

Norseland News

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NORSELAND NURSING HOME



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Employee Highlights: WORK ANNIVERSARIES:

- Claire Griffin, CNA - 5 years
- Grace Hebel, CNA - 5 years
- Serenity Pahl, Nut. Services - 2 years
- Jocelyn Pedretti: Nurse Manager, 1 year

NEW EMPLOYEES:

- Hailey Kelley: CNA

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT: NEW DIRECTOR OF NURSING

We are pleased to announce that Norseland has recently hired Melissa (Missy) Pohlman as our new Director of Nursing. Missy comes to us with a wealth of experience in skilled nursing facilities and a proven track record of enhancing patient care. We are confident that she will be an invaluable asset to our team and that her leadership will not only benefit our employees but will also positively impact the community we serve. As we welcome her aboard, we are eager to foster a collaborative environment that encourages professional growth and improved patient outcomes. Norseland remains dedicated to ensuring our staff is supported and equipped to provide the highest level of care. We look forward to the positive changes that her leadership will bring to our facility.

-Angie Viau, NHA
Administrator



ANNOUNCEMENT: WE'RE HIRING

We are hiring! Be sure to check out our website for available positions:

- CNAs (Night & PMs)
- Nurse (LPN or RN: Days & Nights)
- Nurse Tech (Days & PMs)

Apply today at:
www.bsjcorp.com/employment/

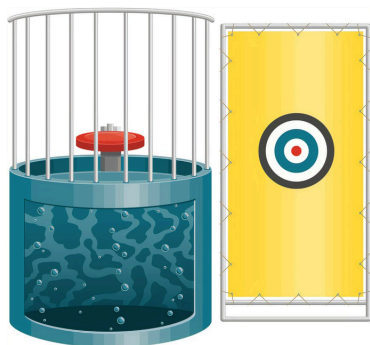
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Special Events



Petting Zoo

We will be hosting a petting zoo in memory of Miriam Lewison. Please join us on **Tuesday, May 13th from 2:00 - 4:00PM** for a day of fun. Petting zoo will include: tank of bunnies, tank of chicks, lambs, goats, chickens, ducks, geese, alpaca, llama, mini pot belly pig, mini donkey, mini horse, and a calf. We look forward to a day of honoring Miriam and thank her family for their generosity in making this event possible!



Dunk Tank & Ice Cream Sundaes

We will be hosting a carnival day in memory of Tim O'Connor. The themed day will consist of dunk tank, assorted carnival games, and ice cream sundae bar for residents and staff to enjoy. The dunk tank event will be held on **Wednesday, May 14th at 2:00PM**. We hope to see you there for a day of fun and laughter!



Wildlife Program

We will be hosting a wildlife educational program in honor of Harlan Stoleson on **Thursday, May 15th at 2:00PM**. This hands on educational experience will feature a live skunk, flying squirrel, and opossum. We thank the Onalaska Humane Society and the Harlan Stoleson family for making this program possible!

Spring Concert Songs

The Westby Elementary 3rd and 4th graders will be performing their Spring concert songs on **Friday, May 16th @ 10:00am** in celebration of National Nursing Home Week. This program will be our final collaboration event with Westby Elementary for 2025 school year. We look forward to future collaboration events in the 2026 school year!



Community Engagement



Westby Elementary School

Norseland has been invited by the Westby Elementary School to join the school in their celebration of Syttende Mai. We will bring a group of residents to watch the student Syttende Mai parade in the Westby Elementary gymnasium on **Friday, May 16th @ 1:30PM**. We look forward to an afternoon of fun and high energy with the students. Please sign up for this outing with Rec. Therapy as their is limited availability.



Syttende Mai Parade

Norseland will be participating in the City of Westby's Syttende Mai Parade on **Sunday, May 18th at 1:00PM**. Norseland will be represented in the parade as we will be driving a group of residents in the UTV. Thank you to the Norseland Auxiliary for providing candy for residents to toss during the parade. We look forward to waving hello to the parade goers!



History Alive Project

Thank you to the History Alive Project for bringing the Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers to Westby. We were able to attend their performance of traditional Norwegian dancing and residents loved every minute of it! Thank you for including us into your community offerings!

Special Thanks to our Donors

In Memory of Pat Jaegar



Thank you Lynn Marks & Cheryl Bland, daughters of Pat Jaegar, for your allocation of memorials to the Norseland Staff Appreciation Fund. With the monetary gifts made in your mother's name, we will be treating staff to a catered meal of Burrachos Nacho Bar in celebration of National Nursing Home Week. Thank you for the generosity and the continuous appreciation you have shown to our staff.

Norseland Auxiliary



Thank you to the Norseland Auxiliary for treating our residents and staff to special treats during National Nursing Home Week. Residents and staff will be treated to gourmet cupcakes on Tuesday, May 13th. Residents will then again be treated to Cookie Ice Cream Sandwiches as a special treat on Friday, May 16th. Thank you Norseland Auxiliary for helping to make National Nursing Home Week extra special!

Anonymous Donor



Thank you to the anonymous donor that donated to our staff appreciation fund. With your monetary gift, we will be treating our staff to a special gift during National Nursing Home Week. Each staff member will receive a custom lunchbox. Thank you for your generosity!

National Nursing Home Week Calendar

Monday, May 12th: Casino Day

10:00 Human Slots

11:00 Exercise

2:00 Black Jack & Roulette Casino Games and Popcorn Treat

2:30 Coffee Social

4:00 Word Games



Tuesday, May 13th: Farm Day In Memory of Miriam Lewison

10:00 Farm Bingo and Cupcakes provided by Norseland Auxiliary

11:00 Exercise

2:00 – 4:00 Havens Petting Zoo



Wednesday, May 14th: Carnival Day in Memory of Tim O'Connor

10:00 Carnival Bingo

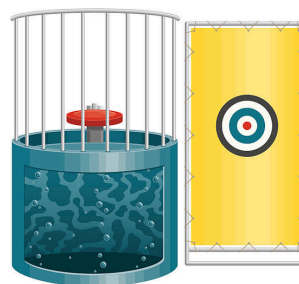
11:00 Balloon Darts & Pick A Duck

2:00 Dunk Tank – Front Parking Lot

(Made Possible By Tim O'Connor)

Ice Cream Sundaes served outside

4:00 Exercise if time allows



Thursday, May 15th: Wilderness Day

10:00 Worship with Pastor Ben

11:00 Exercise

2:00 Wildlife Presentation by Coulee Region Humane Society

(Skunk, Opossum, Flying Squirrel)

Made possible by Harlan Stoleson family

4:00 Smore Making



Friday, May 16th: Norseland Day

All Day: Troll Hunt—find a troll and return to Rec Therapy office for a special prize

10:00 Westby 3rd & 4th graders here to sing!

11:00 Exercise

1:30 Westby Elementary Syttende Mai Parade

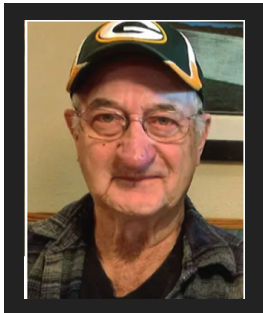
4:00 Ice Cream Cookie Sandwiches & Norwegian Bingo



In Memory Of....

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

Orlan Holte



Sept. 1, 1941 - March 29, 2025

Orlan "Orlie" Holte, age 83, a lifelong resident of rural Westby, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on March 29, 2025, at Norseland Nursing Home surrounded by his family. He was born on September 5, 1941, in Viroqua, to Orvald and Thelma (Olson) Holte.

Orlie graduated from Westby High School in 1959. After high school, he ventured to Kenosha, where he worked at American Motors for a short time before returning to Westby to embrace life on the family farm. He managed a milk route for several years; however, his true passion was farming. In addition to working the land he loved, Orlie spent 20 years employed at Nelson Muffler before retiring in 2018.

Orlie was a loving husband to his wife, Susan "Deb" Holte, for 41 years and a caring father to his two daughters, Donna (Damien) Brown and Danielle Holte. He shared countless adventures with his brother, Loren (Judy) Holte, a bond filled with stories only siblings can share. Orlie is also survived by his nephew and niece, Justin Holte and Jaime (Chris) Richardson, his great-nieces and nephews, Macy, Jaylin, Logan, Dylan, and Ella, and many friends, all of whom held a special place in his heart.

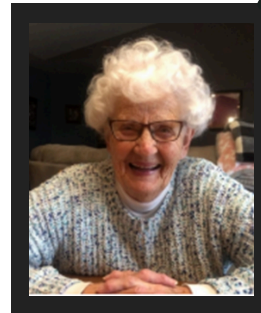
He was preceded in death by his parents, Orvald and Thelma Holte, as well as several close friends.

Known for his sharp sense of humor and mischievous spirit, Orlie was a jokester at heart who could always bring a smile to those around him. He had a love for life's little thrills, his playful nature shone brightest when he was shooting off fireworks, a tradition that brought joy to many. Orlie was also drawn to a good game of euchre, spending countless hours playing cards with family and friends. A bit of a gambler at heart, he enjoyed making trips to the casino, always ready to test his luck. He also loved scratch-offs, convinced that the next one would be a big winner.

An avid outdoorsman, Orlie found happiness in fishing, hunting, and golfing. During the summer months, he could often be found mowing the lawn, taking pride in keeping his yard looking its best. When he wasn't outdoors, he was cheering on his beloved Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Brewers, remaining a loyal fan through every season.

Orlie's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Norseland Nursing Home for the compassionate care they provided. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Norseland Nursing Home in his honor.

Irene Kraby



April 2, 2025 - April 11, 1928

Irene E Kraby, 96, and just days short of her 97th birthday made her final journey home on April 2, 2025, with family at her side. She came into this world on April 11, 1928, on Thompson Ridge just outside of Portland, Wisconsin. Raised on a farm by her parents, John and Aletta (Berg) Kamperschroer, she grew up alongside her 8 siblings. She attended Woodard School, a one room schoolhouse, near their farm. When they were short a baseball player, Irene would step up to the plate to join in the game and became fondly known to the boys at school as "Jimmy".

In 1948 Irene married Ralph Kraby. Their love story, one for the movies, began when they met. Mom's cousin, Norman Berg of Cashton, worked with Ralph and knew the beautiful Kamperschroer girls. Knowing that Irene's sister was coming to the area, he suggested that Irene come with and introduced her to Ralph. It was love at first sight and before she was even home, the family started planning their wedding which happened 2 weeks after meeting. Ralph and Irene traveled to Niagara Falls for their honeymoon. In 1949, they welcomed their son Mark. Their life led them to Ohio and back to Wisconsin. They finally settled into the big beautiful, blue farmhouse with white trim surrounded by crop land and red outbuildings on Clinton Ridge, just outside of Cashton. Widowed at the young age of 45, Irene continued to live on the farm and tended to her gardens and mowing. She lived here independently until 3 weeks before her passing.

A master of knitting, crocheting, sewing, and cross stitching - craft was not just a hobby for Irene, it was part of who she was. She was also quite the seamstress. Piecing together fabrics and turning them into works of quilting art to spread warmth across generations. She could patch a pair of faded denim to last a few more years for barn chores and for those short statured friends and family, knowing she'd have the right color of thread to hem your pants or dresses at the last minute was always a relief. She spent countless hours volunteering with local groups to make quilts for veterans, nursing homes and children in need. Irene's friendship networks spanned longer than the biggest bolt of fabric you can find. Her familiar face, smile and laugh is woven into many lives as a thread of our being. Despite her friendly nature, if she didn't like something, she wasn't afraid to tell you. Irene didn't skip a beat when it came to getting around. She'd drive more than just a little to find the best deals and was often a chauffeur for her friends in the Amish community. She was an avid traveler. She had been to Germany and Norway twice and Hawaii. She fancied road trips. She had a brilliant mind and an uncanny ability to answer most Jeopardy questions, daily watching a ritual of hers. She enjoyed most sporting events, but watching football, especially the Badger and Packer football teams, was her favorite. She loved her outside puddy's (cats), and fed them well. Most were only friendly to Irene their trusted servant. Puddy, the lost and overly friendly Persian, was the only exception to the outside rule.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Norseland Nursing Home for their great and loving care, Irene's friends and neighbors for taking care of her cats, and the Cashton First Responders for their quick and attentive response for Irene. Special thanks to Herb and Holly Boisen and Jeff Mlsna for the ongoing care, support and compassion the past few weeks.

Memorials are preferred to: Cashton First Responders, Cashton Library, and Portland Lutheran Church.