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Eileen Morris was the winner of the recent Big Ole Bag and Jewelry Sale raffle in which Rick Coleman and Rod Holland donated the prize of eight beautifully crafted men's watches in a waterproof case.



Martha Gallion was the winner of the pretty blue Coach purse donated by Linda and Carol Speichinger. The Big Ole Bag and Jewelry Sale proceeds benefit the Senior Center. **Thank You For Your Support.**

From Below The Tower



In April I had the opportunity to present the 2017-2018 Millstadt Township Senior Services Annual Report at the Millstadt Township Annual Meeting. My presentation included reports on our Budget, Fundraisers, Thrift Shop, Attendance, Information and Assistance, Volunteers,

Patty Evansco

Transportation, Congregate and Home Delivered Meals, Events and 2017 in Review. Copies are available in my office if you would like to see this report.

At the meeting I enjoyed listening to the Township Supervisor, Clerk and Trustees give their Annual reports. It was very interesting, and I truly appreciate all they do for you and me as taxpayers and what you do for the Senior Center.

We are blessed to live in such a supportive community filled with thanksgiving for all we have been given. I don't know if you realize it or not but the greatest gift our clients have is a place to gather and receive meals in our community. The building located at 102 South Jefferson known as the Community Center is owned jointly by the Village and Township of Millstadt. All building costs are split equally between each of them after rental income. The largest of these costs are the elevator which gives access to our seniors to any program that is going on upstairs and includes income tax preparation, quilting, cards, Bible study, thrift store, etc. Village and Township workers are quick to respond when we need their help. Whether the toilet is overrunning, a ceiling tile mysteriously disappears, lights need replacing, furnace filters need changing, grass needs cutting, snow needs to be shoveled to clear our way in, the door won't stay shut, unclog a kitchen drain, or in an emergency deliver meals and many other jobs and even catch a stray mouse for us. Yes in between all they do they seem to make time for our seniors.

The Community Center is your building and the Senior Center is proud to share with other organizations that also meet here. We thank you and our Township Supervisor Denise Blaha and Mayor Mike Todd and their Trustee boards that make this all possible.

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St. Clement Community Foundation

The Sandra M Bereitschaft Foundation was recently awarded a grant from St. Clement Health Services.

St. Clement Health Services was formed in 1996 to serve as a fund-raising arm in support of St. Clement Hospital in Red Bud, Illinois.

Its mission was to provide the area communities a way to ensure the availability and enhancement of health care services for future generations. Funds from the initial bequest, along with other donations, were distributed to the foundation over the years to benefit



Patty Evansco recently accepted a grant for the Sandra M Bereitschaft Foundation for \$400 to help with the Meals on Wheels program.

the hospital, nursing home, and other health related groups. Some of the funds were used to purchase new equipment and technologies, assist with new health and wellness programs, along with renovations at the institutions.

Due to the sale of St. Clement Hospital in Red Bud to Community Health Services, a private organization, it was necessary for the foundation board to reorganize. Since 2003, the foundation has been known as the St. Clement Community Foundation.

The St. Clement Community Foundation was formed to provide Randolph, Monroe, and southern Clair St. county communities a way to ensure the availability and enhancement of health care services for future generations.

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As the population continues to shift towards a huge aging population, the funding for a diverse program that can keep up with the changing dynamics of the new age older adult will be needed. Good communities are often recognized by good school districts who support the youth and their families in their education goals. As our population changes not only in the state of Illinois, but across the nation, good communities are becoming more distinguished by their senior centers, as senior centers provide many of the supports for the older adult population and their families, that the school system provides for the community. With this in mind, we will continue to look for innovative ways to improve.

Have a good month and stay on the sunny side of the street!

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Senior Talk "Senior Talk" magazine.



On August 10, 2010 we Since that September of

2010 Carol and Fred Hotz have make the monthly trip to the Freeburg Care Center so that folks from Millstadt and other interested residents can keep up with the Millstadt news and happenings.

Up until a few recent months

ago, Richard

and Dorothy Feazel made a monthly trip in the opposite direction to the Lady of the Snows Retirement Center in Belleville, Illinois to keep residents there updated monthly. We thank these two beautiful couples for their devotion and help.







Used To Be . . .

We lived in a hundred-year old, four room brick structure with a cellar and two front doors set almost on the non-existent curb. Or, maybe a 20's30's bungalow set back, but fronting the street (a newer home). Either way, as cars became THE mode of transport, garages soon graced the rear of the yard near the alley. We had a brick house on 2 and ½ lots and a three-car garage on the alley – one bay to park the car, one bay rented to the neighbor's mother-law, and one bay for changing the oil, cleaning gaskets, storing the trailer, housing the tools (each in its labeled place, etc. Few cars parked on the street – only those without a garage/driveway, a business vehicle, or visiting company. (Hitching posts were gone by the time I grew up.)

In the 50's and 60's, new houses with attached garages were built. Oh, those lucky people who could access their car without shoveling their way to the garage and then shoveling out a driveway the length of the lot. Just back it out short way to the street and go! Of course, carports also appeared. True then the snow/ ice had to be cleaned off the car, but it was right there next to the house - and, when attached to a garage, was a great place to park a second vehicle such as a truck. Just remember to put the chains on the tires to GO in the ice.

Times changed. Alley garages were out. Attached garages and carports became family rooms. More people acquired a vehicle for each driver in the household . . . two, three, or more. A second car in the driveway blocked the first! So, more on-street parking – on both sides of the street.

Today. We have new/newer houses. Houses that have two or three car attached garages. Residents have two or three or more vehicles. People drive larger vehicles – pickups, 4x4's, SUV's. Kids each have a car. People have trailers, boats, and golf carts – so many they clog-up the shorter driveways. Therefore, more vehicles are parked on neighborhood streets – both sides!

The good news? It's fascinating to cruise the Village. Check-out the vehicle filled driveways and streets. THERE'S an open garage door! A casual glance confirms the garage (at least two car) is full. Not with vehicles, but STUFF! We are pack rats. No matter the apparent size of the house or the presence of a basement, storage shed, wall-to-wall closets, or garage walls lined with storage modules, STUFF takes center stage in the garage while vehicles (like in the old days) await outside in the driveway or on the street.

So, cruise now. Yard sale on May 5th. Then, cruise the Village again. Perhaps one or two garages will now house a vehicle. Maybe not. PIPE DREAM: new developers will decide to include a CAR PARK within the new housing scenario – thus, affording residents extra parking spaces close to home while visitors have room to park or cars to drive by. **Judy Jacobs**

Memorial Day Observance

Decoration Day or Memorial Day is a Federal Holiday observed on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day is on May 28 this year. This day is set aside to celebrate and honor U.S. men and women who have died serving their country in the



military. The Senior Center will be closed, that day, to honor our service men and women.

Mother's Day Gift

Mother's Day is May 13, and if you need something special for a gift consider a "prepaid meal ticket" for your mother, grandmother, neighbor or friend. Meal tickets are \$4.50 each and may be used for noon meals in the Senior Center or receive the meals delivered to their home. They also make a great incentive for someone to start using the meal service. For more information call the Center at 476-3731.

50/50 Club Raffle

If you haven't joined the club yet, it's not too



late! In May there will be a 50/50 raffle and a \$15 drawing for those who have birthdays in May. You must be registered with the Center to be included in the birthday raffle. Be sure to check in office that we have your correct birthday. We will begin selling 50/50 Raffle Tickets immediately and our first drawing will be the first Tuesday (May 1, 2018) and the 1st Tuesday thereafter where you will have three chances to win each month! The tickets are \$1 per chance or 6 for \$5. Sign up today!

Join the Club

MILLSTADT SENIOR CENTER 50/50 CLUB RAFFLE

Three Winners Each Month!

Millstadt Farmers Market Coming Spring 2018

local Farmers Our Markets still provide the first source for grown locally fresh fruits and vegetables. For hundreds of years' shoppers have gone to famers markets like Soulard to purchase fresh local produce. For



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a fourth year, Randy Eckert will be sponsoring a Farmers' Market in Millstadt to support local truck farmers and neighbors by buying locally.

The 2018 Millstadt Farmers Market will again be located at the VFW parking lot off Washington Street. The market will open soon on Fridays from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Once the rain stops, ladies and gentlemen start your roto-tillers and tractors!





Can You Help?

The Millstadt Food Pantry is in need of non-food items such as paper products, cleaning supplies, shampoo and deodorants. Please take your donated items to the Millstadt Village Hall. Thank-you for helping others in our community.



Contact Deb @ 618.781.8447 for more information.

Tickets: \$25.00 per person prior to date of event or \$30.00 at the door. Purchase tickets at: Mertz Ford Millstadt Pharmacy Muskopf Garage Ott's Tavern or at the door.



and family counseling, peer support groups, and other supportive community programs.

Established in 1997, Heartlinks provides services to six counties in Southwestern Illlinois. Heartlinks serves nearly 2000 people annually.

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See our website at http://myheartlinks.com

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Millstadt Library Events **MayFest And The Continuation of Adult Coloring Night**

MayFest Event Information

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Cometh to the Millstadt Library to celebrate spring at MayFest! Joineth us May 12th, the Saturday before Mother's Day, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to forge your own shield, crown, and a flower for the fair maiden in your life (or for thyself). All art welcome to partake in the revelry. We shall await thy arrival!

For any questions, feel free to calleth us at 476-1887, visit us @MillstadtLibrary on Facebook, or stoppeth by the Library at 115 West Laurel.

Coloring Night Continued

Don't miss out on the talk of the town, the Millstadt Library Adult Coloring Night! For ages teen and up, stop by the Library on May 24th, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for a chance to read a little, relax a bit, and to recolor your life. *books and colored pencils provided*



Donations will be picked up by community volunteers beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please check expiration dates on food items. The Pantry also accepts personal hygiene items, paper products and cleaning products.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP FOOD ITEMS: Canned Fruit Jelly Cold Cereal Syrup

Instant Oatmeal Instant Jello & Pudding Complete Pancake Mix – add water only **MISCELLANOUS PRODUCTS:**

Toilet Paper

Paper Towels

WE APPRECIATE YOUR DONATIONS Items can be dropped off at Village Hall and Community Center

2018 Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption Application

Remember to file your PTAX-340 this year. It is best to take care of when you file you taxes. It is due in the Assessors office by July 1, 2018. It must



be notarized before mailing, we can also do this for you. The new household yearly income limit is \$65,000. To get help in having it completed, contact Millstadt Senior Center at 476-3731 for an appointment.



Brandy Redwine Would Be Happy To Assist You

Illinois Benefit Access

Check your Income Limit Eligibility for the License Plate discount and/ or Ride Free Transit Card: Your total income last year must be less than



- \$27,610 for a 1 person household (yourself only); or
- \$36,635 for a 2 person household (yourself and your spouse, or yourself and one Qualified Additional Resident); or
- \$45,657 for a 3 person household (yourself, your spouse and one Qualified Additional Resident, or yourself and two Qualified Additional Residents).

If you qualify please contact Millstadt Senior Center at 476-3731 and we can file for this discount for you.





Edward Jones Salutes the courage and loyalty of our troops, both now and in the past. Thank you.

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Gross-Bieberau Adult Delegation Visits Millstadt

Millstadt was privileged to host an adult delegation from its Sister City, Gross-Bieberau, Germany, April 2 – 8, 2018. Gross-Bieberau guests and their Millstadt hosts were:

Bürgermeister Edgar and Petra BuchwaldJohn BaltzMartina BrauneRichard and Michelle RistAstrid and Fenja KurmiesMarlou Eckert and Mark Raeber

Horst Lortz Glenn and Marianne Schaefer Kerstin and Lena Tempel Ned and Tracy Brubeck Danny Verdam Gary and Phyllis Schaefer



Millstadt hosts greeted guests from Gross-Bieberau at Lambert airport



Gross-Bieberau guests and Millstadt hosts tour the InBev (Anheuser Busch) brewery in St. Louis.

Front: Fenja Kurmies, Astrid Kurmies, Petra Buchwald, Marianne Schaefer, Marlou Eckert, Martina Braune, Phyllis, Schaefer, Lena Tempel, Kerstin Tempel and Horst Lortz

Back: Bürgermeister Edgar Buchwald, Richard Rist, Glenn Schaefer, John Baltz, Gary Schaefer, Ned Brubeck and Danny Verdam



Millstadt Sister Cities President Linda Lehr presents a commemorative clock to Danny Verdam and Bürgermeister Buchwald

Bürgermeister Edgar Buchwald and Millstadt Mayor Michael Todd



During their time in Millstadt, German guests enjoyed lunch at Smokin' K's, an evening meal hosted by the Millstadt Union Fire Department, a Friday fish fry at Ott's Tavern with music by Highway 15 Bluegrass Band, and a farewell party at the Quail Club with entertainment by the Kurtz Family band.

Millstadt hosts accompanied their German guests to numerous area tourist attractions including St. Louis Gateway Arch, InBev (Anheuser Busch) brewery, Lincoln Presidential Museum, New Salem, Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower, Alton's National Great Rivers Museum/Lock and Dam, Aerie's Winery, and Cahokia Mounds.

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After departing Millstadt, Gross-Bieberau guests continued their tour in the USA and traveled to Nashville, Memphis, Natchez and New Orleans before returning to Germany.

Millstadt Police Report

April 18, Theft of power tool set from Lee's Hardware. A female employee of Lee's attempted to stop vehicle by getting on hood of the suspects vehicle. When the suspect accelerated, the employee fell off the vehicle. Luckily, she was uninjured. The license plate was obtained by the employee and provided to the Illinois State Police. The Dupo police stopped the suspected vehicle early on April 19. A male suspect, Brandon Krueger of Dupo, was charged with retail theft and unlawful possession of Methamphetamine.



Used Clothing FUNdraiser

Spring Housecleaning??? Bag up those old clothes you haven't worn in years and give them to Zion Church. Items should be placed in 33 gallon trash bags and dropped off at Zion's garage (117 West White Street, Millstadt)

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY CLOTHING UNTIL AFTER THE VILLAGE YARD SALE ON MAY 5. Donations accepted May 7 through May 18

We will also accept shoes, bedding/towels, accessories, CDS, DVDs, books, toys & games, kitchen items, knick-knacks and sporting goods





Millstadt Police Department Youth Academy

The Millstadt Police Department will sponsor a youth academy the week of July 16 for youth between the ages of 9-12. The week-long program will cost \$50.00 and applications will be available starting Monday, June 4 at the Millstadt Police Department and Village Hall. Questions may be directed to ahucke@millstadtpolice.org.



The Administration for Community Living (ACL) has announced round two of a national customer satisfaction survey. To summarize; ACL has contracted with a phone bank to survey hundreds of seniors nationwide, which includes approximately 40 Illinois seniors that were provided SHIP services, and whose information was logged into the NPR system. This survey will take place between March 5 and March 30, 2018. During this time, SHIP counselors should let their clients know that they may be contacted by phone to participate in the survey. A sample script is enclosed in the attachment, but it is only a suggestion. In the script the phone number (385) 770-7018 from Salt Lake City, Utah is noted, so people with caller ID will know who is calling.

Did you know that we get grant money for helping folks with their Medicare and Benefit Access (License Plate Discount)? We are happy to do it and appreciate your coming here for help. Now I need your help, I would appreciate it if you took a few moments to answer a few questions about your experience.



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Volunteer: It Takes a Community

As the saying goes, it takes a village to raise a child, just as it takes Millstadt community to help care for our senior population. While clients and Staff at Millstadt Senior Center work together to build a strong network of care and support, we rely on our dedicated volunteers to help maintain the positive and supportive atmosphere we have created.

Millstadt Senior Center works with all kinds of volunteers – from students to senior citizens. Volunteers help to organize outings, assist with our lunch, deliver meals on wheels or leading exercise classes. Whether you have a passion that you'd like to bring to the Senior Center or a skill that can be used to benefit the lives of our seniors, we'd like to hear from you.

We have very dedicated and loyal volunteers that help us here but they need your help if you have extra time and would like to be involved in our local Senior Center here are the opportunities we have at this time for volunteers

- Handle advertising for our fundraisers and events
- Help set up Porch Sale and Pack up afterwards
- Once a Month lead a group craft (we have supplies)
- Twice a Week lead group exercise at our "Senior Exercise Park"
- Quilters (We will teach you how to)
- Newsletter Reporter See things around town and write article and get pictures that would be of interest to Senior Talk readers
- Work at Big Ole Bag and Jewelry Sale (setting up, working event and packing up afterwards – 2 days)
- Bunco 2x per year baking goodies for the event
- Decorating Decorate and organize holiday decorations. (May sign up for all or individual holidays)
- Deliver meals to rural clients (Can pick 1-5 days per week)
- Plan Valentines, St Patricks, Easter, Halloween and Christmas parties
- Plan Volunteer Appreciation Day



Are you celebrating a Special Birthday or Anniversary or have a Special Announcement? Please send us a photo and information. Our readers would love for

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

Special Thanks to Concordia Church Immaculate Conception - Centreville St. James Catholic Church Trinity Lutheran Church Zion Evangelical Church Millstadt Baptist Church For Your Continued Support

Senior Transportation Program

Need a Ride to the Doctor, Bank Hairdresser, or Dentist? The Senior Center Offers the Only Form of Public Transportation for the Community This Service is Available for Persons 60 Years and Older and Their Caregivers A Suggested Donation Of \$2.00 For Transportation To and From Doctors, Dentists, Or Hair Appointments This Partially Covers the Actual Transportation Costs of \$5.95 For Each Time It Is Provided All donations are Confidential and Are Used To Maintain the Transportation Program

For Millstadt Township Seniors Please Contact Patty at **476-3731** With Questions

DID YOU SIGN IN?

Knowing who is at lunch at the Center is important for a number of reasons. First of all it's good to keep track so if someone isn't there for a few days we can contact them to make sure everything is ok. Second, when you sign in and are registered we are able to submit your name to receive our grant money to help pay for the meals. A way to look at it is that if you aren't registered and signed in we can't send a bill for your lunch to the Area Agency on Aging.



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15th Annual Village-Wide Yard Sale Sponsored by: Millstadt Historical Society Date: Saturday, May 5, 2018 Rain or Shine Time: **8:00** a.m. – **1:00** p.m. Maps listing participants with ads will be available online beginning 5/4/2018 at our website

millstadthistoricalsociety.org and at the Community Center on the day of the event.

102 South Jefferson Street FREE COFFEE

(8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.)Breakfast burritos, baked goods, beveráges, brats, hamburgers, hot dogs and side dishes served by Millstadt Historical Society available for purchase at Community Center. All registered participating residents and businesses will display yellow markers in their yards! For additional information, please contact: Marianne Schaefer at 476-3696:

Millstadt Village-Wide Yard Sale

Millstadt Historical Society will sponsor its 15th Annual Village-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, May 5, 2018, (rain or shine) from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For a \$10.00 fee each participant will benefit from event advertising and receive a yard sale indicator and a location mark on our map indicating where all participants will be located. "New last Year", we will be posting the map and ads on our website beginning 5/4/2018 at millstadthistoricalsociety.org. A limited number of maps will be also given to potential customers at the Millstadt Community Center as well as to participants and vendors for distribution.

All participants will have the opportunity to advertise specific items to sell (i.e., baby clothes, sports equipment, furniture, plants, etc.) at no additional cost. 100 characters for advertising, plus address will be provided.

Please register by April 29, 2018 to guarantee advertisement. For additional information, please contact: Marianne Schaefer – 618/476-3696, Sharon McNames 618/719-3570, or Kathy Albers 618/476-6185. Pick up Participant packets on Friday, May 4th, at the Community Center between 7:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

Retain top portion and return Registration Form Below

Name:	
Address:	
Location d	escription:
{nearest in	tersecting street; N, S, E, or W side of street, etc.}
Phone:	E-mail:
List of adv	vertised items:

Please attach registration fee of \$10.00 payable to "Millstadt Historical Society" and mail to:

Marianne Schaefer, 3911 Urbana Road, Millstadt, IL 62260 Optional: List of advertised items at no additional cost per participant.

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Millstadt Farmers Market

The Millstadt Farmers Market will open Friday, May 18, from 3:00-6:00 pm at the Millstadt VFW parking lot. The Farmers Market will be held



The Farmers Market will be held This Photo by Unknown each Friday during the summer and Author is licensed under CC BY -SA

early fall. Farmers Markets are still the first source for locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables. For a fourth year, Randy Eckert will sponsor the Farmers Market in Millstadt to support the local farmers and to offer residents a closer source to fresh produce. This is a vendor friendly Farmers Market with no fees charged to the vendor. This is the only no-fee market in the tri-county area. This helps the Farmers Market grow larger and stronger every year.

Remember when you buy locally you support your local economy and local vendors. We welcome you to come and sell or buy. Stop by and visit with the local producers and see what fresh and local is all about.

For additional information contact Randy Eckert, manager, 618-910-4427 with assistance from Gary Diedrich and Darrel Vogt.

Feb. 26, 2018 Village Board Meeting

The Village's insurance company will pay \$32,000 for one day to repair a spot on new water tower. If it takes more than one day, the insurance company will pay for that. The Village is responsible for the \$2,500 deductible.

Transmission went out in one of the police cars. Repair will cost \$2,500-\$2,600.

Village Board Meeting

March 12, 2018

Cable Service and Cell Tower- Village Hall had issues with internet access the week of March 5. HTC stated power fluctuations caused the problem. HTC will be upgrading their equipment on the water tower in the net 2-3 months.

Resolution 18-03 is for TIF for the Millstadt Fire Department. During the recent improvements the Fire Department used in excess of \$84,000.

Old Business- The cost to repair new water tower, \$48,715.00. Village insurance will cover the cost.

Three firms have submitted designs for new splash pad. Capri Pools received motion to design/build splash pad.

Village Board Meeting March 26, 2018

Millstadt Village officials met with Capri Pools and Aquatics and reviewed plans for pump house and splash pad. State approval of plans is required. Splash pad will be open by end of July or early August.



Sunshine Glow Apricot Cake

If you like apricots, this cake recipe is for you. 1 pkg. yellow cake mix with pudding in mix

1 can apricots in heavy syrup

3 eggs

1 tsp. vanilla

1 jar of apricot preserves

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease a Bundt pan with baker's spray. Beat cake mix, apricots, eggs and vanilla in a



mixing bowl until shutterstock 190316375

large apricots are broken down. Pour mix into Bundt pan. Bake until golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Note: no specific baking time given. Test baking cake with toothpick periodically. Remove from the oven and let cool 10 minutes or until sides come away from the pan. Invert onto a cake dish or plate. Heat the apricot preserves in a microwave-safe bowl until melted and pour over the cake. Slice and serve.

Dates to Remember

May 5, City Wide Garage Sale, stop by the Millstadt Community Center for a map of participants. May 5, Millstadt Senior Center Independence Day-Collection at 4-way stop from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. May 12, Taste of Millstadt, Quail Club. Tickets may be purchased at Mertz Ford, Millstadt Pharmacy, Muskopf Garage or Ott's.

May 13, Mother's Day.

May 16, Zion Ladies luncheon at Zion Church.

May 18, Farmers Market at Millstadt VFW parking lot. 3:00-6:00 pm.

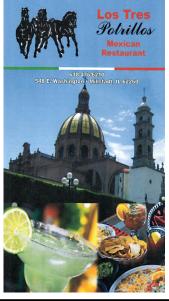
May 28, Memorial Day, Senior Center closed.



Pictured is veteran Robin Krauth as she participates in the Wounded Warrior Project Soldier Ride in the Washington DC area in April. During this trip Robin and the other wounded warriors also got to meet and get their picture taken with President Donald Trump. President Trump remarked, "You are the backbone of our liberty. You are the proud and beating heart of our magnificent nation."



Tues., June 13 **All Day** 11:00 am-9:30 pm **10% Sales Goes To** Millstadt **Senior Center Must Present Flyer For Promotion** And Prize Drawing



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.

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!

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.

address, if you have one.
Articles can be dropped off at the center, mailed, and or emailed to seniorce@htc.net

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You shop. Amazon gives.

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. Please be sure to sign up, shop and add "Sandra Marie Bereitschaft Foundation" as your designated charity. Thank you. <u>http://smile.amazon.com</u>

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The "Needlers Shoppe" at the Senior Center will gladly accept your donations of knitting, crocheting, embroidery sewing and quilting supplies. Just bring them to the office and the Needlers will price them for sale. All proceeds from the sale of items go to maintain activities at the Senior Center

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.

Rummy Club April 2018



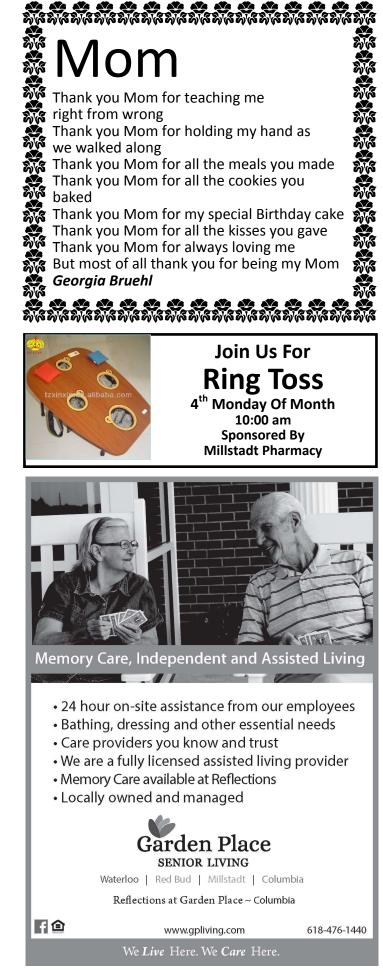
Card Game Wins Frances Dickneite 463 Gloria Kettler 397

We Need More Rummy Players – Please Come And Join In At 9:00 am Weekdays.





618-476-1760





Mon., May 7 Main Street Café for Breakfast and Dollar Tree 8:00 am

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

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.





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Millstadt Township News

Thank you to the April recycling group, The Millstadt Commercial Club. As usual the Commercial Club turned out in full force, members Lyle Haas, Mike Capell, George Blaha, Mark Todd, Darren Touchette, Ryan Mehrtens, Scott Herling, Matt Beringer, Tom Hoppenjans and Brent Summerfield helped out in collecting 1.56 tons of recycling material.

Special thank you to Scott Courtney for bringing donuts to the volunteers.

Millstadt Township, in conjunction with the Millstadt Fire Dept., is providing, free of charge, reflective house number signs. Contact the Fire Dept. at 476-1234 for details to acquire a sign. Limited quantity is available.

Need to get rid of an old TV:

*Ralph's Recycling 3968 State Rt. 3, Red Bud 618-282-4400

*CJD E-Cycling 5257 Illinois 157, Edwardsville 618-659 -9006

Fees will apply depending on size. Between \$5-\$25 Ralph Schneider found another place to take an old TV,

*Monroe County Recycling Center, 901 Illinois Ave, Waterloo, IL.

Millstadt Township Officials. Trustees - Charles Todd, George Blaha, Ronald Eckert, Jim Palovick, Hy. Commissioner – Stanley Jarvis, Clerk – Cathy Hotz Gaby, Supervisor – Denise M Blaha, 820 South Jefferson, (618)476-1207

Millstadt Township Fiscal Year

Meeting-March 6, 2018

Three General Assistance applications that were referred by St. Vincent de Paul were sent out, none were returned.

Tentative Township Budget will be presented at April meeting.

During The Month Of APr. Our Volunteers Donated 870 Hours To The Millstadt Senior Center If Paid at Minimum Wage, the Dollar Value Would be ^{\$}7,395 THANK 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?



Blood Pressure David Koch Kitchen **Betty Schranz Bertha Rodgers** Lil Tracy **Barb Louis** Ralph Schneider Norma Burlesman Toni Schneider Linda Hoepfinger Columbia DeLong **Darlene Sandheinrich** Shirley Rinck **Doris Chaput** Frances Dickneite Fern Seiber Collen Costello Charlie Worden Lucille Reese Meals on Wheels Marilyn Berkowski Nancy Kostelac **Cheryl Mueth** Susan Sager Allen Analla Darlene Slovinski Sandra Muskopf Karen Witte Lindy Knysak Carol Osick Larry Osick Charlie Mueth Marsha Davis **Cindy Bertelsman** Marylou Peter Gary Huwer **Debbie Mertz** Peggy MaKriakow Linda Kilhoffer Cheryl Pierpoint Nancy Burk Joe Burch

Newsletter Don Mueller Jerry Schmitz Newsletter/Bullentin Board Kathy Schaefer Office Marlou Eckert Janet Mueller Orville Mueller MaryAnne Conrad Jeannie Colbert Mary Heberer Recycling Bert Hucke Thrift Store Eileen Doerr Driver David Muskopf **Corn-Hole/Panera** Ronald "Fuzzy" Eckert Panera Jamie Bereitschaft Quilters Rosemary Mathews Lois Potter Judy Sutter Pat Morris Doris Adams Christy Lehr JoAnn Clemens **Teresa Barbier** Mary Alice Schmitz **Ruth Fritzinger** Joann Pisel Marlene Hermann Marlene Harzin **Beth Kwentus** Pat Schaeffer MaryLou Kochmann Jeannie Colbert Judy Jacobs **Carol Osick** Kathy Weygandt



Director Patty Evansco had the opportunity to visit with John Kalbfleisch recently and he is doing well.

THANKS FOR

Veto & Brenda Kleinaitis (Donation) Don & Elaine Ortmann (Donation) Michael & Jacqueline Wegescheide (Donation for Van Tires) Harley Hight (Donation for Van Tires) Barbara Louis (Donation for Van Tires) David & Marsha Davis (Donation for Van Tires) Vianne and Mac McDaniels (Donation for Van Tires) Ruth Speichinger (Donation) Betty Schranz (Kitchen Supplies) Thelma Short (Kitchen Supplies) Rita Couch (Donation) Shirley Baltz (Donation) **Tammy Ford (Medical Supplies)** Mary Heberer (Donation) Judy Venier (Donation) Mary Lamie (Donation) Bill & Marilyn Borkowski (Donation) **Beth Kwentus Sugar Free Cookies Dwight & Joan Godsy Donation** Glenn & Marianne Schaefer(Donation) Alan & Allie Owens (Donation) Susan Sager (In Memory of Jim Bangert) Peggy Villiger (Ensure/Boost) Thelma Short (Kitchen Supplies) **Barbara Louis (Kitchen Supplies)** Meg Wessel (Millstadt Pharmacy Game) Vicky Brennan (In Memory of Byron Nowak)

HELP WANTED If you are interested in teaching a class or starting a club at the Senior Center we would love talking to you about it. We have openings on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Come by or call 476-3731.



Laminating Tuesdays

If you need something laminated please stop by on Tuesdays and we would be glad to laminate for you free of charge.

Bus Rider Reminder All Ride Reservations Should Be Made Through The Office Please Do Not Tell Bus Drivers Your

MILLSTADT VFW POST 7980

Fridays in May Serving Cod, Cat Fish, Walleye, Shrimp, Crab Cakes and Salmon Patties 11 a.m. till 8 p.m.





RECYCLING PROGRAM

Recycling continues the first Saturday of every month at the Township Garage on East Harrison Street. Volunteers will remove the recyclables, glass, cans, paper, cardboard and number 1 and 2 plastics from your vehicle from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. This program is available for all residents of Millstadt Township and the Village.

Make a Contribution

There are many ways to contribute to Millstadt Senior Center:

Gifts by Cash or Check

We accept gifts by cash or check by mail and in person. Include your name, address and phone number. Checks should be made payable to Millstadt Township Senior Services.

Memorial Gifts and Bequests

The Millstadt Senior Center is establishing an endowment fund of memorial gifts and bequests, to ensure the future of senior services in Millstadt.

We hope that you will remember the Center when planning your estate, or as a fitting means of honoring a departed friend or loved one.

All memorial gifts and bequests will be acknowledged in the Center's newsletter. If you would like to make a provision in your will, the following form is suggested:

I give, devise and bequeath to Millstadt Township Senior Services, a non-profit corporation, located on this date at 102 South Jefferson, Millstadt, Illinois 62260 the sum of \$ _____ (or the property, herewith described)

We Welcome Any Inquiries About Bequests, Please Call Us At (618) 476-3731

Township Supervisor Denise Blaha Village Mayor Michael Todd Director Patty Evansco Nutrition Staff **Rachel Feazel** Transportation (Drivers) Ed Luecking Larry Sanders Sandy Sanders Executive Board Charlie Todd, President Ronald Eckert Allehr Mark Todd Ray Famula George Blaha **Advisory Council Members** John Baltz Allen Analla Betty Stark Carol Osick Darleen Sandheinrich Don Ortmann Kathy Schaefer Lillian Tracy Jerry Schmitz Pat Morris **Rich Brune** Editors Patty Evansco Marlou Eckert Don Mueller Janet Mueller Jerry Schmitz

Judy Jacobs



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

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

Funding for (Grantee) is received from the United States Administration for Community Living, the Illinois Department on Aging, and the AgeSmart Community Resources. (Grantee) does not discriminate in admission to programs or activities or treatment of employment in programs or activities in compliance with State and Federal Statues. If you feel you have been discriminated against, you have the right to file a complaint with the AgeSmart Community Resources by calling **618-222-2561 or 800-326-3221** The Millstadt Senior Center Expresses Our Deepest Sympathy To The Family,



James Bangert Dorothy Bangert James Bready Jr. Ruth Dunn Daniel Heffernan Byron Nowak Sr. Beverly Paule Kenneth Renneker Norman Stoll

Land of Lincoln Legal Services

Will assist individuals of limited income age 60 and older with power of attorney for property and health care and simple last wills.

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to noon • By appointment only Call 618-234-4410, ext. 7033 to make an appointment

"Seniors Come First" Services Available

Meals on Wheels One of the Center's most important programs, the Meals on Wheels program provides daily meals to people who have difficulty getting out of the house and/or cooking for themselves. Not only are we able to supply necessary food, but the driver delivering the meal is able to ascertain how the client is getting along and share some companionship. We have a number of folks dedicated to providing these services. They give freely of their time and energy to deliver the meals, make contact with the recipient and report back to the Center. The majority of the "regular" drivers volunteer one day per week and most have said it is highly rewarding for them.

Lunch Program Lunch is served Monday through Friday at 12 noon. You must be 60 years of age or older to qualify for this program. It is appreciated that if you want lunch you call the center by 3:00 pm in order to sign up for lunch on the following day. When you come in you may sign yourself up for the next day. If you like, you may sign up for the entire week or month. If you know that you can not make it and you have signed up, please call and let us know that you will not be here and tell us when you will be back for lunch. If you have any questions concerning the lunch program please contact Patty Evansco at **476-3731**.

All Lunches Are Catered From the Millstadt IGA, China King And Breadeoux Pizza From Millstadt "The Center is a Great Place to Enjoy Yourself Through Fellowship And Celebrations With Other Seniors of Millstadt"

Senior Information and Assistance provides information or help with services and benefits to residents of Millstadt age 60 and over. We will also visit homebound seniors. If you need this service or would like to schedule a visit, call Millstadt Township Senior Center at 618-476-3731.

James Bready Jr.

James L. "Jimmy" Bready Jr., 34, of Columbia, IL, formerly of Millstadt, IL, born December 5, 1983, in Belleville, IL, died April 22, 2018, in Columbia, IL.

James a member of Life Community Church - Columbia, Waterloo Sportsman Club, Ducks Unlimited, an avid hunter and fisherman, worked for Luhr Brothers, Inc., & he enjoyed camping with family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Louis Bannert.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, Alana (nee Nason) Bready; children, Macy Duck, Jamey Bready, and Lux Bready; parents, Peggy (nee Wild) and Bud Villiger, and James L. & Debbi Bready; sisters and brothers, Kristy (Ron) Hill, Joey (Cassie) Bready, Travis (Katie) Villiger, and Tara (Elijah) Dunn; grandparents Don and Dolores Wild and Pauline Bannert; father-in-law and mother-inlaw, Steve and Donna (nee Moffitt) Nason; and grandparents-inlaw, Bob and Jane Moffitt; sisters-in-law; brothers-in-law; aunts; uncles; nieces; nephews; cousins; and a host of friends.

Byron Nowak Sr.

Byron Edward Nowak Sr., 83, of O'Fallon, IL, born, November 10, 1934, in East St Louis, IL, passed away, Wednesday, April 25, 2018, in Belleville, IL with his family by his side.

Byron possessed a more than outgoing personality. Family and friends often say that he was the life of the party wherever he went. He never met a stranger or encountered a person that absolutely did



not adore him or become grateful to him for his impactful ways. He was entertaining, a true crowd pleaser in front of any audience, whether that was family, friends, or strangers. Surely he's entertaining the angels now.

He married the love of his life, Stephanie Houston, on May 7, 1966. Together the two enjoyed almost 52 years of marriage. They raised their family, traveled the world and danced to the melodies of their own hearts. They truly were a match made in heaven.

Byron was also a man of faith, having been a member of the First United Presbyterian Church, in Belleville. He worked in Real Estate until his retirement, but held exciting positions throughout his life. Some of those being, a Boy Scout leader, an EMT and volunteer firefighter, a DJ, the MC of Millstadt's annual Homecoming, and a radio show host, which happened to be on KRGVTV in Weslaco, Texas. Some of his most cherished moments were spent on the dance floor. He was an immaculate ball room dancer and often taught his family as well. Byron loved life and life loved him. He will truly and deeply be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Creola Mae (nee Cook) Nowak; and his sister, Dolores Lamprich.

Surviving to cherish so many memories are his loving and devoted wife, Stephanie (Houston) Nowak; his loving children, Kathleen (David) Sliment, Byron (Dee Dee) Nowak Jr., Christopher (Jackie) Nowak, Jerry Nowak, Doug Nowak, and Michelle Nowak-Reichert; 11 grandchildren; eight greatgrandchildren, with one bundle of joy on the way; his twin brother, Bruce (Donna) Nowak; his mother-in-law, Carolyn Eilers; and a dear number of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to First United Presbyterian Church, Belleville, IL, or the American Lung Association. Additional condolences and comments may be made online at www.lakeviewfuneralhm.com

Kenneth Renneker

Kenneth Steven Renneker, 78, of Millstadt, Illinois, passed away Sunday, April 8, 2018, at his home.

Born in Belleville, Illinois, on February 18, 1940, he was the son of Steven and Florence Renneker, nee Klotz.



He was united in marriage to Rose Ann Sisk on August 19, 1961, at St. James Catholic Church in Millstadt.

Kenneth was a postal deliveryman for the United States Postal Service, a member of St. James Catholic Church, Belleville and Millstadt Sister Cities, and the Belleville Moose Lodge.

He loved spending time with his grandsons. He also enjoyed traveling to Germany and hosting foreign exchange families into his home. He was supportive of many charities and the Chicago Cubs. (GO CUBS!).

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Rose Ann; his children, Kenneth E. "Kenny" (Rebecca) Renneker of Millstadt, III., and Kimberly "Sissy" (Andre "Andy") Myers of St Charles, Mo.; his grandchildren, Eric Myers and Paul Myers, both of St. Charles, Mo., and Oliver Renneker and Owen Renneker, both of Millstadt, III.; his sisters, Sharon Klamm of DuBois, III, Jeanette (Bill) Hoernis of Belleville, III., and Sue Farough of Tucson, Ariz.; and nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association and the Washington University Division of Oncology Patient Care Fund - South County, Attn. Robert Barczewski, 660 Euclid Ave., Box 8056, St. Louis, Mo., 63110.

Norman Stoll

Norman Joseph Stoll, 86 years old, of Millstadt, Illinois, passed away on April 16, 2018 at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, Illinois. He was born on April 19, 1931, in Columbia, Illinois.

Norman was a retired plasterer with the Union Local 90 for more than 60 years. He was a member of the VFW Post 7980 in Millstadt,

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Illinois, a member of the American Legion Post 502, in Millstadt, Illinois. He was a Krazy Clown with the Shriners, playing the role of Raggedy Andy, a member of Columbia Masonic Lodge 474 A.F. & A.M. in Columbia, Illinois. Norman was a Korean war veteran, serving in the United States Navy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anton H. "Tony" and Aurelia, nee Ebersohl, Stoll; his wife, Helen, nee Bechtold, Stoll; and his daughter-in-law, Gloria Stoll.

Surviving are his son, Bradley (Jean) Stoll; his daughter, Leslie (Gary) Bauer; his grandchildren, Derek Stoll, Ashley Stoll (Dean Wilson) and Erik Stoll; his great-grandchildren, Jaiden and Parker Stoll, and Alexis Wilson; along with other relatives and friends.

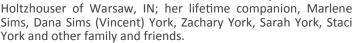
In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to Shriner's Hospital for Children

Jonelle Rollins Holtzhouser

Jonelle Rollins Holtzhouser, 83, of Swansea, IL, born August 16, 1934, in Kennett MO, died March 21, 2018, at Mercy Care Center in Swansea, IL. Jonelle was a primary education teacher.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Nell, nee Darden, Rollins.

Surviving are her son, Jay (Alice) Rollins Holtzhouser of Millstadt, IL; her grandchildren, Jason Holtzhouser of Denver, CO, and Emily



James Bangert

James N. Bangert, 93, of Millstadt, Illinois, born on March 15, 1925, in Millstadt, passed away on April 10, 2018, at the Freeburg Care Center, in Freeburg, Illinois.

James was a member of the Zion Evangelical Church, in Millstadt, Illinois. He was a member of

the Millstadt VFW, The American Legion, and a long time member of the Millstadt Fire Department. He participated in the Scottish Rite of Belleville, Illinois, and he was also a member of the Masonic 474 AF and AM. James was a member of the VBOB, or Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, as well.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harry Bangert Sr.; his mother, Viola Bangert, nee Kalbfleisch; and his brother, Harry Bangert Jr.

Surviving are his wife of 73 years, Dorothy, nee Schneider, Bangert; his daughter, Karen (Terry) Quirin; his brother, Karl Bangert; his granddaughter, Sarah (Chris) Damann; his grandson, Brad (Jenny) Quirin, his great-grandchildren, Ella Quirin, Ryan Quirin, Louisa Haas, Madison Damann, Megan Damann, and Zech Damann; is brother-in-law, Maurice Schneider; along with other relatives and friends.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to the Zion Evangelical Church of Millstadt, Illinoi

Dorothy Bangert

Dorothy Louise Bangert, 94 years, of Millstadt, Ill., born February 24, 1924 in East St. Louis, Ill., passed away on Friday, April 27, 2018 at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, Ill.



Dorothy was a member of Zion Evangelical Church, Millstadt, Ill., She had worked at

Mollman Publishing in Millstadt, Ill., and she helped with dinners at Zion Evangelical Church, the Scottish Rite and the <u>VFW</u> Post 7980 in Millstadt.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years James N. Bangert, who died April 10, 2018; and her parents, Otto and Florence, nee Custer, Schneider.

Surviving are her daughter, Karen (Terry) Quirin; brother, Maurice Schneider; granddaughter, Sarah (Chris) Damann; grandson, Brad (Jenny) Quirin; great-grandchildren, Ella Quirin, Ryan Quirin, Louisa Haas, Madison Damann, Megan Damann and Zech Damann; brother-in-law, Karl (Dottie) Bangert; along with other relatives and friends.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to Zion Evangelical Church 117 W. White St., Millstadt, IL, 62260. For more information,

Harold C. Stemler

Harold C. Stemler, 93 years, of Columbia, IL, born August 15, 1924, in Millstadt, IL, passed away on April 3, 2018 at St. Anthony's Hospital, St. Louis, MO.



Harold was a member of American Legion Post 581, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church,

Knights of Columbus Council #6165, Columbia Sportsmans Club, and Steelworkers Local #4294, Cahokia, IL. Harold had served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was a Veteran of WW II. He had retired from CerroFlow, Sauget, IL, with over 41 years of service. Harold was an avid gardener, fisherman, and hunter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Elsie, nee Reichert, Stemler; two brothers, Herbert Stemler and Homer Stemler; along with two brothers-in-infancy, Herlan and Albert Stemler.

Beverly Paule

Beverly Ann Paule, 60, of Millstadt, IL, born on January 26, 1958, passed away at home with her family by her side on Saturday, March 31, 2018, after a short but brave battle with cancer.

Beverly worked for and owned SIDC Payroll and Computer Services for over twenty years. She enjoyed spending time gardening, fishing,



sewing, crocheting, and watching Cardinals Baseball. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren, teaching them to garden and entertaining them with crafts.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Schmidt; and her brother Daniel Schmidt.

Beverly is survived by her mother, Geraldine; two children, Scott (Amy) Paule of Millstadt and Stephanie (Mike) Martino of Belleville; her loving companion, Martin Hrabusicky and his son Marty (Kati) Hrabusicky; seven grandchildren Candyce Paule, Kenedi Thorn, Christopher Blake, Jackson Thorn, Isabel Paule, Sawyer Hrabusicky, and Hadley Hrabusicky; two sisters, Karen (Dave) Foeller and Marcia (Mike) Bach; four nieces and nephews, Jackie, Tiffany, Jeremy, and Kim; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors, and friends who will miss her dearly.

Rita Rensing

Rita Rensing, nee Haas, 75, of Belleville, Illinois, born March 20, 1943, passed away peacefully on Friday afternoon, April 27, 2018, in her home with family by her side. Rita attended the Academy of Notre Dame and graduated in 1961. She earned a bachelor's degree in medical technology from Saint Louis University in 1965



graduating Magna Cum Laude. She was proud to be named a Golden Billiken. After college, she immediately married her high school sweetheart, John, at St. James Catholic Church in Millstadt on November 23, 1965. She was preceded in death by her parents, Adolph and Marie, Idoux, Haas; a brother, Donald Haas; a sister, Margery Haas; her father-in-law, Oscar Rensing; her mother-in-law, Edna, nee Ernst, Rensing; and a sister-in-law, Marilyn, nee Rensing, Haas.

Surviving are her husband, John Rensing; a son, John (Sara) Rensing of Glen Carbon; two daughters, Brenda Hampton of Belleville, and Melissa (Robert) Borik of Belleville; and 10 grandchildren, Ben, Andrew, Noah, and Oliver Rensing, Nicky, Alex, and Allyson Hampton, and Kaitlynn, Lauren, and Robby Borik.

Leroy Muskopf Jr., 74, of Waterloo, IL, died April 19, 2018. Arrangements pending at Creason Funeral Home, Millstadt, IL.

Surviving are his wife, Rosalie, nee Herrmann, Stemler, whom he married on May 8, 1954, in Columbia, IL; four sons, Dave (Linda) Stemler of Columbia, IL, Rick (Susan) Stemler of Columbia, IL, Brian (Joan) Stemler of Columbia, IL, and Chris (Priya) Stemler of Grand Rapids, MI; daughter, Barb (Mike) Kovarik of Columbia, IL; eight grandchildren, Jeremy Stemler, Miranda (Jeremy) Brown, Brad (Leena) Stemler, Lance (Amanda) Stemler, Jessica (Dan) Barcik, Jon (Dana) Kovarik, Katie (Aaron) Esker, and Nick Kovarik; eight greatgrandchildren; three sisters, Helen Wilde of Waterloo, IL, Helma Kleinschmidt of Columbia, IL, and Hilma (Sylvester) Kleinschmidt of Millstadt, IL; along with other relatives and friends.

Ruth Kaemper, nee Gass, 91, of Millstadt died Sunday, April 29, 2018. Visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial in St. Paul Cemetery, Floraville. Quernheim Funeral Home, Waterloo.