

Garden Place Donates \$1,000



Tanya Schnarre, Executive Director of Garden Place in Millstadt presents Patty Evansco, Executive Director of Millstadt Township Senior Services a check for \$1,000. Garden Place made this donation through the "Seniors helping Seniors" in the community program. Patty was telling Tanya one day about their bus needing tires and how they were going to cost \$1500. She explained that there was already \$500 donated and was hoping to get the remaining \$1,000 soon. Within a few days, Tanya contacted Patty and said that we would be getting a donation from Garden Place. We are very grateful for all the community support that is given when there is a need. Last year 172 people road the bus to the nutrition site, doctor appointments, beauty shop, grocery shopping, and other necessary destinations.

AARP Income Tax-Aide Assistance

Volunteer AARP tax-aide preparers will offer free income tax filing for disabled and/or senior residents on Thursdays beginning February 1, 2018. At the beginning of the year, you will begin receiving important tax documents such as Social Security 1099, pension, IRA, W-2, interest and dividend statements. Keep all of your important documents for tax filing. Appointments are mandatory; Walk-ins will not be allowed. Contact Millstadt Township Senior Center to make an appointment at (618) 476-3731. Apoinments are now being taken.



From Below The Tower



Patty Evansco

Dear Valentines, Happy Valentine's Day; Wednesday, February 14th! Each year on February 14th, many people exchange cards, candy, gifts or flowers with their special "valentine." The day of romance we call Valentine's Day is named for a Christian martyr and dates back to the 5th century, but has origins in the Roman holiday Lupercalia. Come

enjoy a home-made Fried Chicken valentine day lunch with your sweetheart @ the senior center!

It's tax time! If you would like to take advantage of our free AARP tax services on Thursday's and that began February 1st from 8:30 – 1:30 pm please call Mary Anne for an appointment @ 618-476-3731.

I'm sorry that this month's newsletter is a bit late. January has been a very busy month. We had spot check by the Department of Aging that set me back about three weeks. That is time I will never recover, but glad it turned out ok. We can look forward to another in June of which I will start getting ready for soon and hopefully it will not take as long. We are very fortunate to receive the grants from the Department of Aging and we thank you because it is your tax dollars.

We were able to put new tires on the bus in January thanks to the generosity of Lydia Keller and the Garden Place. We welcome the Wednesday bowlers back in January and the dinner outing to Maggies on Main was enjoyed by all that went along. We welcomed the Fire Department on January 30th and gave everyone a canister of peanuts.

The senior center will be opened on Monday, February 19th in honor of President's Day. Do you know the history of President's Day? It is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22—Washington's actual day of birth—the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.

A special "Thanks" goes out to St James Catholic School 5th and 6th graders for assisting with the serving of all our meal on Tuesday, January 29th and handmade bookmarks! It is such a pleasure having you all with us, please come again.

Patty



Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018

11 A.M. Til???

MILLSTADT SENIOR CENTER

102 South Jefferson Street, Millstadt, IL

**Pork Steaks -- Brats
1/4 Chicken -- Ribs**

(Ribs Must Be Pre-Ordered) 618-476-3731

Sides - Potato Salad - Cole Slaw - Baked Beans

PLATES AND SANDWICHES AVAILABLE

Carry Outs Only Baked Goods Also Available

Proceeds to Benefit

Millstadt, Freeburg & Smithton Meals on Wheels

Columbus Club Donates New Freezer For Senior Center



A brand new Maytag 14.8 cu ft deep freezer was delivered on Tuesday January 23, 2018. And wouldn't you know it came 20 minutes before lunch was to be served but with some quick maneuvering Rachel and Patty were able to get everything back in place by lunch. The freezer will be used to store frozen meals and ice. We currently are freezing 44 to 50 meals per week for our Meals on Wheels Monday deliveries. We are very happy, the handle was broken on the old one and the lid didn't stay open, so if you had your head in there sometimes you could get bopped if you were not careful. *Thank you, Columbus Club!*



Baked Goods Wanted

Baked goods are needed for the February 24, BBQ and bake sale at the Community Center. Please bring your donated baked goods to the Community Center on Saturday morning or Friday. All proceeds from the BBQ and Bake Sale go to supporting the Millstadt Township Senior Center. Please mark your calendar now for this annual event.

Sandra M Bereitschaft Foundation Annual Dinner at Mertz Motors February 10, 2018

If you would like to attend and have not received the mailing in the past, please contact the Senior Center(476-3731) and we will send you information and invitation. *Hope to See You There!*



Millstadt Primary Center Kindergarten Registration

Feb 12th – 13th 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Please Call 476-7100 Ext 1021 for Appt.

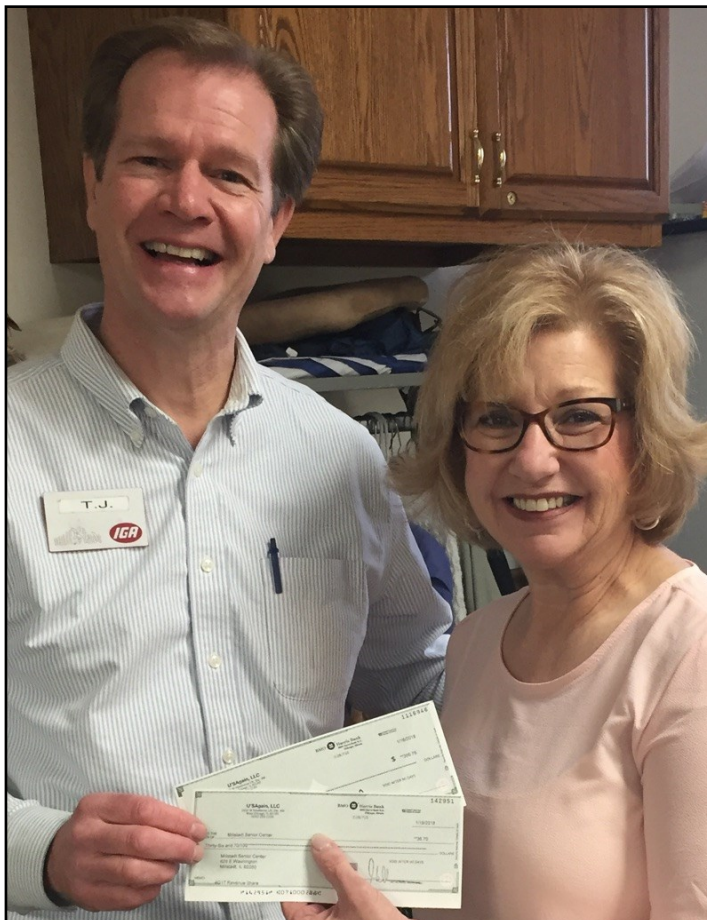


Are you celebrating a Special Birthday or Anniversary or have a Special Announcement? Please send us a photo and information. Our readers would love for

you to share with us. Please email to seniorce@htc.net or drop off at Senior Center.

Donations Received From Millstadt IGA From US' Again Recycling Box

Yes, please continue to utilize the recycling box located in the parking lot of Millstadt IGA. Recently owner T.J. Norrenburns presented 2 checks totaling \$393.43 to Millstadt Township Senior Services Director Patty Evansco. This amount represented donations of clothing that area people had put in the box from April 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. It really adds up over time.



(TJ Norrenburns, owner of Millstadt IGA presents donation to Director Patty Evansco)

Millstadt
IGA
HOMETOWN PROUD

625 East Washington
Millstadt, Illinois 62260
(618) 476-3161

8th Annual Big Ole Bag & Jewelry Sale

The eighth annual Big Old Bag and Jewelry Sale will have a special pre-sale wine and cheese party on Friday, April 27 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Enjoy some cheese, wine, and soft drinks and have the opportunity to purchase gently used purses, jewelry and scarves at very special prices. On Saturday, April 28, the doors to the Community Center will open at 8:00 am all the remaining items will be for sale until 1:00 pm. Donations of all purses and jewelry are accepted at the Community Center. All proceeds from the Friday and Saturday sales benefit the Millstadt Senior Center.



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MILLSTADT LIBRARY

The Millstadt Library in addition to books, offers audio books, videos, large print books, computers, and copy services. Residents of the Village are eligible for a library card.

Contact the Millstadt Library at 476-1887, if you have any questions.

Glaeser HMR

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618-719-5952 cell

618-476-1135 Home

Millstadt, IL 62260

"No Job Is Too Small"



The Optimist Club Of Millstadt Is Proud To Announce, We Will Be Awarding Again This Year !!!!! Five (5) \$1000.00 Scholarships

To students for high school seniors enrolling full time at an accredited College or Vocational Trade School. Students applying must reside within the Millstadt School District.



Applications and more information are available from school Counselors at Belleville West High School, Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville, Gibault High School in Waterloo and Freeburg Community High School. Completed applications must be postmarked prior to midnight April 2, 2018. Contact Judy Butzinger for further details at (618) 476-3635.

Free Muffins and Bread

Be sure to stop by the Senior Center after 8:00 am on Wednesdays to get a muffin or some bread. We receive weekly donations from Panera Bread in South County to distribute. These bread donations are in abundance and have a value between \$400 and \$700. Panera (St Louis Bread Co) bakes daily and it is very delicious. Thank You Panera for your generous donation.



1965 St James 8th Grade Class



1965 St. James Confirmation Class

February  **Out to Dinner**
O'Charley's, Shiloh, IL
February 28, 2018

Leaving Senior Center at 4:00 pm – Dinner at 5:00 pm

PENNYWISE
THRIFT SHOP
Located Upstairs
At The Millstadt
Township Senior Center
Clothes, Shoes, Household and Holiday
Open Monday, Thursday, Friday
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Happy Valentine's Day

MILLSTADT VFW POST 7980
LENTEN SEASON



February 14th – Ash Wednesday
Fish Fry, No chicken buffet. Noon till 8 p.m.
Fridays—February 16th, 23rd
March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Serving Cod, Cat Fish, Walleye, Shrimp,
Crab Cakes and Salmon Patties
11 a.m. till 8 p.m.

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.



Students from the 6th grade at St James Catholic Grade School visited the Senior Center. They helped serve dinner and gave out book marks for everyone.

HELP WANTED

If you are interested in teaching a class or starting a club at the Senior Center we would love talking to you about it. We have openings on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Come by or call 476-3731.

MILLSTADT TOWNSHIP SENIOR SERVICES



QUILT RAFFLE June 22, 2018

At Senior Center

- 1. Prize - Handmade Queen Size Quilt
- 2. prize - Christmas Tree Skirt
- 3. prize - Handmade Baby Quilt

TICKETS \$1⁰⁰ 6 FOR \$5⁰⁰

Available at the Center

Many tickets are being sold for our Quilt A Rama drawing on Dec 22, 2017. The Quilt tops are Handmade and Hand Quilted Queen Sized Pieced Quilt and if it were in Branson it would most likely sell for \$1000. Be sure to get your tickets.

Mason Jars Are Taking Over The World

We all know that **mason jars** are super hip in-home decor right now, so we decided to create a decorated Mason jars to add a little Valentine décor. The instructions claimed that the jars were “so cute and SUPER easy to make! Everyone painted them with some chalk paint, did a little distressing (that meant sanding the letters on the jar) and then we popped some red colored flowers!



Left to Right: Betty Schranz, Frances Dickneite, Gloria Kettler, Lucille Reese and Dot Edmison waiting for their jars to finished drying so they can go to the next step.



Finished decorated Mason Jars.



Lucille Reese, Dot Edmison and Columbia Delong add the finishing touches.

**Notary Services Are Provided
Free At The Senior Center**

Millstadt Library

115 W. Laurel
618-476-1887

The Millstadt Library would like to offer a helping hand to those in need.

But we can't do it alone, we need your help too.

You know when you go on vacation and they have those complimentary little toiletries, like small bottles of shampoo or conditioner, even disposable razors or sample size boxes of tissues and for some reason you can't help yourself but bring them all home and have nothing to do with them but stuff your bathroom drawers full of your new collection? We have just the solution.

We at the Millstadt Library have become aware that you can do something useful with these little, travel-sized toiletries and are offering our location as a drop-off site for these items.

We are connected with a representative of a local organization that takes these donated items every Wednesday and delivers them to those in need.

Just getting a bag of soap, shampoo, and other toiletries, the things we often take for granted, could help change someone's day, perspective, or even more. And all you have to do is round up those little bottles of toiletries to help out.

So, if you plan on travelling this year, for work or fun, far or near, please pick up those hotel, motel toiletries and bring them on up to the Library. We'll do the rest.

Additionally, any small or travel-sized toiletries you would like to donate are appreciated as well.

We'll be collecting these items all year our goal is to reach at least 25 pounds of toiletries.

We're open Monday-Thursday 12-8 and Friday-Saturday 10-2. For more information, feel free to call us at 476-1887, message us on Facebook, or stop by at 115 W. Laurel.

Thank you very much! Millstadt Library



Millstadt Police Report

On January 15, at 1:22 am, Millstadt Police responded to a 911 call at Jotham court where an attempted break-in was in process. A Cadillac SUV fled the scene with multiple police departments in pursuit of the vehicle north on Route 163. The vehicle was stopped with "stop sticks" on Interstate 255.

Steven T. Sutherland, 34, from St. Louis was charged with attempted residential burglary, damage to property, aggravated fleeing and attempting to flee police. Passenger Savanna Anderson, 31, of St. Louis also faced charges.

The two people charged with the attempted burglary were unknown to the victim and police believe this was a random act. Police stress it was important the 911 call was placed and they were able to respond promptly to the incident.

WANTED

PICTURE WANTED

Kathy is looking for a picture of the exterior of The Millstadt Liederkrantz Building from around 1988.



2nd Annual

Thurs., April 12, 2018

**at Columbus Club
114 West Oak Street - Millstadt**

\$25 All In Paddle

50/50 and Quilt Raffle

Bring Snack

Drinks Available for Purchase.

Doors Open 6:30pm

**Vendors Include: Rodan & Fields,
Doterra Essential Oils, Stella & Dot,
Pampered Chef, LuLa Roe, Premier,
Tastefully Simple, Tupperware**

****If you would like to donate a
prize, please contact**



RSVP or Questions Call Beth 530-0501

Senior Discounts

Many restaurants and stores do not advertise senior discounts. Remember to ask the cashier if the store offers Senior Discounts.

The UPS Store-Seniors receive 5 percent off UPS shipping services and 15 percent off eligible products and services at participating locations

Burger King-10 percent discount (60+) depending on location.

KFC-free small drink with any meal depending on location (55+).

Subway-10 percent off (60+) varies by location.

Wendy's-free coffee or other discount, depending on location.

Norma Burleson shows off the "mini" Corn-Hole game she received for Christmas. Look out Corn-Hole league,



she is going to be practicing for Thursdays. If you would like to enjoy a game of Corn Hole, the game is played every Thursday morning at 10:00 am at the Senior Center. It is double elimination and everyone receives a prize.

Library Archiving Newsletter

Did you miss an issue of "Senior Talk"? While we want you to be sure you see every issue of Senior Talk the Millstadt Library is now offering you an opportunity to catch up on all of our past issues.

Starting immediately, you can view past issues of Senior Talk since its first issue in September 2010. We are very happy and grateful that the Millstadt Library is archiving our newsletter.

Special Thanks to
Concordia Church
Immaculate Conception - Centreville
St. James Catholic Church
Trinity Lutheran Church
Zion Evangelical Church
Millstadt Baptist Church
For Your Continued Support

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

DID YOU SIGN IN?

Knowing who is at lunch at the Center is important for a number of reasons. First of all it's good to keep track so if someone isn't there for a few days we can contact them to make sure everything is ok. Second, when you sign in and are registered we are able to submit your name to receive our grant money to help pay for the meals. A way to look at it is that if you aren't registered and signed in we can't send a bill for your lunch to the Area Agency on Aging.

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RECYCLING PROGRAM

Recycling continues the first Saturday of every month at the Township Garage on East Harrison Street. Volunteers will remove the recyclables, glass, cans, paper, cardboard and number 1 and 2 plastics from your vehicle from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. This program is available for all residents of Millstadt Township and the Village.

Make a Contribution

There are many ways to contribute to Millstadt Senior Center:

Gifts by Cash or Check

We accept gifts by cash or check by mail and in person. Include your name, address and phone number. Checks should be made payable to Millstadt Township Senior Services.

Memorial Gifts and Bequests

The Millstadt Senior Center is establishing an endowment fund of memorial gifts and bequests, to ensure the future of senior services in Millstadt.

We hope that you will remember the Center when planning your estate, or as a fitting means of honoring a departed friend or loved one.

All memorial gifts and bequests will be acknowledged in the Center's newsletter. If you would like to make a provision in your will, the following form is suggested:

I give, devise and bequeath to Millstadt Township Senior Services, a non-profit corporation, located on this date at 102 South Jefferson, Millstadt, Illinois 62260 the sum of \$ _____ (or the property, herewith described)

**We Welcome Any Inquiries About Bequests,
Please Call Us At (618) 476-3731**

Big Ole Bag and Jewelry Sale

Mark your calendar now. The two-day sale is set for Friday evening, April 27 and Saturday, April 28, 2018. Donations of purses and jewelry may be made at the Community Center. This is always a popular event and all the funds raised are donated to the Senior Center.



Something for Kelly
FOUNDATION
INVITES you to OUR **2nd Annual**
CASINO NIGHT

Friday, Feb. 23rd 2018
\$50.00/Person includes:

Casino Style Games Start Up "Play Money"
for gaming and/or tickets for Raffle Prizes & Appetizers

Cash Bar-Silent Auction
Doors Open at 6:00

Cocktail Hour: Spend time checking out Quality Raffles & Items at the Silent Auction

Gaming Starts at 7:30
Tickets Available by email: SFK2018Metroeast@gmail.com
OR Call: **618-207-1246**



**Standing Up
Against
Eating Disorders!**



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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 And Breadeoux Pizza From Millstadt**
**"The Center is a Great Place to Enjoy Yourself
Through Fellowship And Celebrations With Other
Seniors of Millstadt"**

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**.

Estate Recovery

What is estate recovery?

OBRA '93 requires each state to recover the costs of nursing facility and other long-term care services from the estates of Medicaid beneficiaries. This means that states must try to get reimbursed for money they spend through their Medicaid programs. At a minimum, states are required to file claims in probate court against the estates of certain deceased Medicaid beneficiaries.

What exactly is an estate?

Under probate laws, an estate is usually defined as all real estate and personal property that passes from a deceased person to an heir through a will or by rules of intestate succession. Property that passes directly to joint owners or to beneficiaries under a trust is normally not considered part of the probate estate. However, OBRA '93 gives states the option to expand the definition of estate to include these types of interests and any other property that the individual has any title or interest in at the time of death.

What is a claim against an estate?

A claim against an estate is a demand for payment from a creditor who believes the deceased person owes the creditor money. In estate recovery under OBRA '93, the request comes from the state Medicaid agency, and the amount owed is all or some of the amount of Medicaid payments spent on behalf of the deceased Medicaid beneficiary.

Example: Mr. Robles was in a nursing home for nine months before he died. He had enough savings to pay for his first six months of care. During the last three months of his life, Medicaid paid a total of \$6,000 for his care. After his death, the state will file a claim against his estate in the probate court for \$6,000, the total amount spent on his behalf.

Do states have to recover money from the estates of everyone who receives Medicaid?

No, but states must recover money spent on behalf of the following individuals

- individuals who were age 55 or older when they received Medicaid. A state must recover payments made for nursing facility services, home- and community-based services provided under a Medicaid waiver, and related hospital and prescription drug services; and
- individuals in nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, or other medical institutions who pay a share of cost as a condition of receiving Medicaid and who cannot reasonably be expected to be discharged and return home. This provision requires that the state determine, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, that the individual cannot reasonably be expected to return home.

Can states go beyond these requirements?

Yes, states have the option to recover payments for all other Medicaid services provided under their state Medicaid plan for individuals age 55 and old. These Jr may include services such as home- and community-based care for functionally disabled persons, community-supported living arrangements, optional personal care, and mandatory home health care.

Example: Mrs. Miller lives in a state that has decided to recover for all Medicaid services provided to individuals who are age 55 and older. Because of her heart condition, Mrs. Miller relies on the help of an aide for six hours every week. The aide does Mrs. Miller's laundry, prepares her meals, and helps her bathe. Medicaid pays for this service. When Mrs. Miller dies, her state Medicaid agency will file a claim against her estate for the cost of these services.

Are there any exceptions to estate recovery?

There are limits on a state's right to recover Medicaid benefits. Recovery cannot be made:

- before the death of a surviving spouse;
- if the individual has a surviving child who is under age 21 or who is blind or permanently disabled; and

- against one's home on which the state placed a lien, unless additional protections for siblings and adult children are satisfied.

How does estate recovery work?

At the time of a Medicaid beneficiary's death, the state becomes a creditor in probate court. State laws govern the distribution of assets in estates, and this process is administered by the courts. In many states, the Medicaid agency is simply a creditor in these proceedings, and probate costs, the cost of last illness, reasonable funeral expenses, and taxes have priority over claims made by the Medicaid agency. In some states, the Medicaid agency can also file under "cost of last illness" and gain priority over other creditors. Under OBRA '93, states may amend their probate laws to make the Medicaid agency a priority creditor. Heirs receive their inheritance only after these priority claims are paid.

Example: Mr. Roberts left his only property, a house valued at \$75,000, to his son. At the time of his death, the state Medicaid agency had paid \$24,000 for his nursing home care. In addition to this claim, there was a total of \$10,000 in funeral bills and costs for probating his estate. Mr. Robert's son received \$41,000 after all the claims were paid.

Does this mean that if people can avoid probate, they will be able to avoid Medicaid estate recovery?

No, states can expand the definition of "estate" to include any property in which an individual had any legal title or interest at the time of death, including assets passed outside probate. A state can define this property to include joint bank accounts, bank accounts with a pay-on-death beneficiary designation, living trusts, life estates in real property, and real estate held in joint tenancy. This suggests that the state can recover from surviving joint tenants and transferees of property with a reserved life estate. This is a major change in the law because the definition includes property interests that are extinguished by the death of the owner, and are otherwise unavailable to creditors. You should check to see if your state uses the expanded definition.

Example: After their husbands died, Mrs. Pruitt and Mrs. Hawkin lived together in Mrs. Hawkin's house. Mrs. Hawkin wanted Mrs. Pruitt to be able to stay in the house, so ten years ago she added Mrs. Pruitt's name to the deed as a joint tenant. Their state has adopted a definition of "estate" that includes all property in which an individual had any legal interest at the time of death. After Mrs. Hawkin entered a nursing home, Mrs. Pruitt continued to live in the house. Under prior law, at the time of Mrs. Hawkin's death, Mrs. Pruitt would have become the sole owner of the house. Under OBRA '93, at the time of Mrs. Hawkin's death, the state Medicaid agency can attach the property and force Mrs. Pruitt to pay for Mrs. Hawkin's nursing home care out of what had been Mrs. Hawkin's share of the property.

What about the surviving spouse?

During a spouse's lifetime, the state Medicaid agency cannot require repayment of Medicaid expenses. However, after the spouse dies, the state may file a claim against the spouse's estate to recover money spent for nursing home care, to the extent of the deceased beneficiary's interest.

Example: Mr. Chang was married for 50 years. He entered a nursing home in November 1994. At the time of his death, Medicaid had paid \$40,000 for his care. He is survived by his wife. If the state Medicaid agency filed a claim against Mr. Chang's estate, it would be denied because he was survived by a spouse. Instead, in many states, the state Medicaid agency will file a claim against Mrs. Chang's estate when she dies. At that time, the claim will be for the \$40,000 paid for Mr. Chang's nursing home care.

Millstadt Township News

Thank you to the new recycling group for January the Millstadt Knights of Columbus. Members Larry Schaefer, Bob Hucke, Dan Ellegood and John Morton braved the bitterly cold weather to help out.

Large item recycling has been canceled.

Please do not leave anything, appliances large or small, batteries, etc. at the Township Hall.

Millstadt Township, in conjunction with the Millstadt Fire Dept., is providing, free of charge, reflective house number signs. Contact the Fire Dept. at 476-1234 for details to acquire a sign. Limited quantity is available.

Need to get rid of an old TV:

*Ralph's Recycling 3968 State Rt. 3, Red Bud 618-282-4400

*CJD E-Cycling 5257 Illinois 157, Edwardsville 618-659-9006

Fees will apply depending on size. Between \$5-\$25

Ralph Schneider found another place to take an old TV,

*Monroe County Recycling Center, 901 Illinois Ave, Waterloo, IL.

Millstadt Township Officials Trustees - Charles Todd, George Blaha, Ronald Eckert, Jim Palovick, Hy. Commissioner - Stanley Jarvis Clerk - Cathy Hotz Gaby, Supervisor - Denise M Blaha. 820 South Jefferson, (618)476-1207.



Dates to Remember

February 2, Groundhog's Day

February 14, Valentine's Day

February 14, Ash Wednesday

February 18, Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast at St. James Parish Center; 7:30-11:30 am.

February 24, BBQ at Community Center, 11:00 to?

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



Laminating Tuesdays

If you need something laminated please stop by on Tuesdays and we would be glad to laminate for you free of charge.

Bus Rider Reminder

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



Boy Scout

Troop 622

15th Annual

All You Care to Eat

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Biscuits and Gravy

Breakfast

Sunday, February 18

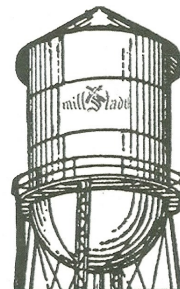
7:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Fr. Freund Parish Center

St. James Catholic Church

Millstadt, Illinois

Adult Ticket \$8.00



Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018

Check In at 6:30
Bowling Starts at 7:00

FRIENDS of the
Old Millstadt Water Tower

Scotch Doubles:
Play as a pair!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
NO TAP	BONUS	PAYDAY	SOUR GRAPES	PAYDAY	MEAL	SUPER SOUP	NO TAP	BONUS	MEAL	NO TAP	BONUS	NO TAP	MEAL	SOUR GRAPES	BONUS	SOUR GRAPES	MEAL	PAYDAY	BONUS
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
PAYDAY	NO TAP	SOUR GRAPES	NO TAP	BONUS	MEAL	SOUR GRAPES	MEAL	SUPER SOUP	NO TAP	SOUR GRAPES	MEAL	BONUS	PAYDAY	PAYDAY	BIG (KAPLAN)	MEAL	BONUS	SUPER SOUP	BRIGGS (KAPLAN)

Bring a partner or we will match you up!

**Every frame is a
new challenge!**

\$20 per person
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Contact Betty to register:
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millstadtinman@gmail.com

**Save the Tower!
Have some fun!**

Bel-Air Bowl
200 S. Belt West, Belleville

Village of Millstadt Meeting

December 11, 2017

Waiting for report from insurance adjuster for report on new water tower (roof). Pictures taken from drone in late November.

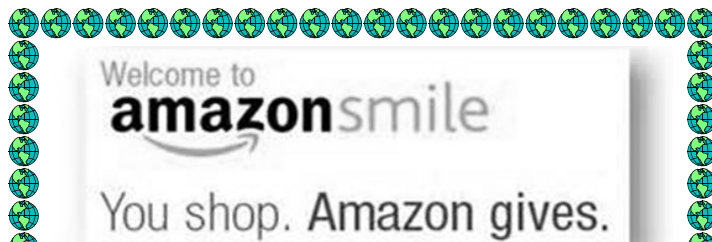
Mayor Todd will speak with Village Attorney Brian Flynn concerning updating permits for the Queen of Hearts drawings in town.

WRITER'S GUIDELINES

One does not have to be a professional writer in order to submit articles to Senior Talk. All it takes is the desire to share your thoughts or feelings with the rest of us. Tell us about what matters to you. Share your his-tory, your fears, and your triumphs. There is a "Brag Corner," where you can tell others about your new car, or how your grandchild just graduated from Harvard, or about your prize-winning roses. Give us your recipe for deviled eggs or tell us how you stay married to the same person for 50 years!

It is best to keep the length of the article to no more than 500 words. We reserve the right to edit all materials. Be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number and email address, if you have one.

Articles can be dropped off at the center, mailed, or emailed to seniorce@htc.net



Do you shop on Amazon? Now there is a new version of the company's website – smile.amazon.com – the company will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to charity. Customers pick their charity through the new website and there are almost one million to choose from, including Sandra Marie Bereitschaft Foundation (supports Millstadt, Freeburg and Smithton Meals on Wheels program).

There is no cap on the amount Amazon will donate and almost every physical product sold by the company is eligible, which means tens of millions of items. Digital goods are not included, but that may come in the future. Everything else about the Amazon online shopping experience stays the same, including the shopping cart, wish lists and shipping options. The prices will also be the same, so these donations will suck some of the profit out of each sale Amazon makes through the program. Please be sure to sign up, shop and add "Sandra Marie Bereitschaft Foundation" as your designated charity. Thank you. <http://smile.amazon.com>

Millstadt Township Board Meeting

December 5, 2017

Expenses:

\$1,426.00 Custom Decoration-painting Township Building;

\$1,437.00 Collins & Sons- ½ payment for flooring in Township Building;

\$2,820.00- Moore & Simon-Audit for Township.

No General Assistance cases.

Community Center & Park Pavilions Rental

If you are looking for a place to have a graduation, 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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Pick-Up Your copy of the Monthly Senior Talk at One of The Following Millstadt Locations

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Millstadt Garden Place

Millstadt Baptist Church

Lee's Home Center 476-1760

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Save The Date!

February 10, 2018, Annual Sandra M. Bereitschaft Dinner at Mertz's Ford.

Dominoes & Rummy Club



Jan. 2018
410 Games



Gloria Kettler 189 Jane Evans 51
Frances Dickneite 170

Come Join Us Anytime!

Senior Talk Available on Internet

The Village of Millstadt web site has a variety of information available including the most recent copy of the Senior Talk newsletter, scheduled events for the Village, and copies of the Senior Menu and Activity sheet. Type in the following internet address, www.villageofmillstadt.org. This should bring up the main page of the Village's web site, on the left side of the screen click on Community Center/Senior Center. On the next page, click on the latest edition of Senior Talk which will include the menu and activity sheet for the month.

During The Month of Jan.

Our Volunteers Donated **961** Hours To
The Millstadt Senior Center
If Paid at Minimum Wage, the
Dollar Value Would be **\$7957**

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The "Needlers Shoppe" at the Senior Center will gladly accept your donations of knitting, crocheting, embroidery sewing and quilting supplies. Just bring them to the office and the Needlers will price them for sale. All proceeds from the sale of items go to maintain activities at the Senior Center



February

Feb. 4 - Walmart in Waterloo, IL

Feb. 28 - O'Charleys in Shiloh

Call the Senior Center to register for the trips at (618) 476-3731. Trip schedule may be subject to change.

February Birthdays

2 Carol Gamblin	14 Rose Rivot
4 Barbara Burch	15 Jim Kostelac
Mary Lou Peter	16 Judy Butzinger
7 Thelma Short	19 Rhoda Rowe
10 Kimberly Griffin	20 Marcella Klein
Jeanette Roth	Robert Walker
11 Marlene Bruehl	22 Ollie Welmon
Wanda Wheat	24 Bob Scharf
12 Sally Neff	Wayne Little
Karen Rhoda	28 Lucille Reese

Reduce Household Clutter

Pick a wintery day of cold or snow and clean out the "junk" drawer or a dresser drawer filled with scarves, socks with no partners or gloves missing a mate. Have a garbage bag available and throw out the pens that don't work, "take out" menus, old calendars and refrigerator magnets from the old Kelvinator days.

Speaking of Kelvinator's, it's also time to pitch all those appliance warranties, remotes, chargers and instructions for those appliances and electronics that became history some time ago.

Moving from drawers to the closet, keep the garbage handy, empty out those shoe boxes, throw away house slippers from the Reagan administration and covered with dust bunnies.

Keep another bag or box ready for clothing items to donate to the Senior Center Penny Wise Thrift store. Select items that no longer fit, you haven't worn in years, or you no longer like. Sometimes cleaning out closets is a good excuse for replacing clothing with something new.

Now, not only are the drawers and closet cleaner, but you can actually find things in them. Reward yourself! Have a hot chocolate and look through a catalog or the internet for something new to place in that "clean" space.



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Question: Why am I no longer allowed to have my Medicare Part D premiums automatically deducted from my monthly Social Security check?



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Answer: When you enrolled in your new Medicare Part D prescription drug plan you may have selected to have your monthly plan premiums automatically deducted from your Social Security check. However, since enrolling in your plan, you may have received a letter from the Social Security Administration stating: "We will no longer deduct money for your Medicare prescription drug plan costs from your monthly benefits."

The Social Security letter may note, "If you have any questions about your Medicare prescription drug plan costs, please contact your Medicare prescription drug plan."

You then may have contacted your Medicare plan and been asked to either pay your monthly premiums by sending in a check (possibly with a coupon) or to set up an automatic electronic funds transfer from your bank (or use a debit card).

What happened to your chosen Social Security deduction?

In short, your newly-chosen Medicare plan may not have had time to organize the automatic Social Security deductions and so you will be asked to use another form of premium payment (such as being issued a coupon book, where you will send a check for the premium amount along with one of your coupons). Then, after the start of your new Medicare plan coverage, you will be able to change how your monthly premiums are paid and you may be able to, once again, elect to have your monthly premiums deducted automatically from your Social Security check.

Please remember that it can take a Medicare plan up to three (3) months to process your premium change.

What is the source of this premium-payment policy?

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published guidance in December 2017 entitled, "Withholding Medicare Prescription Drug Premium from Your 2018 Social Security Payment" that outlines why some people are being denied automatic Social Security check deductions as their chosen form of premium payment.

The CMS document states that if you make a Medicare plan change, "[d]epending on when you made your enrollment decision, you may be asked to pay your new plan directly for a while. If that happens, you'll get a bill or payment book from your new drug plan telling you the amount you owe. Your new plan will expect you to pay premiums directly until premium withholding is started with your new plan. You may need to contact the plan to let them know you still want to have premium withholding."

The CMS document continues with an example: "You enrolled at the end of Open Enrollment and chose to have your premiums withheld from your Social Security payment. However, you just got a payment book from your drug plan saying you owe \$36.50 each month, starting in January 2018. You call the plan, and the plan says that it didn't get your request for enrollment in time to arrange for your January premium to be withheld. The plan says it will request to have the premiums withheld from your Social Security payment starting in February. You'll need to send your premium payment for January directly to your plan."

So some Medicare plans may not allow Social Security check premium deduction at the start of the year, although this was the chosen payment option on their enrollment application. Instead, Medicare plan members were told to either send the first premium payment by check or submit the Electronic Funds Transfer request. When contacted, the Medicare plan Member Services representatives said that they would be send the forms to request the Social Security payment option - as per the CMS guidance.

(source: <https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11400-Withholding-Medicare-Drug-Premium.pdf>)



Blood Pressure

David Koch

Kitchen

Bertha Rodgers

Lil Tracy

Barb Louis

Ralph Schneider

Norma Burlesman

Toni Schneider

Linda Hoepfinger

Columbia DeLong

Darlene Sandheinrich

Shirley Rinck

Doris Chaput

Frances Dickneite

Betty Stark

Fern Seiber

Collen Costello

Lucille Reese

Charlie Worden

Meals on Wheels

Nancy Kostelac

Cheryl Mueth

Susan Sager

Allen Analla

Darlene Slovinski

Sandra Muskopf

Karen Witte

Lindy Knysak

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Larry Osick

Charlie Mueth

Marsha Davis

Cindy Bertelsman

Marylou Peter

Gary Huwer

Debbie Mertz

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Joe Burch

Nancy Burk

Linda Kilhoffer

Cheryl Pierpoint

Mike Odonnell

Ronald "Fuzzy" Eckert

Newsletter

Don Mueller

Jerry Schmitz

Newsletter/

Bulletin Board

Kathy Schaeffer

Office

Marlou Eckert

Janet Mueller

Orville Mueller

MaryAnne Conrad

Jeannie Colbert

Mary Heberer

Recycling

Bert Huckle

Thrift Store

Eileen Doerr

Driver

Charlie Todd

Quilter

Rosemary Mathews

Lois Potter

Judy Sutter

Pat Morris

Doris Adams

Christy Lehr

JoAnn Clemens

Teresa Barbier

Mary Alice Schmitz

Ruth Fritzinger

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Here we go! During the month of
February,



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Cost of Meals

At Millstadt Senior Center Congregate
Meals basic cost is \$10.57 per meal.
If we had to pay our volunteers that
help us real money it would be
\$12.49. In December voluntary
contributions averaged \$3.04.

Home Delivered Meals basic cost is
\$11.22 per meal. If we had to pay our
volunteers the cost would be \$16.03.
In December voluntary contributions averaged \$2.27.
We suggest \$4.50 and many clients pay \$5.00. This is
\$90 per month. If you can help sponsor meals for
meal that can't afford to pay, please contact Millstadt
Senior Center at 476-3731.



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Gloria Kettler

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Susan Sager

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Millstadt Red Cross Blood Drive Schedule



March 8, 2018	3:30 pm – 8:00 pm	MCS
May 10, 2018	3:00 pm – 8:00 pm	St. James
July 12, 2018	3:00 pm – 8:00 pm	St. James

2018 Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption Application

Remember to file your PTAX-340 this year. It is best to take care of when you file your taxes. It is due in the Assessors office by July 1, 2018. It must

be notarized before mailing, we can also do this for you. The new household yearly income limit is \$65,000. To get help in having it completed, contact Millstadt Senior Center at 476-3731 for an appointment.

SENIOR TAX FREEZE

Wish List

Diet Fruit Juice
Sugar Free Snacks
Dessert Plates

Thank You Very Much For Always Thinking Of Us And All Your Donations



RECYCLING

8 AM TO 10 AM
1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT TOWNSHIP SHED ON EAST HARRISON STREET



The mission of Heartlinks Grief Center is to assist grieving children, individuals, families, and groups regardless of their ability to pay through individual and family counseling, peer support groups, and other supportive community programs.

Established in 1997, Heartlinks provides services to six counties in Southwestern Illinois. Heartlinks serves nearly 2000 people annually.

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Cheesy Vegetable Soup

- 1 T. olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 1 cup, onion chopped
- 1 cup carrots, chopped
- 2 ½ cups potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 5 cups chicken stock
- 1 package (16 oz.) frozen mixed vegetables
- 2 cans (14.5 ounces each) cream of chicken soup
- ½ cup shredded pepper jack cheese
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese, plus more for garnish
- Salt and pepper to taste, optional
- Sauté the garlic, celery, carrots, onion and potatoes in olive oil until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes.
- In a separate pan, pour in the chicken stock, and add the frozen vegetable and sautéed vegetables. Simmer 30 minutes.
- Stir in the cream of chicken soup and the shredded cheese. Season with salt and pepper, and heat until the cheese is melted and creamy. Before serving sprinkle each bowl with additional shredded cheese, if desired.



2018 FISH FRY SEASON

At Millstadt Sportsmen's Club
Every Friday Thru March 30 2018
4:00 - 8:00 pm

Eat In or Carry Outs - 476-1891

22 Cal. Indoor Meat Shoots
2nd Sundays In Jan., Feb., Mar. 12:00 Start



The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is a supplemental food source for seniors age 60 and older who fall within 130% of the federal poverty guidelines—seniors may participate in this program while also receiving food assistance via food pantries, meals on wheels, and/or SNAP (food stamps). The Foodbank partners with an organization that elects to administer the CSFP boxes to qualified seniors. Millstadt Township Senior Services would receive a once a month free delivery of free boxes to be distributed to the seniors signed up for the program; each box contains about 16 shelf stable items, plus cheese. The program does require some administrative work including, application sign up and verification of seniors, maintenance of sign-in sheets, and re-certification of participants that may be conducted verbally every 6 months.

If you are interested in signing up for this program and fit into the income guidelines below, please contact Patty

Persons 60 Years and Older
130 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines
amounts valid from April 2015 until further notice

Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$15,301	\$1,276	\$295
2	\$20,709	\$1,726	\$399
3	\$26,117	\$2,177	\$503
4	\$31,525	\$2,628	\$607
5	\$36,933	\$3,078	\$711
6	\$42,341	\$3,529	\$815
7	\$47,749	\$3,980	\$919
8	\$53,157	\$4,430	\$1023
Each additional family member	Plus \$5,408	Plus \$451	Plus \$104

Aluminum Cans

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To The Senior Center**

Contact

Patty Evansco at **476-3731**



Millstadt VFW Post 7980

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Monday & Thursday 6:30pm - ?

Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday 11am - ?

KITCHEN HOURS

Monday-Closed - Taco Tuesday 11am- 8pm

Wednesday 11am- 4pm

Fried Chicken Buffet 4 - 8pm-2nd and 4th Wednesday only

Thursday Closed - Fish Fry Friday 11- 8pm

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- \$45,657 for a 3 person household (yourself, your spouse and one Qualified Additional Resident, or yourself and two Qualified Additional Residents).

If you qualify please contact Millstadt Senior Center at 476-3731 and we can file for this discount for you.

Bible Study At Senior Center

An informal Bible study will be offered at the Millstadt Senior Center, on the **2nd and 4th**

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Nomination of Otto and Charlene Faulbaum for Millstadt Chamber of Commerce Community Person(s) of the Year -- 2018



Otto & Charlene receiving the Community Persons of the Year award for 2018 from the Millstadt Chamber of Commerce. The award is being presented by Jim Heberer, Vice President of the Millstadt Chamber of Commerce. This husband and wife team, employ a strong work ethic and professional expertise as lawyer and legal assistant to contribute to many organizations within the community. The award was presented at the Chamber's Annual Dinner and Meeting on January 17, 2018 at the Quail Club.

Otto and Charlene Faulbaum embody volunteerism and personify community service through their work and involvement with numerous organizations, events and causes in and around Millstadt. They are a husband and wife team who tirelessly employ their strong work ethic and professional expertise as a lawyer and legal assistant, respectively, to contribute to the betterment of their community and help people.

Otto and Charlene were instrumental in establishing the foundation to formalize the Sister Cities partnership between Millstadt and Gross-Bieberau, Germany. They traveled to Gross-Bieberau as part of a group from Millstadt in 1999 to build the relationship that resulted in the official Millstadt/GrossBieberau Sister Cities partnership in 2000 and led to the creation of Millstadt Sister Cities Organization.

To state that Otto and Charlene have been extremely active in Millstadt Sister Cities since its inception is an understatement. Otto served as President of Millstadt Sister Cities for nine years and has often chaired or co-chaired the organization's two annual fundraisers – the Millstadt Weihnachtsfest and participation in the St. Charles, Missouri, Oktoberfest. Millstadt Sister Cities has a stand which sells potato pancakes, brat burgers and smokies at the Oktoberfest. For these events, Charlene might not have been the designated co-chair, but she was always actively working behind the scenes to ensure that every aspect was taken care of, so that the event ran smoothly.

For many years, Charlene has served as Corresponding Secretary for Millstadt Sister Cities in which she authors numerous letters and documents related to the organization's business, compiles agendas for Board and Membership meetings and compiles and distributes the monthly Millstadt Sister Cities newsletter. Also, for each aspect of Millstadt Sister Cities fundraisers, Charlene meticulously compiles the names of volunteers associated with the events to ensure they are recognized for their donations of time, effort, material goods and funds. In addition, Otto and Charlene generously volunteer space at their home to store Millstadt Sister Cities items used for fundraisers.

For Millstadt Sister Cities, Otto has served on the Youth Ambassador Exchange Committee since its inception 18 years ago. The committee coordinates the annual Youth Ambassador Exchange between Millstadt and Gross-Bieberau, which is a primary focus of Millstadt Sister Cities. Otto also compiled guidelines for the Millstadt youth and their families who participate in the Youth Ambassador Exchange to educate them about the program.

On numerous occasions, Otto and Charlene have generously opened their home to host German visitors from Gross-Bieberau and the neighboring community of

Wersau, Germany to teach them about everyday life in Millstadt, the Millstadt region and the United States, all at their own expense. In addition, Otto coordinated a visit for a former Youth Ambassador from Gross-Bieberau who was studying law in Germany, whereby the law student was able to experience and learn about various aspects of America's legal system. Furthermore, Otto and Charlene annually coordinate trips to Chicago for both Millstadt and Gross-Bieberau Youth Ambassadors and to Springfield, Illinois, for Gross-Bieberau Youth Ambassadors to educate them about a large city in the United States and the Abraham Lincoln legacy.

Charlene has used her excellent cooking and baking skills to prepare and host entire dinners for groups of German visitors to Millstadt, again at her and Otto's expense.

The Boy Scouts is another community service in which Otto is immersed. Otto is currently in his fourth year serving as Scoutmaster for Millstadt Boy Scout Troop 622. He has also served as Assistant Scoutmaster for two years and as Committee Chairman for four years. Other Boy Scout Troop 622 leadership roles include Quartermaster and Merit Badge Counselor. In 2016, Otto participated in a Philmont Boy Scout Ranch Expedition in New Mexico with a group from Boy Scout Troop 622. Otto has also served as Pack Trainer and Assistant Den Leader for Cub Scout Pack 622.

In his leadership role with Boy Scout Troop 622, Otto helps to coordinate and work at the annual Barbeque, the annual Pancake Breakfast, the annual Scouting for Food Drive and the annual display of American flags at Millstadt cemeteries on Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veterans Day. Boy Scout Troop 622 also assists with taking down items and cleaning up after the annual St. James Dinner Auction. Charlene is also a primary and indispensable volunteer at these events, however, like Otto, is content to stay in the background and not seek recognition for their efforts.

Otto and Charlene are integral volunteers throughout the community at numerous fundraisers and events, including the annual D.A.R.E. Run, the annual Millstadt Senior Center Barbeque, the Millstadt Tin Man Half Marathon and 5K and the annual Millstadt Parks Bathlon. Charlene makes and donates her delicious pasta salad, cheesecakes, pecan pies and other desserts for local trivia nights, bunco nights and fundraising dinners. Otto has used his photography skills to create photographs, which he donated to local fundraising events. Charlene has methodically clipped and saved IGA barcodes for redemption for funds for Friends of the Old Millstadt Water Tower, which required patience time. Otto and Charlene have generously donated to Millstadt's annual 4th of July Display of Independence fireworks. They have also been members of Millstadt Historical Society.

Otto and Charlene have used their legal expertise and experience for pro bono legal work for local charitable causes including the Millstadt Library District, the Sandra Bereitschaft Foundation, which provides funds for local Meals on Wheels, and the Belleville Township High School West Marching Band. Otto has also volunteered his time to speak with students to help educate the next generation. Charlene has exemplified genuine community service as she volunteered to help set up for the annual St. James Church Summer Festival and donated items for the event (although not a member of St. James Church), because Boy Scout Troop 622 and Cub Scout Pack 622 are sponsored by St. James Church and both scouting groups are extremely important and meaningful to Otto and Charlene. Those who have worked with Otto and Charlene at community events know they are both hardworking, exhibit tremendous attention to detail and are always willing to do whatever is necessary to ensure the task or job is carried out and completed properly. Throughout the years, their efforts and generosity have permeated and benefitted the Millstadt community.

In summary, Otto and Charlene genuinely and sincerely care about their community and are most deserving of recognition for their humble and tireless community service.

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Blanche Stratmann Rehling

On January 30, 2018, **Blanche Stratmann Rehling**, 97, passed away at Reflections of Garden Place in Columbia, Illinois.

Blanche was born in Glennonville, Missouri on January 8, 1921. Her parents moved to rural Millstadt and farmed a vegetable truck garden, selling their produce at Souldard Farmer's Market in St. Louis.

Blanche married Edward Rehling August 22, 1946 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Paderborn, Illinois. They lived in Millstadt, Illinois and enjoyed 56 years of marriage until his death on August 2, 2002.

Blanche worked at First National Bank of Millstadt for 24 years as assistant cashier and secretary to the president. She was a pianist and organist for St. James Catholic Church for over 20 years. She was a member of St. James Perpetual Help Sodality. She sewed over 500 quilt tops and helped quilt them with the St. James quilters, helping to support St. James School. She also quilted at Concordia United Church of Christ and at Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt. She was a member and past president of Millstadt Civic Club.

Blanche was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, Edgar and Mary Stratmann, her brother, Wilfred Stratmann, a brother and sister in infancy and beloved grandsons, Benjamin Becker and Michael Lee Becker II.

She is survived by her daughters, Clara (Jon) Edd, Ellen Becker (Randy) Law and son, John (Pam) Rehling, her grandchildren, Jon (Lisa) Edd II, Eric (Samatha) Edd, Samantha Edd (Chris) Cumiskey, Andrew (Gurya) Edd, Jenn Becker (Aaron) Ringer, Max (Amanda) Rehling, Gwen Rehling and great-grandchildren, Zoe, Isaac, Moses, Peter, Allison, William, Hunter, Vivienne and great-granddaughter, Ringer and great-granddaughter Cumiskey, both arriving soon. She is also survived by her dear sister, Ruth Berkel.

Special thanks to the staff of Garden Place Senior Living in Millstadt and Reflections of Garden Place in Columbia for the loving care you have given Blanche in such abundance.

Visitation is at Creason Funeral Home in Millstadt, Illinois on Monday, February 5, 2018 from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. at St. James Catholic Church in Millstadt, Illinois, followed by interment in St. James Catholic Cemetery.



Jo Ann Bowley

Jo Ann Bowley, nee Lett, 72 years of Millstadt, IL, was born May 31, 1945, in St. Louis, MO. passed away on Monday, December 25, 2017 at Barnes Jewish Medical Center, St. Louis, MO.

Jo Ann was a retired crew board clerk from the Terminal Rail Road with 24 years of service.

Jo Ann was preceded in death by parents, Frank and Judy, nee Cohoon, Lett.

Surviving are her husband, Ralph Bowley, her daughter, Amy Lercher, her son, Brent Lichtenstein, her step-daughter, Kelley (Bill) Hager, her Grandchildren, Justin & Hailey Lichtenstein, Jena & Brian Lercher and her step-grandson, Joshua Hager. She is also survived by other relatives and friends.

Charlotte Traiteur

Charlotte M. Traiteur, 85, of Paderborn, IL, died Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at Red Bud Hospital.

She was born on August 14, 1932, the daughter of the late Alfred L. and Frances (Roadhouse) Tate.

Charlotte married Joseph E. Traiteur on December 10, 1949 in Centreville, IL. He preceded her in death on January 11, 2017.

She was a retired rancher/farmer/housewife. She had a love for horses that was shared with others at Traiteurville Stables. Charlotte enjoyed life by opening her door to friends and family, besides offering home cooked meals for all to taste, evenings were spent socializing on the front porch or playing games with her card loving friends.


She is survived by two sons Joseph E. (Linda) Traiteur Jr. and Larry (Delaine) Traiteur; four grandchildren Jamie (Brad) Lester, Justin (Karen) Traiteur, Brandy Traiteur, and Samantha Traiteur; four great grandchildren Lindsey Lester, Nolan Traiteur, Shane Traiteur, and Codi Timberwike; sister Patricia (Bill) Gladson and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers Alfred "Buster" Tate and Jim Tate; brother in law Andrew Traiteur.

Visitation will be held from noon until time of funeral service at 2 pm, Saturday January 27, 2018 at Valhalla-Gaerdner-Holten Funeral Home in Belleville. Burial will follow at Valhalla Garden of Memories.


Memorials can be made to the Millstadt Senior Center.






Clothing Donations

Is it time to clean-out closets to make room for those Christmas gifts you know you'll be getting? Clothing items may be donated to the Senior Center Thrift Store located on the second floor of the Community Center. Gently used clothing items are also for sale. Donations for items are requested to support Senior Center activities and the Meals on Wheels program. Remember your clothing items may also be donated to the collection box at the IGA parking lot will add to the proceeds IGA collects and donates to the Senior Center. With the help of your donations 20,000 meals were served to Seniors in Millstadt Township last year.





**The Millstadt
Senior Center
Expresses Our Deepest
Sympathy To The Family,**



**Georgianne J. Bruehl
Frank Podhrasky
Pauline C. Range
Stephen Cooper Jr.
Mozelle Bremer
Jo Ann Bowley
Charlotte Traiteur
Blanche Stratmann Rehling**

Frank Podhrasky

Frank Joseph Podhrasky, 78, of Millstadt, Ill., died Thursday, January 18, 2018, at his home. Frank was born on July 20, 1939, in East St. Louis, Ill., the son of Fred and Teresa, nee Bindel, Podhrasky.

He married Anita Louise Perry on September 10, 1960, at Immaculate Conception Church, Centerville, Ill.

Frank was a member of the Malsters and Brewers Union, Local 6, in St. Louis and a longtime employee of Anheuser-Busch Brewery and a member of St. James Catholic Church, Millstadt, Ill.

Besides his parents, Frank was preceded in death by his wife; a son, Joseph Podhrasky, who died in infancy; a daughter, Tracy Diehl; a brother, Fred Podhrasky; and a grandson, Nathan Diehl. Left to mourn his death are a daughter, Rose Nelson of Millstadt, Ill.; a son, Edward "Eddy" (Melissa) Podhrasky of Millstadt, Ill.; a son-in-law, John Diehl; a brother, William (Ciel) Podhrasky of Millstadt, Ill.; granddaughters, Audrianna and Victoria Podhrasky, and a grandson, Robert Podhrasky, all of Millstadt, Ill.; and nieces, nephews, and many friends.



Mozelle Bremer

Mozelle Bernadine Bremer, nee Higgs, 95, of Freeburg, Ill., formerly of Millstadt, Ill., born June 26, 1922, in Blodgett, Mo., passed away Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, at Bria of Cahokia in Cahokia, Ill.

Mrs. Bremer was a member of Concordia United Church of Christ in Belleville, Ill. She enjoyed oil painting, bowling, boating and running a dress shop.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orville F. Bremer; and her parents, Thomas and Alma Maggie, nee Taylor, Higgs.

Surviving are two sons, Alan (Pat) Bremer and Terry (Dreamer) Bremer; daughter, Cindy (Tony) Baudo; six grandchildren, Brian Champion, Jenna (Jim) White, Becky (Chris) Jensen, Mike Bremer, Tom (Grace) Bremer and Jeanie Bremer; and great-grandchildren, Lucas, Sebastian, Leona, Chris, Caitlyn and Sarah; along with other relatives and friends.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to Belleville Humane Society.



Stephen Cooper Jr.

Stephen R. Cooper, Jr., 30 years of Millstadt, IL, was born January 16, 1987 in Belleville, IL, passed away on January 8, 2018 at Millstadt, IL.

Stephen was an Auto Technician with the United States Postal Service. He enjoyed spending time with his friends and family. He was a member of the NRA and the Arnold Gun Club. He was an avid motorcycle rider, enjoyed horse back riding, shooting sports, hunting and the outdoors.

Surviving are his parents, Stephen and Marilyn, nee Sutherlin, Cooper Sr.; sister, Natalie (Nicholas) Fank; two nieces, Payton and Hazel Fank; nephew, Oliver Fank; fiancée, Lanie Weber; uncles, Dennis Wayne (Cindy) Cooper and Keith (Teresa) Cooper; aunts, Lillian Sutherlin and Denise Browning; along with many other relatives and friends.



Georgianne J. Bruehl

Georgianne J. Bruehl, nee Meyer, 85 years of Millstadt, Ill., born February 6, 1932, in Belleville, Ill., passed away on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at her daughter's house in O'Fallon, MO.

Georgianne married young in 1950 to Armin A. Bruehl and she lived in Millstadt for over 60 years. She loved all flowers, birds, butterflies and cats. She loved her home and friends at the Millstadt Senior Center where she volunteered for years helping in the kitchen and she was P.S.O.P accredited. She was loved by all she met, and she was cared for by many. Special love to Mercy Hospice in St. Louis for the special care the past two years, Dee Dee Gordon, Erica [Smith](#), Janet Dobson, Susan Drake and Cary Rose. She wants to be remembered with a smile on her face and a song in her heart. She only saw the good in everyone she knew.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Armin A. Bruehl; her parents, George J. and Rose, nee Reifschneider, Meyer; and her sister, Rose Olstead.

Surviving are her daughter, Barbara (Larry) O'Donnell of O'Fallon, MO, her son, Robert Bruehl of Dix, Ill., her brother, Trevor (Shirley) Meyer of Belleville, Ill., her sisters-in-law, Marilee Tedrick, Marlene Bruehl and Evelyn Lucy all of Millstadt, Ill.; her granddaughters, Shelly (Lorne) Jackson of Highland, Ill., Alesia (Derek) Parmley of Sandoval, Ill., Janice (Jay) O'Donnell of St. Louis, MO., and Michele (Hugh) Pringle of Centerville, OH.; her great-grandchildren, Olivia Jackson, Gavin Pringle, Sierra Schaedler, Kole Schaedler, Dasani Schaedler, Kadence Parmley and Ashley Kracth; her great-great-granddaughters, Khloey and Kallie Schaedler. She is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews and too many friends to list from Millstadt, Ill.



Pauline C. Range

Pauline C. Range, 74, of Millstadt, Ill., born Sept. 15, 1943, in East St. Louis, Ill., passed away Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, at Oak Hill, Waterloo, Ill.

Pauline was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Millstadt, Ill. She retired after 33 years from Ralston Purina and Energizer in St. Louis, Mo., then worked for Home Instead Senior Care. She was a member of the Belleville Woodcarvers. For many years Pauline enjoyed bowling and fishing, as well as wood carving, she loved to travel, play tennis, bicycling and dancing. Pauline was a caring and giving person and loved her family dearly. She will be greatly missed by those whose lives she has touched.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Mildred, nee Touchette, Range; and her brother, Robert Range.

Surviving are her three brothers, Paul Range of Millstadt, Ill., Jim (Sharon) Range of Millstadt, Ill., and Gary (Toni) Range of Freeburg, Ill.; two sisters, Faye (Dale) LaBrier of Troy, Ill., and Judy (Everett) Hamilton of Columbia, Ill.; sister-in-law, Patricia Range of Collinsville, Ill.; aunt, Evelyn Range of Waterloo, Ill.; dear friend, Kai Andersen of Belleville, Ill.; 10 nieces, Carolyn Emboden, Diane Gibbs, Debra Crossley, Kim Konkel, Karen Lautz, Susan Christian, Christina Hamilton, Lyndsey Mehrkens, Brooke Wikgren, and Rachael Collins; five nephews, Dale Allan LaBrier, Greg Hamilton, Doug Hamilton, Brad Range, and Eric Range; 33 great-nieces and nephews; eight great-great nephews and one great-great niece; along with other relatives and friends.

The family would like to give a special Thank You to the Nursing Staff at Oak Hill for their kind and compassionate care.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to the St. James Parish of Millstadt, Ill., or the Millstadt Senior Center in Millstadt, Ill.

