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## **President Teddy Roosevelt to visit Appleton**

APPLETON, Wis. – The public is invited to a legendary performance of Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president, by Joe Wiegand, the country’s leading reenactor, on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost for this presentation, but seating is limited. Please call 920-832-9100 to reserve a seat. Touchmark is located at 2601 Touchmark Drive.

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 alike, and he takes his lively performance on tour to parks and historic events around the country.

“This is the first time Wiegand has performed in Appleton, and the show is an excellent opportunity to learn more about President Roosevelt’s impact on our nation and his great legacy,” says Touchmark Life Enrichment/Wellness Director Anne Vlach. “Touchmark is thrilled to bring history to life and provide the opportunity for people to meet this great president.”

She adds that after the performance, attendees will be able to sample some of Roosevelt’s favorite refreshments: Sagamore Hill Sand Tarts (sugar cookies), mint juleps and his wife Edith’s Fat Rascals biscuit recipe with currants.

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

Touchmark on West Prospect is a full-service retirement community with options in active living that include single-family homes, apartments, independent living, assisted living, CBRF-level assisted living and memory care. The community spans nearly 40 acres and is conveniently located across from the Butte des Morts Country Club, a five-minute drive from the Fox River Mall off Highway 41. For more information, visit [Touchmark.com](http://Touchmark.com).

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