

*It's the most wonderful time
of the year!*

**LET'S WINGLE
& JINGLE**

*Join us @ Ott's Tavern
& Restaurant
(20 E. Washington, Millstadt)
For an Evening out!*

Terry has planned a mouthwatering dinner
that includes Alfredo Pasta, Chicken Breast
topped with Provolone cheese & fresh
tomato, fresh carrots w/touch of brown
sugar & cinnamon, Bread Stick, Heavenly
Brownie & Fruit with milk, tea or coffee.

Monday, December 6th
at 4:30 pm

**Enjoy great food, prizes,
and shared holiday cheer!**

Suggested Contribution \$5.00 per meal

RSVP to Senior Center (618) 476-3731

by December 3, 2021 (Limited to 50)

This meal is subsidized by **AgeSmart**, must be
60 or over to attend.

From Below The Tower



Patty Evansco

December has arrived! The season
of believing the unbelievable,
where else better to see this than
the Millstadt Senior Center. I see it
every day of the year. There are so
many hopeful dreams for changes
in our world today, but dare we
even imagine they can happen?

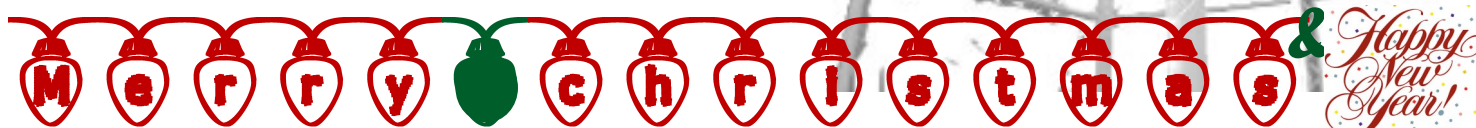
These past two years have been
unbelievable and have caused
people to be scared, frustrated, discouraged, and
anxious. We can all help each other find peace by
reassuring each other and having a belief that the
world will be better soon. We will all make it through
this!

Our job here is to give seniors hope and courage
during these times. I am sure there are times in our
lives when we have been confronted with
unbelievable situations but have turned them around
for the best. If you are like me, how many times have
you been thankful that something you thought was
going to happen, but it did not. My Christmas wish for
everyone is to Believe the real Magic of Christmas will
come to each of you.

I would like to thank Royel Catering for the
Thanksgiving meal they donated and delivered to
homebound clients for Thanksgiving.

If you know of any seniors that will be alone on
Christmas Day or any holiday coming up, please call
me. The Senior Center will ensure that they have a
holiday meal. *Merry Christmas!*

Patty





New Office

Kitchen Manager
Sandy Dressler in her
new office.



Baby Quilts for Sale



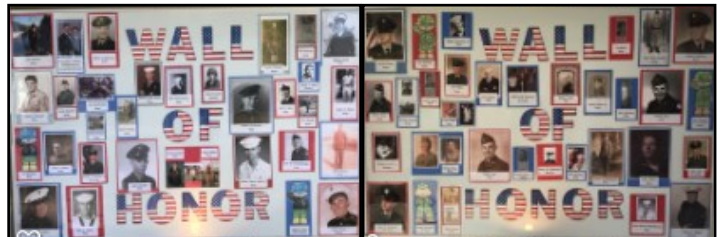
We have beautiful baby quilts (boys and girls) available for sale.
Price Range \$35 - \$100

The quilters have been busy during the pandemic making some really cute baby quilts that would make nice gifts at a baby shower. Call or stop by the Sen. Center (618) 476-3731

Thursday Quilters



Robert Walker presents a donation check to Patty.



Veterans Day

Once again the Senior Center had our Veterans Day Wall of Honor display which featured pictures of our local Veterans. We hope you all had a chance to stop by and look over the display. Thanks to everyone who submitted a photo or Veteran information. Once again, to all our Veterans, God Bless you and Thank You! We will be forever grateful for your sacrifice to our great country!



Loren Steele, Glen McCarty and Ralph Schneider, local veterans attended Veterans Day at the Senior Center.

Thanks To Our Bingo Sponsors For Dec.

We appreciate our Bingo Sponsors for December.

Friday	Dec. 3 Sponsor Needed
Tuesday	Dec. 7 Central Bank
Friday	Dec. 10 Hospice
Tuesday	Dec. 14 Ott's
Friday	Dec. 17 Mertz Ford
Tuesday	Dec. 21 IGA
Tuesday	Dec. 28 Hoffen Funeral Home
Friday	Dec. 31 FNB Waterloo



Driver Needed

Some of our seniors need an occasional driver to the airport. If you are able to help out, this is a paying job. Please contact the Millstadt Senior Center at (618) 476-3731 and we will put you on our referral list.

Inclement Winter Weather Policy

Senior Services will post cancellations on local television stations (Channel 2,4, and 5). A recording will also be listed on Senior Center telephone and postings on Facebook.



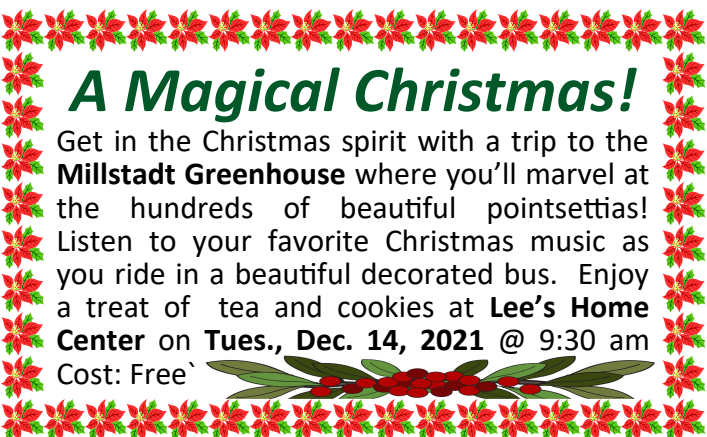
Dean Schorr, Charlie Todd, Darlene Slovinski and Allen Analla get ready to win big money as they leave for River City Casino.

Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation

The October 16th trivia event for The Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation earned a total of \$13,000.00. This is a key money maker for the local Meals on Wheels program. We want to thank all our supporters including table sponsors, basket donors and purchasers, raffle ticket buyers and all the players. From October 2020 to October 2021 grants from the SMBF totaling \$8,866.79, were used by the Millstadt Township Senior Service to purchase "Olivers".

"Olivers" are the meal containers for packaging hot meals for our Meals on Wheels clients.

Just like many things this past year, costs for all our packaging materials have also increased. Please consider making a year-end donation to the SMBF at Post Office Box 41, Millstadt, Illinois 62260, to help cover the cost of delivering meals to our Seniors. Thank you and have a Happy New Year!



A Magical Christmas!

Get in the Christmas spirit with a trip to the **Millstadt Greenhouse** where you'll marvel at the hundreds of beautiful pointsettias! Listen to your favorite Christmas music as you ride in a beautiful decorated bus. Enjoy a treat of tea and cookies at **Lee's Home Center** on **Tues., Dec. 14, 2021 @ 9:30 am**
Cost: Free

Millstadt Township Supervisor Travis Jones Congratulates Marlou Eckert



Every year at the Annual Township Officials convention in Springfield, Illinois several awards are given out to various winners for Township of the Year, Elected Official of the Year, Innovative Senior Program of the Year, Senior Director of the Year, Senior Staff Member of the Year and Volunteer of the Year award. This year out of several hundred entries, Millstadt Township had a winner in one of these categories.

Because again this year the convention was unable to be attended in person, Supervisor Travis Jones was asked to represent the Township officials in presenting this award at our local level.

On the evening of Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021, at the monthly Millstadt Township meeting Supervisor Travis Jones presented the Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizens Service award for Volunteer of the Year to Marlou Eckert of Millstadt Township.

Marlou has dedicated many years to community service. She is a member of the Sister Cities organization and has traveled to Germany as well as hosting a German family. Marlou can often be seen at a Millstadt Village or Township meeting taking notes and always anxious to look out for the best interests of the senior community. She has helped organize and promote the weekly Farmers Market. Marlou is a founding member and past treasurer of the Sandra M Bereitschaft Foundation.

She was instrumental in helping the Senior Center in writing and obtaining grants.

Marlou provides excellent service to all the Senior Center clients and is not just a volunteer, but a true friend to many.

Thank you Marlou for your hard work!



SHIP Consultant Doreen Musial helps Jim and Judy Lynch



Kitchen Volunteers with Kitchen Manager Sandy Sanders Dressler

CONGREGATE DINING

We invite you to enjoy a deliciously prepared lunch.

The suggested donation for the meal is \$5.00, however each person is responsible for determining what he/she can contribute as a suggested contribution. Persons under 60 years of age are required to pay the full cost of the meal (\$11.50). No one will be denied a meal due to lack of donation.

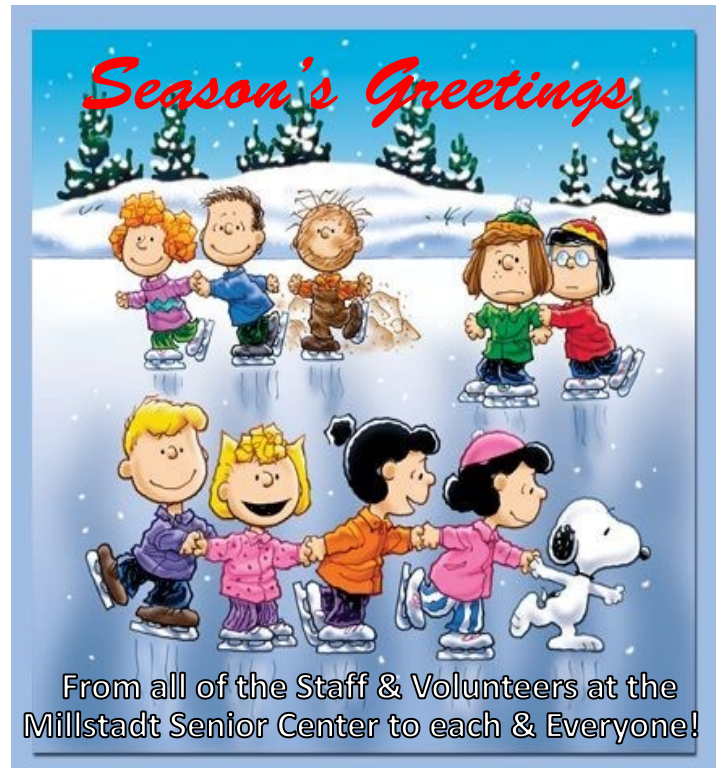
**Millstadt Township
Senior Services is open:**

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

(Lunch is served at 12:00 Noon)



**Transportation
is available
upon request.
To make
arrangements
please call.**



The Senior Center follows the Millstadt School in the event of inclement weather. If the school is closed, the Senior Center is closed.



To ensure that seniors have the knowledge and tools that they need to better protect themselves from con artists and deceptive business practices, the Attorney General's Office has launched the *Silver Beat* educational program. On November 23rd, Marsha, from the Attorney General's Office and Heather Erwin, manager of Central Bank did a presentation and passed out information on how seniors can help prevent fraud from happening to them.



What Is That Beautiful Shrub Called?

Many people have asked me this question, and today I saw our Master Gardener Marty Gibson out with the flowers and decided to stop and chat about this shrub.



Marty told me it was a Limelight Hydrangea. The Limelight hydrangea has a pleasing, **mounded shape**, but it is the blooms that attract attention. In northern climates, the shrub flowers from late summer through late fall. This unique panicle hydrangea revolutionized landscaping across North America. Huge, football-shaped flowers open in an elegant celadon green that looks fresh and clean in summer's heat. The blooms age to an array of pink, red, and burgundy which persists through frost for months of irresistible flowers. You can use 'Limelight' hydrangea about any way you can imagine as a showy flowering hedge, to screen off air conditioners, as an attention-getting specimen, in containers, flower gardens, or anywhere around your home. A long-time favorite of professional florists, it also makes an excellent cut flower, fresh or dried.

Top three reasons to grow 'Limelight' hydrangea:

- It is a time-tested classic that graces the yards of thousands of homes across North America
- Large flowers have a unique color that looks great with any style and color of house.
- Blooms every year, even in cold climates - winter does not faze it at all.

Marty also told me that they are sold in smaller versions now if you do not want to have a large plant.



Individual Computer Classes

Want to learn more about using computers? Get set up for email? We provide one-on-one computer training at no charge. Classes are taught by a knowledgeable senior computer enthusiast Mike Capell. For additional information call 618-476-3731. Next class is on Friday, December 17th @ 10:30 am and will continue on the Fourth Friday of each month.

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

2022 Medicare Premiums, Deductibles, and Cost-Sharing Amounts

Part A (Hospital Insurance)	Beneficiary pays:
Hospital Deductible	\$1,556/benefit period
Hospital Copayment	\$0/day for days 1-60
	\$389/day for days 61-90
	\$778/day for days 91-150
Skilled Nursing Facility Copayment	\$194.50/day for days 21-100
Part A Premiums*	\$499/month for those with fewer than 30 quarters of Medicare-covered employment
	\$274/month for those with 30-39 quarters of Medicare-covered employment
Part B (Medical Insurance)	Beneficiary pays:
Annual Deductible	\$233
Part B Premium for those with incomes below \$91,000 if single, \$182,000 if married**	\$170.10/month
	A small % of beneficiaries who are subject to the "hold harmless" provision will pay less, as the increase in their Social Security benefits will not be large enough to cover the increased Part B premium.
Most Part B covered services, including doctors' visits, outpatient therapy, durable medical equipment, and outpatient mental health services	20% of amount Medicare approves

* Most people with Medicare do not pay a monthly premium for Part A because they have (or a spouse has) 40 or more quarters of Medicare-covered employment (meaning they worked at a job where they paid into Medicare).

** See November 21, 2017 [Federal Register](#) for an explanation of the "hold harmless" provision. Also note, Medicare Advantage plans may charge an additional monthly premium. Those with incomes higher than these amounts will pay an Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA); see [Medicare Costs at a Glance](#). Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, [2022 Medicare Parts A & B Premiums and Deductibles](#), November 12, 2021.

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Wii Bowling Nov. Report



11/3/2021 (2 Games)

1-Janet Pauketat	394
2-Norma Burelson	366
3-Thelma Short	357
4-Lil Tracy	348
5-Dorothy Bagsby	278
6-Carol Holthaus	277

4-Thelma Short	370
5-Norma Burelson	344
6-Lil Tracy	342
7-Dorothy Bagsby	329

11/10/2021 (2/3 Games)

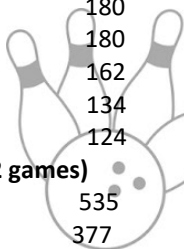
1-Janet Pauketat	194
2-Norma Burelson	180
3-Thelma Short	180
4-Lil Tracy	162
5-Dorothy Bagsby	134
6-Carol Holthaus	124

11/24/21 (2 games)

1-Rick Coleman	542
2-Janet Pauketat	459
3-Norma Burelson	396
4-Marlene Bruehl	382
5-Dorothy Bagsby	345
6-Tess Belosi	332
7-Barb Knewitz	310
8-Lil Tracy	278

11/17/2021 (2 games)

1-Rick Coleman	535
2-Marlene Bruehl	377
3-Janet Pauketat	375



**MILLSTADT TOWNSHIP SENIOR SERVICES
COVID-19 VACCINE AND BOOSTER CLINIC
MODERNA, PFIZER AND JOHNSON &
JOHNSON AVAILABLE**

FRIDAY, DEC. 10, 2021

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT (618) 476-3731

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27th Annual

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Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021

10:00 am – 4:30 pm

St. James Parish Center

423 West Madison (1 block South of Hwy. 158)

St. Nikolaus Parade at Noon

Craft Fair Attendance Prizes

Holiday Cookie Walk

German Food served 11:30 am-??

Visit with Santa

Millstadt Community Choir

Jugendgruppe—St. Louis German Cultural Society

Waterloo German Band

**Proceeds Benefit the Youth
Ambassadors Exchange with Gross-
Bieberau, Germany**

For information call 618.476.1812

www.millstadtsistercities.org



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 2022
will be given away. Drawing to be held
the 1st Monday of each month.
Winning ticket is returned to barrel!

For Tickets Contact:

Kathy Gass - CCW Pres./St. James Parish
405 W. Madison
Millstadt, IL 62260
(618) 971-6208



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10 AM

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2021 MEMBER**

Christmas Gift Suggestions

To your enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, your heart.
To a customer, service.
To all, charity.
To every child, a good example.
To yourself, respect.

MILLSTADT TOWNSHIP SENIOR SERVICES



QUILT RAFFLE DEC. 23, 2021

At Senior Center

- 1st Prize - Handmade Queen Size Quilt
2nd Prize - Handmade Baby Quilt
3rd Prize - IGA Gift Card & Afghan

TICKETS \$1⁰⁰ 6 FOR \$5⁰⁰

Available at the Center

Many tickets are being sold for our Quilt A Rama drawing on Dec. 23, 2021. The Quilt tops are Handmade and Hand Quilted Queen Sized Pieced Quilts.

2022 SOCIAL SECURITY CHANGES

Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA):

Based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) from the third quarter of 2020 through the third quarter of 2021, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries will receive a 5.9 percent COLA for 2022. Other important 2022 Social Security information is as follows:

Tax Rate	2021	2022
Employee	7.65%	7.65%
Self-Employed	15.30%	15.30%

NOTE: The 7.65% tax rate is the combined rate for Social Security and Medicare. The Social Security portion (OASDI) is 6.20% on earnings up to the applicable taxable maximum amount (see below). The Medicare portion (HI) is 1.45% on all earnings. Also, as of January 2013, individuals with earned income of more than \$200,000 (\$250,000 for married couples filing jointly) pay an additional 0.9 percent in Medicare taxes. The tax rates shown above do not include the 0.9 percent.

		2021	2022
Maximum Taxable Earnings			
Social Security (OASDI only)		\$142,800	\$147,000
Medicare (HI only)		No Limit	
Quarter of Coverage			
		\$1,470	\$1,510
Retirement Earnings Test Exempt Amounts			
Under full retirement age		\$18,960/yr. (\$1,580/mo.)	\$19,560/yr. (\$1,630/mo.)
NOTE: One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every \$2 in earnings above the limit.			
The year an individual reaches full retirement age		\$50,520/yr. (\$4,210/mo.)	\$51,960/yr. (\$4,330/mo.)
NOTE: Applies only to earnings for months prior to attaining full retirement age. One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every \$3 in earnings above the limit.			
Beginning the month an individual attains full retirement age		None	
		2021	2022
Social Security Disability Thresholds			
Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)			
Non-Blind		\$1,310/mo.	\$1,350/mo.
Blind		\$2,190/mo.	\$2,260/mo.
Trial Work Period (TWP)		\$ 940/mo.	\$ 970/mo.
Maximum Social Security Benefit: Worker Retiring at Full Retirement Age			
		\$3,148/mo.	\$3,345/mo.
SSI Federal Payment Standard			
Individual		\$ 794/mo.	\$ 841/mo.
Couple		\$1,191/mo.	\$1,261/mo.
SSI Resource Limits			
Individual		\$2,000	\$2,000
Couple		\$3,000	\$3,000
SSI Student Exclusion			
Monthly limit		\$1,930	\$2,040
Annual limit		\$7,770	\$8,230
Estimated Average Monthly Social Security Benefits Payable in January 2022			
		Before 5.9% COLA	After 5.9% COLA
All Retired Workers		\$1,565	\$1,657
Aged Couple, Both Receiving Benefits		\$2,599	\$2,753
Widowed Mother and Two Children		\$3,009	\$3,187
Aged Widow(er) Alone		\$1,467	\$1,553
Disabled Worker, Spouse and One or More Children		\$2,250	\$2,383
All Disabled Workers		\$1,282	\$1,358

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

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- ❖ Great Social Activities



Dates to Remember

December 5, Weihnachtsfest at St. James Parish, parade at noon.

December 10, Vaccine/Booster Clinic at the Senior Center

December 19, Millstadt Community Choir at Zion Church, 7:00 pm.

December 21, First Day of Winter.

December 24, Christmas Eve, Senior Center Closed.

December 25, Christmas.

January 1, Year's Day

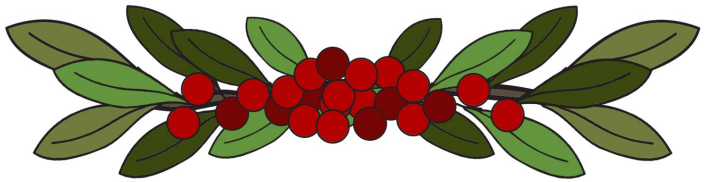
January 5, Blood Drive at St. James



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

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

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



December – Healthy Holiday Habits

The holidays are in full swing and that means lots of food and sweet treat temptations everywhere you look. Not to worry, you can still enjoy the holiday season without overdoing it!

Stick to Your Normal Routines and Do Not Skip Meals

- Skipping meals to “save up” for one or two large holiday meals is not the best strategy – stick to your usual eating habits and routines – your body will thank you.

Balance Your Plate During the Holiday Season – Holiday Meals are Often Very High in Carbohydrates

- Carbohydrates are not “bad” for you, but it is easy to eat more than your body needs.
- Choose better sources of carbohydrates that are high in fiber or take longer to digest (e.g. whole grains, beans, vegetables, most fruits, etc.) and make sure to include lean sources of protein.
- Makeover your traditional holiday meals with a few ingredient/food swaps or modifications.

Practice Portion Control

- Pick your favorite dessert and sides and have smaller portions of them than you normally would.
- Avoid trying “a little of everything” as this often leaves you feeling miserable and is not good for your blood sugars.

Fill up on Fiber from Fruits, Vegetables, and Whole Grains

- Look for products with at least 2.5gm of fiber/serving on the food label and aim for 25-30gm/day.
- A “Good Source” of fiber has 2.5gm-4gm of fiber/serving.
- An “Excellent Source” of fiber has 5gm of fiber or more/serving.
- Remember to start slowly when adding more fiber into your diet as well as increasing your fluid intake to help prevent constipation/diarrhea.

Do Not Forget to Exercise

- Physical activities like walking, dancing, yoga, biking, or tai chi can help support both mental and emotional health by:
 - Improving your sleep
 - Reducing feelings of stress and depression
 - Increasing your energy level
 - Improving your overall emotional well-being and mood



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Bag Tournaments Results

10/28/2021

1. Thelma Short
2. Toni Schneider
3. Norma Burelson
4. Ralph Schneider

11/4/2021

1. Toni Schneider/Norma Burelson
2. Barb Knewitz/Doris Chaput
3. Evelyn Weber/Thelma Short
4. Ralph Schneider/Dorothy Bagsby

**BATTLE
OF THE BAGS**

11/11/2021

1. Barb Knewitz/Darleen Sandheinrich
2. Toni Schneider/Thelma Short
3. Ralph Schneider/Evelyn Weber
4. Dorothy Bagsby/Norma Burelson

11/18/2021

1. Darlene Sandheinrich/Norma Burelson
2. Ralph Schneider/Barb Knewitz
3. Toni Schneider/Dorothy Bagsby
4. Thelma Short/Delores Procasky

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St Louis Bread Company (Telegraph Road)
Schnucks (Country Club Plaza)

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Janet Mueller

Anonymous (\$200)

Zion Church Women's Fellowship
Marilyn Hughes (SMB Foundation)

Marilyn Hughes

Mary Massey

Donation made in gratitude for
Joyce Hermann yoga sessions

**Bingo Gifts/Prizes/12 Days of Christmas/
Kitchen Supplies**

Loren Steele

Brenda Holifield

Shirley Bartel

Bob Engelbretson

Marlou Eckert

**SHIP Services Donations
(Medicare/Social Security help)**

Mark Scharf

Gary and Kathy Diedrich

Bill and Lynette Schmidt

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.

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Offer Expires 06/30/22

- Perform alignment
- Check camber, caster, front & rear toe in
- Inspect tires for wear
- Check all steering & suspension components for wear & tear
- *Additional parts & vehicles requiring camber, caster shims extra

Fuel System Service

\$10 Off

Offer Expires 6/30/22

- Cleans fuel injectors
- Cleans throttle body
- Cleans plenum and air intake
- Cleans intake valves and ports
- Removes combustion chamber deposits
- Corrects balance of fuel and air in system

Headlight Restoration Service

\$20 Off

Offer Expires 06/30/22

- Removes scratches & discoloration
- Includes new, long-lasting protective layer

Cooling System Service & Fluid Exchange

\$20 Off

Offer Expires 06/30/22

- Clean contaminants from cooling system
- Remove rust, scale & corrosion from cooling system fins
- Clean rust from coolant lines
- Replenish depleted coolant additives

Transmission System Service & Fluid Exchange

\$20 Off

Offer Expires 06/30/22

- Dissolves & suspends deposits
- Removes all old fluid
- Installs new automatic transmission fluid
- Fortifies new fluid with seal conditioners, oxidation inhibitors & shift improvers

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

Merry Christmas

During this holiday season, we wish you all the best.



Jeff Prati, CRPC®
Financial Advisor

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Senior Talk Available On Internet

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

Senior Transportation Program

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BIBLE TALK

The Spirit Of Christmas

We see signs of the Christmas season all around us. From the beautiful colored lights decorating the homes in our neighborhoods to the festive music in the stores. From the holiday family specials on TV to the gifts and people overflowing from the stores. From the smell of freshly baked cookies to the excited and happy faces of children. This is truly a joyous time of year for many people, a time of anticipation and excitement. A time when the normal daily routine of life is replaced by activities at church, at home, with family and friends. A time of fond memories of past Christmases, and hopes and dreams for future Christmases. Just feel the joy and excitement that are in the air.

Yet for others, the Christmas season is an anxious time filled with hectic plans and preparations. A time when they are driven to make sure every detail is properly taken care of. Details such as a neat and clean home, the decorations and tree beautifully displayed, the cards thoughtfully chosen and gifts carefully wrapped, and the table and meals well prepared. For them, Christmas is an exhausting time of a myriad of details to be done. Just feel the anxiety and exhaustion that are in the air.

And yet for others, the Christmas season isn't a time of joy and excitement. Instead it is a time sorrow and tears. It is a time when remembering the joys of the past, brings pain to the present, because life has taken unexpected turns. Turns and bends that seem to go on and on with no hope of being straightened, either now or in the future. A time of loneliness and brokenness. A time when the busyness of life is interrupted, and emotions and feelings refuse to stay in the well kept boxes of our lives. Just feel the sorrow and loneliness that are in the air.

Christmas is also a time when we gather in churches, remembering how Jesus Christ was born some 2000 years ago. We remember the angel Gabriel's announcement to the virgin Mary, of the struggles Joseph went through as he found out Mary was with child, of the long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem only to be turned away from the inn, of the shepherds in the fields at night who were frightened by the chorus of angels, of the Wisemen from the far East who had come a long way to worship the new born King, of Herod's jealous anger which doomed the male infants 2 years of age and younger and of the hurried escape to the foreign land of Egypt. Here we have a fourth slice of the spirit of Christmas, that many of us feel, a spirit of remembrance.

So what does it mean for us here today? Which of these slices is really the spirit of Christmas, or is there something else?

Let us turn to God's own Word and hear the message He has for us. Matthew 1:22-23, "All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: (Isaiah 7:14) 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means, 'God is with us.'" The Son of God in heaven above came down to earth to become one of us and one with us. Or as John writes in 1:14, "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth."

The Spirit of Christmas is God coming to earth. Coming to participate in our life, to share in our joys and struggles, and ultimately to save us from our sins. Just as Matthew wrote in the two verses preceding the Emmanuel passage, Matthew 1:20-21, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

The spirits of excitement, exhaustion, sorrow and even remembrance seem so mundane and beneath the glory, honor and dignity of Jesus Christ whom we celebrate at Christmas. Yet we must remember that Jesus came to be "God with us." To fully share in our human life on earth, not as an unfeeling spirit but as a flesh and blood human. So the writer of Hebrews gives us hope by drawing attention to the real humanity of Jesus, in 4:14-16, "Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Through Jesus Christ, God is with us here now and today. Therefore we can bring all of our thoughts and feelings to him. For He knows what we are going through and He cares for us, even as Peter tells us in 1 Peter 5:7, "Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you." The Spirit of Christmas is not merely the remembrance of what happened in a stable some 2000 years ago. It is the vibrant life we can share with the God who is with us, because God himself entered our life and redeems us through the Christ.

In closing I realize that each one of us experiences different thoughts and feelings at Christmas, but I want you to focus on the true Spirit of Christmas, that is on Jesus Christ who is God with us. Matthew 28:20, says, "remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age," and Hebrews 13:5, says, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

So, may you walk in the Spirit of Christ throughout this Christmas season and beyond. And, may you share the refreshing spirit of Christ with a family member, a friend, and an acquaintance who is overcome by a spirit of exhaustion or a spirit of sorrow. Amen, and the people of Jesus Christ say, Amen!

Blessings, Pastor Darrell Weber

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Listing of Senior Center Items will appear.

Click on the item you would like to view.

Village of Millstadt Website: villageofmillstadt.org.

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

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Turkey Hill Grange honored local veterans Jerry Koudelka & Bill Bourn with Quilts of Valor which were handmade by Paula Burch.

Vietnam Vet Gifted With Quilt Of Valor

Local Veteran Wayne Jones (left) was the recipient of a Quilt of Valor on November 29. Pictured center is Donna Rector, leader



of the local Stars of Honor group for the Quilts of Valor Foundation, and her helper Melvin Rector (right).

The presentation was held at the Millstadt Senior Center. Jones, who served in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971, did his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, then onto Vietnam and returned to the States to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Wayne was in the 359th Transportation Platoon in a convoy between Iloilo to Pleiku Central Highlands in central Vietnam. He was also in the Gunner Platoon. Wayne has been active in the Millstadt community as a softball and baseball volunteer coach for many years. Since his discharge, he has been an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

Donna Rector, leader of the local Stars of Honor group for the Quilts of Valor Foundation, made the quilt presentation and gave a background on the foundation.

Rector stated, "Not all wounds are seen from the outside. Many of our service members return with unseen wounds. Our mission from that very first quilt remains the same today: to cover all active service members and veterans touched by war with a comforting and healing Quilt of Valor."



Wayne surrounded by his family at the presentation.



Marv Albert (L) and Cheryl Pierpoint (R) stand in honor with Wayne Jones (Center).

Smithton Meals

We will serve meals 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.



COOKIE WALK

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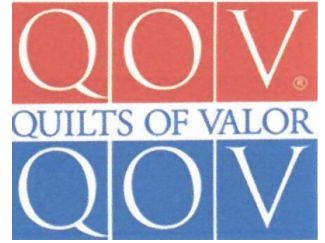


Vera Bidwell, Alyssa Agne, and Aubrey Schaltenbrand assisted Royel Catering as they provided Thanksgiving meals to area residents.



Quilts of Valor

Each month, Millstadt Township Senior Services will nominate and hold presentation ceremonies for service members and veterans who have been



touched by war. They are presented a comforting and healing Quilt of Valor. This quilt is given regardless of the conflict, declared war or otherwise in which they served. These Quilts of Valor are lifetime awards, stitched with love, prayers, and healing thoughts.

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

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

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

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

Millstadt Red Cross Blood Drive Schedule



Jan. 5, 2022
Mar. 9, 2022
May 4, 2022
July 6, 2022

3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James
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Sweet & Sour Red Beets

A simple recipe with just a few ingredients, these tangy beets have a rich, shiny sauce.

¾ cup granulated sugar
1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
4 tsp. cornstarch
2 15 oz. cans sliced beets
3 Tbsp. butter
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. black pepper

Whisk together sugar, vinegar, cornstarch and 1/3 beet liquid (or water) in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low, and cook, whisking occasionally, about 5 minutes. Gently stir beets into sugar-vinegar mixture. Reduce heat to low and simmer about 30 minutes, gently stirring occasionally. Stir in butter, salt and pepper until the butter melts. Remove from heat. Serve beets warm or chilled. Serves 6.

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Kathy Schaefer
Karen Witte

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Jamie Bereitschaft
Marsha Davis
Sandy Dressler
Marlou Eckert
Patty Evansco
Michelle Huckle
Beth Kwentus
Charlie Todd

Smithton (80 hours)

Pam Andrews
Jerry Cosby
Nancy Freeman
Kim Freeman
Janet Hollinberger
Eleanor Louveau
Shelby Mehrkens
Sharon Patterson
Debbie Robinette
Pat Schmeder
Bob Stumpf
Dorothy Thomas
Barbara Villiger

Newsletter

(70 hours)

Gary Diedrich
Kathy Diedrich
Marlou Eckert
Don Mueller
Pat Morris
Kathy Schaefer
Pastor Weber

Meals on Wheels (200 hours)

Dave Albers
John Baltz
Cindy Bertelsman
Paula Burch
Nancy Burk
Randy Burk
Cindi Clements
Becky Courtney
Scott Courtney
Cindy Czech
Marsha Davis
Marlou Eckert
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Lori Gaulrapp
Elle Heiligenstein
Donna Huckle
Gary Huwer
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Rich Kwentus
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Fern Lundsford
Jackie McKay
Chris Michael
John Morton
Ruth Morton
Dave Muskopf
Sandy Muskopf
Cheryl Mueth
Vicki Pellmann
Jessie Pettijohn
Marylou Peter
Cheryl Pierpoint
Richard Rist
Susan Sager
Marianne Schaefer
Mona Scheibel
Faye Schilling
Charlie Todd
Larry Todd
Marsha Twellman
Karen Witte
Linda Wuertz
Tom Wuertz

Kitchen (352 hours)

Aaron Arras
Mary Boron
Colleen Costello
Frances Dickneite
Marlou Eckert
Heather Erwin
Brenda Holifield
Carol Holthaus
Michelle Huckle
Ed Luecking
Chris Michael
Kim Oplet
Marylou Peter
Michelle Rist
Richard Rist
Madonna Stapf
Carol Terveer
Fran Wagner
Mike Walter

Quilting

(83 hours)

Doris Adams
Teresa Barbier
Joann Clemens
Judy Jacobs
Beth Kwentus
Faye LaBrier
Lois Potter
Judy Sutter

A Christmas Prayer

Dear Lord, don't let us miss you this Christmas Season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank-you for being the Prince of Peace, and I ask You for that super natural peace to reign in our hearts. Thank-you for the simple life changing message of Your Love for us. In Jesus name, Amen.



Dec. Birthdays

1 Jim Heberer	12 Karen Witte
1 Jean Patterson	13 Gary Crane
1 James Schneider	13 Mary Rowan
1 Pat Tinoco	15 Louis Dori
1 Patricia Touchette	17 Billie Demond
3 Nadine Gericke	17 Sandra Winkleman
3 Pat Oelrich	18 Robert Converse
4 Donna Crain	18 Earl Eckert
4 Marcella Hennichs	18 Robert Stumpf
4 Jo Ann Hettenhausen	19 Mary Clendening
4 Janet Mueller	19 Shirley Roberson
4 Paul Pluff	19 Larry Schwaegel
5 Dale Hoepfinger	19 Joy Vogt
5 Carla Kostelac	20 Marquita Gocheff
5 Linda Pfeil	20 Larry Todd
5 William Rakkowski	22 Charles Dixon
6 Danny Haas	22 Evelyn Turner
6 Ronald Kissel	23 Helen Vigna
6 Dorothy Schobert	24 Rose Sanders
6 Norman Simmonds	25 Beth Kwentus
7 Betsy Asbridge	26 Barbara Knewitz
7 Billy Goldsmith	27 Carol Hotz
7 Linda Meyer	27 Marilyn Robinson
7 Kathy Schaefer	27 Carroll Rowan
8 Donna Gaulrapp	28 Ruth Fritzinger
8 Mary George	28 Marian Mertz
9 Patty Evansco	28 Linda Stewart
9 Robert Fish	28 Carolyn Theis
9 Fred Fritzinger	29 Marlou Eckert
10 Janice Beller	29 Marcella Orsa
10 Edward Luecking	29 Edith Weilbacher
10 Laurie Phillips	30 Marcy Altschuh
10 Daniel Tobbe	30 Dennis Fleming
11 Terri Hall	30 Eunice Stroh
11 Mary A Klosterman	31 Carol Fahey
11 Ruth Morton	31 Donna Rakers



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TIP 2. STAY CONNECTED

"Use communication technologies such as video chat, smart speakers, or even companion robots to help keep you engaged and connected. If you're not tech-savvy, sign up for an online or in-person class at your local public library or community center to help you learn."

TIP 3. STAY MOVING

"Stay physically active and include group exercise, such as joining a walking club or working out with a friend. Adults should aim for at least 150 minutes (2 1/2 hours) of activity a week that makes you breathe hard."



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Dine out at Papa Vito's

- Tuesday, December 7
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Knitting & Crochet Night

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ComBo: Comic Book Club for Children

- Every First Wednesday, December 1
- In-person from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

GrNo: Graphic Novel Club for Teens/Adults

- Thursday, December 16
- In-person from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

G&P: Games and Puzzles Club - ALL AGES

- Every Third Wednesday, December 15
- In-person from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Celebration!

- Thursday, December 23
- Pajama Day at the library with cocoa and Christmas crafts!
- Holiday Story Time at 11:00 a.m.
- Interactive Polar Express Movie at 5:30 p.m.

Book Club

- Saturday, December 18
- 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- In-Person & Zoom via Facebook Event
- Reader's Choice!

We'll be closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1 for the holidays.

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Thelma & Louise planning their next heist! Norma Burelson (left) and Thelma Short (right).



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Kim Oplet from Hospice of Southern Illinois and her traveling "Cuckoo for Cocoa" station stopped by Millstadt Township Senior Center Wednesday, November 24th to share some winter drinks. With Kim are Jack Simpson and Quinn Grommet of Freeburg, Illinois. Quinn and Jack are regular volunteers at the Center when they are off school.

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

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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.

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VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT

OCTOBER 25, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mike Todd, with the following trustees answering to roll call: Randy Burk, Mike Capell, Ray Famula, Mike French, and Dustin Trankle. Trustee Mark Todd was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Mike French to approve the October 11th minutes. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. COMMUNICATIONS OR CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Todd stated the Village, including the maintenance department and office staff, received a thank you from the Library for allowing them to use Liederkrantz Park for their Food Truck Night that was held September 23rd. COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS: Mike Capell stated he reviewed the bills. Mike Capell made a motion to pay the bills. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. PUBLIC WORKS: SEWER: Mayor Todd stated he talked with Brian and the Village has received a grant for the American Rescue Plan for around \$250,000. They have discussed using the money for more lining of the storm sewers and lift station updates. STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: Scott Baltz stated the mainline curb was poured on the north side of West Washington Street for the streetscape project. They are now waiting on Ameren to replace their poles which will hopefully be completed the following week. ANNEXATIONS: Mayor Todd stated he and Adam Romero have met with property owners south of the Village. PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Mayor Todd stated two new trees have been ordered for Liederkrantz Park and three trees for other places within the Village. He added a tree was lost each on Diamond 2 and Diamond 3. Scott Baltz stated he talked with someone interested in putting a memorial tree by Diamond 2. Mayor Todd also stated Scott is waiting to hear back on when the new pickleball lines can be added to the tennis courts. CEMETERY: Ray Famula stated they are still waiting on the new cemetery signs. Scott Baltz stated he talked with the sign company and there may be some delays. COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated the Senior Center will be helping with the Covid booster shots. Mike French asked if it would be done as it was in the past, with them helping to make appointments to receive the shot in Belleville. Ray answered yes. Ray stated the Sandra M. Bereitschaft Meals on Wheels Trivia Night was a success. The Center's fiscal year end was at the end of September and all reports have been filed with AgeSmart. The Illinois Attorney General will be hosting a fraud workshop. Total meals served increased 70% from 2019. The Center has plans to remodel and upgrade their restrooms in the near future. Mayor Todd asked if there was any new information on replacing the ramp. Scott Baltz stated Director Patty Evansco informed him the Center Board offered to pay for a third of the cost if the Village and Township would pay for the remaining two-thirds. They had discussed including repairs to the adjoining sidewalk but that is not included. Mayor Todd stated the ramp should be fixed first then

work on the sidewalk. The project will need to go out for bids. Ray stated the next Senior Center Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16th. PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16th. They will be looking at long term planning. PUBLIC SAFETY: Emergency Service and Disaster Agency – Scott Baltz stated that both sirens sounded like they were working during the previous night's storms. OLD BUSINESS: Otto Faulbaum from Millstadt Sister Cities stated the Sister Cities wanted to be part of the new entrance signs. He has been working with Lager Monument Company and has a final version of what they would like included. He talked with Mike French and the limestone panel will be the same as the Village's but on a smaller scale. When Germann Brick creates the base, their panel would be set in and will look integrated. The Sister Cities will pay for their panel and for any extra brickwork that may be needed. Rick Wegner from Millstadt Sister cities presented a check to the Village. The money comes from their two fundraisers, one being their booth at the St. Charles Oktoberfest in St. Charles, Missouri. Mayor Todd stated the lining of the Parkway storm sewer has been completed. He is hoping this will fix the issues and there will be no more sinkage. Mayor Todd stated the project at Tuffy Mueth Field is getting ready to begin. The Village was awarded another grant from St. Clair County for the project and the bulldozer has already been brought out to the field. Mayor Todd stated the Village will apply for the DCEO grant in January. It costs \$5,000 to apply. If this grant is received, the streetscape project on Washington Street will include the first block of East Washington Street and the third block of West Washington Street. If the Village is awarded the ITEP grant this fall, the streetscape project will continue two blocks to the west on West Washington Street. Mayor Todd stated Building Commissioner Adam Romero had looked over the contract from the Friends of the Old Water Tower and he will meet with them to discuss some language that is needed in contract. NEW BUSINESS: Rick Wegner with Millstadt Sister Cities stated the Illinois Sister Cities Association honored Millstadt with its 2020 Champion of Youth award. It is an honor to be acknowledged by the State. He thanked Ray and Trudy Famula for accepting the award at the IML conference and presented a check to the Village. Mayor Todd stated the Biathlon made \$11,256.97 this year. The money will be used for a scoreboard on Diamond 3. All the diamonds on Kalbfleisch will now have fences and scoreboards. He thanked everyone that helped make the event a success.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tracy Holmes stated that the Treasurer's Report had been submitted. Ray Famula made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. CLERK'S REPORT: Tracy Holmes stated that the Clerk's Report had been submitted. Randy Burk made a motion to approve the Clerk's Report. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. CITIZENS COMMENTS: Dan Vogel stated he has noticed a shift on how things are handled with the internet providers. In the last two months there have been power outages and all wired internet has also been going out. When the power is out, not only is the electric down but so is the internet and phone lines. He has tried talking with the providers but has not received any answers. He wondered if possibly having a generator at the new water tower could help. A lot of people and businesses are reliant on the internet, and it is critical to have. Mayor Todd stated the Village does not have many options; the Village has reached out to other providers but unfortunately has not received a lot of feedback.

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**Martin Athy
Wesley Hughes
David Mueller
Carl Oller
Larry Rehg**

Martin Athy

Martin Miles Athy, 65, of Millstadt, IL, born July 26, 1956, in Biloxi, MS, died Thursday, November 4, 2021, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, O'Fallon, IL.

Marty worked, alongside his son Matt, at Martin Steel Fabrication in Mascoutah, IL, and alongside his wife at Martin Fence. Marty was an avid hunter, fisherman, and enjoyed a wide variety of hobbies. His presence was larger than life and he will be missed by many.

He was preceded in death by a son, Bill; his grandparents, Alvin and Josephine Christ; and his father, Donald Athy (Sun Cha).

Surviving are his wife, Nancy, nee Bradshaw, Athy; a son, Matthew (Mary) Athy; a daughter-in-law, Trisha Athy; four grandchildren, Aaron Athy, Makayla Athy, Josie Athy, and Olivia Athy; his mother, Frances, nee Christ, Athy; five sisters, Joan (Bruce) Bjerke, Karen Penrose, Kathy (Greg) Sherwood, Gail Bach, and Jean (Kevin) Bjerke; and a large extended family of cousins; nieces; nephews; in-laws; and friends.

Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, or National MPS Society. Arrangements were handled by Renner Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.



Larry Rehg

Larry Maurice Rehg of Plano, Texas passed away on October 25, 2021 at the age of 83.

He was born on January 22, 1938 to Edgar Rehg and Ella (Dahmer) Rehg in Belleville, Illinois. Larry grew up in Millstadt and graduated from Belleville High School in 1955. He spent his career as an engineer and manager at Southwestern Bell. Larry married Sharon Kay Davis on May 7, 1955 in East St. Louis, Illinois. He was an avid wood worker, sailor, and enjoyed model rail roading. Larry is survived by his sons, Eddy Alan Rehg and wife, Janice of Corsicana, Texas and Steven Thomas of Wylie, Texas; grandchildren, Daniel Joseph Rehg and wife, Brittney, Thomas William Rehg, Andrew Cuathemoc Dominguez and Raquel Ann Xochilt Dominguez; great-grandchildren, Caleb Daniel, Ethan Thomas and Ella Marie; brother, Don Rehg and many other loving family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon Rehg and his daughter, Mary Beth Dominguez.



Carl Oller

Carl J. Oller, 83, of Belleville, IL, born September 16, 1938, in East St. Louis, IL, died Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO.

Mr. Oller worked for Norrenberns Grocery Store and National Food Stores before his retirements. He loved boating and being outdoors. Carl was a member of St. Peter's Cathedral and a 3rd Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1028.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester C. and Lillian C., nee Lacquet, Oller; a granddaughter, Tricia Weilbacher; and a brother-in-law, Wilbert Baechle.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Mary Joann "Joan", nee Wagner, Oller, whom he married on April 30, 1960; four children, Pamela (Dale) Weilbacher, James "Butch" Oller, Sandra Winkelmann (Paul Wurth), and Scott Oller (Jackie Tewel); seven grandchildren, Brad Weilbacher, Jason Oller, Patrick Oller, Thomas Oller, Amy Boeving, Aaron (Danielle) Winkelmann, and Scott "Michael" Oller; five great-grandchildren, Hayley Stokes (Logan Zachry), Dalton Oller, Dominic Oller, Kenleigh Winkelmann, and Kolten Winkelmann; and a sister, Sandra Baechle. Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Cathedral or to the Wounded Warriors Project. Arrangements were handled by Renner Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.



Wesley Hughes

Wesley Hughes, 50 years, of Millstadt, IL, passed away on October 21, 2021 at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, IL. He was born September 6, 1971, in Belleville, IL.

Wes loved the Lord, his family and his friends. He was an outdoor person who enjoyed horseback riding, fishing, golfing, snow and water skiing. Wes was also a voracious reader with the bible at the top of his list.

He is survived by his parents, Marilyn and Harold Hughes, his sister, Heather Kasten and brother-in-law, Clint Kasten, his brother, Ross Hughes and sister-in-law, Amy Hughes, his nieces and nephews, Cole Kasten, Crayton Kasten, Emma Hughes, and Carlie Kasten, along with other relatives and friends. In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to: The Donor's Choice. Leesman Funeral Home, Millstadt, IL, handled arrangements.



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David Mueller

David L.J. Mueller, 64, of Millstadt, IL, passed away on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at Freeburg Care Center in Freeburg, IL.

He was born September 29, 1957 in Belleville, IL to Melvin William Ovid and Betty Marie (Bryan) Mueller.

David was preceded in death by his father and his two brothers, Melvin Wayne Mueller and Donald Mueller. David is survived by his siblings, William Edgar (Sheri) Mueller, Ronald Mueller and Ann Lynn (Robert) Lee and his numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to Concordia United Church of Christ.

Arrangements were handled by Lake View Funeral Home, Fairview Heights, IL.

Inurnment will be held at Concordia Cemetery in Millstadt, IL.

