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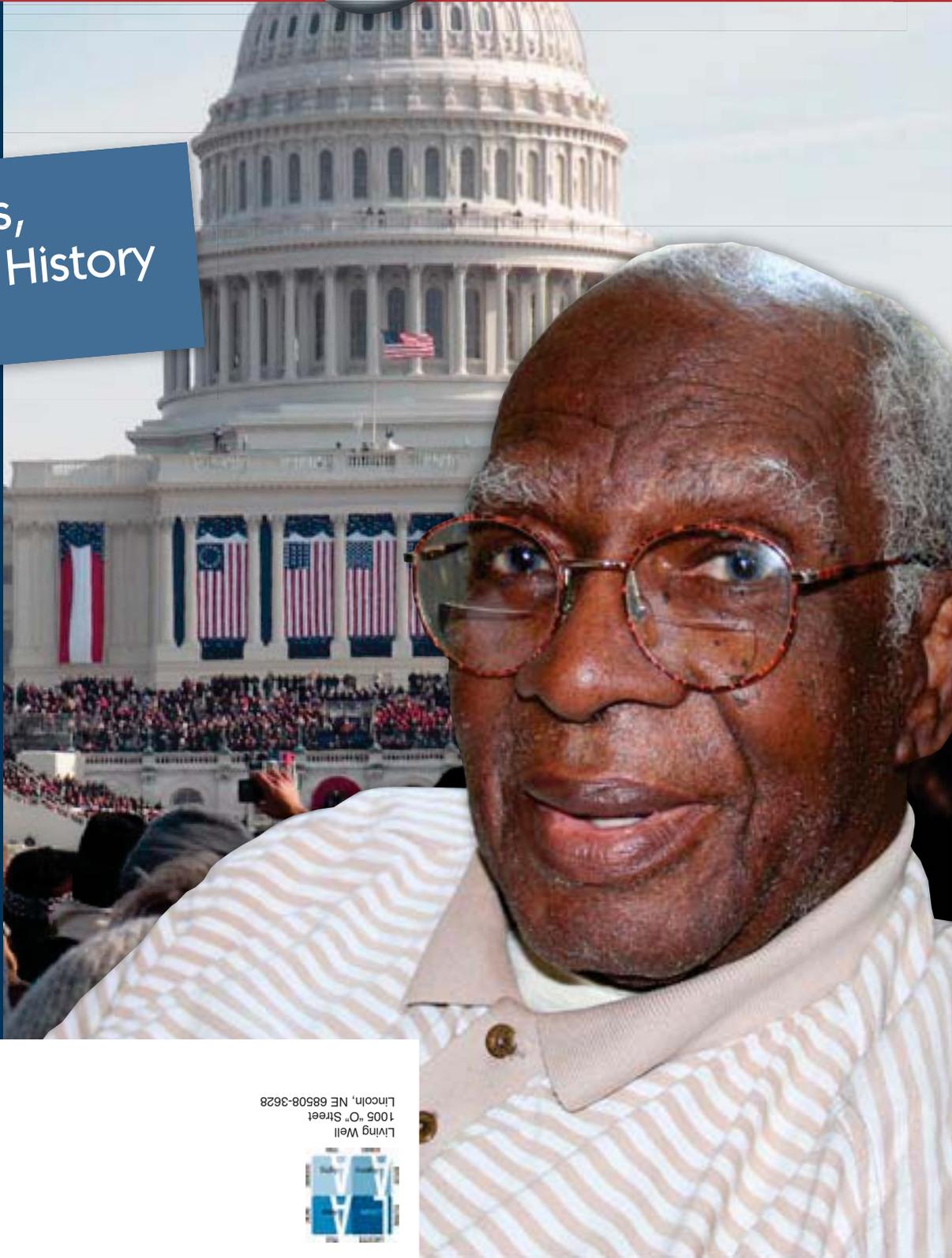
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# Director's Corner

This message is about perspective and patience. I'm personally working on both.

Like most of us, my household has been bombarded with gloom and doom about the world's economic woes. The stock market is down, jobs are being cut, businesses are struggling and, if we aren't yet retired, we are considering pushing that horizon further into the future. Overwhelming would be an appropriate description.

Is it really that bad? Most would say that, yes, it's pretty bad. Can I do anything personally to make it better? Not much, I'm told.

Those of us with a television, or a daily newspaper, are aware that our access to media is so much different than it was when we were young adults. The three television stations you could watch concluded their day with the Star Spangled Banner, followed by snow on the screen until at least 6 a.m. the next morning.

Today the 76 stations you get with the least expensive cable package run 24/7, 365 days a year. We never have to be alone with our thoughts. And, in their competition for your eyes, we see words like braking news spread

across our screen as though they had a significant announcement to share. Generally, it is a repeat of the breaking news you heard 15 minutes ago.

News, sensational or gloomy, is like a virus. Repeated exposure can give us symptoms that gradually worsen until we are awake at night, turning on the television for another round of repeated stories.

So, I can control what I hear and what I read. This economic situation didn't develop overnight and it will not change quickly either. Patience.

I'm typing these words using only my left hand. My right hand is out of service until mid-April due to intentional surgery to address severe osteoarthritis in my thumbs. Current aging-brain literature recommends using your non-dominant hand to perform normal tasks to create new connections that keep you sharp-witted. I expect to be much smarter by mid-April.

I will recover and the pain in my right thumb will be gone. I'm fortunate that some wise medical professional devised this surgery. Perspective. 

June Pederson, Director, Lincoln Area Agency on Aging

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## On the Cover:

Paul Adams attended the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C.



# Foster Grandparents help build community

**F**oster Grandparents help build community in more than one sense of the word at St. Patrick's Elementary School in Lincoln's Havelock area.

For the seventh year, a model community of the Havelock neighborhood was designed and constructed at the school. It serves as a second-grade project, with first-graders helping. Betty Parra and Shirley Oliver, Foster Grandparents at the school, played key roles in assisting the students.

"The project ties the children to the community," said Cathy Swartz, St. Patrick's Second Grade Teacher. "They can't take pride in or take care of something they don't understand."

This year's project began in December and was completed before Catholic Schools Week, the last week of January, so parents and other students could view the model community during the school's open house. Teachers and Foster Grandparents prepare students for the project by taking them on a walking tour of the Havelock neighborhood. Parents are encouraged to take their children into the particular business their child will create a model of to get a better understanding of how they want to approach the project. About 60 people from the businesses and buildings featured in the model community attended a separate open house to view the finished product.

During the project, students also created a book highlighting proper manners to be used at the various buildings and businesses.

"Every year, the model community seems to get better," said Carol Whitehead, First Grade Teacher.

While replicating the Havelock community, students learned about various buildings, businesses and the people who work there.

The teachers said Foster Grandparents help make this and many other activities at the school successful.

The Lincoln Area Agency on Aging brought the Foster Grandparent Program to Lincoln and Lancaster County in 1997. The program was established on a national level in 1965 and is now part of the Senior Corps, along with RSVP and the Senior Companion Program.

Foster Grandparents serve as a role model, mentor and friend to students. Swartz said children learn to respect older adults by having people serve in this role at the school.

"The relationships these Foster Grandparents make with the children lasts a lifetime," Swartz said. "Not only does Grandma Betty help in the classroom. She goes

above and beyond. She takes care of cleaning up the lunchroom with student helpers and lunch for the next group, does the classroom filing and is always willing to change her schedule when necessary. She is a true blessing."

Parra, "Grandma Betty," has been a Foster Grandparent eight years, including seven at St. Patrick's, and said she also receives benefits from her involvement.

"I think it makes a person younger," she said. "You are around young people and activities. You get more involved with the community and what's going on. It's a lot of fun."

Oliver, known by students and faculty at the school as "Grandma Shirley," has been a Foster Grandparent six years and agrees with Grandma Betty.

"I enjoy being a Foster Grandparent and don't know what I'd do if I didn't have something to do every day," Oliver said. LW



*Foster Grandparents Betty Parra, front left, and Shirley Oliver work with first- and second-grade students at St. Patrick's Elementary School to build a model of the Havelock community.*

# LAAA team performs lifesaving action



*Shirley Oliver, Foster Grandparent, shows a drawing made by a first-grade student for her after Oliver's friend died last year. Oliver's best friend was fond of frogs.*

## Students leap into action to support Foster Grandparent

Relationships and caring for one another often goes beyond the classroom setting for students and Foster Grandparents.

A story shared by Shirley Oliver, Foster Grandparent at St. Patrick's Elementary School in Lincoln, serves as a perfect example.

When her best friend, Janice, died in January 2007, the children showed their support for the woman they have come to know as "Grandma Shirley." Knowing Grandma Shirley's friend liked frogs, children in first- and second-grade made her sympathy cards with pictures of frogs on them.

One first-grade student, Jade, drew a picture of frogs and put it in a large glass frame for Grandma Shirley.

"It was so nice of her to do such a nice thing," Oliver said. "I sure wish my friend could see it." 

A routine stop by a Lincoln Area Agency on Aging Community Activities Services Transportation Driver turned into what many are calling heroic actions by the LAAA team.

When Bill Hill arrived to pick up Mae Hoffer, a regular rider, to transport her to the Downtown ActivAge Center, he gave his usual short beeps of the horn.

"Mae is a person who just loved to go to the ActivAge Center and was ready to go without fail every day as soon as he pulled up," said Carol Meyerhoff, CAS Transportation Coordinator.

However, this day, Hill did not get a response. Knowing Hoffer calls Larry Starr, LAAA dispatcher, anytime she will not be going to the center or needs a ride, the lack of response was somewhat alarming to Hill. Instead of going on, he went to the door. When he had no response and could not see Hoffer through windows, he called Starr to call Hoffer's emergency contact.

Within a short time, the emergency contact came and LAAA learned Hoffer did need emergency

assistance. She was transported to a hospital.

The LAAA dispatch office provided the hospital a timeline of events, which included the last contact by Lanita Nelson, a LAAA ActivAge employee and driver who talked with Hoffer the night before.

Hoffer has recovered, thanks in part to a caring and concerned LAAA staff.

"If Bill wouldn't have gone to the house, I am certain the situation would not have turned out so well," said Karla Masters, Hoffer's daughter. "I don't know if anyone else would have realized something had happened to her. They did save her life and I can't fully express what that means to me."

Meyerhoff applauds her staff.

"It was a great team effort," she said. "Our drivers are caring and compassionate people. They often go beyond expectations to make sure our riders are safe and connected." 



*Bill Hill, CAS driver, receives a hug from Karla Masters, daughter of Mae Hoffer, for his actions during her mom's medical incident. Hoffer looks on in the background.*



*Mae Hoffer, sitting, is surrounded by family and friends from LAAA who helped her after a medical incident. Pictured with Hoffer, from left, include: Lanita Nelson, LAAA ActivAge employee and Community Activities Services Driver; Bill Hill, CAS Driver; Larry Starr, LAAA Dispatcher; and Karla Masters, Hoffer's daughter.*

# Helping county programs be efficient, effective

**M**artha Hakenkamp stands ready to serve. As LAAA Program Monitor for the Coordination and Technical Services Division, she considers being available for county program managers among her chief duties and responsibilities.

Whether providing technical assistance such as updating computer software, explaining how best to use the technology or understanding current regulations, Hakenkamp is one to whom these program managers can turn for assistance.

“There are dedicated program managers working in the counties and we want to help them make their programs strong and vibrant in their communities,” Hakenkamp said.

She joined LAAA in October 2004 and managed the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion programs until December 27, 2007, when she took on her current assignment.

“The county program managers have big dreams,” she said. “It is fun for me to help them realize their dreams of enhancing services to the older adults in their communities.”

At their invitation, Hakenkamp helps county program managers organize informational sessions with local community leaders. They work together to plan and develop local programs to meet the needs of older adults in each community.

Hakenkamp and others at LAAA also work with county program managers through quarterly training sessions. Meetings help managers become more efficient in the delivery of information



*Martha Hakenkamp serves as LAAA Program Monitor For Coordination and Technical Services. She works with the rural county program managers.*

and services to older adults in each county. Training might include computer labs on how to use updated software to move from handwritten budgets to maintaining records online.

“These program managers have been adaptable to everything,” Hakenkamp said. “I want to continue to help them make the most of their incredibly valuable time and expertise. The work they do in their counties is critical to helping older adults live independently. I get tremendous satisfaction in helping them.” 

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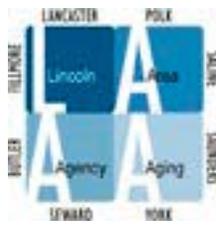
**T**he KFOR LifeLong Living Festival, the area's largest and longest-running information and product show for older adults and their families, is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Agricultural Hall at Lincoln's State Fair Park.

For the 15th year, the festival will offer more than 100 presentation booths from area businesses and organizations, providing information, products and services for older adults.

Vicki Marker, KFOR Events Coordinator, said this year's festival also will offer a health fair, complete with health screenings.

“We're doing new things to make the festival bigger and better every year,” she said.

The festival will feature live music and broadcasts by KFOR radio throughout the event. 



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## ActivAge Centers

### April Is "Spring Into The Center Month!"

Throughout the month of April, if it's your first visit, you can ride free to the ActivAge Center of your choice! And while you're there, if you're new to the center, your first lunch is free! If you're already a regular at a center, invite a First Time Guest and your van ride will be free too! Remember to call in your reservation two days in advance. Call 402-441-7158 for information about the center of your choice.

### SATURDAYS at the Downtown Center!

It was a great success last year, so we're doing it again! The Downtown ActivAge Center will be open on selected Saturdays from April through September. Join us for Entertainment, Bingo, shuttles to the Farmers' Market (beginning in May) to use those Farmers' Market coupons, and of course the best Value Meal in town! Saturdays, April 18, May 9, June 20, July 18, August 22, Downtown's 20th anniversary, and September 19. Call 402-441-7154 two days in advance for reservations.

### Broadway Bill Is Back!

The Broadway Bill Show faithfully re-creates the music of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr. Join singer Bill Lord as he takes you for a musical stroll down memory lane!

- Northeast ActivAge Center,  
6310 Platte Ave.  
Friday April 17, 2009, 10:30 a.m.

### ActivAge Day Tripper Tours 2009

- Sandhill Cranes & Archway Monument  
April 2, 2009 - \$85 per person  
Join your fellow ActivAge Day-Trippers for a swing across Nebraska to see the Great Platte River Road Archway Monument and the Sandhill Cranes migration. It's an exciting venture into the past when you visit the Arch as it traces the Oregon Trail, California Trail and Mormon Trail and how they all converged to link America from coast to coast.  
Next, witness Nebraska's Central Platte River Valley as it comes alive with the spectacular sights and

sounds of thousands of migrating Sandhill Cranes. Your guide will not only enrich you in the habitats of the cranes, but you'll also view a video presentation before seeing them perform their antics in the fields. This evening, enjoy a delicious dinner at USA Steak Buffet. Call 441-7158 to register.

### Ashfall Fossil Beds & Elkhorn Valley Museum

May 21, 2009 - \$110 per person  
You'll travel north today and your first stop will be the Elkhorn Valley Museum in Norfolk, home of the interactive exhibit featuring Johnny Carson and the "The Tonight Show," as well as other fascinating exhibits. After lunch at a local restaurant, it's off to the Ashfall Fossil Bed State Historical Park. The fossils were discovered in 1971 when heavy rains uncovered the fossil of an elephant jaw in Melvin Colson's cornfield. A later dig discovered a whole herd of rhinos that perished very suddenly when Nebraska was a sub-tropical grassland where camels, rhinos and other animals roamed. A volcanic eruption spewed ash hundreds of feet thick over the area, these animals were perfectly preserved in their natural state. Finally, take a taste of the vine at the Cuthills Vineyards before heading home. Call 402-441-7158 to register.

### The Loft Theatre, "Crazy For You" July 26, 2009, \$81 per person

Join your friends for a fun-filled summer afternoon, as you travel to the Loft Theatre in Manley, Nebraska. It's laughter and suspense as you're entertained by a vibrant



performance of "Crazy for You," the story of Bobby Child, a well-to-do 1930's playboy whose dream in life is to dance. Despite the serious efforts of his mother and soon-to-be ex-fiancée, Bobby achieves his dream! Memorable tunes include "Bidin' my Time," "I Got Rhythm," "They Can't Take That Away From Me," "Nice Work if You Can Get It," "Embraceable You," and "Someone To Watch Over Me." It's high-energy comedy that includes mistaken identities, fabulous dance numbers and classic music. Following the performance, enjoy dinner before heading home. Call 402-441-7158 to register.

### **Bridges of Madison County & John Wayne Birthplace**

September 22, 2009 - \$95 per person  
Discover the magic and romance of Winterset, Iowa, home to the novel "The Bridges of Madison County" by James Waller. Some of the oldest covered bridges in the nation are still in use here. Visit many of the sites that Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep brought to life in the movie version.

Your first stop will be the John Wayne Birthplace, built in the 1800's. This four-room house has been restored to its 1907 appearance, the actor's birth year. Then, after lunch at the Northside Café (one of the film's locations), your local guide will take you on a storybook tour of Madison County to include some of the movie's covered bridges, as well as enrich you with the history of the area. Also, visit Howells Greenhouse and Floral and see the process of drying flowers and the creation of beautiful arrangements.

### **Sights and Sounds of Christmas at Dana College**

December 5, 2009 - \$69 per person  
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## **Leisure Events**

### **Milestone Gallery Older Americans Art Show, May 2009**

In celebration of National Older Americans Month, the Milestone Gallery, located in the Downtown ActivAge Center, 1005 "O" Street, will feature the work of artists 60 and over from LAAA's eight-county service area. The show will hang from May 1 - 29, 2009. All artists 60 years of age or older can submit one to three pieces for display. All pieces must have been completed after the artist's 60th birthday. Interested artists should call 402-441-7158 for specific show guidelines and details.

### **Dinner And A Show Series Is Back!**

Sponsored with HUMANA, these events offer entertainment and a delicious meal for under \$10. Call: 402-441-7158 for reservations and information.

- April 9 - Nashville's Terry Smith, "A Songwriter With A Different Touch"

- May 21 - Jimmy Mack, "My Favorite Love Songs"
  - June 18 - Charlie Glasgow "The Chaz Singer"
- Over 55 - \$7, Under 55 - \$8  
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Dinner 5:30 p.m.  
Showtime 6:30 p.m.

### **ActivAge Centers' All-City Picnic, Thursday, May 14th**

All the fun of those big family picnics is back with outdoor games, terrific musical entertainment and of course, hot dogs fresh off the grill! Sign up for all the fun at your nearest ActivAge Center. We'll be getting things started at the Master Tables Picnic Area just across from Auld Pavilion in Antelope Park at 10 a.m. The Shrine Band will be playing your favorite polkas, patriotic tunes and some Dixieland thrown in for good measure, starting at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m and outdoor games will be going on throughout. If it rains, we'll move the fun indoors to the Auld Center right across the road. Sign up by Noon, Tuesday, May 12 at your center.

## **Educational**

### **Bob Ross Joy of Painting Class**

with Don Belik  
"Frozen Beauty" - Join instructor Donald R. Belik for this day-long workshop where participants, using the Bob Ross paint-along technique, will capture the beauty of an old cabin overlooking a landscaped frozen lake. Participants will take home a completed 16x20 painting. There will be a short lunch break.

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## Educational *Continued* . . .

Sack lunches and beverages are welcome. Wear clothing appropriate for painting. All materials are provided. Pre-registration required. Class size limited. Tuition \$40. Call 402-441-7158.

- Northeast ActivAge Center  
6310 Platte Ave.  
Saturday, May 2  
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Lake Street ActivAge Center  
2400 S. 11th Street  
Saturday, June 20  
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### **Bob Ross Joy of Painting Class**

“Forest Edge” with Don Belik

Join instructor Donald R. Belik for this day-long workshop where participants, using the Bob Ross paint-along technique, will capture the beauty of a large oak tree cradled in the morning glow of a forest opening. Participants will take home a completed 16x20 painting. There will be a short lunch break. Sack lunches and beverages are welcome. Wear clothing appropriate for painting. All materials are provided. Pre-registration required. Class size limited. Tuition \$40. Call 402-441-7158.

- Northeast ActivAge Center  
6310 Platte Ave.  
Saturday, June 13, 2009  
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### **Remembering When: A Fire and Fall Prevention for Older Adults**

Learn how to reduce your risk of injury from a fire or fall. During this 45-minute program representatives from the State Fire Marshal’s Office and LAAA’s Lifetime Health Program

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May: 12, 26, 28  
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### **Forever Strong Health Club**

Open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Downtown ActivAge Center, 1005 “O” Street. Certified Personal Trainers are available by appointment. Suggested contribution is \$10 per month.

### **Lifetime Health, Body / Mind / Spirit Day, May 1, 2009**

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- Synchronicity  
Tracie Foreman, Lifetime Health
- Acupuncture  
Kevin J. Coughlin, MD - American Academy of Medical Acupuncture
- Enrichment Through Placement  
Pat Flodman, Feng Shui Practitioner
- Keys to Your Success:  
Self-Empowerment  
Kris Thaller - Lincoln Life Coaching Center
- Angels, What are they and do they exist?  
- Dr. Sandra Monroe



Join The "Let's Move Together" Walk, May 16, 2009. Raise money for arthritis research. Contact Tracie Foreman, Lifetime Health Program staff at 402-441-7575 for more information.

Call Lifetime Health at 441-7575 for more information or if you would like to schedule a Fire and Fall Prevention for Older Adults program for your group. Programs are currently scheduled as listed below.

- Monday, May 4, 11:15 a.m.  
Lake Street ActivAge Center  
2400 S. 11th
- Monday, May 18, 12:30 p.m.  
Firth ActivAge Center  
Firth Community Center  
311 Nemaha, Firth
- Friday, May 22, 12:20 p.m.  
Waverly ActivAge Center  
First United Methodist Church  
14410 Folkestone 

**Home Handyman Program**

Our handymen have been tuning up equipment, sharpening tools, and getting ready to work on your spring and summer "To Do" list. The Home Handyman Program makes minor home repairs, including plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and painting projects to help you remain in your home as long as you choose. We specialize in those small projects for which it is difficult to hire a contractor. Springtime calls start pouring in for yard clean ups, trimming shrubs and hedges, cleaning gutters, setting out patio furniture, mowing and trimming, and many more general handyman projects. An easy to complete application will get you started if you are not a current program participant. Work is based on an hourly rate with a sliding fee scale based on your income. Contact Home Handyman at 402-441-7030.

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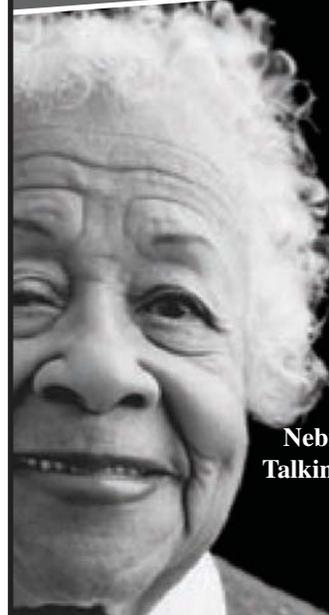
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# Antique roadshows offer something for everyone

For the better part of 30 years, Tom Bassett has traveled throughout the region to examine people's treasures. He is an appraiser at local antiques roadshows, as well as host of a bi-weekly call-in radio show called "Problems and Solutions" every other Monday at 9:10 a.m. on KFOR 1240 AM.

"The roadshows are always a fun event and people bring some very interesting things," Bassett said. "People learn something not only about their own items, but I also try to give them a crash course on antiques and why things are worth what they are."

Bassett's knowledge comes from extensive research of items ranging from coins to oil paintings. Just by examining an item, he can generally determine what country it came from, the company that made it, its relative scarcity and its potential value.

In April, he will offer his expertise at two area roadshows, in Butler County April 18 and York County April 25.

The shows are informal

and guests are free to come and go as they please. They feature anything from jewelry to china and offer participants the chance to share a piece of their own family history with every item.

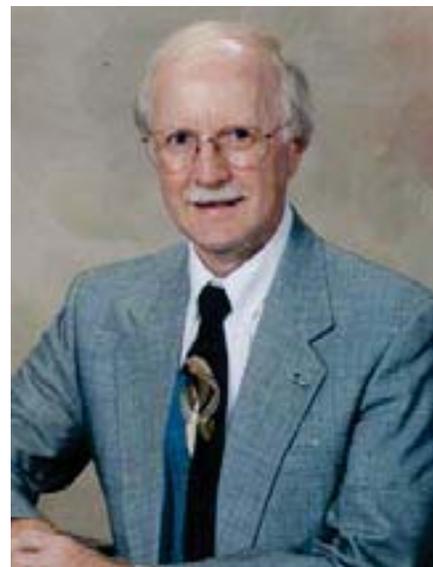
"These are wonderful community events," said Martha Hakenkamp, Lincoln Area Agency on Aging Program Monitor for the Coordination and Technical Services division. "There have been people of all ages, both men and women. They enjoy sharing and hearing the stories behind the items."

In fact, Hakenkamp said those stories are often the biggest draws to the shows.

"These antiques roadshows are a celebration of a community's history in many ways," she said. "They are educational and build community involvement. It's passing down information to the younger generation and there really is an appreciation for personal history."

Recent shows in the area were held in Seward County last September and in Fillmore County in October. Anyone who would like to have up to two items appraised at the York County roadshow can purchase tickets from Lori Byers, York County Aging Services Director, for \$13 before April 1 or at the door for \$15. Audience tickets will be available in advance and at the door for \$3. Roadshow tickets for the Butler County event can be purchased by contacting Linda Vandenberg, Butler County Senior Services Director at 367-6131.

The York County show also will feature lunch and snacks, as well as a first-time-ever silent

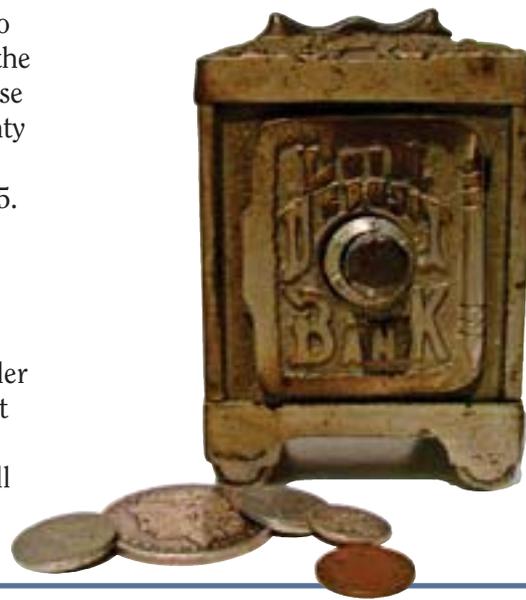


Tom Bassett

auction, including a quilt up for bid.

"We thought it would be a good thing for people to be able to walk around and bid on different items as well as the appraisal itself," Byers said. "We hope to get people from all over and have something for everyone to do."

The show is also an opportunity for York County Aging Services to raise much-needed funds. The department hopes to raise money to continue to expand its services, including low-income meal services throughout the county. 





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The Lincoln Area Agency on Aging is the principal agency which plans, coordinates and advocates for older people in our eight-county area. Our mission is to enhance daily living, expand personal choices and educate the community in an effort to ensure the independence and full life of the people we serve.

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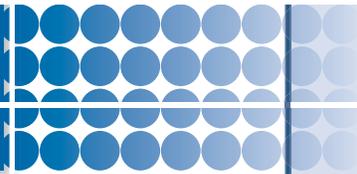
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# Witness to History

**L**t. Col. Paul Adams made history as a Tuskegee Airman when he flew during World War II as one of the first black aviators in the all-black fighter pilot group. He will be remembered in Lincoln as the namesake of Adams Elementary School.

Another brush with history came to Paul when he was personally invited to attend the January 20 inauguration ceremonies for the President and Vice President of the United States in Washington, D.C., as an honored guest. The historical inauguration of the 44th President of the United States marked the

beginning for the country's first black president.

Paul traveled with his son, Dr. Michael Adams, a dentist in Oklahoma, to be among the more than 200 other Tuskegee Airmen and guests to have an up-close seat on the stage where the president and vice president were sworn into office. Paul and his son sat within 100 feet of the president during the ceremony, while more than a million other people watched in person and millions more watched on television.

"It was wonderful," he said. "I enjoyed every bit of it."

Paul's son shared similar sentiments. "I was amongst heroes," Michael said about being on stage with the Tuskegee Airmen. "It was awesome to be able to witness history like that. I know my dad was definitely excited and smiling from ear to ear."

The Adams men flew on a commercial flight from Omaha to Washington, D.C., the day before. They had breakfast with other Tuskegee Airmen and guests at Bolling Air Base and shared memories with friends. They then were loaded onto 12 buses to make their way to the inauguration ceremony.

Paul and his son returned the day after the inauguration with souvenirs, pictures and memories they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

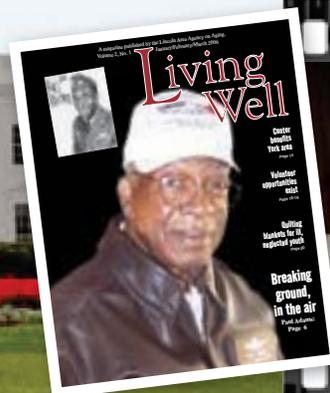
Michael said there have been many times when people have talked to him about the great impact his father made on their lives because of his actions as a Tuskegee Airman. For instance, Michael was on a golf course in Nashville, Tenn., when a gentleman who served as a bomber pilot during World War II told Michael he was alive due in part to Lt. Col. Adams and other Tuskegee Airmen. In Washington, D.C., during the inauguration ceremony, people saw the word "Tuskegee" on Paul's hat and came up to thank him for his service.

To see his father and the Tuskegee Airmen honored at such an important stage as the Presidential Inauguration was almost overwhelming, Michael said.

"I've always been proud of my father," he said, noting his father and mother, Alda, have been great role models and wonderful parents for himself and his two sisters.

The older Adams thanks everyone who helped finance the trip for him and his son.

*See our Winter 2006 issue featuring Paul Adams at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov)  
Keyword: aging. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Living Well magazine for all past issues.*



## The Journey There

The journey to a front seat at this historical inauguration was paved with some rough patches in Lt. Col. Adams life.

Born in Greenville, S.C., in 1920, Adams was one of 11 children. He grew up in the midst of segregation, racism and even lynchings of black people. Flying an airplane seemed a remote possibility for a black man at the time.

“A black person flying an airplane?,” he said. “I wasn’t even allowed on the air field at that time, much less fly a plane. I didn’t think I would ever fly an airplane.”

However, he was determined and received support from several people to make the dream a reality.

Adams graduated from South Carolina State A&M College. He taught school for one year before joining the Tuskegee Airmen when he received a yellow telegram from President Franklin Roosevelt stating that Adams was to report to Tuskegee

in Alabama for the flying training program.

He said Eleanor Roosevelt, who he affectionately refers to as “Little Eleanor,” played a key role when she came to Tuskegee and insisted she take a flight in a plane with a black pilot at the controls.

Adams began fighter pilot training in 1942 as a cadet. In 1943, he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant assigned to fly the P40 Warthog in the 332nd fighter group, an African-American unit later known as “Red Tail” for their distinctive aircraft paint scheme.

In 1943, Adams and the other Tuskegee Airmen were sent on missions in Europe and North Africa. They established an unprecedented record of flying more than 1,500 missions. Adams’ military career included nine major campaigns. He received the Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters and other service awards including the Congressional Bronze Medal for his

contribution as a “guardian angel” in World War II. The name “Guardian Angel” was a term of respect given by the white airmen who were escorted by the black pilots.

## After the Military

Adams did not stop making history when his military career ended.

He continued to help desegregation efforts when he lived in Lincoln after his Air Force service and was one of only three black teachers in the school district in 1964. He began his teaching career at Lincoln High School and taught industrial arts until his retirement in 1982.

Adams also served the community as a member of the Capital City Kiwanis. He is a former president of the Lincoln NAACP and an associate of the Retired Officers Association. [Lw](#)





# Financial problems on rise for many

**E**conomic hardship has no age limit. Houston Doan and Neal Sandoz have seen that up close as insurance and financial counselors.

Doan said times have changed from when he began working for LAAA nine years ago. More older adults are applying for credit cards and the fastest growing segment of online users for credit card purchases is people aged 65 or older.

## Increased Credit Card Debt

Increased credit card usage leads to financial woes for some, including foreclosures and bankruptcy.

“In the past few years, debt problems have skyrocketed,” Doan said. “Because of desperate financial situations, some of these people are grasping at straws and making decisions they would never before have contemplated. These decisions have sometimes led to additional financial stress.”

Doan personally receives about a dozen calls each week relating to advice on dealing with credit card debt. When he began at LAAA, credit

card problems were generally the result of a family situation when cards were used to assist someone through a difficult time in their life. Now, the dynamics of credit card usage has changed.

People are having to use their credit cards to pay doctor bills before a doctor can see them again. Prescription drug costs have also risen. If people do not meet income requirements for assistance, they may be left with few perceived options, Doan said.

“We actually can make people’s lives better if we confront problems and come up with a plan, so they don’t have to worry about money every day,” Doan said. “Our job is to let them know each option and let them know what the ramifications might be.”

## Where to Find Help

By calling the LIFE Office at LAAA, 402-441-7070, people can schedule a meeting with Doan or Sandoz. They will first help a person realize where every dollar in their budget is going. They examine costs

for housing, cable, medicine, and other items. Doan and Sandoz then help them determine if they are eligible for government assistance in any category of their life. Tough choices might have to be considered. For instance, they might have to consider ways to eliminate high family pet veterinarian bills, cable television and other entertainment costs.

Doan said people can review credit reports on reputable sites such as [freecreditreport.com](http://freecreditreport.com), but discourages people from going through credit card consolidation programs without doing the necessary research to confirm the organization is legitimate and not out to steal a person’s identity or take money for “registration fees” without doing any actual work for the person.

## Homestead Exemption

Doan ensures that each person he meets with has filed for possible relief such as the Homestead Exemption. The Nebraska Homestead Exemption is a property tax relief program for homeowners who are age 65 or older, certain disabled individuals and certain 100 percent disabled veterans and their widow or widower. There are income requirements for eligibility.

If eligible, people can adjust their income and subtract items such as health care premiums, dental costs or long-term care insurance. Doan reminds people they have to file for this exemption every year, even if they don’t file income tax forms.

Doan and Sandoz strive to help people gain a better understanding of their situation.

“Knowledge is power and to put your head in the sand and ignore the problem only makes it worse,” Doan said. 

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# Hospice allows nurse freedom to be daughter

**B**renda Wagner is a nurse and a daughter. When her 64-year-old father, Dwain, told her he had been having headaches, she feared the lung cancer he had been diagnosed with months earlier had spread. She was right; it had spread to his brain.

“The doctor told us that with treatment he had a few months to live,” Brenda said. “Without treatment, he had a few weeks.”

## Research Your Options

She and her family began researching options, including hospice. After enduring months of chemotherapy and radiation that made him weak, overwhelmed with side effects, and bound to a wheelchair, Dwain chose to quit treatment.

“We couldn’t figure out why his doctor wasn’t talking to him about hospice at that point,” Brenda said. “As a nurse, I didn’t want to have to be the one to bring it up. But nobody else was offering it as an option.”

Brenda contrasted the experience with her father to how we make major purchases in our lives.

“A car salesman, for example, goes through every last detail before we buy a car,” she said. “But when it comes to life, no one explains that this is what you can expect or these are your options. Hospice is one of those details, but it doesn’t always get discussed.”

## Dignity, Respect and Help

The family contacted a local hospice provider, who came to Brenda’s parents’ house to meet with them. The

hospice then let Dwain’s physician know that the family and Dwain were ready for hospice.

Hospice allowed Brenda to be the daughter, not the nurse. With emotions running high, the hospice team was able to reinforce information that had already been discussed as a family.

The hospice nurse provided medication to manage Dwain’s headaches. The social worker walked the family through advance directive paperwork, allowing Brenda’s father to make his end-of-life wishes known. The bath aide helped Dwain regularly, sometimes providing other help like making lunch. Supplies such as oxygen, a wheelchair and a raised toilet seat were provided.

“Those who work in the medical profession are accustomed to the physical changes that take place with a dying person,” Brenda said. “But others are not. The hospice nurse did a good job of explaining things to my family.”

Before hospice, Dwain’s time was spent going from one doctor’s appointment to another.

“I think he would have enjoyed life more had he not had to spend so much time in appointments,” Brenda said. “With hospice, he didn’t have those anymore. I wish he would have had hospice longer. I’m not for treatment or against treatment. I just want to let others know that the biggest thing



*Hospice recipient Dwain John enjoys time with his daughters, Jolene, left, Brenda and Lindy.*

about hospice is it respects the wishes of the terminally ill.”

Dwain died less than two months after beginning hospice care.

Brenda wants to share her family’s story because, she says, education is important.

“Families may be too intimidated to ask questions because they don’t know what to ask or they aren’t a medical professional,” Brenda said.

She stresses the importance of knowing the options for a loved one, and what a “good experience” hospice was for her family.

## Cherish the Memories

Brenda and her family are grieving, remembering the proud father of three girls who loved horses, remodeling and playing cards every weekend. Nearly a year after Dwain’s death, Brenda, her sisters and her mother, Janet, take advantage of another benefit of hospice: bereavement counseling.

“It was nice to be able to sit down — all of us — and talk with the counselor,” Brenda said.

To learn more about hospice or to find a hospice in your area, go to [nehospice.org](http://nehospice.org). 



*Dwain John*

# Farmers' Market Coupons available

The Farmers' Market Coupon Program again will offer Lincoln-area older adults a chance to purchase fresh, locally grown produce at one of the many Farmers' Markets this summer.

The program will distribute coupons worth \$3 each to qualifying older adults to be spent at the markets. Each household is eligible to receive a set of 16 coupons.

"The coupons are provided to low-income seniors older than 60," said Janae Mueller, one of the newest additions to the Farmers' Market Coupon Program. "Last year, we distributed about 500 coupons. We requested additional coupons this year because they were so popular and because of the state of the economy."

## Healthy Options

The program was designed to offer older adults a chance to enjoy healthier eating options without the higher cost.

"With the high cost of fresh vegetables in grocery stores and the vital nutritional nature of these products, this program enables at-risk older adults the opportunity to eat better and support local growers," said Bob Esquivel, Lincoln Area Agency on Aging.

Older adults are taking advantage of the opportunity.

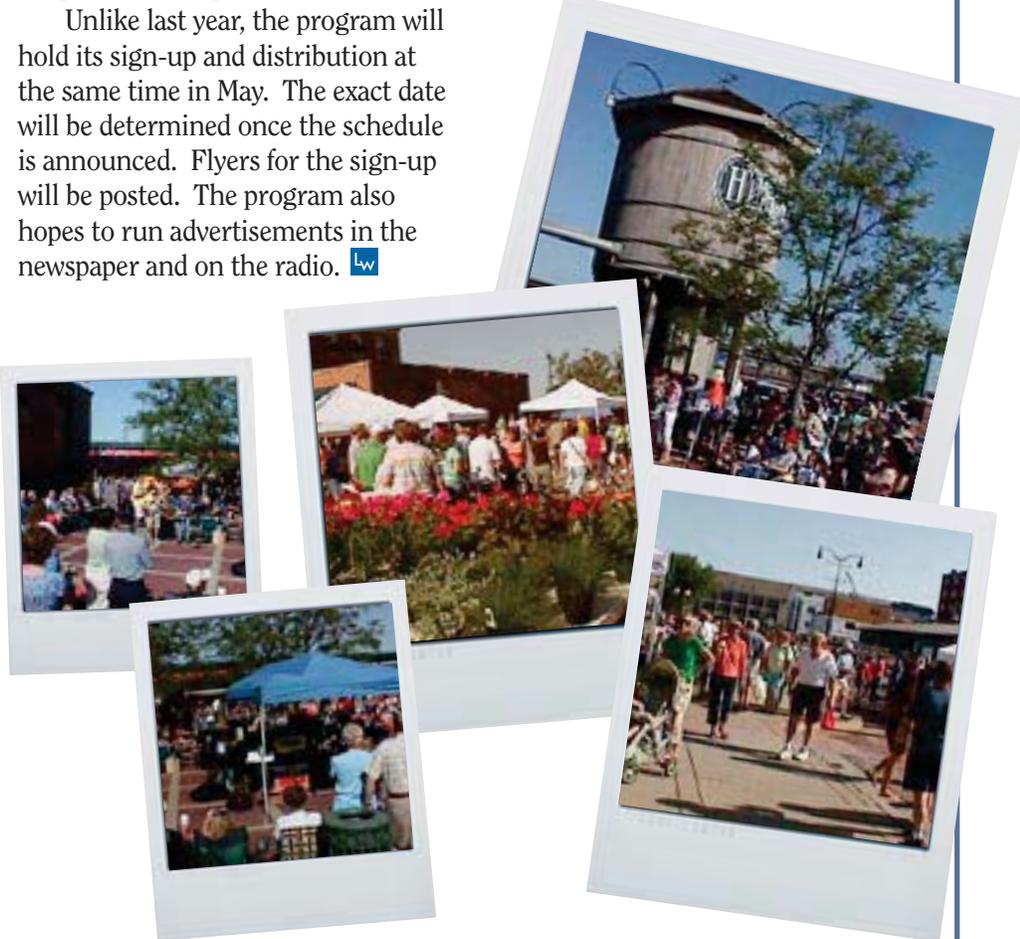
"It's had a big impact," Mueller said. "They love the coupons and we're helping these people make healthy choices. With these coupons, they're able to get some of the food choices that they love."

The Farmers' Market is scheduled for every weekend from May to October. There are several larger locations throughout the area and coupons also are accepted at many of the smaller vendors. Signs will be

posted at many of the vendors where coupons are accepted.

Unlike last year, the program will hold its sign-up and distribution at the same time in May. The exact date will be determined once the schedule is announced. Flyers for the sign-up will be posted. The program also hopes to run advertisements in the newspaper and on the radio. 

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# Mind, Body and Spirit Day

The Lincoln Area Agency on Aging, Roper & Sons Funeral Services and Southeast Community College teamed to offer Mind, Body, Spirit Day 2009, a day to relax, refresh and renew.

Eight professionals will make their way May 1 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to the SCC Continuing Education Center, 301 S. 68 Street Place, to educate and empower.

"In recent years, there has been a growing interest in all aspects of wellness and self-responsibility for health," said Peggy Apthorpe, LAAA Lifetime Health Program Coordinator. "People recognize that to be truly healthy, we must maintain a balance between the physical, spiritual, emotional and social components of our lives."

Adults of all ages are eager

to learn about alternative and complementary treatments. The event gives participants a chance to explore options in a relaxing and non-threatening environment.

Fred Wilson, a survivor of Omaha Von Maur shooting, is one speaker whose presentation will focus on the power of forgiveness and the value of living life in the moment.

"We make plans and live in advance," Wilson said. "But, there is no guarantee that we will be around to live out those plans. If you have been carrying around anger, hatred or animosity, that forgiveness needs to come today so people can lighten their journey immensely."

During a press conference after the shooting, Wilson forgave Robert Hawkins, the shooter. Wilson said he will never forget the incident, but that

forgiveness allowed him to live his life more free and light.

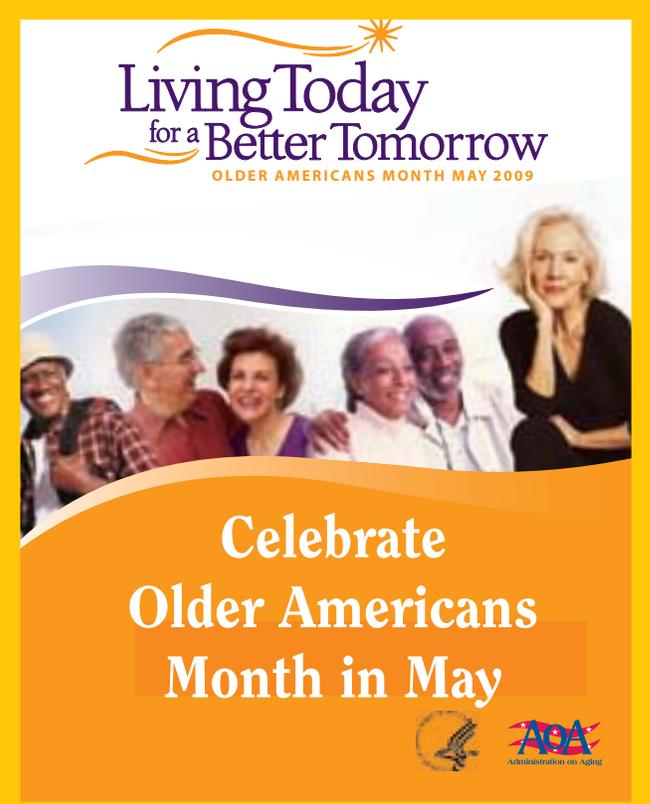
"We must live our lives as completely as possible," Wilson said. "Anything that needs to be done in our lives needs to be done today. Take care of business on a daily basis and don't put it off. That's what living is all about."

Other speakers will touch on topics including intentional believing, synchronicity, science of acupuncture, feng shui, personal success and angels in our lives.

Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration, including a \$25 fee, is due April 24. For more information or to register, contact Nancy Holman at Southeast Community College, 402-437-2712 or 800-828-0072, ext. 2712 or [nholman@southeast.edu](mailto:nholman@southeast.edu). 

## Batten leaves mark at LAAA

All of us at LAAA wish to acknowledge and thank Deb Batten, founding editor of *Living Well* magazine, for her years of service to the Agency's marketing and public relations program. Deb made a decision to try something new with the Lincoln Public Schools and we wish her well. She created "Live & Learn" our 5-City TV Show, LAAA's current logo, designed our highly utilized city website and so much more. We are grateful and wish Deb and her husband Brian the very best. 



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## Senior Companion Program benefits everyone

If you share a desire to help other adults maintain their independence, the Senior Companion Program may be a perfect fit.

One Senior Companion said, “I feel like being a Companion was what was missing in my life.”

The Senior Companion Program was introduced by the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging in 1989 to the eight-county region the agency serves. The program mission is to promote independence, freedom, understanding and support for adults with special needs through peer-to-peer friendship in the place they call home. This relationship enables connection to community through friendship and companionship.

By becoming a Companion to an isolated person, you can help that person stay in their own home. Senior Companions also provide family caregivers much needed time off for respite or running errands. Senior Companions can assist with daily living tasks, such as grocery shopping and bill paying, provide transportation, meal preparation, and alert doctors

and family members to potential problems.

Senior Companions receive the benefit of knowing they are helping someone with special needs live with dignity, hope and self-respect. They also receive ongoing training and education as part of a group committed to making a difference, pre-service orientation, meals while on duty, mileage reimbursement or bus pass, supplemental accident and liability insurance while on duty. Those who meet certain income guidelines, receive a small stipend with vacation, sick leave, personal days and holidays. The stipend paid to Companions living on a limited income does not count as income when determining eligibility for any program including reduced housing, food stamps or Medicaid.

### To Become a Senior Companion

If you are age 60 or older, able to serve 15 hours or more per week and want to develop friendships with adults with special needs, contact a Senior Companion Program representative in your area.

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- Fillmore County.....402-759-4921
- Lancaster County.....402-441-7026
- Polk County.....402-764-8227
- Saline County.....402-821-3330
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Representatives will provide an overview of the program and enrollment forms.

### Program Future

The Senior Companion Program currently is being expanded to match individuals with Senior Companions over the age of 21.

A diverse population of providers have expressed an interest in becoming a “station” for the program. More than 10 organizations have committed to the initial review process. The next step will be to secure signed agreements and begin volunteer training.

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# Wahoo Senior Resource and Health Fair

**W**ahoo will host a Senior Resource and Health Fair April 14 at the Wahoo Civic Center.

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For more information, call Friendly Visitor Coordinator Jeannette Sabatka at 402-443-4883. 



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# LivingWell gets makeover

If you have made it to this article, chances are you have noticed some changes to this magazine's format.

These changes have been made to make it easier to read and navigate. As always, we strive to bring you stories and features relevant to your needs at this stage of life. In our efforts to continuously improve *Living Well*, we ask for your help in recognizing those who have made a difference in the lives of older adults throughout the area. Whether it's someone who has re-invented their career in retirement, helped save on living

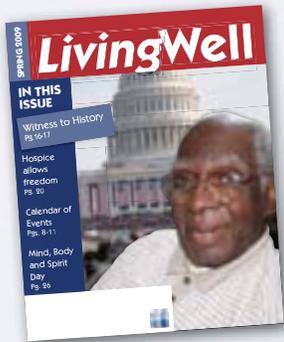
expenses or health care, impacted their neighborhood or community, we want to hear those stories. Feel free to let us know what issues are most important to you.

Our goal is to help you have the most independent life possible, whether you live in Butler, Fillmore, Lancaster, Polk, Saline, Saunders, Seward or York counties. Lincoln Area Agency on Aging provides many services and activities, which are highlighted throughout this magazine. We hope you find this a valuable resource in your search for answers to continue on your journey of "living well." 



Valerie Crook

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