

# Norseland News

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NORSELAND NURSING HOME



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## Employee Highlights

### WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Carol Blasing, Dietary - 1 year  
Anne Cary, CNA - 38 years  
Somer Clark, LPN - 1 year  
Madison Cole, Dietary - 2 years  
Linda Davidson, LPN - 4 years  
Greg Kelly, CNA - 2 years  
Christina Primmer, RN - 2 years  
Dorie Wyman, Dietary - 13 years

### NEW EMPLOYEES:

Grace Bailey: CNA  
Nichole Mooney: Social Worker  
Addison Evenstad: CNA Trainee  
Allison Stader: RN  
Macy Ellefson: LPN

## Announcements

### New Social Worker & Summer Weather:

We are pleased to announce the addition of Nichole Mooney, as Norseland's new Social Worker. Nichole brings with her several years of experience working in skilled nursing and long-term care settings. She has a strong background in supporting residents and families through the admission process, discharge planning, emotional support, and advocacy. Nichole's experience and her compassionate nature make her a great fit for our team. Please help us in giving her a warm welcome as she gets to know our residents and staff!

As we enjoy the summer season, we also want to remind everyone to be mindful of the extreme heat. Residents are encouraged to stay hydrated, avoid prolonged time outdoors during the hottest parts of the day, and wear lightweight clothing. Staff and visitors, please assist our residents in staying cool and safe. If you have any concerns about a resident showing signs of heat exhaustion—such as dizziness, weakness, or confusion—please notify nursing staff immediately.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to creating a supportive, safe community here at Norseland.

## WE ARE HIRING

### Available Positions:

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

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# Special Events



## *Genoa National Fish Hatchery*

We will be taking a group of residents to view the Great River Road Interpretive Learning Center and visit the fish hatchery. Join us for learning about various aquatic species, the hatchery's lake sturgeon program, and the local history of the driftless area! This outing is scheduled for **Aug 20th**. Please sign up your loved one if interested in participating in outing as there is limited availability.



## *Nordic Lanes Pizza Party*

Join us for a special treat! We will be hosting a pizza party from Nordic Lanes on **August 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM**. This program is made my possible by donations to our Recreation Therapy program.



## *UTV & Davidson Park Outing*

We will be taking a picnic outing to Davidson Park in Westby on **September 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am**. A sub sandwich meal will be provided by our dietary department. After the picnic meal, we will go on scenic drive in our accessible UTV. Please sign up with Rec. Therapy if interested as there is limited availability.



## *Kangaroos at Norseland*

Last month we welcomed kangaroos, wallabies, sheep, and goats to our facility in memory of Pat Jaeger. The baby kangaroos and wallabies were a hit as many residents had never seen one "in real life" before. We thank those that donated in Pat's memory for the opportunity to provide this unique and hands on program! What a fun and memorable day!

# Community Engagement



## *History Alive Project*

The History Alive Project will be facilitating a discussion and presentation on the history of local one room school houses. This informational program will held on **August 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am**. We look forward to an afternoon of reminiscing about our former school days!



## *Cupcakes with Dr. Calkins*

Norseland Nursing Home and the Norseland Auxiliary hosted a cupcake and ice cream social in honor of former medical director, Dr. Calkins. Dr. Calkins has served as our medical director for numerous years and residents, families, and community members were thankful for the opportunity to gather and express their gratitude for Dr. Calkin's excellent care. Thank you to Norseland Auxiliary for their dedicated efforts in hosting this great community event!

## *Chrisanthemum Adults Day Services*



Chrisanthemum is an adult day services located in Viroqua, WI. In their effort of providing meaningful activities for those with various abilities, they will be utilizing donated florals to design bouquets and deliver to local organizations. Norseland is excited to be one of the recipients of the bouquets! Thank you Chrisanthemum for including us in your community engagement efforts!



# Special Thanks to our Donors



## *In Memory of Lucille Theige*

Thanks to donation made in memory of Lucille Theige by her family Sharon & David Kammel, we were able to purchase 2 new laying hens and upgrade their feeding and watering system. Residents look forward to Wednesday mornings where they have the opportunity to visit with the therapy hens on our accessible patio.

## *Leum Family*



Thank you to the entire Leum family for your generous donation to fund gas for our UTV program as a part of your annual family reunion. The UTV continues to be an amazing program allowing residents to go for scenic drives, enjoy lunch outings from local businesses, and partake in community events. Thank you for continuing to support Norseland Nursing Home!

## *Coulee Quilters*

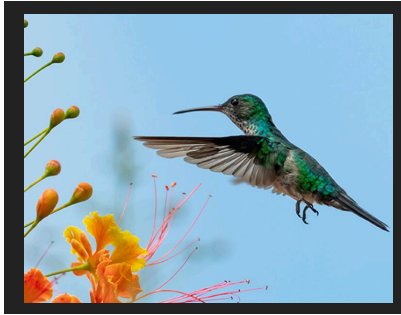


The Coulee Quilters continue to donate a variety of bed quilts for residents to use during their stay at Norseland. The quilts allow our facility to make the residents feel more "at home." This past month we recieved another delivery of quilts. Thank you to the Coulee Quilters for sharing your time, talent, and materials with us! We are in constant awe of your work!



# In Memory Of....

## Walter "Kelly" Kellicut



Sept. 19, 1936 - July 3, 2025

Walter W. "Kelly" Kellicut, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, and community member, peacefully passed away at the age of 88 on Thursday, July 3, 2025, at Norseland Nursing Home in Westby, Wisconsin. Born on September 19, 1936, in Vernon County, Walter was the son of Darwin and Verona (Hughes) Kellicut.

On June 14, 1958, he married Karen Ilene Peterson, and together they raised two wonderful children, Tracy of La Crosse, WI and Nicole (Aaron) of West Salem, WI. Walter's joy was multiplied with the arrival of his grandchildren, Joshua and Camille, and he also shared a special bond with Aaron's children, Bennett and Shelbie.

For 11 years, Walter worked at General Motors in Janesville, after which he pursued the dream of farming, dedicating 25 years to cultivating the land. Concurrently, he worked for Elmer Knitt and the Soil Conservation Department in Viroqua, WI. His industrious spirit led him to work for Gronning Co. for several years and then at S&S Cycle for six years until his retirement.

Retirement did not slow Walter down; instead, it opened up new avenues for his creativity and passion. Alongside friends and family, he built a beautiful log house on a portion of his farm, where he lived for many years. Walter relished the simple pleasures of life, like maintaining a bountiful garden, engaging in hunting and fishing, and enjoyed spending time at Chetek Lake with his family.

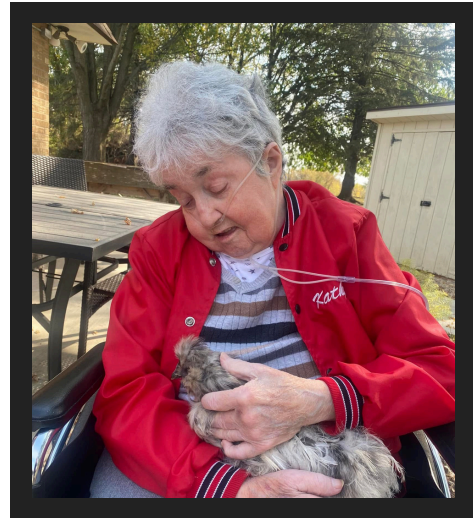
Walter and Karen enjoyed camping and traveling, sharing memorable journeys to the west coast with their children. His service to the community was evident through his role as past president of Bethany Lutheran Church in Esofea, where he also served as a council member at various times.

Walter was preceded in death by his wife Karen, parents, Darwin and Verona, and his brothers, Clement "Clem" and Cecil Kellicut. His memory will be forever cherished by his surviving family, including many nieces and nephews.

No services are planned at this time.

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## Kathleen Spears



Nov. 26, 1938 - July 12, 2025

### Whispering Wings

In the quiet corners of my  
mind,  
I hear your voice, like a gentle  
breeze.  
Whispering wisdom, words to  
guide,  
Even though you are no  
longer here to ease.  
Your spirit soars on unseen  
wings,  
Across the boundless  
expanse of time.  
Though you left this earthly  
realm,  
Your presence in my heart will  
forever chime.

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