millstadt TOWNSHIP SENIOR SERVICES

Senior Talk

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Chronic Disease Self-Management Class

We had great success with our Aging Mastery Program that was held for the last 10 weeks at the Senior Center. Out next program will be on Chronic Disease Self-Management. This 6-session class will give participants a promising strategy for treating chronic conditions and to actively identify challenges and solve problems associated with their illness. You will learn management skills including decision making, problem-solving, and action planning regarding arthritis, diabetes, cancer, mental illness, and lung and heart disease. This program is sponsored by Oasis and AgeSmart.

Date: Fridays September 30th–November 4th
Time: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Six sessions
Location: Millstadt Township Senior Services
102 South Jefferson, Millstadt IL
R.S.V.P. Required: 618-476-3731

Some of the attendees and instructors at the Aging Mastery Program class.

From Below The Tower

Patty Evansco

Happy Fall!

How did July and August go so quickly? Many people will answer that question saying as you get older time goes by faster. I must be aging at warp speed because it just seems as if it were the first day of summer. You would think at a Senior Center everything would be slow, but not here. Our days speed by. I do hope you had a good summer and look forward to autumn days.

The golf league I played in on Monday nights is over. This summer with my golf buddies, Kathy Albers, Nancy Kostelac and Karen Witte, we played in a ladies golf league at Red Bud Country Club. It was fun, and there were many good golfers in the league. The experience was good in that it brought out our best effort. Thank you, Wendy Mayer, for being our substitute. We will probably be back at Triple Lakes on Monday evenings for the rest of the year or at least if the weather holds out.

Did you know that September is "National Senior Center" Month? There are over 10,000 senior centers in communities and neighborhoods across the country providing access to information, opportunities, and support to improve the lives of older adults. Senior centers have evolved since beginning in the 1940s, through their inclusion in the Older American's Act of 1973 and continue today. Their mission has remained strong: To be the local, trusted place in the community that connects people to programs, services and opportunities needed to age well.

Millstadt Senior Center has been providing programs, services, and opportunities since 1983 and has a long history in our community as being the place for seniors to go. We believe our Center is the best in the county and we believe it is because of YOU!

We continue to find ways to improve and add more to our programming and monthly calendars. As we put the pandemic behind us, we're finding many things have changed. With flexibility, we try to continue to grow and move on.

Thank you for making us the
BEST Senior Center of all!!!!

Patty

Dessert Days

Millstadt and Smithton diners will enjoy a special Dessert of the Month starting on October 18, 2022! October will be Federhofer's Bakery. Bring a friend and enjoy the sweet side of life. We will also be taking the dessert to Meals on Wheels clients. Make your reservation today to dine with us on the 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Call 618-476-3731 to reserve your meal.

Volunteer Needed

A temporary volunteer is needed who is willing to work 1 to 5 days a week from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. Help is needed answering telephone calls and light clerical (i.e., printing labels). We will show you what to do. Please call Patty at (618) 476-3731 if you would like to help.

Virgina Avara stopped by to see Director Patty Evansco and to check out some of the goods that were for Sale at the Fabric Grab. She was out with her daughter Cheryl Peinetti.

Fern Lunsford and Faye Schilling deliver MOWs to our clients in the Smithton area. Our clients love it when they deliver their meals and Fern and Faye enjoy spending time visiting with them.

Terry Davinroy owner of Ott's Tavern calls Bingo and also brought Bingo prizes at the Senior Center.

July 2022 Meal Report

Carry-Outs	**452**	**— Smithton**	**333**
Home Delivered (Meals on Wheels)			**2,402**
Congregate (Dine In)	**850**	**— Dining Out**	**35**
Total Meals July			**3,739**

SNAP, MEDICAID & LiHEAP APPLICATIONS

Missy from AgeSmart will be here
Wednesday, September 21, 2022
From 9:00 am to 12:00 am
Call (618) 476-3731 for appointment

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.

Patty and Sandy staff the Millstadt Township Senior Services booth at the Summer Social.

Smithton News

Let's Get Together

For a year and half now, we have swerved and stretched to meet the shifting realities of going out in the pandemic. Masks on, masks off. Shutdowns, curfews, social distancing, staff, and volunteer shortages – all may keep coming or going in sync with coronavirus caseloads and the health of the economy.

We need to be together again! Your Monday and Tuesday Senior Center meals are a Gateway to activities, service, and connections.

The Smithton Senior Center should be the hub of Smithton. The center is a place for you to access Smithton's resources and a place for older Smithton residents to use their knowledge, skills, and energy to support each other, regardless of age.

The Smithton Center is a place where you can exercise with people around your age and there is always a card game. Many enjoy coming here for laughter and friendship. There is room to put a quilt .

The Older Americans Act funding is allowing us to continue serving carry-outs at Millstadt and Smithton Senior Centers,. Unfortunately, it will not continue forever, so we truly want you to consider coming into the dining room to eat.

Social isolation can have grave consequences for older adults' health. It can be associated with higher blood pressure and earlier onset of dementia. Seniors who drop by for meals often stay for activities afterwards which leads to better health and feeling better.

Teachers from Smithton Grade School sponsored Bingo at the Smithton Senior Center on Tuesday, August 2nd. It was well attended by Smithton Seniors.

Need A Fishing Pole

The Smithton Library has fishing poles available to check-out. Enjoy some cooler fall weather at your favorite fishing hole with a fishing pole or two and bring a friend along!

Smithton Library News

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

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.

Smithton Meal Report

Smithton Meal Report	Center Meals			Meals on Wheels			
	Carry Out	Congregate	Total Center	Frozen	Weekend	Warm	Total MOW
Monday, August 1, 2022		50	**50**	58	8	15	81
Tuesday, August 2, 2022		50	**50**	62	8	16	86
Monday, August 8, 2022		40	**40**				
Tuesday, August 9, 2022	15	32	**47**				
Monday, August 15, 2022		43	**43**	66	8	17	91
Tuesday, August 16, 2022	17	29	**46**				
Monday, August 22, 2022		22	**22**	62	10	16	88
Tuesday, August 23, 2022	11	31	**42**				
Monday, August 29, 2022		45	**45**	66	10	17	93
Tuesday, August 30, 2022	11	39	**50**				
	54	381	435	314	44	81	439

During the month of August 2022, an average of 43 diners were serve twice a week at the Smithton Senior Center for a total of 435 Meals. While an average of 16 Meals on Wheels clients were visited weekly and taken frozen and weekend meals for a total of 439 Meals. A total of 874 Meals were delivered to Smithton for seniors. If you would like to come in to dine at Smithton Senior Center you call for reservations at (618) 476-3731. If you would like to know of

Smithton Ice Cream & Bunco

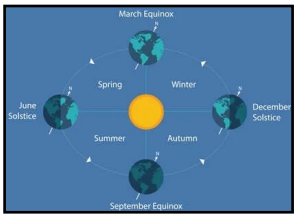
A great crowd enjoyed an afternoon of ice cream and Bunco at the Smithton Senior Center.

65 Years And Counting!

The Class of '57 celebrated the 65th anniversary of their graduation from MCS with lunch and reminiscing on August 13th at Smokin K's. Nine of the 39 graduates attended and others from Texas and Washington sent their regards. The lives of seventeen graduates were fondly remembered. Those present recalled processing to and from the gym stage in "pairs" according to height – boy & girl – shortest to tallest pair. Some even recalled the name of their partner! Classmate David Williams (of birdhouse renown) again presented a reunion souvenir to all attending (and to the "wait" staff) – a handcrafted TIN MAN! David uses recycled materials i.e., wood or cans to fashion unique items. Next year?

Those attending were Dan Duncan, Ken Mueller, Tom Amos, Gene Ayres, David Williams, Anita Bense Thomas, Barb Simmonds Heil, Carol Mueller Knoebel, and Judy Vollmer Jacobs.

Autumn Equinox 2022: The First Day of Fall September 22nd



What Is the Autumn Equinox?

The **autumn equinox** is an astronomical event that marks the start of autumn (or "fall"). In the Northern Hemisphere, the autumnal equinox occurs in September; in the Southern Hemisphere, it occurs in March.

What Is an Equinox?

During an **equinox**, the Sun crosses what we call the "celestial equator"—an imaginary extension of Earth's equator line into space. The equinox occurs precisely when the Sun's center passes through this line.

For those in the Northern Hemisphere, when the Sun crosses the equator going from north to south, this marks the autumnal equinox; when it crosses from south to north, this marks the vernal equinox. In the Southern Hemisphere, it's the reverse.

Taste of Ott's

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

September Dinner

Italian Night

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Breadstick and Fruit Dessert

Monday, Sep. 12th

At 4:30p.m.
Enjoy great food, prizes, and fellowship!
Suggested contribution $5.00/meal
RSVP to Senior Center (618) 476-3731
by September 5, 2022
(Limited to 50) Meal is subsidized by **AgeSmart**.
Must be 60 or over to attend.

Millstadt Red Cross Blood Drive Schedule

Sep. 7, 2022	**3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James**
Nov. 16, 2022	**3:00 pm – 8:00 pm V.F.W.**
Jan. 11, 2023	**3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James**
Mar. 15, 2023	**3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James**
May 10, 2023	**3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James**
July 12, 2023	**3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James**
Sep. 13, 2023	**3:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. James**
Nov. 29, 2023	**3:00 pm – 8:00 pm V.F.W.**

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.

MCS 1950's Classes Reunion

Saturday, October 22 @ 11:30am

Spike's Public House

Millstadt, IL

Please R.S.V.P by Sat., Oct. 8th to:

Judy Merod 618/476-3072

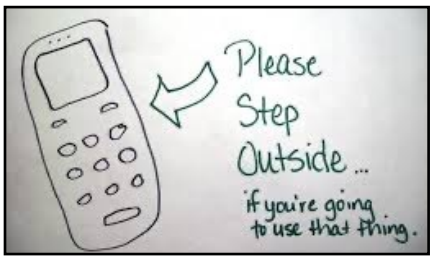
Doris Steiger 618/444-1133

Jeannie Schaefer 618/363-5386

SMB Foundation

Seven years ago, the Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation was established in Sandra's honor to support the local Meals on Wheels program. During the past years, thousands of MOWS have been delivered in the Millstadt, Freeburg, and Smithton areas. Thank-you to Community Kindness, the First National Bank of Waterloo and all our supporters who have donated money or delivered MOWS during the past seven years.

Guidelines For Excellent Mobile Phone Manners



One of the top complaints at the Senior Center is people talking loudly on their mobile phones in the dining room and during activities.

The premise of etiquette and how we socialize with one another is not a new concept. Whenever we interact with another person directly or through the use of mobile technology, etiquette is a factor. We need to be considerate of others when using mobile devices.

1. Practice what you preach: If you don't like others' bad behavior, don't engage in it.
2. Be present: Give your full attention to those you are with. No matter how well you think you multi-task, you'll make a better impression. The small moments matter.
3. Before making a call, texting or emailing at the Senior Center or in public, consider how your actions will impact others. You may need to wait or move away.
4. Some places should stay private: Don't use a mobile device while using a restroom. Please.
5. Beware the captive audience - think elevator, in line, or crowded room. If you have to take/make a call, keep your voice volume down and use magic words like "excuse me" or "pardon me" to acknowledge any inconvenience you may cause with your device to others present.

Millstadt Police Department

Chief of Police Alan Hucke

108 W. White, Millstadt IL 62260 Phone: (618) 476-7250 Fax: (618) 476-9160

Senior Citizen Police Academy Registration

Where: Millstadt Senior Center – 102 S. Jefferson

When: Monday evenings, September 12th – October 17th

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Who: Those persons age 55 and over

Cost: Free!

Additional information: Please attend at least four of the six classes.

Luncheon will be provided each night.

Transportation is available for those who require it.

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Name:_____

Address:_____

Telephone Number:_____

Email:_____

Check here if you need transpoation:_____

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:
SENIOR CENTER @ 618-476-3731.

Thank You Farmers

Thank you for the beautiful fruit and vegetables you bring to the Senior Center. Everything is so fresh and delicious it's impossible to pick our favorite. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

Urgent Need Volunteers!

MEALS ON WHEELS deliver a difference

Millstadt Senior Services is in need of volunteers for Meals on Wheels drivers in rural Millstadt areas!

Drivers are needed from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Deliver meals and a smile and also receive a delicious free meal on the day you deliver!

Call Patty at (618) 476-3731

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.

Movies in the Park

Have some family time with Movies in the Park.

September 9, Friday, Luca

Mark your calendar for Friday, September 9, for a family movie night in the Elm Street Park. The movie, Luca, will begin at dusk. Bring the family and some lawn chairs to the Elm Street Park, 498 S. Lafayette Street, and enjoy a night out at the movies.

Rummy Club

339 Games

Henry Horsman	**120**
Frances Dickneite	**55**
Loren Steele	**51**
Brenda Holifield	**47**
Rudy Bagsby	**34**
Lucille Lang	**32**

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

Bag Tournament Results

July 28, 2022
1 Henry Horshman and Lil Tracy
2 Ralph Schneider and Vernon Weinhoff
3 Thelma Short and Toni Schneider
4 Norma Burleson and Carol Terveer
5 Mary Stephens and Dorothy Bagsby

August 4, 2022
1 Henry Horshman and Toni Schneider
2 Ralph Schneider and Vernon Weinhoff
3 Darleen Sandheinrich and Thelma Short
4 Mary Stephens and Shirley Rinck

August 11, 2022
1 Darleen Sandheinrich and Barb Knewitz
2 Shirley Rinck and Henry Horshman
3 Audrey Snellenbarger and Dorothy Bagsby
4 Thelma Short and Vernon Weinhoff
5 Ralph Schneider and Toni Schneider

August 18, 2022
1 Henry Horshman and Darleen Sandheinrich
2 Dorothy Bagsby and Barb Knewitz
3 Mary Stephens and Carol Terveer

August 25, 2022
1 Ralph Schneider and Toni Schneider
2 Darleen Sandheinrich and Barb Knewitz
3 Thelma Short and Henry Horshman
4 Dorothy Bagsby and Lil Tracy

July Corn Hole Champions

1st Place	Henry Horshman	3 times
2nd Place (tie)	Ralph Schneicer	2 times
2nd Place (tie)	Barb Knewitz	2 times
2nd Place (tie)	Vernon Weinhoff	2 times
3rd Place	Thelma Short	3 times

Canasta Corner

AUG. CANASTA GROUP WINNERS
Barb Louis and Norma Burleson
Barb Louis and Thelma Short
Thelma Short and Dorothy Bagsby
Jeanette Cory and Dorothy Bagsby
Thelma Short and Jeanette Cory

Wii Bowling Aug

	Games Bowled	7/26/2022	8/3/2022	8/10/2022	8/17/2022	8/24/2022	Avg for the Month
Norma Burleson	3	688					229
Thelma Short	7	350	603		427		197
Janet Pauketat	18	957	585	593	570	581	193
Dorothy Bagsby	6	347		541	170		176
Lil Tracy	10	471			487	612	157
Mary Stephens	12	511	495	440	497		162
Carol	5	310				565	148
Audrey	3		434				145

Dining Out

Lisa's Market Street Grill

Prairie Du Rocher, IL

Thursday, September 22th

4:00 PM

Call Center For Reservations 618-476-3731

MEALS on WHEELS AMERICA

2022 MEMBER

Millstadt Farmers Market

Millstadt Township Farmers Market Bucks are being given out weekly. What a great deal! We are busy as ever! Come out and visit us for great produce, homemade items and a variety of other products. The VFW is always ready to serve a great Friday evening meal. Show your community spirt! THANK YOU!

Coyotes Spotted In Millstadt

Pet owners in Millstadt have reported encounters with coyotes recently, while local authorities remind residents that while coyote encounters are rare, it's still a good idea to be vigilant of pets during this time in all areas where coyotes are known to live. Marilyn Borkowski warns everyone that there is a large coyote den behind Parkview Manor subdivision.

Coyotes are teaching their pups how to hunt and travel right now, and that can lead to conflicts with pets and people.

Pets especially dogs can provoke territorial responses from coyotes. They may attack family pets not as a food source, but instead because they see them as competition for their territory. Pet owners should take extra care when walking dogs or letting them out in the yard, especially around dusk. Residents should keep a close eye on pets while they are in the yard and keep them on a leash when walking them outside the yard.

Coyotes adapt especially well around human development and co-exist with people in many places. These areas can include Municipal parks, and cemeteries, wooded areas and even within subdivisions themselves.

There are three key things to minimize potential conflicts with coyotes – food, scare tactics and vigilance. First, ensure your yard or property has no food sources readily available to coyotes. Securely cover all trash containers and bring in bird feeders while they don't attract coyotes, they do attract squirrels who attract coyotes. Use scare tactics to instill fear of humans into coyotes. You should make them feel unwelcome. This could include yelling or making loud threatening noises, throwing rocks, or blowing an air horn. I once banged on the window and made one leave my yard. Lastly pet owners should not leave their pets outside unattended especially during the hours of dusk, nighttime, and dawn. These are the periods that coyotes are most active. Owners should have their pets in constant view.

New Things To Do At The Senior Center

Coloring Club - Mondays at 10:30 a.m. upstairs at Millstadt Senior Center. Get out of the house and enjoy the company of others while having some fun coloring. Coloring books are not just for kids! Adult coloring has been shown to help reduce stress, boost mental clarity, exercise fine motor skills, and help train the brain to focus and generate a creative mindset. Bring your own coloring supplies or use ours.

Handiwork Group – Fridays at 10:00 a.m. upstairs at Millstadt Senior Center. Bring your own knitting, quilting, crocheting or cross-stitch project and enjoy the company of other talented members. This is a great way to make new friends.

Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation
Meals on Wheels

Saturday, October 15, 2022

St. James Parish Center

423 W. Madison St, Millstadt, IL

Doors Open at 6:30pm, Trivia begins at 7:00pm
$15 per Player, 6 to 8 Players (10 Mulligans included)
Bring Your Own Food and Drinks (Alcoholic Beverages allowed for over-21 guests)
50/50 Drawing and Attendance Prizes
Silent Auction and Raffle Available
Cash Prizes awarded to top 3 teams!

Please Call Patty Evansco @ Millstadt Senior Center 618-476-3731 or email MealsonwheelsSMBF@gmail.com to reserve your Table!

Board Members: Jim Bereitschaft, Jamie Bereitschaft, Jean Colbert, Eileen Doerr, Tina Doerr, Marlou Eckert, Patty Evansco, Debbie Mertz, Megan Knop, Janet Mueller, and Karen Witte

- ❑ Raffle tickets (Need not be present to win)
- ❑ $100 – Round Sponsor _____
- ❑ Basket Donations
- ❑ Other $_____

Meals on Wheels

Checks should be made payable to SMB Foundation and mailed in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Credit card payments will be accepted.

100% of all donations go to the Foundation.

The Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation is tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization as described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS Code. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Identification Number 46-3030687

Dates to Remember

September 3, Homecoming Parade 5:00 pm.
September 4, Homecoming.
September 5, Labor Day, **Senior Center Closed.**
September 9, Luca, movie at Elm Street Park
September 11, St. James Fall Quilt/Cash bingo.
September 11, Grandparents Day.
September 17, Zion Church BBQ.
September 18, 34th Biathlon. 8:00 am at Liederkranz Park.
September 22, Food Truck night at Liederkranz Park, 6:00-8:00 pm. Sponsored by Millstadt Library.
September 24, Optimist Golf Tournament.

Deb Curtis of First National Bank of Waterloo brought bingo prizes and stayed to call bingo for the Seniors.

Memory Care, Independent and Assisted Living

- 24 hour on-site assistance from our employees
- Bathing, dressing and other essential needs
- Care providers you know and trust
- We are a fully licensed assisted living provider
- Memory Care available at Reflections
- Locally owned and managed

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Fellowship and Fun

Senior Center workers realize they all had the same thought and dressed in coordinating colors! This group is ready for Duty at the Senior Center to be all they can be. From Left – Mary Heberer is excited to get the Newsletter going for next month, while Director Patty Evansco is going to work on the never ending List of Things to Do, Telephone Reassurance Caller Karen Witte is anxious to talk to seniors about their day, Volunteer Carol Terveer is ready to use her school cafeteria experience to make our kitchen run efficiently & Asst. Manager Sandy Sanders has checked her list twice to make sure she has everyone listed who will get a MOWs today! Everyone truly loves helping here because they feel like they are a part of the Center!

Mahjong Classes

Want to learn how to play? We are looking for someone interested in teaching Mahjong at Millstadt Senior Center and starting a weekly session. If you are interested please contact Patty Evansco at (618) 476-3731.

St. Clair County Veteran's Commission

If you need information and assistance with claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs for benefits such as: pension benefits (veterans & widows), service-connected compensation, GI home loans, educational benefits, discharge upgrades and any other benefits sought by the veteran or family from the DVA call 618-277-0040 to make an appointment.

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Quilts of Valor

Each month, Millstadt Township Senior Services will nominate and hold presentation ceremonies for service members and veterans who have been touched by war. They are presented a comforting and healing Quilt of Valor. This quilt is given regardless of the conflict, declared war or otherwise in which they served. These Quilts of Valor are lifetime awards, stitched with love, prayers, and healing thoughts.

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

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

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

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

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Did You See?

NAKED LADIES in Millstadt, Smithton, Freeburg, New Athens, etc.? They were a sight to behold during August! You know what I mean . . . those shapely, pink clusters which suddenly spring up!!! . . . causing smiles! Some might refer to them as Resurrection Lilies or Surprise Lilies. However, the titillating name "Naked Ladies" truly describes these blooms whose spring leaves dry up and vanish. Now, later, a pink blossom springs forth to grace a slender stalk! Wondrous, beautiful "Naked Ladies"!

Little Free Library

Newsletters now available in the Little Library located in front of Millstadt Township Senior Services at the Community Center.

Tech Time

Drop-In Tech Help

Fri., Sep. 30th @ 10:30 am

Free of Charge

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MOW Drivers Needed For Freeburg Route

It is with a sad heart that Monday, September 12th we say 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**

Mondays @ 10 AM

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

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MONTHLY "BREAD & BLESSING" MEAL

2nd Thursday of Every Month, 4PM-6PM

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

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BIBLE TALK

Plant The Seed

Hello. I hope you are well and feel comforted by the knowledge of God's presence in your life. Let's begin.

Acts 20:1-6. We've heard the name Macedonia many times during our studies. In fact, Macedonia is mentioned at least 23 times in seven books of the Holy Bible. The capital city Philippi was a Roman colony and the first Christian church in Europe. Less than twenty years after the death of Christ, Paul brought Christianity to some of the poorest people living at that time. Scholars tell us this is likely the reason there was such an outpouring of support to the Jews in Jerusalem. (Roman's 15:25-27) A Jew brought the word of God to Macedonia. NOTE: By the fourth century Macedonia established a short-lived empire which ended when conquered by the Ottoman army in the 14th century.

Acts 20:7-12. Eutychus was likely one of the very poor that worked very long hours for very low pay to survive. Overtired, he may have fallen asleep at an open window and fell to the ground. The Holy Spirit working through Paul saved him. "The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted." (Vs. 12) Acts 20:13-38. This portion of the chapter explains Paul's purpose of his journey. Paul wanted to be in Jerusalem by Pentecost but needed to speak to the Ephesians elders. Knowing that he would be imprisoned when he arrived in Jerusalem, he asked the elders to come to him. "Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the Kingdom will ever see me again." (Vs 25). "Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood." (Vs28). "What grieved them most was his statement they would never see his face again." (Vs 38).

NOTE. The Apostles appointed elders in every church they started. Paul had spent about three years in Ephesus preparing the disciples and several years in Syrian Antioch preparing disciples. Paul claimed he spent fourteen years in this region. All his missionary journeys began in this region known today as The Birthplace of Christianity and the first Gentile Christian church.

Paul was passionate about "Planting the Seed". "But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it, This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what is sown." (Matt 13:23). As we've studied the life of Paul it becomes apparent, he felt Jesus would return soon and he had much to do to keep his vow.

We have much to do as well. Have you ever thought or been asked: Why doesn't God do something." Well, God did do something! He created us in His image, planted the seed and empowered us with the Holy Spirit enabling us to act on his behalf. Jesus reminded Peter: "If you love me, Feed my flock and tend my lambs." (John21). FEED THE FLOCK THE WORD OF GOD. "Ask God to make you aware of the needs of others. Accept others the way they are and allow God to change them through His Spirit. Your focus is on edification, not condemnation," Charles Stanley. Blessings and peace to all.

Thank you. Pat Morris

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Donate Your Aluminum Cans To
The Senior Center
Contact
Patty Evansco at **476-3731**

Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation
Meals on Wheels

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, October 15, 2022

St. James Parish Center
423 W. Madison St, Millstadt, IL

Doors Open at 6:30pm, Trivia begins at 7:00pm
$15 per Player, 6 to 8 Players (10 Mulligans included)
Bring Your Own Food and Drinks (Alcoholic Beverages allowed for over-21 guests)
50/50 Drawing and Attendance Prizes
Silent Auction and Raffle Available
Cash Prizes awarded to top 3 teams!

Please Call Patty Evansco @ Millstadt Senior Center 618-476-3731 or email MealsonwheelsSMBF@gmail.com to reserve your Table!

Board Members: Jim Bereitschaft, Jamie Bereitschaft, Jean Colbert, Eileen Doerr, Tina Doerr, Marlou Eckert, Patty Evansco, Debbie Mertz, Megan Knop, Janet Mueller, and Karen Witte

Volunteer Opportunity

Trivia Night returns on October 15, 2022, at St. James parish to support the Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation Meals on Wheels program. Volunteers are needed to help on set-up, selling raffle tickets and collecting answer sheets and cleanup. Donations of silent auction are also needed. If you have a few free hours on Saturday, October 15, or have a silent auction to donate please contact Marlou at 476-1698.

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Sat., Sept. 10th
9 AM until NOON
Front of Millstadt VFW
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One Queen Quilt each month in 2022 will be given away. Drawing to be held the 1st Monday of each month. Winning ticket is returned to barrel!

For Tickets Contact:
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Zion Evangelical Church 476-1778
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Concordia UCC 476-3377
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Dr. Kevin Schmidt 476-3261
St Michaels Church – Paderborn 473-2798
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Millstadt Garden Place 476-1404
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Training Room
Country Financial
Schuberts
Divine Nail Salon
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Freeburg Library
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Bonnie Bruyreel and Connie Schwab helped out at the Senior Center's Fabric Grab

Senior Transportation Program

Need a Ride to the Doctor, Bank, Hairdresser, or Dentist?

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This Service is Available for Persons 60 Years and Older and Their Caregivers

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This Partially Covers the Actual Transportation Costs of $5.95 For Each Time It Is Provided

All donations are Confidential and Are Used To Maintain the Transportation Program For Millstadt Township Seniors

Please Contact Patty at **476-3731** With Questions

Sept. Birthdays

1 Ed Barbier
1 Pat Etling
1 Debbie Robinette
1 Betty Schranz
1 Darrell Weber
2 Don Kessler
4 Saundra Hoerr
4 Dottie Rickard
4 Evelyn Weber
5 Mary Geno
5 Dolores Nehring
5 Madonna Stapf
6 Doug Eskra
6 Randy Frazer
6 Diane Ruhmann
7 Robert Demond
7 Dee Gimpel
7 Betty Wieland
8 Roxy Collins
8 Barbara Feazel
8 Rosie Helfrich
8 Louis Schaefer
8 Joan Trinity
9 William Borokowski
9 Leon Lang
10 Kenneth Patterson
10 Cindy Walker
10 Rose Warnecke
11 Robert Ehrstein
11 Doris McIntosh
11 Elaine Morris
11 Janet Scearce
11 Martha Vogel
11 Melody Winkelman
12 Glen Burgard
12 Jeanne Clark
13 Joyce Herman
13 Kathy Weygandt
14 Richard Knoth
14 Gene Rinck
14 Elvin Westmoreland
15 Richard Brune
15 Harry Meyer
15 Lila Moose
15 Tom Wuertz
16 Caren Campbell
16 Jackie McKay
17 Darlene Eskra
17 Cindy Rutkowski
18 Marilyn Haudrich
18 Rose Juelfs
18 Mary Schmitz
19 Joan McKeen
20 Bonnie Gross
20 Evelyn Lucy
20 Carmen Schwartz
20 JoAnn Wehmeier
21 Kevin Colbert
21 Marylou Holcomb
22 Joan Mier

Volunteers!

Drivers (27 Hours)
Dave Albers
Marsha Davis
Sandy Dressler
Marlou Eckert
Beth Kwentus
Charlie Todd

Kitchen (484Hours)
Kathy Albers
Aaron Arras
John Baltz
Jacob Bates
Rich Brune
Jackie Caponi
Lisa Carpenter
Colleen Costello
Cindy Czech
Frances Dickneite
Charlene Faulbaum
Thomas Fogarty
Donna Gaulrapp
Grace Glass
Brenda Holifield
Marlou Eckert
Leon Hucke
Diane Kern
Leon Lang
Ed Luecking
Marsha Nelson
Joan Perry
Carol Seibert
Madonna Stapf
Taylor Stapf
Loren Steele
Mary Stephens
Carol Terveer
Fran Wagner
Mike Walter
Kathy Wolf

Meals on Wheels (232 Hours)
Dave Albers
Aaron Arras
Jackie Brenner
Joe Burch
Paula Burch
Randy Burk
Nancy Chase
Becky Courtney
Scott Courtney
Cindy Czech
Marsha Davis
Marlou Eckert
Donna Gaulrapp
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Leon Hucke
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Tracy Kessler
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Carrie Kwentus
Rich Kwentus
Leon Lang
Bob Louis
Fern Lunsford
Jackie McKay
John Morton
Ruth Morton
Cheryl Mueth
David Muskopf
Sandy Muskopf
Don Pellmann
Vicki Pellmann
Marylou Peter
Cheryl Pierpoint
Cindy Rutkrowski
John Rutkrowski
Susan Sager
Dale Theis
Charlie Todd
Payton Todd
Marsha Twellman
Karen Witte

Newsletter (37 hours)
Gary Diedrich
Kathy Diedrich
Marlou Eckert
Pat Morris
Don Mueller
Kathy Schaefer

Quilting (93 Hours)
Doris Adams
Teresa Barbier
JoAnn Clemens
Judy Jacobs
Beth Kwentus
Faye LaBrier
Carol Osick
Lois Potter
Judy Sutter

Smithton (60 Hours)
Pam Andrews
Janet Bachle
Jerry Crosby
Julie Cosby
Nancy Freeman
Janet Hollingberger
Sharon Patterson
Carmen Schwartz
Barb Villiger

Office (49Hours)
Doris Chaput
Jean Colbert
Kathy Schaefer

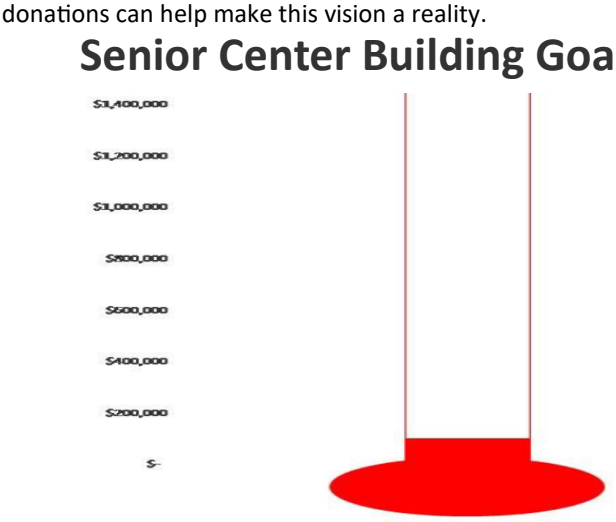
Yoga (10 Hours)
Joyce Hermann

Fundraising (93 Hours)
Doris Adams
Bonnie Bruyneel
JoAnn Clemens
Beth Kwentus
Carrie Kwentus
Karen Johnson
Thomas Johnson
Faye LaBrier
Carol Osick
Marylou Peters
Lois Potter
Connie Schwab
Helene Stewart

Senior Center Building Goal

The Village of Millstadt has purchased land to build a new Millstadt Municipal Building that will include the Millstadt Village Administration offices, Millstadt Police Department, and the Millstadt Township Senior Center. We hope to see this project a reality within the next ten years.

We at the Center envision a day when we can expand physical space, programs, and outreach to welcome more of the people who need us the most. We want to become even more vibrant and more essential to those we serve, to do what we do better and grander. We are estimating the Senior Center portion of this to cost $1.5 million dollars. Your legacy gifts, memorials and donations can help make this vision a reality.



Chair Yoga In The Park

A chair Yoga experience is offered by Joyce Hermann, at the pavilion across from the Millstadt school, on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. Bring your own chair. An excellent class for beginners and seniors

Note: Yoga in the park is in addition to the Monday 10:00 chair Yoga at the Senior Center.

For more information contact Joyce Hermann at 618-980-2278.

Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation

Seven years ago, the Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation was established in Sandra's honor to support the local Meals on Wheels program. During the past years, thousands of MOWS have been delivered in the Millstadt, Freeburg, and Smithton areas. Thank-you to Community Kindness, the First National Bank of Waterloo and all our supporters who have donated money or delivered MOWS during the past seven years.

During The Month Of Aug

Our Volunteers Donated **1085** Hours To

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If Paid at Minimum Wage, the Dollar Value Would be **$13,020**

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Please Remember To Report Your Volunteer Hours

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Please Stop By The Center To Sign Up

Or See Patty In The Office

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FRI., OCT. 7, 2022

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At Senior Center

1st Prize - Handmade Queen Size Quilt

2nd Prize - Porch Swing

3rd Prize - Handmade Baby Quilt

TICKETS $1.00 6 FOR $5.00

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

DID YOU SIGN IN?

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

Your Help in This Matter is Greatly Appreciated

Antique Tongs?

We are updating our tongs and this one has been here a very long. Do you recognize it? The inscription is:

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- Use your library card once during the month and pick a prize from our prize box!

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

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

Children's Story Time
- EVERY Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

Wild Explorer's Club
- Every Third Wed. from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Learn more at www.millstadt-library.org/wildexplorersclub

Card Craft Make and Take!
- All Month, pick up a card kit made by Mary Lou's Stampin' Up and Follow along with a video post on FB

Food Truck Night IV: Fall Festival
- Thursday, September 22, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- At Liederkranz Park
- See SpudShack, Truckeria Del Valle, Fantastick Pops, Fine Swine and more!
- Stay tuned on our website and @MillstadtLibrary on FB for updates on Food Trucks and more!

Book Club
- Sat., September 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- *Talk Bookish to Me* by Kate Bromley

New Service Alert!
- Self-Swab COVID testing!
- Mon - Thurs from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Fri from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Learn more at the library!

Paranormal Activity Program!
- Saturday, October 8 at 6 p.m.
- Presentation by C1st Paranormal Midwest followed by a historical ghost walk with C1st and the Millstadt Historical Society
- RSVP online at http://www.millstadt-library.org/event-details/paranormal-activity

Friends and Fundraising!

Picture It! Painting Fundraiser
- Tuesday, October 18 starting at 6 p.m.
- At Millpond Brewing
- Tickets are $25 and paints and canvas are included
- Purchase tickets at the library, Millpond Brewing, or online at https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/PictureIt by October 11!

115 West Laurel Street
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www.millstadt-library.org

TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

Due to the increased usage of the Senior Transportation Service and drive time, we will be doing Doctor appointments as follows:

***Belleville Doctors will be done on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 am to 11:00 am**

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

Please schedule future appointments accordingly.

Bus Rider Reminder

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

Gentle Chair Yoga

Every Mon. & Fri.

Mon. & Fri. @ 10:00 am. (Instructor: Joyce Herrmann) Yoga can be a great way to exercise the aging body. In this gentle yoga class, students use a chair & Joyce helps to modify positions for comfort & concerns. Please call 618-476-3731 to first-time register! No Charge!

Wish List

Clorox Spray
Plasticware
Paper Towels
Kleenex
New Sunflower Decorations
New Halloween Decorations
Ziploc Bags
(Quart and Gallon)
Copy Paper
Donors for Light Supper for 25 Seniors @ Police Academy (Monday evenings)

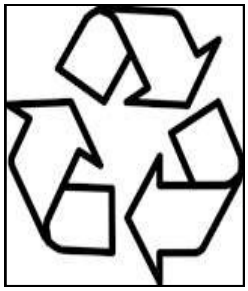
DO YOU NEED HELP?

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

- Weekly check in calls
- Fresh produce
- Grocery shopping
- Face Masks
- Free puzzles & books
- Tech assistance with ZOOM, Facebook

EVENT SUBMITTAL

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



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8 AM TO 10 AM

2nd SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

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Village Of Millstadt

August 8, 2022

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

PUBLIC WORKS: SEWER: Dustin Trankle stated there were two bids for the Lexington lift station project. Each company gave two options. Haier Plumbing had the lowest bid. Dustin Trankle made a motion to accept option one from Haier Plumbing and Heating, Inc. for $64,000 for the Lexington lift station upgrades. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: Randy Burk stated there were four bids for the West Laurel Street improvements on the 700 block. Hank's had the lowest bid. Randy Burk made a motion to accept the bid from Hank's Excavating and Landscaping, Inc. for

$157,341.50. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Randy reminded everyone that the block grant from St. Clair County will cover $70,000 of the project.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Mike French stated Ordinance 1258 is for Zoning hearing V-194 for Charles Brooks. He is requesting a variance for a non-conforming accessory building in an R2 district; he would like to put up a carport. The Zoning Board recommended approval. Mike French made a motion to accept Ordinance 1258 as presented. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mike French stated Ordinance 1259 is for Zoning hearing SU-56 for Special Education Services/Millstadt Storage. They are requesting a special use permit for mixed use for a school in a B2 district. There are stipulations in the ordinance that state the parking lot must be paved, the exterior of the building must be cleaned up, and all building codes are to be met. The Zoning Board recommended approval. Mike French made a motion to accept Ordinance 1259 as presented. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mike French stated Ordinance 1260 is for Zoning hearing V-192 for Zion Church. They are requesting a side setback variance to replace a shed at their park on South Jefferson Street. The Zoning Board recommended approval. Mike French made a motion to accept Ordinance 1260 as presented. Mark Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mike French stated Resolution 22-07 is for the St. Clair County Parks – Ball Field Park Upgrades. It is for applying to the St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission for bleachers and a pitching mound. Mike French made a motion to accept Resolution 22-07 as presented. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PARKS, POOL, AND RECREATION: Mark Todd asked if the bids were back for the tree and limb removal in the park. Scott Baltz answered they were done, and the trees had already been removed. Mayor Todd asked if everything was completed. Scott answered yes and they were working on removing the stumps; they may have finished that, too.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated they are continuing the Senior Dining Night Out at Ott's. The next Senior Center Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16th at the Community Center.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16th at 7pm at Village Hall.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Police Department – Mayor Todd asked if they had heard from St. Clair County ESDA concerning new radios. Police Chief Alan Hucke answered the last information he received was that they were purchasing them all in bulk.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated the Mayors Meeting will be held Thursday, August 25th at the Visitors Center at the Southwestern Illinois Justice & Workforce Development Campus. Any trustee wanting to attend should let the Village Office know by Friday, August 19th. Mayor Todd stated EastWest Gateway is holding a workshop for Great Streets Initiative planning assistance at the Collinsville IDOT office at 9am on Thursday, August 11th. Mayor Todd stated the Annual Sister Cities potluck will be held at the pavilion on Kalbfleisch Street on Wednesday, August 17th at 6pm. RSVP by Thursday, August 10th.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Ralph Schaeffer stated he walks the trail at Liederkranz Park and lives by Elm Street Park. He believes the parks are looking the best he has seen in a long time. Having Movies in the Park at Elm Street was a good idea. He would like the Village to consider fixing the missing shutters at the Community Center. He would also like to see the bell tower at the center maintained. Judy Jacobs stated she lives on Lexington Drive and has had a problem with her Frontier telephone line for three weeks. She has not been able to receive phone calls and has had to purchase a burner phone for people to reach her. She asked if the Village was aware of this issue. Mayor Todd stated the Village does not have a contract with Frontier. They provide a service, and they are responsible for maintaining it. The Village does have a franchise contract with Spectrum but not Frontier. Tracy Holmes stated the Village office received a call about a downed line on South Lafayette Street which could be affecting her service. Ms. Jacobs asked how this company was allowed here. Mayor Todd answered the Village is not allowed to block services. Ms. Jacobs asked who she could contact about these issues. Mark Todd suggested the BBB. Tracy suggested the FCC.

Spring Closet Cleaning

- Our annual Big Ole Bag and Jewelry sale will be held in **April 2023**.
- Remember to donate your gently used purses and jewelry to the Senior Center for the annual sale.

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

All Lunches Are Catered From the Millstadt IGA, China King, Breadeoux Pizza & Schuberts From Millstadt

"The Center is a Great Place to Enjoy Yourself Through Fellowship & Celebrations With Seniors of Millstadt"

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**.

Joan Godsy

Joan Marie Godsy, nee Franke, 82, of Millstadt, passed away at 10:13 AM, Saturday, August 27, 2022 at Cedarhurst Memory Care in Waterloo.
She was born on May 13, 1940 in Belleville to Oliver and Norma (Etling) Franke. She married Dwight Godsy September 24, 1960 in Belleville.
Joan was a legal secretary in Belleville and was active in the Belle-Clair Legal Secretary Association in which she was awarded Legal Secretary of the year in 1972. Joan was a member of Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt.
Joan was a loving and devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandmother. Her grandchildren were her greatest joy. If the grandkids were visiting, you could expect a spirited game of Sorry or Rummy to break out and several chorus' of "You Are My Sunshine" to be sung. Joan was a wonderful cook and baker and enjoyed working in her flower garden. Joan looked forward to her yearly trip to Branson that she started taking with her mom over 32 years ago. Joan was a diehard Cardinals fan.
Surviving are her husband- Dwight Godsy of Millstadt; daughter- Kimberly (Richard) Wegner, son- Eric (Jennifer) Godsy all of Millstadt; loving grandchildren Amanda Wegner (Connor Odum), Zachary Wegner, Taylor and Tyler Godsy, Savannah and Gabrielle Barbarotto, Danielle Barbarotto (Jordan Pickens) and their son Carter; special aunt Shirley Brandenburger; brother-in-law Dale Godsy (Linda Tinker); sister-in-laws- JoAnn (Johnny) Hosler, Mary (Milton) Peterson, special cousins- Lori (James) Becherer, Sharon (Dewayne) Holloway, Jeri (Jonathan) Arnold, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.
Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Oliver and Norma, nee Etling, Franke; her brother James Franke; dear uncle Dale Brandenburger; father and mother-in-law Monta and Oneita, nee Jaco, Godsy; brother-in-law Johnny Godsy and dear sister-in-law Eve Godsy.
The family would like to extend a special thank you to Cedarhurst Memory Care in Waterloo for their care and attention to Joan the past four years.
Memorials donations are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association or Hospice of Southern Illinois and will be accepted at the funeral home. Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home, Millstadt.

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 "Find it Fast" (located on the right-hand side of the page).
Click on "S" or scroll down to "S"
and click on the Senior Center Item you would like to view.

Lillian Franke

Lillian B. Franke, nee Becherer, 99, of Belleville, IL, born January 18, 1923, in Belleville, IL, died Thursday, August 18, 2022, at her residence.
Mrs. Franke was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and former member of the Smithton Senior Center.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Hamilton W. Franke; a son, Steve R. Franke; a daughter in infancy, Sandra S. Franke; her parents, Leo and Louisa, nee Baechle, Becherer; six brothers, Henry T. (Nora) Becherer, Lawrence W. Becherer, Lester J. Becherer, Herbert J. Becherer, Leander J. (Marcella) Becherer, Irvin J. (Johanna) Becherer; and two sisters, Elvira C. Huling and Adeline A. (Hilbert) Fournie; a brother-in-law, Robert Stauder; and a sister-in-law, Mary Louise (Delmar) Cook.
She is survived by her son, Jeff L. (Angela) Franke; two grandchildren, Mark A. Franke and Lisa A. (Matthew) Smith; four great-grandchildren, Kaylee Franke, Beckett Franke, Colette Smith and Nathan Smith; a daughter-in-law, Norma L. Franke; a sister, Marcella "Sally" Stauder; a sister-in-law, Carol A. Becherer; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.
The family would like to give special thanks to Gail Spencer, for the loving care given to Lillian over the last several years.
Memorials may be made to St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Church, Belleville, IL, or Cathedral of St. Peter Catholic Church, Belleville, IL, or to the Poor Clare Monastery of Our Lady of Mercy, Belleville, IL. Arrangements were handled by Renner Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.

Deborah McQuaid

Deborah Lee McQuaid, 70 years of Millstadt, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, August 25, 2022 surrounded by her loving family. She was born December 22, 1951, in Saint Louis, Missouri.
She was an avid St. Louis Cardinal's fan, enjoyed playing bingo, going to the casino, but most of all she was very involved in her children's activities and with her grandchildren.
She is survived by her three children, Cheryl (Chris) Kirby of Millstadt, Julie (Shawn) Hampton of O'Fallon, and Lester (Chris) Cornelius of Orlando, significant other, Jim Moreland, her three grandchildren, Cameron Kirby, Sawyer Hampton, and Taylor Hampton, her siblings, Karla (Byron) Mitzan, Denise (Donald) Kinne, Colleen (Michael) Kaltenbach, her extended family Karen Swanson, Gail Renick, Gena Davidson, Brenda Bell, Angela Beard, Ray Beard, Sandi Beard, and Vicky Koonley, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.
She was preceded in death by her parents, Rowena "June" Piaskowski, Norbert "Pete" Piaskowski, Raymond Beard, and Gerri Beard; two brothers, Matthew Piaskowski and Raymond "Butch" Beard; and her previous husband, Lester McQuaid Jr.
In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to the American Diabetes Association, the American Lung Association, or the American Heart Association. Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home.

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Donald Demarse

Donald Lee "Demo" DeMarse Jr., 67, of Smithton, IL, born April 29, 1955, in East St. Louis, IL, died August 5, 2022, at Memorial Hospital East, Shiloh, IL.

Demo started his business in the basement of a liquor store on 17th Street as Demo's Pizza Cellar. He then moved to North Belt West and opened Demo's Sports Bar. He was a member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Belleville, IL. Demo enjoyed golfing, fishing, coaching softball and basketball, and never missed his grandsons' baseball games. He had a green thumb and loved tending to his yard. Demo was a very generous and giving individual who was always ready to lend a hand to his friends and the community. He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald Sr. and Suzanne, nee Gerold, DeMarse; a brother, Chuck DeMarse; and a nephew, Tim Frazier.

He is survived by two daughters, Christine (Mike) Todd and Donyelle (Austin) Theis; four grandchildren, Brady, Austin, and Cody Todd, and Colton Theis; a brother, Gerry (Susan) DeMarse; two sisters, Liz (Tim) Messbarger, and Cynthia (Mike) Biggs; nieces and nephews, Lauren and Megan DeMarse, Austin Frazier, Eric (Katlyn) Frazier, Anna "Toots" (Justin) Dulle, Mike Biggs, Doug (Dawn) Biggs, Jeff (Meaghan) Schoor, and AJ Biggs; many cousins, great-nieces, great-nephews; and dear friends.

The family would like to give special thanks to the fourth floor at Memorial Hospital East and to BJC Hospice for their loving care and concern for Demo and his family. Memorials may be made to the Althoff Catholic High School Football Program.

Arrangements were handled by George Renner & Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.

According to Demo's wishes, cremation will follow the services. Burial will be at Mount Carmel Catholic Cemetery, Belleville, IL, at a later date.

"You don't gotta go home, but you can't stay here!" -Demo

Gladys Forbeck

Gladys Forbeck, nee Diamond, 77, of Millstadt, IL born September 21, 1944 in St. John's, Newfoundland passed away August 7, 2022.

She married Robert Forbeck July 8, 1961 in St. John's, Newfoundland. They were blessed with two children; Debra and Robert. Gladys was a home maker and owned and operated the Cottage Coiffuer hair salon for many years in Millstadt, IL. She was a devout Christian who loved the Lord and her family. She enjoyed crocheting, line dancing, gardening and had a special knack for cultivating roses.

She was preceded in death by her father Herbert Diamond, her mother Elizabeth Diamond Carrigan as well as her step father John Carrigan.

Surviving are her loving husband of 61 years, Robert Forbeck, children Debra (Barry) Hayden and Robert (Pam) Forbeck, grandchildren James (Jacquelyn) Hayden, Christine (Chris) Sabo, Taylor (Joel) Becker, Kirby (Evan) Vogt, great-grandchildren Julia Hayden, Nora Sabo, Jackson and Brooks Becker, sister Shirley Baker, sister Anne Carrigan (Peter Kyvelos), brother William (Sandra) Carrigan and extended family and friends.

The family is planning a private memorial service. Memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society www.cancer.org or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org. Hoffen Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Library Archiving Newsletter

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

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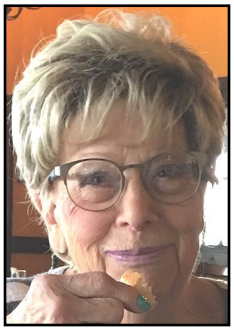

Helen Louise (nee Willard) Conley, 93, of Belleville, IL, born October 30, 1928 in East St. Louis, IL, passed away August 2, 2022 at Randolph County Care Center in Sparta, IL.

Helen was a homemaker, but also worked several jobs throughout her life. She worked for Doctors Teagle and Prieb in Belleville, she was a county clerk at St. Clair County Courthouse, a teller at the National Stockyards Bank and a hospitality hostess at Valhalla Gardens of Memory Funeral Home in Belleville.

Helen loved cooking and baking for her family and friends and was well known for her dinner parties. She was a devout member of St. Peters Cathedral and would often invite church members to her home to cook for them.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 52 years, Glenn Conley; parents, Louis and Ruby (nee Polite) Willard; daughter, Janet Sloan; son-in-law, Dennis Paule; three brothers: Lee, Forest and Harold Willard and four sisters: Frances Niles, Margaret Rhein, Doris Friedli and Nancee Buxton.

Surviving to cherish her memory are her son, Stephen (Amy Schlosser) Conley; daughter, Nancee Paule; three grandchildren: Ryan Conley (mother Mary Whitford), Ross Sloan (father Nathan Sloan) and Erin Paule; two great-grandchildren, Kai and Cora; plus countless extended family and friends. Helen will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her.

The family would like to thank VITAS Hospice for the excellent care they provided.

Memorial donations in Helen's honor can be made to St. Peters Cathedral in Belleville, IL.

Arrangements were handled by Valhalla-Gaerdner-Holten Funeral Home.

Ruth Davis

Ruth "Maxwell" Davis was born September 29, 1924 and passed away, wrapped in our Heavenly Father's arms, on July 5, 2022. She married Cedric "Lyle" Davis on that same day back in 1946. She was determined to stay with us until their anniversary 76 years later.

Ruth grew up in Quincy Illinois with her 4 sisters and 2 brothers. She and three sisters went to Washington D.C. during World War II to work in the secretarial pool supporting the war effort.

She spent 28 years as a Winter Texan. She loved spending time at Trophy Gardens near Alamo, Texas. There she was loved by everyone whose life she touched. In Texas she crafted Stained Glass and beautiful Woodcarving. She was also the women's champ in bean bag throwing. Everyone wanted her on their team. She loved poetry and wrote poems to her children, grandchildren, siblings and friends. She also loved music and dancing, whether it was Ballroom, Square Dance or Line Dance. She taught Line Dancing for many decades well into in her 90's.

As a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sibling, aunt and friend, she was an ever present participant in each of their lives. Her arms were always open wide and ready for a hug… and you better give her one back or she'd call you out on it.

Family was of utmost importance to her. She showed all of us how to age with creativity, fitness and spunk. She was determined to do whatever it took to get any job done. There wasn't anything she wouldn't try to accomplish. In the last couple years she managed to beat Covid TWICE and dealt with the effects of a stroke affecting her right side. In her last weeks, no amount of willpower could change her decline, yet she refused to give in to it until her last breath.

She had a very strong Christian Faith living her life according to Christian Principles. She was proud of all her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband Cedric "Lyle", her daughter Rogina Cusic, 4 sisters, 1 brother and very close friend Jim Berends.

Surviving are her brother, John Maxwell of Quincy, IL, son, Maxwell (Terry Soave) Davis of Ann Arbor, MI; daughter, Janet (Scott) Parker of Belleville, IL; daughter, Kathryn Davis of Denver, CO; grandchildren, Whitney (Stephen) Profumo, Rebekah (Keith) Kinzel, Kristin (Jeffrey) Haas, Carson (Whitney) Parker, Ryan (Christina) Cusic, Jenna (Marv Berg) Cusic, Trevor Loew, Samantha Loew, Jack Loew; and great-grandchildren, Matthew and Emma Drury, Livia and Britlyn Kinzel, Ian Cappello, Savannah and Izzy Haas, Frederick Parker, and Jasmine and Levi Cusic and her dear friend Rick Dillon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hospice of Southern Illinois, 305 S Illinois Street, Belleville, IL 62220. Arrangements were handled by Lake View Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.

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.