

Norseland News

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NORSELAND NURSING HOME



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Employee Highlights:

WORK ANNIVERSARIES:

- Tina Myhre, RN: 9 yrs.
- Normina Olson, CNA: 3 yrs.
- Peggy Stellner, Laundry: 18 yrs.

NEW EMPLOYEES:

- Katie Flaten: RN
- Cyrus Hysel: CNA-Trainee
- Alexandra Wang: CNA
- Addison Wang: Dietary Aide

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT: RAFFLE BASKET WINNERS

our 50th anniversary raffle basket winners include:

Donors/Baskets:

- Organic Valley:**Nancy O'Connor
- Norseland Auxiliary:**Marcy Nelson
- Coon Valley Dairy Supply:**Mary Jo Griffin
- Nordic Lanes:**Theresa Brueggen
- WCCU:**.....Elida Anderson
- Westby Creamery:**Corinne Pedretti
- Nordic Creamery:**Lori Brown
- Tractor Central:**Reuben Ellefson
- Ruth & Dave Amundson:**.....Jean Geier
- Daily Brew Co.:**Crystal Brown
- Snowflake Ski Club:**Mary Jo Griffin
- History Alive Project:**Thomas Beckendorf
- Driftless Studios:**.....Marsha Hall
- Norseland Admin. : Angie Viau**.....Angie Viau
- Westby Area Historical Society:**Terri Parr

ANNOUNCEMENT: WE'RE HIRING

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

- **Director of Nursing**
- CNAs (Night & PMs)
- Nurse (LPN or RN: Days & Nights)
- Nurse Tech (Days & PMs)

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

-Angie Viau, NHA
 Administrator

Special Events



First Day of Spring

We will be celebrating the first day of Spring on March 20th. To celebrate, we will be playing Spring bingo, planting our spring seeds, and creating a spring craft to hang on doors. We look forward to a day of themed programming and warmer days ahead!



Nordic Lanes Order In

The Norseland Recreation Department provides the opportunity for residents to order in lunch from local restaurants. We will be having an order in from Nordic Lanes on Wednesday, March 19th. Please sign up with Rec. Therapy if interested. If you are interested in having a Resident Trust Account so your loved one can more easily access funds to participate in order ins, please stop the front desk to establish an account.



Magician with Westby Kindergarten

We will be welcoming Isaiah Foster with "The Magic of Isaiah Foster" on April 3rd from 2:00 - 2:45PM. We will also be welcoming the Westby Kindergarteners to join us in this special entertainment. This program was made possible by donations made in memory of Helen Hanson whom absolutely loved when the school kids would visit! We look forward to hosting this collaborative event in of honor of Helen! Thank you again to the donors that made this offering possible: Karen & Dennis Miller, Stanely Turban, Jeff & Eileen Hanson, Jack & Donna Dutcher, G & D Hougom, and Karen Allness,



St. Patrick's Day Social

We will be welcoming Bruce Greenwood on Monday, March 17th @ 10:00am as our musical entertainment while enjoying a festive treat and green beer! We look forward to a day full of themed programming including: St. Patrick's Day Bingo, Reuben & Cream of Potato special meal, and St. Patrick's Day trivia game!

Community Engagement

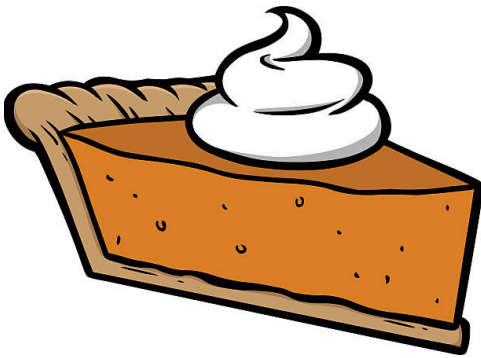


Westby Elementary Staff

The Westby Elementary Staff will be visiting Norseland on March 21st at 10:00am for Musical Bingo and again at 1:30pm for Happy Hour, conversation, and assorted games. It truly has been wonderful to watch residents and school children interact throughout the various scheduled programs during the 2024-2025 school year. We look forward to visiting with educators who help to make these program offerings possible!

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!



Westby Lions

SAVE THE DATE! The Westby Lions will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Norseland Nursing Home on Saturday, April 19th @ 10:00am. Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt, win special prizes, and snap a picture with the Easter bunny! We look forward to welcoming the community to for a festive afternoon! Thank you Westby Lions for including Norseland Nursing Home in your community engagement efforts!



Special Thanks to our Donors



Norseland Auxiliary

Thank you to the Norseland Auxiliary for your generous monetary gift that will provide the facility with flowers to be planted in various planters around the facility property. Residents always look forward to enjoying the flowers throughout the summer. Thank you for your generosity!

In Memory of Tim O'Connor

Thank you to the Tim O'Connor family for your designation of memorials for Norseland Recreation Therapy department to be made in memory of Tim O'Connor. Thank you to Dan & Nancy Thompson, Dan & Waneeta Everson, Richard & Patricia Fatura, Ami & Derek Dregne, Debra Parr, Marla Thompson, and Doug & Karen Swenson for your generous monetary gift in his memory. We will be hosting a carnival day in Tim's memory which will include dunk tank special activity and ice cream sundae bar! This will be held during National Nursing Home Week on May 14th @ 2:00 PM. We look forward to a day of honoring Tim!



In Memory of Harlan Stoleson

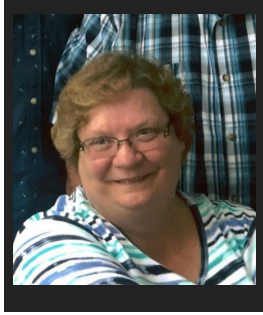
Thank you to the Harlan Stoleson family for their generous monetary gift to the Norseland Recreation Therapy Dept. With your monetary gift, we will be hosting a wildlife program featuring a live skunk, opossum, and flying squirrel during National Nursing Home Week. This program is through the Coulee Region Humane Society and will be held at Norseland on Thursday, May 15th at 2:00PM. We look forward to a day of honoring Harlan!



In Memory Of...

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

Eileen Widner



Jan 24, 1951 - Jan. 28, 2025

Eileen Marie Widner was born at Saint Ann's hospital in La Crosse Wisconsin on January 24, 1951, to Henry and Olive Zebell. She passed away peacefully surrounded by Dale and her family on January 28, 2025.

Following graduation from Cashton High School in 1969, Eileen attended FBI training in Milwaukee with several other women, who became some of her closest friends, living in a convent. She remarked, "that place was not quite the same" after they left.

In 1975 Eileen married Dale Widner. How profound now are the words to their wedding song, "Time in a Bottle." Together, they had several stops along the way in their FBI journey which included South Dakota, Washington D.C., Milwaukee, and Madison where they both retired from.

Eileen had 40 years with the FBI. In between the FBI adventures, they came back to Wisconsin and farmed on the Widner family farm in Avalanche for a few years. Eileen's career had some other stops along the way. She worked at The Cheese Cellar, Vernon County, Walmart and her "retirement" job at Quilt Basket 'n Creations where she enjoyed the company of her friends here as much as she loved the sewing.

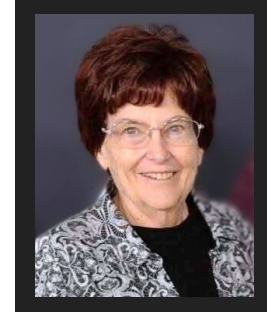
To know Eileen was to love her. She shared her passions for quilting, knitting, cross-stitch and crocheting with so many of us. A talented woman behind the sewing machine; she knew the right fabrics, colors and patterns that brought so much warmth and delight to those fortunate enough to have been on the receiving end of her gifts. She enjoyed spoiling her nieces and nephews and card playing with friends and relatives. A favorite summer pastime with Dale and his family was trips up to the ridge above Avalanche. Eileen was a pleasure to be around. Her story telling and reminiscences of days gone by made you always want to stay a bit longer when visiting. In case you're wondering how to change a car tire in the winter, in a dress, after catechism, she knew. If you were brave enough to dish it out, you were going to get it back with a laugh that will never be forgotten. She was as funny as she was loving.

She offered solid advice and never hesitated to lend a listening ear. If you came to visit, you could be assured that you'd find country music in the background and something delicious to eat.

Eileen spent the last few months at Norseland Nursing Home in Westby. She made even more friends there and spoke often of the wonderful care that she received. The family will be forever grateful for the loving attention and care she was provided by both Norseland and St. Croix Hospice teams.

Memorials can be directed to Country Coon Prairie Church Preservation, Norseland Nursing Home, and St. Croix Hospice.

Wanda Davidson



March 12, 1944 - Jan. 30, 2025

Wanda Kaye Davidson, age 80, passed away peacefully on January 30, 2025 at the Norseland Nursing Home in Westby.

Wanda was born on March 12, 1944 to Leo and Edith (Grandstaff) Gander in Soldiers Grove, WI where she grew up on the family farm and attended school at North Clayton and Soldiers Grove High School. She married Roy Davidson on June 8, 1962 at North Clayton Methodist Church in Soldiers Grove. They resided in Fennimore and Lancaster, WI for several years before returning to Soldiers Grove where she lived the rest of her life.

Wanda was a mom and grandma to more than her biological family. They all held a very special place in her heart. She enjoyed having the extended family. She babysat for several years, and all of the kids called her grandma. She loved them all very much and enjoyed watching them grow up and become parents loving their children just as much. Her family, biological and otherwise, was very important to her and she loved spending as much time with them as she could. She loved cooking and baking for them which they all loved especially her cookies and banana cream pie.

Wanda had multiple jobs over the years, waitressing, working in a factory, farming in Soldiers Grove, working at Sunrise Apple Orchard, bakery worker at the grocery store in Soldiers Grove, cooking at Sannes Skogdalen nursing home and her most loved job as a caregiver to many children.

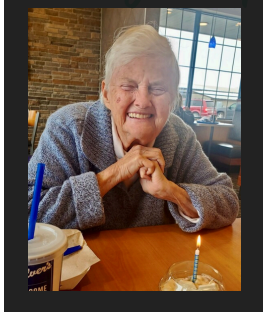
She was baptized and long-time member of the Methodist Church in North Clayton and Soldiers Grove where she sung in the church choir for many years, served on the church board and was an active member of women of the church group to which she served as the president. She loved attending potlucks and suppers in support of her church and others in the area. She loved attending Tuesday Tacos at the Boscobel Methodist Church with Sandy and Connie as well as Margaret sometimes. She was a charter member of the Soldiers Grove Lioness Club and remained in it until they disbanded, holding the secretary position for the full time. She loved attending the conventions to meet with all the members from other area chapters. She loved traveling to Georgia on vacation to spend time with longtime friends John & Marie McGuire family who were part of her chosen family. She loved getting pecans to bring home and would spend many hours picking them out of the shell and freezing them. She loved listening to older country music with Conway Twitty and Elvis being two of her favorite singers. She loved watching Nascar with Jeff Gordon being her favorite driver and got to meet him in person at a meet & greet while attending a race at Chicago Motor Speedway.

Special thanks to those at Vernon Memorial, Gundersen Lutheran, St. Croix Hospice and Norseland Nursing Home for the care given and kindness shown to her during her stay there. In lieu of flowers memorials to the family are preferred.

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Chloe Gallup



Feb. 19, 1939 - Feb 2, 2025

Chloe Ann Gallup, age 85, passed away peacefully, surrounded in love, on Sunday, February 2, 2025 at Norseland Nursing Home in Westby, WI.

She was born on Sunday, February 19, 1939, in La Crosse, WI to Gladys and Arnold Gallup.

Chloe loved her family, friends, church family, and above all, God. She loved reading scripture and completing her weekly bible studies. Truthfully, she loved reading in general & would often devour a book a day. She always yearned to learn new things and appreciated the adventure a good book would take you on. She was very proud of her Norwegian heritage and the 2 trips that she got to take there with her beloved mother and Aunt Odessa would leave a lifetime of lasting memories that she would often share. She also looked forward to any day spent arrowhead hunting with her brother Clark and knew an incredible amount of Native American history. She could name (at least) one Native American tribe for each letter of the alphabet. She had a beautiful, charismatic soul, and made friends everywhere that she went. During the 7 months that she spent at Norseland, I am confident that she made friends with every resident there and touched the lives of everyone that she met. Chloe was the sweetest, kindest, most sincere, and loving angel who touched so many lives. Her message was consistently one of pure love and acceptance for all walks of life. She will be missed deeply by all.

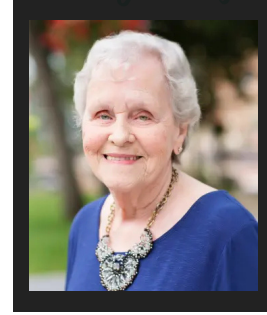
She is survived by her brothers Clark Gallup and Carlyle Gallup; nephew Ryan (Brenda) Gallup; and nieces Jodi Gallup, Katie (Todd) Stimac, and Rachel Gallup-Scullion, along with their children, countless friends, and family members.

She was preceded in death by her father Arnold Gallup, mother Gladys Gallup, brother Clyde Gallup, and many beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins on both the Gallup and Severson side of her family.

Thank you to the wonderful staff at Norseland Nursing Home and St. Croix Hospice. We are immeasurably grateful for your gentle love and care, not only for our Chloe, but also for her family.

Her Memorial Service will be held by family on Sunday, March 2, 2025, at 2:00 pm, at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in La Crosse, WI.

Shelby Hagen



Nov. 22, 1936 - Feb. 13, 2025

Shelby Jean Yvonne (Clark) Hagen, age 88, of Westby, WI, went peacefully to be with her Savior on February 13, 2025, surrounded by her family. She was born November 22, 1936 in Vernon County, the daughter of Cashius and Myrtle (Simonson) Clark. Shelby was united in marriage to Louis Joseph Hagen on June 2, 1959 at the Little Brown Church in the Vale in Nashua, IA. She will be remembered as a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. Shelby was fond of cooking and baking, and loved going for a ride in the country, just spending time with family. She will be sadly missed – blessed be her memory.

Shelby is survived by her husband of 65 years, Louis; daughters: Susan (Randall) Larson and Kimberly (Mark) Wikenheiser; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Shelby was preceded in death by her son, Jeffrey, in 1986; and eight brother and sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 17, 2025 at Popp Funeral and Cremation Services in Viroqua, WI. Visitation will be on Monday, February 17, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Popp Funeral and Cremation Services in Viroqua is entrusted with her services.

