

# Norseland News

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NORSELAND NURSING HOME

## Norseland Nursing Home

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## Employee Highlights

### WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Hannah Carpenter, CNA - 5 yrs  
Maya Dunnum, CNA - 2 yrs  
Heather Hanson, CNA - 14 yrs  
Tonya Henke, CNA - 1 year  
Kris Holen, Housekeeping - 36 yrs  
Becky Lear, Nutrition Services - 7 yrs  
Mikayla Williams, CNA - 3 yrs

### NEW EMPLOYEES:

Norseland is hiring!

## Announcements

As we welcome the month of April, we are excited to see the signs of spring all around us. Warmer days, blooming flowers, and longer evenings bring a renewed sense of energy to our community. It's a wonderful time of year to enjoy fresh air and sunshine, spend time with our loved ones, and look forward to all that the season brings.

We would also like to extend warm Easter greetings to all of our residents, families, and staff. Whether you celebrate Easter as a religious holiday or simply as a time of renewal and togetherness, we hope your day is filled with joy, peace, and special moments.

Here at Norseland, we've been busy freshening up our facility this spring. You may notice some exciting improvements, including the removal of wallpaper and repainting of our hallways and nurses' station. These updates are part of our ongoing efforts to create a bright, welcoming, and comfortable environment for everyone who lives, works, and visits here.

Thank you, as always, for being part of our Norseland family. We look forward to a beautiful spring season together!

**-Angie Viau, Admin.**

## WE ARE HIRING

### Available Positions:

- CNAs (PMs)
- Nurse (LPN or RN: PMs)
- Van Driver - on call position

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# Special Events



## *Western Day*

Recreation Therapy intern, Allison will be throwing a Western themed day on **April 10<sup>th</sup>** as part of internship experience. We will be welcoming new entertainer: **Allison Sky at 2:00pm**. We look forward to offering a variety of themed programming and festive treats throughout the day.

## *Genoa National Fish Hatchery Outing*

Residents from Norseland will be taking a trip to the **Genoa National Fish Hatchery and Great River Road Interpretive Center** on **April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**. During this outing, residents will enjoy a guided tour and learn about the rich local history of the Mississippi River, as well as the many aquatic species that call it home. This educational and scenic experience offers a wonderful opportunity to explore the natural environment and discover more about the river that plays such an important role in our region. We look forward to learning together! Please sign up with Recreation Therapy in advance as there is limited availability.



## *Valley Market & Greenhouse Outing*

The Recreation Therapy Department will be providing the opportunity for residents to go on an outing to the **Valley Market & Greenhouse** in Coon Valley on **April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**. We look forward to an afternoon of shopping and enjoying the spring blooms. Please sign up with Recreation Therapy in advance as there is limited availability.



## *Earth Day*

Earth Day, celebrated on **April 22nd**, is a time to appreciate and learn more about our planet. In honor of this special day, Recreation Therapist Julia Christianson will be hosting an educational presentation on the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Join us for an engaging and informative experience as we explore some of nature's most breathtaking creations and discover the beauty of travel and the environment. We look forward to a day filled with learning, inspiration, and appreciation for the world around us.



# Community Engagement

## *Westby Elementary - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade*



The Westby Elementary 4th graders will be visiting on **April 21st at 1:30 PM** for a fun afternoon of Spring Bingo. This special event is part of an ongoing collaborative partnership between Westby Elementary and Norseland Nursing Home.

Residents and students will have the opportunity to enjoy friendly conversation, laughter, and shared learning while playing bingo together. We look forward to an afternoon filled with smiles and meaningful intergenerational connections!

## *National Volunteer Week*



National Volunteer Week will be celebrated this year from **April 19–25**. To honor the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, we will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet at Borgen's Cafe.

If you are interested in becoming a Norseland volunteer, please connect with Ange DeWinter in our Recreation Therapy Department to learn more about how you can join our volunteer team. We would love to have you!

## *Westby Lions Easter Egg Hunt*

Join the Westby Lions for their annual Easter Egg Hunt on **April 4th at 10:00 AM at Norseland Nursing Home!**

Event Details:

- Indoor hunt available for children 3 and under
- Outdoor hunt for all other age groups — rain or shine!

Thanks to the continued support of our amazing community, the Westby Lions are able to provide candy-filled eggs and special prizes for all participants.

A special thank you to Todd Volden with Edward Jones (Westby Office) for the generous donation of additional candy. Your support helps make this event even sweeter!

We look forward to seeing everyone there for a fun-filled morning!



# Special Thanks to our Donors

## *Jay and Amanda Jensen In memory of Sue Jensen*



We extend our sincere thanks to Jay and Amanda Jensen for their generous monetary gift in memory of Sue Jensen to our Recreation Therapy Department.

Through this thoughtful donation, we are excited to host a **Magic Show on May 11 at 2:00 PM**. Residents will also enjoy a fun-filled, carnival-themed day featuring a variety of games, raffle baskets, and opportunities to win special prizes.

Sue was always an active participant in our Recreation Department, sharing plenty of humor, jokes, and smiles with residents and staff alike. She is dearly missed and will always be remembered. Thank you for sharing your generosity in her memory.

## *In Honor of Gerald Walker*

We are excited to welcome special musical entertainment featuring big band music performed by the Grumpy Old Men. This special event is being held in honor of Gerald Walker in recognition of his generous donation to the Norseland Music Fund.

The Grumpy Old Men will be performing on **April 9th at 2:00 PM**. Thank you, Gerald Walker, for your generosity and for supporting live music for all to enjoy!

## *Local Sewing Group*

A heartfelt thank you to the talented local sewing group in Coon Valley for reaching out to our Recreation Therapy department with such generosity and creativity. Together, we found meaningful ways to support the residents of Norseland Nursing Home.

Their thoughtful **handmade wheelchair bags** and **cozy pocketed scarves** are not only beautiful, but also incredibly practical—helping residents comfortably carry personal items and even their bingo winnings!

We are so grateful for your time, talent, and kindness. Thank you for thinking of our residents and allowing us to be part of sharing your generosity.

# In Memory Of....

*Roger Anthony*



Jan. 19, 1950 - March 11, 2026

Roger W. Anthony, 76, passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at Vernon Health in Viroqua, WI.

He was born on January 19, 1950, to Genevieve (Ready) and Beauford Anthony. He married Mary Kaercher on June 13, 1980, in Tomah, WI.

Roger graduated with the class of 1968 and worked after high school. His first job out of school was at a grocery store in Richland Center. He also worked at the foundry in Richland Center along with numerous other jobs. Since 1997 Roger transported the Amish Community. He liked spending time with friends at the Rod & Gun and the Westby Ski Hill. Roger also enjoyed collecting ball caps, assorted cars, and pens.

He is survived by his wife Mary; sons Justin and Cory; daughter Angela; grandchildren: Jordan, Heidi, and Chris; sisters: Lois (Leo) Gerlach, Phyllis Anthony, Janice (Tim) Lortie of Prairie du Chien, Jean (Joe) Faas of Rio Rancho, New Mexico; brothers: Larry (April) Anthony of North Carolina, Fred (Gail) Anthony of Grand Rapids, MN; brothers-in-law: Tom Kaercher of Salida, Colorado, Mike Kaercher of Tomah, Kelly (James) Schuman of Tomah, Sheri (Ken) Blount, and Kim (Sal) Scardino; sisters-in-law, Sue Kagel of Westby and Lisa Jambois of Viroqua; many nieces, nephew, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his mother Genevieve (Ready) and father Beauford Anthony; sister Alice; brothers Charlie and Rick; grandmas and grandpas; aunts and uncles; brothers-in-law, Larry Kaercher and David Plantz; sister-in-law MaryLynn Bemis; and mother-in-law Laverne Plantz. Family would like to thank Vernon Health, Emplify Health of La Crosse, and Norseland Nursing Home for their excellent care and compassion for Roger in his final days.

Family will be holding a Celebration of Life on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at Redemption Chapel at 11 AM with Pastor Shick officiating. A visitation will be held from 10 AM until time of service with a luncheon following the service.

Burial to take place at a later date.

Roth Family Cremation Center and Funeral Services is assisting the family.

*Darlene Zink*



March 9, 1938 - March 14, 2026

Darlene passed into the arms of her Lord on March 14, 2026. She will be celebrating Easter with all her family that have gone before her. She was surrounded by the love of her family, Husband Don, daughter Dawn and Son David. She was born on March 9th, 1938 at home to George and Elsie (Michel) Stilwell. She was the last of four children. She was born during a snowstorm, her dad carried her on a pillow because she was so small, he called her his "pillow baby". She married the love of her life Don Zink on September 26, 1964 in Stoddard at St Matthew's Lutheran Church. She and Donnie lived in the same house their entire married life, raised their daughter Dawn and Son David there and had many happy memories in that house.

Darlene was a member of the Stoddard American legion for many years; she was active in the church and helped with many events at the Legion. She also babysat for many families in Stoddard, especially for Arlene and Arnie Schroeder and Bob and Sharon Von Ruden. She in later years Cleaned for Lawrynk's Grocery store, the Stoddard post office and the Thirsty turtle and Big River.

She enjoyed her gardens and canning, baking and cooking for her family and friends, most of her close friends will be waiting for her in heaven, what a joyful day it will be for mom. She did beautiful embroidery; her stiches were so delicate and natural.

Darlene is survived by her husband of 61 years Don, Daughter Dawn (Dean) Nerison and their children Allen (Caitlian) Nerison, April Nerison and Great Grandson Dominic Nerison (son of Allen), son David (Deb) Zink and their children Allison Zink, Cody Zink, Great granddaughter Ava Zink and great grandson Thatcher Stopla (children of Allison); niece Deb (John) Jones and their children Trisha, Elizabeth, Katherine, Tommy, Christine and Jared and Great Nephews Axten and Waylon; sister-in-law Joyce Stilwell and Neice Verona Lachman and her family

She is preceded in death by her parents George and Elsie, Sister and brother in-law Betty Jane and Irvin Goplin, brothers Gerald and Harlan Stilwell.

The family want to give a heartfelt Thank you to all the Staff of Norseland Nursing and St. Croix Hospice Staff.

May God keep you all wrapped in his loving arms.

Per Darlene's wishes she will be cremated and a joint celebration of life will be held after the passing of her husband. The Seland Funeral Home is assisting the family. Condolences may be given at [selandsfuneralhome.com](http://selandsfuneralhome.com).