

Norseland News

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NORSELAND NURSING HOME



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Employee Highlights:

WORK ANNIVERSARIES:

- Ashley Herricks C.N.A.: 11 yrs.
- Daisy Hansen C.N.A.: 3 yrs.
- Makayla Manke C.N.A.: 2 yrs.
- Linda Hagen Laundry: 30 yrs.
- Crystal Brown B.A.A.: 16 yrs.

NEW EMPLOYEES:

- Brianna Connelly: Nurse Tech
- Serenity Pahl: Nut. Services
- Kelly Bina: D.O.N.

Announcements

STAFFING UPDATE: NEW DIRECTOR OF NURSING

My name is Kelly Bina and I am excited to join the team at Norseland. I am married and have 3 grown children and 5 grandchildren: ages 17, 12, 5, 2, and 1. I have been a nurse for almost 30 years, working most of those years in the geriatric field. In my free time I enjoy boating, camping, gardening, and traveling. I look forward to meeting all of you!

Kelly Bina, RN

Director of Nursing



ANNOUNCEMENT: NURSING EMPLOYMENT

Norseland is willing to pay for you to become a CNA! This is a great program for high schoolers, or anyone interested in getting into healthcare! Being a CNA is an extremely rewarding job! It is also the perfect way to get started in healthcare for those who may be interested in becoming a nurse or another career path in the healthcare field! If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more, please contact us at 608-634-3747.

-Megan McLearn,
 Administrator

Special Events



La Crosse Queen River Cruise

Our Recreation Therapy Department will be taking a group of 4 residents on the La Crosse Queen River Cruise on Friday, July 7th for the 11:00 sightseeing tour. Residents will get to enjoy lunch and the views of the Mississippi River while learning about La Crosse area history. We look forward to spending an afternoon on the river!



Nordic Lanes

Nordic Lanes & UTV Picnic

Our Recreation Therapy Dept will be taking a group of residents for a UTV Picnic with lunch from Nordic Lanes on Tuesday, July 18th @ 11:00am. Residents will get to enjoy lunch at Syverson Park and then go for a scenic drive after. If your loved one is interested, please sign them up with Rec. Therapy.



Driftless Café VIROQUA

Driftless Cafe

Our Recreation Therapy Dept will be taking a group of residents to enjoy lunch at Driftless Cafe in Viroqua on Wednesday, July 26th @ 11:00am. This Farm-To-Table Style restaurant offers fresh menu items while emphasizing seasonal produce. We look forward to sharing a meal together!



4th of July

Our 4th of July Themed programming will include: Fourth of July Bingo, Exercise to Patriotic Music, Themed Craft, and Fourth of July Word Games. Our dietary department will be offering a themed meal including: Brats, Sauerkraut and condiments, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, and Fruit Pizza. What a festive way to celebrate!

Community Engagement



City of Westby

Thank you to the City of Westby for your effort in putting on a firework display for the community to enjoy. Residents will have the opportunity to go outside our front entrance and enjoy the fireworks. The firework display is scheduled for Tuesday, July 4th @ Dusk. Thank you City of Westby!

Walks to Bethel Buttik

Bethel Buttik (local resale shop) is conveniently close to Norseland Nursing Home. Throughout the summer, our Recreation Therapy dept will assist residents on the short walk to visit Bethel Buttik. Residents certainly enjoy this affordable shopping opportunity! A special thank you to the volunteers at Bethel Buttik that are always more than accommodating to us. Be sure to check our weekly recreation calendar for the next shopping opportunity!



Westby Area High School & Westby VFW

Thank you to the Westby High School students that worked together to establish a bake sale at school and donated the proceeds to local veterans. The veterans at Norseland were presented with a monetary gift by Tom Sharratt and Harold Olson (Westby VFW members). Thank you Tom, Harold, and Westby students for collaborating on this project together and choosing to share your kindness with Norseland veterans!

Special Thanks to our Donors



In Memory of Doug Olson, Anna & Gilbert Leum

Thank you to the Lars & Deanna Leum Family for their generous monetary gift in memory of their parents Doug Olson and Anna & Gilbert Leum. Their monetary gift was put towards our UTV fund. This fund provides our UTV with gas and upgrades. Some of the upgrades include: side mirrors, rear view mirrors, blinkers, hazards, and horn system. We look forward to many more UTV trips with residents and their families. Thank you for choosing to share your generosity with us!



In memory of Anna Nordin

Thank you to Susan Metz and Ruth Clark for your generous monetary gift in memory of Anna Nordin. Your generous monetary gifts go towards our Recreation Therapy Dept which allows us to be able to continue offering unique and engaging programs for our residents and their families to enjoy. Thank you for choosing to share your kindness with us!



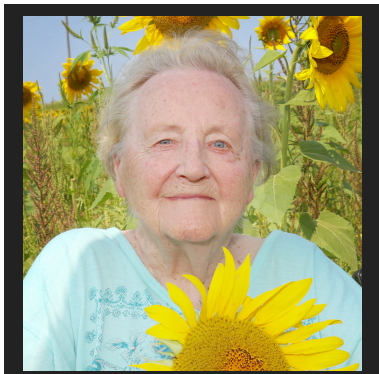
Viroqua VFW

Thank you to Viroqua VFW for their generous monetary gift to be put towards Happy Hour for Norseland Veterans. The Viroqua VFW provides Christmas gifts to our veterans each year. The Viroqua VFW wanted to do something special for our veterans that could be enjoyed year-round. What better way than to share conversation and a beverage at happy hour with fellow veterans! Thank you Viroqua VFW members for your generous gift!

In Memory Of....

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Caroline Bakkestuen



Oct. 3rd, 1931 May 24, 2023

Caroline Salomea (Lindahl) Bakkestuen, 91, died Wednesday May 24, 2023 at Norseland Nursing Home in Westby where she had been a resident for the past 5 plus years. Caroline was born October 3, 1931 in Viroqua to Joel and Salomea (Stoehr) Lindahl. She was baptized, confirmed, married and a lifetime member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Hamburg and Chaseburg. Caroline married Marvin Bakkestuen on Thanksgiving Day 1952 and enjoyed 60 years of marriage until his death on October 16, 2012. The couple farmed for many years in the town of Harmony. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Marvin, brother Selmer and many in-laws.

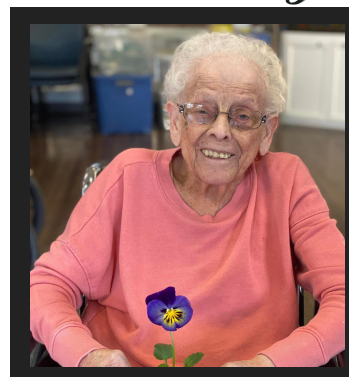
Caroline is survived by her daughter Cherlyn (Bryce) Johnson of McCormick South Carolina and son David Bakkestuen (Jennifer Wuolle) of rural Viroqua; her 5 grandchildren, Adam (Beverly) Bakkestuen of Westby, Caleb (Lindsay) Johnson of Bellville WI; Caitlyn Johnson of Austin TX, Ryan Bakkestuen of Westby, Brittany (Corey) Wilson of Peoria AZ; 9 great grandchildren; 1 brother, Adolph (Gloria) Lindahl of La Crosse and many nieces, nephews, friends, and former students.

Caroline was 4 years old when she started elementary school. She attended Viroqua High School and graduated from LaCrosse Central in 1948. She attended State Teacher's College in LaCrosse for 2 years and got her first teaching job in 1950 at the age of 18. After completing many years of summer school, Caroline graduated with a B.S. degree from the U.W. LaCrosse in 1987. She continued to teach elementary grades for over 33 years in many rural schools, retiring from the Viroqua Area School District in 1984 at the age of 52. Caroline loved teaching and learning with her students.

Caroline also loved to travel. At the age of 20 she made her first transatlantic trip on an ocean liner from New York City to England destined to meet her maternal relatives in Alsace France. Marvin and Caroline continued to be avid travelers They logged three trips to Norway and visited many other domestic and international locations on various tours and cruises. Caroline participated and served in leadership roles in numerous organizations, including 4-H, Homemakers, Farmers Union, Rural Life, Bible Study and Retired Educators Groups. She was a charter member of the Chaseburg Snowtrailers Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or a charity of choice. A special thank you to Lola Bakkestuen and the staff of Norseland Nursing Home for their excellent care.

Florence Janzen



Oct. 19 , 1932 - June 16, 2023

Florence Marie Janzen, 90, of Cashton was united again with the love of her life in what we can only imagine was the most beautiful reunion Heaven has ever seen on Friday, June 16, 2023.

She was born October 19, 1932 to Leo and Anna (Straka) Fuerstenberg. She graduated third in her class from Fennimore High School. On March 1, 1954 Florence married her soul mate, Donald Henry Janzen, and this union would be blessed with 10 children. Don and Florence would celebrate

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would celebrate 65 wonderful years together before Don preceded her in death on May 19, 2019. Florence went to work at the Bank of Cashton where she racked up an impressive 40 plus year career, all the while taking care of 10 kids at home while her husband worked on the road. Tough is not enough of a word to describe her. She had a heart of gold and loved her family with everything she had. Her resilience and strength were with her right up until the end. The strong faith that Florence held dear to her heart since she was young carried her right into the arms of Jesus.

Florence loved the simple life, and never needed a lot to make her happy. She was an avid crafter and every child and grandchild have her homemade crocheted potholders, doilies and dish scrubbers. Florence's German/Bohemian heritage was on full display in the kitchen when she would make Hlavicka, Sachwurst and Jaternice. Another passion of Florence's was Bingo, and she was serious about it. Many of her grandkids got to accompany her on her Bingo trips and witnessed her professional level of play. Above all, Florence loved her family and loved to spend time with them. Many visits were had around her kitchen table. Everyone was always welcome. Holidays would find Cramer Ave full of vehicles up both sides of the street, and Janzen or not, you were always welcome.

Survivors include her children, LeAnne (David) Quackenbush, Marita (Brian) Hoffman, Jeanne (Nick) Schroeder, Jan (Jim) Degenhardt, Ron (Cyndee) Janzen, Donna (Bruce) Mashak, Therese (Duke) Flock, Kurt (Mary) Janzen, and Cory (Tracy) Janzen; 23 grandchildren, Erik (Katie), Lucas (Chelsea), Nicholas, Clay (Angela), Austin (Brenda), Valerie (Cody), Jesse (Jessica), Brett (Dani), Cody (Michelle), Ethan (Lisa), Amanda, Derrick (Stacie), Anna (Cole), Ashley (Chad), Megan (Josh), Taylor (Derek), Keshia (Ray), Jeffery (Kendra), Kaitlin, Emily (Tyler), Micaela (Kaden), Alexis and Nick (Tori); and

29 great grandchildren with number 30 due in August.

She is further survived by her in-laws, Norman (Donna) Janzen, MaryAnn Fuerstenberg, Elaine (Darrel) Pederson, Norma (Al) Spaeth, Dorothy Janzen and Janice Janzen.

Florence was preceded in death by her husband, Don; son, Jeffery (Chipper); grandson, Brandon; siblings, Leonard Fuerstenberg, Elizabeth and Dennis Novinski, Robert and Jean Fuerstenberg, Henry and Lola Fuerstenberg; in-laws, Arnold and Gene Janzen; and nephews, Michael Fuerstenberg and Kevin Janzen.

The Family would like to thank Norseland Nursing Home for their compassionate and exceptional care of their dear mother.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, June 22, 2023, 1:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cashton, WI. Father Michael Klos will officiate. Burial will follow in Saints Peter and Paul, Pine Hollow Cemetery, rural Cashton. Family and friends are invited for visitation Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

The Torkelson Funeral Home of Cashton, WI, is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be offered at www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com.

Memorials may be given to Sacred Heart Parish, Norseland Nursing Home or Cashton First Responders.

