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Quilt In Fuzzy's Memory



Donna Gaulrapp of Millstadt and a dedicated volunteer at the Millstadt Senior Center donated this beautiful quilt in memory of her dear brother Ronald "Fuzzy" Eckert. Fuzzy was known by his earphones as he was always listening to a sports game. He was truly a dedicated supporter of the Millstadt Township Senior Center. He served as a Millstadt Township trustee as well as a member of the Millstadt Township Senior Services Executive Board along with serving in many other capacities in the Village.

He worked hard to support all the fundraisers at the Senior Center and was a committed score keeper for the Senior Center Corn Hole League. He would be proud to have his mother's quilt raffled to help raise money to preserve the future of the center for all seniors.

Wilma Eckert, Fuzzy's mother embroidered the blocks, assembled the quilt, and quilted it all by herself! This quilt is a true treasure by Fuzzy's mother! Fuzzy kept this quilt in pristine condition and the Senior Center is very honored that it has been donated for our December Quilt Raffle! Tickets for this beautiful quilt will be on sale at the Senior Center.

From Below The Tower



The Senior Center will be closed on MONDAY, JULY 5 in observance of our nation's Independence Day holiday. We hope you will have a nice holiday! Mark your calendar

Patty Evansco

for Tuesday, July 6th we will be re-opening our doors! Welcome back! When the dining room closed on March 12, 2020, and we started the drive-thru meal pickup on March 13, I had no idea we would be closed for nearly 16 months! But the time has come to reopen the dining room on Tuesday, July 6! We ask that you follow a few rules

DINING ROOM

REOPENING JULY 6 FOR INSIDE DINNG

- If you are <u>NOT vaccinated</u>, please honor other's safety and wear a mask.
- There will be a one-time signing of CoVid Release & Waiver Liability Acknowlegement.
- Please stay home if you experience any symptoms of COVID19.

It will be wonderful to see everyone at our Welcome Back Celebration! The Senior Center staff have all pitched in to prepare and plan for your celebration. The building looks beautiful! Carpets are cleaned, flowers are planted, walks are swept and food planned. We hope everyone comes. I want to thank all our partners who helped get ready for the celebration! There will be music, raffles, and giveaways! I cannot wait to catch up after being away from each other for way too long l

from each other for way too long.! I look forward to seeing you!



Thank You!

Through several generous donations, we were able to purchase the 3 Warmer Bags that were needed for our Meals on Wheels program. There is a 7 week wait on getting them, so we will get them just in time for winter.



Senior Center To Increase Suggested Cost Of Meals By 50 Cents

Millstadt Senior Center has not increased the cost of meals since 2013 as food costs continue to rise.

The cost of food and those who prepare the food for Millstadt Senior Center has gone up over the last years. Beginning in July, Millstadt seniors will start to feel those increases, but only a little.

Local seniors will only be asked to contribute an additional 50 cents for their meals. The suggested price for senior lunches will be \$5.00 effective July 1, 2021.

Millstadt Homecoming 2021 Is Back!

The annual picnic will be held Labor Day weekend September 4/5 2021. Share with us your favorite or first memory of the Millstadt Homecoming. Maybe you were a member of the Millstadt Crusaders or won a car at the annual Homecoming Raffle. Jot down your memories and sent them or drop them off at the Millstadt Senior Center. Pictures are welcome and they will be returned to you.

Beware of Scammers

Scammers are still out there just looking for a way to get your personal information and use that to gain access to your computer.

Criminals will pose as a technology representative and offer to "fix" non-existent computer issues by gaining access to your computer remotely.

Be careful when sending any cash, gift cards or wire money to people you do not know.

Remember, if anyone calls you and asks for any sensitive information or money, just hang-up!

33rd Annual Parks Biathlon

September 16, 2021 will mark the 33rd Annual Parks Biathlon which will be held at the Liederkranz Park at 301 North Jefferson.

The registration form for the biathlon is on the Village of Millstadt web site.

Trivia is Back!

On October 16, the Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation annual trivia event will return to St. James Parish. Please save October 16 on your calendar now! All proceeds from this event support our local Meals on Wheels program.



Postal Rate Increase

The cost of sending a birthday card will go up to \$0.58 on Sunday August 29, 2021. To



up to \$0.58 on Sunday August 29, 2021. To send a post card from your long delayed road trip will cost you \$.40 plus the cost of the post card.

Beat the rush to the post office and buy your "Forever" stamps for only \$.55 before August 29.

Food Pantry Fund Raiser

Millstadt Sister Cities and the Rick Wagner family sponsored a Potato Pancake and Brat Burger event at MillPond to support the local Millstadt Food Pantry. The Wagner family co-sponsored the drive and provided a pick-up to collect donated items for the Millstadt Food Pantry. Members of the Millstadt Sister Cities organization prepared and grilled their famous potato pancakes and brat burgers from Schubert's Smokehouse for the fundraiser. The June 12th event raised over \$2800 in addition to the pickup truck filled with non-perishable items. Thank-you to all the workers and everyone who donated time, money, or items to the Millstadt Food Pantry.

D.A.R.E Scholarship

Millstadt Police Chief, Alan Hucke presented the 2021 D.A.R.E scholarship to Taylor Geluck. Taylor is a graduate of MCS and Belleville West High School. She is the daughter of Stacey and Brian Geluck. Taylor plans to attend Washington University and major in biology.

Funds for scholarships are raised from D.A.R.E. to Run for Backstoppers 5k/10k. Essays for the scholarship are judged anonymously.

MPD Police Academy

The Millstadt Police Department is excited to announce the return ofhe Youth Academy. It was cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19. The academy is for youth ages 9-12 and will be held July 26-30. The cost is \$60.00. The youth and police officers will engage in a variety of activities which will include one field trip day. Applications are available at the Police Department and at Millstadt Village Hall.

Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation

For over a year all meals served from the Millstadt Township Senior Center have been served in take-out containers called "Olivers". Some days 120 meals were delivered by MOWS volunteer drivers or meals pre-ordered and picked-up at the Senior Center. The SMBF relies on fund raisers and donations to support the MOWS program for Seniors in the Millstadt, Freeburg and the Smithton area. Donations to the SMBF may be mailed to the Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation, Post Office Box 41, Millstadt, IL. Thankyou for your support to our local MOWS program.



Happy Birthday Colleen!

Millstadt Senior Center Volunteer Colleen Costello celebrated her Birthday on June 28th! To help her celebrate Meals



on Wheels volunteer Vicki Pellman presented her with a special Birthday sash to wear. Colleen received many gifts and cards. Colleen has been a dedicated volunteer for over 11 years. She is excited for everyone to return on July 6th.

Individual Computer Classes

Want to learn more about using computers? Get set up for email? Get on Facebook? We provide one-onone computer training at no charge. Classes are taught by a knowledgeable senior computer enthusiast Mike Capell. For additional information call 618-476-3731. Classes start on Friday, July 30th @ 10:30 am and will continue on the Fourth Friday of each month.



8:30 am – 1:00 pm 9:00 am – 11:00 am River City 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Miss Sheri's for Lunch

Ask A Cop

Ask a Cop is coming to the Millstadt Senior Center on Tuesday, July 12th at 12:30 pm! Police officers make our lives a little easier, not just because of the job that they do, but also because of the knowledge that they possess. Chief of Police Alan Hucke would like to share some of that knowledge with you! If you have any questions about new and changing laws, or need clarity on existing ones, here's your chance to ask! Get your questions ready! Future dates to be announced.

Millstadt Township News

No Millstadt Township recycling on Saturday, July 3, <u>2021</u>. Due to the holiday weekend, Township recycling will be collected on Saturday, July 10, 2021. Please remember to mark your calendars of the change. Happy Fourth of July!

Department Of Aging Stops By For A Visit

Hali McKenzie, a representative of AgeSmart stopped by to visit and drop off supplies for area seniors. AgeSmart represents the Illinois Department of Aging in distributing all grants and senior operations.



Volunteer Opportunity

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

Renewal of Homestead Exemption

If you have received a Homestead Exemption last year that usually needs to be annually filed, due to COVID-19 safety provisions, please be aware that for

the 2021 assessment year, your exemption will be approved for any property that was approved for the 2020 assessment year, without application, provided that:

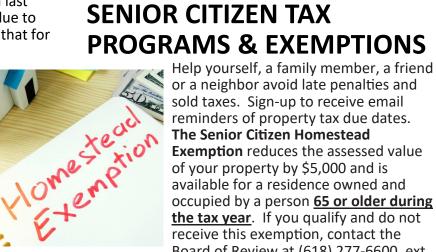
- 1. The owner of record for the property Jan 1, 2021 is the same owner of record of the property that was approved for this exemption for the 2020 assessment year.
- 2. The taxpayer for the 2020 assessment year as not asked for the exemption to be removed for the 2020 or 2021 assessment years.
- 3. The taxpayer or heirs will be required to inform the Assessor's office of a change of status that was required for approval of 2020 assessment year. Examples of this would be service-connected disability rating change, taxpayer who had the senior status is not living on the property or is now deceased, Social Security Administration no longer is providing disability benefits. Seniors has gone above the financial threshold of household income of \$65.000.

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

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



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Did You Know –

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

2489, 2493, 2488.

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

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

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.

Aluminum Can Recycling Report

Thank you Alan Analla and Darleen Slovinski and Ralph and Kathy Schaefer for all you hard work taking all the cans to the Recycling Center.

Thank you for you time saving and bringing your cans to the Senior Center.

Through your generosity you have provided countless Bingo prizes, Bunco prizes, Birthday prizes, 4th of July favors, Easter candy, Christmas gifts and candy, Bowling items, Funeral Flowers, Doughnuts, Corn Hole gifts and many other treats.

Please continue to save your aluminum for the Senior Center.

For the Year	Amount	Received	Per lb Avg
2015	\$	302.03	0.38
2016	\$	328.36	0.34
2017	\$	277.22	0.37
2018	\$	319.13	0.49
2019	\$	208.51	0.33
2020	\$	147.42	0.31
2021	\$	81.44	0.45
	\$	1,664.11	0.38

Smithton Library News

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



Boy Scout Troop 622 9th Annual Independence Day BBQ July 4, 2021 11:00 am to ?? St. James Catholic Church Millstadt. Illinois (Intersection of W. Washington and Lafayette Streets) Championship Carolina-style Pulled Pork \$9 Plate / \$6 Sandwich \$12 Pork Steak Plate \$9 Pork Steak Sandwich \$8 Burger or Brat Plate \$5 Burger or Brat Sandwich \$2 Hot Dog on Bun \$1 Soda / Water Plates include 2 Sides: potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, pasta salad Senior Talk **Receive the Newsletter in the Mail!** Subscriptions are \$30.00 Per Year Due To Postage Increases (12 Issues) Name: Address: City: Zip: State: Phone: Please Send This Form And Your Check To: Millstadt Township Senior Services **102 South Jefferson Street** Millstadt, IL 62260 **Be Sure To Check Your Mailing Label For Your Subscription Expiration Date**

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Funeral Assistance

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.



Which expenses will qualify for reimbursement?

Examples of eligible expenses for funeral services and interment or cremation may include, but not limited to

- Transportation for up to two people to identify the deceased individual
- The transfer of remains, a casket or urn A burial plot or cremation niche
- A marker or headstone

What information do I need to provide to FEMA?

Please have the following information before contacting FEMA to apply.

- Your name, social security number, date of birth, mailing address and contact phone numbers. The name, social security number and date of birth for each deceased individual
- The location or address where the deceased individual passed away.
- Documentation and receipts for any assistance already received from other sources, including burial or
- funeral insurance, donations, voluntary agencies, other government programs or non-profit organizations. If you and another person both incurred funeral expenses for the same deceased individual(s), you can also provide that person as a co-applicant - include their name, social security number and date of birth on the application

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THIS ASSISTANCE?

Call FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Helpline at 1-844-684-6333 (TTY: 800-462-7585) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET, Monday - Friday and begin the application process.

For fastest service following your application, you can begin submitting documentation online through by fax 855-261-3452. COVID-19 Funeral Assistance P.O. Box 10001 Hyattsville, MD 20782 mailed to

FEMA

You can also visit us online at FEMA.gov/funeral-assistance/fag. Information is provided in severa languages both by telephone and the website

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

To be eligible for funeral assistance, you mus

The death must have occurred in the United

States, including the U.S. territories, and the

District of Columbia. The death certificate must indicate the death

was attributed to or caused by COVID-19. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen

national or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020. There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen

meet these conditions:

national or qualified alien.

Clergy or officiant services

Cremation or interment costs Costs associated with producing multiple

death certificates

The arrangement of a funeral ceremony The use of funeral home equipment or staff

SENIOR NEWS

Gentle Chair Yoga In-Person! Starting Monday, July 12 10:00 am @ Senior Center

Instructor: Joyce Herrmann

Yoga can be a great way to exercise the aging body. In this gentle yoga class, students use a chair and Joyce helps to modify positions for comfort and concerns. Please call 618-476-3731 to first-time register! No Charge!

Community Kindness

Community Kindness has generously provided grants to the Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation for several years. Their quarterly grants of \$300 have provided funds to purchase the serving dishes for our Meals on Wheels clients. During the past year, the MOWS program has not only delivered meals but provided a brief social contact and smile, under the mask, to our stay-at-home clients. Thank-you to all donors. If you would like to make a donation to the SMBF, our mailing address is Post Office Box 41, Millstadt, IL 62260.

Blanket **Donations**

Recently Edith Robinson, mother of Paula Burch, made and donated blankets for our raffles. Thank you, Edith!





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Thank You & Have A Good Thank Day!

"Thank you, Have good day!" Thank you to Shelby Scharf and the



sixth-grade students from Millstadt Community School. The cards were really enjoyed by the Meals on Wheels clients.

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

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

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



Millstadt Farmers Market

Stop by Fridays 3 to 6 pm, at the VFW Event Center. Put this community event at the top of your list of things to do. Thanks loyal vendors to our and customers, who help us to continue to make this successful event. Local tomatoes are here!!!! Stop by and see us for produce, baked goods and



everything else. Thanks from our market team Darrel, Gary and Randy. Always stop by the VFW for lunch or dinner!!!!!

Celebrate The Flag



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Help Celebrate Flag Day and the 4th of July by showing your patriotism and flying the Flag! American Legion Post



502 Millstadt wants to celebrate Flag Day and the 4th of July by putting up and replacing flags throughout Millstadt! If you are interested, please send your name, address and phone number to the American Legion Post 502 Millstadt, P.O. Box 25, Millstadt, IL 62260. Also, the Post will retire your flag if needed.

Tuesday Golfing



Judi Jacobs and Director Patty Evansco were the only members of the Tuesday morning golf league on June 8th. If you are interested, please contact the Senior Center. If we can get 8 people, we will try it again.



Day Trip

If you need a day away to enjoy the summer weather a trip to the Missouri Botanical Garden may be just what is needed to join the its almost normal again crusade.

Origami in the Garden, a monumental sculpture exhibit opened in April and will be on display until October 10.

The monumental show features 18 large-scale installations that include flying birds, emerging butterflies, floating boats and soaring paper airplanes. The exhibit is included with Missouri Botanical admission of \$14 for adults and children ages 12 and under are free.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in south St. Louis. Free parking is available on side and two blocks west at the corner of Shaw and Vandeventer.

LIFE GUARDS NEEDED

The Village of Millstadt is hiring lifeguards for the 2021 summer. Contact Ashley at millstadtpool@gmail.com.



For Sale

Chrysler Red EZ Go Golf Cart. Very clean. Trojan batteries abo hth attery charger, wind shield a o Call Bob Bolt at 618-473-9358.



8:30 AM

Dates to Remember

July 6, Senior Center opens for congregate meals! July 9, Farmers Market at VFW Parking lot; 3-6:00 pm.

July 12, Chair Yoga at the Senior Center 10:00 am. July 16, Farmers Market at VFW Parking lot; 3:00-6:00 pm.

July 18, National Ice Cream Day. Enjoy some at Happy Days.

July 19, Chair Yoga at the Senior Center 10:00 am. July 23, Farmers Market at VFW Parking lot; 3:00-6:00 pm.

July 26, Chair Yoga at the Senior Center 10:00 am. July 30, Farmers Market at VFW Parking lot; 3:00-6:00 pm.



Millstadt areas! Drivers are needed from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Deliver meals and a smile and also receive a delicious free meal on the day you deliver! **Call Patty at (618) 476-3731**



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QUILT - A-RAMA

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



Tickets are \$25.00 each.

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

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









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Little Free Library

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



THANKS FOR OUR DONORS

St Louis Bread Company (Belleville Crossing) St Louis Bread Company (Telegraph Road) Schnucks (Country Club Plaza) **MEMORIALS** In Memory of Eugene Boron **Reba Vaught** KPMG **Donna & James Young** Nancy Chambers Judith Schutzenhofer **Rich & Norma Brune** Joseph & Courtney Boron Paul & Laura Baebler James & Margaret Schifferdecker Edward & Sheri Luecking Kathryn Dortch Maryjo Thornburgh **MONETARY DONATION** Kathy Stanton Marilyn Culli David & Suzanne Haas (Monthly Senior Meal Sponsor) Susan Sager Barb & Bob Louis Pat Morris Teresa and Russell Braunseis Barb Meadows (Tips from working at Happy Days) **KITCHEN, BINGO & MISCELLANEOUS** Bob Engelbretson Russell and Teresa Braunseis Fran Wagner **Edith Robinson** Jackie McKay Julie Dengler Linda Speichinger Ann Clark Haas Shirley Joshua Susan Hoffmann **STAMPS** Beth and Rich Kwentus THERMAL COOLERS (Ordered and will be here in 4 weeks) Anonymous Dorothy Edmondson **Robert & Barbara Louis Rich & Norma Brune**

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

Operation Food Search

The Operation Food Search Food Rescue Program partners with Schnucks (and Dierbergs) to distribute food that is nutritious and edible but no longer able to be sold. Thanks to both Operation Food Search and the Belleville West Schnucks for our weekly Bread and



Bakery Items that the Senior Center receives on Tuesdays and Thursdays! Total monetary value of the donations we received during the month of May 2021 was \$600.00! *Thank You Schnucks!!*



Happy Independence Day

Wishing you and your family a safe and festive July Fourth holiday.





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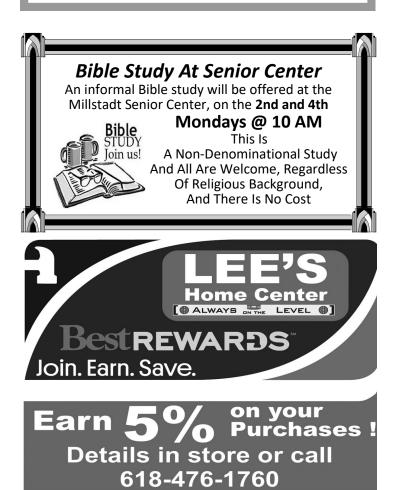
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Senior Talk Available On Internet

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

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





Stephen

Hello to all. Thank you for being with us today to study the Good News of Jesus Christ. First, a very special thank you to Pastor Darrell Weber for his timely article in the Senior News last month. "Faith, Hope and Love". A reminder, wherever we are on our life's journey, God is walking with us. Be faithful, God is love and our only hope is in Jesus Christ.

Luke wrote the book of Acts to tell the story of the acts of the twelve Apostles, plus one. Do you remember their names? (Matthew 10:1-4). Do you remember the instructions given to them by Jesus? (Matt. 10:5-42). NOTE: Judas, the betrayer, was later replaced by Matthias. (Acts: 1:26). We will discuss the "Plus One" in next month's study. Are you able to guess who it is?

Okay, let us get started. This month, our study will include Acts Chapters 6 and 7. Acts 6 explains the rapid growth of the Church has become complicated, and The Twelve need help. Peter feels The Twelve cannot abandon their ministry of sharing The Good News to "wait on tables". (vs. 2). The Twelve were eyewitnesses to what Jesus said and did during His ministry on earth. Seven others were selected to help, and the word of God continued to spread, and the number of disciples increased. (vs 7).

In Acts 7:8-15, we are introduced to Stephen, one of the seven. "A man full of God's grace and power". (vs. 8). "With the face of an angel". (vs 15).

Chapter 7 is primarily Stephen's account of early Biblical history. As you read, you can sense Stephen's frustration as he speaks to the "stiff-necked people" (vs 51), who "have received the law.... but have not obeyed it". (vs. 53). Who is Stephen speaking to?

A very special young man whose only crime was that he loved and obeyed the Lord. Thus, we have the first martyr of the Christian faith. (vs. 54-60). Stoned to death at the approximate age of thirty.

"While our entire world is standing in the quagmire of human opinions, theories, philosophies and dreams, our Lord invites us to stand firmly on the rock of reality, eternally etched in the granite of God's book. Our only hope is in Jesus Christ-His death and resurrection". Charles R. Swindoll Blessings and Thank You, Pat Morris

WE PLAN TO RESUME OUR BIBLE STUDY CLASS AT THE MILLSTADT SENIOR CENTER ON MON., JULY 12TH @ 10 A.M. PASTOR WEBER WILL CONDUCT THE CLASS. PLEASE JOIN US & STAY FOR LUNCH.

HOPE TO HAVE YOU WITH US!

Senior Center Menu And Senior Talk On Line

Township Website: millstadttownship.org. Click on Senior Svcs (located on the left-hand side of the page).

Listing of Senior Center Items will appear.

Click on the item you would like to view.

Village of Millstadt Website: villageofmillstadt.org. Double click on

"Find it Fast" (located on the right-hand side of the page).

Click on "S" or scroll down to "S"

and click on the Senior Center Item you would like to view.



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VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT

MAY 24, 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 May 10th minutes. Mike Capell seconded the

motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS: Mike Capell stated he reviewed the bills. Mike Capell made a

motion to pay the bills. Mike French seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Mike Capell stated there would be an Executive Session for Personnel and Legal Matters.

PUBLIC WORKS: WATER: Mayor Todd stated he talked with DCEO and the public infrastructure grant the Village applied for will not be awarded until the fall now. Due to the Covid grants, this

one has now been pushed back. It is a \$570,000 grant. STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: Randy Burk stated he received a request from the Boy Scouts to close South Lafayette Street during their 4th of July Bar-B-Que. Randy Burk made a motion to allow the Boy Scouts to close South Lafayette Street from West Washington Street to West Madison Street on Sunday, July 4th. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Randy stated there is an agreement that needs to be voted on between the Village and TWM for the Streetscape project. It is a standard IDOT contract. IDOT is requiring an inspector on the project. Mike French made a motion to approve the agreement between the Village and TWM for the Streetscape project on West Washington Street. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried with Randy Burk voting present. Randy stated he received a request from the Senior Center for permission to have a collection at the 4-way as a part of "Senior Independence Day". Randy Burk made a motion to allow the Senior Center to collect funds at the 4-way on Saturday, June 5th from 9am to 1pm. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The proceeds will be kept by the Millstadt Senior Center. Randy stated he should know who the low bidder is for the Streetscape project by the next Village Board meeting. Tracy Holmes asked where the letting would be. Randy answered at IDOT.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Mike French stated Resolution 21-03 is for Declaring a Trustee Vacancy. Al Lehr was re-elected to a four year term on April 6, 2021. He has not been able to be sworn in so with this resolution the Board will declare his position abandoned. Mayor Todd will have 60 days to appoint someone. Mike French made a motion to accept Resolution 21-03 as presented. Randy Burk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mike French stated Resolution 21-04 is for the Library District. The resolution is for the Village to make the conversion to the Library becoming its own district. Library Director Nichole Lauko added that their initial goal is to stay the same size so that there won't be a need to increase taxes. Mayor Todd clarified that they are not looking to raise their taxes. Ms. Lauko answered no. Mike French made a motion to accept Resolution 21-04 as presented. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mike French stated Ordinance 1236 is for Chapter 91 regarding Animals in the revised Village ordinances. Adam Romero clarified that the ordinance is specific to wild animals. It identifies what is considered a wild animal and that they may only be possessed in an agricultural zoned district. Mike French made a motion to accept Ordinance 1236 as presented. Randy Burk seconded the motion. Mike French stated Ordinance 1237 is to Amend Chapter 152 for Accessory Uses. It is regarding zoning for accessory buildings. Adam Romero stated the only changes were to clarify where the accessory building can be located and that there may only be one accessory use per parcel. Mike French made a motion to accept Ordinance 1237 as presented. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Mayor Todd stated they are still looking for lifeguards

for the Village pool. Anyone 15 and older can apply. Pool manager Ashley Crannage will train

them. The pool is still scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend.



Gift Shop & Library Walk-in Hours

Tues, Wed, Thurs: 10-12am

You are welcome to browse the library and gift shop. Find yourself a

book for pleasure reading and stock up on cards or some enticing jewelry at bargain prices!

Unfortunately, we are not able to accept any donations of shoes, clothing, household items or medical equipment as we are limited on space.

Millstadt Red Helpsave Cross Blood Drive Schedule

July 7, 2021 Sept. 1, 2021 Nov. 10, 2021 Jan. 5, 2022 Mar. 9, 2022 May 4, 2022 July 6, 2022 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm V.F.W. 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm V.F.W. 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James

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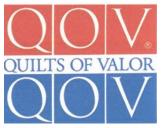
3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James

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Quilts of Valor

Each month Millstadt Township Senior Services will nominate and hold presentation ceremonies of service members and veterans to be honored with



a Quilt of Valor each month. These service members and veterans that have been touched by war will be presented a comforting and healing Quilt of Valor. This quilt is given regardless of the conflict-declared war or otherwise-in which they served. These Quilts of Valor are lifetime awards, stitched with love, prayers, and healing thoughts.

These quilts are awarded by the "Stars of Honor/ Illinois" chapter and sponsored by Warm N Cozy Quilt Shop in Columbia, Illinois.

Each quilt cost \$250 to complete. Your tax-deductible gift buys fabric for quilt tops, backing, and pays for batting and shipping. Contributions of any amount are appreciated. You can drop off your donations at Warm N Cozy Quilt Shop in Columbia, go to the Quilt of Valor website at QOVF.org and list Stars of Honor/ Illinois to keep your donation local, or mail directly to Dona Rector, Stars of Honor Group Leader at 5937 Saxtown Road, Millstadt Illinois 62260. If you have any questions, you may contact her at (618) 960-4778.

You are also welcomed to become a member of the Group. Members group sew, quilt, bind and present Quilts of Valor. Membership is \$10 a year and \$5 for an optional QOV pin. The local group is called Stars of Valor. To join visit the Quilts of Valor Foundation at QOVF.org or contact Dona Rector at the above number.

Anyone can nominate a service member by visiting the Quilts of Valor website at QOVF.org. The person nominated will be added to the QOV database and assigned to the appropriate group governing that area.



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Office (60 hours) Jean Colbert Lucy Hitsman **Riley Knapp** Emma Loewe Kathy Schaefer Jayden Touchette William Weck Karen Witte Drivers (25 hours) Dave Albers **Butch Bertelsman Cindv Bertelsman** Jamie Bereitschaft Marsha Davis Sandy Dressler Marlou Eckert Patti French **Beth Kwentus** Charlie Todd Larry Todd Smithton (65 hours) Pam Andrews Jerry Cosby Julie Cosby Kathy Fern Nancy Freeman Kim Freeman Karla Lippert Marilyn Robinson Pat Schmeder **Dorothy Thomas** Mike Walter Newsletter (48 hours) Gary Diedrich **Kathy Diedrich** Marlou Eckert Don Mueller Pat Morris Kathy Schaefer Meals on Wheels (201 hours) **Dave Albers** Joe Burch Paula Burch Randy Burk **Becky Courtney** Scott Courtney Cindy Czech Marsha Davis Marlou Eckert Donna Gaulrapp Lori Gaulrapp Elle Heiligenstein Lucy Hitsman Donna Hucke Leon Hucke Gary Huwer **Barnie Jorns** Nancy Kostelac

Jerry Koudelka Millie Koudelka Beth Kwentus **Rich Kwentus** Ed Luecking Fern Lundsford George Mokriakow Peggy Mokriakow John Morton **Ruth Morton** Dave Muskopf Sandy Muskopf Charlie Mueth **Cheryl Mueth** Vicki Pellman Marylou Peter **Cheryl Pierpoint Richard Rist** Susan Sager **Glenn Schaefer** Marianne Schaefer **Faye Schilling** Charlie Todd Karen Witte Kitchen (400 hours) Aaron Arras **Doris Chaput** Kailing Chen **Colleen Costello** Marlou Eckert Heather Erwin Leann Franco Lucy Hitsman Carol Holthaus Emma Loewe Ed Luecking Chris Michael **Kim Oplet** Marylou Peter Lucille Reese Michelle Rist **Richard Rist Carol Terveer** Fran Wagner Mike Walter **Evelyn Weber** Malissa Weber Quilting (95 hours) Doris Adams **Teresa Barbier** Joann Clemens Judy Jacobs **Beth Kwentus** Faye LaBrier Carol Osick Lois Potter Judy Sutter Thrift Shop (4 hours) Eileen Doerr Janet Mueller

A simple two ingredient recipe just in time for peach season in Southern Illinois 6 large peaches 1 cup sweetened condensed milk Peel and slice the peached, freeze until firm. Blend with condensed milk, in small batches if necessary, until creamy and smooth. Eat immediately soft-serve-style, or freeze in a loaf pan for up to 3 days.

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.

Senior Talk Available at These Locations Pick-Up Your copy of the Monthly Senior Talk at One of The Following Millstadt Locations Melva's Family Hair Care 476-7933 Millstadt Barber Shop 476-7273 Millstadt IGA 476-3161 Millstadt Library 476-1887 Malissa Weber, FNP-C 476-3373 Millstadt Pharmacy 476-1701 Millstadt Village Hall 476-1514 Millstadt VFW 476-1180 Mertz Motors (618) 476-3051 St. James Catholic Church 476-3513 Trinity Lutheran Church 476-3101 Zion Évangelical Church 476-1778 Dr. Steve Knoernchild 476-3344 Concordia UCC 476-3377 St. Paul Church, Floraville 473-2285 Dr. Kevin Schmidt 476-3261 St Michaels Church – Paderborn 473-2798 First National Bank of Waterloo 476-3334 Caseys 476-7360 Associated Bank 476-3040 Michelle's Family Haircut Millstadt Garden Place 476-1404 **Millstadt Baptist Church** Lee's Home Center 476-1760 **Bonnie's Beauty Shop** Training Room Handy Feed Country Financial Schuberts **Divine Nail Salon** Bliss Floral Hoffen Funeral Home Smithton Village Hall Smithton Library Freeburg Township Freeburg Pharmacy Freeburg Library Country Mart—Freeburg 539-3163 Thank You For Providing This Service To Our Community

Chair Yoga In The Park

Join us for a Chair Yoga session in the park, across from the school, bring your own chair and a smile. The one-hour sessions are held each Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am.



Note: Yoga in the park is in addition to the Monday 10:00 chair Yoga at the Senior Center.



And, They're Off



Ninety half marathon runners left the starting line for the third annual Millstadt Tin Man Half Marathon race on May 23. Right behind them were 135 5K racers. Runners included the returning champ from Colorado, a grandmother from Hawaii, a teen-age cross country runner from Kentucky, five friends from Ohio, and points in between. Both races had been cancelled in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many runners thanked the Friends of the Old Millstadt Water Tower for organizing the races. The Friends thank the many sponsors, volunteers, Ott's Tavern for providing the site for the after-party, and all of the runners who participated. The races were the best fund raising event that the Friends have held in their campaign to get the Old Millstadt Water Tower restored. The next fundraiser will be the annual classic car show on September 25, 2021 at Mertz Ford.

ATTENTION: COVID ANGELS ON DUTY



The Millstadt Senior Center is reaching out to local communities to register individuals ages 16 and up who wish to receive the COVID vaccination. Please call the Millstadt Senior Center at (618) 476-3731 on Tuesdays or Thursdays

between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm to get assistance in setting up your shot appointment.

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.



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.



Robert Schmierbach

Robert L. Schmierbach, Sr., 78 of Waterloo, IL passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday June 30, 2021, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Floraville, IL on February 4, 1943 to Raymond and Luella Schmierbach, nee Koerber and they precede him in death. Robert proudly served his country in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne. Upon returning from active duty, he began a long career as a carpenter. He was an incredibly hard-



working man and was known for his ability to fix anything. Later, Robert drove the transport bus for the Millstadt Senior Center and the tractor for Eckert's Orchards Pick-Your-Own service. Robert was a volunteer fireman for the Fairview Heights Fire Department and appeared on the air with Jerry Lewis for 18 years during the annual Labor Day Jerry Lewis Telethon raising funds for muscular dystrophy, in honor of his son, Bobby. Robert also served as an umpire for men's softball leagues in Millstadt for many years and was a long-time member of the Millstadt America Legion. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing and was a devoted grandfather to his grandson, JT. Most dear to Robert was spending time with his friends and family and he will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his daughter, Melissa Klotz, his son, Bobby Schmierbach, Jr, his inlaws, Drucilla and Joseph Zink and his godparents, Leroy and Verida Franke. Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 26 years, Catherine Schmierbach, nee Zink of Waterloo, IL whom he married in Las Vegas, NV on April 14, 1995, his sisters; Edna (Bill) Ditch of Millstadt, IL, Renee (Hank) Rohwedder of Belleville, IL, his sisters-in-law; Donna (the late Bruce) Nowak of Belleville, IL, Kay Sabo of Millstadt, IL, Joyce (Warren) Crader of Millstadt, IL and a brother-in-law, Bill Zink of Belleville, IL. His grandson, Joshua Thomas "JT" Klotz of Mt. Olive, IL and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins in addition to many beloved friends.

The Millstadt Senior Center Expresses Our Oeepest Sympathy To The Family. Friends and Loved Ones Of



Ida Ann Krick Rose Nelson Loraine Quirin Robert Schmierbach Miriam Stemler Floyd Toenjes Pinky Vogel Gertrude Werner By Tanya Peterson, SS District Manager, East St. Louis, IL

Social Security offices are currently open only for in-person appointments for limited, critical situations, depending upon local office conditions. However, you can continue to apply for a replacement Social Security card online and by mail. Before requesting a replacement card, please remember that you might not need the physical card. Most of the time, simply knowing your Social Security number is enough. If you have a critical situation that requires you to have a physical card and you cannot apply by mail or online, you should call your local Social Security office. Please visit our Coronavirus



(COVID-19) Updates page for more information at www.ssa.gov/coronavirus.

Applying Online:

If you don't need any changes to your Social Security Number record (such as a name or date of birth change), applying for a replacement card online is your most convenient option. You don't need to mail proof or visit an office.

You can use our online application if you are an adult, have a State-issued drivers' license or non-driver identification card, and live in the District of Columbia or one of the 45 States that verifies State-issued documents for us. All you need to do is create a *my Social Security* account to access and complete the online application at www.ssa.gov/myaccount/ replacement-card.html.

If you live in one of the five States that do not participate -Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, and West Virginia — know that we are working hard to bring this service to you as soon as possible.

Applying by Mail:

Township Supervisor

We require proof of your identity with your replacement card application (www.ssa.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf), usually a State-

issued drivers' license or non-driver identification card, or U.S. passport. We call these documents "primary" identity proofs. We understand mailing primary identity proofs with

your replacement card application can be challenging. To help, we are temporarily expanding our policy to accept alternative identity documents or what we call "secondary proofs" when you cannot mail primary proof. Acceptable secondary proofs include, but are not limited to: Employee identification card. School identification card. Health insurance card (not a Medicare card).

U.S. military identification card.

These proofs must be current (not expired), show your name and identifying information (such as your date of birth or age), and be an original or a certified copy.

If you need to change your name, when you mail your replacement card application, you will need to submit proof of identity plus proof of the name change. The proof of identity can be primary or secondary proof. Proof of the name change could be a marriage certificate, divorce decree, Certificate of Naturalization showing the new name, or a court order approving the name change.

You may be able to submit one document to serve as proof of your name change and identity. For example, you may submit a marriage certificate as proof of name change and identity if the certificate shows the marriage occurred within the prior two years and:

Includes your prior name.

Includes your age, birth date or parents' names. This information matches your Social Security Number record. We will return any documents you send us.

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Township Senior Services 102 South Jefferson St., Millstadt, IL 62260 Phone No. 618-476-3731 Fax No. 618-476-3921 email seniorce@htc.net

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Funding for (Grantee) is received from the United States Administration for Community Living, the Illinois Department on Aging, and the AgeSmart Community Resources. (Grantee) does not discriminate in admission to programs or activities or treatment of employment in programs or activities in compliance with State and Federal Statues. 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, Breadeoux Pizza & Schuberts From Millstadt "The Center is a Great Place to Enjoy Yourself Through Fellowship & Celebrations With 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**.

Rose Nelson

Rose L. Nelson, nee Podhrasky, 44 of Millstadt, IL passed away peacefully at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon, IL on Saturday May 29, 2021. Rose was born on August 23, 1976 in Belleville, IL to Frank and Anita Podhrasky, nee Perry and they precede her in death.

Rose graduated from Belleville West High School and went on to study at Beck Area Career Center, earning her Licensed Practical Nurse diploma. She worked as a nurse for many years. In her spare time, Rose loved to make crafts, especially crochet and she was very fond of collecting chicken décor for her home. Rose was a devoted mother and grandmother and had a special love of animals. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her friends and family; she will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

In addition to her parents, Rose was preceded in death by a sister, Tracy Diehl and an infant brother, Joseph Podhrasky. Left to cherish her memory is her daughter, Audrianna Podhrasky of Millstadt, IL, her brother Edward "Eddy" (Melissa) Podhrasky of Millstadt, IL, her brother-in-law John Diehl of Millstadt, IL, her grandson Nathan Gray of Millstadt, IL and her niece Victoria Podhrasky of Millstadt, IL and nephew, Robert Podhrasky also of Millstadt, IL in addition to many other aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and beloved friends.

Per Rose's wishes, her body was cremated and the family will hold a celebration of her life at a later date.

Ida Ann Krick

Ida Ann, nee Reynolds, Krick, 88 years old of Millstadt, IL, passed away on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at Red Bud Regional Care, Red Bud, IL. She was born March 16, 1933, in East St. Louis, IL.



Ida had worked at the Millstadt Gossard-Artemis Rayon Factory, then at Martha Manning in Mascoutah and later at Sam's

Club in South St. Louis County, MO. Ida was a member of St. James Catholic Church, Millstadt, IL. Her hobbies included bingo, bowling, card games, and quilting. She was a great St. Louis Cardinals baseball and Blues hockey fan. She thoroughly enjoyed family reunions and get-togethers, and just being with her family. She was a member of the VFW, American Legion, and St. James Catholic Church Altar Sodality. She was also active with the Millstadt Senior Center.

Family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Red Bud Care Center for taking care of Ida. Surviving are her sons, Wilmer A. (Martha) Krick Jr. of Red Bud, IL, & Terry L. Krick of Millstadt, IL; her daughter, Deborah K. (Gene) Klingelhoefer of Red Bud, IL; her sister, Teresa (Joe) Lutes; she is also survived by her 4 grandchildren, 5 great grandchidren, along with other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilmer A. Krick, Sr.; her parents, Edward Carl & Anna, nee Weiss, Reynolds, Sr.; her sister, Myrna Schilling & her brother, Edward C. Reynolds, Jr.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to Alzheimer's Association of St. Louis 9370 Olive Street Rd., St. Louis, MO, 63132, Millstadt Senior Center, 102 So. Jefferson St., Millstadt, IL, 62260 or St. James Catholic Grade School, 412 W. Washington St., Millstadt, IL, 62260 . Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home.

Notary Services Are Provided Free At The Senior Center

Miriam Stemler

Miriam Stemler, nee Boehm, 80, of Freeburg, IL, born November 1, 1940, in St. Louis, MO, died Saturday, June 12, 2021, at Freeburg Care Center, Freeburg, IL.

Miriam was the only child of William and Catherine Boehm. Growing up, she enjoyed attending St. Louis Browns baseball games at



Sportsman's Park with her dad and spent many an hour playing pinball while he bowled. An excellent student, she attended Beaumont High School in St. Louis where she graduated in 1958. In high school, she was proud to be the editor of the school yearbook. After high school, she worked as a secretary at St. Louis Trust Company before meeting her future husband, Herbert. Following their marriage on September 9, 1961, they moved to Wisconsin where Herb served as a minister at several churches, and where their daughter Ruth and son Peter were born. Moving to Smithton, IL, in 1970 brought Miriam closer to home, and their youngest child Sarah was born. They went on to become residents of Edwardsville, IL, before moving back to St. Louis. In her later years, Miriam and Herb moved to Freeburg, IL, where she died, after succumbing to Alzheimer's disease. Over the years, Miriam sang in her church choirs, was a member of women's guilds, was a member of the Homemaker's Club, and worked as a secretary for St. John's United Church of Christ in Smithton, Smithton Grade School library, the Madison County Farm Bureau, and Children First Foundation in Edwardsville. She loved music, was an avid reader, a bird watcher, a terrific cook, and spent countless hours canning the produce from Herb's gardens. Miriam and Herb enjoyed traveling the world, both on mission trips such as to Central America, Haiti, and Jamaica, and on vacations such as to the South Pacific, Europe, the Holy Land, and South America. They also enjoyed spending time with their children and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Herbert C. Stemler; an infant son, Paul Stephen Stemler; her parents, William and Catherine, nee Meyer, Boehm; her father-in law and mother-in-law, Herman and Ida Stemler; and two sisters-in-law, Jean Stemler and Gladys (Marvin) Groom.

She is survived by her children, Ruth (Bryan) Vogel of Freeburg, IL, Peter (Lisa) Stemler of Wildwood, MO, and Sarah (James) Harms of Freeburg, IL; five grandchildren; and one greatgrandson; two brothers-in-law, Willis (Jan) Stemler of Waterloo, IL, and Vernon (Angela) Stemler of Pacific, MO; a sister-in-law, Carol (Robert) Johnson; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Freeburg, IL, or to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.rennerfh.com.

Pinky Vogel

Lorraine F. "Pinky" Vogel, 93 years of Millstadt, IL, passed away .on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at Parkwood Skilled Nursing & Rehab Center in Maryland Heights, MO, He was born April 23, 1928, in Millstadt, IL. Pinky retired as a truck driver of 32 years for Callison Liquor. He was a member of Concordia United Church of Christ in Belleville, IL., and a life member of the VFW Post #7980 Millstadt, IL. He was a Korean War army veteran.

Surviving are Son; Tom Swearengin, and Angel Daughter; Karen He was preceded in death by his father, Emil Vogel; mother, Frieda Vogel, nee Boehm; brother, Clarence, sister-in-law, Viola "Tootie"; wife, Doris Jean Vogel, nee Speichinger; and son, Alan Lee Vogel. Private services were held and interment followed at Mount Evergreen Cemetery, Millstadt, Illinois.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to VFW Post #7980 - Millstadt 200 Veteran's Dr., Millstadt, IL, 62260. Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home.

Gertrude Werner

Gertrude Helen Werner, 82 of Millstadt, Illinois passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday June 8, 2021. Gertrude was born on December 3, 1938 in East St. Louis, Illinois to Walter and Mary Margaret Coleman, nee Laughlin and they precede her in death.



Gertrude worked most recently as a florist for Sam's Club. In her spare time, she enjoyed

growing all types of flowers, she also enjoyed cooking and being a grandmother-her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Gertrude was a good, honest, hard-working woman who leaves behind her dear family and many beloved friends.

In addition to her parents, Gertrude was preceded in death by a son, Bryan Madden, her siblings: Raymond Coleman, Mary (Ervin) Keuenhoff, Joan Madden, Margaret (Clifton) Burgess, Sarah (Jim) Burgess, Rose (Hank) Weilmunster and Jane Coleman.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Carl Werner of Millstadt, IL., her sons Walter (Susan) Madden of O'Fallon, IL and Leon (Val) Madden of Dallas, GA; her stepchildren; Carla Werner and Curt Werner, five grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren in addition to her extended family and many dear friends.

The family will hold a celebration of Gertrude's life at a later date.

Loraine Quirin

Loraine "Boise" R. Quirin, 85, of Freeburg, IL, born June 27, 1935, in Belleville, IL, died Sunday, June 6, 2021, at the Villas of Holly Brook, Belleville, IL.



Mr. Quirin was a United Mine Worker for Peabody Coal Company. After the mine closed, he retired from Hubbell Wiegmann Company of Freeburg, IL. He was a member of Journey

Church, Freeburg, IL, and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Boise was a lifelong Cub's fan, softball player, and bowler. Mr. Quirin was a volunteer for the Fire Department in Freeburg, IL, for many years. He loved gardening and was best known for his tomatoes and potatoes.

He was preceded by his parents, Elmer and Lena, nee Roth, Quirin; two brothers, Henry (Ruth) Quirin and Clarence (Doris) Quirin; a sister, Clara Mae (Charles) Petri; and an infant granddaughter, Melissa Ann Schorr.

Surviving are his wife of nearly 64 years, Ruth Ann, nee Smith, Quirin, whom he married on June 22, 1957; a son, Roger (Molly) Quirin of Chesterfield, MO; two daughters, Dianne (Richard) Schorr of Waterloo, IL, and Nancy (Dwayne) Reaka of Freeburg, IL; four grandchildren, Richard Schorr, Steven (Katie) Quirin, Katie (Austin) Luberda, and Kyle Reaka; one great-grandchild, Baylee; and nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Journey Church, Freeburg, IL. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.rennerfh.com.



Floyd Toenjes

Floyd "Flip" P. Toenjes, 92 of Belleville, IL passed away on Friday June 4, 2021 at Oak Hill Nursing Center in Waterloo, IL surrounded by his loving family. Flip was born on March 6,1929 in Waterloo, IL to George and Alma Toenjes, nee Eichelmann and they precede him in death.

Flip lived a long life of dedicated service-first, proudly serving his country in the



Korean War in the U.S. Army, and later working for forty-six years as a truck driver for Vangenhen and Sons Trucking Company. Flip was a long-time member of St. Peter's Cathedral in Belleville, Illinois, the Millstadt VFW Post 7980, The Teamster's Local 50 and the American Legion. Flip retired in 1991. During his retirement he continued doing what he loved most, spending time with family and friends and making new friends with a bump of the fist - he was famous for his fist bumps. Flip loved the St. Louis Cardinals, the annual family vacations to Branson and playing cards, especially poker and spades. Flip was a grill master extraordinaire, known for his barbeque pork steaks and smashed barbeque. But his true love was his wife Eulene, his children and grandchildren. His legacies will be his strength, his patience, his compassion, his positive attitude, his resilience, his sense of humor and his kindness to everyone he encountered. This world was a better place because Flip Toenjes was a part of it.

In addition to his parents, Flip was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 62 years, Eulene Toenjes, nee Brunson, whom he married on December 15, 1956 in Hernando, MS; his brothers: Robert (Delores) Toenjes, Wilbur "Whip" (Eileen) "Dick" Toenies, George (Luella) Toenjes, Donald "Knuckles" (Luann) Toenjes and an infant sister, Marlene Toenjes. Flip is survived by his brother Glenn "Gis" (Joyce) Toenjes, his dear children: Gary (Patty) Ping of Pensacola, FL, Betty (John) Deckard of Belleville, IL, Gloria (Jerry) Behrmann of Waterloo, IL, Darrell (Bruce Kahn) Toenjes of Chicago, IL, David Toenjes of Belleville, IL and Daniel (Lynette) Toenjes of Millstadt, IL. His dear grandchildren: Stacey (Eric) Beardsley of St. Augustine, FL, Jamie (Ashlynn) Ping of Panama City, FL, Amy (John) Blankenship of Keysport, IL, Jenny (Sherman) Voegtle of Belleville, IL, Penny Mitchell of Belleville, IL, Kevin (Michelle) Deckard of Smithton, IL, Dawn Hoffmeister of Belleville, IL, Pamela (Michael) Hausmann of Belleville, IL, Jordan Deckard of Cambridge, MA, Alex Toenjes of Carbondale, IL, Adam Toenjes of Boca Raton, FL, Celia Toenjes of Belleville, IL, Elliot Toenjes of Millstadt, IL, Carly Toenjes of Columbia, IL, and Ethan Toenjes of Chicago, IL, eighteen great-grandchildren, eight great-great grandchildren and Kara Savio, who was like a daughter to Flip and the late Eulene.

Flip will be laid to rest next to his dear wife, Eulene at Mt. Evergreen Cemetery in Millstadt, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Cambridge House of Swansea, IL or Oak Hill Nursing Center in Waterloo, IL. Arrangements were handled by Hoffen Funeral Home, Millstadt, II.

