

Norseland News

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NORSELAND NURSING HOME



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Employee Highlights:

WORK ANNIVERSARIES:

- Macayla Anderson, Receptionist - 2 years
- Kaylin Knock, CNA - 2 years
- Beverly Leland, CNA - 46 years

NEW EMPLOYEES:

- Gabrielle Olson - CNA Trainee
- Mary Olson - Social Work Designee
- Dominique Stussy - RN

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT: NEW SOCIAL WORKER

Norseland is excited to welcome newly hired social worker designee, Mary Olson. Mary has recently started with Norseland and is excited to meet everyone. Please feel free to stop by her office to say hello! Her office is located behind the front desk.

-Angie Viau

Acting Administrator



ANNOUNCEMENT: WE'RE HIRING

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

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

Apply today at:

www.bsjcorp.com/employment/

-Angie Viau, SW

Acting Administrator

Special Events

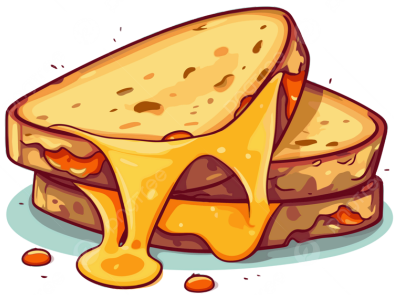
New Years Eve

The New Year will be here before we know it! To celebrate the coming of a new year, we will be serving happy hour with grasshopper ice cream drinks. We will also be playing a game of New Years Eve Bingo while enjoying a pizza party on 12/31 @ 3:00 PM. This new year's social program was sponsored by the Harlan Friske Family. Thank you Leona & Harlan Friske for your generous monetary gift to our recreation therapy department! We appreciate your continued support!



Chili and Chicken + Wild Rice Soup

Our recreation therapy department will be offering a Chicken + Wild Rice Soup and Grilled Cheese special meal on Friday, January 17th for the lunch meal. Please sign up with Rec. Therapy by January 15th as there is limited availability. We look forward to serving you!



Fudge Sampling

We will be hosting a fudge tasting program with fudge from Valley Fudge & Candy. We will be sampling 6 different varieties of fudge. Some will even be reflecting the well known flavors associated with the holidays! This program will be held on January 9th @ 2:00 PM. This program was made possible by donations to our Recreation Therapy Department. Thank you, History Alive Project, for your generous donation!



Candy Cane Fudge

Valentine's Day Social

On Valentine's Day (Feb. 14th @ 10:00am) we will be welcoming the Westby Kindergartners. They will be coming to display a message and deliver a homemade craft. After their departure, residents will have the opportunity to play Love Songs Musical Bingo and enjoy a festive treat. Thank you to Westby Elementary for continuing to collaborate with us!



Community Engagement

Westby Elementary School



Thank you to the Westby Elementary 1st graders for singing Christmas carols to us during the month of December. Residents always look forward to your visits and friendly conversation! We will be welcoming the 3rd and 4th graders on **Friday, Jan 24th @ 1:30 PM** to build snowmen outside resident windows (pending weather). We look forward to your upcoming visit! Stay tuned for more programs with Westby Elementary offered throughout the year!

Westby EMS



Thank you to the volunteer Westby EMS team for partnering with Norseland to offer CPR certification for our staff members. We appreciate your time, education, and training to help keep our staff up-to-date on their healthcare skills! A special thank you to Jamie Howell, RN & Westby EMS First Responder volunteer for coordinating the collaboration between Westby EMS and Norseland.

Our Saviors Lutefisk & Meatball Meal

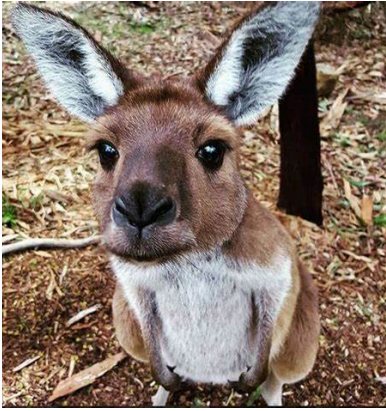


Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Westby will be offering their annual fundraiser of Lutefisk and Meatballs Dinner. This fundraiser will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Residents that are interested in participating in meal may sign up with Rec. Therapy by Jan 27th, 2025. Thank you for including us! **The delivery of carry out meals are reserved for the residents of Norseland. We are not able to accommodate carry out meals for friends/family. Thank you for understanding!**

Special Thanks to our Donors

In Memory of Pat Jaeger

You're having baby kangaroos and a petting zoo at the nursing home?! We sure are! Mark your calendars and save the date for **July, 15th from 2- 4 PM** for the opportunity to hold a baby kangaroo and honor the life of former resident Pat Jaeger. Thank you to the donors that made this program possible: Kathryn and David Fontanini, Gary & Marie Jaeger, Arnold & Coralie Nomann, Nancy Theige, Sandra Vold-Brudos, Marcus & Sharon Nelson, Harlan & Delores Melby, Kim & Mark Tainter, Ann & Sterling Bartlett, Allen & Alene Olson, Roland & Rebecca Hoff, David & Rita Running, David & Susan Anderson, Steven & Joyce Running, Susan Haydysch, Bruce & Catherine Running, Michael & Marla Fencil, Ellen Jaeger Labounta, Daniel & Donna Nelson, and Linda & Forrest Dowling. Additionally, a portion of the donated funds will go towards our staff appreciation fund to cater in a special meal for staff during National Nursing Home Week. Thank you to all the donors for choosing to share your generosity with Norseland and allowing our residents to experience new things--even in their golden years!



Irene & Fredrick Olson

Thank you to Irene and Fredrick Olson for your generous contribution to our staff appreciation fund. With your monetary gift, staff members were treated to a pizza lunch from Nordic Lanes. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity!



Anonymous Donor

Thank you to the anonymous donor that generously contributed to our staff appreciation fund. With your monetary gift, we were able to treat all staff members to an evening of fun at our staff Christmas party. The Christmas party will consist of a catered meal/drink at Badger Crossing, friendly conversation among co-workers, and an assortment of raffle basket prizes. Thank you for choosing to share your generosity with us!



In Memory Of...

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

Tom Sharratt



Aug. 1, 1942 - Dec. 16, 2024

Tom Sharratt, age 82, of Westby, passed away on Monday, December 16, 2024. Tom was born in Milwaukee on August 1, 1942, to Kathleen (Hering) and Bill Sharratt and lived as a child in Madison, Appleton, and Milwaukee before completing a bachelor's degree in agriculture at UW - Madison in 1964. At the same time, he received a commission in the US Regular Army and served on active duty for 21 years as a Field Artillery officer. He retired as a Major, having served in a variety of assignments in the US; over seven years in Europe with US, Belgian, and British armies where he specialized in the readiness and security of nuclear weapons; and in Viet Nam in 1967-68. While in the Army, he completed a master's degree in Agricultural Economics at Purdue University. He shortly thereafter purchased a farm in Timber Coulee near the Snowflake Ski Club, in Westby, WI in 1972.

In 1985, he became a high school teacher in Des Moines, Iowa, where he taught High School Junior ROTC at Hoover High School. He enjoyed working with his students and their parents, teaching leadership and citizenship skills. One of his most fondly remembered achievements was teaching a blind student to rappel from a 40-foot-high tower. In 1996, Tom and his beloved wife Sharon (Burkhalter) moved to their farm in Timber Coulee, and enjoyed the rest of his life raising trees and organic crops. He and Sharon shared a deep love for the land, and worked hard at being good stewards. They chose to protect their land with a land conservation easement with the Mississippi Valley Conservancy in 2016. He had four loves in his life - Sharon, his wife of 41 years; his two children and four grandchildren; agriculture; and railroads. Many people knew Tom only as "the guy with a railroad in his front yard."

He and Sharon traveled extensively, riding and photographing railroads in the US, Canada, Latin America, China, Cuba, Australia, New Zealand, and Europe. They also invested in railroads and worked together for several months each year for over seven years on a privately owned rail car. He enjoyed both writing and photography, and had several articles published in TRAINS magazine and Army publications. For several years, he also wrote a monthly column for the local paper entitled "Where in the World are We?" under the pseudonym of "The Lost Wanderer." Tom was active in the Westby United Methodist Church, Coon Valley American Legion Post 116, Westby VFW Post 8021, the Lexington Group, and a number of railroad museums around the country. He was also active in the Westby Area Schools as a volunteer representing veterans.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Church, Westby Area School District, or one of the veteran's organizations he belonged to.

"You will lose someone you can't live without, and your heart will be badly broken, and the bad news is that you never completely get over the loss of your beloved. But this is also the good news. They live forever in your broken heart that doesn't seal back up. And you come through. It's like having a broken leg that never heals perfectly—that still hurts when the weather gets cold, but you learn to dance with the limp."
-Anne Lamott