



WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Willow Lane Family

Within these pages, we invite you to share in the heart of our community—a place where kindness is abundant, friendships flourish, and every day brings moments worth celebrating. At Willow Lane, home is more than a place; it is a feeling of comfort, belonging, and love that is created through the people who fill our halls with laughter, compassion, and cherished memories.

Each story, photograph, and celebration reflects the remarkable lives of our residents, the unwavering dedication of our team, and the meaningful connections that make our community so special. From everyday smiles to unforgettable milestones, we are honored to celebrate the moments—both big and small—that remind us of the joy found in living life together.

Whether you are one of our treasured residents, a beloved family member, a friend, or someone getting to know Willow Lane for the very first time, we hope these pages bring a smile to your face and help you feel the warmth that makes our community truly unique.

Thank you for allowing us to be part of your journey and for trusting us to care for those who mean so much. Your support, kindness, and presence enrich our community in countless ways. Together, we continue to create a place where every person is valued, every story matters, and every day is an opportunity to make lasting memories.

From all of us at Willow Lane, thank you for being part of our family. We are grateful to share this journey with you and look forward to the many beautiful moments still to come.



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Mark your calendar

8/11/2026	Bus Trip
8/12/2026	Resident Council Meeting
8/15/2026	Summer Party
8/21/2026	Ice Cream Social
8/25/2026	Bus Trip

Resident Birthdays

8/03/1939	Barbara Kemper
8/11/1946	Ron Dailey
8/12/1940	Martha Buss
8/24/1922	Grace Gebhart



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 dinning room

Week 1: Bob Bushman

Week 2: Bobby Darren

Week 3: Ice Cream Social

Week 4: Roy Rogers





A STAR-SPANGLED MASTERPIECE

Our residents celebrated the spirit of Independence Day by creating their very own patriotic Fourth of July T-shirts! With paintbrushes in hand and a little help from our wonderful staff, everyone had the opportunity to design a one-of-a-kind masterpiece that reflected their creativity and festive spirit. The room was filled with laughter, smiles, and excitement as each shirt came to life with vibrant red, white, and blue designs. Our residents were incredibly proud of their finished creations and couldn't wait to show them off. It was a joyful afternoon filled with creativity, teamwork, and lasting memories—proving once again that some of the best masterpieces are made with a little paint, a lot of heart, and wonderful friends by your side.

Happy
INDEPENDENCE
Day!





Celebrating the 4th OF JULY!

Our residents had a wonderful time celebrating the 4th of July in true patriotic spirit!



We enjoyed the sunshine, great conversations, and time together on the patio adorned with red, white, and blue. From festive accessories to big smiles, our residents showed off their patriotic pride and made the day extra special.

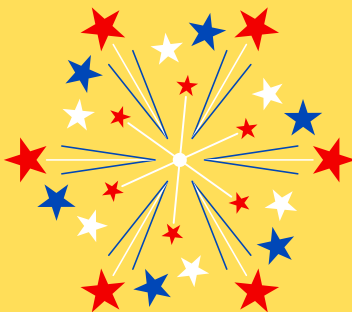


It was a beautiful day filled with laughter, community, and gratitude for the freedoms we all cherish.

*Happy
4th of July!*



.....★ *The fun didn't stop there!* ★





Resident Spotlight

Meet Marian,

Time “In The Garden”

Marian Jones, 96 years old, was born at the family farm in Boscobel, WI , in June of 1930. She recalled that it was a hard time for most people in the U.S., but for her, the 30’s was a very precious and happy time.

Marian’s parents always had a garden and purchased most of their garden seeds by mail order from Henry Fields. By about age 7, Marian had memorized the song “In the Garden” from singing it at their family’s church. The words I Come To The Garden Alone stuck in her head. She took the words literally and went to the garden alone to sing the whole song while standing in the garden. That filled her with a special kind of happiness she still remembers today. She continued to sing in the garden alone until she was a bit older and realized that she could sing the song anywhere and do it alone or with others. That made her giggle.

The Jones family farmette in rural Black Creek had a huge garden that was always weed free because of the hours she often went to her garden alone to till or pull weeds. She always planted beautiful flowers in the part of the garden close to the road. The many people who drove by back then couldn't help noticing her flowers and vegetables. Many still remember that garden today. Just remarkable!

When the kids were younger, Marian and the kids planted and kept a pickle patch. When the pickles were ready, they picked them and took them to a nearby farm to be sized and get paid. The kids put the money in their savings accounts. When the kids were older, Marian planted fewer pickles and instead took a seasonal job at the kraut factory in Black Creek.

Three years after the death of her husband Mike, Marian married Leonard and moved back to Boscobel where she lived on a small farm. She grew a small garden there. Awhile after Leonard died, Marian moved to her son's house. There she had a small table garden. She and her son planted the seeds in starter cups, watered the seedlings and transplanted them into her table garden. She loved putting her hands in the soil.

These days, during growing season, Marian likes a daily report on how the garden is doing. You might see small containers of cherry tomatoes, green onion or cut up cucumber treats if you walk in her room. She also has a 3- or 4-foot-tall cherry tomato plant/tree that was a tiny seedling when brought to her room. No matter where the garden is or what the size, gardens, gardening and garden talk was and is wonderful, never-ending theme in her life.

Meet Aubrey!

★ A DEDICATED CAREGIVER ★

At Willow Lane, our team members go above and beyond to make a difference every day. Get to know one of the compassionate caregivers who brings heart, dedication, and a personal touch to everything she does!



Why I Love Working Here

I truly enjoy working here because of the residents and their families. Their kindness, stories, and appreciation make coming to work each day enjoyable and meaningful.



My Why

I became a CNA because I love the elderly and caring for them. I helped take care of my grandpa while he was sick, and that experience inspired me to pursue a career in caregiving. It's a privilege I continue to cherish every day.



A Little About Me

I have 1 sister and 2 amazing nieces—one is 3 years old and the other is 3 months old. I also have a sassy Chihuahua named Bogi who keeps life entertaining! My mom is my best friend and biggest supporter.



Proud to Be Part of Willow Lane

I am grateful to be part of such a warm and supportive community. It's an honor to provide compassionate care and make a positive impact in the lives of our residents each day.



*"Caring is not just what I do,
it's who I am."*

Tip of The Month

Small Habits, Big Difference

Small habits make a big difference in summer wellness. Staying cool, staying hydrated, and staying connected go a long way toward a happy, healthy season.

Around here, that looks like shaded outdoor time, cold water breaks, and the kind of company that makes the heat a little easier to enjoy.



Pop culture and fun facts

This Month in History:

August 1950 – Sunset Boulevard premiered, hailed by Gloria Swanson as “the best movie ever made about Hollywood”

August 1966 – The Zodiac Killer began sending cryptic letters to newspapers, a case that remains unsolved.

August 1, 1944 – Was the last entry Anne Frank wrote in her diary.

August is the birth month of Leo (July 23–Aug 22) and Virgo (Aug 23–Sept 22)

August Birthstone: Peridot

August flowers: Gladiolus and Poppy





SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

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