

Millstadt Township Senior Services Hosts Quilt Of Valor Ceremony



Two married veterans were honored and received the greatest comfort American citizens can give to thank them for their services during a March 15th Quilts of Valor ceremony at Millstadt Township Senior Center. Cheryl Pierpoint and her husband Randy Pierpoint were presented with quilts and certificates. Donna Rector is a volunteer with the Quilts of Valor organization and explained that these quilts are given in honor of veterans and their services. Angie Hoffman a volunteer with the Quilts of Valor presented the quilts.

It is a formal expression of appreciation to the veterans. After what they have gone through and been through and it brings their memory to the forefront and shows our appreciation as a society for their service. They set time aside to serve our country, which is very much appreciated!

Randy Pierpoint served from 1979 to 2001, and Cheryl served from 1978 to 2000 with the United States Air Force in Dessert Shield. Cheryl worked as a paralegal and Randy worked in communications. They both completed their service with the ranks of Master Sergeant.

All veterans are eligible to receive a Quilt of Valor.

From Below The Tower



Patty Evansco

As I write this, I am thinking of the pecan trees in the lot next door to my house. A month ago, there were four pecan trees; today there are none! My new neighbors will need them down in order to build their new house. I have three pecan trees in my side yard, but those four always added extra shade and after 37 years I was getting used to looking out my kitchen window at them. In the past years, like many of the other pecan trees, they have dropped lots of limbs. BIG limbs! Occasionally, a limb the size of a tree would crash with a thump which could be heard inside of my house! There are lots of trees in my neighborhood. You can look around and see nearly 15 large pecan trees from almost any place you stop. I had known these four trees for thirty-seven years—since we moved here when Stacy was 2 years old. The trees remind me of my husband Dave, It will be eight years since he passed away. I know things change and I look forward to meeting my new neighbors. Yes, this is the season for new things, and I am ready!! *Happy Easter! Patty*



Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation

In the past year I've learned about a number of home meal delivery services, for example, Door Dash, Grub hub and Uber Eats and of course Meals on Wheels. One only has to look locally to find a meal delivery service available 5 days a week. The food is prepared locally at either Breadeaux's, China King, Millstadt Super-Mart or Schubert's Smokehouse. The menu varies monthly and each meal is delivered with a smile, under the mask of course. Meals are delivered by volunteers who braved the cold and snow and only missed one day of delivering Meals on Wheels in Millstadt and surrounding area this past winter. A big THANK-YOU to all our MOWS volunteers.

If you would like to support the local MOWS program please forward your donation to the SMBF, Post Office Box 41, Millstadt, IL 62260. Donations are used to purchase the serving dishes and supplies needed to deliver the meals. Thank-you to our donors and drivers.



Easter Baskets



Jamie Bereitschaft with First National Bank of Waterloo shows off the winning Easter Baskets. Friday, March 26th was a lucky day for three local raffle winners. Millstadt Township Senior Services announced the winners of the Easter Basket Raffle sponsored by the First National Bank of Waterloo. **Viola Frank, Rick Coleman and Rose Rivet** all won

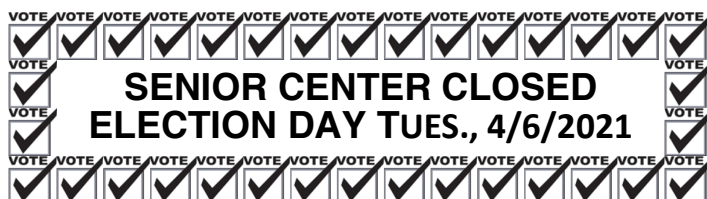
1st place Goody Bags filled with candy, lottery tickets, snacks, gold throws and many other items.! The drawing participants were those who received meals on the 24th and 25th of March. Particularly coming off a pandemic where a lot of our clients were impacted, the Bank was thrilled to add this excitement to the Easter holiday!

Dial 618 For All Local Calls

Beginning April 24, 2021 residents within the 618 area code are being asked to dial the full 10 digits of a phone number (area code plus the phone number). **This will become mandatory on October 24, 2021.** Remember to change all mobile contact lists, fax machines, life-safety systems, fire or burglar alarms and any other programmed devices!

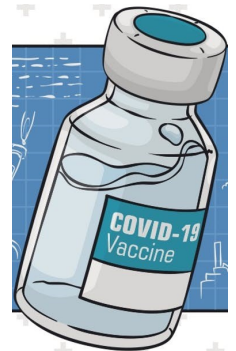
Donation To Old Millstadt Water Tower

Glenn Schaefer, president of the Millstadt Historical Society, presents a \$5,000 donation from the Society to Betty Keller Timmer, president of Friends of the Old Millstadt Water Tower, for the restoration of the Old Millstadt Water Tower. With this donation, which matches a grant that the Friends received from Landmarks Illinois earlier this year, the Friends have passed the \$175,000 mark towards their goal of \$200,000.



ATTENTION: COVID ANGELS ON DUTY

The Millstadt Senior Center is reaching out to local communities to register individuals ages 16 and up who wish to receive the COVID vaccination. Please call the Millstadt Senior Center at (618) 476-3731 on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm to get assistance in setting up your shot appointment.

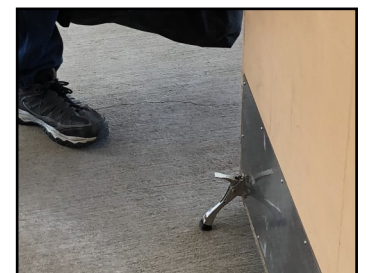


Unsure About COVID Shot?

If you have doubts about the COVID vaccine here is some advice from Dolly Parton who also donated a million dollars to COVID research; "Don't be such a chicken squat. Get out there and get your shot."

New Door Stops Installed

Bob Louis installs door stops.



MCS PTA Raffle Fundraiser



The 26th Annual Millstadt Schools Dinner Auction, presented by the PTA, is unable to be held this year due to continued Covid-19 restrictions. The mission of

the PTA is, "to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children." Our goals are to encourage interaction between family and school, serve as a source of support, and work with teachers, staff, and the community at large to improve our children's educational experience. The success of fundraising efforts in previous years has proven to be essential to funding a variety of new needs during the 2020-2021 school year. In this school year of "virtual" learning we are continuously grateful for the ability to support our teachers and students.

In an effort to carry on the tradition of our annual fundraiser, we are planning a **Facebook Live Raffle** to be held on **Thursday, May 13th @ 7PM on our Facebook Page, @ Millstadt PTA**. We will be raffling off a variety of prizes donated by the generous businesses of this community, including a grand prize of \$500.

For more info visit our webpage: <https://mccspta.ejoinme.org/FacebookLiveRaffle>. Scan the QR codes below to purchase tickets, make a flat donation, or provide a sponsorship.

Please email: MillstadtPTAAuction@gmail.com with any questions or if you'd like to donate a prize.

A list of accumulating raffle prizes is available at: <https://mccspta.ejoinme.org/WhatCanIWin>.

We thank you for your support!



Purchase Tickets



Be a Sponsor

Did You Know Or Do You Care

Shoppers looking for bargains during the past year of Covid, job losses, and working at home, generated one out of ten retail sales at U.S. Walmart stores. Walmart has 4,700 stores in the U.S. and 90% of Americans shop at its website or at one of its stores. The other 10% of shoppers buy local and support their local economy or rely on their own home grown produce. Thank-you Millstadt Super-Mart, Lee's Hardware, Schubert's Smokehouse and all our local merchants!

Meals on Wheels Hero

On Tuesday, March 9, 2021, Millstadt Senior Center Director Patty Evansco received a call from a Meals on Wheels client who wanted to express her gratitude. The day before a Meals on Wheels volunteer delivered her meal. She answered the door, visited with the volunteer, and on he went to the next stop. Seconds later, the volunteer returned to her door explaining that he had detected the odor of gas while leaving her home. The volunteer advised the client to notify the gas company. She called her son who lives nearby. Upon his arrival, he called Ameren. Ameren directed them to leave the house immediately. Within twenty minutes, Ameren arrived and found several basement pipes leaking gas. Ameren disconnected the gas and instructed them to call a certified plumber to repair the pipes. Refusing to go home with one of her sons, the client stayed in her home that night. Luckily, the temperature in her home never got below 67 degrees. The plumber came first thing in the morning to make the repairs. Ameren was contacted; they arrived within the hour, inspected the job, and reconnected the gas.

This is an example of the importance of Meals on Wheels. The volunteer did not want any recognition. The client did not want her name to be revealed. Meals on Wheels volunteers go beyond just delivering meals. This situation had a happy ending thanks to our thoughtful volunteer.

Area Seniors To Compete In Senior Brain Games

The Association of Illinois Senior Centers, the Illinois Department on Aging, and Millstadt Township Senior Services will host a free Illinois State Senior Brain Games competition for area senior citizens.

Date: Wed., June 30, 2021

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Millstadt Senior

Center, 102 South Jefferson, Millstadt, IL 62260

The Illinois State Senior Brain Games competition is an exciting statewide program that provides Illinois adults age 50 and older the opportunity to showcase and celebrate a lifetime of knowledge in an exciting team event. Since there is no registration fee for this program, every senior will have a chance to compete. This will be a team trivia event, consisting of 4 rounds of play – each round consisting of 5 questions. Questions will be from a variety of different categories, similar to the categories in Trivial Pursuit, and teams will have to be strategic with how they earn points with their answers.

Local Senior Brain Games competitions are being held throughout Illinois in 2021. First place teams will advance to regional semi-finals competitions that will lead to the State Finals competition, be held at the 2020 Illinois State Fair on Senior Day, Monday, August 17th.

For questions concerning the competition or to sign up for this free event, please contact Millstadt Senior Center by June 23, 2021 at (618) 476-3731.



Renewal of Homestead Exemption

If you have received a Homestead Exemption last year that usually needs to be annually filed, due to COVID-19 safety provisions, please be aware that for the 2021 assessment year, your exemption will be approved for any property that was approved for the 2020 assessment year, **without application**, provided that:

1. The owner of record for the property Jan 1, 2021 is the same owner of record of the property that was approved for this exemption for the 2020 assessment year.
2. The taxpayer for the 2020 assessment year as not asked for the exemption to be removed for the 2020 or 2021 assessment years.
3. The taxpayer or heirs will be required to inform the Assessor's office of a change of status that was required for approval of 2020 assessment year. Examples of this would be service-connected disability rating change, taxpayer who had the senior status is not living on the property or is now deceased, Social Security Administration no longer is providing disability benefits. Seniors has gone above the financial threshold of household income of **\$65,000**.

In summary, **you will NOT be required to fill out a renewal application** to receive the homestead exemption for the 2021 assessment year.

If you have any questions, you may call the Assessor's office at 618-825-2704



Did You Know – SENIOR CITIZEN TAX PROGRAMS & EXEMPTIONS

Help yourself, a family member, a friend or a neighbor avoid late penalties and sold taxes. Sign-up to receive email reminders of property tax due dates.

The Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption reduces the assessed value of your property by \$5,000 and is available for a residence owned and occupied by a person **65 or older during the tax year**. If you qualify and do not receive this exemption, contact the Board of Review at (618) 277-6600, ext.

2489, 2493, 2488.

The Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze is an exemption available to senior citizens can apply for a freeze of the assessed value of their property. Applicant must be 65 or older and have a total household income of \$65,000 or less and must be the owner of record and use the property as their principal residence. Contact the Assessor's Office at (618) 825-2704 for more information and/or an application.

Senior Citizens Real Estate Tax Deferral Program allows persons 65 years of age and older, who have a total household income of less than \$55,000 and meet certain other qualifications, to defer all or part of the real estate taxes and special assessments on their principal residences. The deferral is similar to a loan against the property's market value. A lien is filed on the property in order to ensure repayment of the deferral. The state pays the property taxes and then recovers the money, plus 6 percent annual interest, when the property is sold or transferred. The deferral must be repaid within one year of the taxpayer's death or 90 days after the property ceases to qualify for this program. The maximum amount that can be deferred, including interest and lien fees, is 80 percent of the taxpayer's equity interest in the property. The maximum annual amount is \$5,000.00. To apply for real estate tax deferrals, Forms PTAX-1017-TD, Application for Deferral of Real Estate Taxes, and PTAX-1018-TD, Real Estate Tax Deferral and Recovery Agreement, must be completed. Contact St. Clair County Treasurers Office, (618) 825-2451, to receive the necessary forms.



Wish List

Crossword Puzzle Books
Forever Postage Stamps
Paper Towels
Clorox Spray — Clorox Wipes
Plastic Forks, Spoons and Knives
AA & AAA Batteries
Fold Top Sandwich Bags
Pump Hand Soap
Post It Note Pads
Decks of Playing Cards

Election Day

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

*A Summary Of LOCAL Offices And Candidates
That Will Appear On The Ballot.*

TOWNSHIP OFFICES (7)

Supervisor – Mary Heberer or Travis Jones

Clerk – No candidate filed

Highway Commissioner – Stanley Jarvis

Trustees (4)

Charlie Todd

James Palovick

Randall Eckert

No candidate filed

VILLAGE OFFICES (5)

Mayor – Michael Todd

Clerk - Christine Pipik

Trustee – Michael French

Trustee – Albert Lehr

Trustee – Mark Todd

LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3)

Janice Seidlitz

Brenda Goudey

Robert Engelbretson

MCS 160 SCHOOL BOARD (4)

Don Pellman

Kurt Muskopf

Stacey Sommerfield

"Write in" – Scott Hilpert

Travis Jones

Millstadt Township Supervisor

Travis Jones is running as a candidate for the Millstadt Township Supervisor. As a lifelong community member and volunteer, Travis proudly serves Millstadt. His goal is to support the community that he values and to continue to build one that his children will grow up in- both immediately and for the future. With a friendly and approachable personality, Travis has tailored his life to understanding and serving the needs of his community.

With experience in working for the Village of Millstadt for over 17 years, Millstadt ESDA Coordinator, fireman on the Millstadt Fire Dept, coaching for Millstadt Xplosion and volunteering for the Millstadt Biathlon and other community events. Travis understands and believes in contributing to the success of Millstadt and supporting the community members.

Travis would value your support in the upcoming election!



Randy Eckert

Township Trustee

It will again be an honor to serve Millstadt Township. I will be happy to help keep the existing Township program moving forward. Always looking ahead to new programs to help the community. AND never, never forgetting the Millstadt Senior Center.



Mary O'Donnell Heberer

Millstadt Township Supervisor

My name is Mary O'Donnell Heberer and I am seeking election for Millstadt Township Supervisor. I am a lifelong resident of Millstadt. I am married to Jim Heberer. I have two sons, Andy and Tim Matecki along with three grandchildren Chase, Jackson and Presley. I have been a member of St James Catholic Church my whole life.



Throughout the years, I have volunteered at the Millstadt Homecoming, Millstadt Biathlon, various St. James Church functions as well as Senior Center functions.

I have worked for Millstadt Village engineers Thouvenot Wade and Moerchen and Schubert's Packing Company. My career was completed after working 33 years for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a Management Analyst. I am confident that the experience, knowledge and understanding of the government process will assist me in my duties as Township Supervisor.

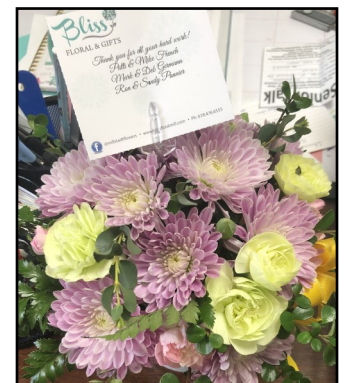
Upon my retirement, I began helping at the Millstadt Township Senior Center. It was shortly after that when I started helping Don Mueller publish the monthly SENIOR TALK magazine. I love helping at the Senior Center and am amazed at how many services the Senior Center provides to our residents. I enjoy helping pack the Meals on Wheels. I recently helped at the Community Chili Supper and the Senior Center's Annual BBQ. Millstadt Township Senior Center is very fortunate to have such an outpouring of support from our community. I will continue this support for our Seniors if I am elected.

I am aware that the Township receives funding to provide general assistance to residents in need and I look forward to aiding in the distribution of these funds.

Millstadt Township is a great place to live and the best part is simply you, the people. I look forward to working for you and to continue to enhance our Township.

I would appreciate your vote on Tues., April 6, 2021.

Thank You Flowers From Vaccine Clients





Charlie Todd, President of Millstadt Township Senior Services Executive Board presented Jean Colbert with a COVID Vaccine Angel award for entering 37,336 units of service that helped obtain \$224,000 in awarded grant funding from AgeSmart.

COVID Vaccine Angels Awards



Charlie Todd, President of Millstadt Township Senior Services Executive Board presented Paula Burch and Karen Witte with a COVID Vaccine Angel award for helping to save 743 lives by assisting with COVID vaccine appointments.

SOLVE THE MYSTERY

Where are the Newsletters going?

On February 2nd, 2021 we mailed out 84 issues of our February Senior Talk magazine. A few weeks later over 30 subscribers called and said that they did not receive their copy. I then mailed another copy of the February edition and assumed that everyone received it. A month later March 2, 2021 we mailed out 89 issues of our March Senior Talk magazine. Again a few weeks later approximately 15 subscribers called and said they did not receive their March copy, nor had they received their February copy. I then mailed another copy of the March editions and in some instances, I added a February copy. This all sounds crazy, but it really happened, and we do not know why everyone is not getting their newsletters. We put them in a proper envelope, with proper addresses and enough postage on them as advised by the United States Post Office after weighing them for us. Now today, I received a telephone call that some people are just now getting a February newsletter and that it is their second one. Today is March 30th and we mailed February out on February 2nd. It took our original February newsletters 56 days to get to you, we are so sorry. Based on this, if you have not received your March edition, you should get it on May 6, 2021. Please help us solve the mystery!

Tax Multipliers This Spring

By Frank X. Heiligenstein, Citizens Federation

Last fall our organization published the probable tax multipliers for area townships. The final numbers were published in very small type in the News-Democrat. There has not been any news article in St. Clair County's newspapers explaining what is going on. So here is the scoop. If local governments keep the same tax rates then tax bills will increase the following percentages:

<u>Township</u>	<u>Tax Increase</u>
Freeburg	5.46%
Smithton	4.29%
Prairie du Long	5.44%
Millstadt	4.27%
Engelmann	2.34%
Mascoutah	2.41%
Shiloh Valley	3.31%
Lebanon	4.77%
Sugar Loaf	6.43%

The townships of Lenzburg, Fayetteville, Marissa and New Athens will see a decrease of 3%.

The Board of Review assigns township multipliers so the county-wide multiplier will be 1.00 instead of 1.0233.

Our taxpayer's organization monitors these numbers and publishes tax articles in the quarterlies every three months.

ALSO, there are two bills in the legislature that could impact the Senior Homestead Tax Freeze. One bill will raise the income limit to \$75,000 and the other bill will increase the income limit to \$85,000. A summary of many bills appears in the March Newsletter of the Citizens Federation of St. Clair County.



Dates to Remember

Covid-19 has cancelled many events normally scheduled for the first quarter of 2021. Hopefully, the second quarter will allow for more normalcy for our social events.

April 3, Fireman's BBQ. 11:00 am to?

April 4, Easter

April 6, Election. **Senior Center Closed**

April 13, Chair Yoga in the Park, 10:00 am.

April 20, Chair Yoga in the Park, 10:00 am.

April 22, Earth Day, hug a tree.

April 27, Chair Yoga in the Park, 10:00 am.

Urgent Need Volunteers!



**Millstadt Senior Services
is in need of volunteer**

**Meals on Wheels drivers in rural
Millstadt areas!**

**Drivers are needed from
10:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**Deliver meals and a smile and also receive a
delicious free meal on the day you deliver!**

Call Patty at (618) 476-3731



Charlie Mueth presents Tom Mueth with a certificate for his 50 continuous years as a member of the Millstadt American Legion Post 502.



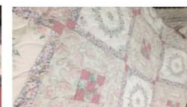
QUILT - A-RAMA

**St. James Ladies CCW
Millstadt, IL
is sponsoring a
Quilt-A-Rama**

Tickets are \$25.00 each.

**One Queen Quilt each month in
2021 will be given away.
Drawing to be held the
1st Monday of each month.
Winning ticket is returned to box!**

**For Tickets Contact:
Kathy Gass - CCW Pres.
St. James Parish
405 W. Madison
Millstadt, IL 62260
(618) 971-6208**



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Millstadt Farmers Market Is Ready to Run



Farmers Markets are still the first source for locally grown produce. For the 7th year Millstadt Farmers Market will open to support local farmers/gardeners and to offer residents a closer source of fresh produce. All vendors are welcome to give the market a wide variety of one-of-a-kind items.

Remember when you buy locally, you are supporting your community! Come and visit with the vendors and your neighbors!

Again, we will be located at the VFW, 200 Veterans Drive. The market will be on Fridays from 3 PM to 6 PM, starting sometime in May. As always, no vendor fees! We are still under COVID19 guidelines.

Stop by and see the market organizers, Gary, Darrel, and Randy, and all the vendors! See what FRESH & LOCAL is all about!

Also, we are taking orders for Millstadt Farmers Market T-shirts. Call or text 618-476-3037.

SEE YOU ALL SOON!

DO YOU NEED HELP?

The Millstadt Senior Center is here to provide essential services. If

you are a senior in need: Call 618-476-3731

- Weekly check in calls`
- Fresh produce
- Grocery shopping
- Face Masks
- Free puzzles & books
- Tech assistance with ZOOM, Facebook

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Tuesday through Sundays 9:30 am – 7:00 pm
Walk-ins Welcome Closed Mondays

Manicures, Pedicures, Full Set and Fills for Acrylic, Gel, Dip Nail Enhancements, Waxing

15% Off Seniors (60+) Must Have Coupon

Chamber Business Person Of The Year

Elle Heiligenstein hosted the Millstadt Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours on March 17, 2021. She had no idea what was going to happen that night. You can imagine the excitement she felt when President Ashley Byrd Reeder began the presentation of Business Person of The Year 2020 and mentioned many of the things that Elle has done around Millstadt. She was



stunned when presented the award. Elle feels it is a true honor to receive this award and is very grateful to all involved. Elle said, "Our mission at Hoffen Funeral Home is to be as helpful to our community as we can be. Our outreach efforts are from the heart and we truly love serving our neighbors." Elle wants to say thank to everyone responsible for

this award from the bottom of my heart!



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Age Smart has required that all volunteers for the Millstadt Community Center undergo a background check, this is a condition of the Grant that is received by the Center. These checks are done to protect not only our clients but our volunteers and employees as well.

Please provide copies of your drivers license by Dec 31. If you do not have a printer at home the Center will be happy to make a copy for you.

The Background checks will be completed by the Millstadt Police Department.

ONLINE SERIES - via ZOOM

Surviving Caregiving

CONFERENCE

JOIN US!

Attendees will learn about resources and techniques to help them on their caregiving journey.

There is no charge to attend, but registration is required.
Register online at www.agesmart.org
Zoom link provided upon registration.

TOPICS:

- Legal & Financial Issues
Harter, Larson & Dodd,
Heidi Dodd
Saturday, April 10
10:00 a.m.
- Take Care to Care: Improving Safety & Function for Loved-ones & Caregivers in the Home
Adaptive Equipment & Caregiver Corner,
Cindy & Christina Hardin-Weiss
Saturday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m.
- Practical Strategies Family Caregivers Can Use In and Out of the Home -
Memory Care Home Solutions, Amy Sobrino
Saturday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m.
- Dementia Resources - Helping You Age Well, Your Way!
St. John's Community Care, Hospice of Southern Illinois and AgeSmart
Saturday, May 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Illinois CE's available for Nurses or Social Workers
Remember to provide license number upon registration.

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The Ghost Ring



In 1982, my husband Earl bought me a black hills gold ring in Branson, Missouri. He passed away in 1994. I have lost that ring six times and have always gotten it back. I lost it throwing hay to sheep on our property in Paderborn. It was lost on a vacation trip with Christy Klein Lehr and found in a car trunk. The third time it was lost in a Belleville bar in the waste can. It was lost at Scott Air Force Base under the dress rack at the base exchange. I went back to the shop when I noticed it was missing. It was lost for the fifth time on a bus trip to New York City. The ring was found under a seat on the bus. Just recently, the ring was lost at a funeral get together. Luckily, someone found it! Funny thing is, it fits pretty snugly. I always feel that Earl is sending it back to me!

Dianne Janny

Senior Transportation Program

*Need a Ride to the Doctor, Bank
Hairdresser, or Dentist?*

The Senior Center Offers the Only Form of Public Transportation for the Community

This Service is Available for Persons 60 Years and Older and Their Caregivers

A Suggested Donation Of \$2.00 For Transportation To and From Doctors, Dentists, Or Hair Appointments

This Partially Covers the Actual Transportation Costs of \$5.95

For Each Time It Is Provided

All donations are Confidential and Are Used To Maintain the Transportation Program

For Millstadt Township Seniors
Please Contact Patty at 476-3731 With Questions

Millstadt

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HOMETOWN PROUD

**625 East Washington
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**MEALS ON WHEELS AMERICA
2020 MEMBER**

Are You Interested In A Senior Golf League?



We are looking at starting a Tuesday morning Senior Golf League at Triple Lakes Golf Course in Millstadt, Illinois. You would arrive at 8:30 a.m. with tee time at 9 a.m. Cost would be determined for nine holes. Carts are available. If you are interested in being a part of this league, please call Patty Evansco at the Millstadt Senior Center (618) 476-3731.



Operation Food Search

The Operation Food Search *Food Rescue Program* partners with Schnucks (and Dierbergs) to distribute food that is nutritious and edible but no longer able to be sold. Thanks to both Operation Food Search and the Belleville West Schnucks for our weekly Bread and Bakery Items that the Senior Center receives on Tuesdays and Thursdays! Total monetary value of the donations we received during the month of February 2021 was \$660.00! *Thank You Schnucks!!*



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In Memory of Rose Vogt

Vicky Brennan

SMB DONATIONS

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MONETARY DONATIONS

Shirley Baltz

Don Stiehl

Kenny and Juleene Weilbacher

KITCHEN SUPPLIES & BINGO PRIZES

Rich and Beth Kwentus

Theresa Braunseis

Betty Ann Miller

Bob Englebretson

Don Stiehl

Steve and Diane Ruhmann

Mary Heberer

Ashley Reeder

Evelyn Lucy

Dwight Hight

BIG OLE BAG & JEWELRY SALE ITEMS

Marcia Baltz

STAMPS

Cathy Costello

Betty Ann Miller

Rich and Beth Kwentus

EASTER GIFT BASKETS

First National Bank of Waterloo

Special Thanks To

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St. James Catholic Church

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Trinity Lutheran Church

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Additional Registration forms available on our

Website: millstadthistoricalsociety.org

Millstadt Historical Society will sponsor its 17th Annual Village-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, **June 5, 2021** (rain or shine) from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For a \$10.00 fee each participant will benefit from event advertising and receive a yard sale indicator and a location mark on our map indicating where all participants will be located. We will be posting the map and ads on our website beginning June 5th at millstadthistoricalsociety.org. A limited number of maps will be also given to potential customers at the Millstadt Community Center. All participants will have the opportunity to advertise specific items to sell (i.e., baby clothes, sports equipment, furniture, plants, etc.) at **no additional cost**. 100 characters for advertising, plus address will be provided. Please register by **June 1st to guarantee advertisement**. For additional information, please contact: Marianne Schaefer – 618/476-3696 or Betty Keller Timmer – 618/476-7326. We will not be selling food this year and encourage everyone to support our local restaurants and bars.

Pick up Participant packets on Friday, June 4th, at the Community Center between 7:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

Retain top portion and return Registration Form Below

Name: _____

Address: _____

Location description: _____

{nearest intersecting street; N, S, E, or W side of street}

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

List of advertised items: _____

Please attach registration fee of \$10.00 payable to "Millstadt Historical Society" and mail to: Marianne Schaefer, 3911 Urbana Road, Millstadt, IL 62260 Optional: List of advertised items at no additional cost per participant. As a courtesy, we ask that you do not sell food items at your sale.



Earn 5% on your Purchases!
Details in store or call
618-476-1760

BIBLE TALK

"HE LIVES"

Hello and welcome to our monthly Bible Study. I hope you are well and enjoying your day. Our study today centers around St. Peter and the beginning of his mission. To go forward, however, we must go back to St. Luke's first book and read Luke 22:54-62. The BEFORE Peter. Peter's denial of Jesus, whom he loved dearly, was due to the very human condition of weakness and fear.

Next, let's review Acts 3 to enable us to set the stage for what's to come. The AFTER Peter and the first miracle of the New Age. Peter now working with the power of THE HOLY SPIRIT. (See acts 2 - the first Pentecost)

Now, we are ready for Acts 4. This is a powerful message of what the Holy Spirit did and continues to do working through Peter. Jesus knew God's choice was right when Jesus called Peter: "THE ROCK" on which I will build my church". In Acts four, we learn Peter and John are taken to face the law of the land for preaching and teaching what Jesus did and said before His ascension. The Sanhedrin, which could choose life, or possibly death, for the two. So, here they were, and Peter filled with the Holy Spirit; said to them (please read Acts 4: 7-12). What do you think Peter meant by verse 12? (also see Psalms 118:22-24.)

Now, let's continue with vs.13. "And when they saw the courage of Peter and John (please read for yourself and continue). And when they called them in again and told them to stop teaching and preaching in the name of Jesus, Peter tells them NO. The AFTER Peter, no longer weak and fearful, but sustained and calm by the power within, The Holy Spirit of God.

We conclude this study with an example. A basic understanding that all we have comes from our most gracious and giving God and we are to share. This message from the very beginning of the Christian Church.

(Acts 4:32-36)

Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy. (Exodus 4:32-36) what did Peter and the other early Christians do on the Sabbath? The same as Jesus: "and on the Sabbath Day He went into the Synagogue, as was His custom". (Luke 4:16). Easter comes early this year. Capture the moment. Your day of rest. Your place of peace. Your local church! He lives, He lives, salvation to impart. You ask me how I know He lives. He lives within my heart.

(A. H. Ackley, 1933. "He Lives).

Blessings and peace.

Pat Morris

Waste Management To Distribute Totes

All residents will be provided a trash tote from Waste Management during the time frame of late April and/ or early May. This tote will be used for trash only. You will still use your recycle container.



Little Free Library

Newsletters now available in the Little Library located in front of Millstadt Township Senior Services at the Community Center.



Bus Rider Reminder

**All Ride Reservations Should Be Made Through The Office Please
Do Not Tell Bus Drivers Your Appointments Thank You**

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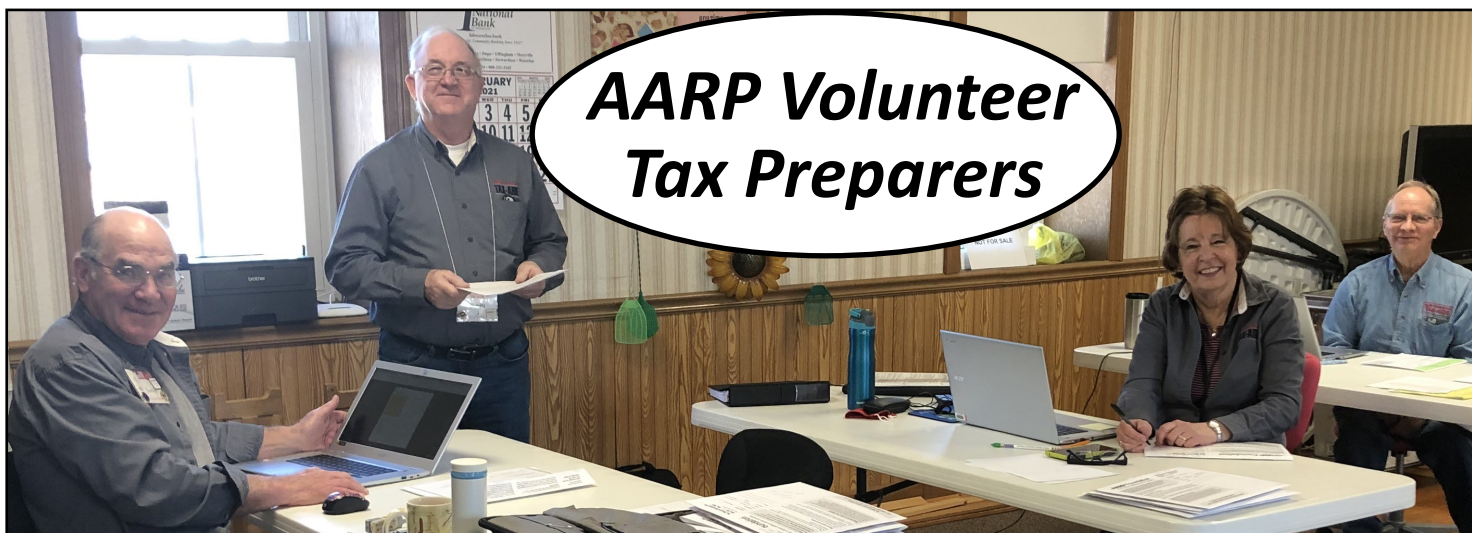
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AARP Volunteer Tax Preparers

Thanks to the AARP Volunteer Tax Preparers Pat Sharkey, John Johnson, Carmen Perkins and DeWayne Sanders!

SMP SCAM WATCH CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Be on the lookout for scams that could arise from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

As a reminder:

- Protect your Medicare number and only provide it to your doctor and Medicare providers.
- Be cautious of anyone going door-to-door to offer free coronavirus testing, supplies, or treatments.
- Don't fall for scare tactics or time sensitive offers.

Contact the SMP for questions or to report Medicare fraud, error, or abuse at 877.808.2468 or at smpresource.org

Smithton Meals

We will have packaged meals available for pick up at Smithton Senior Center on Tuesdays from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. If you are 60 years of age or older and would like to reserve a meal, **Please Call (618) 476-3731**. Menus will be available. Anyone over 60 is eligible to pick up meal at Millstadt center any day of the week.



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Transmission System Service & Fluid Exchange \$20 Off
Offer Expires 04/30/21

- Dissolves & suspends deposits
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- Fortifies new fluid with seal conditioners, oxidation inhibitors & shift improvers

All offers are only valid at Quick Lane at Mertz Ford. See service advisor for details. Offer cannot be combined with any other offer.

Tips to Avoid a Cyberattack

More of our daily life activities involve working, educating and shopping online. Chances of a cyberattack increase with these additional activities. Criminals go where there is opportunity to find birth year, vacation plans, names and addresses from online activities. Follow these tips to help keep your information secure.

SHOPPING ONLINE: Never select "remember my password," and don't check the box to save your credit card information.

Log out of sites before you leave them. Important: Closing a browser window is not the same as logging out.

Look for https:// in the web address. The "s" after the http indicates the site is secure.

TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

Due to the increased usage of the Senior Transportation Service and drive time, we will be doing Doctor appointments as follows:

***Belleville Doctors** will be done on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 am to 11:00 am

***Shiloh/O'Fallon Doctors** will be done on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 am to 10:30 am. **Please schedule future appointments accordingly.**

Smithton Library News

The Smithton Library offers Notary Services by appointment only. Please call 618-233-8057 to schedule an appointment.

Community Center & Park Pavilions Rental

If you are looking for a place to have an anniversary, baby, bridal or birthday party consider renting the Millstadt Community Center or a pavilion at the park. Call the Village Hall at 476-1514 for rental information.

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Notary Services Are Provided Free At The Senior Center

Millstadt Red Cross Blood Drive Schedule

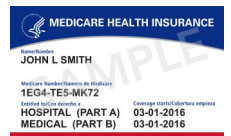


May 5, 2021
July 7, 2021

3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James
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How Do You Get A New Medicare Card?

If you misplace or lose your Medicare Card, please do not fret. The Millstadt Senior Center can have a replacement Medicare card on its way to you within 5 minutes. This is a very easy and simple task and we are glad to help you with it. Call (618) 476-3731 if you have any questions.



During The Month of Mar.

Our Volunteers Donated **1,028** Hours To **The Millstadt Senior Center**

If Paid at Minimum Wage, the Dollar Value Would be **\$11,308**
THANK YOU VERY MUCH

This Program Would Not Be Possible Without Each Of You!

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Please Remember To Report Your Volunteer Hours
Would you like to join our group of Volunteers?

**Please Stop By The Center To Sign Up
Or See Patty In The Office**

Volunteers!

Office (195 hours)

Jean Colbert
Kathy Schaefer
Karen Witte
Paula Burch
Joyce Duarte

Drivers (19 hours)

Charlie Todd
Bob Louis
Beth Kwentus
Marlou Eckert
Jamie Bereitschaft
Marsha Davis
Patti French
Sandy Dressler
Dave Albers
Ed Luecking

Smithton (52 hours)

Pam Andrews
Nancy Freeman
Mike Walter
Julie Crosby
Kim Freeman
Karla Lippert
Pat Schmeder
Jerry Cosby

Thrift Store (14 hours)

Eileen Doerr
Janet Mueller

Newsletter (47 hours)

Don Mueller
Kathy Schaefer
Gary Diedrich
Kathy Diedrich
Marlou Eckert
Pat Morris

Meals on Wheels (214 hours)

Barnie Jorns
Becky Courtney
Beth Kwentus
Charlie Todd
Cheryl Mueth
Cheryl Pierpoint
Dave Albers
Donna Gaulrapp
Elle Heiligenstein
Faye Schilling
Fern Lundsford
JoAnn Pisel
John Morton
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Gary Huwer

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Marsha Davis

Marylou Peter

Dave Muskopf

Sandy Muskopf

Nancy Kostelac

George Mokrikow

Peggy Mokrikow

Randy Burk

Rich Kwentus

Richard Rist

Scott Courtney

Susan Sager

Paula Burch

Joe Burch

Millie Koudelka

Jerry Koudelka

Ed Luecking

Melissa Weber

Vicki Pellman

Marianne Schaefer

Glenn Schaefer

Jackie McKay

Susan Hodgson

Janet Switzer

Jan Beller

Pat Beller

Kitchen Workers

(455 hours)

Bob Braun
Carol Terveer
Colleen Costello
Doris Chaput
Evelyn Weber
Fran Wagner
Ed Luecking
Lois Potter
Marlou Eckert
Marylou Peter
Michelle Rist
Mike Walter
Richard Rist
Lucille Reese
Aaron Arras
Kim Oplet
Joe Orsa

Quinn Grommet

Chris Michael

Heather Erwin

Ashley Reeder

Quilting (32 hours)

Judy Jacobs

Community: Scam Alert

Dear Millstadt Township Senior Services, Scam averted! The police department was called yesterday to Central Bank for an elderly female that was being scammed. The officer met with the manager, who reported the customer had received a call from a man who identified himself as her grandson. The individual told her he had been in an accident in St. Louis and needed over \$5,000 to get out of jail because he hit a diplomat. The officer spoke with the customer. She told him the caller didn't sound like her grandson, and when she told the man this, he became upset and said he severely hurt his neck and was having trouble talking. Another man who identified himself as a lawyer came on the phone and told the customer to get the money and return home within an hour. He would then call her with further instructions. He told her several times she was "under oath" and not to tell anyone. The bank contacted the customer's daughter and grandson. The grandson spoke with his grandma and assured her everything was fine and he was not in jail or injured. The officer told the customer the scammer would probably call her back. The officer spoke to her later in the day and learned the scammer did indeed call her back. She told him where she thought he could go in the next life. The police would like to compliment the bank staff on how they handled this situation. Unfortunately people fall prey to these scams too often. Fortunately, this one had a happy ending.



Senior Talk Available at These Locations

Pick-Up Your copy of the Monthly Senior Talk at One of The Following Millstadt Locations

Melva's Family Hair Care 476-7933

Millstadt Barber Shop 476-7273

Millstadt IGA 476-3161

Millstadt Library 476-1887

Malissa Weber, FNP-C 476-3373

Millstadt Pharmacy 476-1701

Millstadt Village Hall 476-1514

Millstadt VFW 476-1180

Mertz Motors (618) 476-3051

St. James Catholic Church 476-3513

Trinity Lutheran Church 476-3101

Zion Evangelical Church 476-1778

Dr. Steve Knoernchild 476-3344

Concordia UCC 476-3377

St. Paul Church, Floraville 473-2285

Dr. Kevin Schmidt 476-3261

St Michaels Church – Paderborn 473-2798

First National Bank of Waterloo 476-3334

Caseys 476-7360

Associated Bank 476-3040

Michelle's Family Haircut

Millstadt Garden Place 476-1404

Millstadt Baptist Church

Lee's Home Center 476-1760

Bonnie's Beauty Shop

Training Room

Handy Feed

Country Financial

Schuberts

Divine Nail Salon

Bliss Floral

Hoffen Funeral Home

Smithton Village Hall

Smithton Library

Freeburg Township

Freeburg Pharmacy

Freeburg Library

Country Mart—Freeburg 539-3163

Thank You For Providing This Service To Our Community

Chair Yoga Returns

April may bring showers but it also brings the return of chair Yoga at the pavilion across from the Millstadt School on Tuesday, April 13, at 10:00 am. An excellent class for seniors and beginners. Class will be held each Tuesday, weather permitting. Bring your own folding chair and a smile, plenty of space for social distancing. If you need more information contact Joyce Hermann at 618-980-2278.



Apr. Birthdays

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| 1 Carol Ashton | 13 Earl Doerr |
| 1 Virgil Becker | 13 Doris Ray |
| 1 Jim Eckert | 13 Ethel Weber |
| 1 Father Marvin Volk | 14 Alane Fleming |
| 1 Clyde Wehmeier | 14 Karla Lippert |
| 2 Randy Burk | 14 Charlotte Mehrtens |
| 2 Debbie Duke | 14 Marianne Schaefer |
| 2 Randy Pierpoint | 14 Ken Schloemann |
| 3 Mary Lou Galle | 14 Sandy Steppig |
| 3 Deborah Mertz | 15 Ron Karcher |
| 3 Mary Oliver | 15 Alice Lamatus |
| 3 JoAnn Pisel | 16 Randy Becker |
| 3 Faye Schilling | 16 Fred Husman |
| 4 Shirley Joshu | 17 Betty Lange |
| 4 Ken Meddows | 17 Stanley Stoner |
| 4 Hope Southard | 18 Rosemary Matthews |
| 5 Herman Stumpf | 19 Janette Faus |
| 6 Shirley Bertelsman | 19 Willard Lindhorst |
| 6 Charlene Boehm | 19 Mary Ann Naimey |
| 6 Carolyn Cleveland | 19 Diane Reis |
| 6 Richard Roeder | 21 Bernard Davis |
| 6 Carol Terveer | 21 Joel Mueth |
| 7 Jeanette Alford | 22 Mary Kay Meddows |
| 7 Gary Diedrich | 22 Julia Vahlkamp |
| 7 Larry Lanham | 23 George Bundy |
| 8 William Maserang | 23 Robert Francis |
| 8 Janet Phillips | 23 Nina Harbison |
| 8 Judy Sutter | 23 Viola Parr |
| 10 George Gocheff | 24 Barb Brown |
| 10 Richard Kwentus | 24 Walter Byerley |
| 10 Norman Vietz | 25 Ralph Schneider |
| 11 Barb Hesck | 25 Bob Simpson |
| 11 Bernice Hoeffken | 25 Gary Waeltz |
| 11 Norma McAleenan | 26 Barbara Moore |
| 12 Janet Carrico | 26 Peggy Robb |
| 12 Glenn Schaefer | 27 Donald Ortmann |
| 13 John Adams | 29 Larry Schmeder |
| 13 Dave Albers | |

COVID-19 Report For 62260 & 62285

COVID-19 Report for 62260 & 62285: For the Millstadt zip code of 62260 with an estimated population of 7,290, 805 have tested positive of 5,949 tested. For Smithton, zip code 62285, with an estimated population of 4,484, 4,765 have been tested and 580 have tested positive. Based upon these numbers, some people have been tested multiple times. These figures are from the Illinois Department of Public Health web site on March 25, 2021. If you do not have access to a computer and would like to schedule a vaccine shot for COVID-19, call this number for assistance 618-825-4447. Be safe, get your shot(s), wear a mask and practice social distancing.



Volunteer Opportunity

If you would like to volunteer to help as a meal site server or dishwasher at the Senior Center any day from 11:30-1:00 p.m. please contact Patty at (618) 476-3731.



Read All About It!

National Library Week

- April 4 - April 10

- Join us all week to celebrate this year's theme - "Welcome to Your Library!"

- Stop by and receive your welcome kit, whether you're a new library patron or a current patron!

Virtual Brain Fair

(presented by The Brain Bunch)

- Wednesday, April 14

- 6:00 p.m. via FB Live and Zoom

Knitting & Crochet Night

- Every Tuesday Night

- 5:30 to 7:30

- Zoom via Facebook Event and In-Person

Craft Time

- Thursday, April 22

- 5:30

- Facebook Live

- Pick up/Curbside your Card Craft Kit!

Youth Story Time

- Wednesday, April 28

- 11:00 a.m.

- Facebook Live

- Pick up/Curbside your child's craft kit all month!

Book Club

- Last Saturday - April 24

- 10:30 to 11:30

- Zoom via Facebook Event

- The Answer is... by Alex Trebek

Visit us online or on Facebook for more information!

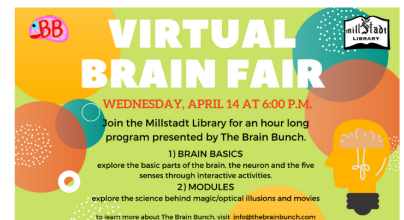
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115 West Laurel Street

618-476-1887

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www.millstadt-library.org





Welcome to YOUR Library

During National Library Week April 4-10, check out your library in-person AND online

National Library Week is April 4-10, 2021, a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance each April sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country.

The theme for 2021 National Library Week is "Welcome to your library," which promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and that everyone is welcome to use their services. Whether people visit virtually or in person, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community through learning, discovery and exploration.

During these challenging times, libraries of all types have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons. At the Millstadt Library, we offered temporary library cards and weekly virtual programs during the closure and opened as soon as we were able. Our "Online Resources" page found on our website, www.millstadt-library.org, still offers great, free resources for all ages.

During National Library Week, we urge everyone to show their appreciation and support for libraries by visiting their local library's website, following them on social media and using the hashtag #NationalLibraryWeek.

We're also celebrating in person! We know that things have changed with the COVID-19 pandemic, but we will continue to make adjustments to better serve our community. Some of our programs, such as Knitting and Crochet Night and Book Club are being held in person (following social-distancing guidelines) and online. Instead of just "Welcome to your Library," we'd like to take the opportunity to "Welcome you back to your Library!"

So, don your mask and all week long, stop by and get your "Welcome Kit." Whether you're a new patron, life-long patron, in-between patron or a patron-to-be, all are always welcome at the Millstadt Library.

Additionally, as many of you know, the Millstadt Library is in the process of building a new facility. Stay tuned as we share more information and important updates in the near future!



Director Patty Evansco lets Kevin at Divine Nail do her nails.

A Day Trip For The Bored

If you need some time away from the same-old-same-old routine it may be time to pack a lunch and head for the open road. About 80 miles north east of here is the oldest surviving capital building in Illinois. Vandalia is also where Abraham Lincoln took his very first political office.



Outside the Vandalia Statehouse is the Madonna of the Trail Statue. One of only twelve in the country, it depicts a pioneer woman with two children. The statue serves as a memorial for pioneers who lead the way west in covered wagons.

One must see item on the Vandalia trip is the Kaskaskia Dragon. Yes, it does breathe fire, even if it's fueled by propane. The 35 foot structure was built for a Halloween parade but found a more permanent location off Veterans Avenue. \$1 tokens can be purchased at Kaskaskia Supply across the street to get your own 10 second fire-breathing show from the metal dragon.

Vandalia Lake is located 4 miles northwest of the city and provides a place for fishing, boating and picnicking. The 660 acre lake is stocked with largemouth bass, catfish and bluegill.

If you are not ready for a big "on the road" trip try some near home and be safe.



FRIDAYS

11am—8pm

Millstadt VFW Pot 7980

200 Veterans Drive

618-476-1180 - Take Out or Call Ahead

Nature's Own Sweetener

Here is the answer to a frequently asked trivia question, when we had table to table and face to face trivia events. What is a food item that never spoils? The answer, honey. Yes, it's something you could have purchased when the Covid epidemic began and it would be good a thousand years from now. Let's hope this epidemic is over by then.



What are some other benefits of honey besides a natural sweetener that will never spoil?

Honey is available from local suppliers at the Millstadt Farmers' Market. Apiculture is the collection of honey from wild or domesticated bee colonies. Local honey is often collected from bees who have collected nectar from clover, locust trees blooms, apple and cherry blossoms, dandelion and other flowers.

Honey is one of those heart healthy foods. Honey can reduce the risk of heart disease. It can lower triglycerides levels, lower cholesterol and blood sugar. Keep in mind that honey is high in natural sugar and calories. Not good for those of you at risk of high blood sugar. Moderation is the key here.

Medical grade honey, like Medihoney, can be treat burns and wounds with its natural hydrogen peroxide. It has also been known to help skin conditions like eczema and psoriasis.

For sore throat relief, honey's antibacterial and anti-

Volunteer Kim Oplet's impromptu Hot Cocoa Stand!



inflammatory properties can soothe sore throats and coughs.

Two caution notes, because honey contains trace amounts of pollen, it may include a minor allergic reaction to those with allergies. Also, do not give honey to children under 12 months. Honey does contain bacteria that can cause infant botulism.

Trivia question: What is the meaning of apiculture? If you don't remember go back to the beginning of this article.

Honey is also shown in some studies to improve memory function. Remember, in May the Farmer's Market will be open and offer some buying opportunities for honey and other locally grown produce.

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email seniorce@htc.net

MISSION STATEMENT

The Millstadt Senior Center Is A Place Of Opportunities, A Focal Point In Our Community Where Services Support Positive Aging and Where Educational, Recreational and Cultural Programs Enrich The Lives Of Elders and The Community

Funding for (Grantee) is received from the United States Administration for Community Living, the Illinois Department on Aging, and the AgeSmart Community Resources. (Grantee) does not discriminate in admission to programs or activities or treatment of employment in programs or activities in compliance with State and Federal Statutes. If you feel you have been discriminated against, you have the right to file a complaint with the AgeSmart Community Resources by calling

618-222-2561 or 800-326-3221

"Seniors Come First" Services Available

Meals on Wheels One of the Center's most important programs, the Meals on Wheels program provides daily meals to people who have difficulty getting out of the house and/or cooking for themselves. Not only are we able to supply necessary food, but the driver delivering the meal is able to ascertain how the client is getting along and share some companionship. We have a number of folks dedicated to providing these services. They give freely of their time and energy to deliver the meals, make contact with the recipient and report back to the Center. The majority of the "regular" drivers volunteer one day per week and most have said it is highly rewarding for them.

Lunch Program Lunch is served Monday through Friday at 12 noon. You must be 60 years of age or older to qualify for this program. It is appreciated that if you want lunch you call the center by 3:00 pm in order to sign up for lunch on the following day. When you come in you may sign yourself up for the next day. If you like, you may sign up for the entire week or month. If you know that you can not make it and you have signed up, please call and let us know that you will not be here and tell us when you will be back for lunch. If you have any questions concerning the lunch program please contact Patty Evansco at 476-3731.

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Village Of Millstadt

February 22, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mike Todd, with the following trustees answering to roll call: Randy Burk, Mike Capell, Ray Famula, Mike French, and Mark Todd. Trustee Al Lehr was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Ray Famula to approve the February 8th minutes. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS: Mike Capell stated he reviewed the bills. Mike Capell made a motion to pay the bills. Mike French seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Mayor Todd stated they may have negotiations with the maintenance union on Thursday, February 25th.

PUBLIC WORKS: SEWER: Mayor Todd stated a heater went out at the sewer plant. It was a fairly expensive explosion proof heater. There were also electrical problems with the lift station in the industrial park.

WATER: Mayor Todd stated there was a water main leak on Route 158 on Sunday, February 21st. There will potentially be more as the weather changes.

REFUSE: Mayor Todd stated Waste Management will be providing residents with rolling trash cans, as discussed at a previous meeting. If anyone would like to opt out, there will be a number to call.

STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: Scott Baltz stated he picked up the books for the Laurel Street Curb and Gutter project. The contracts need to be signed. Randy Burk stated Brad Schaller submitted the EPA paperwork for Hunter's Point Subdivision. The Mayor and Clerk needs to sign it.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: Scott Baltz stated the leaf vac is sold and they are just waiting for it to be picked up.

ANNEXATIONS: Mayor Todd stated he is still waiting on signatures on the paperwork for the Cotter property. They will sign it when they come back to town.

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Mark Todd stated they have begun working on the Biathlon. They are tentatively planning on holding it in September; Lynn Muskopf is working on dates. Mayor Todd stated the Village receives grant money for hosting the Biathlon so it would be great to have the race again this year.

CEMETERY: Ray Famula stated he is still working on getting bids for a new sign.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated the February Board meeting had been canceled due to weather. The Senior Center gave assistance for signing up for the Covid vaccine to 322 people in January and 300 people so far in February. Director Patty Evansco is still working on a plan to reopen the Senior Center. The next Senior Center Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16th at 6pm.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16th.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Police Department – Crissy Pipik swore in Alan Huckle as the Millstadt Police Chief. Mayor Todd presented former Police Chief Ed Wilkerson with a plaque for his 30 years of service to the community. When Ed started with the Millstadt Police Department there were only three officers in the department. Thanks to Ed the department has grown and they now provide the Youth Academy, D.A.R.E., and the Explorers. He allowed the officers opportunities to participate in the Auto Task Force and the Drug Task Force, among others. On behalf of the community, Mayor Todd thanked Ed for his service. Ed stated he had a great career; he

wouldn't change a thing and thanked the community.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: Adam Romero stated the trustees received copies of the new building applications. He tried to make them easier to fill out and less confusing. The new applications should be easier for both the residents and the office staff.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated bids for asphaltting on East Madison Street and South Breese Street are due by 5pm on Monday, March 22nd.

Mayor Todd stated he gave the Trustees information about the gaming ordinance. He would like them to look at the language and make sure they are ok with it while they are moving forward.

Mayor Todd stated the Village had a contract with a company to service the elevator at the Community Center. The Village hired a new company as the old contract had expired. However, the old company keeps sending bills. He and the office staff are attempting to come to an agreeable solution. If necessary, he will involve Village Attorney Brian Flynn.

Mike Capell stated the office staff and the Police Department had training on the new Village website. It seemed to go well and there was a lot to observe. He is going to get with the project manager from CivicPlus to make sure the live date is still Friday, March 5th. The new website will be a nice update to what we currently have.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated he worked with State Representatives Greenwood and Belt to award the Village a \$100,000 grant for infrastructure for the community. It will probably be used for sewer work in the Coachlite subdivision. Mayor Todd thanked the Representatives for the award.

Mayor Todd stated he and Tracy Holmes have been talking to Cadagin Prosser Financial. The Village has a CD for \$100,000 that is up and the rates aren't good. The money has to stay in something low risk though so they will probably just extend the CD for five years.

Randy Burk stated he has been working on the Community Block Grant for the 700 block of West Laurel Street. He will have a Resolution at the next meeting for the Trustees to vote on.

Mayor Todd stated he received a virtual public meeting notice from the Intergovernmental Grants Department for 10am on Tuesday, March 2nd. If any Trustee is able to attend please do so. It can help the Village more with the block grant.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tracy Holmes stated that the Treasurer's Report had been submitted. Ray Famula made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CLERK'S REPORT: Tracy Holmes stated that the Clerk's Report had been submitted. Ray Famula made a motion to approve the Clerk's Report. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Mike Capell made a motion to adjourn the general Village Board meeting and was seconded by Mark Todd. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jean A. Siegfried

Jean A. Siegfried, nee Fridrichs, 86, of Millstadt, IL, died March 7, 2021, in Belleville, IL. She was born March 13, 1934, in Red Bud, IL.

She is survived by her children Judy (David) Eberhard and Joli Hern; grandchildren Dave (Devon) Eberhard, Jodi (Glenn) Dewyea, Johnny (Megan Ehardt), Ron (Jamie Bereitschaft), and Jessica Casey; great grandchildren Ruby, Corey, Veda, and Blazelle Casey, Javei, Addalynn, and Asher Dewyea, Cooper Eberhard, and Tru Ehardt; and her dog Teddy. She was preceded in death by her husband Seldon "Siggy" Siegfried; parents Armin L. & Mary K. (nee Pohlmann) Fridrichs; grandson Justin Eberhard; brothers Augustus Robert Fridrichs and (in infancy) Harold Fridrichs.

Jean loved her family and friends, watching sports, was the life of the party, always had a smile on her face, never complained, and never met a stranger. As an expression of sympathy, the family prefers memorial contributions to: Millstadt Senior Center. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



Angeline Matecki

Angeline Matecki, nee Kryger, 92 of Belleville, IL passed away on Wednesday March 17, 2021 at her home, surrounded by her loving family

Angeline was an active member of St. James Catholic Church in Millstadt, IL for many years. She was a hard-working home maker, devoted wife and mother. Angeline enjoyed gardening, especially growing roses that adorned her yard and were always beautifully cared for. In her free time, she enjoyed going fishing and spending time with her friends and family. Angeline will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her

Angeline is preceded in death by her dear husband, Theodore Matecki, whom she married on August 26, 1950 at St. Albert's Catholic Church in St. Louis, MO.; her beloved son, Alan Matecki and her dear sister, Aline Frazer and brother-in-law, Bob Frazer.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Rick (Judy Sikes) Matecki of Millstadt, IL, Brian (JoLynn) Matecki of Millstadt, IL, Jeff (Shawn) Matecki of Ashley, IL, and Eric Matecki of Belleville, IL. Her brother, Herman (Carol) Kryger of Radom, IL; her grandchildren: Andrew Matecki of Millstadt, IL, Tim Matecki of Millstadt, IL, Anthony (Michele) Matecki of Waterloo, IL, Mitchell (Emily) Matecki of Millstadt, IL, Lucas (fiancé Alexandria Kostansek) Matecki of Glen Carbon, IL, Austin Matecki of Ashley, IL and Dustin Matecki of Ashley, IL. Her great-grandchildren: Leah Matecki, Bennett Matecki, Cole Matecki, Sawyer Matecki, Harper Matecki, Chase Matecki, Jack Matecki and Presley Matecki in addition to many nieces, nephews and beloved friends.

The family would like to thank the three wonderful, caring ladies who took such loving care of Ange: JoAnn, Dorothy and Debbie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. James Catholic Church, Millstadt, IL.



Tiffany Kurkjian

Tiffany A. Kurkjian, 48, of Millstadt, IL, born Saturday, June 24, 1972, in Belleville, IL, is now reunited with her dad and best fur-baby Simba. Her life was taken way too soon from a tragic hit and run accident on Saturday, February 27, 2021 in St. Louis, MO. Tiffany started her early career at the family owned Mallo's Bakery and was currently working for Crestview Senior Living. She was preceded in death by her father, Manuel Kurkjian and infant brother, Todd Kurkjian.

Surviving are her mother, Joann, nee Spotanski, Kurkjian; sisters, Tonya (Chad) Merryman of Millstadt, IL and Teri (Eric) Herrmann of Millstadt, IL; nieces, Shelby (Jude) Ruckriegel, Sydney Herrmann (fiancé T. J.), Bailey Merryman; nephew, Austin Merryman.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.kurrsfh.com. Memorials: Memorials may be made to the Belleville Area Humane Society. Funeral: Per her request a cremation was held. "Celebration of Life" will be planned at a later date.



Tributes And Memorials

Tribute and memorial gifts may be made to Millstadt Township Senior Services by calling (618) 476-3731 or by mailing a check made payable to Millstadt Township Senior Services, 102 South Jefferson Street, Millstadt, IL 62260.



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Wanda Wheat

Wanda M. Wheat, age 73, of ` died at 8:05 a.m. Monday, March 29, 2021 at Lebanon Care Center in Lebanon. She was born February 11, 1948 in East St. Louis, IL, the daughter of the late Robert Donald and Cleda Mae (Littell) Bales. She married Bobby L. Wheat. He survives. Also surviving are two children: Matthew Paul Wheat and Andrew Thomas Wheat; one grandchild, Austin Thomas Wheat; and her siblings: Brenda Lee Baker, Phil Ray Bales, Marla Kay Taggart, and Ruth Ann Myers. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a half-brother, Bobby Don Strickland. There will be no services.

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