

December 2020

Blissfield Place

Blissfield Place 301 N. Quick Street, Blissfield MI 49228



December Birthdays

Marian Diener 12-18

Dick Smith 12-29

December Highlights

Secret Santa

The week of December 14-18 will be a week filled with gift giving among the residents followed by our Santa Reveal on Dec 18

Christmas Party

Friday Dec. 18th at 5:00 pm we will be having a party for our residents

Christmas Eve Service

Thursday Dec 24th @ 1:30 we will be having a service for our residents

New Year's Eve Party

A time to celebrate the new incoming year

Resident of the Month

For the month of December we would like to feature our friend Shirley Newell. She was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio. She had one older brother, Robert. She said one of her greatest memories from childhood was getting to run errands with her mom or dad. They would always give her a quarter to spend on whatever she liked. She typically bought chocolate ice cream with her quarter. One thing Shirley loved to do as a child and into her teen years was to roller skate. She said her first date with her husband was roller skating. She met her husband while she was still in High School through a friend of hers. She and her husband, William, were married on April 7th, 1961. They had four children together, David, Cheryl, Kelly and Mike. While her children were growing up she worked for the school as a bus driver and when she was done with her route she would drive the delivery van for the schools.

She would transport food, library supplies and other things needed to go from one school to another. She and William loved to travel together as a couple and with their children. Her husband converted a Ford van with beds in the back so that they could travel the country together and stop at campgrounds along the way. She said those are the best memories. One of her favorite places to travel to was California. After her husband passed away in 1995 she still continued her travels for a bit, but she said it just wasn't the same without William. So she settled back in Toledo, Ohio before coming here to Blissfield Place. Shirley has a love for the band Alabama. She knows all their music and owns many CD's and DVD's! If you want to know anything about the band just ask her! She can fill you in!



Horse Racing has quickly become a new favorite among our residents!



The Tale of Beatrix Potter

On December 16, 1901, 35-year-old Beatrix Potter was so fed up with receiving rejection letters that she decided to publish her book *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* on her own. The book had begun as a letter to the sick son of Potter's former governess. Potter had written and illustrated a letter in 1893 detailing the silly adventures of a family of rabbits, Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail, Peter, and their mother. The rabbits of the story were modeled after Potter's own pet rabbits, Peter Piper and Benjamin Bouncer. Potter later asked for the letter back, so that she could turn it into a children's book.

Potter first printed 250 black-and-white copies of her book. In 1902, it was picked up by the publisher Frederick Warne & Co. and reprinted in color. The book was such a success that it had to be reprinted six times in its first year, selling 20,000 copies. Ever the self-starter, when Potter and Warne disagreed over her next book, *The Tailor of Gloucester*, she again published 500 copies on her own.

