



WELCOME TO OUR
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

We're so glad to have you with us as we share a glimpse of life at Willow Lane. This newsletter is our way of inviting you inside—celebrating the connections, special moments, and everyday joys that make our community feel like home. Whether you're a resident, a family member, or a future neighbor, we hope you feel connected, informed, and truly welcomed. Thank you for being such an important part of the Willow Lane family.



Mark your calendar

07/03/26	4th of July Celebration
07/14/26	Picnic @ Lutz Park
07/28/26	Ice Cream Bus Trip

Resident Socials

You are invited. Join us every Friday for Happy Hour. Enjoy drinks, snacks, and live entertainment to kick off the weekend.

Friday at 2:00pm in Dining Room

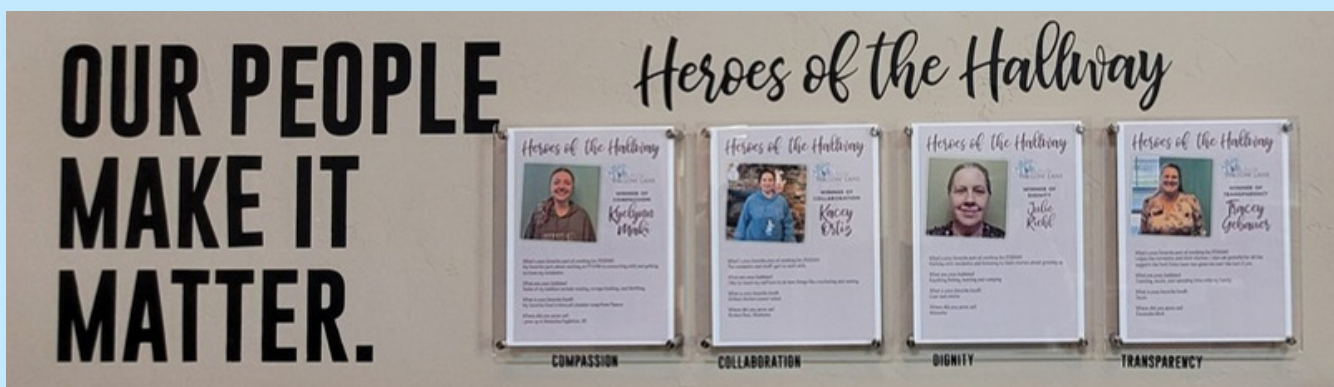
Week 1: 4th of July outdoor fun

Week 2: Bob Bushman

Week 3: Stevie Keys

Week 4: Bobby Darren

Week 5: Ice Cream Social





On a warm summer afternoon, we took a bus trip to Lamer's for a sweet treat. While we were enjoying our chocolate and vanilla cones, to our surprise Tony Evers, the Governor of Wisconsin, had just walked into the shop. He greeted everyone with a smile and took a moment to chat with customers while waiting for his own ice cream.

We talked briefly about enjoying Wisconsin's beautiful summers and the importance of supporting local businesses. It was an unexpected and memorable experience that made a simple trip for ice cream much more exciting.



Our residents and staff had a wonderful time celebrating at our Ice Cream Social. Everyone enjoyed sharing delicious ice cream, choosing their favorite toppings, and spending time together in a fun and welcoming atmosphere. The event was filled with laughter, conversation, and smiles as residents and staff connected and created lasting memories. It was a great opportunity to enjoy a sweet treat, strengthen friendships, and celebrate our wonderful community together.







Resident Spotlight

Meet Mr. Wendell Kuehn – A Life Well Lived

At 86 years young, Wendell Kuehn has lived a remarkable life filled with hard work, adventure, family, and service to others. His story is one of dedication, perseverance, and a willingness to embrace every opportunity that came his way.

Wendell has been happily married to his wife, Marlys, for 45 years, and this November they will celebrate another wonderful milestone together. Family has always been at the heart of

Wendell's life. Together they have a son Paul, he is married to Elizabeth and have three daughters, Harper, Celeste, and Piper: they reside in Australia. Their daughter Crystal and husband Danny, and two beautiful granddaughters Emma, and Ellie, who have brought him endless joy over the years. they reside right here in Appleton, WI.

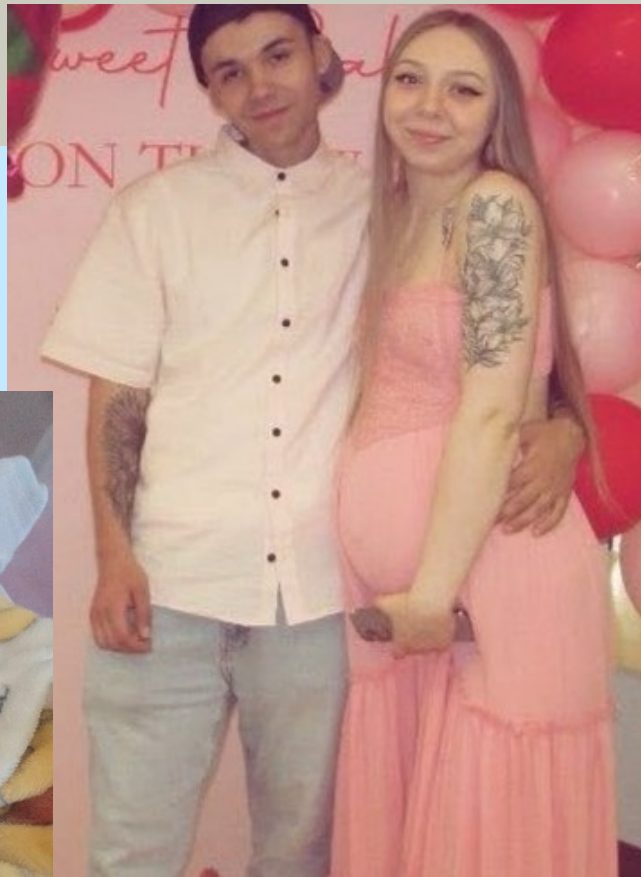
Wendell's career reflects his strong work ethic and curiosity. He began as an apprentice carpenter, for 1.5 years mastering the trade. Although he enjoyed carpentry, he decided it wasn't the right long-term path for him. In 1960, he joined IBM, where he learned computer programming and built a successful career that lasted until his retirement in 2000.

Outside of work, Wendell found another passion—stock car racing. For approximately 17 years, he raced on dirt tracks throughout the Midwest, earning numerous victories and unforgettable memories. Among his accomplishments were a second-place finish in a major race at Proctor 100 in northern Minnesota, winning "The All" race and its \$1,000 silver dollar prize, capturing a prestigious race in Cresco, Iowa, where he won a diamond ring worth \$5,000, and taking another major victory in Nebraska. His racing career was so impressive that in July 2021, Wendell was inducted into the Chateau Speedway Hall of Fame, a fitting honor for his years of dedication to the sport.

Retirement didn't slow Wendell down. After leaving IBM, he devoted his time to volunteering at two nursing homes, giving back to others with the same compassion and generosity that have defined his life. He continued serving until he and Marlys moved to Appleton in 2013. Today, Wendell brings with him a lifetime of incredible stories, accomplishments, and wisdom.

Whether he's sharing memories of the racetrack, talking about his years at IBM, or reminiscing about his family, his experiences inspire those around him. His kindness, adventurous spirit, and commitment to helping others make him a treasured member of our assisted living community.

We are honored to celebrate Wendell Kuehn and the extraordinary life he continues to share with all of us. His journey reminds us that a life filled with love, hard work, and service creates a legacy that lasts for generations.



Staff Feature: Jayelynn Maki

For the past year and a half, Jayelynn has been a cherished member of the Willow Lane Assisted Living family. Throughout her pregnancy, our residents had the joy of watching her journey unfold, celebrating each milestone with excitement and love. It was a special experience that brought everyone even closer together.

We are thrilled to share that Jayelynn recently welcomed her beautiful baby girl, Hazel, into the world. Hazel weighed 4 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 18 inches long. Our residents have been so excited to hear the wonderful news and share in Jayelynn's happiness as she begins this new chapter of motherhood.

Jayelynn has a true passion for caring for others. She takes great pride in providing each resident with the compassionate, individualized care they deserve while creating meaningful, trusting relationships with them every day. Her kindness, dedication, and genuine heart make a lasting impact on both our residents and her coworkers. We are grateful to have Jayelynn as part of the Willow Lane family and congratulate her on the arrival of sweet baby Hazel Rose!

Tip of The Month

JULY TIP OF THE MONTH:

Make the Most of the Sunshine

Summer mornings are made for being outside, and a few small habits make them even better.

Head out earlier in the day when the air is cooler, keep a glass of water close by, and don't underestimate the comfort of a shady spot and a wide-brimmed hat.

The sun is good for the spirit. A little planning means more porch conversations, more garden time, and more of the season everyone waits all year for.

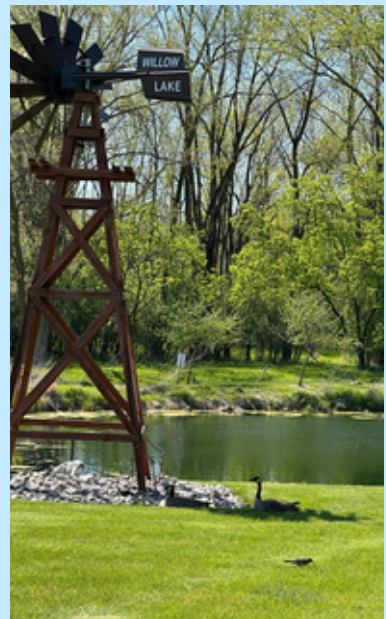
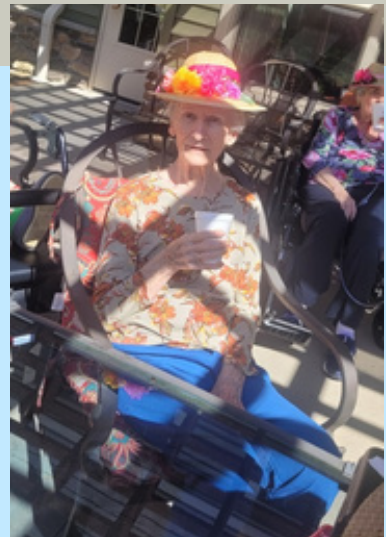
Pop culture and fun facts

This Month in History:

Cleopatra (1963) was the highest-grossing film of its year but nearly bankrupted 20th Century Fox due to its massive production costs.

The Beatles hold the record for the most number-one hits on the Billboard Hot 100, with 20 chart-topping songs.

1752 Benjamin Franklin bravely tested his famous kite experiment, demonstrating that lightning is a form of electricity, a pivotal moment in the study of electricity.





SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

***OUR COMMUNITY SUMMER PARTY WILL BE IN AUGUST; DETAILS
WILL BE POSTED SOON!!!
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL!!!***

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