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The Gillespie Gazette

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Gillespie Center Mission Statement:
Connecting members with the community and each other.



**COMING SOON.... MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!
26TH ANNUAL GILLESPIE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 6**

FUNDRAISER FOR THE CENTER

*Following CDC and Minnesota Department of Health Guidelines.

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***LOTS OF VENDORS! *COOL GIFTS FOR EVERYONE!**



**THE GILLESPIE BOOK CLUB IS BACK!
3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 1 P.M.**

*Wednesday, November 18th at 1 p.m.

Book: "Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love
by Dani Shapiro

*December 16th: December book: "Becoming" by Michelle Obama

Contact the Westonka Library to reserve & pick up your book.

The books are on reserve. Call today, there are limited numbers.



THE GILLESPIE CENTER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2020

See the following pages for more information about programs, classes, & events listed here.

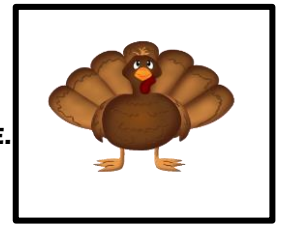
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NOVEMBER 2020

GILLESPIE CENTER ACTIVITIES

**JOIN US FOR A HOMEMADE LUNCH ON WEDNESDAYS.
COST: \$5 CALL THE CENTER TO SIGN-UP 2 DAYS AHEAD OF TIME.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE CENTER AT 952-472-6501.**



***Defensive Driving Monday, November 2**

4 hour Refresher Course, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Call 1-888-234-1294 to register.

***Drive-Thru Lunches on Wednesdays in November: November 4, 11, 18, 25**

See the menu in this month's Gazette.

The Gillespie Center is offering Drive-Thru Take out Lunches by Chef Greg. Lunch is only \$5.

Drive-Thru lunches must be pre-paid and ordered 2 days prior to the lunch date. Send in a check to the Gillespie Center or drop it off at the Front Desk.

Why not buy a few lunches at the same time. .

On your lunch date, you drive up and we will bring it right up to your car window at 11:30 a.m.

Program: 2 programs *2 showings*

Wednesday, November 11

10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Approximately 36 minutes total.

1) "Easy Holiday Appetizers: Thanksgiving Recipes"

2) Pioneer Woman Ree's:

"Top 10 Comfort Food Recipes"

*Only 10 people per showing. Call the Front Desk to sign up or take your chances to see if there is an open seat. The chairs will be social distanced.

***Free Movie:**

"Christmas Under the Stars" 1 hr 30 min.

Tuesday, November 17: 1 showing: 1p.m.

After losing his banking job right before the holiday season, Nick ends up taking a gig at a Christmas tree lot where he crosses paths with Julie, a woman who is dealing with the recent death of her father.

Genre: Romance, Drama, Seasonal.

Starring: Jesse Metcalfe, Autumn Reeser,

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Program: 3 programs *1 showing

**Thursday, November 19, 10:00 a.m.
Approximately 35-40 minutes total.**

1) "Home for the Holidays, History of Thanksgiving"

by the History Channel:

Narrated by Harry Smith.

2) "SALT" A Thanksgiving Story short film

3) "Funny Thankful Kids at Thanksgiving"

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Ongoing Activities

For questions - if a number isn't listed, call The Gillespie Center Front Desk 952-472-6501.

Exercise Class – Over 50 & Fit

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Wake up & stretch! Low impact exercise and stretching. Exercise to a variety of music. Bring a friend! It is lots of fun!

Cost: \$6 for a lifetime membership.

Exercise Class –Strength & Cardio

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m.

The class is focused on helping you get and stay strong, preparing the body for everyday activities. By combining strength and cardio in this non-competitive class, you will improve bone and muscle strength, balance, flexibility, plus heart and brain health. Free weights, bands, and tubes-or just your own body weight-will be used, and modifications will be offered.

Get active! Instructor: Victoria Fraser

Purchase a punch card at class.

Gentle Yoga Class

Instructor: Victoria Fraser

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Bring your yoga mat.

This class will be adapted to the participants and will include Light Yoga Fit. Relax and stretch to improve the quality of your everyday life.

Purchase a punch card at class.

Class is delayed until further notice

Latin Low-Impact Workouts

Tuesdays, 9 a.m.

Latin Low-Impact Workout is guaranteed to provide you with a safe and effective total body workout. We use a variety of rhythms and dances. This class will focus on individuals with very little exercise experience, individuals that have physical limitations or inactive older adult. We do low impact/light movements. This class will be a little easier than regular aerobics but no means less fun. Level: All
Instructor: Laura Martinez, Certified
Purchase a punch card at class.

Art Group

Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m. – noon.
Upstairs in Lost Lake II.

Photo Club

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.

Have fun & learn all about photography. On Facebook: Gillespie Center Photo Club
For more information contact Gay Cross at 952-474-4898

Quilters

Keeping You in Stitches Quilters Quilting & More

Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Stichin With Friends

Thursdays, 9 a.m.

Beginners to Advanced are welcome!

Health Insurance Counseling

***Metropolitan Area Agency in Aging Health Insurance Counseling has suspended health care counseling through the end of this year (2020).**

***If you need assistance please call the Senior Linkage Line at 1-800-333-2433.**

Gillespie Ukulele Group

***The Group is still on hold due to Covid-19.**

We will update you again in the newsletter.

Check out the Drive Thru Bakery

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 a.m.
Saturdays, 8:30- 10 a.m.

Stop by and check out the goodies!

“Gillespie Men’s Shed”

Check it out!

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Get out of the house! Come spend time with the guys and visit. The group will discuss what they would like to do in the future. Make new friends. Do some fun things with guys like yourself. Help others. Did you know that there are five Men’s Shed Groups in Minnesota. There are fifteen Men’s Shed Groups around the U.S. For more information contact: Phil Johnson at 952-239-0965.

Footcare

Happy Feet Footcare,

Monday, November 23, 9 a.m.

Call 763-560-5136 to schedule an appointment for foot care.

BOOK CLUB????

GILLESPIE MEN'S SHED IS ON THE GO!



A fun outing to Big Stone Mini-Golf.



Adopting a Park at the Andrews Sisters Trail.



11/01 Margaret Holste
 11/02 Lawrence Brustad
 11/03 Alvin Donahoo
 11/03 Sharon Cashman
 11/04 Ron Goodman
 11/05 Patti Dykoski
 11/06 Danny Larson
 11/06 Kathy Halpin
 11/08 Carol Musser
 11/08 Judy Olson
 11/11 Jan Ptacek
 11/13 Mieko Davis
 11/13 Janet VanOosten
 11/13 Jeanette Hilton
 11/13 Patricia Eide
 11/13 Colleen Hendricks
 11/15 Elaine Sletcha

11/16 Kay Ostman Saxvik
 11/19 Donna D. Snyder
 11/20 Michael Blood
 11/21 Joy Grunden
 11/22 Myrtle Doering
 11/24 Dee Scott
 11/24 Roger VanOosten
 11/24 Dwayne Platzer
 11/24 Lucille Anne Grosch
 11/27 Lee Greenslit
 11/27 Heidi Vesco
 11/30 Marcia Jerdee



Senior Community Services



Senior Outreach Social Worker Sara Roberts, LSW

Discuss family and caregiver services, housing options, home maintenance, finance and a variety of resources. Schedule an appointment call 952-767-7890

HOME

Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly (HOME) is available for Westonka residents 60 years and older.

HOME can assist with the following: Housecleaning-includes laundry and grocery shopping. Outdoor services: lawn mowing, snow shoveling, window washing, yard-work. Minor repairs: safety device installation, carpentry or painting, plumbing and electrical. For more information call 952-746-4046.

CareNextion carenextion.org

This online communication tool brings together the support needed to help live a vital and engaging life.

For more information visit the Senior Community Services website:

www.seniorcommunity.org



For Your Information



Lucky Sweepstakes Winners for 2019-20

Week #48-Kay Ostman Saxvik

Week #49-Dee Scott

Week #50-Nicole Elzenga

Week #51-Myrna Esser

Questions call Jeanne Brustad at 612-201-2795.

Membership Information

Annual memberships at the Gillespie Center help support the day to day operations of the Center. We welcome seniors, individuals, families, and businesses to support the Center through membership. An Individual Membership is \$25 annually; a Family Membership (for a couple or any size family household) is \$40 annually; Supporting Membership is \$50; Sustaining Membership is \$100 annually. There are a wide range of Business Sponsorships as well.

Membership Expiration

Check the mailing label on your newsletter - it shows the expiration date of your membership. Please renew your membership and support The Gillespie Center.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

DUE TO COVID-19...

SANTA'S HIDDEN TREASURES
EVENT IS POSTPONED UNTIL
DECEMBER 2021.



RENT

THE GILLESPIE CENTER

***DID YOU KNOW THAT
GILLESPIE CENTER MEMBERS
RECEIVE A 10% PERCENT DISCOUNT OFF
OF ROOM RENTALS?**

***CHECK OUT OUR NEW RENTAL VIDEO ON OUR
WEBSITE: www.gillespiecenter.org**

***We are currently taking rental reservations for small groups.
Rent the Center for a party, business meeting, family reunion,
weddings, funeral luncheon, holiday party and other
gatherings.**

Call Greg at 952-472-7563 for more information.



PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE GILLESPIE CENTER!

If you are able, please consider making a donation to the Gillespie Center during this challenging time.

We appreciate your support!

DON'T FORGET SCRIP GIFT CARDS FOR ANY OCCASION!

**BUY SCRIP CARDS AND SUPPORT THE
GILLESPIE CENTER AT THE SAME TIME.
CALL THE FRONT DESK AT 952-472-6501.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PUMPKIN CONTEST WINNERS!



TOP 3 WINNERS OF THE PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST ARE (IN NO ORDER):

***LION PUMPKIN: JOYCE MATHESON *CLOWN PUMPKIN: JAN OLSON**

***WIDE EYED COLORFUL PUMPKIN: GARY PETERSON**

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED.

THE PUMPKINS BRIGHTEN UP THE GILLESPIE CENTER FRONT ENTRANCE.

THANKS TO BOB BOSMA FOR THE HAY BALES FOR OUR DISPLAY.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

EVERYONE!

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU!

FUNNY THANKSGIVING STORIES!

*“Found Grandma’s wedding ring in the turkey one year....she did not even know it was not on her finger.”

*“My Mom’s short haired black lab stole the turkey roll (yes, it’s a thing) from the kitchen counter and my mom caught her, had a tug of war between the dog and her. Dog won, we ordered Chinese food instead.”

*“1974– headed to Grandma’s house, the 20 lb. cooked turkey was in the backseat of whichever jalopy my father was driving at the time. We turned the corner and the door flew open. See ya turkey! We still ate it.”

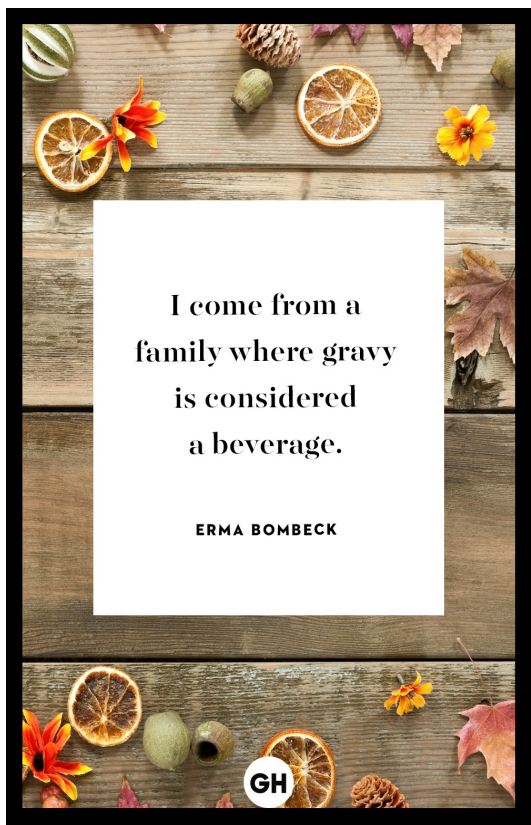
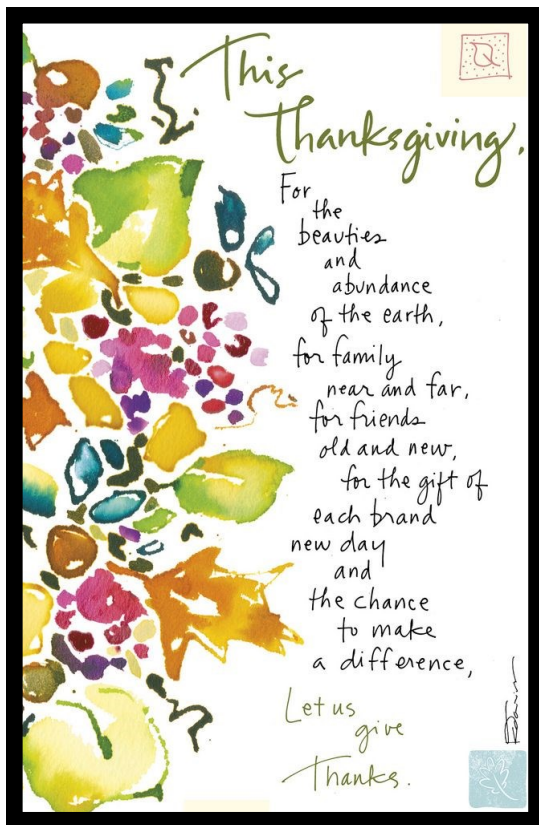
*“About a week before Thanksgiving, we had some repairs done on our siding and our roof. We finished dinner and everything, and everyone was about to head out. As we were saying goodbye, we noticed that two of the cars in our driveway had flat tires. After a close inspection, we found a roofing nail in each of them. They must’ve been left over from the repair job. My brother and I had to spend an hour in the snow changing tires before anyone could leave.”

*“My Mom had recipes for pies that were given to her by her Great Aunt. She’d been making them for holiday dinners for years, and they were always delicious. We all sat down to dessert, ready to dig in, as she brought them out. Everyone took their first bite, and looked at each other across the table like something wasn’t right. We came to find out later that my Mom accidentally used salt instead of sugar for the recipe! I guess she got the containers mixed up, which ruined the pies that year.”

*“I live in a small apartment in the city, and wanted to have a Friendsgiving celebration for all of my friends who couldn’t get home for the holidays. I bought a turkey online, and had it delivered to my place the day before. I woke up and got ready to put it in the oven, and it wouldn’t fit. I have a small convection oven, and the turkey just wouldn’t slide in, no matter which way I tried put it. My friends all thought it was hilarious, but I had to end up throwing it out and eating the \$60 I paid. Or, not eating the \$60 I paid, as it were.”

ENJOY YOUR TIME TOGETHER WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!



For Your Information

**A Fundraiser for the Gillespie Center
“Give an extra \$20 in 2020” to help the Center.**



As most of you know, the Gillespie Center is a 5013c non-profit. All year round, we work on raising funds to keep the Center operating and to offer services to the seniors and the community.

If you are able to donate an extra \$20 in 2020 for the “Give 20 in 2020” Fundraiser to help the Gillespie Center, your donation is tax deductible as well. Every donation helps!

Please send your donation with the note below or stop by the front desk to make a donation. Cash or check only. Please let us know if you would like a receipt sent to you.

Mail to: The Gillespie Center, 2590 Commerce Blvd., Mound, MN 55364
Make checks payable to the Gillespie Center.

Thank you for your continued support of the Gillespie Center. We are very grateful.
May 2020 be a wonderful year for all of you!

“GIVE 20 IN 2020”

**PLEASE ACCEPT MY \$20 DONATION
FOR THE “GIVE 20 IN 2020”
THE GILLESPIE CENTER FUNDRAISER**

In Memoriam November 2020

Ed Garlock Jerry Conklin

The Gillespie Center Support Fund

The staff and boards of The Gillespie Center are deeply grateful to the following people who donated to The Center in the last month. Thank you!

Donations

June Larson	Delores Lind	Elizabeth Blackwell	Melissa & Jim Easley
Carol Senn	Del West	Judy McKeand	Dennis Schroeder
Liz Bakke	Terry Dunn	Melvin & Diane Schlichting	Mary Scruton
City of Spring Park	Terri & Al Erickson	Joanna Widmer	
Bob & Linda O'Neel	Murva Jacobsen		

Memorials

Memory of Ed Garlock from the Westonka Whirlers Leone & Andrew Weinzierl
Evelin Knorr-Reinitz & Joel Reinitz

Memory of Jerry Conklin from Bob & Linda O'Neel Peggy McLean

Memory of our Mother's Birthday, Alice Jean Anderson from Melissa & Jim Easley

Memory of Patti Nash from Gen Olson

Memory of Jackie Greenslit from Gen Olson

Memory of Bob Wolff from Gen Olson

Honor & Gift

***Make a donation to the Gillespie Center in honor of someone's birthday, anniversary, in appreciation, etc.**

Ways to Help The Gillespie Center

- Make a gift in memory of a friend, family member or a loved one.
- Celebrate a birthday, anniversary and honor someone.
- Request that memorials be given to The Gillespie Center.
- Include The Gillespie Center in your estate plan.



The Gillespie Center November 2020

**Buy a homemade lunch on
Wednesdays and pick it up at 11:30 a.m. in front of the Center.
Cost: \$5
Pre-pay and sign up 2 days prior to the day.**



	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 4 Pasties w/Brown Gravy Dessert</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">11 Chicken Pot Pie w/Potatoes & Veggies Dessert</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">18 Turkey Commercial Sandwich w/Veggies & Potatoes Dessert</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">25 Tater Tot Hot Dish Roll Dessert</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">BUY A FRIEND LUNCH!</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">ENJOY A DELICIOUS HOMEMADE MEAL!</p>

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