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supporting people in living their best lives*



My Little Brother

by John Walters

I grew up in a family with two sisters for siblings. Eventually, I was living in Oklahoma with a family of my own. In 1984, we had a daughter and three sons, ranging in age from 20 to 14. I had been donating to "Big Brothers Big Sisters of America," and I noticed a box on the back of the donation envelope that said, "If you would like to do more, check here." I paused for a moment. The "still small voice" said I should, so I checked the box.

After a while, I got another message from the organization that they would like me to be a "Big Brother" for a young man. They had me checked out and decided I was of suitable character. They introduced me to an 11-year-old young man, Joe Magness. His father had died when he was four years old. I was busy with my family of four children, a full-time job, active in my church, the Boy Scouts of America and other organizations, but I decided to see what I could do for Joe. I was very active outdoors, and maybe he would like that.

I dedicated four hours every Saturday morning to doing whatever Joe would like to do. We hiked, rode bicycles, and played arcade games. I even went roller skating with him. Although that was NOT one of my skills! I managed to not fall while skating! We did this for the next two years. He enjoyed the companionship and so did I. Then I found out that I was being transferred to faraway South Carolina! That was heart-breaking, but that is where my job went. We stayed in touch and visited when we were back in Oklahoma. He graduated from high school, and we came back for his graduation. He joined the army, and we stayed in touch. He got married and started to raise a family. I visited him in Illinois in 2007 and met his wife, Jodi, and one-month-old Joseph, Jr.

We kept in touch as he moved to Iowa and then Kansas while I moved to South Carolina and then to northern Georgia. I moved to southern Georgia and wrote again. The letter came back as undeliverable!

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We had lost touch, and we had BOTH moved recently. I walked into the Bainbridge, Ga., post office and talked to the lady postmaster and told her the situation. She said, "Just a minute" and called the lady postmaster of the small southwest town in Kansas where Joe had lived and found out he had moved to another small town nearby. Now, that's small-town USA! I got the new address, and we were back in touch in the year 2000!

We have stayed in touch as he and family have moved back to Dewey, Okla., and as I have moved to Vacaville, Calif., to Zurich, Switzerland, to Munich, Germany, back to Vacaville, and finally back to our original hometown of Manhattan, Kan.

Since we have been here, we have visited back and forth. Younger Joseph has graduated from high school as valedictorian and is now in college at Oklahoma State! Joe's younger son, Joshua (now 15) is even better at school than that!

He told me once that I was the only good thing that happened to him in his life. I reminded him that he had two loving, wonderful sons and a wonderful loving wife who had stuck with him through thick and thin. He agreed that he did have that wonderful family, and that I wasn't the only one!

My little brother grew taller than I ever was, but I have been like a father he never really had. We talk often on both his good and bad days. I can counsel him from my greatly varied years of experience. I am spiritually guided in these conversations. He has grown a lot of self-confidence.

We should all be alert to ways we can help others. We have unique experiences that can enlighten others. It may seem difficult to know what is useful or not useful to others, but God knows every one of us perfectly. He will guide us if we try to help, if we are willing to know our shortcomings and we are willing to listen to "the still small voice!"



GAME DAY

Beef Nachos

Fried tortilla chips topped with creamy queso, seasoned ground beef, red onions, tomatoes & shredded lettuce, \$9

Bacon Cheeseburger Sliders

Two 3-oz. burgers with bacon & cheddar cheese on mini buns served with a side of fries, \$11.50

Mac & Cheese Bites

Eight fried mac & cheese bites filled with smoked gouda, macaroni, & bacon in a crunchy coating. Served with ranch dipping sauce, \$9



Oct. 10, 2:30 p.m.

KSU vs. Houston, **HOME**
Channel: FOX

Oct. 17, TBD

KSU vs. KU, **HOME**
Channel: TBD

Oct. 24, TBD

KSU vs. Arizona St., **AWAY**
Channel: TBD

Oct. 31, TBD

KSU vs. Colorado, **AWAY**
Channel: TBD

Nov. 7, TBD

KSU vs. Okla. State, **HOME**
Channel: TBD

Boneless Wings

Six boneless wings tossed in your choice of buffalo or BBQ sauce with celery sticks, \$7

Chili Cheese Fries

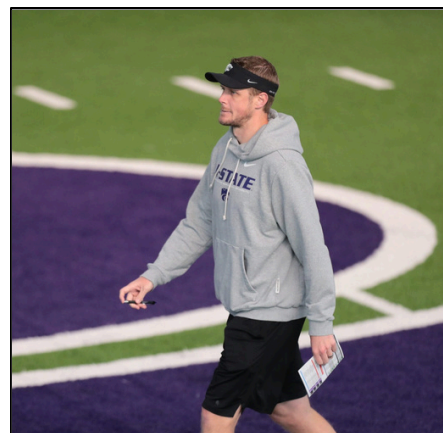
French fries topped with housemade chili, shredded velveeta cheese, and diced green onions, \$7

Willie's Ranch Water

Jose Cuervo tequila, soda water, lime juice, and a splash of blue curacao, \$5

Grape Ice Cream Float

Two scoops of vanilla ice cream and grape soda served in a pint glass topped with whipped cream, \$5



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Current KSU
Football Standing

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

A Hole-in-One for Art Chaput!

submitted by Pat Fredrickson

Congratulations to Art Chaput, who scored a hole-in-one while golfing at Wildcat Creek Golf Course on Thursday, Sept. 24! Art was on the ninth hole, about 131 yards from the pin, when his shot landed on the green, rolled toward the flagstick, and dropped into the cup.

A hole-in-one is a rare accomplishment. Congratulations, Art, on a shot to remember!

Share in the Appreciation of our Lovely Grounds!

submitted by Nikki Strobe

Anyone who delights in our green grass, our multiple shade trees, our well-cared-for landscape; anyone who loves our Meadowlark surroundings, please join our Outdoors Committee to help us encourage its constant and careful attention. We meet every second Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Flint Hills Room. This month our meeting will be on Friday, Oct. 9.

From Our Hearts to Theirs

submitted by the Staff Appreciation Fund

Meadowlark is a successful, welcoming community. The staff play an essential part in building our community. The staff are all important, and the longevity of staff is equally important. Residents and friends of Meadowlark can help support employees by donating to the Staff Appreciation Fund. Please know that the gift committee receives no information about who donates or the amount that any individual gives. We encourage everyone to contribute and to do your best to keep the best. All funds are placed in a lockbox at the Hospitality Desk and then taken directly to the bank.

Please consider making a gift to support our wonderful staff. In Person: Submit your contribution at the Hospitality Desk. By mail: send your check to the Staff Appreciation Fund, 2121 Meadowlark Road, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Medicare Open Enrollment: Oct. 15–Dec. 7

It's almost time for Medicare Open Enrollment, which runs from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, 2026. This annual enrollment period is an important opportunity to review your Medicare coverage and make changes for 2027. Changes made during Open Enrollment generally take effect Jan. 1, 2027.

Even if you are happy with your current coverage, it's a good idea to review your plan each year. Medicare Advantage and prescription drug plans can change their costs, benefits, provider networks, drug coverage, or availability from one year to the next. Pay

close attention to notices you receive from your current insurance plan this fall.

If your Medicare Advantage plan will no longer be offered in 2027, you will have options. You may select another Medicare Advantage plan or return to Original Medicare. If you return to Original Medicare, you may need to select a separate Part D prescription drug plan and may want to consider Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap). Special enrollment periods and certain Medigap protections may apply when a Medicare Advantage plan is discontinued, so it is important to review your individual situation before making changes.

The Meadowlark Finance Team is here to help residents navigate Medicare Open Enrollment. We are fortunate to have James Beck, Meadowlark resident and trained SHICK (Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas) volunteer, available to work individually with residents utilizing Medicare. Jim's availability is listed in the Blue Book at the Hospitality Desk; please sign up for a date and time that works for you.

Residents attending a Medicare Clinic appointment should come prepared. Please bring your Medicare card, a current list of medications, your Medicare.gov log-in information, a smartphone, and a valid photo ID.

The Finance Team also will be available to assist residents during the Open Enrollment process. Making sure you understand your options and have the coverage that meets your needs is important, so please don't hesitate to ask for assistance.

Take a Chance on \$50,000!

There's still time to take a chance on \$50,000! Tickets are on sale for Meadowlark Foundation's \$50,000 Raffle, benefiting Meadowlark Cancer Program and Meadowlark Memory Program. For just \$50 per ticket, you'll have a chance to win big while helping keep both community programs free and accessible to adults throughout the region.

The Grand Prize drawing is Dec. 1, so don't wait to get your ticket! Tickets are available at the Hospitality Desk, from Becky Fitzgerald, Sarah Gido, or Karen Matthews during Meadowlark Market sales, or online at meadowlark.org. Payment may be made by cash, check, or credit card.

\$50 could win you \$50,000—and help two worthy causes along the way!

Call for Artists!

Meadowlark will host Meadowlark's Great Art Festival and Sale on Oct. 24, 2026, at Prairie Star Event

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Center, and we are looking for resident, Passport, and employee artists who are interested in selling their artwork. Artists are sought in the mediums of woodwork, fiber, ceramic, jewelry, and 2D (watercolor, photography, oil, etc.). Based on interest, a selection criteria may apply. Those interested should contact the Meadowlark Hospitality Desk by Oct. 16. All participating artists must have their own method of taking payment for art and follow all necessary tax regulations.

HOGtoberfest is tomorrow!

Friday, Oct. 2, 2026

Come hungry and ready for fun! The 13th annual HOGTOBERFEST is tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 2, in the Meadowlark Courtyard, weather permitting. Stop by between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. for Bavarian-inspired food and drinks, fellowship, and FUNdraising. Lunch stations will be available for \$16, followed by a German-inspired dinner buffet for \$18. Ten percent of food and beverage proceeds will benefit the Meadowlark Foundation's Good Samaritan Fund.

There's also a last-minute change to the entertainment lineup! Because of unforeseen circumstances, Dave Zerfas and Neal Marten are unable to perform, but the Grateful Dudes are coming to the live-music rescue! Tony Ridder, Steve Butler, and Marsha Jensen will perform classic and familiar tunes from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Join us tomorrow for FOOD, FRIENDS, live music, and FUNdraising—all for a great cause!

Piano Performance by Scilynn Gros

Saturday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m.

Meadowlark welcomes Scilynn Gros, a junior at Wabaunsee High School, for a special piano performance on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m. in the Flint Hills Room.

Scilynn discovered her love of piano at age 9 through her grandmother and has been playing ever since. Having performed at other area retirement communities, she is looking forward to sharing her musical talents with Meadowlark residents. The performance will last approximately 30 minutes. All are welcome to attend!

Worship Services

Sunday, Oct. 4, at 10 & 11 a.m.

Join Rev. Melanie Nord, at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4, in the Community Room/Chapel for Worship Service, "Doctrinal Studies (Ecumenicism)." Coffee and fellowship will be available in the lobby between 9:30 a.m. and noon. All are welcome.

Reflection Connections

Monday, Oct. 5, at 9:30 a.m.

In conjunction with the Memory Caregiver Support Group, Reflection Connections provides a welcoming and engaging space for individuals living with memory loss, cognitive changes, or dementia to enjoy meaningful activities and social connection. The next gathering is Monday, Oct. 5, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

If you are new to Reflection Connections and would like to participate, please contact Michelle Haub with the Meadowlark Memory Program at (785) 323-3899 prior to attending.

Visual Minds

Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m.

What do you think and see when you look at a work of art? Have you ever wondered what other people think and see? Enjoy discussing unique pieces of art in a conversation guided by a certified visual thinking strategy facilitator on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m., in the Bison Room.

No matter your abilities or experiences, everyone is able to participate in the discussion as viewers explore the answer to the question, "What do you see?"

Vesper Devotion Series

Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Join us each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room for evening Vesper Services led by Rev. Melanie Nord and this week's guest Jackie Torres. This week's message is titled, "Doing Good in Our Communities."

Page Turners Book Club

Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 11:30 a.m.

Join the Page Turners Book group for our second discussion of *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. A group of pensioners attempt to solve the mystery of the murder of a property developer in the luxurious Cooper's Chase retirement village near the fictitious seaside village of Fairhaven in Kent. This laugh-out-loud, "whodunit" novel was recently turned into a Netflix film starring Pierce Brosnan and Helen Mirran. You do not have to attend every session to if you have questions or would like to borrow a copy of the book, please contact Katie Sigman at (785) 323-3899.

Volunteer & Tech Helper

Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 4 p.m.

Deborah Goins will be available to provide in-home technology support to residents on Wednesday, Oct. 7. Please sign up in the Blue Book at the Hospitality desk for a time to meet with her for an in-home visit.

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Riddles Jewelry Free Cleaning Visit

Thursday, Oct. 8, at 10 a.m.

Is your wedding set or favorite necklace looking a bit dull? Visit Riddle's Jewelry in the Kansas Room from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, for complimentary professional cleaning and inspections. Their expert team will be checking for loose prongs and restoring your pieces to their original brilliance!

Ladies Luncheon

Thursday, Oct. 8, at 11:30 a.m.

The next Ladies Luncheon will be on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 11:30 a.m. in the Event Center. Our speaker will be Meadowlark resident Lou Nell Gustavson, who will be speaking on pumpkins in October!

A light lunch of beef stew topped with a biscuit, Jello salad, and a pumpkin bar is planned at a cost of \$11 per person. Please sign up in the Blue Book at the Hospitality Desk to join us for the meal. If you require a different meal, please indicate what you want next to your name on the sign-up sheet.

PD Care Partners Social

Thursday, Oct. 8, at 11:30 a.m.

This is an informal opportunity for PD Care Partners to join one another for lunch at Prairie Star Restaurant while your loved one with PD is participating in Caring Conversations Lunch Group. The cost of food and drinks are the responsibility of each care partner. Meet other care partners on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blood Pressure Check

Thursday, Oct. 8, at 1 p.m.

Meadowlark Home Care hosts a monthly Blood Pressure Clinic on the second Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Kansas Room. The next scheduled clinic is Thursday, Oct. 8, at 1 p.m. No sign up required.

Knitting & Crocheting Group

Thursday, Oct. 8, at 2:30 p.m.

Are you interested in learning how to knit or crochet? Or maybe you have ongoing projects you'd like to work on? Whether you are just beginning or have years of experience, join other yarn creatives in the Kansas Room at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, for a fun, social, creative opportunity. All skill levels are welcome!

Volunteer & Tech Helper

Thursday, Oct. 8, at 4 p.m.

Deborah Goins will be available to help residents with technology questions between 4 and 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, in the Flint Hills Room.

UFM: Sea Shanty Sing-along

Friday, Oct. 9, at 4 p.m.

Ahoy! Join UFM instructor John Knight, also known as Billy O'Riley, for a Sea Shanty Sing-Along at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, in the Event Center. Learn about the traditional work songs sailors once used to coordinate their efforts aboard ships—and then join in the fun! Most songs are call-and-response, so no singing experience or skill is needed. All voices are welcome!

Enrollment is open and can be completed by calling (785) 539-8763. The class is free for Meadowlark residents, and Passport members receive a 20% discount.

Music of Kennedy Anne Wichman

Friday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m.

Meadowlark is excited to welcome back Kennedy Anne Wichman on Friday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Event Center. A native of Green, Kansas, Kennedy began teaching herself guitar in 2020 and has since taken her love of music to the stage.

Kennedy performs a blend of traditional country and gospel music, sometimes joined by her dad. Her faith is at the heart of her music, and she hopes to glorify God through every performance. Join us for a special evening of music!

KSU Football Watch Party!

Saturday, Oct. 10, at 2:30 p.m.

All are invited on Saturday, Oct. 10, to the Kansas Room and Prairie Star to watch our K-State Wildcats take on the Houston Cougars. Kick-off is at 2:30 p.m.

Thundering Cats Performance

Sunday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m.

The Thundering Cats return to Meadowlark on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m. in the Event Center!

This special performance is co-sponsored by Dr. Byron and Carolyn Alexander and the Bell Family Foundation in celebration of Byron's 90th birthday.

Enjoy favorites from the Big Band Era, including music from Byron's favorite, the Glenn Miller Orchestra. The Thundering Cats were originally organized by longtime Meadowlark resident Jim Reed and have become a favorite of Meadowlark audiences over the years. Join us for a wonderful afternoon of music and help celebrate Byron's milestone birthday!



RESTAURANT **SPECIALS**

Sunday, Oct. 4	Sunday Brunch Brunch Menu available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	\$13 Dinner Homemade Chicken Tenders Biscuit with Honey Butter Honey-Garlic Carrots
Monday, Oct. 5	\$11 Lunch Chicken Pot Pie Fresh Green Beans	\$14 Dinner Swiss Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Buttered Beets
Tuesday, Oct. 6	\$11 Lunch Italian Grinder Sandwich Curly Fries	\$17 Dinner Blackened Shrimp Baked Sweet Potato Collard Greens
Wednesday, Oct. 7	\$11 Lunch Turkey Club Wrap Broccoli Cheese Soup	\$15 Dinner Chicken-Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Creamed Corn
Thursday, Oct. 8	\$11 Lunch Steak Fajita Quesadilla Corn Salad	\$15 Dinner Chicken Parmesan <i>served over Linguine</i> Garlic Bread Spinach Salad
Friday, Oct. 9	\$11 Lunch Taco Bar	\$16 Dinner BBQ Brisket Twice Baked Potato Coleslaw
Saturday, Oct. 10	KSU Game Day Menu See page 3	KSU Game Day Menu See page 3

Weekly Opportunities Calendar Oct. 4 to Oct. 10

Sunday • Oct. 4

Put your trash at the curb!

8:45 a.m. ~ Transport to College Ave UMC, ME
 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Fellowship, ME
 10:00 a.m. ~ Transport to College Ave UMC, ME
 10:00 a.m. ~ Worship Service, CR/**1960**
 10:30 a.m. ~ Transportation to FUMC, ME
 11:00 a.m. ~ Worship Service, CR/**1960**

Monday • Oct. 5

Trash & Recycle pick-up.

9:30 a.m. ~ Seated Strength, CR/**1960**
 9:30 a.m. ~ Memory Care Partner Group, **STM**
 9:30 a.m. ~ Reflection Connections, **STM**
 10:30 a.m. ~ Weights 101, CR/**1960**
 11:00 a.m. ~ Rock Steady Boxing, **PF**
 11:30 a.m. ~ Sit & Be Fit, CR/**1960**
 1:00 p.m. ~ Parkinson's Exercise Class, CR/**1960**
 1:30 p.m. ~ God Talk, KSU CL
 1:45 p.m. ~ Parkinson's Voice Class, CR
 7:00 p.m. ~ Community Bingo, CR

Tuesday • Oct. 6

10:00 a.m. ~ Visual Minds, BR
 10:00 a.m. ~ Mat Yoga, KSU CL
 10:30 a.m. ~ Steady Yourself, CR/**1960**
 11:15 a.m. ~ Chair Yoga, CR/**1960**
 12:00 p.m. ~ Kimball Luncheon, BR
 1:00 p.m. ~ Adapting to Life Change, FHR
 2:00 p.m. ~ 10-Point Pitch Group, GR
 2:00 p.m. ~ Social Circles, PS
 2:00 p.m. ~ Water Media Painting, KSU CL
 3:00 p.m. ~ Coffee Corner, EC
 3:30 p.m. ~ Ambassador's Meeting, PR
 6:30 p.m. ~ Vespers, CR

Wednesday • Oct. 7

9:30 a.m. ~ Seated Strength, CR/**1960**
 10:00 a.m. ~ Walmart/Dillons Shopping Trip, ME
 10:00 a.m. ~ Memory Care Partners Group, FHR
 10:00 a.m. ~ Memory Café, KSU CL
 10:30 a.m. ~ Weights 101, CR/**1960**
 11:30 a.m. ~ Sit & Be Fit, CR
 11:30 a.m. ~ Page Turners Book Club, PR
 3:00 p.m. ~ Rock Steady Boxing, CR
 3:00 p.m. ~ Sing-a-Long, FHR
 5:30 p.m. ~ Meadowlark Men's Social Supper, MR
 5:30 p.m. ~ Tech Help, **in-home sign ups only**

Thursday • Oct. 8

9:00 a.m. ~ Messenger Team, KSU CL
 10:00 a.m. ~ Mat Yoga, KSU CL
 10:00 a.m. ~ Riddles Jewelry Free Cleaning, KR
 10:30 a.m. ~ Steady Yourself, CR/**1960**
 11:15 a.m. ~ Chair Yoga, CR/**1960**
 11:30 a.m. ~ Ladies Luncheon, EC
 11:30 a.m. ~ Caring Conv. for People w/ PD, FHR
 11:30 a.m. ~ PD Care Partner Social, PS
 1:00 p.m. ~ Parkinson's Exercise Class, CR/**1960**
 1:00 p.m. ~ PD Care Partner Support Group, FHR
 1:00 p.m. ~ Blood Pressure Check, KR
 2:30 p.m. ~ Knitting & Crocheting, KR
 3:00 p.m. ~ Fanny & Furby, KR
 4:00 p.m. ~ Meadowlark Singers Practice, CR
 4:00 p.m. ~ Tech Help, FHR
 5:30 p.m. ~ East Side Supper, BR

Friday • Oct. 9

7:30 a.m. ~ Rock Steady Boxing, **PF**
 9:30 a.m. ~ Seated Strength, CR/**1960**
 10:30 a.m. ~ Weights 101, CR/**1960**
 11:30 a.m. ~ Sit & Be Fit, CR/**1960**
 4:00 p.m. ~ UFM: Sea Shanty Sing-a-long, CR
 7:00 p.m. ~ Music with Kennedy Wichman, EC

Saturday • Oct. 10

9:00 a.m. ~ Tai Chi, **1960 only**
 9:30 a.m. ~ Band Bust Exercise Class, **1960 only**
 2:30 p.m. ~ KSU Football Watch Party, KR/PS

Room Abbreviations

1960, TV Channel 1960	ME, Main Entrance
BR, Bison Room	MM, 120 N. Scenic Drive
CR, Community Room	MR, Manhattan Room
CY, Courtyard	PF, Peakform Wellness
EC, Event Center	PR, Patriot Room
FHR, Flint Hills Room	PS, Prairie Star Restaurant
GC, Grosh Cinema	STM, St. Thomas More
KR, Kansas Room	VBL, Verna Belle's Lounge
KSU CL, KSU Classroom	WPL, Wamego Library



GROSH CINEMA SHOWTIMES

Monday to Saturday ... 1:00 p.m. / 4:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.
Sunday ... 2:00 p.m. / 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY: Oct. 4

RESIDENT REQUEST

PRIDE & PREJUDICE (1940) Approved, 1 hr. 58min. *Period Drama, Romantic Comedy*

Cast: Greer Garson, Laurence Oliver, & Mary Boland

The arrival of wealthy bachelors in town causes an uproar when families with single daughters aggressively seek engagements, including the Bennet family, with five eligible daughters.

MONDAY: Oct. 5

DEATH BECOMES HER (1992) PG-13, 1 hr. 44 min. *Dark Comedy, Body Horror*

Cast: Meryl Streep, Bruce Willis, & Goldie Hawn

Two women vie for a man and the secret of eternal beauty.

TUESDAY: Oct. 6

RESIDENT REQUEST

WONKA (2023) PG, 1 hr. 56 min. *Supernatural Fantasy, Adventure, Family*

Cast: Timothy Chalamet, Gustave Die, Murray McArthur

With dreams of opening a shop in a city renowned for its chocolate, a young and poor Willy Wonka discovers that the industry is run by a cartel of greedy chocolatiers.

WEDNESDAY: Oct. 7

TOMBSTONE (1993) R for violence, 2 hr. 10 min. *Western, DocuDrama*

Cast: Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, & Sam Elliott

A successful lawman's plans to retire anonymously in Tombstone, Ariz., are disrupted by the kind of outlaws he was famous for eliminating.

THURSDAY: Oct. 8

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS (1974) PG, 2 hr. 8 min. *Suspense, Mystery, Crime*

Cast: Albert Finney, Lauren Bacall, & Ingrid Bergman

Returning home from Istanbul on the Orient Express, renowned Belgian detective Hercule Poirot is called upon to solve the murder of an American businessman aboard the train. The suspects are numerous and the clues confusing.

FRIDAY: Oct. 9

MY STEPMOTHER IS AN ALIEN (1998) PG-13, 1 hr. 45 min. *Comedy, Sci-Fi*

Cast: Dan Aykroyd, Kim Basinger, & Jon Lovitz

A creature from another planet tries to seduce a shy Earth physicist to gain control over his research. The result of this important mission much exceeded her expectations.

SATURDAY: Oct. 10

THE FLINTSTONES (1994) PG, 1 hr. 31 min. *Buddy Comedy, Slapstick*

Cast: John Goodman, Rick Moranis, & Rosie O'Donnell

In a parallel modern-day Stone Age world, a working-class family, the Flintstones, are set up for an executive job. They learn that money can't buy happiness.