

Norseland News

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NORSELAND NURSING HOME



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Employee Highlights:

WORK ANNIVERSARIES:

- Tonya Henke, CNA: 3 yrs.
- Heather Hanson, CNA: 12 yrs.
- Hannah Crick, CNA: 3 yrs.
- Makayla Myhre, CNA: 1 yr.
- Rebecca Lear, Cook: 5 yrs.
- Kristine Holen, Housekeeping: 34 yrs.

NEW EMPLOYEES:

- -April Wright: Nursing Support
- Michael Roberts: Cook
- Kristi Buroker: LPN

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT: NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK

National Nursing Home Week is right around the corner! We will be celebrating May 13th- May 17th with a variety of themed days: Carnival Day, Zoo Day, Wilderness Day In Memory of Darlene Hanson, Norseland Day, and Syttende Mai Day! We look forward to a week of fun in offering unique and engaging programs made possible by generous donors. Stay tuned for a detailed calendar outlining programs for this special week!

-Ange Kaye, CTRS

Director of Recreation Therapy

ANNOUNCEMENT: RESIDENT CARE COORDINATOR

Tina Myhre, RN has been with Norseland for 8 years and currently serves in her role as Resident Care Coordinator. Her last day with Norseland will be April 5th. We are actively hiring for this role. Please apply online at: <https://www.bsjcorp.com/employment/>

We wish Tina the best in her newest nursing adventure. Thank you for your years of dedication in serving our residents.

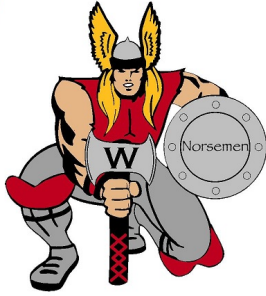
-Megan Arnold, NHA

Administrator

ANNOUNCEMENT: WE'RE HIRING

We are hiring! Be sure to check our website for available positions (Charge Nurse, CNAs, Dietary Aide/Cooks, and more!) Apply today at: www.bsjcorp.com/employment/

Special Events



Bingo with Westby High School

Students from Westby High School will be coming to play bingo with the residents of Norseland Nursing Home on April 5th from 1:30-2:30PM. Thank you to Justin Running, High School Interventionist & Dean of Students for reaching out and coordinating this opportunity! We look forward to spending time with the students!



Nordic Lanes Pizza Party

Our Recreation Therapy Department will be hosting a pizza party on Tuesday, April 16th @ 3:30 PM. Residents will have the opportunity to enjoy pizza from Nordic Lanes and Happy Hour offerings. This program is made possible by donations to the Recreation Therapy Department. Thank you for your continued support!

UTV Rides



We are excited for warmer weather to be up on us! We will be offering UTV rides as weather permits. You can visit our website for an up-to-date recreation calendar to see when the next UTV ride will be. Reminder: Family members are allowed to schedule a ride with their loved one. Thursdays will be reserved for UTV ride appointments. We look forward to getting out and enjoying the sunshine!



Valley Market & Greenhouse

We will be going on an outing to Valley Market & Greenhouse in Coon Valley on Friday, April 19th at 10:00am! Residents will have an opportunity to shop for floral baskets, arrangements, and treats from the market! This outing has limited availability. Please sign up your loved one with Rec. Therapy if interested.

Community Engagement

Pie & Ice Cream Social



Norseland Auxiliary will be hosting a Pie & Ice Cream Social on Saturday, April 6th from 2:00-4:00PM at Norseland Nursing Home. The Auxiliary will be serving an assortment of pies, vanilla ice cream, and Bertha Johnson's famous rummagrot! This fundraiser will be a free will offering and all proceeds will go directly to the Norseland Auxiliary. Come out and show your support!



Volunteer Banquet at Kos

National Volunteer Week is celebrated April 15-19th. Norseland will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet at Kos Gastropub on Wednesday, April 15th. We look forward to honoring and recognizing our volunteer's dedicated efforts throughout the year. Thank you volunteers!



Luren Singers by History Alive Project

Thank you to the History Alive Project for hosting the Luren Singers from Decorah, Iowa to perform at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 21st @ 3:00PM. We will be bringing a group of 4 residents to enjoy the performance. This outing has limited availability. Please sign up your loved one with Rec. Therapy if interested. Thank you History Alive Project!

Special Thanks to our Donors

In Memory of Mary Lium



Thank you to Sandy & Roger Mathison and Eileen & Dale Widner for your generous monetary gifts made in memory of Mary Lium. Mary had a 40 year nursing career and served as Norseland's Director of Nursing for numerous years. Your monetary gifts will be put towards an assorted local cheese sampling program on May 9th for the residents to enjoy. Thank you for choosing to share your generosity with us so that we can provide these fun opportunities!

In Memory of Darlene Hanson



Thank you to the Hanson family who gave so generously in memory of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Darlene Hanson. We will be utilizing the funds to make our National Nursing Home Week extra special. We will have one day dedicated specifically to honoring Darlene. The themed day will be "Wilderness Day" with LIVE trout fishing from Genoa National Fish Hatchery and a LIVE owl program from River Valley Raptors. We look forward to honoring her on May 15th with owl visits at 10:30am and trout fishing at 2:00pm. Thank you Hansen family!

In Memory of David Burkhalter

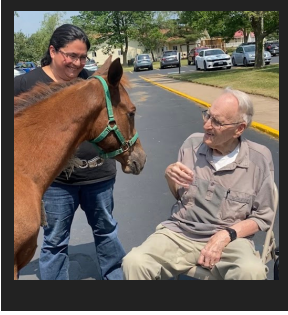
Thank you to Sharon Sharratt for your generous monetary gift in memory of former resident David Burkhalter. With your monetary gift, we will be providing a Christmas themed social to kick off the holiday season with showtune entertainment from Whitefish Bay, WI. More details to come as date get closer. Thank you providing this opportunity for residents and their families!



In Memory Of...

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

Ron Roberts



June 22, 1936 - Feb. 28, 2024

Ronald Ray Roberts, age 87, of La Farge, WI died on February 28, 2024, after a strong and courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on June 22, 1936, to Theodore and Hazel (Dyar) Roberts of La Farge. He attended La Farge schools where he later became head of maintenance and managed the bus drivers.

Ron proudly served in the Army including a tour in Korea. When he returned, he married Elizabeth Markee after seeing her one day across the street and thinking she was the most beautiful woman ever.

There were four things that were most important to Ron: his family, his church, the La Farge School, and the La Farge Fire Department and Ambulance. He was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church in La Farge. Ron worked at the La Farge School for 47 years until his retirement in 2008. He was a very proud member of the La Farge Fire Department and Ambulance Squad for over 50 years, serving as fire chief during some of those years.

Ron was honored to be the runner up for the State Volunteer Fire Fighter of the Year award in 2007.

Ron is survived by his wife of 67 years, Elizabeth Roberts; their two sons, David of La Farge and Duane (Kathy) of Winona, MN; two grandchildren, Heather (Brad Brokaw) of Winona and Dustin (Michelle Joslin) of Baldwin, WI; and one great-grandson, Finley Roberts.

He was preceded in death by his father, Theodore Roberts; his mother, Hazel Roberts; and three sisters, June Nofsinger, Hope Alderson, and Lois Roberts.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the La Farge Fire Department or La Farge Ambulance in Ron's memory.

Harlan Stoleson



July 12, 1929- March 14, 2024

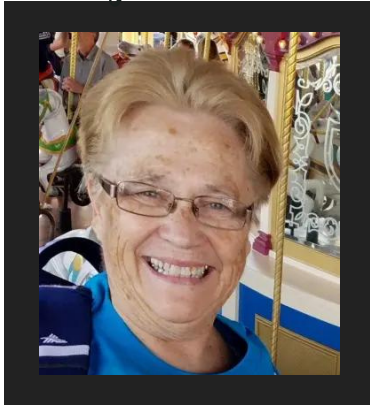
Harlan "Stolie" Roland Stoleson, age 94, of Westby, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at Norseland Nursing Home. He was born on July 12, 1929, in Westby to Oscar "Isaac" (Staalasen) and Mabel (Martinson) Stoleson. During his early life, he helped his parents on the family farm and worked part time at a filling station and the Post Office. After gaining full time employment with the post office, he continued working as a postal carrier and clerk in Westby for 30 years. During that time, Harlan was elected as an alderman and later mayor. Harlan married Betty J. Bott on May 11, 1963. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, being a tobacco farmer, spending time with his grandchildren, and was an avid woodworker. Camping and family trips were always a fun time.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; his sons, Jeff (Amber) Stoleson and David (Joy) Stoleson; grandchildren, Sarah Herald, Julia Stoleson, Mackenzie Stoleson, and Isak Stoleson; great grandson, Camryn Matteson; other relatives and friends.

Harlan was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings, infant brother, Thomas Stoleson, Doris Stoleson, Esther (Orland) Davig, Ada (Orville) Lee, Lulu (JD) McLain, and Margaret (Andrew) Reynolds.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Norseland Nursing Home.

Margaret Jochen



August 11, 1946 - March 10, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Margaret Ann (Hagen) Jochen. Margaret lived an amazing and adventurous life. At the end, she fought the pancreatic cancer battle with dignity and strength surrounded by her family.

Margaret Ann Hagen Jochen was born on Aug. 11, 1946, to Gertrude and Erling Hagen on their family farm near Cumberland, WI. She had three siblings - Martin Hagen, Ken (Marilyn) Hagen and Loretta (Larry) Kummerfeldt. After graduating from Cumberland High School, she went on to UW-River Falls where she studied music education. After college she married Duane Jochen on Aug. 17, 1968, at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Cumberland and then moved to Cashton.

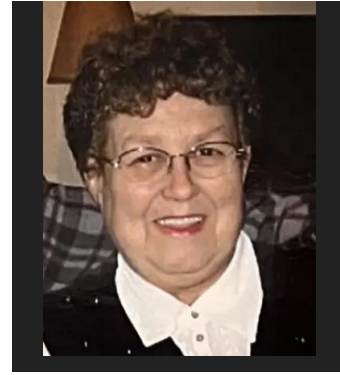
Margaret taught music for 2 years in Viroqua Schools, 18 years in Cashton School District and ended with 10 years at Westby Schools. She also enjoyed the many piano students she had over the years as well as many lifelong church friends.

Margaret enjoyed many vacations to national parks and especially enjoyed several scenic trips to Alaska. Her bucket list included going to Australia and New Zealand which they did in 2019. She enjoyed going on these adventures with family and her grandchildren.

Margaret will be greatly missed by her spouse, Duane. Children-Mark (Luanne) Jochen of Lake Mills, WI, Linda (Mike) Branzolewski of Lake Mills, WI, Jean (Eric) Fredrickson of Green Bay, WI and Sarah Jochen of Rochester, MN. Grandchildren include: Kyle and Lily Templin, Evan Jochen, Lucas and Clara Branzolewski, Keaton, Alex and Lauren Fredrickson and Adam Jochen. Sister - Loretta Kummerfeldt and Sister-in-law Diane and Jerry Hoch as well as other beloved family members.

Margaret was greeted in heaven by her parents, Erling and Gertrude Hagen, brothers Martin and Ken Hagen, Sister-in-law Marilyn Hagen, and brother-in-law Larry Kummerfeldt.

Joanne Thompson



Sept. 6, 1936 - March 1, 2024

Joanne Patricia Thompson, age 87, passed away peacefully on March 1, 2024, at Norseland Nursing Home in Westby. Joanne was born on September 6, 1936, to Hjalmer and Hildur (Swiggum) Holte. She grew up on the family farm on Lovaas Ridge, went to Leum School, and graduated from Westby High School in 1954. On December 11, 1954, Joanne married the love of her life, LaVern Thompson, and went on to have 4 children.

In the late 1960s, Joanne took night classes in keyboarding, leading her to work in the insurance and billing departments at hospitals in Kenosha, Wisconsin Rapids, and Viroqua. She also worked at the Family & Children's Center in La Crosse and Schmidt Motors in Viroqua. After retiring, she bought and ran Main Street Designs in Westby until selling it to Leah Crume.

She was grateful for being able to winter out west for many years before her husband's health declined. Joanne and LaVern were in charge of Wednesday night Bingo at the Westby VFW for many years. In 2014, she was declared an honorary member of the Westby VFW Post 8021, recognizing her support and active involvement.

Joanne is survived by her 4 children: Kathy (Monty Foster) Turben, Bob (Deb) Thompson, Pat Furrer, and Janice (Brian) Turben; 1 grandson, Cory (Theresa Aide) Turben; 6 granddaughters, Heather (Mark) Thompson, Nichole Schultz, Tina (Leo) Diaz, Randi Rydberg, Sara (Josh) Keenan, and Jill Pagel; 16 great-grandchildren who affectionately called her GG; 1 great-great-granddaughter; and numerous step-grandchildren, and step-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister-in-law and life-long friend, Elida Anderson; sisters-in-law, Pat Holte and Anita Thompson; sister Rachel Iverson; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, LaVern in 2014; her parents; her brother, Verdel Holte; brothers-in-law, Charles Anderson and Harlan Thompson; and son-in-law, Don Furrer in 2023.