

# Norseland News

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NORSELAND NURSING HOME



## Announcements

### ANNOUNCEMENT: MARTIN BROTHERS

Bethany St. Joseph has switched from Proformance Foods to Martin Brothers as our chosen food vendor. The change for Norseland went into effect on January 7th. We look forward to sharing the offerings that this new change has!

**-Janae Short, CDM**

Nutrition Services Supervisor



Check us out on Facebook!  
 "Like" our page  
 "Norseland Nursing Home"  
 for updated photos, videos,  
 and announcements.



## Employee Highlights:

### WORK ANNIVERSARIES:

- Julia Christianson, Rec. Therapy: 3 yrs.
- Brenda Volden, CNA: 3 yrs.
- Angie Hornby, RN: 5 yrs.
- Ange DeWinter, Rec. Therapy: 8 yrs.

### NEW EMPLOYEES:

- Mary Chroninger: CNA

### 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/](http://www.bsjcorp.com/employment/)

**-Angie Viau, SW**

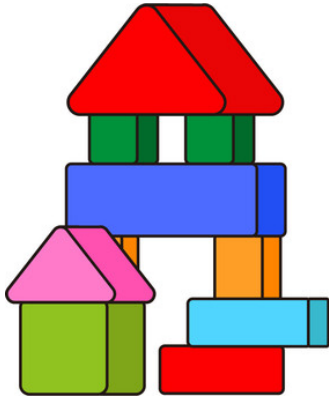
Acting Administrator

## *Special Events*



### *Norseland's 50th Birthday*

Norseland Nursing Home turns 50! In February of 1975, Norseland opened its door to welcome its first resident. Two months later, the Norseland Auxiliary was formed. Please join both Norseland Nursing Home and the Norseland Auxiliary in celebrating this milestone. The celebration will consist of refreshments, raffle basket fundraiser, music, photoboard, and sharing of memories. Please stop by Feb. 26th @ 2:00PM to celebrate with us!



### *Westby Kindergarten Visits*

The Westby Kindergarteners will be visiting Feb. 5th @ 9:30am to celebrate "World Play Day." Residents and students will have the opportunity to build together at various activity stations. We look forward to exploring our creativity together! Thank you educator Shelley Brudos-Eng for coordinating!

### *Valentine Social*

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Friday, Feb. 14th @ 10:00am. Westby students will be coming to deliver a special message and a craft. Residents will then have the opportunity to play Love Song Musical Bingo and enjoy coffee and a sugar cookie treat! We will also be announcing our Valentine King & Queen! We look forward to a day of fun!



### *President's Day*

On Monday, February 17th, we will be celebrating President's Day with a variety of patriotic themed programs including: Patriotic Musical Bingo, Presidential Kahoot, and a Red White & Blue sweet treat. We look forward to a day of fun with themed program offerings.



# Community Engagement

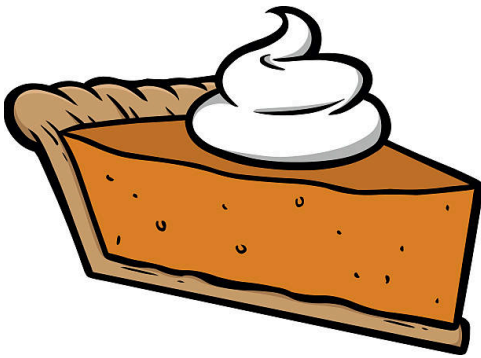
## Westby Elementary Staff



In our continued collaboration efforts, Westby Elementary staff will be volunteering at Norseland on Friday, March 21st. Westby Elementary Staff and residents will be playing musical bingo in the morning and then serving up happy hour drinks and assorted table games in the afternoon. We look forward sharing a day of fun together!

## Norseland Auxiliary

The Norseland Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Pie & Ice Cream social on Saturday, March 29th from 1:30-3:00PM. Please join us for assorted pies, ice cream, coffee, and great conversation in support of Norseland Auxiliary. This fundraiser is a free will offering. As always, if you are interested in joining the Norseland Auxiliary, please stop by the Recreation Therapy office. Ange DeWinter in Recreation Dept will be happy to connect you with the auxiliary!



## Valentine Bouquets

In collaboration with local florist, **Wildflower and Wren**, Norseland Nursing Home will be participating in a fundraising campaign to provide each resident with a small bouquet (carnation, baby's breath, and greenery) on Valentine's Day. This is a collaborative effort with all local care facilities including: Norseland Nursing Home, Vernon Manor, Vernon Acres, Bethel Home, Creamery Creek, and Milestone Senior Living.

**Each bouquet costs \$10 with a goal of providing every resident at all care facilities with 1 bouquet this Valentine's Day.**

Please visit the florist's website to make your donation!  
[www.wildflowerandwren.com](http://www.wildflowerandwren.com)



# Special Thanks to our Donors

## Raffle Baskets



Thank you to the local organizations/business/individuals that donated raffle baskets and items for our raffle basket fundraiser in celebration of Norseland's 50th Anniversary. We would like to thank the following donors that have donated to date:

- Daily Brew Co.
- Driftless Studios
- Nordic Creamery
- Tractor Central
- Organic Valley
- Snowflake Ski Club
- Coon Valley Dairy Supply
- Norseland Auxiliary
- Angie Viau

You may purchase raffle tickets at the front desk for your chance to win a basket. Tickets will be sold for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Raffle baskets will be on display from February 17- February 26th. Our winners will be announced at the 50th anniversary celebration. Thank you for supporting Norseland Nursing Home!



## In Memory of Jim O'Connor

Thank you to the Tim O'Connor family for your designation of memorial for Norseland Recreation Therapy department made in memory of Tim O'Connor. Thank you to Dan & Nancy Thompson and Dan & Waneeta Everson for your generous monetary gift in his memory. We look forward to honoring Tim in our recreation programming.

## 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 a custom zip up sweatshirt that commemorates our 50th anniversary. What a special way to celebrate!







# *In Memory Of...*

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

## *Orvis Weber*



Aug. 14, 1931 - Dec. 31, 2024

Orvis Leon Weber, 93 passed away peacefully Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at Norseland Nursing Home in Westby WI, with family by his side.

Orvis was born August 14, 1931, to Sylvan and Irene (Lierance) Weber in Vernon County Wisconsin.

On October 26, 1954, he married Faye Nelson in Galena, IL. They were blessed with 67 years of marriage.

Orvis joined the Marine Corps on Jan 30, 1952. He served in Japan during the Korean War and was honorably discharged from active duty on Jan 15, 1954. He earned the following medals: National Defense Service Medal, Korean War Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal.

Orvis enjoyed spending time visiting with his family and friends. His other interests included prepping his classic 1964 Rambler for parades, camping, especially at Goose Island County Park, talking about co-op tractors and going to polka dances. He was an avid reader of old car and tractor magazines.

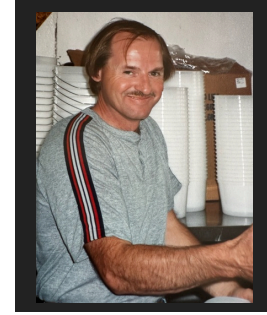
Orvis is survived by daughters, Bonnie Hemmersbach and Barb Ripley; son Ken (Svetlana Amaker) Weber; brother Jim Weber; sisters Shirley Gallagher and Ramona Abbey; grandchildren: Justin (Melissa) Bolstad, Jenna (Shane) McNamara, Breanna (Jed) Lathrop, and Justin Amaker; great-grandchildren: Cadi Johnson, Harlow Bolstad, Claire McNamara, Hyatt Bolstad, and Paxley Lathrop.

Orvis was preceded in death by his loving wife Faye, sister Mae O'Connor, parents Sylvan and Irene Weber, and sons-in-law Tony Hemmersbach and Larry Ripley.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 12 p.m. at Redemption Chapel located on Highway 14 between Viroqua and Westby with Pastor George Shick officiating. A visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until time of service.

Family is requesting no memorials.

## *Tim O'Connor*



Dec. 22, 1953 - Jan. 8, 2025

Tim O'Connor, age 71, of Viroqua passed away peacefully Wednesday, January 8th at Norseland Nursing home surrounded by loved ones. He was born on December 22nd, 1953 to Jim and Mae O'Connor. He graduated from Viroqua High School in 1972. He served in the US Navy from 1972-1976. Upon returning to Viroqua, he worked for his dad at the Viroqua Dairy. Nancy and Tim purchased and ran the dairy from 1990-2003. He retired in 2016 from Organic Valley Chaseburg Creamery where he enjoyed his job and all the co workers he spent time with.

Tim enjoyed the simple pleasures of life, good food, good music and spending time with his family.

Tim was a good husband to his wife Nancy, they spent 46 years building a life of love and laughter. Together they created a family that was his greatest pride and joy. He was a beloved father to his two daughters, Sara and Kayla, who will always remember his smile, kindness, and the way he made them feel like the most important people in his world. His legacy of love will live on through his grandchildren, who brought endless joy to his day! He also shared a special bond with his brother in laws, and sister in laws who were not only family but life long friends. Their love support and countless memories together enriched his life in immeasurable ways and he treasured every moment spent with them.

Tim is leaving behind a legacy of memories and a family that adored him.

Tim is survived by his wife Nancy; two daughters, Sara (Joe) Faren, and Kayla (Josh) Kaiser; five grandchildren: Quintin, Maleah and Mason Faren, Alexis and Cullen Kaiser; mother and father-in-law, Donald and Helen Parr; aunts: Bette Steinbrenner, Ramona Abbey, and Shirley Gallagher; uncle Jimmy Weber, and several cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents; siblings: Danny, Kevin, and Jane; paternal grandparents, Forrest and Irene O'Connor; maternal grandparents, Sylvan and Irene Weber; several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family would like to thank Norseland Nursing home for their wonderful care, Dr Calkins for his compassionate care, and St Croix Hospice.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Viroqua VFW on Sunday, January 19th, 2025, from 12-4 p.m..

Memorials preferred to the Norseland Nursing home activity department or Viroqua EMS.