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IL Dept. on Aging Hosts *Senior Day* at Illinois State Fair

Springfield IL— At this year's Illinois State Fair, the Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) hosts a variety of activities for older adults, their families and friends on **Senior Day, Monday, August 14th**. The event is open to the public and adults age 60 and older receive complimentary admittance into the fair that day. A booth with additional information about IDoA programs and services it provides is also available.

When: Monday, August 14, 10:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: Illinois Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds

What: *Senior Day* at the Illinois State Fair

- **10:30AM: Welcome & Introduction** by Paul Palazzolo, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk
Remarks from IL Dept. on Aging Director Bohnhoff and IL Dept. of Agriculture Director Poe
- **11:00AM:** The **"NOT SO Newlywed Game"** – *sponsored by Central Illinois Senior Celebration*
Pre-register for the game by calling **(217) 524-6911** or **(800) 252-8966**
Cash prizes of \$100 and \$50 will be awarded to first and second place respectively
- **1:00PM: 2017 Illinois Senior Spelling Bee Finals** – *sponsored by Assoc. of IL Senior Centers & Humana*
- **9:00AM – 3:00PM: Free health screenings** in the open exhibit area. Includes: Home safety, bone health, colo-rectal, memory assessment, diabetes, fall risks, eye care and health assessments.
- **6:00 – 9:00PM: Ballroom Dancing**

When: Thursday, August 17, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Illinois Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds

What: Grandparent and Grandchild Contest– *sponsored by Springfield Supportive Living*
Registration NO LATER than August 17th, 1:45pm, in the Illinois Building, Dept. on Aging booth.
Pre-register for the contest by calling **(217) 524-6911** or **(800) 252-8966**
Cash prizes of \$150, \$100, and \$50 will be awarded to the first, second, and third place respectively.

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