

Norseland News

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NORSELAND NURSING HOME



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Employee Highlights

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Julia Christianson, Rec Therapy - 4 yrs
Ange DeWinter, Rec Therapy - 9 yrs
Kelvin Hanson, Maintenance - 2 years
Sally Haynes, LPN - 3 years
Angie Hornby, RN - 6 years
Brenda Volden, CNA - 4 years

NEW EMPLOYEES:

Rachelle Brown: CNA
Hailey Kelley: CNA

Announcements

Dear Residents, Families, and Team Members,
As we move through February, I want to take a moment to share updates from our community and thank you for your continued support, patience, and partnership. February often brings colder temperatures and changing weather, and our team remains focused on maintaining a safe, warm, and welcoming environment for everyone.

February brings opportunities for connection and comfort—whether through seasonal activities, Valentine's gatherings, or simply spending time together during these colder days.

I would also like to share an organizational update. As of January 9, 2026, Kim Gochanour has left BSJC to pursue other opportunities.

Joseph Kruse is serving as Interim CEO. Joe brings a strong background in healthcare leadership, most recently serving as Chief Administrative Officer for Mayo Clinic-La Crosse. He is also a past Iverson-Freking honoree, Festmaster, and Co-Founder of the Place of Grace. BSJ has engaged a professional search firm to assist with the recruitment of a permanent CEO.

As we continue through the winter season, our focus remains on providing high-quality care, maintaining clear communication, and supporting one another. I am confident in our team and grateful for the dedication shown every day. **-Angie Viau, Admin.**

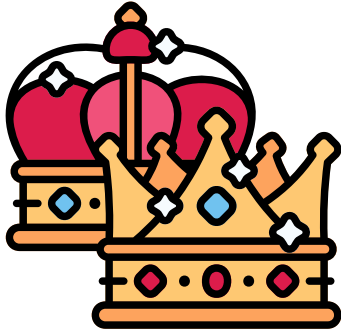
WE ARE HIRING

Available Positions:

- CNAs (PMs)
- Nurse (LPN or RN: PMs)
- Van Driver - on call position
- Part Time Dietary Aide
- Nursing Support Assistant

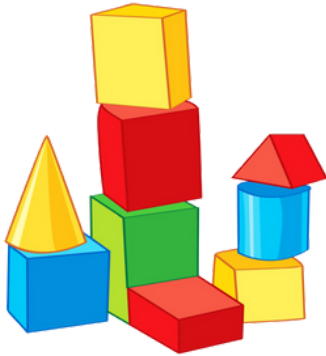
Apply today at: bsjcorp.com/employment/

Special Events



Valentine's Day Social

We will be hosting our Valentine's Day Social with assorted flavored cheesecakes donated by **Norseland Auxiliary** and musical entertainment by **Two Sisters**. We will also be announcing our 2026 Valentine King & Queen. This program will be held on **Friday, Feb. 13th** at **10:00am**. We look forward to a morning of festive celebrations!



World Play Day with Westby Elementary

Westby Kindergarten will be visiting Norseland on **Wednesday, February 4th** at **9:30am** in celebration of World Play Day. Various activity stations will be set up for residents and students to build, laugh, and create together! We look forward to interacting with our special friends at Westby!



New Entertainer: Jack Norton

We will be welcoming a new entertainer Jack Norton from Winona, MN. This program offering was made possible by Harlan & Leona Friske. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Norseland Nursing Home. Jack will be here to perform on **Monday, February 16th** at **10:00am**.



Valentine Crafts with Westby Elementary

Westby 3rd graders will be joining Norseland residents to assemble Valentine crafts on **Thursday, Feb. 12th** @ **2:00pm**. This program is offered as a part of our ongoing collaboration with Westby Elementary school district. We look forward to visiting with the students each month!

Community Engagement

Wildflower and Wren



Scan QR Code

Wildflower and Wren is hosting their "**Adopt a Senior**"

Valentine's Day Flower Project, featuring Norseland Nursing Home! Every **\$10 donation** delivers a beautiful floral arrangement to a senior in our community.

You can place an order for our residents by calling **608-637-8330**, ordering online, or visiting the Recreation Therapy Office in person with cash or check. Checks can be made out directly to "Wildflower and Wren"

To order online, please **scan the attached QR code** and select Norseland Nursing Home when ordering.

This is a collaborative effort amongst local care facilities including: *Norseland Nursing Home, Vernon Manor, Vernon Acres, Creamery Creek Assisted Living and Bethel Home & Services*

Snowflake Ski Club



We will be welcoming members from the Snowflake Ski Club including local youth and adult jumpers and competitors visiting from foreign countries for a casual Q&A session to learn more about the sport of ski jumping and our local history! This program will be held on **February 3rd at 4:00pm**. A special thank you to **Kathy Rahr-Freydenland** with the **Snowflake Ski Club** and **History Alive Project** for their collaboration in making this program offering possible!



Our Saviors Lutefisk & Lefse Meal

Our Saviors Lutheran Church will be hosting their annual lutefisk and meatball dinner on **February 7th 2026**. Norseland will be serving carry out meals for the noon meal. Please sign up with Recreation Therapy in advance. **Full Meal \$22 and Half Meal \$11. Sign up with Rec Therapy by 2/4/2026**. We appreciate Our Saviors including us in their community engagement efforts as this is a meal residents look forward to all year!

Special Thanks to our Donors



Randall Traastad In Memory of Sue Jensen

Thank you to Randall Traastad for your monetary gift made in memory of Sue Jensen. Sue always enjoyed live music especially songs by Willie Nelson. Randall's monetary gift will go towards our live music budget. Donations made to our live music budget allow us to continue welcoming new entertainment for residents and their families to enjoy. Thank you for your generosity!

Brian & Marita Hoffman In Memory of Florence Janzen & Norma Nichols



Thank you to Brian and Marita Hoffman for their generous donation made in memory of both of their mothers, Florence Janzen and Norma Nichols whom were both Norseland residents. With their monetary gift, we will be hosting a Valentine themed fudge sampling with fudge from Valley Fudge & Candy on **February 11th at 3:30pm**. Thank you Brian & Marita for making our Valentine holiday extra sweet! We appreciate your continued support of Norseland Nursing Home and our Recreation Therapy Department!

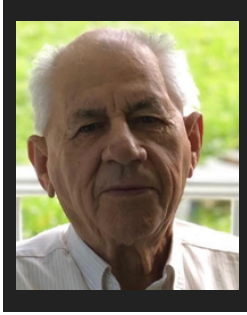


Beverly Stephen In Memory of Viola Stephen

Thank you to Beverly Stephen for your monetary gift made in memory of Viola Stephen. Donations made to our Recreation Therapy Department allow us to continue to provide unique and engaging experiences for our residents and their families. We appreciate your continued support!

In Memory Of....

Eugene Peltier



July 28, 1934 - Jan. 2, 2026

Eugene Allen Peltier Sr., 91, of Viroqua, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 2, 2026, at Norseland Nursing Home in Westby, Wisconsin. Eugene was born July 28, 1934, in the Town of Holloway, Taylor County, Wisconsin, to Cyril and Ella Peltier. He grew up in rural Medford, Wisconsin, where he attended school and helped his father homestead their farm.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army, and during a hospital stay met Carol Jenks, who was working as a nurse. They became engaged on a snowy New Year's Eve and were married on August 31, 1959. They lived in Milwaukee, where Eugene built their home and they began raising their three children.

In 1972, the family moved to the Retreat area and began farming. In 1976, they relocated to a farm in rural Viroqua, where they lived for many years while tending a herd of Jersey cattle. In later years, Eugene continued to enjoy visiting the farm, caring for the property, sitting quietly, and reminiscing about his farming days.

Eugene was a man of many talents. He enjoyed telling life stories, making friends, and was always willing to lend a helping hand. He was a member of the local Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Throughout his life, Eugene worked as an industrial machinist, built his family a home, farmed, and owned and operated several businesses. Alongside Carol, they raised their three children. After retirement, Eugene and Carol traveled throughout the country and enjoyed seeing the sights along the way. Due to health concerns, they spent six years in the warmth of New Mexico before returning to Wisconsin in 2016 to be closer to family.

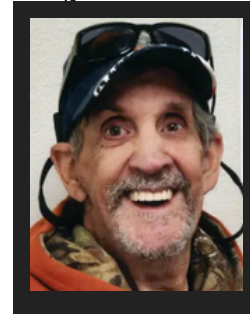
Eugene was a kind and giving person and passed these qualities, along with his sharp wit and humor, on to his children and grandchildren. He especially enjoyed spending time with family playing dominoes, fishing, helping with projects, and sharing stories from his years of travel.

Eugene is survived by his brother, Carl Peltier of Racine, Wisconsin; his children, Allen (Sandra) Peltier of Viroqua, Wisconsin, Laura (Chris) Guillaudeu of Hillsboro, Virginia, and Dan (Vicki) Peltier of Sparta, Wisconsin; grandchildren Eliza (Charles) Kakanakou, Sarah Peltier, Jordan (James) Sarasien, Taran (Megan) Peltier, Robert Guillaudeu, and Sabrina Guillaudeu; and great-grandchildren Charlotte and Sonia Kakanakou, along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Carol Peltier; his parents, Cyril and Ella Peltier; and his brothers, Leroy, Wayne, Earl, and Sanford Peltier.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the staff of Norseland Nursing Home for the kindness and care shown to Eugene during his stay.

Roger Faust



April 10, 1953 - January 13, 2026

Roger D. Faust, age 72, of Viroqua, WI, passed away Tuesday, January 13, 2026. He was born in West Union, IA, April 10, 1953, the son of Harold "Bud" and Vida (Fox) Faust. Roger worked a number of jobs over the years and enjoyed spending time with family and dear friends – he always seemed to find someone he knew to talk with when out and about.

Roger is survived by his brother, Raymond Faust; sister, Kathy (Charles) Johnson; nephews: Chad Faust, Robert (Kim) Harms, Christopher (Kimberly) Hanson, and Peter (Joy) Harms; nieces: Brenda (Kevin Kintzle) Williams and Darci (Anthony) Sikora; ten great-nieces and nephews; a great-great nephew; his special friend, Donna Miller-Larson; and his little coloring buddy, Harper.

In addition to his parents, Roger was preceded in death by a sister, Karen Faust; and his sister-in-law, Catherine (Harms) Faust.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 24 2026 at Popp Funeral and Cremation Services in Viroqua. Burial will follow in the Viroqua Cemetery. Visitation will be on Saturday, January 24, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Popp Funeral and Cremation Services in Viroqua has the honor of being entrusted with his services.

Special thank you to Roger's caregivers, Teresa and Vicky at Aspen Place Assisted Living; St. Croix Hospice Nurses: Jade, Nikki, Arianna, Kate, and Aid, Jessica; Erin Taylor at My Choice; Social Worker, Lindsay; and Norseland Nursing Home.

In Memory Of....

Raymond Bohland



Sept 16, 1945 - Jan. 23, 2026

Raymond W. Bohland, age 80, of Viroqua, WI, formerly of Ferryville and Chippewa Falls, WI, passed away Friday, January 23, 2026. He was born September 16, 1945 in rural De Soto, WI, the son of Glenn and Beatrice (Bailey) Bohland. Raymond was connected to the earth from dairy farming on Nash Ridge, custom crop work, employment at CrossRoads Ag in Chippewa Falls or enjoying the splendor of Lake Wissota. His work ethic was displayed through his Patz dealership, building Rochester silos, hand digging graves and employment at Prairie Sand and Gravel, Prairie du Chien. Community was important to Raymond as he was always willing to lend a hand from fixing farm equipment to serving as a Town of Freeman Officer to tractor pulls to enjoying a good conversation and a cup of coffee. He treasured his grandchildren and his biggest joy was spending time with them playing cards, attending their events, being a chauffeur, and sharing the many stories of their accomplishments to include his grand fur babies. Raymond's caring and kindness was felt by many, especially his nieces and nephews. There were only two things that were non-negotiable: nothing was better than an Oliver tractor or a Chevy truck. Raymond is survived by his children: Sheri (Frank) Hammond and Trevor (Heidi) Bohland; grandchildren: Katie, Kasey, Hannah and Elizabeth Hammond, and Tyler (finance, Maria Friedel) and Jackson Bohland; great-grandchildren: Brantley, Beau and Kinsley; siblings: Richard Bohland, Deborah Groves, Allan Bohland, Daniel Bohland and Cora (Paul) Gianoli; and nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, Raymond was preceded in death by his sister Darla in infancy; sister-in law, Bonnie Bohland; and brother-in-law, Charles Groves. Raymond will be greatly missed and remembered for his humor, big smile and twinkling blue eyes. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at New Hope Methodist Church in Red Mound. Burial will be at the Walnut Mound Cemetery, Retreat, WI, at a later date. Visitation will be on Saturday, January 31, 2026 from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at the church. In lieu of plants and flowers, memorials to Farmer Angel Network or to the family are preferred. Popp Funeral and Cremation Services in Viroqua has the honor of being entrusted with his services. The family would like to give a special thank you to Creamery Creek Senior Living Viroqua, La Farge Medical Clinic, Norseland Nursing Home, and St. Croix Hospice for providing such wonderful care and support.

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Do Not Stand At My Grave And Weep

By: Clare Harner

Do not stand at my grave and
weep

I am not there; I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that
blow,

I am the diamond glints on
snow,

I am the sun on ripened grain,

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the
morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at
night.

Do not stand at my grave and
cry,

I am not there; I did not die.



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