

# THOSE GOLDEN MOMENTS

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## Golden Oaks Village selected “Best of the Best” for Enid Retirement Homes and Nursing Centers

By Elaine Johns, Director of Marketing, Golden Oaks Village

Reader’s Choice Magazines are produced each year by hundreds of newspapers around the United States to inform their audiences who they have selected as the “Best of the Best” in certain categories. The Enid News and Eagle recently completed it’s survey and shared the results this past Sunday.

This is the one time of the year, when the citizens of Enid get to make their unedited voices heard regarding their opinion of the companies, restaurants, events and more that they feel deserve recognition among their peers, as the cream of the crop, the top of the heap, and the absolute best at what they do each day! Golden Oaks is proud to announce that both our Retirement Community and Nursing Center have been chosen as the Best of the Best in their field. The competition is pretty tough as we have some great facilities in Enid but are proud that the community has faith in our staff to provide the best care for their family members. Selecting the right nursing home that offers exceptional care for a loved one can be particularly challenging. We appreciate the Enid News and Eagle’s efforts to arm consumers with the information and confidence they need to help them choose a home capable of providing the quality care seniors deserve. Thank you from all of the Golden Oaks staff, residents and leadership.

**THANK YOU, ENID!**

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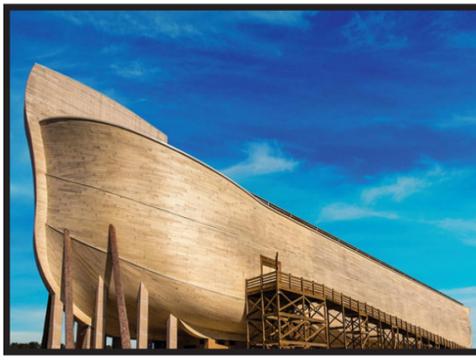
## Golden Oaks Residents Ponder Upcoming Vacation Trips

By Paula Yoder, Activity Director, Golden Oaks Village

Residents are pondering their options for upcoming vacation trips to some unique venues and exciting activities. Activity Director, Paula Yoder, has provided several options for travel and tours for the upcoming months to include a trip to Kentucky to see the Ark Encounter. It features a full-size Noah’s Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel amazes visitors young and old. The dates of travel are September 3-7th and the cost for double occupancy is \$655.

The next option for travel is a fun filled excursion to the International Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is a world-renowned attraction and destination for people of all ages. Guests from all over the world come to Albuquerque to celebrate ballooning. Literally hundreds of balloons will be taking flight from the Balloon Fiesta Park this year October 6-14, 2018.

From its modest beginnings in 1972 with 13 balloons launching from a shopping mall parking lot, the Balloon Fiesta has grown to multiple events launching more than 600 balloons. It is the largest ballooning event in the world, the most photographed event on earth, and the largest annual international event held in the United States. The GOV trip will be October 9-12th and the cost for double occupancy is \$499.



### The Nursing Center holds Annual Celebration

The Nursing Center held its annual “Nursing Home Week” with a week long celebration honoring the residents. The theme was centered around a week long getaway on a Cruise Line. The residents were happily surprised by the appearance of a shark and “Nemo” fish that swam through the nursing center in and out of “staterooms” and around the “upper deck.” The residents were treated to spa days, facials, mani/pedicures, special entertainment, and got in the swing of island dancing. Their trip was full of fun, games and activities. The week ended with an outdoor barbeque and delicious strawberry shortcake! Special thanks to our administrators, staff, caregivers, vendors and volunteers that made this week so special.

## With God, Nothing is Impossible

By Gary Lillie, General Manager, GOV

In 1940, a large and wonderful Christian family announced the birth of their 20th child. The baby was born prematurely and had polio and was not expected to live. By the time she was four she had suffered polio, pneumonia and scarlet fever. This little girl was badly crippled with hardly any use of her left leg. While her brothers and sisters played outdoors, she was confined to the house in leg braces.

She wanted to play like her siblings but her parent kept her inside. So she started trying to walk without her braces when her parents weren't around. On her twelfth birthday, she shocked her parents by removing her braces and walking around the doctor's office unassisted. She never wore braces again.

Her next goal was to play basketball. The coach only agreed if she got her older sister (a good athlete) to play on the team. She did and got an outdated uniform. One day she approached the coach and asked him to work with her for 10 minutes a day. She said she would become one of his best athletes. He laughed until he realized she was serious. He halfheartedly agreed and she shocked him by becoming one of his best players. Her team went to the state basketball championships but didn't win. One of the referees noticed her and asked her if she ever ran track. She said no. He encouraged her to try it. So after basketball, she started track.

At the age of 16, she became one of the best young runners in the country. She went to the Olympics in Australia and won a bronze medal for anchoring the 400 meter run. Later in Rome, she won the gold in the 200 meter dash and anchoring the winning 400 meter relay team - all in world record times.

This is the amazing story of Wilma Rudolph, an Olympic gold medalist who believed the promises of God.

And He said, the things which are impossible with men are possible with God. Luke 18:27



## Guide to VA Benefits for Homebound, In-Home Care, Assisted Living and Long Term Care

By Elaine Johns, Director of Marketing, GOV

More than one-third of Americans over 65 are either wartime veterans or are married to one, which means they may qualify for benefits that can help offset the cost of senior care. Yet less than 10 percent of those who qualify have even applied for Veterans Aid & Attendance, which can be used to help pay for in-home care, board and care, assisted living communities and skilled nursing facilities.

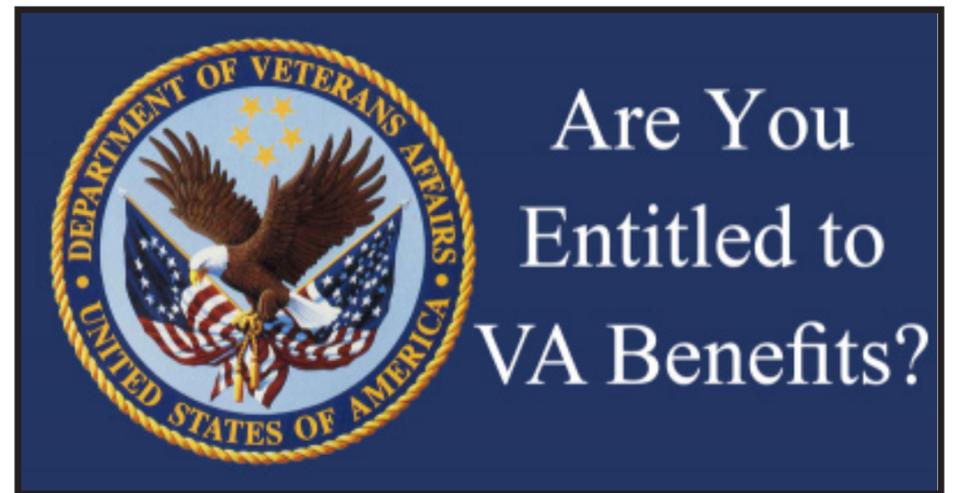
This article is designed to help veterans and their families learn more about Aid & Attendance. It includes information about:

- How award amounts are determined
- How long the application and approval process takes
- Who is eligible for VA Aid & Attendance
- How this benefit can be used to pay for care at home and in senior living
- How to apply for VA Aid & Attendance
- What documents are required for application
- Where to find resources for help with the application process

Download the Guide to Veterans Benefits & Long Term Care at [https://www.benefits.va.gov/pension/aid\\_attendance\\_housebound.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/pension/aid_attendance_housebound.asp)

For information on how to apply for this program contact your local DAV office

We hope you can begin the process of learning more about Aid & Attendance and how you and your family may benefit from this program.



## Golden Oaks Resident produces and writes a comedy for upcoming Dinner Theatre on Friday, August 17th

By Elaine Johns, Director of Marketing, GOV

Golden Oaks Village resident, Mae Sowles, has written and will direct the Golden Oaks Dinner Theatre presentation of "The Mystery on the Golden Oaks Express" which will be held at the Chapel at Golden Oaks, 5801 N. Oakwood Rd., Enid, OK. Show date is August 17th.

The cost for the dinner theatre is by donation. Regular evening meal will be served at a cost of \$7 which includes salad, entree, rolls, dessert and drinks. For reservations call Paula Yoder at (580) 249-2600.

The comedy takes place on a train called the Golden Oaks Express. At the height of a criminal game, the thief helped to plan and execute a heist that resulted in the largest theft in Golden Oaks history.

The cast includes many of the residents and staff from Golden Oaks.

The show will last around 1 hour.

The dinner theatre is open to GOV residents, family members and general public.

