



# Eye on Evergreen

Conversations with your friends and neighbors

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## Wisconsin...

A Late Spring

Spring tries and tries again.

She knows we mortal folks

Need warming sun and gentle rain,

Not howling winds and endless snow.

But winter shakes his fist and roars,

“not yet.”

June Chionchio

## April Blizzard to...



## ...Spring Blossoms!!!

Marv Robertson and his great grandson worked hard to create Evergreen's very first snow man.



Friends Dorothy Muza and Bev Ottman enjoying the beautiful weather and scenery here at Evergreen!



The first crocus of spring!

## *The Rest of the Story...*

William Harvey Carney, in Virginia in 1840 headed north when the Civil War broke out eventually joining the Massachusetts fifty-fourth Infantry Brigade. In the service of his country, Carney etched an indelible mark for himself in our nation's history. Assigned to take Fort Wagner, Morris Island, S.C. the Fifty-Fourth met a curtain of mini-balls. Carney was hit twice but continued on. Ahead he saw the flag bearer received a fatal wound, slump and before he fell to the ground, Carney grabbed the flag and made his way up to his regimental commander to give him the Stars and Stripes. "The old flag never touched the ground" he whispered before he fell to the ground unconscious from loss of blood.

Years passed, he recovered from his wounds and was often a popular speaker at Memorial Day parades and patriotic events. The hero of the Massachusetts Fifty-fourth Infantry, this African American who was willing to lay down his life to save the flag, was the first black soldier in the history of the United States to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.

That's the rest of the story.

Shocking Secrets of American History

2006 Bill Coate

*B. W.*

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## **DID YOU KNOW?!**

In the beginning, Benjamin Kubelsky didn't appear to be destined for much. No one saw any promise in him, especially his father, a Waukegan Illinois haberdasher who fired his son for no interest in school. His teachers asked him to leave in his second year of high school. The only thing he seemed interested in was his violin. He had taken lessons since age six. If only he could make a living with his violin! At age 16 he applied for a chair in the Waukegan Theater Orchestra thinking his rendition of "Home Sweet Home" was a knock out. The management thought not. He returned home, hat in hand. When he announced he was going to take his fiddle to play in Vaudeville Theaters, his father's blood boiled and ordered Benjamin out of his house. "All actors are bums and actresses are immoral" he thundered.

Then came World War 1. Benjamin joined the navy and landed in the entertainment department. His assignment, to play his violin to recruits at the Great Lakes Navel Station. He did his best but his performances didn't do much for the troops. They were looking for something else and found it when one of the officers said, "For God's sake, TALK". He began making fun of the Navy, discovering he had a talent for making people laugh. If he was going to appeal to wider audiences he realized he would have to change his name, something short and easily remembered.

That's how Benjamin Kubelski became Jack Benny. From "Shocking Secrets of American History" by Bill Coats

*Bev W.*

## Hats Off!

**Ian Bartlett**



The guy responsible for making all these programs available is Ian Bartlett. He deserves much credit not only for our channel success but for all the other things he does around here. At every important function at Evergreen you will see Ian, his cameras and equipment all set up to record the event. Chances are you will see them later on EVT.V. He does the weekly EVT.V Newsletter, which reveals programming for every day of the week and we know you'll enjoy his choices. If you don't get this in your mailbox make a request at the front desk.

Along with the newsletter, Ian helps channel our in house TV station. Tune into channel **955** any time between **9:30 A.M. to 8:30 P.M.** There is a virtual Bulletin Board which is a with all the daily meetings and current happenings. You will see re-runs of some of our favorite programs along with some of the great music that has appeared here at Evergreen.

*June C.*

**Evergreen has its own TV  
Channel!**




**It's Channel 955 and  
digital channel 126.955**

## Just for Fun: Can you find the "Eye" on Evergreen?

In each issue of "Eye On Evergreen", an eye is hidden somewhere. Can you find it?

Happy Hunting!

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## Thought for the Day

I'm stronger because I had to be.

I'm smarter because of my mistakes.

I'm happier because I have  
overcome the sadness I've known  
and

I'm wiser because I have learned  
from my life.

# Just for Laughs!!



***A first grade class was asked to finish these proverbs. Here's what they came up with....***

Don't change horses	until they stop running.
Strike while the	bug is close.
It's always darkest before	daylight savings time.
Don't bite the hand that	looks dirty.
No news is	impossible.
A miss is as good as a	MR.
Love all, trust	me.
An idle mind is	the best way to relax.
Where there's smoke there's	pollution.
Happy the bride who	gets all the presents.
A penny saved is	not much.
A bird in the hand	will poop on you.
Two's company, three's	the Musketeers.
Don't put off tomorrow what	you put on to go to bed.
If at first you don't succeed	get new batteries.
If you lie down with the dogs, you'll	stink in the morning.
You can't teach an old dog new	math.
The pen is mightier than the	pigs.
Never underestimate the power of	termites.
You can lead a horse to water but	how?
Children should be seen and not	spanked or grounded.

## Evergreen Trivia



### Trivia Question # 14:

**What royal princess came to visit at Evergreen?**

Through the years, visitors from many countries have come to Evergreen, most often on official business to meet with our staff and study our organizational culture and methods. But this particular visitor had another reason for coming.

Answer on page 7.



**Manor Mart is Looking for YOU! ... Can you help?!**

Looking for a few new volunteers for

Manor Mart who sort and price the clothing.

The volunteers generally meet on **Thursdays from 9:00-11:00am.**

**Call Karina Skoglund 237-2126**





A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.

## It's Our Story

### **Paul Statz Talks about his Father**

Paul and Diane Statz are residents of the Courtyard apartments. Diane's mother, Rachel Hagen, lived in the Manor building before the Statz moved here. Paul was raised in a working neighborhood in Madison. He and his older sister experienced the years of neighborhood turmoil and riots in reaction to the Vietnam War – not an easy time. His father John, Paul said, was a “hard” man, hardworking and a strong example for his family. He worked for the Post Office and had a second job working for a neighbor, with Paul's help. When John could find the time he enjoyed the outdoors and was very active in the Boy Scouts. In addition to his good work ethic, he was always concerned and helpful to his extended family. If they needed help he was always willing. He felt family was more important than anything. Discussions and arguments were not uncommon in the Statz household; John believed that “You should never let politics get in the way of personal relationships”. *June C.*

### **Ron Voeltner talks about his father**

“I still miss my father, who was a loving, hardworking man. He cherished his family above anything else”, says Evergreen resident, Ron Voeltner. There are so many great memories with my dad and us five children. I still remember family and neighborhood ball games that he loved so much. Dad loved his music and enjoyed playing in a well-known Polka Band. He and his band were a popular attraction; unfortunately I didn't get his musical talent. Later in life he water-skied and snowmobiled with me. He really enjoyed family activities, which included time spent at our Pearl Lake cottage. Dad was also my Boss. While working together on a daily basis for his company, Voeltner Construction, we never had a serious disagreement.

He was a man of integrity, expecting his employees to do their jobs to the best of their ability. From him I learned how to be responsible and hardworking. Dad worked side by side with his employees, taking pride in his work and expecting the same from his them. Dad was a fair, hardworking man, well respected in Berlin and the surrounding area. He was patient, kind and fun-loving. Thoughts and memories of my father are still part of my daily life. I will always treasure the time spent with my father, Harvey Voeltner. I hope my family feels the same about me when I'm gone”. *Marilyn V.*

## It's Our Story...

### **In honor of Mother's day this past May, here's what some of you had to say about your Mothers.**

"I consider myself to have had one of the world's greatest mothers. She was hardworking, an excellent cook, a baker and housekeeper. She also canned a lot. She taught me to help others and to be honest. She was a disciplinarian. If we were doing something wrong, it took one look from my mom to make us stop doing whatever we were doing. "  
- Chuck B.

"She was a hard worker; she taught me how to work, to clean the house." - Mavis G.

"My mother was the personification of kindness. Hard working, she was a nurse and cared for others. Even when she was sick for 5 years, she continued to try and help others." -Connie T.

"My mother represented love. Love for the children, love for our father and love for our country. "  
-Viola B.

"My mother had a great sense of humor. When my dad left she had to be the disciplinarian and a kind and caring mother. "  
-Marion C.

" My mother used her faith to help guide her through life. We learned from my parents, how they lived and how they used their faith. She survived a hysterectomy and mastectomy within 3 weeks of each other. She was very strong and used her sense of humor to get through everything. My mom was in her late 60's when my dad passed away, and after that we became more like friends, she stayed with me in the winter and we traveled together." -Donna L.

"She was always there for all four kids." - Roz S.

" Grandparents raised me. I chose to write about my wife. She was very caring, loving and faithful." -Paul V.

" My mother was a doer. Family came first. She started the Fond du Lac County Cancer Society. She was 96 when she passed, and she lived here at Evergreen." -Marion N.

" My mom was a very good cook. She got her drivers license when she was 14. She put it to use as a delivery girl for a local grocery store. All she had to do was drive around the town square. "  
-Royletta S.

" We were opposites. She was talkative and I am quiet. She did everything you would expect a mom to do. She was older than most moms. "  
-Judy W.

Of all the gifts  
that life has  
to offer, a  
loving  
*mother*  
is the greatest  
of them all

## Wii Bowling

In case you haven't noticed, Evergreen is booming with several Wii Bowling teams. Currently there are six teams: "Charge Ahead", "Evergreen Angels," "The North Stars", "The Alley Rascals", "The Villagers" and "The Four B's".

Elmer Schultz, Eugene Winkler & Sandi Challoner have become somewhat facilitators for the program. They tell us the program offers companionship, a small degree of competition, and the opportunity to challenge oneself a bit each week. While the bowling requires a bit of balance, no worries, you can play easily from your wheelchair or scooter too!

Each bowling session runs for ten weeks with a 5 week interim between. Following that ten weeks, there is a delightful luncheon complete with a trophy ceremony. "It helps add to the fun" says Eugene Winkler. We feature: "Best 10 week Team overall", "Most Spares", "Most Strikes", "Highest Scratch Score" and "Rookie of the Year!" The trophies are "Travelin' Trophies" per-se, meaning, don't get your tail too far in the air if you win one; they are recycled and used for the next tournament as well.

The current locations for bowling are Manor's North & South with the possibility of it being moved to our new Game Room in the near future. Gene tells us "We are always looking for new members and it's just fun to have new faces join. We are often in need of substitutes for members who may not be able to bowl for some reason." If you are Interested in participating or simply want more information for our Wii Bowling Program, please contact **Sherri Landig at: 237-2156.**

### 2018 Wii Bowling Participants



Gene Winkler



Elmer Schultz



Ralph Peiper, Ron Voeltner, and Harley Tretow

## Evergreen Trivia Answers



**Answer: Ethiopian Princess Ruth Desta was welcomed to Evergreen on August 22, 1991.** She came to visit her friend resident Martha Sorenson who was a U.S. educational advisor to Ethiopia from 1960-65. The women became well-acquainted during that period and their friendship developed. Their reunion was especially poignant since Princess Ruth and female members of her family were imprisoned in Ethiopia for fourteen years after a military coup in 1974.

## Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Our Volunteer recognition dinner was held on April 23, 2018. Our theme this year was **'Many Hands make LIGHT Work'**. The entertainment for the evening was TJ & Lynn and they were well received. The comments on the theme, decorations and food were wonderful as well. If you are a volunteer and were unable to attend, please see Karina Skoglund (2126) for your appreciation gift. Thank you again to our amazing volunteers, for all that you do for us here at Evergreen.

