



The Village Voice

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Westminster Village Resident Spotlight



“Living alone became too much for me. A house is a house when you are alone in it – Westminster becomes your home. A+ for the personnel, they are great. My family doesn’t have to worry about me now that I am living at Westminster Village. So many conveniences are offered – nursing, housekeeping, maintenance, meals, and entertainment – and old & new friends.” – **Betty Kendall**

was born in 1916 on Valentine’s Day in Albany, IN. She has resided in Muncie since 1918, except for the 15 years in Birmingham, MI, during the last 15 years of her husband’s (Thomas Kendall) long career with General Motors. Betty has lived at Westminster almost 10 years. She served on the first Westminster Board of Directors in the late 1970’s, and is happy to be a resident. Betty states that she has a life-long connection to Ball State University, ever since she attended in 1933, when there were only 1,500 students. Betty graduated from Ball State in 1938 and has been a devoted alumna ever since and today still attends many events on campus. She is proud of Ball State and comments that it has been a joy to see the university grow. She is a die-hard Ball State Fan – Chirp Chirp!

Senior Moment

Been There...Done That!

In one of the greatest senior moments in sports history, Jim Marshall of the Minnesota Vikings, snatched up a fumbled football in a game against the San Francisco 49ers on October 26, 1964, and started running the wrong way. That was bad enough, but on his 60-yard journey, Marshall didn’t seem to grasp that his opponents showed no interest in stopping him.



Worse he ignored his own teammates, who raced after shouting and motioning for him to turn around. When Marshall finally crossed his own team’s goal line, scoring a safety – two points – for the other team, 49er, Bruce Bosley, hugged him.



Valentine’s Day At Westminster Village

Each year on February 14th, many people exchange cards, candy, or

flowers with their special “valentine.” This day is named for the Christian martyr, Saint Valentine or Valentinus, and dates back to the 5th century, but has origins in the Roman holiday Lupercalia. Westminster residents will celebrate Valentine’s Day with a socially distanced Social, with treats and a musical performance by Andrea Hughes. All of February activities will center on the theme, “February is for Friendship!”



How Do the Westminster Swans Survive the Winter?

We frequently are asked the question, “How do the swans, on the Westminster pond, survive through the winter?” Actually, the swan feathers provide remarkable insulation against the cold. Swans have a gland at the base of its tail that makes oil. Swans use their bills to spread the oil over their feathers. The oil coats the swan’s feathers providing insulation as well as waterproofing. Swans will also fluff out their feathers to create air pockets for additional insulation in cold temperatures. The swan’s diet consists of aquatic plants, grains,



pond weeds, and any bugs that have the misfortune to fly or swim too close. The swans at Westminster have an advantage because the fountain in the middle of the pond keeps the water from freezing over completely, so the swans can remain in the water.

Winter Living at Westminster

When residents tell us how much they love living at Westminster they often say one of the best features of Village Living is having everything they need under the same roof. If they want to get their hair done, the beauty shop is right inside; participating in “any of the activities with their friends”, right inside, if residents want to join the walking club, it is right inside. When the residents attend various events in town, the bus arrives at the front doors. The residents are happy that they don’t have to shovel snow or pay for high heating bills. If this sounds like something you would like to learn more about, call Tyler or Melody at 288-2155.



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