

Norseland News

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NORSELAND NURSING HOME



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Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT: COVID-19 CASES

During the month of August, we had 6 positive COVID-19 cases within our facility. We are happy to share that the virus did not become widespread throughout the entire building. Thank you to our dedicated staff for following the necessary extra precautions to help contain the spread! As always, if you are not feeling well, please refrain from visiting. Masks and hand sanitizer are always readily available for your visit. Thank you for helping to keep our residents healthy and safe!

-Megan Arnold, NHA
 Administrator

Employee Highlights:

WORK ANNIVERSARIES:

- Donna Rigby, CNA - 28 yrs.
- Vicki Lomen, CNA - 4 yrs.
- Chris Amrhein, RN - 3 yrs.
- Bonnie Johansen, CNA - 3 yrs.
- Jennifer Nielson, RN - 3 yrs.
- Denali Huebner, CNA - 2 yrs.
- Violet Manke, Front Desk - 2 yrs.
- Patricia Nevsimal, Laundry - 2 yrs.

NEW EMPLOYEES:

- Courtney Holmes, CNA
- Mason Mosher, Dietary Aide
- Carol Blasing, Dietary Aide



ANNOUNCEMENT: WE'RE HIRING

We are hiring! Be sure to check out our website for available positions:

- **Director of Nursing**
- Nursing Support Assistant
- CNAs (PMs & Nights)
- Nurse (LPN or RN) Days
- Med Tech (Days & PM)
- Dietary Aid (PMs)

Apply today at:
www.bsjcorp.com/employment/

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Special Events



Fall Color Rides

As the season of fall approaches, we will be offering periodic rides in the accessible van and UTV to see the changing of the seasons and fall colors. We have tentatively scheduled Sept 20, Oct 10, and Oct 16th for fall color rides. These dates are subject to change due to weather/color conditions. We look forward to seeing the beautiful fall colors!



Oktoberfest Social

We will be celebrating Oktoberfest with Oktoberfest Bingo, beer tasting, serving of beer dip and pretzels, and listening to polka music by Two Sisters. We will be celebrating Oktoberfest on Friday, Sept. 27th. Thank you to our dietary department for coordinating an Oktoberfest themed meal to go with our festivities as well. We look forward to a day of fun!

Sunrise Orchard Outing

We will be taking a group of residents to Sunrise Orchard in Gays Mills to visit their apple orchard and market on October 2nd at 9:30am. We look forward to the scenic drive to Gays Mills and sampling their apple cider doughnuts and slushies! Please sign up with Rec. Therapy if interested in attending as there is limited availability.



In Memory of Edith Solberg

Edith Solberg was extremely creative and talented. She loved to make quilts, crochet, sew, and make door decorations. Thank you to those that donated in her memory: Lynn & Alan Fisher, Sandy & Roger Mathison, Susanne Wedwick, Joyce & Dennis Smalley, Lori & Gary Larson, Gwendolyn Siverhus, David & Betty Wemette, Susanne Mlsna, & Anonymous Donors. We will be hosting a scarecrow guided painting program on Sept. 18th @ 9:15am. Please sign up with Rec. Therapy by Sept 9th.



Community Engagement

Fairest of the Fair



Vernon County's Fairest of the Fair will be visiting Norseland residents on September 10th @ 3:30 PM. The Fairest of the Fair will be calling "County Fair" themed bingo and answering questions regarding their experience of their role as Fairest of the Fair. We look forward to your visit!



Norsefest--Norseland Auxiliary

The Norseland Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Norsefest fundraiser consisting of a pie and ice cream social and a bake sale. This event will be held on October 19th from 2-4pm at Norseland Nursing Home. This event will be free will offering and all fund raised will go directly to Norseland Auxiliary. Thank you to the Norseland Auxiliary for your continued dedication to serving the Norseland residents! We hope to see you there!

Antique Show



We attended the 53rd Antique Show put on by the Coulee Antique Engine Club. A special thank you to John Wangen, one of the organizers of the show, for all of your effort and collaboration in ensuring our residents would be accommodated at the show. Thank you to Sheriff Roy Torgerson for personally stopping by and coordinating day of logistics to ensure safe transportation to the show. Thank you to Deputy Larry Howell for escorting us! We are very thankful for community members that include us in special events like these!

Special Thanks to our Donors



In Memory of Miriam Lewison

Miriam was an active participant within the recreation department. She attended a wide variety of programs, enjoyed visiting with her co-residents, and looked forward to special programming. Miriam especially enjoyed big band music! We will be hosting “Grumpy Old Men” musical entertainment in her memory on October 10th at 2:00 PM. This program was made possible by the generosity of donations made in her memory. Thank you for choosing to share your kindness with us.



Viroqua VFW

Thank you to Viroqua VFW for your generous donation to our Recreation Therapy Department. The VFW made a monetary donation designated to sponsor happy hour drinks for our veterans. Happy Hour is typically held Fridays at 1:30 PM. We look forward to enjoying conversation and tasty beverages together! Thank you for your generosity!

In Memory of Edith Solberg

Thank you to Kathy & Roger Lewison, Nan Jean Schultz, and Susanne Mlsna for your generous monetary gift to our staff appreciation fund in memory of your mother Edith Solberg. Our staff appreciation fund is utilized to treat staff members in recognition of the quality care they provide. Past donations have included: custom apparel, facility upgrades, catered meals, staff entertainment/parties, etc. Edith was loved and adored by all and is dearly missed. We look forward to treating our staff in her memory. Thank you for choosing to share your generosity with us.



In Memory Of...

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

Jesse Stout



Dec. 2, 1955 - Aug. 5, 2024

Jesse L. Stout, age 68 years, of Ontario, Wisconsin, passed away on Monday, August 5, 2024 at Norseland Nursing Home in Westby, Wisconsin.

He was born on December 2, 1955, the son of Kenneth and Vera (Granger) Stout in Reedsburg, Wisconsin and grew to adulthood in the La Valle area.

Jesse married Davina Marshall on November 26, 1994 in La Valle.

Jesse was a farmer for many years and also was an over the road truck driver and later transported Amish families, along with working in carpentry.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren. Was active in garden tractor pulling and car shows. Collected cars and played in the church dartball softball league.

Survivors include his wife, Davina of Ontario; Keith Stout of Reedsburg, Kyle Stout (Hailey) of Mount Tabor and Jerry Sitton Darling (Aimee) of New London; grandchildren, Bryleigh, Paisley, Trista and Charlie; siblings, Russel (Debra) Stout of La Valle, Barbara (Fred) Thompson of Reedsburg, Frank (Mary) Stout of La Valle and Darlene (Dale) Demaskie of Hillsboro and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his Parents and sister, Juanita Niles.

A gathering celebrating the life of Jesse will be held on Friday, August 16, 2024 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Grace Community Church 100 Monroe Street, Ontario, WI and also on Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the La Valle Advent Christian Church 200 La Valle Street, La Valle, WI.

The Picha Funeral Home in Wonewoc is assisting with arrangements.

Alice Haugen



Aug. 2, 1933 - Aug. 12, 2024

Alice J. (Jenks) Haugen, age 91, of Sparta, WI, passed away Monday, August 12, 2024 at Vernon Memorial Healthcare in Viroqua, WI. She was born on August 2, 1933 in St. Ann's Hospital in La Crosse, WI, the daughter of Bert and Eileen (Jollivette) Jenks. Alice graduated from Logan High School in La Crosse.

On September 15, 1951, Alice married Olaf "Ole" C. Haugen at St. Peters Church in Hokah, MN. She worked as a seamstress at the Garment Company, Jack Winters, and Winona Knitting, where she was a first responder, until her retirement.

Alice was both a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader throughout her children's childhoods and was an avid sports parent during their high school years; she was even awarded her own bullhorn by the coaches. Alice loved gardening; in fact, she never gave up hope that any spindly plant would live to flourish. Some of her favorite pastimes

were watching basketball (NBA, collegiate or high school – it didn't matter), solving puzzles in the newspaper, and feeding a multitude of birds and squirrels that visited her yard.

Alice is survived by her children: Olaf "Chip" (Judy) Haugen, Jr., Richard (Dianne) Haugen, Nancy Kerska, Mary Jo (Pat Hoff) Haugen, and Julie (David) Linville;

grandchildren: Jennifer and Brian Haugen, Jillian (James) Williamson, Sarah (Jason) Davis, Travis (Mindy) Kerska, Crystal (Daniel) Barrett, and Casey Linville; five great-grandchildren: Steven, Eden, Genevieve, Angelica, and Gunnar; and her siblings, Margaret "Marni" and James "Jim".

In addition to her parents, Alice was preceded by her husband, Ole; brothers: Bert "Bud", Richard "Dick", and Gerald "Butch"; sisters: Jeanne and Patricia "Patty"; and a son-in-law, Tim Kerska. In keeping with her wishes, there will be no formal services. Thorson-Popp Funeral and Cremation Services in Viroqua is assisting the family