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THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NORSELAND NURSING HOME



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## **Employee Highlights:**

### WORK ANNIVERSARIES:

-Tonya Henke, CNA: 15 yrs. Heather Hanson, CNA: 11 yrs. Hannah Crick, CNA: 2 yrs. Angela Hadley, Nursing Support: 2 yrs. Becky Lear, Dietary Cook: 4 yrs. Madison Kolbo, Dietary Aide: 1 yr. Kris Holen, Housekeeping : 33 yrs.

#### **NEW EMPLOYEES:**

-Sally Haynes, LPN -John Bay, CNA

Be sure to check out our website for available job opportunities:

https://www.bsjcorp.com/employment/

### Announcements

#### COVID-19/INFLUENZA UPDATE:

We currently don't have any new updates regarding COVID-19/Influenza. We continue to monitor Vernon County's COVID-19 transmission rate and require masks when the county is listed as "high." If you have any questions or concerns regarding COVID-19/Influenza please feel free to ask.

> -Megan McLean, Administrator



#### **ANNOUNCEMENT: EASTER MEAL**

Norseland's Easter Lunch is reserved for those who purchased meal tickets in advance. Our final deadline was March 28th. Due to the need to pre-order food, we require a head count of guests in advance. You may still take your loved one out for holiday festivities or bring in an Easter meal to share. Be sure to notify nursing staff if you are planning to sign your loved one out. Thank you for understanding!

# **Special Events**



National Farm Animals Day

We will be celebrating National Farm Animals Day on April 10th @ 2:00 PM with a special pig guest: BRUTUS! Brutus is a part of the American Mini Pig Association and certified therapy pig. Join us in petting Brutus and watching his tricks!

National Grilled Cheese Day

April 12th is National Grilled Cheese Day! To celebrate, our Rec Therapy dept will be offering a special meal of Grilled Cheese and Chicken Dumpling Soup. If your loved one is interested in signing up, please see Rec Therapy!



Valley Market Buting

We will be taking a group of residents on an outing to the Valley Market Greenhouse in Coon Valley on Friday, April 21st @ 10:00 pending weather. Residents will have the opportunity to pick out hanging flower baskets, planters, decorative floral pieces, etc. If your loved one is interested in attending, please sign up with our Rec Therapy Dept.



Krumkake Making

Bekkum Memorial Library will be hosting a krumkake making demonstration that we will be attending Tuesday, April 25th @ 9:30 am. We look forward to recalling memories and traditions of our Norwegian heritage. Thank you Bekkum Memorial Library for including us in your community events! If you're loved one is interested in attending, be sure to sign up with Rec Therapy Dept!

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## **Community Engagement**



Westby Lions Easter Egg Hunt

The Westby Lions will be hosting their annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 8th 2023 at Norseland Nursing Home with a start time of 10:00 AM. The hunt will be hosted for children 3 and under in Norseland dining room. All others will be hosted outside on our lawn. Be sure to stop by and get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny! Thank you to the Westby Lions for sponsoring this wonderful community event and including the residents of Norseland Nursing Home! A special thanks to Todd Volden with Westby's Edward Jones for your donation of Easter candy!



Accessible UN Rides

As the weather gets warmer, we are anxiously awaiting to get our UTV back out for rides within the community. Once the weather is warmer on a consistent basis, we will be reserving Thursdays for UTV rides. Residents' family and friends are welcomed to join their loved one for a ride. Just a friendly reminder, be sure to contact Ange Kaye in Rec Therapy to set up your ride appointment!



National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is celebrated nationally April 16-April 23, 2023. We will be hosting our annual volunteer appreciation banquet at Kos Gastropub to thank and honor our current volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at Norseland or within our Norseland Auxiliary, please reach out to Ange Kaye in our Rec Therapy Dept.

## Special Thanks to our Donors



Ellen Jaeger Labourta

Thank you Ellen for your generous monetary gift to be utilized to purchase flowers for our facility in the Spring. With this generous gift, we are able to display beautiful flower planters all around the facility. The flower planters act a great conversation starter as many residents can recall memories of working in the garden. Additionally, residents LOVE to get outside and help maintain the flowers on the property. Thank you Ellen for choosing to share your kindness with us!



Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran Church

Thank you to Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran Church who provided our Recreation Therapy Dept with a monetary gift. A portion of this monetary gift will be utilized during National Nursing Home Week for a LIVE educational presentation on RAPTORS. Raptor visitors will include falcons, owls, hawks, etc. This educational presentation will be held on Monday, May 15th @ 2:00 PM. Thank you WCPLC for choosing to share your kindness with us and assisting in our ability to continue offering unique and engaging programs for our residents and their families!





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In Honor of Florence Janzen

Thank you to Therese & Dan Flock, Leeanne & David Quackenbush, and Janzen Family for your generous monetary gifts in honor of your mother Florence Janzen. With your monetary gift, you will be helping to make National Nursing Home Week extra special for staff and residents! Residents will get to cheer for their team as staff compete in the inflatable jousting arena on May 16th @ 2:00 PM. Residents will then get to enjoy a magic show put on by the Magic of Isaiah on Friday, May 19th @ 2:00 PM. We can't wait to see the giggles and smiles that will come from these events! Thank you for your generosity!

### **National Nursing Home Week**

May 15th – May 19th (subject to change)

### Monday May 15th (Wilderness Day)

10:00 LIVE Rainbow Trout Fishing with Genoa National Fish Hatchery
11:00 Exercise if time allows
12:00 Staff Appreciation Burrachos Catered Lunch made possible by anonymous donation
2:00 LIVE Raptor presentation with River Valley Raptors
(Made possible by Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran Church)

4:00 Smores Making

### Tuesday May 16th (Olympic Day)

9:45 Olympic Games (Lawn Darts, Water Balloon Toss, Airplane Toss)
11:00 Exercise
2:00 National Anthem & Inflatable Jousting Amongst Staff
(Made by possible by Florence Janzen Family)
4:00 Olympic Kahoot (if time allows)

### Wednesday May 17th (Syttende Mai Day)

All Day-Troll Hunt-Turn into Rec Therapy for a prize if you can find one!
9:45 Sandbakkel Making
11:00 Exercise to Norwegian Music **2:00 Rosemaling Demonstration & Try It Yourself with Donna Leis**Thank you Donna for donating your time and talent!
3:00 Sandbakkels & Coffee
4:00 Norway Trivia Competition to determine Norseland's
Syttende Mai Royalty

### Thursday May 18th (Carnival Day)

9:45 Pick-A-Duck & Balloon Darts
11:00 Exercise
1:30 Balloon Art Demonstration with Kevin (Made possible by anonymous donor)
4:00 Cotton Candy & Tin Cans, Fish & Pong Balls

### Friday May 19th (Norseland Day)

10:00 Staff/Resident Cornhole Tournament
11:00 Blind Taste-Testing Game
2:00 Magic Show with Isaiah Foster(Made possible by Florence Janzen Family)
4:00 Westby Area Kahoot!