

The Village Voice

Bradford Village, a Brookdale Community

Resident Spotlight

Charles and Millie McGregor celebrate 75th anniversary

Charles and Millie McGregor were raised in the same general area of rural Kansas. When both attended school in South Haven, KS., they met and dated, marrying on February 8th, 1941. When Hitler's war clouds were in Europe, Charles was drafted in July, 1941, and he served at Ft. Eustis, Ft. Meade, and Camp Shanks in New York, from where he got orders to go to England. Millie returned home to live with her parents; their first child was born the day after Charles left. He was not able to see his daughter until she was eighteen months old.

Charles was injured during training in England, rupturing two discs, doctors didn't

know how much about this situation back in those days and couldn't give him much pain relief. They were guarding trains from Marseille, France when they got word of Germany's surrender.

Millie's father had planted wheat for them and they paid all the expenses, receiving the money for the crop. After being home and trying to rent additional land, Charles took jobs for income but found he couldn't hold a job due to his bad back. Later, a doctor in Wichita said he could



make his back strong by fusing 2 vertebrae; the operation was fairly successful for a while.

When Millie's father died, they took over the land— about 310 acres. They were farmers for a way of life. They Raised four wonderful daughters on the farm and now have 22 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. They celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary February 8th.



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Weather Notes

• Thanksgiving 2015

3.5" Rain

1.3" Ice Storm



• Christmas 2015

4.0" Rain

4.3 Earthquake

4.2 Aftershock

• New Year's Day, 2016

4.3 Earthquake

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Chaplain's Corner

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

Proverbs 17:22

-We can choose to be happy and happiness is very contagious. Let's stay happy and keep a merry heart for good health.

Jim



USED EYEGLASSES

Hulda Hamilton is asking for any old eyeglasses and cases for use in the Lion's project. Glasses can dropped of at Hulda's at 905 Jacobs or leave with Lisa at the Community Center . Thank you!

What does Love Look Like?

by Sandy Binkley

The man was eating at the cafeteria with his wife sitting silently in a wheelchair, body twisted and gnarled. She leaned, almost horizontal, unable to sit straight, nor hold her head up right. He smiled and talked to her as he cut her food into tiny pieces. He looked at her and his face held a tender glow that captured my eyes and my stare. He was proud of her! She attempted to pull the spoon to her mouth, but to no avail. So then, he calmly and with such dignity, placed another bit of food onto the spoon; placed his hand over hers and guided the morsel to her lips. And then, he smiled and winked at his lovely wife. My eyes could not leave them. The routine lasted until we left. First, he guided the food to her lips, and then it was his turn to take a bite for himself. With each movement he had a smile, a wink, or a pat, and though I could not make out the words, I knew he was making it known to her heart and soul that he was so very proud of her. That is what love looks like!!!!

By Sandy Binkley

Love is patient,
love is kind and is not jealous;
love does not brag and is not arrogant,
does not act unbecomingly; it does not
seek its own, is not provoked, does not
take into account a wrong suffered, does
not rejoice in unrighteousness, but
rejoices with the truth; bears all
things, believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all
things.

~ 1 Corinthians 13:4-7



Bradford Village residents contributed \$600 to the Ida Freeman School. This donation will provide a “STEM” (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Christmas gift for an entire class. Shown is Chaplain Jim Davidson presenting the check to counselor Debbie Horany. Thanks Residents for your generosity. This was very much appreciated!

News From The Socketts

The “Socketts” meet three times a week in the Activities Building from 8:45 am to 9:45 am Monday, Wednesday and Friday for a total body recall exercise— moving every muscle from head to toe.

The following comments are testimonies from those who attend:

“ My balance is improving “ “I have a better appetite”
 “I have learned to breathe more deeply which gives me better blood circulation”

Jeanne Peterson who led the group for many years (now living in the health care center) wrote this poem in 1990:

“God gave me a body and I say ‘thanks a lot’,
 But it’s up to me whether I use it or not.
 He gave me a mind to think about ways
 I can use it forever in all my days.
 Lord, give me the will so that I will know
 This body will take me wherever I go.
 Help me to move from my toes to my head
 With a youthful vigor—what more can be said.
 So I’ll keep on moving like I have been taught
 And the rest of my life will be all that is ought”

Report from Don McGregor

Library News

The Reading Library continues to be very busy. Donations continue to add many new titles every month. Several hundred new titles will be added in February and March from our participation in the Metropolitan Library book sale. There will be over 300 new titles in the library by the end of March. We want your input to help select new authors and titles. Give a note to a committee **member** and we will try to add your choices.

The CD-books and DVD’s are being moved from the book shelves to a storage tower. This will free up two shelves to move the biography books to a more convenient location. The storage tower will hold about 250 items.

There will be monthly book sales of the books that are being retired before these books are sold.

More than 50 residents checked out over 750 books in 2015. The committee will be working hard to make 2016 as successful as 2015.

Jeanne Peterson

Back to Bradford Village

Jeanne Peterson was born in 1923 in Wichita Falls, TX. To A.C. and Ethel Walker, their 3rd child. Her father worked in the oil business, which caused the family to move to West Texas when she was twelve.

She graduated from high school in 1940 and attended Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX. WWII began in 1941, causing her to quit college to serve the war effort. In 1942, she moved to Corpus Christi, TX and went to work for Halliburton, where she met and married John Porter Peterson, Jr. on October 19th, 1946. When transferred, they moved to Flora, Illinois where Steven, their first child, was born in 1950. The family moved to Halliburton headquarters in Duncan, OK., where Patricia was born in 1953.



When the children left for college and her husband retired, Jeanne

opened a gift shop, La Hacienda, which she ran for 20 years. Mr. Peterson died in 1989; Jeanne sold the gift shop and followed the mission field of the United Methodist Church. She traveled in the United States, then went to England, Jamaica, Mexico and Israel, doing mission work. She also worked in the Kairos Prison Ministry, working with women in prison.

In 2003 she moved to Edmond to be near her son. She lived in a Bradford Village cottage for two years where she began an exercise program 3 days a week, Known as the Sockettes. She continued to lead the Sockettes when she moved to an apartment nearby in 2005.

A fall in 2015 made it necessary for her to move to Bradford Village Health Care Center, where she plans to spend the rest of her earthly life. Trish, her daughter, made the remark: "You finally got back to Bradford Village until the Lord calls you home".

Jeanne lives by God's word, doing God's will, believes in laughing a lot, and always thinks of others.

Carlita Walters

Welcome to Carlita Walters, one of the newest residents at Bradford Village . Paul Walters, Carlita's husband is a relatively new resident at the Bradford Village Assisted Living.

Paul and Carlita are both graduates of Edmond High School. Paul is a graduate of University of Oklahoma and was a practicing attorney for many years in Edmond. Carlita is a graduate of University of Science and Liberal Arts and received her masters degree from the University of Central Oklahoma.

The Walters are the proud parents of two sons , both lawyers and graduates of OU. One daughter-in-law is a Presbyterian minister and one is a college professor.

Carlita has been active in many segments of the Edmond community. She was a counselor at Edmond High School, organizing president of the Will Rogers Elementary School PTA, served

seven years on the Edmond School Board, began her own real estate company in 1975, active at First Christian Church, Edmond Cambridge Club, PEO, President of the Edmond Board of Realtors, Double DD Bridge Club, and book clubs. She is an avid OU fan and held season football tickets for many years.



Do You Have Time?

-by Bettye Jones (Health Care Resident)

Would you have time to share a word of encouragement today?
Someone may need a little lift to help them on their way.

Would Jesus be too busy, too tired to give a smile if
he was in your very shoes and walking in that mile?
No sorrow overtakes us now.

He is you know, He does abide within you, Child of God;
So surely you and Jesus can offer a smile or nod.

That one who crossed your path today your love cannot deny;
So search the hurt and hunger there; be tender to the cry.

Welcome Patsy Corrigan!

Patsy was born on her grandparent's farm west of Kingfisher, OK, where she attended school and graduated in 1951. She went on to Oklahoma City University, graduating with a degree of Bachelor of Music. Central State College was the next stop, to earn the necessary education hours to be a certified High School Chorus teacher. She returned to Central to earn a Master's in counseling in 1970. Most of her career was at Putnam City schools, but the last four years she was at Living Word Academy as a music teacher/counselor. She met Jim Corrigan at OCU and they were married in November of 1955, when both graduated. They had no children and he passed away in 1994.



Perhaps it was because of her early experiences as an only child living on a farm--her only playmates were animals--that she became interested in animal rescue. She volunteered with animal rescue groups and rescued her first Chihuahuas in 1962; she has had one or more ever since. Obedience training was a natural outgrowth and she trained and showed her Chihuahuas in obedience competitions. Four of her first five dogs finished a CD--Companion Dog--degree and two of them finished a CDX--Companion Dog Excellent.

Marketing News

2015 was a great year here at Bradford Village and we will be welcoming new residents in 2016 , keep an eye out for your new neighbor!

Jack and Cecelia Parkey from Edmond, will be moving into 409 Spence Court the first part of April.

Don and Denise Jones from Enid, will be moving into 409 Jacobs the end of March or first of April.

Donna Wedman from Edmond, will be moving into 930 Enz Drive very soon, and;

Van and Sherry Peck also from Edmond, will be moving into 909 Jacobs as soon as it has completed its renovation at the end of February or first part of March.

Thank all of you who are helping with the Gift of Life Care seminars. They are bringing us many new people who have never been here before who are very interested in our community and looking to find out more!

Don't forget our Friends For Life Program through Brookdale. Any new referral you give us for Independent Living, that is not in our database as a customer that we are working with, you will receive a \$2,000 rent reduction or bonus check if they move in! (subject to them moving in and living here at least 30 days) So thank you for sending folks my way!

