

Senior Talk JANUARY 2022

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Let's Celebrate the New Year 2022!

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

Terry has planned a delicious dinner of Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Seasoned Green Beans, Whole Grain Roll w/Butter, Fruit Dessert with milk, tea and coffee.

Monday, January 10th

at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy great food, prizes, and shared holiday cheer!

Suggested Contribution \$5.00 per meal RSVP to Senior Center (618) 476-3731 by **January**, **7th**, **2022** (Limited to 50) This meal is subsidized by **AgeSmart**, must be 60 or over to attend.

Quilt Raffle Winners

On Friday, Dec. 23, Millstadt Township Senior Services held a raffle drawing for a handmade Queen size quilt. The raffle drawing was the culmination of months of ticket sales to support the Senior Center. Hundreds of tickets were purchased to be entered in the raffle drawing. The winner was awarded a handmade, queen size quilt donated by Donna Gaulrapp in memory of her brother, the late Ronald (Fuzzy) Eckert. The American Eagle handmade quilt was made by their late mother, Wilma Schubert Eckert.

Sandy Sanders, Senior Center kitchen manager, joined the many seniors at the Annual Christmas party to draw the names of the winners. First Place winner was Belleville resident Marcella Orsa. Her son Joe Orsa of Millstadt, a volunteer at the Senior Center, will come to collect her prize.

Second prize, a handmade baby quilt, was won by Pat Morris of Millstadt. Linda Bacon of Millstadt won third prize, a \$25 IGA gift card and an Afghan. Thank you very much for purchasing quilt tickets. We raised \$544!

From Below The Tower



Good-bye 2021 and Happy 2022! I have an important favor to ask. If you are not vaccinated or have not had your booster, please get them as soon as possible!

Thank you to all the students that volunteered in December! Volunteering is a vital part of becoming a mature and productive member of

As adults we need to Patty Evansco society. encourage and give children opportunities to volunteer and give back to their community. We should not concern ourselves with the question "How can kids do this job?", but instead, "How can this volunteer opportunity impact the child?" They are the hope for our future and the ones who will still be volunteering 10 and 15 years from now! I would like to apologize for the poor telephone service we have had this past month. I was referred to a communication company for our needs and it was recommended we utilize internet-based telephone service. This was not a good decision for us. We are in the process of converting back to our original phone system and hope to have it completed by the end of the month. The phones are working periodically, but you can email us at seniorce@htc.net and I will get back to you ASAP.

In December we had an enjoyable visit to Millstadt Greenhouse. Durinda Mullins was our greenhouse host and gave us a very informative tour. Many of us purchased Wintergreen plants and you can eat the berries that taste like wintergreen mints. Everyone received a poinsettia, and mine is still alive! We then stopped by Lee's Home Center and were treated to cookies and hot coffee hosted by sisters, Barb Green, Donna Crabtree, and Mary Braner. Each of us received a canvas shopping bag.

I have a senior couple whose vehicle had a fatal breakdown and are unable to afford a new vehicle. They've put many dollars into this vehicle to keep it running. If you have or know of anyone with a good used vehicle for a reasonable price, please call me so I can help hook them up.

We are dining out again this month at Ott's on Monday, January 10^{th.} Be sure to join us and enjoy delicious food, fellowship and theme-based giveaways.





Field Trip to Lee's & Millstadt Gardens

Picking out the most beautiful poinsettias!



Brenda Holifield -A Rose among the poinsettias.

Lucille Reece

Pat Morris

Visit to Lee's for coffee and cookies. Hosted by

Barb and

Donna.









Thelma Short

Durinda Mullins from Millstadt Greenhouse gave us an informative tour.



Mingle & Jingle At Ott's



Christmas At



Mingle & Jingle at Ott's was well attended by our Seniors. A delicious dinner made by Terry Davinroy was enjoyed by all! Thanks Terry!



Carol Osick, Evelyn Weber, Lucille Reece and David Oelrich at Ott's Dining out for Seniors.



Nancy Kostelac along with Scott and Becky Courtney enjoying dinner at Ott's.





Allen Analla, Lawrence Osick, Earl Doerr, Eileen Doerr, Janet Mueller, Darlene Slovinski and Glen McCarty enjoying fellowship at Ott's!



The Millstadt Choir made a surprise visit to the Mingle & Jingle and serenaded the Seniors with Christmas Carols.

The Senior Center





Zion Kitchen Band getting ready to perform at the Millstadt Senior Center Christmas Party!



Kenny Harres plays his accordion as he joins in with the Zion Kitchen Band.







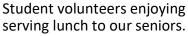
Many seniors came and enjoyed the festivities at the Senior Center Christmas Party!

Picture on the right is of our Student Volunteers. Back row left to right - Lily Capell, Brady Todd, Mylee Davis, and Lainey Capell. Front row left to right - Quinn Grommet, Jackson Simpson and Claire Emig.





Claire Emig dishes out Mother-In-Law dessert.









Christmas In Smithton





Celeste Krausz and other Smithton Seniors are excited for the Smithton Christmas Party to start!



Bill and Eileen Goetter at Smithton Senior Center Christmas Party.

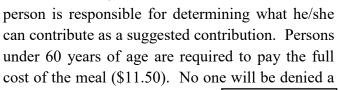


Marcella, Mary Lou, Linda and Diane enjoying the Smithton Senior Center Christmas Party.

Congregate Dining

We invite you to enjoy a deliciously prepared lunch.

The suggested donation for the meal is \$5.00, however each



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.





A great crowd gathered at the Smithton Senior Center for their Christmas party!

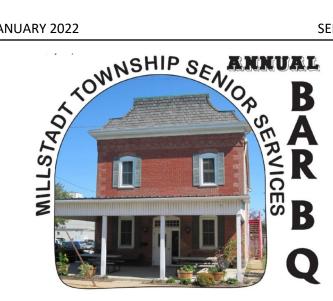


Smithton volunteers gather around their new food warmer at the Smithton Senior Center.

Thanks To Our Bingo Sponsors For January

We appreciate our January Bingo sponsors. Tuesday, Jan. 4 - Central Bank Tuesday, Jan. 11 – Ott's Friday, Jan. 14 – Hospice Tuesday, Jan. 18 – IGA Friday, Jan. 21 – Mertz Ford

Tuesday, Jan. 25 – Hoffen Funeral Home Friday, Jan. 28 – Garden Place



Saturday, February 12, 2022

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

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Inclement Winter Weather Policy

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

Baby Quilts For Sale

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

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

SAVE THE DATE Sat., Feb. 19th, 2022 Annual Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation Dinner @ Mertz Motors

Director Patty accepts Evelyn Lucy's donation.



Don Keck presents donation to Director Patty Evansco on behalf of Trinity Lutheran Church.

THANK YOU!!

Shout Out and Thank You to:

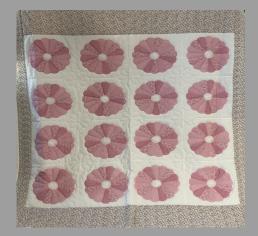
Millstadt Township and Randy Warnecke for patching the hole in the brick wall (Patty's feet are no longer cold)!

Village of Millstadt workers for installing a new hot water heater at the Senior Center!

Individual Computer Classes

Want to learn more about using computers? Get set up for email? We provide one-on-one computer training at no charge. Classes are taught by a knowledgeable senior computer enthusiast Mike Capell. For additional information call 618-476-3731. Next class is on Friday, January 28th @ 10:30 am and will continue on the Fourth Friday of each month.

MILLSTADT TOWNSHIP **SENIOR SERVICES**



QUILT RAFFLE June 17, 2022

At Senior Center 1st Prize - Handmade Queen Size Quilt 2nd Prize - Porch Swing 3rd Prize - Handmade Baby Quilt

TICKETS



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Available at the Center

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



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Bag Tournament Results

12/02/2021

1. Norma Burleson

1. Thelma Short/Ralph Schneider

504

- 2. Evelyn Weber/ Barbara Knewitz
- 3. Toni Schneider/Doris Chaput

12/09/2021

- 1. Thelma Short/Norma Burleson
- 2. ToniSchneider/Darleen Sandheinrich
- 3. Lil Tracy/Shirley Rinck
- 5. Barb Knewitz/Evelyn Weber

12/16/2021

- 1. Toni Schneider/Kim Oplet
- 2. Dorothy Bagsby/Shirley Rinck
- 3. Thelma Short/Lil Tracy
- 4. Evelyn Weber/Barb Knewitz



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New Year Resolutions

New year resolutions do not have to be life changing or difficult to achieve, but they should be something meaningful and achievable. Here are a few possibilities:

- -Drinking fewer soft drinks
- -Try a computer game;
- -Watch a new TV program;
- -Listen to a different radio station;
- -Ask Alexa for a new recipe for brussel sprouts;
- -Ask local librarian to suggest a new author for you to read:
- -Try a new dish at your favorite restaurant;
- -Clean out one drawer in your dresser;
- -Tell your bank teller or grocer bagger "thank-you", if you don't already;

It's not meant to be hard. Just think of some things you could make in your everyday life and try it.

Smithton Library News

The Smithton Library offers Notary Services by appointment only. Please call 618-233-8057 to schedule an appointment.

Notary Services Are Provided Free At The Senior Center

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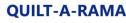












St. James Ladies CCW Millstadt, IL is sponsoring a Quilt-A-Rama





July-God Bless America

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

Tickets are \$25.00 each.

For Tickets Contact: Kathy Gass - CCW Pres./St. James Parish













Dining Out



St. Louis, MO

Thursday, Jan. 27th

Call Center For Reservations 618-476-3731



A New Library For All

For decades, the Millstadt Library has known that its current size just isn't right for our community. The lack of space for programming, events, collections and simply an area to meet, study or read a book is glaring. If you have been to one of our events or tried to leisurely do any of the above, you know how uncomfortable these can be in our current facility. We want to keep moving forward with the new Millstadt Library and in order to do so, we applied and were notified of our acceptance for the State of Illinois Library Construction Grant. However, to receive the grant of more than \$1.2 million, we need to secure our local share - around \$2.6 million - by June 30, 2022. We know this an extraordinary amount of money, which is why we have carefully formulated a plan.

In September 2021, we became the Millstadt Library District in order to expand our ability to serve our community. After consulting with financial experts, the most effective way to attain the grant is to expand the amount of people we serve throughout the Millstadt area. We hope to accomplish this through an annexation referendum.

This referendum would ask that the people within the existing village limits, who already pay taxes for the library, vote to allow their outlying neighbors access to their library. It would also ask that those currently outside village limits living within the boundaries of Millstadt School District 160 vote to pay the same library tax rate for the library as those already in the village do.

A "yes" vote on the annexation referendum in the upcoming June 28, 2022 election ensures everyone in Millstadt will not only have access to the library, but access to a new library. Construction on our new facility would start in Fall 2022 and would reach substantial completion by Summer 2023.

If the annexation referendum fails, we forfeit the Illinois state grant and a new funding formula will have to be determined. This would not only stall the momentum and progress we have made to this point; it would force the board to consider other alternatives that could put a new library on hold for years. In a small community like ours, heavily reliant on state grants (when available) and similar options such as local donors, our dream of a new library will not be a reality until at least 2026.

As early as 1989, the Millstadt Library Board wanted to apply for the State of Illinois Library Construction Grant and was looking at using the adjoining village side-yard as a possible expansion site. At that time, the village population was 2,566.

Fast-forward to 2017 and the library board purchased a plot of land next to the Millstadt Primary Center. From that point to now, we have consulted with library experts and have retained an architecture firm and construction firm with extensive library building experience. Through all of this rigorous fact-finding, we have followed state standards for libraries. At a state-suggested .6 square feet per capita, we are currently at 2.7 square feet per capita. In short, the current population of 4,071 people are being underserved in this space.

Through these consultations, we have learned the facility we currently occupy is not suited for a modern library (think open concept with flexibility to adapt to new technology needs) even with extensive renovations. Per Illinois state standards, we must think about the next 20 years - and the future is now.

This state grant and annexation levy is an opportunity of a lifetime for our community - an opportunity to have one-third of the total cost of our new library facility paid for by the state. An opportunity for those living inside and outside of the village limits to join together, working together toward a common goal of providing a library and local meeting space for everyone in Millstadt.

This is a special opportunity for our community to work together to enhance our town with a library everyone can be proud to call their own.

We encourage everyone to learn more about the annexation referendum and the new library by visiting the library at 115 W. Laurel St. in Millstadt, visiting our website, http://www.millstadtlibrary.org, emailing us at millstadtlib@gmail.com, or calling us at 618-476-1887. We also hope you will visit us at one of our upcoming informational events in February, March, April and May. More

information about these events will be released as the details are finalized

Anyone wanting to help with the annexation referendum and/or fundraising efforts for our new library should call 618-476-1887 or attend a Library Friends and Fundraising meeting held at 7 p.m. on the last Monday of every month. We look forward to earning your support and hope you agree that adding this valuable resource will enhance our community in many, many ways for years to come.



- Friday, January 21
- 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m AND
- Saturday, January 22 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All proceeds go to our new Millstadt

Knitting & Crochet Night - Every Tuesday Night

- 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. In-Person & Zoom via Facebook Event

- <u>Crafternoons</u>
 Every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.
 Join us for crafts and activities.
- All children welcome! - In-Person and Weekly Craft Kits available
- Youth Story Time
 EVERY Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in-person

<u>ComBo: Comic Book Club for Children</u> -Every First Wednesday, January 5 - In-person, anytime from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Family Movie Program -Thursday, January 13 - In-person at 5:30 p.m.

- Mitchells Vs. the Machines

- Author's Faire
 Saturday, January 15
 Extended Hours, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Meet with over 10 local authors for all
- genres and ages!
 Visit http://www.millstadt-library.org/authorsfaire2022

<u>G&P: Games and Puzzles Club - ALL AGES</u> -Every Third Wednesday, January 19 - In-person from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

<u>GraNo: Graphic Novel Club for Teens/Adults</u> - Every Third Thursday, January 20

- In-person from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m

Book Club

- Saturday, January 29 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- In-Person & Zoom via Facebook Event - An Anonymous Girl by Hendricks & Pekkanen

We'll be closed January 1 for the holiday. 115 West Laurel Street

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2021 TOP TEN

Our top circulating items of 2021

- 10. The Pigeon Has to go to School by Mo Willems (Children's)
- 9. Pete the Cat and the Bad Banana by James Dean (Children's)
- 8. The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Richardson (Adult)
- 7. Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the
- Sky by Kwame Mbalia (Youth) 6. Firefly Lane by Kristin Hannah (Adult)
- 5. Country Living (Periodical) 4. Dog Diaries. Double Dog Dare
- by James Patterson (Youth)
- 3. Southern Living (Periodical) 2. Consumer Reports (Periodical)
- 1. Four Winds by Kristin Hannah (Adult)

Tributes And Memorials

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January 3, Feast of the Epiphany

January 5, Blood Drive, 3:00 pm-8 pm. St. James.

January 12, Hot Tea Day

January 29, National Puzzle Day

February 19, SMB Dinner

Mobile Internet Hotspots

Smithton Library has five mobile internet hotspots that Smithton library patrons (ages 18+) may check out. The hotspots run on the Sprint/T-Mobile networks. Hotspots may be checked out for 2 weeks and can be reserved for vacations or family road trips. Call the library at 618-233-8057 to reserve one.

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

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

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Part A (Hospital Insurance)	Beneficiary pays:		
Hospital Deductible	\$1,556/benefit period		
Hospital Copayment	\$0/day for days 1-60		
	\$389/day for days 61-90		
	\$778/day for days 91-150		
Skilled Nursing Facility Copayment	\$194.50/day for days 21-100		
Part A Premiums*	\$499/month for those with fewer than 30 quarters of Medicare-covered employment		
	\$274/month for those with 30-39 quarters of Medicare-covered employment		
Part B (Medical Insurance)	Beneficiary pays:		
Part B (Medical Insurance) Annual Deductible	Beneficiary pays: \$233		

^{*} Most people with Medicare do not pay a monthly premium for Part A because they have (or a spouse has) 40

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If interested, please call 314.862.4859 ext 24 Freeburg Area Library District 407 S Belleville St. Freeburg, IL 62243

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

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The Millstadt Senior Center is here to provide essential services. If you are a senior in need: Call 618-476-3731.

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- Face Masks
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- Tech assistance with ZOOM. Facebook







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Bible Study At Senior Center

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BIBLE TALK

ORDINARY TIME

Hello to all. I hope your Christmas truly was "Merry and Bright" and the New Year will be your best year ever. Amen to that.

The upcoming time between Advent and Lent is known on many church calendars as Ordinary Time. No Christmas planning to celebrate the birth nor planning to celebrate the greatest gift of all, God's only son for our redemption. (John 3:16-17). Now that all is still, we have the perfect time to pause and reflect to learn more about our Savior, Jesus. What he said and did while he was in human form living on the earth he created. (See John 1:1-14).

Remember, if it is written in the Bible, it is something God feels you have the need to know. Let us see what God is teaching us in Acts 12.

The chapter begins with the beheading of the Apostle James and the imprisonment of the Apostle Peter. (Acts12:1-2). Why did James die and not Peter? I feel it was because James had completed the plan God had for his earthly life. Peter, on the other hand, had "miles to go before he sleeps". He was the ROCK on which Jesus was to build his church. (See Matthew 16:18).

Acts 12:3-19) tells the story of the miraculous escape of Peter from Herod's prison. God sent an angel to rescue Peter. "Then Peter came to himself and said, now that I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating.

NOTE: There are four James mentioned in the New Testament. The James mentioned in verse 17 is believed to be the half-brother of Jesus, the author of the book of James.

Acts12:19-23. Vanity takes the life of Herod. Herod put on his best and sat on a throne to address the crowd. When the people gave a shout: "This is the word of a god and not of a man," Herod did not deny this, nor did he give God the glory. Whoa! "For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God". (Exodus 20:5). A teaching moment for us all! For his shameful display, an angel of the Lord struck him down and he rotted and died.

The chapter ends with the good news that the word of God continued to increase and spread. Barnabas and Saul (Paul) return from their first mission trip where they successfully preached the good news of Christ to the Gentiles.

I would like to thank Pastor Darrell Weber for writing our Christmas article. In it, he shared these words of Peter: "Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

(1 Peter:5-7). This is something God needs you to know and remember!

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in his wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace." (Helen H. Lammel,, 1922.)

Thank you for sharing your time with me today. Blessings and peace for your new year.

Pat Morris

Senior Center Menu & Senior Talk On Line

Township Website: millstadttownship.org.

Click on Senior Svcs (located on the left-hand side of the page).

Listing of Senior Center Items will appear.

Click on the item you would like to view.

Village of Millstadt Website: villageofmillstadt.org. Double click on

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Weihnachtsfest 2021

Do you remember where the first Weihnachtsfests were held? The 27th annual Weihnachtsfest was held on December 5, 2021 at St. James Parish. Each year since 2006 the Weihnachtsfest has been held at St. James. This year in addition to a parade, a visit by Santa, German food and a selection of German beers, the following raffle winners were announced:

Jim Klein, Millstadt - \$250 Dawn Perkins, Arnold, MO - \$100 Teresa Galle, Smithton - \$75 Wegener family, Millstadt - \$50 Rose Stemler, Columbia - \$25

Thank you for making the 2021 Weihnachtsfest success.

If you were wondering, the first Weihnachtsfests were held at the VFW. The ice storm of 2006 caused major power outages at the VFW and the immediate area. Fortunately, St. James had power restored and the location was changed.

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Village of Millstadt

November 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mike Todd, with the following trustees answering to roll call: Randy Burk, Mike Capell, Mark Todd, and Dustin Trankle. Trustees Ray Famula and Mike French were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Mike Capell to approve the October 25th minutes. Dustin Trankle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS: Mike Capell stated he reviewed the bills. Mike Capell made a motion to pay the bills. Dustin Trankle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. PERSONNEL: Mike Capell stated the Liability and Worker's Compensation Insurance Contract for 2022 will increase by 11% for a total of \$127,686. The increase is due to losses that were of no fault of the Village's. Mike Capell made a motion to approve the Village's Liability and Worker's Compensation Insurance Contract with Warma Witter Kreisler & Associates. Randy Burk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

STREETS, ALLEYS AND SIDEWALKS: Randy Burk stated the new wheelchair accessramps look nice. Scott Baltz stated Ameren finished setting their new poles. Charter still needs to come in, but they will be working at night, and it should not interfere with the construction.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Todd stated Ordinance 1244 is for authorizing the sale of Village personal property. It is for three vehicles to be sold by sealed bid. Mike Capellmade a motion to approve Ordinance 1244 as presented. Dustin Trankle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Todd stated Ordinance 1245 is for the annual tax levy. He and Tracy Holmesworked on it. It is for \$593,245. Randy Burk made a motion to approve Ordinance 1245 as presented. Dustin Trankle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATIONS: Mayor Todd stated he met with an individual whose property is adjacent to the south of the Village. He is waiting to hear back from him.

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Scott Baltz stated the scoreboard for Diamond 3 may be in within the month. The company that was supposed to stripe the tennis courts for pickleball have not returned his calls; he is going to start contacting other companies. COMMUNITY CENTER: Mayor Todd stated the Covid vaccine booster clinic will be held on Friday, November 19th. Anyone interested can contact Center Director Patty Evansco.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Adam Romero stated there would be a Planning Commission meeting this month to discuss the comprehensive plan.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Chief Alan Hucke stated their Run for Backstoppers was held the previous weekend. They had a good turnout along with the pleasant weather.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated he, Randy Burk, and Adam Romero had met with the Friends of the Old Water Tower to discuss what was still needed in their proposed contract. They will hopefully have something for the next Village Board meeting.

Mayor Todd stated he talked with Senator Belt. They discussed grants to be used for lining the sewer line in Coachlite and replacing the water main in the industrial park. Senator Belt believes the Village will be awarded those grants soon.

Mayor Todd stated the work has begun at Tuffy Mueth Field. The Village was also awarded a \$175,000 grant from Chairman Kern and the St. Clair County Board.

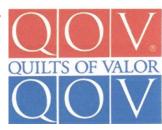
Mayor Todd stated Adam Romero and Village Attorney Brian Flynn have been creating a new business license. It should be up for a vote at the next Village Board meeting. If the Trustees have any questions, please get a hold of Adam. Mayor Todd will be talking with the Office staff about any questions they may have.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated MAC Medical would be baying

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated MAC Medical would be having a flag raising ceremony at 7am on Veterans Day; all are welcome to attend.

Quilts of Valor

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

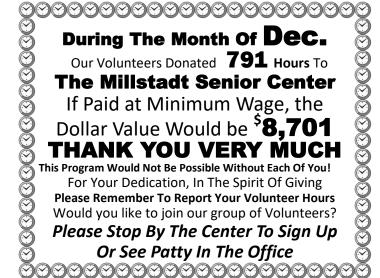


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Anyone can nominate a service member by visiting the Quilts of Valor website at QOVF.org. The person nominated will be added to the QOV database and assigned to the appropriate group governing that area.



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Newsletter (43 hours)

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

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



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2 Alice Krysnoski

2 Bobby Wheat

3 Gary Adams

3 Carlene Baumheuter

3 Elizabeth Walther

4 Gloria Ellermeyer

🥄 4 William Herr

🥄 4 Ruth Juenger

💐 4 Edgar Stallman Jr

5 Linda Hoepfinger

5 Joseph Orsa

7 Lynn Gaas

7 Doris Schwartz

8 Edward Schlattweiler 25 Norman Toenjes

10 Thomas Boschert

10 Darlou Mehrmann

10 William Schwartz

11 Dennis Capone

11 Joan Woods

12 Cheryl Pierpoint

12 Mary Schlather

12 Linda Stoner

13 Frances Dickneite

13 Susan Garland

14 Mary Conley

💐 14 Marilyn Hartmann

14 Shirley Hrabusicky

15 Lester Waller

15 Kathleen Yurgec

17 Donald Steele

18 Jean Colbert **18 Judy Hamilton**

18 Sharlene Hatzl

18 Lucille Lang

19 Ralph Buehler

19 Charles Pruitt

21 Maxine Buckley

22 Patty Ferry

22 Ronald Pannier

23 Doris Adams

23 Marilyn Fiedler

23 Richard Rist

24 Janet Switzer

24 Marsha Teliczan

25 Elmer Hettenhausen

26 Shirley Simmonds

26 Mary Ann Sinclair

27 Fern Lunsford

28 Teresa Barbier

28 Lindy Knysak

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*Shiloh/O'Fallon Doctors will be done on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 am to 10:30 am.

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This exercise program can help lower risk for falling. The program incorporates a series of gentle, pain-free movements and is evidenced based; it has been proven by medical studies to improve the health of older adult participants. Thour sessions. Use code: "AgeSmart21" to get the class free! The goals of this program include: - Improving balance, strength, flexibility, and stamina

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- Meet new friends, provide support and encouragement to peers

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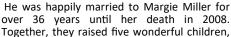
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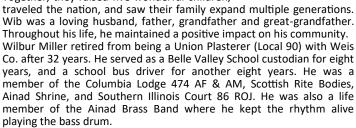
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Wilbur Miller

Wilbur "Wib" Harold Miller was born on September 26, 1933 in Belleville, Illinois to George and Viola Miller (nee Jacobus). After 88 years of a life well-lived, Wib passed away with family by his side on Sunday, January 2, 2022 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.





Wib was a life member of the Millstadt Sportsmen's Club, where he served as Treasurer for 16 years. He taught Sunday school at Zion Church in Millstadt, as well as being a sponsor for the Zion Youth Fellowship Group. He chaperoned the Zion Youth Group to the World's Fair in 1967. Wilbur managed Khoury League baseball in Millstadt for six years and was League Commissioner for another six years. He was in the Millstadt Commercial Club, too.

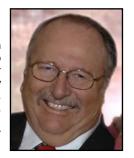
Wilbur Miller is preceded in death by his parents, George and Viola; his step-mother, Anna Miller (nee Osterhague); his brother, Lester; his step-siblings, Raymond, Laura, Myrtle; his wife, Margie; his daughter, Vicky Mueller (nee Brown)

He is survived by his sons, Glenn Miller, Danny Brown, Wayne Brown; his daughter, Cindy Litteken (nee Brown). Wilbur leaves behind 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Those who had the honor to call Wib "family" have been blessed. To have known a man with such love in his heart is to have known a good man.

His family would like to give a special thanks to the staff and residence at Cambridge House and the nurses on the 4th floor at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon, IL.

In lieu of flowers and other physical memorials, Wilbur Miller requested donations be made to the Shiners Hospital in St. Louis and the United Church of Christ in Floraville. Illinois.

Leesman Funeral Home in Millstadt, IL handled the arrangements.



Richard Schmidt

Richard "Rich" M. Schmidt, 59, of Millstadt, IL, born Thursday, October 11, 1962, in Granite City, IL, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family, Friday, November 26, 2021, at his residence in Millstadt, IL. after a long battle with cancer.



Rich was previously in the Marine Reserves and was a U.S. Army Veteran. He previously worked for SunCoke Energy as a utility maintenance worker. He was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Millstadt, IL and Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA). Rich was best known for his upbeat personality and positive attitude. He never knew a stranger and was always willing to lend a helping hand. He was a devout Catholic. He enjoyed gardening, playing cards and a good game of golf. Rich loved his wife Tracy, of 34 years, his children and his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Laurence and Josefa nee Welp, Schmidt; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Robert and Dorothy nee Hill, Hamilton; brothers-in-law, Robert Hamilton Jr., Ronald Hamilton, Jerry Ohlendorf and Blake Pfannebecker; sisters-in-law, Constance Ohlendorf and Deborah Pfannebecker. Surviving are his loving and devoted wife, Tracy A. nee Hamilton, Schmidt of Millstadt, IL; children, Samantha (Kenneth III) Bassler of Millstadt, IL, Richard L. (Ashley) Schmidt of Millstadt, IL; grandchildren, Cooper, Kenny, Emmarie and Oliver; brother, Robert Schmidt; sisters, Laurie (Bud) Mogus, Rita Schmidt (Rich's twin), and Ramona (Don) Roberts; brothers and sisters-in-law, Everett (Judy) Hamilton, Steven (Ginna) Hamilton, Sharon (Paul) Rongey, Randall (Lola) Hamilton, Gary (Phyllis) Hamilton, Denise (Joe) Hoepker, Janice Hamilton, Neil (Debbie) Hamilton, Mark (Denise) Hamilton, Donald (Cindy) Hamilton, Bradley (Tammy) Hamilton, Kelly (Terry) Hamilton and Robert (Sherry) Hamilton; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.kurrusfh.com. Memorials may be made to the St. Jude's Children Research in lieu of flowers.

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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.

Ralph Beil

Ralph E. Beil, 94, of Millstadt, IL passed away on Monday December 20, 2021 at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, IL. Ralph was born on June 1, 1927 in Millstadt, IL to Charles and Otillia Beil, nee Bereitschaft and they precede him in death. He was also preceded in death by his brothers,



Walter and Charles Beil and sister-in-law, Bernice Beil.

Ralph proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. Upon graduating from Washington University School of Engineering, he began his career as a structural engineer. He designed and built the Millstadt VFW Post 7980 building and his own home, which is now registered as a historic place. In his spare time, Ralph enjoyed fishing, golfing and doing his own yard work. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family and friends and will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, greatgrandfather and dear friend to many.

Left to cherish his memory is his beloved wife of 72 years, Marilyn Beil, nee Buerk, whom he married at Zion Church of Millstadt, IL on September 10, 1949. His children: Marsha (David) Davis of Millstadt, IL, Lois (Bill) Mayer of Naperville, IL and Tom (Debbie) Beil of Ballwin, MO; his sister-in-law, Laureen Beil of Millstadt, IL; his grandchildren: Glen (Melanie) Davis, Jada (Aaron) Johnson, Bart (Mary) Mayer, Nathan (Lori) Mayer, Tyler Mayer, Alex (Emily) Beil, Craig Beil and Morgan (Quinn) Schafer, 12 great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, extended family and beloved friends.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Millstadt VFW Post 7980 or to Zion Evangelical Church of Millstadt. Hoffen Funeral Home in Millstadt, IL handled the arrangements.

Bertha Rodgers

Bertha May Rodgers, nee Lucas, 88, of Millstadt, Illinois passed away peacefully on Sunday December 19, 2021 in Columbia, IL. She was born on June 4, 1933 in Blytheville, Arkansas to Everett and Myrtle Lucas, nee Richardson and they precede her in death. Bertha was also preceded in death by her husband,



Truman E. Rodgers, her children, Nancy Rodgers and Michael Rodgers, her grandchildren, Ricky Douthit and Amy Carrico, four sisters: Bobbie Craig, Pauline Stafford, Susie Carner, Florine Vincent and her brother, Elbert Lucas.

Bertha was an avid reader and loved cooking, especially baking and was known for her legendary biscuits. Prior to retirement, she worked as a florist. In her spare time, she pursued genealogy with great passion and loved playing Wii bowling at the Millstadt Senior Center. Bertha cherished time spent with her family and especially loved crafting with her grandchildren. She will be remembered as a loving wife, devoted mother and grandmother and dear friend to many.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Trudy Kopf of Colorado, Bonita (Terry) Carrico of Waterloo, IL, Alice Rodgers, also of Waterloo, IL, Carol Rodgers of Arkansas, and her daughter-in-law, Nancy Rodgers of DuQuoin, IL; her siblings: Linda Lucas of Ohio, Ernest Lucas of Louisiana, Eddie (Louise) Lucas of Arkansas, Larry (Mary) Lucas of Mississippi and Jerry (Kathy) Lucas of Tennessee; her grandchildren: Joe Kopf, Amanda (Ed) Ahne, Alivia (Adam) Becherer, Jennifer Eads, Shanan (Lisa) Rodgers, Hydie Rodgers and Joe (Kristen) Akers II; 11 great-grandchildren in addition to many nieces, nephews and extended family.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Millstadt Senior Center. Hoffen Funeral Home in Millstadt, IL is in charge of arrangements

Ronald Dennis

Ronald L. Dennis, 66, of Millstadt, IL, born Tuesday, December 28, 1954, in East Saint Louis, IL, passed away Sunday, November 28, 2021, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, IL.



Ronald retired in 2011 from St Clair

County where he was a Probation Investigator. He was a member of the International Police Association, Trinity Lutheran Church in Millstadt, IL, Gothic Lodge #852 AF & AM, Scottish Rite Bodies Past Commander-in-Chief from 2007-2009, received Honorary 33 degree August 30, 2005, Ainad Shrine, Ritualistic Cast, Widows Sons and Millstadt Community Choir.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Kathleen S. Collins.

Surviving are his parents, Vernon L. and Frances "Bonnie", nee Kleinschnitter, Dennis of Fairview Heights, IL; long time girl friend, Cheryl Sheehan; nieces and nephew, Kristin (A.J.) Scharf of Millstadt, IL, Joseph Holliday of Shiloh, IL and Sarah (Scott) Scoggan of Quincy, IL; brother-in-law, James Collins of Belleville, IL and dear great nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were handled by Kurrus Funeral Home, Belleville, IL. Memorials may be made to the Children Dyslexia Center of Southern Illinois.

Rueben Goodwin

Rueben "Butch" M. Goodwin, 84, of Millstadt, Illinois, passed away on Saturday, December 11th, 2021 at his home. He was born in O'Fallon, Missouri on September 20th, 1937, to Samuel and Rose Marie Goodwin (nee Wodoschek). He is preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Dorothy D. D. Whitten (nee Goodwin), and Martha A. Mudd (nee



Goodwin, and brothers, Samuel A. Goodwin, and Bernard L. Goodwin.

Rueben is survived by his wife of 49 years, Doris Goodwin (nee Keim), children, Stephanie (Patrick) Petty of Millstadt, Illinois and Mark (Kim) Goodwin of Fairview Heights, Illinois, and grandchildren, Kristopher (Stevie) Petty, JeAnna Petty, Jvon (Hannah) Morris, Heather Goodwin, Caitlyn Goodwin, Collin Petty and Jak Petty. He is further survived by greatgrandchildren, Dexter Petty and Amelia Petty, by sister, Francis L. A. Compton (nee Goodwin) of Belleville, Illinois, and many nieces and nephews. Rueben had served his country valiantly in the United States Army. He was a Carpenter by trade and a proud member of the Carpenters Union Local 433 for over 50 years. He loved woodworking and truly was an artisan. He was filled with compassion and was a quick wit. He will be missed by all who knew him. Arrangements were handled by Valhalla-Gaerdner-Holten Funeral Home, Belleville, Illinois.

Memorials may be made to HSHS Hospice Southern Illinois.



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Karen Johnson

Karen Ann Johnson, 72, of Millstadt, passed away on Friday, November 19, 2021 at St. Clare Health Care Center in Fenton. She was born November 28, 1948, in St. Louis, MO to Donald and Thelma (Kammerer) Mast. She was raised as a member of the Catholic Church.

Karen currently attended local Lutheran churches. She was retired from Indeeco Heating and Air of St. Louis.

Her life was her family and she enjoyed baking her famous chocolate chip cookies and spending time at home caring for her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Surviving are her son, Jerry (Sandy Arnold) Johnson of Wentzville, MO, daughter, Jennifer J. (Eric) Godsy of Millstadt, 8 grandchildren, Catherine Eschmann of Wright City, MO, Brandi Rohlfing of Valmeyer, Brent Johnson of Moscow Mills, MO, Danielle Barbarotto of Collinsville, Savannah & Gabrielle Barbarotto and Taylor & Tyler Godsy all of Millstadt, 6 Great Grandchildren, Kennedi, Peyton, Alex, Kaia, Elaina and Carter, along with other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Donald Mast, Jr.

Memorial donations are suggested to The BackStoppers /10411 Clayton Road #203/St. Louis, MO 63131. Arrangements were handled by Leesman, Millstadt, IL.

John Bohannon

John Frederick "Fred" Bohannon, 71 years of Belleville, IL, passed away on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, IL. He was born August 16, 1950, in Belleville, IL.

Surviving are his sons, Joseph Bohannon and Ian Bohannon, his granddaughter, Lena Marie Bohannon, his sister, Annette (David) Laramore, his half sisters, Carole Clark and Joan Chapman, along with cousins & nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick Wilson and Irene, nee Rheis, Bohannon and his sister, Joy A.E. Bertke.

Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home.

The Millstadt Senior Center Expresses Our Deepest Sympathy To The Family. Friends and Loved Ones Of



Ralph Beil John Bohannon **Ronald Dennis** Rueben Goodwin Karen Johnson Lelia Joslin Marian Merts Wilbur Miller Janice Peak **Bertha Rodgers** Richard Schmidt

Marian Mertz

Marian D. Mertz. nee Schuler. 93. of Millstadt, IL passed away at her home, surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday December 15, 2021. She was born on December 28, 1927 in Columbia, IL to Charles and Aleda Schuler, nee Petri and they precede her in death. Marian was also preceded in death by her



husband of 68 years, William "Bill" Mertz and her brother, Carl Schuler

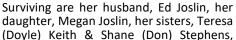
Marian worked alongside her husband, Bill for many years at Mertz Ford in Millstadt as an office manager. She was a member of the Millstadt VFW Post 7980 Ladies Auxiliary and the Columbia Card Club. Marian and Bill had a large social circle and loved spending time with their friends. Marian will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and dear friend to many.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons; Larry (Maria) Mertz of Sugar Grove, IL and Don (Debbie) Mertz of Millstadt, IL and her grandchildren; Madeline Mertz of Keystone, CO, William Mertz of Virginia Beach, VA and Christina Mertz of Westmont, IL; her sister-in-law, Margie Schuler of Columbia, IL, her nieces and nephews; Carl (Candy) Schuler, Jr., Sharon Misplais, John Schuler and extended family.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Millstadt VFW Post 7980, Zion Evangelical Church of Millstadt or the donor's choice. Arrangements were handled by Hoffen Funeral Home, Millstadt. IL.

Lelia Joslin

Lelia S. Joslin, nee Lakes, 57 years old of Millstadt, IL., passed away on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, IL. She was born April 27, 1964 in Lexington, KY.





along with other relatives and friends She was preceded in death by her parents, Owen Lee & Janice, nee Shell, Lakes.

Private inurnment will be in the Mt. Evergreen Cemetery, Millstadt, IL.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to Epilepsy Foundation. Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home in Millstadt, IL.

Janice Peak

Janice L. Peak, nee Willmann, 69, of Belleville, IL passed away on December 13, 2021 at Evelyn's House in Creve Couer, MO. Janice was born on December 9, 1952 in Belleville, IL to Ralph and Doris Willmann, nee Blaies and they precede her in death. Janice worked for 37 years as a Unit Secretary for St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, IL. She was a devoted member of Concordia United Church of Christ in Belleville, IL. Janice was also a passionate Ham Radio Operator and had her Amateur Radio License, N9NJW. She was a long-time member of the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club. Left to cherish her memory is her husband of 29 years, Leonard Peak of Belleville, IL, her daughter, Denise (Gerald) Taylor-Good of Carlsbad, CA, her half-brother, Chuck (Marie) Geopo of Providence, RI and her grandchildren, Sloan and Thurston Good also of Carlsbad, CA in addition to countless beloved friends. A celebration of Janice's life will be held at Concordia United Church of Christ in Belleville, IL-the date and times will be forthcoming. Please check the funeral home's website for details. Memorial contributions may be made to BJC Hospice in memory of Janice L. Peak.