

FRIENDS OF THE OASIS NEWSLETTER

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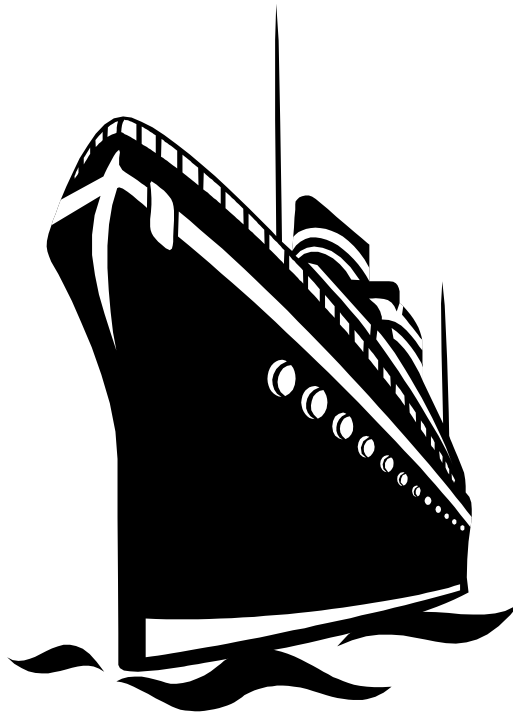
Blessings to you in the New Year!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would hope as we begin the new year, all had a blessed Christmas celebration and a great New Year to celebrate the start of 2012.

This time can also be a time of reflection of the past year and to look forward to the start of a new year. Many challenges await us during 2012, but so did 2011. The dedication and commitment of the members of the Lincoln Logan Oasis Senior Center will be a foundation to face any challenge. We can work together to accomplish anything for the benefit of the Oasis Senior Center.

By reading the newsletter and becoming aware of the many activities that the Oasis Center provides to its members, it becomes a great way to meet people and get reacquainted with old friends and neighbors. The activities and events, craft groups, the card and table games, and fundraisers provide many opportunities for everyone to stay active. In addition if you have any questions or



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JANUARY & FEBRU-
ARY
2012 NEWSLETTER

Secondary Story Headline

The Mission Statement of The Senior Citizens of Logan County, Inc.

To provide a place where senior citizens, as individuals or in groups, come together for ser-

vices and activities which enhance their dignity, support independence and encourage their involvement in and with the community.

OASIS SERVICES

ILLINOIS CARES Rx

(Circuit Breaker & Senior Care)

DID YOU APPLY!!!

Remember, you must continue to file an application for the Illinois Cares Rx each year. The time to file is as soon as you get all the financial information to complete your application. This year the application has grown due to the New Medicare Part "D" process. If you need additional help or assistance please call the Center for an appointment. All assistance is provided **FREE** to anyone requesting assistance. Call the Center for an appointment at 732-6132.

ON LINE

SOCIAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE

The Oasis Senior Center trained volunteer will offer assistance in accessing Social Security information available on line. Services offered on line include:

APPLY FOR BENEFITS: Includes retirement, spouses benefits, extra help with Medicare Rx program.

HELP WITH BENEFITS: Determine which benefits you are eligible to receive.

ESTIMATE YOUR BENEFITS: Use the retirement estimator. Find your full retirement age. Calculate your retirement, disability or survivor benefits.

CHANGE ADDRESS

REPLACE MEDICARE CARD

GET 1099 PROOF OF INCOME

Appointments to see our volunteer are available

The 3rd Friday of each Month, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

TRIVIA PUZZLER

Answer on page: 4

What is the oldest brick building in Logan County?

SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

(S.H.I.P.)

Are you having trouble understanding insurance forms? Having difficulty following reimbursement schedules or payments on your bills yet to be made? Can I save money if I plan my health insurance needs better?

Our S.H.I.P. volunteers have been trained to specifically to help Seniors answer these questions. Our locally trained volunteers are available by appointment to assist you with insurance questions and ensure you are receiving the benefits your insurance plan provides. The S.H.I.P. volunteers are here on **Thursday from 2pm-4pm**. Please call for an appointment at The "Oasis" Senior Center at **732-6132**.

"FREE TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Last tax season the "Oasis" partnered with the I.R.S. through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to offer Senior "FREE" tax assistance. I'm pleased to announce that the "Oasis" will offer this service during the 2012 tax filing season as an electronic filing site. Electronic filing improves accuracy and insures each return is accepted by the I.R.S. in a timely manner. This type of filing will insure a refund check quicker than the "Old" paper system.

Help us spread the word by telling others about this service. The more individuals who file through the "Oasis" the more likely we can continue to operate this site as a electronic filing center.

A WORD OF CAUTION: All our volunteers are trained in the computer software to file taxes and are not tax professionals. If your form is complicated we advise you to see a professional tax expert to prepare your return.

\$ 7.00 DUES ARE NOW DUE FOR THE 2012 CALENDAR YEAR. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FOR THOSE OVER 55 IS \$140. WE ARE ASKING FOR SOME HELP TO REPLACE OUR KITCHEN DISHWASHER.

OASIS SERVICES

TO TAX OR NOT TO TAX

The question is do I have to file an income tax return if my only source of income is social security or social security with a small pension? Use the following information as a guideline since the laws can change regarding income levels.

SINGLE INDIVIDUAL: If all your income including social security is **more than \$25,000** then the answer is **YES**

MARRIED: If you and your spouses income including all sources is **more than \$32,000** then the answer is **YES.**

Any amounts less than these figures means you may not need to file. Since the AARP tax program we provide at the center is free, just make an appointment and let us put the numbers in so the I.R.S. system can make that judgment.

LEGAL AID

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc. provides legal assistance for Seniors who qualify. This service is **Free** and is available once a month by appointment only. For more information, please call The "Oasis" 732-6132

Weather Notice



Board of Directors Policy

When Lincoln Community High School closes because of inclement weather, The "Oasis" will also be closed. This just makes it easier for you to have the information on closing. Please listen and/or watch your local radio or TV station for closing announcement.

HEARING SCREENING

The Oasis Senior Center provides "**FREE**" hearing checks the first Wednesday of the month. Call to schedule an appointment at 732-6132

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

A representative from the Veterans Administration comes to the Oasis Senior Center the 2nd & 4th Tuesday from 9:00 a.m-4:00p.m.. No reservations necessary. It's on a first come first serve basis. For further information you can call the Oasis at 732-6132.

RECAP OF 2011

2011 was a remarkable year for the Oasis Senior Center. We had so many projects and events shape our course that I wanted to give you a thumb nail sketch of what happened to YOUR Center. During July we lost the use of our 2001 Van. The Board of Directors had approved a campaign to replace this vehicle in May but we as a Center were not ready. Events dictated otherwise and your Board of Directors responded quickly and efficiently to purchase a new van on October 19, 2011. Listed below are some of the services /activities and results for 2011.

Tax Assistance Program	538 filed
Illinois Cares Rx Program	899 helped
Medicare Part D & Insurance	712 helped
Meal Program	1,184 served
Potlucks	972 served
Cards	884 played
Birthday Parties	420 attended
Bingo	\$ 4,411 raised
Fundraising	\$ 26,120 raised
Woods Foundation	\$ 51,250 Grant
Van Campaign	\$ 37,000 raised

Some 2011-Policies changed were: the annual meeting Moved to April and Annual Dues are now \$7.00 per year.

OASIS ACTIVITIES

THE "OASIS" BOOK CLUB

Come on in and join our very own "Oasis" Book Club. The objective of this club is to rekindle the rewards of reading a book and either sharing your thoughts with the group or just sitting back and listening to others. Invited guests will present their impressions of the book of the month. You may participate as much or as little as you desire. There will be plenty of time to socialize with a group of people who all share the common interest of reading a good book.

**The Book Club Schedule is
January 9, 2012 & February 6, 2012**

Red Hat Group

Our "Oasis Belles" a Red Hat Group formed for the sole purpose to have a good time. The group meets the **1st Wednesday** of each month at 11:30 a.m.. Interested ladies can contact Charlotte Gaither at 648-2042.

January 4, 2012 & February 1, 2012

Foot Care

GIVE US YOUR FEET

There was an old saying that if you gave some one an inch they would take a mile. Now the "Oasis" Senior Center would like to have two feet so we can provide you some foot care. The "Oasis" with the help of Marcia Cook from Christian Village has found a registered nurse who provides foot care by appointments. Emma Van Dyke R.N. who specializes in foot care will be traveling to the Senior Center from 1:30p.m. to 5 p.m. Emma will trim & clean toe nails, file callous, and apply lotion to your feet. She will also provide some foot care tips for you to consider. There is an \$8.00 charge for this service. You must make an appointment by calling the "Oasis Senior Center at 732-6132. If you are diabetic, good foot care is a must.

FOOT CARE WILL BE OFFERED

Date	Time
January 3, 2012	1:15p.m.
January 17, 2012	1:15p.m.
February 14, 2012	1:15p.m.

SENIOR BOWL

FIRST FRIDAY'S

Beginning at 10:00 a.m.



It's that time of year again! Senior Bowling at Logan Lanes.

The monthly bowling event will be held on the first Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of our bowling event is to give seniors an opportunity to get some exercise, have fun and socialize with others who have a similar interest. The National agency on aging has stated Seniors need exercise (both physical & mental) and socialization to have a complete and fulfilling life. This one event offers each of you an opportunity to meet these goals set by National Agency on Aging.

Please set aside one day a month and get into the swing of things.

**Please circle on your calendar
January 6, 2012 & February 3, 2012**

"OASIS" BUNCO

COME ROLL THE DICE !

JOIN OUR BUNCO GROUP !

Every 4th Monday of each month
(When The "Oasis" is open for Activities)

Refreshment provided by

Marilyn Armbrust

January 23, 2012 & February 27, 2012

TRIVIA ANSWER FROM PAGE 2

Answer:

Knapp / Chestnut Building Middletown

**\$7.00 DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE FOR
THE 2012 CALENDAR YEAR**

OASIS ACTIVITIES

“SOUPS ON”

Starting in November

The Oasis Senior Center is hosting a “Soups On” program during the fall and winter months. We are planning on making a large batch of soup and individuals can come in and purchase some freshly made soup to take home. Prices will vary depending on what kind of soup is in the kettle but for the most part, everything will be more than reasonable. You can purchase the soup in 2 quart or 1 quart containers, enough soup for a supper or a lunch.

The Famous Oasis Cook will be mixing their concoction of delicious home made soups on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. We plan to sell the soup on a first come first serve basis. Generally this is not a dine in event but bowls will be available if you want to eat inside our spacious activity area and then take some home for later that night or the next day.

DATES FOR THE WINTER

January 16, 2012

February 6th & 20, 2012

LUNCH & LEARN

TUESDAY MARCH 20, 2012 at NOON

The Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland and the Oasis Senior Center are sponsoring a Lunch & Learn session. Information covered will include tips on caring for a person with dementia.. This information is vital for you and your loved ones. Drop in at noon for a good sandwich with some chips for lunch while learning about some helpful information. A local Nurse who works in an Unit specifically designed for individuals who suffer from dementia will present the information. Please help us spread the word.

REMEMBER MARCH 20, 2012 @ NOON

**BE SURE TO CALL THE AREA AGENCY TO
RESERVE A SPOT at 217-787-9234 OR**

800-252-2918

Cards!

2012 CARD CHALLENGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wed. March 21	Taylorville	@ Taylorville
Sat. April 14	Card Party	@ OASIS
Mon. April 09	Springfield	@ Springfield
Tue. April 17	Pekin	@ OASIS
Tue. May 15	Springfield	@ OASIS
Tue. June 19	Taylorville	@ OASIS
Tue. June 26	Pekin	@ Pekin
Sat. July 14	Card Party	@ OASIS
Mon. July 23	Springfield	@ Springfield
Tue. July 31	Pekin	@ OASIS
Wed. Sept 26	Taylorville	@ Taylorville
Sat. Oct 06	Card Party	@ OASIS
Tue. Oct 16	Springfield	@ OASIS
Tue. Oct. 30	Pekin	@ Pekin
Tue. Nov 27	Taylorville	@ OASIS

Note: All card challenges begin @ 10:00 a.m. The Van leaves for all away challenges @ 8:30 a.m. consult your newsletter for updates and prices. Please sign up one week in advance of each challenge.

ALL CHALLENGES AT THE OASIS \$3.50 EACH

ALL OASIS CARD PARTIES ARE \$6.00 EACH

AWAY CHALLENGES WITH MEAL \$9.50 EA.



2012 MEMBERSHIP



Thank You

I gave \$ _____
to the Oasis Senior Center On _____ 2012.

Check Number _____

Keep this portion as a record of your tax deductible donation.



Help The Seniors in your Community through the
The "Oasis" Senior Center

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

YES I want to make a difference by supporting
The "Oasis" Senior Center in serving the Seniors of Logan County
Enclosed you will find cash or check made payable to the Oasis for
_____ \$10 _____ \$20 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$500

Name _____

Address _____

**PACKAGE INCLUDES
MEALS AND TIPS**

**\$639.00 PER PERSON BASE
ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

THE MACKINAC ISLAND TRIP JUNE 10 – JUNE 16, 2012

**PACKAGE INCLUDES
MEALS AND TIPS**

**\$639.00 PER PERSON BASE
ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

PACKAGE INCLUDES: Motor coach transportation to and from—6 nights lodging including 4 nights in Northern Michigan-10 meals 6 breakfast and 4 evening meals-Boat ride through the Soo Locks with Free Time and sight seeing in Sault Sainte Marie-Guided Tour of Mackinaw City-Admission to Colonial Michilimackinac- Visit Mackinaw Crossing-Visit Mackinac Island with a Guided Carriage Tour of Island

DEPOSITS & PENALTIES

A **\$79.00 *Refundable Deposit** is required prior to the close of business on February 03, 2012.

Balance of **\$560.00** due by the close of business on Wednesday April 4, 2012.

If you cancel prior to the close of business Friday April 27, 2012 you will receive a refund.

If you cancel after the close of business on Friday April 27, 2012 you must either:

1. * Forfeit the entire amount.

AND/ OR

2. * Have purchased the "Travel Confident" protection plan within 14 days of your initial deposit February 03, 2012.

Triple (3 to a room) Occupancy \$ 619.00 per person — Single (1 person to a room) Occupancy \$ 839.00 per person

REFLECTIONS GIVING PROGRAM

The mural representing the "Oasis" memorial wall will allow each of us an opportunity to recognize and reflect on the generosity of individual contributors and organizations in our community who go above and beyond the support we need in order to meet our goals. It is comforting to know that remembering the "Oasis" Senior Center can continue the good you began in your lifetime. A bequest from you is one way to influence the future of the programs and services provided by the "Oasis" Senior Center; and, as a result, affect the quality of the lives of the seniors in Logan County.

Come be a part of a lasting memorial to you or your organization's generosity. Your gift or contribution will be part of the 'Reflections' mural and you or your organization will be honored with a nameplate placed on the mural. Our membership and others will be able to reflect on your contributions to the Senior Citizens of Logan County, Inc.

The Reflections Program policy states that an organization's or individual's donations during a calendar year will be accumulated to reflect the total donation to the Oasis Senior Center for any one calendar year. If you wish to enroll in a regular giving program with monthly, quarterly or semi-annual donation payments, contact the Executive Director for details.

BLACK PLAQUE \$500.00-\$999.99

Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home 2006 & 2007
 Larry Van Bibber- 2005, 06, 07, 08 , 09 & 2010
 Albert & Ruth Kapik- 2007, 08, 09,10 & 2011
 In Memory of Lois Mote-2007
 In Memory of Frances Ruby Taylor-2007
 In Memory of Joann Eckert-2007
 In Memory of Trevor Michael Reece-2007
 Bernard Behrends 2001, 02, 03,04, & 2005
 First Presbyterian Church 2007 -2011
 Robert & Joan Graue -2009
 Les & Jan Van Bibber-2009
 In Memory Dallas Loveall- 2009
 In Memory Hazel Worth-2009
 Norman Hunter-2010
 Ken & Geri Mayes-2010
 In Memory of Emily F. Reece 2011
 Duane & Marjory Smalley 2011
 Burnetta F. DePuy 2011
 Craft Group 2011
 George & Jean Cypher-2011
 Robert & Celia Ann Jeckel-2011
 Jeanette Behrends-2011
 David & Karen Newhouse-2011

GREEN PLAQUE \$1,000.00 -\$4,999.99

Wal-Mart-2006 & 07
 Larry Van Bibber 2006
 In Memory of Fred Hoppin-2006
 In Memory of Dorothy Oltmanns-2008
 In Memory of Ethlyn Gouzong-2008
 First Presbyterian Church-2008 , 2009, 2010 & 2011
 Irene Tumilty-2010
 Jeanette Behrends-2010
 Joan Behle -2011
 Lincoln Heating & Cooling-2011
 In Memory of Ken Greenslate by Donna Galvin -2011
 In Memory of Janet Henrichsmeyer -2011

BLUE PLAQUE \$5,000.00—\$9,999.99

Paul & Helen Million-2006
 Larry Van Bibber-2007-2008 - 2009 & 2010
 Russell & Helen Allen-2009
 In Memory of Senator Robert Madigan -2010
 Charitable Trust of Lincoln Lodge #914-2011

RED PLAQUE \$10,000.00—\$24,999.99

Larry Van Bibber-2006
BRASS PLAQUE \$25,000.00
 Larry Van Bibber-2005
 Robert J & Joan J Woods thru the Woods Foundation-2011

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Congratulations!

**A Special November Birthday was celebrated by
Ruth Hoppin on her 95th Birthday**



Congratulations!

**A Special December Birthday was celebrated by
LaVeta Zurkhammer on her 95th Birthday**



BIRTHDAY'S

EACH ONE IS AS SPECIAL AS YOU!

Come to your month's Birthday Party at the "Oasis" Senior Center. The hostess has games, music and good old fashion cake & ice cream for everyone to enjoy. Everyone is welcome, but if your birthday falls in the month we are celebrating you will receive a small gift in honor of your special day. The Birthday Party is open to the public and you can celebrate with us each month of the year. Come and meet some old and new friends at a good-time event.

Party Dates

Monday January 16, 2012 & February 20, 2012

OUR FRIENDS

The Local United Way Agency has fallen short of their 2011 Campaign goal. The "Oasis" is a United Way Agency and receives support from local funds to continue to offer all programs and service you presently enjoy. Consider helping the Community of Logan County and the "Oasis" Senior Center by giving to the local United Way.

The Oasis Staff and the Board of Directors

Wish you Many Blessings

***In the
New Year !***

ACTIVITIES

VAN TRIPS PLANNED

Friday, Jan. 13, 2012 – Delavan, IL. – Harvest Café, Includes Transportation, Lunch on your Own, Members: \$8.00. Non-Members \$10.00. Departs: 11:15 AM. Returns: 2:00 PM. **Deadline: Jan. 6, 2012.**

Monday, Jan. 30, 2012 – Williamsville, IL. – Huddle House, Includes Transportation, Lunch on your Own, Members: \$8.00. Non-Members \$10.00. Depart: 11:15 AM. Returns: 2:00 PM. **Deadline: Jan. 23, 2012.**

Friday, Feb. 10, 2012 – Springfield, IL. – Centrum Café, Includes Transportation, Lunch on your Own, Members: \$8.00. Non-Members \$10.00. Departs: 11:00 AM. Returns: 2:30 PM. **Deadline: Feb. 3, 2012.**

Wednesday Feb. 15, 2012 – Clinton, IL. – La Te Da, Includes Transportation, Lunch on your Own, Members: \$8.00. Non-Members \$10.00. Departs: 11:00 AM. Returns: 2:30 PM. **Deadline: Feb. 8, 2012.**

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012 – Goodfield, IL. Barn II – Neil Simon’s Come Blow Your Horn. Includes Dinner Show & Transportation. Members \$45.00 Non-Members \$47.00. Departs: 10:45 AM. Returns: 4:30 PM. **Deadline: Jan 27, 2012.**

Sunday, March 4, 2012 – Bloomington, IL – Community Players –Blithe Spirit, Includes Show & Transportation. Members \$22.00 Non Members \$24.00. Departs: 1:30 PM, Returns: 6:30 PM. Stop for dinner on your way home. **Deadline: Feb. 10, 2012.**

Saturday, March 24, 2012 – Bloomington, IL –Passion Play –Includes Show & Transportation. Members \$28.00 Non Members \$30.00. Departs: 12:45 PM, Returns: 6:30 PM. Stop for dinner on your way home. Majority Rules **Deadline: March 2, 2012.**

Sunday, March 18, 2012 – Goodfield, IL. Barn II – The Foreigner. Includes Dinner Show & Transportation. Members \$45.00 Non-Members \$47.00. Departs: 10:45 AM. Returns: 4:30 PM. **Deadline: Feb. 24, 2012.**

POT LUCK THURSDAY

The Oasis sponsors a monthly Pot Luck on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Our Pot Luck dates for this newsletter are:

Date	Menu Entrée
January 12, 2012	Soup & Sandwich
February 09, 2012	Cook’s Choice

Starting at 11:30 A.M. the Pot Luck Committee chaired by Jennie Mount presents a great luncheon with entertainment and raffle prizes. If you do not have time to prepare a dish, we will accept a \$4.00 donation in place of your dish. Our drawing for a free lunch is sponsored by local restaurants. Bingo, sponsored by Christian Village, following the Pot Luck..

Come on out and join the Fun!! Bring a Friend!!

THE DONATION IS NOW \$4.00 PER PERSON

LIGHT LUNCH BINGO

The “Oasis”, in cooperation with St. Clara’s Manor, Maple Ridge Care Centre and Vonderleith Living Center have agreed to offer Light Lunch Bingo during 2012. Each facility has agreed to offer a light lunch at Noon prior to their regular 1:00p.m. Thursday BINGO games. The light lunches will occur once a calendar quarter by each group. Light lunch usually consists of a small sandwich, chip or vegetable or soups. Check below for the schedule and be sure to come early enjoy a “Light Lunch” courtesy of our gracious sponsors.

Light Lunch Schedule

January 26, 2012	St Clara’s Manor
February 23, 2012	Vonderleith Living Center
March 01, 2012	Maple Ridge Care Centre

SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREMENT INFORMATION

Social Security

When you work and pay Social Security taxes, you earn “credits” toward Social Security benefits. If you were born in 1929 or later, you need 40 credits (10 years of work) to qualify for retirement benefits. To qualify for retirement benefits, 10 years is the minimum. However, the amount of your benefit is determined by how long you work and how much you earn. Higher lifetime earnings result in higher benefits. If there were some years when you did not work or had low earnings, your benefit amount may be lower than if you had worked steadily or earned more. Also, your age when you retire makes a difference in your benefit amount. The full retirement age (the age at which full retirement benefits are payable) has been gradually rising from age 65 to age 67. You can retire as early as age 62, but if benefits start before you reach your full retirement age, your monthly payment is reduced. Find out what your full retirement age is by referring to the convenient chart in our publication, *Retirement Benefits*, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10035.html. It’s in the second section. Just as you can choose an early retirement and get a reduced payment, you also can choose to keep working beyond your full retirement age to take advantage of a larger payment. Your benefit will increase automatically by a certain percentage from the time you reach your full retirement age until you start receiving your benefits or until you reach age 70. The decision of when to retire is an individual one and depends on a number of personal factors. To help you weigh the factors, we suggest you read our online fact sheet, *When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits*, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html. You may want to consider your options by using our *Retirement Estimator* to get instant, personalized estimates of future benefits. You can plug in different retirement ages and scenarios to help you make a more informed retirement decision. Try it out at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator. When you decide to retire, the easiest and most convenient way to do it is right from the comfort of your home or office computer. Go to www.socialsecurity.gov where you can apply for retirement benefits in as little as 15 minutes. In most cases, there are no forms to sign or documents to send; once you submit your electronic application, that’s it! In addition to using our award-winning website, you can call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY, 1-800-325-0778) or visit the Social Security office nearest you. Either way you choose to apply, be sure to have your bank account information handy so we can set up your payments to be deposited directly into your account. To learn more, please read our publication, *Retirement Benefits*, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10035.html.

By Judith Bartel

THE OASIS SENIOR CENTER HAS A TRAINED VOLUNTEER WHO CAN ASSIST YOU WITH THESE ON LINE SERVICES. THE 3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH IS SET BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. PLEASE CALL THE CENTER AT 217-732-6132 TO SCHEDULE A VISIT.

Oasis Holiday Schedule

Oasis 2012 Holiday Schedule

New Years Day	January 2, 2012
Martin Luther King Day	January 13, 2012
Lincoln's Birthday	February 10, 2012
Washington's Birthday	February 13, 2012
Good Friday	April 06, 2012
Memorial Day	May 28, 2012
Independence Day	July 4, 2012
Flea Market Clean Up	August 27, 2012
Labor Day	September 3, 2012
Columbus Day	October 8, 2012
Veteran's Day	November 9, 2012
Thanksgiving	November 22 & 23 2012
Christmas (Holidays)	December 24 & 25, 2012
New Years Celebration	December 31, 2012 January 1, 2013

OASIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The "Oasis" Board of Directors meetings are open to the public. The meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:00 P.M. Notification must be received in writing on or before the 5th day of the month prior to the meeting date to schedule any agenda items.

January 19, 2012 & February 16, 2012

REMINDER

The annual meeting of the Oasis Board of Director has been moved to APRIL 19, 2012

HELP ME WITH OUR Membership Form

Enclosed in this issue of your "Friends of the "Oasis" Newsletter" is a membership form for the "2012" year. Annual dues of \$7.00 are payable this month for the calendar year of January 1 through December 31, 2012. This year the Center is requesting additional information such as a complete date of birth including the year. This information will allow the "Oasis" to be better prepared to seek outside grants and to better plan for future programs. We have added a sponsor section to the form. Which allows members to Donate to the "2012" sponsor project". The "2012" project has been identified as a new dishwasher for the kitchen. Century Club members have a Wood Mural located in the dining activity area of the "Oasis". A \$140.00 donation makes you a lifetime member to the Senior Center and places your name on our wooden mural for others to view. The volunteer categories located to the right of your name area on the form assists us in contacting individuals who show an interest in helping us with certain activities or program at the center. Please take a little time to check any line where you feel your talents would help the "Oasis". Current Century Club members should fill out the form and include birthdates information and check the line, which state's you are already a Century Club Member.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORM AS QUICKLY
AS POSSIBLE!!**

NOTICE

A Nominating Committee has been appointed and empowered by the Board of Directors to present candidates to serve on the Oasis Board of Directors for a 3 year term. Nominations will be accepted via mail with a post mark of February 01, 2012 or earlier.



**FRIENDS OF THE OASIS
MEMBERSHIP YEAR**

JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012

Sponsor	___ \$50.00	___ \$100.00	___ \$200.00	___ \$300.00	___ \$400.00
<i>(This donation will sponsor Dishwasher)</i>					
Century Club	___ \$140.00 Lifetime Membership for individuals 55 years of age or older				
Regular	___ \$7.00 # of Persons	_____	Other Donation Amount	_____	
Please check here ___ if you are already a Century Club member.					

Your membership donation supports the production of the Center's bi-monthly newsletter that is mailed to each member. The newsletter includes a calendar of events, special news items and information about special events.

Please check your preferred membership category above and mail this form with your check payable to:

Senior Citizens of Logan County, Inc.
501 Pulaski Street
Lincoln, IL 62656

Please check any of the volunteer categories below that is of interest to you. You will be Contacted by the chairperson.

Name _____
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Cell # _____
Emergency Phone _____
Birthday (Month/Day/Year) ___ / ___ / ___ (His)
Birthday (Month/Day/Year) ___ / ___ / ___ (Her)

- ___ Art & Balloon Fest Flea Market
- ___ Auction
- ___ Baking for Bake Sale
- ___ Bingo Tues. evening @ Oasis Center
- ___ Birthday Party
- ___ Board of Directors
- ___ Chili / Soup Fundraiser
- ___ Crafts
- ___ Crochet Club
- ___ Federal & Tax Preparer
- ___ Front Desk Help
- ___ Illinois CareRx
- ___ Music
- ___ Quilting
- ___ S.H.I.P. (Senior Health Ins. Program)
- ___ Van Driver

E-Mail _____



Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2

Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555
E-mail: someone@example.com

Non-Profit Organization

U.S. Postage Paid

Permit #362

Return Service Requested

2012 dues are
Payable
\$ 7.00 per person

Your business tag line here.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 1ST THROUGH APRIL 13, 2012

The Oasis Senior Center is pleased to offer “FREE” tax assistance to seniors during the 2012 filing season. The Center will offer electronic filing which improves accuracy and insures each return is accepted by the I.R.S. in a timely manner. Tax volunteers are trained in the “Tax Wise” software but are not trained tax professionals. If your form is complicated or out side the established guidelines please seek the assistance of a tax professional.

The Center is obligated to stay with in the guidelines for a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center. The guidelines prohibit the center from completing tax forms which involve the sale of property, business earnings, depreciation, stock sales, farm income and other income or deductions which are not typical in nature.

Monday’s	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday’s	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday’s	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.