



A Newly Installed Eagle Atop The Flagpole Was Officially Dedicated At A Ceremony At The Millstadt Senior Center

The eagle is a beautiful addition to the flagpole and added a patriotic touch to the senior center. Everyone at the senior center was impressed with the new eagle and it quickly became a favorite feature of the building. Vicky Dill, daughter of veteran Ron Dill was pleased with her donation and happy to see how much joy it brought to the seniors. The eagle symbolized freedom and strength, serving as a reminder of the values the senior center stood for. Overall, the new eagle was a wonderful addition to the Millstadt Senior Center and Vicky was proud to have made the purchase. During the ceremony, Director Patty Evansco spoke about the importance of honoring those who have served and continue to serve our country and community. Veteran Ron Dill also expressed his gratitude for the donation of the eagle and the significance it holds for him and his fellow servicemen. The flagpole with its new eagle topper now stands tall inside the Senior Center, serving as a symbol of respect and gratitude for all those who have dedicated their lives to keeping our country safe.



Veterans Ron Dill and Fred Harres posing with our flag's new eagle.

From Below The Tower



Patty Evansco

In April we had our biannual fiscal review. After doing this for many years, I'm getting the hang of it and know exactly what I am going to need. After the review, I was informed that we would be eligible for extra grant money if we needed new equipment or perhaps \$1.00 subsidy for each of our Home Delivered Meals through March 31, 2024. We have new doors and faucets and the \$1.00 per meal subsidy will help us out greatly.

Fourteen years ago this month, I was filled with excitement and nervousness as I accepted the Director position. I couldn't believe that I was going to be leading such a wonderful organization that served the community so well. I quickly got to work, meeting with staff, volunteers, and community members to learn more about the Center and how I could best serve its mission.

Over the years, I have seen the Center grow and evolve in so many ways. We have expanded our programs and services, renovated the building, and formed partnerships with other organizations to better serve our community. It has been a challenging but rewarding journey, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of it.

Yesterday as I stood there in the quiet of the morning, reminiscing about my journey at the Center, I felt a sense of pride and gratitude. I am thankful for the support of the board, staff, volunteers, and community members who have helped make the Center what it is today. I am honored to be a part of this organization, and I look forward to many more years of serving the community and making a positive impact.

During May we have fun activities planned and would love for you all to take part. We're thankful for your support and are looking forward to seeing you. Everything that Millstadt Township Senior Center represents says connection to us. Enjoy your May!!

Patty



Sharing The Eclipse Experience



Thousands of travelers might've headed south to see the total solar eclipse, but people gathered at the Millstadt Senior Center Monday in Millstadt thought they had the best seat on Earth.

Nearly 25 people turned out for a solar eclipse party hosted by the senior center, which began around 10:00 a.m. Seniors gathered for Solar Eclipse Bingo, free viewing glasses, Cosmic Brownies, and prizes.

Many headed home after lunch, but Ed Luecking, Sandy Dressler-Sanders and Patty Evansco stayed at the Senior Center to watch the life changing event. "It was amazing to see the moon slowly move across the sun and eventually cover it nearly completely," said Sandy. "It is remarkable to see how nature around you responds to the eclipse," commented Ed. Patty added, "It was truly a memorable moment." Patty, Ed, and Sandy all agreed that they were happy they decided to stay and watch the eclipse.

As the eclipse passed and daylight returned to normal, the group continued to discuss their experiences and share stories. Overall, it was a day to remember at the Millstadt Senior Center.



Eclipse Bingo



Ed, Patty and Sandy gazing at the solar eclipse.

Mother's Day Gift

Mother's Day is May 12th, and if you need something special for a gift consider a "prepaid meal ticket" for your mother, grandmother, neighbor, or friend. Meal tickets are \$6.00 each and may be used for noon meals at the Senior Center or to receive the meals delivered to their home. They also make a great incentive for someone to start using the meal service. For more information, call the Senior Center at 476-3731.

Easter At Granny's House

Everyone loves going to Grandma's House for the ultimate family gathering. Adults and kids are ready to enjoy yummy Easter treats, and of course, the highlight of the day – the Easter egg hunt!

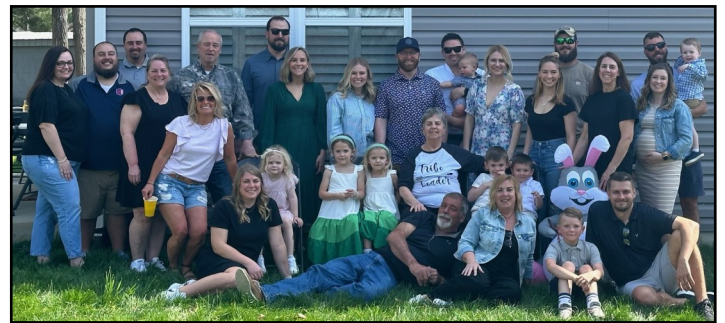
After the egg hunt, we all gather around the table for a delicious Easter feast prepared by Granny and the aunts. From ham and cheesy potatoes to corn casserole and deviled eggs, there's something for everyone to enjoy. And let's not forget about the dessert table, filled with homemade pies, cakes, and cookies.

As we sit around the table, sharing stories and laughter, I can't help but feel grateful for these moments spent with my family. The joy and love that fills Granny's House on Easter Sunday is truly something special.

And as the day ends, we all say our goodbyes with full hearts and happy bellies, already looking forward to next year's gathering at Grandma's House. Because no matter how old we get, there's nothing quite like the magic of Easter at Grandma's House.



Evelyn Weber surrounded by her children and grandchildren.



Carol Terveer celebrating Easter with her children and grandchildren.



Patty Evansco poses with her grandchildren on Easter.

Memorial Day Observance

Memorial Day isn't about a long weekend road trip, barbeque or clothing sales. The real meaning is much more somber.

Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day Holiday honors all soldiers who died during service to the nation.

The origins of the holiday can be traced back to local observations for soldiers with neglected gravesites during the Civil War. Until WW I, Civil War soldiers were solely honored on this holiday until WWI.

The Village and local cemeteries will honor our veterans with a display of American flags.

There Was Something For Everyone At The Purse Palooza

The Big Ole Bag and Jewelry committee members spent weeks organizing and planning the sale, coordinating donations, setting up displays, and promoting the event to the community.

Both Friday and Saturday there was a great turnout with many people coming to shop and support the cause. The sale offered a wide variety of items, including purses, handbags, jewelry, and accessories, all generously donated by members of the community. The Millstadt Pharmacy donated several large boxes of sunglasses, reading glasses, purses, wallets, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, and many other new items.

Thanks to the hard work of the committee, Marlou Eckert, Eileen Doerr, Trudy Famula, Judy Baczewski, and Kathy Schaefer and the generosity of donors, the sale was a huge success, exceeding our fundraising goal of \$1,000. The funds raised will go towards supporting our cause and making a positive impact in the community.

The Senior Center is grateful for the support and contributions of everyone involved in making the Big Ole Bag and Jewelry Sale a success. We look forward to organizing more successful events in the future and continuing to make a difference in our community.



Big Ole Bag and Jewelry Committee sporting some of the sunglasses that were donated.



Judy Butzinger and her Alton friends shopping and trying on sunglasses at the Big Ole Bag and Jewelry Sale.

Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation

In 1963 President John F. Kennedy and members of the National Council of Senior Citizens designated May as Older American month. In 2013, the Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation was established to ensure local seniors would benefit from the Meals on Wheels program in the future. Ten years later the SMBF continues to serve the local seniors not just in the month May but the other eleven months as well.

The Foundations supports the MOWS program by purchasing the "Olivers" or the compartment serving plates used for all the meals delivered or picked-up at the Senior Center. In addition, the SMBF maintains the van purchased by the Foundation to deliver MOWS.

Thank-you to all everyone who supports the Meals on Wheels on Program. You keep the wheels turning!

New Doors For Millstadt Community Center

The new doors have already received positive feedback from the seniors and staff at the

center, who are grateful for the improved accessibility and security they provide. The project has been a long time coming, but everyone is excited to see the result.

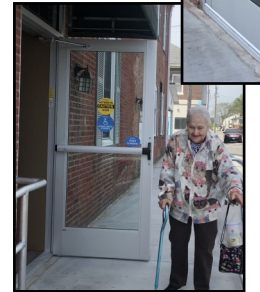
Scharf Construction has been praised for their professionalism and attention to detail throughout the installation process. They have worked closely with the center's management team to ensure that the new doors

meet all safety and accessibility standards.

With the new exterior doors in place, the Millstadt Senior Community Center is looking forward to welcoming more visitors and serving the community even better. The center offers a variety of programs

and activities for seniors, and the improved entrance will make it easier for everyone to access these resources.

Overall, the installation of the new doors at the Millstadt Senior Community Center has been a success, and the center is now looking forward to completing the final touches on the project. Everyone is excited to see the positive impact the new doors will have on the community. The funding for these doors was provided by the Department of Aging and AgingIS.



CALENDAR CHANGE

Dining Out **date** and **restaurant** has been changed to Joe Bacardi's .
(see below)

Dining Out

Wednesday
May 29, 2024



Columbia, IL

Leave Senior Center Promptly at 4:00 pm

Call Senior Center For Reservations 618-476-3731

Taste of Ott's

Join us @ Ott's Tavern & Restaurant
(20 E. Washington, Millstadt)

May Dinner

Turkey Breast roasted w/Lemon & Sage, Risotto,
Fresh Asparagus, Fruit Dessert,
Milk, Coffee, Tea and Water

Monday, May 13th

At 4:30p.m.

Enjoy Great Food, Prizes, and Fellowship!

Suggested Contribution \$6.00/meal

RSVP to Senior Center (618) 476-3731

By May 10, 2024.

(Limited to 50)

Meal is subsidized by AgeSmart.

Must be 60 or over to attend.



***Call 618-476-3731 to sign up for
River City Casino Trip
Wed., May 22, 2024***

9:00-11:30

*(Will return to Senior
Center for Lunch)*

***Departing @ 8:30am
From Senior Center***

Social Security Info

Question:

Can I refuse to give my Social Security number to a private business?

Answer:

Yes. You can refuse to disclose your Social Security number, and you should be careful about giving out your number. But be aware, the person requesting your number can refuse services if you don't give it. Businesses, banks, schools, private agencies, etc., are free to request someone's number and use it for any purpose that doesn't violate a federal or state law.

FYI: For some services the Senior Center is required to have your Social Security Number on file.

Millstadt Pharmacy Sponsors Senior Center Bingo



Friday, May 3rd

12:30 PM

**Everyone is a Winner!
Prizes donated by Millstadt
Pharmacy Gift Shop**

'How Are You?' A Phone Call Lets Seniors Know Someone Cares

It's a simple act of kindness, but it makes a world of difference to those on the other end of the line. Just hearing a friendly voice checking in on them can brighten their day and provide a sense of companionship and connection. In a time where social isolation is more prevalent than ever, these phone calls serve as a lifeline for seniors who may be feeling lonely or forgotten. It's a reminder that they are cared for and valued, and that someone is there for them. And for volunteers like Joan, it's a fulfilling way to give back to their community and make a positive impact in someone's life. It's a simple gesture that goes a long way in spreading kindness and compassion.



Joan Bevirt on the phone making Wellness Calls to Senior Center clients.

Millpond Event

The Millstadt Sister Cities organization will be participating at the MillPond Maifest, May 18 and May 19. Sister Cities will be serving potato pancakes and Schubert's brat burgers. The food will be available from noon to 8:00 pm on Saturday and noon to 5:00 pm on Sunday. Music and a special beer release will also add to the festival. Net proceeds from the food sales at the MillPond Maifest will be donated to the Millstadt Food Pantry and the Millstadt Township Senior Services Meal Program.

Enjoy the music, have some food and know the proceeds from the event are going to support local non-profit organizations.

Golf Ball Drop

It's time for the Annual Millstadt Senior Center Golf Ball drop on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in connection with the Millstadt Firemen's Picnic.

Tickets are \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00 for a golf ball with a number on it. First Place \$200 cash, Second Place 2 Cardinal Tickets, Third Place \$100 cash and Fourth Place \$75 cash.

Each of these balls is loaded into a duffle bag and over 500 golf balls are dropped from a bucket truck onto our simulated green. The closest ball to or in the hole will win \$200.

Golf balls that fall into the hole will be lifted out and recorded in the order in which they were removed. The golf ball at the bottom of the hole shall be declared the first-place winner of each of the four prizes.

Should no golf balls fall into the hole, it will be necessary to measure surrounding golf balls to ascertain the closest to the hole.

For more information or to get a ticket please visit or call the Senior Center at (618) 476-3731



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



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SISTER CITIES ORGANIZATION

In cooperation with Millpond Brewing
Millstadt Sister Cities will serve
POTATO PANCAKES and BRAT BURGERS

Saturday, May 18; Noon – 8 pm

Sunday, May 19; Noon – 5 pm

Net proceeds from food sales at Millpond Maifest
will be donated to
Millstadt Food Pantry
Millstadt Township Senior Services Meal Program

It's May - Farmers Market Is Back

Who knows, maybe we will be selling Morels at the Millstadt Township Farmers Market! Will be opening FRIDAY MAY 17th @ 3 to 6:00 pm at the VFW Event Center. We are so excited to be bringing this Community event to you for your enjoyment. We will be boasting lots of vendors, customers and surprises. Still no VENDORS FEE, nobody else is doing this! Thanks to the Township and VFW for this gift!! Millstadt Township Bonus Bucks will be given out at every market date. Please come by to sell, buy or just be a part of this event with the VFW. Don't forget the VFW for your Friday evening meal. We must support the Veterans and their cause.



Community Kindness

Community Kindness of Belleville has been a faithful supporter of the Sandra M. Bereitschaft Meals on Wheels program for several years. The grant money from Community Kindness helps the foundations purchase the disposable serving dishes and supplies needed to deliver MOWS. As with many items, the cost of these containers has also increased and all donations are used to support the MOWS program. Thank-you Community Kindness for your support.

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Free At The Senior Center**

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4th of July

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FIREWORKS**

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FIREWORKS START AT 9PM

MILLSTADT PARK

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CHECK?**

SEND CHECKS TO:
DISPLAY OF INDEPENDENCE
PO BOX 321 MILLSTADT, IL 62260

**SNAP, MEDICAID & LIHEAP
APPLICATIONS**

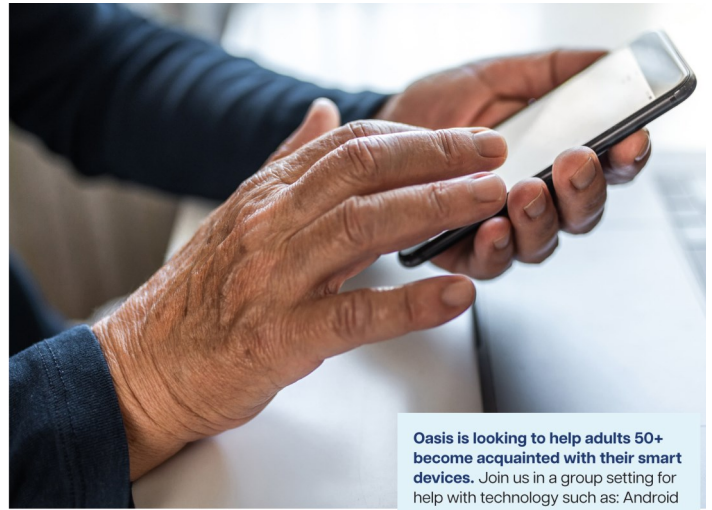
Missy from AgeSmart will be here
May 15, 2024
From 9:00 am to 12:00 am
Call (618) 476-3731 for appointment

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#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

Ask a Techie

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



Tech Time

Drop-In Tech Help

Fri., May 24 @ 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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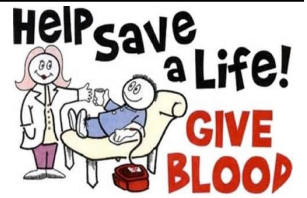
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Dates to Remember

May 4, Millstadt Historical Society, Village Wide
May 8, Zion Evangelical Spring Luncheon 12 Noon
May 8, Music @ Senior Center 11:30AM
May 11, MCS Odyssey of the Mind, BBQ & Bake Sale @ Millpond 3-7PM
May 11, Optimist Taste of Millstadt
May 12, Mother's Day
May 13, Taste of Ott's 4:30 PM
May 17, Music @ Senior Center 11AM
May 17, Millstadt Farmers Market, 3:00-6:00, at the VFW.
May 18 & 19, Millpond Maifest - Music, brats, potato pancakes and beer
May 19, Millstadt Water Tower Half Marathon
May 20, Music @ Senior Center 11AM
May 22, River City Casino, Leave Senior Center @ 8:30AM
May 27, Memorial Day, Senior Center Closed
May 29, Dining Out, Joe Bocardi's, 4PM

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

Pool Passes

Pool passes for the Millstadt pool and splash pad will be available at the Village Hall starting May 1. Lifeguard applications are still being accepted. Contact Jennifer at millstadtpool@villageofmillstadt.org. Applications may also be picked-up at the Millstadt Village Hall.



Music At The Senior Center

Wednesday, May 8th @ 11:30AM - Art Dickerson
Friday, May 17th @ 11AM - Shirley Schwartz
 Celeste Krausz & Earl Doerr
Monday, May 20th @ 11AM - Carla Johnson
 Old Country Music

Bag Tournament Results

March 28, 2024

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

April 4, 2024

- 1 Ralph Schneider & Vernon Wienhoff
- 2 Arlene Sandheinrich & Dorothy Bagsby
- 3 Sharon Moergen & Carol Esplenlaub
- 4 Toni Schneider & Alice LaMastus
- 5 Fred Harres & Evelyn Weber

April 11, 2024

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

April 18, 2024

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

**BATTLE
OF THE
BAGS**

Apr. Corn Hole Champions

- 1- Place - Tie**
 Thelma Short 2x
 Vernon Wienhoff 2x
2- Place -
 Fred Harres 3x
3rd Place - Tie
 Alice LaMastus 2x
 Vernon Wienhoff 2x
4th Place
 Toni Schneider 3x

- Drinks for sale through Millpond Brewing!



Odyssey of the Mind BBQ and Bake Sale

**Saturday,
May 11th**

Pulled Pork, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, and Baked Goods

3-7 PM
Millpond
Brewery
Millstadt, IL



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. **Items for fabric grab may be dropped off at the Senior Center. PLEASE, DO NOT DROP OFF ITEMS ON THE FRONT PORCH!!!**



Senior Social Services Information

Benefit Access

What you will need to bring when filing for benefit access:

You will need to bring your Social Security 1099, completed income tax forms and W2 forms (if you are filing prior to tax day, April 15, you will need last year's 1099 and taxes and as such after tax day, April 15, you will need your current year 1099 and taxes), as well as your spouse's information. If you do not file taxes, you will need to sign a paper when you have your application submitted.

Benefit Access requirements:

1. Age

- you must be 65 years of age or older by December 31 of the current year; or
- you must be 16 years of age or older and totally disabled before January 1 of this year.

NOTE: "Person with a disability" means a person unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of a medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.

2. Residency

- you must live in Illinois at the time you file your application.

3. Income Limit Eligibility for the License Plate discount and/or Ride Free Transit Card: (Income limit increase effective 1/1/2020.)

Your total income last year must be less than

- \$33,562 for a 1 person household (yourself only); or
- \$44,533 for a 2 person household (yourself and your spouse, or yourself and one Qualified Additional Resident); or
- \$55,500 for a 3 person household (yourself, your spouse and one Qualified Additional Resident, or yourself and two Qualified Additional Residents).

NOTE: You must include your spouse's income if married and living together on December 31 of last year. If your spouse died last year, you would file as single and claim only your income. Do NOT include the income of a Qualified Additional Resident.

Eligibility is good for two years under the Benefit Access Program. The two-year period starts the date your application is approved. You may file again beginning 90 days before your eligibility expires.

Who qualifies as disabled?

To qualify as disabled, you must be at least 16 years of age prior to January 1 of the current year and be determined totally and permanently disabled from one of the following:

- Social Security Administration (Get Your Social Security Benefit Verification Online with mySocialSecurity), or
- Veterans Administration, or
- Civil Service, or
- Railroad Retirement,

or have one of the following:

- a Class 2 disability card from the Illinois Secretary of State's office, or
- a completed Physician's Statement that meets the total disability criteria established by the Social Security Administration.

Who is a Qualified Additional Resident?

- A Qualified Additional Resident is an individual, other than your spouse,
- who lived with you in the same residence last year and this year up to the time you file your Benefit Access Application; and
- for whom you, or you and your spouse, provided more than half of that person's total financial support last year; and
- who is not or should not be filing a separate Benefit Access Application.

Qualified Additional Residents are not eligible for benefits.

What if I am NOT a U.S. citizen?

You do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for a license plate discount or ride free transit card. However, you must have a Social Security number to fill out a Benefit Access Application. In the case of a married couple both individuals must have their own Social Security number. Qualified Additional Residents must also have their own Social Security number.

What if I am married?

- If you are married and you and your spouse lived together on December 31 of last year, you must complete one Benefit Access Application and report your total combined income. Your spouse cannot apply separately.
- If one or both of you resided in a nursing home, you should each complete a separate Benefit Access Application.
- If you and your spouse were permanently separated on December 31 of last year and are living at different addresses, you may each complete a separate Benefit Access Application, but may be required to prove that you are not living together by sending us legal separation papers from the court, divorce papers or a US1040 for each, indicating separate addresses.
- If you are a surviving spouse as of December 31 of last year, then you should file as single using only your income from last year.

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.

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.

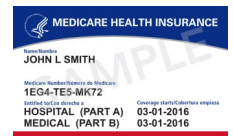
To learn more about our safety measures and restrictions before visiting our offices, visit our webpage, How to Get Help from Social Security.

Senior Health Insurance Program New (S.H.I.P)

During the summer months, Medicare beneficiaries may find it beneficial to start preparing in advance for Medicare's annual enrollment period which begins October 15th and ends December 7th. In the fall, your drug plan or health plan will mail to you an Annual Notice of Change letter or "ANOC," which will outline all the changes that will be made to your plan beginning January 1st. Before you receive these letters, we recommend scheduling an appointment with your primary care physician to review any medications that you are taking. This is especially useful if you have medications prescribed by more than one doctor. You may want to discuss the effectiveness of the medications, the strength and dosage, and what alternatives are available. Having this conversation with your doctor at least annually will prevent you from taking medications that are no longer needed or no longer effective. You may also find it beneficial to talk to your pharmacist. This may also help you save money! If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call Millstadt Township Senior Services at (618) 476-3731 and we would 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.



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.



Sharon
And The
Quilt She
Made

Quilters Help Complete A Project



Together, the quilters carefully hand-stitched the layers of fabric and batting to create a beautifully intricate design. Sharon Moergen watched in awe as her once simple quilt top transformed into a work of art. The senior center quilters worked with precision and care, ensuring that every stitch was perfectly placed. As they completed the quilting process, Sharon couldn't help but feel grateful for their skill and dedication. Finally, after hours of work, the quilt was finished. Sharon ran her fingers over the soft, quilted surface, feeling the love and craftsmanship that had gone into its creation. She was thrilled with the end result and couldn't wait to proudly display her beloved quilt in her home.

The senior center quilters had not only helped Sharon bring her vision to life, but they had also created a lasting memory of their time spent working together. Sharon was filled with gratitude for their help and knew that she would cherish this beautiful quilt for years to come.

Millstadt Senior Center quilters can help you get your quilt top finished. Call (618) 476-3731 for more information.

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All Ride Reservations Should Be
Made Through The Office Please
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Appointments Thank You*

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Laundry Detergent, Crackers/Cheese,
Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter/Crackers,
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Sugar Free Candy & Sugar Free Snacks

Join us for a Cornhole Tournament!

Sunday May 19th at 12:45 p.m. Games begin at 1:00 p.m.

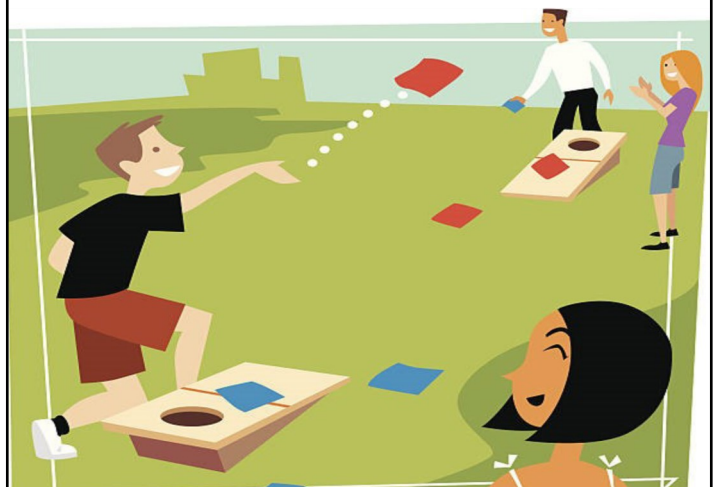
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\$5/person, paid at the event

Cash Prizes for top 3 teams!

Bring your own drinks and snacks

Call Andrew (618) 973-1006 to reserve a spot by May 12th



DID YOU SIGN IN?

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

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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



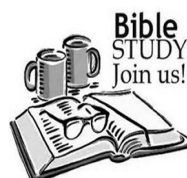
Bible Study At Senior Center

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

Mondays @ 10 AM

This Is

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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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BIBLE TALK

THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

Our study today will focus on the first of the Hebrew prophets, Abraham. Christians are taught that the Bible was written by man inspired by God. In God's Holy Word God tells us what we need to know! The story of Abraham is found in Genesis. The first book in the Bible & written by another great patriarch Moses (inspired by God)

The first twelve chapters deal with creation. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Genesis 1:1). In the rest of the fifty chapters God tells us (via Moses) the story of Abraham and his family. WOW! Thirty-eight chapters! God certainly must have felt we had a need to know this man, Abraham!

challenge yourself to read chapters 12-25. The first time God spoke to Abraham, 12:1-3. The last time God spoke to Abraham, 22:16-18. Chapter 23 gives us the glimpse of hope of everlasting life. Chapter 25 tells us of the death of Abraham at the age of 175 years. His wife Sarah preceded him in death at the age of 127 years, 23:1-2. AND Abraham is mentioned seventy-four times in the New Testament as well. NEED TO KNOW!

John 8:31-41. THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM. Jesus is speaking to a group of Jewish believers in terms of the faith, but his words are falling on ears with only earthly teaching. He tells them: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (The truth being of course, there will be a Messiah and through him, IF YOU BELIEVE, you will never die. But these "Children" become indignant and challenge him: "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves to anyone. How can you say we shall be set free?" Jesus replies, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin." And just who are these sinners? The Bible tells us! "For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus!"

God revealed himself to Abraham and here God Incarnate reveals himself to the children of Abraham and they deny him! What a terrible, hurtful moment this must have been for Jesus. Sent by his Father God to save these lost sheep of Israel. "If you were Abraham's children, said Jesus, then you would do things Abraham did. As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth I heard from God." (vs 34-40). The children of Abraham have lost their faith and no longer trust God. They say to Jesus: "The only Father we have is God himself."

God promised Abraham that he would become a great nation and that through him and his descendants, ALL PEOPLE ON EARTH WOULD BE BLESSED. Through his second son Isaac (born to Abraham and Sarah) all Jews and Gentiles. Through his firstborn Ishmael (born to Abraham and Hagar) the prophet Mohammad. Jesus himself traces his genealogy back to Abraham. We, the children of the faith, are ALL children of Abraham and hear God's words through our faithfulness and our trust in the LORD.

"Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved." (Acts 16:31)

FOR ALL MOTHERS: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY. God bless you every day! "Only God himself fully appreciates the influence a Christian mother in the molding of character of her children." (Rev. Billy Graham)

A PRAYER TO ALL VETERANS. "Dear Lord, let us never forget the sacrifices they have made for us. We ask that you give our veterans a peace beyond what they fought to secure, a peace in their own hearts, wrapped in the joy of a life touched by your strong hand. In Jesus we pray. Amen. (Anon).

Blessing and Peace, Pat Morris



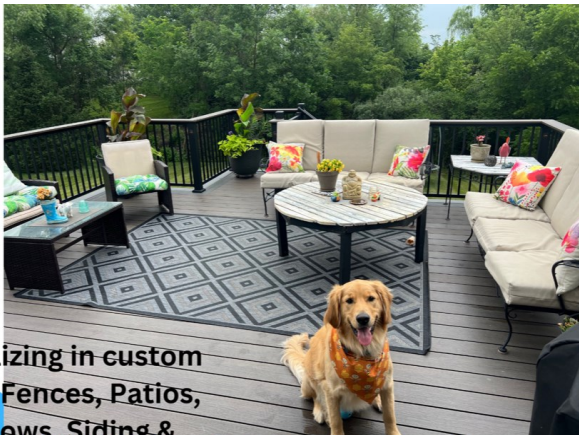
Millstadt's 50th Parade Anniversary Court Included Home Town Girl Darlene Slovinski

Darlene had grown up in Millstadt and her family had a long history in the town. She was known for her kind heart and infectious smile, making her a beloved member of the community.

As part of the Anniversary Court, Darlene rode on a beautifully decorated float, waving to the crowd and smiling ear to ear. She wore a dazzling gown as she waved to all the spectators along the parade route.

The town of Millstadt was thrilled to have Darlene represent them for their 50th anniversary celebration. She brought a sense of pride and joy to the community, and her presence made the day even more special for everyone involved.

Darlene Slovinski will always be remembered as the part of the court for Millstadt's 50th anniversary celebration, a shining example of the town's spirit and community pride.



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Million Dollar Pancakes

You may not have a million dollars to spend on a Mother's Day gift, but the following recipe will make for a great start for a Sunday brunch for Mom. Maybe with a little help from Dad the family can enjoy preparing the meal together. Remember to pick-up some fresh strawberries to top-off the pancakes.

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 Tablespoons granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 cups whole-milk ricotta cheese
- ¾ cup whole milk
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest plus ¼ cup fresh juice (from 2 lemons).
- Powdered sugar
- Butter
- Maple syrup
- Whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a large bowl until well combined.
- Whisk together ricotta, milk, melted butter, eggs, lemon zest, and lemon juice in a separate bowl. Form a well in flour mixture and add the ricotta mixture, stirring until just combined (batter will be lumpy). Let batter stand at room temperature while the griddle or large skillet heats.
- Heat a griddle or large skillet over medium high heat and brush with butter. Working in batches, dollop 2 tablespoon scoops of batter into pan 2 inches apart. Cook until browned on each side, about 2 minutes per side, adjusting heat as needed.
- Garnish with powdered sugar, serve with butter and syrup.
- Note: For regular size pancakes, uses ¼ cup portions for each pancake.



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Everyone Loves Bingo

The Garden Place bingo games were a hit on Friday April 26, 2024, everyone trying their luck to win a variety of gift bags filled with prizes such as candy, lotions, soaps and other goodies. The atmosphere was lively and friendly with Activities Director Pamela Darnell leading plenty of laughter and good-natured competition. Overall, Bingo at the Millstadt Senior Center was a huge success, thanks to the efforts of Garden Place and the support of the community. The seniors had a wonderful time, and everyone left with smiles and prizes in hand. Thank you, Garden Place, for hosting such a fun and enjoyable event for the seniors in our community. We look forward to the next Bingo event on May 24th.

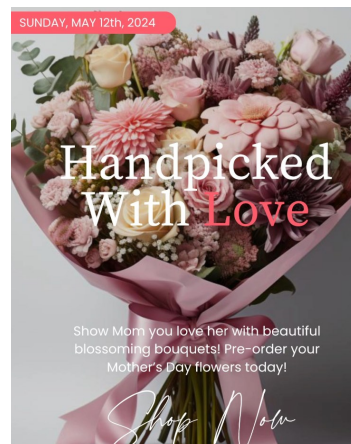
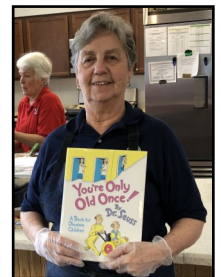


Pamela from Garden Place hosts Bingo

"The Gift Of Friendship: Carol's Birthday Party At The Senior Center"

The Millstadt seniors at the center were happy to celebrate Carol Terveer's birthday with her. They all sang "Happy Birthday" to her, and she was truly touched by their thoughtfulness.

As a token of their appreciation for her hard work and dedication, the senior center presented Carol with a special gift - a copy of the book "You're Only Old Once" by Dr. Seuss. The book brought a smile to Carol's face, and she couldn't wait to read it and enjoy some laughs. Carol felt truly grateful for the love and support shown to her on her birthday, and she enjoys the wonderful community she has at the senior center. The Center couldn't imagine her not being here and look forward to many more years of her volunteering and celebrating with her friends.



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Richard Barthel
Sam Searce | Judy Bruehl
Richard McNally
Virginia Capone
Yvonne Phillips |
| 2 Anna Wilson
Dave Muskopf | 18 Ronald Hausmann
Wayne Clark
Marilyn Braun |
| 3 Betty Hines
David Scharf
Helen Hildebrand
Junior Grant
Richard Feazel | 20 Patricia Schmeder
Ronald Klein
21 Elizabeth Pluff
Larry Muskopf
Robert Hilmes
Robert Trokey |
| 4 Diane Kern
Gayle Braun
Jackie Jackson | 22 Danial Kish
24 Charlene Faulbaum
Dale Papenberg
Maxine Hood |
| 5 Clara Arras
Joy Albert
Verla Hoffman | 25 Arlene Sandheinrich
Gerald Faris
Nancy Bergman |
| 6 Janet Lathrem
Janice Kelley
Joyce McMahon | 26 Betty McCombs
Charlette Threlkeld
Dorothy Bagsby
Sue Hucke
Suzanne Bundy |
| 7 Earl Rodenberg
Kathleen Raitt | 27 Sharon Moergen
28 Betty Bolt
Curt Gericke
Delores Long
Nancy Wessel |
| 8 Marvin Albert
9 Donald Mertz
Janice Sheldon | 29 Mary Hollenkamp
30 Shirley Rinck
31 Donald Keck
Frank Norkus
Kenneth Akin
Kermit Muelken
Kermit Mueller
Rich Herbeck
William Odum |
| 10 Susan Sager
11 John Morton
Karl Bangert
Ronald Peters | |
| 12 Aaron Arras
Wayne Muskopf | |
| 13 Betty Duncan
Vernon Wienhoff | |
| 15 Billie Louthan
Dale Cresswell
Jane Kuester
Judith Guenther
William Kunkle | |
| 16 David Drennan
17 Janet Ellsworth
Jeff Buehler | |

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 Chase Faris Matecki
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 Nellie Schlemmer
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 Carol Terveer
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 Mike Walter
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 Katelyn Womack

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 John Baltz
 Jenny Bernstein
 Randy Blakely
 Gerry Brenner
 Jackie Brenner
 Paula Burch
 Randy Burk
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 Scott Courtney
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- Story time-a period of quiet and discussion.
- Play time-outdoor recess time (if weather permits) using the swing set, triangles, hot wheels, and jungle gym; if indoors-toys are brought out.

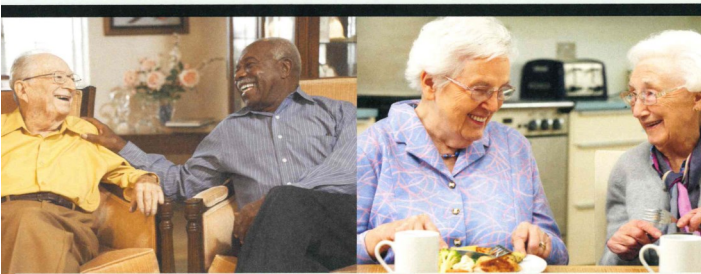
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We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the AARP volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this tax season a success. Your hard work and generosity have not gone unnoticed, and we are so grateful for everything you do for our community.

There were 264 clients who were able to save a total of \$72,600 in income tax preparation fees. The AARP volunteers were able to secure these taxpayers \$105,732 in Federal refunds and \$9,685 in State refunds. Millstadt Township Senior Services is very happy and grateful to host AARP free tax preparation and consulting service each year.

We would also like to thank all our clients for trusting us with their tax preparation needs. We are honored to be able to provide this valuable service to our community, and we look forward to continuing to serve you in the future.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2024 Income Tax Season a success. We couldn't have done it without you!

Did you know that more than 9 million Americans likely qualify for property tax relief, but only about 8 percent of them apply for it, according to AARP research. This year I helped 28 seniors apply for this relief and would be glad to help you also. The maximum amount of income allowed is \$65,000 and the form is due July 31, 2024. To see if you qualify, please feel free to call Patty at (618) 476-3731.



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Please schedule future appointments accordingly.

Asparagus Festival



Steven Jarvis' asparagus were a big hit with everyone at the Senior Center, and many were impressed with the freshness and flavor of the home-grown vegetable. The asparagus were cooked to perfection, with just the right amount of seasoning and a touch of butter and oil to enhance the natural flavors. It was a simple yet satisfying dish that left everyone wanting more. Overall, the collaboration to provide fresh, home-grown asparagus for the seniors at the Senior Center was a great success. The seniors appreciated the effort and were grateful for the delicious treat that was shared with them. It was a wonderful example of how a community can come together to support each other and promote healthy eating habits. Next year we are marking our April Calendar for an official Asparagus Celebration Festival.

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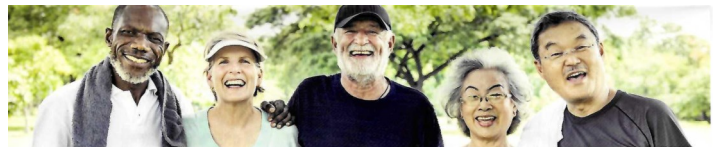
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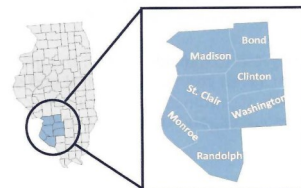
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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Mike French, with the following trustees answering to roll call: Randy Burk, Mike Capell, Ray Famula, Mike French, Mark Todd, and Dustin Trankle. Mayor Mike Todd was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Ray Famula to approve the March 11th minutes. Mark Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Randy Burk stated that while the minutes reflected what was said, under Public Works and Water, the St. Clair County Intergovernmental grant is for the 200 and 300 block of East Madison, not the 000 block as was stated.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS: Mike Capell stated he reviewed the bills. Mike Capell made a motion to pay the bills with the exception of a \$106.60 bill for the Street Department. 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. MOSQUITO CONTROL: Dustin Trankle stated that recently the Maintenance Department was trained on mosquito control. The employees put granules out last week to kill the mosquito larva. STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: Randy Burk stated that on Thursday, March 21st, he and Scott Baltz went to look at some of the storm sewer flooding issues. They found that many of the issues were caused by citizen blockage. Scott is looking into ways to make improvements. Randy stated that at 10am at Village Hall on Thursday, April 11th, they will be opening the bids for the 2023 CDBG block grant for curb and gutter work on the 000 block of Laurel.

Randy stated that the Millstadt Optimist Club is requesting a street closure for their Bike Rodeo. Randy Burk made a motion to close South Breese Street from East Washington Street to East Madison Street on Saturday, April 27th from 8am until noon. Dustin Trankle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Randy stated that the Friends of the Old Water Tower are requesting a street closure for their Sixth Annual Half Marathon and 5K races. Ray Famula made a motion to close South Breese Street from East Washington Street to East Madison Street and East Madison Street from South Jefferson Street to South Breese Street on Sunday, May 19th from 6am until 12:30pm. Randy Burk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. PARKS, POOL, AND RECREATION: Mark Todd stated Scott Baltz informed him that the new playground equipment was installed by the diamonds on Kalbfleisch Drive. The installation will be finished by Tuesday, March 26th. Mark stated the Millstadt Sports Association has asked the Village to sponsor one of their teams for the 2024 season. Mark Todd made a motion to donate \$200 to sponsor a team for the Millstadt Sports Association. Dustin Trankle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. CEMETERY: Ray Famula stated the grass cutting contract is good through this year with no fee increase. Scott Baltz stated the maintenance department did some touch ups to the graves and removed some trees and bushes. COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated the new doors have been installed and the project completed. When the new doors were put in, the floor around them was damaged. Because the Center was also supposed to get new sinks, but did not, the project was refunded \$3,000. That money will be used to fix the floor damage. Ray stated Tommy Tune will be performing at the Community Center on Tuesday, March 26th. The Big Ol Bag and Jewelry Sale will be on Friday, March 29th from 5pm to 7pm and on Saturday, March 30th from 8am to noon. Ray stated the AARP tax services will end on Thursday, April 11th. The next Senior Center Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th at 4:30pm at the Senior Center. PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th at 7pm at Village Hall. FIRE DEPARTMENT – Dustin Trankle stated the Annual Bar-B-Que will be held on Saturday, March 30th, starting at 11am. BUILDING COMMISSIONER: Adam Romero stated there is a Zoning Board meeting on Tuesday, March 26th. The new subdivision on North Polk Street is almost completed. Adam would like to put together a checklist for the final walk-through for when subdivisions have been completed. Mike French added that subdivision has some tree and landscaping agreements that Adam needs to make sure were met.

OLD BUSINESS: Mike French stated that he has been collaborating with Police Chief Alan Huckle and Lieutenant Adam Romero on updating the fees and fines in the ordinances. He talked with Ray Famula about changes to the cemetery ordinances. He will review with Tracy Holmes ordinances that may be obsolete. Mike is going to start organizing the ones that need changes so that they can be made. 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. CITIZENS COMMENTS: Tracy Holmes stated that 243 customers have signed up for email billing for their water bills. She also stated that out of 1,927 customers, there are only 74 left that have not filled out and returned the EPA survey that is due on Thursday, April 18th. Customers have been called, emailed, mailed letters, and even the maintenance department has knocked on doors.

Senior Column: Legislative Update: Important Changes Affecting Seniors

Dear Seniors,

I'm pleased to bring you an update on recent legislative developments that directly impact our senior community. These changes aim to enhance financial assistance, protect vulnerable individuals, and provide support to families caring for their loved ones. These are all bills that I'm proud to co-sponsor. I will continue to fight for the passing of these bills. Let's dive into the details:



HB1074 - This bill would bring welcome relief to seniors facing property tax challenges. HB1074 would amend the Property Tax Code to increase the maximum income limitation for the senior freeze to \$73,700 for the taxable year 2024. This adjustment, up from \$65,000, ensures that more seniors qualify for this valuable tax relief. Additionally, the maximum income limitation would be annually adjusted according to the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers.

HB1274 - HB1274 would introduce significant changes to the senior citizens homestead exemption, benefiting seniors across all counties. For taxable years 2024 and beyond, the maximum reduction under this exemption would be \$8,000 statewide, regardless of county size. Moreover, the maximum income limitation for the senior citizens assessment freeze homestead exemption would be increased to \$75,000, up from \$65,000. These adjustments provide seniors with greater financial stability and assistance with property tax burdens.

HB2100 - In an effort to strengthen protections for residents of long-term care facilities, HB2100 would make important amendments to the Criminal Code of 2012. This bill updates references to "an elderly person's or person with a disability's life" to "a resident's life," ensuring equal protection for all individuals under the law. Furthermore, it imposes stricter penalties on those who financially exploit seniors aged 70 and older, with property valued at \$15,000 or more, classifying such offenses as Class 1 felonies.

HB4178 - Recognizing the vital role of family caregivers in providing essential support to medically fragile relatives, HB4178 would mandate significant changes to the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Under this bill, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services would be required to seek federal approval for reimbursement of legally responsible family caregivers who provide personal care or home health aide services. To qualify for reimbursement, caregivers must be certified nursing assistants or certified nurse aides, providing services to medically fragile relatives receiving in-home shift nursing services.

These legislative updates reflect our commitment to supporting the well-being and security of our senior community. As your representative, I will continue to advocate for policies that prioritize the needs of seniors and ensure they receive the assistance and protections they deserve.

Sincerely, State Representative Kevin Schmidt

Louis Dori

Louis Dori, 96, of Millstadt, IL, died April 29, 2024, at Freeburg Care Center in Freeburg, IL. He was born December 15, 1927, in Republic, AL.

He is survived by his children Annette M Bartosik, Waterloo, IL, Ronald A (Rebecca) Dori, Millstadt, IL, and Louis E (Nancy) Dori, Smithton, IL; grandchildren Anthony (Paula) Dori, Palm Harbor, FL, Benjamin (Jennifer) Dori, Millstadt, IL, Nicholas Bartosik, Grand Rapids, MI and Lindsey (Christopher) Crawford, Imperial, MO; great grandchildren, Vivian Ann Dori, Margaret Elaine Dori, Anthony John Dori, Nathan Ronald Dori, Emmanuel Blake Dori, Augustine Gerard Dori and Enzo Hendrik Crawford along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Lou is preceded in death by his parents Charlie and Letizia (Gedda) Dori, his wife of 63 years, Charlene C (Sikora) Dori and siblings Anna Hlavek, Albeno Poser, Katherine Dori, Charles Dori and Albeno Dori.

Lou was an owner operator, co-owner of Dori Excavating & Trucking Co., Dori Development & McD's Company. He was an avid golfer and a lifetime member of Tamarack Golf Club. He had been privileged to play some of the most iconic courses in the U.S. His favorite course was Lake Nona Golf & Country Club in Orlando, FL, playing alongside two of his favorite family members, Rudy and Mike Hlavek. Lou enjoyed a 36-year retirement and spent many days traveling and antiquing with Charlene. As a result of the antiquing trips, Lou's Specialty Shop was created. In his shop he refinished furniture and refurbished just about anything.

The family would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to the caregivers that allowed Lou to stay in his home as long as possible - Lauren, Ginny, Janet, and Diane.

As an expression of sympathy the family prefers memorial contributions to Millstadt Senior Center/Meals on Wheels, 102 S Jefferson Street, Millstadt, IL 62260.

Per Lou's wishes, he was cremated and there will be no public services.

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



Rose Sanders

Rose C. Sanders died on April 28, 2024 in O'Fallon, Illinois after a long illness. Rose was born Dec. 24, 1939 in Portland, Oregon, later moving to Fonda, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Jeffrey Sanders, a daughter, Patricia Howard, sisters Mary Ann Schadel and Patricia Schulte, brother Ferdinand Becker and her parents, Alois and Mary Becker.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Sanders, whom she married on Oct 1, 1960 in Fonda, Iowa, and children Norman Sanders (wife Chris) of Millstadt, Ill., John Sanders (wife Lisa) of Raymore, Mo., Paul Sanders (wife Julie) of Ballwin, Mo., and son-in-law Chuck Howard of Duplo, Ill. Other survivors include 10 grandchildren - Kyle Sanders (wife Lauren), Ashley Lifritz (husband Ben), Danielle Hewitt (husband Chris), Nicole Howard, Brittany Ramirez (husband Jason), Allen Sanders, Johnny Sanders and Abigail Sanders, Connor Sanders and Allison Sanders, along with eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

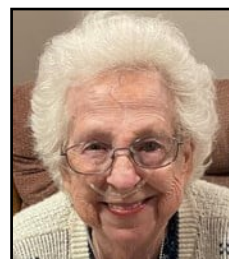
Music was always a focal point of Rose's life. She was an accomplished piano player and organist who later studied music at Central Missouri University, where she met her husband. She later was the organist at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Duplo, Ill., for 50 years, also serving as music director. Rose also was involved in various church and school clubs and organizations, including the PTA, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Rose was the glue that held her family together and for years helped preserve her family history by saving and labeling photos, genealogy documents, family trips and other artifacts so they could be passed down to the next generations.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Family Hospice in Belleville, Ill., and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Duplo, Ill.

Special thanks to the caregivers at Keystone Place at Richland Creek and Family Hospice.

Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home.





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Bruce Alberter

Bruce Edward Alberter was born on December 17, 1948 in Millstadt, IL passed away at his home on April 18th after his brave battle with cancer. He did every treatment that was offered just to have more time with his family, who he loved and cherished. He was a fighter to the end.



He attended Cathedral High School and graduated from Althoff Catholic High School. He served two years in the U.S. Army and retired as a chemical operator for ICL in Missouri. Bruce met his loving wife Debbie and her daughter Sarah in 1980. They were married on January 18, 1983, in Belleville, IL and added another daughter together, Rachael, who made their family complete.

Bruce was a faithful, loving, supportive, and encouraging husband, father, son, and Paw Paw. He was a devoted family man who worked hard to provide and support his family, and always put others needs before his own.

Everyone who knew Bruce knew how much he loved baseball. He was a die-hard CUBS fan, who loved harassing all St. Louis Cardinal Fans. Bruce also loved animals, golfing, vacationing at the beach, cheering on his two daughters, going out to eat, cheeseburgers, and loved going to Bert's Chuck Wagon once a week.

Bruce will be remembered for his kindness and compassion to others, his hard-working ethic, his silly, goofy, and unique personality, his big heart, and his devotion to his family. He will be greatly missed by all who know him.

Our family would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Govindan, his nurse Meghan, and to Dr. Robinson at Siteman Cancer Center. Also to everyone who came in contact with Bruce such as the people in the treatment center, blood drawers, MRI, PET SCAN, and radiation department. The valet parkers and the kindness of the girls who checked you out at the valet desk. You all made it so much more tolerable for Bruce because of your kindness and compassion. We mean this for every one of you. You don't realize how important you are for people going through a cancer journey. We love and appreciate all of you. Thank You!

He was preceded in death by his parents: Edward and Mary, nee Poettker, Alberter, daughter Sarah Beare McCarty, granddaughter Norah Grace Phillips and brother-in-law Danny Carril.

Surviving is his loving wife: Deborah Ann Alberter of Swansea, IL, Daughter Rachael Lynn (Tyler) Phillips of Louisville, KY, their children Ryleigh, Jayla, Corbin, and Miyah Phillips, granddaughter Parker McCarty, brother-in-law: Mike (Sharon) Carril of St. Louis, MO, sisters-in-laws Nancy (Tom) Sims of Swansea, IL, Beth Carril of Swansea, IL and numerous nieces and nephews.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Belleville Area Humane Society or the Wounded Warriors Project.

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

Mary McHenry

Mary L. McHenry, nee McGuire, 70, of Millstadt, IL, born February 14, 1954, in Massillon, OH, died Monday, April 8, 2024, at her residence.

Mrs. McHenry was a devoted military wife for 24 years, a loving mother and grandmother, and dedicated foster parent for 20 years. She worked with the Department of Children and Family Services as a foster parent specialist and was involved with their Angel Tree program and the Toys for Tots campaign where she ran the Christmas parties.

Mary enjoyed reading Danielle Steel books, working crossword puzzles, and solving Sudoku puzzles. She was gifted with a crochet hook and created many items. She relaxed watching General Hospital, One Life to Live, All My Children, and visiting with her sister.

Mary was preceded in death by her father, John McGuire; her mother, Joyce, nee Evrit, Host; her mother-in-law, Mary L. McHenry; and maternal grandparents, Walter and Irene Evrit.

Surviving are her husband of 51 years, Louis E. McHenry; six children, Melissa McHenry, Charity Marie (Brian) Werner, Brian L. (Krystal) McHenry, Sarah (Scott II) Conklin, Michael McHenry, and Scott McHenry; 16 grandchildren, Samantha Allan, Chase Bauer, Natalia Werner, Autumn Werner, Reid Werner, Caden McHenry, Lilly McHenry, Destiny Helton, Julietta Conklin, Maggie Conklin, Phoenix Conklin, Atreus Conklin, Gianna McHenry, Rue McHenry, Alyssa Williams, and Lilyanna Williams: three sisters, Dorene (Gary) Ferryman, Diane (Chuck) Yarnell, and Connie (Rick) Stidd; a brother, John McGuire; and nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army or to the Wounded Warrior Project. Arrangements were handled by George Renner & Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.



Dianne Haas

Dianne "Hobbie" F. Haas, 77, loving mother and grandmother, passed away Friday, April 26, 2024.

Rosary will be at 10:00 am, with Funeral Mass at 10:30 am, both on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at Church of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Frances Haas; three sisters; four brothers; and ex-husband, John Bryant. Survived by her children, Erik Bryant, Joseph Bryant, and Katherin Wiebe; four grandchildren. Memorials have been established with: Survivor 2.0 @ Club Hope, 11931 W. Central, Suite 100, Wichita, KS 67212, and Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary 3550 N. 167th St. West, Colwich, KS 67030. Services in care of Downing & Lahey Mortuary - West Chapel.



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Dorothy Vernier

Dorothy Marie Vernier, nee Skrob, 87, of Millstadt, IL, born April 29, 1936, in St. Louis, MO, joined the angels in heaven on April 8, 2024, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, IL.

Dorothy graduated from DePaul Nursing School in May 1957, and soon after, married the love of her life on August 31, 1957. Together they raised five loving children and spent many summers boating, water skiing, and vacationing. Her family was very important to her and she always put them before herself. She made every holiday and birthday extra special. She was a devout Catholic which gave her strength and guidance. Dorothy had a true gift for cooking and always made extras to share with others. She also had a passion for gardening and growing flowers all throughout their farm. Dorothy was an amazing seamstress, making clothes for her children, grandchildren, and their dolls. She was an avid reader and shared words of inspiration to her loved ones. She loved playing cards with her friends and family. "Dottie" had a reputation for a mean game of Sequence. She also loved getting together with her 57 Club from nursing school and the St. Luke's Card Club.

Dorothy and Ken loved spending time on their farm. They enjoyed taking walks in the woods, warming up by the fireplace and sitting on the dock. They were always ready for weekend adventures to St. Genevieve or Grafton to go antiquing and taking scenic drives along the river. The love that they had was admired by everyone, a true inspiration for anyone that knew them. They were married for 66 years and were the perfect love story.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her son, Kenneth W. Vernier; her parents, Frank and Marie (Wiesbecher) Skrob; and a brother, William F. Skrob.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth L. Vernier; three daughters, Julie Sousan and her children, Dru, Jordan, and Sarah Marie, Linda (Mark) Heckman and children, Ryan (Candice) Mueller, and Kristen Mueller, Beth (Eric) Hotter and their children, Elyse McClure and Steven (Emily) Gass; a son, Tim (Sheri) Vernier and their son Jake; a grandson, Dawson Vernier (son of Kenneth W.), and his brother Dustin Stone; seven great-grandchildren, Aldo, Kenji, Jude, Jady, Elijah, Kai, and Vivian; and a sister, Arlene (Ron) Seymour.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. James Church of Millstadt. Arrangements were handled by Renner Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.



Anna Lee Wilson

Anna Lee Wilson, nee Allen, 80 years, of Millstadt, Illinois, passed away on April 10th, 2024 in O'Fallon, Illinois. She was born May 2nd, 1943 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to James and Dora Mae (Bles) Allen.

Anna married James Wilson on April 8th, 1961, he preceded her in death in July of 2021. She was affectionately known as Nanny or Nan by everyone, she had an infinite amount of love to give and she did so to everyone that came into her life. She loved crafting, especially sewing and crocheting. Nan loved to read murder mysteries, watch movies, as well as cooking and baking. She loved to spend time with family and friends and enjoyed the company of her dog "Her Treasure" Riley James.

Surviving are her brother, George W. (Rhonda) Allen, her nieces; Christine (John) Gasser, Dawn (Justin) Henschen, and Kelly (Kenny) Kiefer, Debbie (Brad) Curtis, her nephews; Scott (Shara) Allen and Robert J. Allen, great-nieces; Rachael (Marvin) Rosa, Paige (fiance' Justin) Green, Jordan (John) Ray, "her granddaughter", Chantelle (Dustin) Godier, Victoria (fiance' Ryan) Paschke, Logan (fiance' William) Green Kaylee and Karlie Kiefer, her great-nephews; Nicholas (Sophia) Allen, Cole (Amanda) Guenther, Avery (Raylynn) Gasser, and Frank Allen, her great-great nieces; Annistyn Beshears, Margot Allen, Caelynn and Oaklee Gasser, Olive and Leena Garrett, Scarlet Rosa, her great-great nephews, Reed and Charlie Godier, her sister-in-law, Joann (Bill) Fiedler, her friends like family, Brad (Tina) Pearman, along with other brothers and sisters-in-law, other relatives, and wonderful neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James P. Wilson, parents; James and Dora Mae Allen, brother, James R. Allen, and her in-laws.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105.

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



Robert Reichert

Robert A. Reichert, 91 years of Columbia, IL, passed away on Friday, March 29, 2024 at his residence. He was born October 13, 1932, in East St. Louis, IL.

After serving in the Army, Robert returned home and served as a rural mail carrier for the post office in East Carondelet, IL., for 35 years. He also farmed with his brother Gilbert, and he raised a huge vegetable garden from which he would sell his produce and feed his family. Robert enjoyed woodworking in his spare time. Robert was also known as a Mr. Fix it, mechanic and inventor. He could make or build anything he needed. Robert built their family home in 1958 and he and Mary lived in the home he built their entire married life. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Columbia, IL., the National Rural Letter Carriers Association, VFW Post 7980 in Millstadt, IL., and the St. Clair County Farm Bureau.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Mary nee Corner, Reichert, whom he married on October 17, 1957, his children, John Reichert, Rita Reichert, James (Ruthann) Reichert and Rosanne Reichert, his grandchildren, John "Johnny" Reichert, Robert "Bobby" Reichert, Madeline Reichert, Abigail Reichert, Evan Reichert, Anthony Hill and Adelle Hill, his great granddaughter, Melissa Reichert, along with other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by parents, Christian and Alydia, nee Lanhans, Reichert, his sisters, Ruth Court and Dolores Dahm and his brother Gilbert Reichert.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to the Millstadt VFW Post 7980 or Hospice of Southern Illinois. Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home Columbia, IL.



Bobby Blair

Bobby B. "Bob" Blair, July 24, 1936 - March 30, 2024, Millstadt, Illinois - Bobby B. "Bob" Blair, born July 24, 1936 in Alton, IL, passed away on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

Bob was a life member of the Sign and Pictorial Painters Union Local No. 774 St. Louis, Mo.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army and was a Korean Veteran. He started in the sign trade professionally in 1956, serving his apprenticeship with Demond Sign Co. in E. St. Louis.

From 1969 to 1982, he operated his own business in Belleville as Blair Signs. In 1982, he went to work for Hiclay Studios in St. Louis as a Sign Painter and Graphic Designer. He has received numerous awards and recognition. He retired in 1998.

He married Leann Krupp on October 20, 1962 and they had four children: Traci L. (Blair) Firestone (Kenneth) of Millstadt, IL; Michelle A. (Blair) Terrell (Hugh) of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Nicole L. Blair (Rigo) of Greensboro, NC; and Cory "C.J." Blair (Carla) of Smithton, IL. Leann died June 1979. In 1980, Bob met Doris M. Notheis of St. Louis, MO. They were married February 14, 1981. Doris had two boys and the family increased by two more. Walter S. Notheis III (Terrie) of High Ridge, MO and Scott W. Notheis (Tammy) of Foristell, MO.

He also leaves behind two sisters-in-law Phyllis Kaminski (William) of Fenton, MO and Dollien (Krupp) Dinges (Leroy) of Shiloh, IL; 9 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Milford F. Blair, mother, Sophia (Volkmann) Blair, two sisters Melba J. Blair of Alton, IL and Donna J. Bugg of Hillview, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Jefferson Barracks (V.A.) Hospital for Injured and Returning Veterans. Arrangements were handled by Lake View Funeral Home, Fairview Heights, IL.



Robert Simpson

Robert E. Simpson, age 98, of Millstadt, IL passed away on Friday, April 12, 2024. Robert was born in East St. Louis, IL.

Contributions in Robert's memory may be made to Millstadt VFW POST #7980, 200 S Veterans Dr, Millstadt, IL 62260.

Arrangements were handled by Valhalla Gaerdner Holten Funeral Home, Belleville, IL 62223.



Library Archiving Newsletter

Did you miss an issue of "Senior Talk"? While we want you to be sure you see every issue of Senior Talk the Millstadt Library is now offering you an opportunity to catch up on all of our past issues.

Starting immediately, you can view past issues of Senior Talk since its first issue in September 2010. We are very happy and grateful that the Millstadt Library is archiving our newsletter.

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.