annual Remembrance Service on Veterans Day, November 11 starting at 11 a.m. (11<sup>th</sup> month / 11<sup>th</sup> day / 11<sup>th</sup> hour)

The Post will also hold its annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at 6 p.m. Post members invite the public to bring old flags to Post 449 and "retire your worn and tattered flags with dignity."

(See more Post 449 information – Page 4)



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## Village **Update**

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Village budgets have become more difficult to manage in the last 10+ years due to rising costs, reduced or flat state aid and state limits on property taxes. Like any business we compete for quality employees and have many financial requirements we must meet. For many years we were able to maintain our road system on a 5-year budget of repaving based on a road quality rating system and annual crack sealing. In recent years the increased costs of road rebuilding and paving have limited how many feet of road we can repave per year.

Elm Grove has an excellent financial rating and faces no immediate drastic program cuts but ultimately services will suffer if state government does not make changes to how state revenue is divided between state and local governments.

Data from statewide and national songbird census is being reported and the news continues to be bad. Current data indicates a 28% reduction in Wisconsin songbird populations. The causes of the population reductions vary across the country, but the majority are human caused. Conversion or destruction of natural habitat, herbicide and insecticide use, and feral cat predation are the most common causes. Elm Grove homeowners can help by making small changes to how we maintain our yards. Reduce the use of all types of chemicals and plant or leave some parts of your yard more natural. If we want to help songbirds, we need to allow insects and bugs to thrive to provide food sources for birds and we need to plant and keep native plants to provide shelter and seed food sources. A yard that is a little more natural and less "manicured" is much healthier.

Construction on the new Splash Pad at the Village pool has started! Work demolishing the old, broken kiddie pool area and construction of the underground pump, mechanicals and sewer work has begun. Thank you to all who donated to get this needed improvement off the ground.

The Village Board will meet as a "Committee of the Whole" in the first week of November to continue discussion of the final draft of the Downtown Redevelopment Plan. No action can be taken at a Committee of the Whole session, but the Board will discuss next steps.

A new women's and men's clothing store called "Moxie" has opened on Watertown | hazardous materials such as lead, mercury, Plank Road at the intersection with Legion Drive. During discussions of downtown improvements Village residents have frequently complained over the lack of retail variety, including clothing stores in the Village. We all can help improve our downtown by supporting local businesses. Shop locally.

The Elm Grove Business Association will be hosting "Holiday Open House" activities on November 8 and 9 in the Village downtown.



## WHO'S WHO AT VILLAGE HALL

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## Waukesha County News

### **Electronics & Appliance Recycling Event –** Nov. 9

(WAUKESHA, WI) - A special oneday collection of household electronics and appliances open to any Waukesha County resident will be held on Saturday, November 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. The collection will take place at the Goodwill Donation Center located at 601 Ryan Street in Pewaukee.

State law bans electronics and appliances from landfills and incinerators due to the valuable materials that can be recycled and reused, including precious metals like gold and copper. Many devices also contain cadmium, chromium and chemical flame retardants that need to be disposed of properly. This collection assists residents to comply with State law and provides options for responsible recycling.

Items collected for a fee include TVs under 32" (flat screen and CRTs/ tube) will be \$30 each. Tube TVs larger than 32" and projection style TVs will be \$70. Cathode

Ray Tube computer monitors will be \$10 each, and paper for secure shredding will be \$5 each banker box. Fees can be paid with cash.

Additional items will be collected at no fee including computers, laptops, flat screen computer monitors, scanners, DVD players, VCRs, stereos, cell phones, telephones, home goods, pre-shredded paper, and appliances including air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, microwaves, watercoolers, freezers, water heaters, washer/dryers, stoves, ovens/ ranges, and dishwashers. No broken or de-manufactured television or computer units will be accepted. State law bans electronics and appliances from landfills and incinerators.

These collection events are for household electronics and appliances only. For more information, visit www.waukeshacounty. gov/recycling or call (262) 896-8300.

### Elm Grove Post Office to Offer Extended Hours

(ELM GROVE) Long lines at the Elm Grove Post Office this Holiday season probably cannot be totally alleviated, but Postmaster **Jill Lipovsek** is willing to try.

"The Post Office will have extended Saturday hours from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on December 7 and December 14 and will

also be open on Sunday, December 8 and Sunday, December 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for your shipping needs," Lipovsek said.

For additional information, visit the post office, 13425 Watertown Plank Road, or call (262) 782-2370.

## **Business Directory**

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## Past Times: I REMEMBER...

## George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation

By Stephen K. Hauser

In my November, 2015 Past Times column, I wrote about America's first Thanksgiving feast, celebrated by the Pilgrims at Plymouth colony in 1621. It would be many years, however, before an official Proclamation calling for a day of prayer, gratitude and thanksgiving would be issued to citizens of the young United States. President George Washington did the deed on October 3, 1789 in the first year of his presidency. It was in response to a joint resolution of Congress directing the president "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God".

As President, George Washington was responsible for many "firsts": the first inauguration speech, the first inaugural ball, the first State of the Union address, the call for the first national census, the first to swear his presidential oath on a Bible, the first to add the phrase "so help me God" to the oath, the first to embrace the title "Mr. President" and the first to limit himself to two elected terms. It should come as no surprise then that Washington was also the first to issue a national Thanksgiving proclamation in 1789. He designated the proper date of the observance as Thursday, November 26 to give citizens eight weeks to make ready, given the slow rate at which news traveled in those times.

Some have incorrectly believed that Abraham Lincoln issued America's first Thanksgiving proclamation in 1863 during the Civil War. Of course, that was 74 years after Washington's directive was issued, and Lincoln made his decree partially for political reasons.

This is not to say that the custom of being properly thankful for abundant harvests and their attendant blessings was anything new. Annual feasts of thanksgiving were common in the days of the Roman Republic and, later,

throughout the Roman Empire as well. The Germanic "Oktoberfest" events still commonly found throughout Wisconsin because of the state's Teutonic heritage are merely the celebratory remains of harvest festivals held after the gathering in of crops in central Europe. Such observations probably date back to the days of the Gothic tribes of that region.

For America, however, the New England thanksgiving commemorations decreed by early colonial governors remained a largely regional tradition. In 1676, the councilmen of Charlestown, Massachusetts instructed the town clerk to proclaim a day of community thanksgiving to be observed by all of the settlement's colonists. Elsewhere, many clergymen urged parishioners to set aside a day of thanksgiving to be worshipfully celebrated by the entire congregation. It remained for George Washington, as America's first chief executive, to make it his pleasant duty to call upon his fellow citizens to unite in gratefully acknowledging "the providence of Almighty God" in securing such abundance as they had been privileged to receive.

Washington called for his countrymen to unite in worship and prayer in gratitude for their blessings. It is interesting to note that this presidential proclamation was not received without some controversy. Some members of Congress even questioned whether the president had the authority to issue it. There was some concern as to whether Washington could be so bold as to ask his people to be thankful. What if some did not feel especially grateful? If some felt thankful, that was all well and good, but if others did not feel inclined to offer thanks, that should be fine as well. It must be remembered that the libertarian spirit of these early Americans had evolved through fiery trials. Citizens, some thought, were certainly able to decide for themselves when and where to be thankful, and for what. They needed no

instructions from the government as to how such gratitude should be expressed, if at all.

In retrospect, opposition to a presidential Thanksgiving proclamation may seem peculiar at the least and pernicious at worst. These, however, were people for whom the endless proclamations of Britain's King George III were still vividly recalled. One such, the Declaratory Act of 1766 imposed no new laws or regulations but simply stated that the King had the abstract right to tax his subjects in any manner, in any amount and at any time that he saw fit. He just wished to remind his colonists that he was sovereign. This sort of highhanded pronouncement made Americans suspicious of any future dictates which might emanate from the new government that they had since founded upon their own shores.

Today, Americans still give thanks, each in their own way. Some gather around a large table with family and friends, while others attend special services at the house of worship of their choice and others travel to the local rescue mission or the Salvation Army or to church meal programs to serve those less fortunate than themselves. Still others enjoy the annual Thanksgiving football classic: televised coverage of the Detroit Lions home game that has become a rather dubious holiday tradition for sports enthusiasts.

Regardless of the approach that one takes toward this most American of holidays in 2019, President George Washington's words still ring true, just as they did 230 years ago. It is good to reflect as he calls us to gratitude "for the degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed, for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness...for the civil and religious liberty with which

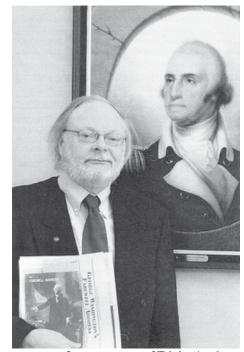


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With appropriate reading material. Professor Hauser gets ready to commemorate President George Washington's first national Thanksgiving proclamation of 1789.

we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge and, in general, for all the great and various favors which God hath been pleased to confer upon us."

Happy Thanksgiving!

Stephen K. Hauser is a long-time Elm Grove resident, a college history professor and the author of books & articles about local history.



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- Sundays: Open for Packer games played at noon or at 3:00 p.m.

November 2 - Auxiliary will have food starting at 11:30am and will have a Jolly Fall Festival Family Raffle

November 6 - Wednesday, Blood Drive 1:30pm - 6:00pm, Call Carol at 262-691-5873 November 11 - Annual Flag Retirement at 6:00pm. Sons of the American Legion will have an annual Remo

Service starting at 11:00am, 11th Month, 11th Day, at 11:00am, November 12 - VFW Veterans Day Event starting at 5:00pm-Hands on cooking wi Joel Olson.

November 17 - Sheepshead Tournament, Registration starts 10:30am, Call Dave 262-853-1860

Children's Christmas Party at Post, 10:00-1:00pm, in Hall Sons of the American Legion will serve food and will have a Raffle

December 31 - New Year's Eve Party

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## Calendar of Events for November 2019

#### Friday – NOVEMBER 1

#### \*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting: 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club. www.elmbrookrotary.org.

- \*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- \*Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center. Presenter: Leo Spanuello, VP North Shore Bank, President Mortgage Bankers of Waukesha County, speaking on the mortgage business. www.kiwaniselmgrove.org. (AD-Page 3)

#### Saturday - NOVEMBER 2

\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### **Sunday – NOVEMBER 3**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS** (Turn clocks back 1 hour.)

\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Noon to 4 p.m.

#### **Monday – NOVEMBER 4**

\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### **Tuesday – NOVEMBER 5**

- \*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- \*Elm Grove Building Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.
- \*Elm Grove Woman's Club Meeting: 6 p.m. www.egwc.org.

### Wednesday – NOVEMBER 6

\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Thursday – NOVEMBER 7**

\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Friday – NOVEMBER 8

- \*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting: 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club. www.elmbrookrotary.org.
- \*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- \*Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K
  Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior
  Center. Presenter: Dan Kelly, Justice
  Wisconsin Supreme Court, speaking
  on the separation of powers in state
  government and how they cooperate
  according to state constitution.
  www.kiwaniselmgrove.org.
- \*Elm Grove Woman's Club's Christmas in the Grove (AD – Page 2)

### Saturday - NOVEMBER 9

- \*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- \*Christmas in the Grove (AD Page 2)

### **Sunday – NOVEMBER 10**

\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Noon to 4 p.m.

### **Monday – NOVEMBER 11**

VETERANS DAY



\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### **Tuesday – NOVEMBER 12**

\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### Wednesday - NOVEMBER 13

\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### **Thursday – NOVEMBER 14**

\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### Friday – NOVEMBER 15

\*Elmbrook Rotary Club

Meeting: 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club. www.elmbrookrotary.org. \*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\*Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior
Center. Presenter: Louie Caracci,
Wisconsin Energies, speaking on the
technologies involved in bringing
renewable power sources into the grid,
as well as the economies of renewable
power for both the utility and the
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#### **Saturday – NOVEMBER 16**

\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### **Sunday – NOVEMBER 17**

\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Noon to 4 p.m.

### **Monday – NOVEMBER 18**

\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Tuesday – NOVEMBER 19**

- \*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- \*Elm Grove Building Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

#### Wednesday – NOVEMBER 20

- \*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- \*American Association of University
  Women, West Suburban Milwaukee
  Branch. Meeting @ Sunset Playhouse –
  6:30 p.m. Program "Human Trafficking
  Uncovered" presented by Michelle
  Peterson, Executive Director of Fight to
  End Exploitation. (414) 476-6919
  aauw.wsm.membership@gmail.com

#### **Thursday – NOVEMBER 21**

- \*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- \*OWLS: Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors
  Sponsored by Community United
  Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown
  Plank Rd., Elm Grove. 11:30 a.m.

   Program: "And the Church Bells
  Rang" presented by Stephen K. Hauser,
  Historian / Past Times columnist.
  (262) 782-4060. www.cumceg.org.

#### Friday – NOVEMBER 22

- \*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting: 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club. www.elmbrookrotary.org.
- \*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- \*Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center. Presenter: Greg Aretakis, President Midwest Airlines, speaking on the rebirth of Midwest Airlines and the history plus the future of the airline. www.kiwaniselmgrove.org.

### Saturday – NOVEMBER 23

\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Sunday – NOVEMBER 24

\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Noon to 4 p.m.

#### **Monday – NOVEMBER 25**

- \*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- \*Elm Grove Board of Trustees
  Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
  Court Room. Open to the Public.
  Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

#### **Tuesday – NOVEMBER 26**

\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### Wednesday – NOVEMBER 27

\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### Thursday – NOVEMBER 28

#### **THANKSGIVING**

Elm Grove Village Hall - Closed



#### Friday - NOVEMBER 29

Elm Grove Village Hall – Closed

- \*Elmbrook Rotary Club
- Meeting: 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club. www.elmbrookrotary.org.
- \*Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center. www.kiwaniselmgrove.org.

### **Saturday – NOVEMBER 30**

\*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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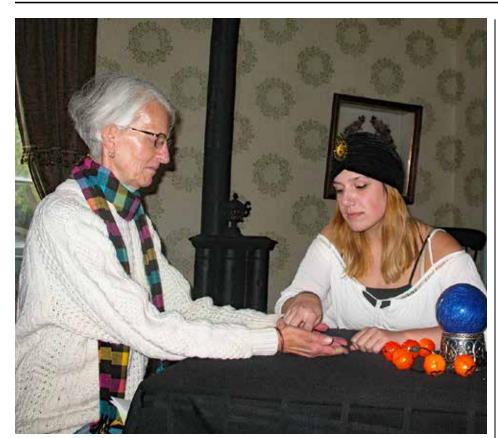


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Elmbrook Historical Society president **Susan Schweda** (at left) has her palm read by **Rebecca Weigel**, of Greendale, during the EHS's "Halloween at the Haunted Inn" event at the Dousman Stagecoach Inn Museum in Brookfield on October 12.



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FLOWER POWER: Visitors enjoy a variety of colorful cut blooms during the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Dahlia Show, sponsored by the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin Inc. at the City of Brookfield Senior Center on September 29. Among the local participants were Dahlia growers **Kathleen** and **Bill Meyer** and **Beth Mattes**, all of Brookfield. For more information, visit the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin's Facebook page.



Photo courtesy of the Elm Grove Woman's Club

The Elm Grove Woman's Club, Christmas in the Grove 2019 Committee. (Top row, from left): Linda Gildea, Linda Davidson and Kay Noel. (Bottom row, from left) Laurie Hanson, Chairman, and Lisa Armitage.

## E.G. Woman's Club Presents Christmas in the Grove By Kay Noel

Our Holiday season again begins with the Elm Grove Woman's Club's Christmas in the Grove to be held at our clubhouse, 13885 Watertown Plank Road on Friday and Saturday, November 8 and 9. (See AD – Page 2)

This annual tradition features talented artists who display and sell their one-of-a-kind, handmade gifts, wearable art and collectables, including watercolors, Christmas decorations, soft sculptures, fiber art, women's clothing, folk art, handbags, jewelry, hooked rugs, candy

and nuts. Come to the Woman's Club to browse, meet friends, enjoy a glass of wine, dine in our café and purchase some Christmas gifts. Our café is serving homemade food and has a ski lodge theme.

This event helps to fund the Woman's Club's many civic endeavors, including charities in Waukesha County. Our focus is on the needs of women and children.

For more information, call **Laurie** at (414) 520-7262 or, e-mail: ljhanson33@ gmail.com.

## Honoring Our Veterans

Liberty, Freedom, and Personal Responsibility

Without a strong sense of individual character and personal responsibility, it is impossible for liberty to endure. We pause today to recognize the sacrifices made by veterans of every branch of the United States military.

We honor them daily by continuing to teach our students about freedom, liberty, and the courage and conviction required to protect these sacred privileges for generations to come.

As our students learn to respect and treasure the freedoms and ideals upon which this country was founded, they develop strong convictions regarding personal responsibility.

God Bless our veterans and all those who serve on active duty around the world. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families.

God Bless America.





## **News Briefs**



Photo courtesy of the School District of Elmbrook

Cheerleaders gather in front of a cheering crowd of spectators during this year's 'Gold Out' football game / fund-raiser.

### 7th Annual 'Gold Out' Football Game for Childhood Cancer Held

4, Brookfield Central and Brookfield East MACC Fund and Hunt of a Lifetime. The joined forces for the seventh annual Gold Elmbrook community came together at Out in recognition of Childhood Cancer the Brookfield Central vs. Brookfield East Awareness Month.

During the week of September 30, both schools' Key Clubs raised a total

(BROOKFIELD) On Friday, October of more than \$5,000 to benefit The football game dressed in gold to show support of Childhood Cancer Research. Brookfield Central students and cancer survivors Maggie Conlon and Katie

McCardle spoke at the game about their brave fights against cancer.

In addition, numerous students donated eight or more inches of hair to Roots Hair Salon for the Cut-a-Thon to help make wigs for children impacted by cancer treatment.



Photo courtesy of Brookfield Academy Karina Rodriguez

### Student's Art on Display in Washington D.C.

By Marie O'Brien

The artwork of Brookfield Academy student Karina Rodriguez was selected to be displayed at Art. Right. Now. DC. The Washington, DC display features National Medalist works from the 2019 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

Karina's National Gold Medal work titled "Ninos Perdidos" will be on display at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education building September 2019-August 2020.

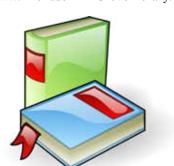
### Friends of the Elm Grove Library (FOEGL) to Host Mini Book Sale

By Janet Wintersberger

"Holiday in the Grove" arrives soon. It wouldn't be a village celebration without the Mini Book Sale at the Elm Grove Public Library, 13600 Juneau Blvd., on Saturday, November 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You will find pristine, gift-quality items for everyone on your shopping list. A delightful selection of perfectly-priced books, journals, CDs, games and puzzles for all ages. It's the place to shop and to support the Elm Grove Library. Just inside the library doors.

For more information about FOEGL, see: www.FriendsofElmGroveLibrary.org.



## **Green"** is Good!

Ideas courtesy of The Waukesha County Green Team www.waukeshacountygreenteam.org

### Elm Grove Green Team | Replace the Use of a **Members Wanted**

Are you concerned about the earth / environment? Help start a Green Team community group in Elm Grove. Our mission is to build community through projects that bring us together to keep Elm Grove healthy and beautiful. For more information, e-mail: Deb at info@ waukeshacountygreenteam.org.

## **Toxic Household Product**

Toxic products get into and contaminate our water supplies. Discarding harmful products correctly is important, but not buying them in the first place is even better. You can ask local stores to carry nontoxic products. Check EPA's Greener Products website at http://epa.gov/greenerproducts/ to find non-toxic products.

## Happy Birthday **DOUG POMMERENING**



November 7



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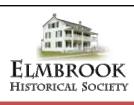
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## **News Briefs**



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Pilgrim Park Middle School Math Club members.

## PPMS Math Club Competes at Marquette Univ. H.S.

(ELM GROVE) The Pilgrim Park Middle School Panther Math Club had five big winners at the October 20 Fall Math Meet at Marquette University High School.

Out of 164 total middle school students from across SE Wisconsin, on the Gammalevel test with 20 challenging math problems, the following results were announced:

- \* Noah Ren: 3rd Place Plaque Winner
- \* Jimmy Chen: 6th Place Medal Winner
- \* Ethan Zhang: 8th Place Medal Winner
- \* Aditi Moorching: Ribbon for a top result
- \* **Heidi Yoo**: 4<sup>th</sup> place Team Ribbon in the Gamma-level Team event

### St Mary's Thanksgiving Dance Party to be Held

(ELM GROVE) St Mary's Visitation is hosting a dance for guests with physical and cognitive disabilities on Saturday, November 9, 2019.

This FREE Dance will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Get ready for a TON of

(ELM GROVE) St Mary's Visitation is fun! There will be a DJ, face painting, osting a dance for guests with physical games, dancing and refreshments!

RSVP's and Questions can be directed to **Elizabeth Sklenarz** and **Bridget Berens** at SMVThanksgivingDance@gmail.com.



## Read All About It!



Here's What's Happening at your Elm Grove Public Library



Realistic Optimism: Meeting the Challenges of Change in Trying Times

Thursday, November 14, 7:00 p.m.

Award-winning columnist and nationally recognized speaker Philip Chard returns to the library for a timely presentation on optimism in difficult times.

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## In Memoriam



## Young Writers & Cub Reporters

### What Are You Thankful For?

By Josh,

St. Mary's Visitation - 1st Grade

I am thankful for my Mom and Dad because they take care of me... My school, SMV, because I like my class... and my twin younger brothers, Matt and Jake because they are nice to me.

By Lola, SMV – 1st Grade

I am thankful for my new puppy, Miltin, because he snuggles with me. I walk him and he is easy to walk. He likes to play catch with me.

By Ben, SMV – 1st Grade

I am thankful for my Electric Scooter and it is fast and it is red. I won it from the SMV Dance-a-thon and I will share it with my brother Josh and my dad.

By Fritz, SMV - 1st Grade

I am thankful for Millie, my dog and my Mom because she lets me go to the Brewers game with my cousins.

By Frances, SMV - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

I am thankful for my baby brother because he likes to play with me. He likes me and I like him. I climb up the stairs with him.

By Peter,

SMV - 1st Grade

I am thankful for my house in Elm Grove because I play soccer with Johnny and Ed. I have lots of friends who live close to me. I love the park.

By Will,

SMV - 1st Grade

I am thankful for my new baby, Theresa. I help feed her and hold her.

### The Thanksgiving Coyote

By Evie,

Tonawanda - 5th Grade

Whoosh . . . WHOOSH . . . The tall grass whipped around, slapping my cousins, Lucy, Henry, Maggie, Ella (my sister) and me, in the faces. We had been outside running through the tall grass, relishing the cool Iowa air. It was Thanksgiving! I could almost smell the pumpkin pie. Almost.

"AHH! OMG GUYS WE'VE GOT TO GO!" Lucy shouted. She sprinted back toward their house, breaking my concentration on a fluffy cloud high above.

Because she was one of the oldest, we obeyed and ran. Eventually, I said, panting, "Why," pant, "did we have to go?"

She looked at me. "There was a coyote!!!" she said, matter-of-factly.

My sister squealed. Henry rolled his eyes. Being the oldest, he thought he was the coolest. "There was NOT."

I couldn't tell if he was trying to reassure Ella or not, but I didn't think so. I thought back to the high grass waving in the wind. Finally, I came to the point when Lucy had screamed. There! In my memory, I followed her gaze and saw an almost dog-like thing.

"Yes, there was!" I smiled.

But Henry just rolled his eyes again. Still, I knew I had seen a coyote.

## **Thanksgiving**

By Anna,

Tonawanda - 5th Grade

I ran around with bursting excitement. I made sure everything was in the perfect place. Oh no! "Mom, one of the place cards is falling apart!" I told her, in a rush.

"Use some tape," she answered.

I grabbed the tape from the office and quickly rushed into the dining room pick up the turkey place card and tape it back

DING! DONG! I rushed to the door. I saw my grandma on the porch holding a big dish of food. "Hello Grandma," I said.

Over time, everyone in the family arrived. Finally, it was time to have dinner. We grabbed turkey, stuffing, cornbread, and lots more food. I grabbed the sheet of paper I had printed out earlier, and stood at the front of the table. "I found an Irish blessing that I would like to read," I announced.

As I read the blessing, I realized that Thanksgiving was one of the best holidays because it made us realize that we were lucky and that we had lots of things to be thankful for.

### The Best Thanksgiving — Ever

By Sofia,

Tonawanda - 5th Grade

On Thanksgiving last year, I saw my cousins. We went for a walk. I had salad and dressing. My mom's aunt cooked turkey, I had cake for dessert. After dinner I played the floor is lava with Philip. Phillip is my cousin. It was fun. I hope to play the floor is lava with Phillip this year.

### **Thanksgiving**

By Alice Knachel,

Tonawanda - 4th Grade

When Thanksgiving comes around I get excited

A small grin takes over

I'm sorry

I just can't help it

Thanksgiving is when we're thankful

And I'm thankful for a lot of things

My life is amazing

Thanksgiving is when I thank God for all the opportunities

I thank you

Because you helped God

Make a decision

We all are a piece of the big puzzle that is

The World

On Thanksgiving we celebrate

## **Thanksgiving**

**By Rylie Winter,** Tonawanda – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Thanks to everybody Happy and joyful Amazing year Naps in front of the TV Kicking and dancing around Stacks of love Giving to everyone In a warm house with family

Very loved

In the center of attention Not knowing what's coming next Growing my heart.

Thanksgiving Is Magical.

## Thanks and Giving

**By Cecelia Hurst,** Tonawanda - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Twenty pounds of turkey Houses flooding with food Apple cider warming me up Never enough pumpkin pie Keep families together Spread kindness Giving people warm meals Incredible football games Valuable times with families

I love when the leaves dance

## Thanksgiving

Never a dull moment

Good memories

By Isabella Zosel,

Tonawanda - 4th Grade

I can smell the spices in the kitchen I can feel the breeze hitting my face

I can hear the leaves crunching I can taste the pumpkin pie in my mouth

I can see the thanksgiving dinner waiting for me!

### Things I'm Thankful For

By Dino Koukouras

Tonawanda - 4th Grade

My family because they give me what I need. My house because it gives me shelter. My winter gear because they keep me warm. Food because it keeps me full (especially Thanksgiving food.)

Water because it keeps me hydrated. My mom because she gives me the food and water.

### Fall

By Caroline D., Tonawanda - 1st Grade

- I see leaves blowing in the wind.
- I smell apple crisp.
- I taste apple pie.
- I hear crunching leaves.
- I feel fresh air.

#### Fall Poem

By Annabelle B., Tonawanda - 1st Grade

- I see squirrels playing.
- I smell pumpkin pies cooking.
- I taste apples.
- I hear leaves.
- I feel the wind.w

### Thanksgiving Day!

By Jose Frias, Tonawanda – 4th Grade

Every Thanksgiving I go to either my grandparents' house in Indiana, or I stay here in Wisconsin with my mom, dad, and sisters. When my family and I go to Thanksgiving in Indiana and get to my grandparents' house we unpack our stuff. We settle in for a little bit and then my mom and I go to the store and get the ham. My family gets the ham, my grandparents get the turkey, my aunt and uncle get the mashed potatoes and corn, and my great grandma brings the pumpkin pie. Then it's time we all say "Thank you God for this meal" and then we all dig in. After we are all done eating, we all gather in the living room and play games. If you're not playing a game, you're watching TV. so we are all close together. Same thing in Wisconsin, it is definitely my favorite holiday.



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- **Blackberry Cobbler**
- Pumpkin Pecan 3
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- **Cappuccino Cookie Crumble**
- **Double Marshmallow Oreo**
- **Peanut Butter Cup** 9 Chocolate Oreo Volcano
- 10 Turtle
- 11 Mint Chip
- 12 Peanut Butter Cookie Dough
- 13 Turtle Dove
- 14 Butter Brickle
- 15 Cookies & Cream 16 Midnight Toffee

- 17 Rocky Road 18 Chocolate Eclair
- 19 Dark Chocolate Decadence
- 20 Chocolate Heath Crunch

**26 Chocolate Caramel Twist** 

- 21 Creamy Lemon Crumble
- 22 Chocolate Covered Strawberry 23 Double Stawberry
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## Legal Issues

## **Estate Planning and Digital Assets**

By Attorney Isabell M. Mueller

More and more our lives take place online. We bank, pay bills and and review our investments online. We shop at Amazon, Ebay and Etsy. Our businesses have websites, and we network professionally on LinkedIn. People have viable careers as "YouTube Creators" and "Instagramers." On a personal level, we connect with family and friends on Facebook and we share photos on Shutterfly and catalog pictures of the things we like on Pinterest. We even buy music and movies online. We back up all of our data to the Cloud.

This digital world of ours has brought us convenience and ease of communication. But what happens when we die? The answer lies in those Provider Service Agreements and EULA's (End User License Agreement) we all sign. The problem is that none of us ever really read them. If we did, we would find that there is no uniformity in how the death of a user is handled. Every provider, from Amazon to Zappos, has their own procedure. To complicate matters further, our state and federal laws, which govern the disposition of every other form of asset we own (personal property, bank accounts, real estate and even copyrights

and trademarks) have not kept up with the evolution of our digital assets.

Many internet providers may not even recognize the authority of the Personal Representative appointed by the Court. Even if they do recognize the Personal Representative, your family might find that you did not actually own the asset, you instead just purchased the right to use it. For example, the songs or movies you purchased online probably cannot be transferred to anyone after your death. Yet other providers will terminate and permanently delete your entire account once they have been informed of your death.

What we should learn from this is that, as with all of our other assets, we need to keep an inventory of our digital assets. Keep a list of all of the online accounts you would want your loved ones to be able to access and keep a hard copy somewhere. If you are concerned about safety, keep the usernames and passwords in separate locations. Although it will no doubt be a tedious process, the more you prepare your "digital inventory," the more you are helping your loved ones in a difficult time.

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## Young Writers Continued from page 9

### Sandhill Cranes

By Clare Romeiser St. Mary's Visitation - 3rd Grade

When I first moved from Illinois, I never thought that there were Sandhill Cranes in Elm Grove, but there are! If you don't know what a Sandhill Crane is, it is tall and slim with long legs. I saw them walking in the tiny forest across the road from my house. When my family first saw them we called them feathery friends. One day I even got close enough to see its eyes! There was red around its eyes and its eyes were orange. If you ask me if I like Sandhill Cranes, I'd say that they are quite extraordinary!

Sandhill Cranes can weigh up to 6-12 pounds. They can grow up to 3 or 4 feet tall, and their wingspan is 6-7 feet. They live for 20+ years in the wild, but in captivity they can live up to 30 years! When Sandhill Cranes find a mate, they keep that mate for life. Believe it or not, they sleep standing up! Their diet includes grains, berries, and insects. The Sandhill Crane's worst predators are foxes and wolves. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to teach you a little about Sandhill Cranes!

### Things I'm Thankful For

By Emily Eisenmann

Tonawanda - 4th Grade

I'm thankful for my sister because she is really kind to me. The second thing that I love about her is she plays basketball with me. The third thing is that she trades her candy with me.

I'm thankful for my mom and dad because they love me. And they wash my clothes for me. They play a board game with me. They feed me most of my meals.

I'm thankful for my cousins because they play with me at my grandma's house. The second thing is that all of them are very kind to me. The third thing is that they love each other.

### Thankful

By Elle T., Tonawanda - 1st Grade

I love my family because they play with me and love me.

I like friends because they play with and work with me.

I love nature because there's animals. I love food because it helps me grow. I love air because it helps me breathe.

### Thankful

By Blue G., Tonawanda - 1st Grade

I am thankful for great friends because they like to play with me.

I am thankful for my family because they love me very much and they give me lots

I am thankful for school because school has great friends.

### What I am Thankful For

By Ella Sullivan, Tonawanda - 4th Grade

Thanksgiving

Happiness

Aunts

Nice food

Kindness

Family Uncles

Life

### **Thankful**

By Brayden B., Tonawanda, 1st Grade

I am thankful for my family because they make up funny jokes.

I am thankful for my dog because he wrestles me.

I am thankful for my school because I like my friends.

I am thankful for art because it is fun and messy.

I am thankful for water because it doesn't have a taste and it is good.

I am thankful for pencils because you can write with them.

#### Thankful

By Mac M., Tonawanda, 1st Grade

I am thankful for my family because they make me happy.

I am thankful for my food because it does not make my tummy hungry.

I am thankful for my school because it helps me learn.

## **Thanksgiving**

By Jianna Gropp,

Tonawanda - 4th Grade

Thanksgiving has a wonderful scent The food is amazingly yummy and tasty The sound of the breeze is calm and peaceful

The family is arriving to a colorful house And the children are playing in the crunching leaves

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday to celebrate

## **Thanksgiving**

By Maya Haise,

Tonawanda - 4th Grade

On a cold fall's night, we sit together, and we spend time with each other for one evening of fun. We are with all of our grandparents and family members. Fall is the time of year that everyone is here celebrating merrily and cheerfully. What Thanksgiving means to me is love and spending time with each other. It is so fun to be around people you love.

### Thankful

By Harris N., Tonawanda - 1st Grade

I am thankful for bikes, mom and dad, USA, clothes, cheese, flowers, Legos, and air.

### Thankful

By Jane H., Tonawanda - 1st Grade

I am thankful for the delicious food.

I am thankful for my family because they wrestle me and for school because of the kind teachers.

I am thankful for trees because they give you oxygen.

### Turkey

By Charlie Dworak

Tonawanda - 4th Grade

Thanksgiving Ultimate fun

Resting

Kindness

Everybody there

Yummy food

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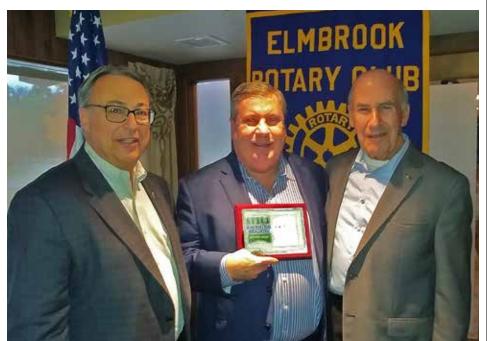


Photo courtesy of the Elmbrook Rotary Club

Jamie O'Donoghue (center) is presented with the Elmbrook Rotary Club's 2019 Business Person of the Year Award from Selection Committee member Tom Michalski, Elm Grove Village Board Trustee, (at left), and Ralph Gould, Award Program Chair and Elmbrook Rotarian (at right).

### Elmbrook Rotary Club Selects Its '2019 **Business Person of the Year'**

(ELM GROVE) — The Elmbrook Rotary Club announced on October 25 that its 2019 Business Person of the Year Award recipient is Jamie O'Donoghue, Grove. The Rotary Award honors a strong local leader who has entrepreneurial skills and strategic vision.

"Jamie joins an impressive group of past Business Person of the Year award recipients, Mark Mirsberger, CEO of Dana Investment Advisors, in 2018; and Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, Owner & Publisher of the Elm Grove News-*Independent*, in 2017," said Award Program Chair Ralph Gould. "This annual award helps the Elmbrook Rotary Club recognize a successful business owner/ operator in Brookfield or Elm Grove who demonstrates community responsibility."

O'Donoghue has shown servicemindedness and significant community involvement through local sponsorships by O'Donoghue's Irish Pub of the annual with proceeds benefiting the American Legion's Post 449, the Elm Grove Village Farmer's Market, Elm Grove Oktoberfest, Children's Hospital Toys for Christmas program, Irish Fest, Elm Grove Citizens' Police Academy, Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS), and several area golf

> A committee of Elmbrook Rotarians and local government officials selected the award recipient.

> For information on the Elmbrook Rotary Club: www.elmbrookrotary.org

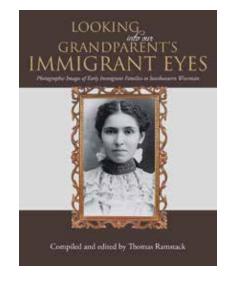
## **Public Invited to Local History Presentation** @ SSND

(ELM GROVE) - Tom Ramstack, a 66-year-old retired Special Education Teacher for Milwaukee Public Schools with a great love for area history, has recently written a new local history, published by Authorhouse entitled Looking into Our Grandparents Immigrant Eyes. The book, available at amazon.com, focuses on historic photographic images of first- and second- generation European and Yankee immigrants to Waukesha County.

Mr. Ramstack's presentation will focus on the foundation and early development of both St. Mary's Grade School and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Elm Grove along with the significant role of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in their supporting the growth of the Catholic parish.

The program will be held at the School Sisters of Notre Dame Convent, 13105 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, on Monday November 11, at 1:30 pm.

The presentation will last approximately 90 minutes, beginning with a short PowerPoint program showing several never-before-seen early images of the Village of Elm Grove along with the SSND Campus grounds, dating to 1859. This will be followed by an interactive discussion focusing on earlier day memories provided by all those in attendance.



Mr. Ramstack will present fascinating accounts shared with him by his father during the 1960s related to 'Grandpa Joe's' recollections of growing up in Elm Grove during the Depression and Prohibition era of the 1930s and the decade of World War II. Come and add to our story by sharing your own recollections of living in the village, perhaps from the 1950s or beyond.

The event is FREE to attend, with any small donations directed to the SSND. The theme for the day will be "Joy in Sharing Memories". All are welcome to attend, as all shared memories will be of great interest and perhaps provide some chuckles for us all.

## **News' Hounds**

& other beloved creatures



## Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

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The Elmbrook Humane Society is located at 20950 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield, just off Barker Road.

Visit www.ebhs.org; call (262) 782-9261; or stop by for more information.

## **Upcoming Events**

### Brookfield East Students to Perform 'Willy Wonka'

(BROOKFIELD) – The popular musical "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" will hit the stage at Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts in December. The Brookfield East High School production is being directed by Corey Schneidewent who notes: "With real flying actors on stage and spectacular dance numbers, different from the junior or grade school versions of the show, this full-length

Broadway hit is the perfect blend of the heartwarming 1971 classic film starring Milwaukee's own Gene Wilder, and the playful, delicious Roald Dahl classic novel. All ages will enjoy this cabbage soup to candy empire rags to happy-riches tale. Bring in the holiday season with a sweet tooth!"

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## **PRUNING:** Essential for Healthy Plants

## **Dormant Pruning FAQ**

## Q: Pruning helps plants, but does a lack of pruning actually harm them?

**A:** Yes, it can. Lack of pruning can impact the structural integrity of the plant, making it much more susceptible to broken branches and disease.

## Q: Why hire a professional?

**A:** Our trained crew understands the pruning requirements for each individual plant. We will also clean up the jobsite and haul away all the brush and wood debris.

## Q: Is dormant pruning expensive?

**A:** There is a cost involved in dormant pruning, but it is generally much less than replacing plants that have overgrown their space.

### **Benefits:**

- Prolong the life of the plant
- Improve the appearance and quality of the plant
- Encourage new growth
- Reduce disease

### **Dormant Pruning Will:**

- Reduce, thin and reshape overgrown plants
- Remove deadwood and diseased branches
- Eliminate watersprouts and crossing branches

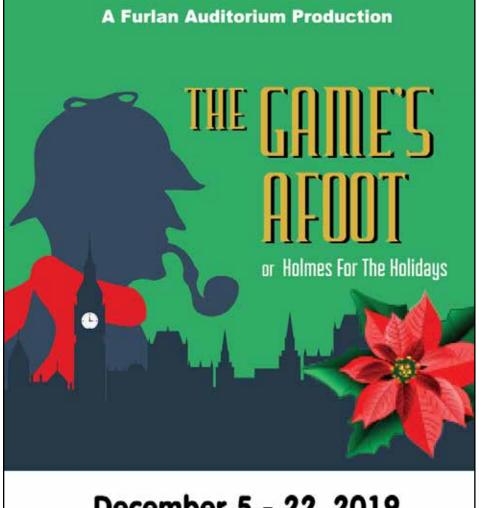


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