

Lifting Hearts With Art

A group of Millstadt Community Grade School students, worried about residents during the pandemic, has put that worry into action that they hope will make a difference long after life gets back to normal.

Printing positive inspirational messages on the walkway at Millstadt Park Path was the brainchild of Hannah Sternau, 12 years old, who recruited her friend Charli Coppernoll, also 12 years old, to help create something life changing.

The idea started after the shelter in place order went into effect and Hannah was thinking about how she felt isolated from her friends and sad the school year was over and wanted to do something to lift the spirits of people in her community.

Hannah's sister, Alyssa, age 10, and her friend JT Milton, 10 years old, pitched in with decorating rocks and leaving them along the way for walkers to find.

Marilyn Borkowski, a local Millstadt senior, said that it really lifts her heart to see them. She said she looks forward to walking the path to see new inspirational messages that give hope to the pandemic.

Patty Evansco, Director of the Millstadt Senior Center said the response has been great. I think it's been great for both the residents and the kids. The goal is to help as many people as we can during these times and Millstadt has surely did this.



Alyssa Sternau
Age 10

(L-R) Charli
Coppernoll, 12
and Hannah
Sternau 12

From Below The Tower



Patty Evansco

Dear Friends,

After months of isolation, more and more people are talking about getting back to "normal," especially in time for the summer. What will "normal" look like?

Although we will not have a "normal" summer, it is definitely coming very shortly, and we want

to make our lives as close as we can to what it was. We want everyone to enjoy working in their gardens and enjoying their beautiful flowers. I have included a 2020 Summer Bucket List in this issue if you need ideas.

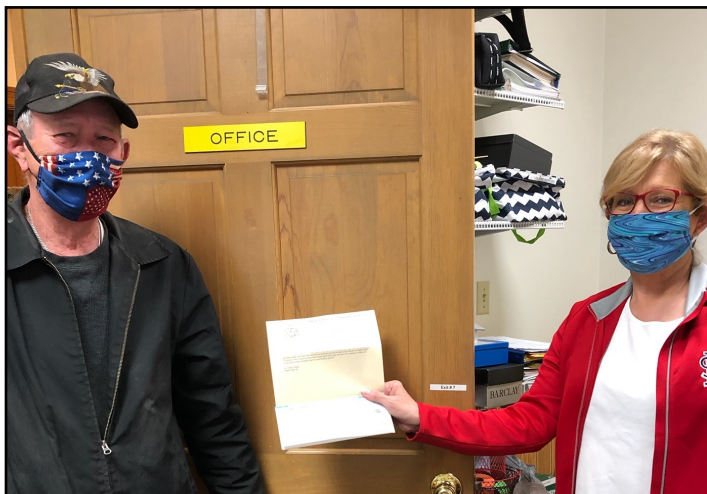
Returning to a new normal is going to take a little longer for us as we find ways to safely gather and conduct our programming. It will not be as easy as just opening the doors and resuming the way we did things in the past. So, it is with a heavy heart that the Center will remain closed to the general public in June and then until it is deemed safe to gather again. I know that is not what you want to hear, but please know that it is not a decision that is made lightly. Many things go into making these decisions for the Center, as we take advice from Saint Clair County Health Department and Illinois Department of Aging. The end result is that we open in a manner where everyone can enjoy the Center in a safe way.

I do have a bit of encouraging news thought – AARP will be returning for Income Taxes. I expect to hear soon what day I can start setting appointments.

We will be together again soon; please be patient, stay strong, remain safe and healthy

Patty

Happy Father's Day



Don Trinity presents Trinity Lutheran Donation to Director Patty Evansco

What Is A Pulse Oximeter, And Does The Coronavirus Pandemic Mean You Need One?



We have recently acquired a Fingertip Pulse meter donated by Lucy Hitsman. Before the coronavirus pandemic, most Americans had heard about pulse oximeters only via TV shows where EMTs shout out a patient's "pulse ox" — or measure of oxygen in the blood. But when multiple news reports mentioned pulse oximeters as a possible tool in the limited arsenal of weapons against covid-19, the low-cost medical devices started flying off shelves almost as quickly as toilet paper.

Typically clipped over a finger (though a toe or ear lobe works, too), a pulse oximeter transmits light from sensors on one side of the device through the body part to sensors on the other side. In about 15 seconds, it calculates how much oxygen is being transported through the person's bloodstream and displays the results as a percentage (abbreviated SpO₂). Doctors consider a SpO₂ reading of 94 percent and higher to be normal. Low levels of oxygen in the blood (hypoxemia) can lead to low levels of oxygen in the tissue and organs (hypoxia), which can lead to death.

If you would like to have your oxygen level taken please let us know and we will set up time for you.

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.



Mask Makers JoAnn Trinity with Mask Models Judy Guenther and Judy Richards

Jovita Johns holding a bolt of elastic and ready to get sewing masks



Millstadt Township Helpers



Millstadt Township Highway Commissioner Stanley Jarvis and Township employee Tyler Dockins hung up the new sign. Standing with them are (L-R) Senior Center Kitchen Manager Sandy Dressler Sanders and Michelle Rist.

AgeSmart Presents Signs

Joy Paeth, Chief Executive Officer of AgeSmart presents new signs for Millstadt Township Senior Services. The AgeSmart agency provides funding and support to us from the Illinois and US Department of Aging.



Thermometers Donated

Millstadt Township Senior Services received a donation of 3 noncontact infrared thermometers from Millstadt Police Department, Millstadt Ambulance and Millstadt Pharmacy. The thermometers, which read temperatures from the forehead, are being used for screening of volunteers and clients during the COVID-19 pandemic. Millstadt Pharmacy Manager Brian Blair said that we have all united to help each other during the pandemic, and felt the thermometer would be useful in the fight against the spread of COVID-19 at the point of all entries and help protect our community.





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

There is no cap on the amount Amazon will donate and almost every physical product sold by the company is eligible, which means tens of millions of items. Digital goods are not included, but that may come in the future.

Everything else about the Amazon online shopping experience stays the same, including the shopping cart, wish lists and shipping options. The prices will also be the same, so these donations will suck some of the profit out of each sale Amazon makes through the program.

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Mayor Ray Holht gives Donation to Director Patty Evansco

Cashew Chicken

Too hot to grill outside? This dish goes together quickly, once the ingredients are prepped and ready. Allow about 30-35 minutes to prepare.

- 2 boneless chicken breasts, cut into 1 inch pieces, about 12 ounces
- ½ c cashews
- ¼ c flour
- ¾ teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 2 T rice vinegar or other white vinegar
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 3 T soy sauce
- 2 T sesame oil
- ¼ teaspoon sugar
- 1 inch piece ginger, grated
- ¼ c neutral oil such as canola or grapeseed
- ½ medium onion, sliced into ½ inch wedges
- 2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced

Optional Items:

Sliced green onion for topping;

Crushed red pepper flakes;

Lime wedges for serving;

Cooked rice;

Vegetables, think snow peas, broccoli florets or celery slices. Toss in at the end along with the chicken and let vegetables cook until they char slightly.

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spread cashews on a baking sheet and toast until lightly golden, about 9 minutes.

2. In large bowl, whisk together flour, salt, black pepper and 1 teaspoon corn starch. Pat chicken dry with paper towels, add to flour mixture and toss to coat.

3. In medium bowl, whisk together remaining corn starch, vinegar, soy sauce, sesame oil, sugar and ginger.

4. In a large non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium high heat. Shake excess flour from chicken and add to skillet. Cook chicken, undisturbed, until lightly brown, 4-5 minutes. Flip chicken on other side and continue cooking about 2 minutes. Transfer chicken to plate. Leave oil in pan and cool slightly.

5. Set heat under pan to medium. Add onions and cook undisturbed, until lightly charred and crisp at edges, about 4 minutes. Flip and cook 2 minutes more. Add garlic and cook stirring frequently for about 1 minute. Add cashews and chicken, stirring to combine. Whisk sauce one more time and pour sauce over chicken and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer until sauce has thickened and reduced slightly, 3-4 minutes.

6. Top with sliced green onion or red pepper flakes for some heat. Serve with lime wedges and cooked rice.

Flag Day

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.

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

Each day you will receive 12 BINGO numbers that have been drawn at the Senior Center. Match the numbers to the numbers on your card daily. When you have coverall, give the card to your Meals on Wheels driver and the next day your gift will arrive and everyone else will receive a new card to start over with.

You may use your pen or pencil to mark the numbers because this is a disposal card and will only be used for 1 game.



Millstadt Farmers Market

For a more local flavor of fresh vegetables and bakery items, stop by the Millstadt Farmers Market, each Friday from 3:00-6:00 pm at the Millstadt VFW parking lot. Fresh range free eggs are available. Both brown and white eggs are available, depending on the type of chicken. Flower and vegetable plants are also available, along with fresh popped kettle corn. The list of vendors and produce changes in week so stop in often to see what's available.



This year the Market is again located at the VFW parking lot. Randy Eckert with assistance from Gary Diedrich and Darrel Vogt, are there each week to answer questions and provide valuable gardening advice or just about any advice you may need.

Calling All Mask Makers



Would you like to help the Senior Center help the Millstadt Community? Well here is your chance. If you would like to sew homemade masks, we could surely use them. We have 2 groups that can use your help.

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

Second, on behalf of the Senior Center we would like to give a homemade mask to the workers at our local businesses in Millstadt that have worked hard these past weeks. This would not only protect them, but us also when we shop or eat there.

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

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



2020



Summer Bucket List

20 things to do this Summer

- Bonfire & S'mores
- Make Ice Cream
- Redbox Movie Night
- Nature Hike
- Rock Painting
- Picnic
- Stargazing
- Feed the Ducks
- Backyard BBQ
- Drive-in Movie
- Try a New Recipe
- Go Fishing
- Pick Berries or Wildflowers
- Relax in a Hammock
- Take a Photo with a Sunflower
- Crack an Egg on the Sidewalk
- Make Lemonade or Sweet Tea
- Paint Pottery
- Watch a Sunset
- Read at Least 10 Books



Our Center may be closed to the public, but we still have volunteers helping with the services we are providing the community and in many other ways! We have volunteers making reassurance calls to vulnerable seniors in our community. We have volunteers who pack and seal the meals to be prepared for delivery and pickup every day. Our Meals on Wheels program has volunteers deliver meal boxes Monday through Friday. Volunteers hand out meals for curbside pickup every day. We also have drivers taking seniors to doctor appointments and to the grocery store. Our crafters are still working hard making masks for the Center. We also have volunteers going shopping and delivering goods to seniors. Our gardener has been prepping and planting the beds for the growing season. Some of our staff and their families have been volunteering by packing care packages and sewing masks, too! Finally, our newsletter proofers have helped proof the newsletters from home.

We are thankful for the many ways our volunteers are helping our Center in this difficult time.

Smithton Meals

We will have packaged meals available for pick up at Smithton Senior Center on Tuesdays from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. If you are 60 years of age or older and would like to reserve a meal, **Please Call (618) 476-3731**. Menus will be available. Anyone over 60 is eligible to pick up meal at Millstadt center any day of the week.



Dates to Remember

June 5, Farmers Market, VFW Parking lot; 3:00-6:00 pm.
June 14, Flag Day.
June 12, Farmers Market at VFW Parking lot; 3:00-6:00 pm.
June 19, Farmers Market at VFW Parking lot; 3:00-6:00 pm.
June 20, First Day of Summer
June 21, Father's Day
June 26, Farmers Market at VFW Parking lot; 3:00-6:00 pm.
July 3, Farmers Market at VFW Parking lot; 3:00-6:00 pm
July 4, Fourth of July
July 10, Farmers Market at VFW Parking lot; 3:00-6:00 pm.
July 17, Farmers Market at VFW Parking lot; 3:00-6:00 pm.

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Look for the 2020 census. It should arrive soon if it hasn't already. It is vitally important that you get counted.



You can complete the census the traditional way, on paper, or for the first time ever, you have the option to complete the census online. CSC is committed to helping you complete the census regardless of how you choose to do so.

We are hoping to re-schedule our information and help sessions. Stay tuned for more information. However, please feel free to call us with any questions or if you need assistance!

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.

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.

Urgent Need Volunteers!



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

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

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Linda Lanham
Pam Andrews
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Mike Walter
Kim Freeman
Dede Rongey
Sharon Patterson
Pat Schmeder

Thrift Store(8 hours)

Eileen Doerr

Care Packages

(17 hours)

JoAn Pisel
Lucy Hitsman

Newsletter (40 hours)

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Judi Jacobs
Kathy Schaefer
Gary Diedrich
Kathy Diedrich
Mary Heberer

Meals on Wheels

(210 hours)

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Becky Courtney
Beth Kwentus
Bob Braun
Bob Louis
Carol Osick
Charlie Todd

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Cheryl Pierpoint
Donna Gaulrapp
Elle Heiligenstein
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Honoring James Eckert



James O. Eckert of Millstadt, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran from the Korean Conflict, was honored for his service on May 23 with a drive by parade that included units of the Millstadt Volunteer Fire Department and the Motorcycle Honor Guard. The event was arranged by the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight. Flights to Washington to honor Veterans are currently on hold and this event was arranged to show appreciation for our Veterans service. Eckert is standing next to a piece of field artillery similar to one he was assigned to man during his service. He created the model from memory using scrap metal, though the tires, wheels and paint are authentic. The recreated piece is within 1 inch of the actual dimensions of the original artillery piece. This photo has Jim displaying the lap quilt designed, pieced and quilted by volunteers for the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight. The quilts are donated to each Veteran to use as a lap quilt during their flight to Washington.



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 May 31. If you do not have a printer at home the Center will be happy to make a copy for you.

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



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

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

Millstadt Senior Center Meals Report

May 2020

0	Congregate Meals (Served in Center)
731	Curbside Meals (Millstadt)
280	Curbside Meals (Smithton Center)
1011	Total Congregate Curbside Meals
2,356	Meals on Wheels Delivered
37	Two Way Rides
37	Average Curbside Congregate Clients Per Day
117	Average Meals on Wheels Clients Per Day
\$2.27	Average Contribution Received
\$4.50	Suggested Donation

Subscription To Senior Talk

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

Bible Study At Senior Center

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



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Senior Transportation Program

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For Millstadt Township Seniors

Please Contact Patty at 476-3731 With Questions

Social Security Column

EXPANDING social security field office hours

By Tanya Peterson

Social Security District Manager in East St. Louis, IL

Beginning on January 8, 2020, field offices will remain open until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, with typical field office hours from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can locate the closest field office to you using our field office locator.

In another move to improve service to the public, Commissioner Saul announced in his Open Letter to the Public at www.socialsecurity.gov/agency/coss-message.html that the agency is hiring 1,100 front line employees to provide service on the agency's National 800 Number and in its processing centers. The agency is currently bringing onboard 100 new processing center employees and approximately 500 new teleservice representatives for the 800 Number. An additional 500 hires for the 800 Number will occur later in 2020.

BEWARE OF SOCIAL SECURITY SCAMS

By Tanya Peterson

Social Security District Manager in East St. Louis, IL

Scammers go to great lengths to trick you out of your personal information. We want to help you protect your information by helping you recognize a Social Security imposter.

There's a widespread telephone scam involving callers claiming they're from Social Security. The caller ID may even show a government number. These callers may tell you there's a problem with your Social Security number. They may also threaten to arrest you unless you pay a fine or fee using gift cards, pre-paid debit cards, a wire transfer, or cash. That call is not from us.

If you receive a suspicious call from someone alleging to be from Social Security, please: Hang up right away.

Never give your personal information, money, or retail gift cards.

Report the scam at oig.ssa.gov/ to Social Security's law enforcement team at the Office of the Inspector General.

Social Security will not:

Threaten you.

Tell you that your Social Security Number has been suspended.

Call you to demand an immediate payment.

Ask you for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Require a specific means of debt repayment, like a prepaid debit card, a retail gift card, or cash.

Demand that you pay a Social Security debt without the ability to appeal the amount you owe.

Promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money.

Request personal or financial information through email, text messages, or social media.

Social Security will:

Sometimes call you to confirm you filed for a claim or to discuss other ongoing business you have with them.

Mail you a letter if there is a problem.

Mail you a letter if you need to submit payments that will have detailed information about options to make payments and the ability to appeal the decision.

Use emails, text messages, and social media to provide general information (not personal or financial information) on its programs and services if you have signed up to receive these messages.

Please share this information with your family and friends.

Question:

Is it illegal to laminate your Social Security card?

Answer:

No, it is not illegal, but we discourage it. It's best not to laminate your card. Laminated cards make it difficult — sometimes even impossible — to detect important security features and an employer may refuse to accept them. The Social Security Act requires the Commissioner of Social Security to issue cards that cannot be counterfeited. We incorporate many features that protect the card's integrity. They include highly specialized paper and printing techniques, some of which are invisible to the naked eye. Keep your Social Security card in a safe place with your other important papers. Do not carry it with you. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question:

What is the earliest age that I can receive Social Security disability benefits?

Answer:

There is no minimum age as long as you meet the Social Security definition of disabled and you have sufficient work to qualify for benefits. To qualify for disability benefits, you must have worked under Social Security long enough to earn the required number of work credits and some of the work must be recent. You can earn up to a maximum of four work credits each year. The number of work credits you need for disability benefits depends on the age you become disabled. For example, if you are under age 24, you may qualify with as little as six credits of coverage. But people disabled at age 31 or older generally need between 20 and 40 credits to qualify, and some of the work must have been recent. For example, you may need to have worked five out of the past 10 years. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

Question:

I didn't enroll in Medicare Part B back when my Part A started a few years ago. Can I enroll now?

Answer:

It depends. The general enrollment period for Medicare Part B, medical insurance, begins January 1 and runs through March 31. Keep in mind that although there is no monthly premium for Medicare Part A, there will be a premium for your Medicare Part B. In most cases, that premium goes up each 12-month period you were eligible for it and elected not to enroll. If you are covered by a group healthcare plan based on your employment or the employment of a spouse, you may qualify for a special enrollment. Special enrollments may be processed at any point during the year, but require proof of coverage. To find out more about Medicare, visit www.medicare.gov or www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/.

Wish List

Stand up Freezer
 Clorox Spray
 Large Paper Plates
 New Large Cooler for Meals on Wheels
 Small Cooler for Meals on Wheels
 Ziploc Bags (Quart/Gallon)
 Pump Hand Sanitizer
 Clorox Wipes
 Sanitizing Wipes
 Face Masks For
 Home Delivery Volunteers
 Latex Gloves For Kitchen Workers

MILLSTADT TOWNSHIP SENIOR SERVICES



QUILT RAFFLE June 18, 2020

At Senior Center

- 1st Prize - Handmade Queen Size Quilt
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- 3rd Prize - Toaster Oven

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

Tax Preparation Assistance

It is unclear at this point when the tax preparation appointments will be rescheduled. The new deadline to file both State and Federal income tax is July 15. If we can work with AARP tax preparation volunteers and the IRS to offer appointments, we will let you know.

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Millstadt Police Department

The Millstadt Police Department youth academy has been cancelled for 2020.

Max Juhas was awarded the 2020 D.A.R.E. Scholarship from the Millstadt Police Department. Fourteen youths applied for the scholarship.

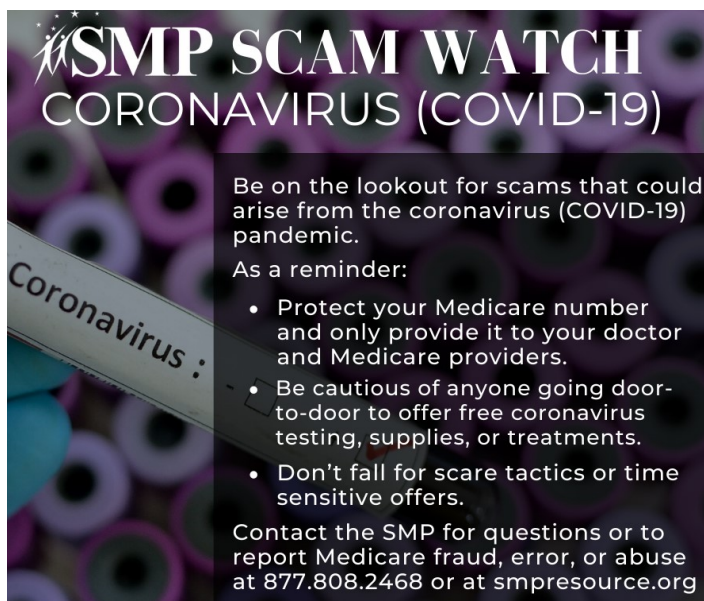
TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

Effective January 1, 2020

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

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

***Shiloh/O'Fallon Doctors** will be done on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 am to 10:30 am



SMP SCAM WATCH

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Be on the lookout for scams that could arise from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

As a reminder:

- Protect your Medicare number and only provide it to your doctor and Medicare providers.
- Be cautious of anyone going door-to-door to offer free coronavirus testing, supplies, or treatments.
- Don't fall for scare tactics or time sensitive offers.

Contact the SMP for questions or to report Medicare fraud, error, or abuse at 877.808.2468 or at smpresource.org

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Rich and Jean Shelton
Stanley Jarvis

In Memory of Homer Etling

Janet Pauketat

In Memory of Melba Schellbacher

Janet Pauketat

Grants Awarded

Meals on Wheels over America (\$2,000)

May 2020 Mask Makers (846 Masks to date)

JoAnn Trinity
Don Harmon
Marylou Peters
JoAnn Trinity
Tamara Waites-Stroup
Kim Oplet
Hospice of Southern Illinois
Barbara Meadows
Dwight Hight
Barb Meadows

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Personal Protection Equipment

And Supplement Program

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Jim Bereitschaft
Lawrence and Linda Landham
Ray and Barbara Hohlt
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Karen Buchheit
Susan Sager Layton and Ed Layton
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Maxine Hood

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Hoffen Funeral Home

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Trinity Lutheran Church

Eccher and Associates Insurance

Terry and Cindy Keller

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Sharon Holloway

Marlou Eckert and Mark Raben

Jim and Sharon Range

Thelma Short

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Millstadt Pharmacy

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Millstadt Ambulance

Lucy Hitsman

Arlene Scaturro (Paper Products)

Allen Farnsworth (Thrift Shop)

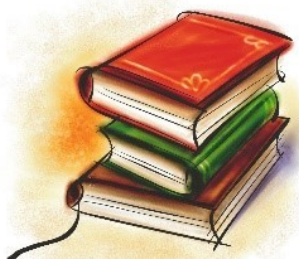
Ruth Speichinger (Thrift Shop)

Lucy Hitsman (Sanitation Supplies)

Lucy Hitsman (Oximeter Fingertip Pulse)

Little Free Library

How do you get to know a community or neighborhood? Walk around, eat at the local restaurants, visit the ice cream shop. One more way to get a glimpse of the people who live there: Visit its Little Free Library to see which books the residents put in the library to share and inspire. The nonprofit, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, has libraries in 91 countries and has shared 120 million books since its inception. Visit Millstadt's own Little Free Library at 102 S. Jefferson Street, in front of the Millstadt Community Center, and discover another side of the people who live here.



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Quarantined?.....Done That

A 1916 Medical Dictionary, 9th edition, printed by W.B. Saunders Company definitions:

QUANTANTINE: Places or period of detention of ships coming from infected or suspected ports. (today, air ships)

-Against persons from infected region

-Shotgun, forcible not legally authorized

Contagious: communicable by direct or indirect contact.

These definitions apply even in 2020. Yes, my teenage sister Shirley and 6 month old me had scarlet fever. We were quarantined in September 1943 at home in Millstadt with Mom. Obviously I do not recall this, but family lore lived on. Dad and sister Arline were not ill; they moved in with an Aunt and Uncle and continued to work.

Mom worked, too – at home with two sick girls. Stories recounted that NO ONE could go into the house. Groceries, laundry supplies, meds etc. were left on the porch; Mom took them into the house. Before going to work each morning at the Midwest Radiant Coke Plant, Dad stood outside and talked with Mom about we children and her needs for the day. Several times a week she needed the washer and tubs from the laundry house placed on the porch so that she could wash diapers for me. She supplied a grocery list including canned milk (I was a Carnation baby). Mom also needed to talk with an adult!

Daytime was cooking, nursing care, cleaning, nursing care, fixing formula, nursing care, etc. Maybe everyone napped. Nursing care was meds, baths, lotions, and feeding. After work sister Arline brought needed groceries and meds while visiting through a window. Aunt and Uncle visited, too. When Dad got home, he brought the mail. They always hoped for a V-mail letter from son Albert who was marching across Africa from Casablanca to Tunis as an Armored Infantryman following Patton's tanks eastward. Then, Dad cultivated the garden, pulled weeds, and harvested veggies. Maybe, he mowed the lawn. Finally, "good-night" to all and back down the street for late supper and sleep.

Quarantine was hard on the family. There was great rejoicing when we girls were pronounced WELL!

This 2020 "shelter in place at home" seems quite casual: only locked-in if seriously ill and not in need of hospitalization. This, too, will pass. Take care of yourself and, thereby, do not endanger others. Keep faith. (And, check your toes.)

By Judy Jacobs

SENIOR TALK

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Millstadt, IL 62260

Senior Center Seeks Donations For Free Coronavirus Care Packages To Deliver To Seniors In Need.

A group of volunteers are on a mission to bring Millstadt's seniors everything they need to protect their health in the face of COVID-19, from hand sanitizers to Face Masks.

Jovita Johns, Helen Reinhardt, Elle Heiligstein, Nancy Freeman, Kim Oplet, Hospice of Southern Illinois, Jeanie Dunn, Shirley Causey, Bob Engelbretson, Charlie Todd, and Alan Hucke are the latest donors stepping up for seniors in need.

From Freeburg to Millstadt, we're going anywhere that a senior needs support.

As coronavirus spreads, Governor J.B. Pritzker has asked residents to not only take precautions, but also help those at the greatest risk of contracting COVID-19: the elderly and those with comprised immune systems.

At Millstadt Senior Center we are serving over 100 meals per day to homebound and shelter in place seniors. As director of the Millstadt Senior Center, I want to be sure seniors are not the last to get the help they need. We are immediately beginning to put care packages together with soap, gloves, hand sanitizers and face masks to hand out to all area seniors. We are asking you to reach out to either: **offer to donate items and drop off at Millstadt Senior Center or request a care package for a senior in need.** Our goal is to start delivering them by next week. Call (618) 476-3731.

This is something simple you can do that can have a positive impact on a large group of people. *Thank you*

A Misnomer!

"Social distancing" is NOT happening in this COVID-19 world. And, it MUST NOT happen. People are "social" beings. We live in groups as singles, couples, families, villages, cities, counties, congregations, organizations, employees, etc. Social distancing is FOREIGN to human-kind and places an intolerable burden on each of us.


However, "physical distancing" is possible and necessary to deter, if not curb the spread of infectious illness. While we do not see the buboes of bubonic plague or the scabbed, skin pustules of smallpox, this COVID-19 virus is spreading – probably via spittle, sneezes, or coughs. Being asked to "shelter-at-home" is asking each of us to interact and share droplets only with those whom we share the intimate family residence. When we go out of our shelter/home, we must wear masks which securely cover both nose and mouth – and, maintain a 6-foot DISTANCE. Physical distancing and filtering your air intake will hopefully reduce the virus spread.

Meanwhile, human-kind should maintain social connections. Use the telephone, text, skype, and ZOOM. Speak louder from driveway to driveway or across streets in order to be heard by neighbors "Drive-by" to celebrate birthdays. Attend parking lot church-stay inside widely spaced cars. Go to a drive-in movie. Communicate with relatives, friends, neighbors. And congregants. (get out the Xmas card list).

So, maintain physical distance as advocated by local authorities and cultivate social interactions.

Be safe. Be thoughtful of others. And, keep faith.

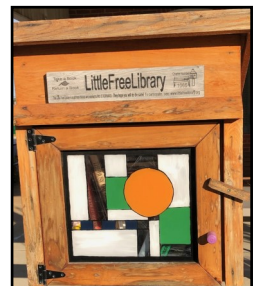
By Judy Jacobs


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All offers are only valid at Quick Lane at Mertz Ford. See service advisor for details. Offer cannot be combined with any other offer.

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



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Millstadt Baptist Church
St. James Catholic Church
St. Michaels Catholic Church
Trinity Lutheran Church
Zion Evangelical Church
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Millstadt Township News

March 7 recycling collected 2.20 tons

April 4 and May 2 recycling was canceled.

June 6 recycling - A big Thank you to Commercial Club members, Lyle Haas, Jon Riley,

Joe Barnes, George Aplin, Tim Mullins and John Touchette. Also thanks to Stan Jarvis,

George Blaha, Bert Hucke and Denise Blaha. They all donned masks and gloves in the heat to collect 3.41 tons of materials. The highest amount ever in one collection. Cars were lined up before the 8:00 start, they worked hard to keep them moving.

Recycling is held the first Saturday of the month from 8:00 – 10:00 am at the Road District Bldg. 18 E. Harrison. Rain or shine.

Recyclers are assisted by Volunteer groups and individuals, no need to leave your car. Without their help, the service could not be provided.

People ask what we do with the money we get for recycling. The Township does not receive any income from recycling. It is paid by the Township with tax dollars, take advantage of this service. No need to separate items they just need to be clean.

Please consider recycling. All are welcome.

Need any information call the office 618-476-1207 leave a message, I will return your call. **Large item recycling sign for allowed items is on the fence behind the Township office. Metal items only!**

WRITER'S GUIDELINES

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

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

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

Filling Time - #3

I hope you enjoyed the April and May word games. ANTONYMS (OPPOSITES) was probably the easier. HOMONYMS/HOMOPHONES (sound alike/spell differently) was fairly easy. Did you get some 4-word homophones?(air/aire/err/heir), (ewe/hue/yew/you), (gnu/knew/neu/new), or (right/rite/wright/write). Did you get one pair of words for X and a different pair for Z? I could not and was stuck for "XEBEC" and "zebec" for one of them.

Now, on to CONTRONYMS-words which are spelled the same but have opposite meanings depending on the context of the sentence. A contronym is its own opposite. Its own antonym. FAST can mean moving rapidly or stuck in one place. "The fires spun fast, but the car was held fast in the snow."

So for this month, how many CONTRONYMS can you find? As usual, the Dictionary holds the answers.

FYI: I could not find the word contronym in a dictionary, but it was published: "Reader's Digest", Words and the Mind, September, 2017 page 24. If I had a computer, I could look it up.

By Judy Jacobs

CONTRONYM ANSWERS

ALOHA // CLEAVE // CONTINUANCE//

DUST // FOUNDER // LEFT // OFF //

OVERSIGHT // SANCTION // SCREEN

Did you find other answers?

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Drive
Schedule



July 9, 2020

September 10, 2020

November 5, 2020

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

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- Millstadt Village Hall 476-1514
- Millstadt VFW 476-1180
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- Trinity Lutheran Church 476-3101
- Zion Evangelical Church 476-1778
- Dr. Steve Knoernchild 476-3344
- Concordia UCC 476-3377
- St. Paul Church, Floraville 473-2285
- Dr. Kevin Schmidt 476-3261
- St Michaels Church – Paderborn 473-2798
- First National Bank of Waterloo 476-3334
- Caseys 476-7360
- Associated Bank 476-3040
- Michelle's Family Haircut
- Millstadt Garden Place 476-1404
- Millstadt Baptist Church
- Lee's Home Center 476-1760
- Bonnie's Beauty Shop
- Training Room
- Handy Feed
- Country Financial
- Schuberts
- Coffee Mill Café 476-6540
- Divine Nail Salon
- 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

June Birthdays

1 Ralph Beil	15 Jane Graham
1 Catherine Grandcolas	15 Byron Johnson
2 Delores Lang	15 Kathleen Lopinot
3 Joan Fishbein	15 Jerry Paule
3 Gladys Mehrmann	16 Dale Cleveland
4 Shirley Barthel	19 Phillip Hohn
4 Bertha Rodgers	19 Dianne Jany
5 Margaret Burgess	19 Carol Walker
6 Stella Lavarier	20 Rejean Soncasie
7 Fred Kinzinger	20 Robert Steele
9 Allene Caskey	21 Debbie Helfrich
9 Amy Dietzel	21 Darleen Sandheinrich
9 Norma Eiskant	22 Allen Analla
9 Barbara Kissel	22 Nancy Kostelac
10 Pat Sullivan	22 Irene Skaer
11 Marie Dehler-Buehler	23 Marlene Harsin
11 Dorothy Miller	23 William Leyerle
11 Elaine Ortmann	26 James Eckert
11 Betty Schlattweiler	26 Cathy Schmierbach
11 Barbara Zollner	26 Lillian Tracy
12 Allen Schmidt	26 Ruth Wilhelm
13 Dianne Haas	27 Fern Kinzinger
14 Dennis Cousell	27 Jeanette M. Smith
14 Larry Hucke	28 Dale Labrier
14 Joann Pollock	28 June Martin
15 Marilyn Dycus	29 Norma Blank
	29 Jeanette Cory
	29 David Oelrich

Big Old Bag & Jewelry Sale

The 10th annual Big Old Bag & Jewelry Sale has been rescheduled to Friday, July 24 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturday, July 25 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. This fund-raising event for the Millstadt Meals on Wheels program. We have rescheduled this event from April and we hope all our past customers will stop in check-out this year's selection of purses and jewelry.

Village Of Millstadt

April 13, 2020

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

A motion was made by Ray Famula to approve the March 23rd 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. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

SEWER: Mayor Todd stated Scott Baltz has Hank's Excavating doing some camera work on the sewer lines. There were a couple of breaks on Mill Street that will need to go out for bids.

STREETS, ALLEYS AND SIDEWALKS: Randy Burk stated the 2020 IGD grant was submitted in time. Mayor Todd stated the Friends of the Old Millstadt Water Tower have rescheduled their Millstadt Tin Man Half-Marathon and 5K. Randy Burk made a motion to allow street closures for the Millstadt Tin Man Half-Marathon and 5k on Sunday, September 13, 2020 from 6:30am until 12:30pm. Mark Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: Scott Baltz stated Geissler Roofing is finishing up their work on the hail damaged roofs. They are still working on the Police Department and the sewer plant.

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Mark Todd stated the Park Board has decided to postpone the annual biathlon. They are still working on a new date and time. Mark stated the Millstadt Sports Association is asking the Village to sponsor one of their ball teams. Mark Todd made a motion to donate \$200 to the Millstadt Sports Association to sponsor a ball team. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimous.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated the Senior Center will serve a record 180 meals on Tuesday, April 14th. Ray stated Director Patty Evansco applied for a \$2,000 grant for the expenses of the meals. Patty and her assistants have come up with a plan in case any of them come down with the Covid-19 virus.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Police Department – Police Chief Alan Hucke stated their scholarship deadline was extended for an extra two weeks. They are still planning on having the Youth Academy. Officer Kevin Witschie will be leading it. Chief Hucke also stated he sent the trustees a memo keeping them up-to-date on the Covid-19 information. Emergency Service and Disaster Agency – Coordinator Tony Gomric stated he has been keeping in contact with Brian and Herb,

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directors of the St. Clair County Emergency Management Agency, as well as the Millstadt Police Department and Fire Department. Fire Department OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated he has been having weekly updates with Police Chief, Fire Chief, head of the Ambulance Service, and the ESDA Coordinator. He's also been having meetings with officials from the County, keeping them updated with what's going on in the Village. There haven't been any large gatherings and everyone seems to be following the guidelines. Mayor Todd stated he, Tracy Holmes, and Mike Capell have been working on the budget. Tracy added the trustees have information in their packets and the ad was placed in the Belleville News Democrat.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated he and Police Chief Alan Huckle went through the applications for a new Police Officer. They would like to hire Jacob Fowler. Randy Burk made a motion to hire Jacob Fowler as a Millstadt Police Officer. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Mike Capell made a motion to adjourn the general Village Board meeting and was seconded by Ray Famula. The motion carried unanimously.

Tributes And Memorials

Tribute and memorial gifts may be made to Millstadt Township Senior Services by calling (618) 476-3731 or by mailing a check made payable to Millstadt Township Senior Services, 102 South Jefferson Street, Millstadt, IL 62260.

During The Month of May

Our Volunteers Donated **666** Hours To
The Millstadt Senior Center

If Paid at Minimum Wage, the
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This Program Would Not Be Possible Without Each Of You!
For Your Dedication, In The Spirit Of Giving
Please Remember To Report Your Volunteer Hours
Would you like to join our group of Volunteers?

**Please Stop By The Center To Sign Up
Or See Patty In The Office**

The Beatitudes A Prayer

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall possess the earth.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are they who hunger
and thirst for justice,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who suffer persecution
for justice' sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men reproach you,
and persecute you,

and speaking falsely, say all manner of evil
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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**



*The Millstadt
Senior Center
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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,
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"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**.

Lavonne Fournie

Lavonne H. Fournie, nee Grant, 81, of Smithton, IL, born May 13, 1939, in Belleville, IL, died Monday, June 1, 2020, at her residence.

Mrs. Fournie was a jewelry sales consultant at J.C. Penney before her retirement. She enjoyed making floral arrangements and meeting with her 1957 Academy of Notre Dame classmates for lunch. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Smithton, IL, and active in the parish ministry her entire life. She was also a member of many bible study groups. Lavonne and her husband, David, were a Marriage Encounter Team for more than ten years. Lavonne had a great love for family, friends, faith, flowers, and travel.

Lavonne was preceded in death by her parents, Charles A. Sr. and Mildred "Dolly" M., nee Zink, Grant; a grandson, Dustin Miskell; and a brother, Charles A. Grant Jr.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, David G. Fournie, whom she married on June 20, 1959; two daughters, Michelle (David) Miskell of Waterloo, IL, and Laura (David) Reid of Toledo, OH; two sons, Robert (Dawn) Fournie of Barrington, IL and Scott (Kristy) Fournie of Alton, IL; 11 grandchildren, Aubrie (Jesse) Swafford, Branden Miskell, Colton Miskell, Emma Miskell, Faith Miskell, Morgan (Samuel) Barker, Devan Reid, Camryn Reidlan Fournie, Grant Fournie, and Chad Fournie; two great-grandchildren; Naysa Swafford and Aaro Swafford; a sister-in-law, Carol Grant; and nieces and nephews.



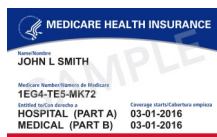
Donald E Mueller

Donald E. Mueller, 78 years, of Columbia, IL, passed away on May 26, 2020 at Barnes Jewish Medical Center, St. Louis, MO. He was born November 11, 1941, in Belleville, IL, son of the late Oliver G. and Esther A., nee Reh, Mueller. Don was an owner of R & M Oil and Supply, Columbia, IL for over 35 years, and he was a lifelong local area farmer. He was also a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Columbia, IL, member of the Monroe County Planning Commission, Monroe County Farm Bureau, past Columbia Levee District Commissioner, and supported the area youth at the Monroe County Fair livestock auctions. He enjoyed attending the seed, chemical, and crop insurance meetings, which always had good company and great food. Politics and politicians were a favorite topic of conversation. Surviving are two daughters, Lori (Gene) Stumpf of Columbia, IL, and Lisa (Bryan) Braun of Columbia, IL; five grandchildren, Lucas, Logan, and Cory Stumpf, Tyler and Melinda Braun, former wife, Bonnie, nee Hatter, Mueller, sister-in-law, Barbara Mueller, nephew, Richard Mueller, godchildren, other relatives and friends, along with his faithful pup, Mollie. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Toni Lynn Mueller, and a brother, Robert Mueller.



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Louis Loepker

Louis Joseph Loepker was a business agent and negotiator for Operating Engineers Union Local 101. In his earlier years, he had previously served as funeral director. Louis was a member of Christ Church, Fairview Heights, IL. He was a small aircraft pilot who loved to travel. He also enjoyed woodworking and nature. His true passion, however, was deer hunting. Most of all, he was a very proud grandpa and loved his family dearly.

Louis loved to do random acts of kindness and always noticed a person in need. As a final act of kindness, he donated organs for Parkinson's Disease research.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Florence, nee Kuhl, Loepker; and a nephew, Brian Majeski.

Surviving are his wife of 22 years, Donna, nee Brewer, Loepker, whom he married October 4, 1997; his children, Ryan Loepker and Chelsie (Ryan) McWhorter; a grandson, Charles Joseph "Charlie" Loepker; two sisters, Janice (Steve) Gilmor, and Kathy Majeski; a brother, Jim (Carol) Loepker; and nieces and nephews.



Dorothy Slack

Dorothy E. Slack, nee Christenson, 92, of Freeburg, IL, passed away Sunday, June 7, 2020, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, IL.

Dorothy was born May 25, 1928, to Walter and Mary Christenson of Rosemont, IL. She met the love of her life, Albert Slack, at a roller-skating rink. They were married August 17, 1946, during the great flood of East St. Louis. She was a homemaker and a very good one. She enjoyed playing cards, yard sales, trips to White Castle, and making delicious Sunday dinners for all her family. She also grew strawberries and sold them to the local grocers. Dorothy was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and the Freeburg Homemakers Club. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert E. Slack Sr.; an infant son; her parents, Walter and Mary, nee Grass, Christenson; a brother, Richard Christenson; and a brother-in-law, Ray Hendricks. Surviving are two sons, Albert Jr. (Patricia) Slack of Belleville, IL, and Gary (Pamela) Slack of Freeburg, IL; three grandchildren, Jason (Megan) Slack of O'Fallon, IL, Mark Slack and significant other, Anna Newman of Pueblo, CO, and Shelley Barney and significant other, Steve King, of Belleville, IL; eight great-grandchildren, Benjamin Perrine of Mascoutah, IL, Owen Perrine and significant other, Aubrey Ketchie of Shiloh, IL, Nathan Slack, Haylee Slack, both of Fountain, CO, Emmaline Barney and Lydia Barney, both of Belleville, IL, Anya Slack and Brayden Vogt, both of O'Fallon, IL; a sister, Patsy Hendricks of Collinsville, IL; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.



Ann Migneron

Ann A. "Annie" Migneron, nee Donahoo, age 85 of Freeburg, IL, formerly of Belleville, IL, born on August 19, 1934 in East St. Louis, IL, passed away on Monday, May 4, 2020 surrounded by family at her home. Ann retired as a supervisor from K-Mart in Belleville, IL. Her smile would light up a room. She enjoyed going to the casino and loved watching baseball games and Tiger Woods play golf. Ann loved cooking for her family and spending time with them. She was preceded in death by her husband, Patrick J. Migneron; and her parents, John and Vivian Donahoo, nee McGarey. Ann is survived by her children, Patricia (Erick) Kehoe, Brian (Linda) Migneron, Bruce (Loretta) Migneron, Brad Migneron and Brent Migneron; her grandchildren, Shannon (Aaron) Lowrey, Kara (Dan) Petty, Kurt Kehoe, Kyle Kehoe, Jennifer (Bill) Boyd, Jason Migneron (Sarah Miles), Kristy (Scott) Crowley, Haley Migneron, Chris Migneron, Eric Migneron, and Brandon Migneron; 14 great-grandchildren; her sister, Mary Huffman; and her cousin, Carol Helmkamp.



Oscar G Skaer

Oscar G. Skaer, 93, of Freeburg, IL, passed away Friday, May 15, 2020, at Evelyn's House hospice facility in St. Louis, MO. He was born December 7, 1926, in Prairie Du Long Township, St. Clair County, IL. Oscar celebrated his 72nd wedding anniversary on May 1, 2020 with his wife Rose. The two met almost 75 years ago at Freeburg Community High School.



In the early 1950s, Oscar opened Skaer Radio and TV. In 1965 he had a shop built behind his house and moved his business there. It was a convenient walk from his State Street home, where he lived for almost 60 years. Area residents may remember his hearty laugh, as well as his cheerful humming while he repaired TVs. He retired from full-time work in 1991.

Oscar was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Freeburg. Over the years he served on the parish finance council, school board, and parent teacher organization. He also was a member of the Freeburg Rotary Club and St. Joseph men's club.

Oscar enjoyed playing the card game euchre with family and friends, mainly because he was so good at it.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar P. and Kathryn, nee Bremer, Skaer; his sister, Marjorie Skaer; his brother and sister-in-law, Milton and Dorothy Skaer; his sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Arthur Weiss; and two nieces, Marilyn Skaer Pittman and Kathryn Weiss.

Besides his loving wife Rose, surviving are his eight children, Michael (Jan) Skaer of Pasadena, TX, Jill (Vladimir) Halupa of Belleville, IL, Mark Skaer of Trenton, IL, Charles Skaer of St. Louis, MO, Jane Skaer (Scott Laurent) of Kansas City, MO, Mary (Joe) McGraw of New Athens, IL, Laura Skaer of Belleville, IL, and Christopher (Judy) Skaer of Roswell, GA; his four nephews; and his seven nieces.

His grandchildren are Jason (Kellye) Skaer, Oscar (Ria) Skaer, Becky (Matt) Lisle, Helena (Joseph) McGettigan, Andrea (Jason) Sanford, Molly Skaer, Emily Skaer, Anne Piasecki, Sophia Piasecki, Jeremiah Laurent, Lauren (Ricky) Bagsby, Nicholas McGraw, Leo Skaer, and Greg Skaer. His great grandchildren are James Skaer, Jude Skaer, Logan Frazier, Bennett Frazier, Nate Frazier, Lincoln Frazier, Evi Frazier, Michael Vincent Paul Skaer, Andrew Lisle, Evan McGettigan, Jonah Sanford, Miller Sanford, and Alexandria Sanford.

Patricia Mitchell

Patricia Sue Mitchell, nee Ahlf, 81, of Freeburg, IL, born December 10, 1938, in Rector, AR, died Monday, May 25, 2020 at Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO. A devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother, Mrs. Mitchell was a school teacher who retired from Freeburg Elementary School after a nearly 30 year career there. Pat, along with her husband Roger were lucky to have had the opportunity to travel the world with dear friends, Maryanne and Ron Ayers, Shirley and Dale Wachtel, and Brenda and Gordon Bingham. They visited Asia, Australia, Russia, all of Europe and beyond. Pat was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Freeburg, IL, and a very dedicated member of Friends of the Freeburg Library, where she served for many years as the treasurer. She belonged to the Freeburg Area Retired Teachers group and was a longtime member of the Freeburg Women's Club. She was preceded in death by her dear husband of nearly 60 years, Roger W. Mitchell, whom she married May 14, 1960, and who died August 25, 2019; and her parents Chester and Wenona, nee Gatewood, Ahlf. Surviving are a son, David S. (Katie) Mitchell of Freeburg, IL; a daughter, Angela K. (Chris) Mitchell Gruchala of Marietta, GA; four grandchildren, Rylan (Nichole) Mitchell, Elaina Mitchell, Ashley Gruchala and Jordan Gruchala. Memorials may be made to the Freeburg Area Library. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.rennerfh.com.



Dwane Harper

Dewane Harper, 81, of Freeburg, IL, born January 29, 1939, in Pocahontas, AR, died Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at his residence. Dewane was an avid buckskinner and a devoted family man.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Janice, nee Garland, Harper, whom he married on April 27, 1963, and who died on September 13, 2017; his parents, Calvin and Minnie Pearl, nee Williams, Harper; two sisters, Bell Hosey and Polly Williams; and a brother, Ronald Dean Harper, in infancy. Surviving are his children, Darla Lynn (Robert) Schutzenhofer, and Randy Dewane (Janelle) Harper; five grandchildren, Jacob Kurtis (Anastasia) Harper, Miranda Lynn Harper, Jesse Law Ransom Harper, Ethan Wyatt Schutzenhofer, and Nathan James Schutzenhofer; two great-grandchildren, Olivia and Iris Harper; and many nieces and nephews.



Marie Nold

Marie C. Nold, nee Klingelhofer, 95, of Freeburg, IL, born December 6, 1924, in Mascoutah, IL, died Friday, June 5, 2020, at St. Paul's Senior Community, Belleville, IL. Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Charles Nold, who died on June 9, 2013; her parents, Conrad P. and Wilma, nee Harms, Klingelhofer; a sister, Hilda Richter, a brother, Leroy Klingelhofer; and a niece, Jody Klunk.

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