

Local Business Donates Over 10 Cases Of Hand Sanitizer



It was just a few months ago that Lee's Home Center donated 6 cases of Stumpy's Hand Sanitizer. Now they have announced the donation for another 4 cases!

The family-owned company has become a staple in Millstadt and the surrounding communities. Lee Vogel and his sister, Barb Green as well as their other siblings have seen how difficult it has been to get supplies in the past year, which is why they have worked to support our Senior Center and anyone else that they could reach out to.

Along with other businesses in town they realize now more than ever it is so important for our community to stand together and do what we can to help each other get through this difficult time.

What makes Millstadt stand out above many others is the willingness for residents and business owners to step up in times of crisis to help their neighbors! Thank You!

Happy
Valentine's Day

From Below The Tower



Patty Evansco

It seems strange writing 2021, I hope it will be better than 2020 that luckily went quickly. There is light at the end of the tunnel, and I hope it is not an oncoming train. We certainly cannot throw caution to the wind, so do not throw your mask collection away yet.

Speaking of masks, we have a good selection of themed and plain masks at the Center. If you come by, we will give you one, or as many as you need.

Our hope is to reopen as soon as our age group can get vaccinated against COVID 19. We do not have a final plan yet, but it is probably going to include asking everyone who wants to participate in Senior Center programs to get the vaccine and still wear masks.

I have been in contact with Walgreens in regard to setting up a Site Clinic like we do for Flu Shots. They told me that as soon as Nursing Homes and Care Centers have all received their second dose, we will be next on the list for onsite clinics.

I have been working hard every day this month to either setup appointments for COVID 19 vaccinations or register people with St. Clair County Health Department to be on a list to get called.

Whatever it takes to get you back in here playing games, talking with each other and sharing lunch, I am willing to do. Winter is hard enough with the usual bad weather and is made worse without seeing and talking to others.

I notice the days are inching toward spring as it is almost light until five o'clock now. We just need to hold on for a little longer.

For those who are tired of their own cooking, our lunches are available to pick up Monday – Friday. Reservations are necessary. Call us at 618-476-3731 to receive a meal. The standard donation for Millstadt Senior Center meals is \$4.50 for those over 60 but whatever you can afford is acceptable.

Helping everyone make sure they get a COVID19 vaccination is one of the most difficult tasks I have taken on since I became the director at the Senior Center. I have been very fortunate to have Karen Witte, a good friend of mine helping to make the calls and register everyone that needs our help.

Patty



The Stitch Goddess Provides Masks For Senior Center

Mary Alice Schmitz of Millstadt knew that her daughter-in-law Annette, had been busy sewing masks for her friends and other essential workers.

Mary Alice asked Annette if she would be able to sew some for the Millstadt Senior Center. Annette graciously agreed and Mary Alice delivered over 30 colorful masks to be distributed to our local seniors.

Annette is married to Kevin, son of Mary Alice and Jerry Schmitz. Annette and Kevin live in St. Charles, Missouri.



Walking For Cookies

Jean Colbert, Patty Evansco and Karen Witte all local seniors masked up to attend the Annual Kimmswick, Missouri Cookie Walk. They each gathered 21 cookies in their bags from local merchants plus a book which included all the recipes! If you know these three gals, you know they did not leave Kimmswick without going to the Blue Owl for lunch! Can you guess what they had for dessert? Oh yes, a piece of homemade pie, which was delicious! It was a fun day and they had lots of yummy souvenirs!

Searching For Phil

To play the game, everyone who receives a meal on January 26, 2021 will receive a paper groundhog. Some are black and some are brown.

We will use the Punxsutawney Phil Website as our official source to see if Phil sees his shadow on Groundhog Day. If Phil (the groundhog) **does not see his shadow, the black groundhog wins** and there will be six more weeks of winter. If Phil (the groundhog) **sees his shadow, then the brown groundhogs wins** and there will be an early spring!

To claim your prize, sign your name on the back of your winning groundhog and turn in to your Meals on Wheels driver or at the Senior Center when you pick up your next meal.



In case of Inclement Weather



In inclement weather the decision to cancel meals is not made lightly. Safety concern for our volunteers is the reason we must

cancel meals in inclement weather. In case of a severe storm warning we will confer with local police and agencies to make an informed decision.

Senior Center members are encouraged to check for cancellations or delays during inclement weather. The following sources will have information on weather-related schedule changes:

- Senior Center main phone line 618-476-3731 - We will try to update the voice mail with inclement weather advisories.
- St Louis Television Channels KMOV (Ch 4), FOX (Ch 2), and KSDK (5)
- Please check your pantry! In the event of non-delivery of meals, you should have four (4) days of emergency meal supplies on hand.

If you are interested in serving as a bad weather volunteer driver you are encouraged to call Patty at the Senior Center at (618) 476-3731 to register.

About Meals on Wheels People: Meals on Wheels People has been changing lives, one meal at a time, since 1983 at Millstadt Senior Center. We provide more than a meal to hundreds of older adults in the Millstadt, Freeburg and Smithton areas. Our service not only alleviates hunger and social isolation but allows seniors to live independently with dignity in their own homes. Aging in place reduces depression, falls and hospitalization as well as the high cost of institutional care.

Keeping Our Meals On Wheels Volunteers Warm



Keep your eyes out for our Meals on Wheels Volunteers in their new shirts, which are shown here by Millie Koudelka and Paula Burch.

Dedicated Meals on Wheels volunteers were shown how much they are appreciated this month! The Millstadt Senior Center is honored to continue to support those who have been working tirelessly on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since last March, these brave men and women have been doing everything they can do to ensure people in their community are safe and healthy. Our mission here at Millstadt Township Senior Services is to do whatever we can to make sure our volunteers are fueled and focused during their daily fight against this invisible enemy.

Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation

The Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation was founded in 2014 to honor the memory of Sandra who delivered over 1,000 Meals on Wheels to clients. In January 2021, the SMBF purchased 'Olivers' worth \$3,359 for the MOWS program serving Millstadt, Freeburg and Smithton.

The only objective of the SMBF is to promote and sustain the Millstadt Senior Center MOWS Program for years to come.

The SMBF welcomes all donations. Thank-you to all our donators and supporters! Donations may be sent to SMBF, Post Office Box 41, Millstadt, IL.



AARP Tax-Aide Is Back For The 2020 Tax Season



Starting in February 2021, using COVID-19 procedures Tax-Aide is pleased to offer tax preparation services at the Millstadt Senior Center. Tax filer cooperation and compliance with these procedures are paramount to ensure the safety of all involved. Procedures include:

Appointment is required and can be made by calling the Senior Center at (618) 476-3731.

- **Tax filers will not have access to the building but are to remain in their vehicle on the premises during tax preparation.**
- **Tax filer must have a cell phone with them during their appointment.**
- **While in contact with Tax-Aide representative, tax filer must wear a mask covering both nose and mouth. Failure to properly wear a mask will result in denial of tax services.**
- **Prior to scheduled appointment, tax filer must pick-up from the Senior Center:**
 - **Instruction sheet on how to prepare for Tax-Aide preparation of the tax return**
 - **IRS Form 13614-C (Intake/Interview & Quality Review Sheet)**
 - **AARP Foundation Tax Record Envelop**

Tax-Aide anticipates using these procedures at the start of the tax filing season. The procedures may change based on the COVID-19 spread stage designated by Illinois Department of Public Health. AARP-Tax-Aide looks forward to providing tax services during this difficult time.

Dwight Hight donates Hand Sanitizer to the Senior Center.

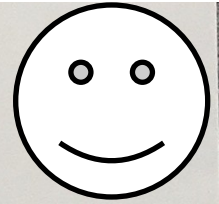


I don't know who all may have delivered meals to the Davenport, but over time, I know these were some of the ladies - Marianne Schaefer, Judy Gunther, Susan Sager and Carrie.

Thank you to all who serve our town's seniors. You are a blessing to all.



Thinking of
your kindness
and sending
many thanks.



The Meals on Wheels program was such a help and blessing to my parents; and me as well, knowing they were receiving meals took additional stress from the care I also provided to them.

Sharon McNames

COVID-19 Report For 62260

For the Millstadt zip code of 62260, with a population estimated at 7,290, 681 have tested positive of 4,834 tested. For Smithton, zip code 62285, with an estimated population 4,484, 3,867 have been tested and 479 have tested positive. This information is based upon data from the Illinois Department of Health on their web site on January 25, 2021. Keep wearing your mask, wash your hands, practice social distancing and sign-up for COVID-19 vaccine.



Dates to Remember

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

February 14, Valentine's Day. Wear red!

February 17, Ash Wednesday

March 14, Daylight Savings Time begins; move your clock ahead one hour.

March 17, St. Patrick's Day. Wear green.

March 28, Palm Sunday

April 2, Good Friday

April 4, Easter

April 6 - Election

Millstadt Police Department

The Millstadt Police Department will offer the 14th annual DARE, Drug Abuse Resistance Education scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded for the upcoming 2021 school year. Applicants must be entering college in the fall of 2021. Applicants must be a graduate of Millstadt Consolidated School or St. James Catholic School in Millstadt. Applications available at the MPD or with high school guidance counselors. Contact Chief of Police, Alan Hucke at 476-7250 with questions.



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Medicare Moments

Please Beware Of Marketing Violations That Could Affect Your 2021 Coverage.

Medicare Advantage Plans and Part D plans are administered, marketed, and sold by private companies. It sometimes drives me crazy when I see those Medicare ads on television in the morning that try to sell you plans that promise the moon. Many Medicare Complete plans do offer some vision, some dental, gym memberships, transportation, and meals, but they fail to say that you must qualify for some of these benefits first. You can get Meals on Wheels and Transportation from the Senior Center if you are over 60. Plan representatives, agents, and brokers must follow federal guidelines when marketing to you. These guidelines protect you from manipulative and deceptive sales and enrollment tactics. Here are red flags:

- You signed up for a plan after being told by a company that certain services or prescriptions are covered, but after enrolling, you discover they were not covered by the plan.
- A company represented itself as coming from Medicare, Social Security, or Medicaid.
- You received an unsolicited phone call or text from a plan with which you have no prior relationship or have asked not to contact you.
- A plan agent returned uninvited to your residence after missing an earlier appointment.
- An agent began discussing other insurance products, such as life insurance, during a visit or meeting that was scheduled to only discuss a Part D or Medicare Advantage product.

During the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period (MA OEP), you can switch from your Medicare Advantage Plan (excluding Medical Savings Accounts, cost plans, and PACE) to another Medicare Advantage Plan or to Original Medicare with or without a stand-alone prescription drug plan. The MA OEP occurs each year from January 1 through March 31. Remember, you can only use this enrollment period if you have a Medicare Advantage Plan. Changes made during this period take effect the first of the month following the month you enroll. For example, if switch to a new Medicare Advantage Plan in February, your new coverage begins March 1. Unlike Medicare's Open Enrollment Period, you can only make a single change during the MA OEP.

If you enrolled in a plan because of misleading information, you may be able to change your plan by calling your local SHIP counselor at Millstadt Township Senior Services at (618) 476-3731.



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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 January was \$1,200.00! *Thank You Schnucks!!*



Attention Residents Of St. Clair County Age 60 Or Older

AgeSmart Community Resources and Southwestern Il 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.

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

Introducing... **Smithton** Tuesdays at Millstadt



Millstadt IGA will be glad to take your grocery order and pick it out for you. Please have orders placed no later than **12:00PM on Tues.** by calling **618-476-3161.**

We will deliver* to Smithton between **12:00 PM - 4:00 PM on Tuesdays.**

Coming soon... MillstadtIGA.com
Stay tuned for an amazing online shopping experience
*\$5.00 delivery fee applies

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.



Ed Luecking assists Jerry Pierce of the Community Interfaith Food Pantry of Belleville with their food donation to the Senior Center.

XMAS Trees For MOWs



Marty Gilson of the St. Clair County Garden Club delivers Christmas Trees for our Meals on Wheels clients.

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May 5, 2021
July 7, 2021

3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James
3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James
3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James



Mayor's Chili Supper

Thank you for the support and donations received at the Annual Mayor's Chili Supper.

Also a big shout out to Bredeaux Pizza, Millstadt IGA, Casey's General Store, Ott's Tavern and Millpond for their generosity.

Thank you, Mike Todd for making the delicious chili and to Mary Heberer for helping Mike serve.

Hope to see everyone next year and remember to come to our **BBQ on Saturday, February 6, 2021.**

Urgent Need Volunteers!



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

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

**Drivers are needed from
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Call Patty at (618) 476-3731



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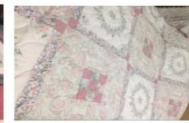
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St. James Ladies CCW
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Tickets are \$25.00 each.

One Queen Quilt each month in
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Drawing to be held the
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Story Of Groundhog Day

There are religious holidays of all types, national holidays that honor heroes and events, and even silly holidays like National Candy Corn Day that we celebrate "just for fun." But a day devoted to a chubby rodent that spends a lot of time underground? Now *that's* a holiday worth discussing. Like many unusual holidays, this one goes back centuries. Early European Christians celebrated the Feast of the Presentation, honoring the day when Mary and Joseph first brought the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem, 40 days after his birth on Christmas Day. Later, this became the day when priests blessed the candles—candle mass—used in this celebration. Candlemas Day, February 2, merged with other pre-Christian celebrations, marking the first possible day when hibernating animals might awaken and the end of winter



Who Is This Woman?



Her grandparents, O.D. and Ruth McKee, got their start by selling pre-made cakes out of their car. In 1934, they took things a step further when they purchased a failing bakery. They worked side by side, and little by little their business dreams were realized. Today, over 80 years later, the company is still family-driven, and business decisions, as well as day-to-day operations continue to be overseen by several members of the McKee family.

ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, 04/06/2021

Millstadt Village and Township elections. Who/what is on the ballot? Hopefully, more to come on candidates and issues for voter's consideration.

DO YOU NEED HELP?

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

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

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

Ways to Stay Active During the Cold Winter Months

When it is cold outside, our bodies ache and we may not feel as energetic as we did in the spring/summer months. It can be hard to stay motivated to exercise during the winter season and it can really be a challenge to exercise outside when the roads and sidewalks are icy.

How often should you exercise?

Most older adults should do aerobic exercises such as riding a bicycle, walking briskly, dancing, or swimming for at least 30 minutes, 5 days out of the week as well as balance/strength training exercises such as lifting light weights or Tai Chi for at least 10 minutes, 2 days a week.

It is important to start out slowly if you are new to exercising at this level and gradually work towards this goal. **Check with your doctor prior to starting a new exercise regimen to see what is safe and best for you and your health!**

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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.



Are You a Family Caregiver Caring for an Older Adult?

You May Qualify for Financial Assistance.

This Program is For you If you are:

- A caregiver over age 18.
- AND provide in-home care to individuals who are 60 years old or under 60 with Alzheimer's disease or related disorder.

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.



To learn more, please call 618-222-2561.

Visit our website www.AgeSmart.org to learn about other programs and services that help you Age Well Your Way!



Calling All Mask Makers

Would you like to help the Senior Center help the Millstadt Community? Well here is your chance. If you would like to sew

homemade masks, we could surely use them. We have 2 groups that can use your help.

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 it is.

How blessed we are to live in such a giving community.

Senior Transportation Program

*Need a Ride to the Doctor, Bank
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The Senior Center Offers the Only Form of Public Transportation for the Community

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For Millstadt Township Seniors

Please Contact Patty at 476-3731 With Questions



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Volunteer Opportunity

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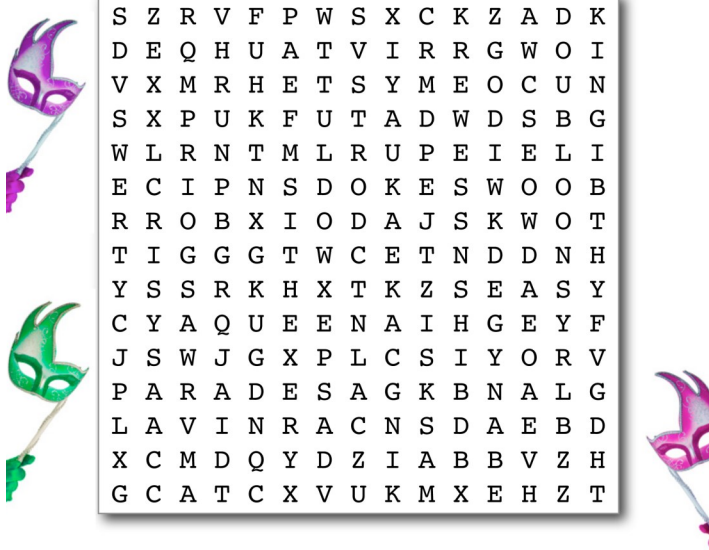
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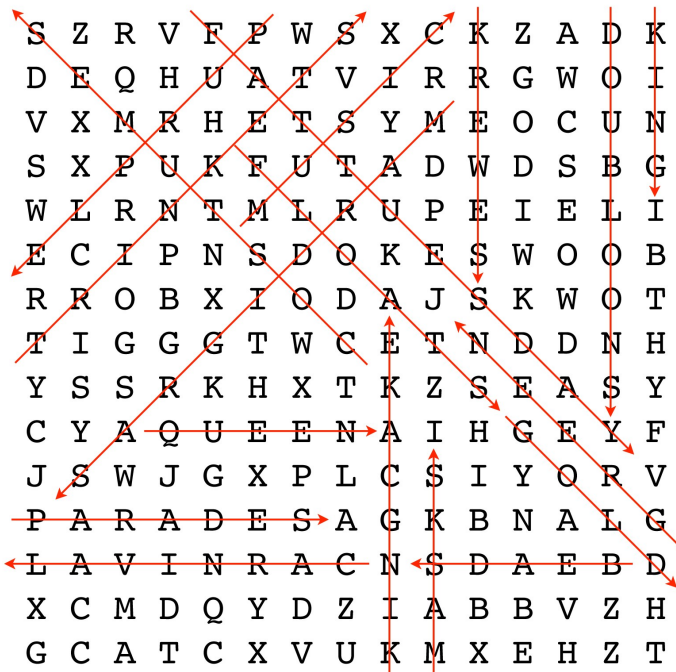
Mardi Gras

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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.

BIBLE TALK

How Can They Know

Hello to all! I hope this day finds you physically, mentally and spiritually well. For: "These are the times that try men's (and women's) souls". Thomas Paine "The Crisis".

Have you read Psalm 8 yet? If not, how about now? King David is being human, very humble and extraordinarily ordinary while asking God, why? What makes us so special?

Now, let's fast forward to John 3:16. (You won't have to look this up). Another gift from God. Without a doubt, the greatest gift ever given. Given with grace and promise. The promise of everlasting life, IF WE BELIEVE. Again, what makes us so special?

"You were made by God, for God and you were created with a purpose". Rick Warren. "A Purpose Driven Life".

Okay, so what is our purpose? (See Matthew 22:36-40, and Mark 28:19). Love God, love one another and go and make disciples. In other words, spread the good new with joy and love!

But, how can they know, unless someone explains it? (Acts 8: 28-40) And, how can we explain it unless we prepare ourselves to answer the call of Jesus' Great Commission. (Mark 28:19).

Remember the question: What would Jesus do? Well, here's a teachable moment from Jesus himself. (John 13). The evening meal was being served when Jesus got up from the table to wash His disciples feet. When finished, He asked them this question: "Do you understand what I have done for you? (What a moment!). He continued: "I have set you an example. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them". To paraphrase, HE CAME TO SERVE. "God has showed you, O man what is good. To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God". (Micah 6:8).

During this year, we will work at becoming "doers" of the Living Word. God has prepared the way by providing a well written history of the Christian Church. The book of Acts beautifully written by St. Luke. We will study and learn. If not us, then who?

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the Good News". (Romans 10:15).

Till then, thanks for sharing your time with me today. Hold fast to your faith. Never doubt Jesus loves you, is with you always and is always the answer. That's what makes us special. GOD'S LOVE! Ask him to help you make a difference! (John 14:13-14)

Blessings, Pat Morris

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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Village Of Millstadt

JANUARY 11, 2021

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

A motion was made by Ray Famula to approve the December 14th 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.

PUBLIC WORKS: SEWER: Mayor Todd stated everything is running fine at the sewer plant. Brian is pressing sludge and checking the lift station pumps.

WATER: Scott Baltz stated that by the end of the week they should have a new valve put in one of the transite lines in case it breaks again. Mayor Todd stated the DCEO pushed the decision for their grant approval to after the 1st quarter. If approved, the grant would be used to replace the water main in the industrial park.

STREETS, ALLEYS AND SIDEWALKS: Randy Burk stated he finally received the signed easement from Circle K so now all the easement paperwork is turned in. He will call the engineer to find out when the bid date will be. Mayor Todd stated the Village office is already working on the letters needed to endorse the next phase of the project; Lynn Muskopf is getting letters from the schools.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: Scott Baltz stated he is still waiting on the new truck. It should be done by then end of the month.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Mike French stated Ordinance 1228 is to Fix Compensation for the Village President. It is for a scheduling change, paying the Village President monthly instead of quarterly. Mike French made a motion to approve Ordinance 1228 as presented. Randy Burk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Mark Todd stated the swim report was discussed at the previous meeting. There isn't much to report because the pool was closed due to Covid. Scott Baltz stated they found some damage to the bathrooms at Tuffy Mueth Field and contacted the Police Department. There were a few minor things but nothing severe. Mayor Todd stated this has happened a few times in the last six months. Police Chief Alan Huckle stated that after posting on social media he was told about kids hanging out by the ball field after school. He is going to have Officer Witschie patrol around there when school is let out and make contact if he sees anyone.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated there were 3,065 meals served in December. They are signing up people for the vaccine; they have 20 people signed up so far. If enough people sign up the vaccines can be distributed at the Senior Center. Ray stated they purchased a freezer that was paid for by the Knights of Columbus. Tax prep will begin on Tuesday, February 3rd and will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays of tax season. The annual Free Chili Supper will be held on Tuesday, January 19th at 4pm at Millpond Brewery. The annual BBQ will be on Saturday, February 6th. The next Community Center Board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 19th.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19th and is based on agenda.

TIF: Mike French stated that at the end of October, the balance on the TIF account was \$1,102,493.43.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated that the trustees received the proposed contract for ball field rentals. For a resident, it will be \$10, \$25 with field prep; non-resident will be \$20, \$35 with field prep. The proposed contract lays out the fines and consequences. Mike French asked if this was for all the diamonds. Mayor Todd answered it was for diamonds 1, 2, 3, 5, and Tuffy Mueth Field. The schools and MSA receive first preference and the fee is waived. This is not the contract for weekend tournaments. Tracy Holmes asked if there could be wording added concerning the lights, specifically on diamond 1 and Tuffy Mueth Field. Mayor Todd answered a \$10 fee could be added. Mike French made a motion to approve the contract for ball field rentals with wording and fees added for the lights. Mike

Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Todd stated the Village received \$165,000 for the CURE act. There is also a grant for business PPE. There were nine applicants. They are still going through the receipts and paperwork. The checks have to be cut by Sunday, January 31st.

Mayor Todd stated the dead trees at Liederkrantz Park have been removed along with a tree on Mill Street.

Mike Capell stated he was contacted by Civic Plus who is building the new website. The Village has been in a queue waiting to be assigned a developer. Mike will talk with the developer on Friday, January 15th. They will discuss what the Village wants in a website and will get a building schedule. Mike will make sure the Police Chief and others who contribute to the website will also be involved.

Mayor Todd stated the Village pays a fee to have the cameras in the park maintained once a year. He would like to get with the Police Chief and find the contract; Mayor Todd doesn't think they are being serviced as they should be. There have been issues with them recently. Tracy Holmes reminded him that there is a fee whenever a technician comes out.

Mayor Todd stated they are looking for someone to run the concession stand in the ball park this summer.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated he, Mike Capell, and Police Chief Alan Huckle met with a DEA agent about LPR cameras. The agent will be getting them some more information. The cameras would be able to pick up the license plates of vehicles coming through town. It can warn the Police Department about warrants that are heading to the Village.



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

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

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

TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

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

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

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

Smithton Library News

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

Community Center & Park Pavilions Rental

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

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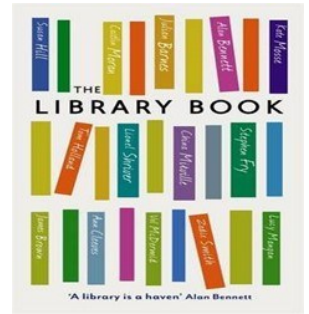
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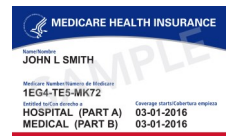
Book Review

Where the Crawdads Sing has been on best sellers list for several years. The author, Delia Owens, describes life in 1969 for a young girl who learns to survive alone in a North Carolina marsh. Her life becomes less tranquil when she becomes a murder suspect. For many of us who grew up during this time period in the Midwest, the story provides an interesting parallel to what we experienced. Check with the Millstadt Library for a copy of Where the Crawdads Sing.



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.



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Our Volunteers Donated **657** Hours To
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Karen Witte
Shannon Bowen
Judy Jacobs
Quinn Grommet

Drivers (30 hours)

Bob Louis
Charlie Todd
Beth Kwentus
Marlou Eckert
Jamie Bereitschaft

Marsha Davis
Patti French
Sandy Dressler
Dave Albers
Richard Rist
Ed Luecking

Smithton (33 hours)

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

Thrift Store (4 hours)

Eileen Doerr

Newsletter (54 hours)

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

Meals on Wheels (166 hours)

Barnie Jorns
Becky Courtney
Beth Kwentus
Bob Louis
Charlie Todd
Cheryl Mueth
Cheryl Pierpoint
Dave Albers
Donna Gaulrapp
Elle Heiligenstein
Faye Schilling
Fern Lundsford

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Peggy Mokrikow

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Rich Kwentus
Richard Rist
Ruth Morton
Scott Courtney
Susan Sager
Paula Burch
Millie Koudelka
Ed Luecking
Emily Twellman
Renee St. Clair
Dave Albers

Kitchen Workers (337 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
Karla Lippert
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Kim Oplet
Quinn Grommet
Alyson Carroll
Julianne Evitts
Chris Michael
Alena Schaltenbrand
Alison Colcis
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Judy Jacobs



Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021

11 A.M. Till???

MILLSTADT SENIOR CENTER

Sides-Potato Salad-Cole Slaw-Baked Beans-Mac & Cheese

Pork Steak - Brats - Ribs

1/4 Chicken - Pulled Pork

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Sides - Potato Salad - Cole Slaw - Baked Beans

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Millstadt, Freeburg & Smithton Meals on Wheels

White Chili With Ground Turkey

1 Tbsp. olive oil
1 lb. ground turkey
¼ cup onion, diced
2 tsp fresh garlic minced
2 (15 oz.) cans great northern beans rinsed and drained.
1 (15 oz.) can chickpeas, drained
1 ½ cups turkey or chicken broth
1 (4 oz.) can chopped mild green chiles drained
3 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh jalapeno peppers
1 Tbsp ground cumin
1 tsp paprika
1 tsp oregano
½ tsp cayenne pepper



Heat oil in medium-size heavy saucepan over medium-high heat. Add ground turkey; cook and stir until crumbled. Add remaining ingredients, bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Lower heat to a simmer; cook 25-30 minutes.

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.
- Quilt

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.

Feb. Birthdays

1 Minnie Blackburn	12 Dave Smith
1 Steve Ruhmann	12 Josephine Williams
2 Sandy Massie	13 Mary Helen Collins
4 Richard Bergkoetter	14 Joellen Bollman
4 Barbara Burch	14 Rose Rivot
4 Mary Lou Peter	15 Jim Kostelac
4 Bob Schmierbach	15 Carol Neff
5 Robert Miller	16 Judy Butzinger
6 Gweneth Niehaus	17 Maybelle DeBourge
6 Elizabeth Tucker	18 Alline Schloemann
7 Sandy Buescher	19 Eileen Brovan
7 Thelma Short	19 Ronald Fincher
8 Francie Klein	19 Lauren Hollinberger
8 Mary Nation	19 David Krueger
8 Jeanette Roth	20 Marcella Klein
8 Constance Schaefer	20 Ruth Stumpf
8 Connie Thompson	20 Robert Walker
9 Mark Bauer	22 Bernie Schilling
9 Kent Knowles	22 Ollie Welmon
9 Helen Mueller	23 Pearl Eilers
9 Rita Orlet	23 Mary Muskopf
10 Kim Griffin	24 Judy Fincher
11 Marlene Bruehl	24 Wayne Little
11 Galen DeRousse	24 Frances Wagner
11 Wanda Wheat	25 Linda Bacon
11 Sandra Wood	26 Randy Heinlein
12 Paula Clayton	28 Jim Bay
12 Jake Feazel	28 Ruth Ries
12 Sally Neff	29 Rick Cummins
12 Karen Rhoda	29 Lucille Reece

FILLED TIME - WE DID!

"They" say hindsight is perfect – 2020? Perhaps we will not have to fill so much time in 2021. Meanwhile, I'm close to singing and humming 100 colorful songs! Of course, I took a break and sang Christmas carols for a while. So now, I'm just getting to the 70's tunes. Did you sing these: St. Louis Blues, Baa, Baa Black Sheep, 4 & 20 Blackbirds, Little Boy Blue, Old Black Joe, O' Dem Golden Slippers, The Old Grey Mare, The Little Brown Church in the Vale, Greensleeves, Green, Green Grass of Home, Bye, Bye Blackbird, Red Roses for a Blue Lady, Red River Valley, Blue Skies, Deep Purple and Yellow Submarine? Overall, blue seems a 'singable' color. Don't forget Purple People Eaters! Keep singing! Keep the Faith! *By Judy Jacobs*

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Roasted Brussels Sprouts and Apples

Prep Time: 45 minutes Number of Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil, divided
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon onion powder
- Fresh ground black pepper, to taste
- ½ pound Brussels sprouts, already trimmed and halved
- ½ medium Gala apple, cored and cut into small chunks
- 1 tablespoon dried cranberries • 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- ½ tablespoon honey

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Mix ½ tablespoon olive oil, garlic powder, onion powder and pepper in a large bowl. Add Brussels sprouts and apple; toss to coat well.
2. Spread apples and Brussels sprouts in single layer on a prepared baking sheet (lined with aluminum foil).
3. Roast for 30 to 35 minutes or until Brussels sprouts have turned a light golden brown and are fork tender.
4. Meanwhile, mix cranberries, vinegar, ½ tablespoon olive oil and honey in a small bowl. Drizzle over roasted Brussels sprouts and apples and toss to coat well. Serve immediately.

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FRIDAYS

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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.

END OF AN ERA

December 31, 2020 marked the disbanding of the Millstadt American Legion Auxiliary Unit 502. For 100 years, the wives, daughters, mothers, and sisters of Legion Post 502 members assisted the Post serving the needs of veterans and the community. In August, a last donation of handmade blankets was made to the Veterans' Home in Anna, IL and then residual funds were transferred to the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation.

Persons wishing to continue their Auxiliary membership transferred to another Unit or became a member-at-large in the Dept. of Illinois.

By Judy Jacobs, transferred to Unit 683 (A member for 76 years and counting!)

MONTHLY EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2021

Read All About It!

Perspectives Book Club
(in partnership with Belleville West Library)

- ALL MONTH: Pick up: *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds
- Virtual Discussion on March 13

Knitting & Crochet Night

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

Youth Story Time

- Second Wednesday - February 10
- 11:00 a.m.
- Facebook Live
- Pick up/Curbside your child's craft kit
- CRAFT KITS AVAILABLE ALL MONTH

Craft Time

- Third Thursday - February 18
- 5:30
- Facebook Live
- Pick up/Curbside your craft kit

Book Club

- Last Saturday - February 27
- 10:30 to 11:30
- Zoom via Facebook Event
- *The Bake Shop* by Amy Clipston

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- FEBRUARY: Pick Up and Read: *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds
- MARCH: Saturday, the 13th at 11 a.m.; Discuss: Via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4976520682>

All participants may keep a copy of their book.

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IT'S STORY TIME

JOIN US WEDNESDAY, February 10 AT 11:00 A.M.
Watch @millstadtlibrary on Facebook
An interactive/virtual read aloud event for Pre-K and Youth





IT'S CRAFT TIME!

Join us THURSDAY, February 18, at 5:30 p.m.
on Facebook @MillstadtLibrary for crafts!
This month's craft is Valentine's Day Cards!
Pick up/Curbside your craft kit anytime during February!




VIRTUAL Book Club

Every last Saturday of the Month
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join our meetings from the link in the Facebook event description.
Join us also for questions throughout the month!

The Millstadt Senior Center Expresses Our Deepest Sympathy To The Family, Friends and Loved Ones Of



Norbert Haake
William Jackson
Ronald Jelinek
Gloria Kettler
Red Lehr
Dorothy Parke
Ricky Procasky
Bernice Sanford
Marion Scharf
Jerold Touchette

Jerold Touchette

Jerold Paul Touchette, 83, of Smithton, IL, born December 5, 1937, in East St. Louis, IL, died Friday, January 8, 2021, at his residence.

Mr. Touchette was a 1955 graduate of Assumption High School, East St. Louis, IL. He was employed by Westerheide Sheet Metal for more than 40 years and was a proud member of the Sheet Metal Workers Local 268 retirees.



An active member of the Smithton community, Jerry was a member and president of the Richland Investment Club and served as an election judge. He received certificates of appreciation from the Hospice of Southern Illinois and the American Legion, Stookey Post 1255. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and served on the school board, was a member of the men's club, and served on several picnic committees within the parish.

Jerry was an avid hunter and fisherman which he instilled in his family. He made sure his buddies always had a place to deer hunt, taking them to the family cabin. His bluegill fishing had no parallel. Jerry was told by his friends that his competitive nature brought out the best in them.

He belonged to many leagues and clubs, including euchre, pool, horseshoes, bowling, fast-pitch softball, slow pitch softball and beer leagues. He received a ring and plaque for bowling 300 during league play. He was most proud when his fast pitch team in the Belleville City League won every game in 1972 and he was awarded the MVP trophy. He was inducted into the Belleville City League Hall of Fame. Jerry was always there with a helping hand, had a huge garden, and was adept around the house. Generous with his time and talent, he donated several boxes of trophies to special schools. He was preceded in death by his parents, Julius and Clara, nee Reh, Touchette; a brother, Lawrence Touchette; a brother-in-law, Norman Hoffman; and a nephew, Dale Hoffman.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Ruth M., nee Sauer, Touchette; three sons, Steven (Denise) Touchette, Keith (Michelle) Touchette, and Scott (Melissa) Touchette; two grandsons, Landon Touchette and Brandon Lybarger; a brother, David (Dorothy) Touchette; two sisters, Mary Ann Hoffman, and Kathleen (Mike) Fern; a large extended family; and many dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, to Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc., to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Smithton, IL, or in the form of masses to the church. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.rennerfh.com.

William Jackson

William E. Jackson, 66, of Millstadt, IL, born Tuesday, May 4, 1954, in Galesburg, IL, passed away Thursday, January 14, 2021 at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, IL.

William was a truck driver for over 20 years. He retired from Jung Trucking located in Mascoutah, IL in 2018 after working for them for 13 years. He was a member of First Christian Church located in Belleville, IL. He was a youth minister there for a couple of years after graduating from college. William was a die hard Chicago Cubs fan. He also enjoyed watching the Fighting Illini. He was an avid fisherman and "grandpa" was his favorite name. His family always came first and meant the world to him. He was preceded in death by his parents: Marian and Darlene, nee Leasman, Jackson. Surviving are the mother of his children: Jean nee Gomerac, Jackson, Children: Ryan (Holly) Jackson of Peoria, IL, Kati(Marty) Hrabusicky of Millstadt, IL And Evan (Courtney) Jackson of Lakenheath, England. Sisters: Marian (Andrew) Butcher of Brownstown, MI and Fran Jackson (Ken Goodroe) of VT. Grandchildren: Olivia Jackson, Parker Jackson, Sawyer Hrabusicky, Tyler Jackson and Hadley Hrabusicky. Close friends: Larry Richards, Jeff Rickert and Jeff Smythe. Dear nieces, nephews and cousins. Memorials: Memorial may be made to the American Heart Association.



Red Lehr

David E. "Red" Lehr, 83, of New Athens, IL, born Sunday, September 19, 1937 in Tilden, IL, passed away Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at his residence in New Athens, IL.

A 1955 graduate of New Athens High School, David "Red" Lehr began his music career at age 5, when he was big enough to stand on an orange crate box and play his daddy's trombone at the Tilden, IL picnic. In grade school, as the strongest and tallest kid, he began to play the big Conn Sousaphone. His unique technique and showmanship led to concerts with the St. Louis Symphony Pops Orchestra and the Honolulu Symphony. He and Jean Kittrell took the "Jazz Incredibles" to Europe (Scotland, Netherlands, France, England, Italy, and Germany) six times as well as Japan and Canada. While performing at the Breda International Festival in the Netherlands they were voted the most entertaining band. In a poll taken by "The American Rag" jazz newspaper, Red was voted by the fans as their favorite Jazz tuba/sousaphone player. He was also picked to play in the international band at the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee. Red traveled throughout the U.S. playing jazz festivals and many jazz cruises. Of course, he played in St. Louis and the surrounding area for over 60 years. Red credited Jean Kittrell and Gene Pokorny, principal tuba player in the Chicago Symphony, for much of his success in music, though he gave special kudos to his wife Carolyn.

Red has operated Lehr's Market in New Athens since 1972 with his wife Carolyn. Their son Jeff joined them in the business in the late 70's and took over from his father upon his retirement.

Admired by classical as well as jazz musicians, Red has been featured in regional, national, and international conferences of brass instruments in Illinois, Kentucky, and in Ft. Meyers, VA where the Sergeant Major awarded him the "Medal of Excellence" and the General John J. Pershing Founders Medal during the U.S. Army Band's International Conference. Red eventually became the leader of the St. Louis Rivermen, and Red Lehr's Powerhouse Five bands. He made over 25 records, cassettes, and CD's of his beloved traditional Dixieland Jazz.

He was a member of St. John United Church of Christ in New Athens, IL and American Legion Post #6632 Red Bud, IL. He was a Veteran who served in the United States Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Olivia, nee Spitz, Lehr, sister: Helen Lehr.

Surviving are his wife, Carolyn E., nee Beck, Lehr of New Athens, IL, children, Jeff "Red" (Wanda) Lehr of New Athens, IL... Lori (Thomas) Knapp of Smithton, IL; sisters, Vera Robb of Belleville, IL, Fern Frick of Mt. Vernon, IL; grandchildren, Aaron Lehr, Lindsey (Andrew) Hopper, Olivia Lehr (Fiancé, Corbin Estes); beloved nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the St. John U.C.C. in New Athens, IL or Family Hospice.



SMP SCAM WATCH

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Coronavirus :

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

Dorothy Parke

Dorothy A. Parke, nee Schaefer, 87, of Smithton, IL, born June 6, 1933, in Smithton, IL, died Friday, January 8, 2021, at Freeburg Care Center, Freeburg, IL.

Dorothy graduated from Freeburg High School and enjoyed being on the committee of many of her class reunions. She married John Ira Parke on June 1, 1953, and he preceded her in death on December 27, 2019. She was a lifetime member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Smithton. She was a past member of the Alter Sodality and past President of the PTA. She was an amazing quilter, helping to make hundreds of quilts for the Church picnics and hosting many "quilt clatches" in her home. She loved playing games and Bingo was her game of choice. She could be found every Sunday at the Turner Hall in her special seat with her 24 cards and her good luck charms in their rightful places, lined up above the cards, waiting for the bingo caller (her husband John) to call her numbers. For more than 30 years and at every Homecoming picnic or church picnic, all the grandchildren knew where to find grandma, always in her favorite spot, from the first game to the last. She loved and believed in the Blessed Virgin Mary and the rosary and had a collection of over 300 rosaries that she would gladly get out and show to anyone who wanted to see them.

To her family, her greatest accomplishment was being a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. She was an amazing homemaker. For every special occasion, you could count on her to make her famous "chocolate stuff" dessert. She doted on her children and grandchildren, always making sure they had full bellies and money in their pockets, while she stood at the front door waving as they left.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her four angels in infancy, Ann Marie, Mary Ann, Anthony Joseph, and Mathew Paul; her parents, Carl and Lillian, nee Quirin, Schaefer; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Edward and Kathryn, nee Heutel, Ittner; her sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Paul Fournie; her sisters-in-law, Janice Schaefer, Audrey Snyder, and Sandy Ittner; and brothers-in-law, Ed "Bud" Ittner, Gary Ittner, and Lanson Cox.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Cathy (Alan) Schilling; her sons, John C. (Ruth) Parke and Charles E. (Dawn) Parke; 11 grandchildren, John (Brittney) Lanham, Joe (Casey) Russell, Meghan Parke, Russell Parke, Holly (Jon) Mueth, Stephanie (Rob) Gill, Hannah Parke, Savannah Parke, Gabrielle Parke, Heidi Parke, and Miley Parke; ten great-grandchildren, John Brantley, Aubry, Gunnar, and Gauge Lanham, Sadie, Isaiah and Lainey Gill, Hailey Parke, Claire Brennan, and Tria Russell; step grandchildren, Krista Schilling, Amanda (Andrey) Rudomiotov, and Jesse Schilling; step great-grandchildren, Mila, Sonya, and Dimitri Rudomiotov; a brother, Fred Schaefer; a brother-in-law, Warren Ittner; sisters-in-law, Margaret (Bob) Bradford, Janet Ittner; and special neighbors, Tim Coon and Marlene Powers.

Memorials may be made to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO.



Ricky Procasky

Ricky Gene Procasky, 60 years of Millstadt, IL, passed away on Monday, December 21, 2020 at his residence. He was born April 1, 1960, in Belleville, IL.

Ricky was a medical technician for the American Red Cross. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Waterloo, IL., where he served as a deacon. Out of everything he achieved, he was most proud of serving as a deacon at the church.

Surviving are his wife, Lynn Procasky, nee Sanford, whom he married on June 3, 1989, his son, Kale ((Kylie) Procasky, his daughter, Haley Procasky, his grandson, Phoenix David Procasky, his parents, Leslie Gene and Anna Mae, nee Cates, Procasky, his brother, Jeffrey (Jackie) Procasky, his sister, Angela (Duna) Bolotte, his brother-in-law, John (Jenny) Sanford, 8 nieces and nephews, a host of aunts, uncles and cousins. Ricky's mother-in-law, Bernice Sanford, nee Czekanski, passed away 8 days after he did.

Ricky was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Clifford and Thelma Cates, his paternal grandparents, Leroy and Golda Procasky, grandparents-in-law, Barney & Clara Czekanski and Aloysius & Leona Sanford, his father-in-law, Harry Sanford and his brother-in-law, Kirk Sanford.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to First Baptist Church (Please put in the memo of the check for Rick Procasky's memorial), 320 Covington Dr., Waterloo, IL. 62298. For more information, please access our website, www.leesmanfuneralhome.com.



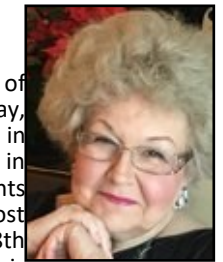
Bernice Sanford

Bernice Esther (Czekanski) Sanford, 85, of Millstadt, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, December 29th, 2020 at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, IL. She was born on June 23rd, 1935 in Bremond, Texas. After two years, her parents moved to East St. Louis, IL, where she spent most of her childhood in a Polish community on 8th Street. Bernice graduated from East St. Louis Senior High School in 1952 and was elected Prom Queen her senior year. She married Harry E. Sanford at Sacred Heart Church in East St. Louis, IL on Sept. 5th, 1955. They lived most of their 45 years of marriage, while raising their family, in Fairview Heights, IL. They enjoyed travel and going to casinos before Harry passed away in October, 2000. Her real pride and joy were her children and grandchildren. She loved attending their sporting events, dance competitions and just spending time with them.

After raising her family, Bernice worked as a sales associate at Famous-Barr (a.k.a. Macy's) at St. Clair Square in Fairview Heights, IL. She worked in several departments including Fine China, Intimate Apparel and Fragrances. Some of her notable achievements were #1 in Sales and #1 in opening new accounts at the St. Clair store among all employees and departments. She was very motivated and competitive in life in regards to goals and achievements. Her most valued career accomplishments were being able to meet Elizabeth Taylor due to being the top sales person in fragrances, and winning a new car. She made lots of friends and acquaintances over the years, and always seemed to know someone wherever she went. Bernice was a devout Roman Catholic and was a registered member of St. James Catholic Church in Millstadt since 2003.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Barney and Clara (Wroblewski) Czekanski; husband, Harry E. Sanford; son, Kirk A. Sanford; brother, Daniel Czekanski and son-in-law, Ricky Procasky, who passed just eight days prior. Bernice is survived by children, John M. (Jenny) Sanford of Edwardsville, Illinois, Lynn C. Procasky of Millstadt, Illinois, grandchildren, Kirk A. Sanford, Michael J. Sanford, Kale M. Procasky, Haley M. Procasky, and great-grandchild, Phoenix D. Procasky.

Arrangements were handled by Lake View Funeral Home, Fairview Heights, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Shriners Hospital or to donate to a Catholic Mass card, please have the Masses said at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville, IL.



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Marion Scharf

Marion C. Scharf, nee Wehmeier 92 years old of Belleville, IL, passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at Oak Hill Care Center, Waterloo, IL. She was born October 30, 1928, in East St. Louis, IL. Marion was co-owner of Westview Autobody with her husband. She was active with the Order of the Eastern Star (past Worthy Matron), Millstadt Sister Cities, and Concordia United Church of Christ. She loved the outdoors where she kept her garden and proudly tended to her flowers.

Surviving are her daughters, Cheryl L. (Charles) Mueth of Millstadt, IL & Marihelen (Bill) Fritz of San Tan Valley, AZ; her grandchildren, Tim (Christi) Mueth, Craig (Melissa) Mueth, Rebecca Boerio, Sandra (Chris) Vos, and Emily (Matt) Sallee; Great-Grandchildren, Colin, Cailynn, and Gianna Mueth, Hannah and Zander Mueth, Adam Boerio, Roman, Samantha, Amy, and Ivan Vos, Willa, Josephine, and Logan Sallee; her brothers, Clyde (Loy) Wehmeier of Millstadt, IL & John (JoAnn) Wehmeier of Millstadt, IL, along with other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, John Henry & Henrietta Wehmeier; her husband, Grover George Scharf and her sister, Marguerite (William) Scharf.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to Shriner's Hospital for Children or Concordia United Church of Christ. Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home in Millstadt.



Norbert Haake

Norbert Eugene Haake, 94, of Belleville, IL, born February 4, 1926, in Aviston, IL, died Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO.

Norbert was the last surviving member of the Henry and Anna Haake family. He joins his parents, seven brothers and sisters, and his wife, Jeanette.

Norbert graduated from Aviston Community High School in 1944. After graduation, he was drafted into the United States Navy and served in World War II and the Korean War. Norbert was a member of St. James Catholic Church, Millstadt, IL, and started the Annual Dinner Auctions which helped to build the St. James Parish Center. He was a member of the American Legion, the Korean War Veterans, Carpenters Local Union 433, the Serra Club, and former Vice President of 4 Star Homes in Belleville. He and Jeanette became founding members of Our Lady of the Snows Shrine in 1969, and they moved to the Shrine Apartment Community in December 2015, where Norbert lived until his death.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Jeanette R. Haake, nee Wellen, whom he married February 6, 1954, and who died October 25, 2018; his parents, Henry and Anna, nee Huegen, Haake; three brothers, Erwin (Virginia) Haake, Henry (Mary) Haake, and Leo Haake; and four sisters, Rose (Earl) Bickel, Alvina (Herman) Dallao, Mildred Haake, and Alice (Orrin) Morgan.

Surviving are four children, Mary Jo (Richard) Sotiropoulos of Belleville, IL, Mark H. Haake of Winston-Salem, NC, Alan J. (Julie) Haake of Swansea, IL, and Matthew P. Haake of San Diego, CA; four grandchildren, Andy (Brooke) Sotiropoulos, Steve Sotiropoulos, Matt Sotiropoulos, and Sam Haake; a sister-in-law, Patricia Haake; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to St. James Catholic Church Parish, Millstadt, IL, or to the apartment community at the Esquiline. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.rennerfh.com.



Gloria Kettler

Gloria Kettler, 86, of Millstadt, Illinois, passed away Saturday, January 2nd, 2021. She was born in Millstadt on October 3rd, 1934. She is preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Frieda (Rohr) Bruehl, husband, Wilbert Kettler, one son, Richard Kettler, and one grandson, Matthew Kettler.

Gloria is survived by one son, Lonnie (Cindy) Kettler of Belleville, Illinois, grandchildren, Jeffrey (Melissa) Kettler, Jennifer (Bill) Simily, Katie Kettler, Mike Kettler and Nick Kettler, great-grandchildren, Ella and Luke Kettler. She is further survived by sister-in-law, Marlene Rusteberg and one brother, Daryl Bruehl, as well nieces, nephews, cousins, along with other relatives and friends.

Gloria was a home maker and enjoyed playing rummy, going to the Senior Center, and going to the boat. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt, Illinois.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, all services are private.

Memorials may be made to Millstadt Senior Center or to the Zion Church in Millstadt, Illinois.



Ronald Jelinek

Ronald E. Jelinek, age 88, of Smithton, IL, passed away peacefully at home on January 7, 2021. Ron was born on April 26, 1932 in St. Louis, MO. He was the owner of Custom House Realty & Development until his retirement. Ron was a lifelong sports enthusiast and athlete, always aiming for his personal best. He completed several marathon and Iron Man competitions. His total running miles, tallied over 40 years, equated to running around the circumference of the earth twice. In 2003 he was proudly inducted into the Senior Olympics Prairie State Games Hall of Fame in recognition of his numerous sports competition winnings, in which he earned over 1,000 trophies and medals, with the majority being in Track and Field. In his retirement, he turned his love for sports into a hobby and business by becoming an avid collector of sports memorabilia and created artwork using his many collectibles. He was a man with a thousand stories, known for his quick wit and his infectious smile. He never met a stranger. He will be missed by all who knew him, in particular, his gang of lifelong childhood friends, The Vampires.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Jelinek and Anita, nee Moll, Williamson. He is survived by his wife of 74 years Rosemary Jelinek, nee Silsby; his four children, Angela Libell of Smithton, IL, Marilyn Kittel of Belleville, IL, John (Dana) Jelinek of O'Fallon, IL, and Rosalie (Rick) McDannel of The Villages, FL; Grandchildren, Alexander Libell, Peter Huster, Christopher Kittel (Natalie Turner); Great Grandchildren, Rayna, Skye, Devi, and Storm Huster, Dax and Summer Kittel, and Enik Libell; his siblings Donald "Doc" (Virginia) Jelinek, Garree (Carol) Williamson, Edward "Buzz" (Linda) Jelinek, John Jelinek, Jay (Lynne) Jelinek, Judy (Tony) Tornatore, Joyce (John) Hayes, and Pam (Nick) Zeveski.

Ron's family thanks the following for their support and care: Dr. Brett Winkler MD, Julie, and Courtney from Rural Family Medicine; Wendy and Tamara from Family Hospice; the ladies from Tom's Pharmacy; James from Midwest Medical Supply; and Ronald from Serenity Memorial Chapel for his kind words. Per Ron's wishes, there will be no service. He will be cremated and his ashes spread in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations to Family Hospice would be appreciated with gratitude by the family (familyhospice.org).

