



Senior Moments

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Did you know?

When the current income tax system was established in 1913, the number of pages of rules in the Federal Tax Reporter was an overwhelming 400. In 2010, the number of rule pages totaled more than 61,850!

Save the dates:

Please check the events calendar for special Wii Bowling Tournament dates!

Some Tax Facts



Last September, Attorney General Lisa Madigan presented the Silver Beat Program to the Senior Activity Centers. She described scams, cons and frauds going on in the area. At tax time, she has a reminder for everyone: *Be very cautious about advance tax return scams. It is suggested that you file early and wait 10 to 14 days to receive your refund directly from the government rather than take out a high interest, severe penalty loan. If you choose to use such a service, check with the Better Business Bureau before signing loan documents and make sure to READ THE FINE PRINT! The best advice is – Don't.*

Free tax preparation assistance is available at the DeKalb Senior Activity Center Tuesday afternoons through April 12. Appointments are needed - 815.758.4718.

The origin of taxation in the United States goes back to a time when colonists were taxed by Great Britain on things like tea or legal documents required by the Stamp Tax.

The colonists' disdain for this taxation without representation (so-called because the colonies had no voice in the establishment of the taxes) gave rise to revolts such as the Boston Tea Party.

After the Revolutionary War and the adoption of the U.S. Constitution, the main source of revenue for the states was money received from customs and excise taxes on items like carriages, sugar, whiskey and snuff.

Income tax first appeared in the United States in 1862 during the Civil War which only about 1 percent of the population was required to pay. A flat-rate income tax was imposed in 1867.

Time To Celebrate!



The Genoa Activity Center turned 1 year old on Feb. 17. The 2010 opening was originally scheduled for Feb. 10 but several inches of snow caused last minute rescheduling. Friendships and socialization have flourished and games like Yahtzee and Wii Bowling are enjoyed daily. The Cortland site will celebrate on March 10 when they also reach the 1 year mark. Thanks to all who visit the Centers and to those who helped make them successful - especially the Genoa Park District and the Cortland Lions for providing "homes" for the Centers!

Cortland Senior Center: Mon., Wed., Fri.: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Cortland Senior Center
Lions Club Shelter House
70 South Llanos Street
Cortland, IL 60112

Special Guests will be scheduled on the 2nd & 4th Monday for bingo, games & presentations.

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
10:00 a.m. Walking Group	10:00 a.m. NIU Student Nurses	10:30 a.m. Chair Exercises
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercises	10:30 a.m. Chair Exercises	11:00 a.m. Book Club Discussion
11:00 a.m. Mexican Train Dominoes	11:00 a.m. Board Games	12:30 p.m. Crafts
12:30 p.m. Bingo	12:30 p.m. Reminisce Group	All Day/Every Day Puzzles

DeKalb Senior Center: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Thurs. until 8:30 p.m.



DeKalb Senior Center
Community Center
330 Grove Street
DeKalb, IL 60115

Special Guests will be scheduled on the 1st & 3rd Monday for bingo, games & presentations.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 a.m. Variety Cards	10:00 a.m. Euchre	10:00 a.m. NIU Student Nurses	10:00 a.m. Bridge Lessons	10:00 a.m. Beginning Bridge
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise	10:30 a.m. Wii Games	10:00 a.m. Board Games	12:30 p.m. Movie	10:00 a.m. Spelling Practice
10:30 a.m. OA Meeting	1:00 p.m. Pinochle	10:30 a.m. Chair Exercises	1:00 p.m. Pinochle Lessons	10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise
1:00 p.m. Needleworkers	1:00 p.m. Computer	1:00 p.m. Duplicate Bridge	1:00 p.m. Cribbage	1:00 p.m. Advanced Bridge

Genoa Senior Center: Mon. - Fri.: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Genoa Senior Center
Township Park District
400 East 2nd Street
Genoa, IL 60135

Special Guests will be scheduled on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday for bingo, games & presentations.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 a.m. Wii Games	10:00 a.m. Wii Games	10:00 a.m. NIU Student Nurses	10:00 a.m. Wii Games	10:00 a.m. Wii Games
10:45 a.m. Chair Exercise	10:45 a.m. Yahtzee	10:45 a.m. Chair Exercise	10:45 a.m. Dominoes	10:45 a.m. Chair Exercise
12:30 p.m. Card Games	12:30 p.m. Bingo	12:30 p.m. Reminisce Group	12:30 p.m. Crafts	12:30 p.m. Movie

Sycamore Senior Center: Mon., Wed., Fri.: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Sycamore Senior Center
Golf Course Clubhouse
940 East State Street
Sycamore, IL 60178

Special Guests will be scheduled on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday for bingo, games & presentations.

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
9:00 a.m. Cribbage	9:00 a.m. Cribbage	9:00 a.m. Cribbage
10:00 a.m. 500/Bridge Lessons/Bridge	10:00 a.m. Variety Cards	10:00 a.m. Puzzles
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise	10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise	10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise
12:30 p.m. Wii Games	12:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes	12:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 1p (D) AARP Free Tax Preparation (by appt. only)	2 9:30a (S) Senior Tax Levy Committee Visit 11a (D) Senior Tax Levy Committee Visit	3 (D) Social Security (call for appt.)	4 Spring Cleaning Day! Bring small items to any Senior Activity Center and they will be delivered to The Country Store!
7 11a (C) Special Presentation: Center For Sight & Hearing - Vision Rehabilitation Therapist	8 1p (D) AARP Free Tax Preparation (by appt. only)	9 9a (D) Veterans Admin. 10:30a (S) Strohschein Law Presentation: Who Gets The Gold? 12p (G) Strohschein Law Presentation: Who Gets The Gold?	10 (D) Social Security (call for appt.)	11 Cortland Celebrates First Anniversary!!
14	15 1p (D) AARP Free Tax Preparation (by appt. only)	16 (C)(S) St. Patrick's Day Celebration	17 (D)(G) St. Patrick's Day Celebration	18 11a (G) Speciality Bingo by Converge
21 11a (D) Strohschein Law Presentation: Who Gets The Gold? 12:30p (C) Strohschein Law Presentation: Who Gets The Gold?	22 1p (D) AARP Free Tax Preparation (by appt. only)	23 9 a (D) Veterans Administration 10a (S) Sycamore Rotary Visit 11:30 a (All) Monthly Birthday Celebrations	24 11a (D) Special Presentation: Center For Sight & Hearing - Vision Rehabilitation Therapist	25 10:30a (S) Speciality Bingo by Converge
28 10:30a (D) Speciality Bingo by Converge 12p (D) Speciality Bingo by Converge	29 1p (D) AARP Free Tax Preparation (by appt. only)	30	31	

C: Event in Cortland **D:** Event in DeKalb **G:** Event in Genoa **S:** Event in Sycamore

Thanks to February Donors: Applebee's - chairs for the DeKalb Site; John and Rein - monetary donations; Schnucks - Valentines Party for 76 couples and lots of bread and pastries; Beth, Dave, Ginny and Sarah - yarn donations.

Items we can use: Batteries (AA and AAA), candy, cards, monetary donations to purchase bridge supplies (bid boxes for avid players), and Wii controllers.

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14 Health Services Drive
DeKalb, IL 60115

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Moments to Remember!

When grandpa had a stroke, I wondered if he would be able to read to me again.

Strohschein Law Group helped him get the care he needed and figured out how to pay for that care. They helped him set up his legal papers, too.

Now my grandpa smiles a lot!

At Strohschein law Group, we deal with sensitive family issues every day, and realize how difficult they can be. With the knowledge and experience of a larger firm, and the personalized care, focus and affordability of a small firm, our legal team is now in DeKalb to support you!

Linda Strohschein, Certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation

When the time is right, call us at (815) 596-0622.