



THE WILLOWS
AT OKEMOS

A Trilogy Senior Living Community

Monthly

February 2020



Kicking off our 2020 Theme Year

On February 17th, our 2020 Theme Year will begin with our first Theme Week – Willy Wonka! This Theme Week is the first part of our Mystery Theme Year, which will have our residents uncovering the many clues hidden within our themed celebrations. Get ready for a week of gold, chocolate, and joy as we enter into a world of pure imagination!

Oompa, Loompa, What-Will-You-Do?

As a resident of our community, your experience between February 17th through February 21st will be that of someone who has just

won a grand tour of Mr. Wonka's Chocolate Factory! Discover the mysteries of the stolen golden ticket as we celebrate with an exciting week of Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory-inspired activities, all culminating towards an incredible Theme Dinner on February 20th.

“A Little Nonsense Now and Then is Relished by the Wisest Men”

The activities that we have planned for our first Theme Week are as rich in fun as they are in flavor! Get ready for tastings, decorative

crafting, and delicious snack-making that would make Grandpa Joe himself jump out of bed. When it comes to the dinner, you can look forward to menu items such as The Wonka Duet, Gobstopper Cake with Snozzberries, Oompa Loompa Orange Pancakes, and more.

Become The Dreamers of Dreams

To immerse you in the setting of our campus-turned-chocolate factory, our staff will be outfitted with top-hats, canes, and bowties that will make them almost indistinguishable from Gene Wilder's iconic character.

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Happy Birthday!

Residents

Joan B.	2/12
Valorie M.	2/14
Mike S.	2/28

Sunday Brunch

This month's brunch is Sunday February 09 at 11:00am and 12:15pm. Each resident will receive 3 meal vouchers free of cost, and each additional guest will need to purchase a meal ticket for \$10.00 each.

Reservations are due the Tuesday prior to brunch by turning in a reservation ticket or by phone.

Themed Dinner

Mark your calendar for February 20, our Willy Wonka Theme Dinner!



Executive Director Corner

Welcome to February! I hope that the introductory weeks of

2020 have found you in good health and in good spirits. With our first Theme Week of the year just around the corner, and plenty of Life Enrichment activities to take part in, it's an exciting time to be a member of our community.

From February 17th through February 21st, we'll be transforming our campus into a chocolate factory with our **Willy Wonka Theme Week**. As the first part in our Mystery Theme Year, this event will see our residents uncovering the mystery of the stolen golden ticket. We'll be celebrating with an exciting week of theme-related activities and events,

including an incredible Theme Dinner on February 20th. Stay tuned for more information! If you're looking for some more immediate fun, you can always join us for a Happy Hour, held every Friday between 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. During this time, we encourage you to mingle with friends, sip on a favorite beverage, and tell stories about your most eventful Happy Hours from years past. It's here where we love to see old friends, meet new faces, and share in the joy of Friday evening bliss.

I hope that you have a wonderful month, and I look forward to seeing you at the Theme Dinner!

Yours in Service,
Keith Fisher
Executive Director

Did You Know...?

That you can read the monthly newsletter on-line. Please follow the campus link www.willowsatokemos.com

The Private Dining Rooms and Activity Rooms can be reserved for your family parties or special events? We are on a First Come First Serve basis. Please see Life Enrichment to reserve today!

Happy Hour are Fridays from 2:30-3:30pm, in the Dining Room with Live Entertainment!

Community Connections

Throughout the last few months, many of our community members have been in and out of our building volunteering their time, and dropping off things that residents may need. We value these partnerships, and thoroughly enjoy the new faces that we see!



OUT AND ABOUT

To ring in the new decade, we cheered the MSU Women's Basketball team onward to a victory over the Nebraska Cornhuskers! This month Kohls, Meijer, and Cracker Barrel are just a few places we plan to visit, in our wheelchair-friendly van. We go out twice a week and look forward to some memorable outings this month! We want your ideas for places to visit! Our 14-passenger bus goes out twice per week and spots are filled on a first come first served basis. Contact a member of our Life Enrichment team to not only share your ideas, but to reserve your spot for outings!



Family Night

The last few months have been full of time with family and friends. In December we completed the holiday season with our Holiday Open House. We enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by our wonderful kitchen staff, and were able to visit with our family and friends. Thank you to all who made it possible!



Volunteer News

What would we do without our Volunteers? They enrich our lives with every moment, gesture, and kind words they offer. Whether it's for an hour, once a month, weekly, or more, your time would be so valued here! We have enjoyed volunteers playing cards with us, leading discussion groups, teaching us about instruments and orchestration, instructing art lessons, leading religious/ inspirational groups, and more. We have enjoyed learning from our volunteers and the love and talent that they offer! Contact our Life Enrichment Team and we will help find you a meaningful volunteer role. We LOVE our volunteers!

Live a Dream

Here at The Willows, we want to show our love by treating individual residents to special days or special events. Sometimes a "dream" isn't something especially noteworthy or fantastical but something small and personally meaningful. We are looking for residents that have a potential "dream" they wish to be granted! In the past, we have thrown special anniversary dinners, taken people on hot air balloon rides, plane rides, professional baseball games, swimming at a local therapy pool, to a special wedding, and many more! If you or someone you know is interested in living out a wish, please let any Life Enrichment team know!



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Stay in the Loop

Keep up with latest campus news and happenings by following us on your favorite social networks!

We strive to provide the best customer service and quality care for our residents.

Our Department Leaders are here to solve any concerns you may have.

In the event that you need further assistance with any unresolved concerns, we encourage you to call or email our Compliance Hotline: 800-908-8618, ext. 2800; or comply@trilogybs.com

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And we encourage you to do the same! Come dressed in gold, red, or purple to keep the magic of the Theme Week flowing like the chocolate river. Staff members will also be help you look the part by handing out additional wardrobe pieces prior to the Theme Dinner.

This is just our first step in what is sure to be a mystifying Theme

Year, so be sure to participate when it begins on February 17th. Soon you will receive your own personal invitation to the Theme Week, which will include additional details about what you can expect from the occasion. If you have any additional questions, our Life Enrichment director would be more than happy to hear from you!



Word Search

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CHOCOLATE
COSTUME
DELICIOUS
DINNER

DREAM
FACTORY
GOBSTOPPER
GOLD

IMAGINATION
MYSTERY
OOMPA LOOMPA
SNOZZBERRY

SWEET
THEME
TICKET
WONKA