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THE WILS WAY

3rd QUARTER 2022

MAIN OFFICE – 612 N. Ridgeview Drive, Warrensburg, MO

Outdoors Without Limits Event Returns providing outdoor recreational opportunities for all abilities!

September 21 the Missouri Department of Conservation, the National Wild Turkey Federation, and Warrensburg Parks and Rec joined WILS in hosting the return of OWL at Hazel Hill Lake.

This event for individuals with a disability living in Benton, Henry, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, and Saline counties was an annual favorite pre-COVID.

All activities were provided by

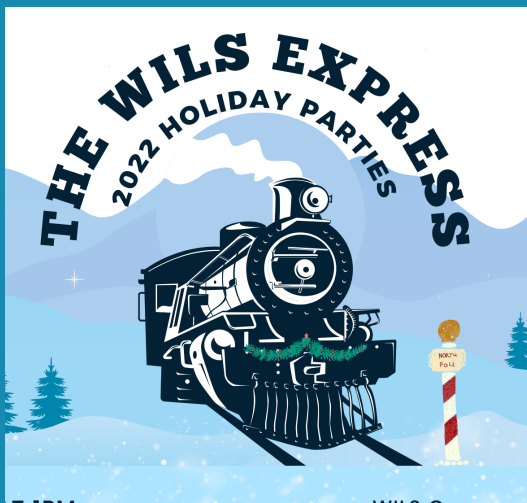
the MDC and included fishing, archery, and target practice. RISE Cafe catered delicious boxed lunches.

By the end of the day, we saw several bullseye shots, and a few small, but feisty, fish on the line.

Most importantly, we saw lots of smiles and heard many shouts of joy! Despite the unusually high fall temperatures, a good time was had by all.



WILS provides options that can make Independent Living a **choice**. WILS encourages participants to take **control** by setting & accomplishing their own personal goals. Learning to make informed decisions allows participants to **change** from unnecessary dependency to full inclusion in community life.



Deb's Desk

A note from WILS Executive Director

Dear Friends of WILS,

Greetings to all!

September is the start of my favorite time of the year. The days will get cooler, leaves will turn, and the pumpkins will be ready for pie. We hope that you will get out and about to WILS activities and other community events.

Some of you have asked about wage increases for your attendants. We have been working hard on our budget to determine a new wage range. The CDS program did receive some additional funds this year, but not to the level of some of the state funded programs. Our Board of Directors will be discussing attendant wages at the September meeting. Information will be passed along to your case managers as soon as decisions are final.

Please follow us on social media @THEWILSWAY for updates on all our programs and services. You can help us by sharing the good news of what WILS is doing to support the disability movement with friends and family.

Again, I personally want to thank you all for choosing WILS! As always, reach out if we can assist you in any way as you live your best life independently!



Warmly,

Deb Hobson,
Executive Director

Upcoming events

Details found at W-ILS.org

Fridays 10am – 12pm: Acrylic Painting at WILS Warrensburg

Oct 11: Katy Trail Tram Tour, 1:30pm

Nov 16: Community Care Event in Marshall, 10:30am

Nov 3: Medicare Q&A with CLAIM in Warsaw, 9am

Nov 4: Project Community Connect at UCM Rec, 9am

Nov 10: Medicare Q&A with CLAIM in Sedalia, 9am

Nov 10: Turning Red movie, 5pm

Nov 11: Veterans Day observed, WILS offices closed

Nov 17: Medicare Q&A with CLAIM in Warrensburg, 9am

Nov 24–25: Thanksgiving observed, WILS offices closed

WILS Consumer Holiday Parties:
Dec 6 at St. Ann in Warsaw, 1pm
Dec 8 at 1st United Methodist in Sedalia, 1pm
Dec 14 at First Baptist Church in Warrensburg, 1pm

Dec 26: Christmas observed, WILS offices closed



WILS congratulates Windsor High School graduate, Eli Taulman, on receiving the \$500 WILS Empowerment Scholarship. Eli says, "I am so honored to be chosen for this scholarship. As a person who stutters, I am excited to be able to advocate for others. This is a journey of self-improvement, not of being dependent on others for help."



Tailgate Recipe Challenge Accepted. WILS peer support participants gathered at each WILS office location to determine the healthiest and tastiest winning recipe among ultimate game day and tailgating recipes! Attendees put on their judging hats and put in the hard work of taste testing. Garlic knots were the clear winner. Participants were entered to win an air fryer so the lucky recipient can continue the quest to healthy AND delicious treats all season long. Go Chiefs!

Community Care

Sharing is caring and both were in abundant supply at WILS community care events for Johnson and Henry county residents.

Bags of cleaning and hygiene products supplied by Jeremiah 29:11 were shared with attendees in Warrensburg at the Community Center and at the State Fair Community College Campus in Clinton. Check the W-ILS.org calendar page for future dates and locations in WILS other service areas.



WILS Celebrates 25

Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day-in and day-out.

The Board of Directors, WILS staff, community partners, and supporters all joined together in celebrating over 9,125 days of efforts, successes, and achievements through the years.

Awards and proclamations were on display as we all walked down memory lane.



The cities of Sedalia, Warsaw, and Warrensburg issued proclamations celebrating WILS 25th Anniversary. They applauded the history, goals, and accomplishments through WILS 25 years of service. None of this would be possible without YOU. Thank you for being a part of our story. Together we will continue to work towards independence, accessibility, and inclusion.

WEST-CENTRAL INDEPENDENT LIVING SOLUTIONS

SAY Hello!

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MYTH:

If I live in an area that does not have public transportation or I do not have transportation, I can not get a COVID vaccine.



FACT:

WILS offers free accessible transportation to COVID vaccine appointments.
W-ILS.org



MYTH:

I can not get a COVID vaccine because the local health clinic does not offer the accommodations I need.



FACT:

You can coordinate an at-home COVID vaccine appointment through your health department.
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