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Bon Voyage, Barbara!

Senior Center Contest Winner Packs for Adventure



Congratulations to Barbara Will, the lucky winner of the recent prize drawing at the Millstadt Senior Center! Barbara's name was drawn from dozens of entries to win a stylish Samsonite travel bag—complete with wheels, a built-in phone charger, and TSA locks.

Barbara was thrilled with her prize and said she can't wait to put it to good use on her next trip. To qualify for the drawing, seniors earned an entry each time they enjoyed lunch at the Millstadt Senior Center, making every meal a chance to win!

If you missed out this time, don't worry—the next suitcase giveaway is coming up on November 14th. So come on in, enjoy a delicious lunch, and get your name in the drawing. You could be the next traveler rolling away with a brand-new suitcase!

Staying Healthy Together



The Millstadt Senior Center partnered with Millstadt Pharmacy to host two successful vaccination clinics on October 3rd and October 17th, helping local seniors stay healthy this fall. A total of 47 seniors received important vaccinations, including COVID-19, flu, RSV, and pneumonia shots.

Pictured are Glenn McCarty with pharmacy technicians Trinia and Tricia, who are known around the Center as *"two of the best shot givers around!"* Their friendly smiles and gentle touch made the experience easy and comfortable for everyone.

The Senior Center extends a heartfelt thank-you to Millstadt Pharmacy for keeping our community safe, healthy, and ready to enjoy the season ahead.

From Below The Tower



Patty Evansco

Dear Friends,

First, I'd like to apologize that this month's *Senior Talk Newsletter* is arriving a little later than usual. October has kept me extra busy helping nearly 50 clients with their Medicare choices, and I'm currently assisting 40 more in November. Medicare Open Enrollment can be confusing and sometimes frustrating, but it's truly one of my favorite parts of my job — helping people find plans that fit their needs and budgets. If you or someone you know needs help reviewing coverage, remember that December 7th is the deadline, and I'm happy to schedule time to help.

There's never a dull moment at the Millstadt Senior Center! We wrapped up our fiscal year on September 30th, and now it's time to put everything away and start fresh for the new year. As many of you have noticed, our dining room has been bustling lately — what a wonderful problem to have! We are exploring ways to accommodate more diners, but I appreciate everyone's patience when things get a little crowded.

One growing challenge is parking. I've heard from several people that they'd like to join us for lunch but can't find a space when they arrive. If you have ideas or suggestions to help us solve this, I'd love to hear them. Together, we can make room for even more folks to enjoy our delicious $6.00 meals and the warm company of friends, both new and familiar.

As we move into the season of gratitude, I want to take a moment to say thank you. We have wonderful volunteers who faithfully give their time each week, and a dedicated staff who truly care about serving others. Because of all of you — our patrons, helpers, and friends — the Millstadt Senior Center continues to be a place filled with kindness, laughter, and community spirit.

With appreciation and warm wishes,

Patty



SMBF Receives Grant

The Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation recently was awarded a $800.00 grant from the St. Clement Community Foundation. The SCCF was established to support health care and health education in the Monroe County, Randolph and southern St. Clair Communities. The grant this year will be used to cover the cost of the dietician who reviews the monthly menu for the MOWS participants and the cost of the colored paper for the monthly menus.

The SMBF supports the Meals on Wheels for the Millstadt, Smithton and Freeburg areas. This past year the SMBF has purchased containers for home delivered meals and gift cards for our volunteer drivers, maintenance on the MOWS van, and purchased over 1,200 meals for our at home seniors. Thank-you St. Clements Community Foundation, located in Red Bud, for your continued support of our local MOWS program.

Donations may be sent to the Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation, Post Office Box 41, Millstadt, Illinois 62260. All donations are used to support the local MOWS program.

Planning for the Future of Aging: MSC Joins Statewide Conversation



Millstadt Senior Center Director Patty Evansco and volunteer Lucy Hitsman recently attended an Engagement Session hosted by the Illinois Department on Aging as part of its *Comprehensive Plan for Living Well in Illinois*. The session focused on exploring the future of aging in our state, with thoughtful discussions on both challenges and solutions that affect older adults and the communities that support them.

Patty and Lucy joined AgeSmart Community Resources leaders, including Chief Executive Officer Marjorie Moore, Grants Planning Manager Andrea Stephens, and Caregiver Support Specialist Jane Jung, to share insights and ideas from the local perspective.

The group addressed region-specific needs, emphasizing the importance of accessible services, community engagement, and innovative support systems to help older adults live healthy, independent, and fulfilling lives.

Their participation reflects Millstadt Senior Center's ongoing commitment to advocating for seniors—not just in our community, but across the state of Illinois.



Over 71 million Americans receiving retirement, disability, or survivor benefits will see a raise in benefits beginning in January of 2026.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has confirmed a 2.8% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for 2026. This move comes to provide retirees with relief as essential costs remain high, even though inflation has cooled off.

The raise will be automatically applied to all accounts, and an official letter will be mailed to each retiree in December this year detailing new benefit amounts.

What you need to know:

- The exact increase depends on your current Social Security benefits.
- Higher earners may see slightly larger increases.
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients will also get a proportional boost.

SMBF Trivia Night Raffle Winners

On October 18, at the tenth annual Trivia event for the benefit of the Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation, Meals on Wheels program, the following names were drawn for the annual raffle:

First Prize; $500.00 Southwest Airline Voucher, Virginia Costello;
Second Prize; 50" HDTV, Tom Baltz;
Third Prize; Lottery Tree, Linda Weingartner;
Fourth Prize; $100.00 Dining-out gift cards, Steph Kirksay.

Thank-you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, donated baskets, played trivia, bought 50/50 tickets or volunteered and supported our event. Over $17,000 was raised for the MOWS program. All proceeds from the raffle, silent auction items, 50/50 drawing and Cardinal ticket sale, will be used to support the Meals on Wheels program in the Millstadt, Smithton and Freeburg areas.

Millstadt Red Cross Blood Drive Schedule



Nov. 12, 2025 **3:00 pm – 8:00 pm VFW**

Double the Fun:
The Todd Twins Visit the Millstadt Senior Center!



The Millstadt Senior Center was filled with laughter and excitement when Owen and Parker Todd stopped by for a special visit this October! The twin boys—who are the director's great-nephews—are 4 years old and will be turning 5 in January. It's hard to believe these bright, fun-loving boys will be starting kindergarten next year!

Owen and Parker, the sons of Mark and April Todd, bring big smiles and even bigger personalities to the Center. The day they came to visit they were ready for fun—and of course, a slice of Strawberry Shortcake, which they absolutely loved!

Owen did most of the chatting (as usual!), while Parker charmed with his grin. I always enjoy these little guys visit and always look forward to their next visit!

The History of Veterans Day

World War I—known at the time as "The Great War"—officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in France. However, the fighting had actually stopped months earlier when an armistice, or truce, took effect at ***the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month*** in 1918. This historic moment marked what many considered the end of "the war to end all wars."

In the years that followed, November 11 became a special day of remembrance and appreciation. Today, **Veterans Day** continues to be observed each year on November 11, regardless of the day of the week. This important tradition not only honors the significance of that date but also reminds us to recognize and thank all who have served in the United States Armed Forces for their bravery, dedication and selfless service to our nation.

The Millstadt Senior Center continues to thank our many veterans from the past for their unwavering service, dedication and sacrifice in protecting our freedom and way of life.



MILLSTADT TOWNSHIP SENIOR SERVICES

Adopted : **December 12, 2023**

The Code of Conduct and Courtesy Guidelines shall be posted in the Center's foyer and published at least once a year in the newsletter.

Visitor non-compliance with the Code of Conduct and Courtesy Guidelines is subject to loss of suspension as defined under Bylaws.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND COURTESY GUIDELINES
COURTESTY GUIDELINES

1. "Treat others the way you would like to be treated" shall be a standard of behavior at the Center.
2. Observe the practice that the Center building is a smoke-free environment.
3. Assistance and courtesy extended to participants with disabilities is encouraged and appreciated.
4. A neat and clean appearance is encouraged and appreciated. The Center does not condone any type of offensive language and prefers those questionable images and/or undesirable graphics not be worn to Center events or activities.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

1. Abusive language, profanity, obscene conduct, or slurs.
2. Intoxication.
3. Disrespect for ethnic diversity.
4. Sexual harassment or sexually explicit behavior.
5. Behavior with intent to harm the Center's mission, services, activities, or programs.
6. Disrespect of members, volunteers and/or staff.
7. Physical contact that results in intentional harm to a person or property.
8. Extreme disruption to fellow participants or programs.
9. Failure to abide by the policies set forth in the Bylaws and operations manual.
10. Compliance with Centers Bylaws and Operating Policies, Procedures and Practices.
11. Compliance with Town, State and Federal laws.

Bible Study At Senior Center

An informal Bible study will be offered at the Millstadt Senior Center.

Every Friday @ 11 AM



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

BOOK CLUB

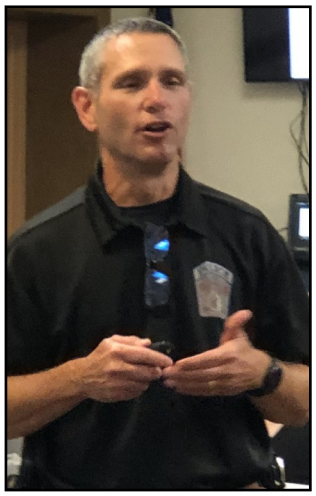
At The Senior Center

Make new friends and discover new books!
Join us on the 3rd Monday of the Month @ 11 AM



Millstadt Senior Citizen Police Academy: Building Knowledge, Safety, and Community Connections

The Millstadt Senior Citizen Police Academy wrapped up another successful session this fall, bringing together local seniors for a fun, educational, and interactive five-class program held every other Wednesday. The academy gave participants an inside look at law enforcement while covering a wide range of safety and community topics.



Chief Alan Hucke presented a detailed and fascinating presentation on the history of the Millstadt Police Department, offering stories and insights into how the department has grown and served the community over the years.

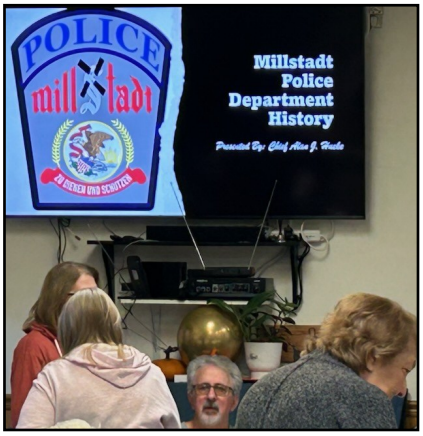
Heather Erwin, Branch Manager of Millstadt Central Bank, shared valuable tips on recognizing and avoiding scams, helping participants learn how to protect themselves from financial fraud and identity theft.



Officer Adam Romero gave a hands-on demonstration on police safety tools and protective gear, explaining their use and importance in day-to-day police work.

Scott Spencer, Caseworker with Adult Protective Services, provided an informative talk about his work investigating cases involving senior neglect, exploitation, or abuse, and the resources available to those who may need help.

Officer Daniel Collins led an engaging session on the Taser and its uses, which included a live demonstration featuring Maddie, a Millstadt Police Explorer who bravely volunteered to be tased—earning admiration from everyone present!



Later, Chief Hucke led a discussion about situational awareness, offering practical advice on how to stay alert in public, make safe choices, and be a good witness in emergencies.

Millstadt Fire Chief Kurt Pellmann followed with an important presentation on fire safety, and Lt. Adam Romero demonstrated the department's PepperBall launcher, a non-lethal tool used in certain police situations. Several enthusiastic seniors even took turns testing their aim at a practice target—adding some friendly fun to the learning experience!

Jennifer Goetz, Chief of Millstadt EMS, gave an informative overview of all the essential services our local EMS provides to the community.



Of course, no Millstadt event is complete without great food and fellowship. Each class featured a meal generously donated by local businesses and supporters, including Garden Place Senior Living (pizza and salad), Financial Advisors Jeff and John Pratl (chicken and rice dinner with salad and rolls), Millstadt IGA (fried chicken dinner), and Roy-El Catering (a delicious pasta and salad meal).



This year marked Officer Jacob Fowler's first year as organizer and chairperson of the Millstadt Senior Citizen Police Academy, and he did an outstanding job. The sessions were well attended each week and received high praise from participants who enjoyed learning, laughing, and connecting with their local first responders. The Millstadt Senior Citizen Police Academy continues to strengthen bonds between law enforcement and the community—proving once again that learning and laughter go hand in hand when it comes to safety and service.

Searching For Old Friends

A Millstadt Memory from Betty Wright

Betty Wright has a heart full of memories and a simple wish — to reconnect with a few familiar names from long ago.

Betty was born in 1936 in a unique setting — the old IMBS Station Master's house on IMBS Station Road, north of Millstadt, Illinois. The station itself had long been closed, but the building remained a home, deep in the quiet history of the area.

She was confirmed at Concordia Church on Route 163 between Millstadt and Centerville, a place still dear to her heart. Back then, she shared her school days and church life with classmates she remembers fondly — Shirley Scharf, Darlene Vogel, Betty Wirth, Rose Mary Sliment, and James Touchette.

As time passed, life naturally took everyone in different directions, and Betty, like many of us, lost touch. But now, with a little hope and the help of this article, she's reaching out to the Millstadt community to see if anyone knows where these old friends might be today.

Betty is particularly curious about whether any of them attended Lepere School with her. She recalls that Rose Mary Sliment was a year behind her, and James Touchette was in her graduating class of 1950. But what about Shirley, Darlene, or Betty Wirth? The memories are warm, but the details have grown a bit fuzzy.

If you remember any of these names or think you may know where they are today, please consider helping Betty reconnect. You can reach out by calling Patty at the Millstadt Senior Center at (618) 476-3731 — she has Betty's contact information.

After all, a small town never forgets its own — and a friendly phone call just might make someone's day.

A Spooktacular Time At The Millstadt Senior Center Halloween Party!

The Millstadt Senior Center was filled with laughter, costumes, and plenty of spooky fun at this year's Halloween Party! The lunchroom was decorated for the occasion, and everyone enjoyed a festive menu featuring *Creepy Chili*, *Howling Hot Dogs*, and an abundance of sweet treats and candy.


Alvina Pruett

The party was full of games and prizes, and it turned out to be an especially lucky day for Alvina Pruett. Dressed as a pirate, Alvina won one of the special Halloween baskets — and later, her name was drawn for the grand suitcase giveaway! The suitcase drawing rewarded those who came to lunch each day for the past two weeks, and now Alvina and her daughter, Barbara Will (who won a similar suitcase just a few weeks earlier), are ready to take a trip together!

The ever-popular Halloween Wheel was also spinning throughout the party, with "Wheel Master" Joan Perry keeping the excitement going. Dolores Nehring won the top basket prize with her lucky spin. Other winners included Debbie Alleruzo, who was delighted to take home a package of Oreo cookies from the prize drawing.


Gracelyn Hankammer

Adding an extra touch of charm to the afternoon was a visit from Gracelyn Hankammer, granddaughter of Senior Center staff member Sandy Dressler Sanders. Gracelyn, dressed in her adorable black cat outfit, helped with the prize drawings and brought smiles to everyone's faces.

To wrap up the festivities, the group gathered on the front porch for a photo — a perfect way to capture another wonderful Halloween celebration at the Millstadt Senior Center!










Hocus Pocus Witch Nellie Schlemmer



BIBLE TALK

"HE WAITS"

Hello everyone. Hope you are all well and happy! As I mentioned in October, we are going to pause our study of John's Gospel to prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus. All a part of God's plan in an effort to bring back the lost sheep of Israel. John tells us: "in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. The Word was Jesus, "there's Something about that name." This happening seems to us a miracle, nearly too complex for human understanding; but to God, the time he planned for was right and so His miracle came to pass.

Throughout the Old Testament, there are many times God becomes disillusioned and even angry with His lost Lost Sheep but continued to prod them. In Judism, the last time God spoke to humanity was to the minor prophets Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi about 2400 years ago. Their prophecies are recorded in the last three books in the Old Testament. NOTE: Minor prophets are just as significant as Major, but they have written fewer prophecies. Their prophecies, however, are major in what we learn from them today.

Haggai. The temple is God's holy place, but cannot make humanity holy automatically, a person who is unclean can make the temple unclean. The only hope they have for divine approval was God's grace. God would bless them and their harvests while they were spending their time on the temple."Build the Temple."

Zecharian. Hope, restoration and the coming of the Messiah. Get ready. "Build the Temple."

Malachi. God accuses the people of being unfaithful, not trusting him, not speaking to him in prayer. God says he will not destroy his people, but they are to prepare for his return. He will send a messenger who prepares the way for the Lord (John the Baptist). God is still waiting for them to rebuild the temple.

The last three books sum it up. An average reads about 40-45 minutes and worth every minute of your time. God is not happy with his people. They pursue their own interests and neglect him by their failure to rebuild his holy space to gather his lost sheep. These are the last prophecies of the Old Covenant. God will not speak to the people again for 400 years! These years are known as the 400 Years of Silence: The years between the Old Testament and the New Testament was a time of significant political upheaval, cultural change and religious development. While often called "Silent" due to lack of new prophetic writings. God's divine plan continues to prepare the world for the coming of the Messiah.

God continues to wait for the Jewish people to rebuild his temple. According to prophetic scripture in Jewish and Christian tradition, God wants the third temple to be built as a final dwelling place for his divine presence. He is displeased with his people's lack of interest. During the centuries following the temple's destruction, the Jews have made three attempts to rebuild. The current problem is the site. The Jews say they own the site on which the earlier two temples were built. The Muslims say there never were any earlier Jewish temples. This is where the prophet Muhammad ascended into Divine Presence on the back of a winged horse. Both claim the spot called the Temple Mount. And so, HE WAITS.

Next month, a birthday celebration!

Peace and blessings to all. Thank you! Pat Morris

A Note From Manuel Perez

Well, what can I say — I miss your lovely faces! I've spent a lot of time reflecting on the days we shared together and on the many things I learned from each of you. I don't think I ever truly took the time to thank you for opening your doors to me — and more importantly, for opening your hearts.

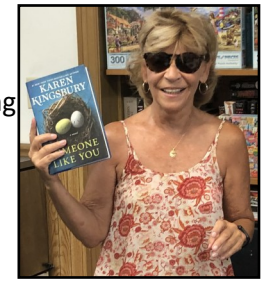
I miss the morning kitchen conversations, the good old lunchtime rush, and all the laughter in between. What I'm really trying to say is, *it's the little things.* I've come to realize that the little things in life often turn out to be the biggest things — sometimes we just don't see it until later.

For me, the time I spent with all of you was a blessing. I was lucky enough to recognize and appreciate those "little things" long before my time there ended. My only wish is that I could have stayed a little longer. But I truly believe that everything happens for a reason.

Thank you, Millstadt Senior Center — staff, volunteers, and patrons alike. I love you all and wish you a safe and happy winter. Please tell everyone in Millstadt, *Merry Christmas from Texas!* — **Manuel Perez**

Donates Hardback

Victoria Creason, alongside her mother Ann, proudly donates a hardback copy of Karen Kingsbury's bestselling novel to promote reading among seniors. Ann, an active member of the Thursday Bridge Club, is dedicated to providing engaging literature for the community's senior readers.



Requests for Social Security Numbers & Home Delivered Meals

Each applicant that receives home delivery meals (HDM) must be assessed by the Southern Illinois Visiting Nurses Association (SIVNA) through an in-home assessment. A specially trained care coordinator will come to your home, free of charge, to conduct a thorough needs assessment and explain community-based resources that are available to assist you or your loved one in living at home as independently as possible. Their primary purpose is to help individuals recover from illness or injury, manage chronic diseases, and maintain independence in their own homes by offering a range of medical and supportive services.

We submit a referral sheet for every applicant to SIVNA which includes pertinent information such as your **date of birth** and **social security number**.

This information is voluntary; but, not providing it will reduce the funding that the Millstadt Township Senior Services (MTSS) receives for meals.

SIVNA and MTSS are obligated by laws like (HIPAA (Health insurance Portability and Accountability Act) to protect patient information, including SSNs.

If you are not comfortable providing your information over the phone, please stop by and fill out the paperwork that we need to request the SIVNA assessments.

I appreciate your cooperation in helping me get everyone approved for these meals.

NOVEMBER 2025 MONTHLY EVENTS

Millstadt Library

Events Handpicked for Seniors!

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

Homemade - Teabag Bookmark
- Thursday, Nov 13, 5:30 p.m.
- RSVP by 11/06

Medicaid Questions with Saric Consulting
- Monday, Nov 17, 5:30 p.m.
- RSVP by 11/12 with Julie at 618-641-9700 or julie@saricconsulting.com

Book Club at the Senior Center
- Third Monday , Nov 17, 11 a.m.
- *So Far Gone* by Jess Walter

Book Club
- Sat, Nov 22 at 10:30 a.m.
- *Being Henry* by Henry Winkler



November 17, 2025
5:30 p.m. to 7:00p.m.

Millstadt Library District

Saric Consulting
Nursing Home Medicaid Assistance
618-641-9700

Do you have questions about Medicaid?

Join this free Seminar! Featuring Sara Saric, owner of Saric Consulting, and Brian Huffman, Attorney and owner of Huffman Law Offices

RSVP to Julie by 11/12/2025
Phone: (618) 641-9700
Email: Julie@saricconsulting.com

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HOMEBOUND DELIVERY

The Millstadt Library District offers a FREE delivery/pick-up service for patrons who need it to access materials. Please visit or call the library or see our website for more info.



Call 618-476-3731 to sign up for

River City Casino Trip

Tues. Nov. 25, 2025

9:00-11:00

11:30 - Lunch @ Ms. Sheri's

Departing @ 8:30am

Zu Dienen Ünd Schutzen

"To Serve and Protect" is the police motto for generations of police officers and often is included on their uniform patches. The patch for Millstadt Police uniforms takes on a distinct version of the police motto by using the German phase "Zu Dienen Und Schutzen". Millstadt Police Chief Alan Hucke designed the patch and motto while an officer with the Department.

The Millstadt Police Department recently presented a Senior Citizen Police Academy at the Millstadt Senior Center. Forty participants observed pepper ball and laser gun demonstrations and heard about scams often targeted against seniors. For a recent chair Yoga session held at the Liederkranz Park the words "to serve" presented a real-life example. If you have ever locked the car keys inside your car, you know the feeling. That's what happened to one of the chair Yoga participants. A quick call to the Millstadt Police Department brought Officer Mike McGarry to the rescue. Officer McGarry did not need a pepper gun or laser gun but another "tool" in his kit. The "BigEasy" comes in an orange bag and includes the tools needed to unlock a locked vehicle. Needless to say the Yoga class cheered on the officer, enjoyed the demonstration and Officer McGarry left behind one happy Yoga class!

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Meals on Wheels Secret Santa

Shhh!

When's the last time you had a secret admirer? Get ready—Secret Santa is back! It's your chance to sneak, surprise, and spread a little holiday magic. You'll have just as much fun giving gifts in disguise as you will trying to uncover who's been secretly spoiling you!

If you want in on the fun and get Meals on Wheels or you want to be the "Secret Santa", fill out the form below and turn it in to Sandy by 3:00 PM on Monday, November 24. We'll draw names and call you with your Secret Santa info! You'll bring three gifts for your person—all wrapped and labels with their name only (no hints about who it's from!)

Gift # 1: Drop off Tuesday, December 2 – under$10 or homemade

Gift # 2: Drop off by Tuesday, December 9-under $10 or homemade

Gift # 3 Bring to Senior on December 15th where we will deliver and reveal Secret Santas.

Name_____

Phone_____

Sweet Tooth or Salty Snacks?_____

_____

If you could one silly gift what would that be?

_____

Favorite drink or to-go-beverage?_____

Favorite Restaurants (fast food or regular)?_____

Book I've been wanting to read_____

Allergies/Dislikes_____

collect_____

___I would like to be the "Secret Santa"

Taste of Ott's

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

November Dinner

Smoked Pork Chop w/Dressing, Squash Soup w/ Sausage & Onion Garnish,
Sweet Potato/Apple Upside Down Cake
Milk, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade and Water

Monday, November 10th

At 4:30 PM

Enjoy Great Food, Prizes, and Fellowship!

Suggested Contribution $6.00/meal
RSVP to Senior Center (618) 476-3731
By November 7, 2025
(Limited to 50)
Meal is subsidized by **AgeSmart**.
Must be 60 or over to attend.

REMINDER: IN ORDER FOR TERRY TO PREPARE ENOUGH MEALS, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU RSVP FOR THE TASTE OF OTT'S BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10th!

Senior Services By Meli

Let's make every day a little brighter - together.

Friendly Computer & Technology Lessons

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- Sending emails & browsing the web safely
- Using smartphones and tablets
- Social media, online shopping, and more!





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Appointments scheduled from 2-5pm Mon-Fri

Senior Companionship

Trusted, heartfelt companionship for seniors who deserve care, conversation and connection.

Call Today! Meli Thompson 623.224.1060 - $20 per hour.

Wish List

Baby Quilt for December Drawing
VINYL Plastic Gloves M/L/XL
9x13 Deep Aluminum Pans
6" Dessert Plates, Clorox Spray,
Paper Towels, Trash Bags (13 Gallon)
Napkins, Quart Sized Zip Lock Bags, Lipton Tea Bags (gallon size), Country Time Lemonade (5lb canister),
Folgers Coffee (Filter Packs -Classic Roast)
Bingo Prizes - $5 Gift Cards to Dollar General/IGA, Anti-Bacterial Liquid Soap,
Kleenex , Laundry Detergent,
Cheese/Peanut Butter/Crackers,
Single Serve Sugar Free Pudding,
Sugar Free Candy & Sugar Free Snacks

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

ENDS DECEMBER 5, 2025

Major changes are coming in 2026 that will likely impact your coverage!

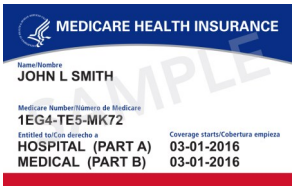
If you'd like to explore your Medicare options for 2026, please make an appointment by calling **(618) 476-3731**.We are scheduling appointments **now thru December 5th.**
Appointments can only be made for one individual at a time. If you and a partner both need to review coverage, please make 2 appointments. Please be sure you **bring the following to the appointment**:

- **Your ORIGINAL Medicare Card**
- **Current Medicare Insurance Card (Advantage or Supplement Plan and RX Card)**
- **Silver CT Department of Social Services Card (if you have one)**
- **List of ALL Current Medications with Names, Dosages (milligrams), and Frequency**
- **List of ALL Current Doctors**

******IF YOU DON'T BRING ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION, YOUR APPOINTMENT WILL NEED TO BE RESCHEDULED******
As in previous years, there are several changes coming for 2026. It's in your best interest to check your Medicare benefits EACH year, as many plans change and cost you more MONEY!

How Do You Get A New Medicare Card?

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



Land of Lincoln Legal Aid

Land of Lincoln Legal Services will assist individuals of limited income age 60 and older in completing Living Wills vs Tradition, Power of Attorney and other types of documents if you are an individual of limited income age 60 or over. **Assistance by appointment only. Call 618-398-0958, ext. 2224** for an appointment. They will be setting appointments to come to the Center on the 4th Thursday of each month.

SNAP, MEDICAID & LiHEAP APPLICATIONS

Tabitha from AgeSmart will be here
Wed., November 19, 2025
From 9:00 am to 12:00 am
Call (618) 476-3731 for appointment

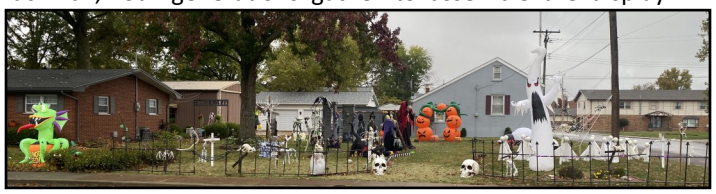
The Steppig-Heyder Halloween Display Lights Up West White Street

Each October, as dusk settles over Millstadt, a hauntingly delightful glow begins to appear on West White Street. Beneath the watchful shadow of Zion Church, the Steppig family's Halloween display comes to life — a community favorite that has grown through generations.

The tradition began years ago with David and Debbie Steppig's daughter, Alison. When Alison began dating her now-husband, Scott Heyder, she discovered that Scott's family has a passion for elaborate Halloween decorations. It wasn't long before the two families' creative spirits blended. With help from Alison's younger brother, Ben, they began decorating her great grandparents' original lot on West White Street — transforming it into a spooky and spectacular scene filled with ghosts, goblins, and glowing pumpkins.

As time went on, the display — and the family — grew. David and Debbie eventually moved into the home on White Street. Alison married Scott, and Ben married Kathryn Skaer. Now with children of their own, the Steppigs and Heyders have turned the annual decorating tradition into a full-fledged family affair.

Each fall, four generations gather to assemble the display —



grandparents, parents, and children working side by side. The laughter, teamwork, and creativity that go into every spooky skeleton and twinkling light have become as cherished as the display itself.

For the Millstadt community, the Steppig family's Halloween masterpiece is more than just a neighborhood attraction — it's a shining reminder of how family traditions can grow and connect generations year after year.



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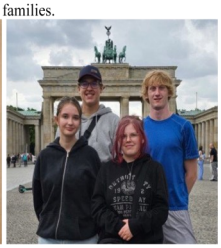
YOUTH AMBASSADORS EXCHANGE

Millstadt, IL Groß-Bieberau
Sister Cities
Est. 2000

Millstadt Youth Ambassadors, Thomas Frame and John Lukomski, spent four weeks this summer in Gross-Bieberau, Germany, where in addition to visiting Darmstadt, Frankfurt, Berlin, and local attractions, the students attended school and experienced life and culture as typical teenagers in host families.



Millstadt youth were greeted by Gross-Bieberau Committee members and their exchange partners



Brandenburg Gate in Berlin

Thomas and John returned with their German exchange partners, Lena Keil and Larissa Monnard, and were greeted at the Community Center by Sister Cities President Kevin Juhas, Millstadt Mayor Michael Todd, and Sister Cities Board members. The students received gifts including swimming pool passes and tee-shirts contributed by the Village of Millstadt and gift certificates donated by the Lincoln Theatre and Skyview Drive-In.





Youth Ambassadors were greeted by family and friends: Kaleb Pfeil, Ashley Lukomski, Aubrey Lukomski, Larissa Monnard, John Lukomski, Lena Keil, Thomas Frame and Liz Frame

Kevin Juhas, Lena Keil, Thomas Frame, Larissa Monnard John Lukomski and Mayor Michael Todd

Millstadt Sister Cities Organization treated the German and Millstadt youth to a trip to Chicago where they visited the Museum of Science and Industry, Shedd's Aquarium, the Skydeck on Willis Tower, Navy Pier, and Millennium Park. They enjoyed an architectural boat tour of downtown Chicago as well as Giordano's deep-dish pizza.

Millstadt Sister Cities members hosted a farewell potluck supper honoring the students, and they shared comments about their experiences during the exchange.

Applications for the 2026 Youth Ambassadors Exchange are currently being accepted. For information, visit the Millstadt Sister Cities' website: https://www.millstadtsistercities.org or call Otto Faulbaum at 618.719.6726.

Veterans Day Display

Honoring All Who Served

November 11th is the day chosen to honor military veterans nationwide. At the Senior Center, we have created a Wall of Honor with pictures of our local Veterans. We hope you will stop by to see the display which will be located at the front of the Senior Center. Thank you to everyone who submitted a photo or Veteran information. To all our Veterans, ***God Bless you and Thank You***! We will be forever grateful for your sacrifice to our great country!

MILLSTADT TOWNSHIP SENIOR SERVICES



QUILT RAFFLE
Dec. 19, 2025

At Senior Center

1st Prize - Handmade Queen Size Quilt

2nd Prize - Handmade Baby Quilt

3rd Prize - $25 IGA Gift Card

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Celebrating Volunteers

Joan Perry Brings Warmth—And Breakfast—To Millstadt Senior Center

At the Millstadt Senior Center, Thursdays and Fridays come with a little extra flavor—and a lot of heart—thanks to long-time volunteer Joan Perry. Known for her generous spirit and culinary talent, Joan always often arrives with a homemade treat tucked under her arm and a smile on her face.

One sunshining October morning, Joan surprised the early risers—clients, volunteers, and staff alike—with a delicious breakfast of sausage, egg, and cheese frittata accompanied by perfectly toasted hash browns. It's not unusual for her to bring something special. Sometimes it's a pan of baked goodies; other times, it's something as refreshing as freshly cut watermelon, always prepared with care and shared with love.

Joan volunteers every Thursday and Friday, helping package Meals on Wheels, delivering meals, and then returning to assist with serving lunch in the dining room and helping with cleanup. This year alone, she's already logged 218 volunteer hours.

In the photo featured here, Joan is standing beside two other remarkable women who exemplify the spirit of service:

- Lucy Hitsman (L) contributed 256 hours this year and plays a crucial role in managing all Home Delivered Meal client files, ensuring every piece of paperwork is in perfect order.
- Behind Joan stands Terri Mills, who has donated 243 hours this year preparing Meals on Wheels, serving in the dining room, and assisting with cleanup.



Together, these dedicated women—along with the rest of the Millstadt volunteer team—set a high bar of excellence, always attentive, precise, and proud of their work. Their attention to detail ensures not only that meals are delivered, but that every part of the process runs smoothly and with compassion.

Whether it's a homemade frittata or a simple smile at the door, Joan's kindness reminds us all that a little extra care goes a long way. Her generosity—and the dedication of all our volunteers—makes Millstadt Senior Center feel more like home every day.

Halloween Spirit Is In The Air

A big shoutout to our very own Carol Ashton for her creativity and hard work in making these adorable candy decorations for our Halloween pole! Carol handmade each piece and brought them to life with her talent and festive spirit. Here she is putting up the finishing touches – doesn't it look sweet enough to eat?



The decorated pole is part of the Halloween Pole Decorating Contest sponsored by the Millstadt Chamber of Commerce. Stop by and check it out in front of the Millstadt Township Senior Center – and don't forget to take a picture and show your support!

Thank you, Carol, for making our community a little more colorful and a lot more fun this Halloween season!

Michelle Higgins Adds Heart and Holiday Cheer To The MSC



At the Millstadt Senior Center, volunteer Michelle Higgins plays a special role in keeping gratitude and good cheer flowing year-round. Michelle helps organize and send out all the Center's thank-you notes, ensuring that every supporter and volunteer knows how much they're appreciated. She also brings her creative touch to the Center's holiday décor, transforming the space with festive spirit for every season. Her thoughtfulness and dedication brighten the Center—and the hearts of everyone who visits.

Celebrating 2 Treasured Volunteers at MSC

The Millstadt Senior Center (MSC) was filled with laughter, and sweet treats as staff, volunteers, and guests gathered Monday, October 20th to celebrate the birthdays of two of the Center's most dedicated volunteers — Mike Walter, who turned 71 yesterday, and MaryAnne Conrad, celebrating her 94th birthday.



Mike Walter has been volunteering since 2019, showing up every Monday and Tuesday to help pack Meals on Wheels, serve lunch, and assist with clean-up in the dining room. His hardworking spirit and friendly disposition brighten the day for staff and visitors alike.

MaryAnne Conrad, a volunteer since 2016, has been a steady and calming presence at the Center, answering the telephone every weekday, Monday through Friday. Her dedication, reliability, and warm voice have made her a familiar and trusted part of daily life at the Center.

To honor their special days, the Center hosted a cheerful celebration featuring three birthday cakes, ice cream, pastries, and cookies — enough to satisfy every sweet tooth in the room! Balloons, decorations, hugs, and heartfelt thanks filled the air as everyone gathered to show their appreciation.

Director Patty Evansco said that "We are so lucky to have them, and it's a joy to celebrate their lives and the countless ways they give back."

Happy Birthday, Mike and MaryAnne! Thank you for the years of kindness, service, and inspiration.

Dates to Remember

November 1, St. James Dinner Auction.
November 2, Floraville Grange Wurstmarkt
November 8, Zion Church Wurstmarkt
November 9, Firemen's Meat Raffle
November 10, Dinner at Ott's. Reservations required. 476-3731
November 11, Veterans' Day.
November 16, VFW Turkey Day.
November 27, Thanksgiving, Senior Center closed.
November 28, Senior Center closed.
November 28, Lighted Parade. Starts at VFW at 7:00 pm ends Liederkranz Park.
December 5, Holiday House Tour & Pop-Up Shops.
December 6. Civic Club Santa Breakfast.
December 7, Weihnachtsfest at St. James Parrish Center. Cookies, potato pancakes, music, craft booths and more.

Dining Out

Texas Roadhouse
Wednesday
Nov. 19, 2025

Fairview Heights, IL

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

50 Years Of Friendship & Service: Evelyn & Carol Keep Giving Back

If you've spent any time at the Millstadt Senior Center, chances are you've met Evelyn Weber and Carol Terveer—or at least heard their laughter. Friends for over 50 years, these two remarkable women are more than just regular attendees; they're pillars of our volunteer community.



Throughout the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, Evelyn and Carol showed up every day, side by side, to help pack meals for Meals on Wheels clients—ensuring that no senior went without food or a friendly presence during uncertain times.

Even now, their dedication hasn't slowed. Whether it's enjoying lunch at the Senior Center, helping with events, or trying something new, these two are always on the move. Most recently, they both enrolled in the Millstadt Police Academy, held every other Wednesday evening, a testament to their active spirits and eagerness to stay engaged with their community.

Their decades-long friendship is a reminder of how powerful connection and service can be, no matter your age. Thank you, Evelyn and Carol, for leading by example and filling the Senior Center with joy, energy, and heart.

ILLINOIS REVENUE

IDOR News and Updates - October 7, 2025

IDOR Alert: Beware of New Text Message Scam Targeting Taxpayers

The Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) is alerting taxpayers to a **new nationwide text message scam** designed to trick individuals into sharing personal and banking information.

This latest phishing scheme sends **fraudulent text messages** claiming that a **tax refund has been processed** — and urges recipients to "verify" their banking information or risk losing the refund.



How IDOR Communicates with You
IDOR **does not** contact taxpayers via text message, email, or social media for sensitive information.
Official communications are sent only through:
- **U.S. Postal Service**, or
- **MyTax Illinois**, the department's **secure online account management platform**

If you receive an unexpected message claiming to be from IDOR:
- Do **not** click any links
- Do **not** provide personal or financial information
- **Delete** the message immediately

Need to Verify Something?
If you're unsure about a message or need to confirm the status of your refund or account:
☑ Visit tax.illinois.gov
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You're Invited to Zion's

WURSTMARKT

Saturday, November 8, 2025
3:00 - 7:00 PM





Zion Church

117 W. White Street
Millstadt, Illinois
Church Office 618-476-1778





Dinner Featuring:
Pork Sausage, all the trimmings, and dessert
$15.00

Dine In or Carry Out



The Millstadt Farmers Market is over for the season after a 24-week run. This has been the best season yet with the average number of customers and vendors. The weather was challenging at times with crazy hot temperatures and windy rainy Fridays. We have a slogan we never close, so we were there every Friday with a smile. Produce fuels the market. The produce kind of flows with asparagus, strawberries, berries, peaches, sweet corn tomatoes, (the height of the season) various vegetables, peppers, zucchini, Floraville potatoes, sweet potatoes, squash, pumpkins, bales of straw. Also, fresh baked goods, crafts, Blue Rooster, antiques, honey and everything else. The Community Support was great! Also, a big thank you to Millstadt Township and the VFW. A shout out to Mike and Anne Palfy for their Blue Ribbon winner Oden Palfy (Randy's.



Oden Palfy

New Millstadt Police Officer

Cory Kraus is Millstadt's newest police officer. He was recently sworn in at a Village Board meeting. Officer Kraus has prior police experience and training and has begun the MPD's field training program.

Lending Closet



The Millstadt VFW 7980 Lending Closet provides medical equipment to ALL Millstadt Township residents (not just Veterans or their families) on loan. There is a limited assortment of bath benches, commodes, canes, crutches, hospital beds, raised toilet seats, walkers, and wheelchairs available on a first come basis from the Millstadt



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Bag Tournament Results

BATTLE OF THE BAGS

October 2, 2025
1 Thelma Short & Alice LaMastus
2 Toni Schneider & Fred Harres
3 Vernon Wienhoff
4 Ralph Schneider & Deb Alleruzza

October 16, 2025
1 Thelma Short & Rick Determan
2 Thelma Short & Gary Schwartz
3 Toni Schneider & Alice LaMastus
4 Ralph Schneider & Vernon Wienhoff

October 23, 2025
1 Alice LaMastus & Toni Schneider
2 Deb Alleruzza & Thelma Short
3 Fred Harres & Ralph Schneider
4 Gary Schwartz & Vernon Wienhoff

October 30, 2025
1 Rick Determan & Toni Schneider
2 Ralph Schneider & Vernon Wienhoff
3 Deb Alleruzza & Fred Harres
4 Gary Schwartz & Alice LaMastus
5 Thelma Short & Sharon Woodruff

Corn Hole Champions
1st Place -TIE
Thelma Short - 2x
Alice LaMastus - 2x
Rick Determan - 2x
Toni Schneider - 2x
2nd Place
Thelma Short - 2x
3rd Place -
Fred Harres - 2x
4th Place
Vernon Wienhoff - 2x

MILLSTADT VFW POST 7980

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Friday Fish Fry

SINCE 1998
4:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
618-476-1180

	Sandwich	Plate
Cod Fillet	$8.75	$13.00
Baked Cod	$8.75	$13.00
Walleye	$8.75	$13.00
Catfish Fillet	$8.75	$13.00
Jumbo Shrimp (6)	$8.75	$13.00

Plate comes with 2 sides.
Your choice of white or rye bread.

Order by the Pound

1# Cod	$14.75
1# Walleye	$14.75
1# Catfish	$14.75

Sandwiches

Hamburger	$5.50
Cheeseburger	$6.00
Bacon Cheeseburger	$7.00
Jumbo Hotdog	$4.00
Grilled Cheese	$4.00
Brain Sandwich	$5.50
Chicken Tenders (3)	$6.00
Corn Dog	$3.75
Jumbo Shrimp (6)	$8.75
Crab Cakes (2)	$6.00

Drinks

Iced Tea (with refills)	$3.00
Lemonade (with refills)	$3.00

All Prices Include Sales Tax

Kids Service

AGES 12 AND UNDER

Regular Hot Dog	$5.00
Corndog	$5.00
Grilled Cheese	$5.00
Chicken Tenders (2)	$4.75
Jumbo Shrimp (3)	$5.00
Cod Fish (2 Pcs)	$5.00

All Kids meals come with 1/2 order of any side.

Appetizers

Fried Mushrooms	$4.00
Fried Green Beans	$4.00

SIDES

French Fries	$3.25
Hush Puppies	$3.25
Onion Rings	$3.25
Corn Nuggets	$3.25
Sweet & Sour Coleslaw	$3.25
Mac & Cheese	$3.25
Stewed Tomatoes	$3.25
Potato Salad	$3.25
German Potato Salad	$3.25
Pickled Beets	$3.25

All items subject to availability

Prices Subject to Change

01 December 2024

Happy Birthday!

Nov. Birthdays

1 Bryan Sloan
1 Lori Forker
2 James Burk
2 Larry Sieber
2 Patty Brown
2 Patt Mineer
3 Brad Wobbe
3 Marilyn Borkowski
4 Barbara Villiger
4 Patricia Vogel
4 Gail Lindauer
6 Nancy Yarber
6 Jacqueline Huschle
6 Leon Hucke
7 Mary Adams
7 William Goshen
7 Judith Miller
7 Randy Eckert
8 Deanna Middaugh
8 Ken Belding
9 John Wallace
9 John Wallace
9 Bonnie Carman
9 Marsha Davis
9 Raymond Blair
10 Lonnie Frank
10 Sheri Luecking
11 Lyle McMannis
11 Don Elkins
11 Billie Howell
11 Marilyn Smithson
11 James Speraw
12 Becky Courtney
12 Donna Hucke
12 Debbie DeRousse
13 Ann Creason
13 Darlene Slovinski
13 Victoria Voegtle
13 James Range
14 Jack Dinges
14 Norma Brune
15 Paul Asselmeier
16 Len Peak
16 David Bollman
17 Steve Ruhmann
17 Vickie Huffman
17 Val Millang
18 Mary Kay Bauer
19 Julene Weilbacher
20 Mary Massey
20 Homer Duncan
20 Debby Politsch
22 Judith Merod
22 Doris Grewe
22 Marjorie Bahan
22 Milton Galle
22 Marilyn Slagel
23 Judy Ehmke
23 Roxanne Roos
24 Janet Pauketat
25 Tracy Kessler
27 Anita Schneidewind
28 Jimmy Etling
29 Ruth Touchette
29 Robert Sacha
30 Lucy Junge
30 Karen Houston
30 Kathie Morton
30 Jacqueline Caponi

Honor A Volunteer

Do you want to share your praise for a Millstadt Senior Center Volunteer who has made a difference in your life or the lives of others? Would you like to nominate someone to be featured here as Volunteer of the Month? Call Patty at (618) 476-3731 or email her at seniorce@htc.net with your story and nomination.

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Marsha/Dave Davis
Marlou Eckert
Don Elkins
Michelle Hucke
Gary Huwer
Beth/Rich Kwentus
Sandy/Terry Sanders
Karen Witte

Kitchen (547.5 Hours)
Kathy Albers
Aaron Arras
Dorothy Bagsby
Bob Braun
Rich Brune
Jackie Caponi
Colleen Costello
Cindy Czech
Gary Diedrich
Kathy DeMond
Charlene Faulbaum
Sandy Hankammer
Fred Harres
Michelle Higgins
Linda Hoepfinger
Nancy Holm
Linda Hoock
Donna Hucke
Leon Lang
Bob Louis
Teri Mills
Joe Orsa
Joan Perry
Nellie Schlemmer
Carol Seibert
Beverly Siekmann
Mary Stephens
Tammy Stroup
Carol Terveer
Fran Wagner
Mike Walter

Meals on Wheels (423.5 Hours)
Aubrey Albers
Dave Albers
Marian Bell
Randy Blakely
Debbie Boeving
Crystal Bova
Jackie/Gerard Brenner
Paula/Joe Burch
Randy Burk
Jamie Burkett
Scott Courtney
Cindy Czech
Marsha Davis
Leon/Kathy Demond
Susan Ditch
Marilou /Chris Dugan
Marlou Eckert
Clark/Patty Ferry
Tami Gale
Donna Gaulrapp
Hank/Marsha Glaenzer
Diana Grabowski
Sandy Hankammer
Rosie Helfrich
Michelle Higgins
Nancy Holm
Donna/Leon Hucke
Barnie Jorns
Tracy/Don Kessler
Regina Kurtz
Beth /Rich Kwentus
Leon Lang
Gary/Marilyn Lynn
Jackie McKay
Debbie/Don Mertz
John/Ruth Morton
David/Sandy Muskopf
Kelly/Mike O'Donnell
Joan Perry
Marylou Peter
Debby Politsch
Jim/Sharon Range
Kristi/Paul Ross
Cindy/John Rutkowski
Susan Sager
Vickie Sanders
Shirley Schmidt
Anita/Mark Schneidewind
Beverly Siekmann
Marilyn Smithson
Diane/Jim Touchette
Tammy Stroup
Rick Wegner
Laura Wildermuth

Newsletter (51 Hours)
Kathy/Gary Diedrich
Eileen Doerr
Marlou Eckert
Don Elkins
Mary Heberer
Pat Morris
Don Mueller
Kathy Schaefer
Mary Agnes Schlather

Quilting (57 Hours)
Teresa Barbier
Jeanette Evans
Judy Jacobs
Beth Kwentus
Faye LaBrier
Carol Osick
Lois Potter
Judy Sutter

Office (199 Hours)
Joan Bevirt
Maryanne Conrad
Linda Hoepfinger
Michelle Higgins
Lucy Hitsman
Susan Scannell
Kathy Schaefer
Mary Agnes Schlather

Yoga (4 Hour)
Joyce Hermann

Special Events (4)
Carol Ashton
Terry Davinroy

Millstadt Historical Society

Invites you to our First Annual

Tree-Fest at the Museum

5 East Washington, Millstadt

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 – 2:00 beginning Nov 11
Fridays 5:30 – 7:30 beginning Nov 14
Saturdays 10:00 – 1:00
Sundays 2:00 – 4:00
Open until 10 pm after the Lighted Parade

This event is both a Community Competition and a Fundraiser for the Millstadt History Museum

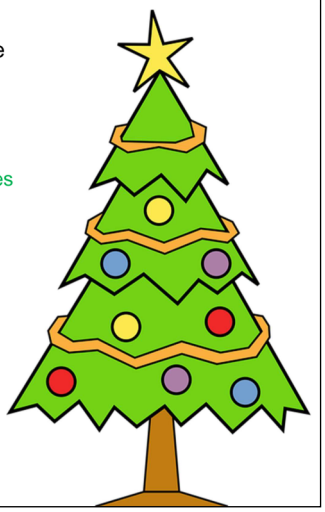
Made possible by local Organizations, Businesses and Families donating decorated trees.

- Come visit the Museum to see the trees until Dec 10
- Vote for your favorite tree in the decorated tree contest
- Bid in the silent auction to win your favorite

Winners announced December 11

If you'd like more information or to donate a tree for the contest/auction, please contact Rev. Joan Mier at 219-805-6022

Trees need to be ready for display at the Museum no later than Nov 9. Use your imagination to design a "tree" that represents your business or organization.



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Lucille Reece (Bingo and Halloween Prizes)
Fran Wagner (Bingo Prizes and Snacks)
Joan Perry (Brochure Displayer)
Elizabeth Lange (Cheryl's Cookies and Pretzels)
Carol Ashton (Halloween Pole)
Gary and Debbie Helfrich (Kitchen and Bingo Items)
Martha Gallion (Mailing Supplies)
Robert Helfrich (Paper Towels and Plastic Ware)
Linda, Carol and Mike Speichinger (Ziploc Bags)
Linda Hoock (Ziploc Bags)
Nellie Schlemmer (Ziploc Bags)

MEALS on WHEELS AMERICA
2024 MEMBER

Snack Attack Bingo



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Thank you!

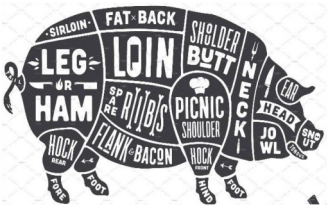


Friday, November 7th @ 11 AM Shirley & Earl
Friday, November 14th @ 11 AM - Art Dickinson
Thursday, November 20th @ 10:30 AM Tommy Tunes



FLORAVILLE COMMUNITY GRANGE

WHOLE HOG WURSTMART



Sunday, November 2, 2025

FLORAVILLE COMMUNITY GRANGE

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

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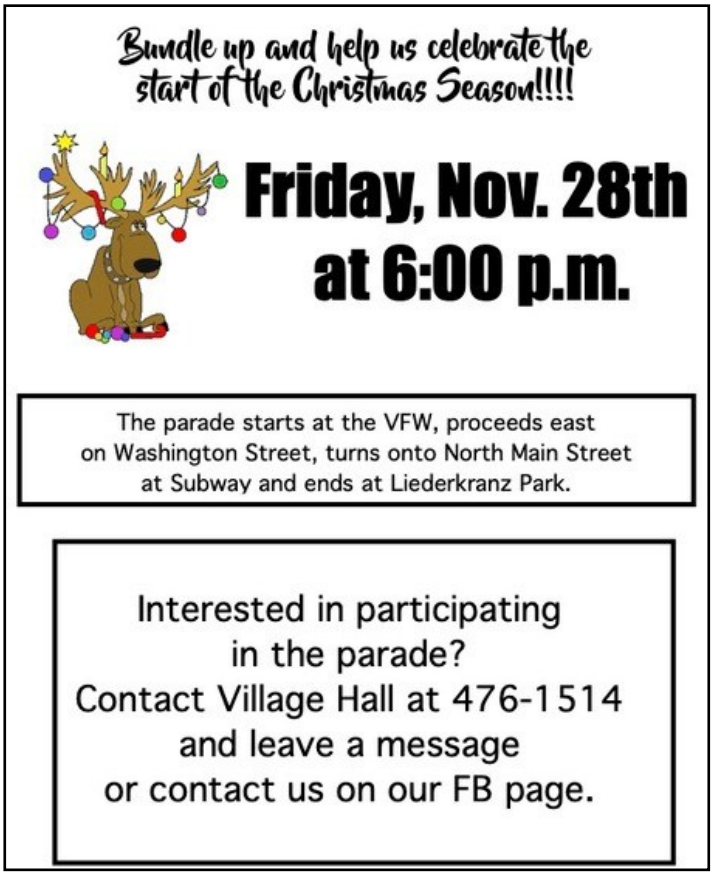
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VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT

AUGUST 11, 2025

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. COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS: Mike Capell stated he reviewed the bills. Mike Capell made a motion to pay the bills. Mike French seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. PERSONNEL: Mike Capell stated there would be an Executive Session for personnel, litigation, and land acquisition after Citizen Comments. PUBLIC WORKS: SEWER: Dustin Trankle stated the Board has been discussing installing solar panels at the sewer plant for a few months. They have had proposals from different companies. The trustees all received a pamphlet from GRP in their packets, and they have a representative in attendance, as well. GRP will install the panels at no cost to the Village. The Village will make money from the company selling the energy back to the Village. The bank will own the system and handle the maintenance. The power will get sold back to the Village at a lower cost. There will be no on-going expenses for the Village. Randy Burk added that they looked at other companies and the committee concluded that GRP is best for the job. Mayor Todd stated Steve Bryant also recommended going with this company. Dustin Trankle made a motion to move forward with GRP-Wegman for solar at the sewer plant, pending approval from the Village Attorney. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: Randy Burk stated there were two bids for the oil letting and two bids for the rotomilling for the MFT project. The low bid for the oiling was Illini Road Oil for $101,204.82. The low bid for the rotomilling was DMS Contracting for $70,400. Randy Burk made a motion to accept the bids from Illini Road Oil and DMS Contracting for oiling and rotomilling. Mike French seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Randy stated the Commercial Club has asked for street closures for the Homecoming. Randy Burk made a motion to allow the Commercial Club to close Legion Drive from Route 163 to North Main Street and North Main Street from Legion Drive to the bingo stand from Thursday, August 28th through Sunday, August 31st. Dustin Trankle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: Randy Burk stated he has been receiving compliments from residents for how well the maintenance department is keeping up with the oil bleeding through on the streets. He knows that the new equipment has helped. People have noticed the hard work. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Mike French stated Resolution 25-09 is for the Lighted Parade. It is to close Route 158 between Main Street and Veterans Drive on Friday, November 28th from 6pm to 7pm. Mike French made a motion to accept Resolution 25-09 as presented. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. PARKS, POOL, AND RECREATION: Mark Todd stated he and the Village Office have been working on the Biathlon. They are still looking for participants, as well as volunteers. Donations have been up this year, which is great. Mark stated the pool closed on Sunday, August 10th. Scott Baltz has a list from the manager about needed repairs. Mike French asked if the Village is looking for a new pool manager. Mayor Todd stated that is correct and that someone is needed sooner than later to have less problems finding lifeguards. Anyone that is interested can give their information to the Village Office. CEMETERY: Ray Famula stated he and Scott Baltz met with Bruce Leesman about installing a vault to put cremations in at the cemetery. He will be getting more information to present to the Board. COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated the freezer went out again for the second or third time and it is only three years old. They are trying to decide if they should fix it or purchase a new one. They are also talking with the Knights of Columbus since they donated the funds for that freezer. The next Senior Center Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 19th at the Community Center. TIF: Mayor Todd stated they are working on letters to send out to extend the TIF district. BUILDING COMMISSIONER: Adam Romero stated there would not be a Zoning Board meeting this month. OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd asked if the Board had any questions regarding the proposed parcel division of the Anderson property. Randy Burk asked if the Village was abandoning the proposed roadway. Mayor Todd answered that it would be discussed during Executive Session. Mike French made a motion to approve the Anderson parcel division. Mark Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Todd stated it was discussed at the previous meeting that since the Village has been with Homefield Energy, the residents who were opted in have saved $1.2 million dollars. Between 70% and 90% of the residents have opted in during that time. The new proposed agreement with Homefield has a new rate of $0.12095 which is a slight increase from the prior rate of $0.11998. If approved the new rate would begin December 1, 2025. Dustin Trankle made a motion to accept the new agreement from Homefield Energy for a rate of $0.12095/kwh. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated the Historical Society is asking for donations to their annual calendar. Mike Capell made a motion to donate $40 to the Millstadt Historical Society for their annual calendar. Randy Burk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Todd stated the Village sent youth ambassadors to Germany this summer and now the Village is hosting the exchange students from Germany. There will be a potluck for them on Wednesday, August 20th. Mayor Todd stated the monthly Mayors Meeting will be held in Waterloo on Thursday, August 28th at 6pm. Mayor Todd stated he attended a St. Clair County Grants meeting. They will be awarding $40,000 grants towards the parks for the next fiscal year. It can be used for playground equipment or towards an event for the 250th Anniversary of the United States. The grant applications will be due at the beginning of November so there needs to be a decision about the type of equipment and the bids for them. CITIZENS COMMENTS: Resident Christine LaValle asked if there was any new information on the water leaks on Diamond View Court. Scott Baltz answered that there are twelve water services that need to be replaced, and he is getting bids on them. Ms. LaValle asked who was responsible for getting the gutters cleaned on that street. Scott answered that he could send the street cleaner. Ms. LaValle asked if there was an ETA on getting the bids. Scott answered that he has one bid and talked with another contractor that day. Mike Capell made a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel, litigation, and land acquisition. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mike Capell made a motion to close Executive Session. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mike Capell made a motion to purchase land from the Anderson property for a right-of-way for $2.30 per square foot, pending a survey. Dustin Trankle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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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**.

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



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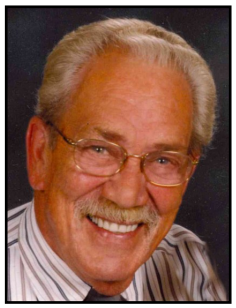
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Eugene Ross



Eugene "Gene" Ross, age 84, of Maryville, IL, born July 18, 1941, in East St. Louis, IL, died on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO.
Gene retired from the St. Lous Cardinals as a mechanic after 23 years. Even after retirement, he still enjoyed working on and building custom cars. Gene won many awards over the years at the car shows he and Shirley attended. He was a lifetime member of the Lakers Car Club and one of the original members of the Piston Pushers Club, joining in 1958. Gene had many cars over the years but took pride in his 1936 Chevy and his 1937 Ford Cabriolet, which was built for his wife Shirley. In his younger years, Gene enjoyed hunting and spending time outdoors. He also loved spending time with friends and family, playing cards and feeding his many raccoons. Gene will be sorely missed by family members and friends, including his cat, Margaret. He was loved by all.
He is preceded in death by his wife, Shirley J. Ross, nee Gricius; a son, Jeffrey Ross; his parents, Anthony and Lydia A., nee, Korte, Ross; a brother, Edward Ross; and a sister, Viola Cooper.
He is survived by a son, Michael Ross (Cathy Barger) of Maryville, IL; his grandchildren, Olyvia Ross (Martin Smith), Martin (Hannah) May and Dominique (Megan) Giavando-Hoog; his great-grandchildren, Priscilla, Niall and Nash; and a sister, Rose (Merritt) Hedden of Sun City, AZ.
Memorials can be made to Randy's Rescue Ranch or to the Alzheimer's Association.
Classic cars are encouraged to be brought to the services.
Arrangements were handled by Kassly Mortuary, Fairview Heights, IL.

Terry Collins



Terry L. CollinsAugust 10, 1947 - October 25, 2025Millstadt, Illinois - Terry L. Collins, 78 years, of Millstadt, IL, passed away on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Missouri Baptist Hospital in Town and Country, MO. He was born August 10, 1947, in East Saint Louis, IL.Terry and Roxy owned Collins & Sons Flooring America in Swansea, IL., for almost 30 years. He was a member St. Paul United Church of Christ in Floraville, IL. Terry was a professional musician, playing the piano, electric organ and keyboard. He notably played with the Tiki's, Bill Heil orchestra, the Blue Satin orchestra and he played the bells in the Millstadt Community Band.
Terry and Roxy enjoyed traveling, and they were very fortunate to have been able to travel to Germany, France, Ireland, England, New Zealand, and Norway and they enjoyed their home at lake of Egypt. Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Roxy R. (nee Vollmer) Collins; his sons, Sean (fiancee, Sandra Barton) Collins and Ryan (Melissa) Collins; his grandchildren, Kylee Collins, Brayden Collins, Peyton Collins, Wesley Collins and Colten Collins; along with other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Geroge and Edna (nee Heberer) Collins; his brothers, Norman Collins and William Collins; and his sister, Laura Randall
In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to Sandra Marie Bereitschaft Foundation Meals on Wheels, St. Paul United Church of Christ in Floraville, IL. or to St. Judes.
Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home.

Tributes And Memorials

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Colleen Jacob



Colleen Jacob, 28, of Millstadt, IL, passed away on Saturday September 27, 2025. Colleen was born in June of 1997, in Skokie, IL to Dennis and Kathleen (Callaghan) Jacob and her parents survive.

Colleen grew up in Chicago, IL and graduated from Trinity High School. She attended Murray State University in Murray, KY and graduated with her bachelor's degree. She later entered the social services field and worked as an adoption coordinator for Caritas Family Solutions in Belleville, IL.

Colleen fell in love with rodeo at an early age. She competed in rodeo in 7th and 8th grades, throughout high school, and into college. She was crowned Miss Teen Rodeo Illinois in 2016.

Colleen loved animals, especially horses, dogs, and guinea pigs. She was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister, niece, and beloved friend of many. Colleen will be deeply missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Colleen was preceded in death by her beloved grandmother Arlene Callaghan, and her grandfather Charles Callaghan, as well as her paternal grandparents, Marion and Joseph Jacob and her uncles, John Jacob, and Thomas Jacob.

In addition to her parents, Colleen is survived by her husband, Logan Kaufmann, whom she married in the fall of 2023; her beloved daughter, Kinlee Kaufmann; her sister, Britta Jacob; her aunts and uncles: Devin (Rob) Harris, Michael (Mary) Callaghan and Daniel (Marilyn) Callaghan along with extended family and many dear friends.

The family will plan celebration of life services at a later date.

Memorial contributions in memory of Colleen C. Jacob may be directed to the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance online at https://www.dbsalliance.org.

Hoffen Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Leslee Werner



Leslee L. Werner, 75 years of Millstadt, IL, passed away on Friday, October 3, 2025 at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, IL. He was born September 23, 1950, in Belleville, IL.

Les retired from Met Life as a programmer. Since he was a child he has worked on the family farm that dates back to 1848 and he took over ownership of the farm in 2003. Les also served in the Army from 1970 - 1972.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Debbie Werner, his daughter, Traci (Jason) Kachorek, his sons, Eric (Valerie) Werner and Alex Werner, his grandchildren, Owen & Hannah Kachorek and Vivian & Josie Werner, his brothers, Louis Werner and David Werner, along with other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred L. and Florence M., nee Mueller, Werner, his sister, Corrine Englerth and his brother, Carl Werner.

There will be no services held for Les.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to Helping Strays of Monroe County 4221 Hanover Road, Columbia, IL 62236. Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home.

Gabrielle Purdy



Gabrielle Carolina Purdy, 25 years of Springfield, IL, formerly of Waterloo, passed away on October 11, 2025, at Barnes Jewish Medical Center, St. Louis, MO. She was born November 18, 1999, to Jack E. Purdy, Jr, and Rebecca Purdy, nee Cloud.

Gabrielle was a 2018 Waterloo H.S. graduate and then attended Illinois School for the Vision Impaired and was residing at Mary Bryant Home for the Blind. She was a very kind and very sassy girl who could also be pretty adventurous. She was known to be a "Swifty" girl as well.

In addition to her parents , she is survived by her brother, Jacob Wilson, of St. Louis, MO, aunts and uncles, Christine and William Berkholz and Elizabeth and Larry Branz, cousins; Natalie, Tyler, Nathan and Kelsey, along with other relatives and friends.

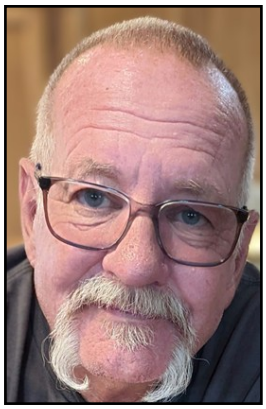
She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Jack E. Purdy, Sr, and Suzanne Purdy, nee, Dennis and maternal grandparents, Jack A. Cloud and Roberta J. Cloud, nee, Smith.

There will be a private memorial held at a later date at the Mary Bryant Home For the Blind, 2960 Stanton St, Springfield, IL, 62703.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to the Mary Bryant Home For The Blind, 2960 Stanton St, Springfield, IL, 62703 or the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired, 658 East State Street, Jacksonville, Illinois 62650.

Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home.

Don Scott



Don F. Scott, 68, of Millstadt, IL, passed away on Saturday, September 27, 2025. Don was born on February 21, 1957, in Belleville, IL to Arthur and Doris (Krick) Scott, Jr., and his parents precede him in death. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his in-laws, Clyde and Janette (Lutman) Faus.

Don had many fond memories of his childhood growing up in the close-knit town of Millstadt, surrounded by his siblings and cousins. The times they spent together, riding bikes, attending church, activities and sharing family traditions remained some of his most cherished memories throughout his life.

A lifelong resident of Millstadt, Don attended Millstadt Community Schools and graduated from Belleville West High School. He later. attended Bailey Technical College and earned a certificate in automotive mechanics. Following his training, he began working at Reed Datsun in Belleville, which later became Auffenburg Auto Group. Don remained a dedicated member of the Auffenburg team throughout his career.

Outside of work, Don enjoyed listening to music and caring for his beloved dogs. He was known for his warm, generous spirit and his willingness to always lend a hand. His grandchildren were the light of his life, and he cherished every moment spent with them. Don was a devoted husband, stepfather, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, nephew, cousin, and dear friend of many.

Left to honor his memory are his wife, Cindy (Faus) Scott; stepchildren: Jill (Chris) Martin, Matthew Rautman, and Timothy Faus; grandchildren: Charlotte Martin, Ryleigh Martin, Emilia Martin, Taven Phelps and Bayleigh Rautman; siblings Jackie (Pat) Bennett, Arthur (Barbara) Scott, Anna Mae (Dennis) Williams, Brad (Stefania) Scott; brother-in-law, Chuck (Melinda) Faus; in addition to many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, his work family and his many beloved friends.

Although Don requested no formal services, a gathering to celebrate his life will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Millstadt VFW Post 7980, 200 Veterans Drive, Millstadt, IL, beginning at 12:00 pm.

Carol Gutherz



Carol Sue Gutherz, nee Daubach, 75, of Millstadt, IL, born February 14, 1950, in Belleville, IL, passed away Monday, September 29, 2025, at Freeburg Care Center, Freeburg, IL, with family by her side.

Carol worked as a ward clerk and retired after 33 years from St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville, IL. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Belleville, IL. Above all, Carol was a devoted family member who found no greater joy than spending time with her beloved husband, children, grandchildren, siblings, and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John C. and Martha, nee Macke, Daubach; a brother, John "Tiny" Daubach, Jr.; and a brother-in-law, Robert D. Casey Sr.

Carol is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Robert H. Gutherz, whom she married on May 12, 1972; her son, Robert J. (Julie) Gutherz of Chesterfield, MO; her daughter, Amy (Kenn) Bueckman of Millstadt, IL; two grandchildren, Trent and Kaeli Bueckman of Millstadt, IL; a brother and two sisters, Dale (Angie) Daubach of Belleville, IL, Pamela Casey of New Athens, IL, and Debra (A.P.) Moore of Swansea, IL; and many dear nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or Hospice of Southern Illinois. Arrangements were handled by George Renner & Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, IL.

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