

Norseland News

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NORSELAND NURSING HOME



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Employee Highlights:

WORK ANNIVERSARIES:

- Violet Manke: Receptionist 1 yr.
- Pat Nevsimal: Laundry 1 yr.
- Eli Jepsen: CNA 1 yr.
- Denali Huebner: CNA 1 yr.
- Whitney Hanson: CNA 2 yrs.
- Bonnie Johanson: CNA 2 yrs.
- Jennifer Nielsen: RN 2 yrs.
- Chris Amrhein: RN 2 yrs.
- Vicki Lomen: CNA 3 yrs.
- Donna Rigby: CNA 27 yrs.

NEW EMPLOYEES:

- Paige Olson – C.N.A.
- Kirra Leer – Nut. Services
- Alexa Lind: Nutrition Services
- Annika Bolstad: C.N.A. – In Training
- Christina Primmer: C.N.A.
- Daria Runice: L.P.N.
- Madison Cole: Dietary Aide
- Greg Kelly: C.N.A.

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT: LANDSCAPING

We will be contracting with Sam's Spades to re-do our landscaping in our front area. Be sure to check out our Norseland Nursing Home sign area for the new and improved perennial design! Thank you Sam's Spades!



ANNOUNCEMENT: NURSE MANAGER

We are excited to announce that Jamie Haakenson has been promoted to Nurse Manager. Since 2019, Jamie has worked as a CNA, Nurse Technician, LPN, and RN all while remaining dedicated to her position at Norseland. Anyone who has worked with Jamie knows that she is a kind, compassionate, reliable nurse, co-worker, and all around individual. We are excited for the positive change this transition will bring. Please join us in welcoming Jamie to her new position!

-Megan McLean, NHA
 Administrator



Special Events

BACK TO SCHOOL

Back to School Day

Our Recreation Therapy Dept will be hosting a "Back To School" theme day in collaboration with History Alive Project. Ruth & Dave Amundson from History Alive Project will be leading a reminiscing discussion about local one room schoolhouses. This theme day will be held September 6th.

Genoa National Fish Hatchery

Our Recreation Therapy Dept will be taking a group of residents for an outing to the Genoa National Fish Hatchery and Great River Road Interpretive Center. On this outing, residents will get to view the educational building and learn more about the history of the Mississippi River and various aquatic species that inhabit it. We will also be able to feed trout from their accessible dock! This outing is scheduled for September 22nd from 10-12pm.



Vernon County Fair Day

On September 14th, we will be hosting a "County Fair" themed day. In the morning, residents will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of carnival games. In the afternoon, we will be bringing a group of residents to the Vernon County Fair. If interested in signing up for outing, please see Rec. Therapy.



Petting Zoo Family Fun Day

We will be hosting a family fun petting zoo day on Thurs. Sept 21 from 2-4:00PM in memory of Florence Janzen. Petting zoo will consist of: tank of bunnies, tank of chicks, 4 lambs, 4 goats, chicken, duck, goose, alpaca or llama, mini pot belly pig, mini donkey, calf, and a ZEBRA. Thank you to the donors who made this possible: Janzen family, Katherine Nassetth, Larry & Rita Hutchison, and Amy & Erik Swiggum.



Community Engagement



Fairest of the Fair

This year's Vernon County's Fairest of the Fair will be visiting Norseland on September 12th @ 3:00 PM to call bingo for the residents. We will playing a special edition of bingo which will be County Fair themed. Residents will have an opportunity to meet, visit, and get their photo taken with the Fairest of the Fair. Thank you for including us into the community!



Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran Church

Members of Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran Church will be coming Sept. 10th around 10:45am to sing up and down the hallways as part of their service day called "God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday." Thank you members of WCPLC for sharing your time and talent with us while bringing smiles to those we serve.

Naval Ship LST & Westby VFW



Thank you to Tom Sharratt and Ken Rupp for connecting with Norseland Nursing Home in providing the opportunity for residents to view the visiting Naval Landing Ship at Riverside Park on Aug. 30, 2023. We were able to take a group of veterans to see the ship and visit with some of the crew members to learn more about the history and operation of the ship. We then enjoyed a picnic style lunch at Riverside Park. Thank you Tom, Ken, and Westby VFW!

Special Thanks to our Donors



Sue Evers

Thank you to Sue Evers, a generous community member who donated a "MOTomed Viva 2" exercise machine. This exercise machine allows residents to work their upper body and lower body while participating in therapy and restorative exercise programs. Thank you Sue for your generosity!



Norseland Auxiliary

Thank you to the Norseland Auxiliary for your generous donation of the "Bissell Little Green Machine." We are excited to add this new cleaning device to our cleaning supplies inventory! Thank you for sharing your kindness with us!



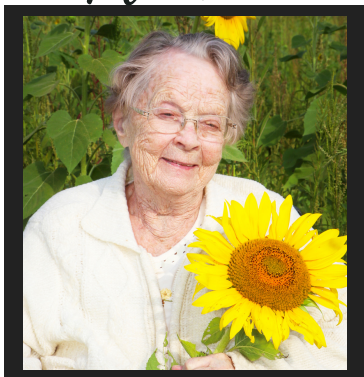
Norseland Auxiliary

Thank you to the Norseland Auxiliary members who continue to donate monthly for our Rec. Therapy Dept to purchase bingo prizes for the residents to enjoy. Everyone knows Wednesday means it's Bingo Day as many residents and their family members look forward to this program! Thank you for your generosity!

In Memory Of....

"Those who touch our lives stay in our hearts forever."

Helen Lee



Nov. 25, 1924 - Aug. 7, 2023

Helen Angeline (Thompson) Lee of Westby, WI passed away peacefully at the age of 98, on Monday, August 7, 2023, at Norseland Nursing Home.

Helen was born on a farm in Decorah, IA on November 25, 1924, to Olaf and Minnie (Mickelson) Thompson. Helen was the fifth child of seven. In November of 1930, the family moved to Wisconsin and lived on a farm between Viroqua and Readstown. Helen attended grade school at Ole Torgers School in rural Viroqua and graduated from Viola High School on June 2, 1944. After graduation, Helen worked as a housekeeper until March of 1945. From August 1945 to February 1947, Helen worked at Schultz Brother's Dime Store in Viroqua. On August 1, 1975, at the age of 50, Helen began her employment at Norseland Nursing Home in Westby working in the Dietary Department and later in the Housekeeping Department. Helen retired from Norseland on December 1, 1989.

Helen married her true love, Marvin Lee, on March 8, 1947, and together they celebrated 74 years of marriage before Marvin's passing on November 7, 2021. She partnered with Marvin throughout 20 years of raising tobacco. Helen planned and prepared the meals and coffee times treats for the tobacco crew as well as working in the field.

Helen devoted her life to raising her five children and celebrated the birth of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as the families grew. Helen is survived by her five children: Merlin (Denise) Lee of Withee, WI, Larry Lee of La Crosse, WI, Michael (Terri) Lee of Grafton, WI, Donna (Dave) Utpadel of Menomonie, WI, and Randy (Wendi) Lee of Wauwatosa, WI.

Helen has been blessed with 12 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Merle Thompson and many nieces, nephews, and friends. and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin; her sisters: Mildred Bober, Lillian (Richard) Nelson, and Ruth (Paul) Skrede; and brothers: Alvin (Elaura) Thompson, Milford Thompson, and Paul (June) Thompson.

A funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at Westby Coon Prairie Church. Pastor Alyssa Weaver will officiate. A visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service. Helen will be laid to rest at Coon Prairie Cemetery next to her husband with a luncheon to follow at the church.

Robert "Bob" Chambers



Oct. 30, 1931 - Aug. 8, 2023

Robert "Bob" Chambers, age 91, of Seneca, passed away August 8, 2023, after a wonderful life. Bob was the eldest of three children, born on October 30, 1931, to Stuart and Edna (Germann) Chambers in Monroe, Wisconsin. He grew up on the family farm in South Wayne, Wisconsin. Bob's early education was in a one-room rural schoolhouse. Bob graduated from South Wayne High School in 1949 and continued his education at UW-Platteville. He then served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict (1951-1953), much of that time stationed in Italy. After being honorably discharged, he returned to college in 1953. Bob graduated in 1955 from UW-Platteville with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture with minors in music and biology. Bob loved music and loved to dance!

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He played in the Bill Chambers Polka Band during his college career and beyond. Bob met the love of his life, Reva Neuenschwander, at a polka dance at Turner Hall in Monroe where they loved to dance the polka. Reva and Bob were married on May 31, 1959, in St. John's United Church of Christ in Monroe. In 1955,

Bob was hired as a schoolteacher by the School District of Seneca where he enjoyed a 40-year career. Bob taught choir, band, biology (for 16 years) and driver's education. While teaching, Bob continued his education with his major in Music and worked on his Masters during summers and evenings at UW-Platteville. One of Bob's proudest moments was when the Seneca Band played a short concert for President Jimmy Carter in Prairie du Chien along the Mississippi River while he was campaigning for re-election in 1980. Bob retired in 1995 and continued to fill in as a substitute teacher for another 18 years at Seneca. Volunteering and community service was important to Bob. He was a Wisconsin DNR volunteer Hunter Safety Instructor for 40 years instructing most of his children and grandchildren. Bob was a Charter member of the Seneca Lions Club and served as President for three consecutive years. He was an active, dedicated member of the Seneca United Methodist Church and Eastman Methodist Church. He was a member of the Eastman American Legion Post 252, a member of the Crawford County Aging Board and a dedicated member of the Seneca Educational Foundation for 15 plus years. Bob and Reva loved to travel, especially with longtime friends, Roger and Sally Piehl. During retirement, they traveled to Europe (twice), Alaska and Canada (three times), Hawaii, New York City, Washington DC, Arizona and Colorado. Bob loved to reminisce about the fun they had with Roger and Sally. Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting, vegetable gardening and growing raspberries/strawberries. One of Bob's most memorable pastimes was growing pumpkins for the grandchildren and hand carving their names into their pumpkins and playing Santa Clause two weeks prior to Christmas to deliver goodies. They were always waiting for Santa. He was a dedicated sports fan and enjoyed watching the Wisconsin Badgers (football and basketball), Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Brewers. Bob was an avid fantasy football player for many years. Each year, Bob decorated for every holiday, but Christmas was his specialty.

When traveling through town you could not miss Bob Chambers' Christmas light display - viva Las Vegas!! Bob loved attending his children and grandchildren's music and sporting events. He enjoyed Seneca High School basketball. You could always spot Bob and Reva in the crowd cheering on the Seneca Indians.

He cherished the time he spent with his family, especially his grandchildren, creating memories that they will always remember. He loved his family and was very proud of all their accomplishments. Bob was preceded in death by his daughter, Lori Ann in infancy, his parents and his brother, Bill Chambers. He is survived by his wife, Reva; Children: Randy (Marcia) of Lancaster, Russell (Julie) and Robbie (Kayla) of Seneca, Ronda (Keith) Casper of Onalaska, Renee (Jeremy) Quellhorst of Chaseburg; Sister, Barbara (Ron) Thurston of Horicon; Grandchildren: Kaitlin (Scott) Shulka Michaela (Jordan) Boone, Mason and Chase Quellhorst, Kolton, Kendra and Kylie Chambers; Step Grandchildren: Joey (Krystal) Casper, Todd (Samantha) Casper; Great Grandchildren: Rhett Shulka and Tate Boone; Step Great Grandchildren Isla, Lucy and Walker Casper, Marli, Malcolm and Wynslow Casper. The family would like to thank Norseland Nursing Home and St. Croix Hospice for the loving care he received. Funeral Services will be Saturday, August 12, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. at the United Methodist Church in Prairie du Chien, with burial in the Greenwood Cemetery in Monroe, WI on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. Friends may call at the Garrity Funeral Home on Friday, August 11, 2023, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and also at the church on Saturday from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service. Military Honors will be accorded after the service on Saturday by the Prairie du Chien Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given to the Bob Chambers Scholarship, the Seneca Educational Foundation, the Seneca Lions Club or Eastman Methodist Church.

