

BBQ Huge Success

Millstadt Township Senior Services held its annual BBQ fundraiser on February 6, 2021 and despite the pandemic it was a huge success! Proceeds go toward supporting our senior program.

It was the biggest one we have had in the last ten years. We estimate a profit of over \$2,000. A huge thank you to supply donors: Marlou Eckert, Charlene and Otto Faulbaum, and Millstadt Commercial Club. Thank you also

to Mayor Mike Todd and Darren Touchette for BBQing. Our volunteer workers included Kathy and Ralph Schaefer, Randy Eckert, Stanley Jarvis, Rich Brune, Marlou Eckert, Michelle Rist, Charlene and Otto Faulbaum, Darren Touchette, Mayor Mike Todd, Karen Witte, Mary Heberer, Ed Luecking, Sandy Dressler Sanders, Brady Todd, Carol Osick, and Colleen Costello.

The coronavirus made it impossible to hold the annual fundraiser in its usual form, but everyone was very cooperative. We had a few glitches with the pre-orders but have a solution so it will not happen again. We apologize if your order was not correct.

A record-setting 486 meals were sold. We are thrilled with the numbers and were able to purchase 2 new roasters and chopper for next year!



Mary Heberer shows off a new roaster.

From Below The Tower



Patty Evansco

Super Senior Center

What a month!! I truly believe that we have officially attained the title of a "Super Senior Center"! In the ten years I have been director at Millstadt Senior Center, I have never seen any busier days than last month. At the end of each day, we look back on all the people that

allowed us to help them and we are glad to have had the opportunity to serve them.

Scheduling coronavirus vaccine shots online has caused panic for eligible seniors and their children and grandchildren helping them. The process feels like something between trying to nab highly

sought-after Taylor Swift concert tickets and Cardinal World Series tickets. By the time you type in all the required information, available appointments have often vanished. We all know that in 2020 being a computer whiz was a matter of life or death. I think it is horrible for our government to ask our seniors to be subject to such vaccine software.

In January, with the help of our awesome volunteers, Karen Witte and Paula Burch, we helped 322 seniors sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine. In February, we have assisted over 250 seniors sign up for the vaccine. These are people that do not have internet, do not text, do not have email, do not have a computer, or do not have an I-phone. If you do not have one of these, or at least access to one, getting a vaccine can be very problematic.

While trying to keep all the COVID vaccine client's appointments arranged, the AARP tax program decided to throw a wrench into the mix. The president of AARP decided that she would not approve our site for taxes after we had shuffled



Spring Forward!

Daylight Savings time begins on March 14. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before retiring for the night on **Saturday, March 13.**



Red Shirt Day

Volunteers show off their new Meals on Wheels shirts!

Waste Management To Distribute Totes

During the month of April, all residents will be provided a trash tote from Waste Management. It will be delivered approximately around the middle of April. This tote will be used for trash only. You will still use your recycle container. There will be more details in our April newsletter.



Phil One Smart Groundhog

Record setting low temperature for Valentine's Day! Phil appears to be correct for his 2021 prediction of 6 more weeks of winter. While Phil is living comfortably in his underground duplex, next to his cousin Phyllis, the rest of the U.S. has had to deal with record low temperatures and snow amounts. The River Walk in San Antonio is now the Ice Walk. Many in Texas were out of power for four days or more. With temperatures below 0 in some areas of Texas, stores in Texas saw their shelves empty of beer and brisket. The brisket was preparation offered heat for those without electric and the beer could be left cold inside or outside the house.

We have had snow and then more snow, making for more time spent in doors and poor skating on farm ponds. We had more than 12 days with temperatures below freezing making for conditions good for skating or ice fishing, if you were willing to brave the cold north wind. The depth of ice on farm ponds was checked when holes were chopped in the ice for cattle to get to water. Today, hockey enthusiasts line an area of their backyard with plastic and flood it with water for a low-cost skate rink. Backyard fun, maintain a hockey stick distance from each other and cover the missing teeth with a cloth mask.

Phil knew what he saw and what he was doing when he dived back into his burrow.

Phil, one smart and warm groundhog.

Thanks to Our Volunteers

Thank-you to all the volunteers who ensured Meals on Wheels and meals for drive by pick-up were ready during the recent "big freeze" and snow. The Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation can provide all the "Olivers" needed but it takes many others to prepare the meals, deliver the meals and keep the kitchen area spotless. The COVID-19 pandemic has created challenges for all us and we have all seen changes in the food delivery and restaurant businesses. The Millstadt Township Senior Center has risen to the challenge and continues to provide an essential service to the Seniors in our local area. Thanks again to everyone that makes our Senior Center so successful.

Under the Tower Super Senior Center

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appointments three times. Senior Centers that are not doing taxes this year include Waterloo, Columbia, along with Arnold and South County Centers in Missouri and we were trying to accommodate them also. This was not only causing a lot of stress, but a severe hardship for all the seniors that relied on AARP services each year to have their taxes prepared. This year was particularly important because many of them needed to file to get their unreceived \$600 stimulus check. At that point, I wrote a letter asking them to reconsider allowing our site to open. I waited all week for an answer, then Friday, February 19th I received a call from the District representative that the Washington D.C. office granted an exception for our Center. Yahoo!

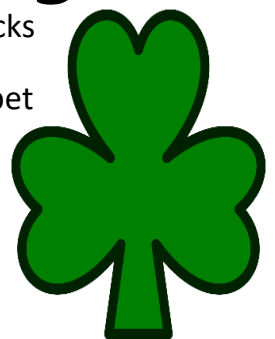
I apologize for the telephones being so busy this past month, but through COVID funding we can add another telephone line that should be up and running soon. Spring is almost here!

Have a great March!

Patty

Irish Blessing

If wishes for you were shamrocks
On this good St. Patrick's Day,
They'd make a wide green carpet
Each mile along the way...
'Tis then you'd know
How much you're wished
Irish luck and laughter,
On St. Patrick's Day
And all the days
That follow ever after.



Old Millstadt Water Tower Friends Receive Grant

CHICAGO – *Landmarks Illinois* has awarded a total of \$15,000 to six historic preservation projects statewide through the organization's three grant programs. Four different preservation projects in Chicago, Millstadt, Robbins and Yorkville, Illinois, received Preservation Heritage Fund Grants.

The individual grants range between \$1,000 and \$5,000 each and are awarded on a matching basis, requiring the recipient to raise funds equal or greater to the Landmarks Illinois grant amount. Landmarks Illinois grant funding is used toward preserving historic and significant places in communities throughout Illinois.

Preservation Heritage Fund Grant Recipients:

Friends of the Old Millstadt Water Tower, Millstadt: \$5,000 to help restore the historic Old Millstadt Water Tower, the town's most visible landmark and one of only a few "tin man" style towers that remain in Illinois. The water tower, built in 1931, was included on Landmarks Illinois' 2014 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois.

The Preservation Heritage Fund Grant Program provides funding to people and organizations in Illinois leading historic preservation projects at significant structures that are under threat of demolition, require stabilization and/or reuse or structural evaluation or those that need to be evaluated for landmark eligibility. Grant applications are accepted four times a year, and the next application deadline is April 15, 2021.

About Landmarks Illinois

We are People Saving Places for People. Landmarks Illinois, now celebrating its 50th Anniversary, is a membership-based nonprofit organization serving the people of Illinois. We inspire and empower stakeholders to save places that matter to them by providing free guidance, practical and financial resources and access to strategic partnerships. For more information, visit www.Landmarks.org.



Valentine's Day Goodies

Elle Heiligenstein of Hoffen Funeral Home donated bags of Valentine goodies which were distributed to our Seniors.

Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation

The Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation was founded in 2014 to honor the memory of Sandra who delivered over 1,000 Meals on



Wheels to clients. In January 2021, the SMBF purchased 'Olivers' worth \$3,359 for the MOWS program serving Millstadt, Freeburg and Smithton. The only objective of the SMBF is to promote and sustain the Millstadt Senior Center MOWS Program for years to come.

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

New Freezer Donated

Millstadt Township Senior Services received a brand new freezer in February which will enable the center to provide even more meals to the community.

Rich Brune, who is president of Millstadt Township Senior Services Adviosry board, heard about Senior Centers need for the appliance and members of the Columbus Club board quickly gathered and donated the money for the new freezer. The Columbus Club purchased the freezer they are currently using in February 2018.



Harre's Furniture in Columbia delivered the appliance for free. "It's amazing," said Patty Evansco, director at Millstadt Township Senior Services. "We have so much support...Without their help and support, we wouldn't be able to run these programs."

The new freezer will be able to hold up to 230 meals. The Senior Center was extremely grateful for the new freezer and for everyone who made it possible for them to obtain the appliance.

Patty Evansco said, "This is awesome, and it means the world to us because our service can increase for the community and we can add more people to the route list that we have. It is important to me that we can better serve our community".

Thank You Columbus Club!

Township Candidates

Mary Heberer

Millstadt Township Supervisor

My name is Mary O'Donnell Heberer and I am seeking election for Millstadt Township Supervisor. I am a lifelong resident of Millstadt. I am married to Jim Heberer. I have two sons, Andy and Tim Matecki along with three grandchildren Chase, Jackson and Presley. I have been a member of St James Catholic Church my whole life. Throughout the years, I have volunteered at the Millstadt Homecoming, Millstadt Biathlon, various St. James Church functions



as well as Senior Center functions.

I have worked for Millstadt Village engineers Thouvenot Wade and Moerchen and Schubert's Packing Company. My career was completed after working 33 years for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a Management Analyst. I am confident that the experience, knowledge and understanding of the government process will assist me in my duties as Township Supervisor.

Upon my retirement, I began helping at the Millstadt Township Senior Center. It was shortly after that when I started helping Don Mueller publish the monthly SENIOR TALK magazine. I love helping at the Senior Center and am amazed at how many services the Senior Center provides to our residents. I enjoy helping pack the Meals on Wheels. I recently helped at the Community Chili Supper and the Senior Center's Annual BBQ. Millstadt Township Senior Center is very fortunate to have such an outpouring of support from our community. I will continue this support for our Seniors if I am elected.

I am aware that the Township receives funding to provide general assistance to residents in need and I look forward to aiding in the distribution of these funds.

Millstadt Township is a great place to live and the best part is simply you, the people. I look forward to working for you and to continue to enhance our Township.

I would appreciate your vote on Tues., April 6, 2021.

ELECTION DAY TUES., 4/6/2021

Millstadt Village & Millstadt Township elections.

Travis Jones

Millstadt Township Supervisor

Travis Jones is running as a candidate for the Millstadt Township Supervisor. As a lifelong community member and volunteer, Travis proudly serves Millstadt. His goal is to support the community that he values and to continue to build one that his children will grow up in- both immediately and for the future. With a friendly and approachable personality, Travis has tailored his life to understanding and serving



the needs of his community.

With experience in working for the Village of Millstadt for over 17 years, Millstadt ESDA Coordinator. fireman on the Millstadt Fire Dept, coaching for Millstadt Xplosion and volunteering for the Millstadt Biathlon and other community events. Travis understands and believes in contributing to the success of Millstadt and supporting the community members.

Travis would value your support in the upcoming election!

Randy Eckert

Township Trustee

It will again be an honor to serve Millstadt Township. I will be happy to help keep the existing Township program moving forward.

Always looking ahead to new programs to help the community. AND never, never forgetting the Millstadt Senior Center.



Millstadt Police Department

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

Election Day

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

*A Summary Of LOCAL Offices And Candidates
That Will Appear On The Ballot.*

TOWNSHIP OFFICES (7)

Supervisor – Travis Jones or Mary Heberer

Clerk – No candidate filed

Highway Commissioner – Stanley Jarvis

Trustees (4)

Charlie Todd

James Palovick

Randall Eckert

No candidate filed

VILLAGE OFFICES (5)

Mayor – Michael Todd

Clerk - Christine Pipik

Trustee – Michael French

Trustee – Albert Lehr

Trustee – Mark Todd

LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3)

Janice Seidlitz

Brenda Goudey

Robert Engelbretson

MCS 160 SCHOOL BOARD (4)

Don Pellman

Kurt Muskopf

Stacey Sommerfield

"Write in" – Scott Hilpert

COVID-19 Report For 62260 & 62285

For the Millstadt area zip code of 62260, with an estimated population of 7,290, 765 have tested positive of 5,462 tested. For Smithton, zip code 62285, with an estimated population of 4,484, 4,337 have been tested and 541 have tested positive. This information is based upon data from the Illinois Department of Health on their web site on February 24, 2021. If you do not have access to a computer and would like to schedule a vaccine shot for the COVID-19 virus, call this number for assistance 618-825-4447. Please keep wearing a mask or two, practice social distancing and wash your hands. Hopefully, we can return to a normal life of eating inside at restaurants with friends and family soon.



Spring 2021 Millstadt Farmers Market



This year will start the 7th year of the Millstadt Farmers Market!

Again, it looks like we might be under COVID 19 Guidelines. COVID 19 or not the Market is ready to run!!

We are counting on building on our success of the 2020 Market. We are here to support local gardeners – small or large – if you have plants, flowers or produce to sell.

Always happy to see other Vendors with interesting items to sell! We are all about Small Business!!

Once again, the VFW will host our Market!

Attention Resident's Of St. Clair County Age 60 Or Older

AgeSmart Community Resources and Southwestern II Visiting Nurse Association are teaming up to Keep you Healthy! Nurses from SIVNA can help you manage conditions like high blood pressure, diabetes, and many others by providing needed tools such as a scale to weigh yourself, a blood pressure monitor, medication planner, etc., as well as answer your questions and provide tips to help you manage your health so you can be the best possible you. All services and tools provided through the **Metro East Community Wellness program** are completely free to participants. If you would like to know more call SIVNA Monday thru Friday 8-4 at 618-444-2936.



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Wish List

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Industrial Size Aluminum Foil & Plastic Wrap

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



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

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

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

Smithton Meals

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



Millstadt 'Vaccine Angels' Secure COVID Vaccination Appointments For Seniors



**Paula
Burch**

In an effort to help book coronavirus vaccination appointments over several weeks, retired career women Karen Witte and Paula Burch have come to the rescue and already have a waitlist of 250 people asking for their help.

The system is complicated and if you are not familiar with the technology, you may lose out and not be vaccinated. And that is frustrating! People are calling the Millstadt Senior Center saying, "I can't figure this out -- can you book it for me?"

The Senior Center does not have any super-secret formula for finding vaccines. A lot of it comes down to simply using their code after clients have registered.

For those that do not have computers, emails or i-phones we use the Senior Center email and are then able to print the "QR" code needed for them to receive their vaccine.

If you are experiencing any problems with signing up, please call us at (618) 476-3731 and we will be glad to help you.



**Karen
Witte**

Quail Club Friday Night Fish Fry **EVERY FRIDAY THRU LENT**

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Dates to Remember

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

March 10, Blood Drive, 3:00-8:00 pm at St. James.

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

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

March 20, Spring Begins!

March 28, Palm Sunday

April 2, Good Friday

April 4, Easter

April 6, Election, Senior Center Closed

Urgent Need Volunteers!



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

**Meals on Wheels drivers in rural
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



QUILT - A-RAMA

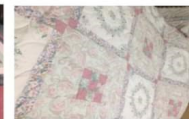
**St. James Ladies CCW
Millstadt, IL
is sponsoring a
Quilt-A-Rama**

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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Former Police Chief Honored



Due to COVID concerns, the presentation of a gift to retired Chief of Police Ed Wilkerson by Mayor Mike Todd and the Village Board had been delayed till this past Monday's village board meeting. In attendance for this presentation were members of Wilkerson's family, as well as former mayors. The gift was a very nice wood carving noting Wilkerson's 30 years of service to the village. Wilkerson thanked the village board, expressed his gratefulness for being able to serve the village, and said if he had to do it all over again he would still spend his law enforcement career in Millstadt.

DO YOU NEED HELP?

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

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

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

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Dip Nail Enhancements, Waxing

15% Off Seniors (60+) Must Have Coupon

Ways to Stay Active During The Cold Winter Months

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

How often should you exercise?

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

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

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 is \$30/year and also makes a great gift.



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

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



Are You a Family Caregiver Caring for an Older Adult?

You May Qualify for Financial Assistance.

This Program is For you If you are:

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

Eligible caregivers are provided with funds to help meet needs that are essential to provide care for the older person.

Allowable expenses include:

Home modifications, adaptive equipment, transportation, adult day care, etc.

Funding is limited. Priority is given to the individuals with greatest economic and social need.



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

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



Calling All Mask Makers

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

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

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

Second, on behalf of the Senior Center we would like to give a homemade mask to the workers at our local businesses in Millstadt that have worked hard these past weeks. The masks would protect the proprietors as well as their clients.

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

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

Senior Transportation Program

*Need a Ride to the Doctor, Bank
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



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**MEALS ON WHEELS AMERICA
2020 MEMBER**

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.

THANKS FOR OUR DONORS

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Charlene Boehm
Marylou Peter

In Memory of Dale LaBrier
Lois Potter

In Memory of Eddie Boehm
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The Boehm Family

In Memory of Gloria Kettler
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COVID SUPPLIES

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Columbus Club (New Upright Freezer)
David and Suzanne Haas (Sponsor Meals)

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Arlene and Leonard Scaturro
Jennifer Gratteau

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 17th

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A Match Maker's Story



I had just come to work at the Millstadt Senior Center and was busy meeting new people and trying to remember names. Early on I had the opportunity to meet Pat (Lois) Morris. She is a lovely lady that has a personality that revolves around the delightful person she is. Pat had always worked in business and I consider her to be very smart. She is attractive, always well dressed and the life of the party and impresses everyone she meets.

A few weeks later, I was looking for someone to help start a monthly newsletter. Don Mueller had been coming to eat at the Senior Center regularly and I had not had the opportunity to talk with him very much. He came up to me and said he would like to help with the newsletter. Within the next few months, I began to know Don better. He had worked for the St Louis Post Dispatch, and Millstadt Enterprise before retiring. Don is very tall, handsome, quiet, and he knows the publishing business. I consider him to be very sharp guy.

A short time went by, and one day Pat was at the Center quilting and the bus was leaving. Pat does not drive, and she wanted to stay longer to quilt but would need a ride home. I told her not to worry I would give her a ride. Later that same day, Don dropped by with some items for the Newsletter we had been working on. While we were talking, Pat came down and was ready to go home. Suddenly, the big matchmaker light bulb went off in my head and without missing a beat I said, "Hey Don, this is Pat Morris would you mind giving her ride home". I think they had recognized each other but had not formally met. Later I saw Don and told him how I thought Pat was a nice lady, and I told Pat the same thing about Don.

I remember this all happened around the Fourth of July, because their first date was to Zion Evangelical Church's Fourth of July concert and the rest is history and they are still happy together.

BIBLE TALK

Those Who Came After

During the forty-year period between 1960 - 2000, the churchgoing population in our country went from 26 million (1960) to 21 million (2000). A decrease of about 40 percent. At the same time, population for our country GREW from 179 million (1960) to 280 million (2000). Hmmmm...so, what do you think about that? I think it means we are living in a country that has Freedom of Religion spelled out in their Constitution where children are being raised without ever understanding JESUS LOVES THEM! We are the people that came after, and we are not getting our job done!

We have far too long depended on someone else to evangelize the Good News of Christ Jesus. We know God intends us to share His message of love and redemption. He has also provided us all we need to do so, His Holy Word and His Holy Spirit. Today's the day we begin: THE HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Let's start by reading the first three chapters of Acts: The Acts of the Apostles, "Those Who Came After". As you read, take notes. I have included a few notes to get you started, but I'm certain you will include many of your own.

ACTS 1. St Luke makes it clear that in his first book, the Gospel of Luke, his purpose was to record all that Jesus began to do and teach until his ascension. Luke's purpose in his second book, the book of Acts, is to show the continuing work done by those who came after, enabled with the power of the Holy Spirit of God.

ACTS 2. The Pentecost. Pay particular attention to Acts 2:38-39, "The promise".

ACTS 3. First miracle of the new age accomplished with the power of the Holy Spirit. See Acts 3:1-10. Please remember, knowledge is never wasted. As you study, will you be able to use what you read? Of course! It's called living. Living for Jesus! Life can be very hard and complex at times, but there is such bravery within the human spirit fortified by The Holy Spirit of God that all things are possible. You know that! Live it!

Thank you for studying with me today. Please read as well as take notes. We will be able to study together and share our notes for discussion soon. Until then, hold fast to your faith. Blessings and peace.

Your study partner, *Pat Morris*

Little Free Library

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



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Blood Drive

Millstadt Community
St James Catholic Parish & School
Parish Room
412 W Washington Ave, Millstadt, IL 62260

Wednesday, March 10, 2021
3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Millstadt or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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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.

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



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

cancel meals in inclement weather. In case of a severe storm warning we will confer with local police and agencies to make an informed decision. Senior Center members are encouraged to check for cancellations or delays during inclement weather. The following sources will have information on weather-related schedule changes:

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

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

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

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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.

Tips to Avoid a Cyberattack

More of our daily life activities involve working, educating and shopping online. Chances of a cyberattack increase with these additional activities. Criminals go where there is opportunity to find birth year, vacation plans, names and addresses from online activities. Follow these tips to help keep your information secure.

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

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

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

TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

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

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

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

Smithton Library News

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

Community Center & Park Pavilions Rental

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

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Millstadt Red Cross Blood Drive Schedule



March 10, 2021

May 5, 2021

July 7, 2021

3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James

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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.



During The Month of Feb.

Our Volunteers Donated **693** Hours To
The Millstadt Senior Center
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Would you like to join our group of Volunteers?

**Please Stop By The Center To Sign Up
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Office (113 hours)

Jean Colbert
Kathy Schaefer
Karen Witte
Paula Burch

Drivers (27 hours)

Bob Louis
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Beth Kwentus
Marlou Eckert
Jamie Bereitschaft
Marsha Davis
Patti French
Sandy Dressler
Dave Albers
Richard Rist
Ed Luecking

Smithton (23 hours)

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

Thrift Store (1 hour)

Eileen Doerr

Newsletter (46 hours)

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

Meals on Wheels (160 hours)

Barnie Jorns
Becky Courtney
Beth Kwentus
Bob Louis
Charlie Todd
Cheryl Mueth
Cheryl Pierpoint
Dave Albers
Donna Gaulrapp
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Susan Sager
Paula Burch
Millie Koudelka
Ed Luecking
Emily Twellman
Ted Huwer
Marianne Schaefer
Glenn Schaefer

Kitchen Workers (323 hours)

Bob Braun
Bob Louis
Carol Terveer
Colleen Costello
Doris Chaput
Evelyn Weber
Fran Wagner
Ed Luecking
Lois Potter
Marlou Eckert
Marylou Peter
Michelle Rist
Mike Walter
Richard Rist
Lucille Reese
Aaron Arras
Kim Oplet
Joe Orsa

Quinn Grommet
Jerry Schmeder
Chris Michael
Quilting (2 hours)
Judy Jacobs

Writer's Guidelines

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

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

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

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Pick-Up Your copy of the Monthly Senior Talk at One of The Following Millstadt Locations

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Millstadt IGA 476-3161

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Malissa Weber, FNP-C 476-3373

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Millstadt Village Hall 476-1514

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Concordia UCC 476-3377

St. Paul Church, Floraville 473-2285

Dr. Kevin Schmidt 476-3261

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Millstadt Garden Place 476-1404

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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



Sun., March 28th

Mar. Birthdays

1 Robert Reichert	14 James Clemens
1 Marvin Skaer	14 Jane Cummins
1 Barbara Villiger	14 Joe Davinroy
2 Adeline Ferry	14 Billie Miller
2 Martha Gallion	14 Cheri Vitez
2 Connie Mayer	15 Ken Harres
2 Dianne Mehrmann	16 Clinton Stinebrook
3 Lois Potter	17 Elaine Dinges
3 Vincent Callico	17 Judith Fahrner
3 Linda Lanham	18 William Carlsberg
4 Sherri Gericke	20 Dot Cason
5 Geraldine Cantwell	20 Don Gericke
5 Ronald Dill	20 Wilfred Hoerr
5 Norma Pellman	22 Cindy Callico
6 Dwight Hight	22 Majorie Downey
6 Judy Jacobs	22 Miriam Henson
6 Daniel McGuire	23 Thomas Biebel
6 Pat Morris	23 Cindy Czech
6 Doreen Musial	23 Ange Matecki
7 George Graham	23 Suzanne Schaefer
7 Glen Hankammer	23 Sandra Woods
10 Ruth Hermann	24 Shirley Schmidt
10 Janet Klein	25 Margaret Birchett
10 William Prather	25 Constance Martin
11 Chris Carron	25 Paul Range
12 Jerry Crosby	26 Brabra Cleveland
12 Don Jelinek	27 Patricia DuBois
12 Jerry Schmitz	27 Shirley Marquardt
13 Shirley	28 Richard McMurray
Brandenburger	28 Judy Richards
13 Peggy Brueggeman	28 Peggy Shryock
13 Charles Butzinger	29 Evelyn Vitez
13 Sandra Richardson	31 Larry Sanders
13 Jean Siegfried	

Senior Center Current Schedule

The Senior Center is Open
Monday-Thursday, 10am to 1pm

This is for those who would like to:

- Grab a library book,
- Use the computers,
- Buy an upcycled greeting card.
- Borrow a puzzle.
- Quilt

We are asking that you come in, do your "business," and be on your way, so staff can sanitize for the next person.

We will allow 6 visitors at a time. Each person will sign in with their name, the date, and their phone number. If you are not able to visit the Senior Center during these hours, please call Patty at 618-476-3731 for an appointment.

Notary Services Are Provided Free At The Senior Center

MONTHLY EVENTS

Read All About It!

Perspectives Book Club
(In partnership with Belleville West Library)
- ALL MONTH: Pick up: *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds
- Virtual Discussion on March 13

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

Youth Story Time
- Every Wednesday in March
- 11:00 a.m.
- Facebook Live
- Pick up/Curbside your child's craft kit EACH WEEK!

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

Book Club
- Last Saturday - March 27
- 10:30 to 11:30
- Zoom via Facebook Event
- Home Front by Kristin Hannah

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PERSPECTIVES
A Teen and Adult book club that delves into stories from authors who specialize in unique perspectives, shared, or otherwise.
• FEBRUARY: Pick Up and Read: *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds
• MARCH: Saturday, the 13th at 11 a.m. - Discuss: Via Zoom <https://u02web.zoom.us/j/4976520682>
All participants may keep a copy of their book.

IT'S STORY TIME
JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY IN MARCH AT 11:00 A.M.
Watch @MillstadtLibrary on Facebook
An interactive/virtual read aloud event for Pre-K and Youth
Craft Kits available each week!

IT'S CRAFT TIME!
Join us THURSDAY, MARCH 18, at 5:30 p.m.
on Facebook @MillstadtLibrary for crafts!
We're making yarn-wrapped wall art!
Pick up/Curbside your craft kit anytime during March!

VIRTUAL Book Club
Every last Saturday of the Month
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Join our meetings from the link in the Facebook event description.

A Recipe for Crepes

For those of us missing the crepes on the menu at Reinhardt's here is a recipe for creating your own breakfast or anytime- of -day crepe.

1 cup all- purpose flour

2 eggs

½ cup milk

½ cup water

¼ teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons melted butter

Whisk eggs, add water and milk; add flour and salt, whisk until smooth.

Heat a lightly oiled frying pan over medium heat. Pour about ¼ cup of batter into the frying pan. Tilt pan with circular motion to coat pan evenly. Cook for about 2 minutes until bottom is light brown. Turn with spatula and cook other side.

Serve hot filled with fruit, whipped cream, top with confectionary sugar.

Chair Yoga Hiatus



For the safety of all the chair yoga devotees, the Tuesday and Thursday morning chair Yoga classes, held at the Zion Fellowship Center will be on pause for the remainder of 2020. Hopefully, 2021 will bring a safer time and Joyce Hermann, our instructor, can resume the classes. Watch for information on the classes in future editions of the Senior Talk. Be safe, wear a mask and practice social distancing, we can do this together.

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OPTIMIST CLUB



Awarding Five \$1,000 Scholarships

The Optimist Club of Millstadt is proud to announce that we will be awarding five \$1,000 scholarships again this year!

- These scholarships will be available to students for education beyond high school for their first year of attendance as a full-time student at an accredited College or Vocational Trade School.
- Applicants must be a graduate of Millstadt Grade School and/or reside within the Millstadt School District.
- Applications are available at the counselor's office at Belleville West School, Althoff Catholic School, Freeburg High School, and Gibault in Waterloo.

Completed applications are due April 5, 2021.

Accredited Trade School examples:

Art, Automotive Shop, Advertising/Media, Business Programs, Computer/Internet, Carpentry/Wood Shop, Culinary, Dance/Music/Voice, Electrical, Fashion/Design, Forestry-Wildlife Conservation, Legal Programs, Machine Shop, Marine Technician, Medical Healthcare/Nursing, Photography, Secretarial, Veterinary Technician



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FRIDAYS
11am—8pm
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Ed Boehm

Ed R. Boehm (Eddy Ray), age 75, died February 5, 2021 in Avon Park, FL. He was born March 29, 1945 in Belleville and grew up in Millstadt, IL. Ed graduated from BTHS in 1963 and married Beverly Shoenfeld at Trinity LCMS in 1964. He worked in the coal mining industry as a miner, mechanic, and plant superintendent and as a sales representative for coal and sand mining supplies. His family lived in Mascoutah, Okawville, Galesburg and Carlinville, IL before moving to Newburg and Evansville, IN. During retirement, the warmer "clime" of Florida became home.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents Edwin F. and Arline B. Boehm nee Vollmer. Surviving are his wife of 56 years Beverly, his sons Kevin (Amy) Boehm of Indiana and Keith (Lori) Boehm of No. Carolina, grandchildren Logan & Garrett, Jessica and Justin, sister Nancy Witthoef of Texas, aunts Judith Jacobs and Shirley Boehm of Millstadt, nephews, cousins, and friends. Memorials may be made to the donor's charity of choice.

Irene McWhorter

Irene M. McWhorter, age 96 of Dupu, IL passed peacefully into eternal life on February 19, 2021 at Mercy South Hospital, St. Louis, MO. Irene was born on May 3, 1924 in Ziegenhals, Germany to Alfred and Maria Schendzielorz, who preceded her in death. She was united in marriage to Leroy E. McWhorter on July 17, 1943 in St. Louis, MO. She & Leroy were married for 61 years. He preceded her in death, in February 2005. They raised 3 children, Steve (Michele) McWhorter, Rick (Ruth) McWhorter and Carol (Tom) Truby. Her beloved daughter Carol preceded her in death in November 2019. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Carl, her sister, Anna and a granddaughter, Jill Ann McWhorter. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dupu, IL. Irene is also survived by 7 grandchildren, Jeff (Laurin) McWhorter, Jenny (Rick) Peterson, Jason (Elizabeth) McWhorter, Tami McWhorter, Laurie (George Austin) McWhorter, Lindsey Ratterman and Katie Ratterman. She has 13 great grandchildren, Rachel (David) and Tyler (Kelsey) McWhorter, Tristan and Gage Ratterman, Aleaha and Alivia Peterson, Kayla and Zach Jones, Jack and Lily Scott, Annalie and Luke McWhorter and Dru Austin. She is also survived by a niece Judy (Ralph) Goin, and many devoted friends, Mary Ann, Mary C., Father Linus, Joan & Butch, Vince, Mary B, Don, Norma and Rose. Irene worked as a secretary, billing machine operator, key punch operator and in sales and real estate. She was a member of the German Cultural Society in St. Louis. She was a devoted volunteer in her retirement years working for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program orchestra wives, Sacred Heart Parish Women's Club, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Francis Thrift Store, Bria nursing home ministry program, Boy Scouts of America. Her heart belonged to her doggy, Lucy, who she rescued from a shelter and they were devoted companions for many years. Her hobbies included fishing, boating, ballroom and line dancing and she raised Pomeranian puppies for many years.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 16th, 4-7 pm at Leesman Funeral Home in Dupu, IL. A private mass will be held on Wednesday, March 17th, 9:30 am at Sacred Heart Church in Dupu, IL followed by burial in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery at 11:15 am. Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Church, Dupu, IL, Shriners Hospital for Children, St. Louis, MO or Belleville-East St. Louis Council Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Irene will always be remembered as the example of strength who was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She had a heart of service and compassion for others. Her love of life and positive outlook will continue to live on in all of us who knew and loved her.



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.

Charlene Boehm

Charlene L. Boehm, age 67, of Millstadt, IL, born on April 6, 1953 in St. Louis, MO, died on Friday, February 19, 2021 at Cedarhurst of Collinsville. Charlene was a devoted mother, avid league bowler, bingo player and was a former Avon representative for 15 years. She was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Mary, nee Reiser, Thompson Sr.; her mother-in-law Margaret Boehm; her former husband James W. Boehm. Charlene is survived by her son, James R. Boehm of Millstadt, IL; her mother Jean, nee Paulik, Thompson of Shiloh, IL; her brothers, Charles (Cathy) Thompson Jr. of Collinsville, IL, Rodney (Susan) Thompson of Willow Springs, MO; her sister, Rachelle (Patrick) McCarthy of Fairview Heights, IL; step brother Steve Adams of Belleville, IL; brother-in-law Richard Boehm of Fairview Heights, IL; sister-in-law Mary (Vince) Williams of Oak Hill, VA; sister-in-law Pat Boehm (Randy Parmlee) of St. Jacob, IL; goddaughter Heather Gundlach of Millstadt, IL. Charlene is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews and a great niece and great nephew. Condolences may be made to the family at www.kasslyfuneral.com. Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital or Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.



Virginia Jelinek

Virginia C. Jelinek, 81 years, of Columbia, IL, passed away peacefully in her home on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. She was born on October 14, 1939, in Qulin, MO. She married Donald R. Jelinek, Sr. in Dupu, IL, on April 4, 1959.

She is survived by her husband, Donald, the love of her life. She was always thankful for him, for his love, and for his giving her the beautiful family and home she was so proud of. They loved each other very much, and he took care of her all the way to the end. Also surviving are her children, Donald R. (Cheryl) Jelinek, Jr. of Columbia, IL, Allison (Wayne) Harris of Freeburg, IL, and Christopher (Victoria) Jelinek of East Carondelet, IL; grandchildren, Angeline Jelinek, Cassidy Moore, Jennifer Jelinek, Dr. Ben (Stephanie) Harris, Rachel Harris, Esq., Jessica Jelinek, Marcus Jelinek, and Grace Jelinek; great-grandchildren, Mavrick Land, Dexter Harris, and August Harris; sister, Barbara Rahmoeller of Dupu, IL; brother, Richard (Kathy) Garver of Qulin, MO, along with other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Nova (nee Wynn) Garver and her brother, Gary Garver.

Virginia was a woman of elegance, beauty, and grace. Chosen and blessed by the Spirit of God, she touched so many people by her actions and her words of encouragement. She was all about her family. She led by example and revealed her giving spirit to everyone she met. She was a gifted crafter, seamstress, and an expert wordsmith; and she worked as a legal secretary. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed. Due to Covid19, no memorial service has been set at this time.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to: Shriners' Hospital for Children, 4400 Clayton Ave., St. Louis, MO, 63110, or charity of the donor's choice.



Terry Stahl

Terry Lee Erwin Stahl, 74, of Smithton, IL, passed away Saturday, February 6, 2021, in Caseyville, IL.

Mr. Stahl was born April 29, 1946, in Smithton, IL, the son of Walter and Elvira, nee Quirin, Stahl. He was a farmer, Prairie du Long Road Commissioner, and co-owner of TLC Day Care in Smithton. He was a charter member of the Smithton Jaycees. Terry was well known with the Smithton Community. He worked long and hard years, through sweat and tears, serving as road commissioner for Prairie du Long Township, farming, helping his wife, Aletha, have success with TLC, and raising his family. Terry enjoyed camping, cards, playing pool, and traveling. You could count on Terry for a helping hand. He was -always ready to help. The family takes solace that he is above watching over them. We all know before he passed, he would want to say this one more time, "GO BLUES!"

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings; a infant brother, James Stahl; a niece, Michelle Luttrull; and a nephew, Matthew Litteken.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Aletha, nee Diehl, Stahl, whom he married in September 1970; a son, Terris Elias Thomas Stahl of Smithton, IL; a daughter, Tara (Justin) Jackson; a sister, Cindy Stahl of Bridgeton, MO; two grandchildren, Owen Alexander Stahl and Guenevere Jackson; three nieces, Theresa Scott, Sheila Gallagher, and -Annette Litteken; and a nephew, Eric Litteken.



Dennis Vander Pluym

Dennis M. Vander Pluym, 64, of Belleville, IL, born June 14, 1956, in Belleville, IL, died Saturday, February 6, 2021, at his residence.

Dennis was a machinist who had owned The Crank Shop, Millstadt, IL, and also worked for B&D Machinery, Marissa, IL. He was a former volunteer firefighter with Northwest St. Clair County Fire Protection District. He liked to fish, watch NASCAR, and enjoyed cooking and camping. Dennis loved growing vegetables in his garden and most of all spending time with his only grandchild, Mia.

Dennis was preceded in death by his mother, Gertrude, nee Weingart, Vander Pluym; a brother, David Vander Pluym; and a brother-in-law, Jerry Brown.

Surviving are his loving wife, Patricia Lorene, nee Neff, Vander Pluym; two children, Luke Vander Pluym of Chicago, IL, and Jennifer (Eric) Joseph of Smithton, IL; a granddaughter, Mia Joseph; his father, David Vander Pluym; four sisters, Donna (Bill) Foutch, Shari (Bob) Sobczak, Barb Whan (Ron Sobczak), and Shelly (David) Langford; two brothers-in-law, Elmer (Jeannette) Neff and Ron (Janelle) Neff; two sisters-in-law, Jeanne Vander Pluym and Darlene Brown; and nieces and nephews.



Richard Wittenauer

Richard Edward Wittenauer Sr., 78, of Millstadt, IL, born July 20, 1942, passed away Thursday, February 11, 2021, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, IL, with his family by his side.

Richard was born to Raymond O. and Angeline E., nee Muckensturm, Wittenauer. He attended Cathedral High School. He served in the Marines from March, 1960 to February, 1966. He graduated from Ranken Technical College in St. Louis. Richard married Danna Winkelmann, in April, 1966.

He retired from Afton Chemical in Sauget, IL in 2010. There he served as ICWU Local 871 Union President for many years. He lived in Millstadt with his wife of 54 years, Danna, and his dog Lucy. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Angeline Wittenauer; his brother, Raymond Wittenauer; two sisters-in-law, Linda Wittenauer and Carol Wittenauer; brothers-in-law, Bob Brauer and Les Childers; and his niece, Linda Wittenauer Honea.

Richard is survived by his wife, Danna, nee Winkelmann, Wittenauer; his children Evvie Wittenauer, Rich (Rebecca) Wittenauer, and Sharon (Mike) Busch; and his grandchildren, Garrett, Braden, Lauren, and Sarah. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters, Sharon (Larry) Webb, Bonnie (Ron) Dietzel, James (Marian) Wittenauer, Kenny Wittenauer, Kathy Wittenauer, Steve (Patti) Wittenauer, and Edie (Al) Blaylock; his sister-in-law, Rita (Dennis) Hall; and many nieces and nephews.



Wilmer J. Stiffler

Wilmer J. Stiffler, 90, of Millstadt, passed away at 11:10 PM, Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at Oak Hill Care Center in Waterloo.

He was born February 3, 1930 in Randolph county to Steve and Ida (Gasser) Stiffler. He married Audrey Ross in September of 1952 and she preceded him in death on December 27, 2018. Wilmer worked many years as a truck driver for Midwestern Gas

Company in Belleville until his retirement at age 60. He was a member of Local #50 when he was driving and was a former member of the Sportsman Club. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing, traveling with his family to different locations, woodworking and shelling pecans. He was a youngster at heart and he kept the staff of Oak Hill on their toes.

Surviving are two daughters, Nancy Keck of Millstadt and Linda Moushey of St. Louis and one son, Bruce Stiffler and wife Brenda of Millstadt; four granddaughters, Stephanie MacCullen and husband Bill of Maine, Kelly Gehlhausen and husband Marc of Millstadt, Laura Perez and husband Steve of St. Louis, Amy Moushey of St. Louis and one grandson, Scott Moushey and wife Michelle of St. Louis, 6 great grandchildren with one on the way as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, sister- Helen VanBuren and his beloved dog- "Mitzy". As per his wishes he will be cremated and services will be held at a later date.



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Marvin Rodemich

Marvin E. Rodemich, 79 years, of Columbia, IL, passed away on February 6, 2021 at St. Elizabeth Hospital, O'Fallon, IL. He was born March 4, 1941, in East St. Louis, IL, son of the late Walter, and Viola, nee Hofstetter, Rodemich. He was married to Ruth Ann, nee Stumpf, Rodemich, who survives him. They were married January 31, 1965, in New Hanover, IL.



For those who knew him, Marv was never a man of titles. Instead of listing all of Marv's accomplishments and committees served, we want to focus on the man Marv was. People gravitated towards him. He had a genuine smile, a pat on the back, a positive message for your day, a bit of sports trivia or a famous, warm Marvin hug. People loved Marv because he glowed with the light of Christ.

Marv wore many hats - a farmer, a greenhouse manager, a school bus driver, and a Sunday School teacher. But his favorite roles in life were that of Ruth Ann's husband, as Papa and as a Christian through and through. Marv and Ruth Ann started playing footsies in 1957 and built a family that stood strong on his broad shoulders. Marv loved being a Grandpa to Corey, Ryan, Allie and Maci. He loved watching their sports activities from the front row, always ready to give them a thumbs-up when their eyes connected. He also loved visiting with Ryan for smiles and hugs. Marv's hobbies brought him great joy in life. He passed down his love of deer hunting to his son, Scott and his grandson, Corey. The highlight of every year was when he could be at "deer camp" with the guys at Buettner's cabin. He loved to fish with his buddies at Bissel and Reelfoot Lake. He was a true Cardinals fan. In later years he spent a lot of time playing Kloepper throughout the county and, oh yes, one year he was crowned the King of Kloepper! Also, surviving are his daughter, Chris (Bill) Browne of Columbia, IL; daughter-in-law, Julie A. Rodemich of Columbia, IL; grandchildren, Cori Browne, Ryan Rodemich, Allison Rodemich, and Maci Browne; sister, Shirley (Arlen) Harres of Columbia, IL; sister-in-law, Kathie (John) Harris of Houston, TX; brother-in-law, Glenn (Lisa) Stumpf of Columbia, IL, along with other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his son, Scott Rodemich.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to: Christ Community Lutheran Church - General Fund, or Beverly Farm Foundation (Ryan Rodemich's residential community), 6301 Humbert Road, Godfrey, IL 62035. For more information, please access our website, www.leesmanfuneralhome.com. Lawlor Funeral Home, Columbia, IL, handled arrangements.

David Luebbers

David Luebbers, 74, of Freeburg, IL, born June 30, 1946, died Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at Evelyn's House, Creve Coeur, MO.

Mr. Luebbers was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Freeburg, IL, the St. Libory American Legion, and the Southern Illinois Carpenters Union Local 662. David loved the outdoors, bird hunting, and was an avid fisherman. He had served in the United States Army Reserve.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Luke G. and Eleanor E., nee Buescher, Luebbers; two sisters, Marilyn Farnsworth and Verlene Harris; and a brother-in-law, Dave Harris.

Surviving are his wife of 26 years, Sharon Luebbers, whom he married on October 22, 1994; five children, Daniel (Brenda) Luebbers, Michael (Kimberly) Luebbers, Michelle (Robert) Fritz, Mark (Laura) Ford, and Tony (Jamie) Ford; eight grandchildren, Lucas, Austin, Robert Grace, Alex, Adelyn, Kylie and Paxton; two sisters, Betty Kimura and Linda (Jim) Steiner; mother of Dave's Children, Fran Luebbers; many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his beloved companion dog, Skipper.

Memorials may be made to Randy's Rescue Ranch or to Helping Strays Monroe County. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.rennerfh.com.

Kai W. Andersen

Kai W. Andersen, 89, of Belleville, IL, born Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Racine, WI, passed away Thursday, February 18, 2021 at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, IL. Kai was the owner and operator of Phillip 66 gas station in Belleville, IL for many years and the founder of Belleville Holzschnitzers Wood Carvers. He was a founding member of the former Hope Church and a member of the St. Clair Lodge #24 AF & AM, Scottish Rite Bodies, Ainad Shrine, Ainad Drum Corp., Moose Lodge # 1221. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. Kai was a loving father and grandfather. He loved to camp and fish with his family and spend time with his dogs. He loved to tell stories and play pranks on everyone. He never met a stranger. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Laverna, nee Louis, Andersen; parents, Aage and Ida, nee Stryger, Andersen; sister, Elise Wall and special lady, Pauline "Rocky" Range. Surviving are his son, Michael Andersen of Lebanon, IL, daughter, Jean (Tim) LeMunyon of Littleton, CO; daughter-in-law, Phyllis Andersen of Swansea, IL; grandchildren, Amanda (Devyn) Trampe, Victoria LeMunyon and Christina LeMunyon; great grandchildren, Jonathan Coffey and Lillie Trampe; brothers-in-law, Bud Jr. (Nancy) Louis and Jason (Ellen) Louis; sister-in-law, Diane Brown; nephews, Brian (Carolyn) Wall and Ben (Robyn) Wall. Condolences may be expressed online at www.kurrusfh.com. Memorials may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children. Interment was at Valhalla Gardens of Memory, Belleville, IL.



Wellington Lemmer

Wellington Hamilton McDougal Lemmer, 74 of Millstadt, Illinois passed away on Wednesday February 17, 2021 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Wellington was born on February 17, 1947 in Little Rock, Arkansas to George C. and Elizabeth D. Lemmer, Jr., nee McDougal, and they precede him in death. Wellington bravely served his country during the Vietnam war as a United States Marine. Upon the completion of his military service, he worked with the VISTA Corps and the Disabled Veteran Outreach Program through the Illinois Department of Employment Security. He then was a law enforcement officer with the GSA and later became a police officer for the Village of Millstadt. Later in life, he worked for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services as an investigator and supervisor prior to his retirement. Wellington was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Millstadt, The American Legion of Millstadt, and the Disabled American Veterans. In his spare time, he enjoyed reading and fishing and most of all spending time with his friends and family. Left to cherish his memory is his beloved wife of 41 years, Laura Havranek of Millstadt, Illinois, his children: George C. Lemmer III of Belleville, Illinois, Erica K. Lemmer of Millstadt, Illinois and Michael L. Lemmer of St. Peters, Missouri and his grandchildren: Maverick, Phoenix, Solo and Harper Lemmer. Wellington also leaves many beloved friends and extended family.



Funeral service and visitation times are being planned, please check back in the coming days for detailed information. Wellington will be laid to rest with full military honors at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri, in a private service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. James Catholic Church, Millstadt, Illinois.