

Millstadt Senior Center Mini Media Empire

The monthly issue of Senior Talk published by Millstadt Township Senior Services has increased circulation 70% since its first issue in September, 2010. We consider it a compliment when people call to ask if the paper is ready each month. We know that they are anxious to read it.



When Director Patty Evansco came here in 2010, she was interested in publishing a newsletter to provide communication between the Senior Center and the community. She advertised for help and within days three top notch help arrived.

Marlou Eckert, retired from the Internal Revenue Service signed up and is one of our top editors. Jerry Schmitz, who is retired from the Millstadt Enterprise and St Louis Post Dispatch took charge of graphic editing and placing all the pictures. Don Mueller is the "editor in chief". He worked and retired from the Millstadt Enterprise and St Louis Post Dispatch. We have been fortunate to have such a trio and they do a great job with the paper.

A few months ago, during the pandemic, Mary O'Donnell Heberer joined the "A" team of editors. Mary retired from the US Army Corps of Engineers as a Management Analyst. She is very knowledgeable of our computer programs and works well with Don Mueller. They enjoy making sure all the stories and photos get in the paper.

Mary's sister, Kathy Schaefer makes sure that all mail subscribers receive their monthly issues. Kathy and Gary Diedrich deliver all copies to local businesses for distribution. Judy Jacobs is a regular contributor. You are welcome to share your stories with us.

From Below The Tower



Patty Evansco

It is that time of year again and we finally made it to December and 2021 is just right around the corner. I hope that your holiday season is filled with the simple pleasures of cards and calls from friends and family. While this season may look different than years past, we still can make it a special one. I found some simple, but nice ideas I am going to try and invite you to do

also:

- Write a letter to your grandkids with memories of how you spent holidays as a child.
- Connect with your daughter or daughters-in-law and pass on a family recipe while making it together via Zoom.
- Pull out the photo albums and share a story of a fun trip that you took with your family or friends.
- Call a grandkid nightly and read a bedtime story.
- Start a pen pal with grandkid, family member or friend.
- Send a note to a health care worker or first responder.
- Reach out to another senior who might be alone this season and deliver a special meal or treat to them.

Let us make this a season of giving and gratitude; the smallest acts of kindness can be our biggest blessings and gifts.

This year we have missed each and every one of you. While this year was not the year we thought it would be, we still tried to make a difference and provide new activities and adventures for you in a safe way. Your cards and letters of appreciation lifted us up. As the New Year approaches, we will continue to find new ways to bring activities, adventures and ways to connect. The Senior Center is here for you, as we are too.

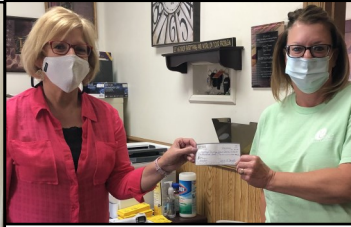
The Staff and I would like to wish you all a healthy and happy holidays. We have hopes and wishes for 2021 being a year of recovery and reconnections and seeing you all again.

With Love,

Patty and Staff – Sandy, Ed, Bob, Richard, Larry, Doreen and Mary



Donation to Senior Ctr.



Julie Muskopf Dengler presents donation to Director Patty Evansco`

Donation

Ken and Juleene Weilbacher donated a "Santa Claus" sized bag full of Kitchen Supplies to the Senior Center when they came into review their Medicare Part D choices.



Janet Pauketat would like to thank all who sent her birthday cards for her 90th Birthday.! It was much appreciated.

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Doreen Musial waits to assist her next client to review their Medicare. Medicare Open Enrollment ends Monday, December 7, 2020.

Millstadt Farmers Market Donations

The Millstadt Farmers Market celebrated a successful 6th year by making donations to: Millstadt Township Senior Center, Millstadt Fire Department and Millstadt VFW.

The Millstadt Farmers Market had a great run this year, due in part to the Covid virus. This was one of the few community events not cancelled due to the virus. This outside event practiced social distancing and followed St. Clair County Department of Health guidelines. The market ran for 24 weeks, each Friday at the VFW.

A BIG thank-you to the VFW for allowing the Farmers Market to use their site and for working with everyone to make the event run so smoothly.

The Millstadt Farmers Market would not exist without the many vendors and customers. The market was truly a bright spot for many during these trying times. Thank-you and see you next year, hoping for a better 2021!

Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation

For the month of November more than 100 meals were available for pick-up or delivered through the MOWS, each day, from the Millstadt Township Senior Center. Each Tuesday a hot meal is delivered to Smithton for pick-up by seniors in that area.

The Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation is a key supporter of the Meals on Wheels program for the Millstadt, Freeburg and Smithton area. We want to thank all our supporters including Community Kindness, St. Clements Community Foundation and all the memorials donated to the SMBF this past year. Donations may be sent to SMBF at Post Office Box 41, Millstadt, Illinois 62260.

COVID-19 Information

The Illinois COVID-19 Hotline number is 800-889-3931. The TTY number is 888-232-6348.

Additional information can be found on the Illinois Department of Health web page or [CORONAVIRUS.ILLINOIS.GOV](https://www.coronavirus.illinois.gov).



Farmers Market donation presentation by Randy Eckert to Senior Center Director Patty Evansco.



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 September was \$810.00! *Thank You Schnucks!!*



Subscription To Senior Talk

Tired of fighting the lines at local businesses for the latest copy of Senior Talk? To have a copy delivered to your mailbox for the next year, make a \$500.00 donation to the Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation, Meals on Wheels program and receive a free one year subscription to Senior Talk. A subscription is \$30/year and also makes a great gift.

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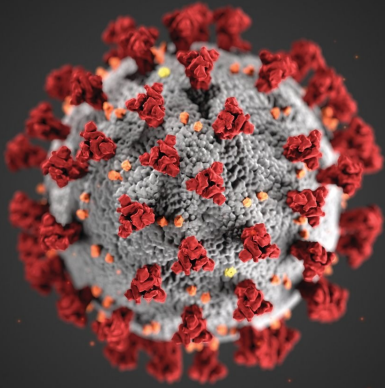


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The 12 Days Of Corona

In the Year 2020 pandemic gave to me

- 12 Cancelled Plans**
- 11 Face Masks**
- 10 Squirts of Sanitizer**
- 9 Case of Wine**
- 8 Friends a Zooming**
- 7 Mental Breakdowns**
- 6 Feet Apart**
- 5 Curbside Pickups**
- 4 Netflix Binges**
- 3 Flights A Canceled**
- 2 Bad Haircuts**

And Massive Shortage of TP

Santa For Seniors

Garden Place Senior Living is once again sponsoring their "Santa for Seniors" gift giving program.

The gifts are important items that one would not normally receive. These are things like new clothing, undergarments and toiletry items that are often difficult for seniors with mobility issues to come by on their own. It is not always a case of inability to afford these items (although this can be true as well) it is often simply a logistical issue – having no one who can go to the store and purchase these items.

If you would like to be included in this project, please fill out the bottom of the sheet that will be brought with your meal then return to your Meals on Wheels volunteer and Santa will put you on his "list".

Beat The Social Distancing Blues... Let's Play Meals On Wheels Bingo!

Each day you will receive 12 BINGO numbers that have been drawn at the Senior Center. Match the numbers to the numbers on your card daily. When you have a coverall, give the card to your Meals on Wheels driver and the next day your gift will arrive. New cards will be delivered each week. You may use your pen or pencil to mark the numbers because this is a disposal card and will only be used for 1 game.



Historical Society Landmark Award



President Glenn Schaefer and Joe Drennan from the Millstadt Historical Society mounted the Millstadt Annual Landmark Award to Zion Evangelical Church .



Earl Doerr Council Member and Les Mehrtens, church member were on hand to receive the plaque .

The Millstadt Historical Society members are selling the Historical Society's 2021 calendar which features the Zion Evangelical Church on its cover. Zion Evangelical Church received the Society's Annual Landmark Award. The calendars will be available for purchase at Millstadt IGA, Millstadt Pharmacy, and the Millstadt Library.

COVID-19 Report For 62260

The following information is based upon November 24, 2020 COVID-19 data from the Illinois Department of Health. For the Millstadt zip code of 62260, with a population of 7,290, 310 have tested positive of the 2,805 tested. Please continue to wear your mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.





Favorite Holiday

Can you tell that Thanksgiving is Michelle Rist's favorite holiday?



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Veterans Day Display

Thanks to Karen Witte for creating our Veterans Day Wall of Honor display which featured pictures of our local Veterans. We hope you all had a chance to stop by and look over the display. Thanks to everyone who submitted a photo or Veteran information. Once again, to all our Veterans, God Bless you and **Thank You!** We will be forever grateful for your sacrifice to our great country!



Attention Residents Of St. Clair County Age 60 Or Older

AgeSmart Community Resources and Southwestern II Visiting Nurse Association are teaming up to Keep you Healthy! Nurses from SIVNA can help you manage conditions like high blood pressure, diabetes, and many others by providing needed tools such as a scale to weigh yourself, a blood pressure monitor, medication planner, etc., as well as answer your questions and provide tips to help you manage your health so you can be the best possible you. All services and tools provided through the **Metro East Community Wellness program** are completely free to participants. If you would like to know more call SIVNA Monday thru Friday 8-4 at 618-444-2936.

Merry Christmas From Millstadt Township Senior Services

We will be having our 12 Days of Christmas giveaway this year beginning on Friday, December 11th. Each day everyone who receives a meal will have a chance to win a prize. Our final "Grand Prize" drawing will be held on Wednesday, December 23rd. Here are a sneak preview of the prizes and there are more to come! You will not want to miss your chance to win!



Honoring A Veteran And The Flag



Otto and Charlene Faulbaum displayed this flag on their front porch on Veterans Day as a tribute to his father Otto A. Faulbaum who was born November 11, 1917 and died about 33 years ago. The Faulbaum's also wanted to remind people the Flag is a symbol of our democratic values and the difficult struggle by many of our forebears for freedom and justice for everyone. They received many compliments as people drove by and several comments that people had taken a photo of the display and shared it with family with an explanation about the importance of keeping the flag above politics.

By Charlene and Otto Faulbaum

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.



Dates to Remember

December 21, First Day of Winter.

December 24, Christmas Eve, Senior Center Closed.

December 25, Christmas, Senior Center closed.

January 1, New Year's Day, Senior Center closed.

Millstadt Red Cross Blood Drive Schedule

January 6, 2021
March 10, 2021
May 5, 2021
July 7, 2021



3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James
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**Out To
Supper
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Urgent Need Volunteers!



**Millstadt Senior Services
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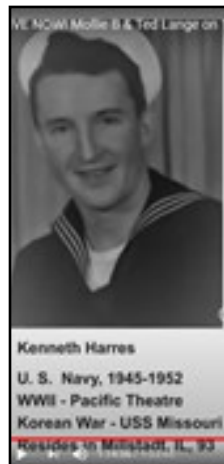
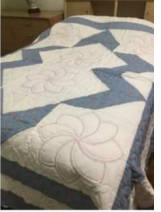
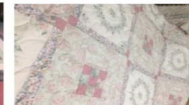
QUILT - A-RAMA

**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
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Veteran Honored

Local resident Ken Harres was featured as an honored veteran on the MollieB Polka Show (which airs on YouTube) on Tuesday, November 17, 2020! If you enjoy Polka music check out her show!



BBQ

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

11 TILL 4

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CREAMY OR SWEET & SOUR COLESLAW**

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Millstadt Township News

Oct 3 recycling: A huge Thank you goes out to the Volunteers from Millstadt Civic Club, Barb Hohlt, Kathy Schaefer, JoAnn Pisel and Wendy Granger. They all wore masks and gloves required by the Health Dept. to collect 1.80 tons of materials.

Thanks to Barb Hohlt for organizing a great group of lady volunteers.

Nov 3 recycling: Millstadt Commercial Club Volunteers Mike Capell, Tim Mullins, Brent Sommerfield, Lyle Haas, Scott Herling and Joe Barnes came to the rescue for the second time this year and helped collect 2.00 tons of material. Thank you all so much!! Thank you Mike Capell for organizing a great group of volunteers

Also thanks to Stan Jarvis, Bert Hucke, George Blaha, Don Traiteur and Denise Blaha for always helping.

Canceled: Millstadt Township Recycling effective December 5 and until further notice.

Canceled due to Covid-19: Millstadt Township Recycling December 5, 2020 and Santa at the Township

With the priority being the safety and well-being of volunteers and participants, recycling is canceled until further notice.

Due to the surge in cases and the status of the coronavirus, we, the Township Board feel this action is necessary.

Recycling is important and hopefully all will be back to normal sometime soon. Stay safe.

Stay tuned for updates.

Land of Lincoln Legal Services

Will assist individuals of limited income age 60 and older with power of attorney for property and health care and simple last wills. **Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to noon • By appointment only.** Call 618-234-4410, ext. 7033 to make an appointment

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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

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.



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- A caregiver over age 18.
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Eligible caregivers are provided with funds to help meet needs that are essential to provide care for the older person.

Allowable expenses include:

Home modifications, adaptive equipment, transportation, adult day care, etc.

Funding is limited. Priority is given to the individuals with greatest economic and social need.

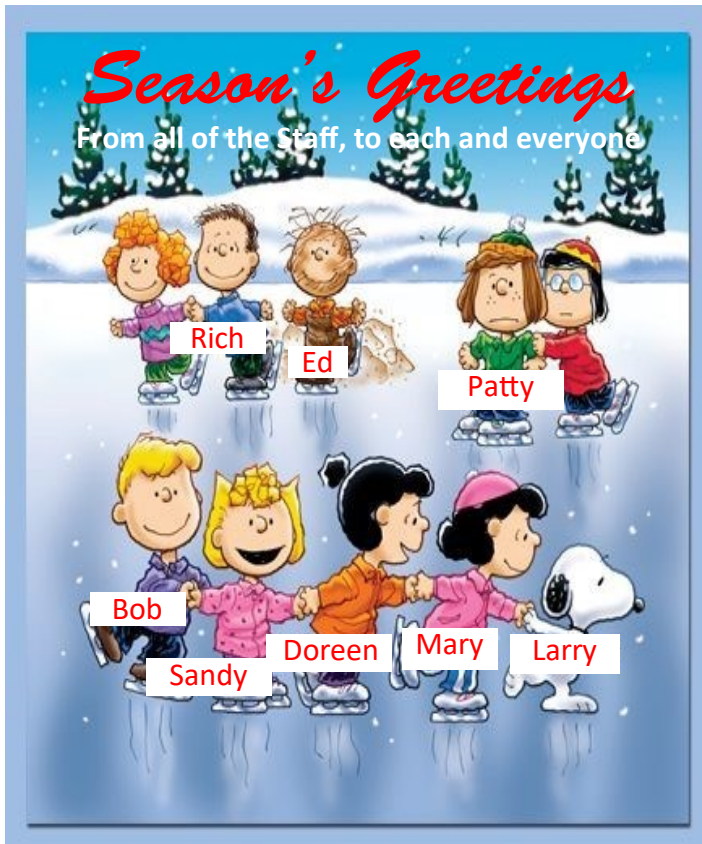


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First, we would like to give each of our seniors a mask so they are protected at the store, doctor's office and other places where they could be exposed.

Second, on behalf of the Senior Center we would like to give a homemade mask to the workers at our local businesses in Millstadt that have worked hard these past weeks. The masks would protect the proprietors as well as their clients.

We have lots of material at the Center and would be willing to let you pick out the mask pattern you would like to use. Please call me and I will set up appointment for you to pick up. Thank you all very much for making our community what is.

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Administration for Community Living | Office of Healthcare Information and Counseling
MANAGING THROUGH COVID-19 WORK GROUP - SEPTEMBER 2020



**MEALS ON WHEELS AMERICA
2020 MEMBER**

Wish List

Stand up Freezer (Donated by Millstadt Knights of Columbus-trying to locate one)

Crossword Puzzle Books

Forever Postage Stamps

Sanitizing Wipes

Clorox Spray — Clorox Wipes

Plastic Forks, Spoons and Knives

Ziploc Bags (Quart/Gallon)

Fold Top Sandwich Bags

Pump Hand Sanitizer

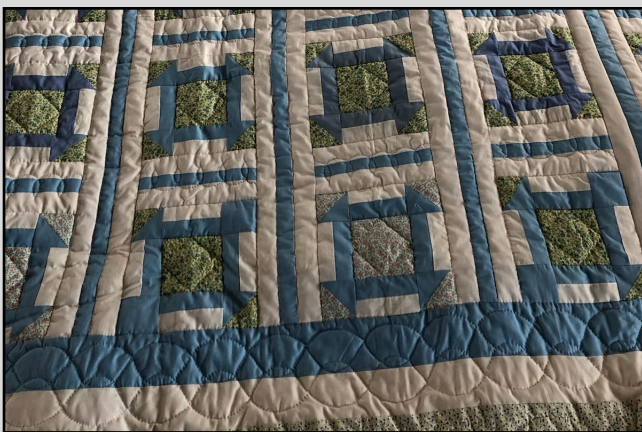
Face Masks For Home Delivery Vol. & Clients

Latex Gloves For Kitchen Workers (L & XL)

Industrial Size Aluminum Foil & Plastic Wrap

8 ½ x 11 Colored Copy Paper

MILLSTADT TOWNSHIP SENIOR SERVICES



QUILT RAFFLE Dec. 18, 2020

At Senior Center

1- Prize - Handmade Queen Size Quilt

2- Prize - Handmade Baby Quilt

3rd Prize - \$25 Gift Card to IGA

TICKETS \$1⁰⁰ 6 FOR \$5⁰⁰

Available at the Center

Many tickets are being sold for our Quilt A Rama drawing on Dec. 18, 2020. The Quilt tops are Handmade and Hand Quilted Queen Sized Pieced Quilts.

Name That Card!

Have you and your family found at home entertainment these past months? I have! My favorite pastime (when bored) is playing Solitaire. This reminded me of the terms “knave,” “bauer” (bower), and “Jasz” accorded to the “Jack” in various card games. Moreover, I recalled that decks of cards originated in French, English, and other patterns. Various names were accorded to the kings and queens of each card suit. Allow me to share those frequently accorded to the kings and queens in the French pattern.

NAMES OF KINGS

DIAMONDS – Julius Caesar: both words are Roman family names; youthful, royalty; Caesar later became the words Czar/Kaiser.

SPADES – King David: from Hebrew meaning beloved; a king of Israel; aka St. Dewi who was a Welsh bishop and is patron saint of Wales.

HEARTS – Alexander the Great: from Greek meaning defender of men; King of Macedonia, conqueror of Greek city states and the Persian Empire.

CLUBS – Charlemagne: from French meaning manly; Charles the Great; Charles the First of the Franks and the Holy Roman Empire.

NAMES OF QUEENS

DIAMONDS – Rachel: from Hebrew and French meaning ewe/lamb; Jacob’s favorite wife; mother of Joseph and Benjamin.

SPADES – Pallas: another name for Athena; the personification of wisdom, fertility, and prudent warfare.

HEARTS – Judith: from Hebrew meaning praised; a devout Jewess who decapitated an Assyrian commander (see the Apocryphal Book of Judith).

CLUBS – Argine: an anagram of the Latin word “regina” (queen); the only queen not holding a round petaled flower.

What do these names matter when playing Solitaire, Bridge, Pinochle, Klaverjass, or Euchre? Knowing a bit of trivia cannot hurt!!! *By Judy Jacobs – (Judith)*

*Thank-you to the Millstadt Library Staff.

Happy Holidays

During this holiday season, we wish you all the best.



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 Kenneth & Paula Farley (In Memory of Jim Eckert)
 Earl Eckert (In Memory of Jim Eckert)
 Richard & Nancy Houk & Family
 (In Memory of Jim Eckert)
 Patty Evansco (In Memory of Jim Eckert)
 Weldon & Linda Harber
 (In Memory of Mendy Mehrtens)
 Gary & Judy Rull (In Memory of Mendy Mehrtens)
 Stanley & Chris Jarvis
 (In Memory of Orville Mueller)
 Patty Evansco (In Memory of Orville Mueller)
 Connie Turner (In Memory of Orville Mueller)
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 Kevin & Jean Colbert
 (In Memory of Orville Mueller)
 Phillip & Susan Davenport
 (In Memory of Tom & Magdalena Davenport)

MASKS (2,134 Masks to Date)

Helen Reinhard
 JoAn Trinity
 Barbara Meadows
 Jovita Johns
 Mary Lou Peter
 Peggy Walsh

BIBLE TALK

JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD HAS COME!!!

Hello and blessings to all. Welcome to the Christmas study.

To begin this month's study, I would ask you to remember this truth: The Bible was written by men inspired by God. In God's Holy Word, he will tell us what he feels we have the need to know.

Now, to begin the truth, please read Matthew 2 as our focus today will be the Magi. We will be looking for the answer to two questions: (1). Who were the Magi? (2). What does God want us to know?

1. Scholars tell us they were priests who studied the stars and practiced the oldest recorded religion in the world, Zoroastrianism. They were aware of the Old Testament prophecy that a king would be born (Isaiah 7:14) and likely spent years watching for the "star". When the star appeared, they readied themselves for travel to find and worship the one called "king of the Jews". (Matt 2:2). Based on Matt 2:16-17, we assume the journey took about two years.

There is no mention as to the number of Magi. We call them three, based solely on the number of gifts. (We are never told what happened to the gifts.). The story of the Magi appears only in the Gospels once, Matt 2. The term "Magi" appears three times: Matt. 2:1, Matt. 2:7 and Matt. 2:16.

2. So, there you have it. This sweet story of patience, hope, love and faith. There is a lot of other research done regarding the Magi, but this is what God wants us to know. But why the Magi? What is God's point? For the answer, you need look no further than Matthew 2: 1-2.

After Jesus was born the Magi came from the east and asked: "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him".

And that's the point, they came from the east and were not Jews. For God so loved the world, he sent his son for all the people of the world. John 3:16.

JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD HAS COME!!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!!!

Once again, thank you for the gift of your time as we share the word of God. Also, thanks to Reverend Darrell Weber for our fine November study. A very special thank you to all the clergy who have provided "Church" for us throughout these most difficult months.

May God hold you in the palm of his hands to provide comfort and keep you safe.

Merry Christmas! *Blessings, Pat Morris*

NOTE: The Christmas story is written in one other Gospel. Luke 2. It's a very good read.

Little Free Library

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



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Ice Box Cookie Recipe

- 1 cup butter
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 ½ cups flour
- 1 ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Candied red cherries

Red food coloring, 5-6 drops

Chocolate syrup, 1 tablespoon or to taste.

In a large mixing bowl, cream the butter and sugar. Beat in the egg. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt. Add to mixture. Divide the dough into 3 equal bowls. Add candied cherries and red food coloring to one bowl; chocolate syrup to a second bowl and leave the remaining one plain.

Line a 9x5x3 loaf pan with parchment paper. Spread the cherry dough over the bottom, cover with plain dough, then the chocolate layer. Or what ever order you want.

Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 2 hours.

Remove dough from pan, cut in half lengthwise. Cut cookies in ¼ inch slices and bake on a lightly greased sheet at 375 degrees for 10-12 minutes.

Illinois Secretary Of State News

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White on Tuesday announced that the expiration date for valid driver's licenses held by Illinois drivers who are 75 years of age or older has been extended for a period of one year past the licenses' current 2020 expiration date.

As a result, drivers age 75 and older with a 2020 driver's license expiration date do not need to visit a facility to renew their driver's license until shortly before their birthday in 2021.

Letters are being sent to drivers that qualify for this extension. The letter should be kept with the qualifying driver as further proof of the one-year extension. In addition, driving records on the Secretary of State's computer system have been updated to show the new 2021 expiration dates for qualified drivers, and law enforcement agencies both state and nationwide have been notified of the extended expiration dates.

White is reminding all other drivers that expiration dates for driver's licenses/ID cards and license plate stickers have been extended until Nov. 1, 2020. As a result, expired documents will remain valid until Nov. 1 so customers under age 75 do not need to rush into Driver Services facilities, especially during hot weather.

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.

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

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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.



Smithton Library News

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

TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

Effective January 1, 2020

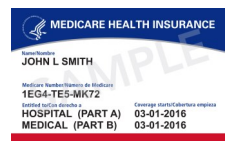
Due to the increased usage of the Senior Transportation Service and drive time, we will be doing Doctor appointments as follows:

***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.**

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.



FILLING TIME # 8

"Just give me land, lots of land, under starry skies above. Don't fence me in." At home all by myself, I sing. And I believe we all feel that COVID has fenced us in!!! Right now, I am singing songs with a color in the title. Of course, not all "color" songs have words to sing; but I "hum" that tune – you know like Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue".

So, how many songs/tunes can you name/sing/hum which have a color in the title - red, blue, green, yellow, orange, etc.? Ready. Set. GO! Name as many as you can for each color. How many colors did you sing?
By Judy Jacobs

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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For Your Dedication, In The Spirit Of Giving 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 (35 hours)

Jean Colbert
Kathy Schaefer
Karen Witte

Drivers (26 hours)

Bob Louis
Charlie Todd
Beth Kwentus
Marlou Eckert
Jamie Bereitschaft
Marsha Davis
Patti French
Michelle Huckle

Telephone Assurance (21 hours)

Jack Kramer

Smithton (19 hours)

Linda Lanham
Pam Andrews
Nancy Freeman
Mike Walter
Julie Crosby
Kim Freeman
Sharon Patterson
Pat Schmeder

Thrift Store (20 hours)

Eileen Doerr
Marlou Eckert
Charlene Faulbaum
Karen Witte

Newsletter (67 hours)

Don Mueller
Kathy Schaefer
Gary Diedrich
Kathy Diedrich
Marlou Eckert
Pat Morris
Judy Jacobs
Mary Heberer

Meals on Wheels (189 hours)

Barnie Jorns
Becky Courtney
Beth Kwentus
Bob Braun
Bob Louis
Carol Osick
Charlie Todd
Cheryl Mueth
Cheryl Pierpoint
Cindy Bertelsman
Dave Albers
Donna Gaulrapp

Elle Heiligenstein

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Glenn Schaefer
Glenda Lovell
JoAnn Pisel
John Morton
Karen Witte
Gary Huwer

Lawrence Osick
Marianne Schaefer
Marlou Eckert
Marsha Davis
Marylou Peter
Dave Muskopf
Sandy Muskopf
Nancy Kostelac

George Mokrikow
Peggy Mokrikow

Randy Burk
Rich Kwentus
Richard Rist
Ruth Morton
Scott Courtney
Susan Sager
Paula Burch
Millie Koudelka
Ed Luecking

Kitchen Workers (332 hours)

Bob Braun
Bob Louis
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
Evelyn Lucy
Karla Lippert
Taylor Remick
Kim Oplet

Quilting (6 hours)

Maggie Muskopf
Judy Jacobs
Joann Pisel

Thanks To Local Boy Scouts

The Millstadt Food Pantry thanks family members of Boy Scout Troop 622 and Pack 622 who volunteered to collect and sort donations at a community drive-thru food drive at St. James parking lot on November 21.

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Millstadt VFW 476-1180
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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
Coffee Mill Café 476-6540
Divine Nail Salon
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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

Senior Center Current Schedule

The Senior Center is Open
Monday-Thursday,
10am to 1pm

This is for those who would like to:

- Grab a library book,
- Use the computers,
- Buy an upcycled greeting card.
- Borrow a puzzle.

We are asking that you come in, do your "business," and be on your way, so staff can sanitize for the next person.

We will allow 6 visitors at a time. Each person will sign in with their name, the date, and their phone number. If you are not able to visit the Senior Center during these hours, please call Patty at 618-476-3731 for an appointment.

Dec. Birthdays

1 Jean Patterson	11 Ruth Morton
James Schneider	12 Karen Witte
Patricia Touchette	13 Mary Rowan
Jim Heberer	Gary Crane
3 Pat Oelrich	17 Billie Demond
Donna Crane	18 Earl Eckert
4 Marcella Hennichs	Robert Stumpf
Janet Mueller	Betty Bogart
Barbara Stumpf	19 Mary Clendening
5 William Rakowski	Shirley Roberson
Dale Hoepfinger	Larry Schwaegel
Linda Pfeil	20 Marquita Gocheff
Carla Kostelac	Lawrence Todd
Jerold Touchette	Dorothy Edmondson
6 Ronald Kissel	22 Evelyn Turner
Danny Haas	Rose Sanders
Dorothy Schobert	Charles Dixon
7 Kathy Schaefer	23 Judy Badger
Patty Evansco	25 Beth Kwentus
Betsy Ashbridge	26 Barbara Knewitz
Thomas Davenport	Carroll Rowan
Linda Meyer	27 Marilyn Robinson
8 Donna Gaulrapp	28 Linda Stewart
Mary George	Carolyn Theis
9 Robert Fish	Marlou Eckert
Fred Fritzinger	Marian Mertz
10 Janice Beller	Ruth Fritzinger
Edward Luecking	30 Marcy Altschuh
Daniel Tobbe	Dennis Fleming
Laurie Phillips	31 Carol Fahey
11 Mary Klosterman	Thomas Christ

SS Benefits Increase in 2021

By Tanya Peterson

Social Security District Manager in East St. Louis, IL

Nearly 70 million Americans will see a 1.3 percent increase in their Social Security benefits and SSI payments in 2021. Federal benefit rates increase when the cost-of-living rises, as measured by the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index (CPI-W).

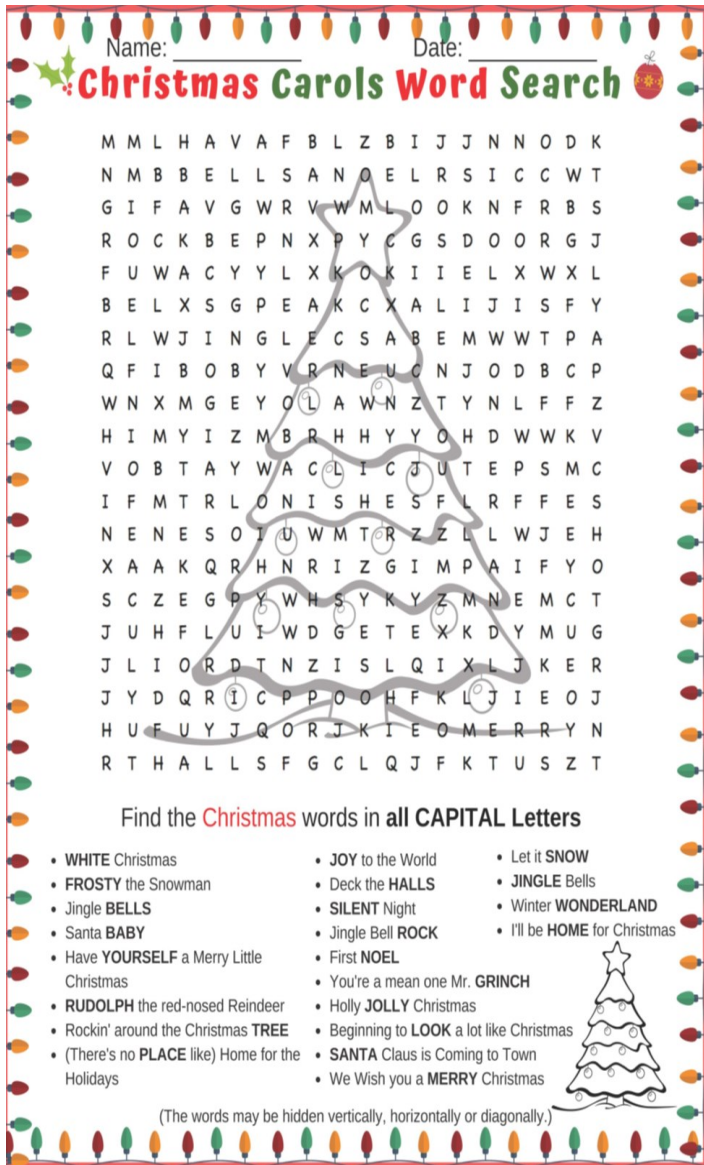
The CPI-W rises when inflation increases, leading to a higher cost-of-living. This change means prices for goods and services, on average, are a little more expensive, so the COLA helps to offset these costs.

January 2021 marks other changes that will happen based on the increase in the national average wage index. For example, the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security payroll tax in 2021 will be higher. The retirement earnings test exempt amount will also change in 2021. You can read our press release for more information at www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/colafacts2021.pdf. We will mail COLA notices throughout the month of December to retirement, survivors, and disability beneficiaries, SSI recipients, and representative payees. Want to know your new benefit amount sooner? You can securely view and save the Social Security COLA notice online via the Message Center inside my Social Security in early December without waiting for the mailed notice.

TOP ten sites of social security for 2020

Our online services often allow you to do business with us without visiting a local office or calling. Here are our top 10 webpages of 2020:

1. Open your own personal my Social Security account, where you can verify your earnings, get future benefit estimates, obtain benefit verification letters, update your Social Security information if you receive benefits, and more, at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. We continue to add new features to make doing business with us easier than ever.
2. -Need answers to your Social Security related questions? Our Frequently Asked Questions page is the authoritative source at www.ssa.gov/faq.
3. Our hub for Social Security news and updates is our blog at blog.socialsecurity.gov. You can use social media to easily share these informative articles with friends and family.
4. You can complete and submit our online application for retirement benefits in as little as 15 minutes at www.ssa.gov/retirement.
5. You can conveniently apply for disability benefits online at www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability.
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8. There's no need to call or visit a local office when you use our online services page at www.ssa.gov/online services.
9. There are times when you may need to fill out a form and submit it to us. You can find what you need easily at www.ssa.gov/forms.
10. Reporting Social Security fraud is a key part of preventing it. You can help stop scammers at www.ssa.gov/antifraudfacts.



Chair Yoga Hiatus

For the safety of all the chair yoga devotees, the Tuesday and Thursday morning chair Yoga classes, held at the Zion Fellowship Center will be on pause for the remainder of 2020. Hopefully, 2021 will bring a safer time and Joyce Hermann, our instructor, can resume the classes. Watch for information on the classes in future editions of the Senior Talk. Be safe, wear a mask and practice social distancing, we can do this together.

MONTHLY EVENTS

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DECEMBER 2020

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StoryWalk®
- All December
- Outdoor Event
- Stop by any time in December to read *Bear Stays Up for Christmas* by Karma Wilson on our windows for a fun outdoor activity!
- After reading the story, come inside and receive a copy of the book to enjoy at home.

Knitting & Crochet Night
- Every Tuesday Night
- 5:30 to 7:30
- Zoom via Facebook Event

Book Club
- Saturday, Dec. 19
- 10:30 to 11:30
- Zoom via Facebook Event
- Pick up *Christmas on the Island* by Jenny Colgan

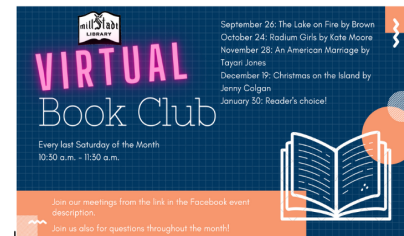
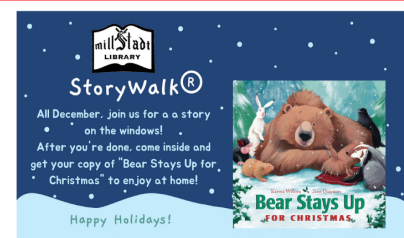
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
- The Library will be closed:
- 12/24 for Christmas Eve
- 12/25 for Christmas Day
- 12/31 for New Year's Eve
- 01/01/2021 for New Year's Day

We hope you and yours have wonderful holidays.

Your librarians,
Marilyn, Megan,
Nichole, and Pat

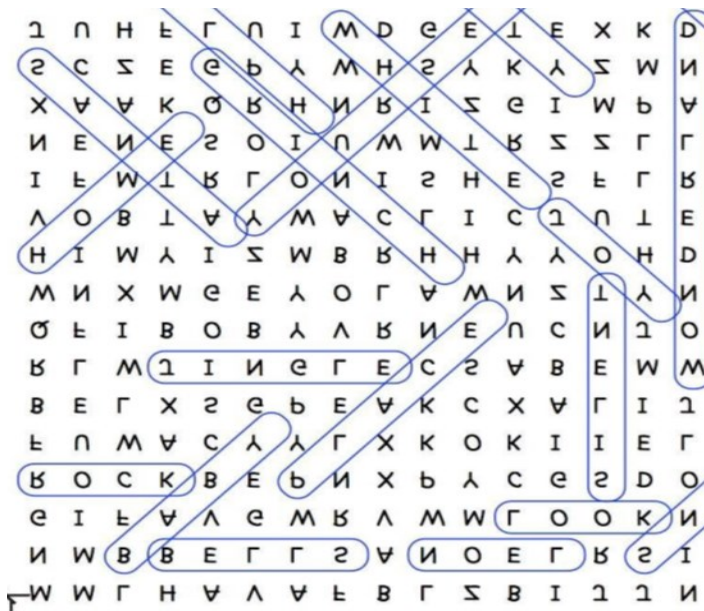
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OCTOBER 26, 2020

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, Al Lehr, and Mark Todd. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Al Lehr to approve the October 12th 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. Mark Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **PERSONNEL:** Mike Capell stated the Village employee insurance yearly renewal needed to be approved. The total cost would be \$101.92 less per month than the previous year. Mike Capell made a motion to accept the Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Plan renewal at \$21,154.26 per month. Al Lehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **PUBLIC WORKS: SEWER:** Al Lehr stated he talked with Brian. He is pressing sludge and doing general maintenance. He had to replace a bearing in the digester pump. He hasn't heard back from the EPA yet. Mayor Todd stated he also talked with Brian about what is needed at the sewer plant. Scott Baltz stated he is meeting with him on Wednesday, October 28th at 1pm to go over his list. **STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS:** Randy Burk stated he is working with Scott Baltz on additional paperwork for the first phase of the streetscape project. TWM wants the signed easement agreements sent to them. **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:** Mike French stated Resolution 20-09 is for the Time and Place of Holding Meetings. It is the schedule of the Village Board meetings in 2021. They will all be on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7pm at Village Hall. Mike French made a motion to accept Resolution 20-09 as presented. Al Lehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **ANNEXATIONS:** Mayor Todd stated the signed documents from the property on Veterans Drive has been turned in. He will get them to Village Attorney Brian Flynn this week. Mayor Todd stated a land survey needs to be done on the Rodemich property that was annexed in recently. **PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION:** Mark Todd stated St. James has asked for a splash party donation for their annual dinner auction. The Village donated a splash party for their last dinner auction. Mark Todd made a motion to donate a splash party for the 33rd Annual St. James dinner auction on November 7th. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **COMMUNITY CENTER:** Ray Famula stated they made 220 phone calls with the Telephone Reassurance Program in September. They received \$6,850 from AgeSmart for their participation in the program. Parking Lot

Bingo was a success in October so they will have another event November 12th at Liederkrantz Park. The Big Ol' Bag and Jewelry Sale netted \$955. Volunteers at the Senior Center are going to create a Veterans Wall with pictures to honor local Veterans on Veterans Day. LIHEAP applications will be available November 12th and they will help people fill them out. The Senior Center has 120 volunteers who did 4,256 hours of work during their fiscal year which saved the Center over \$42,000. Their goals for the next fiscal year are to have a survey process to gauge client satisfaction. They will also need two locking cabinets to keep Covid supplies secure. Their deep freeze quit working; the Knights of Columbus have pledged up to \$700 to replace it. The Center will be closed November 3rd for election day due to being an official polling place. The next Community Center Board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17th at 6pm. **PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Mike French stated the Planning Commission met and reviewed the Schaller development on North Polk Street. They recommended moving forward. The Zoning Board will review a zoning change and the plats will need to be approved. The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, November 17th at 7pm at Village Hall. 3 TIF: none **PUBLIC SAFETY:** Police Department – Police Chief Alan Hucke stated the deadline for the new officer applications was last Friday, October 23rd. He is reviewing the 18 applications they received. Emergency Service and Disaster Agency – Scott Baltz stated he talked with the siren company. They are going to give him information on how the sirens can be stacked and the coverage it would give. **BUILDING COMMISSIONER:** Adam Romero stated he has the preliminary plat map from Schaller and it will be ready for the approval at the next meeting. **OLD BUSINESS:** Mayor Todd stated Hudson Tree Service is going to take the trees down at Liederkrantz Park. It could be a few months before they are able to get to them. Mayor Todd stated he looked into pricing a new police car with Police Chief Alan Hucke. The price they received is good for at least four months. They will look into putting it in next year's budget. Mayor Todd stated Scott Baltz made sure the ball fields were aerated and weeded. Scott stated he will be looking into seeding them in spring 2021. Ray Famula asked if the Friends of the Old Water Tower received a new bid yet. Betty Keller Timmer answered they have not received it yet. Ray stated their last bid is six years old; they asked for an extension but what happens if a year from now it costs a great deal more than what they have raised. Mrs. Timmer answered that they will get creative and get it done. She stated they will get an updated bid. Scott Baltz stated the leaf

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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.

All Lunches Are Catered From the Millstadt IGA, China King, Bredeoux Pizza & Schuberts From Millstadt
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Senior Information and Assistance provides information or help with services and benefits to residents of Millstadt age 60 and over. We will also visit homebound seniors. If you need this service or would like to schedule a visit, call Millstadt Township Senior Center at 618-476-3731.

Donald E. Sliment

Donald E. Sliment, 86, of Millstadt, IL, born October 19, 1934 in East St. Louis, IL, passed away, Thursday, November 19, 2020 at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, IL.

Don was a faithful member of Concordia United Church of Christ in Belleville, IL. He spent his career of 38 years working for McDonnell Douglas and Boeing as a materials planner for many important and classified projects over the years. Don loved spending time outdoors, especially fishing. He enjoyed digging in the dirt with his tractor, while farming and tending to his gardens. He was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was a hardworking, loving family man that always ensured his family was taken care of. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 52 years, Marian M. Sliment, nee Lopinot; his parents, Armand and Aurelia, nee Keck, Sliment; Stepmother, Dorothy, nee Bishop, Sliment; a brother, Armand (Ruth) Sliment, Jr.; and his son-in-law, Frank Uhlenbrock.

Surviving to cherish his memories are his children, David (Kathleen) Sliment, of Newburgh, IN, Donna Uhlenbrock, of Labadie, MO, Doris (Jeff) Glauber, of Belleville, IL, Daniel (Jane) Sliment, of Freeburg, IL, and Tom (Judee) Sliment, of Waterloo, IL; his grandchildren, David, Jr (Holly) Sliment, Bradley Sliment, Jason (Michele) Glauber, Laura (Roger Bieri) Radford, Ashley (Riley) Luberda, Alyssa Sliment, Colleen Sliment, and Quinn Sliment; his great grandchildren, Sofia and Emma Sliment, Lily, Jackson and Sadie Glauber, Avery Radford and Emersyn Bieri; a sister-in-law, Helen (Robert) Simpson, of Millstadt, IL; a brother-in-law, Arthur "Bud" (Yvonne) Lopinot, of DeSoto, MO; and many other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to Concordia UCC of Belleville, IL, or Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation. Condolences may also be expressed online at www.valhallagardensandfuneralhome.com.



Roger Vogt

Roger E. Vogt, 65 of Millstadt, IL passed away on Sunday November 15, 2020 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Born on January 13, 1955 in Belleville, IL he was the son of Ralph and Florence Vogt, nee Scharf and they preceded him in death. Roger was also preceded in death by his stepmother, Rose Vogt, nee Scharf, his paternal grandparents, Lester and Viola Vogt and maternal grandparents, Alfred and Henrietta Scharf; his father and mother-in-law, Robert and Charlotte Buttig, sister-in-law, Vanda Buttig, and maternal grandparents-in-law, Robert and Ann Buttig.

Roger worked for the Golden Dipt Company of Millstadt, IL for 37 years and was a member of the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union. He was also a member of the Millstadt Union Fire Department and served as district chief for 10 years. Roger worked as a car detailer at Mertz Ford in Millstadt, IL prior to retirement. Roger was also a member of Concordia UCC Church. In his spare time, he loved to go antiquing or "junking" with his beloved wife, Joy. Roger and Joy were known throughout the area for their stunning flower garden that attracted visitors to their home, and this was a labor of love for him. Roger looked forward to helping his brothers on the family farm every year, an activity that kept him in tune with farming. On nice days or beautiful evenings, he often enjoyed taking relaxing country drives with Joy. Roger was a devoted animal lover and had the pleasure of owning several dogs throughout his life.

Left to cherish his memory is his beloved wife of 39 years, Joy Vogt, nee Buttig of Millstadt, IL whom he married in Cahokia, IL on August 22, 1981, his beloved great dane, Cruella; his siblings: Sharon (Edgar) Stallmann of Millstadt, IL, Dennis (Bonnie) Vogt of Belleville, IL, Allen Vogt of Belleville, IL and Dale (Sherri) Vogt of Waterloo, IL. His brother-in-law, David (Kathy) Buttig of Belleville, IL and sister-in-law, Sue (Ryan) Riddle of Columbia, IL. His nieces and nephews: Lisa Stallmann of Millstadt, IL, Todd Vogt of St. Louis, MO, Dale (Heather Noblitt) Stallmann of Belleville, IL, Dean Stallmann of New Athens, IL, Megan Vogt of St. Louis, MO, Derek (Kelly) Vogt of Hecker, IL, Ashley Vogt of Belleville, IL, Rachel Buttig of Columbia, IL, Aaron Buttig of California, Kelsey Riddle of St. Louis, MO and Logan Riddle of Columbia, IL.

Per Roger's wishes, his body was cremated. A celebration of life is being planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family or Belleville Area Humane Society.



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dumpsters came in and are at the maintenance shed. Mike French asked if any information was put out so residents know they are available. Tracy Holmes answered the address is in the Millstadt News and on the back of the water bills. Tracy Holmes stated she is working on the paperwork with TWM for the second phase of the streetscape project. It is for West Washington Street between Monroe Street and Lafayette Street. Mike Capell stated he is still moving forward with the new website company. **NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Todd stated the Library has asked to hold an outdoor book sale. Mike Capell made a motion to allow the Library to hold an outdoor book sale on Saturday, November 7 th from 10am to 2pm with a rain date of Saturday, November 14th. Mark Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Todd stated he and Tracy Holmes will be working on the Annual Tax Levy for it to be ready for the December 14th Village Board meeting. Mayor Todd stated there will be mobile Covid testing at Liederkrantz Park on Wednesday, November 4th from 10am to noon and 1pm to 3pm. Mayor Todd stated he received bids for the concrete work on East Madison Street across from the Senior Center. Huebner Contracting had the low bid at \$14,655. Mayor Todd will review the bids with Scott Baltz. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tracy Holmes stated that the Treasurer's Report had been submitted and the annual treasurer's report was published in the Belleville News Democrat. Randy Burk made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ray Famula 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. Al Lehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Is Low Dose Aspirin The New Toilet Paper?

For many of us, a daily dose of "baby" aspirin is part of our routine. We take one every day and usually there are several choices of low dose aspirins at pharmacies, grocery stores and most box stores. So why now, are the shelves of aspirin limited on choices and some shelves are just plain empty? Well for one thing, like toilet paper which we use every day, so it is for aspirin. We take one aspirin tablet every day. Another reason for the increase in aspirin sales, is the Covid virus pandemic. A limited study indicated virus patients who took a daily aspirin had less severe symptoms than patients who did not. Next time shopping add low dosage aspirin to your list, along with toilet paper and cleaning supplies.

Orville Mueller

Orville E. Mueller, 84, of Millstadt, IL, passed away on Friday, November 6, 2020 at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, IL. He was born March 8, 1936, in Belleville, IL.

Orville was a retired maintenance mechanic from Dynegy, formerly Illinois Power.

Orville was a Millstadt Township Trustee for many years, a member of the Cluster Busters, and the Looking Glass Corvette Club. He was the founder of the Illinois Power Breakfast Club. He was an active member of the Z Team at Zion Evangelical Church, a lifetime member of the Millstadt Commercial Club, and was a United States Army Veteran.

Surviving are his loving wife of 56 years, whom he married on September 26, 1964, Janet Mueller, nee Baltz, his son, Michael (Kim) Mueller; his daughter-in-law, Marcia Mueller, his brother, Kenneth Mueller; his sister-in-law, Gloria Baltz, along with 6 grandchildren, Brad (Abigail) Rolland, Abbie Rolland, Lindsay, Maggie, Norah and August Mueller, and 1 great grandchild, Carson Rolland, and many other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Eric S. Mueller, parents, Willard & Ophelia, nee Wilde, Mueller; his in-laws, Raymond and Vera Baltz, his sister, Carol Brand, his brother-in-law, William Baltz, and his sister-in-law, Darleen Mueller.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to Zion Evangelical Church, Millstadt, and the Millstadt Senior Center.

For more information, please access our website, www.leesmanfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home, Millstadt.



James Eckert

James O. Eckert, 85 of Millstadt, Illinois passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday November 1, 2020. Born on June 26, 1935 in Millstadt, Illinois, he was the son of Richard and Anita Eckert, nee Mueller and they precede him in death. James was also preceded in death by his brother, Roy Eckert and nephews; Glen Eckert and James C. Touchette.



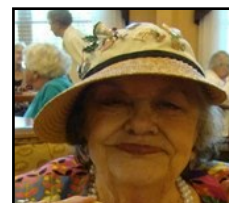
James was a lifelong resident of Millstadt. He was also a proud United States Marine and served his country during the Korean War. James retired from Ameren UE of Missouri, having worked for many years as a welder. In his free time, he enjoyed wood working and was an avid collector of "things." James coordinated bi-annual Marine Corps reunions and these times with his Marine Corps family were very dear to him. He was always there to support his military family by showing camaraderie, hospitality, kindness and friendship. James was a member of Zion Church of Millstadt and was a dedicated member of the "Z" team at Zion. He was also the past vice-president of Kaskaskia Industrial Development Corporation and a past master of the Floraville Grange. Most of all, James enjoyed spending time with his friends and family and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Left to cherish his memory is his dear wife, Mary Eckert, nee Meyer, whom he married at Zion Church in Millstadt on June 22, 1957; his brother Earl Eckert of Waterloo, IL; his nieces and nephews; Randall (Donna) Eckert of Millstadt, IL, Royann Touchette of Millstadt, IL, Marlou Eckert (Mark Raeber) of Millstadt, IL, Nancy Eckert of Waterloo, IL, Diane (Kenny) Kern of Waterloo, IL, Gordon (Jean) Meyer III of Millstadt, IL, Debbie Perez of Troy, IL, his sister-in-law; Norma Jean Meyer of Swansea, IL and many great-nieces and great-nephews, extended family and beloved friends

Memorial contributions may be made to any of the following: Zion Church of Millstadt, Millstadt Township Ambulance Service, Millstadt Food Pantry or any other Millstadt charity.

Betty Dieckmann

Betty Jean Dieckmann, nee Schmalz, 92, born July 28, 1928, in Maestown, Ill., died Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, Ill.



Betty was a graduate of Waterloo High School. She was known for her feisty personality, flamboyant fashion, and zest for life. She was unforgettable to anyone she met-and she always lived with her own unique flare and style.

Betty spent most of her adult life in the Belleville and Millstadt areas after having grown up in the village of Maestown. For many years, she was a volunteer at Memorial Hospital. She spent her final years at the Cambridge House, an assisted lifestyle community.

Betty was preceded in death by her mother, Wilhelmina, nee Schilling, Schmalz, and her father, Florian Schmalz, a first generation American from the Black Forest area of Germany; her husband, Arnold "Cotton" Dieckmann; her sisters, Helen Valentine and Armethia Simer; and her son-in-law, Anthony A. Pistor. Surviving are her daughters, Linda Pistor of Millstadt, Ill., and Sandy (Thomas) Glauber of Paderborn, Ill. Her four grandchildren: Daniel (Shannon) Pistor, Nicholas J.C. Pistor, Amy (Todd) Riebeling, Becky (Rodney) Vasquez; five great-grandchildren, Samantha Riebeling, Drake Riebeling, Ella Vasquez, Mya Vasquez, and Ava Vasquez; and a nephew, Kenneth (June) Valentine

By her request, a cremation and private interment will be held. Betty wished not to have a memorial service. Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home - Millstadt, IL.

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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