

FRIENDS OF THE OASIS NEWSLETTER

The Oasis Senior Center, 501 Pulaski Street, Lincoln, IL 62656



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER



PEACE ON EARTH !



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As this year passes I must reflect back to a year ago when I witnessed this organization and community of supporters raise enough funds to purchase a brand new van. What a proud moment for all of us.

In addition I would encourage every member of the Oasis to become involved actively. There are many projects and activities that you could become involved in. The Oasis Senior Center is a valuable resource for the Seniors of Logan County. It will only continue to grow and flourish with your unselfish help as one of our many volunteers. During my term as president I have come to realize just how important each volunteer and Senior participate is to the very survival of the Center. It is through you that the Center works as well as it does and it is through you, that the Center will expand and provide additional services for future seniors. We are not a rich organization and we can not hire additional staff to manage one or more of the programs or services but we have the richest resource pool available to us of any organization within the state. YOU have made a difference in the past and you can continue to make a difference in the future of the Oasis Senior Center. Get involved as one of the many volunteers, or participants in the Center's program and services.

Bob Jeckel,
Board President

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Can you spare just a tiny bit of time out of your hectic and busy schedule we all call "life". Now close your eyes and let your mind wander back to the days of your youth. Each of us has fond memories of special people, places and events we participated in during those days so long ago. If the truth would be known we all experienced the very same or similar family memories, each of us had hard working parents (s) with little extra money. Times were tuff ! The "Oasis" is very similar in that we have very little money left in our budget during this time of year but are truly blessed with the quantity and quality of the individuals who volunteer their time and talents to make our programs as successful as possible. Without their dedication the center could not provide all the services and activities we have come to know. We will never attain the status of the richest "Senior Center" in our state but we certainly have been blessed with the best volunteers.

Oh! by the way, we need volunteers for our annual Chili / Vegetable soup fundraiser Thursday November 29, 2012 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Oasis. The cost of a bowl of soup, hot dog, dessert & drink is \$6.00 per person. The annual Christmas parade is being held at 5:30 p.m. that evening and we hope that each of you will have a bite to eat before or after the parade and make this event a success. Please help us get the word out by letting all your family and friends know about world famous Chili recipe.

On behalf of the Oasis Senior Center and myself may each of you have a wonderful holiday season.

Dominic Dalpoas
Executive Director

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

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OASIS SERVICES AND NEWS



MEDICARE PART “D”

The Annual open enrollment period for the prescription insurance program known as Medicare Part “D” is from October 15th through December 7, 2012. The “Oasis” staff is trained in this vital program by Area Agency on Aging for Lincoln land, Inc. Our center will be prepared to assist you or your loved ones with this decision. Please look for information related to local seminars or information meeting scheduled. Your best friend in these situation is to become as informed as possible so you and your family can make the correct decisions. Listed below are some tips for you during this time period:

- * **Read your mail regarding information on your current program**
- * **Make sure your premiums and drug coverage is what you currently require or can afford**
- * **Has your medication changed during the past year? Is your new medication covered?**
- * **Did your former employer discontinue health or prescription coverage for retirees?**
- * **Did your former employer change your health or prescription to an Advantage Plan?**

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE PLEASE CALL 217-732-6132 OR VISIT THE “OASIS” SENIOR CENTER

All services provided in connection with this program are “FREE” at the “Oasis” through grant monies administered through the Area Agency on Aging for Lincoln land, Inc. The “Oasis” Senior Center has trained staff in Medicare Part “D” and is willing to offer you the knowledge, assistance and support, so you are able to make the best choice possible. Call us at 732-6132 to set up a private\ confidential appointment to help sort through the maze of insurance programs.

ILLINOIS CARES Rx

(License Only)

DID YOU APPLY!!!

Remember, you must continue to file an application for the License Plate Discount & Free Ride each year. The time to file is as soon as you get all the financial information to complete your application. 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.

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 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**.

WEATHER NOTICE

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.



OASIS SERVICES & NEWS !



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.

“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 2013 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.

ON LINE

SOCIAL SECURITY ASSISANCE

The Oasis Senior Center is offering 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 available

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

LUNCH & LEARN

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Beginning at Noon

Topic

“Resident’s Rights in Long Term Care Facilities”

The Area Agency for Lincoln land Inc. will be presenting and sponsoring a Lunch & Learn Program for Tuesday November 6, 2012. The program will begin at Noon with a lunch meal and join lunch and learn what benefits you & your family

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CALL 217-787-9234 or 800-252-2918.

TRIVIA PUZZLER

What is the cost of the printing & distribution of one issue of this newsletter? Answer on page: 13

YES THE OASIS HAS A PAGE

ON

FACE BOOK

Go to Senior Citizens of Logan County, Inc.

And Click Like



OASIS SERVICE & ACTIVITIES



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

The Veterans Administration
comes to the Oasis Senior Center.

A representative from the Veterans Administration will be coming to the Oasis Senior Center the **second and fourth Tuesday** of each month from 9:00a.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.

Nov. 13 & 27, 2012 & Dec. 11, 2012

HEARING SCREENING

The Oasis Senior Center provides "**FREE**" hearing checks the first Wednesday of the month, beginning at 10am. These services are provided by the Hearing Aid Center, Joyce Dearth B.C.H.I.S. Call to schedule an appointment at 723-6132.



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

November 2, 2012 & December 7, 2012

DON'T "SPACE OUT"! RENT OURS!

Consider this! The "Oasis" Senior Center is available to rent for all of your special needs. We have a large activity area to keep both kids and adults happy. Our kitchen has been newly remodeled to meet cooking and eating needs. For gatherings and meetings the "Oasis" Senior Center cannot be beat! The donations requested for rental is very reasonable and the proceeds are used to assist the center with programs, activities and services for the seniors of Logan County. So you see, you can help us while helping yourself and your family for that special family gathering.! Call the Oasis for additional information 732-6132

Cards!

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.

COSTS:

Home Challenges \$3.50 per person

Away Challenges \$10.00 per person

From the Staff of The Oasis Senior Center

and Board of Directors

Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas!

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.

Meetings are scheduled for:

November 15, 2012 & December 20, 2012



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
November 19, 2012 & December 17, 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.

November 7 and December 5, 2012

Annual Chili Fundraiser

November 29, 2012

HOLIDAY BAKING /KITCHEN

RAFFLE BASKET

\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00



What a wonderful gift basket for the holidays. Help us raise some funds and take a chance on winning a great Christmas Gift basket !

"OASIS" BUNCO

**COME ROLL THE DICE !
JOIN OUR BUNCO GROUP !**



Every 1st Monday of each month
(When The "Oasis" is open for Activities)

Refreshment provided by

Marilyn Armbrust

November 5, 2012 & December 3, 2012

2012

COMPUTER CLASS SCHEDULE

9:30-10:30 A.M. Monday-Friday

Basic

2012 (call for schedule)

E-mail/Internet

2012 (call for schedule)



**Call for information on classes that will be
available during those months**

Course Fee is \$15.00 members and \$18.00 non-members payable one week in advance. Call The "Oasis" to set up your class time 732-6132.

RULES OF THE ROAD

The Secretary of State office is now offering a "Rules of the Road" course **FREE** of charge to all interested parties. The course is scheduled for **Tuesday's from 1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. for the months listed below.** The course is designed to help you become a better/safer driver and to assist individuals who may have to take the written exam or the behind the wheel test administered by the drivers license facility. Why not make a day of it? Make reservations to have lunch with us at 11:30a.m. and spend some time looking at your Rules of the Road booklet and start the class at 1:30p.m. Registration is not required for you to attend this course. All you need to do is show up at 1:30p.m. the first Tuesday of The month

Tuesday December 4, 2012



OASIS NEWS



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:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Menu Entrée</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| November 8 , 2012 | Turkey & fixings |
| December 13, 2012 | Ham |

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..

LEGAL AID

SUGGESTED DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc. provides legal assistance for Seniors (60 & Older) . This service is sustained through donations and is available once a month by *appointment only*. For more information, please call The "Oasis" 732-6132.

LEGAL AID

November 15th, & December 20th, 2012

Euchre Anyone?

Euchre is a very popular card game for both seniors and those just getting started in life. We as a Center have tried over and over to generate some interest in this game, so seniors could have a variety of card games to play. I have been contacted by a group of young players from Lincoln Christian University to start a euchre group at the Center in the fall. The major objective is to have fun, build relationships across generational lines and learn just a tad bit from each other. If this sounds like something you would want to participate in at the Center, then give us a call so we can put your name down. Once the schedule gets set, we will give you a call and let you know all the details. Additional articles will appear during the summer months of this newsletter. Help us get another group started!!



BREAKFAST BINGO

November 29, 2012

Doors Open 8:30a.m.

Breakfast Served at 9:00 a.m.

**Bingo Begins Following
Breakfast**

Cost for Breakfast & Bingo \$4.00

Thank You



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

Enclosed you will find cash or check made payable to the Oasis for ___\$10 ___\$20 ___\$50 ___\$100 ___\$500

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

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 done 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
 Robert & Joan Graue –2009
 Les & Jan Van Bibber—2009
 In Memory of Dallas Loveall– 2009
 In Memory of 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
 George & Marlene Wilmert—2012
 In Memory of George Cypher—2012
 In Memory Robert “Bob” Harris —2012
 In Memory of Gene Chapman –2012
 Elaine Lessen –2012

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 Honor of Ken Greenslate by Donna Galvin –2011
 In Memory of Warren Peters –2012
 Esther Will –2012

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 PLAQUES \$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

BIRTHDAYS ANNOUNCEMENTS !



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Nov 01 Patricia Hart | 27 Skip Scudder |
| 01 Ruth Winter | Nov 28 Geneva Gulso |
| 01 Cecilia Ott | 28 Carolyn Smith |
| Nov 02 Vera Humphres | Nov 29 Barb Boice |
| 02 James Miller | 29 Paul Rogers |
| Nov 03 Terry Thompson | 29 Gwen Tibbs |
| 03 Mary Ann Schonauer | 29 Donald Hoffert |
| Nov 04 Robert Barger | Nov 30 Judy Carpenter |
| Nov 05 Catherine Brooks | 30 Robert Pharis |
| 05 Melinda Spangler | |
| 05 Ruth Opperman | |
| 05 Gene Semple | |
| Nov 07 Mary Hunt | |
| Nov 08 Blanche Aper | |
| 08 Walter Lee | |
| 08 Glenda Downing | |
| Nov 09 Connie Rankin | |
| 09 Fred Detmers | |
| Nov 11 Pat Benson | |
| 11 Marsha Brown | |
| Nov 12 Rosemary Fuiten | |
| Nov 13 Keith Baughman | |
| 13 Fernola Gamble | |
| 13 Dave White | |
| Nov 14 Mary Hill | |
| 14 Ron Boyd | |
| 14 Richard Simmons | |
| Nov 17 Marge Hamilton | |
| 17 Robert Lessen | |
| Nov 18 Nancy Powley | |
| Nov 19 Norma Collins | |
| 19 Lance Viner | |
| Nov 20 Helen Mason | |
| Nov 21 Mary Dowdel | |
| 21 Antoni Skielnik | |
| Nov 23 Lowell Aper | |
| 23 Margaret Baker | |
| Nov 24 Connie Nunn | |
| Nov 25 Evelyn Fulkerson | |
| 25 Nora Emmons | |
| 25 Karen Hargis | |
| Nov 27 Jean Donath | |



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Dec 01 Judith Morrow | 24 Joyce Voyles |
| 01 John Robinson | Dec 25 Carol Schwantz |
| Dec 03 Mary Vlahovich | 25 Chris Haney |
| 03 LaVeta Zurkammer | Dec 26 Karen Booher |
| Dec 04 Mildred Hoffert | 26 Thelma Davis |
| 04 Sue Jones | 26 Marjorie Reiners |
| 04 Robert Henderson | Dec 27 Janet White |
| 04 David Strohmeyer | Dec 28 Shirley Conaway |
| Dec 05 Judy Hambleton | 28 Judy Hathhorn |
| 05 Maxine Hum | 28 Melissa Henderson |
| Dec 06 Judy Woodard | Dec 29 Laura Baker |
| 06 Virginia Mitchell | 29 Carolyn Pech |
| Dec 07 Bessie Ray Bassett | 29 Phyllis Hickey |
| 07 Dee Streenz | 29 Lydia Lemme |
| Dec 08 Ed Loyd | 29 Mary Ann Hilst |
| Dec 09 Shirley Aukamp | Dec 30 Mike Booher |
| 09 Bedford Hart | 30 Dave Kvitle |
| 09 James Shoemaker | 30 Barbara Smith |
| Dec 10 Mildred Cotton | Dec 31 Dean Baker |
| 10 Cliff Perkins | |
| 10 John Wilmert | |
| Dec 11 Ralph Helton | |
| Dec 12 David Hofer | |
| 12 Lewis Horton | |
| 12 Joan Graue | |
| 12 Rita Horton | |
| 12 Bill Stephenson | |
| 12 Lee Bryant Barnes | |
| Dec 13 Ruth Maurer | |
| Dec 14 Marge Leonard | |
| 14 Marilyn Armbrust | |
| 14 Frank Yunker | |
| Dec 15 Dolores Albert | |
| 15 Keith Leesman | |
| Dec 16 Ruth Ackerman | |
| 16 Donald Ruff | |
| 16 Shirley Jordan | |
| Dec 17 Eva Mae Jockisch | |
| 17 Kristi Menestrina | |
| 17 Norma Chere | |
| Dec 19 Marlene Wilmert | |
| Dec 24 Carol Leimbach | |



**The Sponsor for The Oasis Senior Center Monthly Birthday Party is
Chris Coyne, from State Farm Insurance**

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS & MORE!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

September Birthday

A special 90th Birthday was celebrated by
Margaret Lahr on September 5th!

October Birthday

A special 90th Birthday was celebrated by
Virginia French on October 19th!



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

November 12, 2012 at 1:30p.m.

December 10, 2012 at 1:30p.m.



**Special Thank You Jan Metz from KROGER's for
Donating the Monthly Birthday Cake & Ice Cream!**

Van Trips

PLANNED VAN TRIPS

Saturday, Nov. 10 – Bloomington, IL – Bloomington Performing Arts – M-4 Troops, Includes Transportation & Show, Members: \$46.00, Non-Members \$48.00, Departs: 6:00 PM, Returns: 10:00 PM, **Deadline: Oct. 12, 2012.**

Friday, Nov. 17 – Belleville, IL – Lady of The Snow-Christmas Light Display, Includes Transportation, Buffet Lunch & Shopping, Members: \$34.00, Non-Members: \$36.00, Departs: 1:30 PM, Returns: 10:00 PM, **Deadline: Nov. 9, 2012.**

Tuesday, Nov. 20 – Springfield, IL – Festival of Trees & Lunch, Includes Transportation, Lunch & Festival, Members: \$19.00, Non-Members: \$21.00, Departs: 9:30 AM, Returns: 2:30 PM, **Deadline: Nov. 9, 2012.**

Friday, Nov. 28 – Springfield, IL – Golden Corral – Lunch on your own, Members \$10.00 Non Members \$12.00 Departs: 11:00 AM, Returns: 2:30 PM. **Deadline: Nov. 21, 2012.**

Saturday, Dec. 01—Lincoln, IL—Christmas in the Chapel—Includes Show & Transportation, Members \$12 Non Members \$14 Departs 1:30 p Returns ? **Deadline: November 21, 2012**

Sunday, Dec. 2 – Goodfield, IL – Barn II – Home for the Holidays, Includes Transportation & Dinner Show, Members: \$45.00, Non-Members: \$47.00. Departs: 10:45 AM, Returns: 4:30 PM, **Deadline: Nov. 9, 2012.**

Sunday, Dec. 9 – Bloomington, IL – Community Players – White Christmas, Includes Transportation & Show, Supper on your own, Members: \$21.00, Non-Members \$23.00, Departs: 1:30 PM, Returns: 7:00 PM, **Deadline: Nov. 16, 2012.**

Monday, Dec. 17 – East Peoria, IL – Festival Of Lights Drive Through & Woody's in Groveland, Includes Transportation & Light Drive Through & Supper on your Own, Members: \$10.00, Non-Members: \$12.00,

Departs: 4:00 PM, Returns: 7:30 PM, **Deadline: Dec. 10, 2012.**

Friday, Jan. 4 – Atlanta, IL – Palms Grill, Includes Transportation & Lunch on your Own, Members: \$10.00, Non- Members: \$ 12.00, Departs: 11:15 AM, Returns: 2:00 PM, **Deadline: Dec. 27, 2012.**

Wednesday, Jan. 16 – Clinton, IL – La Te Da, Includes Transportation & Lunch on your Own, Members: \$10.00, Non-Members: \$12.00, Departs: 11:00 AM, Returns: 2:30 PM, **Deadline: Jan. 9, 2013.**

Monday, Jan. 28 – Clinton, IL – Ted's Garage, Includes Transportation & Lunch on your Own, Members: \$10.00, Non-Members: \$12.00, Departs: 11:00 AM, Returns: 2:30 PM, **Deadline: Jan. 21, 2013.**

Sunday, Feb. 10 – Goodfield, IL – Barn II – Beer For Breakfast, Includes Transportation & Dinner Show, Members: \$45.00, Non-Members: \$47.00. Departs: 10:45 AM, Returns: 4:30 PM, **Deadline: Jan. 18, 2013.**

Saturday, Feb. 16 – Bloomington, IL – Bloomington Performing Arts – Rich Little, Includes Transportation & Show, Members: \$46.00, Non-Members \$48.00, Departs: 5:30 PM, Returns: 10:30 PM, **Deadline: Jan. 18, 2013.**

Well Balance Meal

Every Tuesday is the lunch program at the Oasis Senior Center. Lunch begins at 11:30a.m. Call for reservation the Monday before, by Noon at 732-6132. Cost is \$3.75 or if you are staying for cards the cost is \$3.50

NOTICE

A Nominating Committee will be appointed by the Board of Directors during the December 20th meeting. The Nominating Committee will be empowered to present a slate of candidates willing to serve on the Board of Directors for a 3 year term. Nominations will be accepted in writing with a Feb 01, 2013 post mark or earlier.

Oasis Senior News



GIVE US YOUR FEET AND WE WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM

There was an old saying that if you gave someone 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 Staff from Christian Village, have found a registered nurse who provides foot care by appointments. Emma Van Dyke R.N. specializes in foot care and will be traveling to the Senior Center from 1p.m. to 5 p.m. During that period of time she will be able to schedule eight appointments (30 minutes, per appointment). 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 nominal 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 BY APPOINTMENTS ON:

| Date | Time |
|---------------|----------------------|
| November 6th | 1:15 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. |
| November 20th | 1:15 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. |
| December 4th | 1:15 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. |
| December 11th | 1:15 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. |

DO NOT TAKE THE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE OASIS SENIOR CENTER FOR GRANTED. THE CENTER WILL ALWAYS STRUGGLE WITH OUT VOLUNTEERS AND A GENEROUS COMMUNITY.

Trivia Answer:

Average of \$844.08 per issue. Yearly average of \$5,064.48

AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS TUESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2012

8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

This drivers safety program will be offered for Seniors age 55 and older on the above listed date and time. AARP sponsors the class and participants pay a \$14.00 fee for their supplies on the day of their class directly to the instructor. If you are a member of AARP the cost is \$12.00. A lunch meal will be available at the Center for a nominal donation of \$3.50. All checks for the class supplies must be made payable to AARP.

ALL VETERANS FREE OF CHARGE

This extends to their spouse, dependents and widows. This is one time offer associated with Veterans Day in November. Please spread the word and take advantage of this opportunity as soon as possible.

The eight (8) hour course is presented with the help of a trained volunteer Ms. Irene Tumilty. Seniors who have not taken the course within the past (3) years are required to retake the class to maintain their Insurance discount.

Seating is **LIMITED**. The classroom in the Center can accommodate 16 participants comfortably. PLEASE call the OASIS at 732-6132 and reserve your seat.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC EVERY FRIDAY

The Oasis hosts a blood pressure clinic each Friday beginning at 10 a.m. Our retired Nurses are very faithful about getting your correct blood pressure so you can advise your physician. Let's us help you keep your health care providers better informed.

OASIS NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

THURSDAY LUNCHES



November 15th
December 6th & 20th
January 3rd & 17th

The suggested donation for this lunch is \$3.00 per person to help off-set the expenses involved. We need your help by calling the Oasis at 732-6132 the day before so we can have an accurate count of how many meals to prepare. We really do not want to be wasteful, so please give us a call so we can estimate a count for the lunch meal.

The Oasis and Community Action Partnership are teaming up to provide you with a delicious lunch! We are excited to announce that Community Action will be catering lunch at the Oasis one or two Thursdays a month from 12-1 beginning July 2012. The Nutrition Program at Community Action provides hot nutritious meals and is open to any adult in the community age 60 and over.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE THRU HEARLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Oasis Senior Center along with interested members is exploring educational opportunities for the seniors of Logan County through Heartland Community College. An initial inquiry with Heartland representatives indicates that seniors over 65 years of age DO NOT have to pay for tuition when taking a class offered from the “Community Education Schedule”. All students including those over 65 will subject to any book or lab fees associated with the classes being offered.

Education is of primary importance to the newest group of seniors with in the United States. The Oasis would like to facilitate this opportunity by making our Logan County seniors aware of this tremendous opportunity. We need to know if seniors are interested in attending these classes and what types of classes “sparks an interest”.

Please give the Oasis a call at 732-6132 if you are interested. We are planning to jot down some information such as name phone number-e mail address, so we can keep you in our information loop

LIGHT LUNCH BINGO

The “Oasis”, in cooperation with St. Clara’s Manor, Symphony of Lincoln 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

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| November 01 | Symphony of Lincoln / Maple Ridge |
| December 27 | Vonderleith Living Center |

CUBS & CARDS OVERNIGHT ARE YOU INTERESTED???

The Oasis is in the very early preliminary stages of planning an overnight trip to the St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago Cubs baseball game. Our van holds 14 passengers and we are hoping to get 7 cardinal and 7 cub fans to go with us to St. Louis. The real test will be in getting all 14 passengers there with out incident or injuries between the (Hatfield & Mc Coy’s) . The early plans are a tour of the Arch, science museum and eating some world famous fried chicken. If you think you are brave enough and a fan enough to make this journey —give the Oasis a call at 732-6132. Tentative dates are June 17-18-19 –20 of 2013. Only one date!!!

MEMORIES

The following short stories depict early life on the Scully Prairie as related
by Ado Harmsen grandfather of Bernard Behrends

KEEPING WARM ON THE TREELESS PLAIN

The prairie of Illinois was a barren land, treeless, flat and swampy, when the land was first settled by the Irish and English frontier men in the mid 1850's. That was the way the immigrants found the land after the Civil War. With nothing to lose and all to gain these immigrants believed that with perseverance and hard work the land could become productive, a place to live, to work and to raise families. Perhaps they did not know or care what some of the hardships would or could be. One of the things needed but not easily obtainable was a source of heat or fuel with which to cook and in the winter for warmth. To solve that problem my grandfather purchased a small tract of timber in the Union area. Any spare hours were spent taking a team and wagon to that location to cut firewood and haul it to the homestead. Not having wire for fences the limbs that were trimmed from the main logs were hauled home and with this the pioneers created small enclosures for their livestock perhaps a couple of horses and a cow or two. These branches were laid in small rectangles near the crude shelter constructed to keep the livestock out of the weather.

The prairie was becoming crisscrossed by iron rails, enabling trains to bring supplies to the pioneer families. Wood for fuel was soon discarded in favor of coal. This one event made the settlements a vital part of America. Trains would become the means to export all the food grown on the prairie to the then thriving East Coast. Soon barbed wire came upon the scene, making livestock available to till the ground and feed the growing population of America. Also, after the coming of the railroad the towns of Emden and Hartsburg were incorporated, bringing stores, banks and churches to these brave people who saw a future on the Prairie Land of Illinois.

Next came the tile and ditches needed to drain the marshy areas bringing the entire area into producing the food the growing populous needed. The Prairie was indeed booming. Today the area is the envy of most of the civilized world. How very fortunate are we, who have descended from these pioneers and now enjoy the fruits of their labors.

GIVE US YOUR STORIES

The Oasis would like to hear from anyone who has a story of interest about their childhood, their parents, neighbors, community life or any facts of interest in growing up. These stories are important to share so all of us can be aware of the conditions, obstacles and hardships faced and overcome. Please submit your story of approximately 500 words. Remember all stories are subject to review , editing and must be of interest to the seniors of Logan County. Help us and yourself by sharing some of your life and preserving these stories for the next generation of your family.



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**Annual Chili And
Vegetable Soup Fundraiser
November 29, 2012**



The Oasis Senior Center is planning the Annual Chili & Vegetable Soup Supper & Bake Sale in conjunction with the Annual Christmas Parade.

For the past several years our chili has received very positive reviews and we are hoping to make this years batch even better. The menu for this years event has our world famous Chili and our equally noted Turkey soup and do not forget our homemade baked goods.

We will start serving at 3 p.m. and go until we run out or 7 p.m. which ever comes first. \$6.00 Dollars gets you one bowl of chili or Vegetable soup, home made pie, hot dog, & drink. Remember! We have some of the best baked goods in all of Logan County and a great gift shop to boot.

Santa will visit the "Oasis" directly following the end of the parade. So be sure to bring your children or grandchildren to visit with Santa himself.

***The "Oasis" Senior Center Thanks
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