



Elmhurst



The House of Friendship, A Nonprofit Serving Older Adults Since 1890

News from Under the Elms

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Readers Say We're Best in Retirement

Readers of the Wheeling News-Register & Intelligencer voted

Elmhurst the Number 1 Retirement residence for 2021. We also garnered 2nd in the Assisted living category.

In late summer, readers were asked to nominate area businesses and other entities in a myriad of categories. Readers then voted on paper ballots and online for their favorites.

Elmhurst is proud of our service to older adults for as we enter our 132nd year of operation.

Consider a Gift for Our Future

Elmhurst greatly appreciates every monetary gift. If you are interested in discussing planned giving opportunities, please contact Jamie Crow, Executive Director: 304.242.0240



Military Veterans Honored Nov. 11

Six Elmhurst military veterans were honored on Nov. 11 by Valley Hospice in a memorable ceremony that touched our hearts.

Valley Hospice social worker Robert Kolb presented an inspiring program of readings, songs, and prayers. Annually, Kolb and other representatives of Valley Hospice recognize veterans at Elmhurst in a poignant and heartfelt manner for which we are extremely grateful. Debra Dague, chaplain at Valley Hospice also participated in the event along with the organization's college intern. The honorees received a pin, certificate, and American flag during the event. What a wonderful way to acknowledge those who served to keep us free. Thank you, Valley Hospice! Pictured from left to right are Kolb, the college intern, John Lucas, Heather Fletcher, RA, AMAP, Jeremy McCamic, James Hossman, Jerry Mulhern, and Dague. Not pictured is Dr. George Naum.

Merry Christmas



*Jamie's
Corner*

Jamie
Crow
Execu-



Dear Friends,

The Christmas season has arrived! Once again, Elmhurst is magical. Our decorating elves have worked overtime to color every corner of our campus and house in holiday finery. Kudos!

A special thank you to those who voted Elmhurst the best retirement residence in the Wheeling newspaper's Readers' Choice competition. We know we're #1 in every category!

We've been welcoming a number of new residents who will enjoy their first holiday season at our house! Welcome!

I want to extend special appreciation to those who have supported our Annual Appeal, to date. Your generosity helps us sustain our mission now, and into the future.

Although the events of the past two years have curtailed our traditional December events, be reassured that our house is filled with lots of activities that fill our hearts with the joy of the season!

Merry Christmas! - *Jamie*

- Thank You for Your Generosity -

Special Gifts

Penny Goodwin

Memory Gifts

In Memory of
Margaret McCarihan:
Doug & Tess McCarihan

In Memory of Mary Sacco:
Patricia & Michael Pearre,
Robert & Cathy Nixon,
Cheryl Jones, &
Charlene Goodwin

Thanksgiving Appeal

Michael Klick
Gary Glessner
Terry & Martha Snyder in
memory of Betty Snyder
Gerald Reilly
Lyle & Tamila Higley
Susan Enkiri in memory of
Evelyn Nikolaus
Kalkreuth Roofing &
Sheet Metal

Elizabeth Nick
Carol Austin
Gene Monteleone
Antoinette Allison
John W. Kepner
Regent Cisar Lawther
Ronald & Patsy Becker
Paul & Susan Newmeyer
Robert J. Coleman
David Charvat
W. P. Holloway
Grace Norton
Molly Blazek
John DeBlasis
Visiting Angels
Ronald Burns,
Alison Block
Debra Clegg
Jane May in memory of
Dot Pyle

Many thanks to the family
of Mary Sacco for the fruit
basket for the staff



Trip to New Moundville Deli & Gift Shop Is Delightful

Shirley Milton, Joan Mudge, Jeanne Hicks, and Rachael Davis enjoyed a sojourn to Moundville for lunch and shopping at the new shop on First Street. A quick lunch and a little shopping. A variety of vintage Mail Pouch collectibles and other country items were fun to see. Always a good time on the road!

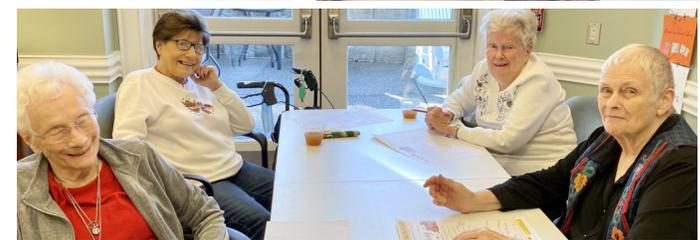
November Scrapbook....Giving Thanks for One Another!

A Mini-Holiday Shopping Event Was Just the Ticket!



Residents enjoyed shopping at our mini-mall featuring three vendors. The ladies at Christ United Methodist Church brought their popular chocolate candies, Paparazzi jewelry and Andrea Cowan's knitted items from were also popular. Let's hope next year allows us to host a larger event.

*A Merry & Blessed Christmas
to Our Elmhurst Family*



After a fantastic turkey dinner prepared by Lisa Williams & the culinary staff, residents gathered for some Thanksgiving Trivia. Winners received Christmas décor items. A great day at our house!



Happy Birthday
Bertha
Sacco
100!!!
Dec. 27





WELCOME

New Residents





Bettie
Steele



Emily
Wilson

Memories of Christmas Gifts from the Past

Two front teeth weren't anyone's favorite Christmas gift, according to a handful of residents who recall others that remain memorable. We share them here.

Shirley Milton - A Shirley Temple doll and bows for her hair still make Shirley smile. **Jeanne Hicks** recalls that Shirley Temple appeared in the form of an official Shirley Temple wristwatch one Christmas.

Millie Scaffidi - A portable radio was tops, particularly since she could hear her favorite cowboy, Gene Autry, croon a few toons. She loved hearing him sing!

Thelma Charvat said her first child was her best any occasion gift while **Rose Humway** remembers a stocking filled with candy and fruits on Christmas morning.

Joan Block loved the life-sized doll she received, the same as her cousin's, so they could play together.

Dorothy Vess says she's received many special gifts, the best of which was her late husband, Richard, whom she met at a ball game at Cameron High School - he was so good he could have made it to the pros, she opined.

Maureen Comiskey's letter to Santa included a doll in a case with a "lame" on it, rather than a lamb! Santa understood despite her spelling error.

Joan Mudge said she received an entire miniature Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs village replica crafted by her Aunt & Uncle in 1939.

Rachael Davis was teased by an uncle that she would get shoulder braces under the tree! However, a pair of figure skates she was hoping for did arrive!

Charlene Goodwin was a self-professed tomboy who was thrilled to find a complete Hopalong Cassidy cowgirl outfit on Christmas morning, complete with holster, cap gun, and fringed vest! Her sister, **Penny**, was pleased to receive a life-size, blue-eyed baby boy clad in corduroy overalls and a white shirt under the tree.

Jim Hossman said he always had a good Christmas and remembers his dad's train set, especially. **Judy McNabb** also loved receiving a cowgirl outfit. Her favorite gift, however, was the engagement ring she received one Christmas from her beloved Bob. Good memories, all!

Our Elves Have Been Busy Making Magic



It takes a team to create the magic of the Christmas season at Elmhurst. Our elves have been busy make that renowned magic happen. At the top, right, Melissa Mansuetto, and at left, Richard Rohm and Laura Dolenc. Below, Scott Levy joins them. At right, Melissa's mom, Pam McClure, helps out.

December Birthdays

Residents

Shirley Milton	12-21
Rachael Davis	12-23
Bertha Sacco	12-27

Staff

Nancy McLaughlin	12-2
Lisa Williams	12-28