

Norseland News

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NORSELAND NURSING HOME



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Employee Highlights

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Jamie Haakenson, RN - 6 years

Ashley Hoff, CNA - 3 years

Wayne Peterson, Maintenance - 40 yrs

Trena Theige, CNA - 9 years

Angie Viau, Administration - 10 years

Diane Wang, Nutrition Services - 8 yrs

NEW EMPLOYEES:

Danielle Becker, LPN

Connor Mosher, Dietary Aide

Kayla Pedretti Dobitz - CNA

Announcements

As we move into the fall season, I want to take a moment to remind everyone that cold and flu season is upon us. While fall brings many things we all enjoy—cooler weather, beautiful leaves, and holiday gatherings—it also brings an increase in illnesses that can be especially hard on our residents.

We kindly ask all visitors to help us keep Norseland safe and healthy by taking a few simple precautions:

- Please postpone your visit if you are experiencing symptoms such as cough, sore throat, fever, or congestion.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before and after visiting with residents.
- Consider wearing a mask if you are recovering from a recent illness or have been around others who are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.

By working together and being mindful, we can reduce the spread of illness and continue to enjoy meaningful time with our loved ones. Wishing you a healthy and happy fall season,

- Angie Viau, NHA
Administrator

WE ARE HIRING

Available Positions:

- CNAs (Night & PMs)
- Nurse (LPN or RN: Days or PMs)
- Nurse Tech (Days & PMs)
- Dietary Aid/Cook (Part Time PMs)

Apply today at: bsjcorp.com/employment/

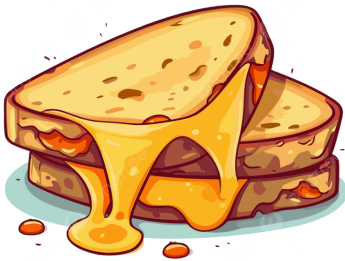
Special Events

Guided Painting



We will be hosting a guided painting program with local artist Barbara Larsen. Residents will have the opportunity to paint a fall gnome. This program will be held on **October 8th** at **9:30am**. If your loved one is interested, please sign up with Rec. Therapy as there is limited availability. This program was made possible by donations to our Recreation Therapy Department.

Grilled Cheese & Chili Special Meal



Our Recreation Therapy Department will be offering a Grilled Cheese and Chili special meal on **October 15th** @ **12:00pm**. Please sign up with Rec. Therapy as there is limited availability.



Trick or Treating with Westby Elementary

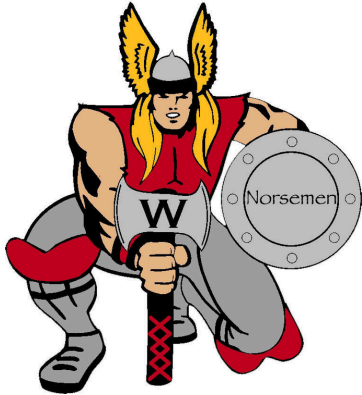
We will be offering a trick-or-treating program with the Westby Elementary students (K through 4th grade) on **Thursday, Oct. 30st** at **9:30am**. Our Recreation Therapy Dept is accepting donations of candy for the trick-or-treaters. Please drop off at Recreation Therapy office if interested. We look forward to an afternoon of sharing laughter and smiles!

National Cheese Curd Day



We will be celebrating National Cheese Curd Day on **Oct 15th** at **3:30pm** by sampling a variety of flavored cheese curds. We look forward to an afternoon of trying new and unique flavors from The Cheese Store located right in Westby!

Community Engagement



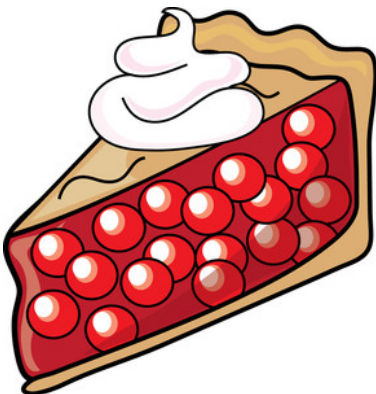
Westby Homecoming

The residents of Norseland enjoyed celebrating Westby's homecoming by listening to the musical talent of the Westby High School Pep Band in the morning and attending the Westby Homecoming Parade on the UTV in the afternoon. Residents always look forward to being included in community celebrations! Thank you Westby High School for including us in your community engagement efforts!



Bekkum Memorial Library

Did you know the Bekkum Memorial Library continues to offer read aloud programs at Norseland 1x monthly. We also offer a book exchange where residents may request certain titles or authors as new books are delivered monthly. Additionally, we have the ability to offer audiobooks through an app called "Libby." All of these offerings are made possible by the dedicated efforts of Bekkum Memorial Library. Please reach out to our Recreation Therapy Dept if your loved one may be interested in utilizing any of these resources!



Norsefest and Friendship House Open House

Please join us for the Norseland Auxiliary Bake Sale & Pie Social Fundraiser alongside the *Friendship House Open House celebration*. This collaborative event will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 18th** from **2:00 - 3:30 PM** at Norseland Nursing Home. A free raffle ticket will be given with every bake sale purchase. Enter your ticket at the Friendship House and see the newly remodeled space. All proceeds go directly to the Norseland Auxiliary. Free will offering!

Special Thanks to our Donors



Request: Gently Used Jewelry

Do you have gently used jewelry that you are no longer using? Please consider donating to our Recreation Therapy Dept so that residents may enjoy as prizes from our bingo cart! If interested, please drop off donated jewelry items to our Recreation Therapy office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Stephanie & Jon Proksch

Thank you to Stephanie & Jon Proksch for their generous monetary gift to our Recreation Therapy Dept. With your monetary gift, we will be hosting **fudge sampling** on **Oct 9th at 2:00pm** featuring fall flavors from Valley Fudge & Candy. We will also be hosting a **Build-Your-Own Caramel Apple Bar** with assorted toppings on **Oct 23rd at 2:00pm**. This donation was made in honor of Stephanie's father, Mike Rand, a current Norseland resident. Thank you for your generosity and continued support in making these unique opportunities possible!

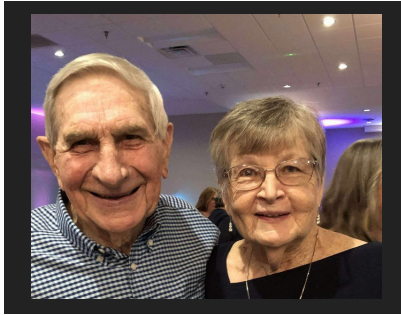


Tucker & Becky's Pumpkin Patch

Thank you to local pumpkin patch, **Tucker & Becky's Pumpkin Patch**, for their generosity in donating pumpkins for our residents and staff to decorate. Thank you to Janet Johnson from Norseland Auxiliary for organizing the pick up and delivery of pumpkins. We look forward to displaying our pumpkin creations throughout the month of October!

In Memory Of....

Don & Helen Parr



Don: Feb 25, 1933 - Sept 18, 2025
Helen: June 29, 1935- Sept 17, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Don and Helen Parr, a devoted couple who shared 72 years of love, partnership, and kindness. Helen, aged 90, passed away on September 17, 2025, and Don, aged 92, passed away on September 18, 2025. They passed away peacefully, surrounded by their loving family. It was a heartbreakingly beautiful journey.

A love story for the ages, Don and Helen were married on Valentine's Day and built a beautiful life together filled with laughter, shared dreams, and unwavering support for each other.

Don was a lifelong farmer, dedicated to working the land, caring for his animals, and his John Deere tractors. Helen was a devoted farm wife and mother, always caring for others, and spent 17 years as a nursing assistant.

Together, they shared many interests, including square dancing, card club, bowling, and traveling.

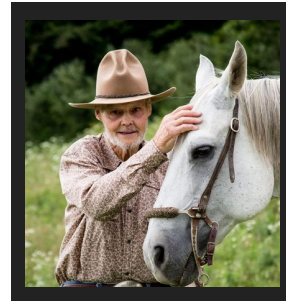
The time they spent with family, friends, and neighbors was very special to them. Together, they also shared Don's love of wood carving. Don crafted many beautiful pieces that Helen artistically painted, which they generously gifted to their family and many others. Don was also an avid Hunter and an active member of the Bud Sportsman's Club and shared many wonderful hunting experiences with family and friends.

As loving parents, together they raised seven children: Steve Parr (Terri), Kathy Skaaland (Mike Hauge), Karen Nielsen (Brian), Nancy O'Connor, Kevin Parr (Carolyn), Linda Dregne (Donnie), and Kim Redders (Dominic). Their legacy continues with 25 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

They are also survived by Helen's brother, Jim Broadhead (Liz); and Don's sisters, Cheryl Jenkins (Bill) and Gloria Kilmer (Jerry).

The family gives their heartfelt thanks for the compassionate care Don and Helen received from the Norseland Nursing Home and St. Croix Hospice.

Jerry Nelson



Sept. 2, 1941 - Sept. 16, 2025

We remember the life and legacy of a remarkable individual, a true cowboy who has left an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of those fortunate enough to have known Him. It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to Jerry, whose adventurous spirit, superb story telling whether they were true or 100% fiction, unwavering determination, and love for his family will be felt and remembered in all our hearts forever.

Our beloved cowboy grew up amidst the cold temps and Norwegians, one himself, in Upper Northern Minnesota in the small town of Coleraine. He spent countless hours in the field with a team of horses on his grandparents' farm, Norman and Ella Nelson. His dad bought and sold horses, and from a young age, Jerry was given the task of training them for driving or riding.

Jerry and his good friend John Ritter climbed on countless broncs for Howard Pitzen-North Star Rodeo in Effie, MN. After graduating from Geenway High School in 1960, Jerry spent a short time at North Dakota State University with the intent to play football. He decided he wanted to make his fortune instead, entered the union as a masonry/brick layer, and moved to Chicago.

He met the love of his life, Marge, in Chicago and decided a Norwegian and fiery Italian with a hint of Irish would be the perfect pair, and they bonded in marriage on May 26, 1962. They agreed it would be best to move halfway between in-laws in 1967, so they packed up their things and their first two children, Guy and Bryce.

They bought the Seymour farm in 1971 and found themselves settled in the small area of Retreat, where they welcomed their girl, Marcey. Once settled in Wisconsin, Jerry continued brick laying for some time and also started farming along side his two sons as they grew up. The love for horses never died. He bred, raised, and trained Paints and Quarter Horses. Both Marge and Jerry took pride in the horses they raised. Through his illustrious life, his equine business name in Western

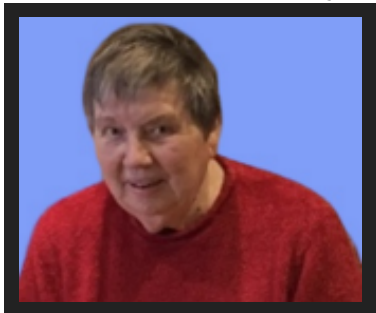
Pleasure became synonymous with excellence throughout Wisconsin and surrounding states. He fearlessly tamed the wildest of them with the help of Marge and Marcey, rode hard each time no matter what, and gained the trust of every shaken souled horse and human alike. Marcey, Marge, and Jerry put many miles on the ol' Ford traveling to shows over the years.

He spent his last almost two years with the wonderful staff at Norseland Nursing Home, who grew to love his witty self and all his stories, just like everyone else. We can't thank the staff enough for their exceptional care and support of Jerry, especially in the last two weeks.

Your compassion and love don't go unnoticed.

In Memory Of....

Loretta Brady



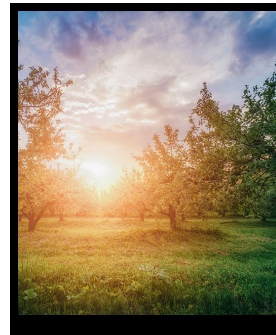
Jan 19, 1937 - Sept 20, 2025

Loretta Josephine Brady, 88, of Cashton, WI, passed away Saturday, September 20, 2025, at Norseland Nursing Home in Westby, WI. Loretta was born on January 19, 1937, in Chicago, Illinois, to Roy and Josephine (Kolak) Grgurich. At the age of ten, her family relocated from Chicago to the small town of Warrenville, Illinois. She later graduated from Wheaton Central High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in home economics, with a minor in psychology, from North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. Loretta married Norman Brady on March 28, 1959, and together they shared 63 years of marriage until his passing. She dedicated many years of her career to the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service, the DuPage County Farm Bureau, and also served on the DuPage County Fair Board. In 1993, Loretta and Norman retired to a farm in Cashton, WI, where she continued living out her deep belief in community service. She surrounded herself with people who shared her values and interests, and her hands were rarely still. Over the years, she knitted hundreds of helmet liners for the military, mittens for children, teddy bears to bring comfort, and quilts for veterans. Through these countless acts of kindness, she touched many lives. Although Loretta was not blessed with children of her own, she played a meaningful role in the lives of many—especially the children in the large family she married into, as well as their friends and others who were fortunate to know her. Loretta was preceded in death by her husband Norman three years to the day of her death; parents, Roy and Josephine Grgurich; brother and sister-in-law Frank and Carol Grgurich. Soft-spoken yet unwavering in her determination, Loretta leaves behind a legacy of quiet strength, service, and love.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 11:00 a.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran- Moen Cemetery, rural Cashton. Pastor Amanda Schultz will officiate. Following the burial there will be a light lunch at Torkelson Funeral Home 720 Wisconsin ST, Cashton, WI. Memorials may be made in Loretta's name to the Cashton Public Library.

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Jack Hughes



Dec 2, 1950 - Sept 6, 2025

Jack Lee Hughes, age 74, of Viroqua, died on Saturday, September 6, 2025, at Norseland Nursing Home.

Jack will be laid to rest at Sugar Grove Cemetery, rural Westby, on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Vosseteig Funeral Home & Crematory is serving Jack's family.

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Mary J. Armstrong



Sept. 18, 1932 - Sept 6, 2025

Mary Armstrong, 92, of Westby passed away Sunday, September 14, 2025. A full obituary and service times will be announced when they are available. Roth Family Cremation Center and Funeral Services is assisting the family.

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