



Senator Belt Visits Seniors At Millstadt Senior Center To Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

The festive St. Patrick's Day celebration held on March 18 at Millstadt Township Senior Services drew a big crowd who enjoyed live music and had the luck of the Irish! We were entertained by Shirley Schwartz on her guitar and Celeste Krausz on the drums and Earl Doerr on the accordion playing Irish tunes. They got the seniors up on their feet. Ralph Schneider told a few Irish jokes. Illinois Senator Christopher Belt and Yolanda Greenwood visited and entertained with Bingo awarding green prizes. Senator Belt said, "I always look forward to joining with our seniors at the Millstadt Senior Center." He said the Millstadt seniors are always very welcoming. Many were decked out in green and gold. At the end of the festivities a Pot of Gold was awarded, and the winner was Carol Terveer. She is going to let her grandkids count "the pot of gold" containing many pennies and will get back to us on how much it was. The Millstadt senior center tries to do something like this for every holiday. And it's clear the seniors love it.



From Below The Tower



Patty Evansco

After a wonderful St. Patrick's Day lunch, the switch to Daylight Savings time and some warmer weather, we are feeling positive and looking forward to spring and summer months.

This is always the time for a fresh start with the beginning of summer. I want to take time to slow down and really appreciate the people and things around me. Time is going too quickly— what is making this happen? Maybe it's a good time to start exercising also. I don't consider myself a strong person but last month I went to open the back door of my van and was in a hurry as usual and pulled the handle right out of the door, I broke the cable and fell right on my backside. I didn't hurt anything; good thing I have a good cushion. I did cut my finger and that hurt. I had to drive around with duct tape on the door, but it is fixed and all is well again. The Total Solar Eclipse is only a few days away from happening on April 8, 2024, and what I have heard, we are in a good area to see it. The upcoming solar eclipse is projected to last longer, be brighter and be visible to more people than the one seven years ago. I have glasses from Representative Kevin Schmidt for you to look at it, if you are interested you can pick them up at my office. This will be the last one for quite some time.

We are working on implementing a marketing campaign to target the Millstadt community to come into the Senior Center
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Millstadt Township Senior Services Receives Donation Of Solar Eclipse Glasses

The seniors were thrilled to receive the glasses and are looking forward to viewing this rare and exciting event. The glasses will allow them to protect their eyes while still being able to witness the incredible phenomenon of a total solar eclipse.

Monica Gard, Legislative Assistant to Illinois Representative Kevin Schmidt expressed her gratitude to the Illinois Optometric Association for their generous donation, and she emphasized the importance of protecting one's eyes during the eclipse. She also encouraged the seniors to share this experience with their friends and family members, as it is truly a once-in-a-lifetime event.

The seniors of Millstadt Township are grateful for this thoughtful gesture and are eager to gather together to watch the eclipse in safety and awe. The donation of the Solar Eclipse glasses has truly made this event even more special for them, and they are looking forward to creating lasting memories on April 8.



Senator Christopher Belt and Yolanda Greenwood presenting Bingo winners Dorothy Bagsby and Norma Burlison with their prize.



Senior Center Director Patty Evansco lifting the "heavy" pot of gold prize



Winner Carol Terveer holding the Pot of Gold!

More St. Patty's Day Fun

Millstadt Chamber Donates Money To Help MOW

The Millstadt Chamber of Commerce presented a \$1,123 donation to Millstadt Township Senior Services. The Chamber is proud to support such an important cause and is grateful for the generosity of all those who participated in the Pub Crawl event. This donation will help ensure that seniors in need have access to the food they require to maintain their health and well-being. Thank you to everyone who helped make this donation possible!



Millstadt Chamber of Commerce President Heather Erwin talks about how valuable the Meals on Wheels program is.



Members of the Millstadt Chamber present check to Director Patty Evansco.



*The Friends of the Old Millstadt Water Tower
 Invite you to the Dedication Ceremony
 Of the Restored Old Millstadt Water Tower
 a.k.a. the Millstadt Tin Man
 on Sunday April 28, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
 at Ott's Tavern
 20 East Washington, Millstadt
 In case of rain, celebration will be at Spike's
 4 East Washington, Millstadt*

Grant Receives Quilt For His Military Valor

Junior R Grant of Fairview Heights, Illinois received a quilt from the Quilts of Valor Foundation on March 1 at Millstadt Township Senior Services that was made by a local quilter. Junior was born on May 3, 1929, in New Haven, Illinois. He served as a Corporal in the US Army from 1950 to 1953 as a Combat Engineer. He was based in Germany, running power boats up and down on the Rhine River. I heard he really enjoyed all the beautiful Friulians!! After the Army, Junior began his lifelong career as an over-the-road truck driver, retiring at age 90! He then continued to ride his motorcycle up to age 92. His daughter says he has had a wonderful life and always loved to travel. He is truly her hero and ours!!!



Presenting it to him was Dona Rector, one of the 10,000 volunteers nationwide who award QOV Quilts to deserving veterans.

The mission of the QOV Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with the comfort of a quilt. QOV quilts are machine or handcrafted by volunteer quilters and donated to the foundation as a way of thanking veterans for their service and sacrifice to the nation.



Dona Rector presents Quilt of Valor to Junior Grant.

Vietnam Veteran Ronald Dill Of Millstadt Is Honored By Quilts Of Valor

Ronald Dill of Millstadt was honored March 5 for his service in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Ronald enlisted in the Army in 1965 and served until 1968 as combat engineer, Sargent E5. He was stationed at a variety of bases in the U.S. He was deployed to Vietnam and as a Sargent was awarded the Medal of Valor and many other awards.

Dill was awarded a Quilt of Valor in Millstadt at Millstadt Township Senior Services. He was surrounded and celebrated by family members and friends.

"I got my blanket, and it's warm," Dill said about his quilt. "It has a tremendous amount of meaning because we didn't get praise and parades when we came back.

The detailed quilt included colors that are meaningful to United States of America.

His award ceremony was conducted by Dona Rector, a member of the Quilts of Valor Foundation, a nationwide nonprofit made up of more than 11,000 volunteers. "Our single mission is to cover veterans and service members touched by war with healing and comfort by honoring them with a quilt."

Rector said she was honored to provide Dill with a quilt.



Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation

We can never thank our volunteers enough who deliver Meals on Wheels and braved the cold, snow, and rainy spring days to deliver hot meals and a smile to seniors in the Millstadt, Freeburg and Smithton area.

If you are interested in volunteering for a very rewarding experience, contact Patty at 476-3731, and tell her you'd like to help deliver MOWS.

Donations to the Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation may be sent to Post Office Box 41, Millstadt, Illinois 62260.

Dining Out

Wednesday
Apr. 24, 2024



Caseyville, IL

Leave Senior Center Promptly at 4:00 pm
Call Senior Center For Reservations 618-476-3731

Trinity Lutheran Church In Millstadt Pasta Fundraiser Raises Funds & Spirits In The Community

Trinity Lutheran Church congregation hosted its annual spaghetti dinner on Sunday, March 10th, drawing a crowd of hungry locals eager to support the church's charitable efforts.

The event, which has become a tradition in the community, featured plates of steaming spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, and a variety of delicious homemade desserts. Volunteers from the congregation worked tirelessly in the kitchen and dining area to ensure that every guest was well-fed and satisfied.

The spaghetti dinner is always a highlight of the church year, in that it brings the community together and allows them to raise funds for important causes.



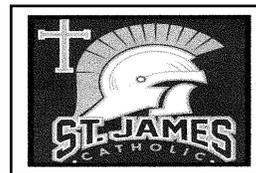
Think The Senior Center Is Just For Seniors? These Kids Tell A Different Story!

On a sunny Wednesday afternoon, the 3rd and 4th graders from St James Catholic Elementary School gathered their handmade bookmarks and smiles as they headed to Millstadt Senior Center for a special visit. The students had been working on a project to spread kindness and joy to the community, and they were excited to deliver their creations to the residents at the center.

As they arrived, the students were greeted with warm welcomes from the seniors, who were eager to meet their young visitors. The children wasted no time in distributing their bookmarks, which were filled with colorful drawings and heartfelt messages of love and friendship. The children helped serve lunch and then enjoyed eating lunch with the seniors. Everyone joined in Bingo and enjoyed the prizes the children had brought for them to win. The seniors were touched by the gesture and expressed their gratitude to the students for taking the time to brighten their day. Some of the seniors shared stories of their own childhood memories and the importance of kindness and compassion in the world.

The visit was a success, with both the students and seniors enjoying each other's company and spreading smiles all around. Their teachers, Mrs. Cindy Rutkowski and Mrs. Judy Glaeser are proud of their students for embodying the school's values of kindness, empathy, and community service.

As the children waved goodbye to the seniors and headed back to school, they knew that they had made a positive impact on the lives of others and were eager to continue spreading kindness wherever they went. This visit to the senior center was just the beginning of their mission to make the world a better place, one small act of kindness at a time.



Monica Gard and Eileen Doerr demonstrate solar eclipse glasses



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Hymn Festival
 Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 p.m.
 As part of
 Trinity's 175th Anniversary Celebration
1849-2024
 Trinity will be conducting a Free Musical Presentation of
 Christian Hymns & Choir Selections at
 Our church at 503 E. Washington
The public is invited to attend
 Light Refreshments will be served upon conclusion

AARP Tax-Aide Program End Thursday April 11th

Free tax preparation services will be offered again this year on Thursdays and Fridays 8-1:30 from February 1st through April 11th. Call the Senior Center at 618-476-3731 or stop by the Senior Center during normal business hours. **YOU WILL NEED TO PICK UP A PACKET PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMENT!** Trained AARP volunteers will complete tax returns during an in-person session at the Senior Center. Appointments are required. **There will be no drop-off service.** This tax prep service is for average tax returns. If your return is more complex (e.g., depreciation, rental properties, etc.) it is advised that you seek the services of a paid tax professional.

Be sure to bring a copy of last years tax return along with:
Photo ID

Any tax documents such as W-2's, 1099's, Social Security tax document (SSA-1099), interest statements, brokerage statements, and property tax bills.



Wish List

- Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil (Large Roll)
- VINYL Plastic Gloves M/L/XL
- Fold Over/Ziplock Lunch Bags
- 6" Dessert Plates, 16 oz Solo Cups
- Clorox Spray, Paper Towels
- Trash Bags (13 Gallon)
- Colored 8 1/2 x11" Paper
- Bingo - Anti-Bacterial Liquid Soap,
- Shaving Cream, Paper Towels, Kleenex ,
- Laundry Detergent, Crackers/Cheese,
- Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter/Crackers,
- Single Serve Sugar Free Pudding,
- Sugar Free Candy & Sugar Free Snacks

SNAP, MEDICAID & LIHEAP APPLICATIONS

Missy from AgeSmart will be here
April 17, 2024
 From 9:00 am to 12:00 am
 Call (618) 476-3731 for appointment

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Home Center

ALWAYS ON THE LEVEL

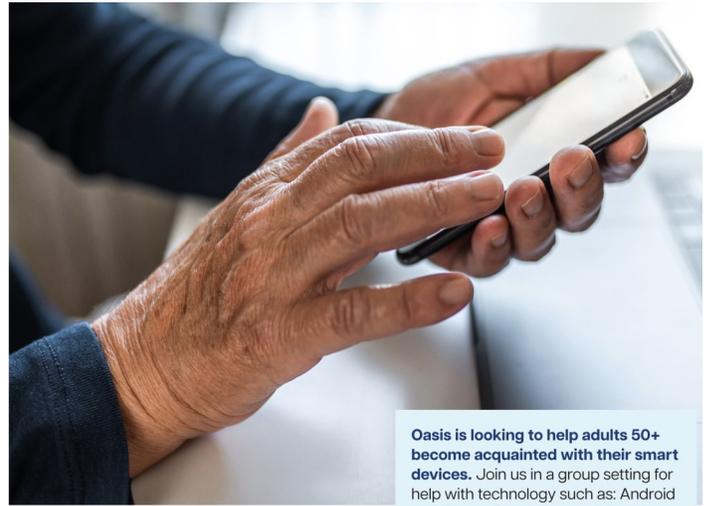
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Ask a Techie

Is your smart device more confusing than convenient?
 Need help figuring out functions on your phone?

Oasis is looking to help adults 50+ become acquainted with their smart devices. Join us in a group setting for help with technology such as: Android and iPhone Smartphones, PC and Apple computers, iPad and Android tablets, WIFI, email, software updates with hands on problem solving and training. You ask the questions, we work to find the answers. Registration required, space limited.

#5284 Ask a Techie
 FRI, May 31 | 12:30-1:30 p.m. | FREE
 Millstadt Community Center
 102 South Jefferson Street
 Millstadt, IL 62260

For questions or to register visit stoasis.org or contact Erin at (618) 222-2561 ext. 138 or eburton@oasisnet.org



Tech Time

Drop-In Tech Help

Fri., Apr. 26 @ 10:30AM

Free of Charge

Having trouble navigating your laptop, iPhone, Android, or other device? Come in to get some help from our tech expert Mike Capell.

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Dates to Remember

- April 8,** Taste of Ott's 4:30 PM
- April 11,** St. James CCW luncheon.
- April 20,** Concordia Church BBQ
- April 21,** Millstadt VFW BBQ
- April 21,** Floraville Grange Chicken Dinner.
- April 22,** Earth Day. Smell a flower.
- May 3,** Millstadt Farmers Market, 3:00-6:00, at the VFW.
- May 4,** Millstadt Historical Society, Village Wide Yard Sale.
- May 8,** Zion Evangelical Spring Luncheon

Millstadt Red Cross Blood Drive Schedule



- May 29, 2024** 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James
- July 24, 2024** 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James
- Sept. 18, 2024** 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James
- Nov. 13, 2024** 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm VFW
- Jan. 8, 2025** 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James

Bunco Night

Several years ago, more than most of us can remember, Bunco was first held in the Senior Center on a collection of card tables. On March 21, 2024, Bunco was held in the St. James Parish Center with over 90 participants. The Bunco players came out for the spirit of the game and also to enjoy the homemade dessert tables and prizes. \$1,063 was raised to support the Millstadt Township Senior Center. Christy Klein-Lehr was the winner of the vintage quilt and special thanks to the Millstadt Columbus Club for donating the rental cost of the Parish Center for the evening. Thank-you to all volunteers, dessert makers, and players who helped make this evening a success. See you all next Fall; watch future Senior Talks for the Fall date.



Coming This Fall - Fabric Grab

The Millstadt Senior Center is planning another Fabric Grab fundraiser which you're invited to participate, donate and help. Call your neighbors, fellow crafters and sewers to sift through all their fabric scraps, used sewing machines, unfinished quilts, and other supplies they would like to donate to our sale. **Please DO NOT drop off any items at this time. We currently have Taxes being prepared at the center until mid-April.**



EVENT SUBMITTAL

Local organizations wanting to submit flyers for current events to be published in the Senior Talk need to submit their information 2 weeks prior to the end of the month before they want their information printed.

Bag Tournament Results

February 1, 2024

- 1 Thelma Short & Fred Harres
- 2 Dorothy Bagsby & Toni Schneider
- 3 Vernon Wienhoff & Loren Steele
- 4 Alice LaMastus & Ralph Schneider

February 8, 2024

- 1 Dorothy Bagsby & Loren Steele
- 2 Alice LaMastus & Carol Esplenlaub
- 3 Bri & J.J.
- 4 Sharon Moergen & Fred Harres
- 5 Ralph Schneider & Dawson
- 6 Vernon Weinhoff & Jack

February 15, 2024

- 1 Bri & Toni Schneider
- 2 J.J. & Dawson
- 3 Ralph Schneider & Dorothy Bagsby
- 4 Thelma Short & Sharon Moergen
- 5 Fred Harres & Loren Steele

February 22, 2024

- 1 Dawson & J.J.
- 2 Alice LaMastus & Bri
- 3 Ralph Schneider & Carol Esplenlaub
- 4 Vernon Wienhoff & Fred Harres
- 5 Loren Steele & Jack

February 29, 2024

- 1 Thelma Short & Vernon Wienhoff
 - 2 Fred Harres & Toni Schneider
 - 3 Alice LaMastus & Dorothy Bagsby
 - 4 Ralph Schneider & Carol Esplenlaub
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March 7, 2024

- 1 Thelma Short & Vernon Wienhoff
- 2 Toni Schneider & Fred Harres
- 3 Alice LaMastus & Ralph Schneider
- 4 Dorothy Bagsby & Norma Burlison

March 14, 2024

- 1 Vernon Wienhoff & Thelma Short
- 2 Dorothy Bagsby & Alice LaMastus
- 3 Fred Harres & Norma Burlison
- 4 Ralph Schneider & Sharon Moergen
- 5 Dian Proffitt & Loren Steele

March 21, 2024

- 1 Alice LaMastus & Fred Harres
- 2 Ralph Schneider & Toni Schneider
- 3 Vernon Wienhoff & Barb Will
- 4 Carol Esplenlaub & Alvina Pruet
- 5 Loren Steele & Dorothy Bagsby



Feb. Corn Hole Champions

- 1- Place** - Thelma Short 2x
- 2- Place - Tie**
Toni Schneider - 2x
Alice LaMastus- 2x
- 3rd Place - Tie**
Ralph Schneider - 2x
Dorothy Bagsby - 2x

March Corn Hole Champions

- 1- Place - Tie**
Thelma Short 2x
Vernon Wienhoff 2x
- 2- Place - Tie**
Toni Schneider - 2x
- 3rd Place - Tie 1x**
Alice LaMastus
Ralph Schneider
Fred Harres
Norma Burlison
Vernon Wienhoff
Barb Will

Millstadt MOW Connects With Freeburg Chamber

I had the pleasure of meeting with the Freeburg Chamber of Commerce this past month to talk about Meals on Wheels in Freeburg. We currently serve 24 seniors in the Village of Freeburg. They are visited weekly by Tracy and Joe Kessler who deliver their meals.

During our meeting, we discussed the importance of supporting our local seniors and how Meals on Wheels provides more than just a meal – it provides social interaction and a sense of community for these individuals who may otherwise be isolated. The Chamber members were very enthusiastic about getting involved and supporting our program.

We talked about the different ways they could help, whether it be through volunteering their time to deliver meals, donating food or money, or spreading awareness about our program within the community. They were eager to brainstorm ideas and come up with a plan to increase our reach and impact within Freeburg.

Overall, it was a very productive meeting, and I am grateful for the support and enthusiasm of the Freeburg Chamber of Commerce. With their help, I am confident that we can continue to serve the seniors of Freeburg and make a difference in their lives.

Older Adults Benefits

Millstadt Township Senior Services offers a free service to assist older adults in applying for and maintaining public entitlements. Individuals are screened for programs that may provide financial assistance or services. These programs are not fee-based but financial and demographic guidelines may determine eligibility. As a trained SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) counselor at Millstadt Senior Center in March there were:

- 10 clients that were assisted and approved for buying license plates for \$10 per year instead of \$150.
- 14 seniors received the Senior Real Estate Freeze which freezes their assessed value of your home, lowering your taxes
- 3 seniors were aided in signing up for Medicare Complete
- 2 seniors were assisted in their Medicaid applications
- 2 seniors that were new to Medicare enrolled in Medicare
- 1 senior received a Medicare Card replacement.
- 1 senior received a Social Security card.
- 1 senior was assisted in applying and receiving SNAP benefits.
- 8 seniors received LiHeap which helps with gas and electric utility bills.

This is a total of 42 older adults that were assisted in enrolling in programs available for them at Millstadt Senior Center.

To learn more about this supportive service, contact us at (618) 476-3731 or email seniorce@htc.net and we will be glad to help you.

How Do You Get A New Medicare Card?

If you misplace or lose your Medicare Card, please do not fret. The Millstadt Senior Center can have a replacement Medicare card on its way to you within 5 minutes. This is a very easy and simple task and we are glad to help you with it. Call (618) 476-3731 if you have any questions.



FROM BELOW THE TOWER

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for meals. We want to reach out to local churches and organizations to promote Millstadt Senior Center Dining Room and the benefits of attending. We are planning on hosting special events to attract new participants and generate excitement within the community. If you would like to help, please stop by, or call me.

I talked to Chief Alan Hucke this week regarding a program that provides a small safe with the owner's housekey affixed to their home for emergency access by the Fire or Police Department. We will be investigating the cost and process to start this program. I will keep you updated.

Did you know that Taco Bell offers a 5% discount if you're 65 or older. You get the discount plus a free drink and unlimited refills. I thought that was great considering most of the time the soda or iced tea is \$2.99.

And without Mary and Don's dedication and hard work, the Senior Talk would not be possible. Their attention to detail and timely communication with me make my job much easier. Thank you both for your patience and understanding. I truly appreciate everything you do for Senior Talk.

Patty

How To Get Help From Social Security

Although we encourage using our online services, if your clients can't complete their business online, they can call us toll-free at **1-800-772-1213**. Our phone lines are usually less busy before 10 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. local time, and later in the week, or later in the month.

While appointments are **strongly recommended**, we continue to help people without one. An appointment reduces the wait time and ensures that your client knows what documents to bring, so we can help them in one visit. If your client needs to visit their local Social Security office without an appointment, we are here to help. Our offices tend to be less busy later in the day, later in the week, and later in the month.

To learn more about our safety measures and restrictions before visiting our offices, visit our webpage, [How to Get Help from Social Security](#).

New Medicare Enrollees Info

You have a 7-month window to sign up for Medicare.

- 3 months prior to your 65th birthday
- The month of your 65th birthday
- 3 months after your 65th birthday

If you are already collecting Social Security, you will automatically be signed up to start Medicare on the month of your 65th birthday.

If you are not collecting Social Security, you will need to create a sign on and password with Social Security.

If you have already created your Social Security account, you will need to bring your sign on and password to your appointment. For more information, please contact the Millstadt Senior Center at 618/476-3731.

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. • **By appointment only.** Call 618-398-0958, ext. 2224 to make an appointment

**St. James CCW
presents
Born in the USA**
(A Noon Luncheon Experience)

★ **THURSDAY, April 11, 2024**
St. James Parish Center
405 West Madison, Millstadt
\$15 Per Person
12:00-2:30 pm with doors open at 10:00 am

Menu:
Patriotic Pulled Pork
Uncle Sam's Vegetable Blend
Old Glory Hash Brown Casserole
Abe's Favorite Slaw
Eagle Soaring Jello Salads
All American Apple Pie

Featuring:
Fireworks Sweet Shoppe
Quilt/Cash Raffle
Basket Raffle
Bingo
Attendance Prizes

Paid reservations are required in advance and are available by calling Jane Kuester (618) 476-1395. (Purchased tickets will not be held at door.)

FLORAVILLE COMMUNITY GRANGE



Chicken Dinner

Sunday, April 21, 2024

(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE)

FLORAVILLE COMMUNITY GRANGE

4165 Floraville Rd

(6 miles south of Millstadt – 1 mile north of Paderborn)

Dine In or Carry Out

10:30AM – 2:30PM (or until we run out)

CHICKEN DINNER - \$16 - MENU:

FRIED CHICKEN MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY
GREEN BEANS CORN SLAW APPLESAUCE DESSERT

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At

Concordia United Church of Christ
7600 State Route 163
Belleville, IL 62223
(Corner of Rt. 163 & Concordia Church Road)

Saturday, April 20, 2024

11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Pork Steak Plate - \$13.00 (w/3 sides)
Bratwurst Plate (2 brats) - \$13.00 (w/3 sides)
Slab of ribs - \$25.00 (no sides)

Sides: Potato Salad, Slaw, Baked Beans

Drive-Thru/Carry outs only
For more information call 476-3377

Zion's Spring Luncheon
It's a Kaleidoscope World
Wednesday, May 8, 2024
12:00 noon
Zion Evangelical Church
117 West White Street · Millstadt
618-334-3266 (Carol H.)
Price: \$15

As always you will be treated to a delicious lunch, dessert and drink; attendance prizes; entertainment (provided by Laura Schaefer-butterfly ecology); a raffle basket boutique; an opportunity to win a beautiful queen size quilt; table trinkets; fun and fellowship!!

WE ARE ENCOURAGING GUESTS TO PAY \$15 IN ADVANCE

Please send this form to Sisters in Faith · 117 West White Street · Millstadt, IL · 62260

NAME: _____

SEAT WITH: _____
(NAME OF CHURCH OR INDIV.)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____
(MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SISTERS IN FAITH)

Please reply by Friday, May 3rd

EHTAR FEST



Sat. APRIL 20th Noon til 6 p

Millstadt V.F.W. \$20

Trophy Mules
Hotel Party
Bog People
T.E.M.

Live Music
BBQ
BEER

Support EHTAR F.C. before the season

Dining In/Take Out Meals

To ensure that the Senior Center has enough meals to accommodate our dine in & carry out seniors, it is very important that you make a reservation for a meal a week in advance



MEALS ON WHEELS AMERICA

2024 MEMBER

Bible Study At Senior Center

An informal Bible study will be offered at the Millstadt Senior Center, on the 2nd and 4th Mondays @ 10 AM

This Is A Non-Denominational Study And All Are Welcome, Regardless Of Religious Background, And There Is No Cost



THANKS FOR OUR DONORS

Monetary Donations
Dwight Godsy
Barbara and Bob Louis
Hallie Bryant
Thelma Short
Millstadt Chamber of Commerce

In Memory of Christine Englebretson
Joan Perry
John Baltz
Betty Baltz

In Memory of Dale Schneider
Thelma Short

Miscellaneous Donations
James and Jacqueline Ralano
Veto and Brenda Kleinaitis
Lucille Reece
Cindy Keller
Michael Morelock
Ron and Carla Goacher
Elaine Ortmann
Minnie Blackburn

Bunco, Big Ole Bag and Jewelry Sale, Bingo
Dennis Fults
Millstadt Pharmacy
Nancy and Kendall Wey
Lynn Mersinger
Lucille Reece
Theresa Bruises
Ruth Baker

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 2024 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
St. James Parish
405 W. Madison
Millstadt, IL 62260
(618) 971-6208



HELP REVITALIZE MILLSTADT VFW POST 7980 BBQ

We're ready to help get the Millstadt VFW back to a thriving event center, but we can't do that without your help.
Let the VFW cook dinner for you and your family and your funds will go directly into the renovation projects!

Porksteaks
Pulled Pork
Bratwurst
Hot Dogs
German Potato Salad
Coleslaw



Plates and Sandwiches



TIME
**11:00AM -
4PM**



DATE
**21 APRIL
2024**

CARRY OUT AND EAT IN AVAILABLE

BIBLE TALK

*Hello. Thanks For Joining Our Study Today
Happy To Have You With Us!*

THE LIVING WATER

John 7:53 - 8:1-11. THE WOMAN. Most of you are familiar with this scripture. "If anyone of you is without sin, let him be the first to cast a stone at her." With that, all those ready to cast the stones turned and left. Soon it was just Jesus and The Woman. When he spoke to her, he simply said: Go and leave your life of sin." No condemnation. Only forgiveness. Did she? We don't know. Nor do we know her name. We do know this: For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23). We do not know what Jesus wrote on the ground either. But we do know: "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save world through him." (John 3:17).

John 8:12-30. THE VALIDITY OF JESUS' TESTIMONY. Following the encounter with the woman, we continue to read: "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." For Jesus to call himself "the light," he reveals we do not have to live in the darkness of sin if we BELIEVE. "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved."

(Acts 16:31-34).

Once again, the Pharisees challenged him. "Your testimony is not valid." Once again, the Pharisees are wrong! As a Jew, Jesus, according to Jewish law, has every right to speak to his own defense. Pharisees are crowded around Jesus, close enough to reach out and touch the long-awaited Messiah but they do not want to believe, nor do they want their world changed in any way. They are the law, the important people, the ones that matter!

But the world will be changed by God's great sacrifice. The gift of His only begotten son. (To learn how Jesus felt about these IMPORTANT rulers of the law, take the time to read Matthew 23:1-39). Remember, Jesus told the Jews "Do what they say, but not what they do." (Matthew 23:3). Who are you they asked of Jesus. Who is your father? Questions, questions, questions! Jesus replies. "You are of this world, and I am not. I told you that you would die of your sins if you do not believe I am the one I claim to be."

The Gospel writer John testifies as to who Jesus is. "In the beginning was the Word (JESUS). The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." (John 1:1-2, 1:14). John was one of the chosen twelve that walked with Jesus while Jesus walked among us. His testimony speaks to his faith and us firsthand and true! John's purpose for writing his Gospel was to convince people to BELIEVE in the Christ Jesus.

Two thousand plus years later, who is now responsible to spread the Good News of Christ Jesus? The Church? Of course! Well.....WE ARE THE CHURCH! And we never get too old to tell the story.

"Our Lord likened the Christian life to a river that broadened, deepened, and gathered volume as it flowed down to the sea - an encouraging picture for the aging Christian. There is no reason why our closing years should not be as enjoyable, stimulating, and fruitful as in earlier life. A life as increasing instead of diminishing, life of continual outflow. Read again Christ's alluding picture: "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." J. Oswald Sanders. May the Living Waters continue to flow through all BELIEVERS.

Blessings, Pat Morris

Prayer Request Box

Something new has been added to our community table at the Senior Center - a Prayer Request Box. The Way Church has offered an opportunity for anyone in need of prayer. Just fill out your prayer request card and drop it in the box. Full names are not required and your requests will remain confidential. Requests will be picked up weekly and they will honor your request with prayer.

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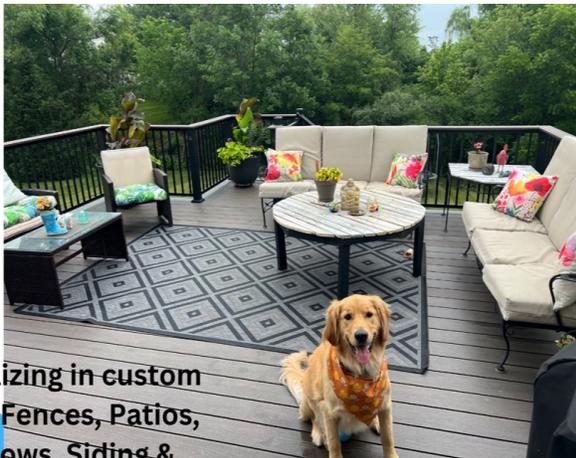
Friends Nellie Schlemmer and Linda Hooch enjoyed a sunny day at the Cardinals' spring training facility in Jupiter, Florida. They watched the players practice and even got a chance to meet some of them for autographs and photos. They had a great time bonding over their love for baseball and reminiscing about their favorite Cardinals memories. They left feeling grateful for the experience and excited for the upcoming baseball season.



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APRIL 2024 MONTHLY EVENTS

Read All About It!

National Library Week April 7 - April 13
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Friends of the Library Meeting - Monday, April 29, 4 p.m.

Picture It!
- Tuesday, April 23, 6 p.m. at Millpond
- Tickets available at Millstadt Library, Millpond, and Online
<https://www.ticket signup.io/TicketEvent/PictureItFeb2024>

Events and Programs
Eclipse Viewing Party
- April 8 at 12:30 p.m.
- Eclipse glasses provided
Study and Snack
- Every Weekday after school
- Snacks and some light homework assistance

Knitting & Crochet Night
- Every Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Children's Story Time
- Every Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.

Book Club at the Senior Center
- Third Monday, April 15 at 11 a.m.

Wild Explorer's Club
- Wed. April 17 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Led by Ranger Abbie

Mental Health Class
- Thursday, April 18 at 5 p.m.

National Poetry Month
- Passive Programming all Month
- BlackOut Poetry Wed. April 24 at 4 p.m.
- Fresh baked cookies provided!

Book Club
- Sat, April 27 at 10:30 a.m.
- *The Echo of Old Books* by Barbara Davis

Book Sale
- Sat. May 4, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- In conjunction with the Millstadt Historical Society's Village-Wide Yard Sale
- Drop-Off Your Used Books April 22 - April 30

Meet Us Out in the Community!
- Millstadt Autism Walk April 13 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- Millstadt Optimist Club Bike Rodeo April 27 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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We'll Be Closed for Librarian Training on April 19/April 20

ECLIPSE PARTY

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POWER OF THE PURSE



Trisha Emig, the Lead Merchandiser for Millstadt Pharmacy, generously donated a variety of items to be sold at the Senior Center's upcoming sale. The donation included stylish sunglasses, trendy purses, jewelry, watches, and other boutique items that are sure to be a hit with shoppers. The Senior Center is grateful for Millstadt Pharmacy's support contribution to their fundraising efforts. Thank you, Trisha, for your generosity and for helping to make the sale a success!

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Jim and Sharon Range help deliver Meals on Wheels.

Chelsea Jakob, Paralegal For The Senior Citizens Legal Services Project With Land Of Lincoln Legal Aid Will Be Speaking On Wills And Powers of Attorney



Breaking Barriers to Justice

Do you know we offer a free Legal Presentation each month? This month's topic just happens to be Living Wills vs. Traditional Wills. This will occur on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 11:30 am – 12:00 pm in the Millstadt Senior Center dining room. Chelsea Jakob, who is a paralegal for the Senior Citizens Legal Services Project with Land of Lincoln Legal Aid, will be presenting on Wills and Powers of Attorney paperwork. Lunch will be half price that day and Pork Sausage and Sauerkraut will be on the menu.

Registration is required. To register and make lunch reservations please call 618-476-3731 or email seniorce@htc.net.



Dear Sponsor:

St. James Catholic School is hosting the Run with Heart 5k/10k on Saturday, April 13, 2024. We are looking for companies or individuals who would be willing to donate either cash or attendance prizes for the race. Cash donations will go towards offsetting the cost of the run.

The run will be held in Millstadt, IL starting and stopping at St. James with a post party held at Millpond Brewing. There will be shirts for all pre-registered participants, attendance prizes, Best male and female runners by age and medals for kids. Our previous races have been a huge success and have drawn large crowds. Last year, we had over 200 runners and our goal this year is 250.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association in honor of Mark Gehrs. Mark Gehrs is a parishioner and trustee of St. James, and has previously served on the Parish Council. Mark recently had heart surgery to correct a blockage in one of his arteries. Since recovering, Mark still remains very active in our parish and school. You may even see him as a referee at some of the school basketball games. With your donations and the success of the race last year we were able to donate \$2000 to the American Heart Association.

We are looking for sponsors to advertise their business on banners, race T-shirts or in the attendance bags. Listed below are the different donation levels.

Donation Levels:

- \$25 - I can't attend & don't need recognition, but want to donate!
- \$50 - Your name or business will be listed inside the runner registration bags
- \$100 - Your name or business will be listed on our t-shirts & listed in bags
- \$250 - Sponsor the start/finish line - everything listed above and a sign at the start/finish line, this level will also include two race registrations
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WE APPRECIATE any monetary donation or attendance prizes you can offer and understand if you are unable to donate at this time.

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Contact Name & Ph Number: _____

Email address for contact: _____

For additional information, please call Cyndi Hasenstab @ 618-476-3510 or email 5k@stjamesmillstadt.com

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Karla Lippert
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Mary Rettinghouse
Randy Burk
Randy Pierpoint | 15 Gail Pflugsten
Alice Lamastus
Karen Yoch
Kathleen Jones |
| 3 Carol Holthaus
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Faye Schilling | 16 Randy Becker
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| 13 Dave Albers
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30 Walter Golic
Larry Lantz |



Millstadt Food Pantry Hours

- 1st Tuesday 9 – 10 a.m.
 - 2nd Thursday 6 – 7 p.m.
 - 3rd Wednesday 6 – 7 p.m.
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- Dorothy Bagsby
- John Baltz
- Bob Braun
- Rich Brune
- Norma Burluson
- Jackie Caponi
- Colleen Costello
- Cindy Czech
- Kathy DeMond
- Marlou Eckert
- Heather Erwin
- Charlene Faulbaum
- Linda Hoepfinger
- Linda Hooock
- Donna Hucke
- Leon Lang
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- Joan Perry
- Nellie Schlemmer
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- Madonna Stapf
- Mary Stephens
- Carol Terveer
- Fran Wagner
- Mike Walter
- Barbara Will
- Kathy Wolf
- Katelyn Womack

Meals on Wheels (282.5 Hours)

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- John Baltz
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- Tammy Stroup
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- Karen Witte

Newsletter (63 Hours)

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

Quilting (32 Hours)

- Doris Adams
- Mary Ann Barbier
- JoAnn Clemens
- Judy Jacobs
- Beth Kwentus
- Faye LaBrier
- Carol Osick
- Lois Potter
- Judy Sutter

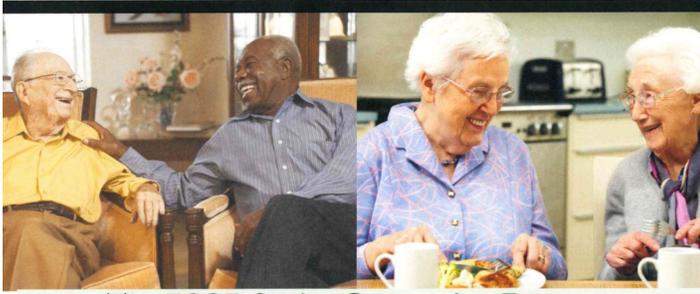
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- Kathy Schaefer
- Mary Schlather

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TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

Due to the increased usage of the Senior Transportation Service & drive time, we will be doing Doctor appointments as follows:
*Belleville Doctors will be done on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.
*Shiloh/O'Fallon Doctors will be done on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 am to 10:30 am.
Please schedule future appointments accordingly.

Millstadt Village-Wide Yard Sale

Additional Registration forms available on our website: MillstadtHistoricalSociety.org

Millstadt Historical Society will sponsor its **20th Annual Village-Wide Yard Sale** on Saturday, **May 4, 2024**, (rain or shine) from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For a **\$10.00** fee each participant helps support the Society as well as **benefit from event/item advertising, receive a yard sale indicator, and a location mark on our map** indicating where all participants will be located. We will be posting the map and ads on our website beginning **5/3/2024** at MillstadtHistoricalSociety.org. A limited number will also be available at the Millstadt Community Center that morning.

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 30 to guarantee advertisement.** For additional information, please contact: Marianne Schaefer - 618/719-1911 or Sharon McNames 618/719-3570. As a courtesy to our society, **we request that you do not sell food items** at the yard sales as we will be providing breakfast/lunch at the Community Center.

Pick up Participant packets at the Community Center, Friday, May 3rd, between 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Retain top portion and return Registration Form Below

Name: _____

Address: _____

Location description: _____
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FEBRUARY 26, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mike Todd, with the following trustees answering to roll call: Randy Burk, Mike Capell, Ray Famula, Mark Todd, and Dustin Trankle. Trustee Mike French was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Ray Famula to approve the February 12th 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. PERSONNEL: Mike Capell stated there would be an Executive Session for personnel and litigation after Citizen Comments. PUBLIC WORKS: SEWER: Dustin Trankle stated the Illinois EPA did an inspection at the sewer plant on January 11th. They were pleased to note from the representative report that the facility was generally being properly operated and maintained. WATER: Dustin Trankle stated Ehret was out the previous week to bore two water lines in Alpine Meadows and Parkview Manor. STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: Randy Burk stated TWM is working on the following projects: 000 block of West Laurel, East Madison Street, and a water main on South Breese Street. Mayor Todd stated he emailed the DCEO about the water main in the Industrial Park. They sent back a one-page form asking if the project had started, which it has not because the funds have not arrived yet, but he said to fill it out so that it is there waiting when the funds are released. PARKS, POOL, AND RECREATION: Mark Todd stated the new playground equipment for the playground at ball diamonds one, two, and three has arrived. The maintenance department will do site prep and demo the old equipment. The playground company will install the new equipment; they are about four weeks out. CEMETERY: Ray Famula stated everything looks good at the cemetery. COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated the new doors are being installed. One is in and they are waiting for parts for the other door, due to the wrong parts coming with the door. AARP will be doing tax prep until Friday, April 12th. Ray stated director Patty Evansco is looking into possibly starting a lawn bowling league. The Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation has donated \$2,593 for the oliver containers to deliver meals. Ray stated the annual Bar-B-Que raised over \$5,000. Bunco Night will be on

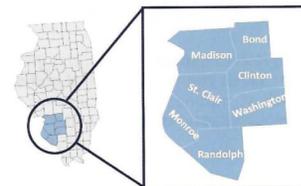
Thursday, March 21st. The Columbus Club is paying for the building rental. The next Senior Center Executive Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at 4:30pm. PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Adam Romero stated there would be a Zoning Board meeting in March. TWM is updating the maps, and the Zoning Board will review them. Adam also stated that Scott Baltz had a few more items to add to the suggested ordinance changes. OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated he talked with another solar company. It is something the Board needs to look into to help with the monthly power bill for the sewer plant. He would like a meeting to be set up so that it can be included in the next budget. Mayor Todd stated he talked with Mike French about the ordinance updates. Mike hopes to have the updates done by the next Village Board meeting. Mayor Todd stated the trustees all received information about Atkins Acres sensory garden that they would like to place in Liederkrantz Park. Ryan Radake from the Park Board looked at the proposed location and thought it looked good. Scott Baltz will also look it over. Mark Todd made a motion to approve the Atkins Acres sensory garden. Randy Burk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Todd will meet with Atkins Acres to discuss the contract about maintenance and upkeep. NEW BUSINESS: Mike Germann presented the Village with a donation of \$2,000 from the proceeds from the Community Choir Holiday Home Tour. Mayor Todd thanked the Choir for their generosity. Mayor Todd asked that the department heads get their items and prices together for the next budget. He would like to have the budget passed by April. Mayor Todd stated negotiations are coming up with the maintenance department. He needs to get dates to the stationary operators union. He would like to get started as soon as possible due to the new budget. TREASURER'S AND CLERK'S REPORT: Tracy Holmes stated that the Treasurer's and Clerk's Report had been submitted. Ray Famula made a motion to approve the Treasurer's and Clerk's Report. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



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Homemade Granola

Charlene Faulbaum brought this granola to the February BBQ bake sale and several people have requested a copy of the recipe.

½ cup canola oil or other neutral oil, such as coconut oil or olive. Note: Charlene used coconut oil.

½ cup honey or maple syrup
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt

3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
½ cup sliced almonds or other nuts, like pecans
1 cup raisins or other dried chopped fruit

Heat oven to 300 degrees F and line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

Whisk together the oil, honey, cinnamon and salt in a large bowl.

Add the oats and almonds and stir to coat.

Spread the oats out onto the prepared baking sheet. If the granola is clumpy, use a spatula to press it into the pan.

Bake for 20 minutes, stirring halfway through. The granola is ready when golden-brown and the almonds have toasted. It will still feel wet coming out of the oven but will dry as it cools.

Remove from the oven, add the fruit, tamp down and cool. Place the baking sheet on a wire rack and sprinkle on the raisins or fruit. If you want clumps of granola, press and tamp down the granola before it cools, which will help it stick together. Cool completely before storing.

Store in an airtight container. Granola can be stored in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 1 month.

Tax Time is Here



As we find ourselves amidst the flurry of tax season once again, it's crucial to ensure that we're equipped with the knowledge and resources to navigate this annual obligation with confidence and ease. Tax season can be daunting for many, but with a bit of preparation and understanding, we can breeze through it smoothly!

First and foremost, I want to emphasize the importance of staying informed about any changes in tax laws or regulations that may affect us. Tax laws are constantly evolving, and what may have been applicable last year might not necessarily be the case this year. Keeping abreast of these changes can help us maximize our deductions and credits while staying compliant with the law.

One of the key aspects of tax season is gathering all necessary documents and records. This includes forms such as W-2s, 1099s, and any other income-related documents. It's also important to gather documentation for any deductions or credits you plan to claim, such as receipts for charitable donations or medical expenses. Being organized from the outset can save you a lot of time and hassle later on.

For those of us who may need assistance with preparing our taxes, there are resources available to help. Many communities offer free tax preparation services for seniors, provided by trained volunteers. These services can be invaluable, particularly for those with complex tax situations or limited financial resources. Additionally, the IRS offers free tax filing options for eligible individuals through their website, providing a convenient and accessible way to file taxes from the comfort of home.

Another crucial aspect of tax season is safeguarding ourselves against potential scams and identity theft. Unfortunately, tax season often brings out scammers looking to exploit unsuspecting individuals. It's important to remember that the IRS will never contact you via phone or email to demand immediate payment or threaten legal action. If you receive any suspicious communications purporting to be from the IRS, it's best to ignore them and report them to the appropriate authorities.

Finally, I want to remind everyone of the importance of seeking professional advice if needed. Tax laws can be complex, and it's perfectly okay to seek guidance from a qualified tax professional if you're unsure about any aspect of your tax return. Investing in expert assistance can provide peace of mind and ensure that your taxes are filed accurately and efficiently.

As we navigate through tax season together, let's approach it with a sense of diligence and preparedness. By staying informed, organized, and vigilant, we can tackle our taxes with confidence and emerge unscathed on the other side. Remember, tax season may come and go, but our commitment to financial responsibility and well-being remains steadfast.

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Lucille Lang

Lucille C. Lang, nee Ries, 91 years of Millstadt, IL, formerly of Smithton, IL., passed away on Monday, March 25, 2024 at St. Elizabeth Hospital, O Fallon, IL. She was born January 18, 1933, in Columbia, IL. Lucille was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Floraville, IL. along with being a member of the women's fellowship. She was also a member of the Smithton Turner Auxiliary and the rural letter carrier auxiliary. Lucille was a member of the Floraville Community Grange as well as the Illinois State Grange and the National Grange. Her other memberships included St. Clair Pomona, Modern Woodmen and Floraville/Mon-Clair Homemakers. She really enjoyed quilting, gardening & baking. Surviving are her daughters, Lynette (Don) Schaeffer & Lana Korte, her son, Leon (Joan) Lang, her grandchildren, Justin (Christina) Schaeffer, Brandon (Tina) Lang, Jolene (John Jr.) McDonald, Brian (Andie) Lang and Rebecca (Matt) Aguayo, her great grandchildren, Francesca (Dustin) Lang, Anthony (Renee) Skodachek, Joseph Skodachek, Bailey McDonald, Logan McDonald, William Boddy, Olivia Schaeffer, Lillian Schaeffer, Gage Lang, Brynn Lang, Felix Aguayo and Katalina Aguayo, her brothers, Harvey Ries & Marvin (Rosalie) Ries, her sister, Loretta (Joe) Vogt, sister-in-law, Myrt Metter, along with other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lavern W. Lang, her parents, Edwin & Frieda, nee Gummersheimer, Ries, her son-in-law, Jerry Korte, & her brother, Harold Ries. Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home, Millstadt.



Joan Fishbein

Joan M. Fishbein, nee Portman, 93 of Millstadt, IL, passed away on Saturday March 23, 2024. Joan was born on June 3, 1930, in New Athens, IL to Jacob and Bertha Portman, nee Schmelzel and her parents precede her in death. She was also preceded in death by her cousin Dora Hummert. Joan attended Point Lookout School, a one room schoolhouse in her early years, and later graduated from New Athens High School, class of 1948. She then worked for 50 years as a beautician. She was a past member of the Belleville Moose Club, the American Businesswomen's Association and the Belleville Women's Club. She also volunteered with Belleville Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary. Joan will be remembered as a devoted, loving mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin and dear friend of many. Left to cherish her memory are her sons: Harry (Norma) Fishbein, James (Mona) Fishbein, her brother William (the late Betty) Portman, her grandchildren: Jacob (Sara) Fishbein, Emily Fishbein, Shelley (Josh) Bradley and Anna (Matt) McCarty, her great-grandchildren: Lucas Fishbein, Will Fishbein, Wyatt Bradley, her cousin Allen Analla in addition to many nieces, nephews, extended family and beloved friends.



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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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Michael Bielke

Michael R. "Squiggy" Bielke, 49, of Millstadt, IL, born October 21, 1974, in St. Louis, MO, passed away at his residence on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Mike was a devoted husband and father. In his eyes, raising his daughter, Madison, was his greatest accomplishment. Never was there a father more proud than when she graduated college and began her career as a nurse at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

In May of 2023, he married the love of his life, Linda. They were creating their future homestead, which Mike jokingly referred to as the mount pilot compound. Together they loved to travel and find new adventures.

Mike graduated from Saint Louis University High School and then went on to Webster University. There he acquired his bachelor's degree in marketing and communications with a minor in photography.

After a lengthy career at several local Harley Davidson dealerships, he found his true calling customizing and repairing motorcycle seats. Deciding to venture off on his own in 2016, he opened Barstool Gypsy in downtown Belleville.

Mike "Squiggy" was a proud member of the Illinois Motorheads Motorcycle Club since 2006. During his association with the club, Squiggy served as Secretary and was currently serving as the club's Vice President. The bonds he formed with his brothers led to many wild adventures with both the Illinois and Ohio Chapters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dennis E. and Kathleen M., nee Kopff, Bielke.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, nee Ellis, Bielke, whom he married on May 20, 2023; a daughter, Madison Bielke (Eric Kniepkamp); two step-children, Jamie (Chris) Brown and Connor (Ashley) Davis; two siblings, Amy Bielke and Dennis (Tami) Bielke; five grandchildren, Ayda, Brynlee, and Otto Brown, and Olivia and Charlie Davis; four nieces, Hannah and Hayden Bielke, and Alexis Lasley and Aliyah Cahoon; and many dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Helping Strays of Monroe County. Arrangements were handled by Renner Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.



Bernell Peterson

Bernell J. Peterson April 5, 1937 - March 7, 2024 Maryville, Illinois - Bernell Joy Peterson, nee Baltz, was born April 5, 1937 in Belleville Illinois, died March 7, 2024 (Age 86) at Liberty Village, Maryville, Illinois.

Mrs. Peterson was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Hilda Baltz, nee Sensel. Her husband Marshall Peterson Jr. whom she married February 4, 1956 in Pocahontas Arkansas, a grandson Brandon Peterson, a sister Beverly Baltz Speedie, brother-in-law Thomas Speedie, a sister-in-law Norma Peterson, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Al and Jean Owen, nephews Bruce Owen, Mark Peterson and niece Christina Wooten.

Surviving are her three sons: Marshall (Lebecca) Peterson III of Troy IL, Blake (Diana) Peterson of Belleville IL and Lance Peterson of Belleville IL, a brother-in-law James M. Peterson of Fairview Heights IL, five grandchildren, Rachel (Dean) Lugge of New Baden IL, Tara (James) Sayres of Trenton IL, Ashley Peterson of Belleville IL, Lauren (Joel) Bishop of St. Louis MO, Ryan (Jamie Havel) Peterson of Belleville, four great-grandchildren, Reagan Lugge of New Baden IL, Lucas Sayres of Trenton IL and Wyatt and Wesley Bishop of St. Louis MO, six nieces; Connie (Ryan) Denny, Karen Nevarez, Barbie (Steve) Struck, Becky (Andy) Haines, Sherry Wooten, Kimberly (Kevin) Buskirk, Gail Owen; nephew Thomas C. Speedie; and a dear friend, Jonathan Hyland.

Bernell had the happiest childhood, with the best parents, growing up in Millstadt IL. Her parents, Hilda and Albert were married 63 years, and were an inspiration to their children and to all who knew them.

Bernell and husband Marshall celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with the family at Pere Marquette Lodge, February 4, 2016. They were married for 63 years.

Mrs. Peterson was a manager at Shoe Stop, Fairview Heights IL and retired from Dollar General, Belleville. She will be remembered for the love of her family and the many special times shared together, she enjoyed many dear friendships over the years.

She enjoyed genealogy and created many scrapbooks of family lineage. She enjoyed canning the fresh produce she and Marshall grew on their farm. She loved to go to flea markets and yard sales, looking for collectibles, and refurbishing antique furniture. She loved to dance. In the later years she enjoyed playing the slots at the casinos with her husband and good friends. She was a loyal fan of Cardinal baseball.

Memorials are appreciated to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were handled by Valhalla Gaerdner Holten Funeral Home, Belleville, Illinois.



William Tutka

William E. Tutka, 78, of Maestown, IL, died March 11, 2024, in St. Louis, MO. He was born September 20, 1945, in Granite City, IL.

He is survived by his wife Sandy Tutka, nee Wittlich; children Travis (Heather) Tutka and Brian Tutka; stepchildren Bryan (Dana) Snyder and Melissa Bredbenner (Roger Colbert); grandchildren Allison (Dave) Huff, Ashley Snyder (Stephen Sherwood), Andrew Snyder (Mira Todd), Addison & Avery Bredbenner, Chandler (Courtney) Tutka, and Brooke Tutka; great grandchildren Aubrey Snyder & Daxton Tutka & soon to be, Benjamin Huff; sisters & brother Sandy (John) Phillips, Jean (Bill) Runner, and Dave (Cheryl) Tutka; sister-in-law Darlene Grosse; nieces & nephews Stacy (Darrell) Longacre, Lisa (Eric) Bydairk, Christy Phillips-White, John Phillips, Jr., Justin Tutka, and Kyle Grosse; great-nieces; great-nephews; beloved cousins; and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Walter & Daphine (nee Craft) Tutka, and niece Jeannie Middendorf.

William was a member of St. John UCC - Maestown, Professional Engineer Society, a past member of Maestown Sportsmans Club, avid hunter, fisherman, gardener, and he enjoyed camping, especially hiking in Southern Illinois and Oregon. He was retired from Rhutasel Engineering.

As an expression of sympathy the family prefers memorial contributions to de Greef Hospice House or St. John UCC - Maestown.

Arrangements were handled by Quernheim Funeral Home, Waterloo, IL.



Mary Surgalski

Mary Ann Surgalski, 90, of Millstadt, IL, passed away on Sunday March 10, 2024, in Belleville, IL. She was born in St. Louis, MO on July 22, 1933, to John and Stella (Subda) Surgalski and her parents precede her in death.

Mary Ann was an only child and she lived with her parents until their passing. She was a devout Christian woman who touched the lives of all she met. She will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Vitas Hospice, 16 Executive Drive, Suite 100, Fairview Heights, IL 62208. Hoffen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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.

Betty Wykoff

Betty Wykoff, nee Kell, 86, of Belleville, IL, born December 20, 1937, in Pocahontas, AK, died Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

Betty was very active in the Little Devils Football Club. She was the program's cheerleading coordinator for many years, and she thoroughly enjoyed her time with the "Golden Girls", her special group of friends from Little Devils.

Betty loved swing dancing, especially the Jitterbug, with her husband, Don. She loved Yorkies, music, dancing, and cooking, and was even a three-time Bloody Mary Champion at the Collinsville Horseradish Festival. Betty loved spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by a son, David N. Wykoff; her parents, H. Houston and Lena P., nee Higginbottom, Kell; a brother, Ralph (Mary) Kell; and two sisters, Blanche (Irv) Schnitzer and Charlene (Haynes) Stanley.

Betty is survived by her loving husband of over 50 years, Donald N. Wykoff; three children, Donald Jr. (Susan) Wykoff, Dee (Bruce) Bergheger, and Angel (David) VonBokel; seven grandchildren, Alex, Katie, David (Katie), Kristin, Erin, Bruce Jr., and Lindsey; her great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; all of her caregivers, especially Zoe; her best friend, Rhonda; and many extended family members, including the Kostelac and Ripperda families.

Memorials may be made to Family Hospice. Arrangements were handled by Renner Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.

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Sharon Stallmann

Sharon Ann Stallmann, nee Vogt, 75 years of Millstadt, IL, passed away on Monday, March 4, 2024 at her residence. She was born February 10, 1949, in Belleville, IL.

Sharon was a home maker. She was a member of Concordia United Church of Christ in Belleville, IL., where she was baptized, confirmed, married and had taught Sunday School and was a member of the women's guild. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, cooking and baking.

Surviving are her husband of 52 years, Edgar Stallmann, Jr., whom she married on July 24, 1971, her daughter, Lisa Stallmann, her son, Dale (Heather) Stallmann, and her son, Dean Stallmann, her brothers; Dennis Vogt, Allen Vogt, and Dale (Sherri) Vogt, her sister-in-law, Joy Vogt, her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Judy (Milton II) Smith, her nieces and nephews, Derek (Kelly) Vogt, Megan Vogt, Ashley Vogt, Todd Vogt, Joy (Derek) McAllister, Mindy Smith and Milton (Becca) Smith III, her great nieces and great nephews, Nolan, Steve, Ethan, Meredith, Lane and Logan, step-sisters, Vicky Brennan and Kathy Scharf, step-brothers; Dan and Mark Scharf, special family; Hadley, Sawyer, Kati, and Marty Hrabusicky, step-nephews, Keith (Jennifer) Brennan and Eric Brennan, along with other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph Lester and Florence Edna, nee Scharf, Vogt, her step-mother, Rose Marie Scharf Vogt, her twin sister, Karen, her brother, Roger Earl Vogt, and step-brother, Marty Scharf.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to Concordia United Church of Christ 7600 State Route 163, Belleville, IL 62223.

Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home in Millstadt, IL.



Randall Hargraves

Randall Lee Hargraves, 70, of Millstadt, IL, passed away Saturday, February 24th, at his home. He was born on August 28, 1953, in Belleville, IL.

Randy was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother-in-law, uncle and friend. He treasured his family and adored his grandchildren. He never missed an opportunity to tell them how proud he was of them. He met the love of his life, Valerie, as a senior at Belleville West. After dating for five years, they were married on August 9, 1975. For the next 40 years, they were inseparable until Valerie passed away eight years ago.

Randy started his career at Southwestern Bell and retired as a Vice President of AT&T after 35 years. For those that worked with and for him, he was known for being tough, but honest and fair. His years of service left him with lifelong friends and memories. He was a passionate sports fan and attended college at Eastern University where he played and later coached football. He rarely missed a Rams, Cardinals, Blues or Chiefs game. Randy appreciated spending time with friends playing golf, poker, bridge and euchre. He enjoyed trivia games, playing Risk and watching game shows. He never let anyone beat him at board games - He loved to win.

Randy loved spending time with his family. He supported all his daughters' activities, from band and theater to cheerleading and soccer - even coaching the Bruisin' Babes soccer team. Randy served on the Harmony Emge-Ellis School Board for many years. He instilled a love of reading in his family and was passionate about great films.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Valerie (nee Hoffmann) Hargraves, his parents Norman and Mary (nee Kilborne) Hargraves and in-laws Jerry and Betty (nee Moore) Hoffmann.

He is survived by his two daughters, Holley (George) Aplin and Brittney (Grant) Mechlin. He was "Pa Pa" to five precious grandchildren: Jerry Aplin, Bree Aplin, Violet Aplin, Josie Mechlin and Mia Mechlin. Also surviving are his loving sister and brother-in-law Stan and Gayla VanSant, nephew Ian (Yasmin) VanSant, great-nephew Akram VanSant, brother Rick Hargraves and dear friend Donna Nowak. He will be deeply missed by family and countless friends whose lives he touched. Arrangements were handled by Valhalla Gaerdner Holten Funeral Home, Belleville, Illinois.



Jacqueline Dickerson

Jacqueline M. "Jackie" Dickerson, nee Seibold, 90, of Belleville, IL, born February 28, 1934, in Red Bud, IL, passed away Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Mercy Rehab and Care Center, Swansea, IL.

Jackie had a strong faith in God and was a long-time, active member of Christ United Church of Christ Belleville. Jackie had a great love for her family, and especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an avid reader and rarely missed a bingo game.

Jackie was preceded in death by her loving husband of 51 years, Carl Dickerson, whom she married on December 1, 1956; her son, Dennis Dickerson; two granddaughters, Kaylee Grabowski and Erica Dickerson; a great-grandson, Tristen Dolnick, and her parents, Russell and Marie, nee Boucher, Seibold.

Surviving are her children, Diana (Steve) Grabowski of Millstadt, IL, and Douglas Scott Dickerson of Jacksonville, FL; two grandchildren, Taylor (John) Brown of Belleville, IL, and Max Grabowski of Millstadt, IL; and seven dear great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Belleville Public Library. The family will be celebrating Jackie's life privately. Arrangements were handled by Renner Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.



Dorothy Cheek

Dorothy S. Cheek, nee Weber, 100, of Belleville, IL, born Monday, April 2, 1923, in Millstadt, IL, passed away Saturday, February 24, 2024 at St. Paul's Home in Belleville, IL.

Dorothy worked as a Secretary for City of Belleville. She was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ in Belleville IL and V.F.W. Post 1739. She started at the City of Belleville where she worked directly in the City Treasurer's office during tax collection, then became Secretary to Mayor Munie and later to Mayor Nichols, where she served for 11 years.

She belonged to the Spiritual Growth and Ladies & Mens Fellowship at Trinity and was a Life member of V.F.W.-Aux. 1739 in Millstadt, IL.

She was preceded in death by her First Husband, Leroy Jacob Noerper, Husband, J.W. Cheek, Father, Alfred Weber, Mother, Alvina, nee Haas, Weber, Brother, Frederick Weber, Sisters Dolores Toenjes, Lorene Petri, and Irma Olson

Surviving are her Son, LeRoy A. (YunSun) Noerper of Norcross, GA, Grandchildren Sam Yun, Mina Yun (Steve Lee), Great grandchildren Hudson, Jackson, and Benson; Dear nieces and nephews.

Memorials: Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

Arrangements were handled by Kurrus Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.



Gary Adams

Gary Eugene Adams, 76, of Millstadt, IL, passed away peacefully on Saturday March 9, 2024. He was born on January 3, 1948, in Anna, IL to Charles E. "Bud" and Doris (Fuller) Adams and his father precedes him in death.

Gary grew up in Belleville, IL and graduated from Belleville Township High School, class of 1966. He then attended Belleville Area College and SIU Edwardsville. Gary worked as a stockbroker until his retirement. He then went to work as a security guard in his later years. Gary was an avid coin collector and member of several area coin clubs. He was also a past member of the Fairview Heights Jaycees. In his spare time, Gary loved to attend live auctions with friends. He also enjoyed participating in online auctions in search of treasures. He was a talented vegetable and flower gardener. Gary will be remembered as a loving father, son, grandfather and brother.

Left to cherish his memory is his mother, Doris Adams; his children: Amy (Doug) Benisch and Michelle (George) Reiher; his sister, Sheryl (Tom) Yackamouih; his grandchildren: Charlie Benisch, Mia Benisch, Maddie Benisch and Braeden Reiher; his nephew, Justin Yackamouih and great-nephew, Radley Yackamouih in addition to his extended family and beloved friends.

Memorial contributions in memory of Gary E. Adams may be directed to St. Paul United Church of Christ in Floraville, IL or Shriner's Hospitals for Children. Arrangements by Hoffer Funeral Home.



Donna Heafner

Donna Jo Heafner, nee Bendick, 79, of Belleville, IL, born March 29, 1944, in East St. Louis, IL, died Monday, March 4, 2024, at her residence.

Donna worked as a secretary for the St. Clair County Board for many years. She loved her cats, going golfing, raising flowers, and was an avid St. Louis Cardinal Baseball fan. Donna was a lifelong member of Signal Hill Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 55 years, Francis E. "Frank" Heafner, whom she married on August 26, 1967, and who died on January 2, 2023; her parents, Martin Sr. and Geneva W., nee Stimson, Bendick; and her brother, Martin Bendick, Jr.

Surviving are her sister, Diane (Tom) Surber; a brother, Stephen (Vicki) Bendick; many nieces and nephews; and many dear friends.

Memorials may be made to Signal Hill Lutheran Church and the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were handled by Renner Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.

