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**Jeff Edwards:** [MUSIC] Good morning, everybody. This is Jeff Edwards and Jerry Erschabeck for KGOS/KERM Lawn and Garden program. Our guest today is Donna Hoffman from Casper. She's the extension educator and horticulturist in that area. I think we're going to be talking about fall cleanup, fall pickup, those types of things today. Let's take a few moments and listen to our sponsors and we'll be back in a bit. [MUSIC]

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**Jeff Edwards:** All right, everybody, we're back. This is Jeff Edwards, and Jerry Erschabeck for the KGOS/KERM Lawn and Garden program. Good morning, Jerry. How are you today?

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Hey, really good. Thank you. Jeff, how about yourself?

**Jeff Edwards:** Fantastic. It's been an interesting week.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** You bet. Donna Hoffman, good to see you again.

**Donna Hoffman:** It's nice to be here. I really enjoyed doing the show with you all.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** [OVERLAPPING] Well, we enjoy having you.

**Jeff Edwards:** Welcome to our program once again, we're happy to have you here. Jerry, you had a word that I sent you this morning.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Yeah, word of the day.

**Jeff Edwards:** I want to hear you [OVERLAPPING] pronounce it.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** You got up really early. You had too much coffee, I'm sure, but it's thigmomorphogenesis.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yes. We quiz Donna earlier before we started this show on what it was and she had to google it, I'm assuming. [OVERLAPPING]

**Donna Hoffman:** I had to spell it three different ways before I got it right.

**Jeff Edwards:** [LAUGHTER] But apparently, it's a quality that allows the trees to bend and not snap, and tolerate the winds in Wyoming. So for all of you who are paying attention this morning, Jerry, you want to spell that for everybody? No, just kidding. [LAUGHTER]

**Jerry Erschabeck:** I have it written down, I can spell almost anything when it's written down.

**Jeff Edwards:** No, I'm just kidding. It's the word of the day so if you hear it again, I don't know, we probably can't work it into a sentence twice. [LAUGHTER]

**Jerry Erschabeck:** I can. The folks of Wyoming have a characteristic of thigmomorphogenesis to withstand our Wyoming wind.

**Jeff Edwards:** [00:03:00] Perfect.

**Donna Hoffman:** I have a joke for you. My dad and my brother used to work in the record business in Elk Mountain, and they had a truck driver that they towed off the highway one day and he asked him if they had to deal with the wind, if the wind blew every day, my brother told him, "Well, it quit one time and we fell down." [LAUGHTER]

**Jerry Erschabeck:** My friends on the East Coast will say, "Oh my gosh, we had gusts of 5,560 miles an hour." I said, "Here, we call that Tuesday."

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah, exactly.

**Donna Hoffman:** Exactly.

**Jeff Edwards:** Semi-truck napping did. [LAUGHTER] I posted a thing on Facebook the other day and that it was just basically nothing happened. It was a nothing-happened kind of day. Some of Dianne's family, who had moved to Oregon, posted immediately, "We certainly don't miss the wind." [LAUGHTER] But it's here, it's been here this week. It blew a lot. I think it's pretty much covered the state again, like that September storm that we had. Although I don't know that it's been so significant that it's caused any damage. Have you seen damage from around, Donna?

**Donna Hoffman:** I have not seen any damage from this recent storm, no. I'm hoping that it puts a little damper on the moisture, puts a little damper on the fires, but the wind, of course, is not helping them at all.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Right. Our air quality has been very terrible. Anyone with any breathing asthma or any lung or COPD, man, they've suffered. I don't have any of those things, but I seemingly suffer with a raw throat and burning eyes and you think, "Oh my gosh, am I getting sick or is it just smoke?" It is, [OVERLAPPING] this is a smoke.

**Jeff Edwards:** Was it burning eyes or burning eyes? [LAUGHTER]

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Burning. [LAUGHTER]

**Jeff Edwards:** We won't turn this program into something political today.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** No. But it's just one of those things that the wind has cleared out the smoke for us. Over in Laramie, man, I have a nephew and a nephew-in-law, they're not quite married yet, and they have suffered greatly [OVERLAPPING] because of the air quality.

**Jeff Edwards:** Challenging air quality there, and people had to move and what a loss.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** There's been a little snow up around Rob Roy, so that is helping our firefighters.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah, exactly. I had something else on my brain this morning that I wanted to chat about, but it has since moved on. So I think we should do the same. [LAUGHTER] If it comes back, I'll bring it up. No, I know what it was, it did come back. [00:06:00] Just to mention for folks who are dedicated listeners and happened to miss us one week, we are available via podcast. It's usually going to be the week after so you'll be a week behind or so. But if you are interested, podcasts are available. The other day, I sent some of the listener data to Jerry, just for fun. It seems that the majority of our listeners are in the United States, apparently 88 percent. What was it, 11 percent that were in Canada?

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Eleven, yeah, and one percent in Zimbabwe, Kenya, Zambia, Germany, and shout out to Canada.

**Jeff Edwards:** The Canadians are listening. I can't imagine why they would do that, but we appreciate it.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Somebody can't sleep. [LAUGHTER]

**Donna Hoffman:** Let's see if they're looking at thigmomorphogenesis.

**Jeff Edwards:** Exactly. Donna, we usually have our guests start things after we get done with some banter. What do you have on your brain for our program this week?

**Donna Hoffman:** Well, since we have that big word that we were talking about and the fact that it's supposed to help the trees stand up straight and tall, I thought we might talk a little bit about trees, and what I know about their reaction to our wind, and how they put on wood that helps them stand up straight or if they begin to lean a little bit, helps them stand up straight again. So on the windward side or the side that gets hit by wind, the trees develop what's called tension wood. Oftentimes when you look at the tree rings on a cut tree or on a tree biscuit or cookie, you'll see that the wider rings are on the side where the wind hit the tree. So they've developed that tension wood there, and they developed quite a few more fibers into the wood. Then on the leeward side or the downwind side where you can stand and be out of the wind if you're standing out there with the tree and the wind, they get what is called compression wood. So that would oftentimes compresses together, and they form a little bit different type of wood. Those two different types of wood will get different types of decay. When the tree is meeting its demise, oftentimes you can diagnose what kind of disease organism is causing the decay. Usually, it'll be different based on whether they're feeding on compression wood or on tension wood.

**Jeff Edwards:** I think you called it a disc or a donut, a cross section, right?

**Donna Hoffman:** Cross section slice [00:09:00] of the tree trunk.

**Jeff Edwards:** I have some plum trees that all lean towards the East [LAUGHTER] and will always lean towards the East. I've tried to straighten them, but that didn't happen.

**Donna Hoffman:** No, right. [OVERLAPPING] In Wyoming, that have to lean into the wind when we're walking around.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Donna, which one will degenerate first or which one will you see the decay coming first?

**Donna Hoffman:** It just depends on which disease organism starts in it. There's a white fibrous fungus that feeds on the tension wood, and so the decay oftentimes looks white, and then there's a darker disease organism that feeds on the compression wood. One is white and more fibrous looking when it's feeding on the tree, and the other one is dark when it feeds on the decaying wood of the tree.

**Jeff Edwards:** Interesting.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** I find that very interesting because humans, when they bend too far forward and get a bounce, they all have what's called a compression fracture of their spine, and develop an anterior wedge of the vertebra going forward. So it's just interesting that nature will mimic each other in different forms.

**Donna Hoffman:** Right, and that humans use the same terminology for similar conditions, whether we're talking about animals or plant organisms.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** The trees that we see on top of the hills, they're always bent over. Typically, we don't see a whole lot of trees on the very tops of hills or mountains, but we still see some.

**Donna Hoffman:** There is a term for those, and it's not coming to me for those trees that are out there, usually one here and one there up in the winds of the alpine regions of the mountains. Even if you go up onto the snow hills, you'll see individual trees that are leaning and they'll remind you of the windswept bonsai trees.

**Jeff Edwards:** Donna?

**Donna Hoffman:** Yeah.

**Jeff Edwards:** They're called loners. [LAUGHTER]

**Donna Hoffman:** Well, that too. But yes, even on a calm summer day, you can tell which way the wind blows when it's blowing in those situations.

**Jeff Edwards:** I spent some time in the Panhandle of Texas and the wind blows 30 miles from the South frequently there, and many of the trees bend North. [LAUGHTER] Just interesting things, how the wind and the weather will affect our plants and trees.

**Donna Hoffman:** Krummholz.

**Jeff Edwards:** Say [00:12:00] that again.

**Donna Hoffman:** Krummholz trees.

**Jeff Edwards:** Ceylon was a whole lot easier to remember.

**Donna Hoffman:** Yeah. Krummholz, I think that one's a German one. I don't know where yours comes from. I think it's Latin

**Jeff Edwards:** What's Latin? [LAUGHTER]

**Donna Hoffman:** I think morphogenesis. [LAUGHTER]

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Have all your trees started to undress? Are the leaves starting at just fall off like crazy?

**Jeff Edwards:** Well, prior to this week, I guess, prior to the wind, reminded me of the tree that's in the Harry Potter movies where the tree just shakes and all the leaves fall off. That actually happened last week. We had calm days, the leaves were done and they just dropped off. Then those that didn't drop off blew off. [LAUGHTER] Did I say something wrong, Donna?

**Donna Hoffman:** Well, no. You reminded me of a joke that I saw on Facebook today.

**Jeff Edwards:** But this is radio. We can't share this.

**Donna Hoffman:** Well, you'll get it.

**Jeff Edwards:** Okay. All right.

**Donna Hoffman:** It was Adam leaving the dry cleaners with his leaf on a hanger, covering himself without being able to wear his attire. [LAUGHTER] I don't know if you all can see this right there if I turn it sideways.

**Jeff Edwards:** That's better.

**Donna Hoffman:** That's the little apple tree we planted in our yard this year. It still has its leaves on it. Happy as a lark, the maple tree and ginkgo biloba and the linden tree have lost their leaves, but the apricots, the chokecherry and the apple tree still had their leaves on it this week.

**Jeff Edwards:** The fruit trees except for the plums, still have their leaves on even after the wind. It's weird that we had that early frost that messed up the fruit production, early spring frost. Then we had that thing in September and I thought when that thing blew through in September that all the leaves will just turn brown and drop immediately.

**Donna Hoffman:** That's what I thought too.

**Jeff Edwards:** But apparently, it just triggered fall for everybody. [LAUGHTER]

**Donna Hoffman:** We had some really beautiful trees here as far as fall color this year. Some of the aspens, especially up on Casper Mountain near the art picnic area up on Casper Mountain, Beartrap Meadow had beautiful orange aspen trees. A lot of times they're just that UW gold that we see all across the state with the cottonwoods and the aspens. But we had some beautiful orange and then some of the other trees even had some beautiful purple and some bronze colors. We got some good variations of colors. But now that the wind has picked up there, pretty much.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah. I was able to drive around Torrington [00:15:00] this weekend and there's a lot of really nice color in Torrington.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** If you drive North on West Sea Street, there are lot of magnificent colors. The cottonwoods are really turning and they're yellow. The ash trees are really a nice burnt orange or burnt brown. They're really pretty.

**Donna Hoffman:** It would be a great time to pick up some of those leaves and maybe do some artwork with the kids either for school, for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts.

**Jeff Edwards:** Or just for fun.

**Donna Hoffman:** Or just for fun at home. But you'll get lots of different colors depending on what trees you pick up the leaves from. Then you can have variations for colors in the collages you put together with leaves.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah, very fun. Jerry has a question or a comment.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Or you could use those leaves in a compression.

**Donna Hoffman:** A leaf press.

**Jeff Edwards:** A press.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** A leaf press. Yeah

**Donna Hoffman:** You could start a plant collection and become a botanist and learn about big long words. [LAUGHTER]

**Jeff Edwards:** Jerry, you knew that between the three of us, we would come up with that word you were looking for, right?

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Absolutely. I really appreciate that. I just had a moment.

**Jeff Edwards:** [LAUGHTER] Yes. Unfortunately, I think for all of us, those moments are becoming more frequent. [LAUGHTER]

**Donna Hoffman:** More frequent. Yes. [LAUGHTER]

**Jeff Edwards:** Let's see. Donna, you have a high tunnel this year or a covered greenhouse space. Are you tired of gardening?

**Donna Hoffman:** Getting there. [LAUGHTER]

**Jeff Edwards:** Did you ever think that you would say that?

**Donna Hoffman:** I used to laugh because we beg for more days in the springtime. Please, spring start early. How can we start seeds into home and then start them outside early? Then people by the time it's farmers market season they're talking about, I'm over it and it's done. We've got to put the garden to bed. I can't harvest another zucchini, whatever it might be.

**Jeff Edwards:** By the middle of August, I think people they've had enough.

**Donna Hoffman:** Yeah. But I wonder about like our southern gardener friends that don't have a short season and they can do early spring cold season crops and then they can do their warm season crops and they have all summer long with their warm season crops. Then they can start fall seeds and do a whole other cool season crops into the fall. How do they not get burned out on gardening and still do season extension and all the things? I know that here, even the heat that we have gets too hot for some things. I know Downsouth it gets much more hot than it does here. [00:18:00] Anyway, I've never had a summer gardening season in the south. I've always lived in the north and I wonder about do they just enjoy gardening more than we do? Is there just more difficulties with it up here? By the time you're done dealing with the difficulties you have to deal with, you get burn out quickly or what is it that Wyoming gardeners have that we're like, "Done. Turn the lights out, put the rates away, oil the pruning shears and sharpen them up and hang him till next year." It amazes me that we do get so sick of it, even though we beg for more in the springtime and then wish that we had a longer growing season

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah. Dianne and I lived in the south. We lived in Texas for a while and we didn't have a place to garden. I can't even think about what it would have been like, but we probably would've had a garden almost all year round where we were at.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** My brother lives in Houston and he starts gardening in November.

**Jeff Edwards:** Starts gardening?

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Starts gardening. But he's done by early May. Well, no earlier than that, April or so because he says, "My tomatoes just boil on the vine." They boil.

**Jeff Edwards:** Careful what you wish for it, right?

**Donna Hoffman:** Yeah.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** But I see some of my friends doing geodesic domes. I see some of my friends doing high tunnels to do that same thing that we're talking about. Extending that season so that we can grow more stuff and weed more stuff

**Jeff Edwards:** I forgot to mention on our wrap-up program in September, that we were putting a geodesic dome up in Fort Laramie. We happen to do that the last week of September. It's 22 foot structure. It is at the community building which is north on Main Street there. I don't know, three blocks, maybe four blocks. That was a really fun project because the folks that we had help us do it, they operate the daycare. I think we had 10 people show up and we were able to construct the framework in about four hours, one day. Then the following day, we put the skin on in three and a half hours. We built this thing in seven and a half hours, which the previous record was nine.

**Donna Hoffman:** It's 22-foot long.

**Jeff Edwards:** Circular, 22 foot around.

**Donna Hoffman:** Got you.

**Jeff Edwards:** Diameter

**Donna Hoffman:** Okay.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** It has a regular door. To go inside, it's irregular six-foot door. Wait, six, eight foot. It's a regular eight foot door.

**Jeff Edwards:** It's 80 inches, Jerry. I know that because I built it. [LAUGHTER]

**Jerry Erschabeck:** 80 door.

**Jeff Edwards:** 80, yeah.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Good Lord, I was impressed. [00:21:00] I watched the time-lapse that you've posted on Facebook, and Gee, with many hands make light work.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah. I think that the time-lapse was fascinating to watch. It's just amazing [OVERLAPPING] how quickly it went up and how fast we skinned it. The biggest question we have when we're doing one of those is, how do you put the skin on? How do you cover one of these things? Well, it's one big sheet of poly that we just start tucking and folding and cutting, and as we go down across the top of the structure, it comes into place. It's pretty amazing how it goes [OVERLAPPING].

**Donna Hoffman:** That's the little darts, huh?

**Jeff Edwards:** What's that? Yes, mini darts. [LAUGHTER] I do know what you're talking about, Donna [LAUGHTER].

**Donna Hoffman:** It's the seamstress in me.

**Jeff Edwards:** [LAUGHTER] Pleats. [LAUGHTER].

**Donna Hoffman:** Kind of yeah.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah, sort of.

**Donna Hoffman:** Well, I was wondering if each of those little triangles got skinned and then you put it all together, if it would leak. It's interesting to know that it's all one sheet and then you just have to make tucks in it, darts whatever it is, to make it fit all those little triangle shapes as you come from the top-down.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah. Actually what we're able to do is pull up one direction and then use a staple gun to staple it down. Then pull it the other direction, and you have this fold or pleat or dart, whatever you want to call it. Then lay it flat and then lay the last material on top of that. Then you can trim that fold out of the way and tuck it in. It doesn't have to be a totally leak-proof structure, right? We're just trying to protect things. We want it to be leak-proof, but sometimes that might not happen. [LAUGHTER]

**Donna Hoffman:** The thing I've learned since we've been using a heater in the greenhouse this fall, is condensation happens.

**Jeff Edwards:** [OVERLAPPING] Right.

**Donna Hoffman:** Even if it's not coming from outside, you will get dripped upon.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yes, you will. Anyhow, if there are people who are interested in these geodesic dome greenhouses, it is at the Daycare Community Center in Fort Laramie. I think you can go by and do a drive by. I'm going to continue working with them to build raised beds on the inside and the outside and get them going for next spring.

**Donna Hoffman:** Did you have [OVERLAPPING] lots of little helpers?

**Jeff Edwards:** The first day we had small folks because I think the school system had an in-service day, and I think there were four small people. Then the next day, school was back in, then there was only one small person [LAUGHTER].

**Donna Hoffman:** Yeah.

**Jeff Edwards:** [00:24:00] But it was a lot of fun. I was surprised at how quickly it went. I think everybody else was too.

**Donna Hoffman:** I think the people in Fort Laramie will be surprised that the little people that got literally their feet wet in that little project, and see it and have it around them their entire lives as they grow up, probably will have a much bigger interest in gardening, in greenhouses, and the like. Maybe even some architects come out of that little group of people from Fort Laramie because they have that experience going on in that little town.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah. It doesn't take much to peak a kid's interests in gardening.

**Donna Hoffman:** Right.

**Jeff Edwards:** Just plant a few plants and it's pretty amazing how things grow.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Well, when you throw a little seed into the soil, put a little dirt on it, give it a kiss and a little water, and it grows into something marvelous that you can actually eat, it's phenomenal. If any kid, just like you said, had that experience, you never know what is going to come from that. What that touches in him or her to move on or just to keep it in their memories.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah.

**Donna Hoffman:** You have an 20-year impact statement in the works now, Jeff. [LAUGHTER]

**Jeff Edwards:** Yes, you're right. [LAUGHTER] Hopefully, I won't need it, but it's that long [LAUGHTER]

**Jerry Erschabeck:** I've got a question for us.

**Jeff Edwards:** Shoot.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** So the leaves are falling. Do you blow them? Do you rake them? Do you just leave them lay? What do you do with your leaves?

**Jeff Edwards:** Which one of us would you like to answer first?

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Let's go with you first.

**Jeff Edwards:** With me first, okay. I leave them lay for a while, and then I have a lawnmower with a big vacuum sucker thing on it. This is big, it's cubic feet of catch space.

**Donna Hoffman:** You need to know how big the door frame was. You've got to measure this thing.

**Jeff Edwards:** I think it's three or four by four by four. It's something like that, feet wide. Maybe four. I think it's four by four by four. Anyhow, as I mow, it mulches them and it has a shredder on the, let's call it a baler for lack of better term. It has a shredder on it, so it mulches things even finer. Then I take it up to my pile and I dump it and that's the base for my compost pile every year.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Donna?

**Jeff Edwards:** I will pick some up now and then in the spring I might pick them up later again, [00:27:00] or more of them, or just wait until spring until they're all gone. It just depends on the weather, right?

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Right.

**Donna Hoffman:** The house we moved into three years ago had not quite no trees, but very few trees.

**Jeff Edwards:** A tree?

**Jerry Erschabeck:** That's a loaner.

**Jeff Edwards:** [LAUGHTER] Yeah.

**Donna Hoffman:** Well, we have three remaining trees that were there when we moved in. But besides those trees, we dug up six. None of them were very big, so we don't have a big crop of leaves to rake up or do anything with. But we have since planted six new trees and I have three evergreens that I want to put in around the back deck patio area. Over time, that crop of leaves is going to be growing as well. In the past when I lived in town, I would rake up the leaves of the honey locust tree and the white poplar that were in the yard that we lived in, and use those for mulch in my flower beds. Just have to be careful. If you get a tree that has some sort of a disease in it, you don't want to keep them in your yard. You want to rake those up and get them out of your yard. If your compost pile gets hot enough to compost them and kill off a disease organism, you can compost them, but you need to be pretty sure that you can get it up to at least 130 degrees to kill off those disease organisms. If it's something you're worried that it might spread in your yard, then you don't want them to go into your compost pile. You want to dispose of them with your trash.

**Jeff Edwards:** Jerry, are you a spring raker or a fall raker?

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Well Myrna's pretty much a fall raker, spring raker, and in between, [LAUGHTER] but we have a leaf blower. We just blow those leaves around like crazy. We try to rake them into a pile. If it is windy, the wind will actually circle around some of our buildings and place them in a pile for us. All we have to do is put them on a tarp and put them through our pile to let them disintegrate. But I've often thought that they should just lay there, but my wife seems to think that we should clean them up, so we usually clean them up. [OVERLAPPING] If you get enough of a leaf barrier in there, it becomes mulch.

**Jeff Edwards:** Right. But if they're on your turf, they will eventually smother out your turf.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** You bet.

**Jeff Edwards:** There are places where they can stay. If you [00:30:00] pick them up and you mulch them and actually make them into compost, they will go back to your planting beds and things like that in a much more usable state.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** You bet.

**Donna Hoffman:** I really like the idea that Jeff has of shredding them.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Oh, man.

**Donna Hoffman:** The smaller it is when it starts out in the composting process, the faster that composting process takes. We bought an electric lawnmower this year and I'm really curious to see how it works for raking up some leaves like that. Mark has already done what he thinks is the last mowing, but it's pretty easy to get it out of the garden shed and hook it up again. I may see if we get some of the leaves that blow into the yard from other neighbors and try that to get some of those leaves into our composter. We have a compost tumbler. So I don't have a pile on the ground, but a tumbler up in the air.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** We use the weed blower to get it out of our flower beds and then we put it on the lawn, and we mow until there's three inches of snow on the grass. We have some honey locust trees. They usually have a lot of pods. Those pods need two or three mowings as well. Generally, we are the last ones to put our mower away for the year. This is like, "What's that noise?" "Erschabeck mowing again." So we mow a lot.

**Donna Hoffman:** That's one of the things [OVERLAPPING] I really like about this battery operated mower, it's super quiet.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Yeah. But by mowing and using a mulching blade, we're just putting it down into the ground all the time.

**Donna Hoffman:** Right.

**Jeff Edwards:** Right.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Into the grass.

**Donna Hoffman:** Feeding that soil every time you do something in the garden is such a great idea.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Yeah.

**Jeff Edwards:** Hey, I think it's time to take a break and listen to a few messages from our sponsors.

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**Jeff Edwards:** [MUSIC] Good morning again, everybody. We're back. This is Jeff Edwards and Jerry Erschabeck, for the KERN Lawn and Garden Program. Our guest today is Donna Hoffman. We are talking about big words and trees and leaves and all stuff today. We'll just keep going on. Donna, other things that you might have on your mind for this October program?

**Donna Hoffman:** Sure. Well, one of the things I've been surprised about is I have one of the canna lilies. Jerry and I talked about them a little bit last year and early in the spring. It's on the East side of our house, so it's on the leeward side of the house and a little bit protected. It's gotten a little bit burnt [00:33:00] on the edges from our cold weather, but that thing is still growing. I'm hoping it keeps photosynthesizing and doesn't try to set a flower and keeps that energy stored up in the little tuber now. But I'm hoping that when I can dig up these tubers and plant them in the springtime that next year they go spectacular on me with flowers because none of my candles bloomed this year. The other four are in the greenhouse. That first snow storm we had in September, I loaded the pots up in a two wheeled dolly and hold them to the back, and they have been in the greenhouse on a shelf in there since then. They're still green and growing and look lovely. But no signs of any blooms this year, so they must have been really lovely in the lady's yard where they came from this last year, and photosynthesizing and storing up energy. I'm hoping that I get it for the show next year.

**Jeff Edwards:** Donna, how tall are the canna lilies?

**Donna Hoffman:** These are a yellow variety that has a lime green colored foliage. The tallest one I would say is maybe 14 inches tall. They didn't [OVERLAPPING] grow tremendously, but it's supposed to be a smaller plant than the ones I had last year that were red.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Yeah. Now I have a friend here in Troyton, I call her my canna lily friend. She has been putting canna lilies on the South side of her yard against a two-storey house. She is gone crazy because she has all these canna lilies and she doesn't dig them because they're on the Southern exposure, they're so protected. She says, "I don't know what to do. I'm going to have to dig these and separate them and throw them away." I said, "Well, throw them my way." [OVERLAPPING] It's just amazing that they're growing so close together, they are impeding their growth. I said, "Well, you're going to have to dig and separate a little bit, but just like anything else, they need a little space and hers has just taken off." How did yours do, Jerry? Not so good. [LAUGHTER] I didn't have a good year this time for dahlias or canna lilies. I'm [OVERLAPPING] very hopeful for next year. [OVERLAPPING].

**Donna Hoffman:** Right.

**Jeff Edwards:** You're hopeful that somebody's going to give you some.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Well, yeah [LAUGHTER] If somebody gone crazy because they have too much, they can certainly throw them my way.

**Donna Hoffman:** Well, if your canna lily friend decides she needs some help separating [LAUGHTER] them. [OVERLAPPING] We might have to have a digging party. I might have to make an excursion.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** I'll give her that advice and that option. I will [00:36:00] because she might even take that upon both of us. I had a friend give me a box of iris, this small box and they were just clipped nicely and I have forgotten about them. My experiment for this year is to let them wither and then plant them in the spring and see what happens. I think they'll grow. We'll see.

**Jeff Edwards:** I do too. I think they will. [OVERLAPPING] [LAUGHTER]

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Thick are so tough.

**Donna Hoffman:** I was this beneficiary from a, now I can't remember, I think it was a Japanese iris, was either Japanese or Siberian iris. My mother ordered online and she sent it home one day with my husband who had been working out on the ranch.

**Jeff Edwards:** I can see where this story is going. [LAUGHTER]

**Donna Hoffman:** Anyway, I think I got some organic matter out of it. I was hoping it was going to be a spectacular specimen, but when I pulled it out of the box, it was pretty crispy. I guess I got at least some good organic matter if I didn't [LAUGHTER] [OVERLAPPING] have something that comes up.

**Jeff Edwards:** When you said your husband left it in the vehicle, I thought maybe I had an idea where that was going.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Donna, how do you store your cannas and dahlias?

**Donna Hoffman:** Well, last year was my first time having canna lilies. I really want to make some wooden boxes. I've actually saved pellets from our pellet store of pellets. I've been trying to pull them apart, although they use some pretty substantial nails and it hasn't gone the way I thought it would. But anyway, I am going to put them in peat moss in some cardboard boxes this year, and then continue to work on my construction idea for some little boxes. I've noticed that some of the big hardware stores have some of those little wooden crates that you can get that have spaces between the slats on the wooden crates. Some of them are really cute and decorative. I've actually seen, some of us will remember this, some of our maybe younger listeners will wonder what the heck we're talking about, but in high school when I had swimming class, we had lockers that we could put our swimming suits in after class. The whole thing was made out of hardware cloth but a wire mesh. I've seen some of those locker baskets in the hardware store. They're coming in at trend for storage in the industrial architecture trend right now. I was thinking those might work, but the peat moss wouldn't stand those very well. But I thought if I bought some of those that I would use that whole joe bowl bedding stuff, the shredded wood bedding to store them in. I'm tempted to try a couple of different options this year, but I'm going to start out with peat moss.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** [00:39:00] I've always done the woods shifts for livestock, the UC and we have a livestock store here that carries those wood chips. The one thing that I've really noticed is that if you put too much moisture into your box, wherever your box is, it's not such a good thing. They like it a little on the drier side with just a little moisture, just a little bit. But we just use an ordinary cardboard box and we've put it in what we call our well pit. It's a 10 foot around pit structure underneath our garden shed that houses our well, and so it stays a consistent, 50-55 degrees. It just stays there and it doesn't really sweat too much. It doesn't, unless you put too much water on your initial box of it, but generally, it doesn't sweat so much. If it does, you just leave a crack on the trap door going into it and it seems to work out really well.

**Donna Hoffman:** Yeah. We put ours in micron space last year. I did not put heat, moisture, or anything on them. I thought I would get back to it and I didn't get around to it. When the canna lilies came up from last year, most of them were dried out. I had a few red ones that made it through the winter, but most were pretty crispy. I did learn that I have to use something to help hold a little bit more moisture in them than we had in the crawl space.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** I'll take a newspaper, I don't know Sunday Edition, we get them wet. Bring that out and then, just lay that in the box, and then put the rest of the wood chips on top and around all the other stuff, and that seems to give it just enough moisture. I was making the wood chips damp. Soaking, wet, damp, and it was just too much, and it just rots your bulbs.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah, they would mold on you. So big experiments for the year. Other than packing material or new packing methods for your lilies, what other things are you trying this year that you haven't tried in the past?

**Donna Hoffman:** Well, my one purchase that was an experiment, there's a new cherry variety. That's a sweet cherry, it's supposed to be hardy for zone 4, and I got one, but unfortunately, it got zapped by that April, second and third, they dropped below zero. I'm going to have to try again next year to grow a Kristin [00:42:00] cherry. It's a sweet cherry, which as long as I've lived here, people have said that you can't grow sweet cherries here, you can only grow the sour pie cherries here in Wyoming. [OVERLAPPING]

**Jeff Edwards:** You can grow sweet cherries here for about seven years.

**Donna Hoffman:** Yeah. [LAUGHTER] You have a little bit more buffer on the temperature variation than I do. But anyway.

**Jeff Edwards:** It's that every seventh year event that ends up killing them. [LAUGHTER]

**Donna Hoffman:** Yeah. Anyway, I'm willing to try another one next year and see what happens. But probably, if I lose it in seven years, that'll be the end of that experiment.

**Jeff Edwards:** I think I might have mentioned this before, I have taken cuttings from my tomatoes. We talked about this a little bit last time, Donna, I think.

**Donna Hoffman:** Yeah. You mentioned it one time when I was with you somewhere.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah. I can't remember if we were on the radio or not, but the three varieties that I like this year, I took cuttings, I dipped them in rooting hormone, and I have them in a large pot keeping them watered, hoping that they germinate, and I will be able to carry on my tomato plants into next year.

**Donna Hoffman:** So are you going to put a fan on them so that you can try thigmomorphogenesis with your tomatoes?

**Jeff Edwards:** [LAUGHTER] No, because they're going to go back into the high, that's the fourth time. Donna, you're awesome. [LAUGHTER] No, because they're going to go back in the high tunnel and the wind shouldn't be affecting them.

**Donna Hoffman:** Okay. [LAUGHTER] I hear you can make stronger stems if they have the wind on them.

**Jeff Edwards:** I've heard that too. [LAUGHTER]

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Maybe you'd want a ceiling fan so it comes down on them so that it makes them grow up rather than bending.

**Jeff Edwards:** So Jerry, big experiments for you this year.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Well, and I forget the name of the tree, but it was our anniversary tree.

**Jeff Edwards:** The Hot Wings maple?

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Hot Wings maple, thank you so much. We've planted a new bed of iris, and it is the Japanese iris and also, Donna, you just mentioned what kind you had, the tall ones with just the three leaf on the top.

**Jeff Edwards:** Siberian?

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Siberian iris.

**Donna Hoffman:** Oh, yeah.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Those are really pretty. So we made a new bed of those and I'm hopeful for those to come up really nice. I've also just completed my last tilling.

**Jeff Edwards:** No-no. [OVERLAPPING] No, you haven't.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** My last tilling event of the year, I have. [LAUGHTER] I got everything turned under and into a soil profile because we had not enough time, but we had an electric weed eater, and so we used [00:45:00] a weed or grass profile in our garden. Man, I just kept weed eating it and I just kept it about an inch tall off of the ground. So this next year, I'm hopeful to have a little more time and do a soil profile, but I tilled in everything that I could and then I went over it one more time after I spread some wheat. So I'm hoping the wheat will sprout, will come up, and is the correct word stool? Come up and then, it'll freeze and stool?

**Jeff Edwards:** I don't know if that's the correct word.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** I don't know either. [LAUGHTER] But anyway, and then, hopefully, next spring it will start greening up again and we will let it get about a foot, a foot and a half, and then re-till it under as green manure.

**Jeff Edwards:** Sure.

**Donna Hoffman:** Nice.

**Jeff Edwards:** Good thinking.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** So we're hopeful that we're going to put more stuff into the garden. We put a deer fence around the garden so that it's fairly hard now to put a truck full of manure out there and we'd have to wheelbarrow it in. So I'm thinking I'm going to do something that's going to be there and I don't have to transport it.

**Jeff Edwards:** So Jerry, [NOISE] not to be anti-you, but I don't think we have rototilled. I think next year will be the fourth year that we have not rototilled our garden.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Oh my God. [LAUGHTER] Here comes the big one.

**Jeff Edwards:** Brace yourselves.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** What? [LAUGHTER]

**Donna Hoffman:** I was just looking through our From The Ground Up videos the other day.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yes?

**Donna Hoffman:** I had forgotten that you were actually the main speaking character in the video where we introduced the recreational rototiller.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Oh, yeah. I've seen that video.

**Donna Hoffman:** I was going to ask if Jerry has seen that video.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** [LAUGHTER] Yeah. Jeff made sure that I had very good intent on seeing and watching that video. Yeah. He was really quite vigorous about his tilling.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yes, he was, and I envisioned you when I think of [OVERLAPPING] the rototiller. [LAUGHTER]

**Jerry Erschabeck:** I have a very nice walk behind a tiller. It really does a nice job. It's been with us for almost 30 years, 28 years.

**Jeff Edwards:** It's a member of the family.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** It's a member of the family. It's our anniversary present, so our wedding present together. So it has held a lot of memories and it functions so well. It's using a little oil. It's like me, we're all getting older, [LAUGHTER] and it takes more to get us from point A to point B, but it still goes.

**Jeff Edwards:** To say it's like you, you've used the crap out of it.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** I've used the crap out of it. [LAUGHTER] [00:48:00] I really have. I don't know how I would garden without the tiller. I don't know how you do that, Jeff. Is it a no-till gardening situation?

**Jeff Edwards:** We've talked about my composting, I'm a passive composter. It usually takes seven or so years before my compost pile is-

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Ready?

**Jeff Edwards:** Ready. Yeah. This last year, this fall, we cleaned everything up and then I was able to put a layer of compost on, and that's my preparation for next year.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Okay. So when you plant something, you just dig a little hole and put the seed in and bury it?

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** So you don't have any weeds that you need to till under or get under the ground? Not so much?

**Jeff Edwards:** Well, we do a lot of weed pulling and hoeing over the course of the summer. So we don't generally have a lot of weeds that we have to deal with. Although we do have volunteer.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Tomatoes?

**Jeff Edwards:** No. [LAUGHTER] [OVERLAPPING] Cottonwoods. [LAUGHTER].

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Right now, there are honey locust trees all over the place?

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah. I consider volunteer cottonwoods weed, so.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Weeds.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah.

**Donna Hoffman:** Yeah.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Yeah.

**Jeff Edwards:** Jerry, I also harvested some of the hot wings maple seed pods.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** I didn't, I've looked at it and I couldn't find them and they had already gone.

**Jeff Edwards:** They'd left the building. I'm going to try and get some of them planted and see if I can propagate my own hot wings.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Are you going to put that in the high tunnel?

**Jeff Edwards:** Haven't decided yet. Donna, what do you think we should do with them? Do you think I should plant them right away? Do you think that I should lay them on top of the soil in the pots that I want and then maybe poke him in lighter or what do you think I should do?

**Donna Hoffman:** I think they probably need a chill. I can look up in one of my propagation books. I don't know for sure what maples need, but I would guess they need a cooling period. So I wouldn't keep him in your high tunnel to start with. But you could probably put them in pots if you're going to do that or just put the seeds in a baggy or a jar and put it in your refrigerator for several weeks or a couple months and then think about planting them in the spring.

**Jeff Edwards:** I'll look that up and let me know.

**Donna Hoffman:** I will do that.

**Jeff Edwards:** Okay. Thank you.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Oh. We had a giant pumpkin contest on the third.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yes, you did.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** There were some big boys that showed up. [LAUGHTER] [00:51:00] I mean, some big boys just showed up. Our winner was Jay Richard out of Worland.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yup.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** 1238.

**Jeff Edwards:** That is a big pumpkin.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** It's a small Volkswagen.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah. [LAUGHTER]

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Our second place was 759. Our third place was 743. We didn't have a whole lot of pumpkins.

**Jeff Edwards:** Who locally had the largest one?

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Francis Stenhome, and he was from Cheyenne. Andy Corbin's from Cheyenne. There was one from the painter produce area that came in. I don't know, a little lower, but we had some really, really good looking pumpkins. We didn't have that many. I think there were 12 entries or so, 12. We had a kid entry that he put out a 212. What a fantastic day October third was.

**Jeff Edwards:** Well, I think the turnout was awesome because there was a whole lot of people in the fairground section.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Yeah. Well, there were some other things going on, auction and.

**Jeff Edwards:** Craft show?

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Craft show, thank you. Craft show was going on.

**Jeff Edwards:** Again, I'll help you with those words when I can.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Yeah. Thank you so much and you jump right in on it as any thigmomorphogenesis guy should help out his co-anchor [LAUGHTER]

**Donna Hoffman:** [inaudible] Through those tough spots, right?

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Old gardeners, I think that they're funny and I think that we are. I think old men seem to think that they're funnier as they age. I think old gardeners are the same way. You listeners can tell us. Funny? Yes or no. Well, maybe a little bit. Maybe a little bit.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah, a little too much laughing. Let's go. [LAUGHTER]

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Anyway, we have such a gorgeous day and we had a really good crowd and we're really hopeful to look forward to next year. We have a good database of who the dads were. We grab into a sack of the pumpkins and it's just like the horse greeting and the genotypes.

**Jeff Edwards:** Sure.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Really getting a good effort going by some of these growers and some of the big guys, they'll donate seeds back to our clubs. Anybody that's wanting a pumpkin, a giant pumpkin to grow next year, all they need to do is listen to KGOS radio and they will announce that we'll be giving those pumpkin seeds away. All you have to do is ask for them.

**Jeff Edwards:** To stimulate interest, what does the winner get besides notoriety?

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Number one, notoriety, but number two, I think that it was a hundred bucks.

**Jeff Edwards:** Okay.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** We are a non certified [00:54:00] weighing contest. It's just more laughs and giggles, more fun, more jovial, bringing the community together, having something unique to look at. When you're looking at a 1,238 pound pumpkin [OVERLAPPING]

**Jeff Edwards:** It's pretty unique.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** That's unique. Now the last year's giant pumpkin, I think was 1,440. He didn't produce as big, Andy Corbin didn't produce as big, but these local growers that were really doing a good job of producing a giant pumpkin here in Wyoming and in Nebraska.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Whoever wants to present and grow and present what they grow into our contest is very welcome.

**Jeff Edwards:** Is there an entry fee to get in?

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Oh, yeah, it's five dollars. All that does is it just generates the book work, the leg work.

**Jeff Edwards:** The spirit of competition.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** The spirit of competition. [LAUGHTER]

**Donna Hoffman:** Jerry, you talked about that you guys give those seeds away. I've actually heard of places where you order seeds to get into those big pumpkin sizes and they're charging three, four, even six dollars apiece.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Oh, Donna, $25 per seed on some of them. Some of the huge pumpkins, the 2,000 pounders, 2,200, those go for big money as high as from $25-65 a seed. Now, I know. I know. Let's all do our foreheads right here. Hold our foreheads. [OVERLAPPING]

**Donna Hoffman:** I couldn't Believe it, my head might explode.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** It is just unique how this has taken off and how many people really enjoy seeing something fairly large. But we also had large zucchini. [LAUGHTER]

**Jeff Edwards:** I think we should encourage people to build trebuchets and do some pumpkin chunkin'.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** There is.

**Donna Hoffman:** I want to see the big ones turned into Cinderella's chariot. [LAUGHTER]

**Jeff Edwards:** That's a whole another level, Donna.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** That's a whole another level. Although I've been watching on television a pumpkin wars and pumpkin carving contest. These people are spectacular carvers.

**Jeff Edwards:** Well, and they're serious.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** The money is like $25,000. When you see a tree trunk that's trimmed out and it's a flying eagle, I don't know how they see that in that tree trunk. I don't know how they see some of the stuff that they carve for these giant pumpkins. They are amazing. I forget what channel they're on, but if you scroll and see something about Halloween carving contest, [00:57:00] just five, 10 minutes you're going to go, "Wow, the old Jack-O-Lantern of old. Quite functional." But these are just fantastic.

**Donna Hoffman:** Inspiration to a whole new level.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yeah, a big toothless grinning Jack-O-Lantern is. [LAUGHTER] It is a whole other level. [LAUGHTER]

**Jerry Erschabeck:** It is a whole different level, and it's the professional carving associated. They're really fantastic.

**Jeff Edwards:** It's awesome. It is October. I think one thing that we need to remind people of, because of the way the weird year that we have had. The instant that you receive a seed catalog this year and you find something that you like, order it.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Do not wait.

**Donna Hoffiman:** Put it aside and think you're going to get back to in a week.

**Jeff Edwards:** Because people who waited this year, we're finding seeds in short supply. Seed dealers were overwhelmed, they could not supply what was being requested of them. Just something to think about as you receive those seed catalogs. Once Thanksgiving gets here, those catalogs usually start showing up if they haven't already. Just a friendly reminder that if there is something that you want to grow, order it, don't wait.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Don't wait.

**Donna Hoffiman:** I ordered some flower bulbs including some lilies and some fairy lily and some Peruvian Lily. Anyway, they were supposed to have shipped, part of them at the end of September and then part of them the 7th of October, they were supposed to ship. I just got an email today, that the order that were supposed to shipped on the 7th shipped today, but it's minus one thing then they're not going to send it until the last week in October. A new yellow oriental lily. Even things that I order for the fall that will enjoy next year have been, interesting being shipped and I know shipping has also been delayed. Where they're taking all of their social distancing practices very seriously, and sometimes that's slows down that process of packing and getting things ready to go. It's probably going to just be compounded by all of the new enthusiasm for gardening in the springtime.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** I've been told garlic is at issue.

**Jeff Edwards:** Really?

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Have you planted your garlic yet, Jeff?

**Jeff Edwards:** Well, let's put it this way, Donna is the normal planter of the garlic and yes, she has.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Yes, she has. I have not. I've been [01:00:00] just a little late in my wrote Hotelling and my prepping. I'm going to be planting that here soon. But if you recall, I've told you that my crop last when I harvest in August, it was smaller bulbs. So I'm just going to replant all those bulb and hope for a bigger bulb.

**Jeff Edwards:** You know the other thing too is that if you go to the grocery store and you buy garlic, you can plant that stuff.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Yes, you can.

**Jeff Edwards:** As long as it's the hard neck you can plant now, if they have soft neck varieties, you would have to wait and plant them in the spring, but that material, that product that's in the grocery store would actually grow as garlic for you. Donna is making a face, do you not believe me Donna?

**Donna Hoffiman:** I just wonder about the cold hardiness of element that you get in the grocery store.

**Jeff Edwards:** If it's hard neck it should grow.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** we really like the Red Russian, the skin is a little reddish, but the meat is still white, but it's just another variety, but we really like the Red Russian and some of it in the grocery store is now getting a little more higher price. But they tell me it's going to be scarce. I don't know why, but it's all because of the pandemic apparently, and if you want to plant garlic, it's still not too late, but it's getting later all the time.

**Donna Hoffiman:** Maybe there's too many people fighting off vampires this season. [LAUGHTER]

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Perhaps, that's always a good thought.

**Jeff Edwards:** Speaking of vampires, [BACKGROUND] I think that we are pretty near the end of our show. [OVERLAPPING] It is Vampire month. Whatever. Donna, Thank you for being our guest. We appreciate you being here.

**Donna Hoffiman:** Absolutely. I always enjoy it.

**Jeff Edwards:** Well, we just hope everybody else does too.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Well, we certainly seem to enjoy ourselves [LAUGHTER] I think we have a good time. We should pay ourselves, Jeff.

**Jeff Edwards:** We should pay ourselves. You know, you keep bringing up syndication. I don't know how that's going to work.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** I don't know either.

**Jeff Edwards:** But maybe one of these days. Jerry, thank you very much for joining us once again. Both of you and everybody, I hope you all have a safe and productive. Is that the right Halloween?

**Jerry Erschabeck:** To our listeners, we're are now once a month.

**Jeff Edwards:** Yes, we will be once a month through the winter season. Let's put it that way until we notify you otherwise, but our next program [01:03:00] will not be until the middle of November.

**Donna Hoffiman:** Are you in a particular Friday of the month now that you're ones month.

**Jeff Edwards:** We try to shoot for the middle. I don't have a calendar in front of me to let you know when the next one is. But I'm thinking the November 17th is sticking in my brain, but I could be entirely wrong.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** Its the13th.

**Jeff Edwards:** 17th isn't even a Friday. [LAUGHTER] That's how that goes.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** It's the13th.

**Jeff Edwards:** Excellent. Thank you both very much for being on the program today, Jerry, We will see you on the 13th of November and I believe we will be talking about more gardening.

**Jerry Erschabeck:** I believe so. Thank you so much.

**Jeff Edwards:** Thanks, everybody, for listening.

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