



The Village Voice

Bradford Village, a Brookdale Community

Resident Spotlight

Lloyd and Sarah Dyck A Love and Faith of 67 Years

Lloyd and Sarah Dyck were both raised in western Oklahoma; Lloyd grew up in Colony while Sarah was from Enid. They met on a blind date while both were attending a Mennonite Youth Retreat. They had 2 sons and 2 daughters; one daughter passed away a few years ago. They are blessed with 12 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

The couple settled in Corn, Ok, where they farmed for six years. Enid was their next home where Lloyd worked for Enid Foundry. In 1970, they moved to Edmond, where Lloyd worked for Kimray Oil, retiring in 1999. They have lived at Bradford Village--3 Whitwell

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for the
last
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years.

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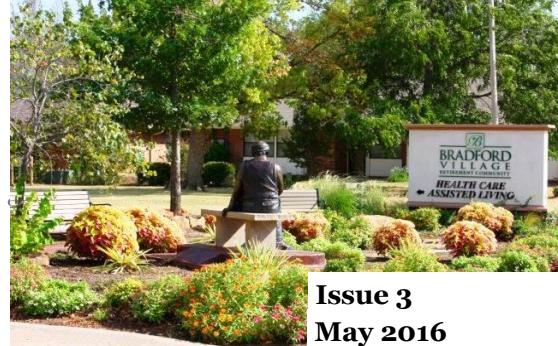
to Lloyd and Sarah. When they were married in a small church in Enid, the pastor challenged them to read the "Love Chapter" from the Bible (I Corinthians:13) the first of every month. They recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary; they have followed the challenge from the pastor and read the "Love Chapter" the first of every month! Sarah's favorite is the seventh verse: "Bearest all things, be-



lieveth all things,
hopeth all things, en-
dureth all things."

Lloyd and Sarah Dyck, faithful and true to each other and their faith. Congratulations to them on their 67th year of marriage!

- Dorothy Skinner



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Special Days in May

May Day	May 1
Cinco de Mayo.....	May 5
Mother's Day	May 8
Armed Forces Day.....	May 21
Memorial Day.....	May 30

This Month In History

Babe Ruth Hits 1st Home Run
May 6, 1915

Germany Surrenders
May 7, 1945

Mount St. Helens Erupts
May 18, 1980

Lindbergh Begins First Trans-
Atlantic Flight
May 20, 1927

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Chaplain's Corner

"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning,
O Lord, in the morning I direct my prayer
unto thee, and will look up."

Psalms 5:3

A day hemmed in prayer is less likely to
unravel.

- *Jim Davidson, Chaplain*

Library News

Participation in the Metropolitan Library book sale added 140 large print books and 34 regular print books. The CD-books and DVD's have been moved from the book shelves to a storage tower. A three shelf bookcase has been moved from the AC library to the CC library and two new bookcases have been purchased to bring the CC library holding capacity to 1,600 regular print and 400 large print books.

Most of the reorganizing of the Assisted Living (AL) library has been completed. We are keeping a list of the books being read as we check them in. This will give us guidance as we choose new titles for the AL library.

The Library Committee looks forward to having 2016 be the second consecutive year with over 50 users and over 500 checkouts.

- *Dick Thomas*

Call for Submissions

Cottagers are invited to submit short stories, poetry, jokes, family history stories, instructional "how-to" texts, and other articles for inclusion in *The Village Voice*.*

Leave a copy of your submission in Dorothy Skinner's mailbox. Pieces must be submitted by 20th of each month to be included in the next month's issue.

*Submissions may be edited for length and clarity.

Chapel Services Faith and Family

I attend chapel to share my faith with my Bradford family. The various visiting speakers/singers are so sincere in their efforts to connect with us and encourage us in our faith and Christian walk. Although I attend my church every Sunday, chapel has become an important segment of my Christian training and worship.

- *Dorothy Skinner*

The youth of today are getting so smart...they could almost be our age!

- *submitted by Cay Wright*



New Resident Programs Director is Excited for Broadway Hits: A Year in Review!

I am so glad to be a part of Bradford Village's Independent Living. I joined the Independent Living team in mid-April after spending four awesome years at the Assisted Living. I'm a native Kansan, but I'm proud to call myself an Okie now! My background is in theatre arts—I have a B.A. in Theatre from Oklahoma City University and a Master of Arts in Theatre with a concentration in Drama Therapy from Kansas State University. I am an RDT—Registered Drama Therapist—registered through the North American Drama Therapy Association. (Ask me about Drama Therapy sometime—I'd love to tell you about it!) I love to act and have fun! I also enjoy reading, learning about history, and cooking. I look forward to getting to know everyone and to creating fun, new program opportunities with you.



One of the programs I am excited to introduce is *Broadway Hits: A Year in Review*. Recently, Brookdale has unveiled a new signature program called BrainFit. The program encourages everyone to engage in projects that will Grow Your Brain! Brookdale's challenge to every community this year is to create something novel and complex—an experience that will truly stretch our cognitive and creative capacities. One of the ways to engage in something novel and complex is to get involved in the arts—painting, singing, dancing, crafting, or acting. So, with this in mind, the Activity Team at Bradford Village dreamed up *Broadway Hits: A Year in Review* to accompany this year's theme of Broadway Hit Musicals. The vision is for the whole Bradford Village community to work together to produce a Broadway review show by the end of the year. Each month, we'll build props, banners and costumes, and I hope everyone will get involved! Look for the Grow Your Brain program on your calendar. Towards the end of the summer, we'll hold auditions for actors, singers, and dancers. So get ready to Grow Your Brain, get involved, have fun, and CELEBRATE with *Broadway Hits: A Year in Review!* - Caitlin Cairns



Cay Wright paints a large backdrop for The Lion King while Sue Hocolomb paints lion masks for the April Grow Your Brain: Broadway Hits project.

Dominoes!

A group meets weekly to play Mexican Train. They gather every Wednesday at 1pm in the library.

(clockwise from the front) Louise Adams, Barbara Duncan, Lavaughn Nelson, Millie and Charles McGregor, and Charles Suenram enjoy playing.





Welcome to Our New Neighbors!

Donna Wedman

Donna Wedman was born in El Reno, OK, and graduated from Classen High School. She and her husband, Paul, were married 54 years before he passed away in 2003. They have four daughters, three grandsons and four great-grandchildren. She has seen many changes in Edmond during the 52 years she has lived here.



Donna retired from Ralston-Purina in 1994; Paul retired from the U.S. Postal System. Through the years, they enjoyed traveling and they visited much of the United States.

Playing bridge is her main hobby. She has a much-loved dog named Maggie.

Warm Bradford Village welcomes go to Donna Wedman, now living at 930 Enz Drive.

Don and Denise Jones

"We feel very welcome here and look forward to years of fellowship and new adventures," said Don Jones. He and his wife, Denise, are new residents at 409 Jacobs, coming here from Enid. They moved here to be closer to their children and grandchildren and also wanted to be closer to the airport so they could hop on a plane and be with their other children in a short time.

Don was in law enforcement for many years and Denise retired from Merck Sharpe & Dohme three years ago, after serving that company as a pharmaceutical salesperson for 29 years.

Ask Denise about her unusual "doors" and she will tell you a very interesting story about them and why they are so special to her. In fact, if you will give them a while longer to get more settled, she just might be happy for you to visit her and give her a chance to show off those very unusual doors.

Again, we welcome the Jones and know they will be a wonderful addition to the Bradford Village family.

Sue Fraim

Sue Fraim is Bradford Village's newest resident, and lives at 2 Whitwell Circle. She is a long-time resident of Edmond, having grown up in a house on Boulevard close to Bradford. She and her late husband had three children, who have given them eight grandchildren and eleven great-children. All but one of her great-grandchildren live in Edmond--lucky her! Sue attends First Christian Church in Edmond, where she serves as an elder.

Sue has many interests and talents; she plays the piano, organ and clarinet. Other interests include reading, gardening, and traveling. She has visited England, France, Austria, and twice to Italy; the second trip to Italy was to sing with the Edmond Community Choir. She has also gone to Bermuda and Hawaii. Angelita Babe Fraim is the current love of her life: her dog called "Angie."



Cottagers welcome Sue Fraim to Bradford Village and know she will be an asset to the community.

We also welcomed Jack and Cecilia Parkey, Dr. Susie Parks, Kathy Merkel, Clara and Bill Adel, and Don and Edna Kliewer at the end of April. Look for their introductions in our next issue!

Poetry Corner “Pedestal” by Robert Drummond

We've been together for so long,
Was I just one of the throng?
Funny, I just couldn't see
How you were laughing at me.

You've fallen from grace--
There's dust on your face, and
I don't know what to believe.

Pedestal!
You've fallen from your pedestal.
I can't resurrect you
To your former stature.
The burden is too great to bear.

Pieces are scattered all around.
Your choices litter the ground.
A Jigsaw puzzle are you,
Pieces no longer fit true.

Should I walk away?
Or stand my ground and stay?
Finally I see you truly.

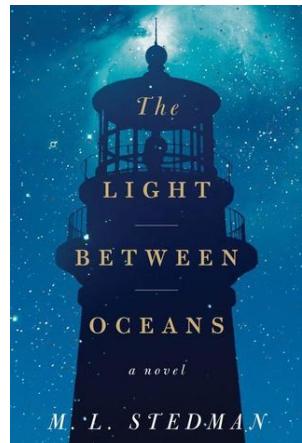
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May Book Club: *The Light Between Oceans*

In Stedman's deftly crafted debut, Tom Sherbourne, seeking constancy after the horrors of WWI, takes a lighthouse keeper's post on an Australian island, and calls for Isabel, a young woman he met on his travels, to join him there as his wife. In peaceful isolation, their love grows. But four years on the island and several miscarriages bring Isabel's seemingly boundless spirit to the brink, and leave Tom feeling helpless until a boat washes ashore with a dead man and a living child. Isabel convinces herself—and Tom—that the baby is a gift from God. After two years of maternal bliss for Isabel and alternating waves of joy and guilt for Tom, the family, back on the mainland, is confronted with the mother of their child, very much alive. Stedman grounds what could be a far-fetched premise, setting the stage beautifully to allow for a heart-wrenching moral dilemma to play out, making evident that "Right and wrong can be like bloody snakes: so tangled up that you can't tell which is which until you've shot 'em both, and then it's too late." Most impressive is the subtle yet profound maturation of Isabel and Tom as characters.

- review from *Publisher's Weekly* website



The TV is My Shepherd

The TV is my shepherd.
My spiritual growth shall want.
It maketh me to sit down and do nothing for his name's sake.
Because it requireth all of my spare time.
It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian,
Because it presenteth so many good shows that I must see.

It resorteth my knowledge of the things
Of the world and keepeth me from the study of God's Word.
It leadeth me in the paths of failing to attend the evening worship services
And doing nothing in the kingdom of God.

Yea, though I live to be 100
I shall keep on viewing television as long as it will work,
For it is my closest companion.
Its sound and its picture,
They comfort me.

It presenteth entertainment before me
And keepeth me from doing important things with my family.
It fills my head with ideas which differ from those set forth in the word of God.
Surely, no good thing will come of my life,
Because my television offereth me no good time to do the will of God;
Thus I will dwell crownless in the house of the Lord forever.