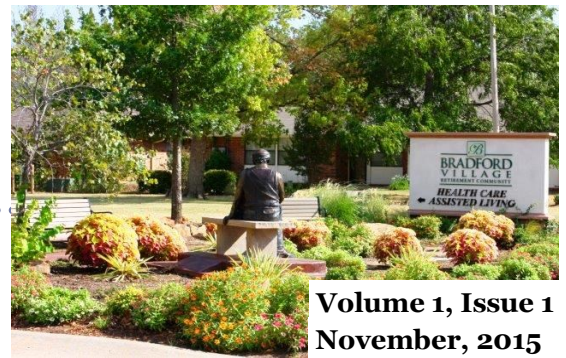


The Village Voice

Bradford Village, a Brookdale Community



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Resident Spotlight

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1. nuggets, strength, endurance, power, precious
2. John & Marietta

John Stone was born 94 years ago in Edmond, Oklahoma, the youngest of three children. He graduated from Edmond High School and entered the Navy for WWII, serving in the Pacific as a medical tech. After the war, John went to Central State University (Edmond), graduating with a degree in chemistry. He also met the love of his life, another student, Marietta; they married in 1946.



The Stones: Marietta & John

Marietta is the third girl in her family, with one younger brother. She grew up in Oklahoma City, attending Classen High School. She became the heart and homemaker at home after marrying John. They raised three beautiful and successful children = Kay, Clint and Marilyn. Marietta and John now have six grandchildren and 9 2/3 great grandchildren, most living in Edmond. With his chemistry degree, he worked in the pharmacy field. However, when sent to live in Little Rock, Arkansas for a year, the couple saw the need to return to Edmond with their family. In 1950, they returned to found Howell-Stone In-

urance with John's childhood friend, Bill Howell. John remained in the insurance field until retiring at 85 years old; he didn't quit his other job for five more years of service--marshalling at Oak Tree Golf Course!

After the children were raised, Marietta earned her real-estate license. She chose to work for Senator Jerry Pierce for ten years, becoming his absolute "right hand gal." To this day she can take short hand like no other.

The Stones have been very involved in their church,

but also found time to play lots of bridge and travel extensively. They have done so many things, helping so many people and setting a high mark of Christian service their entire lives.

John's adage: Fast pay/ fast friends + Be not Afraid

Marietta's adage: Treat others as you want to be treated

The Stones: They held true to their name in all they did and continue doing: strength, integrity, faith and honor.

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Reason & Vision of The Village Voice

By: Dorothy Skinner

We were approached in late summer with the request to produce a Bradford Village newsletter. Having been charged with producing the school newspaper for several years, I was somewhat tepid with the idea. After Gerald and I had a chance to mull it over, and Lisa Winter committed to do the actual layout, we agreed to tackle the job. It has been fun to produce this first effort; we're looking

forward to hearing your reactions. We are hoping the "Village Voice" can be a fun way for neighbors to learn more about neighbors, and learn more about "happenings" at Bradford Village. We want lots of pictures in the newsletter, and reports about the joy/fun of living in the cottages.



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Jimmie Shadid

Jimmie Shadid is a genuine "Okie", having been born in Lindsay, Oklahoma and remained in our state. She was married to attorney Coy Shadid for 53 1/2 years, mostly spent in Altus, Oklahoma, where she volunteered at the Altus Hospital and served as a volunteer buyer for a store. After moving back to central Oklahoma, she met and married Pastor Roy Brown in 2005; they enjoyed four years together.

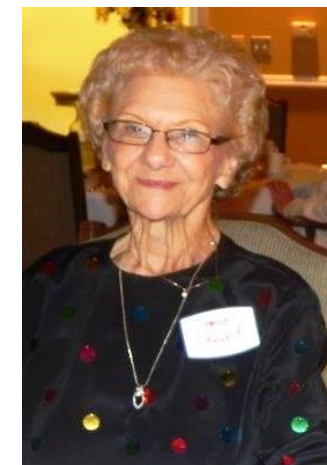
Her early work was at Wilson Company in Oklahoma City; in 1949 she owned a Ready-to-Wear store in Al-

tus until 1989. She is a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Edmond.

Randel Shadid, former mayor of Edmond and practicing attorney is her older son; her younger son is Barry Shadid of Oil Well Services, LLC. She's also very proud of her two grandsons.

Traveling is a special joy for Jimmie, who still travels with friends. She had happy memories of traveling through Europe with her husband and a

cousin, and through Scotland and



London with son Randel.

Jimmie enjoys reading good books, and is a regular volunteer at Hopefully

Yours, in Edmond.

Don & Joyce Findley

Don and Joyce Findley, moved in Bradford Village in August from right down the road at Kingston Estates. They have lived in Edmond since 1975. Don was born in Kansas and graduated from Wichita State University; Joyce is from Paul's Valley. They met in a diner in Frandonia Kansas, where each had gone to breakfast.

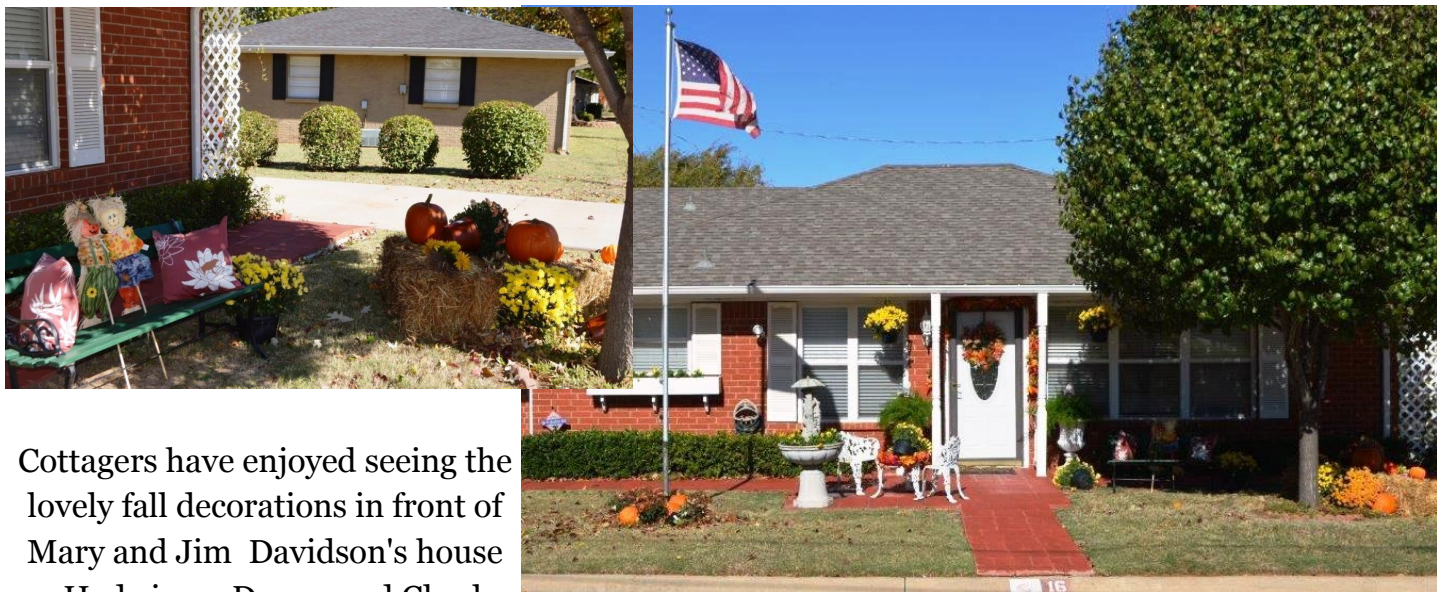
After marrying, Don was transferred to Richardson, Tx for sever years, but soon they agreed to return to Oklahoma.

Joyce taught math at OK Christian Schools for 20 years before retiring; Don worked at General Portland Cement and Dolese before retiring.

They have two married daughters; Stacy lives in Edmond, while sister Erin has settled in Paris, Tx. The Findleys have six grandchildren, three boys and three girls. They also have four great grandchildren. Some of you may have known Don and Joyce when they played bridge with Double D--back in the good ole days!







Cottagers have enjoyed seeing the lovely fall decorations in front of Mary and Jim Davidson's house on Hadwiger. Donna and Charles

Suenram's front yard was also outstanding but the pictures didn't do it justice! It might be a beginning of a "Yard of the Month" feature in summer issues of the "Village Voice"

Whining and Begging

by Sandy Binkley

I'm writing this in the sun-room with Thunder. It is our room. Thunders and mine. Our quiet space and our loving to be together space. All quiet, except for the hum of the heater, turning on and off. And Thunder making her soft cries; just like a small child whining. She wants to go for a walk, but it's too cold out and I keep telling her that. She sits at the door, looks out, cries, and then looks back at me. Finally she gives up. She lies down at my feet, her ears laid back, with acceptance; at least for the time being.

I quit writing; get off of my chair, onto the floor to pat her and she will have nothing from me now. She moves away, across the room, knowing I am there; will always be. She is pouting. She wants to go outside and walk. And I refuse.

Is that what I do Lord? Only not nearly so quickly and not nearly so accepting. You try so hard to let me know what is best for me, but I whine. I look at you and I pray to you and beg and plead. Please. Finally, I lay down. Do I even lie down at your feet and give up. At least temporarily. Give up and give in, but still wanting what I want. I pout and move silently away from you. I know You are still there. Always will be. But You still have not given me what I want. Do I really know that You know what is best?



Forgive me please. And incidentally, but not really incidentally, for this is big for me, thank You for this "sign." You gave it to me so quickly I almost didn't "get it," I love you most of all

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Earnie & Peggy Cornelius

Earnie and Peggy Cornelius are busy unpacking things in their new home in Bradford Village. They moved from Yukon, Ok; both are lifelong "Okies." Earnie grew up in Oklahoma City and attended OCU, while Peggy was raised in Stigler, Ok. After she graduated from Stigler H.S., she went to Oklahoma City to find a job. The two met through an employee of Earnie's father's business, Cornelius Wallpaper. After a whirlwind romance, they married six months after meeting.

Earnie went on to establish an insurance company, ECI, which he recently sold to one of their sons. Peggy worked at the family wallpaper store, then became a teacher's aide in public school. That whetted her appetite to teach so she came to Edmond and earned her degree from Central State University--she was 54 when she graduated.

They have two sons and two daughters, eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



Through Earnie's business, they have traveled widely in the United States, Canada, Bermuda and Mexico. Peggy also is an avid gardener. Earnie is learning to play the banjo. Both are friendly, out-going people who are an asset to the community.

Bradford Book Club

The book club has read and discussed a wide variety of books, ranging from dystopian (future societies) to WWII based fiction and non-fiction. An effort is being made to continue to read both fiction and non-fiction. We also want to revisit some books we may have read in high school or college, as demonstrated with the November choice of *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck. We had a lively discussion and agreed that we had a much different viewpoint when reading the book at our more mature ages.

We are not going to have a December meeting due to the busy-ness of Christmas. The January choice is *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Wall. Nancy will buy a book and put it in the Library; let Dorothy Skinner know if you want her to order a book for you.

Bradford Knit-Wits

The Bradford Knit-Wits are a group of lovely ladies who meet every Tuesday at 1:30 pm – until we get tired! We come together to work on our “projects” and/or just to visit. We never gossip; we just exchange information! What fun! And what happens at Knit-Wits “stays at Knit-Whits!”

Library News

The reorganized "Reading Library" is popular and very busy. We now have nine members on the Committee to keep up with the flow of checkouts, input new volumes and keep the library in order. There have been 700 checkouts through the first ten months of 2015.

We formed a subcommittee to catalog the holdings, over 1700 books to date. Thanks to Dorothy Skinner and Marilyn Shewmaker who were the movers and shakers that got this done.

Most of our Incoming titles come from donations by residents and their friends, used bookstore credits

gained by exchanging duplicate books, and a variety of cash purchases. For example, we are able to buy books from "Metropolitan Library Book Sales" for as little as fifty cents per book, for quality titles. We have added over 300 new titles through October of 2015.

Blue Sky Patio

A big “thank you” to those who contributed to our new Blue Sky Patio and Gathering Place. With the weather and season turning to Fall and the remaining warm days; it is a good time to spend outdoors, with a group or alone.

There is seating for 26 on the patio; it is a good place to simply stop by and enjoy the season’s change. Go out after bingo to enjoy the Fall flowers or other activity. The cushions are available by the door, just remember to return them when you leave.

Thanks to Eric and Kammi Henry for the Brookdale support. Several of our neighbors also shared items to make the patio a premier place to relax.



Those sharing were: Rose Marie Smith, Gail and Leo Webster, Marietta and John Stone and Jeanne Peterson: table and chairs ; Edie and Gerald Bash: benches, chairs and table ; Clella Adams: cushions; Dorothy and Ed Pendland: grill; Ann and Bill Cather: labor and coffee urn

Welcome Sherri!

Sherri Gurley has joined the Bradford Village family as the new Personalized Living Administrator. Sherri first started in the medical field in 1999 as a Certified Nurse Assistant. She continued to work in the medical field while working on her LPN license which she achieved in 2011. Sherri has been blessed with two beautiful children; daughter Lauren is 18 and son Hunter is 16. Sherri enjoys spending her free time with her children.



Marketing News

With 11 completed move-ins in 2015, plus 3 more scheduled before the end of December it has been a very busy year in the marketing department of Bradford Village. To find out more about living at Bradford Village give Kathy Logsdon a call today at 405-341-0810 or 405-202-4945

