



SMB Foundation

The first SMBF dinner was held December 2015 and was showcased at Mertz's Showroom. The event was held to show appreciation for the many people who support the SMBF Meals on Wheels program. This year the event was held on February 11 at St. James Parish Center.

The talk of the first event and all future dinners has been the dessert tables. Beautifully decorated with coordinating colors and candles to display an amazing assortment of cakes, cookies, cupcakes and candies.

This year 169 guests made reservations and enjoyed a prime rib dinner prepared and served by Schubert's Smokehouse, the traditional dessert tables and a secret sangria recipe served by Terry Davinroy and Jean Colbert. Additional refreshments were provided by Robert "Chick" Fritz. Thank you to all the volunteers, board members and everyone who helped make the 2023 SMBF dinner a success.

Your donations of \$2,710.00 made through the dinner will help with the purchase of "Olivers" the meal containers for MOWS. In 2022, the SMBF foundation purchased \$13,762.35 worth of "Olivers" for the Millstadt Township Senior Center. Donations may also be sent for the SMBF to Post Office Box 41, Millstadt, Illinois 62260.

From Below The Tower



Patty Evansco

*Happy St Patrick's Day
For Each Petal On The
Shamrock. This Brings
A Wish Your Way.
Good Health, Good Luck
And Happiness For
Today And Everyday*

Hello Spring! Just think Spring is right around the corner and begins on Monday, March 20th and Daylight savings time changes on Sunday, March 12th. We survived all Mother Nature threw at us this winter. Now we can look forward to our days getting longer and brighter and hopefully warmer weather will follow soon!

In 2017 we submitted an eighty-seven-page grant application to the Department of Aging. We were awarded the grant for two years and funds were used to subsidize the meals as they did the prior years. In 2019 we received a grant extension for two years and then in 2021 COVID was going on, so we were able to get another extension. Since the pandemic is officially over, we must rewrite and submit a new grant for the upcoming years. Of course, we will be requesting more funds than before to help with the rising costs of food and supplies.

Seniors come to Senior Centers for many reasons. I think the most popular is to keep active because that keeps their mind sharp and body healthy. You come to depend on the social aspect and look forward to each day to see what is going on and there is always something different. We have several groups that meet weekly and other groups that have been formed among new friends. As we age we move to different stages of our lives and aging well means finding new things we enjoy, staying physically socially active and feeling connected to our communities and friends. The biggest enemy of boredom is social activity.

We welcome everyone to Millstadt Senior Services. If you live in the United States of America, your federal tax dollars subsidize Millstadt Senior Center. Last year we had 804 seniors use our programs. We served 47,160 meals total. There were 403 seniors from Millstadt (50%), 141 from Smithton (18%), 96 from Freeburg (12%) and remaining from Waterloo, Columbia, New Athens, Duplo, and East Carondelet.

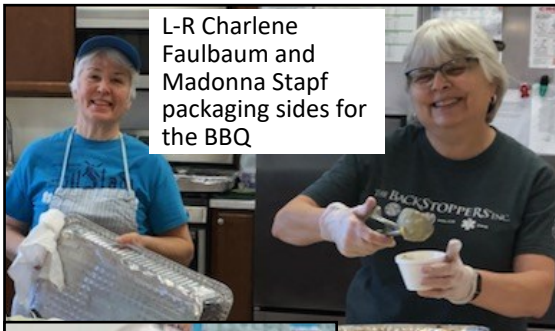
I know that you are ready for spring and me too! Have a great March and don't forget to join us for Corned Beef and Cabbage at Millstadt and Smithton Centers on March 17th!

Patty

Sun., March 12th



BBQ VOLUNTEERS



L-R Charlene Faulbaum and Madonna Stapf packaging sides for the BBQ



BBQ First Customer Marlene Herrmann being served by Millstadt Township Highway Supervisor Stan Jarvis and Ralph Schaefer



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BBQ Bake Sale

Mary Lou Peter selling Baked Sale goodies



AARP Tax-Aide Program

Free tax preparation services will be offered again this year on Wednesdays and Fridays from February 3rd through April 14th. 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, property tax bills

To make an appointment call 618-476-3731 (starting in mid-January) or stop by the Senior Center during normal business hours.

In addition, we are looking for volunteers to come work with us! No previous experience is needed, just a willingness to learn and help others. All volunteers receive annual training. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact Carmen Perkins carmen.perkins@gmail.com for more information.

CONGREGATE DINING

We invite you to enjoy a deliciously prepared lunch.

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

Millstadt Township Senior Services is open:

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(Lunch is served at 12:00 Noon)

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



The Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze

You most likely received your PTAX 340 in the mail this week. This exemption freezes the assessed value of your home. Applicant must be 65 or older and have a total household income of \$65,000 or less and must be the owner of record and use the property as their principal residence. This must be renewed **ANNUALLY**. We can fill it out for you, but we will need your 2022 Income Tax information or if you are not required to file income taxes, we will need your 2022 Income information. Please call (618) 476-3731 for an appointment.

Smithton News



Smithton Senior Center Calendar

- Meals are served Monday evenings at 5:00 p.m. You can either sign up the week before or call Millstadt Senior Center at 618-476-3731 by Thursday.
- Meals on Tuesday are served at noon, but if you'd like a carryout, they are available at 11:30 a.m. You can either sign up the week before or call Millstadt Senior Center at
- 618-476-3731 by Thursday.
- After Tuesday meals Bingo is played. First Tuesday-Smithton Grade School, second Tuesday - Garden Place, third Tuesday-FNB of Waterloo and fourth Tuesday - Pam Andrews.
- Tuesday and Thursday mornings exercise class at 9AM.
- Wednesday mornings from 8AM to 9AM biscuits and gravy are being served. Donations appreciated to cover cost.
- Euchre Update: Doors open @ 6PM. Play starts @ 6:30PM. We are going to an earlier time to try and finished earlier, so players and workers can get home earlier. The rest stays the same, 1st and 4th Fridays of the month single nights and 2nd and 3rd Fridays of the month are partners. Questions call Diane Stoneking
- 618-791-8769 or Diane Ruhmann 618-698-3785.

Smithton Library

Book-A-Librarian: You can book a librarian for an hour-long session to help you with any technology issue. The staff can help you: Learn to use a computer; Create an e-mail account; Use a smart phone; Use a tablet; Download a book to your e-reader. Call 618-233-8057 to set-up an appointment.



Thanks to Our Volunteers!

Kitchen

Pam Andrews
Jerry Cosby
Julie Cosby
Nancy Freeman
Janet Hollingberger
Shelby Mehrrens
Harry Meyer
Carolyn McGuire
Sharon Paterson
Bob Stumpf

Office

Diane Ruhmann
Nancy Freeman
Kim Freeman
Pam Andrews
Diane Stoneking

Euchre

Diane Ruhmann
Diane Stoneking
Carolyn McGuire
Dan McGuire
Carol Schlueter
Floyd Schlueter
Linda Meyer
Tom Wuertz
Linda Wuertz
Nancy Yarber
50/50
Shelby Mehrrens
Evelyn Edmiston
Pinochle
Bud Hollingberger
Janet Hollingberger



Smithton Senior Center

Monthly on the 3rd Wednesday

Next Bunco – March 15 1:00 pm

\$2.00 each includes games, prizes, dessert & drinks
Call Diane Stoneking at (618) 791-8769 for reservations

Smithton Senior Center



Pinochle on Wednesdays @ 1PM

March 8th and March 22nd

Players needed - from beginners to pros!

No charge! Just come and play!



CEDAR TRAILS TO HOST PIE

BAR

Cedar Trails Senior Living located in Freeburg will host a "Pie Bar" on Monday, March 6th after dinner. Dinner is served at 5:00 pm every Monday.

St. Patrick's Day @ Smithton Senior Center

Corned Beef and Cabbage will be served at Smithton Senior Center on Friday, March 17, 2023 at 12:00. Please call for reservations (618) 476-3731.



Smithton Township Senior Services		
Monthly Report		
January 2023	Clients	Meals
Congregate Meals	81	348

Smithton Meals

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

Valentine's Day At The Senior Center

The Seniors enjoyed Valentine's Day with music, dancing, bingo and other games, and of course candy!



Sandy and Celeste Krausz dancing a Valentine Jig



"Abby" & Don Keck Make Donation To Senior Center

Abby is a Hospice trained therapy dog that helps combat loneliness and gives people the chance to have something to look forward to. Through training and experience therapy dogs become part of the Hospice team.



Abby & Don brought a donation for the Senior Center. They know that it is important for us to feed hungry seniors. Our number of Meals on Wheels delivered have increased 120% since the pandemic. We received many new clients & many current clients received meals at home for that period. Our cost of meals has increased 22%.

Times ahead will be tough, but we have always made it with the help and support of our donors and volunteers. We are one of the top programs in this area and will remain strong with supporters and friends like Abby & Don. The Senior Center enjoys it when Abby stops for a visit. **Thank you!**



Tech Time



Drop-In Tech Help

Fri., Mar. 24th @ 10:30 am

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.





Making Valentine's Day Special

Darleen Sandheinrich, Ruth Rieser, Kendall Wey, Lucille Reece and Audrey Snellenberger making heart chains to decorate the Senior Center for Valentine's Day.

Taste of Ott's

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

March Dinner

Shepherd's Pie, Homemade Scone and
Fruit, Hot Roll, Tea/Coffee/Milk

Monday, Mar. 13th

At 4:30p.m.

Enjoy great food, prizes, and fellowship!

Suggested contribution \$5.00/meal

RSVP to Senior Center (618) 476-3731

by March 9, 2023.

(Limited to 50)

Meal is subsidized by AgeSmart.

Must be 60 or over to attend.

Spaghetti Dinner!



Trinity Lutheran Church

503 East Washington

Millstadt, Illinois

(all you can eat spaghetti)

Sunday, March 12, 2023

10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Includes spaghetti, salad (featuring Papa Vito's salad dressing), breadsticks, desserts and beverages.

Adults \$12.00

Children (4-10) \$5.00

Children 3 and under FREE

Carry-out Available

For more information, call 618-476-3101.

Save the Date

Thursday

March 23, 2023

Bunco Party

St. James Parish Center

405 Madison Street

Millstadt, Illinois

Registration 6:30 pm

Bunco 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

50/50 Drawing

Homemade Dessert Buffet

Everyone Wins A Prize.

Tickets are \$10.00 &

available at door

Call Patty at 476-3731.

Proceeds Benefit the

Meal Program at

Millstadt Township

Senior Center.

EASTER Bunny BRUNCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

10 AM - 12 PM

MILLSTADT PRIMARY CENTER

CHILDREN 10 & UNDER

\$8 PER CHILD - CASH ONLY

(MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)

JOIN THE EASTER BUNNY FOR:

✂ PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE

✂ CRAFTS AND GAMES

✂ FACE PAINTING

✂ PHOTOS AND MUSIC

✂ ATTENDANCE PRIZES AND BASKET RAFFLES

ENTER TO WIN A BIKE SPONSORED BY

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WATERLOO!



✂ BOOK DRIVE ✂

PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING A NEW CHILDREN'S

BOOK TO DONATE TO THE MILLSTADT CIVIC CLUB'S

'BOOKS FOR BABIES' PROGRAM



TBS Services

Brian Triska
Owner

2810 Zingg Road
Millstadt, IL 62260

(618)409-4148

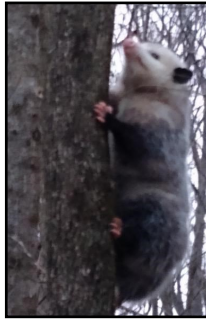
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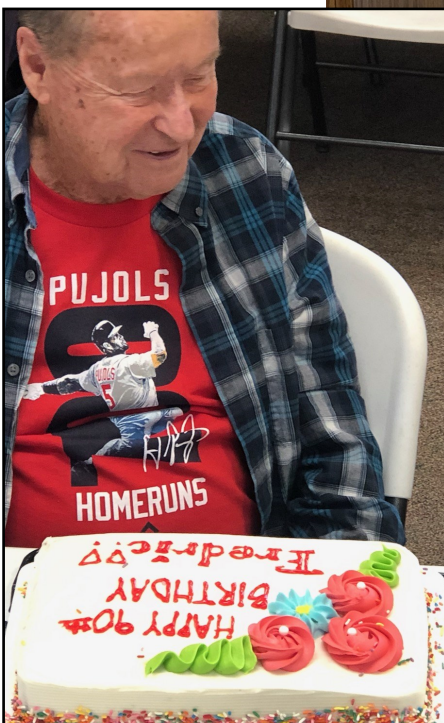
Millstadt Township Farmers Market 2023

Don't put yourself up a tree, but everyone will be coming to Millstadt Township Farmers Market! We are getting closer to the kickoff of our 9th season. Darrel and Gary are planning for a fun interactive Market platform. So, as always everyone is welcome if you are a vendor or a customer. Everything is worked out to continue with the **NO VENDOR FEE** program. We are the only Farmers Market to be doing this. That's what makes the Millstadt Township Farmers Market so special and successful. We have just lined up a peach vendor! See you there! **THANK YOU!**



Thank You Darrel!

Darrel Vogt, retired from Millstadt Grade School, donated containers for the Senior Center Kitchen



**Happy
90th
Birthday
Fred**

Dates to Remember

March 11, Chamber of Commerce, Leprechaun Crawl
March 11, Zion Church Trivia Night
March 12, Trinity Spaghetti Dinner
March 12, Daylight Savings time begins; move clock ahead one hour.
March 17, St. Patrick's Day. Wear green!
March 18, Civic Club Bunny Brunch
March 20, Spring Begins!
March 23, Bunco at St. James, doors open at 6:30 pm.
March 26, St. James Spring Quilt/Cash Bingo
April 8, Firemen BBQ.
April 9, Easter

D.A.R.E. College Scholarship

The Millstadt Police Department will be offering their 16th annual D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) College Scholarship.

The \$1,000 scholarship can be used for upcoming school year. Applicants must be entering college in the fall of 2023. They must be a graduate of either Millstadt Consolidated School or St. James Catholic School in Millstadt. Applicants must also have a 3.0 high school grade point average, will be required to write a 500-750 word essay, submit 3 character references and submit their official high school transcript.

Applicants can print off the attached application on the Village website, or pick-up an application at the police department or village hall. Questions may be directed to Chief Alan Hucke, ahucke@millstadtpolice.org.

Coming Thurs. - April 6th
 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

**Malissa Weber, FNP-C &
 ATI Therapists Present
 Free Coffee from The
 Coffee Pot Truck**



ATI will teach fall risk education and show simple stretches. Malissa Weber will do Blood Pressure checks. Coffee Pot Truck will be on site to make you your favorite coffee.



WANTED

**Millstadt Memorabilia
 Millstadt Creamery,
 Millstadt Brewery, Bar
 Items, Glassware, Etc.
 Call 618-792-3648**

Bag Tournament Results

February 2, 2023

- 1 Nellie Schlemmer & Thelma Short
- 2 Carol Esplenlaub & Arlene Sandheinrich
- 3 Ralph Schneider & Sharon Moergen
- 4 Fred Harres & Henry Horshman
- 5 Doris Chaput & Evelyn Weber

February 9, 2023

- 1 Thelma Short & Sharon Moergen
- 2 Ralph Schneider & Fred Harres
- 3 Nellie Schlemmer & Carol Esplenlaub
- 4 Shirley Rinck & Toni Schneider

February 16, 2023

- 1 Ralph Schneider & Thelma Short
- 2 Sharon Moergen & Vernon Weinhoff
- 3 Dorothy Bagsby & Fred Harres

February 2023

- 1 Fred Harres & Evelyn Weber
- 2 Jacob Durrer & Thelma Short
- 3 Nate Nevois & Toni Schneider
- 4 Ralph Schneider & Dorothy Bagsby
- 5 Kendell Wey & Henry Horshman
- 6 Doris Chaput & Vernon Weinhoff

BATTLE



January Corn Hole Champions

- 1st Place Thelma Short - 3 times
 2nd Place (tie)
 Carol Esplenlaub - 1 ti
 Arlene Sandheinrich - 1 time
 Ralph Schneider - 1 time
 Fred Harres - 1 time
 Sharon Moergen - 1 time
 Vernon Weinhoff - 1 time
 Thelma Short - 1 time
 Nate Nevois - 1 time
 3rd Place (tie)
 Ralph Schneider - 2 times
 Sharon Moergen - 2 times
 Fred Harres - 2 times

LEE'S
Home Center

ALWAYS ON THE LEVEL

Best REWARDS

Join. Earn. Save.

Earn 5% on your Purchases!

Details in store or call
618-476-1760

Menu		
THE COFFEE BUILD YOUR OWN		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHOOSE YOUR DRINK • CHOOSE YOUR SIZE • CHOOSE YOUR SYRUP/SAUCE • CHOOSE YOUR MILK 		
ICED LATTE 20 oz-\$5.25 24 oz-\$5.75 32 oz-\$6.75	SYRUP VANILLA SF VANILLA MOCHA CARAMEL LAVENDER HAZELNUT ADD 50¢ EACH FLAVOR	LOTUS ENERGY TEA Plant based energy SUNSET PINK LOTUS & BLOOD ORANGE MELON CRAWL PINK LOTUS & WATERMELON PLANT WATER BLUE LOTUS & PEACH MOTHER NATURE BLUE LOTUS & APPLE LAVENDER-AID PURPLE LOTUS, LAVENDER & LEMON
ICED COLD BREW 20 oz-\$4.95 24 oz-\$5.75 32 oz-\$6.45	SAUCE CHOCOLATE CARAMEL ADD 50¢ EACH FLAVOR	HOT CHOCOLATE 12 oz-\$2.00 16 oz-\$2.25 20 oz-\$2.50
HOT LATTES 12 oz-\$5.00 16 oz-\$5.25 20 oz-\$6.20	MILK WHOLE ALMOND- ADD 50¢ OAT- ADD 50¢	
BLACK COFFEE 12 oz-\$2.50 16 oz-\$3.00 20 oz-\$3.50		

Sunday, March 5 at a private event at Amory STL. Memorial donations may be made to The Women's Safe House, Holy Childhood School, or Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.

"I wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned, the hard way, that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle, and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next." - Gilda Radner

St. Patrick's Day Party
Fri., Mar. 17th
Millstadt Senior Center
11 AM Irish Music by Gary & Shirley Schwartz
12:30 PM Irish Bingo
Lunch by Smithton Kountry Market
Corn Beef & Cabbage - Irish Coffee

Rummy Club February Games

Henry Horsman	98
Loren Steele	49
Brenda Holifield	46
Rudy Bagsby	30
Fred Harres	22
Kendell Wey	14



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

Meals on Wheels Alert!

If you are currently receiving Meals on Wheels and do not get them daily, **we need to know by noon the FRIDAY** before on which days you want meals delivered for the upcoming week. If we do not have your order by the Friday before, we will assume you do not want meals delivered for the upcoming week. If you receive meals daily without interruption you do not need to do anything. This schedule has over 120 meal deliveries and takes awhile to get lined up correctly. We want you to get your meals and not be left out. Thank you.

SNAP, MEDICAID & LIHEAP APPLICATIONS

Missy from AgeSmart will be here
Wednesday, March 15, 2023
From 9:00 am to 12:00 am
 Call (618) 476-3731 for appointment

DIVINE NAIL SALON

735 West Washington Street, Millstadt, IL
Monday thru Saturday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Walk-ins Welcome Closed Sundays
 Manicures, Pedicures, Full Set and Fills for Acrylic, Gel, Dip Nail Enhancements, Waxing
15% Off Seniors (60+) Must Have Coupon



MEALS ON WHEELS
AMERICA 2023 MEMBER

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.

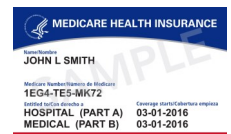
While appointments are **strongly recommended**, we continue to help people without one. An appointment reduces the wait time and ensures that your client knows what documents to bring, so we can help them in one visit. If your client needs to visit their local Social Security office without an appointment, 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

VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT

JANUARY 9, 2023 - NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated that he was told that the water rates from Illinois American would be increasing at the beginning of the year by 30% to 40%. Tracy Holmes stated the office received a letter from them. Lori Touchette was going to look more into it, but it seemed like the wholesale rate, the lowest rate, went up 40%. The upper echelon rates went up even more. Mayor Todd stated that according to the Village ordinances the customers will incur the new cost. The citizens will probably be contacting the office to find out why their water bills are higher. Mike French asked if the Village had any recourse to this raise. Mayor Todd stated that years ago it was looked into getting water from the Smithton co-op, but water mains and a new tower would have to be built on Schmidt Lane. Randy Burk asked if Dupo also used Illinois American. Mayor Todd answered he thinks that they do. He asked the trustees to let the citizens know why the rates were raised to save on the phone calls to the office.

JANUARY 23, 2023 -

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS: Mike Capell stated he reviewed the bills. Mike Capell made a motion to pay the bills. Mike French seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **PUBLIC WORKS: SEWER:** Dustin Trankle stated a motor housing at the sewer plant needs to be replaced. **WATER:** Dustin Trankle stated there was a small water leak on M&O Station Road that was fixed on Friday, January 20th. **STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS:** Scott Baltz stated there is an issue with the proposed sidewalk project on Parkview Drive. EastWest Gateway has rezoned Millstadt as rural, so the road work is no longer eligible for the grant. Village Engineer James Barginier clarified that they will accept the sidewalk project but nothing for the road. Mayor Todd asked how far along Parkview were they planning to do the project. Scott answered from North Jefferson Street to North Polk Street. The plan was to add sidewalk and resurface the street. James added this new zoning will apply to all street projects if EastWest Gateway is involved. Mayor Todd asked Scott to discuss it with Randy Burk. Mayor Todd stated he and Randy will be discussing which IGDB grants to apply for this year. Applications are due in March. **PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT:** Scott Baltz stated he ordered the truck that was included in the budget from Morrow Brothers Ford. **PARKS, POOL, AND RECREATION:** Mark Todd stated a bid was submitted by J.F. Electric for lighting on diamond 2 and diamond 3. They bid \$258,830 but \$6,000 would be deducted for grass work that can be taken care of by maintenance. Mark Todd made a motion to accept the bid for lighting on ball diamonds 2 and 3 by J.F. Electric for \$252,830. Dustin Trankle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Todd asked when the project would start. Scott Baltz answered that he told them he would discuss that with them on Tuesday, pending the approval. Mark Todd stated the Commercial Club Wing Fling will be held on Saturday, February 4th at St. James Parish Center. Doors open at 5pm. Proceeds go to the parks. **CEMETERY:** Ray Famula stated all of the single plots have sold out. He and Scott Baltz designated new plots for singles. There should not be an issue for another ten years. **COMMUNITY CENTER:** Ray Famula stated Dave Hankammer from the Township Board was appointed to the Senior Center Executive Board. The telephone reassurance program received a \$10,000 grant. The checking

account balance is \$59,705. The savings account balance is \$87,234. The grant base contract for 2022 - 2023 is \$226,980 but there are some questions that are being looked into due to the first quarter deposit. The AARP Income Tax Prep begins Monday, February 6th, by appointment only. Mike Capell is still offering his tech services on the fourth Fridays of the month. Volunteer drivers are needed for rural areas. The SMB Foundation is still donating the money to supply the containers for in-home meals. Their annual dinner is Saturday, February 11th and the cost is \$40. The elevator passed inspection and the license is displayed. **PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Mike French stated the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st. **BUILDING COMMISSIONER:** Adam Romero stated there would be a Zoning Board meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, January 24th. **OLD BUSINESS:** Mayor Todd stated the Village received the \$100,000 funds that were earmarked funds for the Village from Senator Christopher Belt for infrastructure projects. These funds will go towards the sewer lining project in Coachlite. Mayor Todd stated that at the previous meeting it was discussed that Illinois American will be raising their rates 40%. The office staff and Randy Burk figured out that the minimum usage payment will not see a significant increase but those using more than 1,000 gallons will see 7.6% increase. A few cities and villages have written the ICC about increasing the rates by 40% at one time. However Illinois American wouldn't have been able to increase without the ICC's approval. Mayor Todd stated the Village will be renewing the weed control services of Dandy Lawns for Tuffy Muehl Field for the upcoming year. **NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Todd stated the annual Fire Department meeting will be held on Friday, February 3rd at 6:30pm at the Columbus Club. Mayor Todd stated Sidebarr Technologies has been setting up the Village computers. The Police Department is having theirs done on Wednesday. It is a cyber security requirement by the insurance company. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tracy Holmes stated that the Treasurer's Report had been submitted. Ray Famula made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **CLERK'S REPORT:** Tracy Holmes stated that the Clerk's Report had been submitted. Ray Famula made a motion to approve the Clerk's Report. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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If you are feeling lonely or isolated, you can receive a weekly well-being check and an opportunity to chat with a friendly volunteer.

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Other Items

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Hoffen Funeral Home Corner

by Elle Heiligenstein

To pre-arrange or not to pre-arrange, that is ongoing dilemma of people all across our society. Pre-arranging funerals is fraught with many anxiety producing thoughts such as the cost, the decisions, the uncomfortableness of all of it. What is inevitable for every one of us seems dire to plan out in good times of health, prosperity and feeling as if it is years and years away.

I've been a funeral director since 2016 and believe me, I get it. Nobody wants to think about death unless they have to, myself included.

I owned my funeral home here in Millstadt for three years before Frank and I sat down and made our pre-arrangements, so if you've been thinking about it for a while and haven't done it yet, don't feel bad. I've had the paperwork in front of me every day and still took that long to act. Frank wants traditional viewing with burial, I want to be cremated. Frank and I also have enough life insurance on each other to retire immediately if one of us dies. This was deliberate because of our small families and not having a whole lot of familial support to draw on should the unthinkable happen. Why am I telling you all of this?

First, everyone should pre-arrange their funeral for the simple fact that it gives you peace of mind knowing your wishes will be carried out and it saves your families the stress of having to make major decisions during a very difficult time of grief and uncertainty. That's the basic reason to pre-arrange, but notice I have been saying pre-arrange all this time and not pre-fund. There is a major difference between the two and every consumer should be aware of this.

Pre-arranged funerals mean that the consumer has made an appointment with the funeral director to record their wishes for their funeral services. Maybe they chose their merchandise and selected music and noted their desire for a funeral meal afterward. Maybe they signed their paperwork and chose simple cremation or maybe they gave the funeral director a copy of their life insurance policy for assignment at the time of death and a copy of their cemetery plot deed. **The consumer did not pay the funeral home in advance.** In this case, they are going to use life insurance proceeds or their own private funds to cover their final expenses. This is called a pre-arrangement, no money changed hands. This is a good option for those who do not wish to pay upfront or want to use life insurance or their own money at the time of death.

Pre-funded funeral arrangements are a second option and a bit more involved. Why do people pre-fund funeral arrangements? There are many reasons, the most common being that consumers have the funds available and want to finalize their funeral arrangements to save their families the stress of organizing a funeral and paying for it when the death occurs. Consumers have the option to pay all at once or to pay small monthly payments toward the balance over many years. The major benefit to a pre-funded funeral arrangement is that the current cost of the funeral is locked in and cannot be raised, by law, when the funeral home raises its prices. For example, a direct cremation that costs \$1,300.00 today will probably cost much more than that 20 years from now, but the consumer who pre-funded their direct cremation today will lock in that price and their family will not owe the difference when the consumer dies 20 years later. How is this possible? The money that is paid today, by law must be placed in either a guaranteed acceptance whole life insurance policy or trust fund account, and will draw a small amount of interest each year in order to offset inflation. This interest money is retained by the funeral home so that in 20 years when the direct cremation takes place, the funeral home is not losing money providing the service. This gets confusing for many consumers. Clients have asked me: "Why don't I just keep that invested and draw the interest myself?" or "I feel better having control over that money, rather than an insurance company or trust fund." Both of these are valid points and I always suggest that clients do what is right for them. There are other financial concerns relating to Medicaid spend down that are too complex for this writing, but will be explained fully in person. In the end though, whatever decision a client makes, I always suggest that they at least pre-arrange their funeral plans so that the difficult decisions aren't left to grieving family members to make.

My clients are often pleasantly surprised that the pre-arrangement appointment is not stressful, nor unpleasant and can be done in their home if they prefer. I strive to make all pre-arrangement appointments relaxed, non-stressful, absolutely no pressure and fully transparent. There is no BS at my funeral home. One thing that has been very beneficial to me as a business owner has been my direct honesty. **I offer, but do not "sell" anything, that difference is key.** I allow the client to express to me what they desire, answer any questions, and let them make the decisions without undue influence from me. Here is a real-life example of that: Client chooses a piece of merchandise that costs \$6,000.00. I can supply that, but before I place that on the funeral contract, I will politely ask the client, "Are you sure that the decision to purchase this \$6,000.00 piece of merchandise instead of the other piece of merchandise that is also of high quality and costs \$1,800.00 is a decision that you will still be comfortable with 6 months from now?" Nine times out of ten, the client is pleased that I brought them around to clearer reasoning and they choose the more reasonably priced merchandise. This is foundational to our business model. When we say we are in funeral services for the right reasons, this is exactly what we mean.

Hoffen Funeral Home is always here to serve you and we promise to treat you with care, compassion, and transparent honesty. The funeral home is open 7 days a week, by appointment. (618) 476-3111. We welcome Patty Evanco to our staff. In addition to her role at the Millstadt Senior Center, Patty now works with us part-time as a funeral assistant serving our guests during funerals and visitations. We are thrilled to have her!

MOW Drivers Needed For Freeburg Route

It is with a sad heart that on Monday, September 12th we said good-bye to Meals on Wheels volunteer Cheryl Pierpoint after nearly five years of always being here on Mondays. At one time, Cheryl did both Smithton and Freeburg and in 2019 Fern Lansford and her sister Faye Schilling of Smithton took over the Smithton route. Last year Don and Tracy Keller of Freeburg began helping with the New Athens route. Cheryl grew to develop a friendship with all her clients, just as our other Meals on Wheels volunteers do.

The routes have continued to grow, and we have 18 Smithton Meals on Wheels clients, 20 Freeburg Meals on Wheels clients and 9 New Athens clients. If you know of anyone in the Freeburg area that would like to volunteer to help Don and Tracy every Monday from 10:00 to 1:00, please have them call Patty at the Senior Center at (618) 476-3731. Your help is very much appreciated by all concerned.

Bible Study At Senior Center

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

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BIBLE TALK

"POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE"

Hello to all! Today we are picking up where we left off in February. Felix the governor was not unkind to Paul, but Paul was a constant reminder of God's high moral demands of which Felix was afraid. There was an argument between Jews and Greeks as to whether Caesarea was a Jewish or Greek city which escalated into a mob war. The Jews came off best until Felix sent troops to aid the Gentiles. Thousands of Jews were killed and houses of the wealthiest Jews were plundered. Rome was informed and Felix was recalled. Only the influence of his brother Pallas saved him from execution. Even though Felix was well aware that Paul should be liberated; in an attempt to redeem himself to the Jews, Felix left Paul imprisoned.

Acts 25:1-12. Three days after arriving in Caesarea, the new governor goes to Jerusalem to learn the charges against Paul. The Jewish leaders "urgently requested to have Paul transferred to Jerusalem "as a favor to them." "They were preparing an ambush to kill him along the way". Did Festus feel Paul was best left in the secure surroundings where he was? We don't know. We know very little about Festus, but what we do know proves he was a just and upright man. He died after only two years in office.

After eight to ten days, Felix returned to Caesarea to convene the court. Paul was brought before him to hear the charges of his accusers. Felix then asks Paul if he was willing to go to Jerusalem for his trial. Paul answers: "I appeal to Caesar". (Paul appeals to Caesar because he knows of the plot against his life). Festus declares: "To Caesar you will go". (vs 12).

Acts 25:13-22. "A few days later King Agrippa and Bernice arrived at Caesarea to pay their respects to Festus." (vs 13). Festus gives an account of Paul's case to the king. When Festus finishes, the king responds: "I would like to hear this man myself."

Acts 25:23-27). "The next day King Agrippa and Bernice came with great "POMP" into the room with the high ranking officers and leading men of the city". (Vs 23). At the command of Festus, the little Jewish tent maker with his hands in chains was brought in. Festus speaks to the group: "King Agrippa, and all who are present with us, you see this man! The whole Jewish community wants him dead. I have found he has done nothing deserving of death.....I have decided to send him to Rome". (Vs 25).

In order for Festus to do so, an account of the case and the charges against Paul were to be sent with him. "I have brought him before all of you and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that as a result of this investigation I may have something to write".

Paul will speak to his "CIRCUMSTANCE" in chapter 26. Until next time, Spring has sprung. Enjoy it! Thank you for sharing your time with me. **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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Terry Davinroy
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Valentine's Day Bingo

Terry Davinroy, owner of Ott's Tavern and Restaurant hosted Valentine Day Bingo Tuesday, February 14th. Terry hosts Bingo once a month at the Millstadt Senior Center. Join him every 2nd Tuesday at 12:30 pm.



Moon Talk

by Elle Heiligenstein

On Monday March 6 and Tuesday March 7, feast your eyes on the final full moon of the winter season, the **Worm Moon**. Common sense would suggest that this month's full moon gets its name from the sudden appearance of earthworms as they emerge from the soil as the ground temperature begins to slowly warm. Robins are singing and busy hunting for food and the earthworms are there to nourish them. But, it's not that straightforward. In the 1760's, Captain Jonathan Carver visited several Native American tribes who described beetle larvae emerging from the bark of trees during the month of March. Captain Carver then declared the March full moon the **Worm Moon**, but it would be given many other, and arguably more pleasant names as time went on.

Some of the names of the March full moon come from bird species activity during the month: the **Eagle Moon**, **Goose Moon** and **Crow Comes Back Moon** refer to the reappearance of these birds after the cold winter months.

The trees also give us a name for the March full moon: The **Sugar Moon** denoting the time of year that the sap of sugar maples begins to flow. We have all heard the phrase: March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, the **Wind Strong Moon**, as described by the Pueblo people refers to the March winds. The Dakota, Lakota and Assiniboine Native American Tribes were even more descriptive with their name for the March full moon and called it the **Sore Eyes Moon** due to the blinding sunlight reflecting off of the snowfall of late winter.

Christianity also has two possible names for the March full moon, and like my favorite moon, the **Harvest Moon**, its name is dependent on when it rises in the month. If the March full moon rises before the spring equinox, it is called the **Lenten Moon**, if it rises after the spring equinox and therefore is the first full moon of spring, it is called the **Paschal Moon**.

This year, the full moon of March will reach peak illumination at 6:42am CT on Tuesday March 7, 2023 and will therefore be the last full moon of winter and will be the **Lenten Moon**.

For those of you who enjoy watching the moon, as I do, make plans to watch the last full moon of winter spectacularly rise on Monday evening, March 6, 2023, it will be very large near the horizon, very bright and beautiful. I hope you enjoy it! What name do you prefer to call the March full moon? My favorite name for this month's moon is the **Sugar Moon**.



Millstadt Red Cross Blood Drive Schedule

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May 10, 2023

July 12, 2023

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Millstadt Township Senior Services

Monthly Report

January 2023	Clients	Meals
Congregate Dining Room	99	538
Carry Outs	136	526
Otts	41	41
Home Delivered Meals	148	1,863
Transportation	22	191 Rides
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1 Linda Lanham
1 Robert Reichert
2 Connie Mayer
2 Helen Simpson
2 Martha Gallion
2 Rebecca Cox
3 Lois Potter
3 Vincent Callico
4 Linda Wuertz
4 Peggy Colgan
4 Sherri Gericke
5 Cindy Schneider
5 Hubert Raitt
5 MaryJane McGinnis
5 Ronald Dill
5 Will Knobloch
6 Daniel McGuire
6 Doreen Musial
6 Dwight Hight
6 Judy Jacobs
6 Patricia Ann Morris
7 Diane Caraway
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8 Rebecca Mauch
9 Don Rakers
10 Janet Klein
10 Ruth Herrmann
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14 Jim Clemens
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17 Elaine Dinges
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20 Carol Seibert
20 Don Gericke
20 Dot Cason
22 Cindy Callico
22 Jim Seibel
22 Ronald Hettenhausen
23 Cindy Czech
23 Sandra Woods
23 Suzanne Schaefer
23 Thomas Biebel
24 John Rutkowski
24 Laverne Ritter
24 Patricia Padgett
24 Shirley Schmidt
25 Margaret Birchett
25 Paul Range
26 Barbara Cleveland
26 Barbara Goshen
28 James Koeberl
28 Judy Richards
28 Peggy Shyrock
28 Richard McMurray
29 Evelyn Vitez
29 Patricia Stitzel
30 Phyllis Lark
31 Frances Quirk

During The Month of Feb.

Our Volunteers Donated **1007** Hours To
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Please do not dump items on our front porch!

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Rich Brune
Jackie Caponi
Colleen Costello
Cindy Czech
Kathy DeMond
Jacob Durrer
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Mike Walter
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John Baltz
Jackie Brenner
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Cindy Rutkowski
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Faye Schilling
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**Newsletter
(74 hours)**

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Kathy Diedrich
Marlou Eckert
Pat Morris
Don Mueller
Kathy Schaefer
Quilting (60 Hours)
Doris Adams
Teresa Barbier
JoAnn Clemens
Judy Jacobs
Beth Kwentus
Faye LaBrier
Carol Osick
Lois Potter
Judy Sutter

Smithton (42 Hours)

Pam Andrews
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Harry Meyer
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Office (118 Hours)

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Doris Chaput
Maryanne Conrad
Kathy Schaefer

Yoga (7 Hours)

Joyce Hermann

Fundraising (126 Hours)

Rich Brune
Eileen Doerr
Sandy Dressler
Marlou Eckert
Randy Eckert
Charlene Faulbaum
David Hankammer
Linda Harber
Mary Heberer
Stan Jarvis
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MONTHLY EVENTS

MARCH 2023

Read All About It!

Visit us online or on Facebook for more info!

Events and Programs!

March 5th-11th is eBook Week!

Complete a CloudLibrary Scavenger Hunt and receive a prize!

Knitting & Crochet Night

- Every Tuesday Night
- 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Crafters' Night

- Every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.
- Join us for crafts and activities.

Children's Story Time

- EVERY Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

STEAM

- EVERY Thursday at 4:00 p.m.
- Check out our event page to see what STEAM activity we're up to each week!

Recipe Swap - Taste of Ireland

- Sat. March 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Bring in your favorite recipes to share.

Wild Explorer's Club

- Wed. March 15, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Led by Ranger Abbie
Learn more at www.millstadt-library.org/wildexplorersclub

Card Craft Make and Take!

- All Month, pick up a card kit by Mary Lou's Stampin' Up and watch the video post on FB

Hand-Crafted at the Library

- Third Thursdays, March 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
- Make something handmade and useful!
- RSVPs required - make them at the library or online at <https://tinyurl.com/yes3n3u>

Tiny Library On the Road

- At Atkins Acres Educational Farm
- 7101 IL-158, Millstadt, IL 62260
- Sat. March 25, 2023 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Special Program at 11 a.m. with Kim and Mark of Atkins Acres!

Book Club

- Sat., March 25, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Northern Spy by Flynn Berry

Friends and Fundraising!

Mad Hatter Tea Party

- Sun. April 30, 2 p.m. at Zion Church
- \$25 purchase at Millstadt Library or online at <https://runsignup.com/TicketEvent/MadHatterTeaParty>

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We'll be parked from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with free books and books for check-out at Atkins Acres.
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At 11 a.m. join us for a special program with Kim and Mark!

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Mad Hatter Tea Party
04.30.2023 | SUNDAY | 2PM
\$25 PER PERSON | ZION CHURCH
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Tiny Library At The Millstadt Senior Center

Tuesday, April 25, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Tiny Library We'll be parked from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with free books and books for check-out at the Millstadt Senior Center/Community Center!

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102 S JEFFERSON ST, MILLSTADT, IL 62260

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The Roaring 20's in 2023
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
St. James Parish Center
405 West Madison, Millstadt
\$15 Per Person
Doors open at 10:00 am
Lunch served at 11:30 am
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Speakeasy Jello Salads
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Following lunch we will play bingo with a variety of prizes.
Attendance prizes will be awarded
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Your Help in This Matter is Greatly Appreciated



Operation Food Search

The Operation Food Search *Food Rescue Program* partners with Schnucks (and Dierbergs) to distribute food that is nutritious and edible but no longer able to be sold. Thanks to both Operation Food Search and the Belleville West Schnucks for our weekly Bread and Bakery Items that the Senior Center receives on Tuesdays and Thursdays! Total monetary value of the donations we received during the month of January 2023 was \$1,454.68! **Thank You Schnucks!!**



15th Annual Millstadt Cross Walk



The 15th Annual Millstadt Community Cross Walk will be held on Good Friday, April 7th at Noon.

The purpose of the Cross Walk is to lift up the saving work that Jesus Christ performed on the cross for all who believe in Him, by bringing the Christians of Millstadt together to carry a wooden cross through our community. At each location, one of the phrases that Jesus Christ spoke from the Cross (His last 7 words) will be stated, with a brief explanation, thought and prayer. The Cross Walk is approximately 1.7 miles.

The Cross Walk is organized annually by Pastor Darrell Weber. For further information about the Good Friday Cross Walk, please contact Rev. Darrell Weber at 618-476-1778 or zion@zionmillstadt.com.

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*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.



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BINGO Prizes

Monetary Donations

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12th Big Ole Bag & Jewelry Sale

The 12th Big Old Bag and Jewelry Sale will be held on Friday, April 21st from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Millstadt

Community Center.

You will have the opportunity to

purchase gently used purses, jewelry and scarves at very special prices. On Saturday, April 22nd, the doors to Community Center will open at 8:00 am and all the remaining items will be for sale until 1:00 pm. **Donations of all purses and jewelry are accepted at the Community Center until**

Wednesday, April 15th. All proceeds from the Friday and Saturday sales benefit the Millstadt Senior Center.



In case of Inclement Weather



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

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

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

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

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Pamela Knop

Pamela K. Knop, 68, of Smithton, Illinois, formerly of Chester, Illinois, passed away at 9:08 pm, Monday, February 6, 2023 at her residence surrounded by her family.

She was born to the late Henry and Leola (nee Smith) Eggemeyer on August 8, 1954 in Chester, Illinois.

Pamela married Gary Knop on June 8, 1974 at St. John Lutheran Church in Chester, Illinois; he survives.

She had worked at Menard Correctional Center in Chester for 26 years.

Pamela was a former member of St. John Lutheran Church in Chester, Illinois and current member of Zion Lutheran Church in Belleville, Illinois. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband Gary Knop Smithton, IL son Michael (Megan) Knop, Smithton, IL, Grandchildren Nolan, Dylan and Emma, Sister Luanne (Ronald) Korando Chester, IL, Sister-in-law Carol (Roger) Lefler Chester, IL, Brother-in-law Clyde Robb Smithton, IL, many Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Friends.

Preceded in Death by: Parents and 2 Sisters – Cheryl Maue and Peggy Robb

Memorials can be made to St. John Lutheran Church, Chester, Illinois or Zion Lutheran Church, Belleville, Illinois



Community Kindness

Community Kindness of Belleville has generously provided grants to the Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation for several years. Their quarterly grants of \$300 have provided funds to purchase the serving dishes for our Meals on Wheels (MOWs) clients. The MOWs program not only delivers meals but also provides a brief social contact and smile to our stay-at-home clients. Thank-you to all donors. If you would like to make a donation to the SMBF, our mailing address is Post Office Box 41, Millstadt, IL 62260.

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Township Senior Services

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

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Anna Lee Fischer
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Dale Hoepfinger
Pamela Knop
Mary Lou Kochmann
Marcella Mayer
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"Seniors Come First" Services Available

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

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

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

Anna Lee Fischer

Anna Lee Fischer, nee Prater, 83, of Sycamore, IL, born October 5, 1939, in Belleville, IL, died Thursday, February 2, 2023 at her home in Sycamore, IL. Anna Lee spent the first 62 years of her life in Millstadt, IL where she married her husband, Stanley, on June 20, 1959. Anna Lee was an active member of Zion Evangelical Church. She was a member of the Millstadt Civic Club and a volunteer for years at the Millstadt Library. She taught 3rd grade at Millstadt Consolidated School and 5th grade at St. James Catholic School for a total of 22 years. In between her two teaching careers, she owned and operated the Village Gift and Floral Shop in Millstadt. Anna Lee enjoyed flower arranging, stitching, sewing, reading, swimming, boating, and especially spending time with her husband, children, and grandchildren. A Anna Lee and Stanley, moved to northern Illinois in 2001 and spent Anna Lee's remaining years in Huntley and Sycamore, IL where they made many new friends and enjoyed their retirement years. Anna Lee's kindness and generosity shined brightly in her hospitality and love toward others. She often hosted friends and family in her home for delicious meals, a game of cards, and warm conversations. She was loved by many and brought much joy to those who knew her.

Surviving are her loving husband, Stanley; her son, David (Wendy) Fischer of Columbia, IL; her daughter, LeAnn (Mark) Harbaugh of St. Charles, IL, along with her 7 grandchildren Grace, David Jr., and Glorie Fischer and Zachary (Danielle) Harbaugh, Logan, Lily, and Audrey Harbaugh; her sister, Charlotte Muskopf; her sisters-in-law, Dorothy Germann and Rita Fischer; and brother-in-law, Kenneth Harres. She is also survived by nieces, nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

Anna Lee was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Velma (Zentgraf) Prater; her in-laws Edwin and Amy (Weible) Fischer/Bangert; her sister-in-law, Virginia Harres; and brothers-in-law Robert Muskopf, Lester Germann, and Nelson Fischer.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 11:00 am at Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt, IL with a luncheon to follow the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt, IL.



Dale Hoepfinger

Dale Allen Hoepfinger, 73 years of Millstadt, IL, passed away on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at Missouri Baptist Hospital in Town and Country, MO. He was born December 5, 1949, in Belleville, IL. Dale graduated from Illinois State University in Normal Illinois. Dale started out of college as a banker, where he accomplished many achievements for various banks in the area. He lastly worked as Vice President of Alliance Credit Union and had to take an early retirement due to the onset of Parkinson's disease. Dale was a member of Concordia United Church of Christ in Belleville, IL., where he served on the church council, he served 16 years on the school board for Columbia Unit School District #4, he taught junior achievement at the Columbia Grade School, he was a member of the Optimist International since September 30, 1992, Rotary International, he served in the Army reserves and was a member of the Millstadt VFW Post 7980. Dale was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and he and Linda enjoyed traveling to various baseball parks to watch the Cardinals play. Dale could spend hours playing cards (and winning) while throwing in a joke or two. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and traveling. Dale had a strong faith and was a kind, caring, compassionate person. His contagious smile will be missed by everyone. Surviving are his wife, Linda Hoepfinger, nee Hopp, whom he married on May 24, 1986 at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Columbia, IL., his daughters, Lisa (Darren) Reimann and Jennifer Warner, his grandchildren, Kaitlyn Najjar, Collin Reimann, and Logan Warner, his brother, Clyde (Melinda) Hoepfinger, his son-in-law, Andy Warner, along with other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his Grandson, Zach Warner, his parents, Lester and Vera Hoepfinger and his mother-in-law, Eugenia Fults.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to Concordia United Church of Christ 7600 State Rt. 163, Belleville, IL 62223 or Wounded Warrior Project 230 W. Monroe Street Ste:200, Chicago, IL 60606. Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home, Millstadt, IL.



Nina L. Harbison

Nina L. Harbison, nee Troutman, 98, of Smithton, IL, born April 23, 1924, in Black, MO, died Thursday, February 16, 2023, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, O'Fallon, IL. Nina retired as foreman after 27 years at the Belleville Shoe Manufacturing Co. She was a dedicated member of St. John's United Church of Christ of Smithton IL, and the Ladies Guild at the church. Nina was a proud member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post #937, the Smithton Senior Center, Smithton Turner Ladies and the Smithton Sportsman Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, Delmar Harbison, whom she married on October 31, 1944, and who died on January 10, 1978; her parents, Raymond and Mary, nee Miller, Troutman; four brothers, Ralph (Delsie) Troutman, James (Sue) Troutman, and Carter (Joann) Troutman and Elnoh Troutman in infancy; three sisters, Louise (Donald) Carty, Betty (Bill) Edwards, and Rayma (James) Midyett; two sons-in-law, Tony Becherer and James Bazzel; a daughter-in-law, Karon Harbison; and a granddaughter-in-law, Dani Harbison.

She is survived by one son, Gary Harbison of Smithton, IL; two daughters, Kay Bazzel of Smithton, IL, and Debi (Joel) Boeving of Smithton, IL; six grandchildren, Dale (Lisa) Becherer, Kimberly Quirin, Gary B. (Gina) Harbison, Brad Harbison (fiancé Chrissy Vogt), Jamie (Chris) Joseph, and Joel (Holly) Boeving; 12 great-grandchildren, Ashley (Andrew) Pfeil, Kayla Quirin (fiancé Tom Banks), Sawyer Becherer (Emily Dierks), Lily Becherer (Jayce Pennington), Bryon Harbison, Bryce Harbison, Gretta Harbison, Olivia Joseph, Wes Harbison, Molly Harbison, Mia Boeving, and Brooks Boeving; two great-great grandchildren, Axton and Abram Pfeil; and many nieces, and nephews.

Memorials may be made to St. John's United Church of Christ, Smithton, IL or to the Smithton Senior Center. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.rennerfh.com.



Mary Lou Kochmann

Mary Louise Kochmann, nee Kneeder, 81 years of Waterloo, IL, formerly of Millstadt, IL, passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2023, at her residence surrounded by her daughters and her grandchildren. She was born November 3, 1941, in East St. Louis, IL. Mary Lou graduated from St. Teresa Academy in East St. Louis on June 2, 1959. Mary Lou spent 35 years serving the Millstadt community beginning as a dispatcher for the Millstadt Union Fire Company and Millstadt Ambulance and ending her career as the dispatcher/operations coordinator for Millstadt Ambulance.

Mary Lou enjoyed sewing and quilting while visiting with the other quilting ladies at Zion Evangelical Church on Wednesdays. She enjoyed a visit to the casino with friends. She was known for making an abundance of homemade cut out cookies with icing for Easter and her sugar cookies at Christmas. Mary Lou's family was important to her, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her two daughters, Andrea Quirin and Renee Quirin-Hooser, her nine grandchildren, Christopher (Karlie) Mueller, Bryan (Lizzy) Mueller, Alyssa (fiancé Roberto) Mueller, Jacob Hooser, Joshua (fiancé Grace) Hooser, Jonah Hooser, Joseph Hooser, Jason Hooser and John Hooser, her seven great-grandchildren, Jaxson Mueller, Aubrey Mueller, Lillie Mueller, Adalyn Mueller, Stephen Hooser, Cristian and Camila, along with other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Kochmann, her son, Stephen Quirin, her parents, Hubert and Marguerite Kneeder.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to Millstadt Ambulance Service 100 E. Laurel St., Millstadt, IL 62260 or St. Michael Paderborn Catholic Church 4576 Buss Branch Rd., Waterloo, IL 62298. Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home in Millstadt, IL.



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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.

Kay Sax

Fortified by the Sacraments of the Catholic Church, Kay Sax, nee Sandheinrich, 84, of Millstadt, IL, born May 24, 1938, in Belleville, IL, passed peacefully surrounded by her children on Sunday, January 29, 2023, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, O'Fallon, IL.

Mrs. Sax was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church. Kay was an avid Cardinals and Billikens fan, as well as a fan of all sports, music, theatre, and other activities in which her children and grandchildren participated.

She enjoyed playing board and card games, especially with her grandchildren and loving caregivers. She never met a stranger and would talk your ear off if you'd let her.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Robert G. Sax, whom she married on May 5, 1959, and who died February 19, 2004; a son, Donald Sax who died in July 2022; and her parents, George and Alma, nee Bertke, Sandheinrich.

She is survived by two sons, Jerry Sax and Ron Sax; three daughters, Barbie (John) Duncan, Jean (Gordon) Meyer, and Mary Jo (Jim) Moehle; a daughter-in-law Mary Kay Eise Sax; 13 grandchildren, Megan (Jay) Peters, Ryan (Megan) Sax, Alan (Stephanie) Sax, Ian Sax, Andrew Sax, Josh (Mikayla) Duncan, Emilye (Nick) Lombardo, Marty Meyer, Miles Meyer, Garrett Meyer, Jack Moehle, Sidney Moehle, and Gus Moehle; and seven great-grandchildren, Henry and Ella Peters, Callie and Jana Sax, and Maria, Scottie and Jesse Duncan.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Cardinals Care at 700 Clark Street, St. Louis, MO 63102 or online. Arrangements were handled by Renner Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.



Diane Beggs

Diane Loretta Beggs, nee Skaer, 76, of Smithton, IL, born August 27, 1946, in Belleville, IL, died January 28, 2023, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, IL.

Diane worked for her brother's bakery for over 20 years. She took care of other children babysitting for many years. She was an avid St. Louis Cardinals Baseball fan, she loved tending to her flowers, and going to church. Her grandchildren were her life and meant the world to her. She was well known for her sweet tea, grilled cheese sandwiches, and her endless supply of candy and popsicles.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Orlando and Laurena, nee Mehrmann, Skaer.

She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Howard Beggs; a daughter, Dawn (Charlie) Parke;

two sons, Scott (Kelly) Beggs and Craig (Cheryl) Beggs; 11 grandchildren, Rusty Parke, Holly (Jon) Mueth, Stephanie (Rob) Gill, Hannah (Jake) Zink, Savannah Parke, Gabby Parke, Heidi Parke, Miley Parke, Clayton (Savanna) Williams, Amanda (Nathan) Kehoe, and Nathaniel Beggs; nine great-grandchildren, Lainey, Hailey, Isaiah, Sadie, Jeremiah, Trysten, Kaylee, Evelyn, and Ara; four brothers, Willard (Jeanette) Skaer, Herbie (Maxine) Skaer, Marvin (Irene) Skaer and Roger Skaer; three sisters, Rosie (Al) Helfrich, Dottie Rickard, and Shirley Schmidt (Gene); and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church or to Big League Impact (Adam Wainwright's Foundation). Arrangements were handled by Renner Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.



Donald Mehrtens

Donald "Don" Mehrtens, 81 years of Millstadt, Ill., passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2023, at his home, surrounded by family and friends, where he lived for the past 81 years. He was born on November 8, 1941 in Belleville, IL.

Don was a farmer and worked as a tool and die inspector at McDonnell-Douglas, where he retired at the age of 55. He was a life-member of Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt and a member of the "Z" Team. He was involved in many other organizations including: Bluff Grange #1826; St. Clair County Pomona Grange #21; Illinois State Grange, where he served as treasurer; National Grange; St. Clair County Farm Bureau; and Millstadt Commercial Club where, with his creativeness, Don built many floats for the Millstadt Homecoming parade. Don served as Millstadt Township supervisor and trustee.

Don enjoyed fishing, hunting, butchering, spending time with his family and especially playing with his great grandsons. He spent many Mondays and Wednesdays playing Kloepper and never missed a Christmas Day with his two sisters.

Don is survived by his loving wife of over 60 years, Charlotte J., nee Pulcher, Mehrtens, his daughter, Kim Elaine (Mike) Mueller, his grandchildren, Bradley (Abigail) Rolland, Lindsay Mueller, Abbie (Ronnie) Bates, and his great grandchildren, Carson Rolland and Lane Bates; his sisters, Shirley (the late Sam) Axe and Doris (Willis) Steiger; brother-in-law Sherman (Suzanne) Pulcher; and sisters-in-law Jane (Leroy) Washausen, Diane Pulcher and Rhonda Little. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, numerous cousins and many friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Ida, nee Reichert, Mehrtens, his father and mother-in-law, Sherman and Myrtle Pulcher; and sisters-in-law Joyce Wright and Yvonne Henson.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to his wife Charlotte, The Illinois State Grange Scholarship Fund or to Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt.

Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home in Millstadt.



Emily Feazel

Emily Ann Feazel, 46, of Millstadt, IL, passed away at her home on Thursday February 2, 2023. Emily was born on October 7, 1976, in Belleville, IL to Danny and Donna Carril, nee Murphy, her father precedes her in death. She was also preceded in death by her father-in-law, Gary Feazel, her maternal grandparents George and Ruth Murphy, her paternal grandparents John and Betty Carril and her grandparents-in-law Charles and Lillian Braun.

Emily graduated from Belleville West High School and furthered her education at Belleville Area College, Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. For the past 20 years, she was devoted to working with children of all ages affected by autism. Emily dearly loved all those whom she worked with. She married her husband, Jason on March 3, 2007, and began her family. Emily was a devoted wife, mother, daughter and sister. She was the number one sports fan for her children's sports. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. L

eft to cherish her memory is her husband of 15 years Jason Feazel; her children Maddy Feazel and Max Feazel; her mother Donna Fischer and her step-father Scott Fischer, her mother-in-law Barb Feazel, her sister Sandy (Mark) Howell, her brother Scott (Brittany Pritchard) Carril, her half-sisters Danielle Gingles and Meghan Carril, her step-brothers Jay (Tasha) Fischer and Jason (Erin) Fischer; brother-in-law Chad (Sarah) Feazel, her grandparents-in-law Richard and Dorothy Feazel, in addition to many beloved nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and beloved friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Jason Feazel for the education fund for Maddy and Max. Hoffman Funeral Home in Millstadt, IL handled the arrangements.



Marcella Mayer

Marcella Olga Mayer, nee Scharf, 99, of Columbia, IL, born September 13, 1923, in Stookey Township, IL, died Sunday, February 5, 2023, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, IL.

Marcella retired from the Central Services Department at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, IL. She enjoyed gardening, baking, stitching, crafting, doing crossword puzzles, and working in her flower beds. Marcella showed kindness and generosity to all. She loved to host family and friends for a delicious meal and a game of cards. Marcella was a member of the Millstadt VFW Post 7980 Auxiliary Club, Millstadt, IL.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert C. Mayer, whom she married on December 1, 1945, and who died on March 2, 1966; a son, Robert D. Mayer; her parents, William and Aurelia, nee Ahrens, Scharf; three sisters, Marie (James) Chide, Ruth (Lester) King, and Shirley (Roy) Jokisch; a brother, Howard Scharf; many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and nieces and nephews.

She is survived by two daughters, Rhonda (Paul) Kimpel and Debbie (Tim Lauber) Mayer; four grandchildren, Bridget (Karl) Hyde, Sharon (Scott) Osick, William (Cara) Kimpel, and Laura (Ronnie) Dinsmore; five great-grandchildren, Brandon Hyde, Shane and Ethan Kimpel, and Katie and Alex Osick; a sister-in-law, Margaret Scharf; many nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorials may be made to Concordia United Church of Christ, Belleville, IL. Arrangements were handled by Renner Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.



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