

Norseland News

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NORSELAND NURSING HOME



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Employee Highlights: WORK ANNIVERSARIES:

- Crystal Brown, BAA - 18 years
- Linda Hagen, Laundry - 32 years
- Ashley Herricks, Dietary/CNA - 13 yrs
- Makayla Manke, CNA - 4 yrs
- Mason Mosher, Dietary Aide - 1 year

NEW EMPLOYEES:

- Sydney Helgerson, CNA
- Madisyn Tosca, RN

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT: BED RAILS USE & SURVEY

Upcoming Changes: Removal of Bed Siderails

As part of updated federal regulations aimed at enhancing resident safety and preventing injury, all long-term care facilities are now required to remove bed siderails unless they are specifically medically necessary and meet strict documentation and monitoring criteria.

Effective immediately, we are beginning the phased removal of bed siderails throughout the facility. This decision reflects our commitment to resident safety and regulatory compliance. Our nursing and therapy teams will be working closely with residents and families to ensure this transition is safe and comfortable for everyone. Alternatives such as transfer poles, wall handles, different mattresses, body pillows, staff assistance, and individualized care plans will be used to support safety and dignity.

If you have questions or concerns about how this may affect your loved one, please reach out to our nursing or social services team.

Positive State Survey Results:

We are also proud to share that our most recent state survey was a success! The survey team recognized our staff's dedication to quality care, resident dignity, and overall compliance. We received very positive feedback, and this is a direct result of the hard work, compassion, and professionalism of our entire team.

Thank you to all of our staff, residents, and families for being part of our care community.

-Angie Viau, NHA
Administrator

ANNOUNCEMENT: WE'RE HIRING

Available Positions:

- **Social Worker**
- CNAs (Night & PMs)
- Nurse (LPN or RN: Day, PMs, Nights)
- Nurse Tech (Days & PMs)

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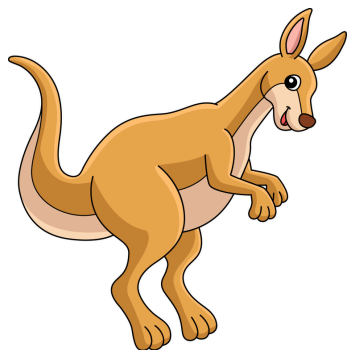
www.bsjcorp.com/employment/

Special Events



4th of July Celebrations

Norseland will be celebrating the 4th of July with a variety of themed programs: patriotic bingo, name that patriotic tune, and a patriotic craft. The City of Westby will be hosting their annual firework display at dusk. The firework display can be viewed from the Norseland front parking lot. We look forward to a fun day of themed programming.



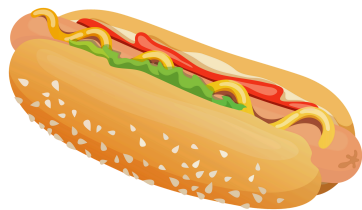
Kangaroos In Memory of Pat Jaeger

We will be welcoming baby kangaroos, alpaca, goats, and sheep to visit on **July 15th from 2:00 - 4:00 PM.** This program is being held in memory of Pat Jaeger and was made possible by the generosity of her family and friends. This program is reserved for residents, their families, and Norseland staff. We look forward to an afternoon of remembering and honoring Pat's life. Thank you to those that made this program possible!



Cupcakes with Dr. Calkins

Our former medical director, Dr. Calkins, will be coming to visit Norseland, the residents, and their families on July 31st at 2:00PM. The Norseland Auxiliary will be hosting this gathering as an opportunity for residents, family members, and community members to thank Dr. Calkins for his years of service to Norseland. Kevin Mattson will be here to musically entertain as well. We look forward to an afternoon of fun with Dr. Calkins!



Beanies Diner Outing

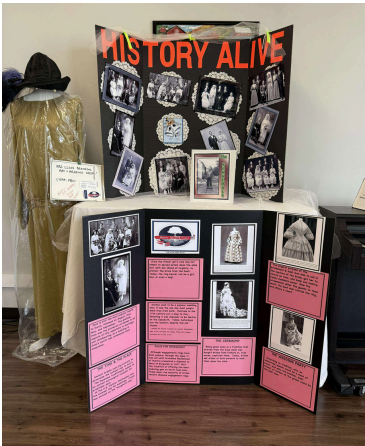
We will be offering a UTV Scenic Ride and Lunch at Beanies Diner on July 24th @ 11:00am. This outing has limited availability. Please sign up with Rec Therapy if your loved one is interested.

Community Engagement



UTV & Nordic Creamery

We will be taking a scenic drive and stopping at Nordic Creamery for an ice cream treat. This outing is scheduled for July 10th @ 1:30PM (rescheduled pending weather). Thank you to the Nordic Creamery for your generous donation of ice cream tokens to allow residents to enjoy a free scoop of ice cream while viewing your on site petting zoo!



History Alive Project

Thank you to History Alive Project for including us in your community engagement efforts. Thank you for sharing your wedding traditions tri-folds and donated wedding dress of Clara Bekkedal. Residents, staff, and visitors certainly enjoyed viewing trifolds, dress, and wedding images over the decades! We look forward to connecting again in the fall for a historical one room schoolhouse presentation!



Genoa National Fish Hatchery

We will be taking an outing to visit our friends at the Genoa National Fish Hatchery on August 18th @ 10:00am. Residents will experience a guided tour through their Great River Road Interpretive Center and have the opportunity to fish from their accessible dock. We look forward to a fun afternoon of this educational opportunity! Please sign up with Rec. Therapy as there is limited availability.

Special Thanks to our Donors



Redemption Chapel

Thank you to the members of Redemption Chapel for your generous donation of small floral arrangements in honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and inclusivity to our residents. Thank you for making their holidays extra special.



Howard Dunnum

We would like to extend a special thank you to Howard Dunnum who donates his time and green thumb talent to water and care for all of our planters and hanging baskets. Howard, you keep our flowers looking beautiful! We so appreciate you and all of your dedicated efforts!

Norseland Auxiliary

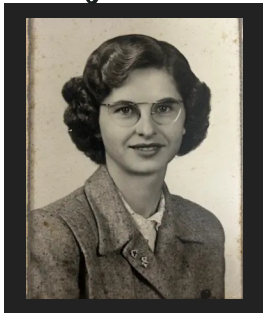


Thank you to the Norseland Auxiliary for their most recent donation of a JBL speaker and microphone set. This speaker system will allow us to better engage and better project sound for residents, visitors, and community members during large scale events. We appreciate your generosity and your dedication to serving Norseland!

In Memory Of....

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

Mary Ann Leis



Sept. 1, 1941 - March 29, 2025

Mary Ann Margaret Leis (Brueggen), 91, of Cashton, WI passed away Friday, May 30, 2025, at Norseland Nursing Home in Westby, WI. She was born February 3, 1934 to Henry and Margaret (Butzler) Brueggen. She was united in Holy Matrimony to Leslie Leis. They spent their lifetime farming together.

Mary Ann graduated from Cashton High School May 29, 1954, and worked on the family farm for decades. She was an excellent cook and baker. Mary Ann expanded her baking skills to create beautiful wedding cakes for people for many years. Upon moving to town in 1993, she worked in the bakery department at the Badger Store.

Mary Ann was active with the Sacred Heart choir which gave her so much joy with her love of music. She was an avid sewer, making many quilts, giving many of them as gifts for weddings and to her children when they had kids of their own. She loved to crochet and made numerous afghans and doilies which she also shared with friends and family.

Mary Ann spent much of her time gardening and just enjoying spending time playing cards and putting puzzles together with Leslie.

Mary Ann is survived by her children and their spouses: Jeffrey (Karen) Leis, Jerome (Lori Brueggen) Leis, Jean (Jeff) McCoy, and Robert (Norma Schreier) Leis all of Cashton; grandchildren, Jackie (Jared) Pederson, Jason Leis, Emily (Leis) Ronke, Jessica (Leis) Mlsna, Michael Schreier, Esden Schreier, Danielle (Leis) Reget and Ethan Leis; great grandchildren, Payten and Braden Pedersen, Riley, Lincoln and Frankie Leis, Rylan, Zoe, Porter, and Mila Mlsna, Ty, Harper, Brody and Oaklie Schreier; along with many other loving relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Margaret; siblings: Alvera Hendersen, Norman Brueggen, Ervin Brueggen and Betty Jane Donskey along with their spouses. Her husband Leslie Leis passed away May 9, 2020; she was also preceded by her daughter-in-law, Cindy Leis (Schmitz) and son-in-law, Todd Schreier.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, June 6, 2025, 11:00 a.m. at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church on St. Mary's Ridge, rural Norwalk. Father Matthew Bowe will officiate. Burial will follow in the Pine Hollow Cemetery, Cashton.

Their Memory Stays

By: Casey Gamble

Although they have
passed on,
Their memory forever
stays.
Remember how they
smiled,
And the joy they
always gave.
We'll miss them all the
time,
And think of them
every day.
Their love filled the
world -
A love that will never
fade.