

October 2020

# Blissfield Place

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## Resident of the Month

For the month of October we would like to feature our friend Dick Smith. Dick grew up in Hudson Michigan. He had one sister, one step brother and one step sister. He said he lost his mom when he was 3 yrs old and his dad remarried some years later. He said his step mom was very kind to him. He has fond memories of being on his grandparent's farm in Hudson.

Indians used to live on his grandparents land and he would spend hours searching the fields and land for arrow heads. He said he has quite a collection. When asked if he has any memories of elementary school he said "When I was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade I was just sitting in my seat when a girl, named Mary, came over and kissed me!" He laughed about the memory! Dick went to Cleary College in Ypsilanti, Michigan where he studied short hand and typing. Shortly after he went into the military. Through the military he went to a cryptology school in New York and became a cryptographer for the military. He was sent to the South Pacific and ended his time in the military in the Philippines. Dick has many fascinating stories from his time in the military including being a witness to a war crimes trial at the end of the war in the Philippines. When Dick returned to the states he went back to his home town of Hudson Michigan. He got a job at the Thompson Savings Bank where he met his wife Margie. She was a book keeper and she invited him to dinner at her parent's house. He said that sealed the deal! He and his wife had been married for 67 years before she passed away. He has two sons, Ted and Fred who he speaks so fondly of. After Dick retired he and his wife started a small business named Grandpa's Toy Box where they made and sold toys for children. Dick has lived a very enriched life!



## October Birthdays

Fay Campbell 10-3

Ruby Seegert 10-20

## October Highlights

### Bingo

Monday & Friday's at 1:15

### Travelogue

On October 20<sup>th</sup> we will 'travel' to Italy and then we will enjoy an Italian lunch

### Horse Racing

October 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> we will see who our lucky winners will be at the races

### Cider & Donuts

Nothing says fall like good ole cider and donuts that we will enjoy on the 29th

## Wednesday Walks

We've been enjoying the weather for as long as we can!



*For we walk by faith, not by sight*  
*2 Corinthians 5:7*

## Pasta's Path to Italy

Pasta is a food beloved by cultures all over the world. While many associate this pantry staple with Italy (thanks to gorgeous visions of spaghetti mounds topped with meatballs), nearly every country has its own version of noodles made from flour, water, and eggs. On October 25, World Pasta Day, enjoy spaghetti from Italy, lo mein from China, ramen from Japan, orzo from Greece, or spaetzle from Germany.

Many myths describe how pasta was brought from China to Italy during the 13th century by explorer and merchant Marco Polo. Historians believe it is more likely that noodles originated in central Asia thousands of years prior. Noodles reached East Asia and even moved westward to Europe long before the triumphant return of Marco Polo. Yet none can dispute that in Italy pasta was transformed and refined, thanks to the cultivation of durum wheat, which is high in gluten and long-lasting on the shelf. The Mediterranean climate was suited to growing vegetables and herbs, which led to the development of the many tomato-based sauces that are today synonymous with pasta

