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### Department on Aging Hosts Activities for *Senior Day* at the Illinois State Fair

*August 11 “Senior Day” admission is free for guests age 60 years & older*

**SPRINGFIELD - August 8, 2014.** Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) hosts activities for seniors and their families during the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, August 8 - 17, in the air conditioned setting of the Illinois Building located near the fairground main gate. In addition, IDoA offers a lineup of special events for *Senior Day* Monday, August 11 when attendees 60 years of age and older are admitted free to the fair.

“We look forward each year to hosting fun activities during the state fair. Our staff and partner agencies do a great job keeping things fun while offering information about program and services that serve older adults and their families,” said IDoA Director John K. Holton, Ph.D.

(The full line up of IDoA activities follows this release). Some state fair *Senior Day* favorites include the “NOT SO Newlywed Game” where couples, ages 50 years and older, test how much they really know about their spouse. Later, IDoA will host the Illinois Senior Spelling Bee State Finals. Seniors who won regional competitions held across the state will correctly spell words until judges crown a spelling bee champion. And families are encouraged to pre-register for the “Grandparent Grandchild Contest”, when (on August 14) participants are judged on resemblance, costumes, talent and interviews. To pre-register, call (217) 785-3390.

Each day St. John's Hospital and the Lion's Club offer free health screenings, including:

- Body Composition
- Blood Pressure/Stroke
- Blood Sugar/Glucose
- Cholesterol Diabetic Eye Testing
- Health/Weight
- Hearing
- Heart Risk Assessments
- Mental Health
- Overactive Bladder
- Pulmonary Function
- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Skin Cancer (Derma Scan)

The Illinois Department on Aging thanks representatives from the state agencies, organizations and private companies who will be on hand during the entire fair to provide information about services to help older adults. They include:

- AARP
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois
- Illinois Assistive Technology Project and Battery Specialists
- Illinois Bee Keepers
- Illinois Department of Employment Security
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs
- Illinois Historic Preservation
- Illinois Lion's Club
- Illinois State Treasurer's Office
- Logan County Senior Center Bingo
- Prairie Heart Institute
- The Office of the Attorney General
- The Office of the Secretary of State
- St. John's Hospital
- Susan G. Komen for the Cure
- United Access
- United States Social Security Administration
- Watkins Home Products

For more information about the Department on Aging, call (800) 252-8966 or (or TTY for the hearing impaired at 888-206-1327), or log on to the website at [www.state.il.us/aging](http://www.state.il.us/aging).

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## 2014 ILLINOIS BUILDING AUDITORIUM ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

*activities presented by the IL Department on Aging*

### **Friday, August 8**

#### **MC - Debbie Deopere (AAA for Lincolnland)**

8:30A 4-H Public Presentation Contests  
1:00P 4-H Fashion Revu & Clover Celebration  
2:15P Silver Steppers (Springfield)  
3:30P Fleming Academy of Performing Arts (Springfield)  
**5:00P Female Vocal Solo Talent Contest**

### **Saturday, August 9**

#### **MC - Jennifer Phillips (Senior Services of Central IL)**

9:15A Marshall-Putnam-Stark Show Choir  
10:45A Springfield Ballet Company  
11:30A Monica Hay (Auburn)  
12:10P Central Irish Dancers (Springfield)  
1:00P 4-H Fashion Revue & Clover Celebration  
2:10P Jan's Dance Studio (Springfield)  
3:00P Ala Nar and Troupe Alubra  
4:30P Catholic Mass  
**6:00P Male Vocal; Group Vocal; Keyboard and Instrumental Talent Contest**

### **Sunday, August 10**

#### **MC's - Kelly Dehlinger & Mary Ann Burge**

9:00A Lutheran Church Services  
10:30A Church of Christ Services  
12:00 P Troupe Zahava - Middle Eastern Dance Company (Springfield)  
1:00P Illinois 4-H Fashion Revue & Clover Celebration  
2:15P Golden Girls & Guy (Springfield)  
3:15P Gymnastics & Cheer Zone (Springfield)  
4:30P Kohl's Gotta Dance - *sponsored by St. John's Children's Hospital & Kohl's Cares*  
**6:00P Dance Solo and Dance Group Talent Contest**

### **Monday, August 11 - SENIOR DAY**

#### **MC's - Mary Killough & Gidget Freeberg (IL Dept on Aging)**

8:00 A 4-H Public Presentation Contests  
**11:00A The NOT SO Newlywed Game - *sponsored by Central IL Senior Celebration & IL Department on Aging***  
*Participants (couples 50 years of age or older) test how much they know about their spouse. Cash prizes awarded to the couple that answers the most questions correctly. 1st place: \$100.00; 2nd place: \$50.00.*  
**Register no later than Aug. 11, 10:45a.m., at the IL Dept on Aging booth in the IL Building.**  
12:30P IRS Volunteer Opportunities & Your Advocate with IRS  
**1:00P 2014 IL Senior Spelling Bee State Finals - *sponsored by the IL Association of Senior Centers & IL Dept on Aging***  
3:30P 4-H Fashion Revue & Clover Celebration

### **Tuesday, August 12 (8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) - IL Farm Bureau Young Leader Agri-Quiz Bowl State Competition** *County Farm Bureau Young Leaders/Young Farmers compete and test their knowledge in areas such as Ag Safety, Ag Mechanics, Ag Management, Animal Science, Horticulture/Natural Resources and Crop Management*

8:00 to 11:00A Preliminary Rounds  
11:00A Announcement of Achievement Award and Excellence in Agriculture State Winners at Commodity Pavilion  
11:30A to 4:30P Preliminary Rounds  
4:30P Final Round  
5:00P Announcement of Championship Team

**Wednesday, August 13**

**MC - Maureen Squires (IL Department on Aging)**

11:15A The Affordable Care Act and Special Enrollment, *presented by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois*

12:00P Donnie Faulkner (Energy)

1:00P Mob on the Road (Springfield)

2:00P Mary Bryant Home Singers (Springfield)

3:00P Songbird Quartet (Springfield)

**Thursday, August 14**

**MC's - Mary Killough & Gidget Freeberg (IL Department on Aging)**

11:00A *Are You Ready?* Emergency Preparedness

12:00P Understanding Medicare, *presented by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois*

1:00P AIM (Adults in Ministry) Choir - Westside Christian Church (Springfield)

**2:00P Grandparent/Grandchild Contest - sponsored by the IL Department on Aging and Springfield Supportive Living**

*Participants judged on resemblance, costumes, talent and interview. Prizes: 1st Place: \$150; 2nd Place: \$100; 3rd Place: \$50.*

**Register no later than Aug. 14, 1:45 p.m., at the IL Department on Aging booth in the Illinois Building.**

3:00P Michael Hart (Springfield)

**Friday, August 15**

No Entertainment

**Saturday, August 16 - Park District (PD) Conservation Day**

10:00A Peoria PD POPS Orchestra

11:30A Peoria PD Summer Band & Orchestra

12:40P Champaign PD Dance Arts School

1:05P Palos Park Recreation Dept. Youth Theatre

1:50P Peoria PD Explosion Cheer Team

2:25P Peoria PD Park Troupe Mirage

3:15P Oak Forest PD Oak Playhouse

4:05P Foss PD Singers/Cheerleaders

4:30P Catholic Mass

**Sunday, August 17**

9:00A Lutheran Church Services

10:30A Church of Christ Services