

# Resident and Family Newsletter

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## Happy Birthday!

Lee Cole 8.8  
Gussie Miller 8.10  
Don Tannahill 8.11  
Faye Ash 8.12  
Rose Coughlin 8.18  
Judy Clark 8.19  
Linda Mundy 8.25  
Suzy Taylor 8.27  
Frances Allbritten 8.30  
Shirley Rector 8.30

## New & Returning Faces at Evergreen!

*Eddie Campbell accepted the Lead Maintenance position the 20<sup>th</sup> of July after 3 years of dedicated work here at ECOJC. Carlo Griseta went fulltime July 25<sup>th</sup> as the Life Coach (aka Chaplain). Lee Sudbeck is starting August 1<sup>st</sup> as the Administrator at Evergreen Community. Lee completed his AIT here in 2010. Dawn Downing starts August 2<sup>nd</sup> as the Life Transitions Specialist with her focus on assisting people as they move in to Evergreen Community. Tage Martin will be returning to fulltime status as the Director of Nursing on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Tage started as one of the Clinical Nurse Managers a year ago. It's an exciting time at Evergreen Community!! Please welcome all the new and returning faces!*

## Courtyard Gazebo!!

Evergreen Community is very excited to announce plans to build a Gazebo in the Courtyard. You can help us make this dream a reality by participating in fundraising efforts, the first of which will be a Basket Raffle. We will be raffling off baskets with all proceeds going towards beautifying our



courtyard with a gazebo. The baskets will be on display starting August 12<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room and tickets will be available for purchase at the front desk at that time. We will hold a Block Party in the Courtyard in September. The basket

winners and total of funds raised will be announced at that time. We invite all: residents, families and staff to participate in the Block Party. You bring a side and we'll provide the rest.

## Visiting Pets

Evergreen Community loves all the furry friends that visit! If you have a pet that visits, please check with your coach to ensure that we have their updated vaccination records on file along with your contact information. At times, the vaccination records turned in, but not the name and contact information for the owner. Thanks for your help in keeping our files accurate!



## Monkey Business



Lee Cole, a resident on Mountain Chalet Neighborhood, is a lover of Evergreen Community's pet friends. Additionally, he has recently taken to a Beanie Baby stuffed monkey he won on Carnival Day during our National Nursing Home Week. In fact, he takes it everywhere with him, and it was decided to try and bring in a live monkey

to visit Lee.

As part of Lee's hospice services, Evergreen coordinated with Odyssey to receive funding through the Dream Foundation to grant Lee's wish. The Dream Foundation is a non-profit organization based out of California that grants dreams for adults with terminal illnesses, and is supported solely by monetary donations.

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, a 2 year old Spider Monkey and a 4 month old Capuchin Monkey from SavannahLand Educational Park came out to make Lee's day, as well as several members of his family. Danny and Debbie Kolwyck, owners of SavannahLand, have been raising exotic animals since 1970. In 1995, they began taking animals out to nursing homes, birthday parties, and to visit underprivileged and special needs children.



Lee, as well as other residents and staff, enjoyed petting and holding the monkeys, specifically the Spider Monkey who playfully flailed around the crowd. It was certainly a day that will not be soon forgotten.

Big thanks go out to everyone involved. Evergreen staff, Odyssey Hospice, The Dream Foundation, and SavannahLand

was beyond helpful and more than happy to make this dream come true for such a deserving man. To see the story as seen on Fox 4 News, visit Evergreen's Facebook page to find the video. The link for the page can be found at [www.ecojc.org](http://www.ecojc.org).

## "A GIFT OF THE DAY"

On July 20<sup>th</sup> Margie Wondra was the grateful recipient of a full body massage, compliments of Crossroads Hospice. In addition to the regular nursing services and support, Crossroads provides a very special program called "A Gift of the Day." For Margie, a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a gentle relaxing massage was all she needed to make her day wonderful. She told the masseuse, "I wish you didn't have to stop." Thank you Crossroads for making Margie's wish come true.

## Living In Faith Everyday

*Love is...*

*A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds, "What does love mean?" The answers were cute, yet profound :*

- "Love is that first feeling you feel before all the bad stuff gets in the way."
- "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis, too. That's love."
- "Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other."
- "Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs."
- "Love is when someone hurts you. And you get so mad but you don't yell at them because you know it would hurt their feelings."
- "Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."
- "Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK."

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## Mountain Chalet Times

Evergreen gave a warm welcome to Reba Mason, who moved in July 13th! However, we bid a sad farewell to Pebble Banks who moved home with her daughter, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Pebble moved in February of 2008 with her husband, Earl. The two of them shared a room on Mountain until he passed away this year. Pebble had been working hard in therapy to work towards going home and was looking forward to spending extra time with her grandchildren. She will be missed by the entire Evergreen Community!



Individuals on Mountain continue to enjoy our family of ducks who have made residence in our courtyard, including Billy Girod, seen above, overseeing the duck feeding. Billy has also taken it upon himself to help Zee Murphy, one of our Nurse Managers, care for the ducks by cleaning the patios in the courtyard. Thank you Billy!

We also said goodbye to Judy Waldrup (1950-2011). She only lived at Evergreen for a few months, but her presence on the neighborhood will be greatly missed.

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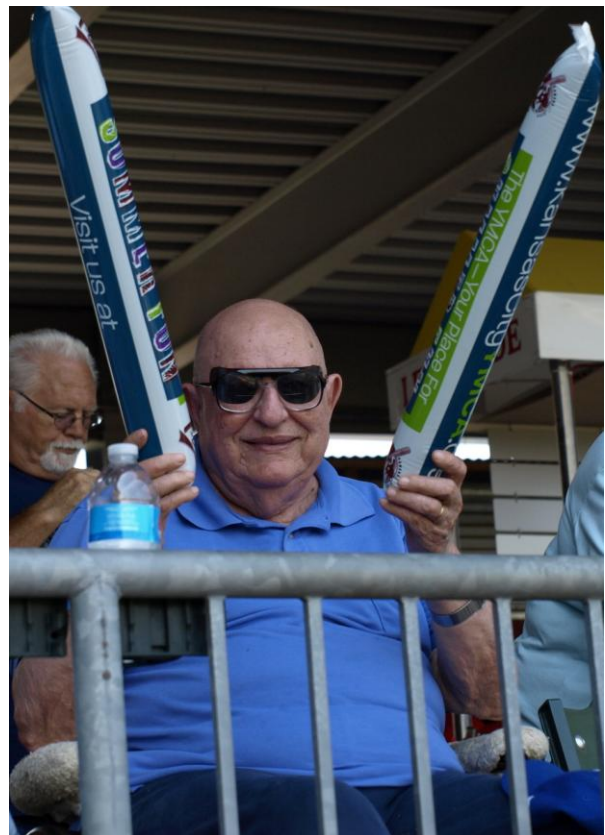
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## Cottage Creek Drive

We welcomed two new neighbors on Cottage Creek in July:

Lois Coats moved to Evergreen on 7/8/11. She was born and raised on a farm in Fairfax, MO. She was a homemaker and raised 4 children. Lois was an avid gardener and mastered the skill of canning.

Maximillian Knickerbocker moved to Evergreen on 7/12/11. He was born and raised in Rhode Island. He taught English at Rockhurst College for almost 50 years.



Ivan Mundy enjoying himself at the T-Bones game!  
 As always, I'm just a phone call away...

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## The View from Country Lane

Our community will be incorporating “Memories in the Making” this October – an art program sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Association. Through this program, individuals with a Dementia diagnosis can express through watercolors what they are no longer able to communicate with words. Groups of five to ten individuals are led by a trained volunteer artist and community staff. Paul Kapp’s wife, Maureen Kelly, will be training in August to become Evergreen’s volunteer. Kendra Howard, Clinical Manager, and myself, will be trained this October and will also lead the art sessions. The annual Memories in the Making Art Auction showcases some of the artwork and the stories behind the artists. Guests bid on silent and live auction artwork. The proceeds go to The Alzheimer’s Association – Heart of America Chapter. The total raised this year was \$163,000! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or your loved one would enjoy being a part of this program, feel free to contact me.

The Crossroads Hospice team has organized a “Gift for the Day” for resident Ruby Church. Ruby has always loved listening to country western music. Crossroads contacted a live country singer to perform for her on August 1<sup>st</sup> in the Community Room at 2:00! Please join us for cake and refreshments.

Please welcome Maxine Mauzey and Wally Young to the neighborhood.

Birthday wishes to Faye on the 12<sup>th</sup>!



Vivian Malcolm at the T-Bones game in June

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## Millcreek Moments

August promises to be another busy month. Jerry Miller and Ed Hamblin will entertain us as will a group of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Red Hat will be on the 18<sup>th</sup>, Happy Hour on the 12<sup>th</sup> and Bingo Shoppe on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Our outings for August will be to the Arboretum on the 9<sup>th</sup> (we will go to a movie, if it is too hot), Wal-Mart on the 15<sup>th</sup> and to Houlihan’s for lunch on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Don Tannahill (08/11), Rose Coughlin (08/18) and Judy Clark (08/19) will celebrate their birthdays in August. We have our birthday parties at 2:00p.m., if anyone wants to join us. There is always enough dessert to go around.

This month brings a special celebration for Millcreek. Ellen Austin and her husband David will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Because this is a Saturday, we have decided to celebrate with them on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Ellen and David will renew their vows with a reception to follow. The entire community is invited to help them celebrate this momentous occasion.

As always let me know if there is any way I can be of assistance. Until next time.....



**Rose Coughlin at Happy Hour**

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