

## 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. Will begin taking appointments starting January 2, 2018.



## From Below The Tower



Patty Evansco

As hectic as things were in December, I had the pleasure of taking a break to visit eighty-eight students in the sixth grade at Millstadt Community School for a Career Day Presentation. I have had three careers in my life, but the present one was my favorite and believe it was the one I had been preparing for all my life. It takes a lifetime to gain all the wisdom, knowledge, courage and humility you need to be successful and they were amazed when I told them I went to college for 37 years and was even considering taking a class this semester. I probably could have made a career out of going to school because I love to learn new things. My greatest school challenge was trying to learn to speak Spanish. My advice to them was to start now while they had plenty of time to think about what they would like to do when they grow up.

Sheriff Watson came to visit us this month and he shared Christmas cheer, candy and gifts. Some people still thought Merle Justus was still Sheriff so glad we have that straight now.

We had many generous donors in December and we really appreciate your help. The first thing we have on the agenda is to get new tires for our bus and then as many of you know our fax machine will need to be replaced very soon as my virtue of patience is growing very short every time I need to use it. We are also grateful to the Columbus Club for buying us a new deep freezer.

Thank you to my staff and volunteers for all your help, understanding and kindness and may you all have a Blessed and Prosperous New Year!

*Patty*

## 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!



## Quilt Winners Announced

The winner of the Millstadt Township Senior Services "Queen Size Quilt Raffle" was Judy Todd of Millstadt. The quilt was made by the Senior Center Quilters. Doris Chaput of Millstadt was the winner of the second prize handmade baby quilt and Ronald (Fuzzy) Eckert of Millstadt was winner of the quilted lap quilt. Millstadt Senior Center thanks all those who purchased tickets for the December 22, 2107 raffle that helps support the Senior Program. The next quilt raffle will be June 22, 2018.



Santa poses for a picture with quilt winners (Judy Todd absent)

**Millstadt Senior Center Chosen Again!  
Schnucks - Bags 4 My Cause program  
featuring the "Hunger" Bag!**

**Buy the "Hunger" bag during the month of  
February 2018 at the Schnucks store(s) located at:  
5720 North Belt West, Belleville IL.**

**Each bag sold = \$1 to Millstadt  
Township Senior Services!**

**Remember - Only the sale of the "Hunger"  
Bag will support your cause!**

## 2018 Youth Ambassadors

This year five youth were selected to participate in the Millstadt Sister Cities youth exchange program. They will spend the month of July in Gross-Bieberau, Germany and five youth from Gross-Bieberau will visit Millstadt in August. Millstadt Sister Cities recently announced the following students as 2018 Youth Ambassadors:

K.C. Stedman, daughter of Kelly and Randy Stedman; Alyssa Riley daughter of Gwen and John Riley; Madeline Trinity daughter of Ellen Trinity; Erica Gruenewald daughter of Krista and Dale Gruenewald and Reily Wills daughter of Christy and Carl Wills.



Aly Riley, Reily Wills, Madeline Trinity, Erica Gruenewald, KC Stedman.



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](mailto:seniorce@htc.net) or drop off at Senior Center.

## Food Pantry Tree



Tom Venier stands near the tree that he put up along with all the hand carved ornaments that were offered during the Christmas Food Pantry Drive. If you brought 2 cans goods you received your choice of a hand carved ornament. There were over 167 items collected for the food pantry.

## Weihnachtsfest Raffle Winners

Following are the raffle prize winners at the December 3, 2017 Weihnachtsfest: Kaitlyn Koenigstein, Columbia, Millstadt, 43" LH Smart TV; Christy Lehr, Millstadt, Blues Hockey tickets, donated by Brian Baltz; Helen Faust, Maestown,, \$100 cash donated by an anonymous Sister Cities member; Troy Keiser, Millstadt, \$50.00 Schuberts Smokehouse certificate donated by David Kossina; Karen Early, Triple Lakes Golf certificate; John Baltz, Triple Lakes Golf certificate; Ashley Reeder/Country Financial; Millstadt \$25.00 IGA Gift Card; Congratulations to all the raffle winners. Thank- you to everyone who helped make the 2017 Weihnachtsfest a success.

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



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



# Christmas Poinsettia Tour, Tea & Cookies 2017

A Group of 20 enjoyed looking at all the beautiful poinsettias at Millstadt Greenhouse on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. Everyone was laughing as we tried to get everyone in the picture at the Santa corner of the greenhouse. After many efforts, it was a success with Ed Luecking our bus driver snapping the shot. After our visit each one of received a beautiful poinsettia of our own as a gift from the greenhouse. Upon completion of our tour we boarded the bus for our next stop at Lee's Home Center where Barb, Donna and Lee Vogel hosted a "Tea Party" for everyone. They offered several varieties of tea and even giving samples to take home and a tray of delicious Christmas cookies. It was just nice to sit and visit and the Vogel family was so hospitable and made everyone feel so welcome. Thank you, Millstadt businesses, for all you do for us! May you have a Happy and Prosperous 2018!



Background – (L-R) Barb and Donna Vogel talk with Betty Schranz, Carrie Kwentus, Mary Alice Schmitz and Rosie Mathews.
















Back row (L-R) Lil Tracy, Betty Schranz, Carrie Kwentus, Barb Knewitz, Gloria Kettler, Mary Alice Schmitz, Fern Sieber, Rick Coleman and Pat Morris. Front Row (L-R) Carol Gamblin, Thelma Short, MaryAnn Noerper, Dot Edmision, Patty Evansco, Richard Chadeayne (in Santa Chair), Ruth Reinhardt, Lucille Reese, Rosie Mathews and Norma Burleson.



Mary Ann Noerper, Carol Gamblin and Fern Seiber are looking at the huge poinsettias.



Lee Vogel tells the history of Lee's Home Center and shares some Trivia and funny stories with his guests. Sitting at table were: Pat Morris, Fern Sieber, Lil Tracy, Rich Chadeayne, Ruth Reinhardt and Rick Coleman.

## 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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# Free Chili Supper

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Millstadt Community Center Open House

102 South Jefferson

Dessert Donated  
by Millstadt IGA

Cheese Bread

Donated by

Bredeaux Pizza

Chili Donated by

Mayor Mike Todd

Come and Visit

With Your

Millstadt

Neighbors



## Christmas 2017



Barbara Knewitz tells Santa how good she has been this year



Santa with Dave and Pat Oelrich.



The Millstadt Kitchen Band were here to entertain as Kenny Harris sings and plays his constina. Evelyn Lucy looks on.



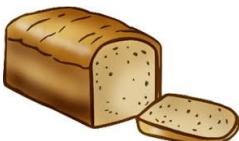
Every seat was filled for Christmas Brunch

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## 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 weekly value between \$400 and \$700. Panera (St Louis Bread Co) bakes daily and it is very delicious. Thank You Panera for your generous donation.



## MILLSTADT VFW POST 7980 LENTEN SEASON



February 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday

Fish Fry, No chicken buffet. Noon till 8 p.m.

Fridays—February 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

Serving Cod, Cat Fish, Walleye, Shrimp,  
Crab Cakes and Salmon Patties

11 a.m. till 8 p.m.





## Celebrates 90th Birthday



Earl Eckert recently celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends. Earl is surrounded with five of his six great-grand children. From left to right are Maggie Eckert, Earl and Sophie Eckert. In the second row are Ellie Eckert, William Wirth and Nora Wirth. The sixth great-grand child, Deklan Simon, resides in Haigslea, Australia.

## 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 \$1<sup>00</sup> 6 FOR \$5<sup>00</sup>**

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.

## Millstadt Township News

Thank you to recycling group of the month the Millstadt Chamber of Commerce.

Members Mike French of Schilli Corp., Angie Stumpf of Bliss Floral & Gifts and Ron Mergelkamp of Equipment Service Co volunteered their time and 1.90 tons of material will go to St Louis to be sorted and not go to a landfill.

**Thank you to the Millstadt Commercial Club for sponsoring Santa Claus at the Township again this year.**

**Also, Thank you to the Millstadt Community Choir for providing extra coloring books and candy canes.**

**Large item recycling 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.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!**

From 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.

## Millstadt Township Minutes

October 3, 2017

No General Assistance Cases.



**PENNYWISE  
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**Located Upstairs  
At The Millstadt  
Township Senior Center**

Clothes, Shoes, Household and Holiday  
Open Monday, Thursday, Friday  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm





# January

## Jan. 8 -Target Shopping, 9:00 am

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

## Millstadt Red Cross Blood Drive Schedule



January 11, 2018	3:30 pm – 8:00 pm	MCS
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

## Bible Study At Senior Center

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

**Monday at 10:00 am.**

This Is A Non-Denominational Study And All Are Welcome, Regardless Of Religious Background, And There Is No Cost



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.

Call for Grief Support (618) 277-1800  
Groups, Individual, and Family Counseling

See our website at <http://myheartlinks.com>

An Outreach Program of **FAMILY HOSPICE**

## SHIP Corner



Millstadt Township Senior Center is a sponsoring agency for Senior Health Insurance Program

help and we recently received our 2018 updated Manual. During the coming months I will be sharing with you some information that I feel is important and informational.

Organization and Administration of the SHIP Program:

SHIP was initiated in July of 1988 by the Illinois Department of Insurance in response to the needs of Illinois' senior citizens regarding their health insurance. In April of 2013, under Executive Order by the Governor, SHIP was transferred to the Illinois Department on Aging.

The organizational structure of SHIP consists of:

- The **Illinois Department on Aging**, which provides initial training, continuing education and ongoing support of SHIP counselors;
- The **sponsoring organization (Millstadt Township Senior Services)**, which provides coordinators, office space and office support services;
- The **coordinator (Patty Evansco)**, who is responsible for the administrative aspects of the SHIP program, which include publicizing SHIP services, recruiting volunteers, scheduling counseling sessions and responding to counselors' needs; and
- Counselor Patty Evansco meets with clients individually to provide objective information about health insurance, advocacy assistance, or referral if appropriate.

The state is divided geographically into four separate SHIP regions: Cook County, Northern Illinois, Central Illinois and Southern Illinois. Within each region, counselors are organized in to units that serve a specific geographic area, usually designated by counties.



## Dates to Remember

**January 27**, Zion Ladies Tea. Zion church. Contact 618-580-8146 for more information.



## 2018 FISH FRY SEASON

**At Millstadt Sportsmen's Club**  
**January 12 - 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

*Donate Your Aluminum Cans  
To The Senior Center*

Contact

Patty Evansco at **476-3731**



## Millstadt VFW Post 7980

618-476-1180

### CLUBROOM HOURS

*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*

*The Post is Available to Schedule Meetings/Events*

*Throughout the Week & Weekends – Call or*

*Message Us On Facebook, Our Event Coordinator,*

*Brandy Redwine Would Be Happy To Assist You*

## Senior Talk Available at These Locations

*Pick-Up Your copy of the Monthly Senior Talk at One of The*

*Following Millstadt Locations*

**Melva's Family Hair Care 476-7933**

**Millstadt Barber Shop 476-7273**

**Millstadt IGA 476-3161**

**Millstadt Library 476-1887**

**Dr. Carla Samson 476-3373**

**Millstadt Pharmacy 476-1701**

**Millstadt Village Hall 476-1514**

**Millstadt VFW 476-1180**

**Shirley's Beauty Shop 476-9494**

**St. James Catholic Church 476-3513**

**Trinity Lutheran Church 476-3101**

**Zion Evangelical Church 476-1778**

**Dr. Steve Knoernchild 476-3344**

**Concordia UCC 476-3377**

**St. Paul Church, Floraville 473-2285**

**Dr. Kevin Schmidt 476-3261**

**St Michaels Church – Paderborn 473-2798**

**First National Bank of Waterloo 476-3334**

**Caseys 476-7360**

**Associated Bank 476-3040**

**Michelle's Family Haircut**

**Millstadt Garden Place**

**Millstadt Baptist Church**

**Lee's Home Center 476-1760**

**Bonnie's Beauty Shop**

**Training Room**

**Handy Feed**

**Country Financial**



## Happy New Year

As the calendar turns the page, we wish you the very best in the year ahead.



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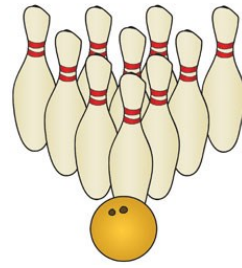
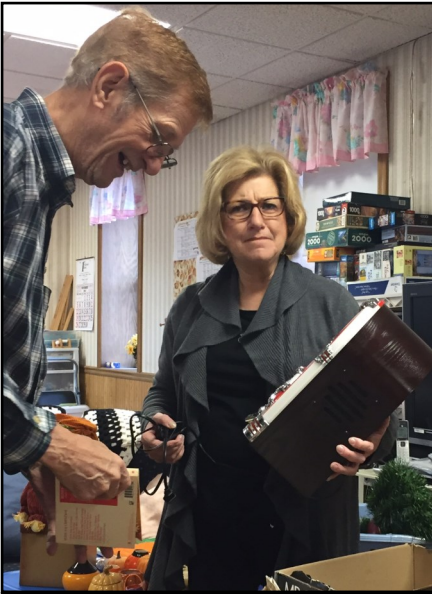
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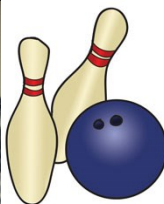
## Bowling Banquet November 2017



Director Patty Evansco lets Rick Coleman demonstrate how to work the "Jukebox" boom box she received from the Bowling League for Christmas. Shortly thereafter they were rockin and rollin!



JoAnn Pisel, Dot Edmondson, Barb and Bob Louis, Richard Chadeayne, Lil Tracy and Thelma Short at the Bowling League Banquet Breakfast.



Ruth Reinhardt, Colleen Costello, Elaine Gregson, Janet Pauketat, Cindy Walker and Evelyn Lucy.

## Another Penpal Visit

### Freeburg News

It has been an interesting year for Rita Hill! Earlier this month, pen pal Mildred Henderson and her twin sister Lucille (the "traveling twins") visited her home for 8 days.

The friendship had a most unusual beginning.

Mildred had an article in a magazine requesting a recipe for tomato sauce. Rita wrote to Mildred asking for a copy of the recipe. Mildred sent the recipe and thus began a corresponding of almost 50 years.

Mildred has written a book which Rita read and found it fascinating. She began a group called the "31ers" (all women born in 1931). Mildred is an extremely talented person. She is an artist, sews beautifully (made her own wedding dress) to name a few of her hobbies.

Her life has not been without its share of sorrow. She had eight children – her youngest son was killed a few days before graduation. She has 2 bachelor sons living at home and her husband died a few years ago from Alzheimer's.

While here, we visited Eckert's Market and they were impressed with the lay out and had a tour of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.

Unfortunately, the time in St Louis had to be cut short because of the unrest in St. Louis. They were unable to visit the Arch and other points of interest in the city. Lucille would have liked to have visited the first Capital of Missouri in downtown St. Charles but that too had to be cancelled. All in all, it was a most enjoyable visit.



## Village of Millstadt

### Board Meeting November 27, 2017

A drone was used to survey the top of the new water tower on November 28.

A profit of \$9,126.55 was reported for the September Biathlon.

# WANTED

## PICTURE WANTED

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

## January Out to Dinner

Aunt Maggies on Main  
Columbia, IL



# January 24, 2018

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

### Millstadt Police Department

### Help Millstadt Police Department Catch Criminals:

The MPD is asking the public's help in capturing criminals, detecting suspicious activity and even help in locating missing children adults. The MPD is asking citizens to let them know if you have video surveillance the police may use to identify criminal activity. Please register your video system by using the Millstadt Police Department website.



### 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.

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**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**

## November 2017 Dining Out at Farmers Inn



**Township Supervisor**  
Denise Blaha  
**Village Mayor**  
Michael Todd  
**Director**  
Patty Evansco  
**Nutrition Staff**  
Rachel Feazel  
**Transportation (Drivers)**  
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Larry Sanders  
Sandy Sanders  
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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**.

## Ex-Spouse Benefits And How They Affect You

By Tanya Peterson

Social Security District Manager in East St. Louis, IL

Just like during tax season, it's good to have all the information you need

early so you can prepare and get any money you are due. If you are age 62, unmarried, and divorced from



someone entitled to Social Security retirement or disability benefits, you may be eligible to receive benefits based on his or her record. To be eligible, you must have been married to your ex-spouse for 10 years or more. If you have since remarried, you can't collect benefits on your former spouse's record unless your later marriage ended by annulment, divorce, or death. Also, if you're entitled to benefits on your own record, your benefit amount must be less than you would receive based on your ex-spouse's work. In other words, we'll pay the higher of the two benefits for which you're eligible, but not both.

You can apply for benefits on your former spouse's record even if he or she hasn't retired, as long as you divorced at least two years before applying. If, however, you decide to wait until full retirement age to apply as a divorced spouse, your benefit will be equal to half of your ex-spouse's full retirement amount or disability benefit. The same rules apply for a deceased former spouse.

The amount of benefits you get has no effect on the benefits of your ex-spouse and his or her current spouse. Visit *Retirement Planner: If You Are Divorced* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/divspouse.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/divspouse.html) to find all the eligibility requirements you must meet to apply as a divorced spouse. Our benefits planner gives you an idea of your monthly benefit amount. If your ex-spouse died after you divorced, you may still qualify for widow's benefits. You'll find information about that in a note at the bottom of the website.

Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/divspouse.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/divspouse.html) today to learn whether you're eligible for benefits on your ex-spouse's record. That could mean a considerable amount of monthly income. What you learn may bring a smile to your face ... even on tax day!

## Twelfth Night

The Twelfth Night or Epiphany Eve is celebrated either on January 5 or January 6. It is observed in the United States, Great Britain and throughout Europe mostly. Here locally, Prairie du Rocher celebrates the tradition of Twelfth night with dancing, singing and feasting.

Twelfth night marks the ending of the traditional 12 Days of the Christmas season. But why 12 days. Many feel the custom of closing the Christmas season on January 5 or 6 comes from the pagan custom of marking the Winter Solstice for a certain number



of days. This was a very popular tradition in Europe back in the 11<sup>th</sup> century. Back in the 11<sup>th</sup> century it was important to know days and time, before clocks or smartphones. But when the season actually ends is still a mystery. For some, Twelfth Night means the evening before the Twelfth Day or January 5. To others it stands for the evening of the Twelfth Day exactly or January 6. January 5 is also considered by some the Old Christmas Eve according to the Olde Style Calendar or Julian Calendar. Why? Because Christmas on this calendar fell on January 6. In some remote areas of Great Britain today, there are people who still observe ancient customs of the Old Christmas eve.

Ever since the Middle Ages, the Twelfth Night has been observed with games, masquerades and other revelries. The Lord of Misrule along with his assistant, a Fool, was the mock official of the Twelfth Night celebrations. These often involved singing, dancing, and feasting.

By the 18<sup>th</sup> century the lavish Twelfth Night parties started to lose their popularity. And by the 19<sup>th</sup> century, they almost died out. With a few remnants surviving in small areas.

In Belgium, England, France, Germany and the Netherlands, The King of the Bean remains a popular Twelfth Night tradition. In the United States, Twelfth Night pageants remain popular which include masked figures, costumed musicians and performing traditional English dances such as the Antler Dance or Horn Dance. In New Orleans, the Twelfth Night marks the beginning of the Carnival and ends on Mardi Gras, the day before Ash Wednesday.

In the United States, the tradition is on the Twelfth Night you take down your Christmas tree and other greenery used to decorate your home during the holiday season. Then you pile it up outside and burn it on this night. This custom of lighting bonfires on the Twelfth Night is gaining in popularity in the U.S.

Appointing a king to rule over the Twelfth Night festivities goes all the way to the reign of King Edward II of England. The custom was to make a special cake, called either the King's Cake or Gâteau des Rois, to conceal either a bean, coin or pea inside of it. Then the cake would be cut into pieces, as many as there were guests, on the Twelfth night feast. The youngest member would pass out pieces of the cake. Whoever got the piece with bean, pea or coin, would then be crowned the King of the Bean or Lord of the Misrule.

The Twelfth Night pageants performed today in the United States today are usually more modest and less elaborate than the ones in England. However, many of the dances and activities incorporated into the modern plays that can be traced back to medieval days.



## 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.

## Pecan Delights

Many local pecan trees are providing a bumper crop of pecans this year. With the cold weather upon us, what better way to use some of those pecans than with warming your home with the smell of fresh baked cookies.

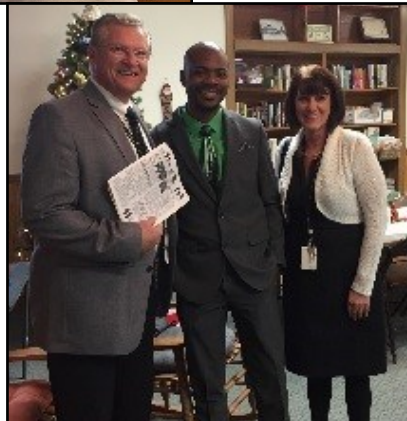
1 cup butter (2 sticks) 1 t. vanilla  
2 ½ cups sifted flour 2 eggs  
1 t. salt 2 t. baking powder  
2 cups brown sugar packed  
1 c. chopped pecans

Cream the butter, sugar and vanilla. Add eggs to the creamed mixture and beat well. Sift together the dry ingredients and add to creamed butter mixture. Add pecans and mix well. Drop by tablespoon on cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for about 10 minutes.



Sheriff Richard Watson "raids" the card game upstairs. Tom Wuertz, Paul Bauer, Peter Caponi and Elmer Sandheinrich at table.

Sheriff Richard Watson with his assistant Nancy Koehler, James Henricks (not the singer), Melissa Kemp and Yvonne McCall.



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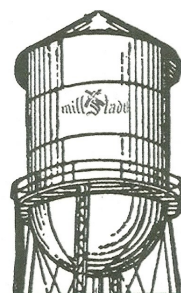
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Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018

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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](mailto:seniorce@htc.net)

## Thought for the Month

Our native landscape-nothing can take its place.  
It is given to us when we are born, and with it we live.  
It speaks of hope that gives joy and peace to the mind.

Jens Jensen

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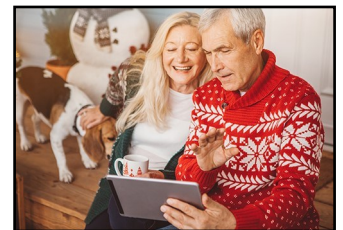
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## Save The Date!

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

## Dominoes & Rummy Club



**Dec. 2017**  
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# January Birthdays

- |                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Vera Diedrich      | 18 Judy Hamilton   |
| Audrey Frierdich     | Shar Hatzel        |
| Betty Kreher         | Jean Colbert       |
| 2 Bob Wheat          | Arlene Wickell     |
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| 4 Don Feazel         | 19 Ralph Buehler   |
| 5 Linda Hoepfinger   | Charles Pruitt     |
| 7 Doris Schwartz     | 23 Doris Adams     |
| 8 Peter Caponi       | 25 Kathy Demond    |
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| 15 Carlene Kempf     | 31 Columbia Delong |



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## Cabin Fever Retreat

Open to all Ladies of the Community

Saturday, January 20th

9:00 - 2:00 PM

Zion Evangelical Church

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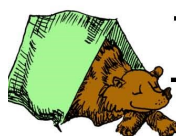
\$10 - includes continental  
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Start the New Year treating yourself to a day just for you!

- Stay Safe -safety tips for home and driving presented by the Millstadt Police
- New Year, new attitude; the fastest way to change the quality of your life is to change your attitude presented by Marjie Weber
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Linda Hoepfinger

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Shirley Rinck

Doris Chaput

Frances Dickneite

Betty Stark

Fern Seiber

Collen Costello

Charlie Worden

Lucille Reese

### Meals on Wheels

Nancy Kostelac

Cheryl Mueth

Susan Sager

Allen Analla

Darlene Slovinski

Sandra Muskopf

Karen Witte

Lindy Knysak

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### Newsletter

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## Cabin # 3 *By Gary L. Fitzgerald*

After arriving at my favorite lodge in Alaska on Wednesday afternoon, I was pleased to be told I had my favorite Log Cabin # 3. After organizing my equipment, having a great evening meal at the lodge, I decided to shower and relax in Cabin # 3. After 2:15 am in the middle of the night, I was awakened by some vibration in the cabin wall by the bed...a loud sounding like thunder, and the cabin wall sounded like it was coming apart. I thought at first it was probably a small earthquake, which is a normal occurrence in Alaska. After thinking about it, thunder makes a loud noise and seems to roll with a similar noise. This was loud and very short. After about 3 to 4 minutes, everything was quiet, no more shaking, no more noise, nothing. I returned to sleep. The next morning at breakfast at the lodge, I asked if anybody in the other cabins felt it. The answer was no! One of the guides at the breakfast came over to me and said, "I know what it was." I said, "Please tell me and help my curiosity." He told, and I quote, "It was probably a huge Alaska Brown Bear!" I laughed and told him, "you have to be kidding me!" He asked me if this morning I looked at the side of the wall of the cabin. I said, "no". After breakfast he and I went to look at the side wall of Cabin # 3. These cabins are made from real log lumber. On the side all there were significant signs of wood bitten and ripped off several logs. I could not believe it! But I saw it! He told me this has happened on occasion. It was probably done by a 12 to 14 hundred pound Alaska brown bear standing up, slapping the wall with its front paws, tearing the wood off with its huge paws, biting the logs and grunting very loudly! He told me this has happened before. They don't know why; he showed me some claw and teeth marks that were not refinished over when they repaired the cabin. The damage we saw from the night before was truly fresh pieces of lumber laying on the ground. We walked to the next cabin up from there and we saw reason why. However, he thought that where these cabins were built was on an old bear trail and on occasion, the bears walking the trail during the night would do this. I realize no one will probably believe this story, but I was there. I heard it. I saw it.



The following Wednesday night during the night, I heard a similar situation right before I took my shower. So I felt risqué and very, very quietly stepped out on the porch, peaked around the corner, and not 3 feet away from me a small bear cub turned his head and looked at me. That really scared me because I knew big Momma Bear had to be very close to her cub! I immediately went back into the cabin and closed the door. The noise went away and I slept the rest of the night. I told the other people and the same guide that it happened again. Several of us went to the cabin and looked at the wall. Yes, more heavy claw and bite marks and pieces of fresh wood laid on the ground.

I love Alaska! Of all my 17 years spending some time each fall photographing wildlife and bears in my favorite place, Alaska, this is truly a memory I will not forget!

That's why they now call Cabin # 3...The Bear Cabin!

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## 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.



## Dorothy Wolfmeier

Dorothy L. Wolfmeier, nee Mehrstens, 91 years of Millstadt, IL, born November 23, 1926 in Millstadt, IL, departed this life on December 27, 2017.

Dorothy was a life-long member of Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt, IL. She was a member of Zion Kitchen Band, Zion Women's Fellowship, a charter member of Midwest Polka Club, Millstadt Sister City, and Millstadt Senior Services group.

Dorothy attended eight years in a one room school house and two years at Millstadt High School, with perfect attendance. She was an employee of Millstadt Creamery and Vogts Department Store in Columbia, IL, and co-owner with her husband Roy, of Roy Wolfmeier Truck Services in Millstadt, IL. Dorothy was an avid gardener, canning her home grown vegetables and fruits. She loved to dance a lively polka, play bingo, and spend time with her family.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Roy G. Wolfmeier, whom she married April 4, 1948 at Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt, IL, and who passed on October 27, 2011; her parents, Herman and Christine, nee Albert, Mehrstens; her in-laws, George and Elizabeth, nee Washausen, Wolfmeier; brothers, Raymond (Ida), Harold (Florence), Alvin (Salome), and Herman (Lucille) Mehrstens; sister, Ardella (Elmer) German; sisters-in-law, Viola Wolfmeier and Esther Mergelkamp; and daughter-in-law, Regina "Gina" Wolfmeier.

Surviving are her sons, Robert (Marge) Wolfmeier of Millstadt, IL, Ronald Wolfmeier of Millstadt, IL; her daughter, Marlene (David) Dow of Columbus, IN; her grandchildren, Reshell (Bobbie) Schmidt of Millstadt, IL, Eric (Beth) Wolfmeier of Belleville, IL, Rebecca (Matt) Schmidt of Millstadt, IL, Jill Wolfmeier (Jason Hestand) of St. Louis, MO, Robbie (Sarah Blevins) Wolfmeier of Millstadt, IL, Patrick Dow (Jamie Chanie Mobley) of Indianapolis, IN, Andrew Dow (Shannon Campbell) of Chicago, IL, and Matt (Staci) Dow of Bloomington, IN; and great-grandchildren, Andria Vilchez, Claudia Vilchez and Jacob Schmidt of Millstadt, IL, Roy Wolfmeier of Millstadt, IL, Hunter Blevins of Millstadt, IL, Jackson and Isabella Schmidt of Millstadt, IL, Isabelle, George, and Olivia Wolfmeier of Belleville, IL, Natalie Dow of Indianapolis, IN, Noah and Alexander Monroe of Bloomington, IN., and Anika Esther Dow of Bloomington, IN.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the staff at Memorial Hospital and Memorial Care Center for their care for Dorothy.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt, IL, or Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



## Wish List

**Solo Cups**  
**Paper Towels**  
**Decaf Coffee, Coffee Cups, Sugar,**  
**Creamers, Sugar Substitute,**  
**Stirrers, Decaf Tea**  
**Lipton Tea Bags (Gallon Size)**  
**Country Time Lemonade**  
**(Large Canister)**  
**Pharmacy Gift Cards**  
**Gallon Size Ziploc Bags**  
**Dessert Plates**  
**Steel Mesh Scrubbers for kitchen**  
**Ziploc Containers**  
**White Card Stock paper**

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## Tommy Ryan

Tommy Ray Ryan, 69, of Millstadt, Ill., born August 24, 1948, in Anna, Ill., passed away on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at the Red Bud Regional Hospital in Red Bud, Ill. Tommy was a retired locomotive engineer from the Missouri Pacific/Union Pacific Railroad. He was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Floraville, Ill., and he was a United States Marine Corps veteran having served in Vietnam from 1966-1967 and being discharged in 1970.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy Lee and Nancy, nee Turner, Ryan, his brother, Randy Ryan and his sister-in-law, Lawonna Green.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Daryl Ryan, nee Byrd; his service dog and companion, Dasie Rae; his brother, Terry Rhodes; sisters, Vicky Rodgers and Patsy Ryan; brothers-in-law, Jan (Marsha) Byrd and Jim (Connie) Green; sisters-in-law, Donna (Ray) Welch and Sharla (Harold) Welch; aunt, Shirley Turner; cousin, Jerry Bittle; nieces and nephews, Monica, Tracey, Sherry, Terry Lee "TL", Travis, Denise, Brittany, Mark (Becca) Byrd, Jeff (Celinda) Welch, Jody (Sharon) Welch, Monica (Jason) Toney, Martin (Elaine) Welch, Myra (Brian) Martin, Michele (Russell) Chapman, Timothy (Maki) Green and Beverly (Gardner) Holland; also survived by other relatives and his brothers in arms, Delta 1/5 United States Marine Corps.



## Alex White

Alex R. White, 38, of Millstadt, IL, born January 14, 1979 in Belleville, passed away December 9, 2017 in St. Louis, MO. Alex, better known as "the hammer" by his buddies, worked in the construction field and was a member of Laborer's Local 459 in Belleville. He earned an Associate's Degree from Southwestern Illinois College. In his free time, he loved to hunt ducks, geese and deer as well as spending time at the Clubhouse. Alex enjoyed playing the drums, explosives, and karate... all things that made him happiest when sharing all of this with his boys.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dennis J. White; and his grandparents, John and Juanita Klee. Surviving is his loving wife, Molly A., nee Buck, White; two sons, Jack White and Mitchell White; his mother, Sandy (Roger) Lewis; a brother, Sean (Meagan) Lewis; a sister, Morgan (Joey) Teague; his mother-in-law, Corea Buck; and a very special uncle, John (Kitty) Klee; as well as aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memorials are requested to an Educational Fund set up for his sons, Jack and Mitchell. Condolences may be expressed online at

[www.valhallagardensandfuneralhome.com](http://www.valhallagardensandfuneralhome.com)



## 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.

## Lawrence O'Dell

Lawrence L. O'Dell Lawrence L. O'Dell, 90, of Millstadt, IL, died Dec. 16, 2017. Visitation 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and again from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Funeral 12 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Interment at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO. Quernheim Funeral Home, Waterloo, IL.

## Anna Schutzenhofer

Anna E. Schutzenhofer, nee Schandl, 98, of Millstadt, Illinois, born Wednesday, November 5, 1919, in East Saint Louis, IL, passed away Sunday, December 17, 2017 at Bria Health Care in Belleville, Illinois.

Anna was a WWII United States Army Air Corp Veteran, worked as a Bookkeeper for Centerre Bank and was a member of St. James Catholic Church Millstadt, Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert A. Schutzenhofer; parents, Isadore and Teresa, nee Juntz, Schandl; brother, Herman Schandl; sisters, Teresa nee Bischof Grant and Helen, nee Bischof, Guette

Surviving are her sons, Daniel A. (Loretta Sue) Schutzenhofer of Lamar, MO and David A. (Yvonne) Schutzenhofer of Millstadt, IL; two grandchildren, Christina Leah Taylor and husband, Samuel Joseph Taylor, and Captain, United States Army Daniel Albert Schutzenhofer; nephew, Gary Schandl; nieces, Diana Wiehe, Marilyn Smith, and Jean Triplett.



## Millstadt Township Minutes

**November 7, 2017**

\$30.00 donation to Breakfast with Santa

\$50.00 donation to Lighted Parade

No General Assistance Cases.