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Teddy Roosevelt performer to visit Touchmark

BISMARCK, N.D. — Please join Touchmark residents and staff for what will truly be a legendary performance of Theodore Roosevelt by the country's leading reenactor, Joe Wiegand. A common face at Medora and Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Wiegand takes his lively performance on tour to parks and historic events around the country. The show is a not-to-be missed opportunity to learn more about Roosevelt's impact on the country and his cherished time spent in North Dakota.

Wiegand resembles Roosevelt right down to the wind-burned complexion and cadence of voice. Known for his ability to never break character, his performances have entertained presidents and elected officials.

This portrayal of Theodore Roosevelt is set for May 4 at 2 p.m. and is open to the public at no cost. As seating is limited, please reserve a space by calling 701-323-7000. Touchmark is located at 1000 West Century Avenue.

“Touchmark is thrilled to bring this history to life for citizens of Bismarck and Mandan who now enjoy the many gifts the 26th President of the United States left for us,” says Touchmark Life Enrichment Director Amy Miller.

“We are grateful for the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation's sponsorship of this presentation,” she adds.

Wiegand is the nation's premier performer of Theodore Roosevelt. Wiegand is a political science graduate of Sewanee: The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, and a former graduate assistant at the Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. A member of the National Association for Interpretation, Wiegand enjoyed a 25-year stint in politics and public policy in his native Illinois managing gubernatorial and presidential campaigns and serving as a county commissioner in DeKalb County. Today, he and his family reside in Colorado.

In 2008, he set out with his wife, daughter and golden retriever on a 50-state tour celebrating Teddy Roosevelt's sesquicentennial birthday and the centennial of the

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President's final year in office. The highlight was a performance at the White House for President & Mrs. George W. Bush on Roosevelt's 150th birthday.

A full-service retirement community, Touchmark on West Century offers a range of homes and lifestyle options for people 55-plus years. An on-site health and fitness club is open to anyone over 40 and features a variety of fitness options. For more information, visit Touchmark.com.

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